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SALES TAX HOLIDAY

Don't forget. Through midnight Sunday, you can purchase most clothing and footwear tax free at local retailers. It's the state's annual Sales Tax Holiday and it is under way right now!

Items that can be purchased tax free include children's and adults' clothing and work uniforms, shoes, tennis shoes, slippers, sleepwear and underclothes for the entire family. Each single item purchased must be priced less than \$100 to receive the tax exemption.

COMING SUNDAY

AMERICAN PROFILE



Scripts come from playwrights such as Oscar Wilde and Shakespeare, but the actors come from places like the software company downtown.

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School districts receive their 'report cards'

Administrators pleased with progress at their campuses

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

One superintendent of a Howard County school district learned his district was rated exemplary Thursday, another discovered his was recognized and a third found his was acceptable. All three are crowing about their districts' accomplishments.

The Texas Education Agency released public school accountability ratings Thursday, the last based on the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test.

The accountability system also rates schools, students and educators based on dropout numbers and other factors.

For the first time under the current system,

"This is the first time the district has been exemplary to my knowledge. This accomplishment is because of the teachers and students. They are the ones who got it done. I'm proud of them because I know all the commitment they have put in."



Wayne Rotan, Forsan ISD superintendent

Forsan Independent School District received an exemplary status, the highest rating.

"Both our campuses were exemplary, our elementary and junior high school," Forsan Superintendent Wayne Rotan said. "This is the first time the dis-

trict has been exemplary to my knowledge. This accomplishment is because of the teachers and students. They are the ones who got it done. I'm proud of them because I know all the commitment they have put in."

Coahoma Independent

School District regained its recognized rating.

"We're pretty pleased with the results, but we know the accountability system is changing," said Cisd Superintendent Bill Kingston.

Last year junior high writing scores caused the Coahoma Junior High School campus to earn an acceptable rating and the district to receive acceptable status. This year the junior high campus was recognized, the high school campus was exemplary and the elementary campus was acceptable.

Big Spring Independent School District had five recognized campuses and

HOW THEY RATED

Big Spring ISD. Academically Acceptable
Bauer Elementary, Exemplary
Big Spring High School, Recognized
Kentwood Elementary, Recognized
Marcy Elementary, Recognized
Moss Elementary, Recognized
Washington, Elementary, Recognized
Big Spring Junior High, Acceptable
Golliad Elementary, Acceptable
Anderson Kindergarten Center, Not Rated

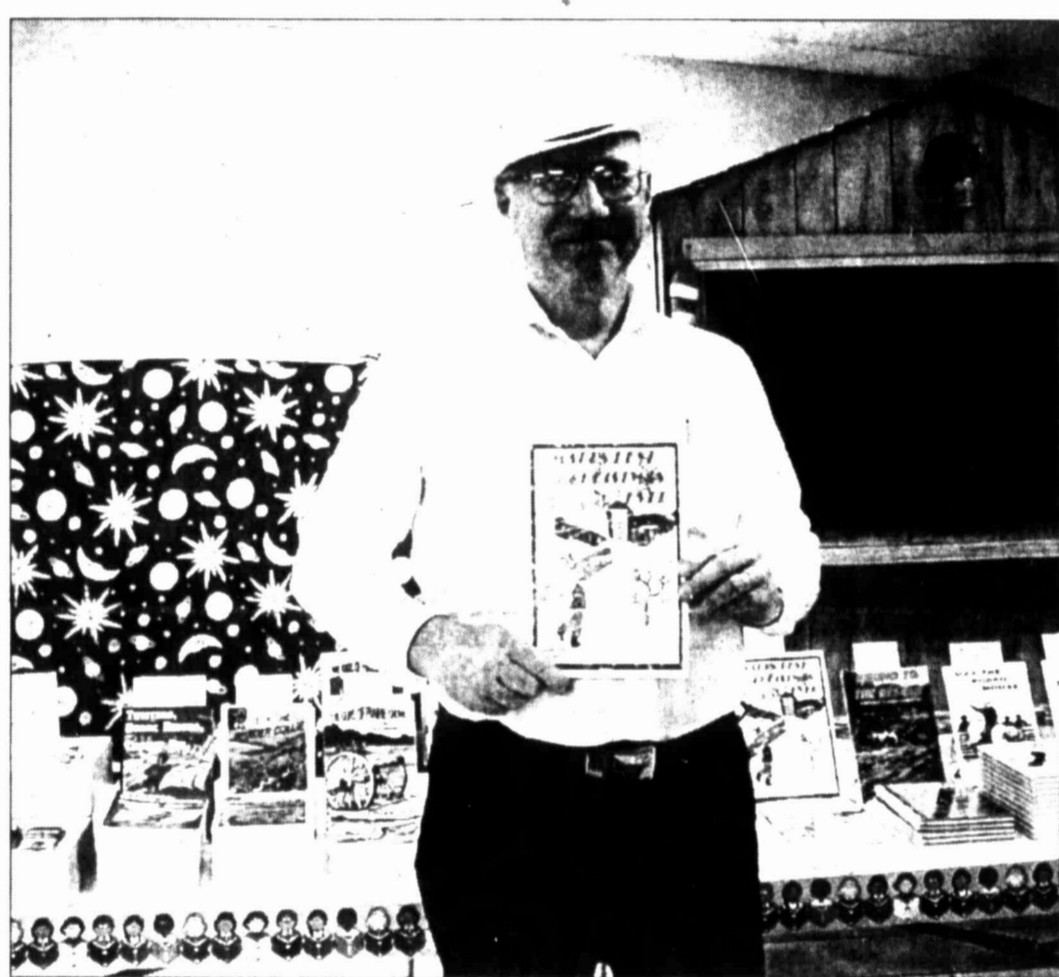
Coahoma ISD. Recognized
Coahoma High School, Exemplary
Coahoma Junior High School, Recognized
Coahoma Elementary, Acceptable
Forsan ISD. Exemplary
Elbow Elementary, Exemplary
Forsan High School, Exemplary

Sands Cisd. Exemplary
Sands Elementary, Exemplary
Sands High School, Exemplary

Grady ISD. Exemplary
Grady School, exemplary

Glasscock ISD. Academically Acceptable
Glasscock County Elementary, Exemplary
Glasscock County High School, Acceptable

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Texas children's author and storyteller Herb Marlow stands before his display of books Thursday during the closing party for Howard County Library's Summer Reading Program. Marlow was the guest speaker for the party and kept the audience of around 75 spellbound with his stories.

Author enjoys spreading his special love of words

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Spreading the love of words through writing and reading is the message Texas author and storyteller Herb Marlow hopes to leave with his audience.

"As an old teacher, I want them to know anybody can be an author," Marlow said. "You don't have to be creative to be an author. You do, if you write the fictional stuff but if you are writing non-fiction that is putting facts together."

"Reading really begins with writing," he continued. "To read and write

"I'm not in my second childhood, I've already past that. You could say I'm in my third or fourth childhood."

author Herb Marlow

together you really began to create."

Marlow was the guest speaker at the Howard County Library Summer Reading program closing party Thursday night.

The author of several children's books, Marlow began his writing career in

the 1970s when his stories, based on his childhood in Nebraska and Iowa, were published in several periodicals.

He eventually published his first book "Twisters, Bronc Riders and Cherry Pie," in 1996 and now owns his own publishing company Four Seasons Inc.

"I travel all over the country telling stories and playing with kids," he said. "I'm not in my second childhood, I've already past that. You could say I'm in my third or fourth child-

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Steers season football ticket packages go on sale Monday at the BSISD office

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

It's almost football season. National Football League players are in training camps around the country, but here in West Texas, it's not really football season until the state's high school football begins two-a-day practices. That arduous ritual begins Monday for a number of schoolboy teams including Big Spring's Steers.

Monday will officially be the first day for Steers fans

to purchase season ticket packages.

Big Spring is the only area school district that offers season tickets. Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Grady, Sands and Stanton offer only single game tickets.

Season ticket holders from 2001 will have the first opportunity to purchase tickets for the Steers four home games in 2002.

Big Spring Independent School District Business Office employee Iris Thayer said letters to inviting pre-

Season ticket holders will have through Aug. 16 to purchase season tickets before sales are open to the general public.

vious season ticket holders to renew their seats were mailed Wednesday. They will have from Aug. 5

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Old Settlers

Cowboy poets to entertain those attending reunion Saturday at the civic center

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

When Ward County Judge Sam Massey isn't hearing tall-tales in the courtroom, he's likely telling them to an audience.

