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Volunteers set to help with tax returns

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers have begun assisting local residents with their 2001 income tax returns.

The volunteers will be at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon every Monday through April 1.

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, VITA volunteer, at 398-5522 or 267-1628.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

Big Spring Commandery 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. dinner.

Big Spring Assembly 211, Social Order of Beaucenat meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

TUESDAY

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

Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Senior Citizens Center.

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

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Big Spring police officer Thad Thomas speaks with Bethany Collins, co-manager of Davenplace Apartments, after a vehicle crashed into an apartment building Friday. The accident caused about \$4,500 in damages to the building, police said.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody



Vehicle strikes vacant unit at Davenplace Apts.

HERALD Staff Report

A local apartment building suffered about \$4,500 in damages after a vehicle crashed into one of the residential units Friday.

"The driver was pulling into a parking space," Big Spring police officer Chris Mahurin said. "She said she felt like she hit the breaks, but she did not know."

Mayra Velasquez, a resident at Davenplace Apartments, 3304 W. Highway 80, was pulling into a space close to her upstairs apartment when the vehicle crashed into bottom floor unit 33.

Velasquez's 2-year-old son was in a car seat in the vehicle at the time. An ambulance was dispatched

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19 arrested on cocaine charges

Investigators say brothers controlled local operation

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Nineteen people were arrested in Big Spring and Odessa Friday on federal charges of operating Big Spring's largest cocaine ring.

Arrest warrants were issued for 21 suspects, but two have yet to be apprehended.

Among the 19 were local brothers John Paul Franco, 34, and Manuel Munoz Franco, 26.

According to investigators,

the Franco brothers controlled the cocaine trafficking market throughout the Big Spring area.

"They are being charged with conspiracy to distribute cocaine and various other charges concerning their continuing criminal enterprise, which carry a very severe penalty of 20 years to life," said Drug Enforcement Administration Special Agent in Charge Santaglio Gonzalez.

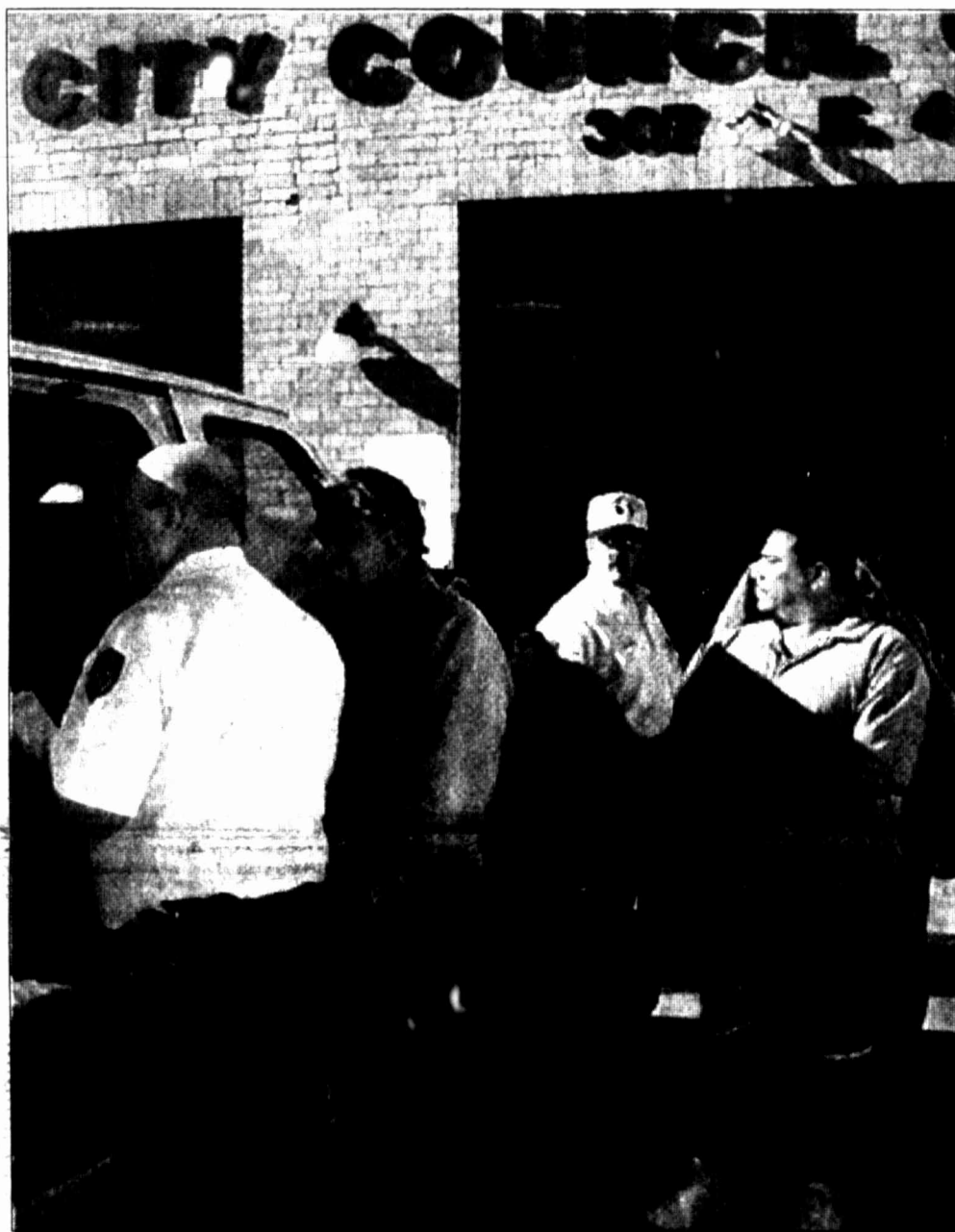
Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith said the arrests will make a significant impact on cocaine trafficking in Big Spring.

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SMITH



HERALD photos/Roger Cline

Nineteen people were arrested Friday in Big Spring and Odessa on federal charges of conspiracy to distribute cocaine. Two more people were being sought by law enforcement agencies. Above and at left, the defendants are loaded into vans for transportation to Lubbock.

Only a few days left to order those special valentines

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Orders for Valentine's Day gifts sold and distributed by the Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services Council will be taken until Thursday or until all items are sold.

Gift items are available from \$10 to \$20, and the cost of delivery is included in the purchase price.

Homemade candies and cookies, fresh flowers, stuffed animals and singing telegrams are just a few of the gifts available for sale. Orders will be delivered on Valentine's Day by dozens of volunteers.

All profits from the sale of gifts will benefit the nearly 200 patients at Big Spring State Hospital, who are being treated for psychiatric conditions. More than 230

TO ORDER

Call the Volunteer Services Council at 268-7535 or 268-7536.

volunteers make up the Volunteer Services Council, which provides parties, gifts and little extras for the patients.

Items for sale costing \$10 are:

- Three carnations in a bud vase with a patriotic ribbon and pinwheel.
- Soda can topiary. A full can of soda is topped off with a Styrofoam ball stuffed with small Tootsie Rolls or bubble gum.
- Small stuffed bear sitting on a box of chocolates holding homemade lollipops and a small bag of Hershey Kisses.
- A plastic basket with a

small porcupine-type animal hanging from the top. At least 14 homemade cookies, ranging from chocolate chip to lemon-butter are included in the basket.

• A larger stuffed bear holding a box of chocolate hearts and a patriotic pinwheel.

• Oversized, pearlized latte mug filled with various hot

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Betty Nelson stands in front of what is left of her residence at 1704 Ritchie Road. The home was destroyed by fire on Saturday. Nelson and her husband, Jim have lived in the house for more than 20 years.

Morning fire destroys couple's country home

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An early morning fire Saturday left a Howard County couple homeless after their two-story residence was destroyed.

"We have a lot to be thankful for," Betty Nelson said. "Anything in the house can be replaced, more or less."

Jim Nelson, owner of Jimco Electric and Construction and his wife, Betty, were still in bed in their 1704 Ritchie Road residence when Betty smelled smoke.

After calling 911, the couple began to search the home for the source of the smoke. The call came into the 911 office about 8:20 a.m.

Five Howard County

Volunteer Fire Department fire engines and one Big Spring Fire Department fire engine responded, but firefighters could not save the home.

"It was a total loss," said Howard County Volunteer Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan. After working for almost an hour, firefighters evacuated the home when the environment became too unsafe for emergency personnel, Sullivan said.

"The winds were coming about 15 miles per hour from the northeast," he said. "That helped drive the fire along the inside walls of the house. We were not only fighting fire but fighting mother nature."

The home collapsed about

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OBITUARIES

Richard Lee Christie

Graveside funeral service for Richard Lee Christie, 56, of Graham, formerly of Big Spring, will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Veale Creek Cemetery in Stephens County with the Rev. Hugh Daniel and the Rev. George Johnson officiating.

Mr. Christie died on Friday, Feb. 8, in a Fort Worth care center.

He was born on March 17, 1945, in Rogers, Ark. He worked as an agent for the Soil Conservation Service, retiring after 23 years in Big Spring.

He is survived by two sons, Vance Christie of Big Spring and Lex Christie of Abilene; his mother, Frances Christie of Graham; one sister, Brenda Weems of Graham; one brother, Dr. Bobby Christie of Mobile, Ala.; and one grandchild.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Melton-Kitchens Funeral Home of Breckenridge.

Grace King

Grace King, 75, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Feb. 8, 2002, in a local nursing home.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on May 1, 1926, in Stanton and married N.C. "Junior" King on July 4, 1945, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 16, 1999.

Mrs. King had lived most of her life in Howard County. She had worked at City Laundry, Ideal Laundry for more than 25 years and Classic Laundromat.

She was a member of Baptist Temple Church in Kermit.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Barbara and Randy Hull and Durinda and Skeeter O'Brien, all of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Clifton Wayne and Dana King of Crane; two brothers, Homer Bryant of Odessa; two sister, Mrs. Ben L. "Aline" Long and Mrs. Fred "Lois" Hatter, both of Lampasas; 12 grandchildren, Wyvett Gutierrez, Daniel Denton, David O'Brien, Kathran O'Brien and Larenda Harrison, all of Big Spring, Rex Denton and Cindy Corgill, both of Midland, Jessica King, Joshua King and Michael King, all of Crane, Debbie Carpenter of Oklahoma City, and Malinda Sparks of Victoria; and 15 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one sister; three brothers; three granddaugh-

ters, Teresa A. Denton, Leslie Dianne King and Janice Elaine King; and two great-grandchildren, Hanna Brea Sparks and Madeline Marie Sparks.

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

Daisy Louise Stanley

Funeral service for Daisy Louise Stanley, 86, of Big Spring, will be 4 p.m. Monday, Feb. 11, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Ralph Anderson, minister of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mrs. Stanley died on Saturday, Feb. 9, in a local nursing home.

She was born on Feb. 28, 1915, in Jewett and Married Nolan Stanley on Jan. 20, 1936, in Winters.

Mrs. Stanley moved to the Luther community in 1943 from Winters. She worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 23 years, retiring in 1980. She loved playing dominos, to fish and to travel, but her greatest love was her family.

She was a member of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include her husband, Nolan Stanley of Big Spring; two sons, Marcus Stanley of Midland and Lynn Stanley of Austin; one daughter, Laura Boubek of Big Spring; two brothers, Joe Graves of Lubbock and Barron Graves of Slaton; one sister, Velma Lloyd of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

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

Officials discuss homeland security

GRAPEVINE (AP) — Terror-fighting funds from President Bush's \$38 billion homeland security package should go directly to local governments rather than the tangle of state bureaucracies, local leaders from across the country said Saturday.

At the first meeting of the National League of Cities' Working Group of Homeland Security, regional officials insisted they know better than state governments how to allocate resources for emergency preparedness.

"We certainly understand the number of needs in our communities," said Mary Poss, acting mayor of Dallas and co-chair of the group. "The calls are not going to Washington, but are going to our local community leaders. We need to make sure the maximum amount of money is being located to these cities and counties."

Bush's first budget since the terror and anthrax

attacks proposes \$37.7 billion for homeland defense in the fiscal year that starts Oct. 1, compared with \$19.5 billion in the previous year.

The budget would add cash for faster anthrax tests, twice as many guards on the Canadian border, better equipment for firefighters and easier information-sharing among federal agencies.

Poss said much of that money should be expedited to cities such as Dallas, which spent an extra \$4 million in security costs following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks. She said most of the money covered overtime for police officers.

"We think President Bush has done a terrific job," Poss said, "but we want to work on direct allocation of those funds."

Poss was one of about 20 officials attending Saturday's meeting at a Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport hospital. The group members were selected by NLC President Karen Anderson, mayor of Minnetonka, Minn.

The group said it's encouraging cities to coordinate their terrorism response among local, state and federal agencies.

"While every community has its own needs, we are seeing some trends among the cities, counties and states," Anderson said. "Every place could use improvements to their communications systems and in their emergency training."

The official hit hardest by the Sept. 11 attacks, Manhattan, N.Y., Borough President C. Virginia Fields, said local leaders' knowledge of their communities is key to being prepared.

"By knowing you communities, it helps to develop relationships with the residents," Fields said. "They bring a special point of view that other officials can't offer."

Pilots, ramp workers jailed on charges related to immigration

MIAMI (AP) — Seven airline pilots and two airport ramp workers, all from Venezuela, were charged with immigration-related offenses, prosecutors said Saturday.

Four pilots and two ramp workers were charged with possession of fake immigration documents, U.S. Attorney Guy Lewis said at a Saturday news conference. One of the four fliers, and an additional pilot, also have been charged with making false statements to obtain a Social Security card, Lewis said.

One other pilot was detained in Dallas and another in Miami on unspecified immigration charges, Lewis said.

The charges were not connected to the Sept. 11 attacks, Lewis said.

Those arrested on the false document charges had counterfeit stamps in their passports that gave them clearance to work in the United States, Lewis said. The fraudulent stamps can cost up to \$25,000, Lewis said.

All of those charged had

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entered the United States legally, he added.

Lewis said authorities were searching for persons suspected of providing the counterfeit stamps.

"It is clear that there was an organized conspiracy here and that there are a number of other pilots out there that we are going to be looking at," he said.

Possession of fake immigration documents warrants a maximum prison term of 10 years, prosecutors said. Falsifying a Social Security card application carries a maximum five-year sentence.

Two American Eagle pilots, Pedro Agusti and Luis Garmendia, were among those charged. Agusti was arrested in Miami and also is charged with making false statements to get a Social Security card. He was a pilot on the airline's route from Miami to the Bahamas, Lewis said.

Garmendia was arrested on unspecified immigration charges in Dallas, where he was stationed for American Eagle.

Marty Heires, a spokesman for American Eagle and American Airlines, said Saturday that two American Eagle pilots were arrested by the Immigration and Naturalization Service. He said no further information was available.

"We fully cooperated in the investigations," said Heires.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY

•TOPS Club TX No. 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

•TOPS Club TX No. 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad.

•Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8106. Anyone interested in supporting loved ones in the military.

•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.

•Encourager's Support Group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Feb. 18, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannels (enter through north door). We will have a covered dish dinner and Valentine Party. Bring a Valentine card (not gift). For information, call 398-5522.

•Bereavement Support Group meets from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at Community Care Hospice.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

TUESDAY

•The Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimers

Association meets the first Tuesday of each month in the community room of the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Our support groups are for all caregivers of anyone no matter what the disease or disability. All meetings are confidential and are for your support. For more information you can call our office at 264-2397 or go by 501 Rannels (RSVP office).

•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 7 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

WEDNESDAY

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

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THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Al-Anon support group, 7 p.m. 615 Settles.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point AA, 7 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.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Al-Anon support group, noon, 615 Settles.

SATURDAY

•NA 7 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager).

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

POLICE

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

•ANNA MARIA CLAYBURN, 40, of 1208 Dixie Avenue was arrested by police on a charge of aggravated assault on a public servant. Police were called to a

domestic disturbance at a convenience store. Big Spring police officer Cpl. Ralph Rollins attempted to keep Clayburn from leaving the scene in a vehicle but Clayburn continued on, forcing Rollins from to jump out of the path of the vehicle, police said.

Officers followed Clayburn to her home where she continued to resist arrest, according to police. Rollins and officer Brian Gorden subdued Clayburn. She was also arrested on charges of evading arrest or detention using a vehicle and resisting arrest.

•ROBERT PAUL NEWTON, 24, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested for Brown County warrants.

•JODY LINN COOK, 40, of 4007 N. 22nd St., Texas City, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•KRYSTLE LYN SALDANA, 19, of 538 Westover No. 205 was arrested on charges of minor in consumption and failure to identify.

•NICK HERNANDEZ, 24, of 710 N.W. Eighth was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

•ELIDA HERNANDEZ, 43, of 2031 Westborough Drive, Katy, was taken to the Big Spring Police Department jail to hold for the Department of Public Safety.

•DANNY RAY STOCKER, 32, of 204 N. Main, Coahoma, was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

•SANDRA MINCE PAYNE, 36, of 1324 Utah was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

•JIMMY LEE FAZ, 18, of 201 W. Marcy was arrested on a charge of minor in possession.

•MICHAEL DANIEL GARCIA, 29, of 1800 S. Johnson was arrested on a charge of assault Class C family violence.

Two incidents of CRIMINAL MISCHIEF were reported one in the 500 block of Gregg where a 2000 silver Buick received \$5,000 in damage and in the 1300 block of E. 18th, where a 1998 green Mazda received \$1,200 in damage.

•DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1500 block of east Cherokee St. and in the 1200 block of E. 11th Place.

FIRE

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In our February 10, 2002 Retail Sunday preprint, on page 8 under the I Love Comfort Dress Pump or Sandal the "Plus All Men's Shoes On Sale" statement is incorrect. The ad should read "Plus All Men's Dress Shoes On Sale". We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause our customers.

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45 minutes after the fire-fighters evacuated it.

"I helped with building this house when I worked for Jim years ago," Sullivan said. "This one you really wanted to help but you just can't win the battle."

Only about a trailer full of possessions was salvaged by firefighters, personal items collected over a 21-year period that the Nelsons lived in the home.

"We bought the land in 1975 so we could get out into the country and get a little space," Betty said.

One of the first houses in the Tubbs addition, the Nelsons moved into the home in 1980.

A camper on the site will accommodate the couple until they decide on future plans, Betty said.

The cause of the fire is under investigation but is expected to be electrical in nature, Sullivan said.

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our community," he said. "When you arrest as many people in one day as we did today, it has to make an impact. Hopefully it will be long term. Unfortunately as with all narcotics activity, there are people waiting in the wings to take their place."

Smith made an appeal for information from the public.

"We're going to ask the citizens to trust us and to share that information with us," he said. "And to give us time to act on it and to work with it. It doesn't happen overnight."

The Francos used a "network of individuals to store, transport and distribute their cocaine," according to a statement from the U.S. Department of Justice.

