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Supplement to honor our 'men in blue'

Thursday's edition of the *Herald* will include a special supplement commemorating the police department's 75 years of service in Big Spring.

The 12-page section includes features on the department, its personnel and programs, as well as photos of each employee.

The *Herald* also encourages its readers to help celebrate the department's 75th anniversary by attending an open house at police headquarters, 400 E. Fourth St., from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

Refreshments will be served. The invitation includes all former employees of the police department and their family members.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, t Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club, t 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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Crossroads area to get 432 area code

The Associated Press

432. That's the area code Howard County residents will be using in 2003, the Public Utility Commission announced Tuesday.

The PUC had previously announced the breakup of the massive 915 area code east of El Paso. It has been estimated that without the breakup, the 915 area code would run out of numbers in early 2004.

The new area codes, 432 and 325, will be introduced in April 2003. Mandatory dialing using the new area code becomes effective Oct. 5, 2003. Customers dialing the old area code will get a recorded reminder until Dec. 7, 2003.

El Paso will retain the 915 area code.

The central part of the region will get the 432 area code, and the eastern portion will receive 325.

Among the cities in the

432 area code are Big Spring, Coahoma Stanton, Midland, Odessa, Fort Stockton, Andrews, Pecos, Alpine and Van Horn.

The 325 area code will include vAbilene, Sweetwater, Snyder, Colorado City, San Angelo and Brownwood.

The three-way split approved by the PUC will prevent the need for additional area codes in the regions for an estimated 17 to 20 years.

State Veteran's Home sets open house on Thursday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veteran's Home, 1809 N. Highway 87, will hold an open house on Thursday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

"I have had a lot of people say they drive by but have never been in the home," said Susan Cutney, market specialist for the facility. "This is a chance

for them to come in."

The event is open to everyone. Representatives will be answering questions about the facility.

"We will be giving people a tour of the facility," Cutney said. "One of the reasons we are doing this, is this is a chance to answer questions and explain about the cost of

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Lots to bark about this weekend

Kennel Club dog show set for two-day run

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Pooches are heading to the groomers this week for a beauty makeover as hundreds of dogs are expected to strut their stuff Saturday and Sunday at the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show.

"There are 150 different breeds of dogs registered by the American Kennel Club," Trellis Lucas of the Big Spring Kennel Club said. "Last year we had about 85 different breeds of dogs (attend the show) and we expect about the same as last year."

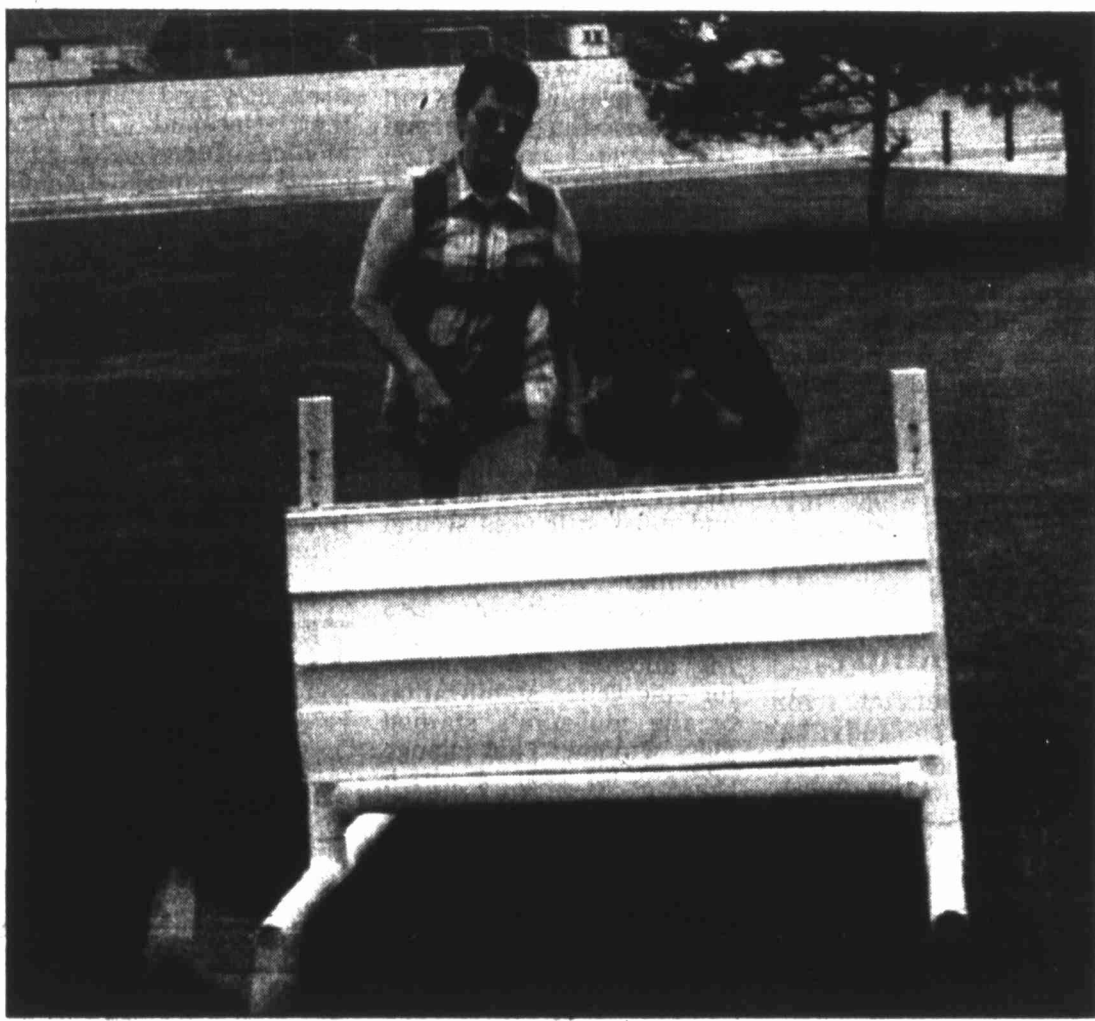
The two-day event has more than 650 entries coming from around the nation to Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane, located on the Howard College campus.

Activities begin each day at 8 a.m. and end around 4 p.m. Admission is free.

Handlers and their dogs will have a chance to show off a year's worth of training at the obedience competition held in the East Room of the coliseum.

The competition is broken into three levels, Lucas said.

"The novice is basically all the work with the dog that is close to you except



Trellis Lucas of the Big Spring Kennel Club works with Shane, a Belgium Trevuren, during an obedience exercise. The Big Spring Kennel Club will host its annual Dog Show Saturday and Sunday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. More than 650 entries from around the nation are expected. The show begins each day at 8 a.m. and admission is free.

for recall," she said. "Heeling, sitting, figure eight patterns — movements working with a person."

"Open is work away from you like receiving an object, jumps," she continued. "Utility is expanded

work away from you. The animal has to find articles with your scent. In the three gloves exercise, the judge lays out three gloves and then tells you which one the dog should retrieve. You then have to direct the dog to retrieve the right

glove. Utility is really for advanced direction commands working away from you."

Contestants compete against a score card system. Every handler and dog are

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Dad showed little interest in son, wife tells jurors

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Through the tearful testimony of Elaine Sepeda Cansino, the prosecution on Tuesday painted her husband, John Ross Cansino, as a father who doted on his 18-month-old daughter while abusing his 7-week-old son, Julian.

John Cansino, 33, of Big Spring is charged in the January 2001 death of his son. Tuesday was the first day of testimony in the trial, which is being conducted in 118th District Court.

There was a marked difference in her husband's attitude during her first and second pregnancies, said Mrs. Cansino, who broke down and cried several times on the witness stand, and once claimed she felt as if she was going to faint.

While Mr. Cansino was excited and attentive during the first pregnancy, "I practically had to beg him to go to the doctor with me when I was pregnant with our son," she said.

Though her husband refused to let her do housework during her first pregnancy, he often refused to help out during her pregnancy with Julian, she said.

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City council approves cost-savings

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Big Spring City Council on Tuesday approved the first reading of change orders on two construction projects.

The first affects the city's hail damage roof replacement project for 2001. The change will save the city \$8,250 by aborting certain aspects of the plan and allowing substitute materials for others.

The change order scraps

the proposed repainting of the city's anaerobic digester facility at the waste treatment plant, saving \$3,783. It also allows substitution of the thinner 26 gauge metal roofing panels with polyester coating for the originally planned 24 gauge panels with fluorocarbon coating, saving an additional \$4,027. The final change calls for reusing existing trim and insulation on the boiler office at a savings of \$840.

The change order, the first

on the project, would lower the total price tag for the roof replacement project from \$119,185 to \$110,435.

The second proposed change order adds close to \$5,000 to the city's bill for the Hangar 25 Air Museum Phase II construction.

The change order adds lighting and further stabilization for the museum's newly-acquired Webb Air Force Base chapel stained glass window, anchors of

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Coahoma's Barton earns berth in state 2A contest

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma High School student Austin Barton qualified Saturday to compete in the Class 2A University Interscholastic League State Academic Contest.

Barton placed second individually in current events and issues at the Region I AA University

Interscholastic League Contest held on the Abilene Christian University campus.

Current event and issues team members Ricky Crawford, Trent DeHoyas and Barton secured second place at contest and a chance to earn a wild card position for state competition. The team with the

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Testimony emotional during candlelight vigil

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

More than 60 people attended the Victim Services candlelight vigil to honor victims of violent crimes Tuesday night at the First Baptist Church chapel.

Several speakers gave emotional testimony on the impact violent crime has — not only for the victims, but on their families — during the hour-and-a-half-long event.

While on business in Lubbock in 1991, local residents Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat learned that their 18-year-old daughter had been murdered. Having had to learn to cope with their own suffering, the couple now gives advice to family

and friends who are praying for a victim of a violent crime.

"It is better to go through the suffering with someone than go through it alone," Dwayne said.

"Pray for them to regain their sense of security," Bonnie said.

After their daughter's death, Bonnie said she lost her sense of security. She became afraid of many things, including crossing a parking lot at night. The couple even sealed their windows shut.

"Pray for someone's emotional and physical health as they go through the stress," Dwayne said.

As he suffered through the stress of losing his

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Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, middle, and other law enforcement officers appearing at the Victim Services vigil Tuesday light candles in remembrance of victims of violent crimes. More than 60 people attended the service, which was held at the First Baptist Church chapel.

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After revisions, Senate looks to Thursday vote on major energy bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Senate is on track to finish energy legislation this week after agreeing on \$14 billion in energy tax breaks and staving off attempts to scuttle an agreement that would require ethanol in gasoline.

Senators voted 86-13 on Tuesday to limit further debate on the energy legislation, requiring a vote on the bill by Thursday.

Majority Leader Tom Daschle said the Senate already had spent too much time on the legislation — nearly six weeks — and Republican Leader Trent Lott agreed "it's time to bring this to a conclusion."

With a deadline set, senators scurried to offer a last round of amendments, although none was likely to jeopardize the bill, which is expected to pass. The House already has approved a significantly different version, mirroring President Bush's energy agenda. The two will have to be merged.