Massey is a cowboy poet, and he's as good at telling a story as any that was ever said under oath. And like many a poet, Massey is known for his unique way of looking at the simplest of things.

From his poem "Cornbread":

"Be you rich or distraught
Perish the thought
You can eat it from
morning 'til night
It's scrumptious with
butter

Steam rises when ya
cut-her
Ladled gravy makes it
just right"

That's the type of folksy insight people can expect on Saturday at the 78th annual Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion — a day for making new friends and visiting old ones.

Everyone is invited to the event, which celebrates family heritage.

The day-long event, held at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, begins at 9 a.m.

Highlights of the reunion includes an awards ceremony, dessert auction, wooden horse races, a barbecue lunch, and, of course, cowboy poetry.

Three well-known poets and storytellers will perform for those who attend — Tom Koger, who will perform Saturday during the Old Settlers Reunion.

Poor farm prices and drought led Dawson County native Tom Koger into teaching and coaching football and track. After 17 years as an educator at Lamesa and Big Spring, he retired and now runs a few cows and is pastor of the First Presbyterian Church in Sanderson. His dedication is somewhat

REUNION ACTIVITIES

9 a.m., Doors open, tickets on sale, socializing, dominoes, Bingo

11:30 a.m., Lunch, announcement of officers for 2003, cowboy poetry, Pioneer Family awards, eldest man/woman awards

1 p.m., Dessert auction

1:30 p.m., Wooden horse races

3 p.m., Quilt and bird-bath give-aways

split between his home in Howard County and his church home in Terrell County. In fact, he is on fair boards of both counties.

His wife of 43 years, Nancy, works closely with him. They have two daughters, Shannon, who works on Broadway productions in New York, and Shawn, who lives with her husband just outside Junction. Their third sibling is son Phillip. He and his wife live and work in Austin.

Koger spends as much time as possible reading, listening to and writing cowboy poetry, dancing, and "riding a good horse to the back side of the pasture."

Biscuits O'Bryan is the cook for the I O Everybody Ranch. He performs at schools, where he tells about life on the cattle drives from Texas to the northern rail-heads in the mid-1800s. He also performs for conventions and chamber of commerce events.

O'Bryan, otherwise known as the Rev. Monte Jones, has been featured on Bob Phillips' Texas Country Reporter, John Pronk's Texas Tales on WFAA-TV and Tumbleweed Smith's Sounds of Texas. He has twice served as a celebrity

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Courtesy photo

Tom Koger grew up in the area and still makes his home near Big Spring. He is one of three cowboy poets who will perform Saturday during the Old Settlers Reunion.

AUGUST 2002

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Richard H. Graham



Graveside funeral service for Richard H. "Dick" Graham, 80, of Phoenix, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 5, 2002, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Derick Looney, pastor of First Baptist Church of Ackerly, officiating. Mr. Graham died on Tuesday, July 30, in Phoenix, Ariz. He was born on Jan. 9, 1922, in Ackerly and married Mary Hooper on Sept. 15, 1949, in Midland. She preceded him in death on July 2, 1989. He later married Mary Matthews Carey in 2001 in Phoenix, Ariz. He worked in civil service as an aircraft mechanic at Webb Air Force Base in Big Spring and the Air Force Base in Chandler, Ariz. until retiring. He had lived in Arizona since 1977. He was a Methodist and served in the United States Navy during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Graham of Phoenix, Ariz.; three step-daughters, Debbie Silver of Flagstaff, Ariz., Donna Politz of Little Elm, and Diana Thomas of Russia; one step-son, Matt Carey of Happyjack, Ariz.; and one sister, Ruby Clanton of Elbow.

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

Cecil Wray Peurifoy



Funeral services for Cecil Wray Peurifoy, 80, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Aug. 3, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham, minister of 14th and Main Church of Christ and Royce Clay, Church of Christ minister, officiating. Mr. Peurifoy died on Wednesday, July 31, 2002, in a Midland hospital. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on March 11, 1922, in Abilene and married Hollie Natalie Smith on November 24, 1949, in Big Spring. He came to Big Spring in 1936 and had owned and operated Perco Car Care Center for more than 60 years. He was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ, where he was a deacon and Bible Class teacher. He served in the United States Army Air Corps.

Survivors include his wife, Natalie Peurifoy of Big Spring; one son, Rick Peurifoy of Denver, Colo.; two daughters, Penny Lewis of Amarillo and Hollie Peurifoy of Dallas; and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to the 14th & Main Church of Christ Building Fund, 1401 Main Street, Big Spring 79720.

The family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

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

Support Groups

MONDAY

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

•TOPS Club TX No. 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), meets every Monday with weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell. Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

•Encourager's Support Group (all widows and widowers are invited) will meet Monday at 6 p.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located on East FM 700. For more information call 398-5522.

•Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8106.

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

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

•Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

•AL-ANON open discussion meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open meeting fourth floor at VA Medical Center 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Texas lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

1-14-28-34-35

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night by the Texas Lottery, in order:

6-4-5

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order:

8-4-8

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Thursday until 8 a.m. today:

• **HARRY LEON GIPSON**, 53, of Wink was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **JESSE REED JR.**, 65, of 4100 Dixon was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, analogue.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1000 block of Howell Street, in 1600 block of Lark Street and 300 block of West Eighth.

• **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A MOTOR VEHICLE** was reported in the 1200 block of west Sixth where a 2002 black Ford pickup valued at \$27,000 was reported taken.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, LESS THAN \$50**, was reported in the 1600 block of Stadium and in the 3300 block of East FM 700.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, LESS THAN \$50 BUT MORE THAN \$500**, was reported at the Barcelona Apartments.

• **THEFT, LESS THAN \$50**, was reported in the 600 block of South Nolan where bicycles valued at \$42 were reported taken.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of Hillside Street where \$200 worth of electronic equipment were reported stolen.

Records

Thursday's high 101
Thursday's low 74
Record high 108 in 1944
Record low 55 in 1925
Average high 95
Average low 69
Precip. Thursday 0.38

Month to date 0.38
Year to date 8.11
Sunrise Saturday 7:02 a.m.
Sunset Saturday 8:41 p.m.
Sunrise Sunday 7:03 a.m.
Sunset Sunday 8:40 p.m.

EMS

The following is a summary of the EMS and Fire Department:

THURSDAY
10:25 a.m. — 2400 Cheyenne, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

11:06 a.m. — 1500 block of Johnson, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

3:05 p.m. — 1300 block of Stadium, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

5:23 p.m. — 400 block of Dallas, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

8:01 p.m. — 3800 block of Hamilton, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

Take Note

□ A benefit dance and barbecue will be held for Terry Fortson, who has been diagnosed with cancer. The event will be held from 6 p.m. to midnight Saturday at the square dance building on Chaparral Road. Cost is \$15 per person for both the barbecue and dance. The Eagles band will provide music.

Fortson is the son of Ray and Marilyn Fortson. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1977. For more information, call Lonnie at 267-8310 or 264-0538.

A fund has been set up at State National Bank in his name. To make a donation, call the bank at 264-2100.

□ Big Spring Independent School District will have a public hearing 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Bauer Magnet Elementary School's cafeteria located at 108 Northeast Ninth St. This hearing concerns the proposed changes to the Board of Trustees election system. For more information call 264-3620.

□ A benefit fund has been set up for Chris (Rocky) Tubb at Wells Fargo Bank to help defray the medical bills and assist his wife and child until his long term disability is in effect. He had no short term disability insurance. He was injured in an accident and is in critical condition in ICU in Austin. He is the son of Cindy and David Tubb of Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1991. To make a donation call the bank at 268-6212 or 267-5513.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact Herald Features Editor Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email Johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

□ The Heritage Museum at 510 Scurry is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

□ The Pottou House located at 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

□ There will be a dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 704 W. Third. Members and guests welcome.

MONDAY

□ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at the Rose Cafe at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

□ Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes are at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

□ Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

WEDNESDAY

□ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Yellow Rose Cafe at 10 a.m.

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

□ Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

□ Line dancing class is at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628 for more information.

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

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe located at 1706 East FM 700.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Big Spring Main Street meets at noon at the Railroad Museum located at Second and Main.

□ Christmas In April meets at noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork located at 409 East Third.

□ American Legion Auxiliary meets at 6 p.m. at 3203 West Hwy. 80.

□ Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. t 2101 Lancaster.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m.