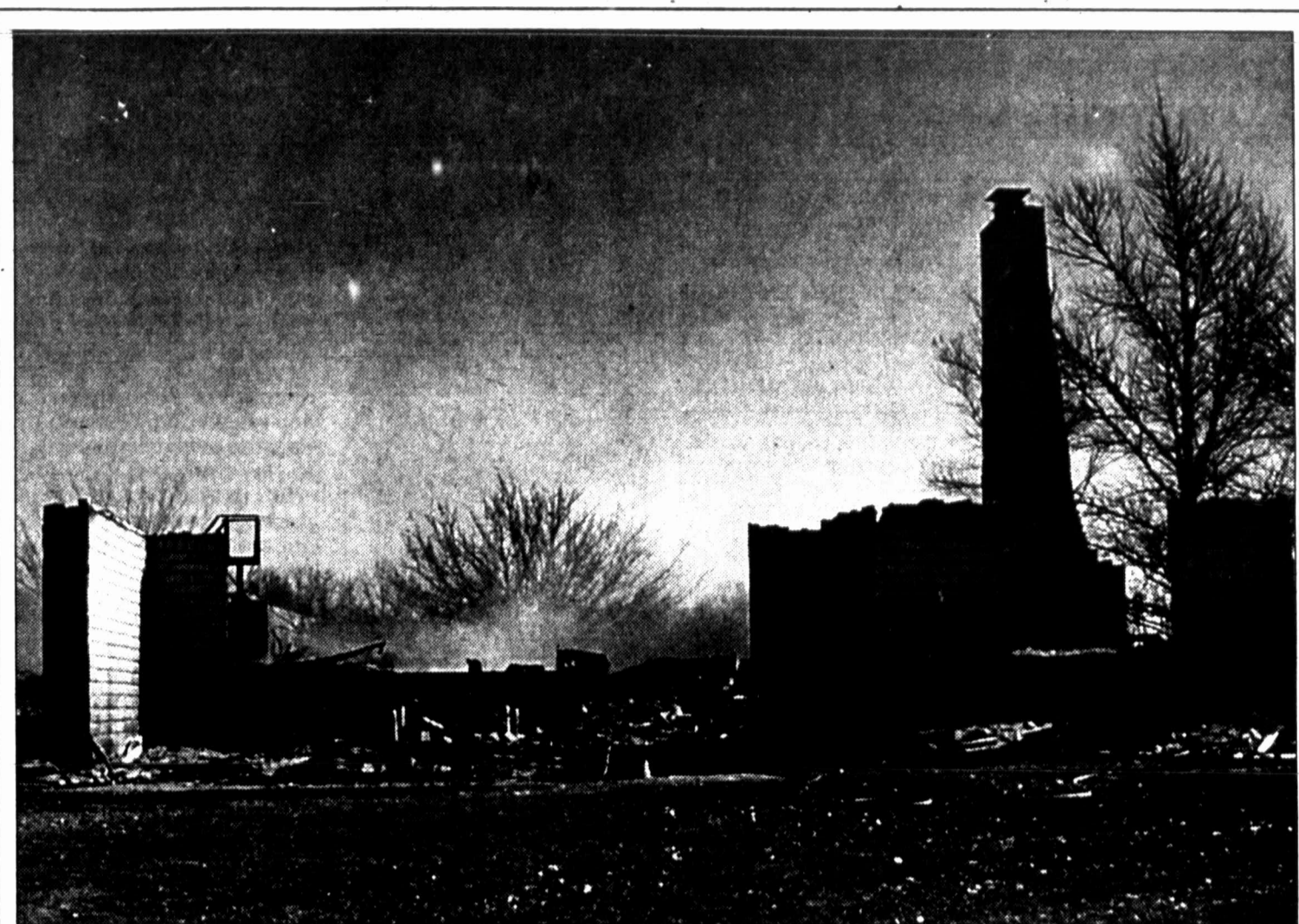
The Midland Drug Enforcement Agency began investigating the brothers in 2000. In September 2001, 15 federal search warrants and four federal seizure warrants related to the case were executed in Big Spring. Money, vehicles, drugs, financial records and guns were seized.

The arrests came after a 33-count sealed indictment against the suspects dated Jan. 8 was unsealed Friday.

The suspects had their initial appearance at the Big Spring City Council Chambers Friday before U.S. Magistrate Judge Billy W. Boone. They were then taken by van to Lubbock, where they will stand trial before U.S. District Court Judge Sam. R. Cummings.

Other than the Franco brothers, the suspects were:

- Chevelle Kay Franco, 38, of Big Spring.
- Porferio Angel Franco, 28, of Big Spring.
- Antonio (Tony) Franco, 37, of Big Spring.
- Robert Delgado Jr., 43, of Big Spring.
- Gracie Lou Delgado, 36, of Big Spring.
- Ray Uribe, 27, of Big Spring.
- Ildifonso (Lee) Torres, 27, of Big Spring.
- Carlos (Poly) Castaneda, 41, of Big Spring.
- Sammy Ferrel, 40, of Big Spring.
- Christopher Chavez, 29, of Big Spring.
- Sandra Jo Silva, 29, of Big Spring.
- Abraham Olague Yanez, 43, of Big Spring.
- Mary Irene Yanez, 41, of Big Spring.
- Amy Leigh Yanez, 20, of Big Spring.
- Paul Arriola Viera, 41, of Big Spring.
- Dolores Viera, 45, of Big Spring.
- Lasara Heredia, 45, of Big Spring.
- Genaro R. Hernandez, 76, of Odessa.
- Jesus Ramos Florez, 55,



Not much was left of Jim and Betty Nelson's home after a fire collapsed the two-story structure on Saturday. Firefighters fought for almost an hour to control the fire before evacuating the building. The remains of the house continued to smolder hours after the house collapsed.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

of Odessa.

All 21 defendants were charged with conspiracy to distribute and possess with intent to distribute in excess of five kilograms of cocaine. Some of the defendants were also charged with various related charges, including continuing criminal enterprise, criminal forfeiture and firearms violations.

Agencies participating in the investigation and arrests included the DEA; the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; the Midland and Howard County sheriff's offices; the Odessa and Big Spring police departments; the Texas Department of Public Safety; the West Texas

Narcotics Task Force; the U.S. Border Patrol; and the U.S. Marshal's Office.

The case is being prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Tanya K. Pierce of Lubbock U.S. Attorney's Office.

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beverage mixes, biscotti, muffins, cookies and chocolate-covered spoons.

A candy jar holding about 16 pieces of homemade candy, including truffles, toffee and fudge.

Items costing \$20 are: Singing telegrams, which include an instant

photograph and a heart-shaped box of candy. Songs can be requested.

A patriotic snack basket, which can hang on a wall for later use. The basket will be filled with a variety of snack items and a drink topped off with a small flag and patriotic bow.

A larger stuffed bear loaded with candies, cookies, suckers, stick balloon and a magnet.

For more information or to place an order, call 268-7535 or 268-7536.

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but no injuries were report-

ed. According to Bethany Collins, co-manager of Davenport Apartments, no one was living in apartment 33.

Velasquez was cited for failure to control speed.

It was the second accident at a local apartment building this year. On Jan. 22, a woman lost control of her vehicle, which crashed into a unit at the Barcelona Apartments. The woman's 3-year-old son was taken to the hospital for minor injuries. Neither the driver nor the occupant of the apartment — which had left the room only moments before the accident — were injured.

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OUR VIEWS

Grateful we are able to rely on VITA

Dealing with income taxes is stressful enough without having to worry about filling out forms. If you are one of those who doesn't know W2 from WD-40, don't fret. Each Monday through April 1, members of the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program are at the Spring City Senior Center to help.

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Don't let the stress of filing out income tax forms get you down. Call the Senior Center at 267-1628 and get some help. It's a wonderful service put on by people who care.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR,
We would like to thank this opportunity to thank the people that helped to make Tom Ferguson's retirement party a huge success. The City of Big Spring provided us with use of the council chambers and a monetary contribution towards the party. Peggy Walker and Kathy Sutton were key members in helping make these arrangements. We could not have done it without them.

We would also like to thank RSVP for the monetary contribution and the following members for all of their help serving and providing assistance during the party: J.L. Stevens, JoAnne Hyer, Ina Stewart, Faye Horton, Loretta Cook, Debbye Valverde, and Nancy Jones. We would not have been able to enjoy the party as much

without all of their assistance.

Thank you to everyone who attended the party to congratulate our father on his 27 years of service to the city of Big Spring. We appreciate all of the kind words and compliments that were said about him. We know what a special man he is and it is nice to know that others feel the same way.

Also, we would like to thank KBST for announcing the party on the radio and the *Big Spring Herald* for the wonderful article written about our father.

Thanks again for all of your efforts, from his children,

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Killing terrorists won't stop terrorism

The war against terrorism is going splendidly, President Bush says. In the long run, that will be proven false. The reason is quite simple: You can't eliminate terrorism by eliminating individual terrorists. The death of every terrorist creates new terrorists. As long as the reasons exist that spawned terrorism in the first place, new generations will take up the fight.

I hesitate to bring up something that is apparently so inconsequential to most Americans as the Constitution. It does, however, forbid a president from unilaterally committing the nation to war. Without a formal declaration of war by Congress, we are not at war, even if our military forces are engaged in combat. Therefore, the president's war is illegitimate.



CHARLEY REESE

No one, including me, objects to, or would have any reason to object to, America's military forces hunting down and killing the people who played any part in the attack Sept. 11. That should properly be called a campaign against terrorism. If your ships are attacked by pirates, you don't need Congress' permission to order the Navy to sink the pirates.

But the president's use of the term "war" was deliberate, and under the pretense we are at war, he is greatly expanding the power of government. The new laws passed by Congress in the name of fighting terrorism pose a greater danger to the civil liberties of American citizens than to the operations of terrorists. Powers once assumed are never relinquished, just as bureaucracies, once created, never die.

The president is also asking for many billions of dollars to bolster our defense spending and for homeland defense. Does it not occur to anyone else but me to wonder why, since the federal government has been spending

close to \$2 trillion a year for some time now, we are so vulnerable? It's not as if the Defense Department has to start from scratch to build the forces necessary to deal with terrorism, nor have we been defenseless at home, as one might imagine from the current rhetoric.

The answer, of course, is that much of what the government spends is poorly spent. By that I mean it is spent on stuff that does not accomplish the mission — or does so at an excessive cost. Americans should highly prize the few thousand (that might be an overly optimistic estimate) dead members of al-Qaida, as it cost us \$1 billion a month to kill them.

Granted, our politicians (and, indeed, we ourselves) don't like American casualties, but if we are going to use expensive carriers and airplanes and million-dollar-a-pop missiles to take out 60 or 70 bad guys holed up in some camp, we'd better damned sure have deeper pockets.

It is, to be blunt, stupid to talk about homeland defense without tightening our borders. The immigra-

tion laws and the Immigration and Naturalization Service are a disgrace and have been for years. Yet the president dances around this question, I suppose, lest he offend his friend, the president of Mexico. If you can't keep illegal immigrants out, you can't keep terrorists out; if you can't track people who come in on a visa, you can't track terrorists who come in on a visa.

But most importantly, unless you change the policies that create terrorism, you will never rid yourself of it. It is an insult to our intelligence to say that people hate us because we are free. They hate us because our policies are all too often seen as cruel and unjust.

There is logic to terrorism. As long as we suffer no consequences from our policies that cause pain to others, we are unlikely to change them. The task of the terrorists is, to borrow a phrase from Bill Clinton, to help us "feel their pain."

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Iran is posing a threat to Afghanistan

What is the greatest danger facing Afghanistan today? This question arose at a session of the World Economic Forum in New York.

According to Ahmed Rashid, author of the best-selling "Taliban: Militant Islam, Oil and Fundamentalism in Central Asia" (Yale Univ Press, 2001), the answer is the incursion of Iran into the western part of this war-torn state. If it continues, he warned, Pakistan almost certainly will try to establish a beachhead in Afghanistan as well. Unwilling to cede influence over its neighbor to Tehran, Islamabad will compete, possibly in a manner both bloody and destructive to all we've worked to achieve in Kabul since the war began in October.

What's worse, said Richard Haass, director of policy planning for the State Department and the administration's point person on Afghanistan policy, this conflict will be mirrored among the Afghans themselves. They will take up arms — indeed, they never laid them down — and the Northern Alliance, Pashtuns, war lords, et al, will have at it again. The country will be back where it was in the early 1990s.

Not so, said S. Mohammad Hossein Adeli, deputy foreign minister of Iran, who explained that 3.2 million Afghan refugees have flooded into Iran. So have Afghan drugs. His government, he insisted, is only trying to stabilize the situation to ward off more of these problems. Indeed, he noted, Tehran supported the United States in its war on the Taliban and also at the meeting in Bonn, Germany, to establish a new government for Kabul.

Haass admitted that Iran has been very clever in Western Afghanistan, training the military, investing in schools, and working to shore up the grass roots. He doesn't like it, he said, but he has to admire it. It was encouraging, he noted, that the deputy foreign minister expressed hope that the interim Afghan

government of Hamid Karzai succeeds.

The problem is that this is only one view from Tehran. There are others that are much more hardline. As one observer put it, Iran has two governments, and you never know which one is going to confront you. Currently, the administration has three channels for speaking with the Iranian regime: indirectly through the Swiss; in Geneva at a United Nations conclave including Iran, Germany, Italy and the United States; and in talks called "six plus two" (Afghanistan's six neighbors plus Washington and Moscow).

Whatever the word of the day is in Tehran, it is still urgent to build Afghanistan into a viable entity — not easy because it's been called a "confederation of cities without a state."

What must be done soon, said Haass, is to secure five of those population centers, not just Kabul, as the International Security Assistance Force is doing today. Currently, 4,000 to 5,000 troops, led by the British, are deployed in this effort, with a second phase run by the Turks due in several months. But

20,000 to 25,000 are needed, he emphasized. The question is who will lead, supply, transport and finance them.

There are hundreds of thousands of Afghans with arms, reported Haass. Some no doubt will stay in the army, now under British guidance. Others might be integrated into the police, whose future is being designed by the Germans. Still others could be pressed into the fight against drugs (made more difficult by a new crop of poppies that's just been planted and is due to come up in March). And those who are young should give up their weapons and go to school.

Of course, massive aid is necessary for health, agriculture (especially crop substitutes for heroin), roads, electricity and every kind of infrastructure. Mine-clearing alone may require \$50 million or more. Too much centralism is not a part of the Afghan psyche. Too much localism means a return to warlords. It is they who brought on the ugly order of the Taliban, and it is their actions that are continuing to create a void for Iran to fill.



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Some officers resent racial profiling law, group says

AUSTIN (AP) — Some law enforcement agencies want the state to pay for unnecessary upgrades to comply with Texas' new racial profiling law, only because they resent the new requirements, black state legislators said Friday.

Law enforcement agencies are asking for \$51.5 million to bring patrol cars and motorcycles in compliance. The law sets aside \$18.5 million for departments to purchase video and audio equipment so that stops can be recorded, a step designed to preserve evidence and protect the officer.

The law, which took effect last fall, requires police and sheriff's departments to record the race of motorists they stop and people they search.

"They are bogus, disingenuous efforts to insult the legislative process," said Texas ACLU Executive Director Will Harrell, who

sat on the panel. "And a lot of that comes from a lack of information and confusion about what this bill requires."

The deadline to have the equipment installed in vehicles is January. Law enforcement agencies had until the end of last month to put in their requests to the Department of Public Safety, which sets the criteria for distributing the money.

One reason why some departments are having difficulty with the law is because they are looking at it in terms of racism, the panelists said. Racial profiling does not equate to racism.

"Departments are trying to defend themselves by saying, 'I do not have officers who are racist,'" said Deputy Chief Michael McDonald of the Austin Police Department, who also sat on the panel.

McDonald, who says he's been a victim of racial profiling, said black or Hispanic officers may see someone driving a nice car in a high crime area and pull them over for that reason.

"They're just profiled as well as any other officer," he said. "So it's not just about having an officer who may be racist. It's about bad police practice. It's about pulling someone over and detaining them when you don't have the right to do that."

The amount has also exceeded the budget because officials received requests from agencies that may not need the equipment, such as independent school district and college campus police.

Officials are evaluating the requests now, and will soon begin deciding on which agencies get approved and how much

money they will receive. Lawmakers expected the amount of requests to surpass the budget, said Rep. Senfronia Thompson, D-Houston, who co-sponsored the racial profiling bill.

She said the \$18.5 million set aside in the state budget will go to agencies based on need. Priority will be given to rural communities and law enforcement departments in poor communities that can't afford to buy the equipment themselves.

"We're not trying to pick up 100 percent of the tab," Thompson said. "We realize some cities are able to pay for the equipment on their own."

Some police agencies are going beyond what's required by the law. The Austin Police Department, for example, is compiling data and also creating a new process in which citizens can file complaints against its officers.

Two inmates recaptured after Hood County escape

GRANBURY (AP) — Both inmates who escaped from the Hood County Jail on Wednesday are back in custody.

Michael Ray West, 32, of Lipan was spotted early Friday at a service station in southwest Fort Worth. The second inmate, James Michael Vick, 28, of Granbury was arrested later.

West had been in the jail on a felony charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon, and Vick was held on a charge of delivery of a controlled substance.

Vick had also been jailed on a parole violation. He was released from prison in 2000 after serving two years of a 5-year sentence on a drug charge.

A patrol officer walking down nearby Cleburne Road spotted West, who he said hopped a fence behind a duplex and ran inside. The officer called in narcotics officers after finding

a meth lab cooking in a detached garage.

Various equipment that had been on the flatbed truck was also found at the duplex.

West climbed into the attic of the duplex and started kicking in a ceiling of the adjoining duplex.

Diana Mendoza, who lives next door, said it was about 3 a.m. when West tried to break through the ceiling of her living room.

"All of a sudden, there were these legs that came out of the ceiling. Next thing I know, they're back up in the ceiling, and I saw the police officer, and they're coming in the door with their guns, and they said, 'Where is he?'"

She pointed to the ceiling, and West was in custody moments later.

Narcotics officers said they recovered two pounds of methamphetamine, valued at more than \$8,000, from the lab.

Chilton man infected with HIV from donated blood

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A Texas ranch hand undergoing surgery was infected with the AIDS virus in what is believed to be the first U.S. case of the virus being transmitted through donated blood since rigorous new HIV-screening technology was implemented three years ago.

A spokeswoman for the South Texas Blood and Tissue Center said only one patient received the blood.

David Autrey, 51, of Chilton was infected with human immunodeficiency virus, or HIV, through a blood transfusion he received during emergency heart bypass surgery in August 2000 at Scott & White Hospital in Temple, officials at the San Antonio blood bank said.

Autrey said he was taking drugs to combat the HIV but his life was devastated.

"There's no cure for this stuff, and this (HIV drug) cocktail is no fun," Autrey

told the San Antonio Express-News in Saturday's editions. "I was looking forward to seeing all the grandkids grow up, but you know how it goes."

Blood bank spokeswoman Shelley Valdez said the blood bank had located all the tainted blood. Autrey received the red blood cells from the donated blood, but the plasma portion was frozen and never used.

"We are certain that only Mr. Autrey received the blood," she said.

There are no other known cases of HIV being transmitted through donated blood since blood banks added new testing technology, said Dr. Michael Busch, a professor at the University of California-San Francisco and an executive with Blood Centers of the Pacific.

However, while the testing process is highly sophisticated, it is still considered experimental and can fail to detect the virus in blood

from donors who gave blood soon after being exposed to HIV, he said.

"I feel great sympathy for Mr. Autrey," said Dr. Norman Kalmin, president and CEO of the San Antonio blood bank. "We've been devastated by the news."

The tainted blood came from a man who was a regular donor at the San Antonio blood bank and who had donated four times during 2000, Kalmin said.

When the man donated in December 2000, his blood tested positive for HIV. Blood-bank workers went through five years of previous donations.

Valdez said the procedure calls for the blood bank to contact hospitals that received the blood. The hospitals then contact the recipients and test them for HIV.

"The explanation is that the (donor) was recently exposed," Kalmin said. "It hadn't had the opportunity to multiply to levels that

were detectable" in the automated testing.

Valdez said blood banks always have been required by the FDA to test donor blood for 12 infectious agents. They're also required to do a brief medical history and a physical of the donor before blood can be donated.

In 1999, blood banks began nucleic amplification testing, which closes the window period of detecting tainted blood. For example, if a donor gave blood today, the test would show if the person was infected seven to 10 days earlier, she said.

That testing is not required by the Food and Drug Administration and is still under investigation, Valdez said.

Experts say the chance of getting HIV from donated blood is one in 2 million to 3 million transfusions, and they stress that the nation's blood supply remains very safe.

Tarrant County jury mistakenly gives probation for killer

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Tarrant County jury accidentally sentenced a convicted killer to probation instead of prison after signing the wrong form.

The Jan. 25 sentencing for Sammy M. Alvarez could have been corrected if a juror had spoken up or if defense attorneys or prosecutors had asked the judge to poll jurors before they were released.

"Unless I think there is something wrong with the verdict, there is no reason (to poll jurors)," assistant district attorney Mitch Poe said. "It makes jurors very uncomfortable. I didn't see any odd reaction from

them."

Jury foreman Kris Kirkland said jurors wanted to sentence Alvarez to both prison and probation time, not understanding they could choose only one. They mistakenly marked the form indicating probation only.

"As soon as the judge started reading it (the sentence), I looked at the girl next to me and said, 'Something is not right,'" Kirkland said. "But no one spoke out until afterward, which is when we realized something was wrong. But by then it was too late."

Alvarez, 54, was convicted in the June 3 death of Juan

Olivas, 24, outside a bar. He faces charges of attempted capital murder and aggravated assault in the shooting of Mario Lopez, 24, in the same incident.

