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**INSIDE**



**LIFE!**

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club will celebrate its 40th year of existence in 2003. The club was established in 1963 by Red Harrison, Ted Conway and Kenneth Williams to provide a place for area youth to show their horses.

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**BUSINESS**

A young red tail hawk benefits from the concern of Big Spring wildlife rehabilitators Ardis and Bebe McCasland, as well as ALON USA officials, who found a nest in one of the company's microwave towers.

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**SPORTS**

Big Spring's Steers opened the 2002 high school football season on the road Friday night, suffer a 21-0 loss to Odessa High School's Bronchos as offensive turnovers make the difference.

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Fill the boot! Big Spring firefighters were hard at work Saturday collecting donations for the Muscular Dystrophy Association in their annual Fill the Boot campaign. Here, Lt. Steven Bedell, Lt. Kevin Murphy, Firefighter Curt Ferguson, Firefighter Robert McLeod and Driver Steve Davenport work the south side of the U.S. 87/FM 700 intersection Saturday morning.

## HOG again plans holiday activities for MDA Telethon

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

For several years, the Muscular Dystrophy Association has been getting help with the local portion of their annual Jerry Lewis Labor Day Telethon from a group of HOGs.

No, it's not a big bacon buffet, but part of the Harley Owners Group's fund raising effort for the telethon — kicking off again this Monday.

Traditionally, that involves barbecue, according to group member and co-host of the local telethon Barry

*"Harley-Davidson nationally is a big sponsor. We kind of got involved in a challenge several years ago with the firefighters as to who could make the most money, and it's just kind of blossomed from that."*

**Barry Barnett**  
HOG member

Barnett. "They're going to be selling barbecue out there

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## City employees honored at picnic

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Smeg the Dog was robbed.

The canine, a mascot of the Big Spring City Service Center, was nominated for Male Employee of the Year, but in presenting the award at the Big Spring City Employees Picnic Friday, City Manager Gary Fuqua said the pooch was edged out by Bobby Arizmendi.

About 250 city employees and guests turned out for the annual event, held the Friday before the Labor Day weekend each year.

Mayor Russ McEwen, unable to attend the picnic because of an annual trip to visit children in Austin, said he's glad Big Spring has an event where employees can relax together.

"It's a great opportunity for everybody to get together in a very relaxed atmosphere," he said. "It's an annual affair that's attended very well, and it's one of the good things that happens for the employees of our city."

Other awards presented included Female Employee of the Year to Assistant City Secretary



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

RSVP volunteer Nancy Jones serves tea to the Baker family — Jesse, left, Connie and Cory — at the annual Big Spring Employee's Picnic Friday. Jesse said he works on Big Spring's streets and parks, while Cory works for the Water Department.

Tami Matthews and Gray, Supervisor of the Year to Service Center Superintendent Steve

Matthews received a dozen roses, a plaque, a gift certificate to Outback

Steakhouse and a check for \$100 along with the title. Arizmendi and Gray received the same prizes

minus the roses. Tom Ruiz received yet

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## No injuries in tanker truck accident, spill on I-20

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

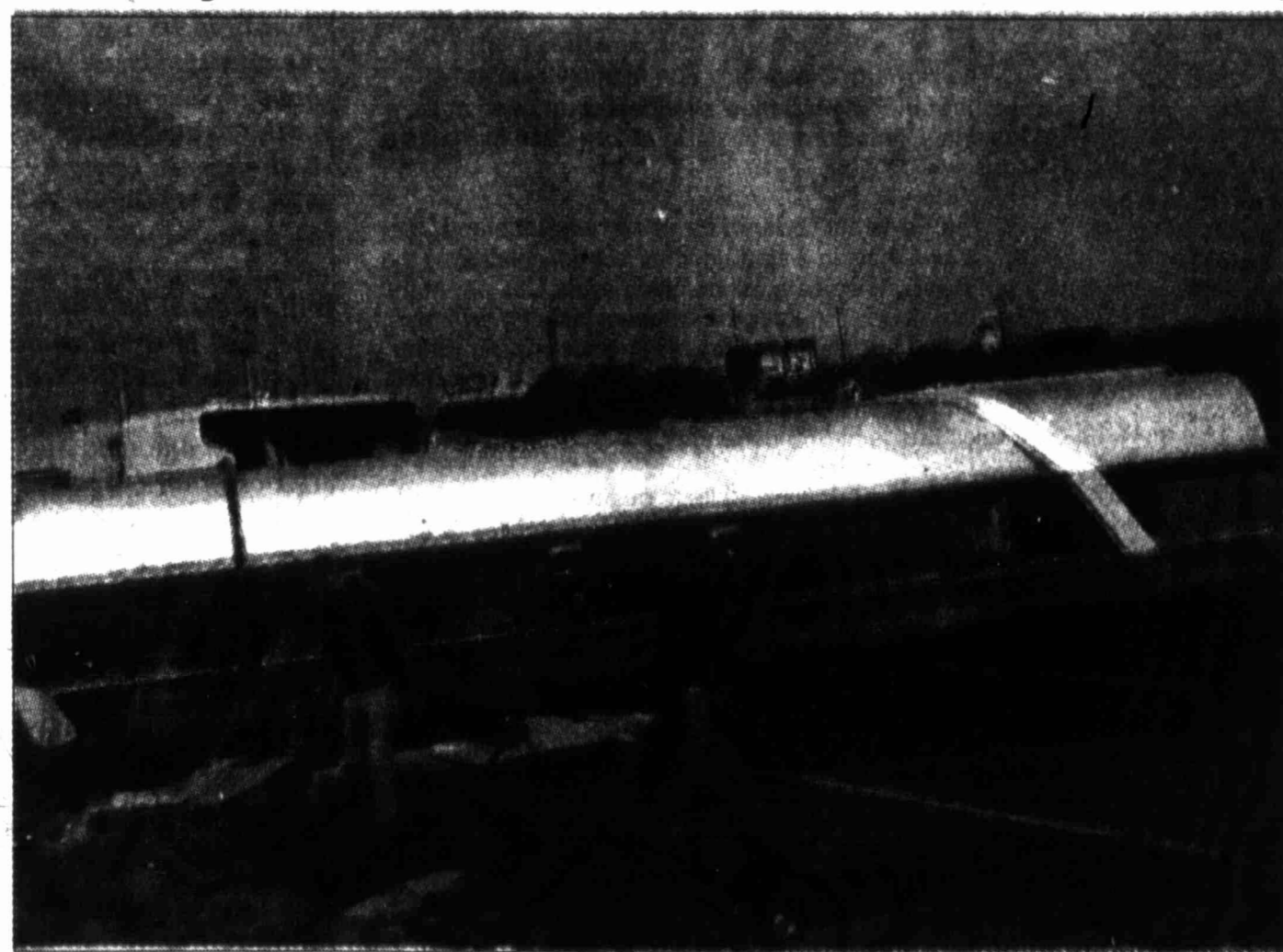
A collision on Interstate 20 Friday afternoon between 18-wheeler and an automobile left the tanker truck on its side leaking oil, but no one was injured in the incident.

"The tractor tanker rig was westbound on Interstate 20 at the 176 mile marker. This Acura passenger car was also westbound," said Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Marc Couch. "The Acura was in the inside lane and the semi-trailer was in the outside lane. The truck was approaching a vehicle being driven at a slower speed. He signaled to make a lane change and evidently started to get into the Acura's lane."

Couch said it appears that the driver of the Acura, Fred Raffai of California, was in the truck driver's blind spot.

"The Acura took evasive action causing him to go in the center median and he lost control of the vehicle," Couch said. "When he steered back towards the outside lane, the back of the car whipped around sideways. The truck applied its brakes. At that point

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

After an accident near mile marker 176 on Interstate 20 Friday afternoon, workers transfer oil from an overturned 18-wheeler to another tanker truck to avoid more spillage when the truck is righted. Several gallons of oil were spilled from the tank trailer. Trooper Marc Couch said representatives of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission told him the tanker's contents are not a "hazardous material." No one was injured in the accident.

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Patricio Martinez Jr.



Patricio Martinez, Jr., 53, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, August 28, 2002, at his residence. Vigil services will be at 7:00 PM Sunday, September 1, 2002 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:00 AM Monday, September 2, 2002, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on August 2, 1949 in Big Spring, Texas and married Ruth Ontiveros in March 2000 in Big Spring.

He was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and had retired from Cosden/Fina Oil and Chemical after 25 years of service. Pat was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He loved baseball and was an avid raquetball player.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ontiveros of Big Spring; one son, Patrick Martinez III of Memphis, Tennessee; one daughter, Krystle Martinez of Big Spring; their mother, Christine Martinez; one stepson, Anselmo Joel Ontiveros of Big Spring; one stepdaughter, Brandy Simpson of Big Spring; two sisters, Lori Martinez and Terri Ontiveros, both of Big Spring; his mother, Natalia Martinez of Big Spring; his grandmother, Natalia Puga Romero of Big Spring; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father in 1993. Pallbearers will be Benito Rubio, Joe Martinez, Felix Martinez, Tony Martinez, Billy Pineda, Patrick Martinez III, Tony Ontiveros, and A.J. Ontiveros. Honorary pallbearers will be Gus Ochotarena, Manuel Puga, Alan House, Ray Kennedy, and Ignacio Mendoza, Jr.

The family suggests memorials to: American Heart Association, 3205 Cuthbert, Suite A-B, Midland, Texas 79701. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

*Paid obituary*

### Bonnie Brockman

Bonnie Brockman, 59, of Lake Colorado City, formerly of Coahoma, died Saturday, Aug. 31, 2002, at her home.

Services will be at 11 a.m. Monday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Graveside services will be at 3 p.m. Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

## Support groups

### TODAY

- The Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Golliad.
- Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

### MONDAY

- TOPS Club TX 21 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.
- TOPS Club TX 1756 (take off pounds sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell.
- 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 Holly Moore 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 and times of upcoming groups.
- Bereavement Support Group meets at 6:30 to 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.
- Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### TUESDAY

- AA Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Closed podium meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, closed meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.
- AI-ANON, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY

- Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### THURSDAY

- Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.
- Noon women's meeting 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

### FRIDAY

- Closed discussion meeting, 615 Settles 11 a.m. Open discussion meeting, 615 Settles 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.
- AA open discussion meeting from noon at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

## Police blotter

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

- **CONNIE MIER**, 18, of 2609 Wasson Road was arrested on local warrants.
- **ROCKY ALLAN AUTRY**, 19, of 448-A Armstrong was arrested on local warrants.
- **MARCUS JAMAL MCVEA**, 18, of 901 N.W. Second St. was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **LORIE ANN AVINA**, 30, of 603 Steakley was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **DAVID CHRISTOPHER PETREE**, 17, of 6508 S. Service Road on Interstate 20 was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **CHRIS PARTRIDGE**, 18, of 2509 March Circle was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **JOHN GONZALES**, 37, of Knox was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DAVID LEE MARTINEZ**, 19, of Lamesa was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **LARRY JACOB DIAZ**, 17, of Lamesa was arrested on charges of minor in consumption of alcohol and minor in possession of tobacco.
- **KEITH ALLEN WEGNER**, 23, of 1111 Wilson Road was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **STACIE MARIE DELEON**, 25, of 1107 N. Scurry was arrested on a Scurry County warrant.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1500 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. Items worth \$150 were reportedly stolen from a red 1995 GMC at the location.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 4200 block of Parkway Road. Electronic equipment worth \$850 was reported stolen.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Settles Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1300 block of Settles Street, the 2500 block of Langley Drive and the 2200 block of Cecilia Street.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 2600 block of Crestline Road.
- **ANIMAL PROBLEM** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Avenue.
- **DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING** was reported in the 1800 block of West FM 700.
- **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.

## Sheriff's blotter

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

- **MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 176 mile marker westbound on Interstate 20. An 18-wheel oil tanker reportedly struck a car and flipped onto its side, spilling some of its contents. No injuries were reported.
- **HIT AND RUN** was reported in the area of the 11th Place Extension and Midway Road. A driver reportedly hit a mailbox and fence and left the scene.
- **FIREWORKS** was reported in the 300 block of Lawrence Road.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in on Culp. Several juveniles were reportedly throwing rocks at windows in the area.
- **LARGE PARTY** was reported off Highway 820 in Coahoma. Citations were issued to several minors at the party.
- **JUVENILE PROBLEM** was reported:
  - In the 8700 block of Gillem Road. Several juvenile subjects were reportedly causing a disturbance in the area.
  - In the 200 block of South Fifth Street. The son of the person reporting the incident reportedly saw his son entering a house when he should have been in school.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 5400 block of South Service Road.

## Take note

- The Howard, Glasscock, and Martin Counties Republican Party will meet Wednesday at noon at La Posada. Contact Irene Medellin at 264-0946 for reservations.
- The Fraternal Order of Eagles 3188, Aerie and Auxiliary is having a coat drive for school children in the community. The coats will be given away Oct. 14, at the Eagles Lodge. The Lodge will accept jackets, sweaters, coats, and sweatshirts of any size, color or style. Bring them by the Eagles Lodge at 703 West Third or contact any Eagle member to have them picked up. Call the Eagles Lodge at 263-6862 after 3 p.m.
- Classes at Howard College begin Aug. 26 and late registration is Aug. 26-30. A \$10 late fee applies to all students who register late. For more information, call the student assistance center at 264-5083.
- The Texas LST/Amphibious Association invites all shipmates, past and present, to the amphibious reunion to be held in San Angelo Oct. 10-13. For more information contact Bob Garner LST 461, HC 52 Box 362, Hemphill 75948. Send e-mails to TexasLSTs@aol.com
- The Polly Mays Building will close at noon on Friday and will reopen on Sept. 3.
- September is PTA membership enrollment month. To join PTA at Marcy Elementary contact Heather Williams, PTA president at 268-9993 or Candace Williams, treasurer at 268-1993.

## 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](mailto:Johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com).

### MONDAY

- District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.
- 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.
- Big Spring Commandery 31 meets at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. supper.
- Big Spring Assembly 211, Social Order of Beauceant meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple located at 221 1/2 Main. 6:30 p.m. supper.
- Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel Street in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.
- Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall. Call 264-0674 for more information.
- Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic building 221 1/2 Main.

### 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.
  - Coahoma Senior Citizen luncheon at 11 a.m. at the Coahoma Community Center.
  - 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.
  - Alzheimers Association Greater West Texas chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library at 550 South Main in the conference room.
  - Gospel singing at the Kentwood Activity Center, guest singers from Midland and Colorado City starts at 7 p.m. Everyone welcome.
  - VFW Post 2013 meets at the VFW Hall at 7 p.m. 500 Driver Road.
  - Sheriff's Posse meets at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse on Andrews Hwy.
  - American Red Cross meets at Canterbury South at 1600 Lancaster at 7 p.m.
  - Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of Eastern Star meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Lodge at 219 Main.
- ### WEDNESDAY
- Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.
  - Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Yellow Rose Cafe at 10 a.m.

*The Herald is would like to include names and photographs of current military personnel from Howard County in its Sept. 11 commemorative issue. If you have a close relative serving in the armed forces, we invite you to contact Andrea Medlin at 263-7331, ext. 236, or bring by photographs along with some information about the person. This could include address, educational background, parents names and the like. This information should be brought to the Herald at 710 Scurry. The Herald is also seeking similar information from anyone who may be employed by the FBI, CIA or others involved in the war on terrorism.*



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# More trains running through Big Spring with Union Pacific



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
A Union Pacific locomotive maneuvers in the Big Spring railyards. More trains are running through Big Spring these days, meaning a business that's been a big part of this community's history is alive and well.

By AL PICKETT  
Special to the Herald

If you think there are more trains rumbling through Big Spring these days, you're right. And you're not the only one to notice.

The old Texas & Pacific Railway, whose tracks run through across West Texas from Fort Worth to Sierra Blanca, is the subject of a lengthy feature in the August 2002 issue of "Trains" magazine (www.trainmag.com).

The story, "Union Pacific's Desert Bloom," provided a homecoming of sorts for its author.