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Sacred Heart crowns to sell 6 p.m. and continue to midnight raising project

TICKETS

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through Aug. 16 season tickets are opened to public on Aug. 1 day of sales will

The four-gam priced at \$16 tickets for the opener on Sept. host Odessa P well as a Sept. 2 Plainview, and with Frenship a 1 homecoming Lubbock Estaca

Tickets can be at the BSISD Office from 8 noon and from 4:30 p.m. Monday Friday.

For more information Thayer at 264-36

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"I'm ecstatic. proud of the team BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy the most recognized since we have the system. The

New allocated credits

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The California Safety AMBER was activated Thursday, with hours after Roy kidnapped a 16-year-old and her 17-year-old

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Sacred Heart members Kristina Garner and her grandmother Margie Rodriguez prepare crowns to sell during the church's annual festival. The two-day festival begins today at 6 p.m. and continues until 11 p.m. Activities gear up again at 6 p.m. Saturday and continue to midnight. Games, food and live bands will highlight the event held as a fund-raising project for the church. Sacred Heart is located at 508 N. Aylford St.

TICKETS

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through Aug. 16 to purchase season tickets before sales are opened to the general public on Aug. 19. The final day of sales will be Aug. 30. The four-game packages, priced at \$16 each, include tickets for the Steers' home opener on Sept. 6 when they host Odessa Permian, as well as a Sept. 20 game with Plainview, and Oct. 18 game with Frenship and the Nov. 1 homecoming game with Lubbock Estacado. Tickets can be purchased at the BSISD Business Office from 8 a.m. until noon and from 1 p.m. until 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. For more information, call Thayer at 264-3620.

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RATINGS

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one exemplary campus but received an academically acceptable rating for the district. "I'm ecstatic. I am very proud of the teachers," said BSISD Superintendent Murray Murphy. "This is the most recognized schools since we have been under the system. The district has

six out of eight schools recognized or exemplary. All our current standing elementary for 2002-2003 year are recognized schools. "Big Spring High School is a recognized school for the third year in a row," Murphy continued. "Goliad Elementary missed being a recognized school by two-tenths of a percent." Bauer Elementary received exemplary status for the first time. "Hats off to Bauer," Murphy said. "Three years ago Bauer was an acceptable campus and the staff set a goal to become an exemplary campus. I am very proud of their efforts and accomplishments."

Other Big Spring school campus ratings are: Kentwood Elementary, recognized; Marcy Elementary, recognized; Moss Elementary, recognized; Washington Elementary, recognized; Big Spring Junior High, acceptable; and Anderson Kindergarten Center, not rated.

In area school districts, both Sands Consolidated Independent School District and Grady Independent School District once again earned the highest district rating. Both Sands elementary and high school campuses received exemplary ratings, as did the Grady school campus. For the third year in a row, the Stanton Independent School District earned recognized status. Both the high school and

middle school campuses received recognized status and the elementary school received an acceptable rating. "I'm extremely pleased with the rating," said Stanton Superintendent David Carr. "Anytime you have a district recognized, the teachers are doing an outstanding job motivating the kids to prepare themselves and perform at a high level."

Glasscock County Independent School District received an academically acceptable rating. The elementary campus earned an exemplary rating, while the high school received acceptable status. Beginning with the 2002-2003 school year, the state will have a tougher accountability system centered around the broader, more difficult Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (TAKS).

The state won't rate schools next year to give them time to adjust, but students will still be held accountable. High school students must pass the test to graduate and no longer will third-graders advance to fourth grade if they fail the test.

Associated Press reports contributed to this story.

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New alert system from state of Texas credited with teens' return in California

DALLAS (AP) — Just six days after Californians adopted a Texas-style child abduction alert system, it was credited with saving the lives of two teenagers. The California Child Safety AMBER Network was activated early Thursday, within four hours after Roy Dean Ratliff kidnapped a 16-year-old girl and her 17-year-old friend at gunpoint. The program, named after 9-year-old Dallas area murder victim Amber Hagerman, alerted a Kern County, Calif., animal control officer who spotted a stolen Ford Bronco matching the description from a broadcast and called sheriff's deputies. The kidnapper was minutes away from killing the girls at a remote location in the high desert, said Kern County Sheriff Carl Sparks.

A Texas sheriff who helped implement the plan while he was an Arlington police officer said there's a reason it has now been adopted by a dozen states. "The question I ask when I do my classes on it is, 'Can your community afford to be without this plan?' And I think when we see it around the country and see how well it works, the answer is that everyone should have it and I think that this is one more proof today that there's no reason not to have this plan in your community," said Tarrant County Sheriff Dee Anderson. Law enforcement use of the program had already been credited with the return of 17 youngsters around the country since 1997, said Steve Mace, a spokesman for the program in the Dallas-Fort Worth area. Hagerman was kidnapped and murdered in Arlington

in 1996. As a result, Dallas broadcasters developed a local alert program, the first of its kind.

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\$3.50 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS
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Daily 3:00, 5:00, 7:00
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judge at the Jack Daniels Invitational World Championship Barbecue Cookoff in Lynchburg, Tenn. and was nominated three times as the best storyteller/humorist by the Academy of Western Artists.

He regularly appears at the National Cowboy Symposium and Celebration in Lubbock, the Texas Cowboy Poets Reunion in Alpine and the Lincoln County Cowboy Symposium in Ruidoso, N.M.

When not performing, O'Bryan — or Rev. Jones, rather — is interim Episcopal Vicar of Junction, Menard and Fort McKavett. He is a fifth-generation Texan whose great-grandfather, Joseph Bell Chance, fought in the Battle of San Jacinto.

O'Bryan and his wife, Virginia, live in San Angelo. He has published two books, "Biscuits O'Bryan's Book of Beans, Bread and Other Bull," and "More Bull from Biscuits," and released two tapes and a compact disc of his stories and poetry.

Massey is a fifth-generation rancher, living on his family's ranch in Ward and Winkler counties. His poetry is of a gentle nature and he tells stories of his experiences as well as tales handed down through the years.

He grew up on ranches in Texas, Montana and Colorado and worked on ranches in Texas and New Mexico. In addition to ranching, he serves the people of Ward County as county judge. He says he is employed in that job "because it does not rain every year in the West Texas desert and since I have gotten older, I have developed the habit of eating."

Massey has appeared at numerous poetry gatherings, including Ruidoso and Hobbs, N.M. and the Permian Basin Fair in

Odessa. He has been a participant at the Texas State Poetry Gathering in Alpine since its inception.

Reunion-goers can enjoy the poets while having a barbecue lunch, catered by Brenda's Barbecue and More Plates are \$6.50 per person. Lunch is set to begin at 11:30 a.m.

Activities set for the noon hour include the presentation of Pioneer Family awards to the Choate family of Howard County and the Hanson family of Glasscock County, as well as recognizing the eldest man and woman.

A dessert auction is set for 1 p.m., followed 30 minutes later by wooden horse races. A quilt and birdbath will be given away at 3 p.m.

Contact News Editor Bill McClellan at 263-7331, ext. 235, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

MARLOW

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hood." Marlow kept the crowd of around 75 that attended the party spell bound by his tales, said Karen McIntyre, Howard County children's librarian.

More than 200 area youths signed up to participate in the eight-week program. Activities, movies and guest speakers helped to promote the program's purpose, motivating children to read.

Sixty-one youngsters accomplished their goal of reading at least 10 books and the participants read more than 1,700 books during the program. The children were divided into two groups, Sit Together and Read (STARS), ages first grade and younger; and Mighty Awesome Reading Kids (MARKS), second grade and older.

During the closing party, McIntyre announced the winners of three contests

held during the year.

In the guess the "Chili Fixin's Contest," Brandon Hilario came the closes with a 975 guess in the STARS group while MARKS member Dylan Edwards had the top estimate with 800. The jar held 899 chili fixin's.

In the "Dewey Read Contest," where children were challenged to read one book from each number classification of the Dewey Decimal System, Kayla Sigmon was first in the STARS group. Haylea Hodnett was first in the MARKS group.

The "Recycled Texas Critter Contest" challenged children to create a "critter" with their imagination and household items. Winners were Haylea Rangel for her longhorn tiger strip in the STARS group and Eric Fierro for his turtle in the MARKS group.

Each winner received a summer reading T-shirt and a book signed by the author. "It was a successful program and we had a good time," McIntyre said.

