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INSIDE TODAY



HEADED TO PLAYOFFS

Big Spring's Lady Steers will open the Class 4A volleyball playoffs at 4 p.m. Saturday when they take on Canyon Randall's Lady Raiders at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

The Lady Steers finished second in District 4-4A by upsetting No. 8-ranked Andrews.

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PRAIRIE DOGS

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BRIEFLY

MINIATURE TREES

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Each tree is \$6 and must be paid in advance. The trees should arrive between Dec. 2-6.

Students are not selling door-to-door. To purchase a tree, contact a seventh or eighth grade student or a junior high science teacher.

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Herald will have treats for trick-or-treaters

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Herald is joining other local organizations and businesses this week in cooking up a witches' brew of spooky and fun activities for Halloween.

Trick-or-treaters can weigh down their candy bags a bit at the Herald, located at 710 Scurry. The newspaper office will be handing out treats on Halloween night, said Herald Promotion Manager Elizabeth Flores.

"On Thursday for the first time, the Big Spring Herald will be passing out treats to the kids of the community from 6 to 9 that night," she said. "One of our employees will be dressed up as a fairy and she will be the one passing out the

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A coven of friendly witches will be waiting for children daring enough to brave the Canterbury Retirement Home Spookhouse this Halloween. Canterbury is one of several businesses and organizations offering Halloween entertainment for youngsters. The spookhouse, a Big Spring tradition for 23 years, will be open from 6 to 9 p.m. Halloween night. Shown, from left, are Mary Anderson, Avis Powell, Elaine Waddill, Katie Hise, Nell Bryant and Jean O'Neal.

Principal of the Week

Cindy Riney: Every day promises an educational thrill

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

STANTON — As principal of the Stanton Junior High and Elementary campuses, Cindy Riney is right where she wants to be.

She should know. The wife of a former coach, Riney has had her share of moves and teaching positions all over the state.

"We moved around a great deal," Riney said. "My husband was a coach for years prior to me becoming an administrator."

From the north of Texas to central and south, Riney taught in at least six different school districts before she and her husband, Frank, came to Stanton.

A dedicated reader in her youth, it was the sound of music and a special teacher who eventually led Riney to a career in education.

"I was very active in

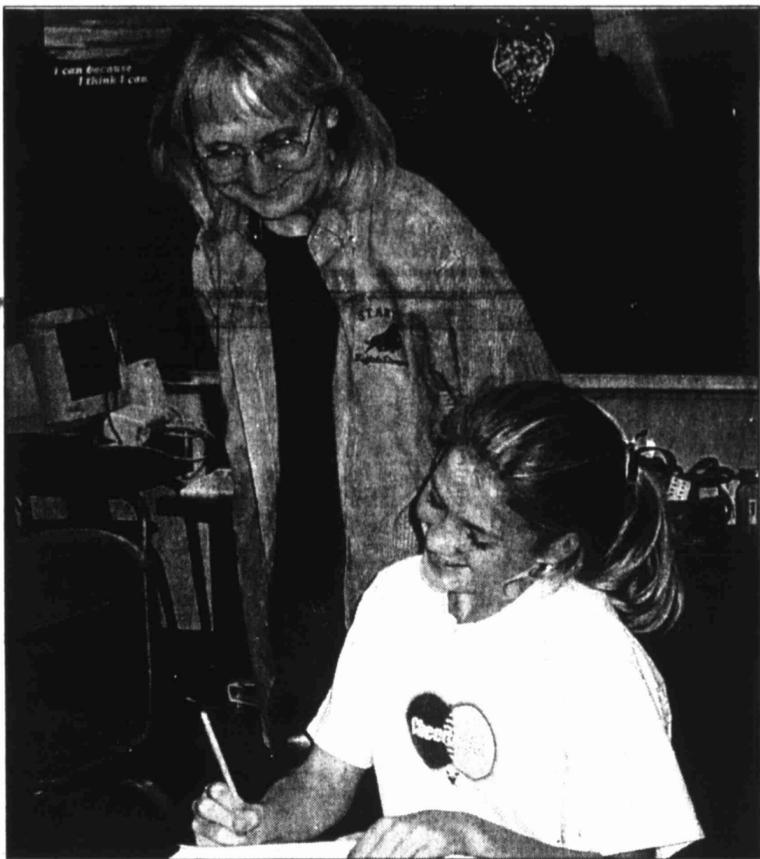
"Every day is a new challenge. That's the greatest thing about being an educator, it's never the same thing."

band," she said. "My band director (Melvin Delaney) impacted my life tremendously.

"He gave me the opportunity to recognize that I had talents and gave me the confidence to take the kinds of risks to be successful."

A clarinet and piano player, Riney earned a

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Stanton Junior High/Elementary Principal Cindy Riney checks the work of seventh grader Laci Luna during class. An educator for 33 years, Riney continues to enjoy coming to school every day. She has served as a principal for eight of her 11 years as an employee of the Stanton Independent School District.

Freedom just a glimpse for Big Spring man finishing his sentence

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A 30-year-old Big Spring man received only a glimpse of freedom before he was arrested Wednesday by Walker County Sheriff's Office deputies on a Howard County warrant for indecency with a child.

David Rodriguez was serving time in a Texas Department of Corrections prison unit in Huntsville for theft and released Wednesday, according to Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, Public Information Officer.

"He didn't get out of gates of Huntsville before the sheriff's office picked him up," Sweatt said. "I sent a couple of our officers down and they

picked him up on Friday."

Rodriguez is currently being held at the city jail in lieu of a \$100,000 bond. Justice of the Peace Marilyn Carson set the bond at 6:30 p.m. Friday.

Rodriguez is accused of sexually assaulting a 15-year-old girl who was a causal acquaintance, Sweatt said. The alleged incident happened in June when Rodriguez was giving the young girl a ride.

"There were no major physical injuries," Sweatt said of the assault.

The warrant for Rodriguez's arrest was issued on Oct. 18.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net



United Way Campaign Chairman Rory Worthan and United Way Director Cynthia Scott update one of the campaign progress signs posted on the Howard County Courthouse Lawn. The campaign has raised \$111,478 so far, about 45 percent of the \$250,000 goal. The total is up from last week's \$94,710. About three weeks remain in the campaign.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Billie Miller



Billie Miller, 72, of Big Spring died at 4:15 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002, following a long illness.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Officiating will be Kevin Parker and Mike Moates. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born Feb. 5, 1930, in Bradshaw. She married William "Hack" Miller, in 1947. Mr. Miller preceded her in death on Oct. 31, 1995.

They moved to Big Spring in 1947 from Dawson. Mrs. Miller was a licensed vocational nurse. She was a member of the first LVN class to graduate from Howard College. She worked at Malone and Hogan Clinic for 10 years and then at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for 25 years. She retired in 1993. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Survivors include two daughters, Karan Phillips and husband, Gary, and Evie Batchelor; three grandchildren, Jason Phillips and his wife, Lauri, Brittney Phillips and Lindi Spivey and her husband, Mike; and three great-grandchildren, Kendall Phillips, Jady Phillips and Taryn Spivey.

