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Big Spring's Steers defeated Canyon Randall 34-28 Friday night in Lubbock to win a bi-district crown. The Steers vie for the area title Saturday in Artesia, N.M. against the El Paso Ysleta Indians.

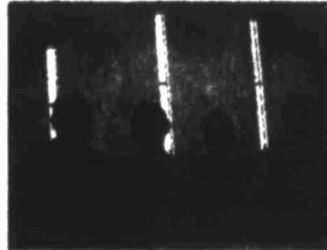
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Shoplifting: Local merchants deal with the crime on a daily basis. Most businesses prosecute shoplifters, no matter what their age or the amount stolen.

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The hard-working members of Midway Baptist Church will dedicate a new building today.

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Duncan won't seek to fill Combest's seat

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor
U.S. Rep. Larry Combest's recent announcement that he will vacate his congressional seat has stirred interest from Lubbock, Odessa and Midland but the man who many considered as the frontrunner for

the post isn't interested.

"I don't think it's the right time for me to make a change or a move," State Rep. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock said Friday. "I will not be in that race."

Duncan said he still has unfinished business at the state level.

"There remain many issues critical to both our region and our state that must be addressed during the 78th Legislature."

State Sen. Robert Duncan, R-Lubbock



"When I was elected to serve in the Texas Senate in 1996, my goal was to

strengthen the bonds in West Texas and expand its influence. Through initiatives

such as Ports-to-Plains and statewide water planning, we're well on our way. But this job is not complete," he said.

"There remain many issues critical to both our region and our state that must be addressed during the 78th Our

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state budget, water, transportation, medical malpractice reform, public education and higher education will each have

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Cooking up something great

Winners named in the Herald's annual contest

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The results are in and Suzanne Haney's Chicken Dressing Casserole carried off the top prize.

The event is the third annual Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook recipe contest, and judges had a smorgasbord of home cooking favorites to choose from.

Big Spring's culinary experts judged written entries in seven categories Nov. 7, when they narrowed the choices down to between two and four finalists in each category. Haney's chicken dressing made the final round of judging as "Herald's Choice," chosen by Big Spring Herald employees, while Mamie Lee Dodds' "Honey Braised Chicken" made the finals as "Judges Choice."



Suzanne Haney, overall champion of the third annual Big Spring Herald Holiday Cookbook recipe contest, displays her prize-winning chicken dressing casserole. The cookbook will appear in the Nov. 24 issue of the Herald.

Thursday, judges met at Gale's Sweet Shop to taste test the finalists' entries.

Category winners and their prizes include:

• Appetizers: "Texas Caviar" by Jowili

Etchison. Amethyst earrings from Chaney's See CONTEST, Page 3A

Howard College registration set Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Howard College will begin registering students for spring semester classes on Monday at the campus' Student Assistance Center.

"Our students have given us great feedback about our extended registration process," said Ann Duncan, director of enrollment management. "We continue to urge students to secure those courses early to avoid closed classes."

Registration will be held from 8:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Mondays through Thursdays and from 8:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Fridays. The college will register students

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through Tuesday, Nov. 26, and then close for the Thanksgiving holidays. Registration will resume on Dec. 2 through Dec. 6.

The Student Assistant Center, centrally located in the campus' main administration building at 1001 Birdwell Lane, is where stu-

dents may begin the admission and registration process. Students may also turn in or check on their financial aid status at the center as well as be advised on a schedule of classes.

Entering college freshmen who have never attended another institution of higher education should bring a copy of their high school transcript or GED. College students who are enrolling at Howard College for the first time should bring transcripts of all institutions of higher education the student has attended.

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Children's Book Week

Howard County Library definitely going to the birds

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Special visitors will be flying into the Howard County Library this week as part of several activities planned during National Children's Book Week.

Representatives from the Lubbock South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center, a federal and state licensed sanctuary, will present a program on area birds of prey at 4:30 p.m. Friday at the library, 500 S. Main.

The program will feature a Golden Eagle named Sirren, a Great Horned Owl named BU2 and a Peregrine Falcon named

INFORMATION

What: National Children's Book Week.

Where: Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

When: 10 a.m. Wednesday, 4:30 p.m. Thursday and Friday.

Empress.

"This is a perfect opportunity for people of all ages to come down and see the work these people do," said Howard County Children's Librarian Karen McIntyre. "Then they can come

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Swooping in for a visit to the Howard County Library, this immature red-tail hawk is a little nervous of the environment and of Karen McIntyre, the Howard County children's librarian, pictured left. Holding the hawk is local licensed rehabilitator Bebe McCasland.

FM 700 Construction to re-route motorists all day Tuesday

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Take the service road Tuesday.

Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) officials have announced that a portion of South FM 700 will be closed to traffic on Tuesday. The road will be closed as workers pour the deck on the new turnaround bridge at South FM 700 and U.S. 87.

The work was originally scheduled for Monday, but the closure has been postponed until Tuesday because of Friday's rain. Motorists should be inconvenienced for one day.

"We'll be setting up around 7:30 a.m. and expect to be down at 5 p.m. if everything goes to schedule," said Brian Klinksiek, TxDOT engineering assistant. "We'll be closing both the east bound and west bound lanes of FM 700, basically from Goliad on the east to Wasson Road on the west."

Motorists should plan to use the service road.

Klinksiek said work on the turnaround is more than three-quarters completed. A revised completion date for the entire FM 700 project hasn't been determined yet, however. Rains in recent weeks have caused delays in the \$1.66 million pro-

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Helen Margaret Doll



Helen Margaret Doll, 83, went to be with her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Friday, Nov. 15, 2002 at her residence.

She was born Helen Berggren on Jan. 6, 1919, to Elmer and Lettie Berggren near Monument, Kan.

Funeral service will be Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2002, at 11 a.m. at the First Church Of The Nazarene with the Rev. Roger Huff, pastor, officiating and the Rev. Lynn Robertson. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She grew up on the family farm during the depression on the outskirts of Oakley, Kan., and after helping raise a large family of brothers and sisters went on to become a country school teacher.

She taught first through eighth grades for many years and went to work for Boeing Aircraft during World War II in Wichita, Kan., building bombers.

She married Joseph John Doll on Dec. 29, 1955, and soon had two sons, John in 1957 and Alan in 1959.

Her husband, Joseph John, was a church planter and pastor and planted many churches in the Kansas, Oklahoma and Colorado area for the Pilgrim Holiness Church.

She became an ordained elder in the church herself and served by his side. After his death, she continued to serve in ministry and still held Elders orders in the Wesleyan denomination until the time of her death.

She served the Nazarene Church in Big Spring in many areas from 1979 until the present, especially in the areas of missions director, church board secretary and Sunday school teacher.

Her greatest passion was the World Mission field but had a great concern for the lost everywhere.

She had worked as chief deputy tax assessor for about 20 and a half years and felt like she knew and loved everyone in Howard County.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Joseph John in 1973 and her youngest son, Alan in 1994.

Survivors include her son, John Doll and his wife, Wilma; grandson, Brian Doll and his wife, Corrie; and great-grandson, Joseph; a granddaughter, Licia Robertson and her husband Richard, all of Big Spring; and her oldest grandson, Dr. David Doll and his wife, Crystal; and great-granddaughters, Alicia and Kara of Odessa.

The family suggests memorials made to World Missions or Children's Ministry Programs c/o First Church Of The Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster St., Big Spring 79720.

Paid obituary

Michael Dominic Rodriguez

Funeral service for Michael Dominic Rodriguez, 2 months old, of Big Spring was at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 16, 2002, at Sunset Memorial Chapel in Odessa with Deacon Alan Neff officiating. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Michael died Wednesday, Nov. 13, at a Fort Worth hospital.

He is survived by his parents, Johnny Rodriguez and Natalie Redman of Big Spring; one sister, Kayleigh Rodriguez of Big Spring; his maternal grandmother, Loraine Redman of Garland; and paternal grandparents Joe and Gloria Rodriguez of Big Spring.

Lucina A. Moffitt

Lucina A. Moffitt, born Sept. 14, 1909, in Brooklyn, N.Y., died on Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2002, in San Antonio.

She was born to Paul and Lenore Ackerly. Paul Ackerly founded Ackerly in 1923. Most of her formative years were spent in Connecticut. She graduated from Wells College in Aurora, N.Y. in 1930, and then taught in a missionary school in Turkey for two years.

She married John V. Moffitt in 1943, and together they had three sons. The family moved to San Antonio in 1953, where she resided ever since.

An avid dog enthusiast, Mrs. Moffitt was an honorary life member of the San Antonio Dog Training Club and Alamo Area Shetland Sheepdog Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband.

She is survived by her sons Bill Moffitt and his wife, Michele, of Kerrville, Fred Moffitt of Austin and David Moffitt of San Antonio; grandchildren are Brian Moffitt of Fairfax, Va. and Heidi Moffitt of Austin.

Private services were held. Interment is in Grove Hill Cemetery in Rockville, Conn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions be made to a charity of one's choice. Arrangements with Porter Loring of San Antonio.

Paid obituary

Miguel Mata

Funeral service for Miguel Mata, 76, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mr. Mata died on Saturday, Nov. 16, in a Lubbock hospital.

Meetings

Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees
7 p.m. Monday
Forsan ISD trustees will meet in the board room.
On the agenda:
• Consider Elbow Elementary PAT Donation.
• Consider Gifted and Talented program manual/plan.
• Hear G/T coordinator report.

Coahoma Independent School District Board of Trustees
7 p.m. Monday
Trustees for the Coahoma school district will meet in the board room of the administration building, 600 Main Street, Coahoma.

Police blotter

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

• **MARIAN ANN DAVIS**, 33, of 1511 Wood was arrested on a charge of possession of drug paraphernalia and for unlawful possession of dangerous drugs.

• **ESPERANZA ELENA PORRAS**, 47, of 3304 W. Highway 80 was arrested for local warrants.

• **ERIN MICHELLE ARCHER**, 25, of 1202 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of disorderly conduct — language.

• **JOE RODRIGUEZ**, 30, of 101 E. 24th was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury family violence.

• **JENNIFER LEE HILL**, 19, of Stanton was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **WAYLON TRAVIS OUTLAW**, 20, of Lubbock was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

• **ANDY YBARRA**, 30, of 1315 Mesa was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

• **MEL ANTHONY ALMAZAN**, 22, of 613 Elgin was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 2400 block of South Runnels and the 3600 block of Hamilton.

• **FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTITUTE** reported at a convenience store in the 400 block of South Gregg St.

Support groups

SUNDAY

☐ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting from 5 p.m. to 6 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.

☐ Encourager's Support Group (all widows and widowers are invited); 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels Streets (ener through north door). Will be having a Thanksgiving covered dish dinner and fellowship. Turkey will be provided, bring any dish to go with the turkey. For more information call, 398-5522

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

☐ 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 263-8920.

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, closed meeting 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ Al-ANON, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

☐ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

☐ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

☐ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles 12 p.m. to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking Meeting Celebrating AA Sobriety Yearly Birthdays, 615 Settles the last Saturday of every month covered dish supper at 7 p.m. Birthday meeting at 8 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@ccroom.net.