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CHURCH NEWS

First Assembly of God
A Jungle Journey to Discover Jesus is the Vacation Bible School project at First Assembly of God, Third and Lancaster.

The VBS will be Aug. 5-7, Monday through Wednesday from 6:15 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Outside games at 6:15 p.m.

Cruisin' the Amazing Amazon is an interactive learning experience for children ages 3 to 11 (going into fifth grade). Parents are welcome too.

For more information or to register for Cruisin' the Amazing Amazon, call Sharon Rich at 267-7682 or call for ride.

First United Methodist
"Let's Eat!" is the title of Dr. Dave Ring's communion meditation on Sunday, Aug. 4.

Worship services are at 8:30 a.m. and 10:50 a.m.

Sunday school classes meet from 9:45 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

Classes are available for children and adults.

The Chancel Choir rehearses on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

The invitation to join the choir is open to anyone. For more information contact Jim Wright or attend rehearsal on Wednesday.

Registration for Disciple Bible Study is in progress. The basic course, "Disciple: Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study," is a survey of the entire Bible.

For those who have already taken the basic course, there are three choices, a study of Genesis/Exodus and Luke/Acts, a study of the prophets and the letters of Paul, or a study of Old Testament writings and the Gospel of revelation to

"Tail Gate Bible Study"



Courtesy photo

Last Wednesday night (July 24) several youth groups from Big Spring churches made a caravan up to the drive-in movie in Lamesa for a "Tailgate Bible Study." The group sang music, had a Bible study, and then watched Stuart Little 2. The churches involved were First Baptist Church, Christ Community Church, First Church of the Nazarene, College Baptist Church, Hillcrest Baptist Church, St. Paul's Lutheran Church and First Presbyterian Church. First Baptist Church will be having a back to school event called "Armpit Olympics," Saturday, Aug. 10, at 6 p.m. This will include many of our churches. Also, Wednesday, Sept. 18 is the annual "See You At The Pole." Students at each of the high schools and junior high schools will be meeting around their flagpoles to pray for their campus. They will be joining students from thousands of schools around the globe in an effort of prayer. www.syatp.com has more information.

Finally, our church (First Baptist Church Big Spring) will be hosting a memorial service Wednesday night, Sept. 11. Several community leaders will be involved in the service, our church's choir will sing some patriotic music, and we will have a time of remembrance in honor of those who died, those who survived, and those of us who still call this country our own.

Jeff Donnell is the youth minister of First Baptist Church of Big Spring. Contact him at 267-8223 or send an e-mail to donnell@crcom.net

John. The deadline to register for Disciple Bible Study is Aug. 9. The courses begin in August and continue through May. To register, call the church office.

Advance registration is now in progress for "Roundup 2002" in Lubbock, Aug. 24 from 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. This is a spiritual enrichment and leadership training day with approximately 60 workshop sessions on a variety of topics.

The registration fee is \$25 per person. The church will provide transportation. Information about the roundup is in the purple booklet in the foyer of the sanctuary or call the church office.

First United Methodist

Church is located at 400 Scurry.

For more information on any of the programs at First United Methodist Church, call the church office at 267-6394.

First Presbyterian
"The First Great Church Picnic" is the sermon topic chosen for worship on Sunday by the Rev. David Marx, interim minister.

Worship service for the month of August is held in the church chapel at 11 a.m.

Sunday School is held at 9:45 a.m. and Take Ten is at 10:30 a.m. Summer Choir Practice is held at 10 a.m. on Sundays during the summer.

Plans are being made

for back to school activities as well as the annual church barbecue. Dates and times will be announced at a later date.

Please join us for any or all of the previously mentioned activities. Everyone is always welcome at First Presbyterian Church located on Runnels between Seventh and Eighth.

St. Mary's Episcopal

Everyone is invited to attend worship services at St. Mary's. During our summer schedule, Holy Communion is celebrated Sundays at 9:30 a.m.

The Inquirer's Class is Tuesday at 7 p.m. in the Parish Hall. This class is

for anyone interested in learning more about the ways and teachings of the Episcopal Church.

The Emmaus community will hold their meeting at St. Mary's on Thursday at 6 p.m.

For more information about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our web site at www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

East Side Baptist

The quarterly Gospel Singing will be held today at 7 p.m. at the church located at 1108 East Sixth Street.

The 14th birthday of the church will be celebrated

this Sunday at 10:15 a.m. followed by lunch and a Parse Service.

For more information call 267-1915. Nursery provided.

St. Paul Lutheran
St. Paul Lutheran church will host a car wash 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. with all proceeds benefiting Isaiah 58.

Enter off of Gregg Street and exit to Scurry.

For \$5 each driver will get a hot dog and soda with each car wash. Isaiah 58 distributes food in the community for those in need.

Christian music will be provided by It Is He Productions.

CLUB NEWS

TOPS TX 21

The Leader called the meeting to order.

Donna led the prayer, Hughetta led the pledge. Olnee led the song.

Genay called the role with nine TOPS and two KOPs with three visitors present. Best loser was Toni receiving best loser certificate.

Glady's read the minutes. Olnee brought a great program on attitude.

Church leadership courses offered this fall

Special to the Herald

Three courses on church leadership will be offered this fall through seminary extension. These courses will be held 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. each Tuesday at Ackerly Baptist Church beginning on Aug. 20. The classes will end in November.

The first course is entitled "How to Understand the Bible." This course is an introduction to a proper understanding and interpretation of the Scriptures, considering such things as the types of literature found in the Bible and the principles of Biblical interpretation.

The second course is entitled "New Testament Survey Part II." This course provides an overview of most of the New Testament books, beginning with Romans and continuing through Revelation. This includes all of the writing of the apostle Paul, as well as the general epistles.

Both of these courses would be helpful to anyone

seeking to understand the Bible more fully. The courses are especially suited to anyone involved in teaching God's Word - Bible study leaders, Sunday school teachers etc.

Who - Seminary Extension Center
What - Church leadership courses
When - Beginning Aug. 20
Where - Ackerly Baptist Church
How much - \$75 per person

The third course is designed to help those involved in church music who do not know a great deal about reading music. Entitled "Fundamentals of Music," the goal of the course is to introduce the student to the basic skills involved in reading, understanding, and directing music. It has been especially prepared for those who have little or no previous

music training. The focus of the course will be on hymns and other forms of vocal music, which will benefit those involved in choirs (either singing or directing) as well as those who are simply a part of the congregation but who want to learn how to read music.

The course is \$75 per person. The cost of the textbook will be in addition to the course fee. Registration begins Aug. 5, and continues through the first class on Aug. 20. Late registration will be through the second class meeting on Aug. 27.

The courses are offered for all denominations through the Seminary Extension Center of the Big Spring-Lamesa Baptist Area. The Seminary Extension program is a cooperative effort of the six theological seminaries of the Southern Baptist Convention.

For more information contact David Kimberly or Donna Sue Looney at 915-263-1673, or Troy Williamson at 806-489-7698.

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Gardener gives church gift of garden

TEXAS CITY Joseph Melancon looks outside his window every morning to see his silent ministry of beauty.

The quiet and overlooked member of St. Mary's Catholic Church arises before dawn everyday to tend to a 10-year commitment at a church where much of the congregation doesn't even know he belongs to it.

His small and modest home across the street from the large church doesn't feature much of a yard and he has no garden of his own.

But, when he walks across street, as the sun is still rising, he begins tending to God's garden.

"I love beauty," he said. "I like flowers and I like knowing that when people come to church that they will see beautiful things. I don't like ugly."

Melancon took the church's spartan border and filled it with hibiscus, salvia, periwinkles, marigolds, day lilies, petunias, Easter lilies and other blooming creations.

Through the decade, he has filled virtually every corner with color and texture.

"I said to myself, 'I'm gonna pick the ugliest spot and make it beautiful,'" he said.

The Texas City Garden Club named the garden surrounding St. Mary's Church as the garden of the month for July. The award is dubbed the group's Spot of Beauty.

Lucy Ozarchuk, the group's chairwoman, said Melancon's unlauded efforts to provide an attractive church garden began more than a decade ago when she was digging in the dirt surrounding St. Mary's. Ozarchuk is a church member. She said she wasn't having luck in her efforts.

"It wasn't like this at all," she said. "I was digging so hard and then he appeared and asked me if he could help. He was like an angel. Anything he plants, grows."

Since then, he has tended the garden everyday. Men from the church mow the yard, but it is Melancon who plants the flowers, waters them, trims them

and prunes them. The garden stretches around the church and onto the rectory where Monsignor Thomas Cullen's favorite hibiscus flanks the side door.

