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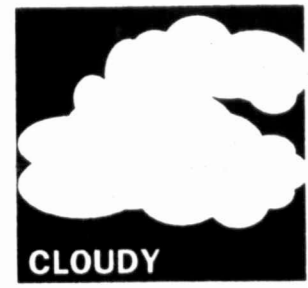
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WEATHER

Today:



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Skywarn talk set Tuesday in council room

Pat Vesper, the Warning Coordination Meteorologist at the National Weather Service in Midland, will be in Big Spring on Tuesday, to provide a Skywarn spotter training talk.

The event will be at the City Council Chambers located at 307 E. 4th Street from 7-9 p.m. The public is invited to the talk, which will consist of storm spotter techniques, weather safety information and video footage from past tornadoes.

Tom Tefertiller from NewsWest 9 in Midland will also attend the presentation and answer questions on how his station assists the National Weather Service during severe weather.

Those with questions can contact Vesper at 563-5006, ext. 223.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet today in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.
□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.
□ DAV chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.
□ Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles in the community are welcome.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.
□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork.
□ Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Packed coliseum expected for tourney

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
Local basketball fans who aren't willing to allow the end of the high school hardwood season to slip away quietly will pack Big Spring's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum this weekend for a look at the top four Class 4A girls' teams in Region I.

And if the Texas Association of Basketball Association (TABC) polls and last year's regional tournament are any indication, at least the two best teams in the state will be on display.

Howard College's 4,000-seat coliseum on Friday and Saturday will host the Region I Class 4A Girls Basketball Tournament.

Minutes after the championship is crowned Saturday afternoon, Coliseum Director Stan Feaster and

his staff of 50-plus workers will prepare for same song, second verse the following weekend.

That's when Feaster and his slew of concession workers, secretaries, ball boys, announcers, statisticians, ticket takers and custodial staff put on the spit shine for the Region I Class 4A Boys Basketball Tournament.

At stake in both contests is a ticket to the 2002 UIL State Tournament in Austin.

But Big Spring's ticket will be a surge in business as area hotels and motels are filled to capacity and restaurants and convenience stores experience a higher amount of traffic.

Feaster, who has been working on securing a regional tournament since taking the helm of the coliseum in July 1991, set this win-win situation for Big Spring in motion years ago.

At one time, Howard hosted the Class 2A tournament, but it was moved to Abilene following one of the UIL's

biennial realignments.

For years, Class 4A was the only classification without regional tournaments because of the small number of schools involved. When the decision was made in 1998 to hold 4A regionals, Feaster requested to be a host school.

Odessa was awarded the tournament in 1999 for two years, but Howard College would not go quietly as word of its successful track record in hosting bi-district and area playoff games spread quickly to Austin.

Principals and superintendents throughout West Texas were quick to inform UIL officials of the superior treatment given to players, coaches, fans and media.

"Several fans and area coaches kept asking us to continue to try and secure a regional tournament," Feaster said. "UIL Director Dr. Charles Breithaupt saw that the Class 4A tournament was one of the largest attended tournaments, and

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Lawmakers Combest, Duncan to meet, eat with local citizens

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The soon to be U.S. Congressional Representative for Howard County will be in Big Spring Monday and Tuesday to become familiar with his new constituents.

"I look forward to meeting with leaders of the Big Spring community and becoming better acquainted with the area's concerns and needs, so I can give this area the same quality of representation as other counties in the Permian Basin that I have had the privilege to serve," U.S. Rep. Larry Combest (R-Lubbock) said in a press release.

"I have always believed that government is a service industry and I look forward to the opportunity of serving you," he continued.

Combest and current state Sen. Robert Duncan

(R-Lubbock) will join board members and administrators of the Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College for a noon lunch Monday on the college campus.

"This is an opportunity for to get together with Congressman Combest and begin forming a relationship with him so he can begin to understand who we are," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

On Tuesday, Combest returns to the college to address the Big Spring Rotary Club's noon meeting. The meeting is held in the Cactus Room of the college's student union building.

Congressional redistricting placed Howard County into the 19th district currently represented by Combest. The congressman has served 18 years in U.S. House of Representatives.

Sailor's family glad he's safe and sound

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

When asked if he's glad he's not in the Army, the answer is, "Definitely." Fire Controlman Third Class (SW) Dustin Herrod, 21, of Big Spring took part in the war in Afghanistan and against the Al-Qaida terrorists, but it wasn't by toting a machine gun across the desert looking for cave-dwellers.

"I was on the aircraft carrier (U.S.S.) Carl Vinson," he said. "We were the first carrier on station. We were actually out there when everything happened. We were the first carrier to start dropping bombs."

The Carl Vinson carries about 6,000 sailors and 118 planes, Herrod said. He was overseas from July 23 through Jan. 23, he added.

Herrod said it's his job to keep some of the carrier's technology running smoothly.

"I'm a fire controlman," he said. "What I do is, we've got the radar that tracks all the airplanes, the other ships, the submarines out there, and we take the inputs that those radars get and display them on the monitor so the operators can look at them and make decisions."

Herrod said he didn't have a whole lot to do as long as the monitors were working right.

"Just the nature of my job, the monitors that I work on, if they're up and running then I'm really not needed. I'm not really doing anything," he said. "Qualifications, working on stuff like that, standing watches, that kind of thing. But unless something was broke, really not a whole lot."

Herrod views the war in Afghanistan as defending the American way of life, he said.

"I don't particularly agree that innocent people have to die and that kind of thing. I don't think that's the way it should be," he said. "But we've got to defend what's ours. We've got to defend our way of life."

Dustin's brother Jordan, 11, said he's proud of his brother, so proud in fact that he claimed the sailor as his hero for a school project.

"Our teacher told us we had to pick a hero," he said. "I decided who better to be a hero than my brother who's been in the war. So we decided on all



Above, Navy Fire Controlman Third Class (SW) Dustin Herrod and his wife, Ginger, talk under a sign of welcome made for his return to Big Spring on a leave recently. At right, Jordan Herrod, 11, and his brother hang out together. Dustin was on the U.S.S. Carl Vinson in the Persian Gulf when it took part in the bombing of Afghanistan, and he returns to active duty Friday.

these strong points of a hero, and he fit every one of them."

Jordan's project included a notebook with pictures of Dustin's life. Jordan also dressed up as a sailor to present one portion of the project. The project has netted him several A's and one B-plus, he said.

Dustin's mom Lorinda Herrod said the family has missed the sailor at special occasions.

"He missed his 21st birthday,



Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's," she said. "I think that's one of the things that's been so hard is missing all these family times."

Mrs. Herrod said she's been on an emotional roller-coaster since Sept. 11.

"It was pretty hard," she said. "I remember thinking the same thing that the rest of America thought on

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False report 'Carjacking' investigation called off after 4 hours

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A man was arrested on charges of filing a false report early Saturday after leading area law enforcement officials on a four-hour wild goose chase.

William Statham, 53, of Big Spring reportedly called 9-1-1 around 8:30 p.m. Friday and reported a carjacking.

"(Statham) called in and said that he had been hijacked, or carjacked in his vehicle and taken out to the Vealmoor area somewhere," said Sgt. Tony Everett of the Big Spring Police Department. "This supposedly happened up by Wal-Mart somewhere."

Everett said police department and Howard County Sheriff's Office personnel started a search for clues.

"The sheriff's department were the first ones called because it was out in the county," Everett said. "But then they notified us because it allegedly occurred in the city. So it was kind of a joint effort."

Investigators discovered no trace of the supposed carjackers.

"They launched a search for the suspect that had supposedly taken him and his vehicle, and during the

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Candidate filing begins this week for various local, area races

HERALD Staff Report

Candidate filing for the May 4 city council and mayoral elections begins this week throughout the Crossroads area.

Officially, the filing period begins Monday; however, some entities, such as the city of Big Spring, will be closed in honor of President's Day. Therefore, filing will begin on Tuesday.

Seats up for election on the Big Spring City Council are District 1, currently held by Stephanie Horton, and District 3, held by Chuck Cawthon.

Horton has said she will run for re-election while Cawthon has said he will not.

"Nine years is long enough," Cawthon said. "I'm not mad at anybody, I

just feel like it's time for somebody else to step in and do their share. I'm 70 years old, I've been on there nine years, I've been mayor pro-tem three of those and I feel like I've accomplished a good bit. There's still a lot to be accomplished and it's time for somebody else to step in and see if they can do something."

Candidates for either post may reside anywhere within the city limits; however, only those residents within the District 1 and District 3 may vote in the election. Filing takes place in the secretary's office at city hall from 8-noon and 1-5 p.m. Terms are for three years.

Three at-large places are up for election on the Coahoma City Council. Those seats are currently held by Paulette Lindsey, Eleanor Garrett and Dan

Shelburne. All are two-year terms.

In Stanton, the mayor's post and three council positions are up for election. Lester Baker is the current mayor. Council seats up for election are District 1, held by Ronnie Christian; District 2, held by Jim Smith; and District 3, held by James Jenkins. The terms are for two years.

Ackerly residents will seek to fill two at-large city council seats, those currently held by Derrick Looney and Jeanine Timmons. The job of mayor, currently held by Keith Nichols, will also be up for grabs in the upcoming election. Forsan voters will also take to the polls, but information was not available at press time.

Candidate filing runs through March 25. Early voting is April 17-30.

Filing period will open for May 4 school board elections

HERALD Staff Report

Citizens interested in getting involved with their public school system might want to consider running for election as a trustee candidate.

The filing period for the May 4 public school district elections begins Monday throughout the Crossroads area.

Locally, two single-member district trustee positions are up for election on the Big Spring Independent School District board. They are District 1, held by Irene Bustamante, and District 3, held by Larry McLellan. Both incumbents have said

they will seek re-election.

Bustamante, current board president was appointed to fill an unexpired term eight years ago and has served two terms.

McLellan, a three-term veteran, has served on the board for 10 years since he was appointed in 1991 to fill an unexpired term.

Anyone intending to run can file at the district's central office, 708 E. 11th Place, from 8 a.m. through 4 p.m. The office is closed for lunch at noon. Candidates must live in the district they plan to represent. Only residents within District 1

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OBITUARIES

Arlis Dale Ratliff

Arlis Dale Ratliff, 77, passed away Saturday, Feb. 16, 2002, at 1:05 a.m. in the Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy battle with emphysema and diabetes.



RATLIFF

Services will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Big Spring at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 19, with the Revs. Jerry Don Cheshire of Huggins, Claude McKiddy of First Methodist Church in Garden City and Al Steifer of First Baptist Church in Garden City.

He was born on Sept. 12, 1924, in Lamesa and married Barbara Lu Currie on April 1, 1955, in Garden City. He grew up in Garden City and has been a lifelong rancher. He served in the U.S. Army. He also held the office of Glasscock County commissioner for four years.

He was an avid sports fan, loved playing dominoes and in his early years, was an outstanding roper. He held the highest average in the Glasscock County Roping Club for two years.

He was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City where he served as officer in almost every church office and took great pride in the maintenance of the church yard, a gift he gave to the church for more than 15 years.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Sam Ratliff and Ruthie Lawler Ratliff; his brother, George Ratliff; his sister, Ruby Nelle Barfield and her husband, Jiggs Barfield; and two nieces, Barbara Nelle Fonville and Diana Lu Currie Nichols.

His survivors include his wife Barbara Lu; his daughter, Laura Maud Huit; and grandson, Luke Huit; all of Garden City.

Pallbearers are John Sam

Barfield of Garden City; Bill Currie of Big Spring; Jerry Currie of Big Spring; Freddy Chaney of Greenwood; Jose Lopez of Garden City; Howard Engle of Adrian; Juan deLuna of Garden City; and Michael Hoch of Garden City.

Honorary pallbearers are Lester Ratliff of Big Lake; Derwood Ratliff of Midland; Jay Cunningham of Houston; Dale Cunningham of California; Kent Morgan of Big Spring; John Currie of Big Spring; Jerry Currie of Midland; and all of the men of the First United Methodist Church of Garden City.

The family especially appreciates the loving care and concern that was given to Arlis during his illness by Rosie Roberts of Hobbs, N.M.; John Sam Barfield and Mary Barfield of Garden City; Bill Currie of Big Spring; Janet and Harry Middleton of Big Spring; Wilma Dean Webb of Midland; and Elia Gomez of Midland.

Also, a special thanks to Mildred Harris, Billy Nunley and Dorothy Webster, his telephone and television buddies.

The family will hold a visitation from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Monday.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. www.np Welch.com

James R. (Rec) Swann

James R. (Rec) Swann, 78, of Big Spring died on Thursday, Feb. 14, 2002, in a Midland hospital.



Funeral services will be at 11:00 AM Monday, Feb. 18, 2002, at Midway Baptist Church with the Rev. Jim Binnix, officiating.

Entombment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park Mausoleum.

He was born on Nov. 7, 1923, in Comanche County, and married Frances Cox on July 20, 1946, in Gustine. Mr. Swann came to Big Spring in 1952 and worked for Cosden Petroleum, at the refinery, for 30 years, retiring in 1982.

He was a charter member of Midway Baptist Church. He served in the Army Air Corps from March 1943 until January 1946 and was discharged as a staff sergeant.

Survivors include his wife, Frances Swann of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Marcus Lynn Swann and Debrah Lynn Swann of San Angelo; one grandson and his wife, Jason Ray Swann and Heather Swann of Lewisville; one granddaughter and her husband, Monica and Robert Turney of San Angelo; three great-grandchildren, Sierra Kaitlyn Turney, Maggie Rachelle Turney and Benjamin Jake Turney, all

of San Angelo; and two sisters, Bo Carter of Ruidoso, N.M., and Jo Hemann of Colorado Springs, Colo.

The family suggests memorials to the Midway Baptist Church Building Fund, 6200 S. Service Road, Big Spring, Texas, 79720.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.np Welch.com

Paid obituary

Rev. Jesse Castillo Sr.

The Rev. Jesse Castillo Sr., 58, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 15, 2002, at S c e n i c M o u n t a i n M e d i c a l C e n t e r after a long illness.



CASTILLO

A prayer service will be at 7 p.m. today at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Miracle Revival Center with the Revs. Greg Taylor and Robert Cantu officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

A native of Pleasanton, he married Ramona Ramirez Feb. 23, 1960 in Levelland. A former resident of Harlem, Mont., he had lived in Big Spring since 1996. He retired from ministry and missionary work in 1998, having pastored churches in Sweetwater, Midland, Colorado City, at the Northern Cheyenne Reservation and at the Fort Belknap Gros Ventre/Assininiboine Reservation, both in Montana.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona Castillo of Big Spring; four sons, David Castillo of Eagle, Neb.; Danny Castillo of Odessa and Jesse Castillo Jr. and Thomas Castillo, both of Big Spring; a daughter, Rachel Velasco of Big Spring; five sisters, Annie Cisneros of Pleasanton, Archie Talamantez of Dallas, Lupe Robles of Big Spring and Carolyn Hernandez and Mary Castillo, both of Havre, Mont.; two brothers, Tony Castillo Sr. of Harlem, Mont., and Johnny Castillo of Dallas; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

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or 3 may vote in the election.

Area school board terms are all three years, and candidates are "at-large," meaning they can reside anywhere within the school district.

At Coahoma ISD, seats held by Cindy Neff and John Wayne Metcalf are up for election. At Forsan ISD, posts currently held by Dale Humphreys, Marty Whetsel and Donnie Andrews are up for election.

Others include: Sands CISD, at large seats

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held by Billy Reed and Martin Nichols.

Stanton ISD, District 3, held by Johnny Louder, and District 4, held by Todd Smith.