TUESDAY

The RSVP Advisory Council meeting will be at 3 p.m. at the RSVP Office, 501 Runnels.

A reception honoring Loren Spencer on his retirement from the Big Spring Independent School District after 38 years of service is set for 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Library.

WEDNESDAY

Big Spring Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

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

The West Texas Republican Club will meet for their regular monthly meeting today at noon at La Posada Restaurant. Interested Republicans and candidates are welcome to attend.

Line dancing at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park.
For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

Big Spring Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Cactus Room at the Dora Roberts Student Center at Hoard College.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

Aquatic Arthritis classes held at 2 p.m. in the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

The Big Spring High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the BSHS Choir Room. All parents of choir students are encouraged to attend.

Masonic Lodge 598 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

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

FRIDAY

Duplicate Bridge Club meets at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

Take note

☐ **THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM**, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. To volunteer, call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

☐ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster/adoptive families call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

☐ **PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY** of Howard College is having a silent auction and rummage sale on Wednesday as a fund-raiser for Relay for Life.

The benefit is scheduled from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Student Union Building on campus.

PTK is accepting donated items for the event and will arrange pick-up, if needed. There is also a drop-off location on the back side of the Occupational building, across from Memorial Stadium and adjacent to the baseball field. It is open Monday from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

For information or questions, call 664-4553 or 264-5615 or leave a message at 263-3274.

☐ **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.

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Howard Cott are on a tour about comm Tuesday, the Scenic Mountain Center, where students Key Bobbi Breyer "Playing With The students about X-rays and identifying had been X-ray departments taught not to their ears, hold their hands to germs and the of diet and exercise made Ants on celery sticks butter and ran got to eat the learned that a doctor can be At right, Dr. Rutledge visit of the children

CONTEST

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Jewelry, \$71 value.
• Casserole "Dressing" by Earhart. Good pan with lid. Crystal Kite value.

• Entrees: "Soup" by L. Thanksgiving from Faye's value.

• Salads: "Salad" by J. Christmas from Dakota \$50 value.

• Breads: "Muffins" by Bernier. \$25 cate from the Mall.

• Desserts: "Pecan Pie" by Gay. Dinner from KC Steakhous.

• Miscellaneous: "Bowl" by Floral wreath Tommy's Tr value.

Dodds won two dinner Cowboy's Ste submitting T Choice, which overall winner an oak curio of Allan's Furn \$388.

Other finalists Mary Lou Charlotte Me Gladden, S Linda Frya

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Howard Cottage children are on a tour, learning about community helpers. Tuesday, the group was at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, where radiology students Kevin Jones and Bobbi Breyman presented "Playing With X-raying." The students found out about X-rays by looking at and identifying items that had been X-rayed. In other departments they were taught not to put things in their ears, how to wash their hands to get rid of germs and the importance of diet and exercise. They made Ants on a Log — celery sticks with peanut butter and raisins — and got to eat them, and also learned that visiting the doctor can be fun. At right, Dr. Cynthia Rutledge visits with some of the children.



Courtesy photos.

CONTEST

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Jewelry, \$71 value.

- Casseroles: "Squash Dressing" by Dorothy Earhart. Gourmet grill pan with lid from Gaze Crystal Kitchen, \$100 value.
- Entrees: "Albondigas Soup" by Linda Stapel. Thanksgiving centerpiece from Faye's Flowers, \$50 value.
- Salads: "Broccoli Salad" by Joyce Ditto. Christmas centerpiece from Dakota's Flowers, \$50 value.
- Breads: "Pecan Pie Muffins" by Wanda Bernier. \$25 gift certificate from the Big Spring Mall.
- Desserts: "Pumpkin Pecan Pie" by Shirley Gay. Dinner for Two from KC Steakhouse.
- Miscellaneous: "Noel Bowl" by Jan Sloan. Floral wreath from Tommye's Treasures, \$25 value.

Dodds won a sirloin for two dinner from Cowboy's Steakhouse for submitting the Judges' Choice, while Haney's overall winner netted her an oak curio cabinet from Allan's Furniture worth \$388.

Other finalists include Mary Lou Digby, Charlotte Melton, Hellen Gladden, Sue Tindol, Linda Fryar, Roberta

The Big Spring Herald Holiday-Cookbook will appear in the newspaper Nov. 24 and in the Howard County Buyers' Guide Nov. 27. Those interested can also purchase individual recipes at the Herald office, 710 S. Scurry St., after publication of the cookbook.

Cowley, Gloria McDonald, Fran Jansch, Jean Smith, Clementine Porter, Betty Farmer and Lisa Emerson.

Judges for the event were Gale Pittman, owner of Gale's Sweet Shop; Pauline Nelson, home-

maker; JoAnn Smoot, Big Spring Independent School District food service director; Liz Adamson, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive assistant; Rusty Salmon, Big Spring Country Club chef; Lisa Brooks, KBST news anchor; and Dene Sheppard, Mary Kay Cosmetics independent sales director.

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A special thank-you to her care-givers, Linda Ortiz, the staff of Mountain View Lodge and Odyssey Health Care.

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ject. When the project is finally complete, all traffic on the north frontage road will travel west only, while traffic on the south frontage road will travel east. An exception will be the section of the south frontage road west of U.S. 87. It will remain two-way.

Traffic moving west along FM 700 will be able to head back east by taking the turnaround, adjacent to the U.S. 87 bridge.

Brooks, Barbara Brumley of Wells Fargo and a representative of the Big Spring Fire Department will read some favorite children's books.

"We hope the everyone will take a few minutes to read to a child because reading opens up worlds of knowledge," McIntyre said.

More information about the Lubbock wildlife rehabilitation center can be found on the net at www.spwrc.org.

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

procedure. Payment arrangements may be made through installment contract, credit card payment, check or cash at the business office. An average student tuition and fees for one semester is \$550, Duncan added.

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BOOKS

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upstairs and read more about the animals." The program will also feature local wildlife rehabilitator Melaine Gambrell who will be bringing some of her critters from her local rehabilitation refuge.

Friday's event will cap a week of activities to celebrate the 83rd annual nation-wide promotion of children's literature by the American Library Association.

"This year's theme is BOOK-TIME," McIntyre said. "We want everyone to read to a child either their own or borrow one because Books Open Our Kids To Incredible, Marvelous Excitement."

McIntyre will be busy visiting public school students Monday and Tuesday to promote reading. The librarian will read to children during their library time.

Children will create a turkey craft, enjoy treats and listen to a special story during story time at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the library.

Theodore, the cantankerous puppet, will be back with his friends in a special hour-long show at 4:30 p.m. Thursday. Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, KBYG newscaster Brian Michaelz, KBST news reporter Lisa

COLLEGE

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Duncan encourages those who do not have the documents to begin the admission process.

Those who have not taken the Texas Academic Skills Program test, a requirement for most entering students, can receive assistance at the center on the testing

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- Tuck Everlasting (PG)
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- Jackass: The Movie (R)
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- Dakota's
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- Barbies
- This & That

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OUR VIEWS

Reading can be enjoyable for children

Achieving success is always easier when the task is fun. No one knows that better than Howard County Library employees, who have planned a festive array of activities to celebrate National Children's Book Week this week.

First, librarian Karen McIntyre will be visiting public school students on Monday and Tuesday to promote the importance of reading. Younger children will get a treat at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the public library when they create a turkey craft, enjoy treats and listen to a special tale during story time. Then, beginning at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, the cantankerous puppet Theodore and his friends will put on a special hour-long show for children. Local celebrities have also donated their time to read some favorite children's books.

On Friday, representatives from the South Plains Wildlife Rehabilitation Center will visit the library at 4:30 p.m. to present a program on area birds of prey. The program will feature a local wildlife rehabilitator and other animals of interest to the children.

It's a week of fun-filled, exciting activities all designed for one purpose — to let children know that reading is not only enjoyable but can open entire new worlds to them.

We hope you will join the library's effort by making sure your child can attend as many of the activities as possible. Equally as important, take time to read to your child or with your child this week. Reading is important throughout life, and among the best building blocks are children's books.

Join in this 83rd annual promotion of children's literature. Let's make sure our young ones have the right tools to make them successful adults.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
Just a heartfelt "thanks" to all of you who came to the Stampede on Saturday, Nov. 9, for our 56 years of Music in the Nix Family and the 7th annual tribute to Hoyle and Ben Nix.

It just couldn't have been any better. It was like old times, the Stampede was running over, it was wall to wall. My Texas Cowboys did a great job as always, and the Pioneer West Texas Cowboys just played their hearts out, all of them now with the exception of one or two are in their 70s and one is in his 80s. The music was great.

This is a labor of love for me to be able to do this in honor of my father and uncle, to preserve some history and to keep the legacy going.

We had people from all over the state there with us. They came from Pampa, Lubbock, O'Donnell, Lamesa, Snyder, Colorado City, Stanton, Tarzan, Odessa, Midland, Garden City, San Angelo, San Antonio, Sweetwater, Coahoma, Abilene, Garland, Waco, Houston, Tatum, N.M., and countless people from right here in Big Spring.

Thanks to John Moseley at the *Big Spring Herald* for the nice feature story, and to John Weeks at KBST for the radio spot and Lisa Brooks for the news story.

Most people danced, some stood and watched, others took pictures and some shed a tear or two. Thanks for reliving the music and the memories.

JODY NIX
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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Let us ask ourselves, Lord, if this was our last day on this earth, where are we going?

Amen

High CEO pay is costing us big time

CHRIS HARTMAN

Guest Columnist
Excessive CEO pay has always been seen as unfair. But now it's becoming clear that those bloated CEO pay packages actually cost the rest of us some serious money.

The explosion in CEO pay during the 1990s was fueled by stock options. In 1990, the average American CEO made \$2 million a year. But after rolling in stock options for 10 years, the average corporate chief was raking in \$13 million a year.

Those stock options were supposed to align the interests of CEOs and shareholders. But by granting CEOs huge blocks of options, firms gave CEOs an incentive to pump up their stock prices by whatever means necessary. Layoffs were a popular stock-gouging device in the 1990s. As the stock market faltered, some companies turned to cooking the books.

A new report has now found a correlation between high CEO pay and aggressive accounting. According to the report, top executives at Enron, WorldCom, Tyco, and 20 other companies currently under federal investigation for their accounting practices earned an average of \$62.2 million over the last three years. That's 70 percent more than the average of \$36.5 million for all leading executives.

All told, the CEOs at the 23 firms under investigation pocketed \$1.4 billion over the last three years. Meanwhile, their shareholders are dealing with massive losses. Between January 1, 2001, and July 31, 2002, the value of shares at these 23 firms

plunged by \$530 billion. Workers at these companies have taken it on the chin as well. Since January 2001, those 23 companies have laid off 162,000 workers.

But the costs of high CEO pay are not only felt by shareholders and laid-off workers. Taxpayers also bear a burden. Incredible as it may seem, corporations keep two different sets of books, one they show to their shareholders and one they show to the government for tax purposes. A recent Internal Revenue Service study found that the income corporations report to shareholders was 24 percent higher than the income reported to the government.