Jurors found that the shooting was an act of sudden passion, which lowered the crime from a first-degree to a second-degree felony.

That lowered the punishment range from five to 99 years in prison to two to 20 years.

"To say it is the fault of the wording on the sentencing form would not be true," said Roseanna Salinas, a defense attorney in the case. "These same forms are used


over and over."

Jurors have made similar mistakes, most notably in 1993, when Christopher Brosky, who is white, received 10 years' probation in the hate-crime slaying of a black Arlington man.

Community outrage erupted.


Brosky was later sentenced to 40 years in prison after the district attorney charged him with conspiracy.

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Accused of sexual assault

Former school teacher surrenders

CONROE (AP) — A former teacher has surrendered after being accused of carrying on a three-year sexual affair with a student.

Felicia Shupp, 27, of The Woodlands walked into the Montgomery County Jail with her attorney Friday morning. A county grand jury indicted her Tuesday on a charge of sexual assault on a child. She was released after posting \$10,000 bail.

Shupp, who was girls' volleyball coach and an English teacher at The Woodlands High School's McCullough campus, is accused of seducing one of her students when the girl was 14.

Sheriff's Lt. Dan Norris said the investigation began in January after the student, now 18, came forward

with the allegation.


On Jan. 30, Shupp resigned from Branch Crossing Junior High, where she had since taken a job teaching language arts, said Conroe school district general counsel Carrie Galatas.

Norris said investigators found no evidence that other students were involved with Shupp. He would not comment on why the student waited three years to come forward.

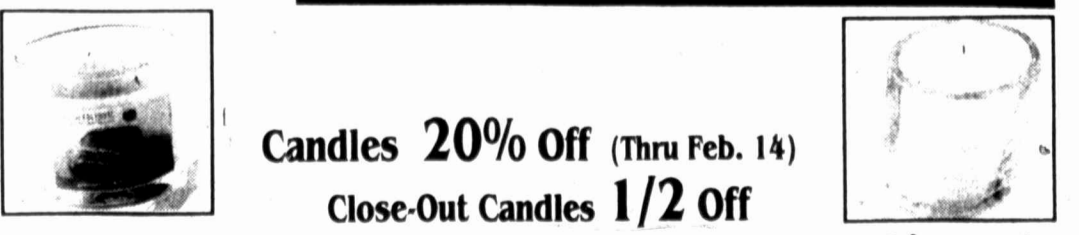
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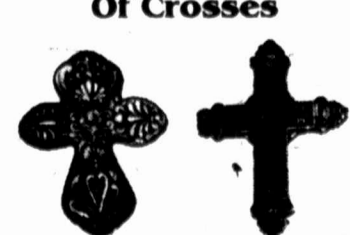


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Afghan officials want to question ex-Taliban foreign minister in U.S. hands

WASHINGTON (AP) — Afghan authorities want to interrogate the former Taliban foreign minister now being held by the U.S. military and ensure he faces trial, an Afghan foreign ministry spokesman said Saturday.

Mullah Wakil Ahmed Muttawakil turned himself in to local officials in the southern city of Kandahar on Friday and was taken to the U.S. military base at the city's airport. U.S. defense

officials said Muttawakil was being detained and questioned by American officials at the base.

Bad weather Saturday hampered a U.S. search team trying to reach a remote spot in the eastern Afghanistan's mountains where a CIA spy drone fired at several people last week.

Officials do not know who was killed in the attack by the remote-controlled Predator but suspect they could have been top al-

Qaida members. Lt. Cmdr. Matt Klee, spokesman for U.S. Central Command, said the more than 50 U.S. soldiers "dropped off by helicopter" a day earlier did not make much progress.

Another 34 prisoners arrived Saturday at the U.S. Navy base in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, bringing the total there to 220, military officials said.

In Washington, Afghan foreign ministry spokesman Omar Samad said his coun-

try's interim government wants to talk to Muttawakil to find out what he knows about Taliban atrocities and its links to the al-Qaida terrorist network.

"We do think that it would be probably appropriate for the Afghan interim authority to at least interrogate him for a while before he is taken out of Afghanistan, if the decision is made to take him out of Afghanistan," Samad said in an interview. U.S. officials have not said

whether they plan to transfer Muttawakil with other Afghan war detainees to the prison camp at Guantanamo Bay.

Another top Taliban leader, former army chief of staff Mullah Fazel Mazloom, is among the 220 prisoners being held there.

The Afghan government wants Muttawakil put on trial, whether by U.S., Afghan or international authorities, said Samad, scoffing at Muttawakil's

reputation as a moderate as a Taliban leader.

"What we insist on is that he does face the justice and the international community about his involvement in terrorism activities and human rights violations during the Taliban regime," Samad said.

"These are crimes against humanity that include massacres and atrocities, and cultural crimes including destruction of artifacts."

Law enforcement agencies are using voice stress analysis to detect lies

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Police want to know if a suspect is lying, but the polygraph test comes back inconclusive.

What's an exasperated interrogator to do?

Increasingly, law enforcement agencies are using a technology that measures "voice stress" — small frequency modulations in the human voice that supposedly occur whenever someone is lying.

"voice stress analysis, biometrics or other technologies" to prevent terrorists from boarding airplanes.

But how well does it work? Studies suggest that voice stress analysis is no better than chance at detecting deception. It is banned in several states and, like the polygraph, it is not admissible in any court of law.

"There is no scientific evidence to validate it," said Victor Cestaro, a retired biological psychologist who conducted research on voice stress for the U.S. Department of Defense Polygraph Institute.

for about \$4,700, plus \$950 for one week of training.

Detective Al Elverson and his colleagues in the Upper Merion Township Police Department in suburban Philadelphia say they have used the Computer Voice Stress Analyzer to nab sus-

pects for child abuse, employee theft, stolen credit cards and other crimes.

When confronted with test results, a suspect often confesses, Elverson said.

"Some people obviously are still going to lie, but we've had good success with

it so far," he said.

Research into voice analysis began in the late 1950s when scientists identified a "physiological tremor" — tiny, involuntary oscillations in a muscle produced during times of stress. In the early 1970s, three retired

military officers invented the first voice analyzer, the Psychological Stress Evaluator, based on the research.

Voice analyzers function on the same light-or-fluor-principles as the polygraph; a technology little changed in more than 30 years.

Some police officials swear by the Computer Voice Stress Analyzer — a laptop computer, software and microphone package that promises to catch deception.

Proponents call it just as reliable as a polygraph but more portable, less intrusive and easier to use. Additionally, law enforcement in some states can surreptitiously record a suspect's voice, then run the tape through the analyzer.

The industry hopes to get a boost from the new federal aviation safety law, enacted in the wake of the Sept. 11 attacks. A provision of the law calls for the use of

Nevertheless, the National Institute for Truth Verification, the West Palm Beach, Fla., company that makes the market-leading Computer Voice Stress Analyzer, says it has sold the devices to 1,100 law enforcement agencies across the country.

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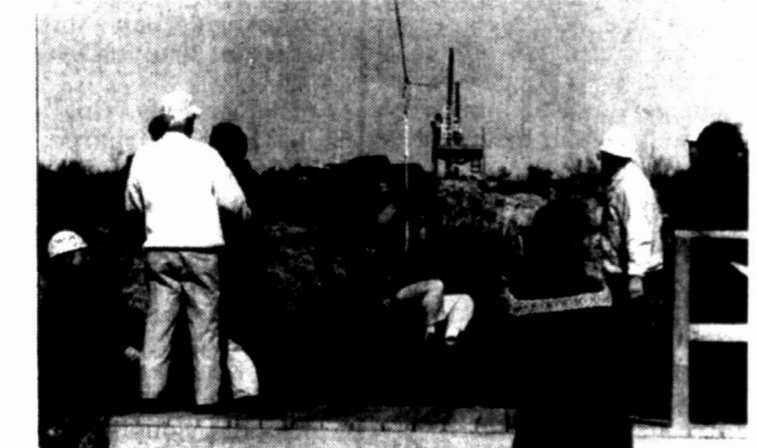
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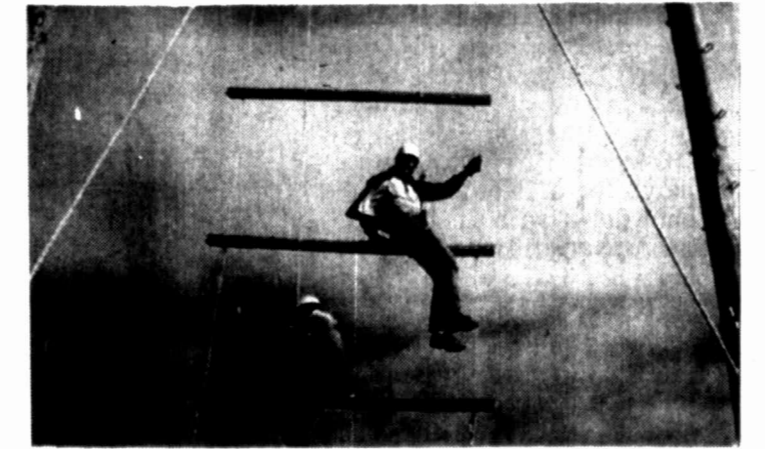
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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers win one of three scrimmages

Big Spring's Lady Steers got their final tune-up softball Saturday before opening regular season Tuesday at Midland Greenwood.

The Lady Steers scrimmaged Odessa Permian, Fort Stockton and Monahans.

They suffered losses to Permian, 2-0, and Fort Stockton, 5-2, before rebounding for a 5-1 win over Monahans.

"Our pitchers did a good job of keeping us in every one of the scrimmages," coach Dan Arista said of Nicole Chesworth, Vanessa Ochoa and Alex Watkins. "And we hit the ball well at times, we just hit a lot of shots right at people when we had runners in scoring position."

Arista used the scrimmage to move several players in and out of the lineup and rotated several players at positions.

"We certainly saw where we need to make improvement, but I was pleased with the way we played overall," Arista said.

The Lady Steers season opener is set for 4:30 p.m. Tuesday at Greenwood.

Forsan's Kinsey wins powerlifting class

Forsan's Billy Kinsey lifted a total of 1,065 pounds to win his 198-pound weight class Saturday at the Seagraves Invitational Powerlifting Meet.

Teammate Billy Acosta finished fifth in that weight class, while Cody Lefever was fifth in the 148-pound class.

Megan Fishback added a fifth-place medal in the girls' division.

The Buffs also got eighth-place finishes from Cody Bryant in the 198-pound class and Codee Barraza in the 220-pound weight class.

Baseball boosters work day is today

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters will hold a work day starting at 2 p.m. today at Steer Park.

Members will be hanging wind screens, outfield signs and cleaning up around the park.

A national magazine is interested in doing a story on the field and club members are looking for pictures taken at the park at least four years ago.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Playoff game set at BSJHS gym

A Class 5A bi-district playoff game pitting Lubbock Monterey and Abilene Cooper is set for 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

Ticket prices for that game will be \$4 for adults, \$2 for students.

Baseball boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

All interested friends and parents of the school's baseball program are encouraged to attend.

Members will be planning the hot dog cookout set for Saturday.

Monday's meeting will also be the last day to turn in ads for the base-

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BSHS' Hughey, Pike shine at Region I, Class 4A meet

HERALD Staff Report

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers swimmers turned in solid performances Saturday to finish second and fourth, respectively, in the team standings at the Region I, Class 4A Swimming and Diving Championships held at the Pete Ragus Aquatic Center.

"To be as young as we are, and as short-handed as we are in some areas, we had a tremendous meet," Big Spring coach Harlan Smith said. "We've for sure got a couple of kids that are going to the state meet and several others that may qualify once all the times are in from the other regions."

The winners from each event at the four regional meets automatically earns a berth at the state meet, Smith explained, but the next eight

best times from across the state also earn spots in Austin.

"Josh Pike and Jessica Hughey had a tremendous day, and so did Nadia Torres," Smith noted. "That was kind of expected from Josh and Jessica, but when Nadia finished second in the 100 butterfly that made everybody step back and take notice. She took three seconds off her best time in that event."

Pike led the way for the Steers' second-place finish in the boys' division by winning the 200 freestyle with a time of 1:54.77 and following that with a second-place time in the 500 freestyle.

He also swam the opening leg on the Steers' 400 freestyle relay, teaming with Mark Sheedy, Will Liggett and Michael Carrasco to finish second in that event.

The Steers' 200 medley relay team

of Sheedy, Liggett, Cody Clark and Carrasco finished fourth and the 200 freestyle relay team of Pike, Clark, Justin Petrowski and Ryan Beall added fifth-place points.

Sheedy also hopes to qualify for state meet action individually after finishing second in the 100 backstroke and was fifth in the 100 butterfly.

Liggett added a third-place finish in the 200 individual medley and was fourth in the 100 breaststroke. Clark chipped in a third in the one-meter springboard diving competition and was fourth in the 100 butterfly.

Carrasco was fourth in both the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle, while Jeremy Petrowski's fifth-place finish in the diving and Justin Petrowski's sixth in the 200 individual medley rounded out Big

Spring's point production.

Hughey lit up the girls' field in both the 200 individual medley and the 100 backstroke. Her winning time in the 200 IM was 2:26.97, more than three full seconds ahead of the nearest competitor, while her time of 1:06.79 in the 100 backstroke was almost five seconds faster than the runner-up.

In addition to Torres' second-place finish in the 100 butterfly, she was fourth in the 100 breaststroke. Daniele Bartlett chipped in a fifth-place finish in the 500 freestyle.

The Lady Steers also added points in two relay events. Hughey, Laurie Morand, Torres and Amanda Chapman combined for a fifth-place finish in the 200 medley relay. Then Hughey, Torres, Chapman and Kendra Weeks finished sixth in the 200 freestyle relay.

Lady Buffs settle for third

HERALD Staff Reports

FORSAN — Colorado City's Lady Wolves claimed the second-place playoff seed in District 3-2A Friday night with a 42-30 playoff win over Stanton's Lady Buffaloes.

The Lady Buffs, who'd eliminated defending 3-2A girls' champion Coahoma's Bulldogettes on Thursday night, simply couldn't stop Colorado City's Allison Lopez.

Lopez scored a game-high 25 points in leading the Lady Wolves to the win, while Teri Phariss added nine more.

The Lady Buffs were paced by Heather Washington's 12 points.

Stanton got off to a solid start and owned a 9-6 lead going in to the second quarter, but that's where the wheels began to come off. The Lady Wolves outscored Stanton 12-3 in the second period to take an 18-12 halftime edge.

The two teams saw-sawed their way through the third quarter and the Lady Wolves maintained the edge.

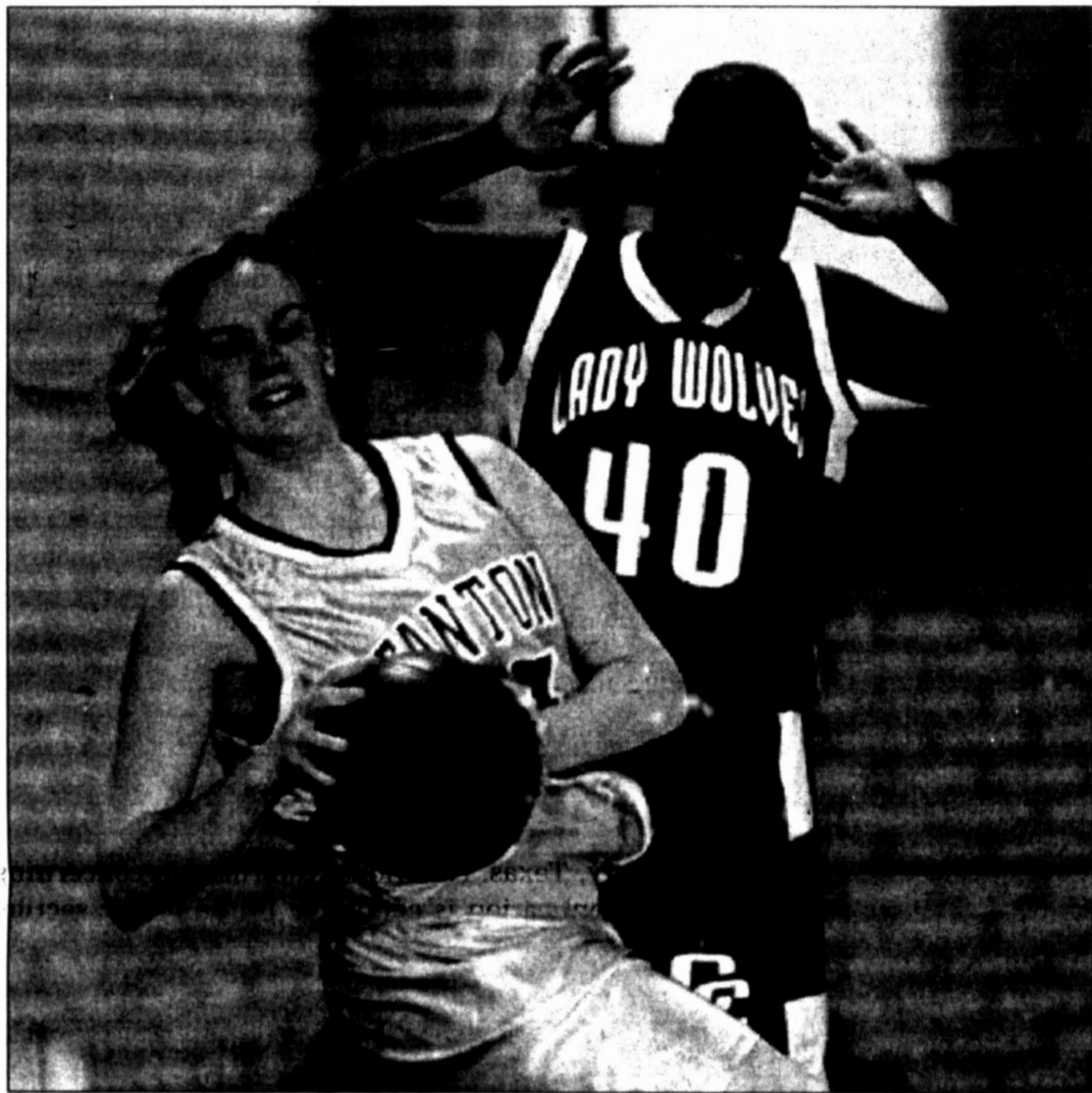
Colorado City made sure there would be no comeback for the Lady Buffs, however, outscoring Stanton 14-8 down the stretch.

As a result, the Lady Wolves will take on New Deal, the third-place team in District 4-2A, in a 6:30 p.m. Tuesday bidistrict playoff game at the Borden County High School gym in Gail. The Lady Buffs will play the nightcap in a play-off doubleheader, taking on 4-2A runner-up Tahoka, at 8 p.m.

Lady 'Kats lay claim to 8-A bragging rights

SAN ANGELO — Garden City's Lady Bearkats claimed the No. 1 playoff seed in District 8-1A Tuesday night with a thrilling 35-33 win over Iraan's Lady Braves in a district playoff game at the Junell Center.

The Lady 'Kats and Lady



Stanton's Ashley Newell draws a foul from Colorado City's Erica Grant (40) during the third quarter of Friday's district playoff for second-place in District 3-2A. The Lady Wolves dealt Stanton a 42-30 setback.

Braves finished the regular season with identical 9-1 slates in district play, forcing the playoff game to determine playoff seeding.

Iraan's Rachel Green made things difficult for the Garden City crew, however, scoring a game-high 17 points.

The Lady 'Kats were able to answer with 12 points from Megan Niehues, but the most important show of the evening wound up belonging to Jessica Hoch, who nailed the game-winner from 16 feet just before the buzzer.

That game-winning basket gave Hoch nine points in the game.

Garden City now prepares for a Tuesday night showdown with District 7-1A runner-up Fort Hancock

in the Fort Stockton High School gymnasium.

Bulldogs chalk up OT win over Forsan

COAHOMA — Coahoma's Bulldogs not only guaranteed themselves their first playoff berth since 1999 with a 61-59 overtime victory over Forsan's Buffaloes, they clinched second place in the District 3-2A boys' basketball standings.

What's more, the 'Dogs now have a chance to tie for first place in the league chase on Tuesday when they travel to Plains and take on the league-leading Cowboys.