Glasscock County ISD, at-large seats held by Jimmy Eggemeyer and Karla Hoelscher.

Filing for candidates to run in the elections begins Monday and runs through March 20.

Candidate filing continues through March 25; however, school districts will be closed during spring break, typically March 11-15.

Early voting is April 17-30.

FALSE

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investigation, it turned out that it didn't really happen," Everett said.

Sheriff's Deputy Juan Parra said that, during an interview, Statham revealed that he had made a false report.

"From what I understand, when he was interviewed, he admitted the incident never occurred," Parra said.

Parra said the manhunt occurred near the intersection of FM 1584 and County Road 40 and lasted about four hours.

"I think we got called off around 12:30 in the morning," he said.

Statham was arrested and taken to jail, Everett said, but was later released on \$3,000 bail.

"He's charged with false report to a peace officer," Everett said.

Statham's motive for making the false report is unclear, Everett said.

"I asked this morning if anybody knew what in the tarnation made him do that, and they said 'No,'" he added.

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the OC Sports Center did not have enough seating.

"We made another request to the UIL, and several people at Howard College, plus high school coaches and administrators were instrumental in making this happen."

Last year, as fans flooded the floor to watch the Plainview girls and Hereford boys cut down the nets as regional champions, many made their way over to the scorer's table to thank everyone and anyone who had a part in running the tournament.

"It was equal to the hospitality and the technical support to what we got at the state tournament," said Hereford's KPAN-AM/FM General Manager Chip Formby.

Formby, whose father served as a Texas Tech University regent has followed Hereford's football, volleyball and basketball teams to many locales as the town, rich in athletic tradi-

tion, has earned fistfuls of titles.

"We were treated as well as a media outlet as anywhere we've ever been. Stan (Feaster) was very accommodating. The people involved put in so much effort. We were able to get our statistics within seconds, which is so important with radio in our wrap-up shows."

"It was the most professional operation. I don't know how else to describe it."

District 4-4A champion Plainview, the defending state champion and again ranked No. 1 in TABC polls, hopes to make a return trip this weekend and head coach Danny Wrenn has nothing but praise for the tournament's professionalism.

"The facility is outstanding and the hospitality of the coliseum staff is second to none. Plainview, as well as the other participants, has been treated very well, which makes for an outstanding regional tourney."

"I think Region 1 in girls may be tougher than the state tourney, and I feel this tournament is organized and administered as well as any I have seen."

Approximately 14,000 fans attended last year's two-day tournaments, which included two games on Fridays and the finals on Saturdays.

Big Spring's tourism industry looks at a return of \$4 for every dollar spent by visitors, said Debbye Valverde, executive director of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce.

But Valverde doesn't view this tournament solely as a money-maker for Big Spring, but an opportunity to show visitors the town's generosity.

"We are known for our friendliness, but this is a time for us to really shine," she said. "We need to polish that smile and ask everyone 'How can I help you?'"

The owners and managers of hotels or whomever is at the front desk or greeting the door will be the first impression that visitor has of Big Spring.

"It may even determine whether that visitor will return to your establishment or even Big Spring."

The two basketball tournaments are the largest production Feaster, who doubles as the college's sports information director, has encountered, in his 11-year career.

But the feedback he has received verbally and through letters and e-mails makes the exhausting preparation work worthwhile.

"We have such a beautiful facility, and it's such an exciting atmosphere," Feaster said. "We like to show off our great college, and you never know if a parent or future student may make a decision to attend Howard College based on their experiences from these tournaments."

SAFE

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Sept. 11, that our country just gone crazy. It was such a sad time. But I wanted to hear from my boys. They're both on deployment."

Dustin's brother Natha also in the Navy, was deployed near Panama, she said.

"For several days I couldn't even get e-mail. We couldn't connect to them; all because they had everything shut down for security reasons," she said. "An then I think it was the Friday I got a call from Nathan and on Saturday got a call from Justin. It we such a relief just to know, I hear their voices gave me something. I remember the day they started bomb and I knew it was his shi because they were already in the area. I remember thinking to myself that have felt everything a mother can feel. My son's a war."

Pride and relief are among those emotions now that Justin is safe at home. "I'm tremendously proud of him," she said. "I think, relieved. I know the things that he's accomplished and I know that he's very proud and I am, too, but I'm glad that he's home safe."

Dustin's wife Ginger went through many of the same emotions, she said. "Very worried," she said. "After (Sept. 11) happened... I had no way of knowing if he knew or what was going on over there."

Those three or four days of e-mail blackout were the worst, Ginger said.

"I didn't know what was going on or what they were doing," she said.

"But according in Saturday's edition Austin Statesman, the family has invested in International Corp., a \$6.3 billion holding company."

POLICE

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

• ROBERT NEWTON, 24, of 2911 W. Highway 80 was arrested on charges of assault class C/family violence and possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

• JOE ARTHUR JUAREZ, 29, of 210 Johnson St. was arrested on a charge of assault class C/family violence and for warrants.

• ALBERT CHAVARRIA, 48, OF 2508 W. 16th St., was arrested on citations.

• DEADLY CONDUCT involving a shotgun and a handgun was reported in the 1200 block of South Runnels.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at Howard College in the 1000 block of South Birdwell Lane. About \$300 damage was reportedly inflicted on the premises.

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Until life on earth is through I'll always love you.
Happy Birthday, Anita

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Forensic experts in Yates case have high-profile experience

HOUSTON (AP) — Two of the nation's top forensic psychiatrists have spent hours analyzing the likes of Jeffrey Dahmer, Susan Smith and Unabomber Ted Kaczynski.

Now, Park Dietz and Phillip Resnick have turned their attention to Andrea Yates, the Houston mother accused of drowning her five children in the family's bathtub last summer.

Yates, 37, set to go on trial Monday, faces the death penalty if convicted of capital murder for the drowning deaths of three of her five children. Defense attorneys say the stay-at-home mom is innocent by reason of insanity.

While Dietz and Resnick will be opponents during the Yates case, they have been friends for more than two decades and both worked with the prosecution teams in notorious cases of serial killer Dahmer and Kaczynski.

"When you know something about the other person, their personality, how

they prep, where they give and don't give, you are going to use every bit of knowledge you have," said Neil Kaye, a fellow psychiatrist and friend of both. "They like each other and respect each other and will have dinner together on another night."

But while the pair has agreed in some cases, their opinions differ on others. They have gone head-to-head in the case of Smith, accused of drowning her two sons in South Carolina, and in John du Pont's 1997 murder trial, where the chemical fortune heir claimed insanity.

"You will probably see Phil focus more on the psychology of the entire case," Kaye said. "I would suspect you will see Park focus a little more on the behavior."

"There are some real differences between them in their styles," he added. "They are both brilliant and gifted and will do the best possible job for their respected sides."

Resnick, a psychiatry pro-

fessor at Case Western University's School of Medicine in Ohio, is working for the defense. Dietz, who runs a California-based private forensic consulting firm that offers services to Hollywood stars dealing with obsessive fans, is testifying for the prosecution.

"Phil would not take the defense side of this case unless he really believed it," Kaye said. "You don't do these types of cases unless you really believe the story. There is just too much work and too much emotion that you have to put in."

When David Bruck was preparing for Smith's 1994 murder case, he hired Resnick. He knew that Resnick was an expert on mothers who kill their children — and on Dietz.

"It makes a great deal of sense to have someone who knows how Dietz works and how to respond to it," Bruck said. "Dietz has the same approach in every case. He takes the most unsympathetic interpretation."

Smith was sentenced to

life in prison, avoiding the death penalty, following her conviction in the deaths of her 3-year-old and 14-month-old sons. Jurors determined Smith knew what she was doing when she strapped her children into the family's car and sent it careening into a lake.

"You have to show that conscious decisions were made no matter how horrific they were," said Tommy Pope, who prosecuted Smith. "It's a difficult thing to put our arms around because the discomfort hits us on an emotional level."

"You have to let the jury know the pain that was caused and the nature of the crime, but sometimes it comes with a tremendous toll. If we believe people can just decide to do something like this, it just scares us to death."

Dietz is a psychiatrist who makes the complicated simple and juries often embrace simplicity, Bruck said.

"We desperately need to make sense of things like this and Dietz is very good

at making sense of things," Smith's attorney said. "His mantra is: she did this because she chose to do it."

Dennis McAndrews, who in 1997 prosecuted du Pont for the shooting death of Olympic wrestler David Schultz, said he had hoped for a first-degree murder conviction, but ended up with a lesser third-degree conviction.

McAndrews said Dietz helped him beat du Pont's insanity defense by pointing to the chemical fortune heir's actions. Defense attorney Thomas Bergstrom had claimed du Pont believed Schultz was an agent of an international conspiracy to kill him.

Prosecutors pointed out that after du Pont shot Schultz he held police at bay while he hid in his mansion for two days.

"In terms of the tools that a psychiatrist has to determine a defendant's mental state at the time the crime was committed, the best indication will always be behavior because those are

the facts that are indisputable," McAndrews said.

However, Bergstrom, who worked with Resnick in forming his client's defense, said du Pont received the lesser charge because jurors took an overall view of the case.

"The Dietz approach, although admittedly we didn't get an insanity verdict, was too sterile," Bergstrom said. "He fails to take into account the whole mental process."

Mental processes played a large role in Dahmer's 1992 insanity defense, which Dietz and Resnick worked together with prosecutors to defeat. Dahmer was charged with the deaths and dismemberments of 15 young men in Milwaukee County.

"They are brilliant, meticulous, careful and well-prepared," McAndrews said of Resnick and Dietz. "They are both somewhat clinical in the way they discuss the case in that they take substantial care not to go beyond what the evidence would show."

Sanchez panned industry but has ties to insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic gubernatorial candidate Tony Sanchez, a recent critic of high property insurance rates in Texas, has family ties to the industry.

During an Austin rally earlier this week, Sanchez called for new state laws to regulate homeowners policies sold by companies whose rates are not subject to state review.

"That is wrong," he said. "It's fundamentally wrong, and it is harming all of our citizens. As governor of Texas, I'm going to do everything I can possibly do to fix that."

But according to a report in Saturday's editions of the Austin American-Statesman, the Sanchez family has investments in International BancShares Corp., a \$6.3 billion bank holding company that has

subsidiaries in the insurance industry.

They include the IBC Insurance Agency, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Laredo-based International Bank of Commerce that sells policies from insurance companies.

The IBC Insurance Agency sells policies from the type of company Sanchez has attacked. Sanchez campaign spokeswoman Michelle Kucera said the agency sells relatively few homeowners policies.

"The vast majority of their business is in commercial insurance," she told the newspaper.

She called the homeowners portion of the business "infinitesimal."

Kucera said Sanchez's proposals would lower rates and decrease profits for the bank's insurance operation.

Brazoria County says it can't drive 55

CLUTE (AP) — Brazoria County officials may file a restraining order against the state to reverse the reduction of speed limits to 55 mph.

The lowering of limits from 70 mph is part of an effort to cut down on smog in the eight-county Houston-Galveston area in order to meet federal clean air standards by 2007.

Brazoria County's possible action comes after Harris County Attorney Mike Stafford last week asked the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission to delay or eliminate the 55 mph speed limit proposal, claiming new predictions showed pollution reduction would now be less with the drop in limits.

TNRCC Executive Director Jeff Saitas responded to Stafford by saying such a request could delay improvements in

Houston's air quality, invite the Environmental Protection Agency to impose its own plan and result in loss of federal highway funds.

"We were hoping to see if there was a response to Harris County. Seeing that the response was the same response we received, we are going to review our options, one of which is a temporary restraining order," Brazoria County District Attorney Jeri Yenne told The Facts newspaper of Brazoria County for its Saturday editions.

All roads, except for three, in Brazoria County have had their maximum speed limit lowered to 55 mph.

Yenne has already filed state and federal suits against the smog plan.

In addition to Brazoria County, Fort Bend and Montgomery counties also sued the TNRCC, claiming

their counties are unfairly blamed for the area's pollution problems. Montgomery County later dropped out of the case and the transportation department was added as a defendant.

Saitas said last week he would be happy to keep the speed limits at 70 mph as long as the counties could come up with pollution-reducing measures that were as effective.

Yenne said Brazoria County had offered other measures, but has been rebuffed.

"One of the things we tried to discuss was the option of different types of fuel additives that might give us credit under the State Implementation Plan," she said. "Perhaps working together on expediting the dates for the reformulated fuel."

But Yenne said those options were rejected by the TNRCC.

Man sentenced for shooting due to 'word rage'

GALVESTON (AP) — A 54-year-old Texas City man's fear of the word "New Jersey" earned him a six-year prison term.

A jury sentenced Thomas Ray Mitchell late Thursday after convicting him for the March 1999 shooting of his girlfriend, Barbara Jenkins.

Mitchell was convicted of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon for shooting Jenkins because he thought she was about to say "New Jersey."

During the trial, relatives testified that Mitchell gets angry, curses and bangs on walls when he hears certain words or phrases, including "New Jersey," "Snickers," "Mars" and "Wisconsin."

Mitchell flew into an explosive-laden rage during a pretrial conference when he saw the word "Snickers" printed on a card.

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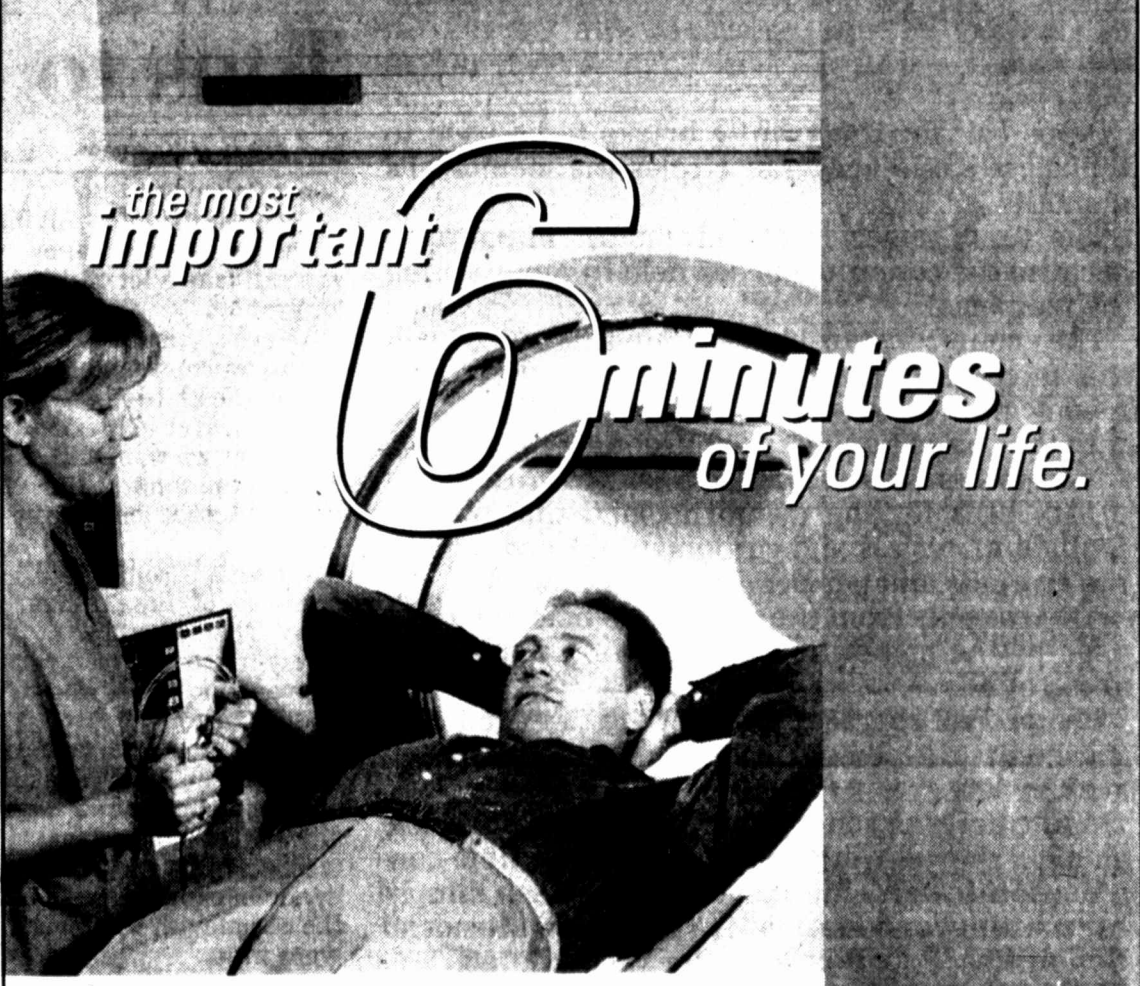
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OUR VIEWS

Don't miss
deadline for
brick project

Rarely does an opportunity like the one members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee are currently offering — to help a worthy cause and be able to remember loved ones — come along. It's a fund-raising effort that will add to the memorial's beauty and personalize the monument for those taking part.