How can this be? Once again, the trusty stock option is at the center of the action. Companies are not required to show a stock option expense in the earnings statements they release to shareholders. But what's good for the goose is apparently not good for the gander. When an employee cashes in his stock options, the gain does show up as an expense on the company's tax return, reducing the total tax due. These stock option deductions cost taxpayers an estimated \$56 billion in 2000. That's \$194 for every single person in the country.

This stock option tax dodge isn't a new discovery. Senator Carl Levin of Michigan has been trying to get corporations to expense stock options since the early 1990s. He recently introduced a bill with Senator John McCain of Arizona that would require that companies show the same set of books to shareholders and

the government.

In 1994, Levin almost got a similar bill passed. But he was defeated at the last moment by an overwhelming barrage of corporate lobbyists. Had it passed, the bill might have discouraged the use of stock options, removing a powerful incentive for executives to cook the books. Who knows? Maybe the stock market bubble, and the crash, might have been averted.

Notions of fairness get short shrift when it comes to economics. Market fundamentalists scoff at those who argue that, regardless of how well a company or the stock market appears to be doing, it is simply "unfair" that CEOs are making 400 times as much as workers.

But it turns out that the CEO-worker wage gap was like a warning light on the U.S. economy's dashboard, flashing "unfair - unfair - unfair." If investors had heeded that warning light, they might have pulled over and checked the engine. Perhaps they would have probed into the accounting treatment of stock options, and how those options set up incentives that put their own investments at risk. Maybe they would have questioned the sky-high value of the stock market itself.

If we're smart, next time we'll pay more attention to that "unfair" warning light and get the economy repaired before we're stuck with another trillion-dollar repair bill.

Chris Hartman is research director of United for a Fair Economy. For more information, visit: www.FairEconomy.org.



China undermines Mexican economy

You're tempted to say that those who live by exploited, cheap labor die by it. It's hard to feel any sympathy for Mexico's maquiladora program, which has been bleeding jobs — about 287,000 of them, according to an article in The New York Times. Most of them have gone to China, Thailand or Vietnam.



CHARLEY REESE

The maquiladora program itself is one of the most insane ideas ever hatched in the halls of Washington, D.C. It encouraged American manufacturers to move their facilities to Mexico with the promise that they could ship the goods across the border duty-free. It has cost Americans tens of thousands of good blue collar jobs.

Now Mexico's \$2-an-hour employees are losing out to China's employees making 50 cents an hour to \$1 an hour (benefits included). As

far as anybody in Mexico, China or Washington is concerned, America's \$9-an-hour-and-up employees can just go on welfare or compete with illegal immigrants for low-pay service jobs.

I have long argued that so-called free trade today does not mean what free trade meant in the 19th century. Free trade in the 19th century simply meant not using protective tariffs to help American industry. Incidentally, the people of the Confederacy were chief proponents of free trade in those days and were opposed by Northern manufacturers, who wanted high tariffs. That issue was more of a factor in the War Between the States than slavery.

What has changed has been the rise of the multinational corporations that want to be free to pursue cheap labor wherever it is. They can do that as long as the products made by cheap labor can come into the United States duty-free or almost duty-free. Thus, the issue facing us, largely ignored, is not protecting American manufacturers so much as it is protecting American manufacturing

jobs. The maquiladora program shows how ineffective America's labor movement is, as well as how the Democratic Party has abandoned the American workingman and -woman. That was a program that should have been aborted. The labor leadership, however, was too infected with socialists who were willing to trade American jobs for government programs. The corporations, which already owned the Republican Party, have bought the Democratic Party. The average American working Joe and working Jill are left without representation, although the illusion is maintained.

In the long run, America cannot sustain its prosperity with an economy of financiers, government workers and service jobs. Nor can millionaire socialists provide the leadership necessary to turn the situation around.

What we need is a two-tier system of tariffs. There is no need to protect General Motors from Toyota or DaimlerChrysler. Japan and Germany are developed industrial countries with labor costs as

high as or higher than ours. At the same time, there is no need to allow Nike to make shoes in an Asian sweatshop for \$5 a pair and then import them duty-free to the United States to sell for \$125. A \$100-a-pair tariff might persuade Nike that Americans can make shoes just as well as the poor people in Asia. In other words, we should have free trade insofar as foreign-made, foreign-owned products are concerned, but also high tariffs on products once made in the United States but now made in cheap-labor countries.

The present system is rationalized by claiming that it benefits the consumer, but the low cost of labor is not passed on to the consumer. It just adds to the profits of the greedy and unpatriotic corporation. Bluejeans are made in Central American sweatshops for \$3 a pair. Have you seen any in the stores selling for, say, \$6 a pair? Of course not. But even if lower costs were passed along to American consumers, that would be more than offset by the higher taxes necessary to support the unemployed American workers.



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Report: Craddick helped push exclusive rules favoring Cap Rock Energy

FORT WORTH (AP) — State Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, helped to create in the state's deregulation law exclusive rules that gave a hometown utility an edge over the state's other electric companies, the Fort Worth Star-Telegram reported Saturday.



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Craddick is the longest-serving House member at 33 years. The 59-year-old announced last week he has the support to become the chamber's first Republican speaker in more than a century when the Legislature convenes in January.

He would replace current Speaker Pete Laney, a Democrat from Hale Center who has served in

PUC could make decision soon on conversion request

HERALD Staff Report

The Public Utility Commission's decision regarding Cap Rock Energy could come as early as Thursday. First, however, is another public comment period Monday.

Monday's hearing will allow one last opportunity for citizens and groups to express support or opposition to Cap Rock's plans to become an investor-owned company rather than a cooperative.

Opposition to the move has come from legal staff for the PUC, the St. Lawrence Cotton Growers, Texas Farm Bureau, the Texas Cotton Ginners Association and other consumer

groups.

The St. Lawrence association has charged that Cap Rock is in "desperate need of full state regulation" and that it is currently engaging in an "Enron-like situation."

Texas Cotton Ginners Association alleges Cap Rock management has a "history of self-dealing and deception" and has been "extremely mismanaged," including incurring huge losses in investments in its last five years of operation.

OPC, the state agency charged with representing residential and small business consumers, has told the PUC

Ethics Commission. "the smell test," the newspaper reported.

No one has accused Craddick of violating Friday, through a state law, although a government watchdog said such dealings don't pass

Friday, through a spokesman, Craddick See **CRADDICK**, Page 6A

the post for 10 years.

A Craddick spokesman acknowledged on Friday that the lawmaker received more than \$28,000 for brokering a mineral-rights purchase for a subsidiary of the Midland utility, but said there was no connection

between that payment and the deregulation law.

Records also indicate that Craddick entered into a land deal with a businessman associated with the utility.

The utility company, now known as Cap Rock Energy, also hired

Craddick's daughter, Christi, to lobby on its behalf, according to documents from the Texas

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significant impact on our area. I intend to see that these issues are met head-on so that West Texas can grow and thrive.

"My work in the Texas Legislature is not finished."

Combest, 57, said Tuesday he was stepping down from the 19th District seat he has held since 1984 to spend more time with his family.

The announcement that he will resign May 31 came a week after he won re-election to a 10th term representing Texas' 19th District. After he steps down, Texas Gov. Rick

Perry must order a special election, which has to take place 36 to 50 days after the election is ordered.

"Congressman Larry Combest has worked hard for our region for 18 years, and he will be missed," said Duncan.

"However, I trust that whomever follows will continue his good work, and I look forward to working with the next United States representative from District 19."

Duncan said he has spoken to about 20 people who are considering running for Combest's seat but declined to name any of them. The state con-

gressman said his concern is that the race may become a competition between Lubbock and the Midland-Odessa area, or urban versus rural.

"It is indeed a regional position and that person needs to be responsive to all the needs of all the people in the region," Duncan said. "We need to stick together as a region."

The Associated Press contributed to this article.

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Forrest named Volunteer of Year for ACS Howard-Glasscock Unit

HERALD Staff Report

For a dozen years, JoAnne Forrest has tirelessly served the American Cancer Society. Those efforts were recognized last week as she was named ACS Volunteer of the Year

FORREST

for the Howard-Glasscock Unit.

"JoAnne is passionate for finding a cure for cancer and has a spirit for this organization that is contagious. She makes everyone want to do more," said Diane Wood, Relay for Life chair. "She has a personal stake in a cure because her daughter is a cancer survivor, but gives 100 percent of herself for all those affected by cancer."

Forrest has served on the Howard-Glasscock board

since retiring 12 years ago. She has held several offices that include president for the past three years. She also represented the unit at the annual meeting in Austin for two years.

Forrest has served as luminaria chair for the Relay for Life ever since it started in Big Spring eight years ago. She also helps in other ways with the annual fund-raiser.

In addition, she is serving her second year on the Region 5 Relay for Life

Council, which is responsible for training and mentoring Relay chairpersons in the West Texas area.

"JoAnne has touched many lives in this community through her willingness to help others," said Wood.

Forrest's honor came during the Howard-Glasscock Unit's annual volunteer luncheon. Among those present were local board members, Relay for Life committee members, Road to Recovery drivers, Relay team captains

and others with the American Cancer Society.

Special guest was Mark Edmiston, associate vice president of the Texas Relay for Life Business Unit. He presented statistics about Relay activities and congratulated the local unit on the success of being named No. 1 in the state this year and raising \$163,533.

Joni Young, executive director for the Midland

Cluster 81, announced final figures for the Howard-Glasscock Unit for the 2001-2002 year. She noted that 209 patients were served, 4,448 adults and 2,900 youth were reached through education and 750 women were screened through the breast screening project funded by the Dora Roberts Foundation.

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denied any wrongdoing.

The Star-Telegram reported that it obtained internal company documents in which Cap Rock said Craddick agreed to sit "on the stock company board, as well as the subsidiary that will operate in the oil and gas industry." It praises Craddick and his lobbyist daughter, among others, for giving Cap Rock a "fair advantage" over all other Texas electric companies.

"The credit for this victory of getting favorable wording into the bill also goes to Tom and Christi Craddick," says a 1999 Cap Rock performance review. "No one gave us any chance of pulling this off and we feel we did the impossible."

Through a spokesman, Craddick acknowledged that the company offered him a board position, but said he turned it down. Craddick said his only business dealings with Cap Rock is his brokerage of a 1998 mineral deal with a subsidiary.

At first, the Star-Telegram reported, Craddick's spokesman denied that Craddick carried any amendments related to Cap Rock. But confronted with documents showing otherwise, the spokesman said the 33-year veteran lawmaker sponsored "clean-up" language.

"He did it (sponsored the amendment) on behalf of the ratepayers," spokesman Bill Miller said. "(And) they (Cap Rock officials) did ask him to be on the board, but he turned them down. They mentioned it, and he said 'I'm not interested.'"

Consumer groups say there is little benefit to ratepayers within the Cap Rock-specific section of

the deregulation law. They also say the amendment offered by Craddick gives even greater advantage to the Midland company.

In essence, special language in the deregulation law allows Cap Rock — and only Cap Rock — wide freedom to set its own rates, but with simultaneous protection from would-be competitors. No other privately owned utility in Texas enjoys such regulatory treatment.