The most glaring difference is that the House would open the coastal plain of the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge to oil drilling, while the Senate rejected disturbing the Alaskan refuge with development.

The Senate bill also contains a requirement that would triple the

amount of ethanol to be used as an additive in gasoline. The ethanol mandate is opposed by many House members and is not included in the energy package they passed last August.

Also Tuesday, the Senate turned back, by a 68-31 vote, an attempt led by senators from California and New York to strip the Senate bill of the ethanol requirement.

Democratic Sens. Dianne Feinstein of California and Charles Schumer of New York argued that the ethanol mandate would produce gasoline shortages and price increases of 7 cents to 9 cents a gallon.

"California will be required to use ethanol it doesn't need" to clean the air, Feinstein complained.

The ethanol proposal was crafted as part of a compromise that also bans the gasoline additive MTBE, which has been found to contaminate drinking water, and ends the requirement that refiners use an oxygenate to meet clean air standards. Its repeal could jeopardize the energy bill, supporters of the measure said.

Daschle, D-S.D., whose state is a prominent ethanol producer, disputed claims that the mandate, which would triple the amount of

ethanol to be produced by 2010, would cause fuel shortages or gas prices to increase significantly.

He called such claims "dead wrong ... a myth" and cited Energy Department estimates that the ethanol would add no more than a penny a gallon on to the cost of gasoline.

The energy tax package, added to the bill by unanimous vote Tuesday, would provide \$14.1 billion in tax breaks. About half the money would go for energy conservation and support for renewable energy sources. The other half would help producers of oil, gas, coal and nuclear power.

Report finds no evidence that abstinence-only counseling prevents teen sex, pregnancy or disease

WASHINGTON (AP) — There still is no evidence whether programs that push sexual abstinence prevent teen sex, pregnancy or disease, the government reported, as Congress debates whether to renew an abstinence-only initiative.

These programs have multiplied in the five years since Congress directed almost half a billion dollars to the effort, but an evaluation aimed at determining whether they work will have no definitive results for a few years, said an

interim report released Tuesday.

The report found the programs offer teens a variety of activities, although they also have trouble getting parents and local schools involved.

It also found that, despite claims by advocates, no reliable evidence exists whether the programs work.

"Most studies of abstinence education programs have methodological flaws that prevent them from generating reliable estimates of program impacts," the report said.

The abstinence-only initiative, created in the 1996 welfare overhaul, has caused heated debate because it bars any discussion of condoms or birth control other than to explain their limitations.

Congress is deliberating whether to renew the program for five more years, as President Bush wants, or to allow the money to be spent on a broader range of activities. Several Democrats said at a House hearing Tuesday they were disturbed by the program, but most Republicans defended

it.

Given the restrictions, states across the country debated whether to take the abstinence-only money. Eventually every state took the money, although California later dropped out.

In 1999, about half of high school students and nearly two-thirds of graduating seniors reported having had sex.

That's a small drop from earlier years, but the report cited a lack of evidence that the abstinence-only programs were responsible for the decline.

Top Bush aide resigning as White House counselor

WASHINGTON (AP) — White House counselor Karen Hughes, one of President Bush's closest confidants and perhaps the most senior female aide to any modern American president, announced her resignation Tuesday. Bush said he will continue to seek her advice from afar.

"She may be changing addresses, but she's not leaving my inner circle," the president said in a telephone interview with The Associated Press shortly after Hughes' surprise announcement "made her the top White House aide to depart Bush's staff."

Hughes, 45, an aide to Bush since his days as

Texas governor, unveiled her plans for a summertime departure at a daily White House briefing.

"Later this summer, I'm going to be changing the way in which I serve the president. My husband and I have made a difficult but we think right decision to move our family home back to Texas," she said.

"Our roots are there," she said. "I guess we're a little homesick."

Bush, in an exclusive interview, said Hughes broke the news to him Wednesday or Thursday and he accepted the decision.

"I said, 'Karen, I've always valued your advice'

and she said, 'You'll have my advice.' So I said to myself as long as I have her advice, judgment and friendship, I support the move," the president said.

"This is Karen being Karen. She loves her family. She has always made it clear to me ever since I've known her that her husband and son come first in her life," Bush said.

Hughes and political aide Karl Rove were critical to Bush's rise from a two-term Texas governor to the presidency.

Rove, a fellow Texan with a teen-age child of his own, has no plans to leave the White House, Bush said.

"I think there's a different

set of circumstances," the president said.

Hughes and Condoleezza Rice, the president's national security adviser, are two of the most influential female aides in White House history.

Fifteen months into the Bush presidency, this is the period in which senior aides generally start considering departures from high-pressure White House and Cabinet posts.

White House chief of staff Andrew Card has denied reports that he is considering leaving in the fall. Bush advisers say they expect Hughes will not be the last senior aide to leave this year.

Airman awaits hearing in rape case that may extend to Philadelphia

FORT COLLINS, Colo. (AP) — An Air Force Airman was jailed on \$1 million bail after turning himself in to police investigating six sexual assault cases in this college town that have been linked to a slaying and rapes in Philadelphia.

Senior Airman Troy Graves, 29, was held for investigation of sexual assault and burglary pending a court hearing Friday. He has not been formally charged since his Tuesday arrest and public defender Kathryn Hay declined to comment.

Graves' mother, Michal B. Graves, called her son's arrest "unbelievable."

"Troy is happily married. He's on active duty with the Air Force. ... Troy is a nice-looking, very quiet young man," she told The Philadelphia Inquirer for Wednesday's editions.

Police refused to say how they connected Graves to the crimes and a judge has issued a gag order in the case.

In the attacks, an intruder entered apartments through unlocked doors or windows in the early morning, blindfolded his victims and forced them to perform a sex act. All six assaults involved women in their 20s living in apartments near the Colorado State University campus.

Last year, Fort Collins

police said DNA evidence connected the same man to all six attacks.

In Philadelphia, the Center City Rapist struck in the well-to-do Rittenhouse Square neighborhood from 1997 to 1999. In each of those cases, the intruder climbed through a window or balcony doors.

Police connected six Philadelphia crimes — including the strangling of University of Pennsylvania student Shannon Schieber — through DNA but were never able to identify a suspect.

Worried that the five-year statute of limitations on rape was about to run out, Philadelphia's district attorney filed charges in December against a suspect who was identified only by his DNA.

Philadelphia District Attorney Lynne Abraham said that she was waiting for a DNA analysis from Colorado authorities.

"They believe there is a connection between our cases and their cases, but we're not saying yet that this is our person," Abraham said Tuesday.

Graves is a former Philadelphia resident who lists Fort Collins as his current address, but has been stationed since 2000 about 40 miles away at F.E. Warren Air Force Base in Cheyenne, Wyo., where he did maintenance work.

Louisiana woman kills family, then herself

SLIDELL, La. (AP) — A woman shot and killed her husband, sister and mother before she turned the gun on herself, leaving a note on the front door that read: "Call 911. Door is unlocked. We are all dead."

The family's housekeeper discovered the note and called authorities early Tuesday after arriving at their home in a subdivision near Slidell, said Tiffany Tate, a St. Tammany Parish Sheriff's Office spokeswoman.

Charlotte Haley, 59, may have been driven to the slayings because she was overwhelmed in caring for her elderly mother

and mentally handicapped sister, said Sheriff Jack Strain.

"Early indications are that there appeared to be a great deal of medical problems," Strain said.

The victims were identified as Eupha West, 80, her mother; Janie West, 55, her sister; and Ronald Haley, 64.

All four had been shot with the same handgun Monday night, police said.

Authorities said the note on the front door was apparently intended to spare the housekeeper from the shock of discovering the bodies.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's salute our keepers of the peace

Friday, the Big Spring Police Department will be celebrating its 75th anniversary. Three-quarters of a century. That's quite a milestone of service to the community.

From 1927, when E.A. Long was chosen as the first chief of police for Big Spring, through today's modernized department under the direction of Lonnie Smith, many dedicated men and women have provided law enforcement for our community.

Today, it takes myriad resources to operate a program efficiently. The department not only handles such "routine" matters as patrolling beats and handling investigations, but they are behind the scenes providing services such as record-keeping and dispatching. The department dedicates many hours toward preventative and educational programs through the schools, the Senior Center, neighborhood watches and civic functions. For instance, the Big Spring Police Department honor guard is well-known in the community, presenting the colors at parades, memorials, banquets and other functions.

Through its Citizens Police Academy, the department strives to both educate and inform the public, while making our streets more safe each day.

In saluting 75 years of hard work our department has served this community, the Herald has put together a special section which will be included in Thursday's edition.

We hope you will join us in saying "thank you" to our police officers, staff and volunteers, as well as former employees. In that regard, an open house has been scheduled at the department, 400 E. Fourth St., between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. Friday. You are invited.

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Rodeo has criminals behaving themselves

As murderers, rapists, robbers and assorted other convicted cowboys hold hands and form what's known in the evangelism business as a prayer circle, the preacher prays a prayer that doesn't overlook anything.

"Bless every head of livestock," the reverend beseeches at one point.

That's how it starts. There'll be hollering, whooping, spills, a busted leg in the first 10 minutes. But the spring version of the Angola Prison Rodeo begins with a purely Protestant prayer, a prayer to age an ACLU lawyer by a decade. If there's a Muslim or Jew or secular humanist among the 5,000 Louisiana State Prison population, he doesn't speak up in protest today. Nobody wants to risk ending the rodeo.

And if there's a human emotion not triggered by the production, I don't know it. The annual fall

rodeo (every weekend in October) became so popular with the public that last year they added a spring show. So I had to see it, too.

You ride through those front gates into 18,000 acres of lush Louisiana, and — to quote a former president — you feel the pain of the permanent residents. All the manicured drives and blueberry patches and white fencing in the world can't make you forget that two-thirds of the men here are lifers, and this pretty place is one they cannot leave. Ever.

A few grim statistics. The Angola prisoner population is mostly from cities, mostly black, all men convicted of serious violent crimes. Nearly half (49.3 percent) are in for homicide. More than 3,000 are here for life; most of the rest are serving 20 years or more.

So you go in with eyes wide open, knowing these are tough customers, violent and flinty hard. You just don't expect to find engaging, clean-cut-looking fellows with good manners — and an abundance of talent.

The crafts show before the rodeo begins the emotional avalanche. It makes you sad; all that talent

behind razor wire, dickered through a fence over the price of a parrot painting or a steamboat made of matchsticks.

One fellow is selling a jewelry box artfully constructed of folded Camel cigarette packages, a beautiful little relic brewed from the remnants of risky behavior and shellac. If he doesn't sell it today, a New Orleans gallery will take it and price it at \$500.

Both the crafts show and the rodeo are proof somehow that prisoners can find dignity and pride doing hard time. The Angola Rough Riders — the only real cowboys in the show, they are trustees from the prison range crew — gallop into the arena to the "Rawhide" theme, and darned if you don't want to cry. Something about the rousing music, the ramrod-straight men in the saddle, the faces — it's poignant. Still human, these men are, after all.

Then you see the frightened face of some city boy who volunteered to ride a horse bareback in an event called the "Buddy Pickup." It's clear he's never been near a horse before.