It was anything but easy for Coahoma, however. Forsan, fighting for its playoff life, grabbed a 14-11 lead after the first period

and held on for a 24-23 half-time edge.

The Buffs got off to a strong start in the third quarter, and at one point, owned a 9-point lead before Coahoma began its comeback, tying the game at 53-53 at the end of regulation.

Forsan got 17-point performances from Matt Ellis and Zach Johnson and another 13 from Wes Longorio.

But the Bulldogs answered with three players in double figures.

Chase Davis led the way with a game-high 25 markers, while Chase Ward chipped in 20 more. Randall rich had 10.

With the win the Bulldogs improved to 14-8 on the season and 7-2 in district play. Forsan is 17-11 and 4-5.

Steers golfers finish second

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring's Steers golf team turned in one of its best performances in some time this weekend, finishing second in the boys' standings of their own Big Spring Invitational Tournament.

The Steers "Black" team of Jarrod Simmons, Nick Read, Ryan Rodriguez, Mario Rodriguez and Will Conley carded a two-day total of 636 — playing both the Comanche Trail Golf Course and the Big Spring Country Club layout — to finish 19 strokes behind Freshship's Tigers.

The Tigers weren't the only District 4-4A rivals the Steers faced in during the weekend, however.

Andrews' Mustangs finished tied for fourth place with Sweetwater at 644, while Plainview was sixth at 661, Levelland was one stroke back in seventh place and Snyder's Tigers were 10th with a 672 total. San Angelo Lake View was a distant 22nd in the field at 742.

Big Spring's "Gold" team of Jason Murphree, Jace Williams, Landon Jenkins, Jacob Castle and David Welch finished tied for 18th with San Angelo Central with a 705 total.

Freshship swept the top three individual honors, as Josh Keeton posted a two-day total of 151 to take medalist honors, defeating teammates Tim Martin and Brandon Melville in a sudden-death playoff.

Read, who finished with a 152 score, was fourth on the medalist list, while Simmons was 10th individually with a 157 total. Ryan Rodriguez finished with a

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Howard squads hope to end losing skein at Clarendon

Bulldogs unpredictable opponent

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Howard College's Hawks must find a way to stop a three-game losing streak in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. And they must do it Monday night against one of the most unpredictable teams in the WJAC.

Clarendon College is in last place, but they are one of the most dangerous teams in the conference, because of their intense defensive pressure and ability to create chaos on the court, first-year Hawks head coach Chris Jans said.

"They play extremely hard. They scrap. They press. They trap," Jans said. "They try to make the game ugly because they aren't very big and probably don't have as much talent as they would like to have or as much as the opposition in the league."

"Tony Starnes has done a good job of getting his kids to play in a style that puts them in position to be competitive and win games. The

haven't won any conference games, but they have played everybody close and haven't come out on top."

The Hawks tip off at Clarendon College at 7:50 p.m. in the second game of a doubleheader with the Lady Hawks and the Lady Bulldogs.

"More importantly, it wouldn't matter who we play," Jans said. "We just need to find a way to get a 'W'. We're in a three-game slide right now and we have never lost three in a row. Our guys have forgotten how to win."

"We need to find the winning side of things and get back on the right track."

Howard's squad has lost some much-needed confidence — a team's worst enemy, Jans said. When players don't believe in their talent, their shot is one of the first things to go.

"Our kids have lost some confidence, and I think that's evident in the way we're shooting the ball

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Blown 19-point lead remembered

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

The Howard College Lady Hawks blew a 19-point lead in the first half earlier this season against Clarendon College when the two squads met at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and suffered a 70-65 loss.

Since that time, Clarendon has continued to find ways to win, putting itself in the thick of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race with a 5-2 record.

But that game was the beginning of a six-game losing streak for the Lady Hawks who are 7-15 and 1-6 in conference play.

To beat the Lady Bulldogs Monday in Clarendon, Howard must find a way to stop Ravon Justice — the WJAC's leading scorer, who is good for 20.5 points per game and 2.5 steals. Sancho Lyttle provides 14.7 points per contest and 8.1 boards.

But it was Esther Chavez, who previously had been a blip on Clarendon's radar screen before the

first match-up who caused the most damage. Chavez erupted for 20 points, second to Justice's 23.

"She just killed us the last game," Lady Hawks head coach Joey Wells said of Chavez. "She had 20 points and seven boards, and she's usually not one of their high scorers. That's the way their team is. They play so unselfishly and so hard that on any given night, anyone can step up and make the plays."

The Lady Bulldogs' strength is their unselfish play and ability to keep down the number of turnovers. "They make very good decisions," Wells said.

"They do a good job of going inside and out. They are patient on offense. They don't take a lot of bad shots. They work rebounds and go out four to the boards. So, if we can get some rebounds off of the blocks, we should be OK."

Wells faulted a lack of intensity the first time the two teams met gov-

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The top 25 teams in men's college basketball votes in parentheses and 3:

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- Maryland
- Oklahoma
- Alabama
- Cincinnati
- Kentucky
- Florida
- Gonzaga
- Virginia
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- Miami
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- Oklahoma St.
- UCLA
- Ohio St.
- Georgia
- Marquette
- Wake Forest
- Stanford
- Illinois
- Missouri
- Syracuse
- Texas Tech
- Southern Cal

The top 25 teams in women's college basketball votes in parentheses and 3:

- Connecticut (44)
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- Tennessee
- Oklahoma
- Duke
- Vanderbilt
- Purdue
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- South Carolina
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- Kansas St.
- Iowa St.
- Colorado
- Florida
- Texas Tech
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Ford hits 22 in Longhorns' 104-95 win over Colorado

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

There's never been any doubt about T.J. Ford's ability to dish out assists for Texas.

It's when he starts scoring at will that the trouble really starts for Longhorns opponents.

The freshman point guard scored a season-high 22 points to go along with 12 assists as the Longhorns ran past Colorado 104-95 Saturday.

Six players scored in double figures for Texas (16-7, 7-3 Big 12). Ford went 6-of-8 from the floor and hit all 10 foul shots in the Longhorns' highest scoring output of the season.

"Basketball is a simple game. I just took what the defense gave me," said Ford, who came in leading the nation in assists with 8.4 per game and has 11 double-digit assist games this season. He averages 9.4 points.

"When they gave me the chance to drive I did. When they backed off, I would shoot it. It was a lot of fun," Ford said.

"I've said all along that, knock on wood, that T.J. can shoot the ball," said Texas coach Rick Barnes. "I thought he really shot the ball with confidence."

Ford's first job still is running the Texas offense, which was as good as it has been all season. Royal Ivey and James Thomas each scored 18 points, Deginald Erskin had 16, Sydmill Harris 12 and Brandon Mouton 11 for the Longhorns. Texas shot 53 percent.

The teams played most of the first half without a malfunctioning shot clock.

Texas fans tried to rattle

the Buffaloes by counting down the seconds early but had little effect as Colorado shot 52 percent from the floor in the first half and 54 percent for the game.

A bigger problem for Colorado was 13 turnovers which Texas converted into 16 first half points. Texas shot 56 percent from the floor in the first half and led 27-19 before Ivey keyed a 10-0 run with a 3-pointer and a steal and fastbreak layup.

Thomas hit his first five shots and Ford had nine assists as Texas took a 53-36 lead into halftime.

"The big guys ran the floor and the point guard was pushing it. Basically, they beat us in transition," said Colorado forward D.J. Harrison.

"We got outran and got beat," he said.

Harrison and Michel Morandais each scored 22 points to lead Colorado (13-8, 4-6), which remains winless on the road in the Big 12.

The teams exchanged some pushing and shoving under the basket. Mouton and Harrison were each assessed technical fouls after one chest-bumping affair in the first half.

"It gets a little dirty down there sometimes," Thomas said. "We knew that their big men wasn't in that good of shape. We tried to wear them down. That was our main deal."

Colorado cut the deficit to 60-50 in the second half on Stephane Pelle's layup before a 6-0 Texas run on consecutive baskets by Ford and a tip-in by Harris pushed the lead back up to 16.

Ford, who scored just two points in the first half, scored eight straight in a

second-half spurt that helped Texas cut down another Colorado rally.

No. 2 Kansas 108, No. 24 Texas Tech 81

Kirk Hinrich scored a career-high 28 points to lead No. 2 Kansas to an 108-81 victory over No. 24 Texas Tech on Saturday.

Drew Gooden added 21 points and 10 rebounds, and Nick Collison scored 20 points as the Jayhawks went over the 100-point mark for the third time in four games. Hinrich was 7-for-7 from the line and is 17-for-17 in his last two games.

Kansas (21-2, 10-0 Big 12) is off to its best conference start since the 1970-71 Jayhawks went unbeaten (14-0) through the Big 8 season. Texas Tech (16-6, 5-5) is 0-4 on the road since beating Texas A&M 74-72 on Jan. 9.

The Jayhawks shot 61 percent (43-for-71) from the field against Texas Tech, which had held previous opponents to 40 percent shooting. The Red Raiders hit just 37 percent (29-for-79) of their shots and went without a field goal for more than 5 minutes down the second-half stretch.

Nathan Doudney and Andre Emmett led Texas Tech with 15 points each. Marcus Shropshire added 13 points, and Kasib Powell and Andy Ellis had 12 each. Jeff Boschee finished with 14 points for Kansas.

Sixteen of Hinrich's points and 15 of Gooden's came as Kansas overcame early turnover problems — and a seven-point deficit — to take a 52-38 halftime lead.

The Jayhawks led by 20 points, 71-51, on Jeff Carey's basket with 13:22 left, but

Texas Tech closed the gap to nine points, 80-71, on a free throw by Andre Emmett with 7:38 remaining.

Collison scored from underneath with 7:10 left, then drew an offensive foul on Emmett and hit the front of a 1-and-1. Hinrich converted a 3-point play, then added a layup after Aaron Miles' steal for an 88-71 lead with 6:03 left.

The Jayhawks added a 14-0 run, capped by Brett Ballard's 3-pointer, for a 102-72 lead.

Kansas committed seven turnovers in the first 9 minutes — four in the first 3:09 alone — and trailed 27-20 with 8 1/2 minutes left in the first half.

Gooden's basket with 8:13 left started a 13-0 run for the Jayhawks. Hinrich went 3-for-3 from the line, hit a 3-pointer and converted a 3-point play during the run, and Gooden scored six points in an 11-3 run that gave Kansas a 48-36 lead with 1:35 left in the half.

The Jayhawks shot 66 percent (21-for-32) from the field for the half.

No. 4 Oklahoma 68, Texas A&M 64

Hollis Price, Oklahoma's leading scorer, was being hounded by Texas A&M, so Aaron McGhee knew the fourth-ranked Sooners needed a big game from someone else. He provided it, scoring 21 points in Saturday's 68-64 victory.

"We just wanted to come out and try to execute our offense a little better," said McGhee, who also had 10 rebounds. "They were boxing Hollis, so other guys had to step up and score. That's what I tried to do."

The Sooners (19-3, 8-2 Big 12) took a 64-55 lead with 2:30 to play on a jumper by McGhee, what turned out to be Oklahoma's final field goal.

Texas A&M (9-15, 3-7) made three free throws and Larry Scott hit a 3-pointer with just under a minute left to make it 64-61. Oklahoma made three free throws, but Bradley Jackson closed the Aggies within 67-64 with a three-point play.

Price, who was held to 12 points, made one of two foul shots with 9.3 seconds remaining and Oklahoma held on for its 16th victory over Texas A&M in 17 meetings.

"If A&M plays this well for the rest of the season, they will win some more games," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said.

While the Aggies were committed to not letting Hollis beat them, they might have ended up beating themselves by shooting just 61 percent from the free throw line, going 17-for-28.

Conversely, Oklahoma was 19-for-23, though two of the misses were in the hectic final 20 seconds.

"We've worked on our free throws all year long," Texas A&M coach Melvin Watkins said. "We just didn't hit them today. We played hard enough to win and it's disappointing."

Nick Anderson led the Aggies with 19 points and Bernard King had 16 points and 11 rebounds.

Quannas White had 12 points and 12 assists for the Sooners.

Texas A&M led 27-26 with 4:11 left in the first half, but Oklahoma closed the half with a 10-3 run.

Mississippi St. 76, No. 5 Alabama 62

Timmy Bowers scored 24 points and Michael Gholar had 15 as Mississippi State snapped out of its 3-point shooting slump and upset No. 5 Alabama 76-62 Saturday.

The Bulldogs (18-6, 5-5 Southeastern Conference) beat a top-five team at home for the second time this season, something they hope gets them back in the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1996 — their Final Four season.

Erwin Dudley scored 23 points, 17 in the first half, to lead the Crimson Tide (20-4, 8-2), who had their six-game winning streak snapped.

Despite all the progress Alabama has made as a road team this season, Humphrey Coliseum remains a mystery.

The Tide has lost four straight in Starkville by an average of 20 points.

Mississippi State came into the game having made just 10 of 52 from behind the arc in its last three games, including a 4-for-27 effort in a loss to Georgia on Wednesday.

The Bulldogs went from scatter-shots to marksmen against the Tide, making 12-of-19 from 3-point range.

No. 1 Duke 95, Georgia Tech 63

Jason Williams scored 28 points and Mike Dunleavy added 23 as No. 1 Duke beat Georgia Tech 95-63 Saturday, marking the best start in school history.

The Blue Devils (22-1, 10-1 Atlantic Coast Conference)

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Gannon as AFC

HONOLULU — Brady could or Rich Gannon st in the Pro Bowl.

Six days after New England's Super Bowl win, old star was a quarterback in 38-30 victory on Saturday.

Instead, it was Oakland who touchdown pass more than a quarter, in yard strike Harrison for first score after.

Gannon was player of the game second straight becoming the first winner. He completed 10 passes for 113 yards and two touchdowns in the first quarter — most points in a Pro Bowl.

Brady, the MVP, waited for the sideline for tucking the football with his left arm, the to his right hand.

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Gannon steals show from Brady as AFC takes 38-30 Pro Bowl win

HONOLULU (AP) — Tom Brady could only watch as Rich Gannon stole the show in the Pro Bowl.

Six days after leading the New England Patriots to a Super Bowl win, the 24-year-old star was a third-string quarterback in the AFC's 38-30 victory over the NFC on Saturday.

Instead, it was Gannon of Oakland who threw two touchdown passes in just more than a quarter as the AFC starter, including a 55-yard strike to Marvin Harrison for the squad's first score after trailing 10-0.

Gannon was selected the player of the game for the second straight year, becoming the first two-time winner. He completed 8 of 10 passes for 137 yards as the teams combined for 34 first-quarter points, the most points in a quarter in a Pro Bowl.

Brady, the Super Bowl MVP, waited patiently on the sideline for his turn, tucking the football under his left arm, then shifting it to his right hand.

Brady sat alone on the end of the bench minutes before

halftime, his eyes fixed on the highlights of the Patriots' victory over St. Louis last Sunday showing on the big screen. His hat was on straight for a while, then he turned it backward.

Brady finally got his chance with 14:16 left, with the AFC well on its way to winning its fifth Pro Bowl in six years.

A human rainbow of red, white and blue covered the field in a patriotic pregame ceremony that featured a bald eagle soaring through the stadium and a flyover by Hawaii Air National Guard F-15s. The temperature at kickoff was 74 degrees and the sun came out a day after both teams canceled practice because of a downpour.

Brady finished 2-of-5 for 22 yards and an interception to Washington's Champ Bailey that led to an NFC touchdown. He hadn't been picked off since a divisional playoff game against the Raiders in the snow.

One member of the Super Bowl champions did dazzle. Ty Law intercepted Donovan McNabb's pass

late in the game and ran 31 yards before pitching the ball to Ray Lewis, who went 13 yards for the AFC's final touchdown.

It's not just the pretty plays that make a Pro Bowl.

Gannon raised his throwing arm into the air to celebrate an ugly 30-yard completion to Troy Brown in the first quarter. Gannon handed off to Priest Holmes, who pitched the ball back to Gannon and he threw a wobbly pass downfield that was so underthrown that Brown had to run several yards back toward the line of scrimmage to haul it in. Holmes went on to score on the drive.

Green Bay's Ahman Green quickly became part of Pro Bowl history in his first appearance. His 2-yard touchdown run for the NFC 27 seconds into the game was the fastest score in the game's existence.

Philadelphia kicker David Akers made field goals of 41 and 49 yards before missing short on a 62-yard attempt in the fourth quarter.

The winning AFC players earned \$30,000.

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bettered 21-1 starts in 1991-92 and 1998-99 in drubbing Georgia Tech (10-14, 3-8) for the second time this season.

Duke led by 14 points at halftime, opened the lead to 20 in the first 3 1/2 minutes of the second and went ahead by 32 when Williams hit a 3-pointer with 10:30 left.

Georgia Tech just couldn't fight back after that, done in by Duke's efficiency from beyond the 3-point line and its dominating defense. Williams and Dunleavy combined for six 3s in the second half.

Ed Nelson led Georgia

Tech with 17 points, while Tony Akins added 10.

The loss snaps Georgia Tech's three-game winning streak, which followed seven straight conference losses.

The Yellow Jackets stayed with Duke for the first 12 minutes, trailing 28-27 with 8:04 left in the half.

No. 7 Kentucky 68, LSU 56

Tayshaun Prince scored 18 points and blocked six shots to lead No. 7 Kentucky to a 68-56 victory over LSU on Saturday.

The Wildcats, coming off an overtime loss to Tennessee, had little trouble against the overmatched

Tigers. LSU struggled and trailed by as many as 18 points in the first half and 21 in the second.

No. 6 Cincinnati 103, No. 19 Wake Forest 94

Steve Logan scored 30 points, Immanuel McElroy added a career-high 19 and No. 6 Cincinnati shot a season-best 58 percent to beat No. 19 Wake Forest 103-94 Saturday.

The Bearcats (22-2), unranked in the preseason poll, moved within three victories of the program's seventh straight 25-win season under Bob Huggins with their highest point total of the year.

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ing up a 19-point lead and not finding a way to win in the closing minute.

"We jumped out to a big lead, and then they started making shots in the second half that they weren't making in the first half. It just goes back to the 40 minutes of basketball. If you don't play it the whole time, it will come back to beat you."

Forward Latasha Mathew of Houston has been a bright spot of late. The sophomore stepped up during the Lady Hawks Thursday night match-up with Odessa College with 14 points and nine rebounds in the loss.

Howard dropped a 69-59 contest to the Wranglers Thursday at home.

"I watched the film, and in the last four minutes of the

game, we had five turnovers and missed four free throws," Wells said. "We missed one lay-up and gave up four offensive rebounds. That's the last four minutes of the game, and we were down by two before all that started."

Howard struggled in the second half connecting on 32 percent of its shots and a little over half of its free throws.

Howard was without the services of leading scorers Alexis Burton and Shamieka Buckley Thursday, as both served a one-game suspension for breaking team rules.

"I knew we were going to struggle without Alexis and Shamieka, and I thought Sherice (Risby) was going to have to have a good night for us, but she didn't."

Risby was 5-for-13, includ-

ing 1-for-6 from the three-point line.

Burton and Buckley will be suited up for Monday night's contest, Wells said.

The tip is set for 5:50 p.m. in the Clarendon College gym. The Lady Hawks will return home to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for a Thursday tip with Midland College before going on the road for games against New Mexico Junior College and Frank Phillips College.

During Thursday's game, the nearly 700 participants in the Big Spring Youth Basketball League will be recognized during halftime of the women's and men's games.

All BSBYL players, who wear their team jerseys, their parents and grandparents and league coaches, will be admitted free.

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right now," he said.

The Hawks shot 41 percent for the game, but were 3-of-21 from behind the arc for a 14.3 percent outing. Free throw shooting in the first half (2-of-12, 16.7 percent) was another spot in which his squad needs to improve, Jans said.

Howard shot well the last time the two squads met — 46 percent from the field and 73 percent from the charity stripe.

The Hawks led 33-28 at halftime and pulled away for an 85-73 victory at home in their second conference game. But the game was slow-moving and not a pretty one as both teams were whistled for 58 fouls.

Clarendon is led by Roland McDougal who is dropping in 15 points per game and pulling down 7 boards. He also swipes 3.5 steals a game.

Raymond Show is good for 14.3 points and 4.2 steals,

and Chris Packes averages 12.3 points.

But the last time the two teams met, all 12 Bulldog players scored.