Pallbearers will be Mike Moates, Bobby Baker, Joey Baker, Donnie Baker, Rusty Phillips, Glen Graves, Eddie Engle and Juan Fernandez.

The family will be at 619 Tulane.

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

Paid obituary

Esther Grantham Gaskins

Esther Grantham Gaskins, 85, of Big Spring, died on Sunday, Oct. 27, 2002, in a Stanton nursing home. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 29, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1917, in Ryan, Okla., and married John D. Gaskins on Sept. 30, 1934, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on April 4, 1995.

Mrs. Gaskins was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. She retired from the Big Spring State Hospital after 10 years of service. She loved her family, especially her grandchildren.

She was a member of Central Baptist Church. Survivors include a son, Johnny Gaskins of Boyce, La.; a daughter and son-in-law, Mary Beth and A. H. Yeager of Big Spring; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a son, Darrell Gaskins; four brothers; two sisters; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

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

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

Paid obituary

Willie Mary Mason

Graveside service for Willie Mary Mason, 86, of Midland, formerly of Big Spring, was today at 2 p.m. at Hillside Memorial Gardens in Snyder. The Rev. Rex Reynolds officiated.

Mrs. Mason died on Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002.

Born on Feb. 21, 1916, in Runnels County, she married Leonard Mason in Hermleight on July 26, 1932. He preceded her in death.

She is survived by her son Jim Mason of Midland; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Crematory of Midland.

The family suggests donations be made to Hospice, 903 N. Sam Houston, Odessa.

EMS

The following is a summary for the The Big Spring Fire/EMS Department:

FRIDAY

8:30 a.m. — 1800 block of North Highway 87, structure fire, false call.

12:06 p.m. — 600 block of Northeast 10th Street, medical call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:50 p.m. — 1500 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard, medical call, patient transported to SMMC

4:44 p.m. — 800 block of Timothy, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

SUNDAY

7:52 a.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

2:48 p.m. — 1000 block of Birdwell, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

10:42 p.m. — 1300 block of Colby, medical call, patient refused service.

11:38 p.m. — 1400 block of Nolan, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

Lottery

Lottery results for Saturday, Oct. 26, 2002:

• Lotto Texas: 8-11-24-33-37-48

No jackpot winner.

Wednesday's estimated jackpot: \$15 million.

• Cash Five results: 1-17-26-30-31

Records

Sunday's high 61

Sunday's low 57

Average high 73

Average low 46

Record high 94 in 1988

Record low 29 in 1925

Precip. Sunday 0.31

Month to date 3.11

Year to date 17.30

Sunrise Tuesday 7:01 a.m.

Sunset Tuesday 5:58 p.m.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from noon Saturday until 7 a.m. Monday:

• **RICHARD BRIAN WHITE**, 23, of Colorado City was arrested for Gaines County warrants.

• **CESAR MARTINEZ**, 20, of 202 C. St. was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **RHONDA ANGLE HARDY**, 37, of 1610 Midway was arrested on charges of public intoxication and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

• **LONDON JARED STEVENS**, 18, of 112 Canyon Drive was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **ADRIAN RODRIGUEZ**, 23, of 1405 Princeton was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and disobeying a stop sign.

• **GILBERTO IBARRA FLORES**, of Oklahoma City, Okla., 19, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **ANGELA LEIGH WILLIAMS**, 33, of 2519 Chanute was arrested for local warrants.

• **COURTNEY STEWART**, 19, of Lubbock was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated—minor.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of South Douglas where a 1983 Maroon vehicle received \$600 in damages and in the 700 block of Douglas where a 1986 white vehicle suffered \$350 in damages.

• **ASSAULT CAUSE BODILY INJURY** was reported in the 110 block of Northeast 11th Street and in the 700 block of East 11th Street.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 500 block of South Gregg.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon Street, the 2900 block of West Highway 80, the 4100 block of Parkway Road, in the 2200 block of Morrison Street, in the 3200 block of Fenn Avenue, in the 1200 block of Mobile, 2200 block of Morrison and in the 2600 block of Langely Street.

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 500 block of South Donely.

• **ASSAULT, CLASS C FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 3700 block of Dixon.

Take note

□ Did you or someone you know submit a recipe for Pumpkin Delight? If you did or you know who did please contact the *Herald* offices at 263-7331.

All submissions for the recipe contest must have the name of the person submitting the recipe, a return address and, if possible, a phone number.

To mail a recipe send it to *Big Spring Herald* Recipe Contest, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720 or send it by e-mail to newsdesk@crcom.net

□ Tommy Hogan was diagnosed with cancer one year ago and is in need of financial help with medications and future surgery.

An account has been set up at First Bank of West Texas. To make a donation call 267-1113 and ask for the Hogan account.

□ Big Spring Junior High School science department is selling live, miniature Christmas trees. The trees are fully decorated and in four-inch pots.

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Students are not selling door-to-door. To purchase a tree, contact a seventh or eighth grade student or a junior high science teacher.

Support groups

TODAY

□ 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.

□ New Voice Club is a support group for laryngectomies and their families. No dues. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ Military support group meets at 6 p.m. at the VA Medical Center in room 212 the first Monday of every month. Contact Wanda Gamble at 263-7180 or Treva Hall at 263-8574.

□ 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.

□ 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.

□ Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald at 263-7331 or email johnmoseley@bigspringherald.com.

TODAY

□ Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for StI and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over are invited to participate.

□ Concerned Citizens meets at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the Airpark. Public is invited.

□ Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo hall. For more information call 264-0674.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic building 221 1/2 Main.

WEDNESDAY

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideon International Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

FRIDAY

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

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin' Iron Inn.

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

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

SATURDAY

□ Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home, is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

A one time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens is encouraged.

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

□ Hangar 25 Air Museum located at McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park is open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to noon and 1 p.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and Sunday from 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

□ Dance at 8:30 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge located at 703 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

263-8920.

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Enter it in the Herald's

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Moore

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

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SWC opening

By LYNDEL MOORE

Staff Writer

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campus apartment with landscaped walkways.

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College President Cheryl Spark

"Installing the project brought everyone together. It looks

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areas and a new area.

The plaza and union renovation newest in a line investments to

Moore Development board discusses new computer network

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. board members discussed the possibility of installing a new computer network at the Moore Development office during their meeting last week.

The item was not listed as an action item on the board's agenda, so no action was taken.

Executive Director Kent Sharp explained that Moore's current computer system has been updated as needed in a piecemeal fashion.

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Kent Sharp
Executive Director



to-peer network system," he said. "We want to go to a central, more secure server network."

Sharp said the new network, which comes with a \$15,000

price tag, would better secure Moore's sensitive digital documents and pave the way for board members to be able to access information online through a user name and password protected Web site.