Fred W. Frailey, who is the editor of "Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine," admits he is an ardent train fan and wrote the article as a freelance writer for "Trains" magazine. Although he now lives in Virginia,

*"My best friend lived in Midland. I used to go to visit him on the West Texas Eagle. I remember station stops in Colorado City and Baird. I'd have my nose pressed against the window. I remember riding the West Texas Eagle back home and sitting on a siding at Jayell (near Putnam), waiting on the west-bound West Texas Eagle to go by. I have great memories of traveling on the train in West Texas in the late '1950s."*

Fred W. Frailey  
Author of magazine article

Frailey said he grew up in Sulphur Springs in East Texas.

"My best friend lived in Midland," Frailey said in a telephone interview from his Kiplinger office. "I used to go to visit him on the West Texas Eagle. I remember station stops in Colorado City and Baird. I'd have my nose pressed against the window. I remember riding the West Texas Eagle

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## Certification hearing set Tuesday for teen suspect

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

A hearing will be held Tuesday in Howard County Court to determine whether a Big Spring teen accused of murder will stand trial as an adult.

"It's just on one (person), on Sept. 3," County Attorney Mike Thomas said of the hearing.

Thomas added that one of two teens charged with the Aug. 5 beating death of 16-year-old Lennon Lane will face the judge Tuesday. Two juvenile suspects are in custody in connection with the crime; one 15 years old and the other 16. Thomas declined to say which teen will be involved in the hearing.

"I really can't give you the details of the actual case since they are juveniles," he explained.

Thomas, who also serves as Howard County's juvenile prosecutor, said he would ask County Judge Ben Lockhart to certify the teen as an adult.

Thomas is still considering whether to ask for certification of the other teen involved in the case and of a 15-year-old being held in connection with the July 30 murder of 70-year-old Harlan Jene Patton.

*"Because of the severity of the crime, the age of the child and these reports — based on all this information the prosecutor alleges that the child, for this particular crime, should be charged as an adult."*



THOMAS

Thomas explained the process involved in certifying a juvenile as an adult.

"The juvenile prosecutor, who, in Howard County, is the county attorney, files a petition with the juvenile court," he said.

The prosecutor files a social history and psychological report on the child along with the petition, he said.

"Because of the severity of the crime, the age of the child and these reports — based on all this information the prosecutor alleges that the child, for this particular crime, should be charged as an adult," Thomas said. "In this process itself, the child does not have the right to a jury trial. The judge makes the determination about whether the child should face prosecution under the juvenile system or an adult."

Thomas explained that

in each case involving a juvenile over the age of 14, he is faced with three options.

"The first option I can do is, of course, try them under the juvenile system," he said. "Any child that's convicted under the juvenile system and sent to Texas Youth Corrections, it's called an 'indeterminate sentence' because Texas Youth Corrections is going to have jurisdiction over that child until they're 18, although they can hold them to age 21 in certain circumstances."

In such a case, Thomas said he never knows how long the child will remain incarcerated.

"They may have him down there six months and decide that he has been rehabilitated and needs to be rejoined with his family," he said. "They may keep him down there until he's age 21."

The second option is to

have the teen certified as an adult.

"The second thing that I can do, if they're 14 or 15 and the severity of the crime is such, I can certify them as adults," he said. "That's what I think I'm going to try to do in this particular set of circumstances that we're looking at."

If a teen is certified as an adult, he is no longer under the juvenile system's jurisdiction, Thomas added.

"If the court does certify

the child, then the child, of course, is tried under the criminal system," he said. "The child would be under arrest at that time as an adult. He'd be entitled to bail as an adult would and the adult crim-

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### MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Bonnie Brockman, 59, died Saturday. Funeral services are 11:00 AM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Graveside services are 3:00 PM Monday at Rose Hill Cemetery in Merkel.

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## SPILL

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the Acura slammed into the side of the truck."

The impact sent the truck — owned by East Texas Petroleum Inc. — off the road, and the driver attempted to turn back onto the road.

"He went off the road a little way and overcorrected back," Couch said. "When the load shifted, the weight of the truck turned it over and it slid about 150 feet on its side and came to rest."

Raffail said he was never scared during the accident.

"My mind was at peace," he said. "I figured I didn't have any control, so let it go. I just held the steering wheel in one position and took my foot

off the brake. I thought, 'It's going to stop where it's going to stop. I have no control over it.'"

The overturned tanker leaked oil onto the interstate, Couch said.

"The tanker was loaded full of oil," he said. "It's a refined oil, not a hazardous material."

DPS troopers called the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission and Texas Wildlife Game Management for assis-

tance.

Big Spring's Emergency Management Coordinator, Big Spring Police Lieutenant Terry Chamness, and a crew took over the job of cleaning up the spill.

The truck driver was cited for changing lanes while unsafe, Couch added.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Roundtable is a chance to be effective

**T**ogetherness. With the success of a Funtastic Fourth Festival already under their belts and a Funtastic Fiesta in the offing, Big Spring's four newly-formed "revitalization associations" will come together for an organizational lunch meeting at noon Wednesday in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The public is invited, but must RSVP to Chamber of Commerce Director Debbye Val Verde by Tuesday to enjoy lunch during the event. The meal, catered by Al's and Son Barbecue, will be \$9 in advance and \$10 at the door.

The idea for bringing all four associations together is the formation of the Big Spring Revitalization Association — a group it is hoped will have a broader focus than the four existing entities, the Downtown Revitalization Association, the FM 700 Association, the Gregg Street Association and the Airpark.

The BSRA will be an umbrella group for the four neighborhood revitalization groups.

Bottom line, the purpose for organizing the BSRA is to get people to work together. That means everybody and anybody. The more people there, the better.

That's why we encourage everyone in the community that has an interest in the well being of our hometown to be on hand.

We'll see you there.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

We know our circumstances change daily, Lord, but with our faith in you we can have eternal joy. Amen



# Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

## Let's look to future with promise of success

**S**ince we have last visited, I have been to a Chamber of Commerce board meeting and to a Rotary meeting plus several other places to meet and greet.

It's always a challenging experience to move to a new town. It is tough for the parents, and tough for the children in the new school.

Son Michael has begun his junior year attending Big Spring High School and that of course has been an adjustment for him as well. He is in the band and participates in drama along with many other activities and our schedule stays pretty full.

Most of my children have attended several schools. The oldest child, Carol, who is publisher of the Sweetwater Reporter, went to a total of seven schools, plus college. The second child, Beth, did a little better going to only three schools. Amy, the youngest daughter and child number three, went to five schools, before going off to college.

Michael has had a pretty full card of schools as well, attending six so far — and hopefully that will fill the list until he's off to college.

Big Spring has a lot to offer to those willing to go out there and look for it.

There's entertainment, places for the family to enjoy the outdoors and much more.

Very few towns have a symphony and a town the size of Big Spring having this opportunity is tremendous. Any way you slice it... it's a great cultural atmosphere. It offers to quality of life and that of course is what each person searches for in one way or another. Some just make different choices than others.

It's a good place to do business as well, with a wealth of market opportunities for any size business.

If we remove the negative opinions and stop talking about what we can't do, we can move the community back into the progressive lane and stay away from the off ramp.

It has become so easy to accept what is as the way it has to be... we should go in another direction. Let's look at what we can do — not what we cannot do.

I've touched on healthcare before, but I will have to say that while I have not had the opportunity to visit the local healthcare facilities, I will be there much longer.

I grew up in a family that worked in the healthcare fields. In fact my

mother was one of two women who founded home healthcare in the state of Kentucky.

I understand the workings of the industry and know how difficult it can be at times. Census, Medicare, third party, HMOs are all at the root of the spiraling healthcare cost issue.

Anyway, my point in touching on this is to say how much better it is to have healthcare facilities where you live than have to drive 50 or 100 miles to receive care.

I have seen so many places where the golden hour (first hour after the trauma) is lost simply traveling to a facility or waiting on transport to remote sites that people die.

Emergency workers are not miracle workers. They perform their duties at the absolute best of their abilities and look toward helping as many people, as quickly as they can.

It just isn't possible for them to take a full-scale emergency room with them everywhere they go.

Let's look to the future with a thought of promise of success in growing and keeping our quality of life.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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## Knowledge is the key to understanding

**T**he most frustrating type of person to deal with is the militantly ignorant. I say "militantly" ignorant because we are all ignorant of some subjects. There is too much knowledge for one person to absorb, but the difference between the intelligent person and the ignorant is that the intelligent person remains open to learning.

The ignorant is a closed book. He reacts with anger and indignation if someone tries to insert a bit of new knowledge into his head.

You can see this in the reaction of some Christian groups and TV commentators when the University of North Carolina required its freshman class to read a scholarly book on the Koran. The Koran is the Muslim "bible" and contains what Muslims believe

to be the word of God as revealed to the prophet Mohammed.

One of the Christian groups tried to get the federal courts to prohibit the assignment. It failed. Some commentators railed against requiring students to read something that had to do "with our enemies."

Muslims, of course, are not our enemies. It is interesting that when Protestant and Catholic terrorists were going at it in Ireland, nobody ever said that Christians were the enemy, yet there they were: two distinct groups of Christian terrorists. In Ireland, the differences were secular, not religious, and in our troubles with the Middle East, the conflict is over policy, not religion.

Nevertheless, there is no more ignorant a fool than a man who refuses to learn anything about his enemies. So, if you assume that Muslims are the enemy, then it is more important, not less, for students to know about Islam. As for any fear that reading the book will "convert" Christian or Jewish students to Islam, that merely

shows an ignorance of scholarly books. The most often heard criticism from the students is that the book is "boring." Most scholarly books are. They are written to explain, not to exhort, convert or entertain, and general readers rarely share the enthusiasm of the scholar for his subject.

What is most alarming, however, is the elevation of ignorance by making celebrities out of ignoramuses. There is nothing glamorous about ignorance, and, naturally, nobody is more opinionated than the ignoramus, who already "knows" everything about every subject.

Such people have always been with us. Most bars and taverns have their regulars ready to hold forth on any known subject. What is different today is that these kinds of people are given their own radio or television shows. They use loud voices and unsubstantiated assertions to override any intelligent person who makes the mistake of appearing on their shows.

The world is too complex and dangerous, the margins

for error too thin, for Earth's leading nation to become anti-intellectual and ignorant. If you go back to such men as John Stuart Mill and read his essay on liberty, you will find that the pragmatic justification for a free society is the spread of knowledge.

Knowledge is the human race's sole means of survival. God knows, American college students need more, not less, knowledge about almost any subject. They need knowledge of their own language so they can communicate accurately with the written and spoken word, because we humans are herd animals and must communicate and cooperate lest we perish. They need to learn the rules of accurate thinking.

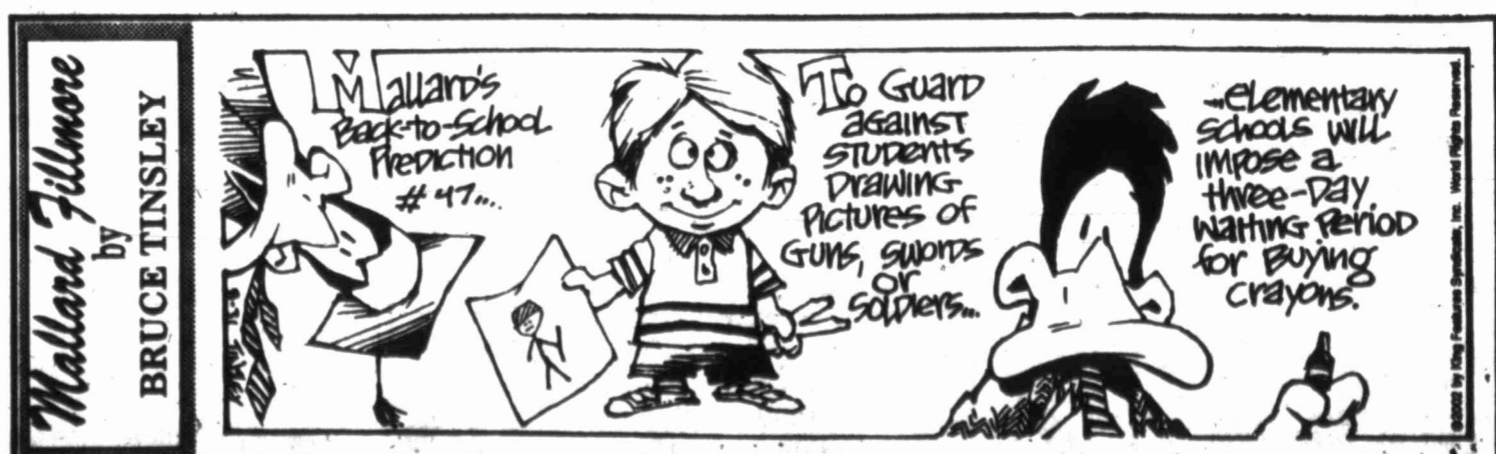
None of this will come from journalism or from groups ready to ask the government to forcibly prevent people from reading books the groups don't like.

There is no such thing as dangerous or evil knowledge.

Ignorance, however, can be dangerous and can be a source of great evil.



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# BSIS continue Fors show

By LYNDEL MO Staff Writer

Big Spring continue to lose student enrollment figures decline for the school year, and Coahoma seeing some of the trend.

"We project from 75 to 100 (in the 2002-2003) BSISD Super Murray Murphy looks like the continuing Spring. We've 100 students average. It's 1 way for the last five years."

Fifth-day reports show t has 3,910 students 89 from the same year.

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Putnam), waiting on the west-bound West Texas Eagle to go by. I have great memories of traveling on the train in West Texas in the late 1950s."

Frailey made a return trip to West Texas last March.

"I started in El Paso and took several days to drive to Fort Worth, mostly on Highway 80," he said. "The weather was beautiful, and to see the Texas wildflowers along Highway 80 was a marvelous sight. Going down Ranger Hill and approaching the Brazos River was beautiful. I fell in love with that area again."

The purpose of Frailey's trip — and story — was to document the rebirth of the railroad that played such an important role in building Big Spring and many other West Texas communities.

The "Trains" magazine article details the history of the T&P Railway, which plays a significant role in the explanation of the tracks' recent revitalization.

There are six transcontinental trains running each way every day on the old T&P tracks now, plus the "local" trains between Fort Worth and Abilene and the oil fields near Odessa. Both Union Pacific and Burlington Northern Santa Fe trains also run daily to Sweetwater before switching to more north-bound Burlington Northern Santa Fe lines.

"There are close to 20 trains a day running through that area versus maybe just six a day five years ago," Frailey said.

Why the difference? Union Pacific purchased Southern Pacific in 1996, giving UP a shorter route to California.

"The old T&P Railway

represents a shorter and more economical route from the Memphis gateway to California," Frailey said. "It's 250 miles shorter than the former Southern Pacific route (through San Antonio and South Texas)."

Tom Sutton, the president of the original Texas & Pacific, and his successor Jay Gould wanted to build the T&P from Shreveport, La., to the Pacific Ocean, making it the country's second transcontinental railroad. Meanwhile, Collis P. Huntington, the owner of the Central Pacific, the western half of the country's first transcontinental railroad, was building the Southern Pacific eastward from California.

"As the two roads approached a meeting point 90 miles east of El Paso at Sierra Blanca in November 1881," Frailey wrote in his article, "Huntington and Gould agreed the Southern Pacific and T&P should approach, meet and form one continuous line to the Pacific Coast. Meet they did on Dec. 16, 1881, but the Southern Pacific, to Gould's chagrin, not only didn't stop, it didn't uphold the traffic-sharing agreement either. Instead, it blew past the T&P at Sierra Blanca all the way to Houston, and then New Orleans by acquiring Morgan's Louisiana & Texas Railroad and

Steamship Co. With Morgan steamships from New Orleans to New York, Huntington had forged the first one-owner transcontinental system."

The T&P was left without a way to get to California, a problem that plagued the railroad for the next 115 years. The T&P was an extremely busy "local" railroad, however, thanks to the discovery of oil at Ranger in 1917 and later the mammoth Permian Basin field near Odessa.

The Missouri Pacific operated the T&P line until the Union Pacific bought it more than a decade ago. The old tracks' fate changed in 1996 when the Union Pacific purchased the Southern Pacific, giving the Union Pacific the ability to run a transcontinental train from Memphis, the gathering point for all the east coast, to California, and from Dallas-Fort Worth to California.