"They've got kids who can jump up and make shots," Jans said. "They have guards and wings who have the ability to make baskets at any time and that gives you match-up problems. So, our big guys have to go out and guard the little guys and that gives us trouble sometimes."

Clarendon College (6-15, 0-8) is coming off of a 101-98 loss to New Mexico Junior College Thursday in Hobbs. Howard (15-9, 3-5) dropped an 85-69 game to co-leader Odessa College. OC and South Plains College are leading the WJCAC with 7-1 records.

Following Thursday's loss to Odessa, Jans told the team that he was pleased with its effort — in sharp contrast to their desire to make little things happen

Monday night against New Mexico Military Institute.

Howard limited their turnovers to 12 and outbounded the Wranglers, getting off eight more shots than the league leader. "Those are some real positive things that we look at each and every game. The effort was there for the most part."

Jans and his assistant coaches, Victor Newman and Jermaine Kimbrough, will keep things brief before Monday's game during workouts.

"We've got three days to prepare and really have sharp, crisp, shorter practices and get ready to make a long trip on Monday night," Jans said. "We have to get better. We have an opportunity in the next three days to get better and make the results evident on Monday."

"It's a big game for us. We have to get better and win a basketball game."

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161 total, Mario Rodriguez's 36-hole total was 167 and Conley carded a 171 over the two rounds.

Williams paced the "Gold" team with a 165 total, while Murphee finished at 169. Jenkins added a 184, Castle had a 187 and Welch posted a 192 total.

In the tournament's girls'

division, the Lady Steers finished seventh in a field of 12 teams with an 818 total.

Pecos' Lady Eagles claimed the team title with a 669 total, finishing 44 strokes ahead of runner-up Andrews.

Vanessa Fuganti of Andrews took the individual honors, finishing with a 162 total, one stroke ahead of Snyder's Katie Kerley

and the Pecos duo of Cassie Foster and Lauren Martinez.

Jessica Hicks led the way for the Lady Steers with a two-day total of 194, while Rachel Gee was three strokes back at 194.

Angela Payne carded a 213 total, while Kate Smiley rounded out Big Spring's scoring with a 214.

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ball program.

For more info, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Four-person scramble scheduled at BSCC

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fees are \$75 per player, plus cart rental. Private carts are welcome, however.

The fee includes mulligans and barbecue on the course both days.

Play will begin with a 1 p.m. shotgun start both days and the field will be flighted based on first-round scores.

For more information, call

the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete the TP&WD course by state law.

For more information, call Hale or Pointevint at 267-7891, 264-7033 or 267-6957.

Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

The "Pre-Spring Bash for Cash Men's Softball Tournament" has been scheduled for March 2-3 in Stanton.

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How to honor and display the American Flag

Following the events of Sept. 11 there has been a nationwide resurgence of patriotism.

Although it is taken for granted by many, Leo Welch and Dealon Stanley, members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2013, hope that people remember that the flag is a symbol of our country and not just a piece of cloth.

"There have been thousands of people who have died defending this flag," said Stanley.

Flags can be seen on display on car antennas, windows, houses, and even as clothing for people and their pets.

However, to give our nation's symbol the respect and dignity it deserves there are certain guidelines set by the government on the proper display of the flag.

For civilians who wish to display the flag properly the following tips can be of help.

- Antenna flags should not be neglected or allowed to hang in shreds or covered in grime and should be displayed from the right side of the car.

- Decals should be placed where the least wear and tear will be caused. Perhaps the best location is on the lower inside portion of the rear window, away from the elements, and non-obstructing to the driver. But never upon a bumper.

- If a flag is to be displayed 24 hours a day the Federal Flag Code states "It is the universal custom to display the flag only from sunrise to sunset on buildings and on stationary flagstaves in the open. However, when a patriotic effect is desired, the flag may be displayed 24 hours a day if properly illuminated during the hours of darkness."

- No more than one flag should be displayed on a building. For decorative effect red, white, and blue bunting may be used.

- When the flag is hoisted or raised, this should be done so quickly. Lowering the flag should be done slowly.

- The flag should never be used as a table covering nor should any object, including the Bible, be placed on it.

- When hung on a wall the flag should be hung horizontally or vertically with the blue field to the flag's own right, or the observer's left as he faces the flag.

- When the flag is displayed from a staff projecting horizontally from a window sill, balcony, or build-

ing, the stars of the flag should be placed at the peak of the staff unless the flag is at half staff.

- When a flag is unfurled for display across a street, it should be hung vertically, with the stars to the north or east.

To show proper respect and to treat the flag with dignity the following tips are offered.

- The flag should not be dipped to any person or thing, and can be flown upside down only as a distress signal.

- The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, body art, bedding, or drapery. Bunting of blue, white and red can be used for decorative purposes.

- The flag should never be fastened, displayed, used, or stored in such a way that would allow it to be easily torn, soiled or damaged.

- The flag should never have any mark, insignia, letter, work or other designs of any kind placed upon it.

- The flag should never be used for advertising purposes. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, paper napkins, boxes, welcome mats, or anything that is designed for temporary use. Advertising signs should not be fastened to a flag's staff or halyard.

- No part of the flag should be used as an element of a costume or athletic uniform. However, a flag patch may be worn on the uniform of military personnel, firemen, and members of patriotic or other national organizations, such as the uniforms of veterans' service organizations or Scout uniforms.

- When lowering the flag, make certain that no part of it touches the ground. It should be received by waiting hands and arms.

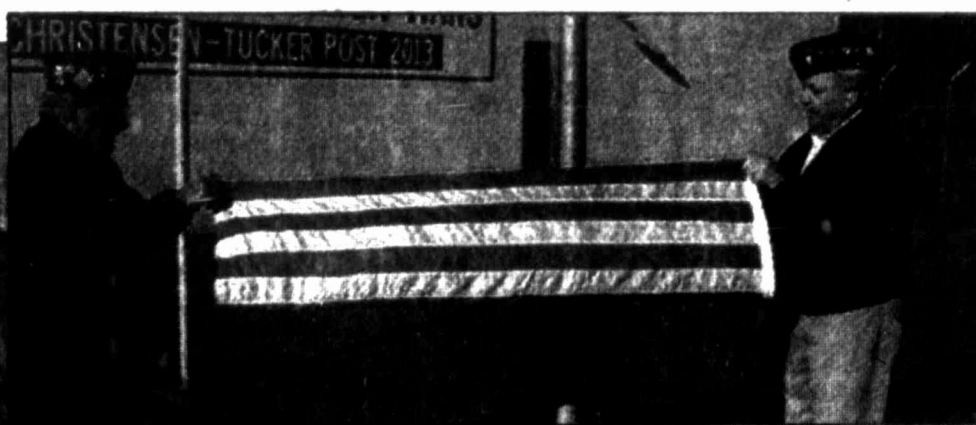
- When a flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified manner, preferably by burning.

Although he hopes people will follow these suggestions Leo Welch is appreciative of the current patriotic trend.

"I can't fault the people for the way they fly their flag, but it should be with dignity and respect," he said.

For more information on flag etiquette visit the VFW website at www.vfw.org or the local VFW Post 2013 at 500 Driver Road.

Story and photos by Andrea Medlin.



Clockwise from top right — Leo Welch, past commander of VFW Post 2013, and Dealon Stanley, post chaplain, demonstrate how to properly fold the American flag after it has been lowered from the staff. Welch and Stanley fold the flag to a triangle from the top left corner. According to guidelines set in the Federal Flag Code the American must be flown level or higher than all other flags. Welch and Stanley slowly lower the flag to remove it from the staff. When being raised it should be done so quickly.



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The kids are all right, I know, I used to be one

Well, it's official: I'm a grown-up, an adult, even an "old person."

I know this not because I just passed my 35th birthday, complete with three cards devoted to the age issue. (Thanks, sweetie.) I know it because I just returned from a weekend church retreat with a group of junior high and high school kids.

But before you start addressing a bunch of sympathy cards, I want to say that I really enjoyed it.



DEBBIE JENSEN

No, really. I wanted to know all about Britney Spears' latest song and which sixth grader is "going out" with which (they obviously don't go anywhere), and just exactly how long it takes to do some of the latest hairstyles.

I took quite a few pictures, hoping to embarrass some of the kids when we got back home. Perhaps my favorite is the row of curling irons lined up along a wooden shelf of our cabin. And when I say cabin, I mean your basic wooden box with a door and a hardly-working heater — absolutely no frills.

But still, the hair must be styled. And the first night, when they found out breakfast started at 8 the

next morning, I heard some of the girls making plans to get up at 6. No way, I told myself, smug. I know how teen-agers love their sleep.

Wrong! At least they were quiet, talking just loud enough to be heard over the hum of their blow-dryers.

And later that afternoon, when I tried to take a nap, they did catch the cabin door a few times before it slammed shut. I was just about to drift off when someone climbed up on the bunk above mine, rocking the whole rickety frame. Oops, sorry, were you trying to sleep?

While the discussion groups at this retreat were talking about times they felt "small and insignificant," I was feeling pretty

small and insignificant, like an extra in one of those new teen movies. Adults are extraneous in a teen-age world, like cassette tapes still trying to prove they can play when CDs are obviously the latest, newest thing.

We didn't have a clue what most of their jokes meant, and we couldn't figure out why they called that dancing.

What were they doing anyway? We laughed to ourselves as we gulped coffee in the mornings, trying to pry open at least one eye so we could keep it trained on our young charges.

But mostly, I felt my age. I felt it watching them sit cross-legged on the floor and then stand up so effortlessly. Their jeans

were either so tight you'd think they wouldn't be able to breathe, or so loose you thought they'd fall right off.

Huh, I thought, Britney Spears might not know if she's a girl or a woman, but I waved goodbye to girlhood the minute my teenage group leader offered me a chair.

"I thought you'd be more comfortable," she smiled. Oh, brother, was it so obvious?

It was hard to watch at times, some kids standing alone and awkward while others gathered in friendly groups. Being an outcast is so much easier when you're an adult.

You care less about fitting in, and let's face it — it's easy when the people around you are getting fat,

bald and wrinkled, as are you.

What's hard to take is the realization that you're no longer the "in crowd." You're outdated, un-hip, not cool.

If it's any comfort, at least I know I'm not alone! A friend told me he was driving his teenage daughter somewhere recently, the car radio tuned to a classic rock station.

When a song by the Doors came on, he turned to her. "Now this is good music, right?"

"Ugh," she responded. "I hate old people's music." Jim Morrison, we agreed, was rolling in his grave.

Debbie Jensen is a freelance writer for the Herald.

ANNIVERSARIES



Mullins

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas R. Mullen of Big Spring celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with mass and a renewal of wedding vows today at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with a luncheon at the Big Spring Country Club following. The event was hosted by Tom and Dottie Mullen.

He was born in Marshfield, Wis. She was born Dorothy Elaine Fletcher in Oakland, Calif.

The couple met when Tom's sister introduced them while they were still in college in San Francisco. They were married Feb. 9, 1952, at Reese Air Force Base Chapel in Lubbock.

Their children are Patrick of Montgomery, Thomas of

Lubbock, Mary of Burbank, Calif., Shannon of Big Spring, and Anne of Lubbock. They have five grandchildren.

Throughout their marriage the couple have lived in Vallejo, Calif., Mt. Home, Idaho, Lubbock, Little Rissington, England, and Big Spring. He served unaccompanied tours in Guam and Vietnam.

The couple is currently retired. He was a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. She was previously employed as a social worker.

They are members of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

The couple enjoy cruises as a pass time.

Buckner

Charles and Vivien Buckner of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a family dinner hosted by Paula Jones, Robert Buckner, and Bobby Chrane.

He was born in Dawson County. She was born Vivien Middleton in Howard County.

The couple met in Big Spring and were married on Feb. 16, 1952, at First Presbyterian Church.

Their children are Paula Jones of Big Spring, Marie Kauss of Fort Worth, and Robert Buckner of Austin.

They have three grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

The couple have lived in Big Spring throughout their marriage and are currently retired.

He was previously employed as a used car dealer. She was employed as a teacher.

They are members of First Presbyterian Church and enjoy boating as a hobby.

The couple enjoyed 30 years of raising children and grandchildren in a loving environment.

STORK CLUB

Kelli Elizabeth Munoz, girl, born Feb. 4, 2002, at 9:30 a.m. Weighing 5 pounds 7 1/2 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Esmael and Brandy Munoz Jr. Grandparents are Esmael and Linda Munoz of Big Spring and John and Mary Lewis of Sand Springs.

Kelli is the little sister of Reagan and Sarah Munoz.

Yahaira Jasmine Pena, girl, born Jan. 27, 2002, at 9:47 p.m. Weighing 7 1/4 pounds and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Josue and Llesenia Pena. Grandparents are Ricardo Garza of San Antonio, Mary L. Garza of Big Spring, Luis A. Pena of Big Spring, and Olga M. Pena of Big Spring.

Victor MacLeod Craven, boy, born Jan. 29, 2002, at 3:09 a.m. Weighing 5 pounds, 4 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Glen and Melissa Craven.

Grandparents are the late Forrest Hayes, Donald and Patricia Grooms of Wilmington, Ohio, Dana and Marion Craven of Oxford, Ala., and Herb and Sue Semmes of Big Spring.

Korina Jolene Esparza, girl, born Feb. 4, 2002, at 12:50.

Weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces and was 19 inches long.

Parents are Jennifer and Victor Esparza Jr.

Grandparents are Victor Esparza, Ken Harrison and the late Ida Wilson.

MILITARY

Air Force Airman Joe L. Perkins Jr. has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Brenda Perkins of Sumter, S.C. and Joe Perkins of Big Spring.

The airman is a 2001 graduate of Sumter High School.

Army Reserve Pvt. Ace C. Keele has graduated from the petroleum supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

The student received instruction in receipt, storage, issue, shipping, and distribution of petroleum, oil and lubricant products used by the Army.

The course included training in petroleum and water accounting, operating equipment associated with fuels and water vehicles, aircraft and stationary equipment.

Keele is the son of Delma A. Keele of Stanton.

He is a 2001 graduate of Stanton High School.

Air Force Airman Ryan L. Johnson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Julie

and Wayne Johnson of Big Spring.

Johnson is a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Joshua Daniel Carpenter graduated from boot camp in San Diego on Jan. 18, 2002.



He is an expert rifleman, first class in swimmer qualification and first class in physical fitness test.

He is currently training in California at Camp Pendleton School of Infantry.

He is the great-grandson of Ruby Greenhill of Big Spring.

Sally K. Gonzales has graduated from officer candidate school (OCS) at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

During the 14 weeks of training, the officer candidate received "basic soldiering" instruction in leadership, professional ethics, soldier team development, combined arms tactics, weapons defense, squad drill, intelligence, field training exercises, land navigation, maintenance, communications, staff and general military subjects, and physical training and conditioning.

The candidate was tested on leadership skills and team work abilities required of a commissioned officer.

The student utilized acquired skills to function in "leader and follower" positions in squad and platoon sized elements in a stressful and demanding field environment.

Gonzales, a military police officer, is the daughter of Judy A. and Oscar E. Trevino of Big Spring.

She is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School, and a 2000 graduate of Chaminade University, Wailae, Hawaii.

WHO'S WHO

Kayla Rebekah Lane of Big Spring was named to the Dean's List at Baylor University for the 2001 fall semester.

Students who graduated from University of Texas at the Permian Basin during the fall 2001 commencement from Big Spring are Jimmy Low, Ryan Keifer, Fabian Serrano and Tina Thomas, and Becki Holt of Stanton.

Todd Lancaster of Big Spring and Tiffany Wheat of Garden City were among the students named to the distinguished students list from Tarleton State University.

Cindy J. Birdwell of Coahoma, Chanda Elizabeth Lawdermilk and Angela Kay Sturm of Big Spring, and Dustin Joe Gaskins of Knott received their degrees during the fall commencement at Texas A&M University.

Chanda Elizabeth Lawdermilk, Cheryl Ann Coates, Drew Berton McKimney, all of Big Spring made the university's distinguished students list for the 2001 fall semester.

Heather Nicole Harris of Big Spring made the university's Dean's Honor Roll

for the 2001 fall semester.

Zachary R. O Dell of Big Spring and Leslie D. Phinny of Coahoma made West Texas A&M University's Honors List for the 2001 fall semester.

Amanda Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duaine Box, was named to the roster of high-achieving students for the fall 2001 term at Schreiner University.

Jeremy Heath Hedges of Big Spring has accepted membership in Golden Key International Honour Society and was individually honored during a campus ceremony at Texas Tech University.

McMurry University announces Fall 2001 Deans List/Honor Roll

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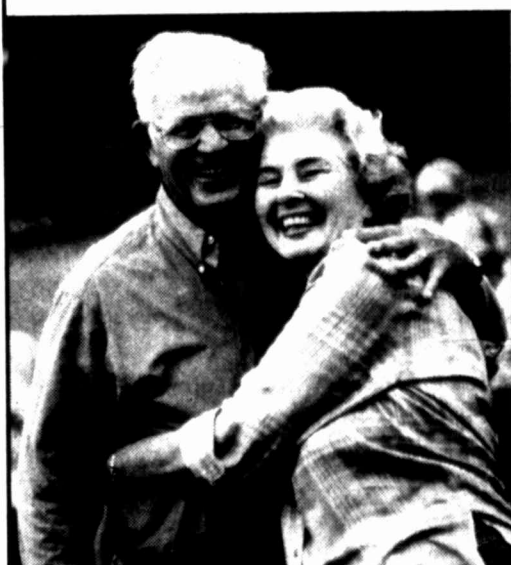
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THURSDAY-Liver, macaroni & tomatoes, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, cobbler.
FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk, rolls.

WESTBROOK ISD

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, baby carrots, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.
TUESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, corn, strawberry cake, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, fried okra, black-eyed peas, peaches, garlic bread, milk.
THURSDAY-Nachos with meat & cheese, pinto beans, fiesta rice, cornbread, fruit cup, milk.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on a bun, French fries, hamburger salad, orange, chocolate chip cookies.
TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas & carrots, cobbler, hot rolls.
WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, baked potato, green beans, peaches, bread sticks, Valentine cake.
THURSDAY-Ravoli or burrito, corn, salad, apple-sauce gelatin, French bread.

SANDS CISD

MONDAY-Corndogs w/mustard, scalloped potatoes, pork & beans, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Fried chicken, mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, jello, hot rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk.
THURSDAY-Baked ham, potato salad, broccoli & carrots, dressing, hot rolls, pineapple, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, cookies & fruit, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-Sweet & sour chicken, stir fry veggies, brown rice, apricots, milk.
TUESDAY-Spaghetti/meat sauce, green sauce, peaches, garlic bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Tuna sandwich on whole wheat bread, chips, veggies, apple, milk.
THURSDAY-Corn dog, pinto beans, spinach, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburger, French fries, pickle, fruit, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-NO SCHOOL
TUESDAY-Corn dog, potato rounds, rosy applesauce, pork & beans, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Fish nuggets, corn on cob, sweet potatoes, blueberry shortcake, hushpuppies, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, English peas, Valentine treat, hot roll, milk.
FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, ranch style beans, cookie, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-IN SERVICE DAY
TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, breaded okra, mashed potatoes, rolls, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti or ham & cheese sandwiches, salad, corn, bread, milk.
THURSDAY-Enchiladas or corn dogs, pinto beans, cornbread, jello, milk.
FRIDAY-Tacos or burritos, fresh fruit, salad, milk.

NEWCOMERS

The Rev. David C. Marx and wife, Diane, Sioux, S.D. He is pastor for First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. Alan Abel and wife, Audrey of Plainviewl.

He is the general surgeon for Covenant Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Thomas and Roquel Moore, daughters, Vicki and Elizabeth of Seminole. He is a highway patrolman for the Texas Department of Safety.

Joseph and Kay Garrett of Lamesa.

He is a Licensed Vocational Nurse for Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home.

She is a Registered Nurse for Preston E. Smith Prison.

Katherine Hanks, son, Jason and daughter, Linda of Colorado City, Okla.

She is a student at Howard College.

Lorensa Martinez, son, George and mother, Valentina of Loraine.

She is a direct care worker for Big Spring State Hospital.

Quality up for Michigan's wine grape crop

LAWTON, Mich. (AP) — Poor weather put a big dent in Michigan's 2001 wine grape production, and that may turn out to be something wine lovers will toast. Smaller bunches on the vine usually mean lower acids and higher sugar solids, adding up to tastier fruit.