The board discussed the possibility of using money from the anticipated \$250,000 Community Network grant to help fund the new system as well as the possibility of using the purchase of the system to offset Moore's obligation for matching funds for the grant.

In other business, the board: • Held an executive session on the possible purchase of a building. In open session, the board voted to continue investigation of the possibility.

• Heard public comment from Aubrey Weaver Jr., who asked

whether the announcement by Cox Communications of plans for a \$10 million refit of the company's cable system in Big Spring, to include high-speed Internet service, would impact the board's investigation into the possibility of bringing municipally-provided high-speed Internet service to Big Spring. Sharp replied that the announcement won't affect any of Moore's current plans.

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

SWCID officials cut ribbon opening Pedestrian Plaza

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Despite inclement weather, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf held a ribbon cutting today to celebrate the completion of its Pedestrian Plaza and renovation of the Maddux Student Center Building.

The plaza ties in four of the campus' main buildings — education and administration, activities center, student union and campus apartments — with landscaping and walkways.

"It's bringing synergy to the campus," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "Installing the plaza has brought everything together. It looks great."

A large portion of the student center was gutted earlier this summer to make room for a larger cafeteria, a student lounge and game room areas and a new kitchen area.

The plaza and student union renovation are the newest in a line of state investments to give the

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22-year-old campus a more up-to-date look.

During the past several years, the campus appearance has continued to change with the addition of dormitories and a student activity center, major remodeling of existing buildings and the removal of the first men's dormitory.

Administrators are hoping to add at least one more change.

"We would like to see the legislature fund a vocational building," Sparks said. "For the next legislative appropriation, we have requested \$750,000 to fund a vocational building."

The college also hopes to eventually include items left off the final construction plans of the Pedestrian Plaza because

of lack of money.

Three 30-foot aluminum flag poles located at the entrance to the plaza and a fountain area were in the original plans but cut from the main project to limit costs.

A two-tiered waterfall was also cut as a result of funding shortfalls. The fountain's center piece, a bronze rattle snake, was from the outset to be funded privately.

The college hopes to add the items through private fund-raisers and donations.

A project to sell paving bricks to be installed in the plaza is currently under way. Each brick has three lines with up to 14 characters per line for inscription and is sold for \$25.

The estimated cost for the flag poles plus flags is \$10,000 and the fountain will require another \$25,000.

Individuals interested helping fund the projects can contact SWCID Pro-Vost Ron Brasel or Michele Sanders at 264-3700 for more information.



Linda Gonzales, Marcy Elementary school nurse, is surrounded by a bunch of Marcy kindergartners ready to diagnose all the nurse's ills. Marcy kindergartners dressed up for career day and parade about the school Friday as part of the school's Red Ribbon week observance.

State park gets prairie dog imports from Lubbock

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN

Special to the Herald

Some of Big Spring's newest residents hail from Lubbock, where they weren't exactly welcome. In fact, they were maligned as polluters who ate too much and destroyed the land around their homes.

In fact, the 12 new prairie dogs that arrived at Big Spring State Park last month may have barely escaped their former hometown with their lives.

"We'd love to have more of them, but we don't have a place for more," said Ron Alton, superintendent of the Big Spring State Park. He arranged to get the 12 new additions to the park's prairie dog town from an animal rescue organization. The group contacted dozens of state parks seeking homes for hundreds of prairie dogs that were being relocated from Lubbock's effluent farm.

The farm, where treated wastewater is used to irrigate crops fed to cattle, is home to between 40,000 and 60,000 of the dogs, which are really rodent cousins of the squirrel. The problems began when an inspector from the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality cited the city — calling the burgeoning population of prairie dogs a risk for pollution to the area's groundwater.

The agency told the city to come up with a plan of action, and it did: Pump poisonous gas into thousands of underground burrows at the farm. City leaders said they would wait until winter, when most of the federally-protected burrowing owls had left the nests they often share with prairie dogs.

Still, the idea didn't sit well with Lubbock's environmental groups. Soon the Llano Estacado Native Americans, the Llano Estacado Audubon Society and others called in their own experts to study the problem and battle lines were drawn.

In the meantime, federally-permitted trapper Linda Watson began a feverish rescue mission. Using only water sprayed from a tank on the back of her pickup, Watson forced dogs from their underground homes one at a time, quarantined them and treated them for parasites and diseases. She captured nearly 2,000

in two months and found new homes for almost all of them.

"It never made sense," Watson said of the city's plan. "Land sprayed with sewer water — what better place for animals nobody wants? But the city was intent on killing them."

Watson makes her living selling prairie dog pups in the spring. The youngsters are popular as pets, especially in Japan.

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

United Way still needs our backing

Still movin' on up! With the help of many of you, United Way of Big Spring and Howard County keeps moving closer to its goal of a quarter of a million dollars.

That's something we can all be proud of. If you haven't yet made a commitment to give to United Way, we encourage you to do so. The few dollars each of us gives — it doesn't have to be much — goes a long, long way.

So many lives are touched by the non-profit organizations the United Way serves — agencies such as the Council on Aging, Howard County Humane Society, Isaiah 58, Northside Community Center and the Westside Community Center and Westside Day Care Center.

Through the Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, Big Spring Boys Club and the YMCA, children learn teamwork, responsibility and the value of participation.

Victim Services gives those who have suffered emotional and physical trauma a place to turn to, new hope and the ability to carry on with productive lives. Red Cross is there in times of disaster, whether it be a tornado or a house fire. Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center helps individuals recover from physical setbacks and get back on their feet.

Salvation Army provides school supplies, coats, shoes and food for the needy and helps make the joys of Thanksgiving and Christmas a reality for those who would not otherwise experience it.

In short, the United Way campaign ensures the well being of our community. We all have a stake in it.

People who need our help today will be among our leaders tomorrow. That is the goal — to provide the means for everyone in our county to have an equal chance, to become a productive part of society.

If you have given, thank you. Many people will benefit from your kindness.

If you haven't, please consider doing so. Let's get to that \$250,000 mark, one dollar at a time. And let's make our community, our county, a better place for everyone.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, put your loving fingerprints on our hearts and your kind thoughts in our minds.

Amen

The latest fiasco in corporate reform

The famous Texas two-step is getting a heavy workout in Washington. You glance away for just a moment to watch the World Series and — oops — we're no longer for regime change in Iraq.

We've spent the last two months having it pounded into our brains daily that we must have regime change in Iraq, nothing else will do. But now — not so. Well, you say, people are allowed to change their minds, even presidents. But that's where we come to the awkward part, because the administration is insisting it hasn't changed its mind at all, it never demanded regime change and it's all our fault for being so stupid as to have misunderstood them. This is the White Queen stage, she who could believe six impossible things before breakfast.

You won't find me griping about our new policy — except of course, since we're so dumb we can't remember what the old policy, this is not new at all. I like the not-new policy. The not-new policy is that if we can get rid of Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass

destruction through strict U.N. inspections, we don't have to have a war. Actually, that was my old policy, so I'm glad to see it's become Bush's not-new policy, and I'd just like to apologize to everyone for thinking that Bush ever wanted regime change in the first place.