The old T&P lines gave Union Pacific a shorter route to California.

"The Union Pacific grew 50 percent bigger in 1996 by buying the Southern Pacific," Frailey said, "and it ended its dilemma of not being able to get to California."

Another problem the T&P had in handling that much train traffic was the lack of sidings, especially west of Monahans. The

Union Pacific began building new long sidings at intervals between Monahans and El Paso.

"I think we've only begun to see the investments Union Pacific will make," Frailey said, noting he wouldn't be surprised to see as many as 30 trains a day going

through West Texas in the near future.

Frailey believes the Union Pacific's greatest challenge is to take business away from the trucks.

"It took UP's common ownership of the Texas & Pacific and Southern Pacific, and 125 years, to

make Tom Scott's dream a reality," Frailey wrote.

"To which you can only say: What a colossal waste of time! Only now are events beginning to prove the economic value of this transcontinental ambition. Yes, Scott was right all along. This is a winner."



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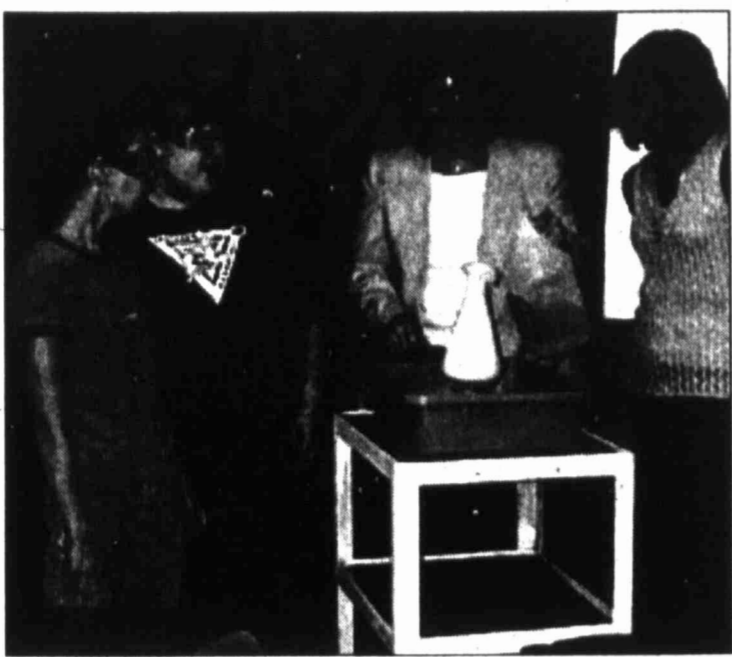
"It's a real honor for me because it is rare for anyone in our area to be that high up in the organization. Usually, the president is from a big city," said Weeks. "I was nominated by letter, and it's a secret process, so I still don't know who nominated me."

It was such a shock that she didn't believe it at first.

"When they called me to tell me I'd was nominated, I hung up on them three times because I thought it was a telemarketer. I was so embarrassed when I found out," said Weeks with a laugh. "Even then, I ran for the office thinking I would not get elected."

She did, however, and is enjoying her role this year as president.

In July, TTOPS — in conjunction with the chemistry department of Texas A&M — sponsored a two-day workshop on the university campus. The workshop included many hands-on activities



Forsan teacher Joy Weeks, president of the Texas Teachers Organization for Physical Science, conducts an experiment with baking soda and vinegar as several of her students look on.

including making a conductivity tester, a swing to show Newton's laws, a wooden device to show how pressure works and others. A lecture on nuclear energy was given by Dr. Ian Scott Hamilton of the Department of Nuclear Engineering at Texas A&M. Participants of the workshop were treated to a chemistry magic show performed by A&M students. A computer presentation on "Molecular Visualization in the Classroom" was given by Dr. Vickie M.

Williamson of Texas A&M.

"A&M does incredible things for our organization," said Weeks. "They are a strong supporter. They secured funding for us and gave out lots of gifts to members of the organization. They also build demonstrations teachers could bring home and use in the classroom."

Later this year, Weeks will participate in a convention in El Paso. She'll have some help, from husband Don, a computer

instructor at Howard College.

"I've recruited him. He's the Web master for TTOPS. You might stay this has been a family kind of thing," Weeks said.

The Weeks' have two daughters, 17-year-old Whitney, who attends Forsan High School, and 15-year-old Kendra, who attends Big Spring High School.

Weeks is a physics and integrated physics and chemistry teacher at Forsan High School. She taught with Big Spring ISD for five years, then Lubbock Coronado for two years and now has been at Forsan for five years.

Weeks hopes more West Texas educators will become interested in the organizations.

"We are very active. We reach a lot of teachers throughout the state. We have an e-mail group that shares information, including job opportunities and a whole lot more," she said. "It's a very worthwhile organization."

To find out more information about TTOPS or the state organization STAT, e-mail her at [ttops\\_news@hotmail.com](mailto:ttops_news@hotmail.com) or call 263-6579.

SCHOOLS

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District wide kindergarten enrollment has increased, Murphy said.

Statistics reveal the district's decline can be mostly seen in the elementary grades. Those declines appear to be leveling out, Murphy said, but the smaller classes are now entering the higher grades.

Forsan and Coahoma school districts both report a slight increase in enrollment.

"Last year we gained four students through the course of the year, essentially no change" CISD Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston said. "Over the summer we gained three more students than we ended with last year, again essentially no change."

The Coahoma ISD's fourth-day enrollment report shows 859 students, up seven from last year at the same time. The high school had 284 students, an increase of eight students. There were 143 at the junior high, down six, and 432 at the elementary level, five more than a year ago.

"It seems like what we are seeing here is a level-

ing off for our district over the past year or so," Kingston said, adding that he is uncertain if figures indicate an end to the loss of students.

"Things can change very quickly. Two years ago, through the course of the year we lost about 40 students. It happened very quickly," he said.

In the past three and half years, the CISD has lost 15 percent of its student enrollment.

The Forsan ISD reported 659 enrolled, 21 more for first-day enrollment.

"I hope it's a sign that we've bottom out and we are starting to see some gradual increase," FISD Superintendent Wayne Rotan said.

Forsan Senior/Junior High School reported an enrollment of 366 students and Elbow Elementary reported 293. Rotan did not have comparative figures for the 2001 first-day enrollment available.

Part of state funding for school districts is calculated on average daily attendance. Each enrolled student for Big Spring represents \$3,200 in state funding a year. For the Coahoma ISD, that figure is about \$4,000 a year.

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inal system would pick it up then if the judge so chooses to certify."

Thomas said the third option is to try to obtain an "eterminate sentence" in the juvenile system.

"The third option that we have, and I haven't

ruled this out, is we go and tell the grand jury that we want to deviate from the indeterminate system and charge these juveniles under the juvenile system with a crime and have a determinate sentence set," he said. "That can be up to 40 years. So those are my three options."

Thomas said he's waiting on the social and psychological reports before making his final decision on the other two teens in the recent murder cases.

"My first initial reaction on these crimes is to certify them as adults," he said. "The reports may change my mind, but that's what I'm leaning

toward at this point."

Thomas said the juvenile and adult criminal systems have different focuses.

"The juvenile system is more geared toward trying to correct the juvenile's action and make him a good responsible citizen," he said. "The rehabilitative function in

the juvenile system is the primary concern. There are victims rights in the juvenile system; there are some deterrent factors looked at there are basically some revenge factors, but the primary concern is how do we make this juvenile into a responsible adult."

The adult system is

more about punishment," he said.

"When you go to the criminal system, we basically have said, 'Hey, this person has already formed their values,' and we're looking at more of a system to punish the criminal."

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for \$5 a plate," Barnett said.

"Out there" is the scene of the HOGs' annual MDA Labor Day Blowout and Poker Run, the Big Spring Mall.

Inside the mall, Barnett and KWES Channel 9 personalities Johnnie Lou Avery and Cliff Voak will be hosting the telethon.

The party's going to be outside.

"We're going to have two bands out," Barnett said. "One Star Shy is going to be playing from about 1 p.m. to about 3, and 50/50 is going to come in and play right after them from 3 to probably about 5 or so."

Starting at 10 a.m. Monday, local cyclists will take to the streets of Big Spring in search of a good poker hand, said Vicky Walker of Big Spring's Harley-Davidson Shop, the oldest Harley-

Davidson dealership in Texas.

"In the Poker Run, it's the Harley Owner's Group, and the Cossacks Motor Group and the Christian Motorcycle Association are going to be there helping us," Walker said. "A poker run is where, for a \$10 donation, they go from checkpoint to checkpoint. They draw out a map around town of where they're going to go. When you go to each location, you pick a card. After you've drawn all your cards, you come back, and whoever has the best hand wins."

The riders with the top three poker hands win cash prizes.

Other than that, all the money raised goes to MDA.

"All this money goes toward the kids," Walker said. "It's a fund-raiser we have every year for them. We also have our

own poker run that we do every year. From it we buy all the T-shirts for the kids at camp out at Cedar Canyon."

Barnett said it takes a combined effort to make local MDA fund raising a success.

"The telethon really is a group effort," he said. "You see the people on TV, but it really is the people who are answering the phones. It's the firefighters that were out Saturday doing their 'Fill the Boot,' the Harley Owners Group, the Christian Motorcycle Association this year, the Cossacks have become involved. It's a collective group effort. It's not one person that can put this on and make it happen. It's really everybody together."

The HOGs have been involved with the telethon for more than a decade, originally lending a hand because of the

Harley-Davidson corporation, Barnett said.

"Harley-Davidson nationally is a big sponsor," he said. "We kind of got involved in a challenge several years ago with the firefighters as to who could make the most money, and it's just kind of blossomed from that."

On Sept. 14, the Harley-Davidson Shop will celebrate its 73rd anniversary and the 100th anniversary of the Harley-Davidson brand with an open house.

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another plaque — this one with a clock included — for being the longest-tenured employee. Ruiz has been on the job 38 years, said Fuqua.

"We wanted to do something different for Tom this year, so we put a clock in his plaque," Fuqua said. "He's got just about every kind of plaque there is."

Sandra Hendricks received a plaque for being the second-longest-

tenured employee, with 30 years on the job.

"Sandra said she's not working 38 years," Fuqua said. "Thirty-five years, maybe."

The event was catered by Brenda's Barbecue and More of Big Spring. Door prizes were handed out and a swimming party followed the picnic.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Lunch Menus

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WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken, potatoes, broccoli & cheese, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, cookies.  
THURSDAY-Ham & potato casserole, peas & carrots, salad, rolls, milk, cake.  
FRIDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruited gelatin.

chicken (burritos), green beans, potatoes, bread.

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MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Fish sfix, mac & cheese, peas, pears, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chili dog, fries, salad, peaches, milk.  
THURSDAY-Grilled cheese, vegetable soup, chips, fruit cup, milk.  
FRIDAY-Chicken fajitas, tortillas, pinto beans, apricots, milk.

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MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Rib sandwich, potato rounds, ranch style beans, grapes.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, green beans, rosy applesauce, fruit juice, roll.  
THURSDAY-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, English peas, pineapple tidbits, roll.  
FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, French fries, border beans, lemon pie

SANDS CISD  
MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, ranch style beans, French fries, fruit.  
WEDNESDAY-BBQ ribs, potato salad, beans, hot rolls, fruit.  
THURSDAY-Taco salad, chips, pinto beans, cornbread, applesauce.  
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, cake or fruit.

COAHOMA ISD  
MONDAY-Chicken spaghetti (ham sandwiches, salad tray), peas, salad, rolls, milk.  
TUESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, fruit, milk. Teachers: salad call by 9:00  
WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corn dogs), ranch beans, peaches, cornbread, milk.  
THURSDAY-Spaghetti (chicken patty on bun), salad, bread, corn, apple cobbler, milk.  
FRIDAY-Shake and bake

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MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, carrots, applesauce, biscuits, honey, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Fish, tarte sauce, macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, fruit cup, milk.  
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By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ODESSA — Frustrated when Big Spring head coach Dwight referred to his team as "passing offense Pucker" during the season.

Friday night, though he wasn't joking.

The Steers' new no-huddle, four-receive scheme gave Butler more than a few reasons to grimace in agony as it racked up only 132 total yards in a 21-0 loss to the Odessa Bronchos at Ratliff Stadium. It also spoiled a stellar defense by the Steers as they held the Bronchos for much of the night.

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By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers did exactly what they had hoped Friday Angelo. They gave themselves a shot at the Angelo Invitation ball crown.

Big Spring won three matches in Friday at San Lincoln Junior High and finished second overall Blue Division. The finish earned BSHS spikers one spots in the tournament championship round.

The Lady Steers, into Saturday's match up will made easy work first two opponent won both matches straight sets.

Canyon became Big Spring's first victory by a 15-8, 15-13 in the opening round tournament. They that win with a win over Miles and a spot in the Blue finals against Coronado.

Coronado ended the run, taking a 15-8 victory.

District rival Lake View also in final round.



# Bronchos run past Steers in opener

## Offense fizzles in 21-0 loss

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor  
ODESSA — Everyone laughed when Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler referred to his team's new passing offense as "The Pucker" during the pre-season.

Friday night, they found out he wasn't joking.

The Steers' new no-huddle, four-receiver scheme gave Butler more than a few reasons to grimace in agony as it racked up only 132 total yards in a 21-0 loss to the Odessa Bronchos at Ratliff Stadium. It also spoiled a stellar defensive effort by the Steers in which they held the high-powered Bronchos in check for much of the night.



OVERTON

### Overton out for season

Bring Spring defensive end Tim Overton's season came to an end early in the first half of the Steers' 21-0 loss to Odessa High.

Overton, a 6-foot-1, 215-pound junior, broke the fibula in his right leg and partially dislocated the tibia on the first play of the second quarter.

"We just didn't perform

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Herald photo/Bruce Schooler  
Odessa quarterback Justin Casas attempts to scramble away from a host of Big Spring defenders during the first quarter of the Steers' 2002 season opener at Ratliff Stadium. Odessa, despite a solid effort from the Big Spring defensive squad, eked out a 21-0 victory in the showdown of former District 5-4A rivals.

# There's no need to worry about Steers' offensive woes

ODESSA — Wait a minute. Before you run out into the street and start screaming the world is coming to an end take a deep breath and relax. The sky isn't falling and the Russians aren't looking to nuke you, your dog and Aunt Betty.

Really, it'll be okay — just like the Big Spring offense. You'll wake up tomorrow and the sun will still be there.

Sure, the Steers laid a big goose egg on the scoreboard

Friday night. Sure, it looked as if they were more lost than Little Bo Peep's sheep. And, sure, it hurt to lose the first game of the season to a former district rival and the final numbers were tiny.

Okay, okay ... real tiny. 121 yards passing. 12 yards rushing. Four turnovers. Zero points.

Again, relax. Take it for what it is — the first game of a long

season. It was a non-district game that, in the grand scheme of things, means about as much as one Mexican peso.

Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler may have said it best following the final buzzer of the Steers' 21-



WELLS

0 loss to Odessa by saying, "We just didn't perform offensively. We're going to have to go back to work and fix that for next week."

In fanspeak, that means Butler, the architect of the Steers' new no-huddle, pass-oriented offense, wasn't overly pleased with his team's offensive execution ... and that he was ready, willing and able to ride out the excruciatingly painful baby steps associated with switching from a run-or-

ented to a passing style.

And that's a good thing for the Steers. This offense can, and will, become a potent weapon. It has the perfect parts in quarterback Tye Butler, running back Josh Mathews and a receiving corps that, pound-for-pound, may well be the best in West Texas. Trust me, it'll work ... it just isn't going to happen overnight.

In case you missed it, that's the same message Dwight Butler

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## Lady Steers advance to title round

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers did exactly what they had hoped Friday in San Angelo. They gave themselves a shot at the San Angelo Invitational volleyball crown.