In this customized event, riders sprint toward a barrel where the "buddy"

waits to jump on the same roused horse — a horse not wild about the first passenger, much less a second. Often as not, the couple tumbles together into the arena dust.

These are, after all, cowpokes who don't get to practice, but with nothing to lose and glory to gain. They are all volunteers, happy for the distraction, eager to be heroes instead of state-sponsored goats for at least one day.

Angola Warden Burl Cain maintains the rodeo has changed the prison morale and atmosphere, given prisoners something to look forward to, something to excel at. Considering the security risk, he must be confident in his views. You wouldn't want to invite 10,000 outsiders into the prison for an event that prisoners weren't gung-ho about.

Of all the approaches to prisoner rehabilitation and reform, this must be the most unique, if not the most successful. Hard-time criminals behaving themselves for the chance to be thrown from a bronco, stomped by a calf, kicked by a cow or pitched into the Louisiana sky by the charging horns of a mad bull.

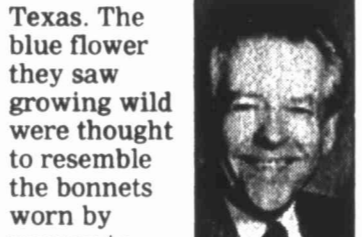


RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON



Legend of the bluebonnet

The bluebonnet is known by other names such as buffalo clover, wolf flower and el conejo (the rabbit). Its most familiar name probably began when settlers moved to Texas. The blue flower they saw growing wild were thought to resemble the bonnets worn by women to shield them from the Texas sun.



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

Margaret Looper of Huntsville has studied bluebonnets and Indian legends that go along with the popular wildflower. Margaret supplied Tomie dePaola material for the book, Legend of the Bluebonnet.

"Great spirits, the land is dying. Your people are dying, too," the long line of dancers sang. "Tell us what we have done to anger you. End this drought. Save your people. Tell us what we must do so you will send the rain that will bring back life."

For three days, the dancers danced to the sound of the drums and for

three days the people called Comanches watched and waited. Drought and famine are hardest on the very young and the very old. Among the few children left was a small girl named She-Who-Is-Alone. She sat by herself watching the dancers.

In her lap was a doll made from buckskin, a warrior doll. The eyes, nose and mouth were painted on with the juice of berries. It wore beaded leggings and a belt of polished bone. On its head were brilliant blue feathers from the bird who cries "Jay-jay-jay." She loved her doll very much.

The shaman went to the top of the hill to listen for words from the Great Spirits who would tell him what to do so the rains would come and the earth would be green and alive. While the shaman was gone to the hill, She-Who-Is-Alone thought of the mother who made the doll, of the father who brought the blue feathers and her grandparents who had all died in the famine. The warrior doll was the only thing she had left from those distant days.

The shaman returned and spoke: "I have heard from the Great Spirits who said the people have become

selfish. They have taken from the earth without giving anything back. The Great Spirits say the people must make a burnt offering of the most valued possession among us. The ashes of this offering shall be scattered to the four points of the earth. When this sacrifice is made, drought and famine will cease and life will be restored to the earth."

That night, She-Who-Is-Alone held her doll tightly to her heart. "You," she said, looking at the doll, "are my most valued possession. It is you the Great Spirits want."

After everyone was asleep, the small girl took a glowing stick from the tepee fire and crept out into the night. She ran to the place where the shaman had heard from the Great Spirits.

She spoke, "Here is my warrior doll. It is the only thing I have from my family who died in this famine. It is my most valued possession. Please accept it." She then gathered twigs and started a fire with the glowing firestick and thrust her doll into the fire.

In the morning, the ground was covered with flowers, beautiful flowers the color of the blue feathers on her doll.

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BRUCE TINSLEY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Thursday, April 24, 2002
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, April 25:

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ***** Your efforts blossom into what you had imagined. Communication flows, and someone puts exactly what he or she is thinking on the table. Understanding flourishes as a result. Take this approach and attitude into other realms of your life. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ** Another proves his or her willingness, even if you don't always see issues eye to eye. Remain gentle and sensitive when dealing with those who surround you. Use an innate talent or ability for financial gain. You offer much more than you're aware of. Tonight: Put up your feet.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Venus moves into your sign, adding to your allure and attractiveness. Your timing and creativity dance together and enhance your abilities to succeed both professionally and emotionally. You have time. If possible, don't scatter your energy. Tonight: Decide to do something romantic.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Do something special for a family member. Your efforts come back in multiples. Recognize your limits and be especially caring with someone close to you. Carefully consider options that surround a new friendship. Time works in your favor. Get to know this person. Tonight: Make it easy.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** A friend goes out of his or her way for you. A meeting tumbles in your favor. Expect more of these positive happenings in the next few months. Carefully think through a decision that involves a friendship.

Tonight: Munchies and dinner out.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Manage your finances with your customary strength. A must appearance brings positive and long-sought-after results. A boss will acknowledge you. Ask for the raise or that bonus you want. Don't get shy right now! Tonight: Spring shopping.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** See to someone with your customary style. In fact, use that Libra charm and you'll get positive feedback. Arrange the world according to you, at least for now. Use your ability to read between the lines with others. Ferret out the facts. Tonight: Ask.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Slow down some. You often steamroll others around you. If you kick back, you might be delighted by what a close associate does for you. Use this time to let others speak about what they want, and act on their wishes. Tonight: Just don't make the first move.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** If you're expressive, you might be clapping your hands in glee or jumping up and down with joy. Certainly after recent flack, you could be thrilled by another's attitude. Focus on aspiration. Network within present constraints. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You gain professionally. You have many reasons to be pleased by news at work. Use care when dealing with an associate. This person might have stronger feelings about you than just friendship. Be more aware! Tonight: Burn the midnight oil.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Your vision and ability to read between the lines help you with others. Your intellectual responses head you down the correct path. Do not overthink, but, rather, consider alternatives that surround you. Tonight: Try impulsiveness.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Work closely with someone. How you feel about yourself comes out in your ability to trust someone. Financial negotiations could be instrumental to the end results. Consider an expenditure for the family. Improve the quality of your life. Tonight: Go along for the ride.

BORN TODAY Singer Ella Fitzgerald (1918), actress Talia Shire (1946), rock and pop musician Jacob Underwood (1980)

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Truth is stranger than fiction at the Library

Vincent Price is best remembered as the redeeming quality of a run of 1950s and 1960s horror films, but daughter Victoria says that "fewer than a third of the more than one hundred pictures he made... were horror movies."

"In a literate biography, she examines her father's career and personal life, attending to the story behind the story."

Read about her father, Vincent Price, in "Vincent Price: A Daughter's Biography."

Several weeks ago, the television program "Biography" profiled Brenda Lee.

The Library now has "Little Miss Dynamite: The Life and Times of Brenda Lee."

Lee began in stereotypically classic country-music circumstances: dirt-poor family, drunken dad, tarpaper shack — hard to get much more down-home than that.

Lee's autobiography is another welcome brick for the foundation of any thorough pop-music book collection.

"Minding the Store" is a friendly and enjoyable tale of success in the retail business and how success was accomplished.

Stanley Marcus recounts the growth of his family business and the stories of customer demands and customer service that created a hugely profitable and customer orientated retail empire.

Stanley Marcus died on January 22, 2002, in Dallas at the age of 94.

Orson Scott Card is known primarily for his science fiction books.

However in "Rebekah" the second volume of his Women of Genesis series, he has departed from his usual genre.

Chosen by God to be the wife of Isaac, she becomes caught up in an emotional storm as she struggles to find her place in the family of Abraham.

The author has created a cast of believable characters, burdened with

all too human foibles, who struggle to be true in their covenants with God.

Card's first novel is "Sarah," the first in the trilogy, is a beautiful and courageous Jewish woman who changed the course of history through her faith, wisdom, and commitment to her husband, Abraham, is on order.

In a state as large as Texas the regions vary widely in their histories and identities.

This collection of stories recounts the colorful history of the Clear Fork country, the land along the Clear Fork of the Brazos in Shackelford and Throckmorton counties.

The editors of "Tracks Along the Clear Fork" (edited by Lawrence Clayton) have blended the voices of modern writers with those who made that history.

Also included is a report from Capt. R.B. Marcy's 1854 expedition through this mostly unexplored area.

If you enjoy reading Texas history, then you must check this one out.

I seem to be on a Texas thread; the Library has received Hal K.

Rothman's biography of Lyndon Baines Johnson title "LBJ's Texas White House: Our Heart's Home."

This is a detailed and engaging account of the way the ranch was used during Johnson's years in politics.

You will learn who came to visit, how they were fed and entertained and how LBJ conducted the nation's business while in Texas.

Readers will also get an interpretation of how the role of the ranch formed Johnson's self-image and how, in his last years, brought the one thing he truly craved — control.

Drawing heavily on first-person tes-



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timonies, Jo Ella Powell Exley (editor of Texas Tears, Texas Sunshine: Voices of Frontier Women, the Library has this) traces the Parker family's trajectory, from Elder John (born in 1758) to his great-grandson Quanah Parker, a Comanche war chief.

This family had a particular impact on the development of Texas and the West and was especially determined to make a life there, despite the likelihood of violence.

Vivid, unsparing accounts, much insight into the pioneer experience and the details of early interracial relations will make this book popular among devotees of the history of the American West.

The title of the book is "Frontier Blood: The Saga of the Parker Family."

All of these books are on the subject shelves.

If they are checked out, library staff can put your name on reserve and when the book comes in, we will call you to come get it.

Howard County Library is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

Story-time is Wednesday at 10:00 in the Children's Area.

The Library is located at 500 Main St., our phone number is 264-2260.

HCL's website is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us and our email address is howardlibrary@hotmail.com.

Hollis McCright, librarian for Howard County Library, writes a regular column for the Herald.

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Celebrate Administrative Professionals Day

Dear Ann Landers: Today is National Secretary's Day. I hope you will allow me to use your column to say something to all bosses everywhere.



ANN LANDERS

Dear Boss: Please do not honor me during National Secretaries Week. If you are going to honor anyone, please let it be all of your employees, not just one.

I realize when you first started your business, I did everything in the office. But your company grew, and you hired a bookkeeper, then a clerk, research assistant, several salespeople and a technical adviser. And let's not forget the custodian and the cleaning staff. They are the ones who keep the air conditioning going and the coffee pots clean.

When I was a bookkeeper, I was never given a special honor because I didn't have the title of "Secretary." I know if you print this, Ann, my boss will receive at least 20 copies of it on his desk. I just want to say how much I appreciate the 19 other people who help me do my work. — Secretary in Oklahoma City

Dear Secretary: As you probably know, today is now known as Administrative Professionals Day. It has been observed since 1952 as a way for businesses to promote professional excellence and recognize office staff for their workplace contributions. Today's office staff comprises a wide range of responsibilities and skills, and employers should make a sincere effort to express their appreciation.

It is generous of you to want to share the holiday with the bookkeepers, custodians, salespeople, clerks, research assistants and technical advisers in your office. For the record, National Bookkeepers' Day is the Friday of the second full week in October. Salesmen's Day is June 4, Technology Day is Oct. 21, and Garbage Collectors Day is Oct. 12.