Now that you are in practice on the White Queen program, join us for the latest fiasco in corporate reform. In those dear, dead days of last summer, Bush appeared on Wall Street standing before a blue and white backdrop on which "Corporate Responsibility" and "A New Ethic" were printed over and over — in case we should miss the point of his speech. President W. was there in his incarnation as the Scourge of Corporate Misbehavior to read the riot act to corporate executives who do terrible things — like get insider loans,

dump their stock when the company is tanking and do phony transactions to take heavy losses off the books. For those us who had followed Bush's career at Harken Energy — Enron writ small — this was merely an average White Queen morning. Hey, times change, the guy was the executive of an energy company bleeding money way back when, why shouldn't he get out while the getting was good? Now we have "a new ethic."

In that same speech, to

show his zeal for going after corporate evil-doers, Bush asked for a nice round \$100 million in additional funding for the Securities and Exchange Commission. Except the New Ethic didn't last very long. Didn't even survive the election, and I think Bush deserves credit on this point. Any posturing politician could have stuck with corporate reform until after the election was over; it takes guts to drop the whole thing two weeks before the election. That, or someone who thinks the American people are deeply stupid.

So intense did the pressure for corporate reform grow last summer that the Congress actually passed the Sarbanes bill, including a new board to oversee the accounting industry and \$776 million for the SEC, a 77 percent increase. Bush signed the bill amidst great fanfare and later took credit for solving the corporate corruption problems (even though he had opposed the bill almost until the moment he signed it). And everyone agreed, "What a good first step."

Oops. Bush and his man Harvey Pitt at the SEC have already gutted the new accounting oversight board, and last week he urged Congress to appropriate 27 percent less, \$568 million, for the SEC.

That's an increase of about 30 percent over last year's budget of \$438 mil-

lion, and the SEC is one of the most notoriously underfunded agencies in Washington. Lawyers and accountants who work there make about half what lawyers and accountants do in other departments of government. New technology and enforcement efforts will have to be shelved. The SEC's workload has increased exponentially while its staff has shrunk. Given the corporate scandals, do we really want to call off the already emaciated watchdogs at the SEC?

In order to understand this move, you have to think like a Bushie. Corporate corruption? Hey, that was last summer's scandal — that is so 10 minutes ago. As for those who think there is much more clean-up yet to be done, what are you, one of the 45 million Americans in a traditional pension plan? Why should you worry just because the New York Times reports America's 50 largest companies counted \$54.4 billion of pension fund gains as profits last year, when in fact they lost \$35.8 billion.

Just another cute accounting trick; doesn't hurt anybody. Just ask the ex-Enron and ex-Worldcom employees. And why would major corporations pad their reported earnings in this fashion? Could it be because that's the bottom line that determines the bonuses for top executives?



MOLLY IVINS



Arms-control relations with North Korea

By RICH LOWRY

Guest columnist
Experts are puzzled about why North Korea has admitted to its covert nuclear-weapons program. What irrational demons could be driving Kim Jong Il to make such a damaging concession?

There's much that is odd about Kim Jong Il: his authorship of six operas, his perm, his isolation that led The Economist magazine to headline a picture of him emerging for a summit meeting with the legend "Greetings, Earthlings!"

But the nuclear revelation is not at all strange. Kim Jong Il simply wants to prompt another bout of U.S.-supported arms control on the Korean peninsula.

Arms control has been a great boon for dictators the world over, especially the Clinton administration's 1994 Agreed Framework with North Korea. Since the first serving was so tasty, Kim Jong Il is understandably back — in his obnoxious way — asking for more.

Naivety is built into the very DNA of arms control, as Henry Sokolski has argued in his history of arms control, "Best of

Intentions."

The venerable Nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty, for instance, is fatally starry-eyed. It talks of "the inalienable right" of signatories to develop nuclear technology, and urges "the fullest possible exchange of equipment, materials and technological information."

Cheating? Don't be silly. Sokolski quotes a Dutch NPT negotiator explaining that for parties to the treaty, there should be "a clear presumption" that nuclear material and know-how won't be diverted to weapons programs.

According to Khidhir Hamza, an Iraqi scientist who defected, Iraq used this presumption of innocence to build its massive nuclear program, with the International Atomic Energy Agency lending a hand.

Hamza writes: "Few of Iraq's suppliers — or the IAEA itself — ever bothered to ask a simple question: Why would Iraq, with the second-largest oil reserves in the world, want to generate electricity by burning uranium?"

Iran signed onto the NPT for the same reason. An official close to "supreme leader" Ali Khamenei said

in a candid moment: "The reason that Iran becomes a signatory to international conventions is to pave the way for access to modern technology."

A circularity applies to all these agreements: They work so long as no one wants to violate them, in which case they don't.

The danger is mistaking airy sentiments and assurances with reality. This was a mistake that the Clinton administration inflated almost to a strategic doctrine: Don't verify, if you can trust instead.

Pyongyang signed the NPT in 1987. By the early 1990s, it was clearly in breach of the agreement and had begun to stiff inspectors from the IAEA.

The Clinton administration's reaction was to reward North Korea by agreeing in 1994 to provide 500,000 tons a year of heating oil, undertake a general warming of relations and amazingly enough, build two light-water nuclear reactors.

This was justified on grounds that light-water reactors — in contrast to heavy-water reactors — are inappropriate for making weapons. But it's not so. According to the Bulletin

of the Atomic Scientists, a light-water reactor "would routinely discharge in spent fuel as much as a few hundred kilograms of plutonium each year. If the fuel burn-up was reduced, perhaps during a national security crisis, the reactor could produce significant quantities of weapons-grade plutonium."

The safety of the reactors, in other words, is dependent on North Koreans not cheating — their obvious penchant for which is what prompted the reactor give-away in the first place.

But President Clinton was not willing to push too hard for the return of inspectors (which was supposed to be one of the points of the agreement), partly because that would risk blowing up all his negotiating handiwork.

So, North Korea got aid, and we settled for empty promises — in a classic arms-control dynamic. After all of this, the Bush administration is still being urged to "engage" with the North.

Indeed, if promising to build two nuclear reactors didn't work, maybe we should offer four instead. And they say Kim Jong Il is crazy?

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candy." The Big Spring Citizens' Police Academy will once again be passing out candy to trick-or-treaters, said Police Identification Technician Wayne Jones.

"The Citizen's Police Academy and the Big Spring Police Department are going to have their candy give away on Halloween night from 6 to 8," he said. "We will be in the Municipal Court parking lot at 308 Johnson."

Kathy Lusk, director of the Big Spring Mall, said the mall will also play host to trick-or-treaters. Mall stores provide the treats and costumed candy-seekers can go from store to store showing off their costumes and filling their goody bags.