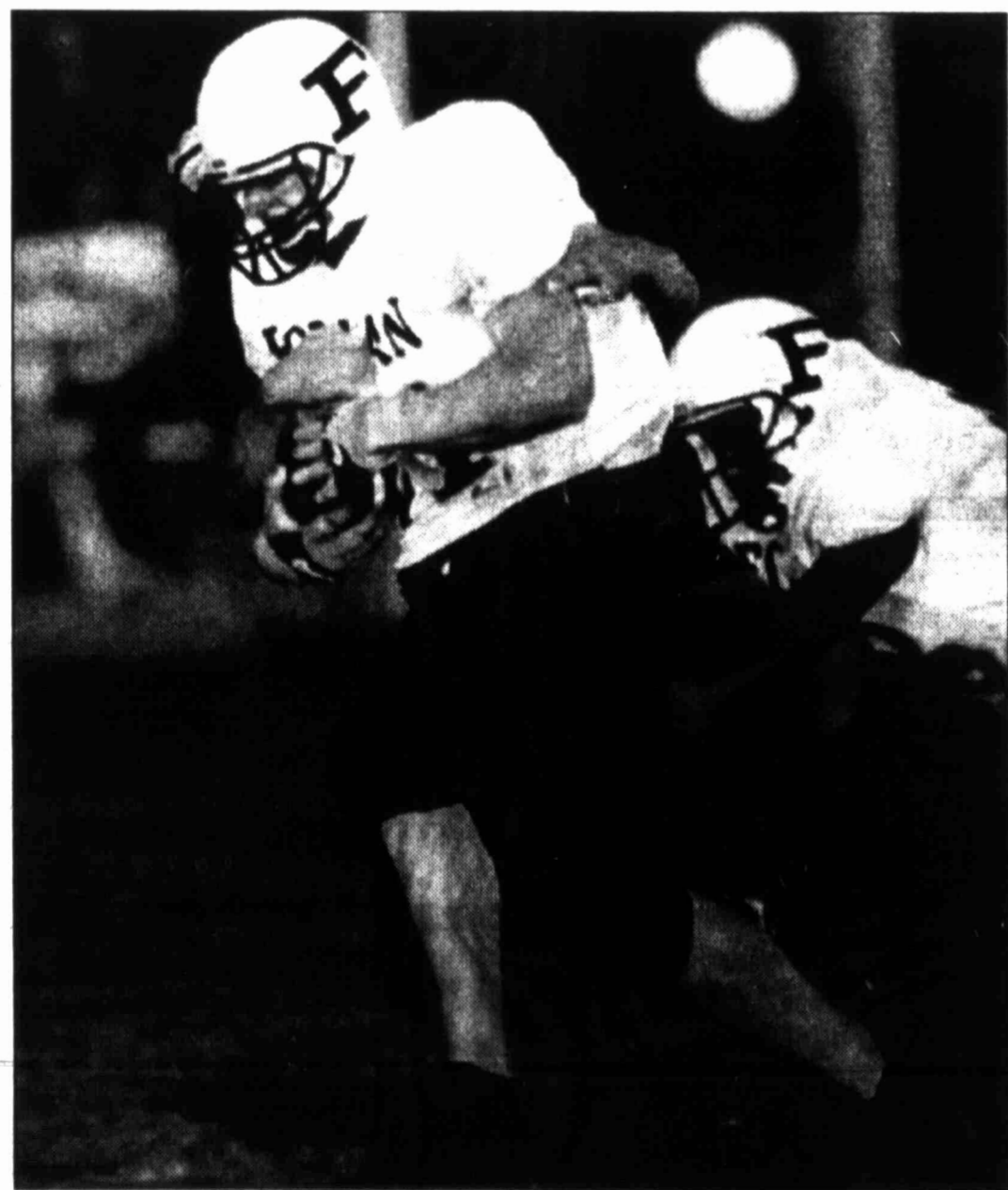
Big Spring won two of the three matches it played Friday at San Angelo's Lincoln Junior High School and finished second in the overall Blue Division standings. The finish earned the BSHS spikers one of eight spots in the tournament's championship round.

The Lady Steers, 5-4 heading into Saturday morning's matchup with Wink, made easy work of their first two opponents. They won both matches in straight sets.

Canyon became Big Spring's first victim, falling by a 15-8, 15-13 margin in the opening round of the tournament. They followed that win with a 15-8, 15-8 win over Miles and earned a spot in the Blue Division finals against El Paso Coronado.

Coronado ended the BSHS run, taking a 15-8, 15-8 victory.

District rival San Angelo Lake View also made the final round.



File photo  
Forsan's Wes Longorio attempts to break into the secondary during a game last season. Despite a solid performance from the senior running back, Forsan opened the 2002 season on a sour note. The Buffaloes dropped a 46-0 decision to state-ranked Iraan Friday night. See story, Page 11A

## Reagan Co. sneaks past Coahoma, 14-7

By Brandon Hallford

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD  
COAHOMA — On a night that the defenses made the Berlin Wall look like papier mache, the Coahoma Bulldogs dropped a 14-7 heartbreaker to the Reagan County Owls.

"We had good overall effort all night," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. "Defensively, we played real well. When you do that you expect to do better, but we gave them field position and they capitalized on it."

Though Coahoma controlled the ball for more than 17 minutes in the first half, they made a couple of untimely mistakes that gave Reagan County a short field to work with. That, and the fact that the Owls defense was in the CHS backfield most of the night, made it rough for the Bulldogs' offense to get rolling.

Coahoma opened the season like it would take control. Coahoma running backs Billy Bob Walker and Kelby Kemper combined for 11 yards and a first down on the initial two plays of the contest.

Unfortunately, the Bulldogs' luck didn't last. The Owls defense stiffened, stopping Walker for a 3-yard loss and forcing Sam Tindol into two incomplete passes.

On Reagan County's first play from scrimmage, Coahoma's Toby Jackson came up big. He recovered an RCHS fumble at the Owl 27 and gave the Bulldogs excellent field position from which to start their second possession.

The Coahoma offense was unable to take advantage of the break, however. The Bulldogs failed to get untracked and ended up turning the ball back over to the Owls on downs after just six plays.

Coahoma and Reagan County put on a defensive clinic for the rest of the quarter. Neither team managed to sustain any consistent offensive effort.

Trouble found Coahoma just over two minutes into the second. The Bulldogs had trouble with a snap on a punt attempt that resulted in a loss of 26 yards, and gave Reagan County the ball at the CHS 9.

The Owls punched the ball into the end zone three plays later, taking a 7-0 cushion with just over nine minutes left in the half.

Coahoma looked as if it would get its offense in gear on its next possession. A 10-yard penalty stalled a CHS drive and forced the Bulldogs to punt the ball away.

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# State-ranked Plowboys slips past Buffaloes, 18-0

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

If there were any questions surrounding the Stanton Buffaloes' defense, they were answered loud and clear Friday night.

Stanton, making its debut under head coach Larry Tate, turned in a defensive gem against 8th-ranked Roscoe, holding the Plowboys to just 236 yards rushing in an 18-0 loss.

Despite the setback, Tate was pleased with the Buffaloes' efforts.

"I was pleased overall with our defensive, and our effort overall," said Tate, who took over the Stanton head coaching job this summer when former coach Mark Cotton resigned to become the high school principal. "It was a

physical game, and I think our kids got their licks in."

Stanton had entered the game a 46-point underdog.

Roscoe, a perennial playoff power, didn't find anything easy in Stanton. Despite racking up 305 total yards with their Wishbone offense, the Plowboys were held in check much of the night by an aggressive SHS defense, which was paced by Tullie Louder.

Louder harried the Roscoe offense throughout the contest. He finished with three quarterback sacks.

"We ran to the ball real well and we hit when we got there," said Tate of his squad's defensive play. "All in all, I liked our effort and the physical part."

The success Roscoe did find against the Stanton defense came courtesy of several big plays.

The Plowboys took an early 6-0 lead when quarterback Bo Young hooked up with Cale Smith on a 20-yard touchdown strike.

The Buffalo defense, keyed by Louder, Lance Kargl and Jesse DeLeon, denied the Plowboys' PAT attempt.

The Stanton offense, much like the Roscoe unit, didn't find much success. The Buffs, who ran only 35 plays, managed just 87 total yards in the non-district matchup.

The Roscoe offense reeled off 64 plays in the contest, including 54 via the run.

Stanton shot themselves in the foot in the second. Roscoe

Roscoe	6	6	0	6	-18
Stanton	0	0	0	0	0

First Quarter	
R	Cale Smith 20 pass from Bo Young (run failed)
Second Quarter	
R	Young 1 run (run failed)
Fourth Quarter	
R	Brandon Bronley 32 run (Pass failed.)

Roscoe	Stanton
17	5
53	29
69	6
5:11.0	1:6.0
2:40.0	6:36.0
4:2	0:0
5:40.0	4:30

stretched its lead to 14-0 after it had recovered a fumble on a kickoff. Young capped a short RHS

drive with a 1-yard dive.

Roscoe's final touchdown came in the fourth quarter on another long play. Running back Brandon Bronley broke off a 32-yard run off an option play to account for the Plowboys' final points.

Tate, who is reloading a Buffalo program that graduated 20 seniors in 2001, said the Buffaloes are taking the 2002 season one week at a time in an effort to improve from game to game.

"We've just got to keep our heads up and keep improving," he said. "I think we'll come along."

Stanton is scheduled to make its first road trip this Friday night when they travel to Big Lake to face the Reagan County Owls, who edged past Coahoma Friday.

## Fast start spurs California to 70-22 win over Baylor

BERKELEY, Calif. (AP) — Matt Nixon returned an interception 100 yards for a touchdown, and Jeff Tedford made a phenomenal coaching debut Saturday as California scored 35 points in the first quarter of a 70-22 victory over Baylor.

Cal scored on a 71-yard double pass on its first play, and the Golden Bears intercepted four passes — returning two for TDs, including Nixon's length-of-the-field ramble — while rolling to a 49-7 halftime lead that was nothing less than shocking for a school that went 1-10 last season.

Kyle Boller passed for 213 yards and three touchdowns as the Golden Bears backed up the highest-scoring quarter in school history with three fourth-quarter TDs that gave Cal 460 total yards on its most prolific offensive day since Sept. 7, 1991.

Even though the opponent was Big 12 doormat Baylor, which won six games in the past three seasons, the game was a dramatic boost for Cal, which hasn't had a winning season since 1993.

Tedford, Oregon's offensive coordinator in the past four seasons, was hired last December to revitalize a school that was on rock-bottom after five dismal years under Tom Holmoe. The chants of "We love Tedford!" and "We want 70!" at Memorial Stadium proved the rebuilding program is off to a fine start.

Geoff McArthur caught seven passes for 90 yards, including a 4-yard TD pass, and rushed for another score. Joe Igber ran for 65 yards and caught a TD pass as Cal snapped an eight-game home losing streak.

The Golden Bears' offense was overwhelming, but Cal also made several big plays on defense against Baylor quarterback Greg Cicero, a sixth-year senior who

### Big XII Roundup

won back his starting job in the spring but was benched in the first quarter.

Reggie Newhouse had eight catches for a career-high 164 yards and a TD for Baylor, which had perhaps the most disastrous start possible to coach Kevin Steele's fourth season. Aaron Karas relieved Cicero and passed for 211 yards, most of it after halftime.

It was clear something special was happening for Cal from the game's first play. Boller threw a screen pass to Terrell Williams, who pulled up and threw a long pass to freshman David Gray behind the befuddled Baylor secondary.

With no defenders within 20 yards of him, Gray raced untouched for a score just 20 seconds into the game. The Cal crowd didn't really know how to react to such an athletic, surprising play by their Golden Bears.

James Betha intercepted Cicero's pass on Baylor's first play, and Boller quickly led two TD drives to give Cal a 21-0 lead. Even when Baylor mounted its first solid drive late in the first quarter, the Golden Bears came out shining with another spectacular play.

Cicero's pass bounced off Shane Williams at the goal line, and Nixon intercepted it. The senior linebacker sprinted up the Baylor sideline, dodged Cicero's tackle at the Cal 40 and stumbled all the way into the end zone.

Fifty-two seconds after Nixon's return, Jemeel Powell returned another interception 26 yards for a score that gave Cal a school-record 35 points in the quarter.

## BSSH harriers streak to Brownfield win

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Daniel Leos, Mike Flores and Andy Arguello posted a 2-3-4 finish and helped the Big Spring Steers' Gold squad place first in the Brownfield Jamboree Saturday morning.

The Gold team scored just 24 points and edged out the Steers' Black squad for the top spot in the event, which also featured teams from Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central, Lubbock Monterey and Plainview.

Permian was third in the final team standings with 116 — three behind the BSSH Black team.

Leos scratched his name in as the fastest BSSH runner, finishing second in the final standings with a time of 16 minutes, 48 seconds.

Flores checked in at 16:52. Arguello finished at 17:01.

Andy Cuellar and Tony Arguello also starred at the

### Bass Club to hold benefit tourney

The Big Spring Bass Club will be holding a benefit tournament for Don Lindsey on Sept. 21 at Lake Alan Henry.

Lindsey was recently diagnosed with cancer.

The entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per person. The tournament will run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and be headquartered at Grubs Bait and Grill entrance.

For more information call Gary Gillihan at 264-6528.

meet. The two finished seventh and eighth, respectively. Rocky Torres was 18th overall at 18:14.

Jacob Marquez was the Black squatt's top racer, going the distance in 17:29.

Martin De Los Santos and Pat Gonzales took 15th and 16th, respectively.


Other BSSH racers finishing the event were John Granados (34th), Andy

Rodriguez (36th) and Chris Dominguez (48th).

Chris Martinez, an eighth grader, placed fifth in the JV division.

Eva Tobar was Big Spring's top female finisher. She placed 14th in the girls' bracket with a mark of 14:46. Patricia Franco was 22nd overall at 15:18.

The Steers are scheduled to return to action Saturday in Seminole.



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**IN BRIEF**

**Youth soccer clinic slated for Sept. 7**  
The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Booster Club will be holding a soccer clinic for students in graded K-3 at the soccer fields, located at 3100 Hudgens Memorial Drive, on Sept. 7. The clinic is scheduled to run from 10 a.m. until noon.  
The cost for the clinic is \$15 per child. Sign-ups for the clinic will be Aug. 29 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Big Spring Mall. Registration dates will also be held Sept. 3 and Sept. 5 in the Mall.  
For more information contact Christine Boling at 267-1267 or Myrna Russell at 267-6891.

**USA Gymnastics meet set for Sept. 21**  
The USA Gymnastics Compulsory Meet is scheduled for Sept. 21 in Odessa. Members of the Big Spring Sidewinders are scheduled to compete in the event.  
Gymnasts qualifying at the meet will advance to the District meet on Oct. 5 in Lubbock.

**Celebrity auction slated for Sept. 21**  
Beverly and Roy Beauchamp will be sponsoring a celebrity auction on Sept. 21 to help raise funds for the Big Spring athletic department.  
Larry Mantle, the brother of former Yankee great Mickey Mantle, will serve as the keynote speaker at a banquet prior to the event.  
Some of the items up for sale are autographs pictures by sports and entertainment stars such as Britney Spears and Madonna.

**Gymnastics classes start Sept. 9 at 'Y'**  
Instructional classes in gymnastics and tumbling for girls and boys begins Sept. 9 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.  
Registration begins the week before classes begins.  
Gymnastics and tumbling classes are scheduled for preschoolers, age 5 and up. Gymnastics classes for girls, age 6 and over and tumbling classes for boys and girls, ages 6 and up.  
For more information about the classes or registering contact Pete Thiry at (915) 267-8234.

**HC cheerleaders to hold cheer camp**  
The Howard College cheerleaders will be holding a Mini-Cheer Camp on Sept. 7 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Registration for the event begins at 8 a.m.  
The camp is open to students in grades 1-8. The cost of the event is \$25 per person.  
For more information call 264-5024.

**BS Bass Club to benefit tournament**  
The Big Spring Bass Club will be holding a benefit tournament for Don Lindsey on Sept. 21 at Lake Alan Henry.  
Lindsey was recently diagnosed with cancer.  
The entry fee for the tournament is \$40 per person. The tournament will run from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. and be headquartered at Grubs Bait and Grill entrance.  
For more information call Gary Gillihan at 264-6528.

**Turnovers carry Iraan past Forsan**

**Herald staff report**  
FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes learned the hard way that turnovers are deadly.