Cullen, who is retiring next week, said many congregation members might think the garden is cared for professionally. Others may not think about how the garden is kept at all.

"He's done all of this," the priest said. "Most people aren't even aware of it."

Through the years, the quiet gardener has tried and replaced various plants to find the mixture that works. Along the way, he found an unexpected surprise.

He planted two Norwegian pines that were adorning the altar. The six-foot trees now adorn the entrance to the church.

"They aren't supposed to grow here," he said. "A lot of people try it and don't have luck. They'll grow inside but not outside. I think it grows here because it's a certain kind

of space. Not too much sun, not too much shade and just the right amount of water."

Melancon isn't involved in any organized church ministry. He attends church regularly but otherwise remains low-key while the congregation bustles along.

Cullen said when other members, such as Sunday school teachers or ushers, are mentioned and thanked in newsletters or bulletins; the church gardener may get a brief mention occasionally.

"Someone may say, 'Stop and look at the flowers on your way out.' But usually it's not that way," he said. "Some people wonder if he even belongs here."

Melancon's ministry said he never expected to become the church gardener, but once he began to do it, he said he realized he couldn't stop because he was designed to do it.

"It's a call," he said. "Sometimes, what the Lord Jesus Christ says is, 'You do this because you are fit for this.' I'm fit for this. I'm fit to beautify his house so I have no complaints."

"I said to myself, 'I'm gonna pick the ugliest spot and make it beautiful'" — Joseph Melancon

FAMILY REUNIONS

GREEN

About 175 members of the Green family united in Big Spring for their second reunion. Many new members that had not attended the first reunion were welcomed. This included three newborns and several new members added by marriages in the last year.

The event started on Friday evening, July 5, when family members arrived for hospitality night. Claudette Forward and Eboni Wakefield hosted the registration desk recording guests, distributing T-shirts, nametags and scheduling acts for participation in special events. Hors d'oeuvres were served as guests reacquainted and mingled with one another. Surprises included many members of the family that had not returned to Big Spring for many years.

"They must have been warned", stated cousins D'Angela Green of Atlanta, Ga. and Stephanie Green of Dallas. "Because the new ones plunged into the family with exhilarating enthusiasm and weren't traumatized by the number of people or rambunctious activities."

Eight children were born to the union of Herman Manor and Willie L. Green. The 2002 reunion theme honored the three remaining members of this family by placing their photo on the front of this year's T-shirts. They are Beatrice Washington, 86, Smithville, Floyd Green, Sr., 84, Big Spring and Mozelle Blueford, 78, Sweetwater.

Saturday morning's continental breakfast paved the way for a wonderful day of socializing, storytelling, games, taking pictures, music, dancing and snacking. Games and prizes were awarded to the children after winning games. Adults had their choices of gifts after tickets were distributed with winners randomly selected. Saturday night's festivities included a barbecue dinner, once again headed by Chief Chef Nathan Green of Big Spring, assisted by Robert Green of

Killeen; Cleve Forward of Houston, and George Blueford of Sweetwater. Everyone took pleasure in the annual fashion and talent show after dinner. A Karate production was featured by Rodney Green of Midland and one of his protegee Karate students.

One month old Jordan Watson of Dallas, great-grandson of Floyd Green, Sr., was awarded the prize for the youngest member at the reunion. Demetra Kosshigk, granddaughter of the late Walter Green, took the prize for traveling the farthest. The "Old Oak Tress" as he's often referred to, the Rev. Floyd Green Sr., 84, was awarded the prize for the oldest family member in attendance.

Sunday Family Church Service was held at the homestead family worship center, Baker's Chapel AME Church where Herman Manor Green was a deacon and faithful member until his death in April 1974. Rev. E.C. Wilson delivered the 2002 reunion sermon.

Tammi Wilson, president and organizer of the reunion, thanked all her assistants and everyone for attending. She was presented a gift certificate to thank her for the hard work and another successful reunion.

Activities are planned for the 2003 Reunion which will once again be held in Big

Spring, the weekend of July 1.

FRYAR

A reunion of the descendants of Jim and Ida Fryar was held Saturday, July 20, at the Forsan High School Cafeteria. The group enjoyed visiting, playing games, good food and catching up on all the family news.

However, the day's highlight was the presentation of the first Jim and Ida Fryar Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship is given to college students who are direct descendants of Jim and Ida Fryar and are present at the reunion.

Scholarship chairman, Betty Thomas presented this year's scholarships to Andrea Fryrear, Midland and Brett Bennett, Coahoma. Andrea is the daughter of Ken and Cindy Fryrear.

She is attending Austin College in Sherman. Brett is the son of Larry and Patricia Bennett. He is a student at Lubbock Christian University.

An auction, featuring many items made by family members, is held each year with proceeds going into the scholarship fund. Individual family members

also donate to the fund.

The group elected Judy Fryar to serve as vice-president and Cindy Fryrear to serve as secretary for the coming year.

The 2003 reunion will be held on the last Saturday in July at the Forsan High School cafeteria.

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For more about the Club or its events co Clements at Mark Phillip

IN BRIEF

Herald searching for fall sports help

The Big Spring Herald is searching for reliable stringers and photographers for the fall athletic seasons.

Stringers and photographers are needed in the communities of Forsan, Stanton, Ackerley and Big Spring to cover local athletic events during the school year.

For more information about serving as a stringer or photographer contact Big Spring Herald Managing Editor John Moseley at (915) 263-7331.

Class E tournament slated for Snyder

The men's Class "E" state softball tournament is scheduled for Aug. 9-11 in Snyder.

Entry fee for teams is \$175 per squad. The deadline to enter is Thursday, Aug. 8.

All games will be played at Snyder's Winston Field.

For more information contact Chris Maxfield at (915) 573-6862 or (915) 573-4332.

Teams sought for softball tournament

Women's fast-pitch softball teams are being sought to compete in the 20-Year & Older Tournament scheduled for Aug. 3-4.

The entry fee for teams participating in the tournament is \$100. For more information about teams, players or entering the event contact Alicia Buzbee at 264-0216.

Birds 1st Tournament searching for teams

Birds 1st Tournament is now taking registration from teams interested in playing in the upcoming softball tournament.

First and second place individuals will receive t-shirts. In all, 10 all-tournament picks will be honored as will one MVP and one Gold Glove recipient.

Registration for the tournament is set at \$115 per team.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

New Breed toumey slated for Aug. 23

The New Breed Softball Tournament will be held Aug. 23-25 at the Cotton Mize Softball Field. The tournament is a tune-up for the 2002 LULAC event set for later this year.

Entry fee for the New Breed toumey is \$115.

For more information contact Amador Rios at (915) 264-6632 or (915) 263-1391.

BS Quarterback Club sets pair of events

The Big Spring Quarterback Club has announced that it will hold a golf tournament on Aug. 10 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The event is scheduled to be a 4-man scramble.

In addition to the golf tournament, the BS Quarterback Club will be holding a community pep rally at 9 p.m. on Monday, Aug. 26, at the Comanche Trail Amphitheater. The pep rally will recognize all Big Spring fall sports athletes.

For more information about the Quarterback Club or its upcoming events contact Jim Clements at 267-1069 or Mark Phillips at 263-5314.

County's golfers gun for title this weekend

By Tommy Wells
Sports Editor

Austin Powers would be proud of Big Spring's Susie Hernandez.

Yeah baby, yeah. Like the king of swing, Hernandez is hoping to put the finishing touches on her third straight eye-popping effort. Only for Hernandez, the third segment of her trilogy will require her to outswing several top-notch competitors on the Comanche Trail Golf Course this weekend — including perennial nemesis Debbie Lusk.

Hernandez, who edged out Lusk in a 5-hole playoff last year to win a second straight women's division

Big Spring Herald City Golf Championship, is scheduled to try and defend her crown beginning at 8 a.m. on Saturday when the two-day, 36-hole event tees off.

Neither Hernandez bid to win a third title in a row, or Lusk's bid to return to the top spot for the first time since 1999 will be an easy accomplishment this year.

"They're going to have a fight on their hands this year," said Comanche Trail superintendent Jack Birdwell. "There are a couple of girls in the field this year that are capable of winning. It should be a great fight for the championship."