"On Halloween, Thursday the 31st, we will have a costume contest from 6 to 6:30 for all ages," Lusk added. "Then from 6:30 to 7:30 we will have trick-or-treat."

The Big Spring Post Office is trying something a little different this year, according to postal clerk Thomas Payne.

"We're trying to do something for the kids of the community," Payne said. "It's kind of a carnival, a Halloween carnival. When they come in one door we're going to have 'The Wizard of Oz.' It's

State National Bank, they're going to be doing the Scarecrow and all of that. Then we're going to have a few Disney characters, and Uncle Sam. Then we're going to have the spook part."

Big Spring ISD students have already helped make the jack-o-lanterns for the postal pumpkin patch, Payne said.

"What we did was, the pumpkins that the schools had their contest with H-E-B, they donated those to us, and we're making a pumpkin patch of those so the kids can see their own pumpkins in the patch," he explained. "Then we're going to have some haunted creatures, a graveyard-type thing."

Payne said the post office will give out candy, soft drinks, apples and some door prizes including 20-inch bicycle for both a girl and a boy. Other prizes include dinners at local restaurants and bowling alley coupons.

Canterbury Retirement Home will once again offer its traditional "Canterbury Spookhouse" from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Halloween, said Pat Edwards.

"This is our 23rd year to offer a fun, yet safe Halloween to the children of Big Spring," she said. "We'll have 'Mr. H.E. Buddy,' who is H-E-B's cartoon character. He's



Big Spring Herald Promotion Manager Elizabeth Flores provides a Halloween costume and goody bag to Paula Franco, the winner of the Herald's Find the Pumpking Contest.

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scholarship to Tarleton State University and became the first person in her family to graduate from college.

It was during college, Riney made two life-long decisions, to become a teacher and to accept the hand of her husband.

During her 33-year career in education, Riney has never once regretted her decision.

"Every day is a new challenge," she said. "That's the greatest thing about being an educator, it's never the same thing."

It was also in college, Riney decided to focus her life on teaching children about her passion of literature.

"I want the students to gain an appreciation of literature," she said. "In literature you see that all

though the years human nature hasn't changed."

After several years in education, Riney decided to take on a new challenge and entered into administration. Frank also decided to make that change and is now the principal of Coahoma High School.

Riney has served as the principal of the junior high for eight years and the elementary campus

for two.

"I can't imagine not pulling into the parking lot each day and feeling excited to be here," the youthful looking blond said with a grin. "I've always felt glad to be at work anywhere I've been."

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we have in the building will be decorated a different way, to a different movie. They'll be wearing costumes that pertain to that movie. Visitors will be getting candy as they go through the building, but it will also give the public an idea what StarTek looks like from the inside."

The First Baptist Church Fall Festival is also scheduled for Halloween night.

Set for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the church's Family Life Center, the event will include a costume contest that will be divided into age groups, as well as a

number of games and other activities.

Admission to the festival will be free and the church's youth group will be selling hot dogs, soft drinks, nachos and other treats in a concession stand.

Other groups or organizations planning free Halloween related activities or Halloween alternatives can contact the Big Spring Herald with information for an announcement later in the week.

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the problem further. Of course Big Spring is no stranger to prairie dog problems. The McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark is home to thousands of the animals that the city has

used various methods to control over the years.

As for the 12 transplants, Alton said they are doing fine.

"The trick is how will they get along with those already there," he said, acknowledging problems

can occur when adult prairie dogs are placed into an already-established colony. "But we have a good place for them, in a fenced area with holes ready to go, so it probably won't be a problem."



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Big Spring Monday, Oct

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JACKSONVILLE (AP) — The Ho are learning to away.

After letting the past two Texans got on Jacksonville Sunday and pulling out a their first sin opener against Cowboys.

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Jay Shroff games off def champion And bettering his r him last sprin

Big Spring coach Sarah Corse called the match with Jefferson after the Steers had won their first 12 games, in an effort to save the team's energy for a second-round showdown with Wichita Falls High.

The Steers' bout with Wichita Falls was a bit tougher. Big Spring battled the state tennis power for more than three hours before the WFHS Coyotes emerged with a win.

Veronica Villarreal highlighted the Steers efforts in the second round. She beat Wichita Falls' No. 1 player, Christina Mashtaghi, in singles play by a 6-4, 6-4 score.

Villarreal's win was Big Spring's lone victory against the state ranked Coyotes.

Despite the setback, Corse said the experience the BSHS players gained would only make them stronger.

"We're a young team and I'll only lose three seniors this year. This team is all heart and fortitude and they're going to be a force to contend with over the next few years, said Corse.

"I'm really proud of them for their work this fall and I'm looking forward to spring with great anticipation. They played hard and even when faced with a team with as much depth as Wichita Falls, they just kept on coming and acquitted themselves well today. We'll come home with our heads up."

"This was a perfect warm up for spring tennis," said Corse. "We'll see many players from this team again

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IN BRIEF

BS Steers basketball boosters set meeting

The Big Spring High School Boys Basketball Booster Club will be holding a meeting Wednesday, Oct. 30, in the high school library. The meeting will begin at 6 p.m.

All parents, players and fans are urged to attend.

Steers to hold youth hoop camp in Nov.

Gary Miller, the new head coach of the Big Spring Lady Steers, will be hosting a basketball camp for youths in grades 3-6 on Nov. 2 in the Big Spring Junior High School gymnasium.

The camp will stress the fundamentals of the game, including shooting, passing, dribbling, blocking, as well as the basics involved in defensive and offensive schemes. The camp will run from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Campers should bring a sack lunch.

The cost for the camp is \$20 per person. Deadline to register for the event is set for Oct. 16.

For more information contact Miller at (915) 268-8378.

HC Psych Club to host tournament

The Howard College Psych Club will be holding a 24-hour ragball tournament on Nov. 8-9.

Registration forms are available at Comet Cleaners and Blockbuster Video.

For more information contact Rusty McLouth via email at rustylouth@hc.cc.tx.us or by phone at (915) 264-5134.

Howard College flag football touney set

The Howard College 3 Guy/3 Girl Flag Football Tournament will continue Tuesday on the college campus.

The tournament began Oct. 15.

Big Spring thinclads to race in Lubbock

The Big Spring High School boys cross country team will be competing in the Region 1-4A Cross Country Meet this Saturday in Lubbock.

The team, which finished second at this past weekend's District 4-4A meet, will run at Mae Simmons Park, beginning at 9 a.m.

Lady Steers' Eve Tobar will also be competing. She was third in the final district standings.

Cardinals, Falcons to vie for CFL crown

The Coahoma Cardinals and the Falcons each earn berths in the Crossroads Little Football League championship game Saturday afternoon by claiming semifinal victories.

The Cardinals, the 2002 regular season champions, earned a return trip to the finals by claiming a 20-0 win over the Eagles. Quarterback Tanner Ruiz enjoyed a solid performance.

The Falcons advanced via 2-0 forfeit win by the Steers.