Iraan, thanks in part to five Forsan turnovers, opened the season with a bang Friday night.

The Braves scored twice in each of the final three quarters and rolled to a 46-0 victory over the Buffaloes.

In all, both teams combined to commit 10 turnovers.

"On offense we had some miscues and shot ourselves in the foot," said Forsan head coach Steve Park. "Other than the turnovers, we stood toe-to-toe with them."

Iraan opened the scoring midway through the first

period when fullback Golden Bolin hauled in a 56-yard strike from Braves' quarterback Jared Jennings. Bolin's TD, and ensuing extra point kick, gave Iraan a 7-0 lead with 5:38 to play in the first.

The Braves, despite a solid effort from Buffaloes' standout Wes Longorio, added to their lead early in the second, capping a 10-play, 59-yard drive with a 1-yard run from fullback Quincy Pope.

The Braves turned an interception into a 20-0 lead at the half. Iraan's James Kent intercepted a Josh Hemstetler pass and returned it 37 yards for a score.

Forsan looked to have hit stride in the third. Anchored by Longorio and

**Iraan 46, Forsan 0**

Iraan	7	13	13	46
Forsan	0	0	0	0

**SCORES BY QUARTER**

<b>First Quarter</b>	Iraan	7	Forsan	0
<b>Second Quarter</b>	Iraan	13	Forsan	0
<b>Third Quarter</b>	Iraan	13	Forsan	0
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	Iraan	7	Forsan	0

**TEAM STATISTICS**

Iraan	Forsan
11	10
265	57
91	46
5-11-2	6-18-3
1-37	7-25-7
4-3	3-2
13-106	8-65

fullback Billy Acosta, the Buffs held the ball much of the third.  
Unfortunately for Forsan, Iraan did most of the scor-

ing. The Braves took advantage of two fumbles in the frame to up their lead to 33-0.

Jennings collected Iraan's first fumble return, scooping up a fumble and scampering 14 yards into the end zone. Pope returned another three yards for a score with 35 seconds left in the frame.

Iraan scored on runs of 78 and 80 yards in the fourth quarter.

"We've just got to cut out the mistakes," Park said. "We were our own worst enemy. The kids played hard, though, but it was a case of if we didn't have bad luck we wouldn't have had any luck at all."

Forsan, 0-1, is scheduled to play host to Garden City, 1-0, this Friday night.

**COAHOMA**

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Coahoma dug themselves in a hole on the punt attempt. The snap from center sailed over the punter's head, giving Reagan County the ball deep in Bulldog territory.

Kemper thwarted the RC threat. Two plays after the bad snap, he turned in a spectacular effort in intercepting a Reagan County pass.

From there, Coahoma put together its first sustained drive of the night, chewing up almost five minutes before stalling at Owls' 43.

Reagan County, after Coahoma had fumbled away its first possession of the second half, got its offense moving. The Owls drove the ball 30 yards in seven plays to take a 14-0 lead. The drive was highlighted by an 8-yard touchdown run by Rudy Vargas.

Coahoma finally got untracked offensively in the fourth quarter. Relying on the legs of Kemper, they pounded out a 6-play, 43-yard scoring march. Kemper carried the ball on six straight plays and set up the Bulldogs' lone score — a 17-yard run touchdown romp by Billy-Bob Walker.

Kemper finished the game with 104 yards on 22 carries.

Defensively, the Bulldogs allowed Reagan County only 128 yards in total

**Reagan Co. 14, Coahoma 7**

Reagan Co.	0	7	7	0	14
Coahoma	0	0	0	7	7

**SCORES BY QUARTER**

<b>Second Quarter</b>	RC	7	CHS	0
<b>Third Quarter</b>	RC	7	CHS	0
<b>Fourth Quarter</b>	RC	0	CHS	7

**TEAM STATISTICS**

RC	Coahoma
9	10
44-116	48-81
24	28
3-11-1	3-14-1
5-39-2	6-31-6
3-1	1-1
2-10	2-20

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Running — Coahoma: Kelly Kemper 22-104, Billy-Bob Walker 6-26, J.C. Watts 4-7, Nick Molina 3-7, Sam Tindol 9-112, Toby Jackson 2-50.  
Passing — Coahoma: Sam Tindol 2-12-0-19, Kelly Kemper 0-1-0-0.

offense — 104 of it on the ground. The Coahoma offense gained 113 yard total.

Coahoma quarterback Sam Tindol paced the CHS aerial attack, completing three of 14 passes for 28 yards and one interception.

The Bulldogs, the defending District 3-2A champions, are scheduled to return to action this Friday against the Jim Ned Indians. The game will be played in Tuscola.

**CLFL to open season Sept. 7**

The Crossroads Little Football League will kickoff its 2002 season next weekend with four games.

The Steelers and Falcons, two of the league's four flag football squads, will inaugurate the new campaign with a 9 a.m. start at Blankenship Field.

The flag teams play a modified 8-man format featuring students in grades K-2.

The Falcons-Steelers matchup will be followed by a showdown between the Cardinals and Eagles. That game is scheduled to get under way at 10:15 a.m.

The Steers begin the Division I slate at 11:30 a.m. when they face off against the Titans. The Division II Steers will follow at 1:20 p.m. against the Packers.

The CLFL season runs through October 26. The league playoffs begin Nov. 2 and culminate with the CLFL title games on Nov. 9.

The Steelers are currently practicing at 6 p.m. at Marcy Elementary.

**Earthshaking Reductions!**

<p>*** Small Pickups ***</p> <p>1999 Ford Ranger Supercab XIB - Red, 4 cyl., 5 speed, air, local one owner w/22,000 miles. Was \$11,995 <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>1999 Chevrolet S10 L.S. - Tan, 4 cyl., 5 speed, air, only 21,000 miles. Was \$10,995 <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>1999 Dodge Dakota P/U - White, 4 cyl., 5 speed, local one owner w/39,000 miles. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1997 Chevrolet S10 Ext. Cab LS - Red, 4 cyl., automatic, air. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1996 Chevrolet S-10 Ext Cab L.S. - Black, loaded, local one owner w/57,000 miles. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>*** 1/2 Ton Pickups ***</p> <p>2000 GMC Sierra Ext Cab Quad Z-71 4X4 - White/pewter, fully loaded, 47,000 miles. Was \$21,995 <b>NOW \$20,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - White/tan, V-8, all power, 41,000 miles. Was \$18,995 <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford F150 Super Cab - Black, all power, one owner. Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>1998 Ford F150 Supercab XLT Flare Side - Blue, V-8, all power, locally owned w/51,000 miles. Was \$15,995 <b>NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p>1997 Dodge D150 Club Cab Slt - Silver, leather, all power, locally owned w/42,000 miles. Was \$13,995 <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>1996 Chevrolet C1500 Sportside - Red, V-6. Was \$9,995 <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>1996 Chevrolet C1500 - White, good work truck. Was \$4,995 <b>NOW \$3,995</b></p> <p>1994 Ford F150 Supercab XL - Green/tan, 6 cyl., air, manual shift. Was \$10,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1988 Ford F150 S/C XLT - White/gray, V-8, all power. Was \$5,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p>	<p>*** 3/4 &amp; 1 Tons ***</p> <p>2001 Ford F250 Lariat Crew Cab Powerstroke Diesel 4X4 - Blue/tan, loaded, one owner. Was \$30,995 <b>NOW \$29,995</b></p> <p>2001 Chevrolet Silverado C 2500 H.D. Crew Cab LS - Pewter, tan cloth, 6.0 V-8, all power, local one owner w/26,000 miles. Was \$25,995 <b>NOW \$24,995</b></p> <p>2000 Chevrolet C3500 Crew Cab L.S. 4X4 - Green, 3500-8, only 33,000 miles. Was \$25,995 <b>NOW \$21,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford F250 Quad Cab XLT Powerstroke Diesel - White/silver, automatic, all power, one owner. Was \$19,995 <b>NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>1997 Ford F350 Crew Cab XL Powerstroke Diesel - White, good work truck. Was \$11,995 <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>1997 Ford F250 S/C Powerstroke 4X4 w/Utility Box - White, good work truck. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1994 Dodge 1 Ton W/Flatbed - Cummins, diesel, 5 speed, nice truck. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>*** Program Cars ***</p> <p>2001 Ford Focus - Silver, automatic, all power. <b>SOLD</b> <b>\$12,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Focus - Blue, automatic, all power. <b>SOLD</b> <b>\$12,995</b></p> <p>2000 Mercury Sable L.S. - Green, all power, 20,000 miles. <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Contour SE - White, all power, 25,000 miles. <b>\$9,995</b></p> <p>*** SUV's ***</p> <p>2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser - Silver, loaded, local one owner w/31,900 miles. Was \$18,995 <b>NOW \$17,995</b></p> <p>2001 Isuzu Rodeo - Black, all power, clean SUV. <b>SOLD</b> <b>\$11,995</b> <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p>	<p>*** SUV's ***</p> <p>2000 Ford Excursion Limited 4X4 - White/tan, tan leather, fully loaded, V-10, one owner w/27,000 miles. Was \$27,995 <b>NOW \$26,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - Tan w/cloth, all power, extra clean w/37,000 miles. Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>1999 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 LT - Red w/tan leather, all power, 62,000 miles. Was \$22,995 <b>NOW \$19,995</b></p> <p>1999 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 LT - Tan w/matching leather. Was \$18,995 <b>NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>1999 Toyota RAV 4 4-Dr. - Black, all power, 45,000 miles. Was \$15,995 <b>NOW \$13,995</b></p> <p>1995 Nissan Pathfinder - Red, extra clean. Was \$6,995 <b>NOW \$5,995</b></p> <p>1993 Ford Explorer XLT 4X4 - Red/silver, all power. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>*** Vans ***</p> <p>2000 Mazda MPV - Blue, all power, one owner w/35,000 miles. Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford Windstar - Maroon, dual air/heat, one owner w/48,000 miles. Was \$11,995 <b>NOW \$10,995</b></p> <p>1998 Mazda MPV - Red, all power, 54,000 miles. Was \$10,995 <b>NOW \$9,995</b></p> <p>1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, all power. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1994 Dodge Caravan - White, V6, all power. Was \$5,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>*** Cars ***</p> <p>2002 Mercury Sable LS Premium - Black, leather, moonroof, local one owner w/14,000 miles. Was \$16,995 <b>NOW \$15,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Focus Wagon SE - Tan, all power, 16,000 miles. Was \$13,995 <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p>	<p>*** Cars ***</p> <p>2000 Ford Mustang - Green, automatic, all power. Was \$15,995 <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>2000 Plymouth Grand Voyager - Tan, one owner. <b>SOLD</b> <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1999 Mercury Grand Marquis GS - White, one owner w/25,000 miles. <b>NOW \$12,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, all power, one owner. Was \$10,995 <b>NOW \$9,995</b></p> <p>1999 Pontiac Sunfire 2-Dr. SE - Black, 57,000 miles. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$7,995</b></p> <p>1999 Mercury Tracer LS - White, nice car, 51,000 miles. Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1998 Ford Mustang - White, 5 speed, all power, 52,000 miles. Was \$11,995 <b>NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>1998 Ford Escort SE 4-Dr. - Red, all power, 62,000 miles. Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$5,995</b></p> <p>1997 Mercury Tracer L.S. - Green, all power, 59,000 miles. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1997 Pontiac Grand AM - Green, 66,000 miles. Was \$5,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1996 Dodge Avenger 2-Dr. - White, 68,000 miles. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1996 Chevrolet Cavalier 4-Dr. - White, good school car. Was \$5,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1996 Mercury Mystique - Nice Car. Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$4,995</b></p> <p>1996 Mercury Cougar - Green/tan top, V-6, all power. Was \$7,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p> <p>1996 Honda Accord 4-DR. - Silver, all power, extra clean. Was \$8,995 <b>NOW \$6,995</b></p>
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STEERS

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offensively," Butler said.
"Our defense has come a
million miles from where
we were last year. But, we
can't put them out there 60
or 70 plays and then have
our offense go three and out.

It was anything but a pretty
start to the Steers' wide-
open offensive era. Facing a
big Class 5A defense, Big
Spring was held to just 121
yards passing, 11 rushing
and forced into four
turnovers.

The Big Spring defense
didn't waste any time in
making its presence felt.
After giving up a 49-yard
scamper on the first play,
the Steers capitalized on an
OHS miscue. Odessa quar-
terback Justin Casas fumbled
the snap from center on
the ensuing play enabling
Big Spring to take over at
its own 34.

The Steers received an
early glimmer of their offen-
sive fate on their first drive
of the 2002 regular season.
Big Spring put themselves
in a hole on their second
play from scrimmage when
the snap from center sailed
over the head of BSHS quar-
terback Tye Butler for an 18-
yard loss.

It was the first of three
tough possessions for Big
Spring in the initial frame.
The Steers managed just 8
plays — excluding two
Michael Ornelas punts — in
their first three possessions,
netting a total of minus-8
yards.

Big Spring's final series of

Odessa 21, Big Spring 0

Score table showing Odessa 21 and Big Spring 0 with game statistics.

SCORES BY QUARTER

Quarterly scores for the game between Odessa and Big Spring.

TEAM STATISTICS

Team statistics comparing Odessa and Big Spring across various metrics.

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Individual player statistics for rushing, passing, and receiving.

the Bronchos a 7-0 cushion
just 33 seconds into the sec-
ond period.

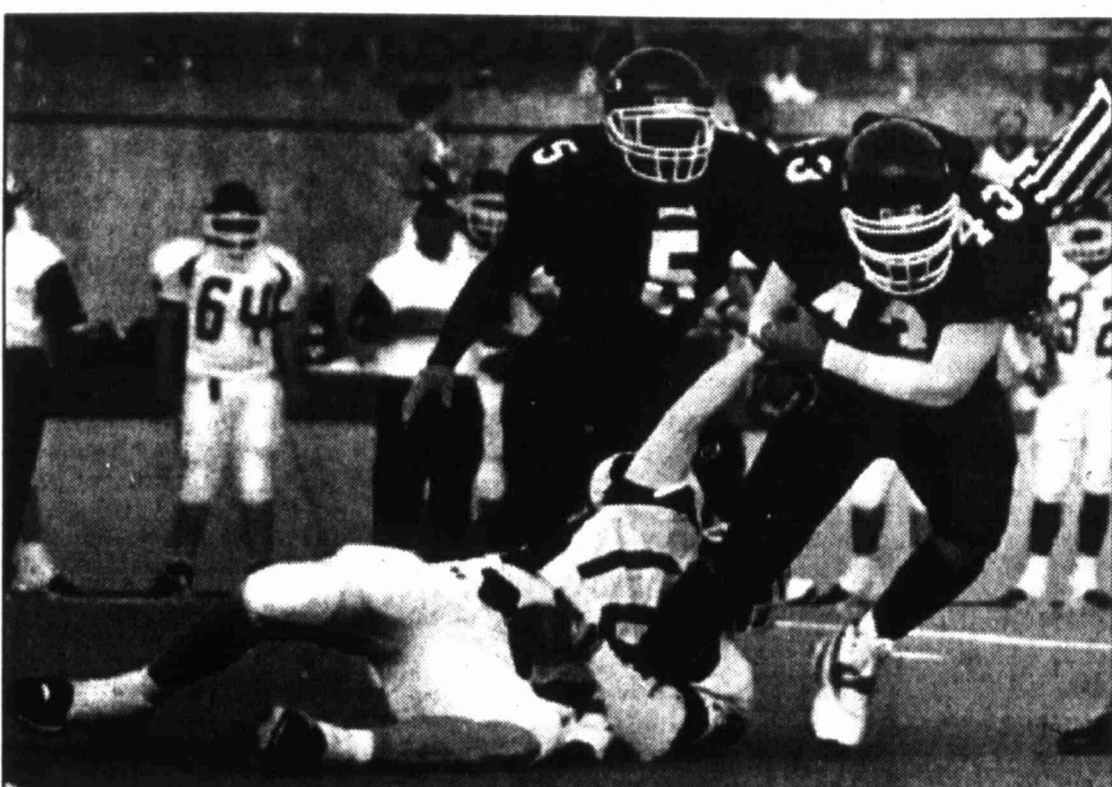
The BSHS defense, which
harassed Casas and OHS
backup quarterback Kale
Kirkpatrick throughout the
non-district affair, gave the
Steers the opportunity to tie
the game minutes later.
Ramone Ford ended
Odessa's ensuing possession
quickly, intercepting a
Casas pass at the Broncho
38.