For the rest of us, Jan. 10 is Find the Top of Your Desk Day.

Dear Ann Landers: I just read the letter from "Confused in San Jose, Calif.," who wanted to know if she should wait for "Jake," even though he refused to set a date for the wedding. You told her to move out immediately and date others. You are absolutely right. I hope she listens.

I met "Tom" when I was

24, and decided he was the one for me. We started living together almost immediately, and after two years, he presented me with a lovely engagement ring. However, I could not get him to commit to a date for the wedding. There was always some excuse. I believed him when he said we didn't need a piece of paper to prove our love.

After 10 years together, I became pregnant. I thought for sure we'd get married then. Tom promised to set a date as soon as the baby was born, but he kept putting it off. Our son is now 14 years old, and I have wasted half of my life waiting for Tom to marry me. Last month, he traded me in for a newer model — a young woman in his office.

That "piece of paper" may not have changed how things turned out, but legally, I would have been in a much better financial position. Our state does not recognize common-law marriages. Please tell "Confused" to move out immediately and not look back. — Learned the Hard Way

Dear Learned the Hard Way: I appreciate your words of wisdom. Nothing has more impact than advice from someone who has "been there and done that," and you certainly have. I hope "Confused" sees this and learns from your sad experience.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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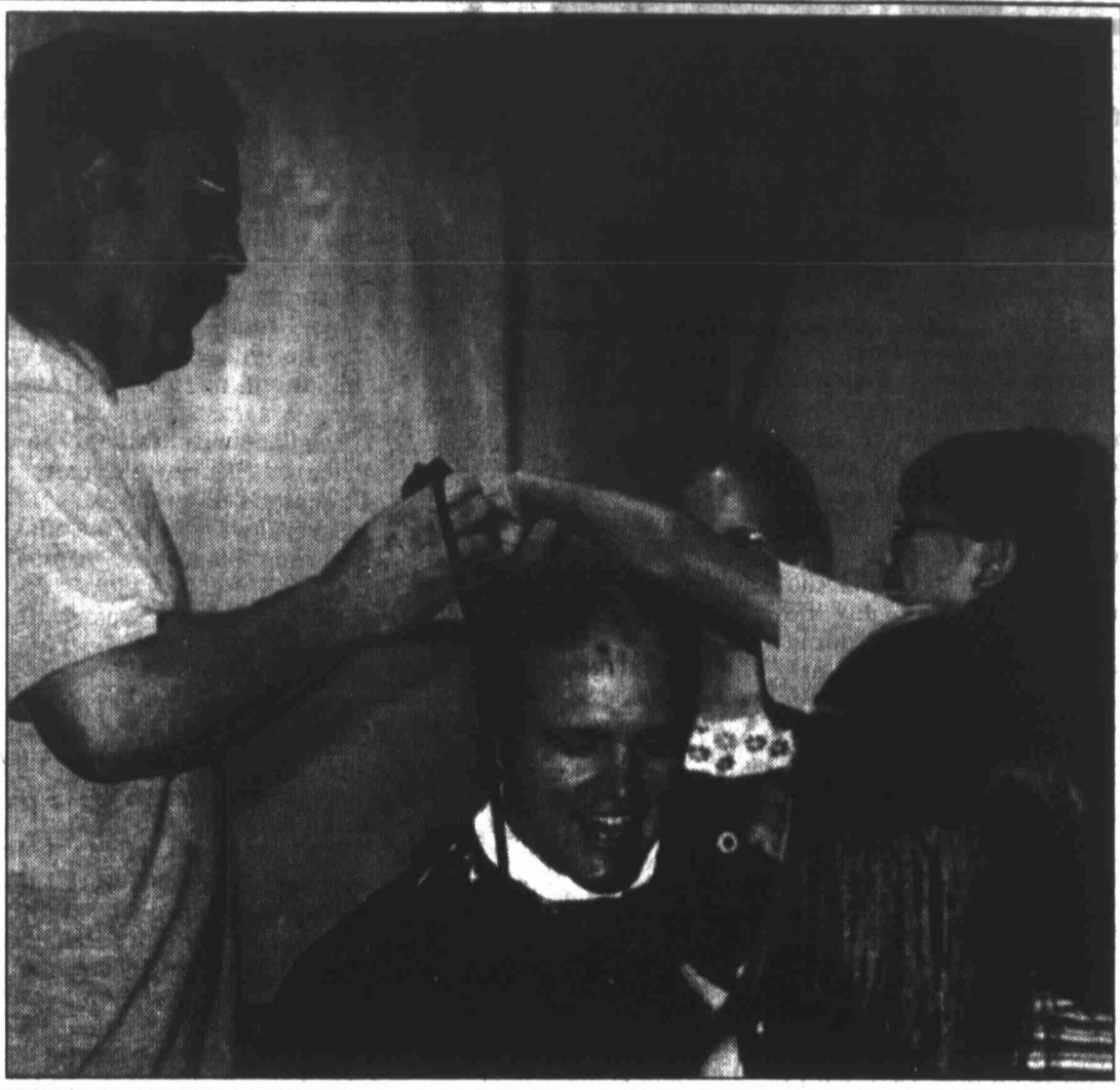
Courtesy photo
Billy Turner guides the hand of Elbow Elementary third grader, Nattie Sorenson, as she cuts the hair of Elbow Principal Tommy Gibson.

First grader, Alexis Armstrong, front, and fifth grader, Tiera Mohn watch as Gibson is relieved of his blond tresses.

Gibson had challenged the students to amass 5,500 points in the Accelerated Reader program before the end of the fifth six weeks grading period.

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Lady Steers' with Canyon

Big Spring Steers will play Lady Eagles in a series of three bi-district series starting p.m. Friday at Coronado High. Ticket prices adults and \$10 for students.

The series' game will begin on Saturday. game, if necessary follow the condensed Game 2.

Steers hold rally for 4-2

Big Spring's Steers off a late rally Angelo Lake Chiefs to take a District 4-4A action Tuesday.

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Big Spring's came in the fifth winning pitch Beauchamp do Phinney then courtesy runner Ornales.

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The Steers out their season with a 6 p.m. Plainview.

Bulldogettes scheduled for

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BSHS coach local business

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8 p.m. — Minnesota Timberwolves at Mavericks, KBS

Television NBA PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. — Toronto at Detroit Pistons

8:30 p.m. — Minnesota Timberwolves at Mavericks, TNT.

NHL PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at Ottawa

ESPN. 6 p.m. — Toronto Leafs at New York Islanders, ESPN

IN BRIEF

Lady Steers' playoff with Canyon slated

Big Spring's Lady Steers will play Canyon's Lady Eagles in a best two-of-three bi-district playoff series starting at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Lubbock Coronado High School. Ticket prices are \$3 for adults and \$1 for students.

The series' second game will begin at noon on Saturday. A third game, if necessary, would follow the conclusion of Game 2.

Steers hold off rally for 4-2 win

Big Spring's Steers held off a late rally by San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs to take a 4-2 win in District 4-4A baseball action Tuesday in San Angelo.

The Steers scored two runs in the top of the first inning when Nathan Clements led off with a single and scored on a Jon McKinnon double. McKinnon then scored on a Ragan Phillips single.

James Helms provided an RBI double in the second inning for the Steers. Big Spring's final run came in the fifth when winning pitcher Dustyn Beauchamp doubled. Zac Phinney then drove in courtesy runner Michael Ornales.

Beauchamp cruised for 6 1/3 innings before running into trouble, giving up two runs and loading the bases with one out in the bottom of the seventh.

McKinnon then came on to strike out one batter and end the game on a ground out.

The Steers will close out their season Friday with a 6 p.m. game in Plainview.

Bulldogettes' playoff scheduled for May 3

Coahoma's Bulldogettes will open Class 2A softball playoff action at 6 p.m. Friday, May 3, with a one-game showdown with Grape Creek's Lady Eagles at San Angelo Central High School's new softball facility.

The Bulldogettes claimed the District 3-2A championship, going unbeaten in league play and own a 14-12 overall record.

BSHS coaches warn local businessmen

Big Spring High School athletic director Dwight Butler is warning local businesses that a Fort Worth-based company is contacting companies trying to sell advertising for a football poster.

"We want people to know that these people are not connected with our program in any way," Butler said. "What these people do in no way benefits our program."

Butler explained that the school does produce

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NHL PLAYOFFS

6 p.m. — Philadelphia Flyers at Ottawa Senators, ESPN.
6 p.m. — Toronto Maple Leafs at New York Islanders, ESPN2.

BSHS netters find Day 2 of regional tourney tough one

By CONNIE EDGEMON
Special to the Herald

SAN ANGELO — Day 2 of the Region I, Class 4A Tennis Tournament prove to be a tough one for Big Spring's Jay Shroff, Derek DeHoyos and Alex Edgemon.

Shroff, the No. 4 seed in boys' singles, won both of his opening matches on Monday, but ran into No. 1 seed Andrew Ulrich of Wichita Falls High in the semifinals and suffered a 6-0, 6-2 loss.

However, Shroff rebounded to

take a 6-2, 6-0 win over Daniel Quiones of Crowley in the third-place match, earning a play-back against No. 3 seed Ian Bradburn of Wichita Falls.

Unfortunately, Bradburn took a 7-6, 6-4 win in that play-back, dashing Shroff's hopes of qualifying for the Class 4A State Tennis Tournament in May.

DeHoyos and Edgemon, the No. 3 seeds in boys' doubles, also opened with a pair of match wins on Monday, only to run into the No. 1-seeded team of David Barrett and Jared King of Wichita Falls Rider.

Barrett and King took a 6-3, 6-3 win over the Big Spring duo in the semi-final.

In their final match against Pampa's No. 4-seeded Jay Gerber and David Thacker, they were also defeated 6-3, 6-4, dashing hopes of a play-back opportunity.

Big Spring coach Sarah Corse noted that the Big Spring boys lost to the eventual regional champions in both divisions.

"As in any match of this level, the score did not reflect how close many of the games were. It could have gone either way today, and unfortu-

nately, it did not go in our favor," Corse said. "I'm proud of our players. We had a great year, taking our district last fall, bringing the boy's overall trophy and seven medals from the spring district tournament and taking five players to regionals."

"I'm looking forward to next year, knowing that we have a lot of potential. We are going to miss this year's seniors," she added. "These young men started with me as seventh graders and I have seen them grow into excellent competitors as well as strong and honorable young men."

HC honors athletes, fans

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Special to the Herald

Howard College honored more than 50 athletes and community members during the annual All Sports Banquet Tuesday, including the Lady Hawk Rodeo Team, which received the Top Academic Team honor.

"Athletes, you are a class act. We can't always be on top, but win or lose, we always are and always will be, a class act," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

HC Rodeo Coach Greg Kernick received the Academic Team plaque for his Women's Rodeo Team, who have maintained a collective grade point average of 3.126.

Sparks presented the Hall of Fame Award to Dr. Robbie and Kim Cooksey, for their dedication to Howard College athletics for the past nine years.