Cap Rock president David Pruitt distanced the company from claims in its own internal 1999 performance review. The review claims close ties to Craddick and his daughter, Christi, who did not return repeated phone calls Friday, the Star-Telegram reported.

In the review, the company notes that "Craddick is ... willing to be on the stock company board, as well as the subsidiary that will operate in the oil and gas industry." In a separate section, the document references the creation of a subsidiary deal that could benefit Craddick.

Pruitt said those deals never came to fruition.

"This performance review ... has what-if's type of stuff, and different possible scenarios," said Pruitt. "He (Craddick) is our state rep, and he helped us. We talked to him about being on the board, but he wouldn't do it. He said no."

Documents on file in Midland and Ector counties indicate Craddick entered into a 1995 land deal with businessman Gene Drummond, who is also listed as a registered agent for a Cap Rock subsidiary. Drummond said on Friday that he was part of a three-way trade

on ranch property that involved Craddick.

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that Cap Rock's total losses in failed mismanagement investments is more than \$26 million. The OPC has also alleged that members of the Cap Rock Cooperative "have been defrauded" of \$40 million in asset interest with the proposed conversion of Cap Rock from a cooperative into an investor-owned utility.

Two Administrative Law judges have recommended the transfer be approved, but recommended a number of conditions — among them that Cap Rock would substantially reduce its management and administrative expenses and that it be prohibited from attempting any future acquisitions without PUC approval.

Lamar Electric files suit Lamar Electric Cooperative Association has filed suit in 62nd District Court in Paris, Texas, on Oct. 30, seeking a declaratory judgment that the cooperative is not liable for any of Cap Rock's expenses incurred in an attempted merger of the two companies.

Lamar had notified Cap Rock on Oct. 22 that it was pulling out of negotiations to merge the cooperatives.

"We were disappointed to receive the original letter from Lamar and even more disappointed that they have taken this action," said Cap Rock CEO David W. Pruitt. He said Cap Rock will take appropriate action to enforce the company's rights under the Agreement to Combine.

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By LYNDEL MO
Staff Writer

Eight area high school seniors where Wednesday as Spring Morning Club's present Outstanding awards.

Each student is based on their academic achievement, community service, curricular participation. The recipients honored during morning breakfast.

Big Spring High students are Lasater, the daughter of Jim and Geri La Christopher Ry the son of Edw Vela.

Lasater has student council president, president of the Patriotism club. She is involved in numerous school activities, including Key Club, Spanish and National Society. Her high athletic career being a member of the city basketball team.

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Morning Optimist Club presents outstanding youth awards

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

Eight area high school seniors were honored Wednesday as the Big Spring Morning Optimist Club's presented its Outstanding Youth awards.

Each student was selected based on their academic achievements, community service and extra-curricular participation.

The recipients were honored during the club's morning breakfast meeting.

Big Spring High School students are Amanda Lasater, the daughter of Jim and Geri Lasater, and Christopher Ryan Vela, the son of Edwin and Jan Vela.

Lasater has served as student council vice president, president and chair of the Pride and Patriotism committee. She is involved with numerous school-related activities, including the Key Club, Spanish Club and National Honor Society. Her high school athletic career includes being a member of the freshman and junior varsity basketball team.

Her leadership roles at the high school includes serving as a DARE role



LASATER VELA

model and participating in the junior leadership program.

Lasater has been named to the National Honor Roll, Who's Who Among American High School Students and received United States Achievement Academy award, the Governor's award and the United States National Leadership Merit Award. She has attended modeling conventions in the United States and performed in local fashion shows.

Considering a career in the medical field, Vela is involved with numerous activities, including serving as a member of the varsity tennis team, the Spanish Club and the National Honor Society, where he serves as vice-president, the Key Club and the Press Club.

His numerous achievements, including being

named to Who's Who Among American High School Students, Area band in 2002, All-Region band in 2000-2001 and National Honor Roll. He received the Governor's award.

Active in the community, Vela has volunteered for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life fund-raiser, the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center and Howard College Kids' College.

Coahoma High School students are Lauren Green, the daughter of Jay and Cheryl Green, and Austin Barton, the son of Don and Debra Barton.

Green is involved in numerous school-related activities, including serving as the vice president and section leader of the high school band. She is the co-head of the cheerleaders and an All-American nominee for cheerleading. She is a member of the high school student council, National Honor Society, Spanish Club and year-book staff.

She is an active member of the Coahoma Church of Christ, serving as a Bible school teacher and participating in the Victim



GREEN BARTON

Services' and area law enforcement sponsored program, Shattered Dreams.

A semi-finalist in the National Merit Scholar program, Barton is also a National Hispanic Scholar and served as an ambassador in the Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership program.

A member of the high school student council for the past four years, Barton has served as president, vice president and secretary.

He is a member of the band, where has served as

section leader, librarian, drum major and president. During his high school band career, he has received the Patrick S. Glimore Award for band, was a state solo-small ensemble contest qualifier and was named outstanding sophomore and junior.

He has participated in University Interscholastic League academic contests where he was a state qualifier his junior year in current issues and events. He is active in the cross-examination debate program and is a member of the Spanish Club.

Barton was also involved with the Business Professionals of America serving in several leadership roles and attending national conventions.

Forsan High School students are Jennifer Lopez,



LOPEZ RHOTON

the daughter of Andy and Drew Lopez, and Ross Rhoton, the son of Kevin and Misty Rhoton.

A member of the high school band, Lopez serves as a band officer and as captain of the color guard. She is the woodwind lieutenant this year.

She was named to Who's Who Among American High School Students. During her high school career, she has been a member of the National Honor Society, where she serves as president, the

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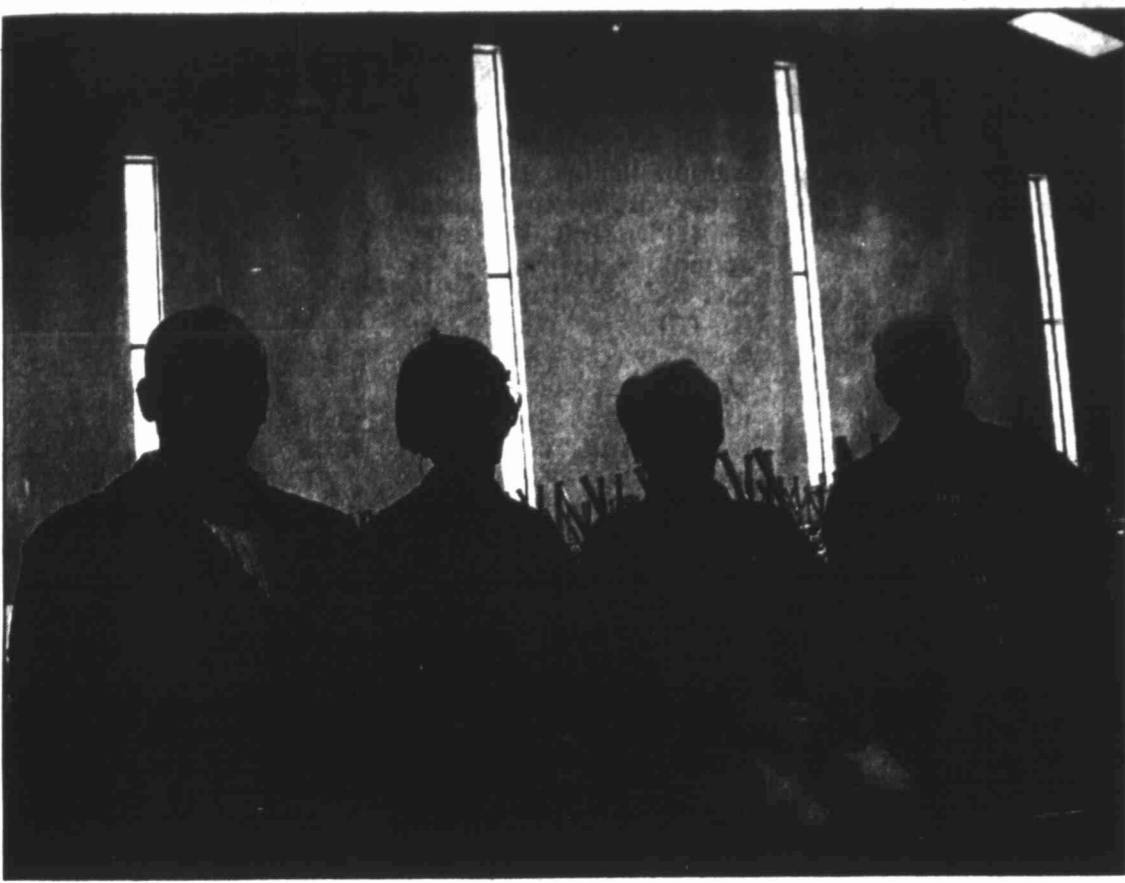
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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Jim Binnix, pastor of Midway Baptist Church, left, and members Francis Swann, Sherry Fryrear and her husband, Bill, pose for a picture in the church's new fellowship hall. The church will dedicate several new additions this morning, including new classrooms and a gymnasium. Most of the work for the project was performed by the congregation.

Midway Baptist Church to dedicate new building following morning service today

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A four-year journey filled with dedication and faith will culminate today when the congregation of Midway Baptist Church dedicates a new building. The official ceremony to dedicate the new fellowship hall, kitchen, gym and 11 new classrooms will follow the morning worship service which is at 11 a.m. The church is located on the Interstate 20 service road near the Midway exit.

This journey began and ended with members of the congregation, who completed most of the construction.

"Nearly all of this has been done by the retired men of the church," said Sherry Fryrear, chairman of the dedication ceremony.

Following the designs of congregation member Bill Fryrear, a retired USDA scientist and engineer, construction began in 1999. The classrooms were finished in early 2000.

"Every time we finished one project the money for a new project would be there to pay for the next project," Sherry said.

The project was an effort by the entire congregation. Those who couldn't take part of the physical work helped in other ways, Sherry said.

The expansive Fellowship Hall contains a vaulted ceiling that slopes from 22 feet down to 14 feet. In the corner is a spacious kitchen area.

"Even the women can't complain about the kitchen," quipped pastor Jim Binnix, while touring

the facility.

The kitchen includes four ovens, a deep freezer, microwave ovens, large area for preparing food, its own heating and air-conditioning and an electric partition to separate the area from the rest of the hall.

All that is left for the project is to finish the gym floor and add basketball goals. The gym includes classrooms for the youth.

"It has been a wonderful experience to see how the Lord provided the finances, the talents of both men and women, and everything that was needed to see that this building was finished," Sherry said.

The new addition is just the latest project by congregation members during the church's 41-year history.

The church was started on March 7, 1961, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Swann with 15 people in attendance. Eventually, buildings were brought in and remodeled to create a church sanctuary, Sunday School rooms and parsonage.

Later, members built another wing that included a kitchen, fellowship hall and nursery area.

In early 1979, a new sanctuary, classroom and offices were dedicated after hard work by the congregation to complete most of the inside. A four-bedroom parsonage was built in the early 1980s by the congregation.