But the first deadline for that project is fast approaching. The committee is currently selling bricks that can be engraved with the names of Vietnam veterans, veterans of other wars or anyone else the purchaser wants to remember.

However, committee members stress that the first order for the bricks must be submitted by March 1 in order to have them engraved and arrive in time to set them for Memorial Day observances.

Samples of the solid Texas pink granite blocks are nothing short of beautiful.

The bricks can be engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line and are priced at \$30 each. Application forms can be picked up at Athletic Supply in the Big Spring Mall and at the Sparenburg Building downtown.

We can think of no better way to personalize the memorial for the veterans who served in Vietnam, as well as those who served during other wars.

Plans call for the granite bricks to be used to replace a stone wall that circles the memorial's monolith.

The fund raiser is of paramount importance because the committee needs help in maintaining the memorial.

The group constantly needs funds for upkeep of the memorial. Many members put their own money into maintenance efforts, but there's no way they can shoulder the burden alone.

It costs a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay utility bills for the memorial, and that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and perform basic maintenance.

All proceeds from the sale of the bricks will be used by the committee to maintain the memorial's grounds.

The project represents one of the two fund-raising events the committee is allowed to hold each year by law.

While not everyone is going to want to purchase a brick, they can still make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep simply by mailing a donation to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

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Pope's agenda a good one for everyone

I subscribe to The Wanderer, a conservative Catholic newspaper. I'm not Catholic, but I think that any organization as important as the Catholic Church is something I should know about.

American news media do not cover religion, except for scandals. A speech given by Pope John Paul II to diplomats presenting their credentials to the Vatican contains his suggested agenda. It is one worth consideration by all of us.

He referred to these items as great challenges:

No. 1 is defense of the sacredness of human life in all circumstances, especially in relation to the challenges posed by genetic manipulation. This raises the question, of course: Do we believe human life is sacred? On this answer depends our answer to practically everything in the area of morality.

Abortion, for example. I've always been opposed to it, with the one exception of

the mother's life being in real danger. And now, due to the decline of our criminal-justice system, I'm beginning to have second thoughts about the death penalty.

The second challenge he proposes is the promotion of the family as the basic unit of society. This is ancient wisdom. There is no such thing, and there never has been such a thing, as a strong nation with weak families.

However, you can't have strong families in an economy that forces both parents to work; nor can you have them in a country that so easily encourages divorce or just live-in arrangements.

Children are entitled to a two-parent family, with one of those parents staying at home full time during the early years of child development.

Everything that shapes our life, for good or for ill, comes from the family. We can do without schools but not without families, nor can schools be a substitute for broken families. This really is a challenge that will involve not only political but cultural changes.

The other challenges are the elimination of poverty, respect for human rights in all situations, disarmament and the reduction of arms

sales to poor countries, the fight against major diseases and access for the poor to basic care, the protection of the environment, and the rigorous application of international law and conventions.

This wise and good man concluded by saying: "Of course, many other demands could also be mentioned. But if these priorities become the central concerns of political leaders; if people of good will make them part of their daily endeavors; if religious believers include them in their teaching, the world would be a radically different place."

All I can say is the pope makes a heck of lot better and more intelligent speech than any of our current politicians. President Bush seems increasingly to believe he is called to be the chief warlord of the world, while the Democratic aspirants seem to think socialism is the answer, though few have the nerve to call what they are peddling by its right name. The pope knows that neither war nor socialism works.

What we ought to be about is finding alternatives to both. Dog-eat-dog capitalism is not the answer, nor is placing the

means of production into the hands of bureaucrats ruled over by an oligarchy. And war, in the long run, never settles anything. Because of wars and armaments — and the debts and taxes both entail — much of the world is edging toward bankruptcy.

The president is proposing a defense budget to deal with a few scattered bands of terrorists that is larger than the defense budgets that dealt with the Soviet Union. He implied, at least, during his campaign that he would not have American forces scattered to the four corners of the world, but he has not kept that promise. He has enlarged rather than solved that problem.

Perhaps the president ought to go to Rome and talk to the pope instead of to that cabal of "bomb Iraq" advisers who are in his administration. One of the underused advantages of being president is that he can talk to the wisest people on earth. The trick, of course, is to know who is wise and who is carrying water for some special interest.

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Tons to learn about tacos

By TECLO J. GARCIA
Guest Columnist

BROWNSVILLE — Living in the Rio Grande Valley you can take a lot of things for granted.

We are accustomed to having warm weather year-round, the ability to go and shop or travel in Mexico whenever we want and dine on the some of the most delicious food on the planet.

But what if someone takes one of those things away. Then what?

Stay tuned and read what happened to me. It was really scary.

I was in the desert city of Phoenix, Ariz., last week and it had been a few days since I had a taco a real taco. One that includes a handmade tortilla fresh off the comal with whatever I want in it.

If you know Phoenix, you that the city has an Applebees and a Texaco on every other corner. There's nothing really wrong with that, but you can't put a tuna melt inside of a tortilla.

Phoenix also has a large Mexican-American community and many, many Mexican restaurants.

Nevertheless, one hungry and hot morning I walked to El Matador Restaurant for some good grub. What

could be more Mexican than a place called El Matador?

Inside, the eatery were red-vinyl seating with wooden tables that Barry Goldwater may have eaten off of decades ago. A few old decorative water fountains made for a nice touch and the waitresses were solid veterans; maybe just a little younger than Goldwater.

So as you can see, the prospect of getting good tacos was excellent.

I sat down opened up the menu and started to speed read through the menu. Lunch, Dinner, ah ... Breakfast. Eggs, omelets, OJ ... tacos, no ... tacos? My blood pressure spiked. No tacos? I looked again, read slowly and still couldn't see tacos.

When the waitress came to take my order she confirmed what I already had suspected. No breakfast tacos at El Matador.

Why not? "We just don't serve breakfast tacos," the waitress said.

"You mean, en estilo Tejano?" she added. "Of course," I said.

"No we don't have those here, but I know what you mean," she said.

So I asked her if they had tortillas and she said yes. "Do you have papas con huevos?"

Again, she said yes. "Can you put the potato and eggs inside the tortillas and put them on a plate for me?"

"No," she said, "but we can serve it to you and you can do it."

And that's what ended up happening — I couldn't believe it. I was served a plate with eggs and potatoes mixed together, some beans on the side with four tortillas.

Slowly, I made four tacos. Who would have ever thought this would have happened? El Matador and Phoenix should be ashamed of themselves.

Brownsville and the rest of the Rio Grande Valley know how to make tacos. Even some of the corporate chain joints know how to make carne guisada nowadays.

There's no excuse for El Matadors shortcomings and I plan to file a formal complaint with someone over there.

I've already gone to get my fix of breakfast tacos since returning. And since then I have realized, hey, Arizona is warm year-round, is close to Mexico, but when it comes to real tacos its in a Mexican food desert.

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Nevada officials accuse Bush of breaking promise on waste dump

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush pointed to national security and the need to support the nuclear industry as major reasons to push ahead with a nuclear waste dump in Nevada — one he said he is convinced is scientifically sound and should be built.

The decision prompted an immediate outcry in Nevada where Democrats accused Bush of breaking a campaign promise not to saddle them with 77,000 tons of nuclear waste that will remain dangerous for 10,000

or more years.

The Republican governor filed suit challenging the approval process.

Even former Vice President Al Gore weighed in after Bush announced he would go ahead and build the underground waste dump 90 miles from Las Vegas, calling Bush's decision on Yucca "a flat out broken promise" from the 2000 campaign.

For Republicans in Nevada — where virtually everyone agrees the dump ought to be somewhere else

— the situation became especially precarious as they sought to distance themselves from the decision, but not alienate the GOP president.

"I'm very disappointed, although not surprised," said Sen. John Ensign, R-Nev., holding back his criticism of Bush, but aiming instead at the Energy Department which he said "has been hell bent on shoving waste into our backyard, regardless of what science and common sense shows."

Nevada GOP Gov. Kenny Guinn said he was outraged. Within hours, Nevada filed a lawsuit in federal court challenging the way the decision was made, claiming the procedures that were used violated a 1982 law. The suit had been expected.

In matters of nuclear waste, science and politics have often vied for top billing. It is almost certain to be the case as the debate over the proposed Yucca Mountain waste repository now moves to Congress,

which will decide whether to uphold the president or side with Nevada.

It could all be decided this fall — just before election time.

Bush, in a letter to congressional leaders Friday, said he approved the go-ahead for the Yucca Mountain project because a central repository for the more than 77,000 tons of waste building up at power plants and defense sites "is necessary to protect public safety, health and this nation's security."

Nevada has argued that there are still many outstanding scientific issues not yet fully resolved — whether Yucca Mountain's geology will adequately contain the waste thousands of years from now.

Sen. Harry Reid, D-Nev., reminded that Bush, when campaigning in Nevada in 2000, had vowed not to approve any waste site "unless it's been deemed scientifically safe" and that "sound science not politics, must prevail" in selecting any waste site.

Sept. 11 victims left behind a dizzying array of family ties, claims

NEW YORK (AP) — From among the roughly 3,000 victims of Sept. 11, at least one had two wives, some were married, but had children out of wedlock, while many were divorced and remarried. Others, heterosexual and gay, lived with long-term partners now in legal limbo.

While the varied family structures reflect the remarkable diversity of American society, they also are creating plenty of complications for lawyers sifting through claims for compensation and inheritances.

"These relationships are not trivial, they're not worth less" than those of married couples, said attorney Helen MacFarlane.

"The fund should recognize people who had long-term relationships, emotionally and financially, and who suffered massive loss," MacFarlane said. "Our compassion should not be limited by some of the more narrow views that we have held historically."

Attorney Bill Mauk of Boise, Idaho, is helping coordinate hundreds of families' requests for legal aid during a four-month, volunteer stay in New York on behalf of the state and national trial lawyers associations.

"The stereotype of a traditional family with a surviving spouse and a couple of kids is probably the exception rather than the rule," he said.

That multiplicity of family forms, including domestic partnerships, is complicating the task of Kenneth Feinberg, who oversees the Federal Victim Compensation Fund and is working on criteria for handling claims.

"I am struck, in meeting with families, by the concept of the extended nuclear family — children by multiple spouses, aunts and uncles who were pivotal to the victims' lives," Feinberg said in a telephone interview.

"The days are over when we could assume that only the next of kin — the spouse or the spouse's children — are going to get the money."

But while signaling open-mindedness, Feinberg also

sounded a note of caution.

"With the rarest of exceptions, the extent to which these extended families can collect will depend on state law," he said. "I'm not going to be like Solomon — don't look to me to be making independent determinations that would trump state law. I don't have the time or resources to handle that."

Yet, as Mauk observed, "The law, to a significant degree, has not kept pace with the changing family."

MacFarlane hopes Feinberg will override state statute in the case of her client, Marmily Carbrera, who had lived with World Trade Center victim Pedro Checo since 1990.

They had two sons, Jason, 6, and Julian, 1, and considered themselves husband and wife even though New York — unlike a dozen other states — does not recognize common-law marriages.

Many Sept. 11 victims were single parents, including 23-year-old Jamie Lynn Fallon, killed while working at the Naval Command Center in the Pentagon.

Her son, Kahleb, will turn 1 on Monday and is living in Woodbridge, Va., with his grandparents — though his grandfather is stricken by lung cancer.

The boy's financial future is precarious, and lawyers are hoping for a generous federal fund payout to compensate for the lost earnings of Kahleb's mother. They also want the fund to cover education and medical costs, and account for possible emotional scars after the child learns how his mother died.

In some instances, unusual family arrangements have fueled squabbling, such as a dispute between the two wives of World Trade Center victim Vishnoo Ramsaroor.

"There's going to be some conflict," Mauk said. "That doesn't mean it's scandalous; it's just a reality to be worked through."

Said Feinberg: "I am hoping the bulk of these problems will be ironed out amicably at the state level, but I'm under no such illusion that will happen."

Nebraska center helping Afghans prepare to open schools

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Many of Afghanistan's schools are destroyed, most trained educators have not taught in two decades and textbooks are virtually nonexistent.

But despite seemingly insurmountable obstacles, Afghan students will be back to school in five weeks. And the University of Nebraska at Omaha's Center for Afghanistan Studies will be there to help, printing new textbooks and training teachers.

"Sometimes I wake up in the middle of the night thinking about it," said Thomas Gouttierre, the center's director. "I can't guarantee that every child will have a book to open on the first day of school, but we're sure going to try."

UNO's center, founded in 1973, is the only one of its kind in the United States devoted to Afghanistan. It played a major role in educating Afghans from the early 1970s to the early 1990s, receiving more than \$60 million in federal money

to operate as many as 1,300 schools in the region.

The university had to sharply cut back its work during the 1990s, after federal funds dried up. But Gouttierre found money to keep a skeleton-staffed office open in Peshawar, Pakistan, where Afghan teachers could be trained.

That left UNO in a unique position to help Afghanistan with its latest education

challenge, said Gouttierre, who plans to be in the war-ravaged country next month for the first day of school.

The renewed effort, aided by a \$6.5 million grant from the U.S. Agency for International Development, won't be an easy one, Gouttierre said.

"It's probably going to take 10 years to bring Afghanistan back to that point of development it had

reached in the early 1970s," Gouttierre said.

The country's education system has been suffering since the Soviet invasion in the early 1980s, and it nearly ceased functioning altogether in the mid-1990s under Taliban rule.


The Taliban forbade girls under 9 to attend school, and boys' schooling was often limited to Islamic teachings.

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How could Lay, Skilling have known so little about Enron deals?

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Fortune 500 company adds more than \$1 billion in profits through a complex set of deals that are difficult to comprehend. What do those in charge do?

Ask very few questions — if they are Kenneth Lay and Jeffrey Skilling from Enron.

That is the message former chairman Lay and chief executive officer Skilling are sending Congress. Few on Capitol Hill believe their stories.

Assertions by the two executives that they did not know very much are difficult to accept, legal and financial experts say.

"I don't want to call anybody a liar because I don't know, but it's inconceivable

to me that neither of them, particularly Skilling, knew something that profoundly important to the business," said John O. Whitney, professor of management at the Columbia Business School.