"Dr. Cooksey came to me several years ago and said he wanted to be a part of our program. We appreciate you in a big way, and cannot say enough about your dedication each year," Sparks said.

Team head coaches, with their assistants, presented awards to each of their athletes, including the MVP and Top Academic Award. Top Academic Awards went to Krystal Cline, athletic trainer; Samantha Ward, Lady Hawk Softball; Deidra Hirt, cheerleading squad; Andre Wright, men's basketball; Parker Brooks, Hawk baseball; Afton Stowers, Lady Hawk Basketball; Colby Schneemann, Men's Rodeo Team; and Darby Makloski and Courtney Bowman, Women's Rodeo Team.

Most Valuable Player awards were presented to Diana Faulkner, Lady Hawk Softball; Deidra Hirt, Best All Round cheerleader; Shamiela Buckley, Lady Hawk basketball; Jonathan "Sarge" Wilk, Outstanding Student Trainer; Darby Makloski, Top Hand Award for the HC Rodeo Team; Zach Moss, Hawk basketball; and Leonard Guerrero, Hawk baseball.

Jim Lewis, Howard College athletic director, acted as master of ceremonies for the banquet.

"I want to remind athletes of the need for humility. We need to be sure and thank those folks who helped us get where we are — our parents, our friends and the numerous others who help us along the way," Lewis said.

Howard College Above and Beyond awards were presented to Lynn Walling, associate professor, for the 2000-01 academic year, and Ricky Sneed, supervisor of grounds, for 2001-02.

"We don't have a lawn at Howard College, we enjoy green velvet, and Ricky Sneed is responsible for that. We are an oasis in West Texas, and we saw an immediate difference in our grounds as soon as Ricky came to work for Howard College four years ago," Sparks said.

Sparks commended Walling for his 23 years of service to Howard College.

"He's a No. 1 recruiter for Howard College, and he loves Howard College," Spark said.

Other Friends of the



Here are the recipients of Most Valuable Player awards given to Howard College athletes Tuesday night. Front row, from left, are Diana Faulkner, softball MVP; Leonard Guerrero, baseball MVP; and Deldre Hirt, cheerleading MVP. Back row: Zack Moss, men's basketball MVP; Shamiela Buckley, women's basketball MVP; and Darby Makloski, women's rodeo MVP.



Howard College presented academic athlete awards Tuesday night. Those receiving the awards are pictured here: Afton Stowers, women's basketball; Krystal Cline, athletic trainer; Deldre Hirt, cheerleading squad; Parker Brooks, baseball; rodeo coach Greg Kernick for the Top Academic team; Samantha Ward, softball; Andre Wright, men's basketball; Courtney Bowman, women's rodeo; Colby Schneemann, men's rodeo; and Darby Makloski, women's rodeo.

Program, those community members and employees who go out of their way to assist the Howard College athletic department, honored were: Hawk Rodeo team — Tom and Cindy DeGeer, Concho Business Solutions, South Plains Truck and Equipment and All American Chrysler; Athletic Trainer program — Coliseum custodian Keith Whiteside; Lady Hawk Basketball — Boyce and Laura Kemper; Hawk baseball — Jim Shook and Steve Maples; Men's basketball — Howard College trustee Harold and Janell Davis; Lady Hawk softball

— Susan Clapp and the Howard College maintenance department.

Other athletes honored were:

Women's basketball — Vangela Menter, best offensive player; Shanekqua Campbell, best defensive player; Kortney Kemper, most improved player; and LaTasha Mathiew, Lady Hawk Award.

Men's basketball — Mr. Defense, Tyrone Payne; Mr. Offense, Rodney Blackstock; Chairman of the Boards, Van Jamison; Most Improved, Maushae Byles and Brandon Haughton; Hawk Award,

Artavius Davis.

Lady Hawk Softball — Zena Trevino, Hawk Pride; Rose Tirre and Crystal Judkins, Golden Glove; Big Stick Award, Breanna Bohls; Newcomer of the Year, Jennifer Reed; Most Improved, Veronica Owens.

Hawk baseball — Big Stick Award Gregg Lindsey; Golden Arm, Murray Carson; Newcomer of the Year Brian Halbert; Golden Glove, J-Bob Thomas.

Cheerleaders — Most Spirited, Nicole Payne; Best Jumps Female, Ami

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Rangers edged by Jays

ARLINGTON (AP) — John Rocker never got a chance to apply some of the things he worked on during his break from the Texas Rangers.

Rocker got Eric Hinske on a double-play grounder with the only pitch he threw in the Rangers' 2-1 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night.

"I lobbied hard for another inning to put into effect some of the stuff I've been working on," Rocker said.

Earlier in the day, Rocker was recalled from a minor league assignment to which he never reported.

After he was assigned to Triple-A Oklahoma a week ago, Rocker instead stayed in California to work on his delivery mechanics with Tom House at a clinic the former Rangers pitching coach owns.

When asked about the last week, Rocker responded, "I'm just talking about the game."

Hinske had a part in both runs for the Blue Jays before his at-bat against Rocker. He had an RBI double in the third and led off the sixth with a single before scoring on Darrin Fletcher's sacrifice fly.

Brandon Lyon (1-2), who had an 8.82 ERA in his first three starts, pitched 6 1/3 innings for the win and allowed one run on four hits — the only hits by Texas against five pitchers. Kelvim Escobar got four outs for his third save.

Ismael Valdes (1-3), the first of six Texas pitchers, gave up just two runs on five hits over 5 1/3 innings. He struck out three and had three walks, all of which hurt him.

There were two on and one out in the seventh when Hinske faced Rocker and sharply hit the ball right at second baseman Frank Catalanotto.

"I thought I threw a decent pitch at a good time," Rocker said. "If you've pitched 20 scoreless innings in a row or stunk like I have the last two weeks, it's always positive to come in and give the team a boost and put the fire out."

Said manager Jerry Narron, who decided against another inning for Rocker: "I'll take a pitch like that and a double play every time."

When optioned to the minors a week ago, Rocker was 0-1 with one save in three chances and a 9.53 ERA in six games for the Rangers. His demotion came right after he gave up two runs in the 10th inning of a 6-5 loss at Anaheim.

Rocker was recalled after 10-time All-Star catcher Ivan Rodriguez was put on the 15-day disabled list Tuesday with a herniated disc in his back.

Because Rocker replaced an injured player, the Rangers weren't bound by the rule requiring an optioned player to spend at least 10 days with his minor league team.

After Rusty Greer was thrown out trying to score on Alex Rodriguez's single to end the third, Lyon had three straight 1-2-3 innings before getting into trouble in the seventh.

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SPORTS EXTRA

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and TBSB Magazine. Rankings are through Monday, April 22.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, and other stats. Includes Class 5A, Class 3A, Class 2A, Class 1A, and Class 5A.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East Division, Central Division, and West Division.

Clema, Oakland, 6; Thunter, Minnesota, 6; MRamirez, Boston, 6; Thome, Cleveland, 6; Ventura, New York, 6.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, .404; Nunez, San Diego, .394; Barrett, Montreal, .382; Edmonds, St. Louis, .364; Lowell, Florida, .358; Spivey, Arizona, .355; Ward, Houston, .352.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Table with 5 columns: Division, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes East Division, Central Division, and West Division.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Fick, Detroit, .397; Lofton, Chicago, .392; Thunter, Minnesota, .385; Durham, Chicago, .379; Soriano, New York, .378.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-5) Saturday, April 20 Indiana 89, New Jersey 83 Toronto at Detroit, 8 p.m. San Antonio 110, Seattle 89 Charlotte 80, Orlando 79.

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND (Best-of-7) Wednesday, April 17 Carolina 2, New Jersey 1 Montreal 5, Boston 2 Vancouver 4, Detroit 3 San Jose 2, Phoenix 1.

BRIEFS

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its own schedule poster each season, but will not start contacting local businesses about advertising on that poster until May.

Rubio, Garcia record Comanche Trail aces

Ben Rubio and Charlie Garcia both recorded holes in one while playing the No. 15 hole at Comanche Trail Golf Course last week.

Rubio chalked up the first ace of his career on April 14 using an 8-iron on the hole.

His shot was witnessed by Ben Garcia Sr., Juan Montolongo and Marcel Torres.

For Garcia, his ace at No. 15 on April 16 using a pitching wedge, was the second of his career. Both have come on the same hole.

The shot was particularly pleasing for Garcia since it came while his wife, Valerie, and daughter, Loxie, were looking on. Others witnessing the shot were Jace Williams, Tim Strain and Joey and Tina Wells.

NL Minors Astros knock off Toros

The National Little League minors division Astros took a 5-3 win over the Toros on Tuesday to improve their record to 7-0 on the season.

Astros pitcher Jacob Acosta was the pitcher's

duel, striking out 13 batters. Paxton DeLaGarza, who took the loss for the Toros, struck out 15.

Payton Parker led the Astros offensively going 2-for-3 at the plate, while Wayland Leach provided the team's only other hit.

The Toros were led by Jackson Watkins, who finished the night 3-for-3. DeLaGarza had the Toros only other hit.

Big Spring ISD offers physicals on May 18

The Big Spring Independent School District Athletic Department will offer the opportunity for anyone in the sixth through 11th grades to receive athletic physicals.

The physicals are required for students who wish to participate in athletics entering the seventh, ninth or 11th grades, or those who have not already had one.

The requirement for current sophomores to undergo physicals is a new one, according to BSHS athletic trainer Andy Rankin, who also noted a new revised form must be used for the physicals. Forms should be available from coaches, trainers and local physicians.

Physicals will be given on Saturday, May 18, in the BSHS auditorium.

Sixth graders will have physicals at 9:45 a.m., eighth graders will be examined at 10:30 a.m. and those currently in the ninth through 11th grades will also be examined at 10:30 a.m.

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through April 21 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors):

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, and other stats. Includes Clemson, Rice, Alabama, Stanford, Wake Forest, South Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, North Carolina, Florida State, Florida, Georgia Tech, Houston, Wichita State, Nebraska, Oklahoma State, Cal State Fullerton, Baylor, Texas A&M, Florida Atlantic, Richmond, Long Beach State, Southern Cal, South Alabama, James Madison.

BASEBALL AMERICA

The top 25 teams in the Baseball America poll with records through April 21 (voting by the staff of Baseball America):

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, and other stats. Includes Clemson, Rice, Wake Forest, Stanford, South Carolina, Mississippi, Texas, Florida State, Houston, Baylor, Texas A&M, Florida Atlantic, Richmond, Long Beach State, Southern Cal, South Alabama, San Diego State.

DIV. II BASEBALL POLL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball NCAA Division II poll with records through April 21 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors):

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record, and other stats. Includes Delta State, Central Oklahoma, Central Missouri State, Cal State Chico, Kansas State, Columbia State, North Florida, Florida Southern, Alabama-Huntsville, Azuleo Christian, Georgia Coll. & St., North Alabama, Tampa, Grand Canyon, S.C. Aiken, Southern Arkansas, Mansfield, Ashland, Mesa State, Southern Colorado, Carson-Newman, Rollins, Armstrong Atlantic St., Indianapolis, Concordia, N.Y.