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Lady Steers open playoffs with Randall

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers won't have much time to enjoy their upset of No. 8-ranked Andrews Saturday afternoon. There's a bigger fish waiting to be fried.

Big Spring, which secured the District 4-4A runner-up playoff berth with their 16-14, 11-15, 15-12 win over Andrews, will open their Class 4A state volleyball playoffs this weekend against Canyon Randall, the No. 3 seed in the District 3-4A race.

Big Spring is scheduled to face Randall beginning at 4 p.m. Saturday at Lubbock Christian

University's Rip Griffin Center.

For the Lady Steers, the game will mark just the second time in the past 17 years Big Spring will

advance to the postseason. The Lady Steers' ended a 16-year drought last fall when they advanced to the bi-district round.

Big Spring, which finished the regular season with a 21-11 record, earned the district's runner-up honors in grand fashion, handing Andrews its first district loss in front of a large crowd in the Steer

Bi-District Playoffs

Big Spring vs. Canyon Randall

• When: 4 p.m.
• Where: Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.



Gym.

The Lady Steers, under seventh-year head coach Traci Pierce, rallied back from an early 10-3 run early in the first

game to put the Lady Mustangs on the defensive. Sterling Burchett and LeKenya Wrightsil sparked a 13-4 run down the stretch to five Big Spring a 1-0 lead.

Andrews, which finished as the district champions with a 9-1 loop mark, won the second game, forcing a decisive third game — which, if the Lady Steers lost, would force a

one-game district playoff with San Angelo Lake View.

Big Spring, which posted an 8-2 mark in league action this year, squelched Lake View's hopes with a dominating performance in the final game.

Stormi Huff served up five straight points and Burchett added three more as the BSHS squad went on a 9-5 run and never looked back.

By virtue of the win, San Angelo Lake View finished third in the overall district standings and will draw a first-round playoff matchup against the Dumas Lady Demons this weekend. Dumas, which ended Big Spring's playoff run last year, was the District 3-4A runner-up.

CATCH 22

Smith surpasses 'Sweetness' for all-time mark

IRVING (AP) — Emmitt Smith never considered leaving Texas Stadium without the NFL's career rushing record. He even dressed for the occasion.

Smith went through four No. 22 jerseys during his historic game Sunday. But under them all he kept on the same white T-shirt, one with his image on the Dallas Cowboys star logo, the phrase "All Time" and the number 16,727 — a yard more than the late Walter Payton had.

With an 11-yard run in the fourth quarter against the Seattle Seahawks that was classic Emmitt, he became No. 1.

Smith cut left, saw a hole and plunged through it. He got tripped up, but put his right hand down to keep his balance and surged forward. And past Payton.

"Trust me, I knew what I needed," Smith said. "Once I broke the line of scrimmage I knew that would have to be the one."

The 33-year-old Smith wanted to get the record at home, and he knew this was his last chance because the Cowboys play their next two games on the road. So he went out and had his best game of the season.

Smith ran for 109 yards on 24 carries, both season highs, and scored a touchdown, giving the Dallas fans something to remember even though their team lost 17-14. Many of them even stayed around for a postgame celebration.

"To do it in front of the home crowd makes history of this magnitude such a special thing," Smith said. "I've learned how special it is when I saw Cal Ripken go through what he went through, and I saw Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa, and watched Barry Bonds do what he did, and saw the fan reaction."

After Smith came back on the field in full uniform, he took a victory lap around Texas Stadium — a la Ripken — and slapped hands with fans before making his way to a star-shaped stage in the middle of the field.

Smith gave an eloquent speech filled with thank-yous and memories, and then was presented a silver football from Cowboys owner Jerry Jones before the team unfurled a banner that reads: "All-Time Leading Rusher ... 22 ... Emmitt Smith."

With the song "Simply the Best" blaring, Smith looked at the banner and squeezed his eyes shut trying to gather himself. But the tears flowed



Dallas running back Emmitt Smith surpassed former Chicago Bears great Walter Payton for the all-time rushing lead in National Football League history Sunday.

as he embraced Jones.

Among the others there to share the moment were Payton's mother and brother, Pat Summerall, Marcus Allen, Daryl Johnston and Michael Irvin, who said: "We all want to thank Emmitt for allowing us to enjoy every yard."

Midway through his 13th season, Smith has 16,743 yards. Payton finished his 13-year career in 1987 with 16,726. Smith broke Payton's record for career carries earlier this season and topped his yardage record in his 193rd game; Payton played 190.

Payton, who played his entire career for the Chicago Bears and earned the nickname "Sweetness" for his playing style, died in November

1999 from cancer. He was 45.

Payton once said he wanted "to set the record so high that the next person who tries for it, it's going to bust their heart." Smith has displayed so much heart that Payton's widow, Connie, said he would've been happy to see No. 22 take the title.

"So, I didn't bust my heart, but I sure worked hard and tried to get here," Smith said. "I don't know how long it's going to last. I don't know if you are going to find anybody to do it with one team like Walter did it and like I did it."

The rushing record had been a goal for Smith since he scribbled it on a piece of paper before going to his

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Steers takes second at Big Spring Invitational

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Michael Carrasco went prime time Saturday afternoon and helped carry the Big Spring Steers to second place at the 2002 Big Spring Swimming and Diving Invitational. The Steers scored 244 points and trailed on Pecos in the final boys standings.

The Lady Steers, despite a

Angels rally to win first crown

ANAHEIM, Calif. (AP) — Behind rookie starter John Lackey and a big hit by Garret Anderson, the Anaheim Angels became one of the more improbable champions in baseball history, beating Barry Bonds and the San Francisco

Giants 4-1 Sunday night in Game 7.

The Angels took 42 years to win their first title, and didn't even need their Rally Monkey to clinch it.

The series turned out to be highest-scoring World Series in history.

Freestyle, swimming the distance in a time of 23.31 seconds.

He highlighted a solid Big Spring showing in the 100-yard Butterfly minutes later. He capped a 2-3-6 finish with a mark of 56.61 seconds. Mark Sheedy and Justin Petrowski placed third and sixth, respectively.

Carrasco began his day with a silver medal performance in the 50-yard

200-yard Freestyle squad that finished third. He also finished second in the 200-yard Freestyle, third in the grueling 500-yard Freestyle swim and fourth in the 200-yard Individual Medley.

David Brooks was 10th in the 200 Individual Medley.

Sheedy, a junior, and Stokes, added to the list of top 5 finishes by the Steers in the 100-yard Backstroke. They finished 3-4 in the standings, respectively.

Hughey paced the BSHS girls' squad. She won the 200-yard Individual Medley title and placed second in the 100-yard Backstroke.

She also teamed with Kendra Weeks, Meagan Matthews and Kasey Pointon to place seventh in the 200 Medley relay.

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Carrasco, Sheedy, Will Liggitt and Petrowski teamed for a second-place finish in the 200 Medley Relay, while Josh Pike, Chris Stokes and Liggitt joined him on the 400-yard Freestyle team that finished behind only Pecos.