Lay was Enron's chief executive officer until about a year ago, when Skilling succeeded him.

While Lay took the Fifth Amendment before the Senate last week, he got out his version of events through company executive Sherron Watkins.

When she talked to Lay in August, "it was my humble opinion that he did not understand the gravity of the situation the company was in," Watkins testified to Congress.

The problem she described to Lay: Enron improperly was using its own stock to bolster its balance sheet.

Eventually, the company would have to face the fact that the price of Enron stock was heading down in the recession. Highly volatile investments that Enron had transferred to its web of outside financial structures would have to be reported as heavy losses. Enron's own slumping stock was all that was backing up the investments.

The resulting wave of stock sales by nervous investors abandoning the energy trading company sent it into bankruptcy in December.

Skilling painted himself as someone who had only a vague idea of what was going on.

"I was assured" by others at the company that the deals "were correct, so to the best of my knowledge there was not an issue," Skilling told Congress.

Experts question the two men's statements.

"Is it possible that they didn't know. Yes. Is it likely? No," said Andrew Ward, associate professor of organization and management at Emory University's Goizueta Business School.

"If you don't have knowledge of where that much of your income and your business is coming from, how do you make any plans for the

future of the company?" asked New York securities lawyer Marvin Pickholz, who has defended clients in Wall Street scandals over the past two decades.

University of Chicago accounting professor Roman Weil said "You'd expect the top guy to understand the deal, but as time went by the magnitude of what was going on may have been hidden from him."

The former Enron executives who could corroborate or contradict Lay and Skilling have all taken the Fifth Amendment: chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, who ran the outside partnerships; Michael Kopper, who collected \$10

million from the arrangements; chief accounting officer Rick Causey; and chief risk officer Rick Buy.

"If there is one thing that these three individuals — Lay, Skilling and Fastow — would have spent a lot of time on it would have been what was happening with that stock," said Patricia Barron, a professor at New York University's Stern School of Business.

Skilling and Barron are both former employees of McKinsey & Co., based in New York, one of the premier management consulting firms in the world.

"You can't imagine Skilling with his background would take things on faith," said Barron.

Bush renews warning to North Korea

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday he planned to remind the world during a visit to the Korean Peninsula's demilitarized zone that North Korea seeks to "threaten freedom with weapons of mass destruction."

Bush, accompanied by his wife, Laura, walked across the South Lawn and boarded his Marine Corps helicopter to begin the journey Saturday morning.

In a radio address aired just after he left the White House for a six-day trip to South Korea, Japan and China, Bush did not back down from his recent characterization of North Korea as part of an "axis of evil," along with Iran and Iraq, that threatens U.S. security.

But he steered clear of that phrase, which alarmed European allies and fueled anti-American sentiment in Iran.

"I will visit South Korea and travel to the Demilitarized Zone, one of the most dangerous places

on earth, where barbed wire marks a line dividing freedom and oppression," Bush said.

"The people of the south are now reaching out to the north in a spirit of friendship and reconciliation," Bush said. "I support these efforts. Yet I will remind the world that America will not allow North Korea and other dangerous regimes to threaten freedom with weapons of mass destruction."

Bush planned to lunch with some of the 38,000 American troops who help patrol the hostile border.

The president said he was also bearing a thank-you message for help from Asia following the terror attacks on New York and the Pentagon, and a progress report.

"The people of Tokyo, Seoul, and Beijing touched all our hearts in the days after September 11, with moving displays of sympathy and support in the wake of the terrorist attacks," Bush said. "Today, all three

nations are supporting our fight against terrorism."

He also planned to give a boost to Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, whose approval ratings have sagged along with that nation's economy. Koizumi has offered a painful program of changes designed to right the Japanese economy and banking system.

"Today, Japan is in the midst of economic uncertainty and transition," Bush said. "But I have great confidence in Japan's future and in the unlimited potential of its people, and I'm confident that Japan will make the bold reforms needed to restore growth and opportunity, which will benefit the people of both our nations."

Bush also said he will prod the Chinese government to open up their markets to American agricultural products, and to embrace "the universal demands of human dignity, freedom of conscience and religion..."

Obesity rising in world's remote places

BOSTON (AP) — Obesity is joining and even surpassing malnutrition as a dietary concern in some of the farthest reaches of the planet, experts warned Saturday.

Weight problems have long been recognized as a health hazard in the United States, Europe and other industrialized places, but in recent years the same worries have begun to emerge in many less well-off places.

At the annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science on Saturday, biological anthropologists documented this trend, both in people who migrate to wealthy countries and in those who stay put.

"Obesity has penetrated the remotest places on Earth," Stanley Ulijaszek of the University of Oxford said, adding that too little food, however, is still a more important concern than too much.

A recent Vatican conference concluded that about

800 million people worldwide are underfed, while the International Obesity Taskforce estimates that 300 million are obese.

Nevertheless, experts say obesity is becoming an issue in hard-to-reach areas where it was unknown just a few years ago. In many parts of the world, malnutrition and obesity now exist together, one a problem of the very poor, the other of a growing middle class.

"The recognition that this is a worldwide problem is very recent," said Marquise Lavelle of the University of Rhode Island.

Ulijaszek said obesity has begun to appear in the Purari delta of rural Papua New Guinea, where there was none at all in 1980. In the latest survey, conducted five years ago, 1 percent of men and 5 percent of women were found to be obese. This is defined as a body-mass index — a widely used measure of fatness — of over 30. People with a BMI of over 25 are consid-

ered overweight, while those with a BMI over 30 are obese.

In parts of the Pacific islands, obesity has been known for at least 50 years, but it has substantially increased in recent times to levels that Ulijaszek calls "astoundingly high," and there is no hint that weights there have leveled off.

For instance, in Rarotonga, capital of the Cook Islands, 14 percent of men and 44 percent of women were obese in 1966. Now, 52 percent of men and 57 percent of women there are obese.

Lavelle surveyed weight in South Africa and rural Australia three years ago and found more signs of an emerging weight problem.

In Cape Town, 12 percent of girls and 16 percent of boys were considered overweight. In much poorer rural Klein Karoo 300 kilometers to the west, just 1 percent of boys and 2 percent of girls weighed this much.

Olympian hospitalized after night lost in -20 weather

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho (AP) — A gold medal-winning Olympic wrestler was in fair condition and being treated for frostbite Saturday after spending a night lost in waist-deep snow and below-zero temperatures in Wyoming's backcountry.

Family members acknowledged that Rulon Gardner was being treated for frostbite, but would not say what part of his body was affected. Rescuers had said his feet were caked with ice.

Gardner was snowmobiling with three friends in the Bridger-Teton National Forest about 15 miles from his home in Afton, Wyo., on Thursday, when he got separated from the group and became lost.

The temperatures fell to 20 degrees below zero that night.

His older brother, Russell, said Saturday that Rulon kept moving as long as he could while searching for a

trail, then dug a shelter for himself beneath trees. Near sunrise Friday, he moved to a clearing where a search plane pilot spotted him.

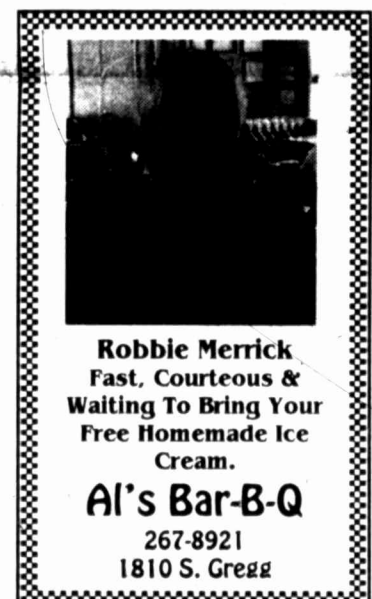
"Rulon made a lot of smart, smart decisions," Russell Gardner said at a news conference arranged by the family at the Eastern Idaho Regional Medical Center.

There was no immediate word how long Gardner would remain in the hospital.

"Rulon loves to live life to the fullest, but lots of prayers were answered," Russell Gardner said through tears.

When he was found, Gardner's lower legs were wet from wading through streams. "He had so much ice on his feet I don't think he was able to walk,"

Lincoln County (Wyo.) Sheriff Lee Gardner said Friday. The sheriff is a distant relative of the heavy-weight wrestler.



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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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Bulldogs earn seeding for playoffs

Coahoma's took a 51-32 victory over the Plains' Cowboys Friday night to earn a top seeding in the playoffs.

The Bulldogs' 11-9 quarter and playoff record from there, needing the Cowboys to win eight points in the final quarter to tie the game. Chase D. Randall Rich collected 10 apiece.

The Bulldogs, on the season, will first-round by playoffs and Eldorado-Tornil in the area playoffs.

Plains dropped with the loss play the third-round from District 4 district action.

CGA schedules tournament for girls

The Chicago Association of Golf will hold its anniversary tournament today at the C Trail Golf course with a shot at 10 a.m.

For more information call the Comanche pro shop at 264-2

Class 5A girls scheduled at

A Class 5A girls' quarterfinal game has been scheduled for 6 p.m. in Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The game will be between Lubbock County Lady Mustangs and Abilene School's Lady E.

Coahoma booster club to meet on Monday

The Coahoma Booster Club will meet Monday, Feb. 18, at 7 p.m. Monday at the Coahoma El School cafeteria.

All parents of Bulldogs athletes are encouraged to attend.

Industrial softball league sets n

The Big Spring Industrial League will hold its season-opening game at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 19, at John Wesley's Field.

Anyone interested in having a team in the league is encouraged to attend.

For more information call Sally Gran at 4728 or 393-5237.

Four-person scheduled at

A four-person tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 23-24, at Spring Country Club. Entry fees are \$100 per player, plus cart. For more information call the pro shop at 5354.

Softball tournament scheduled in

The "Pre-Spring for Cash Men's Tournament" is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 18, in Stanton.

Fees are \$110 and a 6-home run will be used for raffle. The deadline for entries is Feb. 21.

For more information call Michael Padgett at 4361 or call Joseph at 2846.

IN BRIEF

Bulldogs earn top seeding for playoffs

Coahoma's Bulldogs took a 51-32 win over Plains' Cowboys in Andrews Friday night in a District 3-2A playoff for top seeding in the post-season.

The 'Dogs outscored Plains 11-9 in the first quarter and poured it on from there, never allowing the Cowboys more than eight points a quarter the rest of the way.

Chase Ward led the way for Coahoma, scoring a game-high 17 points, while Chase Davis and Randall Rich chipped in 10 apiece.

The Bulldogs, now 16-8 on the season, will have a first-round bye in the playoffs and face the Eldorado-Tornillo winner in the area playoff round.

Plains dropped to 16-11 with the loss and will play the third-place team from District 4-2A in bi-district action.

CGA schedules tourney for today

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold its annual membership tournament today at the Comanche Trail Golf course beginning with a shotgun start at 10 a.m.

For more information, call the Comanche Trail pro shop at 264-2366.

Class 5A girls playoff scheduled at BSJHS

A Class 5A girls' regional quarterfinal playoff game has been scheduled for 6 p.m. in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The game will pit Lubbock Coronado's Lady Mustangs up against Abilene High School's Lady Eagles.

Coahoma boosters to meet on Monday

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

All parents and supporters of Bulldog and Bulldogette athletic programs are encouraged to attend.

Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 27, at John Wesley's Pick-pockets.

Anyone interested in having a team in the league is encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Sally Grant at 268-4728 or 393-5237.

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. For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

The "Pre-Spring Baseball Tournament" has been scheduled for March 2-3 in Stanton.

Fees are \$110 per team and a 6-home run format will be used for the tournament. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

For more information, call Michael Paul at 631-4361 or call Jose at 631-2846.

Big Spring netters finish fifth in tough Invitational field

By CONNIE EDGEMON

Special to the Herald
It had been a busy week for the Big Spring tennis teams, as they played host to teams from eight schools from around the region in the 12th annual Big Spring Invitational tournament at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

In addition to West Texas teams, players from Uvalde and Carlsbad (N.M.) high schools were on hand to compete. The field included Class 5A schools Midland High, Odessa High and Odessa Permian; Class 3A powerhouse Abilene Wylie; and District 4-4A rival Snyder.

When play was finished Saturday, Midland High took home the first-

place trophy and Permian finished second.

Big Spring came in fifth behind Odessa and Wylie.

Girls' doubles play opened the tournament with Mindy Partee and Megan Roffers winning their opening match against Kerby and Walker of Uvalde 3-6, 6-2, 6-3. They dropped their next three matches to finish ninth.

The boys doubles team Derek DeHoyos and Alex Edgemon defeated Heinrich and Reber of Carlsbad in their first match 6-1, 6-1 and then were defeated by Snyder's Phillips and Rodgers in a tough three set match 4-6, 6-4, 6-4. They redeemed themselves in the third round in a sound win over Permian's Jason Kiser and Wade Morgan 7-6, 6-3

before once again meeting teammates Michael Roffers and Brian Wingert in the finals for fifth place and winning in straight sets.

Roffers and Wingert also won their first match against Khaing and Sanchez of Carlsbad. They lost their second round match to Permian's Chris Kiser and Joel Morgan but came back in the semifinals to beat Midland's Morales and Logan.

Heather Parnell defeated Kara Brumley of Snyder in the first round of singles action, winning easily 6-0, 6-3. She dropped her second match, but came back in the semifinal round to defeat Kristina Melton of Permian 6-3, 6-2. Her final round match loss to Lynette Wagner of Permian left her in sixth place.

Jay Shroff defeated Odessa High's Brad McKinley 6-2, 6-2 in the first round and then beat Ethan Moore of Abilene Wylie 6-4, 6-1. He won his third match against Jace Biddick of Uvalde on Saturday morning in straight sets.

In the championship match, however, he was forced to accept second place after losing to Marcos Valdez of Midland High.

Jake Smiley won his first match against Snyder's Horacio DePaz and then lost his next three matches to finish ninth.

Alex Garipey played in the second girls' singles slot in the absence of Veronica Villarreal.

"The boys came through for the

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Roby thwarts Garden City

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
After limiting Roby junior Kandra Lakey to seven points with stifling double-team defense in the first half, Garden City ran out of weapons against the Lady Lions' phenom as she poured in 17 of her team's 25 points after intermission for a 45-39 Class 1A, Division I area win Friday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

It marked the second time in as many years that the Lady Lions have eliminated Garden City in the area playoff round. Last year, Roby eked past the Lady Kats, 49-46.

District 6-A champ Roby (20-11, 7-1) advances to play the winner of the Smyer-Vega game. Garden City finishes its season at 21-10 after having fashioned a 9-1 slate as District 8-A co-champions.

"It's getting much tougher to beat them," Roby head coach Benny Lockhart said. "Coach (Brent) Kirkland does a great job with his team. They're young. We're young. We'll both have almost everyone back. We'll probably play each other again here next year."