Several vineyard owners and winemakers say they expect the state's 28 wineries to produce some of their best wines in years.

In 2000, Michigan produced 87,000 tons of grapes, which include varieties used for wines, juices and jellies.

It ranked fourth behind California, Washington and New York.

Though final figures for 2001 aren't available yet, yields of Michigan wine grapes were down an estimated one-third, said Linda Jones, executive director of the Michigan Grape and Wine Industry Council.

A cool, wet spring contributed to grape clusters only half to three-quarters their usual size, Jones said. The state's crop of juice and jelly grapes such as the Concord and Niagara varieties were hit even harder than the wine grapes.

An estimated half of the juice-grape crop was lost. "We're strictly at Mother

Nature's mercy," said Chris Oxley, who helps run the Lawton vineyard that his father, Ed, started in 1968.

The Oxleys grow wine grapes on 150 acres that go to St. Julian Winery in Paw Paw and juice grapes on 450 acres bound for Welch Foods Inc.

Dave Miller, a viticulturist and winemaker at St. Julian, said wine quality generally goes up as yields go down.

Miller said he's optimistic that the wine St. Julian will produce — beginning in April — from last year's

grapes will be among the best he has seen in his five years there.

That's good news for Michigan's booming winery-tourism industry.

Michigan State University will soon release the results of a two-year study on wine's economic impact.

Though dollar figures aren't available yet, the study found that the number of visitors to the state's wineries jumped from 350,000 in 1995 to 600,000 last year, Jones said.



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Wurlitzer collection brings back the good ol' days

ODESSA — He works with sterilized equipment and countless disposable products, but when he goes home, Dr. Richard Pietila can drop a coin in a slot and return to an era when music was a bright spot in dark times and, the goods were made to last.

Pietila has collected jukeboxes for about 12 years, but not just any old jukeboxes.

The Odessa physician has a roomful (and then some) of Wurlitzers one of each model that designer Paul Fuller created for the company from 1937 to 1948. There are countertop models, freestanding models and hanging speakers. All are artful constructions of polished wood and colorful plastic.

When the electricity is off, they are dark and silent. But when the lights come on, they come to life, their bubbling lights and glowing colors coaxing you forward for a closer look.

"This was the golden age of jukeboxes," Pietila said. "During the Depression and World War II, the jukebox was a way to get fun for a nickel."

While radio stations played classical and middle-class mainstream music, jukeboxes were stacked with blues records and hill-billy and gospel music sounds that were just beginning to emerge from darkened music clubs, he said.

Pietila keeps a small container filled with dimes and nickels in his "juke joint." Slide in a nickel, linger over a menu of music, push a button, watch the record drop, see the needle find its way home, and then listen for the music.

With nearly five minutes of magic and nostalgia for five cents, it's easy to be seduced by the jukebox's charm.

"They're old, unique and so beautiful," Pietila said. "I'm attracted to the music, movement and color. They're pure Americana, and I wish they could talk

because I know they'd have some really good stories to tell."

Pietila said his jukeboxes came from all over the United States and, as far as he knows, his is the only complete Paul Fuller collection anywhere.

Though they look new now, all were refurbished and restored. The doctor said Odessa jukebox genius Johnny Fay is the only person he knows who can clean and fine-tune his music machines when they're due a checkup.

Through his years as a physician, Pietila has collected then parted with Coca-Cola, pinball and gumball machines. He still has his collection of six 1940s slot machines, though. Pay your money and take your choice: you can play for a penny or up to a dollar.

Pietila said he may have developed his predilection for collection as a child growing up in South Dakota. His father, the first generation son of Finnish immigrants, was a "jack-of-all-trades, master of none," Pietila said.

Sometimes the elder Pietila did a bit of auctioning and was known to put in a few bids himself to try to drive up the price for his clients. Consequently, he sometimes brought the goods home.

"There was a lot of great stuff to go through," Pietila said. "You never knew what you'd find."

Though he collected coins as a boy, Pietila said he had neither the time nor the money to collect anything until he finished his medical residency 20 years ago.

"As a medical student and resident, you deny yourself so much materialistically for so long," he said.

Pietila said he'd like to see this jukebox collection in a museum when he's ready to part with it.

"I'm like Don Quixote: I've completed my quest," he said, adding that he hasn't decided what he will search for next.

Foundation pledges \$15 million to renovate theater

EL PASO (AP) — The El Paso Community Foundation has pledged \$15 million in an effort to jump-start efforts to renovate the 72-year-old Plaza Theatre.

The foundation made its pledge at a City Council meeting in hopes of getting support from the city.

"This project can't be done by the city alone. And this project can't be done by the foundation alone," foundation president Janice Windle told council

members Tuesday. Officials estimate renovation costs could reach \$26 million.

"It's part of our history. It's in the heart of downtown El Paso, and it's an amenity that people want when considering moving to El Paso," said city Rep. Anthony Cobos, who represents the downtown area and supports the renovation.

"They want culture in downtown. They want spirit, they want soul."

The theater, with its heavily adorned columns and blue ceiling simulating the starlit sky, opened Sept. 12, 1930. It was originally designed for vaudeville acts and during its infancy was known as "The Showcase of the Southwest."

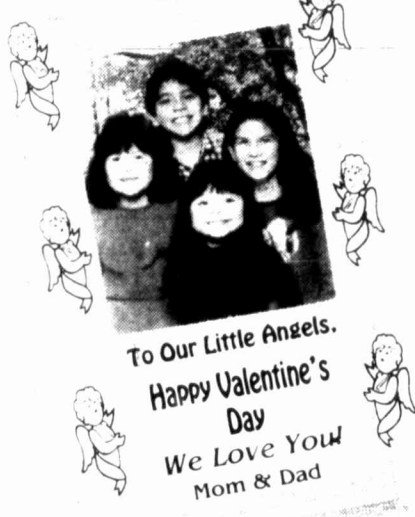
The council didn't commit any money to the theater Tuesday, but representatives voted unanimously to consider supporting the restoration project if the foundation develops a com-

prehensive proposal. The proposal would include uses for the building, renovation costs and potential funding sources.

The proposal will be presented to the council for a vote in July.

In 1986, the foundation raised more than \$1 million in a citywide campaign, bought the theater, which was to be demolished, and then donated it to the city.

A few years ago, the foundation leased it from the city to start the restoration.



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At the movies: 'The Mothman Prophecies'

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Like a poor man's "Blair Witch Project" — if one could get any poorer — "The Mothman Prophecies" dashes breathlessly through the woods at night, offering whooshing, swooping glimpses of a creature that's supposed to be harrowing.

"Blair Witch" knew when to rely on silence to tap into what's really frightening, but "Mothman" director Mark Pellington is incessant in this overstylized supernatural story, which trumpets ominously that it's "based on true events." He tries too hard to make a spooky movie, and the result is merely annoying.

Every time Washington Post reporter John Klein (Richard Gere) turns around while investigating his wife's death, there's that screechy metallic sound to alert us that it's time to be scared.

And every time the phone rings — not the phone! — it's accompanied by shrill, eerie music, just to make sure we know that someone or something evil is on the other end.

John swears he's not going crazy. But two years after his wife, Mary (Debra Messing), dies from a car crash, he inexplicably ends up driving to the small town of Point Pleasant, W.Va., where people repeatedly tell him that strange things have been happening.

One of these people is police Sgt. Connie Parker (Laura Linney, whose presence improves the movie somewhat), a West Virginia version of Frances

McDormand's " Fargo" character, complete with furry hat.

Another is chemical plant worker Gordon Smallwood (Will Patton), who gets late-night visits from the Mothman, which drive him crazy.

Based on John A. Keel's 1975 book "The Mothman Prophecies," the movie raises the questions: Is some supernatural, winged creature truly wreaking havoc? Or is he trying to warn people of impending doom? Gere breezes coolly through the role in typical fashion; his character after his wife's death isn't much different from before.

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Egg donation on the rise as alternative for women in their 40s and 50s seeking pregnancy

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Like most mothers, Judy Bershak is a proud and effusive parent who will tell you not only how remarkable her 5-year-old daughter is — how Sarah knew her full address including her ZIP code at the age of 2, how she tap dances and plays piano — but also how sweet-tempered she is and how beautiful.

"We got the Gerber baby," she says.

What makes Bershak decidedly different from most mothers with a 5-year-old is that Bershak is 55. She gave birth to her daughter at age 50, after she had gone through menopause.

She did it with the help of an assisted reproductive technology called egg donation, using an egg from a younger woman. In Bershak's case, the donor was a 25-year-old art student who was paid \$2,500.

Occasionally, someone assumes Bershak is the grandmother, but she says that doesn't bother her. "I am old enough to be her grandmother," she says spiritedly.

In 2002 in the United States, she is also young enough to be a first-time mother. And the number of women like her is growing.

The number of births to women aged 45-54 rose to 4,565 in 2000, the last year for which figures are available. Though a small percentage of all births, this is the highest number recorded for that age group in more than three decades, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, and that's due at least in part to fertility-enhancing therapies.

The percentage of women having children after age 44 was higher in 1960 than it is now, because more women then continued to have children until they hit menopause. Lacking convenient, reliable contraceptives, they lacked today's choices about when to have children. The birth control pill became widely available in the early 1960s.

Why are women today choosing to have a child later in life?

Judy Bershak says she simply hadn't met anyone she wanted to marry until she turned 44. But because of her age, she and her husband, David Cook, couldn't conceive.

Initially, the couple turned to adoption, but were defrauded of \$10,000. "It was a horrendous year and a half out of our lives," Bershak says.

A neighbor told them about egg donation.

"Last chance," says Bershak, a Los Angeles school teacher. She and her husband requested that the donor have light eyes, as they do, and be of medium height. They were able to examine a 27-page dossier on the eventual donor's background, from schooling to religion to medical history.

Sarah has been a joy, and Bershak says her own age has not been any more of an issue in keeping up with her child than it is for any other mother.

She continues early-morning workouts that she began 20 years ago, and gets help from her husband, who is 35. He once led a "Mommy and Me" class, singing and playing in the swimming pool.

Sarah has brought her parents closer to their own families, and Bershak wishes her daughter could also meet the egg donor — though that's impossible because, as in most cases, the records are sealed.

"I think any connection my daughter can have to family and people and blood or any other kind of connection is good," Bershak says.

Helene Rosenberg, another egg recipient, is perfectly happy not to have the donor's identity known though, like Bershak, she is open with her children about the fact that there was a donor.

Rosenberg, an education professor at Rutgers University, is in her early 50s. She and her husband Yacov Epstein, 60, live in Highland Park, N.J., and have 8 1/2-year-old twins, Nathaniel and Allegra.

Rosenberg and Epstein, a psychologist, counsel couples with fertility problems. The subject comes up in the family, and the children know, for example, that women who get pregnant with donor eggs often have multiple births. Forty-percent, in fact.

Rosenberg says when she and her daughter were in a Manhattan park, they noticed an older woman with young twins. That lady, her daughter guessed, must have had an egg donor. "My little girl figured it out," Rosenberg says.

As with Bershak, regular exercise keeps Rosenberg's energy level high. "I get up at 5 and do the treadmill from 5:30 to 6 or so."

Unlike Bershak, Rosenberg is aware of looking older. Her son, she jokes, "always picks the kid to be best friends with who has the youngest mother in his class."

Because she looks older, younger mothers sometimes ask her for advice.

"People see me as wiser," she says. "And I'm surprised. My kids are exactly the same age, and I don't know any more than they do."

Both she and Bershak have considered cosmetic surgery. But Rosenberg says, "It's more than just the surgery. It's thinking young. With kids it's really important to be 'with it' as a mother when you're not 28. It's important ... to know what's going on in the world."

Why did Rosenberg put off having children? She, too, didn't meet Mr. Right until her mid-40s. But there was another reason: She grew up in the generation that was told women could "have it all" — delaying a family until they had established a career.

"No one ever talked about a decline in fertility except for menopause, which seemed to be happening well into one's 50s. If someone had informed me, I might

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have reconsidered things. I would have thought more consciously about whether a man might be husband material, not just date material."

Around age 35, a woman's fertility rate drops and continues declining, then drops even more at 40, studies have shown.

Dr. Richard Paulson believes that ignorance about fertility and age continues to be a problem. Paulson is the head of the infertility program at the University of Southern California medical school and the co-author with Judith Sachs of "Rewinding Your Biological Clock."

Paulson, a pioneer in helping older women get pregnant with egg donation, explains the procedure: Eggs are retrieved from a younger woman and combined with sperm in a glass dish (in vitro literally means in glass), then the resulting embryos are transferred into the older woman's uterus. Often, more than one embryo is transferred in case they don't all successfully implant.

Egg donation has been around since 1983 for younger women; Paulson and his team first reported their success with women over 40 in 1990, and in 1993 for women over 50. For Paulson, the cutoff age is 55 because his clinic has had limited experience with women between 50 and 55.

Younger women should know the facts about age and reproduction, he says. "In fact, age is a problem. I still see it nowadays," Paulson says, "when someone comes into my clinic and she's 45 years old and she says, 'I'm ready to have a baby.' They don't realize that even if they're having regular periods, at their age their eggs frequently have chromosomal abnormalities."

Kris Bevilacqua is a psychologist in Brooklyn, N.Y., who counsels women with fertility problems. Bevilacqua, 51, also became an older mother with the help of egg donation. She and her partner, Andy Novick, 49, have 4 1/2-year-old twins, Kyra and Seth.

Some of Bevilacqua's clients have pointed to celebrities giving birth in their 40s and 50s. Though

years before the children were born."

Some see downsides to egg donation for older women.

The point of view of the child is not considered enough, says Harvard law professor Elizabeth Bartholet.

The inability of the child to find his or her "genetic forebears" is a problem, she says.

Those who believe that "birth heritage is completely unimportant" are mistaken, says Bartholet, author of "Family Bonds: Adoption, Infertility and the New World of Child Production," a book about her own journey with infertility and how she ultimately opted for adoption.

"I think we should require not just record-keeping, but require that at least upon adulthood kids born with the help of donated eggs have access to the information. Just as increasingly, I think, people are coming to recognize that that would be a good idea for adult adoptees."

Bartholet has called for a national commission on these and other modern reproductive technology issues.

One issue is what critics call "the selling" of eggs, sperm and embryos.

Defenders say egg donors are not paid fees for tissue or organs but are compensated for their trouble,

which can include weeks of injections, blood tests and ultrasounds.

There are a lot of determined couples who don't want any restrictions.

Demand is high for donor eggs, and some wait up to a year to receive them. Hoping to increase the donor egg pool, many clinics in New York City and New Jersey have recently raised the fee they pay donors from \$5,000 to \$7,000.

The donor fee is only part of the cost for recipients — which can reach \$26,000 in New York, including doctor fees for the donor.

Some older couples have taken second mortgages on their homes or liquidated retirement funds to meet the cost.

These people are motivated, informed, and they've made a considered decision that they're going to have a child, he says. In addition to self-selection, there's medical selection. In his program, the candidates are put through psychological as well as physical screening.

"If anything," Paulson says, "the older couples have an easier time, many of them have waited so long to have this, and the child is such a blessing."

Helene Rosenberg vigorously agrees.

"I always wanted to have children," she says. As if on cue, her daughter appears and climbs up on her lap.

Workforce Network

The following workshops will take place at Workforce Network, 310 Owens Street, Big Spring, Texas. No cost to the public. Contact Lydia Perez at 263-8373 if interested in attending. Limited seating available.

Tuesday, February 12, 2002

How To Land The Job You Want, 8:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Lydia Perez, Workforce Network Staff member, will present a workshop that will give fast, practical pointers on how to find the job you want. Successful interviewing will be discussed. Current job listings and local labor market information will be provided.

Tuesday, February 19, 2002

Preventing Workplace Violence, 5:30 p.m.

Woody Jumper, Big Spring State Hospital Employee, will present a workshop discussing the leading killer of working females and the second leading killer of working males. Procedures to lessen the potential of employees becoming victims of workplace violence will be discussed. This workshop is targeted for business and their employees.



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98-year-old artist Bernarda Bryson finds ways to free the imagination

ROOSEVELT, N.J. (AP) — In a white shed filled with memories, Bernarda Bryson Shahn is touching up a painting she started 20 years ago.

"When I finish it, I think I'm going to like it," she says, staring at the canvas of a woman standing on Rome's Appian Way.

In her spare time, she's doing a little light reading: Hegel's dialectic, work she read in college but didn't enjoy. She thought she'd give it another try.

Shahn, after all, hasn't been to college for nearly 80 years. The widow of 1930s artist Ben Shahn forged an impressive career of her own: painting, completing public murals, illustrating books like "Wuthering Heights."

She turns 99 next month. And after all these years, she's still curious and active enough to keep creating, even on a canvas she started decades earlier.

A retrospective of her work runs through March 8 at the Ben Shahn Gallery at William Paterson University in Wayne.

Sitting in a sun-filled room surrounded by her work, Shahn offers few secrets to her longevity.

"I drink wine and eat potatoes," she says with a laugh. She thinks she has a happy disposition, but "if you think you're going to live a happy life, forget it."

Shahn is simply an artist, motivated by the images that pass before her eyes, and by her imagination. This has been her driving force as long as she can remember.

As a child in Athens,

Ohio, her father would give her colored chalk. She used it to draw on the walls of her bedroom.

At night, she would go to sleep listening to her parents recounting Homer's "Odyssey." They would recite "The Rime of the Ancient Mariner." The exploits she read about were fuel for her drawings.

She tries to explain her passion.

"It's something that gets hold of you," she says. "If you're not doing it, you want to be doing it."

After studying painting, printmaking and philosophy at Ohio State University, Shahn indulged in another passion — writing. She wrote news articles on the arts for the Ohio State Journal and in the 1940s wrote and illustrated the children's books "The Zoo of Zeus" and "Gilgamesh."

Her artistry ranged from lithographs portraying the decline of the American frontier to the sketches illustrating Emily Bronte's "Wuthering Heights," and portraits of celebrities interviewed in Parade, Fortune and Scientific American.

She met Ben Shahn in 1932 while interviewing Diego Rivera in New York and together they drove across the country. It was during their trip that he captured images of the Depression and collaborated on two murals, one of their hometown in Roosevelt.

The community, named after former President Franklin D. Roosevelt, was one of several New Deal utopias founded by garment workers. It later became a sort of artists' colony.

Widowed since 1969, Shahn lives today with her granddaughter, Amanda, also an artist, in the home she and her husband purchased. Their son, Jonathan, a sculptor, lives next door.

Shahn is completely engaged in the world, eager to talk politics and art. She spends her days reading and working in the studio behind her home. She walks without use of a cane. Little betrays her age, aside from a hearing aid and an extraordinarily well-lined face.

Her work is still informed mostly by people's day-to-day lives and hardships.

"I have always been aware of how people are living," she says, leaning forward in her chair. "What are people being eaten up by?"

Besides the "unfinished" canvas of the woman in Rome, several drawings line the walls of her studio: politicians testifying during the Watergate hearings. Their hands cover their mouths. She plans to add former President Richard Nixon to complete the work.

At least 60 of Shahn's works are on display at William Paterson. The art spans about 80 years and includes early etchings from the Depression and illustrations from her books.

Also included is a favorite of Nancy Einreinhofer, director of Shahn Gallery. "Passage" is a portrait of a female figure cloaked in a sheet, moving through a landscape.

"It's somewhat anonymous, but moving forward," Einreinhofer said.

She believes it is Shahn's self-portrait.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Feb. 10:

Your creativity stuns others. You seem to have an answer for any problem. As a result, others seek you out more and more.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) **** You might be tired, as you have been working through issues in your sleep. Use today to clear the air and discuss some of your thoughts. By sharing with a good friend, you gain another perspective and feel better as a result. Tonight: How about a family dinner?