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Booed at his former home, Giambi strikes with bat **HOWARD**

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His former fans booed him, held up derogatory signs and threw back one of his foul balls.

Heck, even his name was misspelled on the scoreboard.

Jason Giambi didn't let any of that bother him Tuesday night. He was too busy trying to win the game for the New York Yankees.

Playing at the Coliseum for the first time since leaving the Athletics, Giambi hit a seventh-inning double that preceded Jorge Posada's home run and gave the Yankees a 2-1 win over Oakland.

While there were a few cheers, the former AL MVP who left the Athletics as a

free agent for a \$120 million, seven-year deal heard hecklers all game.

"I wouldn't be human if I said it didn't affect me," Giambi said. "But it's just not personal and I don't want to take it personal."

"Yeah, there was a lot of booing, but it was done in a good way. They let their feelings go. That was OK," he said. "I understand, I guess."

In other American League games, Seattle beat Oakland 1-0, Toronto topped Texas 2-

1. Chicago downed Cleveland 5-1, Tampa Bay beat Minnesota 6-4, Baltimore defeated Boston 7-5 and Detroit beat Kansas City 3-0.

In National League games, it was: Montreal 5, Milwaukee 4; New York 4,

St. Louis 3; San Francisco 12, Chicago 4; Arizona 5, Atlanta 2; Los Angeles 9, Pittsburgh 6; Florida 4, Houston 3 in 12 innings; Cincinnati 3, Colorado 2; and Philadelphia 8, San Diego 5.

Giambi arrived at the Coliseum five hours before gametime.

"I got here early to say hi to all the guys," he said. "I knew it would be a circus act."

The fans were ready for his return.

"Money can't buy you love," read one sign in the outfield. Another made reference to his younger brother, Athletics leadoff man Jeremy, and said, "Our Giambi is better."

And when the lineups were posted on the score-

board, he was listed as "Jiambi."

The crowd of 40,360 booed Giambi when he came onto the field to play first base in the bottom of the first. Jeremy Giambi opened with a single, and was reunited with his brother at the bag.

Giambi was heavily booed — just like at Yankee Stadium, actually — when he batted in the second. He grounded out, but wound up 2-for-4.

The Yankees did little against Tim Hudson until Giambi doubled to start the seventh and Posada followed with a home run.

"He looked so serious up there," Hudson said. "I'd never seen that side of him."

Orlando Hernandez (3-1) improved to 5-0 in seven

starts against Oakland, striking out 11 in eight innings.

Mariano Rivera relieved to begin the ninth and started by throwing six straight balls. He eventually retired pinch-hitter Greg Myers on a popup with runners on the corners for his sixth save.

Mariners 1, Angels 0

Ryan Franklin won his first major league start and Mark McLemore accounted for the only run.

Seattle has won four in a row and 14 of 15. Anaheim lost its fourth straight game and fell to 0-6 against the Mariners this season.

Franklin got to pitch because Lou Piniella did not want to start lefties Jamie Moyer and John Halama.

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Cantwell; Best Jumps Male, Steven Kimble; Best Motions Female, Eric DeLeon; Best Motions Male, Andy Nunez; Best All Around, Deidra Hirt; Best Dancer, Kaci Aciri; Best Basket Toss, Autumn George; Best Stunts Female, Ami Cantwell; Best Stunts Male, Steven Kimble; Best Flyer and Base, Stephanie Fitzgerald; Best Tumbler, Steven Kimble; Most Improved, Logan Long. Athletic Trainers Outstanding Manager Benny Conger; Newcomer of the Year, Allison Davis.

Rodeo — Most Improved Jake Smith. Other rodeo awards will be announced following the rodeo this weekend.

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Jackie Olson, County Auditor
Howard County, Texas
3517 April 24 & May 3, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

No. P-12913
ESTATE OF NELL BROWN, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Notice is hereby given that original Testamentsary for the Estate of Nell Brown, Deceased, were issued on the 19 day of March, 2002, under Docket No. P-12,913, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to John Wayne Brown.
Claims may be presented in care of John Wayne Brown to the Estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Nell Brown, Deceased
c/o John Wayne Brown
432 Howell Ave
Ridgcrest, CA 93555
All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED this 12 day of April, 2002.
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NOTICE OF SALE: REAL PROPERTY THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF HOWARD
AND LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY OF GUADALUPE PAREDEZ, DEFENDANT PLACED IN MY HANDS FOR SERVICE, I, DEAN RESTELLI, A DEPUTY SHERIFF OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, DID, ON THE 18 DAY OF MARCH, 2002 LEVY ON CERTAIN REAL ESTATE, SITUATED IN HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:
M2 LT 15 BK 99 ORIGINAL TOWN
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
E/44' LT 9 & W/6' LT 10 BK 101
Big Spring, Howard County, Texas
AND LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY OF GUADALUPE PAREDEZ and that on the first Tuesday of May, 2002, the same being the 07 day of said month, at the Court House door of Howard County, in the City of Big Spring, Texas, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 4 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will offer for sale and sell at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property.
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Herald, a newspaper published in Howard County.
Witness my hand, this 16 day of April 2002
Deane Walker
Sheriff Howard County, Texas
By Deane Restelli, Deputy
#3524 April 17, 24 & May 1, 2002

NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY THE STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD
By virtue of a ORDER OF SALE issued out of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, pursuant to judgment rendered in 118th Judicial District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the District Clerk of said Court, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I did on the 7TH day of MAY, 2002 at 10:00 a.m., levy upon and will proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder at public auction on the 7TH day of MAY, 2002, being the first Tuesday day of said month beginning at 10 o'clock a.m. on said day, at the North Courthouse door of said County, all the right, title, and interest of the Defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said Defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit:
Cause No. T-96-06-3866
Style of Suit and Property Description
BIG SPRING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, VS. OBRIN H. DALLEY, JR.
LOTS THREE (3) AND FOUR (4), BLOCK TWO (2), A FAIRVIEW ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B339000000
Cause No. T-93-04-4071
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. BOBBY DELL JOHNSON
LOT TWELVE (12), BLOCK TWO (2), DENTON ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B0900001500
Cause No. T-93-05-4091
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANNETTA MONTGOMERY LOT THREE (3), AND THE WEST HALF (W/2), OF LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK TWENTY (20), COLE & STRAYHORN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B2880019500
Cause No. T-94-12-4248
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. ANSELMO HILARIO, LOT FOUR (4), BLOCK TWELVE (12), BROWN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B2460008000
Cause No. T-93-07-4123
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. TONY MARQUEZ LOT SEVENTEEN (17), COLLEGE PARK NUMBER 2 ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B2950001400
Cause No. T-98-01-4448
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. MARY L. LARDIN, LOTS ONE & TWO (1 & 2), BLOCK FOUR (4), LINCOLN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B4170001400
Cause No. T-95-05-4255
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. PABLO TORRES, THE SOUTH-ONE-THIRD (SOUTH 1/3RD) OF LOTS SEVEN (7), EIGHT (8), AND NINE (9), BLOCK ONE (1), COLE & STRAYHORN ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
ACCT# B2280005500
Cause No. T-91-04-4528
Style of Suit and Property Description
HOWARD COUNTY, ET AL VS. JUANA JAUEROU FIERRO, LOTS THREE & FOUR (3 & 4), BLOCK SIX (6), BAUER ADDITION TO THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS.
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Cause No. T-93-08-7777
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APR. 24

Time	KMID (2)	KPEJ (3)	KERA (5)	FAM (6)	KOSA (7)	WFAA (8)	KWES (9)	WTBS (11)	UNI (13)	DISN (14)	NASH (15)	TMC (16)	SHOW (20)	HBO (22)	KMLM (23)	A&E (25)	DISC (26)	TNT (28)	TLC (31)
6:30 PM	News Fortune	King of the Hill Raymond	Cyberchase ZOOMALOO	Home Video Home Video	News ERL Tonight	News (CC) Coming At	News Seinfeld (CC)	Friends (CC) Roseanne	Intrusa..	My Date- President's	Mad TV (CC) Mad TV (CC)	Movie: Bless the Child	Where Are You? (CC)	Miss Congeniality	Update With John Hagee	The View (CC)	Little Killers-Venon	NBA Basketball Playoffs	Daring Capers
7:30 PM	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	That '80s Grounded-Lite	American Family (CC)	Movie: Untamed	Survivor: Mar-guessa (CC)	My Wife-Kids According-Jim	Ed (CC)	Movie: Disappear-ances (DVS)	Amigas y Rivales (SS)	Daughter (-40) Movie:	Star Trek: Next Gener. (CC)	Movie: Bless the Child	Movie: Bad Company	Sex and-City	Christian Dr. Massey	Biography (CC)	Warrior Island	Conference Quarterfinal	Collapse: Ex-treme Force
8:30 PM	Drew Carey The Job (CC)	Bonnie Mac Greg-Bunny	America's First Fibber	Heart..	Amazing Race 2 (CC)	Drew Carey The Job (CC)	West Wing (CC)	Law & Order (CC)	Movie: Disappear-ances (DVS)	Don Francisco Presenta	(10) Movie: Searching for	Missing in Action III	Soul Food (CC)	Six Feet Under (CC)	Sex and-City	Light of the Southwest	American Justice (CC)	Body Piercing	Game 3 NBA Basket-ball Playoffs
9:30 PM	Downtown (CC)	Cops (CC) Blind Date	Moyers on the Hudson	Whose Line? Whose Line?	700 Club (CC)	News (35) Late	News (CC) Nightline	News (35) Tonight	P. Impacto Noticias Univ.	Bobby Fischer	Star Trek: Next Gener. (CC)	Movie: After Hours (CC)	Resurrection (-45) Movie:	Hookers: 5 Years Later	Hour of Healing	Law & Order (CC)	Warrior Island	Quarterfinal Game 2	Collapse: Ex-treme Force
10:30 PM	Politically Inc. Paid Program	Suddenly Spin City (CC)	Nature (CC) Who's Boss?	Who's Boss? Who's Boss?	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (37) Late	Ent. Tonight Politically Inc. (37) Late	Movie: Dead Calm (CC)	En las Me-jores Familias	La Mujer de Mi Vida	So Weird Jett Jackson	Pop Across Legame	Angela's Ashes (CC)	Update With Church	Movie: 61 (CC)	Faith Pleases God	American Justice (CC)	Body Piercing	Rel (CC)	Panic Mechanics
11:30 PM	(12:05) Sally (CC)	Home Imp. Paid Program	Grand Canyon (CC)	Guthy-Plenker Paid Program	Show (CC) Street Smarts	(12:05) Oprah Winfrey (CC)	Night (CC) Frasier			Zorro (CC) Mickey Mouse		(11:50) Movie: 8							

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Today's Highlight in History:

On April 24, 1800, Congress approved a bill establishing the Library of Congress.

On this date:

In 1792, the national anthem of France, "La Marseillaise," was composed by Capt. Claude Joseph Rouget de Lisle.

In 1877, federal troops were ordered out of New Orleans, ending the North's post-Civil War rule in the South.

In 1898, Spain declared war on the United States after rejecting America's ultimatum to withdraw from Cuba.

In 1915, the Ottoman Turkish Empire began the brutal mass deportation of Armenians during World War I.