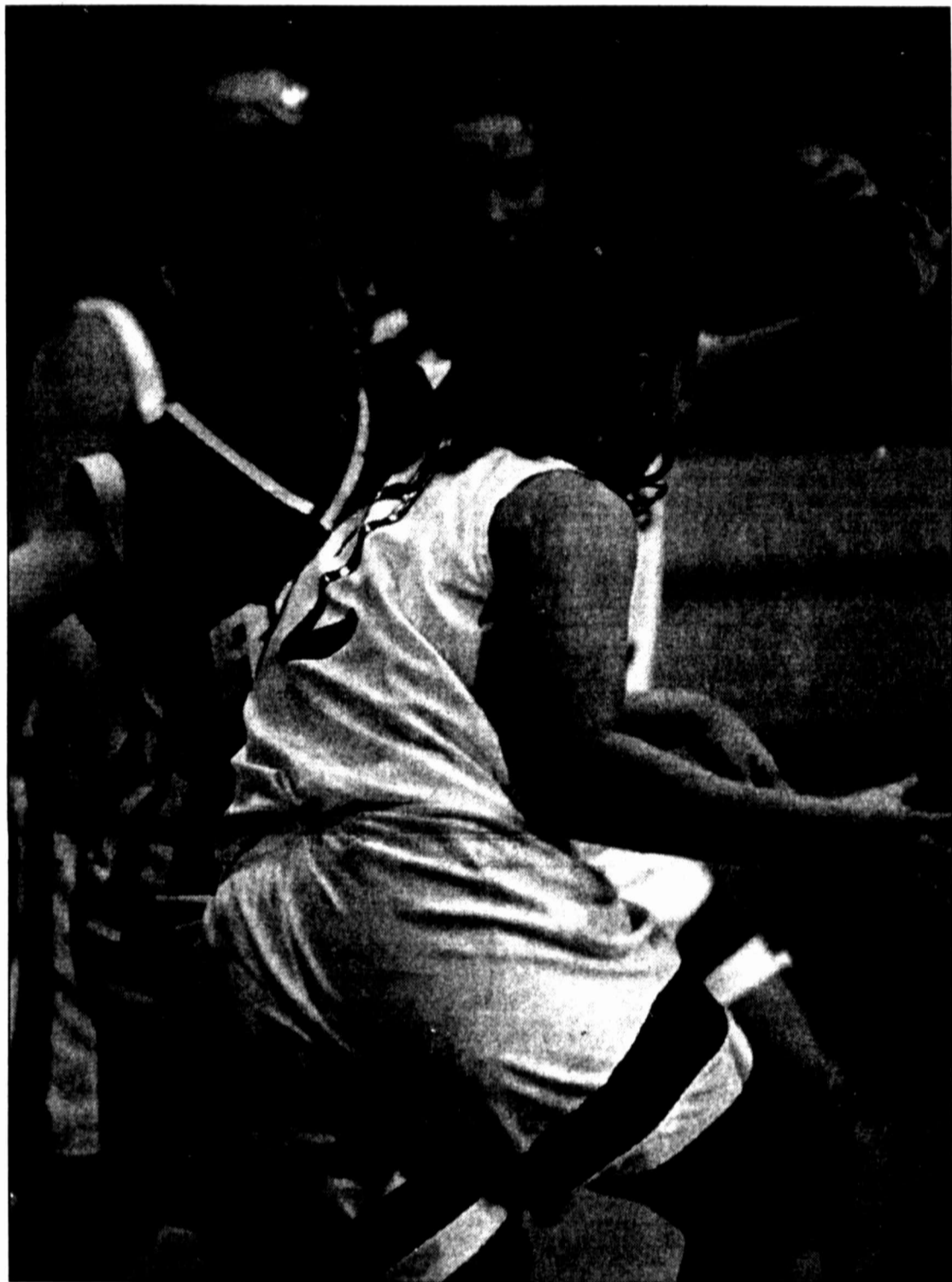
Roby loses one senior, while Garden City graduates three.

The contest couldn't have been any closer. Roby led most of the night, trailing just once in the contest when Amanda Henson's soft touch around the basket put the Lady Bearkats ahead 9-8 with 7:00 left in the second half.

Roby would never let Garden City lead again, but the Lady 'Kats were constantly breathing down their neck trailing by just a few throughout the rest of the contest. Each time Roby made a run, Garden City had an answer.

Charities from posts Kandra Lakey and Lyndi Stuart put Roby ahead 13-9, but Lady 'Kats senior guard Collene Cox found Jessica Hoch on the left side and Hoch hit her first of two treys to bring Garden City within one.

Stuart responded with one from behind the arc, and freshman Adree Lakey, who had been battling the flu, made her freebies. Lady 'Kats sophomore guard Brecklyn Hughes found Hoch again who made her



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro
Roby's Kayla Kiser sticks out her tongue as she concentrates on applying defensive pressure on Garden City's Megan Niehues during Friday night's Class 1A, Division I area playoff game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For a second straight year, the Lady Bearkats saw their season come to a close with a loss to Roby.

second three-pointer. But Adree Lakey's older sister, Kandra, got the put-back the next time down the floor for a 20-15 advantage. Garden City freshman Megan Niehues found the bucket before halftime, sending her Garden City team into intermission trailing 17-20.

The Lady 'Kats did an impressive job in the first half on the older Lakey, who has won state shot put titles as a freshman and sophomore, limiting her to 3-for-7 shooting with a pesky defense. Roby took advantage of Garden City's eight turnovers in the first

two quarters, scoring 10 points. Roby's Rachel Smith pushed the lead to 22-17, and Hoch responded with the conventional three-point play decreasing Roby's lead to 22-20. But Kandra Lakey was just getting started.

The junior, who entered the contest averaging 18 points per game, reeled off the next 10 points, stealing the ball at one point and cutting to the basket.

"I think we lost her on the boards," Lady 'Kats head coach Brent Kirkland said. "We weren't where we were supposed to be. We just didn't execute at times."

But Garden City would not go away, getting baskets from Henson and Cox, and a perfectly executed inbound play from Cox to Niehues under their own basket to stay in the hunt 26-32.

Hoch hit a field goal, and Cox nailed a trey to get within 31-34 with 6:30 left. Kandra Lakey hit four charities in four attempts and made a lay-up, while Niehues and Henson made baskets off the glass for 35-39 with 5:00 left.

Sophomore guard Leslie

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Hawks hope to continue dominance over NMJC on Monday

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
Howard College's Hawks hope the third time they play New Mexico Junior College continues to be a charm.

Howard already has beaten the Thunderbirds in a pre-conference tournament, 83-70, and at home, 76-55, on Jan. 24 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Head coach Chris Jans and his squad will travel to Hobbs, N.M., Monday night for the third meeting this season. Tip-off is scheduled for 7:50 p.m. (MST).

The T-birds' go-to man Tareick Leach leads all scorers with a 16.7 points per game production — fifth best in the league overall. He receives strong back-up from sophomore Jason Gant of San Antonio who leads the league in rebounds with 10.6 boards and 13.7 points per

outing. Victor Colon provides 11.7 points and 5.48 rebounds.

The contest was never in doubt when the two teams met in their fourth conference game. Howard led 30-10 in the first half and went into the locker room ahead, 44-22. Sophomore Zach Moss led the Hawks with 18 points and Van Jamison pulled down seven boards.

The win pushed the Hawks to 2-2 in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference. Howard now stands at 5-5 — a distant fifth behind league leader South Plains College (9-1) and a three-way tie for second between Odessa College, New Mexico Military Institute and Midland College, all who are 7-3.

"Mathematically we're not out of it," Jans said. "We've just got to win games and let the chips fall where they may. We just have to focus on

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Lady Hawks recall start of downturn

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald
When the Lady Hawks met New Mexico Junior College Jan. 24 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Howard was looking to stop the bleeding of a two-game losing streak and NMJC was looking for its first conference win.

Howard blew a 16-point lead and ended up losing by two, 74-72, and has since fallen to 1-8 in league play.

"(NMJC) played extremely well, and we played decent," Howard head coach Joey Wells said. "They are definitely beating us. Right now, we're both in the same boat. They're out of the regional tournament, and so are we."

"It's just a matter of who can stay focused. It's going to boil down to

whose got the most pride because that's all we're playing for now."

The Lady Hawks and the Lady Thunderbirds tip off at 5:50 p.m. (MST) in Hobbs.

Several of Howard's sophomores are still looking to continue playing at a higher level after finishing their career with the Lady Hawks and that should be some added incentive heading into the home stretch, Wells said.

The first-year head coach said they must play well to improve their chances at earning a Division I scholarship.

About three or four of his players can compete in Division I, Wells said. That, in addition to knowing how to compete is enough reason to continue their strong work ethic

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL American League BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with SS Gary DeSanctis on a minor league contract. TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with INF OF Frank Catalanotto on a one-year contract. National League LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with P Shigetaka Sano on a minor league contract. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated F Alan Henderson from the injured list. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Activated G Trajan Langford from the injured list. Placed G Bimbo Coles on the injured list. GOLDEN STATE WARRIORS—Activated G Dean Oliver from the injured list. Placed G Cedric Henderson on the injured list. FOOTBALL National Football League JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Named John Hufnagel quarterbacks coach. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Retired Joe Pascale to work on special projects. Named Bill Ampsperger associate head coach for defense. HOCKEY National Hockey League DALLAS STARS—Announced D Dave Manush has cleared waivers and assigned him to Utah of the AHL.

TOP 25 - MEN

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, W, L, Pct. Lists top 25 men's college basketball teams.

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Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, W, L, Pct. Lists top 25 women's college basketball teams.

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, W, L, Pct. Lists high school basketball rankings for boys and girls.

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Junior high tennis teams post victories over Snyder

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The Big Spring Junior High tennis team hosted a match at the Figure 7 Tennis Center Tuesday against Snyder. Both the seventh and eighth graders won their matches with scores of 10-6 and 10-5, respectively.

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most part," Big Spring coach Sarah Corse said. "The boys all won their first-round matches and the No. 1 girls singles and doubles also won their first matches. The girls team did not do as well as we expected. Missing one of our top girls' singles players hurt the team in the overall standings. The girls started strong but didn't maintain the momentum. We have some work to do between now and district play in Levelland April 1."

The next varsity tournament is scheduled for Feb. 22 in Odessa and then the team has a long hiatus until it travels to Lubbock on March 22 for a tournament hosted by Lubbock Coronado.

On Tuesday, the Steers junior varsity traveled to Abilene High to play a tournament where Justin Ferrell and Nick Parades won the boys' doubles.

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Jansa hit the front end of a shooting foul and with 4:00 left, Garden City was nipping at the heels of the Lady Lions. But Kandra Lakey railed back and put Roby up 41-36 with a dish from Thane, and Roby led 41-36 with 3:43 left.

But the Lady Kats had trouble getting over the hump. Jansa fouled out, and Henson's shot was blocked by Adree Lakey. And Roby was in the double bonus.

Adree Lakey's two free throws gave more breathing room and a pair of misses at both ends of the floor ensued before Henson, who finished with eight points off of the bench fouled out.

Hoch got a good look at the basket and the ball was on line from behind the arc but bounced off. The most Garden City could score was a free throw from Niehues.

"We didn't execute as well as we needed to win," Kirkland said. "We're still a young team. They're still learning. These kids played their hearts out. Roby was just really experienced."

"I just hope everybody learns from this experience. We'll be losing three seniors. And they have contributed a lot to this program. But all these girls got some good experience tonight, and I couldn't ask more. They truly played their hearts out."

Roby 48, Garden City 38. ROBY — Chelsea Thane 0-2 2-4; Kaye Kiser 2-4 0-3; Rachel Smith 1-2 0-2; Shante Moffett 0-1 0-0; Adree Lakey 1-3 6-8; Kandra Lakey 8-13 8-10; Danielle Evans 0-2 0-0; Lynn Stuart 1-7 1-2. Totals: 13-34 18-27 45. GARDEN CITY — Collene Cox 2-9 1-3 6; Leslie Jansa 0-1 1-2; Brocklyn Hughes 0-0 0-0; Lindsey Chude 0-0 0-0; Jessica Hoch 5-11 1-15; Amanda Henson 4-9 0-1 8; Lori Hoelscher 0-3 0-0 0; Megan Niehues 4-8 1-3 9. Totals: 16-41 14-39. Scores by Quipars: ROBY 8 12 13 13-48 GARDEN CITY 7 10 9 13-39 Three-point shots: Roby 1 (Stuart 1-3, Thane 0-2, Moffett 0-1); GC 3 (Hoch 2-5, Cox 1-3). Rebounds: Roby 33 (K. Lakey 14, A. Lakey 7, Stuart 3, Kiser 2, Smith, Moffett 1); GC 23 (Niehues 5, Cox 3, Chude, Hoch, Henson, 2, Jansa, Hoelscher 1). Fouls: Roby 13, GC 21. Fouled out: Jansa, Henson, Niehues. Assists: Roby 3 (Kiser 2, Lakey), GC 7 (Cox 4, Jansa, Niehues, Hughes 1). Steals: Roby 5 (K. Lakey 2, Stuart, Thane, Kiser), GC 4 (Hoch 3, Jansa 1). Records: Roby 20-11, GC finishes 21-10.

Neighbors bested Tara Kubena, Amanda Farmer defeated Kayla Hartzog, Jessica New bested Laura Boyd and Jessica Alvarez won her match against Krista Dorsett.

New and Alvarez paired to defeat Desiree Guerrero and Arissa Sanchez, while Jamie Jordan and Leann Brumley defeated Erica Munoz and Lindsay Small.

In the seventh-grade matches, the boys won three of five singles matches and one of three doubles matches. Paul Diaz conquered Austin Lyle, Kyle Conley overcame Omar Alcala and Roshan Shroff won his match against Cody Alaniz. Dusty Thomas and Collin Carroll were both defeated.

Shroff and Bryan Juan defeated Ty Stone and Tyler Zalman in doubles play.

The girls won all their doubles and singles matches.

In singles, Natasha

Andrade to defeat Gabriel Aguilar and Danny Courtney. Bryan Juan and Trevor Davila defeated Tyler Courtney, while Joey Harvey and Lilley Callison paired to defeat the Andrew Dupree and Wesley Price.

The girls won three of four singles matches and one of three doubles matches. Rochelle McMeans played two singles matches, defeating both Alley Brewster and Whitley Fullford.

Reinhilde Robinson beat Krista Dorsett. Robinson and Tiffany Richards paired to bring in the only girls doubles win against Fullford and Aspen Mann.

Tiffany Richards lost her singles match against Cassey Mhoon, while Morgan Metcalf and Alcantar lost both their doubles matches.



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Expos back to baseball; Smoltz, Graves in new roles this season

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The Montreal Expos are back — with Frank Robinson as their manager and 29 new owners. John Smoltz and Danny Graves will have to get used to new roles, too.

After an offseason of uncertainty in which they were nearly eliminated, the Expos took the field in Jupiter, Fla., on Friday, opening camp for what probably is their final season.

Former Expos owner Jeffrey Loria bought the Florida Marlins and took most of his staff with him. The Expos were bought by the other 29 ballclubs.

"The emphasis will be on wins, on what happens on

the field," Robinson said. "I do know there are good players here. I'm going to ask the players to give 100 percent, have fun, and play with intensity."

A healthy Smoltz took the field in Kissimmee, Fla., but he won't be working out with Atlanta starters Greg Maddux and Tom Glavine. Smoltz will be further getting used to his role as the Braves closer.

Smoltz missed the entire 2000 season after having elbow surgery in spring training. Then after spending much of the early part of last season on the disabled list, he returned in a relief role July 22. He went on to save 10 games in 11 opportunities with a 1.59 ERA.

"It's not going to be a

point where I say I've embraced it and I'm going to enjoy it for the rest of my career," said Smoltz, who signed a three-year, \$30 million contract in the offseason to stay with the Braves as the stopper.

"I just think it's something I'm going to learn to enjoy," he said. "I think I'm going to do awfully well, but I just think that it's a job that totally changes everything I've done for the last 15 years."

When Cincinnati pitchers and catchers report to Sarasota, Fla., on Saturday, Graves, who has made all 299 major league appearances out of the bullpen, will take the mound as a starter. The Reds look to get stability from their rotation,

which had a 5.47 ERA last season, second-worst in the NL.