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student council and Principal's Council.

She participates in UIL academic contests and is a member of the yearbook staff where she serves as editor. She has participated in the Shattered Dreams program.

A member of Trinity Baptist Church, Lopez participates in the youth group and is a member of the choir.

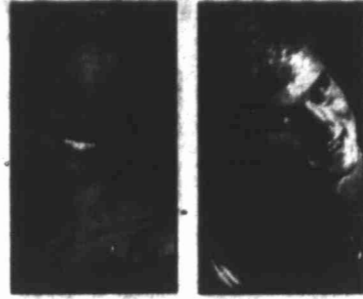
Rhoton has participated in football, cross country and track. He was invited to and participated in the Down Under International Games in Australia.

His other school-related activities include band, where he serves as chaplain, debate, one-act play and National Honor Society. He is serving his second term as president of the high school student council.

Rhoton was named to Who's Who Among American High School students and is on the Principal's Council. He was a participant in the Shattered Dreams program.

Sands High School students are Hollie Gibbs, the daughter of Russell and Carlene Gibbs, and Nate Looney, the son of Derrick and Sue Looney.

Serving as captain of the varsity cheerleading squad, Gibbs was named an NCA All-American



GIBBS

LOONEY

Cheerleader her sophomore and senior year. She has been a member of the varsity basketball, golf, tennis, cross country and track.

She serves as president of the high school's student council and secretary of the National Honor Society.

Gibbs is a member of the high school yearbook staff and competes in one-act play and UIL academic contests.

She has been named to Who's Who in American High Schools and an All American Scholar. She is the recipient of the Governor's award, American Character and Citizenship Award, National English Merit Award, National History and Government Award and Leadership Award.

An active member of Trinity Baptist Church, Gibbs participates in several civic activities, including delivering food baskets for elderly families in the community.

A member of the high school football team, Looney has received numerous awards for his athleticism in the sport, including being a member of the 2001 state quar-

terfinalist team and named pre-season All-American 2002.

Looney is also active in track and was selected to represent Texas in Parkroyal Downunder International Games in Australia for the 2003 summer.

He serves as president of the National Honor Society and of his senior class. Active in the Future Farmers of America, he was a state qualifier for 2001 in the talent competition.

A very active member of First Baptist Church in Ackerly, Looney regularly participates and takes a leadership role in worship events.

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BY JACQUELINE
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002
You experience changes quickly. Learn to flex, and a lot happier. Get in your position cause a lot of... Observe a tendency to get locked thinking. The process is learning to overcome rather than butting your head. Opportunity your way because innate charm and understanding. Bravery by structure finances more care you are single, meet people easily. "the one" will catch later in 2003. open. If attached, a partner, refusing to let him or her, often plays devil's... The Stars Show of Day You'll Dynamic; 4-Pos Average; 2-So-so; 1... **ARIES** (March 19) *** You might plans are a mixed now. A friend could down. Use free make calls and read others. Do something special for a loved might even start your Christmas start shopping. Your treat.
TAURUS (April 20) **** Take it easy this morning you might want and read the paper the afternoon around self. Now, what please you or happy? Go ahead and your wish come. Remove obstacles. Whatever you want... **GEMINI** (May 21) **** Do what is in the a.m., because afternoon, you must that you're very late make that a big... enjoy yourself. Cur

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Nov. 17, 2002:

You experience a lot of changes quickly this year. Learn to flex, and you'll be a lot happier. Getting stuck in your position could cause a lot of heartache. Observe a tendency of your associates, friends and family to get locked into rigid thinking. The path to success is learning to hop over obstacles rather than butting your head against them. Opportunities come your way because of your innate charm and sense of understanding. Build security by structuring your finances more carefully. If you are single, you will meet people easily, though "the one" will cross your path later in 2003. Stay open. If attached, flow with a partner, refusing to challenge him or her. **TAURUS** often plays devil's advocate.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** You might find that plans are a mixed bag right now. A friend could let you down. Use free time to make calls and reach out to others. Do something very special for a loved one. You might even start making your Christmas list and start shopping. Tonight: Your treat.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Take it slow and easy this morning. In fact, you might want to relax and read the paper. Design the afternoon around yourself. Now, what would please you or make you happy? Go ahead and make your wish come true. Remove obstacles. Tonight: Whatever you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Do what is important in the a.m., because by the afternoon, you might find that you're very lazy! Don't make that a big deal, just enjoy yourself. Curl up with

a good book or take a nap. Listen to what someone shares. You could be delighted. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Loosen up with a parent or an older relative. Sometimes you feel pushed by this person. Worry less about the outcome of a statement. Do what you need to do. Get together with friends this afternoon. Catch a football game. Tonight: So what if tomorrow is Monday?

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Listen well to someone's sharing. This person needs you to read between the lines. He or she might be uncomfortable if you ask too many questions. Invite a friend or family member to the movies or to do something you both love. Tonight: A must appearance.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Your efforts do not go unnoticed. If you feel out of whack this morning, go back to bed or do something just for yourself. Schedule easy plans for the afternoon, be it a movie or surfing on your computer. Don't stress yourself in any way. Tonight: Go out for exotic cuisine.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** A child or loved one could sorely disappoint you. Realize when you have had enough. Be more playful in your dealings with a key partner. Schedule some special time together this afternoon. You'll both gain from the togetherness. Tonight: Play away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Don't push yourself beyond your limits. Understand what someone wants, but know that you do have the option of mixing your plans. Consider a partner's feelings when making a decision. You often push this person. Tonight: The only answer is "yes."

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** A child or

loved one clearly has plans for you. Unfortunately, you might not be able to go along. You might not be up to snuff, or you might have made a commitment to someone else. Explaining this fact could make you less than popular. Tonight: Let the good times happen now!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) **** You might feel pressured by a friend and his or her request. Know that you cannot please all the people all the time. Understand that even you have limits to your energy. Do only what you enjoy. Be selective in your choices. Tonight: Be a wild thing.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Your smile helps ease tension. A boss or parent might be quite imposing or difficult. You could try to do what feels politically correct and still experience a backfire. Rent a movie and relax. Tonight: Take it easy.


PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** You could be shocked by news that greets you in the a.m. Rather than brood, do what pleases you. Make calls and reach out to friends. Staying close to home adds to the tension. Opt for adventure. Opt for different. You discover how much fun you can have by being adventuresome. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

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Model, actress Lauren Hutton (1944), actor, director, producer Danny DeVito (1944), actor Rock Hudson


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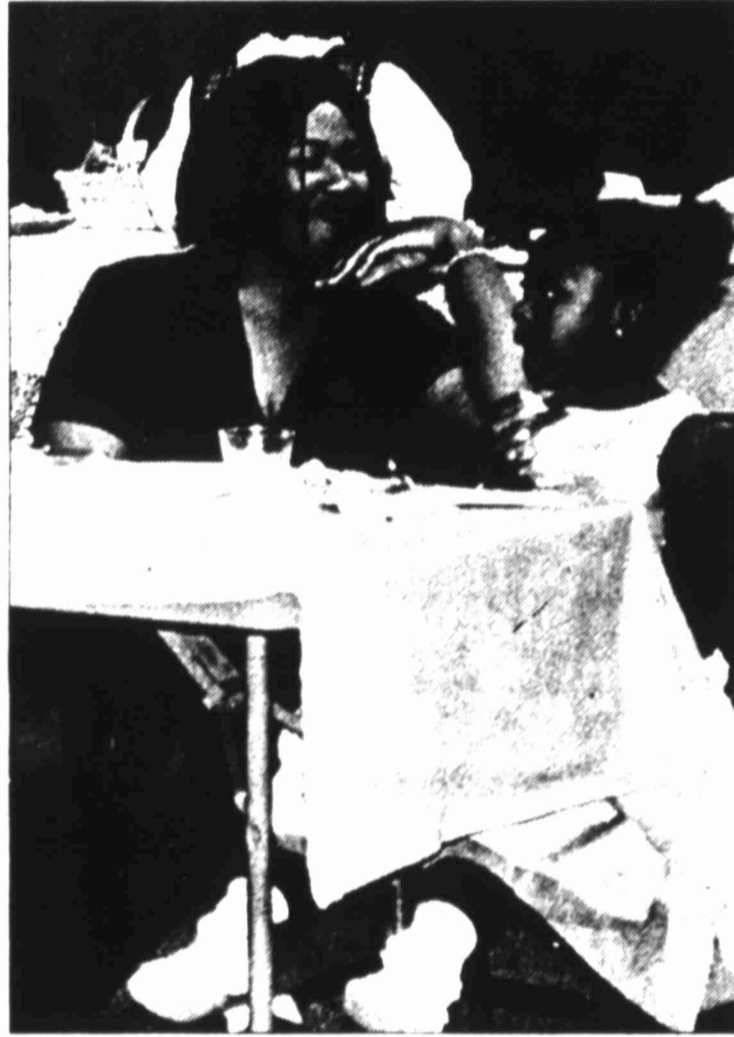
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By combining fun-filled activities with civic service-oriented events, Girl Scouts of America teaches young girls responsibility, honor and respect of others.

Founded by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912, the Girl Scouts of America has grown from an initial 18 girls to nearly 2.2 million members in the 1990s to become the world's largest voluntary organization for girls.

"We want the girls to become independent people but learn to rely on others and teach them that everyone is equal," said Karla Cervantez, unit service manager for the Howard County area.

Currently 86 girls and 45 adult volunteers that make up 14 registered troops in Howard County, Stanton and Garden City are members of the organization.

Girls Scouts accepts girls from all ages and walks of life. "Girls from age five to seniors in high school can join," Cervantez said.

Performing service projects throughout the year, the young girls also participate in numerous activities including attending camp at Camp Booth Oaks in Sweetwater, participating in rallies to selling the famous Girl Scout cookies in their annual fund-raising event.

Recently, several troops celebrated Low's birthday who was born on Oct. 31, 1860 in Savannah, Ga., by throwing a baby shower. Each troop gathered diapers, baby bows, blankets and other items to give to the first baby born either on or after Low's birthday.

The honor went to Charity Hope Cruz, born at 4:30 a.m. at Nov. 2, at five pounds, one ounce and 18 inches long. Charity is the daughter of former Girl Scout Dolores Liedcke and Steven Cruz.

Girls participating in the organization are grouped by ages. Five year olds participate in the Daisies, girls in first through third participate in Brownies, fourth through six grade girls are in the Juniors, seventh through ninth grade members are Cadets and 10th through 12th grade girls are called Seniors.

Continuing to grow, the area organization is currently renovating a building on West Highway 80 to be used for meetings for area clubs. The organization is seeking the help of volunteers for much of the project.

Contributions from the United Way help to support the program in Howard County.

"The United Way contributions help to fund the person who oversees this area, scholarships, camp, our building and our activities," Cervantez said.

For more information about Girls Scouts or to learn more about joining, call Cervantez at 264-7651 or the regional organization in Abilene at (915) 670-0432.