In 1916, some 1,600 Irish nationalists launched the Easter Rising by seizing several key sites in Dublin. (The rising was put down by British forces several days later.)

In 1953, British statesman Winston Churchill was knighted by Queen Elizabeth II.

In 1962, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology achieved the first satellite relay of a television signal, between Camp Parks, Calif., and Westford, Mass.

In 1968, leftist students at Columbia University in New York began a week-long occupation of several campus buildings.

In 1970, the People's Republic of China launched its first satellite, which kept transmitting a song, "The East is Red."

In 1980, the United States launched an abortive attempt to free the American hostages in Iran, a mission that resulted in the deaths of eight U.S. servicemen.

Ten years ago: President Bush and Democratic challenger Bill Clinton made long-distance back-to-back

appearances via satellite hookups before the National Association of Hispanic Journalists meeting in Albuquerque, N.M.

Today's Birthdays:

Critic Stanley Kauffmann is 86. Actor J.D. Cannon is 80. Actress Shirley MacLaine is 68. Author Sue Grafton is 62. Actress-singer-director Barbra Streisand is 60. Chicago Mayor Richard M. Daley is 60. Country singer Richard Sterban (The Oak Ridge Boys) is 59. Rock musician Doug Clifford (Creedence Clearwater Revival) is 57. Actor-playwright Eric Bogosian is 49. Actor Michael O'Keefe is 47. Rock musician David J (Bauhaus) is 45.

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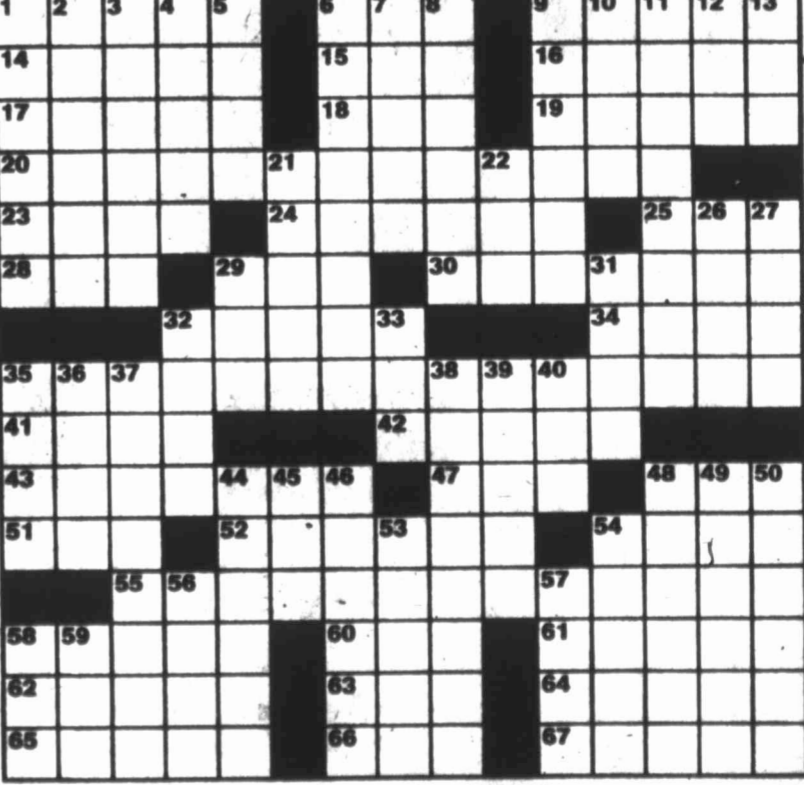
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Newsday Crossword

BIG BLOWS by Patrick Jordan

Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS
- 1 Missionary Junipero
- 6 Actor Kilmer
- 9 Ben Stiller's mom
- 14 Accordion feature
- 15 One of the Gabors
- 16 Edgar Poe
- 17 Make (profiteer)
- 18 Go bad
- 19 "Great!"
- 20 Enunciation challenge
- 23 Lake bordering Ontario
- 24 Not so important
- 25 Mind-boggling span
- 28 Rep.'s colleague
- 29 Flow's counterpart
- 30 Grapevine tidbit
- 32 Pabst rival
- 34 Have a migraine
- 35 Nursery-rhyme spider's route
- 41 "You betcha!"
- 42 Dauntless
- 43 Gave off
- 47 Young grizzly
- 48 Hydromassage facility
- 51 Drain, as strength
- 52 Coil and uncoil
- 54 Texas flag symbol
- 55 Fast-paced itinerary
- 58 Pam of Jackie Brown
- 60 Football Hall-of-Famer Dawson
- 61 Stood up
- 62 Hearing-related
- 63 Brain-wave readout, for short
- 64 Winter Olympics vehicles
- 65 Procedure parts
- 66 ER staffers
- 67 Discharge
- DOWN
- 1 Floods
- 2 Author Leonard
- 3 Bring under control
- 4 Kitchen fixture
- 5 One of the Aleutians
- 6 Spinal-cord protector
- 7 Admits blunty
- 8 Somewhat tardy
- 9 Chanted word
- 10 Peace Nobel
- 11 Outdoors, as dining
- 12 Lab-maze runner
- 13 In event (regardless)
- 21 Nudge rudely
- 22 "Get what I mean?"
- 26 Hawaiian island
- 27 Veto from Putin
- 29 "Help Wanted" ad abbr.
- 31 Fully attentive
- 32 Atkins or Huntley
- 33 Ave. intersector
- 35 Functions
- 36 Rocky Mountains carnivore
- 37 Trap triggerer
- 38 Type of artwork
- 39 French port
- 40 Stand-in
- 44 Performs with a baton
- 45 Prove one's humanity?
- 46 Comic Phyllis
- 48 Shemp or Larry
- 49 What commas signal
- 50 Take in for booking
- 53 12-year-old, e.g.
- 54 Gymnast Kerri
- 56 Broken-down car
- 57 Chip's chum
- 58 Nitrogen, for instance
- 59 Drill routine



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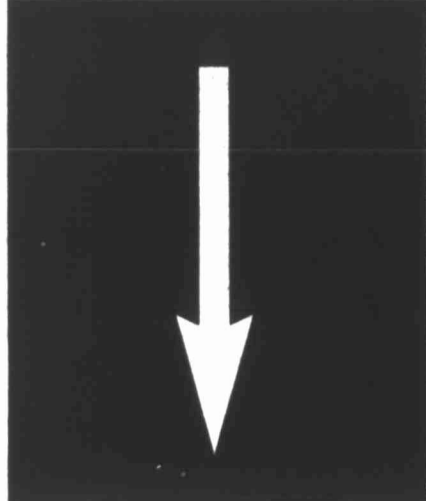
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By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald
For 75 years, the Big Spring Police Department has been at work in the community, serving citizens, seeking out criminals and keeping the peace.

Before the police department followed the city's change to a city manager form of government, a city marshal was charged with fighting crime. When E.A. Long became the first police chief, things didn't change too much right away: The Big Spring Herald referred to his "small staff" of officers.

By 1936, there were seven cops on the city beat. And it was a good thing, too: Big



SMITH



Courtesy photo

Shift Sgt. Sellers conducts a recent briefing that will start a shift at the BSPD. A look at the department's history reveals much has changed, and much has remained the same.

Spring's population at this early boom time topped 15,000.

The town has had its ups and downs, but surprising lit-

tle has changed about crooks, offenders and law-breakers.

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today," said Police Chief Lonnie Smith, who oversees 43 officers as well as civilian workers. He took a look at the past recently to prepare for the police department's 75th anniversary to be observed Friday.

"It was a different time, sure," Smith conceded, "but there were more bars here,

and Big Spring was known as a lively place."

Indeed, records from the department's early days show a number of diverse offenses were common, including "prowling," "gaming," burglary, theft, vagrancy and alcohol abuse. In a less politically correct era, public intoxication was known simply as "drunk." Vagrancy, which old police records show was a common infraction, is no longer even a crime.

Think today's youth are troubled? Consider that in 1941, three kids ages 10, 11 and 13 were arrested for breaking and entering a local

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Volunteers: Big Spring Citizen's Police Academy Alumni, Jack and Mary Lou Abendschan, Kent Easley.

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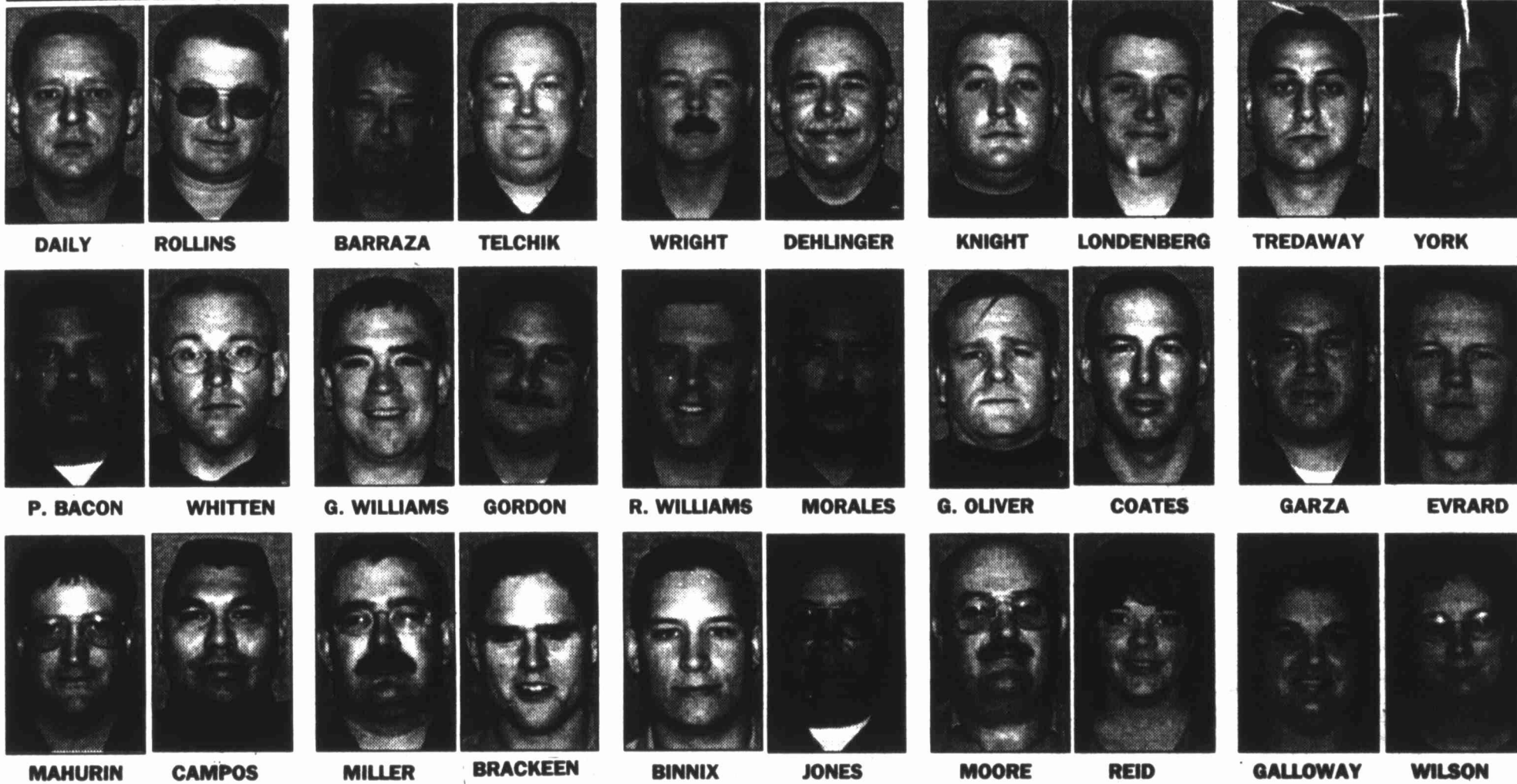


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building. Another 11-year-old was arrested for stealing bottles from the local Dr Pepper plant, apparently a common juvenile crime of the day.