"Danny will get the opportunity to pitch a couple or three innings (as a starter) the first two or three times out, then we'll go from there," pitching coach Don Gullett said. "It depends upon what your needs are."

In Mesa, Ariz., the highlight for three-time Cy Young winner Randy Johnson was seeing Todd Stottlemyre taking the mound for the World Series champion Arizona Diamondbacks.

"I'm excited to see him throw, excited that there's a very good possibility that he'll be in our rotation," Johnson said.

After missing all of last

season and most of 1999 and 2000 with shoulder and elbow injuries, Stottlemyre said he purposely pushed himself physically the last three months with a "make it or break it" mentality. He threw as many as 80 pitches at game speed after warming up.

"I abused myself on days to make sure that when I got to this point I wasn't going to be going home early or packing my bags or calling it quits," Stottlemyre said. "I've done everything I can to this point to get to this point... unquestionably I'm healthy and ready to go."

In Bradenton, Fla., the painless pop of the catcher's mitt was almost as sweet sounding as the first cracks of the bat for Pirates catch-

er Jason Kendall, who had offseason thumb surgery.

"I wasn't sure what to expect, but it went well," said Kendall, who hit a career-low .266 last season. "Catching was no problem. I was a little nervous about hitting, but I'm excited with how everything went."

Catcher Jason Varitek played long toss at Boston's camp in Fort Myers, Fla., testing the elbow he broke June 7. And Pedro Martinez thinks Varitek's return is essential for the pitching staff.

"Jason was probably the biggest key, believe it or not," Martinez said. "Once we lost Jason, everything seemed like it was different. Jason is the head of the staff."

Second-ranked Kansas takes 87-72 win over Baylor

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nick Collison had 22 points as No. 2 Kansas overcame lethargy and sloppy ball-handling to beat Baylor 87-72 Saturday and remain unbeaten in the Big 12.

The Jayhawks' offense, which had scored over 100 points four of the previous five games, was never able to get in high gear against the more deliberate attack of the Bears, who came in as 22-point underdogs but trailed by only 2 points six minutes into the second half.

Collison had Kansas' last four baskets and hit the last two buckets in a 10-2 run that put the Jayhawks on top 83-68 with 2:32 left.

Baylor's Wendell Greenleaf, who'd been averaging 14 points, was just 1-of-10 for 2 points.

Outshot and outrebounded, the Jayhawks (23-2, 12-0 Big 12) trailed much of the first half while stars Drew Gooden and Kirk Hinrich struggled. Gooden, leading the Big 12 with more than 20 points a game, had only 4 in the first half and finished with 11 on 3-of-10 shooting. With 14 rebounds, he still had his 19th double-double.

Jeff Boschee's 3-pointer at the buzzer gave Kansas a 4-point halftime lead and Baylor (14-11, 4-8) never regained the lead. Kansas led 53-51 when Keith Langford hit a 12-foot jumper and triggered a 9-2 run that finally gave Kansas a semi-comfortable lead.

Boschee, who had 15 points at halftime, finished with 21 as the Jayhawks won their 10th in a row and dropped the Bears' road record to 0-9. Since spraining his left thumb two games ago, Boschee has hit 12 3-pointers. Hinrich, who had been averaging almost 19 points in the nine-game winning streak, wound up with 11 points on 4-of-12 shooting.

Lawrence Roberts had 21 for Baylor while John Lucas had 16, mostly on off-balance jumpers and runners.

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Andre Emmett had 33 points and 10 rebounds and Will Chavis added 22 points Saturday as Texas Tech won

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in Boulder for the first time in more than 17 years with a 97-79 rout of Colorado.

Emmett shot 14-for-23 and Texas Tech (18-6, 7-5 Big 12 Conference) shot 55 percent as it won in Boulder for the first time since Dec. 27, 1984. It also marked only the fifth Red Raider win in 19 meetings with the Buffaloes.

D.J. Harrison had 23 points and six rebounds for Colorado (13-10, 4-8), which lost its third straight and had its five-game home winning streak snapped. Stephane Pelle added 13 points and 11 rebounds.

Texas Tech combined hot shooting with smothering interior defense to lead 43-33 at the half. The Red Raiders shot 61 percent in the first half and held Colorado 7-foot center David Harrison to three shots and four points in building as much as an 18-point lead.

Two baseline jumpers by Emmett put Texas Tech ahead 40-22. Baskets by D.J. Harrison and Pelle in the last minute cut Colorado's deficit to 10 points.

The Red Raiders extended their lead to 57-41 on Kasib Powell's three-point play early in the second half, but Michel Morandais hit three shots in an 8-0 run for Colorado to cut the lead to 62-49.

Emmett hit a reverse layup over David Harrison

to start a 10-2 run to put Texas Tech ahead 79-61.

Blair Wilson's 3-pointer with 2:38 left got Colorado as close as 86-77. Then Chavis hit eight free throws in the final 2:32.

No. 7 Alabama 95, Tennessee 82

Erwin Dudley had 25 points and Earnest Shelton matched a career high with 21 as No. 7 Alabama overcame a miserable second half start for a 95-82 victory over Tennessee on Saturday.

The Crimson Tide (22-4, 10-2 Southeastern Conference) took a two-game lead over No. 6 Florida in the league race despite missing their first 13 shots after halftime.

The Volunteers (13-12, 6-6) managed just nine points to take a 51-48 lead in that six-plus minute drought for Alabama.

But Demetrius Smith and Maurice Williams hit 3-pointers and Shelton converted a 3-point play to give the Tide the lead for good and start a 22-6 run over less than four minutes.

Antoine Pettway hit two 3s in a 20-second span and Smith had a steal and layup to give Alabama a 70-57 lead with 9:35 left.

The Volunteers, who had won five of the last six meetings, couldn't come closer

than nine points after that. Alabama hit 10 straight free throws in the final 2:53 to seal its 15th win in 17 games.

Mississippi 68, No. 6 Florida 51

Aaron Harper had 18 points as Mississippi gave its NCAA tournament resume a big boost by defeating sixth-ranked Florida 68-51 Saturday.

The Rebels' best shot at beating the deeper and more athletic Gators was to make it an ugly game, and that's exactly what they did.

Ole Miss (19-7, 8-5 Southeastern Conference) snarled the highest-scoring offense in the SEC, holding the Gators (19-5, 8-4) to their lowest point total of the season by far.

Matt Bonner was a one-man gang for the usually balanced Gators. Bonner had 19 points and eight rebounds. He was 7-for-11 from the field as the Gators shot just 29 percent.

Florida's other two all-stars — Udonis Haslem and Brett Nelson — had poor games. Nelson was shut out and missed all nine of his shots. Haslem scored 14 points, but was 3-for-10 from the floor and in foul trouble most of the game.

Ole Miss made 10 of 24 3s and knocked down 22 of 27 from the line.

No. 21 Georgia 78, No. 10 Kentucky 69

Ezra Williams scored 20 points and Jarvis Hayes 19 as No. 21 Georgia pulled away down the stretch and defeated No. 10 Kentucky 78-69 Saturday.

The Bulldogs (19-7, 8-5

Southeastern Conference) completed a sweep of their regular-season meetings with the Wildcats for the first time since 1986-87 and posted two consecutive victories over the Wildcats (17-7, 7-5) for only the fifth time in the series.

Steve Thomas added 16 points and 12 rebounds and Rashad Wright 10 points as the Bulldogs prevented Kentucky from posting its 100th victory in 118 meetings. The Wildcats had won seven in a row at Georgia and 10 of 11.

Gerald Fitch and Tayshaun Prince each scored 17 points for the Wildcats and Marquis Estill added 14.

The teams were tied 32-all at halftime, but Georgia went in front to stay at 35-34 when Williams converted a three-point play with 19:04 to play. It started a 10-0 run for the Bulldogs that ended on a Hayes layup from Daniels with 17:02 to go.

Kentucky closed to 44-42 on a Prince layup at the 14:50 mark, but the Wildcats never got closer. With Georgia leading 65-60, Hayes made a 3-point jumper with 3:02 left.

Houston 76, Memphis 73

Dominic Smith buried a long three from the top of the key in the final minute and sank a pair of free throws with four seconds left to lead Houston to a 76-73 win over Memphis on Saturday.

With the defeat, the Tigers (20-7, 10-3 in Conference USA) extended their losing streak to a season-high three games. Houston (14-11,

7-5) has now won three of four.

Playing without senior Kelly Wise — who has missed portions of the last three games with a strained right knee — Memphis actually led for most of the second half despite trailing at the break, 33-31.

But with just under six minutes to play, the Cougars went on an 8-2 run, including six points by Patrick Okafor, to cut the Memphis lead to 68-66 with 3:36 left.

Smith's three with 41 seconds remaining gave Houston its first lead in almost 15 minutes, and the Tigers could never pull even again despite three possessions in the final 40 seconds.

Memphis got one last chance with freshman Dajuan Wagner's desperation three at the buzzer, but it banked off the top of the backboard.

Okafor led Cougar scoring with 25 points on 7-of-9 shooting while Louis Truscott added 18 points and 11 rebounds. Smith finished with 16 points.

The Tigers were led by Wagner's 23 points. Earl Barron finished with 14 points and 10 rebounds. Anthony Rice added 10 points and Antonio Burks finished with 12.

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Spanish diplomat who ran the IOC from 1980 to 2001, would probably have kept out of any public involvement in the dispute and dealt with it quietly behind the scenes.

But Rogge, a former Olympic sailor and Belgian surgeon who was elected president in July, took the unusual step of issuing a public warning to the ISU: Sort out the judging controversy ASAP.

Rogge is bunking in the athletes' village in Salt Lake City rather than enjoying the five-star hotel luxury long associated with the IOC. That alone may have made Rogge more acutely aware of the impact the skating scandal was having

on all the athletes and the games.

In 1994, the games were dominated by the Tonya and Nancy saga, and whether Harding should be allowed to skate after being linked to a physical attack on Kerrigan.

Samaranch and the IOC remained silent then, describing it as an internal U.S. dispute.

"Times are changing, and Jacques Rogge felt it was important to let the public know where the IOC stood," IOC vice president Kevan Gosper said. "He feels the games are going so well, and something like this, if left to run its course, has a downside."

The brunt of the scandal may be over, but the investigation is not. Nor has the

ISU come up with a way to revamp the judging system to thwart further cheating.

"For the future of our sport," Sale said, "this has to be fixed. The truth still has to come out."

The ISU is still sorting out who pressured Le Gougne to vote for the Russians, and why. ISU president Ottavio Cinghenta told the Associated Press that Le Gougne said the pressure came from her own federation.

French federation president Didier Gailhaguet denied her allegation, and Le Gougne declined to comment publicly.

"But accounts of Le Gougne's sobbing admission and accusation at a judges' review meeting the day after the pairs event were reported by several newspapers.

"You don't understand! You don't understand!" head referee Ron Pfenning quoted Le Gougne as saying, according to the Washington Post. "The pres-

sure is enormous! There is so much pressure that my federation, that the president, Didier, put on me to put the Russians first! You've got to help! You've got to help!"

Sale and Pelletier were understandably thrilled by the chance to stand on the gold medal podium and hear their national anthem played after they skated.

For their part, Berezhnaya and Sikharulidze were bit-

ter that their gold was tarnished and that some might have wrongly associated them with a conspiracy.

It was an affair that left nobody particularly happy, least of all athletes in other sports whose achievements were overlooked while so much attention was focused on the brouhaha.

Americans were winning more Winter Olympics medals than ever, and there were inspiring triumphs by athletes from around the world.

HAWKS

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us and control what we can control and the outcomes of our games."

Howard's dominating 85-69 win over Midland College Thursday night in Big Spring was a good step in the right direction, Jans said.

"I thought our guys realized that they needed to play with intensity," Jans said. "It doesn't matter who we are playing and where we're at. We have to set the tone for the remainder of the year if we want to compete. We are two games behind with four games to play. We're not in a great situation.

"We just need to take care of our business and continue to win. We'll see what happens in the end."

The Hawks will have to contain Leach, Gant and Colon who combined for 38 of the team's 55 points in their last outing with Howard. The Thunderbirds rotated only six players in their lineup and Howard finally wore them down.

"They are both dangerous players," Jans said. "Leach is very good off of the dribble and creates a lot of problems. Colon is more of a catch and shoot guy: a three-point shooter. If he hits one or two, he'll just build off of that confidence.

"We'll need to keep Leach

in front of us and keep him out of the paint and prevent him from shooting over us."

Sophomore Artavius Davis will probably get first shot at guarding one of the better players providing the Hawk's with its best one-on-one coverage. But Jans expects to continue rotating an arsenal of 10 players in the first half keeping legs fresh for the second 20 minutes and finding who is having a good shooting night.

"We think we have a lot of guys who are capable of playing," Jans said. "We'll see who has the hot hand, and then go with that lineup more in the second half. We'll play a bunch the first half and rotate seven to eight guys in the second half."

The Hawks will try to slow down Leach and Colon in the Thunderbirds' home gym. NMJC likes to play a half-court game.

"If (Leach and Colon) have a big night, we're in trouble and we're going to their place, where anyone can step up. It's their home environment. We are going to concentrate and play hard."

Howard follows Monday's match-up with a trip to Borger and a meeting with Frank Phillips College before returning home for its last conference game taking on nationally-ranked South Plains College.

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against NMJC. "We have good talent," Wells said. "We just couldn't get it together this year."

The Lady Hawks talent level was even with 2001 National Tournament finalist Midland College Thursday night in Big Spring. Howard stayed even with the Lady Chaps until five minutes before halftime when Midland went on a 14-0 run en route to an 86-58 win.

"We played well," Wells said. "We played unselfish and did some things we talked about doing. Then after that, we got selfish and took shots we shouldn't be taking. We didn't rebound. But, definitely, I thought we played well early on."

Lady Thunderbird Post Tiffany Washington is third in the WJCAC in scoring

with 16.4 points per game and second in rebounding with 10.9 boards. Brittany Crouch pops in 16.2 points per contest, mostly off of hustle, Wells said.

"Those two hurt us last time," Wells said. "They made some really big shots when they had to. They played really, really well."

Zaneta Lane is eighth in the league in rebounding with 7.5 boards. Howard's Shamielka Buckley leads all Lady Hawks with 15 points per game.

"I think man-to-man, we match up great with them. I think (Latasha) Mathiew matches up well with Crouch. It's just a matter of whether we're going to show up," Wells said. "I would much rather go 2-2 then 0-4 the last four games. It will boil down to who enjoys playing and who wants to win."

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Big Spring Animal Shelter *sporting a new image*

To make a donation of food or supplies to the animal shelter contact Lieutenant Stan Parker at the Big Spring Police Department, 264-2570.



Story and photos by Andrea Medlin

The city pound, as it was once known, was at one time a place that was dismal, dirty and the last stop for an animal that had the misfortune to be picked up by animal control.

Big Spring Animal Control has had several changes made that benefit both the animals as well as the public.

Although the city ordinances have stayed the same for the most part, there have also been some interesting changes in how the animals are handled after they are picked up and transported to the facility.

While the euthanasia policy still stands with the animals being kept for 72 hours before they are euthanized, this is not necessarily set in stone according to animal control warden, Ed Sternadel.

"Euthanasia is used only as a last resort. The big dogs are harder to place so they usually go first, but if we know there's a chance to place a dog we will hold them a little longer. The little dogs are usually easier to get adopted. We do our best to find the animal's owner or to adopt them out before we have to put them down," said Sternadel.

In order to encourage the public to register their animals with the city, a new program called Home Again, a companion animal retrieval system, that helps owners locate a lost pet has been implemented.