Story by staff writer Lyndel Moody. Pictures by Lyndel Moody and Karla Cervantez

Pictured clockwise from top, left front, Desiree Morgan, Madison Seeley, Brittnee Cervantez, Shandi Huitt, Paige Yater and back, Britney McDaniel and Chelci Gonzales pose before a cake designed and baked by a Girl Scout volunteer to celebrate the birthday of the founder of Girl Scouts in America Juliette Gordon Low. At the party, girls gathered gifts to give to the first baby born either on or after Low's birthday of Oct. 30. Below, Dolores Liedcke and Steven Cruz hold Charity Hope who was born on Nov. 2, and recipients of the gifts.

Liedcke is a former girl scout. Bottom right, Girl Scouts Sheena Smith, Kaegan Robertson, Brittany Gonzales and Paige Yater enjoy camp at Camp Booth Oaks in Sweetwater. At left, several Girl Scouts and their adult volunteers gather before beginning an activity at camp. Middle left, girls gather for discussion time during a meeting. Above, a mother and her Girl Scout enjoy spending some special time together during the organization's tea party held at Stanton. At top left, several girls perform songs during a meeting.



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Steers leave Randall spellbound

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Forget Harry Potter and Hermoine Granger, the biggest magicians Friday night were Tye Butler and the Big Spring Steers.

Big Spring, behind a 331-yard passing performance from Butler, turned a magical offensive performance into a stunning 34-28 bi-district playoff victory over the Canyon Randall Raiders in front of a large crowd at Lowrey Field. The Steers, a team known for its ability to strike quickly, used an uncharacteristic ball control attack that produced three drives of 10 or more plays — including a 10-play, 48-yard game-ending march that consumed the final 5:04 in regulation and set the Steers into the Area round of the Class 4A Division II playoffs for the second time in three years.

Ironically enough, the win sends Big Spring into New Mexico, the "Land of Enchantment." The Steers will face El Paso Ysleta in the second round on Saturday, at 6 p.m. Mountain Standard Time (7 p.m. locally), in Artesia, NM. Ysleta defeated Canutillo, 41-7, in their first-round game.

Randall, the District 3-4A champion, managed to throw a scare in the Steers' upset bid in the fourth quarter. The Raiders pulled to within a touchdown of Big Spring on two occasions in the final 12 minutes.

Following a short 12-yard punt that sailed out of bounds at the Steer 34, the Raiders seemed to grab the momentum. On second down, Raider fullback Chris Hilleary broke off a 17-yard run to the Big Spring 17. Three plays later, tailback Kiel Anderson capped the five-play march by scampering around the left side for three yards and a touchdown. Brandon Bush's extra point

attempt cut the Steers' lead to 28-21 with 8:29 remaining.

Big Spring squelched the Raiders' new-found joy less than a minute later — with a more traditional Steer effort.

After a holding call on the first play of Big Spring's ensuing drive had backed the Steers to their own 27, Ronnie Johnson made points magically appear. Running a short 5-yard route underneath, he hauled in a short pass from Butler and outraced three Raider defenders 73 yards for a touchdown that gave Big Spring a 13-point lead, at 34-21, with 7:44 left.

The Big Spring drive? One play, 45 seconds. One touchdown.

Johnson finished the night as one of two Big Spring receivers to reach the 100-yard mark in receiving, hauling in five passes for 122 yards. Brandon Mendoza led the team with seven receptions for 137 yards.

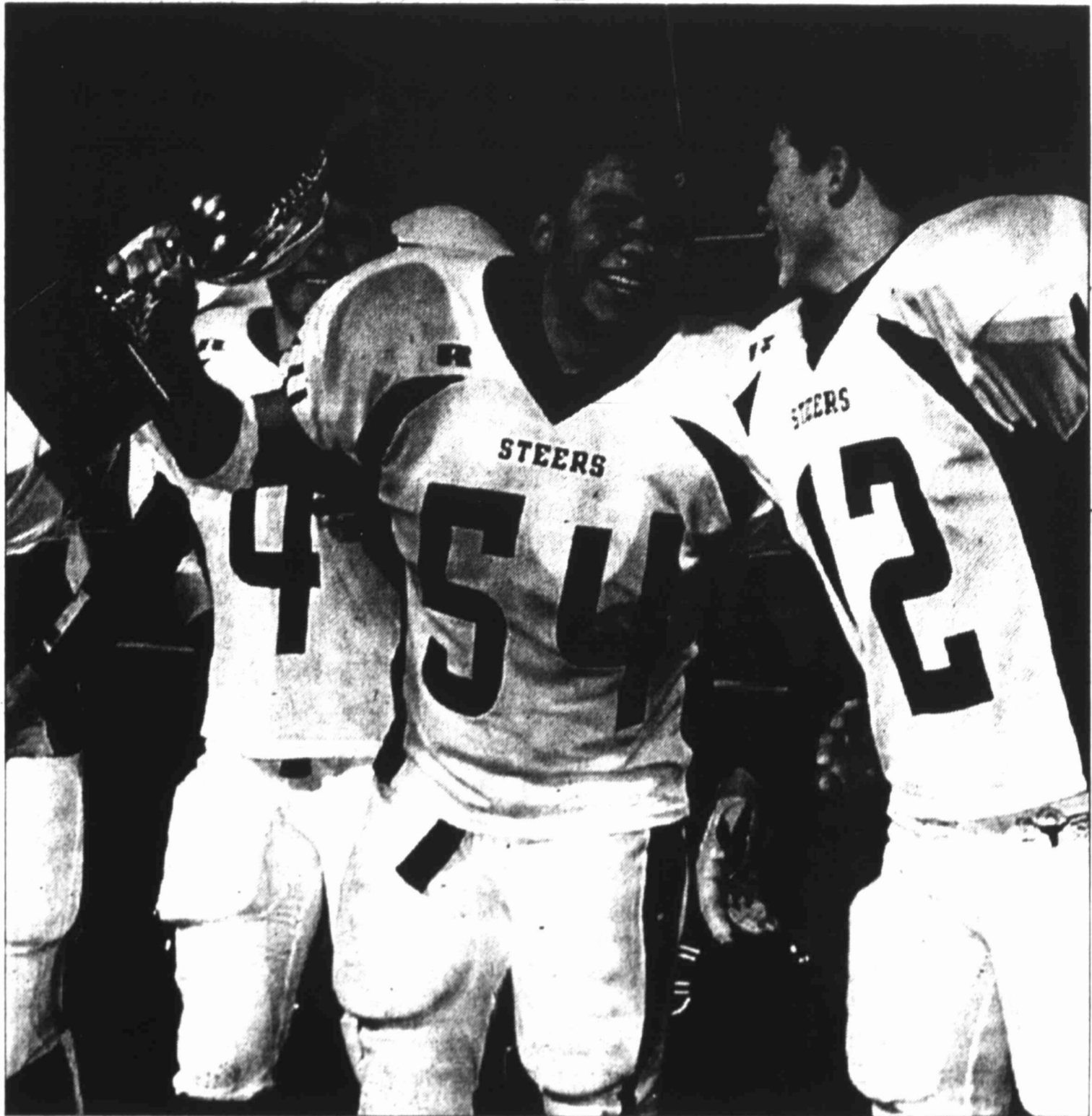
The Raiders managed to battle their way back, however. RHS quarterback Jeremy Lunsford hooked up with wide receiver Cory Flow on a 62-yard strike three minutes later. Flow's catch cut the Steer lead to six, at 34-28, with 5:08 left.

Despite the swing in momentum, Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler said his team didn't get rattled.

"There was no panic in the air," he said. "I've been in a lot of good, big playoff games here, but under the circumstances we were playing in, this is one of the best. The young men played with a lot of heart."

They also played with desire. After Shamar Myles recovered an onside kick attempt, Big Spring burned the final 5:04 off the game clock, using a pair of clutch receptions from senior wide receiver Curtis

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Big Spring center Kaniel Miramontes holds the bi-district championship trophy while celebrating the Steers 34-28 win over the Randall Raiders with Mike Ornales (4) and Michael Shockley Friday night. With the win, Big Spring earned a spot in the Class 4A Division II Area playoff round opposite El Paso Ysleta.

Steers to face Ysleta in Artesia Saturday

The Big Spring Steers' playoff march will take them to the "Land of Enchantment" — New Mexico — this Saturday to face El Paso Ysleta in the Class 4A Division II area round.

Big Spring is scheduled to square off against Ysleta beginning at 6 p.m. Mountain time (7 p.m.

locally) at the Artesia High School football facility.

The game is being played in Artesia because of poor field conditions in West Texas. Recent rains have made many field between Big Spring and El Paso unable to host high level games.

"It's the best facility

available," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, a native of Artesia. "The fact is, it's the best place to play."

The Steers, 7-4 overall, head into the showdown on a high note. Big Spring upset District 3-4A champion Randall, 34-28, Friday night in a bi-district game played at

Lowry Field in Lubbock. Ysleta heads into the game fresh off a 41-7 bi-district win over Canutillo.

For the Steers, the game will mark the second time in three years they will have played in Artesia. In 2000, Big Spring beat El Paso Riverside, 46-12, in an Area playoff bout.

Lady Hawks fall to No. 12 EOSU 74-62

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Eastern Oklahoma Lady Mountaineers ended the Howard College Lady Hawks' modest three-game win streak Friday afternoon by taking a tough 74-62 win in the second round of the South Plains Classic in Levelland.

With the loss, the Lady Hawks fell 4-2 on the year and into a third-round matchup against the Ranger Lady Rangers on Saturday.

"We had a lot of turnovers," said Howard College head coach Kevin Bucher said. "More were forced by us than by them. We had a chance though and that's what you like to see."

The Lady Mountaineers controlled the tempo for much of the first half, building a 10-point advantage, at 33-23, in the initial 20 minutes of play.

The Lady Hawks managed to rally to within three of the Eastern Oklahoma lead late in the second half before stumbling down the stretch.

Chanel Ross led all HC scorers in the game by pouring in 22 points. Freshman guard Sha-cauna Woods contributed 13 more.



Lady Steers' setter Lindsay Phillips was one of 11 Big Spring volleyball players named to the District 4-4A volleyball all-district rosters.

Big Spring places 11 on 4-4A all-district rosters

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers enjoyed one of the best seasons in the past 25 years this fall. They were state-ranked, surpassed 20 wins and won their first playoff game since 1977.

The Lady Steers added to their accomplishments earlier this week when they had 11 play-

ers named to the 2002 District 4-4A all-district teams.

Junior setter Lindsay Phillips highlighted Big Spring's selections, winning the 4-4A Outstanding Setter accolade. Phillips was one of seven players, including Andrews' Karl Bane, named to the district's superlative list by

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Mustangs rush for over 400 yards in bi-district romp over Ft. Davis

By STEVE REAGAN

Special to the Herald

RANKIN — Speed kills — but not always.

Going into their first-round game of the state six-man playoffs, the Sands Mustangs knew they would be over-pressed to match the overall team speed of the Fort Davis Indians.

So they didn't try. Instead, the Mustangs decided to give brute force a try, relying on a relentless ground game and a punishing defense to negate Fort Davis' edge in quickness.

Think of it as the Tortoise vs. The Hare — six-man version.