One of the challengers for the 2002 women's title is

Big Spring Herald City Golf Championships

What: City Golf Championships
When: 8 a.m., Saturday & Sunday
Where: Comanche Trail Golf Course
Outlook: The best golfers in Howard County are scheduled to tee off the 2002 city tournament. Susie Hernandez, Debbie Lusk and Ashlie Simmons are the headliners in the women's bracket. Hernandez has won the last two years. Steve Ward and Mike Weaver high light the men's field.

Ashlie Simmons, the defending NJCAA individual champion. A former Big Spring High School golfer, she recently inked a scholarship with Texas A&M-Corpus Christi after playing the last two years at McLennan Community College.

In May, she won the NJCAA women's title with a solid performance at the

national meet in Oklahoma. Debra Light could also make a bid for the women's title.

"The women's field looks tough this year," Birdwell said. "Any one of those four are capable of putting together good rounds and winning."

The men's field, which has drawn 84 entrants as of Friday morning, won't be a cake walk, either. Birdwell said several entrants, including defending champion Mike Weaver and Big Spring High School golf coach Steve Ward, could walk away with the top honors.

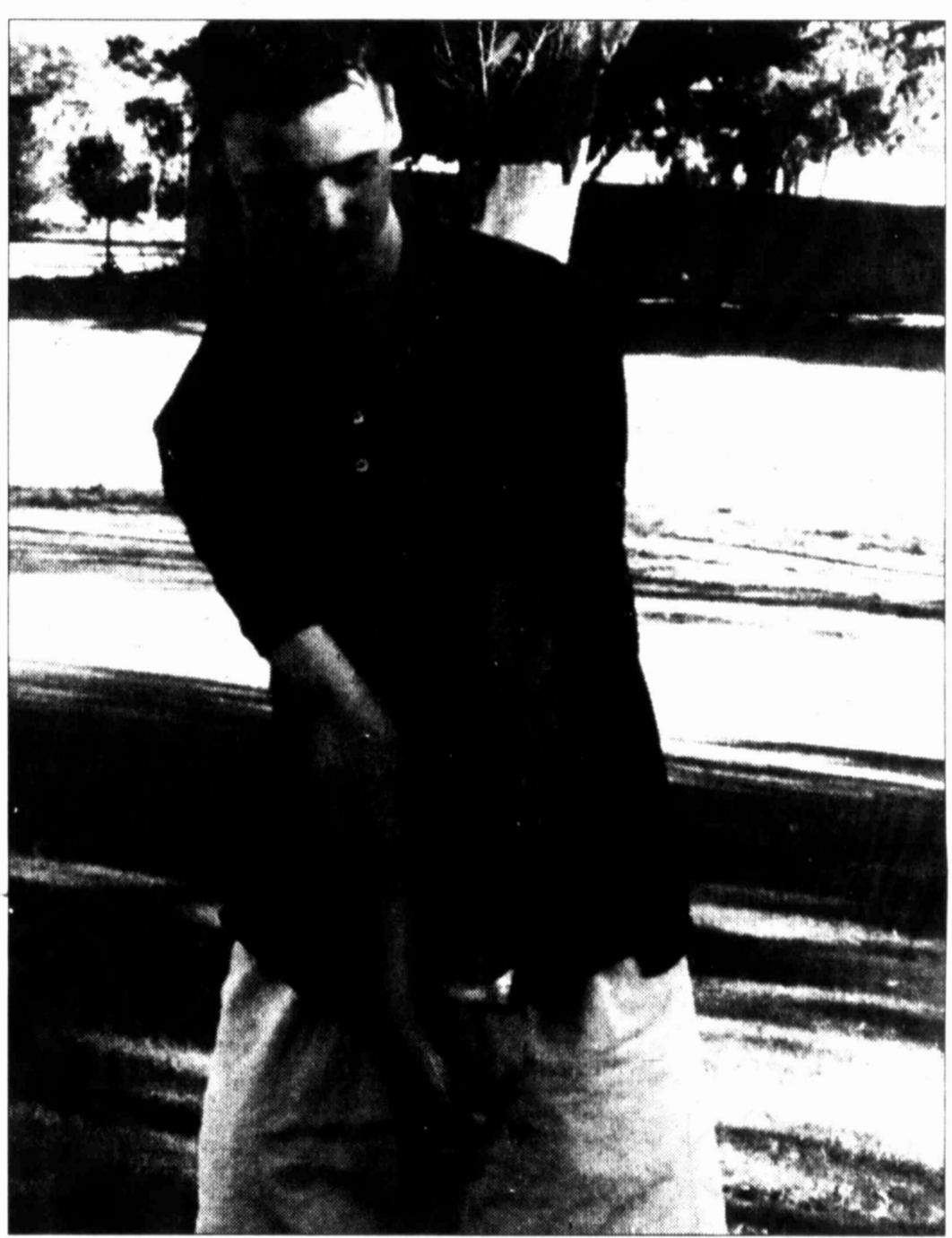
"It will be extremely tough to win the men's

side," Birdwell said. "Anything can happen, but I think it'll take a 7 or 8, maybe even a 10-under par to win it."

Weaver won the 2001 crown after shooting a combined score of 140. His two-day total was one stroke better than Ben Garcia Jr. Sammy Rodriguez and Ronnie Broderick won the men's crown in 2000 and 1999, respectively.

The tournament, which will be divided into six divisions, is open to all Howard County residents and all members of the Comanche Trail Golf Course and Big Spring Country Club.

Contact Herald sports editor Tommy Wells at 263-7331 or tpwells@crcom.net.



Big Spring's Nick Read practices a put during recent play. Read and Will Conley both posted strong outings Thursday at the West Texas Junior Tournament of Champions event in Fort Stockton. Read led the meet after the first round with a score of 72.

Read, Conley gun for West Texas Tournament of Champions' title

By Tommy Wells
Sports Editor

Nick Read moved a step closer to etching his name into West Texas history Thursday afternoon.

The Big Spring golfer stood out in the early lead at the West Texas Junior Golf Foundation's Tournament of Champions by turning in a solid first round. He carded a 72 over the first 18 holes of play and took a large lead into today's final round in Fort Stockton.

Read used a strong putting game over the first half of the course to build a sizable 5-stroke advantage over San Angelo's Robert Young, who struggled over the back nine and finished with a 5-over par 77.

Read wasn't the only Big Spring athlete finding himself within reach of the Champions' title after the first round. Will Conley placed fourth in the boys' 16-18 division. He shot a 79 over the first 18

West Texas Junior Tournament of Champions

In Fort Stockton	
Boys 16-18 Division	
First Round	
1. Nick Read, Big Spring	72
2. Robert Young, San Angelo	77
3. Casey Breiton, San Angelo	78
4. Will Conley, Big Spring	79
Other area golfers	
Boys 14-15 Division	
Joseph Olvera, Big Spring	82
Girls 14-15 Division	
Rachel Gee, Big Spring	95

holes — one behind Casey Breiton for third.

Joseph Olvera and Rachel Gee also turned in a solid effort in the event. Olvera, competing in the boys' 14-15 division, recorded a first-round total of 82. Gee, playing in the girls' 14-15 bracket, posted a 95.

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Everett cranks out two homers in Rangers' win

ARLINGTON (AP) — Carl Everett would rather not talk about having a career night against the Boston Red Sox — even though they traded him in the off-season.

Everett hit a grand slam and a three-run homer — and nearly homered twice more — in the Rangers' 19-7 rout Thursday night of the Red Sox, who traded Everett away in December.

"I'm really not trying to beat them more than any other team," said Everett, who finished with a career-

high seven RBIs. "The people who were there that didn't want me aren't there any more so it's not that big a deal. I was pretty close to some of those guys. We won, that's all that matters."

Everett, who has six homers in his last seven games, just missed in the third and fifth innings. His deep drive to center was caught at the wall in the third, and a long fly ball to right in the fifth was caught on the warning track.

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Cowboys, Texans will meet tonight

HOUSTON (AP) — The rivalry between the Dallas Cowboys and expansion Houston Texans begins on the field with a scrimmage Friday night, but don't expect to see the full game plans of the state's two pro football teams.

They'll save that for their regular season opener Sept. 8 in Reliant Stadium.

The Texans will be facing another team for the first time in their history as they prepare to play their first preseason game Monday against the New York Giants in the Hall of Fame game.

The Cowboys are playing only four preseason games instead of the usual five, so the scrimmage takes on added importance.

"It will be good to line up against someone else for a change," Texans coach Dom Capers said. "We've been working against each other for the past two weeks."