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Be happy that someone finally voices his or her concerns. You need to know what is going on with this person. A discussion about investments just might be appropriate. Discuss long-term plans with an eye to security or the future. Tonight: Follow a parent or older relative's lead.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** Reach out for those at a distance. You also might want to seek out information that is available through experts as well as the through Internet. You add that extra touch of vision mixed with sanity. Understand what is going on with a relative. Tonight: Watch a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Schedule special time with a loved one. This per-

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son appreciates your time and attention. Schedule a lazy day together, where you can share and talk up a storm. Order in or go out for a meal. Tonight: Do the togetherness thing.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your personality radiates and draws many. You hear a lot. Know what is realistic and what is pie-in-the-sky dreaming. By sorting through information, you know much more about a certain friend. Get together with others. Tonight: Go along with someone's plans.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Put your feet up and enjoy yourself. Don't push too hard to get a project done. Get into a favorite sport or decide to take up another hobby. Allow yourself time to relax. Quit pushing yourself. Others might dote on you more as well. Tonight: Clear out an errand.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Someone shows his or her affection for you in his or her eyes. You have little question as to how this person feels. Share more of yourself with this person. Reach out for someone at a distance for perspective. Be spontaneous, and you will delight your special person. Tonight: Pretend it is the beginning of the weekend!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** A partner enjoys bringing family and friends together. Somehow, you always end up carrying the ball. Ask for the help and

support you need. Someone's reaction surprises you. Tonight: Home is your castle.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Conversations light up your day. Instead of being reticent or difficult, everyone reveals their true colors. Daydream and speak of those ideas that come to you in this way. Allow your imagination to lead, and you greet happiness. Tonight: Dinner where you like the food and the music.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You might believe an investment is a better deal than you originally thought. Share ideas with loved ones before you go flying off. Listen to a friend or associate from work. This person can be a pessimist but always has good sense. Tonight: You treat.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** A serious or needy loved one in your life asks for help. Though you might not be in the mood for heaviness, take your time. This person appreciates the light and insight you give his or her life. Let your imagination speak. Tonight: Smile away.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Slow down. Your intuition carries you long and far. Your inner voice works on overtime, coming up with all sorts of ideas. Stay close to home and share your leisure time with a loved one. Know that you are cared about, even if this person can be stiff! Tonight: Do what makes you happy.

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William Dillard, founder of department store chain, dead at 87

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — William T. Dillard Sr., who built one the nation's largest retail chains out of a modest store he started during the Depression, died Friday. He was 87.

Dillard's said its founder died at his Little Rock home.

Dillard was the chairman of Dillard's Inc., formerly known as Dillard Department Stores. The chain he started in 1938 with a 2,500 square-foot store in southwestern Arkansas now has nearly

350 stores in 30 states.

In 1989, Fortune magazine called the chain "a quiet superstar... family run, highly computerized, extremely competitive and great for investors."

"He was quick to foresee the trend toward suburban shopping malls vs. the old downtown environment," Ray Kemp, the company's retired vice chairman, said in March 1994.

Dillard was born Sept. 2, 1914, in Mineral Springs, a small town 110

miles southwest of Little Rock. His father owned a country store, and by the time Dillard left home for college, "I knew what I wanted to do," he said in 1984.

He graduated from the University of Arkansas with a degree in business administration and earned a master's degree in business administration from Columbia University in 1937. He went to work for Sears Roebuck and Co. in Tulsa, Okla., then returned to Arkansas nine months

later and opened his first store in Nashville, Ark.

During the first year, the store did \$42,000 in business and he made a \$3,000 profit. Last year, Dillard's had sales of \$8.7 billion and was the nation's third-largest upscale department store chain, behind Federated and May.

Like many upscale retailers, however, Dillard's has been hit hard by the economic decline; its stock had traded above \$50 in 1992-1993 but had fallen into the \$10-\$20

range recently.

"Dillard's had the extra problem of overcoming a heritage implanted by Bill Dillard Sr.," said Kurt Barnard, a retail consultant and president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report.

The family still runs the chain and holds five of the 12 seats on the company's board. Dillard, who worked full days well into his 80s, had turned over the day-to-day management of the company to sons William II, Mike and Alex.

Administration: EU tax could impose burden on U.S. sellers

WASHINGTON (AP) — A European Union proposal to tax goods and services delivered digitally over the Internet would impose new burdens on U.S. sellers, the Bush administration said Friday.

EU finance ministers are expected next week to consider a plan that would require U.S. sellers to register in Europe and charge the value-added tax on digitally delivered products that applies in the consumer's home country.

Deputy Treasury Secretary Kenneth Dam said the administration has "serious concerns" about the proposal, which he said could allow EU companies to charge lower tax rates and would impose "onerous administrative and compliance burdens" on U.S. companies. In addition, he said the value-added tax on digitally delivered products such as magazines, books and newspapers would be higher than for their counterparts that are delivered in physical form.



Concho Business Solutions recently celebrated its new location at 309 Benton with a ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Big Spring Ambassadors and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Sharon Moore, customer service representative, stands next to Jimmy Moore, sales manager, as he cuts the ribbon.

UBS Warburg takes over Enron trading operation

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp.'s once-envied trading operation officially got a new owner and a new name Friday.

UBS Warburg announced a deal to resurrect Enron's trading business under the Swiss investment bank's control was completed on Friday. The new business, UBS Warburg Energy, will begin trading this month.

"Combining the leading energy trading platform and more than 600 talented staff with UBS Warburg's risk management skills and AA+ credit rating will make UBS Warburg Energy a formidable competitor," commented John P. Costas, chief executive officer of UBS Warburg.

Greg Whalley, who resigned as Enron's president and chief operating officer last week, will be managing director and head of the new operation.

About 650 traders and support staff are preparing to get back into the trading

groove for their new employer, said UBS Warburg spokesman David Walker.

About 800 people staffed Enron's trading operation, but UBS Warburg determined fewer were needed for the new venture, Walker said.

"The critical thing is that we have all the key people and the senior management team that built this business into a market leadership position," Walker said.

John Olson, a securities analyst with Sanders Morris Harris in Houston, said UBS Warburg will need to retain some of the former energy giant's swagger to bloom.

"They have to be a market maker to really make a difference," Olson said.

"They'll crawl before they walk, but that should probably be the outline of the recovery."

Art Gelber, a principal with energy trading firm Gelber & Associates and who used to trade with

Enron, said the new venture's biggest problem will be shedding its Enron past while demonstrating its own trading strength.

"It's a bold attempt to resurrect what Enron once had," Gelber said.

"They'll be carrying some very heavy Enron baggage. The traders will be coming from Enron, they'll still have the Enron attitude and all the Enron technology. The industry is really looking at Enron with a different coat on."

Enron, once the world's largest buyer and seller of natural gas, gained fame for creating markets in the late 1990s by trading such commodities as pulp, paper, bandwidth and weather futures.

But questionable accounting practices helped fuel the company's descent from No. 7 on the Fortune 500 list to bankruptcy last year, leaving its trading operation stymied.

Three weeks ago the New

York bankruptcy judge presiding over Enron's case approved UBS Warburg's offer to take over the trading business, complete with Enron trading staff.

The bank paid nothing up front but agreed to give Enron one-third of the new venture's pretax profits.

Several of the traders who will switch employers declined to be interviewed Friday about the new business, citing a UBS Warburg directive that all public comments must come from company-approved spokespeople like Walker.

Enron spokeswoman Karen Denne declined comment.

Gelber and other traders with companies that worked with Enron before it went bankrupt — known in the industry as counterparties — said they likely will work with UBS Warburg if it has enough cash and credit to back up its trades.

"If the credit facilities are satisfactory, they'll do business," Gelber said.

Safety

Howard College, Texas Mutual team up to provide low-cost courses for employees, employers

Special to the Herald

More workers than ever are being hurt on the job, says William Strasburg, the loss prevention specialist of the Texas Mutual Fund Insurance Company (TMFIC).

"Workers' compensation claims, extended periods of sick leave and minor and major accidents, are playing a big part in our daily work force situation," he said. "Regardless of pre-employment or early employment training, accidents continue to occur on a regular basis."

In response, three courses sponsored by TMFIC will be held on the Howard College campus during the spring 2002 semester.

"These are the same courses that many businesses pay anywhere from \$300 to \$500 for to send their employees for risk and safety management instruction," said Stacy Payne-DeArmond, director of continuing education and the Risk Management Academy. "I don't think we have a single class that costs over \$25, and most are much less than that. The courses that we are offering have the exact same instruction as the expensive ones in the larger cities. They are taught by experts in their fields and are hand-picked by TMFIC."

"Our instructors are our own employees who specialize in certain areas," Strasburg said. "We are an insurance company that pays out millions of dollars per year in workers' compensation claims. We want our safety and risk management courses to be taught by the best that we have, and we are stringent in our selective process. We are keeping prices low and



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- #### COURSES
- OSHA General Industry:** March 20-21. Tuition \$25.
 - Worker's Compensation Overview:** April 3. Tuition \$10.
 - Occupational Ergonomics:** May 2. Tuition \$15.
- For registration information or further details, call the Howard College Risk Management Academy at 264-5130.

quality high so that employer and employee alike can learn to avoid risking injury."

OSHA 10-Hour General Industry is on the slate for March 20-21.

"This course presents detailed information on how the provisions of OSHA may be implemented in the workplace," Payne-DeArmond said. "Important topics will be discussed, such as the rights and responsibilities under OSHA, the appeals process and essential record keeping."

The class includes an introduction to OSHA's general industry standards and an overview of the requirements of the more frequently referenced standards. Other topics include the general duty clause, inspections, citations and penalties, walking/working surfaces, means of egress, fire protection, electrical hazards, hazardous materials, personal protective equipment, machine guarding, safety and health programs, and more.

"This is a great course for employers and anyone interested in occupational safety and health as well as those who are concerned about meeting OSHA general industry standards," she said.

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Recent rain has been a real blessing for us

The recent rains that we received were very beneficial. The rains were widespread and most all areas received 1" to 1 3/4" of moisture.

The rainfall will allow for several positive things for farmers and ranchers, as well as for homeowners. Farmers with any kind of small grain production will benefit through forage production, as well as potential grain harvest. Ranchers will have some winter weeds and flaree come up as warmer conditions are prevalent. Homeowners' lawns,

shrubs and trees will be healthier come springtime due to the moisture received.

The soil moisture profile is better now with the recent rainfall, but an additional two inches of moisture will be needed by springtime in order to have a desirable situation for rangeland and crop production.

By the way, now is a good time to put pre-emergent herbicide on your lawns and flower beds to prevent unwanted weeds come springtime.

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

(David Kight is the Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. He can be reached at 264-2236.



DAVID KIGHT

IN THE NEWS

Janet Black has been named manager of the StarTek call center in Big Spring.

Black, who has spent the past six months here on an interim basis, began her StarTek career four years ago in Laramie, Wyo. She was hired as a team manager and studied management development at the company's corporate headquarters in Denver, Colo.

She then returned to Laramie, and was eventually promoted to assistant operations manager.

"One of the very best things about StarTek is the fact that we promote from within," said Black. "you don't have to be a comp-

er expert to succeed here. Instead, you need to have a positive attitude, desire to learn and a good customer service skills."

More than 350 people are employed at the Big Spring call center.

The Pipeline Group's annual public education-contractor awareness program will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday in the Howard County Fair Barn.

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

Following the dinner, a brief safety program will be presented which stresses the importance of accident prevention by identifying pipeline and utility rights of way, use of one-call systems, and the



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with pipeline and utility companies to safely excavate in the vicinity of underground facilities.

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The U.S. Small Business Administration has increased its revenue-based size standards for small businesses by 15.8 percent to account for inflation since 1994, SBA Administrator Hector V. Barreto announced.

Since the size standards are used to determine whether a business is a small business for the purposes of eligibility for SBA programs, the adjustments will make it possible for at least 8,600 companies to regain their eligibility as small businesses.

The new standards will become effective on Feb. 22. For information on the new size standards, visit the SBA's Office of Size Standards Web page at www.sba.gov/size, and



Courtesy photo
Cade Halfman, a 4-H member from Garden City, won the Junior Showmanship Class and exhibited a first place wether in the Junior Wether Goat Show at the Southwestern Exposition and Fair in Fort Worth.

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PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace
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The addresses listed are the last known
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Howery, Dina D., 4201 Thornberry, Midland
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Worth
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Spring
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Lobon, Mitzi Michelle, 10710 Emmitt Ln., San
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Lopez, Jaime, 1815 Benton, Big Spring
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Lopez, Rachel Denise, 4212 Dixon, Big Spring
Lopez, Ruben Jr., 107 Milburn St., Snyder
Lowe, Clifford G., 501 Circle, Big Spring
Lowe, Roberta Lee, 1111 W. 19th St., Odessa
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Spring
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Nichols, Michael Christopher, 1302 S. 10th St.,
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Big Spring
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1004, Midland
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Big Spring
Perry, Allen, 2600 Dow, Big Spring
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Piczak, Alameda Lee, 112 Cedar, Big Spring
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Spring
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Stonerock, End, 1303 Baylor, Big Spring
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Lane, Lake Jackson
Thompson, Theresa L., 120 Wallace St.,
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Vidal, Shava Lee, 1205 N. Lincoln, Odessa
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Villa, Manuel L., 1218 W. 3rd, Big Spring
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Spring
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Weston, Myron Dewey, 1000 Goliad, Big
Spring
Wilbur, Fred, 3307 Drexel, Big Spring
Williams, James, Luma Co., 3/5 Wpns., Camp
Wendleton, Calif.
Williams, Joe, 2409 S. Ong, Amarillo
Willis, Marva Deann, 2602 S. County Road
1082, Midland
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Bloomfield, Nev.
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District Court Filings
Charles Manford Drake vs. Jeraidine Patricia
Drake, divorce
Lisa Burns vs. Norman McNew, family protec-
tive order
Joe Nick Garlas III vs. Debra M. Garlas,
divorce
Della Ausbie vs. Clifford Christopher Miles,
family non-support
The State of Texas vs. Isabel Lomas, injuries
corpus
O.L. Wayland vs. H-E-B Food Stores, injuries
and damages
Tina Trevino Franks vs. William Jerod
Franks, divorce
County Court Rulings
Revocation of Probation: Raymond Roland
Angin, Evading Arrest/Detention, \$250 fine,
\$360.25 court costs, 60 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Pedro Rodriguez, Reckless Driving, \$200 fine,
\$310.25 court costs, 24 hours community ser-
vice, three months probation.
Probated Judgment: Kyrstle L. Saidana, Theft of
Service \$20 to \$500 by Check, \$100 fine,
\$310.25 court costs, \$51.59 restitution, 24
hours community service, 180 days in jail (all
time suspended), 12 months probation.
Probated Judgment: Liza Gamble, Theft of
Service \$20 to \$500 by Check, \$100 fine,
\$310.25 court costs, \$51.59 restitution, 24
hours community service, 365 days in jail (all
time suspended), 24 months probation.
Probated Judgment: Michael B. Cobb, Driving
While License Suspended, \$250 fine, \$261
court costs, 24 hours community service, 180
days in jail (all time suspended), six months
probation.
Judgment and Sentence: Alfred Ray Mears,
Possession of Marijuana under two ounces
(enhanced), \$500 fine, \$261 court costs, 30
days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Terry Lynn Darden,
Driving While License Suspended, \$750 fine,
\$261 court costs, 24 hours community service,
180 days in jail (all time suspended), six
months probation.
Probated Judgment: Michael E. Zubiate,
Possession of Marijuana under two ounces,
\$300 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours commu-
nity service, 180 days in jail (all time sus-
pended), 12 months probation.
Probated Judgment: Billy Yanez, Driving While
Intoxicated - Second Offense, \$2,500 fine,
\$276 court costs, 80 hours of community ser-
vice, victim impact program, drug or alcohol
rehabilitation program, seven weeks weekend
confinement, 365 days in jail (all time sus-
pended), 24 months probation.
Probated Judgment: Billy Yanez, Possession of
Marijuana under two ounces, \$300 fine, \$261
court costs, 180 days in jail (all time sus-
pended), six months probation.
Marriage Licenses
Larry S. Porras, 43, and Peggy Melissa Garza,
27, both of Big Spring.
Jose Ellis Lintern, 26, and Estelle Ann
Escorodo, 23, both of Big Spring.
Mark Louis Valasquez, 31, and Christin Marie
Bissler, 19, both of Big Spring.
Gustavo Alfredo Rios, 20, and Michele R.
Isaac, 29, both of Big Spring.
Mark Anthony Pantoya, 29, and Reyna Madrid
Pantoya, 29, both of Stanton.
Juan Ortiz Jr., 21, and Elisa Sanchez, 18, both
of Big Spring.
Daniel Lorenzo Torres, 19, and Priscilla Leann
Torres, 19, both of Big Spring.
Warranty Deeds
Grantor: North Bridwell Lane United Methodist
Church
Grantee: Glenn Roy Overton and Frances E.

Overton
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 1, William Green Addition
Date filed: Jan. 28, 2002
Grantor: Billy Theodore Charles, by and
through his attorney-in-fact, Charles K. Chrane,
and Vial Enterprises Inc. by Charles K.
Chrane, trustee
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 2, Edgemore Subdivision,
Sec. 4, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 29, 2002
Grantor: Jack L. and Ida F. Watkins
Grantee: Bobby Doe and Rhonda Doe
Property: Lot 8 and the E/5 feet of Lot 9, Blk. 1,
Indiana Addition
Date filed: Jan. 29, 2002
Grantor: Curtis Allen and Imogene Allen
Grantee: Beverly Joyce Edena Thompson
Property: Lots 19, 20 and 21, Blk. 21, Original
Town of Coahoma
Date filed: Jan. 30, 2002
Grantor: Hugh W. Covert and Leta B. Covert,
trustees of the H.W. and L.B. Living Trust
Grantee: Hugh W. Covert and Leta B. Covert
Property: E/8 feet of Lot 11 and all of Lot 12
except the E/8 feet of lot 12, Blk. 6, Highland
South Addition No. 3
Date filed: Jan. 30, 2002
Grantor: Antone Jabor, Mary J. Ayoub, Toni
Jabor Mrocz and Joey Jabor
Grantee: Priscilla H. Zuniga and Arnold L.
Gandar Jr.
Property: Lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, Blk. 2, Denton
Addition
Date filed: Jan. 31, 2002
Grantor: Gladys Perkins, by Gladys Joy
Yarborough Huddleston, attorney-in-fact for
Gladys Perkins
Grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
Property: N/45 feet of the S/30 feet of Lots 4, 5
and 6, Blk. 16, Cole and Strayhorn Addition
Date filed: Jan. 31, 2002
Grantor: Sofia Hinojosa
Grantee: Prashant Patel
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 1, North Side Addition
Date filed: Jan. 31, 2002
Grantor: John E. Freeman Jr. and Carolyn A.
Freeman
Grantee: Chad and Kara Freeman
Property: Lot 2 and the E/12 feet of Lot 1, Blk.
12, North Park Hill Addition
Date filed: Feb. 1, 2002
Grantor: Melba Jane Neel, trustee of the
Thomas Ward Neel and Melba Jane Neel
Family Revocable Trust
Grantee: Franka Jeanie Clark
Property: Grantor's interest in five tracts in
Howard County and one tract in Mitchell
County
Date filed: Feb. 4, 2002
Grantor: William V. Walters
Grantee: Pauline V. Walters
Property: 3.67 acres in E/2 of Sec. 20, Blk.
33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 16, 2002
Grantor: Pauline V. Walters
Grantee: Joyce W. Schell
Property: 3.67 acres in E/2 of Sec. 20, Blk.
33, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 16, 2002
Grantor: Shari Lynn Burleson
Grantee: Robert J. Bogner
Property: 0.337 acres in NE/4 of Sec. 45, Blk.
31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 17, 2002
Grantor: Fran Landers
Grantee: Teresa Matteson
Property: A tract in the SE/4 of Sec. 32, Blk.