Just as in the classic fairy tale, slow and steady

did the trick as the Mustangs overpowered Fort Davis, 56-30, in bi-district playoff action Friday night.

Sands didn't so much run away from the Indians as much as it ran over them. The Mustangs' four-pronged running attack, consisting of Nate Looney, Heath Webb, Brandon Woods and Josh Segundo, amassed 456 yards and accounted for all eight Sands touchdowns.

Also, Fort Davis played an unwilling accomplice toward its own demise, turning the ball over six times, twice in Sands' end zone.

Sands coach Larry Reid said the turnovers provid-

ed a welcome respite to the Mustangs' defense, understandably tired after chasing Fort Davis' speedy offense all over the field in the crucial first half.

"We had some fortunate things happen tonight," Sands coach Larry Reid said. "(The turnovers) allowed us a little bit of a comfort zone ... and allowed us to regroup, because we were exhausted."

But if the Indians were unfortunate in the first half, Sands was unstoppable in the final 20 minutes. The Mustangs took a fragile 20-8 lead, into the halftime intermission and gave themselves some

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Sanderson ousts Borden Co. from playoffs

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

WATER VALLEY — The Borden County Coyotes went into their bi-district playoff game with the Sanderson Eagles knowing they had to stop the run if they wanted to have any chance. It didn't happen.

The Eagles, on the strength of a ground game that rolled up almost 300 yards, ended the Coyotes' first playoff appearance

in two years by hammering out a 58-8 victory.

Sophomore Haze Roberts carried the brunt of the Eagles' rushing attack. He carried the ball 13 times for 179 yards and scoring three of the Eagles' touchdowns. In all, Sanderson used eight different rushers and scored six touchdowns via the ground game.

Sanderson gave a glimpse of what was to come early. The Eagles, a

state semifinalists last year, scored on a 9-yard run by Roberts with 6:43 remaining in the first and then again on an 8-yard scamper by Andy Martinez two minutes later.

Borden County tried to stay close.

BC running back T.J. Sharp, at the 4:16 mark of the first, returned a Sanderson kickoff for a 70 yards and a touchdown.

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Courtesy photo
The Knights recently completed a 14-0 season in the BSYS Under 10 division. Members of the team are (front row, left to right) Dakota Lesser, Kyle Demeny, Thomas Young, (middle row) Megan Doe, Miranda Park, Reba Smith, Tommy Garling, Jennifer Castlaw, Brittny Lindsey (back row) Wayland Leach, Dayvion Young, Stormi Smith, coach Robert Smith, Joshua Castlaw, coach Joel De La Garza, Paxton De La Garza, Dylan Lowery, Ramon Bazaldua. Not pictured are Lucas Ontiveros and Daphne Castlaw.

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much-needed breathing room by scoring the first four times they had the ball in the second half.

Spearheading the effort was Looney, who led all rushers with 193 yards on 20 carries.

"We knew they would be quicker than us, so we knew we'd have to use our size," Looney said.

Looney, Woods (130 yards rushing), and Segundo (75 yards rushing) attacked Fort Davis from the flanks, while the tough inside yardage was provided by senior Heath Webb, who accounted for 58 yards and 3 touchdowns.

"I thought another key was that we blocked very well; we decided to commit to running the ball tonight," Reid said.

Sands has become something of a playoff fixture

during the past decade, and Looney said this year's team is happy to continue the trend.

"There's a lot of tradition here. Sands has been to the playoffs every

years but once since 1996," Looney said.

Sands' next outing will be Friday night against Ira in the Area round. The game is set for 7:30 p.m. in Gail.

Second-half surge lifts Roby by FHS

The Roby Lady Lions used a 30-11 run in the second half Friday night to claim a 56-24 non-district victory over the Forsan Lady Buffalos.

Forsan, now 0-2 for the

year, outscored Roby by a 10-8 clip in the second period and trailed at the half by a 26-13 clip.

Misty McGinnis led FHS in scoring with 14 points.

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That, however, would be as close as the Coyotes could get.

After the kickoff return, the two teams traded possessions before Sanderson hit stride. The Eagles, with 46 seconds to go in the first, took just four plays to cash up their lead to 24-8. Sophomore quarterback Ty Means, the son of former Melrose, NM, head coach Dale Means, completed his first pass of the night for 22 yards and a touchdown to Dayton Scott.

Means, now an assistant under Sanderson head coach Vance Jones, led Melrose to back-to-back New Mexico six-man state titles in 1994 and 1995. Jones' other assistant, Jack Shely, won back-to-back Texas state crowns in 1994 and 1995 at Anherst.

The Eagles would score twice more in the half — once on a 3-yard run by Stevie Fuentes and again on a 36-yard jaunt by Roberts with 28 seconds left — to push the score to 38-8 at the half.

Sanderson put the game away in the third quarter.

After a touchback forced the Eagles to start at their own 20, Roberts took a hand-off on the first play of the second half and raced 60 yards for a touchdown.

The Eagle defense got in the scoring act from there. Fuentes, a defensive back, intercepted a Brionne Jackson pass at the BC 37 and returned it the distance for a 52-8 lead.

The Coyotes fumbled their next possession and set up the Eagles' game-ending score — a 6-yard run by tailback Paul Green with just over six minutes remaining in the third quarter.

Borden County was never able to get its offense untracked. The Coyotes managed just 107 yards and a scant three first downs.

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coaches. Bane, a senior, was selected the most valuable Team-mates Spurlock and Reid were chosen as Out-standing and Outstanding Special-ist. The Lancers' Nita Woodruff, 4-4A. Lake View rebounded from start to make it straight playoff game, had two selected to the state list, including the Year of the Year Levenski and Out-Server Ashley F. Big Spring, advanced to the quarterfinals, falling to defend state. The district's first-ter, claiming 10 spots filled. Senior Krysa earned first-team honors as of underclass LaKenya Ka'Rissa Mag

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David Lee and Br added 19 more points and led the Buffalos to a 10-27 win over Longhorns. Lee sank 10 shots in the field including three



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Woodruff and a string of five straight carries by Mathews to churn out two clock-killing first downs.

"We felt like when we got the ball back with five minutes left we could move it against them," said Butler. "We talked about not getting too conservative and to just go out and play our game. They were giving us the underneath routes so we tried to take that and get first downs."

The Big Spring defense highlighted a strong third-quarter effort by the Steers, who improved to 7-4 overall. Wes Smith batted away a pass intended for Flow at the goal line on a fourth down play to help Big Spring take a 28-14 lead into the final frame.

The Steer offense, behind a solid effort up

front from its offensive line, shelled Randall in the third, erasing a 14-13 deficit by scoring twice within in a 1:30 span.

Randall grabbed a slim 14-13 lead on the fourth play of the period when Anderson broke off a 52-yard scoring run from his own 48.

Butler, who pushed his season passing total to more than 2,100 yards despite being sacked four times, made the Raider lead disappear on the Steers' first possession of the second half by engineering a 7-play, 70-yard drive that ended with a 21-yard scoring toss to Mendoza. Mathews added the 2-point conversion, giving Big Spring a 21-14 lead.

Jordan Cobb added to the Raiders' woes just 12 seconds later by recovering a fumble on the ensu-

ing kickoff return. Cobb's recovery gave the Steers the ball at the RHS 25.

Big Spring, thanks in part to a personal foul, took advantage of the gift. After a late hit had moved the ball to the RHS 12, Mathews barreled his way to the Raider 1 with runs of seven and four yards. From there, he took a hand-off from Butler and followed the blocking of Kaniel Miramontes, Jeff Stanley and Kyle Newton into the end zone.

Mathews' second rushing touchdown of the night gave the Steers a 28-14 lead and set up Smith's touchdown-saving defensive play that ended the Raiders' ensuing drive at the BSHS 14.

Overall, Big Spring out-

played the Raiders by a staggering margin in the second half. In the final 24 minutes, the Steers rolled up 12 first downs. Randall had just 14 in the entire game.

"We were able to keep them off balance pretty much all night," said Butler, who will be making his second trip New Mexico in three years this weekend.

Big Spring used its passing game to near perfection in the second quarter. Butler, who completed 19-of-30 attempts, hooked up with Mendoza on a 66-yard strike on the sixth play of the quarter to give the Steers a 13-7 lead. In all, Big Spring ran off 15 plays in the second quarter.

The BSHS defense made

its own big stand inside the 15 midway through the frame. Sparked by a bone-jarring tackle by Jarod Boyd that dropped Anderson for a 3-yard loss to the BSHS 10, the Steers stalled the Canyon Randall effort. On third down, a heavy rush from Boyd and Jeremy Jones forced Lunsford to throw an incomplete pass.

Big Spring added the Raiders' misery. On fourth down, Big Spring blocked Bush's 21-yard field goal try.

The Steer offense closed out the first half in a dominating fashion, running the final 5:53 off the clock with a 12-play drive that including a pair of crucial third-down catches by Curtis Woodruff and Mendoza.

Randall grabbed the early lead, scoring on its first series of the game. Anderson, who rushed for 207 yards on 20 carries, capped a short 35-yard march with a 2-yard run, just 3:28 into the contest. The Raiders' drive was set up by a Steer fumble.

Big Spring answered Randall's challenge. The Steers took the ensuing kickoff 66 yards on 14 plays to knot the game at 7-7. Mathews, who finished the game with 22 carries for 96 yards, finished the drive with a 2-yard run.

In the first game of the double-header, Frenship, 11-0, steamrolled Amarillo Palo Duro, claiming a 42-7 victory in their opening bout in Division I playoff action.

HONORS

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coaches.

Bane, a senior hitter, was selected the district's most valuable player. Team-mates Rachel Spurlock and Lindsey Reid were chosen the district's Out-standing hitter and Out-standing Defensive Special-ist, respectively. The Lady Mustangs' Nita Woods was the 4-4A Out-standing Blocker.

Lake View, which rebounded from a tough start to make its seventh straight playoff appearance, had two players selected to the superlative list, including Newcomer of the Year Jolynn Levinski and Outstanding Server Ashley Painter.

Big Spring, which advanced to the regional quarterfinals before falling to defending Class state champion Big Spring, dominated the district's first-team roster, claiming four of the 10 spots filled.

Senior Krystle Long earned first-team all-district honors as did a trio of underclassmen in LaKenya Wrightsil, Ka'Rissa Magers and

Leina Braxton.

Joining the four BSHS spikers on the first team were Andrews' Katie Fariss and Natalie Mosley; Lake View's Allison Hill and Nana Harris and Estacado's Tomisha Martin.

Timmi Blackshear, Sterling Burchett and Stormie Huff were second-team picks. Erica Stewart, Shannon Higgins and Krystal DeLeon were honorable mention selections.