A sold-out crowd of 30,000 fans will be at Robertson Stadium on the University of Houston campus for Friday night's scrimmage. The two teams will work out together early Friday and return for the night drill.

The format will include 10-play drives for each team. If a team has downs remaining when it reaches the 20-yard line, it can continue, either kicking a field goal or going for a touchdown.

Both camps are hoping that the two teams become big rivals and create more interest for pro football in the state.

"It's Texas against Texas," Cowboys coach Dave Campo said. "So we're looking forward to that rivalry, as I'm sure they are. It's good for football and the state of Texas, and I think it helps all of us."

David Carr, the Texans' No. 1 draft pick in April's draft, likely won't see more than 10 plays in the scrimmage. Capers has been pleased with the Texans' passing game and portions of the defense.

"I'm most pleased with our ability to throw the football," Capers said. "We've got some skilled outside receivers. We've got some ability with our linebackers and cornerbacks."

"That will give us some flexibility in rushing the passer."

The Texans have been experimenting with their offensive line from the start of the season.

Rookie Chester Pitts and former University of Houston lineman Jimmy Herndon are competing at left tackle, while Tony Boselli continues to rehab after shoulder surgery. Guard Steve McKinney was switched to starting center after he became the team's first free agent signee.

"I like our ability in the offensive line," Capers said. "The biggest thing is to have experience leadership. When you get into a game, the more young guys you have, the tougher it is when something goes wrong."

"We've got to get them working together so we don't break down."

Offensive line coach Tony Marciano is trying to get as many linemen in multiple positions as possible.

The Cowboys' improved defense will include No. 1 draft pick Roy Williams, a strong safety, and defensive end Ebenezzer Ekuban, the No. 1 selection in 1999, who missed most of last season with a back injury.

"Friday will mean reality, it's real," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "The NFL awarded the franchise and we know they are there, but it doesn't really mean much until we get out there in different color jerseys and go at each other."

The scrimmage will be played at the site of the 1962 American Football League championship game between the Dallas Texans and Houston Oilers, eventually won by the Texans in six quarters.

Hunter education class scheduled

A Hunter Education Course will be offered by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department on Aug. 10-11.

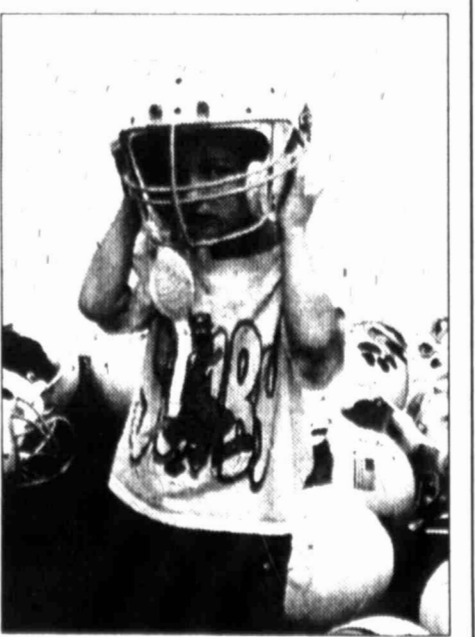
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Kindergartner Tyler Halbert tries on a helmet during Crossroads Football League registration Thursday at the Big Spring Mall. Halbert is one of more than 40 players expected to play flag football this season. CLFL registration continues through Aug. 17.



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"I had guys telling me to try to hit homers, but I'm not that good," Everett said. "The one I was begging for was the fourth one (in the fifth inning). I knew I didn't get it so I was begging for that one."

The Rangers acquired Everett from Boston for left-hander Darren Oliver on Dec. 13.

"I'm sure, playing against the Red Sox, he was locked in, but I didn't see anything any different," Rangers manager Jerry Narron said. "He plays hard every night."

Rafael Palmeiro hit his 476th career homer in the eighth inning to pass Willie Stargell and Stan Musial for 20th place on the career list.

Todd Hollandsworth added a three-run homer for his first AL home run, and drove in four runs in his first game for Texas after being acquired from Colorado in a deadline deal Wednesday.

Mike Lamb and Kevin Mench also homered for Texas, and Ivan Rodriguez and Michael Young had three hits each.

The Rangers set season highs for runs and homers (six) a day after they had a season-best 21 hits in a 17-6 pounding of the New York Yankees. Texas scored six runs in the first and second innings, had a four-run third, and totaled 20 hits in its first meeting with Boston this season.

"This is more of what I thought we'd be like, with everyone contributing and scoring a lot of runs," Palmeiro said of the last-place Rangers' disappointing season. "We've had a lot of injuries, a lot of guys having down years. We couldn't mesh early but we can still come out and do it the rest of the way."

Cliff Floyd, acquired by the Red Sox on Tuesday in a trade with Montreal, went 2-for-3 with two walks in his first game with Boston.

Chan Ho Park (4-5) had a 16-1 lead after three innings and picked up his first victory since June 23, allowing six runs and six hits over 5 1-3 innings before exiting due to a blister on the middle finger of his right hand.

Park, who had four no-decisions and two losses during the drought, struck out nine and walked three but gave up three homers.

The Rangers continued Wednesday night's offensive binge with their six-run first inning against John Burkett (10-4).

Burkett got into immediate trouble by hitting Frank Catalanotto and Mench with pitches to lead off the first. Alex Rodriguez singled to load the bases, and Rafael Palmeiro followed with a two-run single. Hollandsworth had an RBI double in his first at-bat for Texas, and Everett followed with his three-run shot to make it 6-1.

The Rangers chased Burkett in the second on Alex Rodriguez's RBI single, extending the margin to 7-1. Later in the second, Ivan Rodriguez added a run-scoring single off Frank Castillo and, after Hollandsworth walked to load the bases, Everett's eighth career grand slam made it 12-1.

Oswalt, Astros mows down New York Mets

NEW YORK (AP) — Roy Oswalt pitched seven solid innings and led the Houston Astros to a 3-1 win over the New York Mets 3-1.

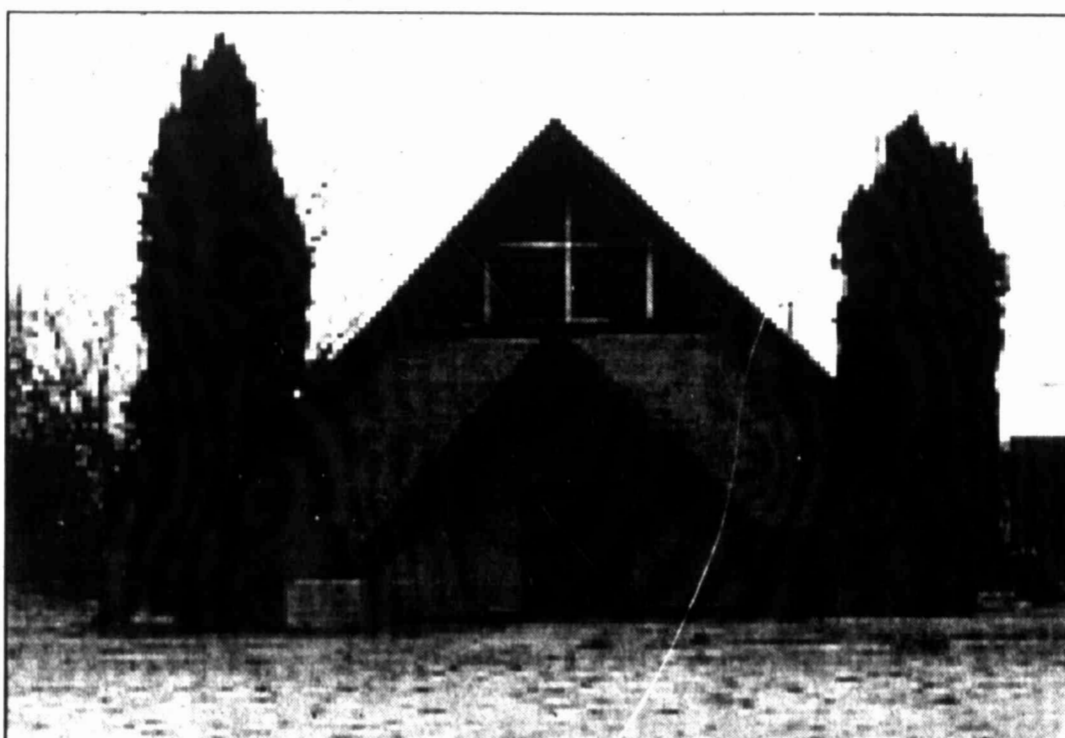
Octavio Dotel came out of the bullpen and struck out pinch-hitter John Valentin to strand runners at second and third, and breezed through the eighth. Billy Wagner pitched the ninth for his 21st save in 26 chances.