Pike also enjoyed a good day. In addition to helping lead the 400-yard Freestyle team, he swam a leg on the

200-yard Freestyle squad that finished third. He also finished second in the 200-yard Freestyle, third in the grueling 500-yard Freestyle swim and fourth in the 200-yard Individual Medley.

David Brooks was 10th in the 200 Individual Medley.

Sheedy, a junior, and Stokes, added to the list of top 5 finishes by the Steers in the 100-yard Backstroke. They finished 3-4 in the standings, respectively.

Hughey paced the BSHS girls' squad. She won the 200-yard Individual Medley title and placed second in the 100-yard Backstroke.

She also teamed with Kendra Weeks, Meagan Matthews and Kasey Pointon to place seventh in the 200 Medley relay.

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Texans rally for win over Jags

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — The Houston Texans are learning to put a game away.

After letting late leads slip the past two games, the Texans got on top of the Jacksonville Jaguars late Sunday and stayed there, pulling out a 21-19 victory, their first since the season opener against the Dallas Cowboys.

"It was a big win obviously for us. We were in the game the whole time, exchanging leads. We just found a way to win there at the end," said Texans center Steve McKinney.

A bit of trickery helped the Texans (2-5) get the first road victory in team history against the Jaguars (3-4).

With three minutes remaining, coach Dom Capers called for punt returner Jabar Gaffney to throw back across the field to Aaron Glenn.

Glenn took the lateral and ran 42 yards through open field to give Houston the

ball at the Jacksonville 33.

Four plays later, Kris Brown connected on a 45-yard field goal with 2:11 remaining to put the Texans ahead for good.

The victory follows two tough games by the Texans, a 31-24 loss to Buffalo on Oct. 13 after leading 24-17 early in the fourth quarter, and a 34-17 loss to Cleveland on Oct. 20 after leading 14-10 in the third quarter.

Falcons 37

Saints 35

At New Orleans, the lead changed hands four times in the final 17 1/2 minutes, with the Falcons winning on Jay Feely's 47-yard field goal as time expired.

Deuce McAllister ran 16 yards for a score to put the Saints (6-2) up 35-34 with 2:20 left. That was enough time for Michael Vick, who drove Atlanta (4-3) into Feely's range.

Vick was 16-of-24 for 195 yards. He rushed for 91 yards, including a 32-yard

TD run in the fourth quarter, but left on the Falcons' final possession with thumb and shoulder injuries. He also felt sick.

Broncos 24

Patriots 16

At Foxboro, Mass., Denver (6-2) moved a half-game behind idle San Diego in the AFC West as Clinton Portis ran for 111 yards and two touchdowns, and Shannon Sharpe caught an 8-yard scoring pass.

Super Bowl champion New England (3-4) lost its fourth straight.

Denver's Brian Griese threw a touchdown pass for the 23rd consecutive game, the longest current streak in the NFL.

49ers 38

Cardinals 28

At San Francisco, Jeff Garcia passed for 252 yards and Terrell Owens caught four touchdown passes for the 49ers.

Arizona and San

Francisco were tied for first place in the NFC West, but the 49ers (5-2) scored 24 points before the second quarter was a minute old.

Owens had eight catches for 132 yards. The Cardinals (4-3) rallied in the second half, but Ronnie Heard's interception — his third of game.

Chiefs 20

Raiders 10

At Kansas City, Mo., Priest Holmes had 184 yards running and receiving to lead the Chiefs past Oakland.

Kansas City (4-4) had lost five straight to the Raiders (4-3), who have lost three in a row overall.

Oakland's Rich Gannon was 35-of-55 for 334 yards and joined Steve Young and Kurt Warner as the only players in NFL history to pass for over 300 yards in six straight games.

Redskins 26

Colts 21

At Landover, Md., Shane Matthews was 17-for-35 for 210 yards with two touchdowns and no interceptions and was sacked just once. The Redskins (3-4) broke a two-game losing streak. The Colts (4-3) have lost two straight.

Bills 24

Lions 17

At Orchard Park, N.Y., London Fletcher tackled James Stewart behind the line of scrimmage on fourth-and-inches at the Buffalo 20 with 1:52 left.

The Lions (2-5) let Buffalo (5-3) run off 17 straight points, but got into position for the tie by recovering Travis Henry's fumble at the Buffalo 29.

Buffalo's Drew Bledsoe finished 21-of-36 for 302 yards. Detroit's Joey Harrington was 20-of-42 for 199 yards.

SPORTS EXTRA

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	2	0	.714	190	143
Buffalo	5	3	0	.625	241	231
New England	3	4	0	.429	168	158
N.Y. Jets	2	5	0	.286	116	193

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	3	0	.571	145	144
Jacksonville	3	4	0	.429	147	133
Tennessee	3	4	0	.429	160	197
Houston	2	5	0	.286	104	176

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	4	3	0	.571	169	140
Cleveland	4	4	0	.500	185	172
Baltimore	3	4	0	.429	122	142
Cincinnati	0	7	0	.000	75	211

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Diego	6	1	0	.857	173	119
Denver	6	2	0	.750	207	170
Oakland	4	3	0	.571	206	165
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	259	240

NATIONAL CONFERENCE	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	4	2	0	.667	185	102
N.Y. Giants	3	3	0	.500	86	98
Washington	3	4	0	.429	141	188
Dallas	3	5	0	.375	108	146

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	256	209
Tampa Bay	6	2	0	.750	165	85
Atlanta	4	3	0	.571	167	119
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	111	117

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	6	1	0	.857	203	154
Chicago	2	5	0	.286	139	180
Detroit	2	5	0	.286	149	213
Minnesota	2	5	0	.286	162	192

West	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	5	2	0	.714	180	144
Arizona	4	3	0	.571	136	131
Seattle	2	5	0	.286	142	166
St. Louis	2	5	0	.286	139	158

Sunday's Games	Time	Location
Seattle 17, Dallas 14	8 p.m.	Seattle
Buffalo 24, Detroit 17	8 p.m.	Buffalo
Cleveland 24, N.Y. Jets 21	8 p.m.	Cleveland
Kansas City 20, Oakland 10	8 p.m.	Kansas City
Tampa Bay 12, Carolina 9	8 p.m.	Tampa Bay
Atlanta 37, New Orleans 35	8 p.m.	Atlanta
Tennessee 30, Cincinnati 24	8 p.m.	Tennessee
Minnesota 25, Chicago 7	8 p.m.	Minnesota
Pittsburgh 31, Baltimore 18	8 p.m.	Pittsburgh
San Francisco 38, Arizona 28	8 p.m.	San Francisco
Denver 24, New England 16	8 p.m.	Denver
Houston 21, Jacksonville 19	8 p.m.	Houston
Washington 26, Indianapolis 21	8 p.m.	Washington