32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 17, 2002
Grantor: Sophie Bartlett Moore
Grantee: Chase Manhattan Bank, trustee of
the Testamentary Trust created under the will of
B.C. Mann, deceased
Property: Royalty interest in 43 tracts of
Texas land, four in Howard County.
Date filed: Jan. 18, 2002
Grantor: Stephen Ellis Moore
Grantee: Chase Manhattan Bank, trustee of
the Testamentary Trust created under the will of
B.C. Mann, deceased
Property: Royalty interest in 43 tracts of
Texas land, four in Howard County.
Date filed: Jan. 18, 2002
Grantor: Sophie Bartlett Moore
Grantee: Chase Manhattan Bank, trustee of
the Testamentary Trust created under the will of
B.C. Mann, deceased
Property: Royalty interest in 56 tracts of
Texas land, two in Howard County and mineral
interest in six tracts of Texas land, none in
Howard County.
Date filed: Jan. 18, 2002
Warranty Deeds With Vendors Liens
Grantor: H.E. Tubb
Grantee: Bartolo Olivas
Property: 10.83 acres in SW of Sec. 46, Blk.
31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 28, 2002
Grantor: J.C. and Patsy Self
Grantee: Steve Grigg and Cheryl Grigg
Property: Tract 1: N/75 feet of Lot 2, Blk. 82,
Original Town of Big Spring, Tract 2: S/82.5
feet of the N/137.5 feet of Lot 2, Blk. 82,
Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Jan. 28, 2002
Grantor: David and Carolyn Ann Canon
Grantee: Peter Aman
Property: Lots 6 and 7, Blk. 10, except the
S/120 feet of each lot, Settles Heights Addition,
Lot 8, Blk. 10, except the E/13 feet and the
S/120 feet, Settles Heights Addition; Lots 9, 10,
11, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16, Blk. 10, Settles
Heights Addition.
Date filed: Jan. 29, 2002
Grantor: Kirk A. Kiser and Sherry Kiser
Grantee: Patrick J. and Candy L. Chesworth
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 11, Coronado Hills
Addition
Date filed: Jan. 30, 2002
Grantor: Jerry Worthy and Louise Ann Worthy
Grantee: David Lambert and Bonnie Lambert
Property: Crestwood Subdivision, a 17.61-acre
tract in NE/4 of Sec. 13, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P
RR Co. survey
Date filed: Jan. 31, 2002
Grantor: Candant Mobility Services
Grantee: Leland Mallett and Harmony Mallett
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 5, Amended Plat of Muir
Heights Addition
Date filed: Jan. 31, 2002
Grantor: Gary M. Rodriguez
Grantee: George and Ronetta Solis
Property: E/50 feet of Lot 6, Blk. 5, May
Thorton Addition
Date filed: Feb. 1, 2002
Grantor: George E. and Irene C. Wilson
Grantee: Russell S. Pierce
Property: S/2 of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6, Blk. 6,
Hatchcock Addition, S/50 feet of SW/4 of Blk.
26, Amended College Heights Addition; Lot 6,
Blk. 9, Cole and Strayhorn Addition; Lot 7,
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PUBLIC NOTICE

STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
1) Ronald Bakley - PO Box 61
- Coahoma, TX 79511 - Lot#
13, 14, 15, 16 & South Part of
Lot 17, Block #19, Original
Wagon Wheel Estate
2) WC Thomas Estate - 14426
Bluewood St. - San Antonio,
TX 78233 - Lot # S25 x 140
& 20' x 50' Lot 1, Block 1,
Reynolds Addition
3) Robert Phillips - 1429
Austin St. - San Angelo, TX
76903-8314 - Lot# 8 & S2 Lot
9, Block 1, 0311N Acre
Addition
Dear Property Owner(s)
CURRENTLY OBJECTABLE AND
INDICATE THAT YOU ARE
THE OWNER OF THE PROP-
ERTY AT THE ABOVE
STREET ADDRESS. THIS
STRUCTURE IS IN VIOLA-
TION OF ORDINANCE NO
46 OF THE BOARD OF
ALDERMEN OF THE CITY
OF COAHOMA, TEXAS,
WHICH PROHIBITS THE
OWNERS OF REAL PROP-
ERTY FROM ALLOWING THE
ACCUMULATION OF
UNSATISFACTORY, OBJEC-
TIONABLE OR UNSANITARY
MATTER ON THEIR PREMISES
BY DESCRIBING THE
MANNER NOTICE SHALL BE
GIVEN TO SUCH PROP-
ERTY OWNERS TO CORRECT,
REMEDY OR REMOVE ANY
SUCH CONDITIONS, PRO-
VIDING FOR A PROCEDURE
WHEREBY THE CITY MAY
CORRECT ANY SUCH CON-
DITION AND CHARGE THE
EXPENSES INCURRED
THEREBY TO THE OWNER
OF THE REAL PROPERTY
UPON WHICH THE WORK
WAS DONE, PROVIDING A
PENALTY FOR VIOLATION,
AND CONTAINING A SAV-
INGS CLAUSE
WHEREAS, there exists
unsightly, objectionable and
unsanitary conditions within
the city limits of the City of
Coahoma, and
WHEREAS, the existence of
such conditions constitute a
hazard to the public health,
safety and general welfare,
and
WHEREAS, the Board of
Aldermen is of the opinion that
the enactment of this ordi-
nance will promote the health,
safety and general welfare of
the inhabitants of the City of
Coahoma
Therefore, by the authority
invested in my office by the
Coahoma Code, I have
declared this structure ob-
jectable and in violation of
portions thereof unsafe, dilap-
dated, substandard or unfit for
human habitation, and have
determined it or portions
thereof poses a hazard to public
health, safety and public
welfare
The Alderman Ordinance No
46 provides that "all buildings
which are unsafe, unsanitary,
or not provided with adequate
ingress or egress or which
constitute a fire hazard or are
otherwise dangerous to human
life, or which in relation to
existing use constitute a fire
hazard to the safety or health
by reason of inadequate main-
tenance, dilapidated, obsoles-
cent, or abandonment, are
severely in contemplation of
this ordinance. Unsafe build-
ings and structures shall be
rehabilitated or repaired in
accordance with the provision
of the Ordinance for the Elimination
or Repair of Unsafe Buildings."
You are hereby notified that the
Coahoma City Council of
Coahoma will meet on
Tuesday, February 12, 2002,
at 7:00 p.m. in the Council
Chambers at 122 N. 1st
Street, Coahoma, TX, to
determine whether the subject
structure(s) complies with the
standards set out in the code.
Further be advised that the City
Council may, in its findings, provide
for any of the following:
1. Vacation of the premises
2. Relocation of occupants
3. Securing of the premises
4. Repair of the premises
5. Removal of demolition of
the premises
6. Any combination of the
above
Should you desire to make a
presentation to the Board, the
following information shall be
submitted, in writing, to the
Mayor in original and 5 copies:
1. Identification of the
building or structure
concerned by street
address and legal
description
2. A statement identifying
the legal interest of each
appellant
3. A statement identifying
the specific order or section
being appealed
4. A statement detailing the
issues on which the
appellant desires to be
heard
5. The legal signatures of
appellant and their official
mailing addresses
Failure to appeal in the time
specified shall constitute a
waiver of all rights to an
administrative hearing.
Todd Barber
Building Official
#3445 February 6 & 10, 2002

Controlling ex-husband
now preying on ill woman

Dear Ann
Landers: I was
married for
two years to
someone I
thought was
the most won-
derful man in
the world. The
truth is, "Jim"
was a fake.
His caring,
loving person-
ality was an act. I discov-
ered he was insecure, con-
trolling, mean and nasty.
After much misery, I
divorced him.



ANN
LANDERS

I was recently contacted
by a young man I'll call
"Danny." Danny's mother
met Jim online, and they
are now engaged. Jim is
currently in the process of
moving in with her. Danny
found my e-mail address
among some of Jim's things
and wrote to me. He thinks
Jim is not what he appears
to be and is worried about
his mother. She is not well
and is taking medication
for her illness, in addition
to an antidepressant. Jim
wants her to sell her house,
stop taking medicine and
move away. He says she
will get well if they live in
a sunnier climate.

I wrote Danny and gave
him all the information I
had about Jim. Apparently,
Danny gave his mother my

letter, and she wrote me a
scathing note. It was filled
with lies Jim had told her
about me and a warning to
leave her alone.

How can I get this woman
away from Jim? He is prey-
ing on her illness and can
easily abuse such a depend-
ent person. I want to do
something for Danny, but I
feel helpless. Any sugges-
tions? - Worried in West
Virginia

Dear Worried: Your heart
is in the right place, but
unfortunately, there is little
you can do if Danny's moth-
er chooses to ignore your
warnings. Your best bet is
if Danny contacts his moth-
er's physician. Danny
should tell the doctor the
whole story, emphasizing the
fact that his mother
intends to stop taking her
medication. If the doctor
intervenes, perhaps Mom
will listen. I hope so.

Gem of the Day (Credit
Barbra G., a reader in
North Carolina since 1955):
Best recipe for a prize-win-
ning "sponge" cake: Borrow
the butter, borrow the eggs,
borrow the milk, and ask a
neighbor if she will bake it
in her oven.

Gem of the Day: Don't
hate yourself in the morn-
ing. Sleep 'til noon.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

TEXAS NATURAL
RESOURCE
CONSERVATION
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF RECEIPT AND
INTENT TO OBTAIN
VOLUNTARY EMISSION
REDUCTION (VERP) AIR
PERMIT
AIR QUALITY PERMIT
NO 49154

APPLICATION Aton USA
L.P. P.O. Box 1311 Big
Spring, Texas, 79721 has
applied to the Texas Natural
Resource Conservation
Commission (TNRCC) for
issuance of a Voluntary
Emission Reduction Permit
No. 49154. The permit will
authorize new construction or
an increase in emissions.
This application was submitted
to the TNRCC on August 30,
2001. The application is avail-
able for public review at the
TNRCC Midland regional
office and the Howard County
Library, 500 South Main
Street, Big Spring, Howard
County, Texas. The facility's
compliance fee, if any exists,
is available for public review in
the Midland regional office of
the TNRCC.
The TNRCC executive director
has determined the application
is administratively complete,
and will conduct a technical
review of the application.
MAILING LIST You may ask
to be placed on a mailing list
to obtain additional information
on this application by sending a
request to the Office of the
Chief Clerk at the address
below.
PUBLIC COMMENT/PUBLIC
MEETING You may submit
public comments or request
a public meeting or hearing
and comment hearing to the
Office of the Chief Clerk at
the address below. The
TNRCC will consider all public
comments in developing a
final decision on the applica-
tion. The deadline to submit
public comments is 30 days
after newspaper notice is
published. After the deadline
for public comments, the ex-
ecutive director will prepare a
response to all relevant and
material or significant public
comments.
The purpose of a public meet-
ing is to provide the opportu-
nity to submit comments or ask
questions about the applica-
tion. A public meeting about
the application will be held if
the executive director deter-
mines that there is a signifi-
cant degree of public interest
in the application or request-
ed by a local legislator. A pub-
lic meeting is not a contested
case hearing.
After the final deadline for
public comments following
any public meeting or notice
and comment hearing, the
executive director will con-
sider the comments and pre-
pare a response to all rele-
vant and material or signifi-
cant public comments. If
any comments are received,
the response to comments,
along with the executive
director's action on the
application, will be mailed to
everyone who submitted
comments or is on the mail-
ing list for this application.

permit. If a notice and com-
ment hearing is granted, all
individuals who submitted
written comments or a hearing
request will receive written
notice of the hearing. This
notice will identify the date,
time and location for the
hearing. Issues such as prop-
erty values, noise, traffic safety,
and zoning are outside of the
Commission's jurisdiction to
address in this proceeding.
INFORMATION Written public
comments or requests for a
public meeting or requests for
a notice and comment hearing
should be submitted to the
Office of the Chief Clerk, MC-
105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 13087,
Austin, Texas 78711-3087.
For more information about
this permit application or the
permitting process, please call
the Office of Public
Assistance, Toll Free at 1-
800-687-4040. General
information regarding the
TNRCC can be found at
www.tnrc.state.tx.us.
Further information may also
be obtained from Aton USA,
L.P. at the address stated
above or by calling Mr. Brett
Knieley at (409) 838-4800.

AVISO DE RECIBO DE
SOLICITUD E INTENTO DE
OBTENER UN PERMISO DE
CALIDAD DE AIRE
(PERMISO NUM 49154)
SOLICITUD Aton USA L.P.
P.O. Box 1311, Big Spring,
Texas, 79721 se ha registra-
do con la Comisión de
Conservación de Recursos
Naturales de Texas (TNRCC o
Texas Natural Resource
Conservation Commission)
para autorizar un Permiso
para Reducción de Emisiones
Voluntario, Permiso Num
49154 el cual autoriza cam-
bios a la operación existente
de Fluid Catalytic Cracking
Unit, Alkylation Unit and
Aromax Unit, Refinery Road at
Interstate Highway 20, Big
Spring, Condado de Howard,
Texas. La instalación
va a emitir los siguientes con-
taminantes atmosféricos: nitro-
genos oxidos, carbon monoxide,
particulate matter, organic
compounds, sulfur dioxide,
hydrogen sulfide, hydrogen
fluoride and benzene. Este
permiso no autoriza con-
strucciones nuevas o comen-
tarios a emisiones.
Esta solicitud fue sometida al
TNRCC en 30 de Agosto,
2001. La solicitud esta
disponible para revisarse y
copiarse en la Oficina Cen-
tral del TNRCC en la Oficina
Regional del TNRCC en
Howard County Library, 500
South Main Street, Big Spring,
Howard County, Texas. El
archivo del cumplimiento de
este permiso se encuentra en
la oficina de la instalación, si
existe, estara disponible para
la solicitud se halla administra-
tivamente completa y con-
ducirá una analisis tecnico de
la solicitud.
COMENTARIOS PUBLICOS/JUNTA PUBLICOS LISTED
puede someter comentarios
publicos, solicitar una junta
publica, o solicitar una
audiencia de aviso y comen-
tarios sobre esta solicitud a
la Oficina del Chief Clerk en
la dirección a continuación.
El TNRCC considerara todos
los comentarios publicos en el
desarrollo de una decision final
sobre esta solicitud. El plazo
limite para presentar
comentarios publicos es 30
dias despues de la publica-
cion de este aviso en el peri-
odico. Despues de el plazo
limite para comentarios pub-
licos, el director ejecutivo
preparara una respuesta a
todos los comentarios publi-
cos relevantes y materiales o
de otro modo significativos.
El proposito de una junta pub-
lica es para proover la oportu-
nidad de someter comenta-
rios, o hacer preguntas so-
bre la solicitud. Una junta publica
sobre la solicitud se llevara a
cabo si el director ejecutivo
determina que existe un grado
significativo de interes publico
en la solicitud o si la solicita
un legislador local. Una junta
publica no es considerada una
audiencia en controversia.
Despues del plazo final para
someter comentarios publicos

LISTA DE CORREO Ademas
de poder someter comentarios
publicos, usted puede solicitar
que se le ponga en una lista
de correo para recibir inform-
acion adicional de esta solicitud
solicitando a la Oficina del
Chief Clerk en la direccion a
continuacion.
INFORMACION
Comentarios publicos por
escrito, peticiones para una
junta publica o peticiones para
una audiencia de aviso y
comentarios deberan ser
enviadas a la Oficina del
Chief Clerk, MC-105, TNRCC, P.O.
Box 13087, Austin, Texas
78711-3087. Para mas infor-
macion sobre esta solicitud o
el proceso de permisos, por
favor llame a la Oficina de
Asistencia Publica, gratis, al 1-
800-687-4040. Informacion
general sobre el TNRCC se
puede encontrar en el
www.tnrc.state.tx.us.
Mas informacion tambien
puede obtenerse de Aton
USA L.P. en la direccion
escrita anteriormente o llama-
ndo al señor Mr. Brett
Knieley en el (409) 838-4800.
#3455 February 10 & 11, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDINANCE 64
AN ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF COAHOMA PRO-
VIDING STANDARDS FOR
THE USE AND OCCUPANCY
OF STRUCTURES WITHIN
THE CITY OF COAHOMA.
PROCEDURES FOR THAT
ABATEMENT OF SUBSTAN-
DARD STRUCTURES
REGARDLESS OF THE
DATE OF CONSTRUCTION,
PROVIDING FOR A PUBLIC
HEARING TO DETERMINE
WHETHER A STRUCTURE
COMPLIES WITH THE STAN-
DARDS SET OUT IN THE
ORDINANCE, PROVIDING
FOR NOTICE TO THE
OWNER AND LIENHOLDER
IMPOSING CIVIL AND CRIM-
INAL PENALTIES FOR NON-
COMPLIANCE, PROVIDING
FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE
OF THE ORDINANCE, AND
PROVIDING FOR THE PUB-
LICATION OF THE CAPTION
AND PENALTY.
SUBSTANDARD
STRUCTURE
DO NOT OCCUPY
It is a misdemeanor
punishable by fine up to
\$100.00 per day
to occupy this structure, or to
renter or detain the notice
Building Inspector
#3450 February 6 & 10, 2002

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Those in school longer more likely to get married, stay married, study finds

WASHINGTON (AP) — The more educated you are, the more likely you are to marry.

Among younger men, having an older wife is becoming more common.

And while half of first marriages end in divorce, nine of 10 Americans are expected to say "I do" at least once in their lives, a Census Bureau report released Thursday shows.

The report, from a 1996 survey, provides "comprehensive, historically rich data" on marriage and divorce, said University of Michigan sociologist Pamela Smock. In the main, she said, "it confirms things that many American people are aware of."

The report also comes as the Bush administration weighs how to change the 1996 welfare overhaul,

which must be renewed this year.

President Bush's 2003 budget proposal included \$100 million for experimental programs aimed at encouraging women on welfare to get married.

Among the long-held trends reinforced in the census report:

—While divorce has become more common, so has the tendency for divorcees to remarry. First marriages that end in

divorce typically last about 8 years.

—Younger generations of Americans are delaying marriage until later in life.

"People no longer feel they have to rush down the aisle," said Marshall Miller, co-founder of the Boston-based Alternatives to Marriage Project. "The earlier people are married, the more likely they are to get divorced."

Which partly explains why more educated people

tend to stay married, Miller said. His rationale: they are more mature when they tie the knot, and presumably have spent more time courting their future spouse.

In the fall of 1996, 92 out of 1,000 never-married men age 25 to 44 with a bachelor's degree got married within that past year, compared with 59 out of 1,000 men of the same age with just a high school degree.

And women who graduated from college were less

likely to divorce in the previous year than those who just had a high school education.

Long-held stereotypes of family makeup are slowly dissolving, said David Popenoe, of the National Marriage Project, a think tank at Rutgers University. The group studies marriage trends and ways of strengthening marriage, he said.

"In the past, guys would look for a stay-at-home housewife," he said. "Young

guys today are looking for someone with some money — and that requires an education."

Roughly 9-out-of-10 Americans were expected to marry in their lifetime, the report projected. While still high, it's a change from the 1950s, when everyone was expected to get married, said Thomas Coleman, executive director of the Los Angeles-based American Association of Single People.

SAFETY

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On April 3, Overview of Worker's Compensation will be offered.

"This class lasts only four hours," Payne-DeArmond said, "but it is loaded with information. The instructor will review, among other things, many common workers' compensation claim forms used by employers, some new and redesigned. The students will learn all about the new laws and legislations for 2002."

Subjects covered include entitlement to income benefits, calculation of benefits, administrative dispute resolution systems, and the rights and responsibilities of both parties.

"This short course is important for employers and employees from all types of businesses, including administrative staff that are responsible for helping to administer worker's comp claims and also for anyone interested in knowing more about the Texas Worker's Compensation system," Payne-DeArmond said.

Occupational Ergonomics will be held on May 2.

"A lot of us have those little aches and pains, mostly in our backs, necks and even our forearms and we don't realize that many times it is because of our workplace environment," Payne-DeArmond said. "We don't know that the problems may disappear by making a few adjustments at our desk or in our work area. That's what occupational ergonomics is all about."

"Ergonomics, as I understand it, is the field of study concerned with keeping people safe, comfortable and productive while they perform tasks at work and at home. It is based on the principle that you make the task fit the person performing it without stressing that person's abilities or ignoring the person's limitations. In this way, you maximize productivity and you ensure that employees acquire few to no injuries."

Occupational Ergonomics, an eight-hour course, will assist employers and employees in recognizing ergonomic hazards that lead to a variety of Cumulative Trauma Disorders (CTD) as well as develop solutions to prevent or reduce the potential of the CTDs. Topics include the science of ergonomics, steps to analyze the workplace, ergonomic hazard prevention and control, successful training and education techniques, medical management programs and a review of OSHA's proposed Ergonomic Standard.

Future courses that will be taught by field experts include hazardous communication, hazardous materials, the OSHA 10-hour construction course, back injury prevention, farm & ranch safety, oilfield safety, and others.

"TMFIC will partner with Howard College to develop courses to meet the needs of this community," Strasburg said.

For enrollment information, contact the Howard College Risk Management Academy at (915) 264-5130.

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