"From now on when an animal is adopted it will have a microchip inserted and it will be entered into the database. If the animal is picked up again later we can scan that chip and tell who the owner is. There is also a national database with a 1-800 number that the information can be entered into for a small fee," he said.

"If we can't make physical contact with the owner then we send a notice by certified mail," added animal warden, Johnny Anchondo.

When someone adopts an animal they are given a registration packet that can be filled out and sent with a fee of \$12.50 to the national center where the information is entered into a national database.

If an owner has lost a pet a description of each animal is posted at the shelter.

"They can come and look on the bulletin board where we post a description of the animals we pick up," said Sternadel.

The bulletin board is located inside the shelter at the south entrance and the shelter is open from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday and Sunday.

To adopt a pet from the shelter a fee of \$70 which includes a city tag, rabies vaccinations and microchipping is charged. Although this may seem expen-

sive, the new owner will have peace of mind when they take their animal home knowing that if their pet becomes lost it has a greater chance of being returned.

If your dog or cat is picked up there are shelter fees that are charged and include — first time pick up of animal is \$25 (this will increase everytime the animal is picked up). There is a \$50 fee if the animal has to be quarantined and rabies vaccinations are \$10. A boarding fee of \$3 is charged every day after the time limit is up on the animal.

Other ordinances pertaining to animals within the city limits that the public should be aware of are that all cats and dogs are to be vaccinated against rabies by a practicing veterinarian. You must obtain a city tag through the police department records.

A rabies certificate must be shown before receiving this tag. A discount will be given if proof of spaying or neutering is shown.

If you have proof that the animal has been spayed or neutered the fee for a city tag is \$4. If you cannot provide this proof the fee is \$15.

All animals must be kept within a confined area or on a leash/chain under the control of the owner. A permit is issued by the city secretary's office for keeping fowl, livestock, exotic pets or swine within the city limits.

The city provides an animal warden (there are two currently on staff) seven days a week, eight hours a day and one on call 24 hours a day.

Animal bite reports are taken and citations are issued for violations of city ordinances and/or state laws. Live traps for animals are also offered by animal control.

The current condition of the shelter and its charges is good. The pens are kept clean, the animals fed and watered, but its two man staff is often overwhelmed with calls and the facility itself could use a face-lift.

"There are structural problems that need to be fixed and we need to expand. When we fill up that's when we have to start euthanizing the animals," explained Lieutenant Stan Parker of the Big Spring Police Department who is responsible for the shelter operation.

Donations of food and supplies are greatly appreciated. "We spend a huge amount of money on dog food," Parker said adding that larger cages for the cats and a "donation of a facility would be great."

The Big Spring facility is one of the first small agencies to implement the microchip system. Improvement of facility and its service to the community are currently in the planning stage.

Meanwhile, Parker and the wardens work diligently to provide quality care for the dogs and cats who are currently being kept at the shelter.

Avoiding euthanasia is an important issue for the staff who are dedicated to finding an alternative for the fate of the cats and dogs if at all possible.

"We want to encourage people to come out (to the shelter). We will do anything to get the animals adopted," Parker emphasized.

Johnny Anchondo and Ed Sternadel, animal control wardens, hold these puppies that are being held until their owner can pick them up. Dogs and cats that are picked up by animal control now have a better chance of survival due to the shelter's new policy on locating owners and attempts to place stray animals. Sternadel tends to the feline charges at the shelter who are in need of larger cages. The shelter accepts donations of food and supplies that will improve the quality of care of the animals kept there. Any dog or cat that is adopted can be equipped with a microchip and entered into a statewide or national computer system that will help insure the animal's safe return if lost or stolen. A flock of chickens that were impounded from a home in the city limits are allowed to roam on the grounds around the shelter. The chickens are a natural defense against tick infestation.

"Adventures in Big Spring" and other tales of local personalities

Perhaps I should label this column "Adventures in Big Spring" since I have some adventuresome characters to write about. Several years back I was driving a rather small GMC Gremlin vehicle over on West Highway 87. Some guy in a dilapidated pickup truck pulled up along side and motioned me over to the roadside. Oh my gosh? A plain clothes city cop pulling me over? A portly

fella stepped out of his vehicle and says, "Sure do like your little car. Want to sell it? It's just the thing I need for my daughter to drive to college." "Well, I uh..."



AL SCOTT

"I'll give you \$500 bucks for it" said the portly gentleman. Now at this period in time it sounded great to me and cash and car titles were exchanged on the spot. The portly gentleman turned out to be Mr. Chuck Cawthon, owner of Chuck's Surplus. This occasion turned out to be the beginning of a long and lasting friendship. Mr. Chuck was and

will remain a sweetheart to this column writer. Always friendly, a guy who would give you the shirt off his back. He is warm and has a terminal smile. I can't remember exactly the first time I visited and walked through his store but I found that to do so was an adventure in itself. Chuck's store was a paradise for the hunter or fisherman. Gosh, Chuck had not

only Army, Navy, and Marine uniforms, but shoulder patches, flags, swords, and not to mention GI cooking utensils. He also had a vast array of camouflage gear and those great GI campaign hats from Teddy Roosevelt's time, the "Banana Wars," boxer rebellion, World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Now for still another treat run over to Main

Street in downtown Big Spring to our Record Shop and military buff's museum and talk to Jake Glickman. Jake makes regular trips out of town to every gun show in creation. And when you visit either of these gentlemen you'll know what I mean. Al Scott writes a regular column for the Herald.

ENGAGEMENTS

Stacy Noel Crowell and Todd Dudley, both of Kyle will exchange wedding vows March 30, 2002, in Austin.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Long of Hobbs, N.M.

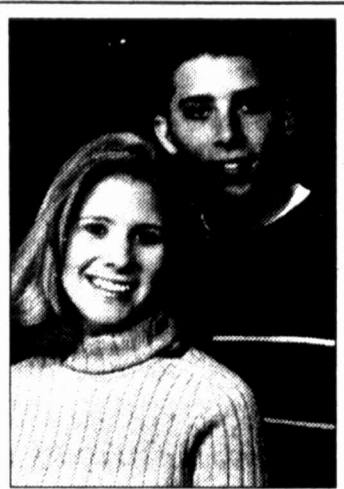
He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herschel Chenoweth of Dallas and Charles Dudley of Hope, Ark.



Stefanie Waggoner and Jeff Moss, both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows June 1, 2002, at First Christian Church.

She is the daughter of Steven and Sandra Waggoner of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Pat Dickenson of Big Spring and John and Anna Ruth Waggoner of Woodward, Okla.

He is the son of Ronnie and Pam Moss of Big Spring, the grandson of Darrell and Gwyneth Kennedy of Mesquite and Mike and Evelyn Moss of Dothan, Ala., and the great-grandson of Isabel Stanley of Dothan, Ala.



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Peggy Garza and Larry Porras, both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows March 1, 2002, with Justice of the Peace Bennie Green officiating.

She is the daughter of Geroge and Erlinda Uribe of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Jesse Gonzalez and Inez Garza of Big Spring.

He is the son of Pascual and Olivia Porras of Big Spring and the grandson of Dolores Porras of Big Spring.



Local personality nominated as Outstanding Volunteer

Herald Staff Report

Big Spring Women's Club recently nominated Lisa Brooks as Outstanding Clubwoman Volunteer.

As first vice-president and chairwoman of the fundraising committee, Lisa has orchestrated the annual fall wrapping paper sale, challenging members of the club to earn \$150 each for the club.

Although members did not reach that goal, the club did raise about \$1,400 for the club's spring allocations.

In addition, she has been faithful in her attendance at club meetings and has participated in club projects and programs.

She prepared cookies for the Howard County Library's Summer Reading Programs as part of the club CIP project.

As a member of the Public Affairs Committee, she participated in the Heart Walk to raise money for the American Heart Association.

A long-time member of the club, she has been invaluable in her guidance of newer club members and in her enthusiasm for all aspects of volunteerism.

She is sharing her knowledge of federation and club traditions by helping to prepare pamphlets describing the responsibilities expect-



BROOKS

ed of new officers and committee chairwomen.

She has enthusiastically cooperated in club projects and activities since 1986.

In addition to her current office of first vice president, she has served as corresponding secretary, president elect, president, and past president.

During her chairmanship of the Community Improvement Project, she led the club in organizing and conducting Pioneer Days in cooperation with the Heritage Museum.

Other major projects of interest have been planting wildflower seeds in the highway median and shoveling woodchips at the Kids' Zone playground.

Not only is she active in the Women's Club, Brooks has also been a driving force in the community.

She has served as president of the local chapter of the American Cancer Society, of which she has been a member since 1984.

Her involvement in many community activities has served as a catalyst for many club projects and allocations that have benefited these organizations over the years.

In short, she has been an asset to any organization of which she has been a part, including the Big Spring Woman's Club.

Her leadership and enthusiasm have motivated all of us to become a little more involved in our club and our community.

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Adoption hours of the shelter are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

The shelter is closed Mondays.

Special note: All dogs and

cats presently available for adoption at the Howard County Humane Society have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

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For more information call executive director, Tim Jones or co-managers, Barbara Carter or Suzi Garza at 267-7832.

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WEDNESDAY-Turkey pot pje, baby carrots w/ranch, grapes, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.

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

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FRIDAY-Lasagna, salad, batter bread, corn, fruit, milk.

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MONDAY-Bean burrito or hot dog on a bun, corn, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pears, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce or chicken nuggets, green beans, salad, applesauce gelatin, French bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken or Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, mixed vegetables, peaches, hot rolls.

THURSDAY-Frito pie or baked potato, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.

FRIDAY-Bar-b-q on bun or beef stew, French fries, stuffed celery, apples, cornbread, milk.

WHO'S WHO

Kamie Schwartz has been named to the dean's list for the Fall 2001 semester at West Texas A&M University with a 3.6 gpa.

She is a senior management major and a candidate for May graduation.

She is a 1998 graduate of Garden City High School and the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence.

Michael David Galaviz of Big Spring was named to the College of Arts and Humanities Dean's List for Fall 2001 at Texas A&M University, Corpus Christi.

STORK CLUB

Michael Neal Lowry, boy, born Feb. 8, 2002, at 8:11 a.m. Weighing 8 pounds, 8.38 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Parents are Clint and Lisa Lowry of Ackerly. Grandparents are Durer and Janiz Jordan of Graham and Boyd and Joyce Lowry of Stephenville.

Rebecca Ann Watson, girl, born Feb. 12, 2002, at 12:24 p.m. Weighing 6 pounds, 5 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long.

Parents are Michael and Jacklynn Watson. Grandparents are Yvonne and Jack Acuff of Lincoln, Ill. and Gloria and Dennis Watson of Big Spring.



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Sept. 11 casts shadow on art show

SAN ANTONIO — The terrorist attacks of Sept. 11 cast a long shadow over the Blue Star Art Space's "Texas Dialogues: Houston-San Antonio."

An ominous installation with gas masks, broken canvas and frames, images of shell shock and panic and a fingerprint database all seem to be inspired by the paranoia and fear of last fall.

While these feelings have begun to fade for some, Sept. 11 was fresh on the minds of the show's curators when they selected the artists in October.

"I wasn't really trying to do a Sept. 11 show, but it was all I could think about while I was visiting the artists' studios," Blue Star curator Risa Puleo said. "I just tried to pick the things that I liked. We really didn't have a theme for the show. But now I can see that the terrorists' attacks were very much on my mind."

In the Blue Star's "Dialogue" shows, which run through Feb. 15, a curator from San Antonio and another city swap arts communities. In this case Puleo selected the Houston artists in this show, while Annika Marie of Houston picked the San Antonio artists.

Sprawling from the center of the gallery like some electromechanical octopus is Houston artist John Calaway's ominous "The Pod." In the middle is a rusted, corroded machine and tank of some sort, perhaps a bellows, while hoses branch out to a circle of five chairs. The hoses are connected to gas masks, which are draped over the back of the chairs, ready for an attack.

The most disturbing installation is by San Antonio artist Alex Lopez, who uses old military filmstrips, blinking lights, discordant noise and other effects in a darkened gallery to create feelings of panic and fright. The most jarring images are moving pictures of World War I soldiers suffering from the nervous

twitches of shell shock. Although the lengthy title refers to a young man's response to a burning truck, Lopez's frightening installation mirrors the mind of someone in the midst of battle.

Gabriel Delgado of Houston is a political activist whose work appears inspired by protests and demonstrations. But "Destruction" is part of a series of works made of nothing but blank, stretched canvas twisted around broken frames. In the wake of Sept. 11, these pieces have added resonance as symbols of art's inability to deal with incomprehensible acts of violence.

Houston artist Thedra probably wasn't trying to scare people with her "Biometric Group Portrait," but the piece deals with fingerprints, which could refer to the loss of privacy and increased surveillance in the war on terrorism. You can make your own fingerprints and add them to a wall mural and a computerized database.

If you've never been fingerprinted, it's a daunting prospect. Who has access to this data? Can the government use it to monitor the actions of all its citizens, or track you down? Becoming part of a faceless, bureaucratic database is likely to send a chill down the spines of most viewers. The loss of individual rights may not be worth winning a war.

The rest of the show is more idiosyncratic. Angelbert Metoyer of Houston is an African American artist who combines African art and rituals with American symbols and images in his large collage "Coin Coin (Ko-Kwe)." It's a big, powerful piece that merges voodoo with biblical references and tribal art with television. He's also showing a series of smaller, more pastoral drawings of animals and hunting scenes.

Perhaps the most relaxing work in the show is San Antonian Todd Brandt's

glowing, green grid of plastic film canisters and coffee creamer cups partially filled with paint. After the jarring and prickly images of most of the show, it's an oasis of calm.

Andra Caillouet of San Antonio sticks close to home and her computer. She's taken images from her bedroom and used software to add outlines, such as the entwined bird pattern on the wall or the jigsaw puzzle pieces that appear to cover the floor. Dreamy and domestic, her "Home" is a place of sanctuary.

The Blue Star has been spruced up for this show.

The room that once dominated the center of the space has been removed, opening up the gallery for much airier installations.

Also, two glass doors at the midpoint of the gallery now serve as the entrance. And the alternative art center has done away with its gift shop for a cleaner, more open look.

Featuring mostly young, unknown artists, "Texas Dialogues: Houston-San Antonio" is an intriguing, provocative conversation that ranges from a discussion of the country's war on terrorism to the comforts of the home front.

NEWCOMERS

Tim Ward and sons, Timothy and Christopher, and daughter, Catherine of Spur. He is employed by Star-Tek.

Wesley and Kay Fong of Spur.

Lisa Garza, son, Norman

Jr., and daughter, Ashley of Lamesa. She is employed by 7-Eleven.

Lana C. Kjirkham, son, Randell, and daughters, Kimber, Kayla, and Jackie of St. Peter, Minn. She is employed by Solitaire Homes.

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New York author gives tips to surviving Lone Star State

DALLAS (AP) — Texas transplant Sophia Dembling's book on living in the Lone Star State comes with a tongue-in-cheek warning.

"Texans will probably hate this book," writes Dembling, a self-professed interloper who is the most "heinous" of Yankees — a New Yorker.

But after 20 years in rough-and-tumble Texas, she's come up with a how-to guide for her peers, "The Yankee Chick's Survival Guide to Texas."

She said the idea came after sharing stories with other women who realized a state slogan rings true: Texas really is like a whole other country.

Dembling, 43, describes the culture shock of moving to a state where few grocery stores had matzo but every television was tuned to football.

For those that don't worship the gridiron, she advises: "Learn to throw a good football party. As long as you keep the beer cold and the chili bowls filled, you can ignore the game without causing offense."