Monday's Games	Time	Location
Chicago 17, Philadelphia 8 p.m.	8 p.m.	Chicago
N.Y. Giants at Philadelphia, 8 p.m.	8 p.m.	Philadelphia

Tuesday, Nov. 3	Time	Location
Dallas at Detroit, Noon	Noon	Detroit
Baltimore at Atlanta, Noon	Noon	Baltimore
Tennessee at Indianapolis, Noon	Noon	Indianapolis
Cincinnati at Houston, Noon	Noon	Cincinnati
Philadelphia at Chicago, Noon	Noon	Philadelphia
New England at Buffalo, Noon	Noon	New England
Minnesota at Tampa Bay, Noon	Noon	Minnesota
Pittsburgh at Cleveland, Noon	Noon	Pittsburgh
N.Y. Jets at San Diego, 3:05 p.m.	3:05 p.m.	N.Y. Jets
St. Louis at Arizona, 3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	St. Louis
Washington at Seattle, 3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	Washington
San Francisco at Oakland, 3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m.	San Francisco
Jacksonville at N.Y. Giants, 7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m.	Jacksonville

Wednesday, Nov. 4	Time	Location
Miami at Green Bay, 8 p.m.	8 p.m.	Miami

TRANSACTIONS

BASKETBALL	Association
CLEVELAND CAVALIERS	Waived G Harold Jamison and F Nick Anderson.
MINNESOTA TIMBERWOLVES	Signed G Rod Strickland.

FOOTBALL
NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE — Released DE Stain Colston. Activated WR Henry Douglas from the practice squad.
NASCAR
NASCAR Truck Series — Recalled D Sami Helenius from Utah of the AHL.
FLORIDA PANTHERS — Recalled C Jeff Toms from San Antonio of the AHL.
NASHVILLE PREDATORS — Recalled C Greg Classen from Milwaukee of the AHL.
PHOENIX COYOTES — Signed D Daron Quint to a one-year contract.
VANCOUVER CANUCKS — Recalled D Bryan Allen.

Big 12

North	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Colorado	4	0	159	73	6	2 241 163
Iowa St.	3	2	125	104	6	3 292 191
Kansas St.	2	2	133	71	6	2 339 107
Nebraska	2	2	97	104	6	3 265 197
Missouri	1	3	111	119	4	4 257 203
Kansas	0	5	98	216	2	7 221 343

South	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Oklahoma	3	0	115	51	7	0 288 92
Texas	3	1	79	74	7	1 248 106
Texas A&M	2	2	166	106	5	3 245 143
Texas Tech	2	2	130	153	5	4 314 291
Oklahoma St.	1	2	48	82	3	4 205 185
Baylor	1	3	45	151	3	5 154 281

INDIVIDUAL LEADERS	Car	Yds	Avg	YPG
Brown, Colo.	190	1303	6.9	162.9
Griffin, Okla.	120	822	6.9	117.4
Benson, Texas	205	934	4.6	116.8
Sproles, Kan St.	137	859	6.3	107.4
Lord, Neb.	156	921	5.9	102.3
Smith, Mo.	123	779	6.3	97.4
Roberson, Kan St.	111	549	4.9	78.4
Farmer, Texas A&M	149	608	4.1	76.0
Abram, Mo.	110	489	4.4	69.9
Diedrick, Neb.	123	570	4.6	63.3

Leading Passers	Att	Cp	Yds	Tds
Kingsbury, Tech	484	322	3184	28
Hybl, Okla.	169	95	1313	9
Wallace, Iowa St.	253	146	2070	12
Long, Tex A&M	221	110	1684	15
Hodge, Colo.	115	61	794	8
Simms, Texas	237	133	1642	12
Karas, Baylor	152	89	1146	5
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Smith, Mo.	253	137	1586	10
Whittmore, Kan.	305	151	1886	11

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SMITH

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first Cowboys training camp in 1990.

Now the running back whose denigrators have said he was too small and too slow has proved them wrong and reached his goal.

Smith got the record on his 20th carry Sunday, getting just enough yards to pass Payton and sustain the 1-yard loss he had on his first carry after play resumed.

After the play, Smith ran to midfield and was lifted by fullback Robert Thomas. He took the ball to the sideline and shared long hugs with former and current teammates. He and Johnston had an extended embrace.

"The reason I wanted to continue to play when I got hurt was to be on the field when he did this," said Johnston, who overcame a neck injury before retiring in 1999. "Being on the sidelines, with him today was absolutely tremendous, the highlight of my career."

Smith had four more car-



NFL Career Rushing Leaders	No.	Yards	Avg.
1. Emmitt Smith	3,929	16,743	4.3
2. Walter Payton	3,638	16,726	4.4
3. Barry Sanders	3,092	15,260	5.0
4. Eric Dickerson	2,966	13,259	4.4
5. Tony Stewart	2,936	12,739	4.3
6. Jim Brown	2,359	12,312	5.2
7. Marcus Allen	3,022	12,243	4.1
8. Franco Harris	2,949	12,120	4.1
9. Thurman Thomas	2,877	12,074	4.2
10. Johniggins	2,916	11,392	3.9
11. O.J. Simpson	2,404	11,236	4.7
12. Jerome Bettis	2,769	11,202	4.0

ries after the record run, all on the same drive. After the 1-yard loss, he exploded for 14 yards — his sixth carry

of at least 10 yards — and had consecutive 1-yard runs, the second his 150th career rushing TD, extending his own NFL record and tying the game at 14.

Seattle then drove for Rian Lindell's 20-yard field goal with 25 seconds left, but it was still Smith's day.

"Today is a special day for me, my family and the Payton family," Smith said. "Because without Payton doing what he did in the National Football League and representing all he represented, he wouldn't have given a young man like myself a dream, something to shoot after and a person to look up to and try to emulate in every way possible." Now everybody else will be shooting to break Emmitt's record.

TENNIS

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and the fact that we were able to take so many games against them puts us in a good position for spring."

Jay Shroff took seven games off defending state champion Andrew Ulrich, bettering his mark against him last spring by several

games. The No. 1 girl's doubles duo of Villarreal and Partee fought to a 7-5, 7-5 loss against Wichita Falls' No. 1 team. Lauren Chesworth and Jessica Rodriguez lost their first set in doubles action, but came back to win the second set, 6-4.

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Friday, Nov. 1
Black & Gold Day-Shout For The Steers In Black & Gold
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Activities
Thursday Oct. 29
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Friday Nov. 1
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Homecoming Parade- 4:30 p.m.
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In this cause, it appearing to
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DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip panel showing two boys talking.

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip panel showing a boy with a backpack.

HAGAR comic strip panel showing a character being outnumbered.

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GEECH comic strip panel showing a character looking at bugs.

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HI AND LOIS comic strip panel showing two characters talking.

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GASOLINE ALLEY comic strip panel showing a character in a kitchen.

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RING comic strip panel showing a character talking.

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SNUFFY SMITH comic strip panel showing a character with a peacock.

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