Ford's interception was
the Steers' second pick of
the first half. Eric Chavez
thwarted OHS' second drive
of the evening with his first
interception of the year.

Big Spring, 0-1, threatened
to turn the momentum on
Odessa following Ford's
theft. The Steers, thanks to
receptions by Brandon
Mendoza and Michael
Shockley and a 9-yard run
up the middle by Josh
Mathews drove to the
Broncho 13 before tragedy
struck again. Facing a 1st-
and-10 from the OHS 13,
Butler tried to catch the
OHS defense off balance and
rifled a pass into the end
zone that was intercepted by
Manny Luna.

Odessa, which rolled up
288 yards rushing in the
first half, attempted to
inflate its lead late in the
first half but Barron's
attempt at a 42-yard field
goal sailed left.

"That hurt us," Dwight
Butler said. "Anytime you
are in the Red Zone and



Big Spring's Jared Phillips attempts to strip the ball from Odessa's Gary Caraveo while playing OHS for the first time since 1985.

don't get the ball in it makes
it tough."

Big Spring enjoyed its
most successful drive of the
evening midway through
the third period, reeling off
nine straight plays.

After Jerod Boyd and
Dustyn Beauchamp had
forced Odessa to punt away
its first drive of the second
half, Big Spring began hit-
ting offensively.

Tye Butler, who complet-
ed just 5 of 9 attempts in the
first half, engineered a 55-
yard drive by hooking up
with Curtis Woodruff and
Mendoza for gains of 18 and
35 yards.

Lady Luck betrayed the
Herd. On a 4th-and-14 call
from the OHS 30, Butler
strong-armed a pass over
the middle to a sliding
Mendoza for an apparent
first down. Officials, how-
ever, marked Mendoza down

inches short of the first
down marker and ended the
effort at the Broncho 17.

"Those things are going to
happen over the course of
the season," Dwight Butler
said. "When they happen
you just hope it doesn't start
to snowball."

They did for Big Spring
from there.

Odessa upped its lead to
14-0 minutes after the
Steers' failed fourth-down
try when Casas passed over
the middle to Fox, who out-
raced two BSHS defenders
55 yards for a touchdown.

Just how bad did things
get for the Steer offense. Big
Spring's ensuing drive
ended with Butler's third
interception of the evening,
capping one of the toughest
days of his BSHS career.

Odessa, which had suf-
fered a 34-17 loss in the last
encounter between the two

former District 5-4A stable-
mates, collected its final
touchdown with 3:27 left in
the contest on a 1-yard
plunge by running back
Trent Golden.

Odessa and Big Spring
had formed part of the old
"Little Southwest
Conference" during the 1970
and early 1980s.

Despite the offensive
struggles, Butler said he
saw some encouraging signs
during the matchup, espe-
cially on the defensive side.

"The defense played really
well," he said. "If we can
compete at this level (5A)
then we shouldn't have any
problem competing at our
level. The thing we saw on
film is that even on the
plays they scored, we were
in the right position. Really,

we went toe-to-toe with one
of the big boys and held our
own."

PREP RESULTS

CLASS 8A

- List of prep results for Class 8A including schools like Alief, Alvin, Amarillo, etc.

CLASS 4A

- List of prep results for Class 4A including schools like Amarillo, Austin, Bay City, etc.

CLASS 3A

- List of prep results for Class 3A including schools like Ballinger, Bellville, Bishop, etc.

CLASS 2A

- List of prep results for Class 2A including schools like Barbers Hill, Belts, Blanco, etc.

CLASS 1A

- List of prep results for Class 1A including schools like Belts, Blanco, Broussard, etc.

Advertisement for the Big Spring Herald's special commemorative issue on September 11, 2002, featuring an essay contest and special stories.

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Herald staff reports
The Garden City
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if you can win
five."

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the Steers' coach-
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cheeks while the
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Contact Herald
tor Tommy Wells
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# Bearkats survive Sterling City's last-minute scare

**Herald staff report**

The Garden City Bearkats opened their 2002 season with a nail-biter Friday night in front of a large home crowd. The Bearkats, thanks to a big hit from defensive back Adrian Trevino, withstood a wild last-minute Sterling City rally to claim a 6-0 win.

Trevino highlighted a wild finish by tackling Sterling City's Ryan Zapata just shy of the end zone with

no time on the clock to preserve the victory.

Sterling City, which managed to gain just 76 total yards during the initial 47 minutes of the game, set up the finish by intercepting a Garden City pass with 57 seconds to play.

Following the interception, the Eagles completed an 18-yard strike to the Bearkat 16. An interference penalty on the ensuing play moved Sterling City to the

GC 8 with six seconds left.

Garden City, which is scheduled to face close rival Forsan Friday night, began the season on a high note. Donato Gonzales and Trevino blocked a Sterling City punt and recovered the ball at the Eagles' 5.

The Bearkats were unable to capitalize, however. Sterling City held the Bearkats on three plays before Josh Schmitz's 21-yard field goal attempt

failed.

Sterling City had its chance late in the first period. After the Eagles had recovered a Bearkat fumble, SCHS quarterback Sims Price lofted a 29-yard pass to Tyler Frey who rambled to the GC 7-yard line.

Brian Hillger spoiled the Eagles' hopes, however. He recovered a fumble on Sterling City's next play.

Hillger, who rushed for 79 yards on 28 carries, gave

Garden City the winning margin late in the second quarter. After the Bearkats had blocked a SCHS punt, Hillger capped a 7-play 22-yard drive with a 1-yard dive into the end zone. His game-winner came with 1:35 left in the half.

The game was anything but a work of art for either squad. The two teams accumulated 90 yards in penalty yardage by attracting 19 flags.

**Garden City 6, Sterling City 0**

Sterling City	0	0	0	0	0
Garden City	0	6	0	0	6

**SCORES BY QUARTER**

GC	— Brian Hillger 1 run (kick blocked)
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**TEAM STATISTICS**

Sterling City	Garden City	
6	First Downs	8
15	Rushing Yards	121
61	Passing	40
9:19.0	Comp-Att Int	5-14-1
6:31.2	Punts-Avg	3-32.3
21	Fumbles-Lost	2-1
3:15	Penalties-Yards	10-88

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**

Rushing	— GC: Brian Hillger 28-88.
Passing	— GC: Adrian Trevino 5-14-1-40.
Receiving	— GC: Brian Hillger 3-23.

**Sands, Klondike open with wins**

**Herald staff report**

The Sands Mustangs and the Klondike Cougars began the 2002 high school football seasons just the way they wanted — with wins.

Sands, one of the top rated teams in the state, handed new head coach Larry Reid a win in his debut by spanking the Ropes Eagles, 55-6, in Ackerly.

Sands' running back Nate Looney paced the Mustangs offensively.

With the win, Sands keeps pace with No. 1-ranked Whitharral, which opened the year with a 50-0 white-washing of the Happy Cowboys.

Whitharral and Sands are ranked No. 1 and No. 2, respectively, in the national six-man football poll.

In Patricia, Joe Ed Morris rushed for 290 yards and scored six touchdowns to lead Klondike to a 55-32 win over the Wilson Mustangs.

Morris scored on a 73-yard kickoff return and scored on runs of 13, 6, 66-33 and 26 yards.

**WELLS**

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has been preaching since the start of two-a-days — which was hardly three weeks ago.

He knew it was going to take a while. It's almost a guarantee he and the entire Big Spring coaching staff expected a bit more than 132 total yards and 0 points in its debut, but that's the breaks.

The BSMS coaching staff knew when they visited Ennis and Southern Methodist University last year that the offense would have its days when everything seemed off kilter.

"It's not going to be all peaches and cream. We're going to times when we struggle," Butler said.

Forget the numbers, and take a look at the facts. The Steers, even though they began the process last year, have had roughly 21 days to install, learn and adjust to a completely new scheme that must seem like night and day from their past.

You wouldn't expect a new employee or student to know as much in 21 days as you would from someone who had been doing the same thing for years, would you?

At the very least, Odessa was a bright spot in Big Spring history. It was the first meeting between the two former "Little Southwest Conference" members since 1985. More importantly, it was the beginning of the learning curve.

Take that 132 yards as a starting point. Let it be Ground Zero or benchmark.

If you really think about it, we have four more weeks to tinker, toy and adjust this new offense before we ever play a game that holds any kind of play-off implications.

Coahoma head coach Robert Wood, who is also enduring some growing pains with his youthful Bulldogs, summed up the whole issue perfectly when he said, "Five and five isn't a great record, but it is if you can win the last five."

Trust me, it isn't time to scrap the "Pucker."

Just be prepared to seem the Steers' coaching staff endure a few clenched cheeks while they work the kinks out.

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

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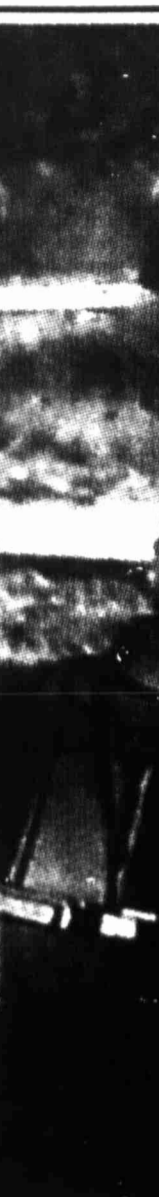
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The Howard Club will celebrate its 40th anniversary in 2003. The club was founded in 1963 by Red Harrison and Kenneth Williams, two area youth to...

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That's what I do. I continue to support the club. With the help of the club house, the club has grown...

The first list of members was replaced with the new list. The club has grown to 48 members. Its members are riding in local...

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The Howard County Youth Horseman's Club is open to all age groups. At left, Danny Tilley leads daughter, Danielle, after her event in Lead Line.

Below 11-year-old Brionna Palmer rides with 2-year-old sister, Kylie during the tot's turn at Lead Line.

Zane Herrin warms up in the corral before his turn at the barrels.

Ramzi Messick is a member of a new family that recently joined the club.

Brandon Morrow, left and Keaton Merket, enjoy a friendly chat between events.

Ribbons are given to each contestant whether they place first or last. At the end of the season there is an awards banquet where buckles are given and overall prizes.

HCYHC President is Brian Averette, Vice President is Rick Morrow, Treasurer is Angela Brown, and secretary is Nancy Herron.

### Howard County Youth Horseman's Club likes just one year being 40

The Howard County Youth Horseman Club will celebrate its 40th year of existence in 2003. The club was established in 1963 by Red Harrison, Ted Conway and Kenneth Williams to provide a place for area youth to show their horses.

"I was sitting at a horse show and heard some kids, they were around 10 or 11, and they couldn't understand why they couldn't show their horses," said Harrison while at the last playday of the HCYHC Saturday.

But as someone once said, "If there are at least three people with a common interest, chances are that if they get together, they'll organize a club."

That's what happened and the club continues to support area youth today.

With the help of supporters material was brought in from Ballinger and the club house was built. Over the years the club has grown little by little.

"The first lights we had came from the Forsan football field, then those were replaced with lights donated from the Howard College Rodeo," explained Harrison.

There are currently 65 members representing 48 families from Howard County, Colorado City, Stanton and Greenwood.

Its members are most commonly seen riding in local parades.

However, it once boasted 430 members representing 130 families in its heyday, but the closing of Webb Air Force Base and economic factors are cited for its dwindling numbers.

Although the club is open to anyone of any age there is one stipulation, you have to own a horse.

"You used to be able to get one for \$50, but now they can cost anywhere from \$600 to \$2,000," noted Harrison.

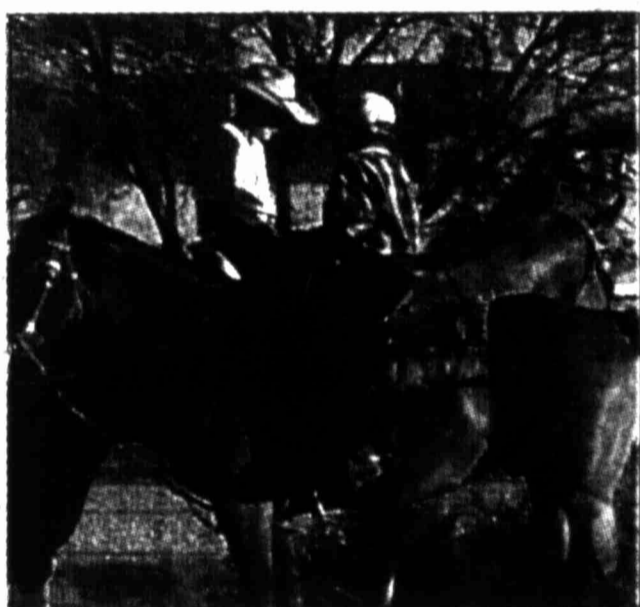
That doesn't include a saddle, tack, a trailer, vet bills and a place to house the animal.

At least that's how it usually works. When Clarence Palmer's daughter Brionna expressed an interest in riding, he was determined to find a way.

"We were fortunate we knew someone who wanted to get rid of theirs after their daughter broke her foot in a fall. The owner gave us the horse and everything else is borrowed," he said.

His daughter's desire to ride horses wasn't the only reason Palmer supports the HCYHC. The disillusionment of little league sports and injuries the 11 year old sustained while in gymnastics prompted the native Big Springer to give it a try.

And they haven't been disappointed. The cost per family is \$15 per year (up from 25 cents in 1963) and the fee is the same if you have one or more children and



the cost to enter an event is \$1. Brionna has since won top female in her age group in the Second Series competition held earlier this month, but winning buckles isn't what the club is all about.

"She is taught the responsibilities of caring for her horse, the correct way to groom her horse and the list goes on," said Palmer.

And thanks to the generosity of Malcolm Patterson all those years ago when he leased some land to the club on Garden City Highway the young barrel racer has a place to practice.

"We live in Kentwood so we drive out and ride two or three times weekly," said Palmer.

Several events are held throughout the year including playdays, benefit roping and barbecue fundraisers. Involvement in the HCYHC benefits the entire family not only because it requires parental supervision, at least one adult has to remain with a child during practice or events, but also because it gives scholarships to membership seniors.

"It's a really good thing for the kids because they can use it as a stepping stone to the High Plains and the Howard College Rodeo team," said club President Brian Averette.

"My wife, Barbara, started her barrel career here."

Local farrier and buckle winner himself in the recent competition, Ricky Brown,



also recommends the club for area youth. "How often do you see on TV where they have troubled kids working with the animals and do better because of it?" he commented.

While the other two founding members are no longer involved in the club, Harrison can be found on just about any given playday cheering on the participants.

Harrison said he stays around for one simple reason, "When I see a kid with a big smile on his face, that's my pay."

Story and photos by Andrea Medlin



### Telling people what to do is the profession of all teachers

When you teach school, you get in the habit of telling people what to do. When you retire, it is difficult to get out of the habit. Ask my daughter.



JEAN WARREN

Perhaps, at times, I am too judgmental. I have always been thoroughly irritated with people who

leave shopping carts out on the parking lot, instead of returning them to the designated area.

One day at Walmart, I was giving vent to my opinions on the subject. My daughter said, "Mom, if you had three little kids to get in the car, along with your purchases, you might not take time to push the cart to the proper place."

This conversation took place months before the recent kidnapping at the Walmart parking lot in Abilene. I can certainly understand the concern of

parents. Still I seriously doubt that every shopper who leaves a cart on the parking lot, where it can cause damage to other vehicles, has small youngsters.

However, I am not about to be understanding about the current flagrant disregard of the Federal Flag Code. Among the several rules for proper display of our nation's symbol is this injunction: "The flag should never be used as wearing apparel, body art, bedding, or drapery." And, "No part of the flag should be used as an element of a

costume or athletic uniform."