She questions the John Wayne-like fascination with the Alamo (Texas lost, right?) and admires Texans' unwavering pride.

"Actually, Texans and New Yorkers have a lot in common," she said. "They both are certain they inhabit the center of the universe."

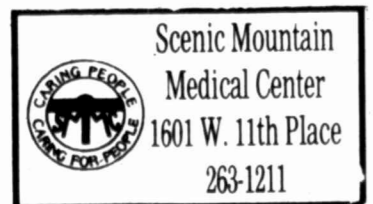
However, Texas ties are the strongest she's seen.

"It's absolutely astonishing," Dembling said. "The level of loyalty really blows my mind."

She notes the friendliness of Texans, who — once they decide not all Yankees are rude just because they speak frankly — can be downright charming.

Dembling also cites Texas rites of passage: the first time she saw a pickup truck with a gun rack, her first thunderstorm, the first time she realized a week is a long time to go without Mexican food.

"If you're an American and are neither Texan nor Southern, you're a Yankee," she said. "Never mind if your home state wasn't even a state during the Civil War."



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Municipalities can now exempt tax, but tax wasn't there before

HARLINGEN (AP) — Voters who thought they were approving a property tax exemption for trailer-residing Winter Texans did the reverse — codify a new statewide trailer tax.

The 12-word proposition that went before voters in November called for an exemption for the trailers, a popular mode of housing for senior citizens who make annual migrations from the chilly Northwest and Canada. Winter

Texans are viewed as a crucial part of the South Texas economy.

The problem is that before there could be an exemption, the law had to clearly state that the trailers otherwise were not exempt. Where the code previously said nothing about the trailers, the law now clearly labels them as taxable. Since the option to exempt does not apply to school districts, every travel trailer in the state is subject to school taxes.

"We believe the bill conflicts with constitutional provisions and we are currently working with the various parties to try and address that," Gov. Rick Perry's spokesman Gene Acuna said. "The governor's intent is not to have travel trailers subject to property tax."

"I don't want to perpetuate something gone wrong," Cameron County chief appraiser Mike Amezcua said, "but on the other hand it puts me in a tough position because I have to comply with the law."

Authors of the legislation blame wording disparities between the ballot and the bill on the biennial end-of-session rush.

"Everybody missed it. It's like a 10-year fluke," said Paul Cowan, spokesman for Sen. Eddie Lucio, a bill sponsor.

"I guess it moved through the process and went and went and went," bill sponsor Kino Flores

said.

Senior citizens who petitioned for the measure are now fuming, and school districts across Texas may face an uncollectible tax base that will hurt their state and federal aid.

"I already pay taxes on the land and now they're being taxed again," said Sam Varnell, owner of three recreational vehicle resorts in Cameron and Hidalgo counties.

Sears manager Olympics bound

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Faster, higher, stronger...better sales percentages?

Department store management isn't an Olympic event, but Jody Swinney, manager of the local Sears store, is bound for Salt Lake City because of his store's increase in sales percentages in 2001.

"We won an all-expense-paid trip to the Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah, based on sales percentage increase and customer satisfaction polls," he said. "Out of 750 stores, 14 of us won."

Swinney said his store's sales in 2001 increased about 28 percent as of December.

The manager and his wife will be leaving for the games early Monday morning and returning Thursday.

"All the events and everything are all set up, so we don't get to pick and choose, we have to take what they give us," he said. "But like my wife said, she doesn't care if it's Olympic Ping Pong as long as it's the Olympics."

Ping pong isn't on the schedule.

"We get to see the women's downhill final slalom, the women's ice hockey, the men's and women's short track speed skate and then the women's relay speed skate," Swinney



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Jody Swinney, manager of Sears in Big Spring, was hard at work Friday, just three days before his journey to the 2002 Olympic Winter Games in Salt Lake City. Sears is sending Swinney and his wife, along with 13 other store managers, to the games for excellence in sales percentage improvement and customer satisfaction.

said.

In addition to the trip, which includes air fare, lodging, meals and tickets, Sears is also giving the couple a new outfit.

"Both of us are getting a ski jacket, fleece vest, ski

pants, hats and gloves, all with the Sears and Olympics logos on them," he said.

The Swinneys are looking forward to the trip.

"It's real exciting, we're really thrilled," he said.

"It's a once in a lifetime shot."

Swinney thanked his customers in Big Spring for making the trip possible.

"If it wasn't for them, we wouldn't be going," he said.

Lotto Texas

Lottery Commission changes rules for awarding contracts; out-of-state agencies cry foul

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Lottery Commission is planning to change its rules for awarding contracts to reflect a new law that requires all state agencies consider the economic impact contracts will have on Texas.

Out-of-state companies say the rule unfairly favors Texas-based firms and could force some of the world's leading lottery firms out of the Texas market, one of the nation's largest.

Supporters say it does not give preference to Texas companies and does not prevent firms in other states from bidding on or winning Texas contracts if the firms can show they will best contribute to the Texas economy such as by creating jobs and buying supplies from state businesses.

Linda Cloud, lottery executive director, told commissioners that she believes the law passed last year clearly directs state agencies to use state economic impact as one factor in awarding contracts.

The commission will work to develop a fair, independent way to review all companies that bid on contracts using the new rule, which would apply to all lot-

tery contracts, Cloud said.

Representatives from some instant ticket makers said they worry judging economic impact is subjective and believe the rule will unfairly decrease competitive bidding on state contracts, which could ultimately cost the state more.

Texas instant ticket sales totaled \$17 billion since the lottery started in 1992.

"Without competition you don't create low prices, you don't create arbitrators of good services as well as innovation," said Cliff Bickell, president of Alpharetta, Ga.-based Scientific Games Corp.'s printed products division. "All we ask for is a fair chance."

Scientific Games, which has been Texas' instant ticket contractor since 1999, makes tickets for 28 of the country's 39 lotteries as well as for several foreign lotteries. Its Texas contract expires Aug. 31.

San Antonio-based Oberthur Gaming Technologies views the rule differently.

Oberthur executive Kathy Matson said she believed the rule would encourage all bidders to find ways to use Texas employees and businesses.

"It's a win-win for Texas."

It's time to start planting trees and shrubs in Howard County

Now is a good time for planting trees and shrubs. A lot of individuals have an interest in planting fruit or nut trees for their consumption.

The following list was developed by myself for good varieties for Howard County:

APPLES
Red
Delicious,
Starkspur,
Golden
Delicious,
Gala, Holland Mollie's



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Delicious, Granny Smith
- bare root: Jan. 1 to Feb. 15
- containerized: Jan. 1 to March 31

APRICOTS
Bryan, Hungarian, Moorpark (most apricots are subject to spring freezes; many produce fruit as infrequently as one of every 3-5 years)
- bare root: Jan. 1 to Feb. 15
- containerized: Jan. 1 to March 31

CHERRIES
Montmorency
- bare root: Jan. 1 to Feb. 15

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- containerized: Jan. 1 to March 31

FIGS
Texas Everbearing, Celeste
- bare root: Jan. 1 to Feb. 15
- containerized: Jan. 1 to March 31

GRAPES
American - Black Spanish, Champanel, Golden Muscat, Favorite
- cuttings (non-rooted): Jan. 1 to Feb. 28
- rootings (1 year old, bare root): Jan. 1 to Feb. 28
GRAPES

Hybrid - Seibel 9110, S.V. 12-375, Aurelia, S.V. 12-309 (these cultivars are susceptible to Pierce's Disease; however, they have lived for several years in many areas of the state where occurrence of this disease is quite common: Blanc Du Bois (non-rooted): Jan. 1 to Feb. 28
- rootings (1 year old, bare root): Jan. 1 to Feb. 28

GRAPES
Hybrid and Vinifera
Seedless
Flame, Himrod, Glenora, Venus
- cuttings (non-rooted): Jan. 1 to Feb. 28

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PEACHES
Cultivars categorized by period of the growing season in which they ripen:

- very early: Bicentennial
- early: Harvester, Sentinel
- mid season: Majestic, Denman, Loring
- late: Dixiland, Redskin
- very late: Frank, Ouachita Gold
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PEARS
Orient, Moonglow

- bare root: Jan. 1 to Feb. 15
- containerized: Jan. 1 to March 31

PECANS
Sioux, Pawnee, Caddo, Desirable (home orchards/yard trees)
- bare root: Jan. 1 to March 10
- containerized: Jan. 1 to April 15

PLUMS
Morris, Methley, Ozark Premier
- bare root: Jan. 1 to Feb. 15
- containerized: Jan. 1 to March 31

IN THE NEWS

State National Bank has announced the addition of **Jana K. Long** as banking officer. Long brings 15 years of independent banking experience to State National, which was chartered in 1909. She will be involved with various functions at the bank, including lending administration and training. She comes to SNB after being employed with a local abstract and title company for the past three years, most recently as office manager and escrow officer.

She will begin her tenure with the bank Monday.



LONG

Big Spring native **John Taylor** has been named president of Bank One

Trust Co., NA. Taylor has been with Bank One since 1990, holding various management positions in investment, property and oil and gas management. He is a chartered financial analyst and a certified public accountant.



TAYLOR

He holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Texas Tech University.

Taylor oversees 40,000 trust accounts nationwide with approximately \$60 billion in assets. He is based in Dallas and is also senior managing director of the bank's alternative assets division.

A welcome reception will be held from 2-4 p.m. Tuesday for new McMahon-Wrinkle Airport/Airpark

Director **Jim Curtiss**. The public is invited. The reception will be held at the airport terminal.



CURTISS

Newly appointed U.S. Assistant Secretary of Energy **Carl Michael Smith** will be in Midland on Thursday to speak at the Permian Basin Petroleum Association luncheon.

The \$20 per person luncheon will begin at 11:30 a.m. at the Petroleum Club, 501 W. Wall St.

In his talk, Smith will discuss energy issues on the national level.

BPBA luncheons are open to the public. Reservation deadline is noon Tuesday. For more information or to make a reservation, call (915) 684-6345.



HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin
Tori Johnson receives congratulations from Mayor Russ McEwen, center, while Joe Conclenne of ALON USA looks on. Johnson is one of 12 students who received a computer systems donated by ALON USA Friday at Gollad.

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 - 20 Shirley's roommate
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 - 23 Long dashes
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 - 27 Swift horses
 - 29 Hanoi holidays
 - 30 Pottery fragments
 - 32 Paper portion
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 - 36 Cambridge academic
 - 37 Milk component
 - 41 Verdi opera
 - 46 Cat, in Catalonia
 - 47 Expressed disappointment
 - 49 Appearance
 - 50 North African mountain range
 - 52 Shocking creature
 - 53 Ingredients in some salads
 - 54 Pet-shop buys
 - 56 All-purpose truck
- DOWN**
- 1 Ill-tempered
 - 2 Political
 - 3 Chester White's home
 - 4 Narrow
 - 5 Robbie's daredevil dad
 - 6 More optimistic
 - 7 Town on the Pecos
 - 8 Vicinity
 - 9 Inside the Actors Studio network
 - 10 Cardinal's topper
 - 11 Sidestepped
 - 12 Black-and-white seabirds
 - 13 Chief's council
 - 14 Sweet liqueurs
 - 22 Dumbo's wing
 - 24 Gullet
 - 27 Like ___ (fast)
 - 28 Head covering
 - 31 "Can't Help Lovin' ___ Man"
 - 33 Cause of some blowups
 - 35 Tax pro
 - 37 Triangular sails
 - 38 Where Izzy was the Olympic mascot
 - 39 Along the shore
 - 40 Squeeze, with "out"
 - 42 It lays green eggs
 - 43 Family tree
 - 44 Got wind of
 - 45 Inceptions
 - 46 Ride fast
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and, as a result, often con-
fide in you. Be careful
when you're shocked!
Choose your words with
care. If single, a relation-
ship will head in a new
direction late in the year.
Are you ready to settle
down? This could be the
right person. Family and
home develop into a higher
priority. If attached, you
might add to your home or
remodel. Don't fight the
inevitable. TAURUS serves
as an anchor.

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)
**** Your friends inject new
energy into present plans.
Why not go along for the
ride? You might consider
an expenditure with care. A
loved one or friend verbal-
izes more of what he or she
thinks and expect. "Lively"
describes a discussion.
Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
**** Check with an older
friend or relative before
you decide what's up for
the afternoon. You might
be putting yourself last on
your list in order to please
others. Be careful with a
difference of opinion. You
might not be able to win
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Tonight: Play out what you
want.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
** Use the morning hours
to get together with friends
for brunch. An afternoon
movie relaxes you.
Someone could surprise
you with his or her ideas.
Don't postpone a conversa-
tion. You also might agree
to disagree. Slow down in
the evening. Tonight: Take
some personal time.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
**** Touch base with
older relatives or someone
who might be extremely
important to you. Work
with someone to achieve a
long-term goal. Not every-
thing is as you think or
feel. Unexpected news takes
you in a new direction.
Tonight: Keep your eye on
the long term.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
**** Trudge on out the door
this morning to meet a rela-
tive or friend halfway. You
will be pleased you made
this effort later. You might
hear another story about a
close person in your life.
Take charge of your life
later on. Get a head start on
tomorrow. Tonight: Call a
parent or relative.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
**** Schedule time with a
special friend who means a
lot to you. Whether you're
laughing over a joke or
sharing a sadness, the bond
between you always
remains. Suggest going for
a drive into the country or
somewhere where you can
get away from it all!

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Medical
Fresenius Medical
Care, a vertically
integrated company that
operates the nation's
largest network of dialysis
clinics, has the following
open opportunities:
Licensed Social
Worker-Big Spring
part-time position (14
hrs) involves case
management/counseling
patient admissions &
insurance assessment.
Send resume Clinic
Manager, 501 Birdwell,
Big Spring, TX
79720/ax(915) 267-1756
Dialysis RN - Odessa or
Midland
Hemodialysis preferred,
experience preferred,
will consider full paid
training for the ght
individual. Send resume
Clinic Manager, 1501 E.
8th, Odessa, TX
79761/fax
(915)580-4259

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority
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the below listed items/equip-
ment:
a. Day/Time: Tuesday, March 12, 2002,
at 2:00 p.m. for the following:
1. 2 Each, One-Half Ton
Long bed, Standard Cab
Pick-up-ups
b. 1 Each, Flat Bed Utility
Truck
c. 1 Each, Backhoe Lease.
Three (3) Year Period
Bids are to be opened and
read aloud in the Big Spring
City Conference Room
(Upstairs), City Hall, 310
Nolan Street, Big Spring,
Texas 79720, with award to be
made at a regularly scheduled
meeting of the Big Spring City
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specifications may be
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Purchasing Agent, 1380
Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19,
Big Spring, Texas 79720. All
bids must be marked with the
date of the bid and a general
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The City of Big Spring
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covered he was insecure, con-
trolling, mean and nasty. After
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I was recently con-
tacted by a young man I'll
call "Danny." Danny's
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they are now engaged. Jim
is currently in the process
of moving in with her. Danny
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to me. He thinks Jim is not
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She is not well and is taking
medication for her illness, in
addition to an antidepressant.
Jim wants her to sell her house,
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move away. He says she will
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nier 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
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How can I get this
woman away from Jim? He
is preying on her illness
and can easily abuse such a
dependent 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
mother chooses to ignore
your warnings. Your best
bet is if Danny contacts his
mother's physician. Danny
should tell the doctor the
whole story, emphasizing
the fact that his mother
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intervenes, perhaps Mom
will listen. I hope so.

Dear Ann Landers:
My father is dying. He was
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