Then two 15-year-old boys were caught in Big Spring after having stolen a car in Abilene, joy-riding down I-20 until their luck ran out.

Where there is crime, there must be punishment. In the 1940s, being drunk or speeding would cost you \$15. Improper parking was \$1.

"There was a different perspective," Smith said. "The way they dealt with things

then and what we do now, a lot has changed."

In the late 1930s, several young boys caught gambling were arrested, brought to the courthouse and "given a thorough lecture" by the judge.

Bothered by the rise of gangs in recent years? In the 1940s, a group calling itself "The 7 Kids" was identified as a gang in Big Spring.

"Kids today think they've invented something new," Smith said. "But here it is. The difference I think we see today is that there is not the respect for life. But violent crimes have always been around."

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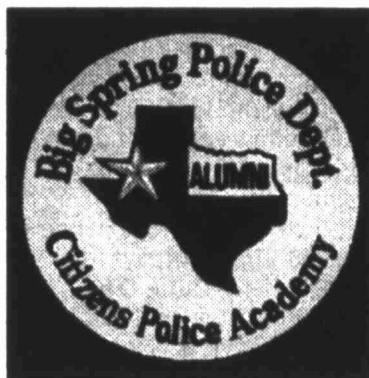
By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald

In 75 years, some aspects of the Big Spring Police Department's work have changed very little, including the power of people in fighting crime in the community.

The Citizens Police Academy, created in 1994, trains a group of interested volunteers to assist the department in various tasks, including traffic control at large events, and clerical work such as data entry. Volunteers such as Jack and Mary Lou Abendschan, who have spent more than 2,000 combined hours entering pawn tickets into the computer, are a big help to the department.

"These (academy alumni) are all very dedicated to the community, and they have chosen to give many hours to the police department. That has made a big difference for



This patch is worn by members of the BSPD Citizens Police Academy alumni.

both the public and our officers," Smith said.

It used to be that police relied on their reserve officers to assist with certain duties. But today's laws require that reserves have as much training as sworn officers, effectively eliminating many candidates for those posts.

This change broke a vital connection between the pub-

lic and the police - one that needed to be restored, the chief said. Now alumni of the citizens' academies work together on projects, meet regularly for more training, and help bridge the gap between cops and community.

"Without that connection, both sides tend to form opinions about each other," Smith said. "We are all human. We all make mistakes. This program shows citizens that our officers are well trained and well equipped, (and) very dedicated to what they do. It shows our officers that there are citizens who care about their community and want to improve it."

Training Center

In 1988, police - who must spend many hours in training to learn new skills and sharpen old ones - created a Law Enforcement Training Center



Classes are conducted in the department's Training Center, across from the headquarters building and above the City Council chambers.

across the street from the department. Vacant rooms above the City Council Chambers were transformed, with help from Wilderness Camp inmates, donations and the police association, into office space, a classroom and

workout room.

The importance of training cannot be emphasized enough, Smith said.

"I'm still learning. All of us can still learn. We never get

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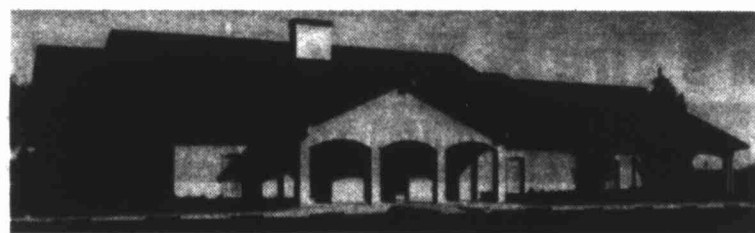
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to the point where there is nothing left to learn," the chief said.

The center is designed for use by other departments in the city as well.

Grants, seizures

The police department is dedicated to seeking grants to improve its equipment, but won't seek such funding for personnel, the chief said.

"We don't want to add additional personnel that way, because when the grant runs out, the burden falls back on the city to fund the position." Judicious use of grants, though, has helped buy some of the latest, high-tech crime-fighting tools that might not otherwise be available on a tight municipal budget.

"Grants usually require matching funds, and the city government has been diligent

about supporting that," Smith said.

Seizures are another tool. Law allows departments to apply for the right to seize vehicles, money and equipment that has been used in criminal activity, such as the illegal drug trade. Currently, the department has a pickup used by animal control that was a successful seizure.

Youth programs

One officer in the department is devoted to DARE, the highly successful youth program that reaches out to elementary students with tools designed to help them avoid pressures that influence them to experiment with alcohol, tobacco, marijuana, inhalants, or other drugs, or to engage in violence. Adopt-a-cop programs are also available at local elementary schools, where police can

sign up to participate in education and make appearances at school events.

Since the mid-1980s, one officer has taught criminal justice at Big Spring High School, a program Smith said has "helped to plant the seed of thought" that law enforcement is a valid career choice. And that could help in the department's newest battle, the fight to recruit and keep a full staff of officers.

"This is not unique to Big Spring," the chief said. "Young people are choosing other careers." The hope is that, with a class in criminal justice behind them, students will continue on to college and then consider a career in law enforcement.

"We want to show them that this is a good profession," Smith said. "This is something they can do that serves the community."

Right tools keep BSPD current in technology race

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

For a rural police force, the Big Spring Police Department is certainly managing to keep up in the technology race.

Recent additions of video cameras, laptop computers and digital cameras in the patrol units are making the officers' jobs easier, said BSPD Lt. Drew Bavin.

Videotaping helps the police make cases against suspects, he said.

"Basically it's an investigative tool, you might say," he said. "When you're talking about a DWI offender or any offender for that matter, you've got another piece of evidence right there."

Having a video camera in the patrol car won't stop an officer from being attacked during a traffic stop, Bavin said, but it might act as a

deterrent by provide strong evidence after such an incident.

"You're going to have a video of what's going on," he said. "If somebody gets violent or something, you're going to have that video. If he was to get into a car pursuit or something like that, he could turn it on."

Writing reports has traditionally forced officers to spend hours in the station instead of out doing their jobs, Bavin said, but the department's new laptop computers are beginning change that for the better.

"All the officers that work on the street have laptops in their cars. They can do their police reports out in the field on that laptop," he said.

The past system of having officers return to the station to write reports cut down on

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their time in the field.

"They're not available for any kind of calls if they're here. They're going to have to go get in the car and go to the scene," he said. "If they're out in the field doing their reports, they're right there in the car ready to go. They don't have to leave their area or district to come do a report."

The laptops have other benefits as well, said Bavin

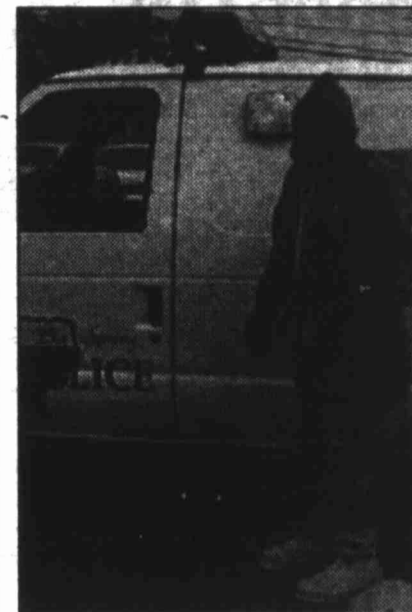
"We can do them faster on the computer than we can do by hand," he said.

"They make a neater report. Once those reports are put into the database or they're on the system, we don't have to turn around and have record clerks retype those reports to submit them to the courts. Once it's online and everybody's using it, we're going to eliminate a lot of pieces of paper."



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Technology has improved the working environment for Big Spring Police Officers, and streamlined the way they do their jobs. Shown above, laptop computers and video cameras have joined radar and radios as standard crime-fighting equipment. These days, officers don't have to leave their district to complete their offense reports.



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Above, technology in use at the Big Spring Police Department is not limited to computers and video cameras. At left, Corporal Detective Thad Thomas uses a scope to check a car's gas tank for hidden narcotics. At right, Lt. Terry Chamness shows the department's protective gear for exposure to hazardous materials.

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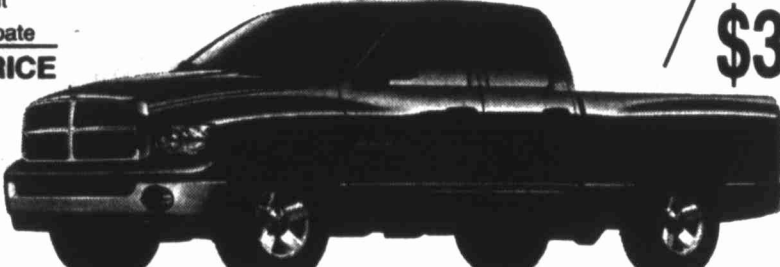
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98 Nissan Altima Nicely Equipped Stk# U801 \$8488 \$179 mo.	00 Ford Escort Red & Ready Stk# 7637 \$8488 \$179 mo.	98 Plymouth Villager 7 Passenger Stk# 519A \$8988 \$189 mo.	01 Chevy Cavalier Auto. Trans. Stk# U786 \$8988 \$189 mo.	98 Olds Intrigue Need To See This One Stk# 7695 \$8988 \$189 mo.	99 Ford Taurus Under 40K Miles Stk# 7619 \$8988 \$189 mo.	98 Ford Windstar Nice One Stk# 7681 \$10,488 \$222 mo.
99 Ford Ranger XLT/X-C V-6 Auto Stk# 7630 \$10,788 \$269 mo.	00 Pontiac Grand Prix Nice Car Stk# 7635 \$10,488 \$222 mo.	98 Chevy Astro Rear A/C Stk# 521A \$9988 \$211 mo.	01 Saturn LSI LOOK HERE Stk# 7692 \$11,488 \$243 mo.	99 Ford Explorer XLT Stk# 7679 \$12,488 \$264 mo.	99 Mercury Villager Rear A/C Stk# 7631 \$12,788 \$269 mo.	00 Chevy Blazer Alloy Wheels Stk# 7694 \$12,788 \$269 mo.

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(L) Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen, Center Big Spring Police Chief, Lonnie Smith and Big Spring City Manager, Gary Fuqua (R).