I wish clothing manufacturers would read those words! Recently I saw a pair of tennis shoes constructed of material imprinted with the Stars and Strips. How disrespectful! The Code further states, "The flag should never be used for advertising purposes. It should not be embroidered, printed or otherwise impressed on such articles as cushions, handkerchiefs, paper napkins, boxes, welcome mats, or anything designed for

temporary use."

I applaud the increase in the number of flags displayed as a show of patriotism, but it is important to remember this should be done with respect and dignity.

While I'm on the soapbox, I wish people would be more careful about picking up their trash, especially aluminum cans. Paul and I used to say we never fished at a lake in Texas, New Mexico, or Colorado without finding a beer can.

I wish people would take the time to recycle alu-

minum cans. Ron Alton, Big Spring, State Park ranger, told me that less energy is required to recycle aluminum than to manufacture it from the original source, bauxite.

By contrast, it takes 94 years for an aluminum can to disintegrate in the landfill. I wish there was a place within the city limits where people could leave aluminum cans, to be sold by the Humane Society or some other charity.

A convenient, accessible location might encourage more people to recycle.

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Volunteers hard at work at BSSH

We welcome our newest volunteers Jim and Paula Wilkinson. Their talent and track record of volunteerism in many areas will be a healthy asset to Big Spring State Hospital.



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Scheduled September and October workdays will produce items for our annual November Fall Luncheon and Craft Sale.

The next workdays are Sept. 26 and Oct. 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Come out and join us. While the temperatures hover around 90 degrees, it's difficult to believe we are knee-deep in Christmas projects. August appeal letters soon will be sent out to churches, clubs and organizations in the 79 counties in West Texas and the Texas Panhandle served by Big Spring State Hospital. We are looking for a few volunteers who can help finish this project. All that is needed is the ability to fold letters and prepare envelopes for mailing.

Volunteers begin shopping for our patients in September and will prepare approximately 400 packages for Christmas, ensuring that each patient will receive at least two presents. We were thankful for our ALON USA friends who came to our rescue last year.

I appreciate the volunteers who attended the July annual Volunteer Services Council Board training. A special thanks goes out to CEO Ed Moughon and Assistant Superintendent W.C. Earnst for their presentations. Fundraising specialist Holly Doggett from the American Red Cross in Austin was our trainer and presented challenges. Our hope is for everyone in the community to become involved in developing this big dream.

Volunteers, please pack your bag (a small one, please - we'll only be gone

overnight) for the Sept. 13 and 14 Regional Volunteer Services Council meeting in Amarillo. Volunteers who attended last year's meeting in San Angelo continue to rave about the experience. Please call to get your name on the list.

Moughon and Assistant Activity Therapies Director Jaime Sotelo recently gave about 20 members of Leadership Big Spring a brief overview of the hospital - Big Spring's largest employer. Groups are welcome to tour the hospital and we also are available to speak to clubs and organizations.

Every other retail shop hosts a Summer Clearance Sale, and we can't think of a better time to host ours. The Chalet - the Big Spring State Hospital Resale shop - is offering its lowest prices of the year. The shop, located at 1007 11th Place is open Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday's from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is a great place to find unusual items, and volunteers encourage you to bring your items to The Chalet.

Volunteers bring in

approximately \$15,000 a year through The Chalet.

Hospital employees Sue Marquez and Bobbie Hanson are chairing this year's Texas Employees Charitable Campaign. The campaign begins in September and money raised assists many charitable efforts.

Our condolences go out to volunteers Shirley Bodin and Sandra Cox on the death of their mother. Also to volunteer Gypsy Gully whose mother recently passed away. We've missed these volunteers as they've taken time off during this time of bereavement. Please know that you are in our thoughts and our prayers.

Remember, volunteer opportunities abound at Big Spring State Hospital and the Community Relations office is the first structure you pass as you enter the hospital. We're easy to find and it's easy to volunteer. Please call 268-7535 for more information.

Billie Russworm is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

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Hicks and Walker

Leslie Hicks and Caleb Walker, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on Sept 7, 2002 at Miracle Revival Center with Loren Sprawl officiating.

She is the daughter of Perry and Becky Dixon and Johnny and Robin Hicks and the granddaughter of Andrea and James Mills and John Hicks, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Coit and Linda Walker and the grandson of Marybeth Walker all of Big Spring.

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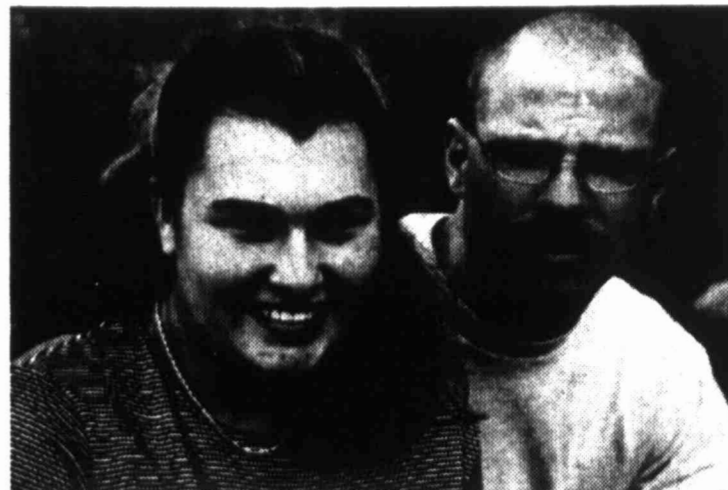
Pvt. Arturo Vela Sr. recently graduated from Basic Combat Training in Fort Jackson, S.C. on July 25, 2002. The private graduated as a classified expert in rifle marksmanship and grenade throwing.

He is currently attending advanced initial training in Fort Lee, Va. After returning from AIT, he and his wife, Teri and their two children, Lauren and Arturo Jr. will be stationed in Germany.

Pvt. Vela is the son of Belinda Veal and Adam Vela and the grandson of Gilbert Lopez Sr. and Frank and Juana Vela, all of Big Spring.

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Henry and DeYoung

Desirae Henry of Coahoma and Jeremy DeYoung of Big Spring will exchange vows Oct. 12, 2002, at College Park Church of God in Big Spring with Joseph DeYoung of Caddo Valley Church of Christ officiating.

She is the daughter of Jackie and Annette Henry of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Curtis and Verna Smithand Gene and Martha Henry, all of Coahoma.

He is the son of Joseph and Judy DeYoung of Quinlan.

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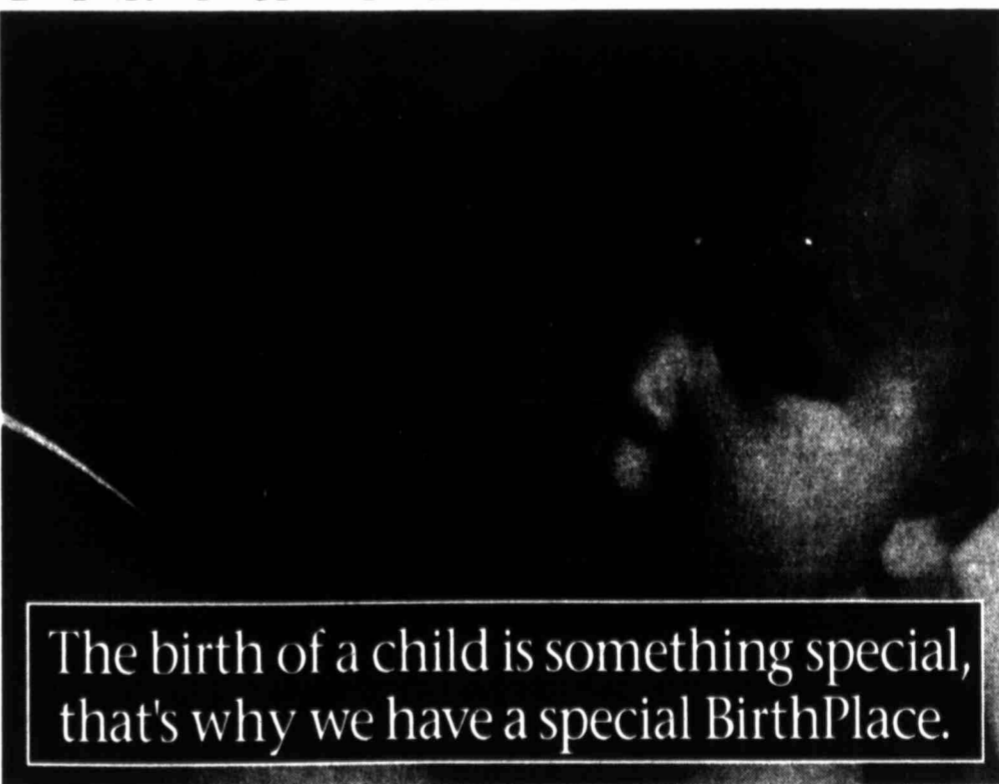
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The Greens in 1952

Maxwell D. (Max) and Neva J. Green of Big Spring celebrated their 50th anniversary with a reception held at the Big Spring Country Club Aug. 31, 2002.

The event was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Ballinger. She was born Neva J. Bidy in Paducah.

The couple met while attending grade school in Paducah. They were married Aug. 31, 1952, at the First Baptist Church of Paducah by pastor H.S. Morris.



The Greens in 1952

Their children are Dane and Tammi Green of San Angelo and Cassandra and Glenn Fillingim of Big Spring. They have six grandchildren.

Throughout their marriage the couple have lived in Seminole, Odessa and Big Spring. Both Neva and Max are certified public accountants and are members of various clubs.

Their hobbies are shotgun shooting sports and bridge. Their comment on marriage — "We look at our life together as the greatest adventure in the world."



Lopez and Froman

Jennifer Lopez of Andrews and Brad Froman of Ackerly will exchange wedding vows Sept. 28, 2002, at First Assembly of God Church in Midland with the Rev. Michael Riggins of Bethel Assembly of God in Ackerly officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Antonio Lopez of Andrews. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Froman of Ackerly.



The Gonzalez' in 1952

William and Nancy Gonzalez of Big Spring will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a small get together with their family in Big Spring, hosted by their children, Diana and Carlos Gonzalez and a trip to Morelia, Michoacan, Mexico to visit family.

William was born in Detroit, Mich. Nancy Huntoon was born in East Andover, N.H. The couple met on a blind date while in the military, stationed at Kelly Air Force Base in San Antonio.

The couple married on Aug. 31, 1952, at the courthouse in Seguin.

Their children are William Jr. (deceased) and Diana and Carlos of Big Spring. The couple have three grandchildren.

Throughout their marriage they have lived in El Paso,



The Gonzalez' in 2002

Limestone and Bangor, Ma., Rapid City, S.D., Spain, Central and South America.

He is retired from Met Life Insurance Company and the Air Force. While in the Air Force he was stationed at Webb Air Force Base.

Nancy is retired from the Postal Service. They are affiliated with the Catholic and Protestant churches. They are members of the American Legion and Disabled American Veterans.

The couple enjoy "RV-ing," computers and family.

Their comment about marriage is, "Trust, communication, compromise and the Almighty Lord are the foundation of our marriage."

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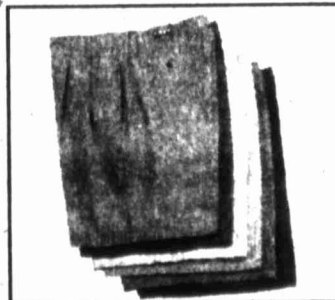
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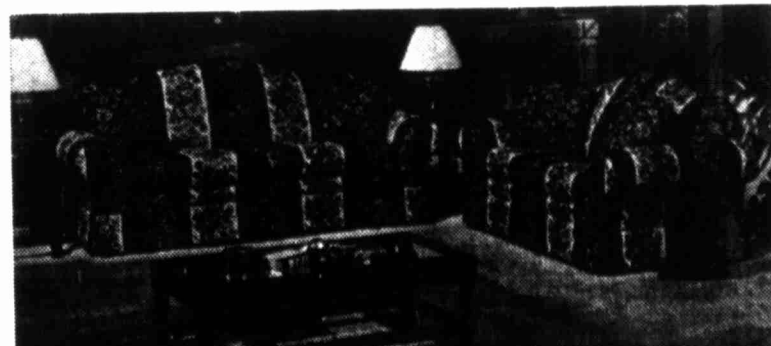
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## Phillips Petroleum Co.-Conoco Inc. merger approved

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The \$15.1 billion merger of Phillips Petroleum Co. and Conoco Inc. received federal approval Friday, clearing the way for completion of a deal that would create the third-largest U.S. oil and gas company.

The Federal Trade Commission voted 5-0 in favor of the deal, but required the companies to sell refineries in Utah and Colorado and certain operations in Missouri, Illinois, New Mexico, Texas and Washington state.

Joe Simons, director of the FTC's Bureau of Competition, said

the agency believes the conditions attached to approval of the deal will help maintain competition in the energy market.

The companies planned statements later Friday, spokesmen said.

They announced in November their intention to merge, forming a firm named ConocoPhillips that would be based in Houston. At the time, the new company's value was estimated to be \$35 billion.

The combined company would become the country's top refiner and a gas retailing giant, with about 17,000 filling stations nationwide.

Anticipating the FTC conditions, the companies had already begun selling some facilities.

Phillips, based in Bartlesville, Okla., is selling its Woods Cross refinery near Salt Lake City and 25 gasoline stations in Utah and southern Wyoming. Houston-based Conoco is unloading its 60,000-barrel-a-day refinery in Commerce City, Colo.

The FTC also is requiring Phillips to sell its marketing assets in eastern Colorado; a light petroleum products terminal in Spokane, Wash.; and propane terminal assets in Jefferson City, Mo., and East St. Louis, Ill.

Conoco must sell certain natural gas facilities in New Mexico and Texas, the FTC said.

The FTC had said the original merger proposal would have reduced competition, allowing ConocoPhillips to raise prices.

The deal creates the world's sixth-largest oil and gas company. In the U.S., ConocoPhillips would be No. 3 behind Exxon Mobil and ChevronTexaco.

Shareholders approved the deal in March.

Conoco sells gasoline, diesel fuel, and other petroleum products at 5,000 outlets in the United States, while Phillips sells fuel at

more than 12,000 stations.

Phillips shareholders will get one share of ConocoPhillips stock for each Phillips share they own while Conoco shareholders will get 4677 shares of the new stock for each of their shares. That means Phillips shareholders will end up with a 57 percent stake in the new company and Conoco shareholders will own 43 percent.

The board will have eight members each from Phillips and Conoco. Conoco chairman Archie Dunham is to be chairman until 2004, when Phillips chairman Jim Mulva, who will be CEO, takes over.

## GOOD CORPORATE CITIZENSHIP

### ALON helps save hawk

By ANDREIA MEDLIN  
Features Editor

As the young red tail hawk sat precariously on the edge of its nest, Big Spring wildlife rehabilitators Ardis and Bebe McCasland feared the worst.

"We were afraid it would step off the edge and not be strong enough to soar to the ground," said Bebe, who has been rehabilitating birds with her husband for 28 years.

More than the life of a young bird was at stake on that hot day in June, which was the reason the McCaslands were called out to the nest. This wasn't a matter of an endangered species being hunted by poachers.

The nest this particular bird was sitting on what happened to be on a microwave tower owned by ALON USA.

The microwave tower located in the Forsan area is one of 24 aligned along the pipeline that stretches from the refinery in Big Spring to Port Arthur where crude oil is delivered from the Gulf of Mexico. The towers are part of a communications system that controls the operation of pump stations along the line.

If one tower fails, the whole system fails, resulting in loss of overtime, equipment and oil production, explained Mac Fitzgerald, the control and communication supervisor for ALON USA who alerted the McCaslands about the nest.

"We had, for the past six or seven years, been trying to do maintenance on the tower. Our service months are late spring to early summer and every time we went out, there was a bird on the nest," Fitzgerald said.

The presence of any bird on a nest prevented the company from doing needed maintenance on the



This red tail hawk was released after rehabilitation at South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation. The young bird had been rescued from a microwave tower owned by ALON USA in the Forsan area. Because of the nest location on the tower, regular maintenance was hindered causing the tower to fall into disrepair.