Brad Ausmus drove in two runs and Craig Biggio homered as the Astros won a matchup of wild-card contenders and improved to 55-52, the same record as New York. The Mets lost a series for the first time since the All-Star break, having won four and split two.

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TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
***** You could be going
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much as you're enjoying
this period, you also might
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down the right path. Tell
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Tonight: Fun doesn't have
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
***** Call others and
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as spontaneity and fun
merge. Use your home or a
favorite spot to meet, and
let it all happen. A midday
barbecue or fun picnic
works if you allow every-
one to participate. Tonight:
Don't worry about sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
***** If you're away, good
for you! You're where you
need to be - far from
your day-to-day life. If
you're home, visit your
own city. Schedule some-
thing different that you
don't normally do. Go exo-
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ferent cuisine.

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You're unusually intuitive
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, Aug. 3:

Aim high this year. You
have every reason astrologi-
cally to believe that you can
have what you want. No
one can deny your focus or
direction. Those qualities,
teamed with Lady Luck,
can make anything possi-
ble. Others come through in
special ways as well. You
verbalize what you want,
and it nearly seems to hap-
pen! Learn to do more cre-
ative visualization. If you
are single, an important
relationship will knock on
your door. Don't allow
someone this special to slip
out of your life. If you're
attached, your relationship
will bloom because of the
special attention you give
it. You enjoy each other
more than you thought pos-
sible. Count on GEMINI.

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

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ANNIE'S MAILBOX

with all the members. Unfortunately, some of my co-workers do not like each other, and there is a lot of back-stabbing, especially when someone is absent. This happens openly, and no one else seems to care. When it happened at last month's board meeting, the president had to ask the recording secretary not to put the malicious comments into the minutes.

I do not want to leave the group because they do good work and I am proud of the organization. But I feel terrible when they bad-mouth one another and say unkind things about people I consider my friends. Is there any way to handle this? My good example apparently has gone unnoticed. - Above the Fray in Michigan

Dear Michigan: Your "good example" is not enough. You need to speak up. The next time someone says something unpleasant, smile and reply, "I would prefer not to hear negative comments about my friends and fellow co-workers. Can we discuss something else, please?"

If you let them know you will not tolerate the nasty comments, they will stop - at least while you are in the room. It takes more than a little courage to open your mouth and stand up for what you believe, but your co-workers will respect you for it.

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- 806 Johnson, Sat. Only 8-2. Toys, collectables, books, furniture, nice clothes, new pet crafts, lots more!
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- Garage Sale, 4005 Vicky, Sat. 8-12. Little bit of everything.
- Garage Sale 7403 North Service Rd., Sand Springs (1/2 mile east of Moss Lake Rd.) sat. 8-all day. Sun. 8-2. Entertainment center, exercise equip. generator, weight machine, lots of household misc. and good stuff.
- Garage Sale, Fri & Sat. 9-6, 1317 Wood. Children's clothes, air compressor, misc.
- Garage Sale, Sat. 8-4, 3208 Fordham. Furniture, baby items, clothes, dishes, misc.
- 4 Family Carport Sale, Fri & Sat. 8-7 1210 Mulberry. Lots of Good Stuff.
- Garage Sale, Sat. 8-7, 1006 E. 19th. Bikes, beds, jeans, clothes, SoloFlex, & misc.
- Garage Sale, Sat. 8-7, 3303 Duke. Bunkbeds, clothes, kids bikes, household goods, & much more.
- 3 Family Sale: 1308 Tucson, Fri.-Sat. 8-7. Lots of good stuff. Come Here First!
- 3 Family Sale! 2301 Morrison. Lots of misc., clothes, new Tupperware 10-25% off.
- Sat 8-7, 1307 Park. Daybed, desk, bikes, toy, home decor, nice clothes, misc.
- Yard Sale, BIG! BIG! BIG! You want it, we have it. Fri & Sat. 8-7, 2501 Hunter.
- 3 Family Garage Sale, 1210 E. 17th, Sat. 7-2:30. Treadmill, sofa, 2-Chihuahua(fem) and lots of misc.
- 3 Family Garage Sale, Sat. 8-7 1313 Dixie. Kids clothes, beds, china cabinet, misc.
- 3 Family Garage Sale, Sat. 8-5, 304 1st St., Ackerly, across from school.
- Multi Family Garage Sale: 708 W. 16th, Sat. 8-7. Lots of good stuff.
- Garage Sale, Sat. 3609 Tingle. Sectional sofa, fish tank, exercise equip., clothes, dishes, misc.
- Garage Sale, Sat. 9-7. Lots of clothes, toys, books, misc. 606 Hillside Dr. Everything must go! Last Chance!
- Garage Sale: Sat. Only, 609 Benton. Next to McMahon Concrete. Furn. tires, dishes, sheets, clothes and much more.
- Huge Garage Sale, Sat. & Sun. Computers, crafts, yard & garden items, furniture. Too much to list-worth the drive! 1601 S. Moss Lake Rd.
- Huge sale, Sat. 8-7. 2303 Cindy. Antiques, gift items, baby items, dishes & More!
- Inside Sale. Boys 6-14 School clothes excel cond. adult misc. pumps sz 10. Printer. Fri & Sat. 7-7, 2903 Lawrence
- Moving Sale, Fri. 7pm-10pm. Sat 7am-12pm. 1700 Allendale.
- Moving Sale, Fri & Sat. 7-1. Leather couch, sofa table, sectional, 4 bar stools, entertainment center, small table & chairs. Tons of misc. 2311 Scurry, behind Specs & Co.
- Moving Sale, Sat. 8-12, 1305 Pennsylvania. Everything Must Go!
- PJ's Inside Sale 2210 Main Open Fri. & Sat. 10-7 Double recliner, dinette set, bunkbeds, office chairs, lots of housewares.
- Porch Sale, Sat. Aug. 3rd, 8-5, 614 Dallas. Avon stock and garage sale items. Checks & credit card accepted.
- Sat. 2617 Neill Rd. Building supplies, furn., lots of misc. '99 Ford Crew cab pickup, '98 Olds. 267-6347

PUBLIC NOTICE
The Howard County Auditor will receive sealed bids until 10:00 a.m. August 9, 2002, for prescription medicine and services for the County Indigent Health Care County Welfare. Howard County Jail and the Howard County Juvenile Probation Programs. Specifications may be obtained at the County Indigent Health Care Office, Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Room #310, Big Spring, Texas 79720. Bids will be present to the Commissioners' Court on August 12, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. for their consideration. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Jackie Olson, County Auditor #3599 July 24 & August 2, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 59, TEXAS PROPERTY CODE, AMERICAN SELF STORAGE, WHICH IS LOCATED AT 3314 E. FM 700, BIG SPRING, TX 79720 WILL HOLD A PUBLIC AUCTION OF PROPERTY BEING SOLD TO SATISFY A LANDLORD'S LIEN. SALE WILL BE AT 11:00 O'CLOCK A.M. ON SATURDAY AUG. 3RD AT 3314 E. FM 700 AMERICAN SELF STORAGE, BIG SPRING, TX. PROPERTY WILL BE SOLD TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH. SELLER RESERVES RIGHT TO NOT ACCEPT ANY BID AND TO WITHDRAW PROPERTY FROM SALE. PROPERTY TO EACH SPACE MAY BE SOLD SEPARATELY IN BATCHES, OR BY THE SPACE. ALL SALES ARE SUBJECT TO TEXAS STATE SALES TAX. SALE IS ON THE CONTENTS OF TENANT SALLY SHUMPERT CONSISTING OF MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD ITEMS, COMPUTER DESK, TENT UNIT SIZE 10X20, TOOLS, COMMERCIAL BAKER'S MIXER #3613 JULY 26 & AUGUST 2, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mary E. Burchett, Deceased, were issued on July 29, 2002, in Cause No. P-12954, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to MARVIN E. HALL and MARY E. JENNINGS.

The residence of the Independent Executors are in Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The pbst office address is:

c/o Lanny Hamby
Attorney at Law
P.O. Drawer 2199
Big Spring, Texas 79721

All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED 7/29, 2002