"We certainly had the help we needed to get the job done. Mac coordinated everything very well. We can't help but be proud of a company that is concerned about the environment and wildlife. ALON did this not just because of federal regulations, but because they truly cared. They made a donation to the rehab center and I think that it was a very nice gesture."

Bebe McCasland  
Bird rehabilitator

tower. Ironically, the McCaslands were well of aware of the tower's nest, but when they inspected it — in the fall of the year — there was never a bird on the nest.

The nest posed a problem as it, like all active nests,



From left, Ardis and Bebe McCasland, wildlife rehabilitators, and Mac Fitzgerald, control and communications supervisor for ALON USA, watch as the red tail hawk that was rescued from one of ALON's microwave towers was released back into the wild. The tower, located in Forsan, was in danger of falling.

are protected by law.

"We were aware of the regulations against disturbing a nesting bird," Fitzgerald said. The condition of the tower had become a cause for concern due to the lack of needed tension of the wires holding up the tower.

"Every time the wind blew that tower would twist ... if there had been a thunderstorm or high winds, that tower was in danger of falling," explained Fitzgerald.

"If we had lost the tower, See RESCUE, Page 5B

## Snyder oil firm shines in business

By BETSY BLANEY  
Associated Press Writer

SNYDER — The full kitchens at Patterson-UTI Energy Inc.'s headquarters come in handy when workers for the gas-drilling company whip up one of their full meals and sit down to lunch together.

Chief executive Cloyce Talbott is on a first-name basis with the 150 workers at the one-story complex, set amid cotton and sorghum fields in this town of about 10,000 people.

The scene in the West Texas Oil Patch could hardly be more different from Houston, home to many of Patterson-UTI's cousins in the energy business.

There's another difference: At least until recently, Patterson-UTI's stock was outperforming its rivals.

From September until mid-May, its share price tripled to \$34.60. In February, the Wall Street Journal ranked Patterson-UTI the 15th best-performing stock over a three-year period — and tops in the oil-field-services industry for the past three and five years.

The stock has slumped recently — it traded at \$22.10 last week — as Patterson-UTI struggled with slack demand for drilling rigs that caused a \$1 million loss in the April-to-June quarter, compared with a profit of \$56.6 million a year earlier.

S. Magnus Fyhr, an analyst for Jefferies & Co. who follows Patterson-UTI, said the company has kept its balance sheet clean and is well-positioned to profit when drilling activity picks up.

"If you're a drilling company, you better make sure when (oil and gas companies) turn off their spending that you can weather the downturns," Fyhr said. "What sets Patterson aside is they have been very financially disciplined during down cycles and been able to make acquisitions at attractive prices."

Only about 120 of the company's 324 rigs are operating now, but the company anticipates an upturn in the next few months, said chairman Mark Siegel. If he is right, there will soon be stronger demand for rigs and an increase in daily rates.

Natural gas prices will be the key. Now about \$2.90 per thousand cubic feet, Fyhr predicted gas prices must rise above \$4 before companies step up their drilling activity.

Patterson-UTI owns the nation's second-largest fleet of land-based drilling rigs. Gas companies hire the company to drill its wells, and it also does a bit of work on oil wells.

The company resulted from a merger in May 2001 of Patterson Energy Inc. in Snyder and UTI Energy Corp. in Houston. It oper-

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John Gayle  
Snyder city manager

ates drilling rigs in Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Louisiana, the Rocky Mountains and the Appalachian region. It also has a small subsidiary in western Canada.

The chief executive, Talbott, is a 1958 graduate of Texas Tech University who started Patterson with his brother-in-law in 1978.

Talbott said the company has weathered downturns before but not always as well, having once struggled to make interest payments on its loans. Today, it is debt-free and has \$53 million in cash reserves.

"This is the first downturn I've been through with zero debt and no one breathing down my neck," Talbott said.

The company is a cog in the local economy in Scurry County. Its three office buildings and 143 local rigs make up 7.6 percent of the county's tax roll of \$800 million, and it buys equipment and parts from other local companies, area officials say.

"Patterson-UTI is a class-act company," said Snyder City Manager John Gayle. "They could be located anywhere. I'm happy they're here because they're the kind of people who dance with the one who bring them."

Siegel, formerly an entertainment attorney who used to be chairman and chief executive officer of Sound Warehouse, the former retail music giant that was based in Dallas, said the company's success is the result of a strong management team. Patterson brought to the table a strong operations background and UTI contributed financial savvy, he said.

"The Oil Patch is famous for guys who financially overreach," Siegel said. "You've got to bring a good combination, and we think we're one of the best in terms of marrying the two."

Secretary Brenda Billingsley says there's a family feel around headquarters, maybe ingrained by those shared lunches.

"You find very few people who want to leave," she said.

On the Net:  
Company site: [www.patten-ergy.com](http://www.patten-ergy.com)

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we would have lost communication and control of the pump stations which would have cost us about \$150,000 plus overtime and oil production," he added. Once it was determined by Midland Tower Construction, contracted by ALON to provide maintenance on the tower, that the guy wires were in a critical state and needed servicing before high winds or a thunder storm brought the tower down, Fitzgerald took the next logical step. "I contacted the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Department in Albuquerque, N.M. They informed us that the bird had to be identified in order to determine what to do with the nest and they referred us to the McCaslands."

On June 6, the McCaslands provided identification of the bird and asked that servicing of the tower be postponed until the young had matured enough to leave the nest. But it was soon evident that was not practical. "In the ensuing weeks, it was determined that the wires had relaxed and didn't have the required 1,600 pounds of tension," Bebe noted.

As wildlife rehabilitators, the decision as to what the next step would be was the McCaslands. With the help of Fitzgerald and ALON, they decided the bird could be safely rescued. ALON provided the crane, manpower and cage. They contracted with Cathey Construction to transport the McCaslands to the nest located at the 150-foot level of the tower.

"On June 28, the second adolescent bird was discovered dead at the bottom of the tower, resultant from an apparent fall," Fitzgerald said in a letter to South Plains Rehabilitation. Time was certainly of the essence. After donning their hard hats and with butterfly net in hand, the McCaslands were ready for another adventure in their careers in bird rescue.

"We were dealing with seconds. As we were positioned, the operator was raising and lowering the cage to run parallel with the nest," Bebe recalled. "As they did this it intimidated the birds. They didn't feel safe to return and were concerned about the baby. Ardis maneuvered the cage, allowing me to net the bird

quickly and put it in the pillowcase without any more stress than there had to be. Meanwhile, the parents of the youngster were circling overhead which also posed potential danger of an attack. But that didn't deter the rescuers who soon had the startled bird wrapped in the pillowcase. Once it was safely brought to the ground, it was then delivered to the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation facility in Lubbock where it was nurtured until it was ready for release back into the wild 45 days later.

On Aug. 21, the hawk was released in the same area where it had been rescued — several hundred feet away stood the tower, now newly painted and serviced. "There are a number of red tails in that area because there's no hunting," Bebe noted. "So there's plenty of prey for them. It's fortunate for her (the hawk) that humans intervened. She now has a better start than most birds."

ALON's good deed didn't stop with the help in rescuing the bird. A donation of \$250 was made to South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation with the urging of the McCaslands, for whom the compensation was initially intended. "ALON is interested in being a good neighbor and being proactive in the community," said Fitzgerald. "The petroleum industry gets a black eye a lot of times, but we are sensitive to environmental issues, we live here too."

And the bird people couldn't be happier. "We certainly had the help we needed to get the job done," Bebe acknowledged. "Mac coordinated everything very well. We can't help but be proud of a company that is concerned about the environment and wildlife. ALON did this not just because of federal regulations, but because they truly cared. They made a donation to the rehab center and I think that it was a very nice gesture."

The hawk, like all animals, is an important link in the food chain and helps control rodent populations. The tower, if it had fallen, would have cost about \$150,000 to replace. The rescue was \$1,200. Another good deed to add to the list for Big Spring.

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1 Shaw title character

10 Half a Western city name

15 Battleground of 1945

16 Close, once staples

17 Yard-sale important enzyme

19 Meth.

20 Strong drink

22 Cotton fabric

26 Glenn, in Fatal Attraction

27 Salome setting

30 Fresh start

34 Singer Patti

35 In a flip fashion

36 Aggregate

37 Focus, for short

38 Liz held one in a '63 film

39 CA airport

40 Rainy

42 Stet

44 Period

45 Shows devotion

46 Cuarto de dormir, for example

47 Advice of a sort

48 Sulky group

52 Falls off

56 More than one spoke

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1 Fishing lures

2 However

3 Some prosecutors: Abbr.

4 Hole in your head

5 Cricket sides

6 Handful

7 Jolson's real first name

8 Laugh, in Lille

9 Popular course

10 1957 Cy Young winner

11 Incorporates

12 Open grounds

13 Maid

14 It means "Mars"

21 "Yes!"

23 Bringing out occult symbol

25 Sight from the Missouri

27 Short breaths

28 Grown

29 Primitive primate

31 Less foolish

32 Bacharach tune of '66

33 Ampère's birthplace

41 Remainder

43 Experienced

48 Big mouth

49 Hindu melody

50 Telltale sign

51 Untouchable

53 Harman competitor

54 Alliance

55 Consigned

58 Falcons' home

59 Brit. medal

60 Poetic time

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**HOROSCOPE**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY** for Sunday, Sept. 1, 2002: You will be unusually direct this year, though you will get the results you desire. Work and/or a boss could be difficult, demanding most of your time. You have what it takes to meet requests. Do it, and you'll get the kind of results you want. Network and expand your circle of associates and friends. Popularity comes naturally this year. If you are single, you will meet someone special. Take your time deciding exactly what you want here. Commitments will be favored in late 2003. If you're attached, your relationship will blossom because of your extra efforts. The two of you will fulfill one of your long-term dreams. Have fun with CANCER.

not only for this person but for you, too. Tonight: Your treat.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Use the morning for personal matters. Later on, you become the star of the party. Let go of seriousness and hop into the action. A discussion could be so vocal that some might view this chat as a fight. Lighten up your style. Tonight: Just smile.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* Use the early part of your day for a prolonged and serious discussion. You might need some time off from all the celebration. Vanish with a good book or a special loved one with whom you can relax. Reenergize in the next day or so. Remember what you have ahead of you. Tonight: Try quiet.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Let others carry some of the responsibility. You don't have to do everything for everyone. Join friends. Where you are, the fun is. Enjoy all the hoopla and partying. Avoid getting into a competitive situation with a friend or loved one. Tonight: Cheer the party on.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\* You might need to come home and/or assume some responsibility. Lighten up with others, allowing for more openness. Don't make a big deal out of fulfilling someone's request. Your graciousness could make a big difference in the long run. Tonight: A must show.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Your abilities come through as you bring family and friends together. You also might want to go out of your way to visit with others or a close friend. Don't forget someone who might not immediately be surrounding you. Tonight: With friends.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Though you're a naturally gregarious person, clearly a loved one wants your time and atten-

tion. Be smart and juggle plans, even if you disappoint a friend or two. Be sure to bring your loved one to an important gathering. Tonight: Togetherness works.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Let go of responsibility. Hop in with others, getting into the holiday mood. Don't make a big deal out of anything right now; rather, just play around and have a good time. Don't forget a loved one at a distance. A call can make all the difference. Tonight: Where the action is.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* You cannot continue in the same manner. Slow down and take your time. Someone might not appreciate holding down the fort. Join in. You will feel good about yourself and a special person in your life. Tonight: Nurture someone close to you.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* A friend or loved one makes an overture. Be smart. Take this opportunity, or you might be upset with yourself later. Don't stand on ceremony; rather, flow with each moment. Add more fun, romance and spice in general. Tonight: You might go till the wee hours.

**BORN TODAY**  
Singer Gloria Estefan (1957), actress Lily Tomlin (1939), singer Conway Twitty (1933)  
Jacqueline Bugar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebugar.com>.  
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**Actress' varying hair styles best kept for auditions**

Dear Prudence: I am a 25-year-old aspiring actress. I am very creative and feel comfortable changing my looks (i.e., hair) frequently. Usually I sport a rather large Afro puff that is, if I do say so myself, quite becoming. I don't desire to change my hair permanently, so when I want a new look, I will usually throw on a wig or attach a few hairpieces for my desired effect.



tell me how he feels. We made plans to see each other the next day. He never called, never showed. I know he isn't dead because I phoned to see if he was all right... and he was.

So what could be going on? Where has the love gone? - Clueless in New York City

Dear Clue: You are not without clues, my dear, you are just choosing to ignore them. Broken dates, being stood up and empty reassurances are all a wimp's way of telling you it's over... without actually being able to tell you. The reasons for this kind of behavior are often unknown. Fear, however, is usually a good guess - fear of getting in too deep, fear of hurting your feelings - but wanting to call it a day, nonetheless.

The problem: Even if I wear my Afro puff on Monday and come in with a wig down to my waist on Tuesday, some nut always inevitably asks, "Is that your real hair?" (And if they don't ask, they spend our entire conversation staring at my hairline to see if they can figure it out.) Furthermore, those who are not very familiar with African-American hair processes will solicit an in-depth, detailed explanation as to how I got my hair to "do that."

In any case, what is more important than knowing where love has gone is acknowledging that it has gone somewhere and then behaving accordingly. "Accordingly," in this case, would be behaving with dignity and acceptance. (Sexist aside: If it's any comfort, "they" often think differently than "we" do, and the behavior can leave a lot to be desired.) - Prudie, supportively

I am really tiring of these situations. I don't want to be mean, but I want to make it clear that my hair is my business! Diva in Despair

Dear Div: Prudie does not mean to dis your wigs and hairpieces, but it's this way, girlfriend: Your hair is everybody's business when it changes daily. Some might even think you are inviting the attention by never looking the same way twice. The office is not the best place to continually look like different people. (That's what evenings are for.)

Prudie thinks you would do better, since you're an actress, to sport your various "looks" at auditions. - Prudie, consistently

Dear Prudence: I am at a crossroads in my relationship/friendship with a young man I met about two months ago. Everything was going wonderfully. We talked in depth about life, our personal experiences, etc. Talked on the phone from midnight till the sky turned blue. He called me daily several times just to check in.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**CITY OF BIG SPRING**  
The City of Big Spring will hold a public hearing at 5:30 p.m. on September 10, 2002 at the Council Chambers, 310 Nolan in regard to the submission of applications to Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grants. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizens participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of these TCDP applications and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Leigh Corson, Director of Administrative Services for the City of Big Spring. Persons with disabilities that wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.  
#3654 September 1, 2002

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Notice is hereby given that Letters of Guardianship for the Estate of Ronnie Neill, an Incapacitated Person, were issued on August 26, 2002, in Cause No. G-71, pending in the County Court, Howard County, Texas, to LELA THOMPSON. The residence of the Guardian is 2100 Marilyn, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The post office address is c/o CHARLES MYERS - Attorney at Law P. O. Box 1030 Big Spring, Texas 79721-1030. 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 the 26th day of August, 2002. Respectfully submitted, MOUTON, MOUTON & MYERS A Professional Corporation Attorneys at Law P.O. Box 1030 Big Spring, TX 79721-1030 Telephone No. 915-263-7676 Telecopier No. 915-263-8686 BY: Charles Myers State Bar No. 24007724 ATTORNEYS FOR GUARDIAN LELA THOMPSON #3660 September 1, 2002

Discover Another World, Read! You never know what you might find.

I am obviously writing because his behavior has drastically changed. We have not been intimate with each other, so sex too early in the relationship wasn't the ruining factor. We saw a future together - or so I thought. Anyway, things have changed. Dates either get canceled or I get stood up. No more late-night convos or daily check-ins.

Prudie, you must determine if this chap's relationship to time is a deal-breaker. If you can straighten him up, fine. If his tardiness is not fixable, you must decide whether or not it would leave you perpetually angry and ruin the relationship. For starters, give him the gift of a wristwatch, along with a gentle talk about how much it would mean to you if he kept track of the big hand and the little hand. See how things go. You will know what to do because, pardon the expression, time will tell. - Prudie, punctually

I checked my opinions about his actions, suggesting that he didn't appear to be serious or ready for what I wanted. He reassured me that he saw everything as I did and convinced me he would begin to "show me" and not just

Prudie, punctually