District 4-4A All-District Selections MVP

Kari Bane	Outstanding Hitter	Andrews
Rachel Spurlock	Outstanding DS	Andrews
Lindsay Reid	Outstanding Setter	Andrews
Lindsay Phillips	Outstanding Server	Big Spring
Ashley Painter	Outstanding Server	Lake View
Jolynn Levinski	Newcomer of the Year	Lake View
Nita Woods	Outstanding Blocker	Andrews
First Team		
Katie Fariss	Andrews	
Natalie Mosley	Andrews	
LaKenya Wrightsil	Big Spring	
Leina Braxton	Big Spring	
Krystle Long	Big Spring	
Ka'Rissa Magers	Big Spring	
Erica Stewart	Lake View	
Stormie Huff	Lake View	
Tomisha Martin	Lubbock	Estacado
Nana Harris	Lake View	
Second Team		
Lindsay Marshall	Leveland	
Amber Menefee	Andrews	
Mackenzie Willis	Andrews	
Timmi Blackshear	Big Spring	
Stormie Huff	Big Spring	
Sterling Burchett	Big Spring	
Lavonda Henderson	Lubbock	Estacado
Chele Pool	Lubbock	Estacado
Honorable Mention		
Erica Stewart	Big Spring	
Shannon Higgins	Big Spring	
Krystal DeLeon	Big Spring	

Lee, Huff lead Buffs' rout of Loop

David Lee scored 20 points and Brent Huff added 19 more Friday night and led the Forsan Buffalos to a lop-sided 73-27 win over the Loop Longhorns.

Lee sank 10 shots from the field in the game, including three in both

the first and third quarters to key the Buffs.

Brandon Burleson and Trey Kuykendall also finished in double figures, scoring 12 and 10, respectively. Ryan Sayles had nine.

Chris Garza led Loop with 18.

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Head turner: VMC's newest addition grabs attention before it gets to site

Turning heads ... It's something members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee (VMC) are familiar with. In fact, that's exactly what they planned a few years ago when they began installing static displays of military hardware around the memorial.

First there was a UH-1 "Huey" helicopter placed on a steel pedestal on the south side of the memorial's grounds. An F4 Phantom jet and an M-60A tank followed.

Earlier this year, committee officials announced that they'd negotiated the acquisition of an AH-1 "Cobra" helicopter to add to the collection from the

Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) chapter in San Angelo.

So, on what seemed a unseasonably cold, damp and windy late-October day, a group of 13 Big Spring men traveled to San Angelo with the intention of loading their newest acquisition onto a truck supplied by the city of Big Spring and bring it home.

While some observers suggested committee members could have chosen a day with better weather conditions, VMC President Gene Wilson noted they had little

chance but make the trip when it was scheduled.

"You don't do something like this on a whim," Wilson explained, as committee members arrived on the back side of the San Angelo Regional Airport where the Cobra had been left to the elements.

"We spent a lot of time planning to get this accomplished," VMC

load the helicopter onto the truck at the airport and have one to unload it when we get back to Big Spring"

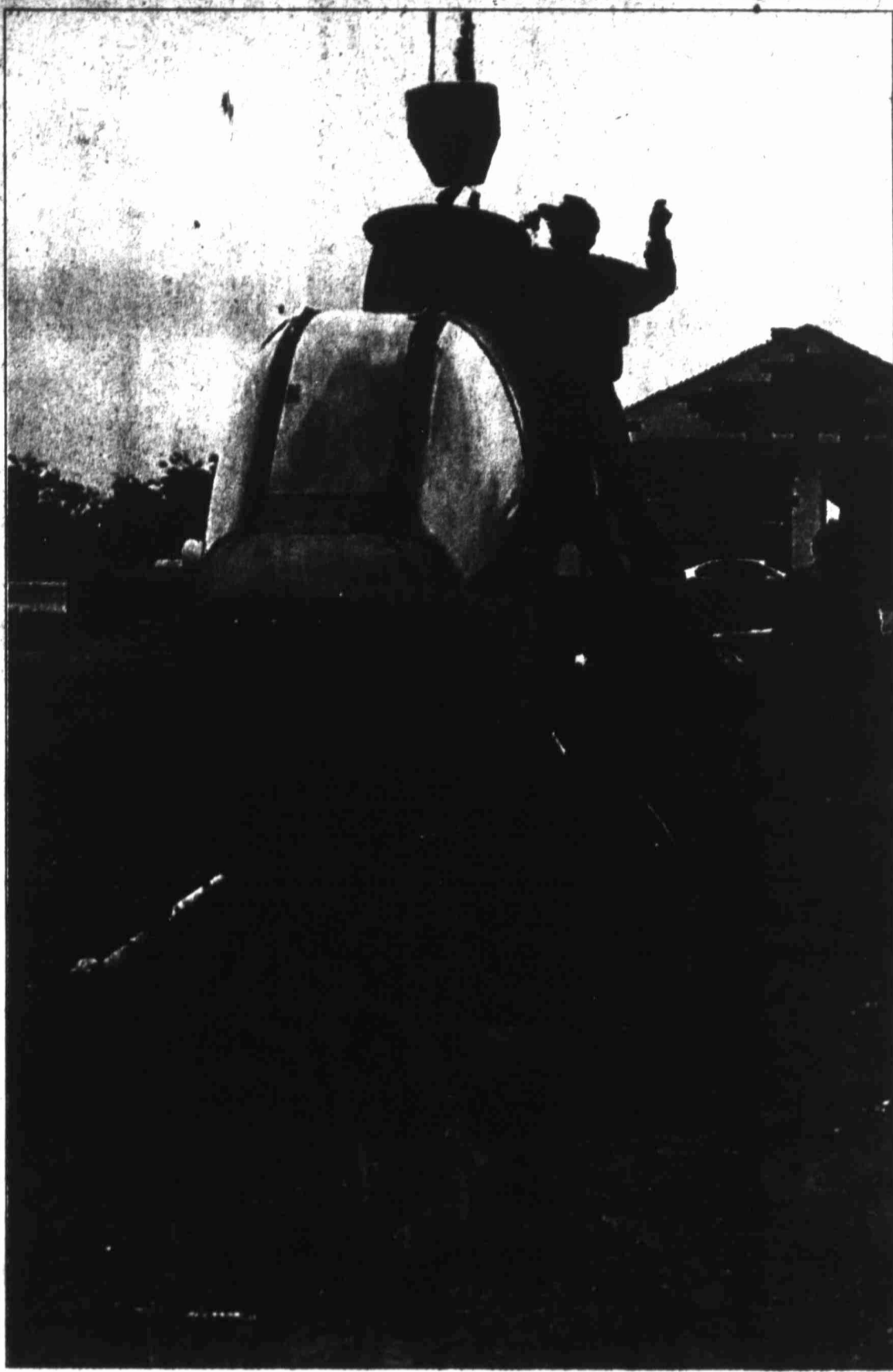
Indeed. In fact, it was several months from the time members of the San Angelo VVA chapter first offered the helicopter to the Big Spring committee before plans for the trip could be initiated.

Wilson explained that, as with any military hardware, the two veterans organizations had to receive approval from the federal government before the memorial committee could take possession of the helicopter from the San Angelo group.

Of course, the process was speeded to some degree because the VMC members had experience with processing the necessary

paperwork.

That experience also paid off moments after the group arrived in San Angelo — in addition to Wilson and Groves, com-



mittee members Gary Osburn, Johnny Bedell, Terry Jenkins, Jim Little, Roger Holmes, Mark Webb, David Leonard, Jackie Tibbetts, Ron York, Charlie Gray and

Chuck Beard were on hand to provide the manual labor necessary.

Working in unison, the VMC members needed little more than an hour to load the helicopter and

secure it to the truck — an accomplishment that impressed onlookers.

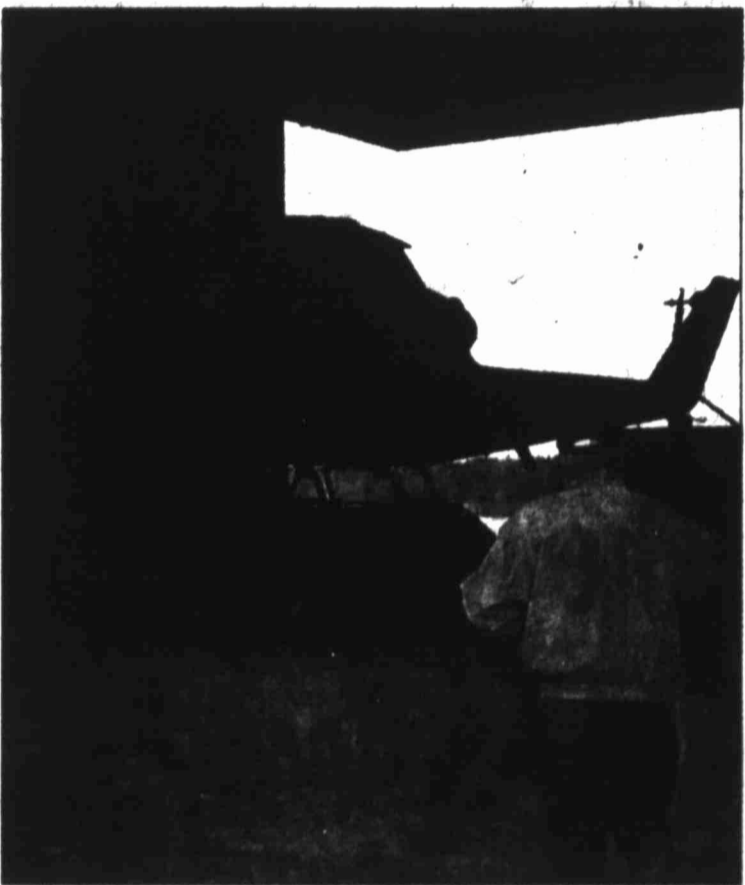
"You guys look like you've done this before," a member of the San Angelo VVA told Wilson as the landing skids of the helicopter were chained to the truck's trailer.

"We've had a little practice," Groves admitted. "Of course, it helps to have the right tools and the right manpower."

At took only moments for the VMC caravan to grab attention, as it snaked its way through the south side of San Angelo, making its way to the farm-to-market roads that would lead them to U.S. Highway 87 at Grape Creek.

The caravan drew comments from truckers on the citizens band radio, some asking what kind of helicopter the Cobra was and others wondering where it was headed.

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Top right: Committee members prepare to lift the AH-1 "Cobra" helicopter onto a truck with the assist of a crane. Middle right: VMC President Gene Wilson (background) and Publicity Chairman Jerry Groves begin the process of chaining down the aircraft.

Bottom right: Members of the transport crew prepare for the Phillips Fabrication Inc. crane to lift the chopper off the truck inside its temporary home at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

Top left: Truck driver Gary Osburn brings the loaded truck into the hanger where initial restoration on the helicopter is scheduled to be done.

Bottom left: Wilson stands on the helicopter's "hard point" while waiting on the crane to arrive and take the bird off its trailer.

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WEDDING



Henry-DeYoung

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

The bride is the daughter of Jackie and Annette Henry of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Curtis and Verna Smith and Gene and Martha Henry, all of Coahoma.

The groom is the son of Joseph and Judy DeYoung of Quinlan.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jackie Henry.

Maid of honor was Maegan Lee. Flower girl was Alexis Henry, a niece of the bride. Ring bearer was Jay Henry, a nephew of the bride.

Best man was Philip DeYoung, a brother of the groom. Groomsman was Shawn Grandi.

Ushers were Jason and Eric Henry, brothers of the bride. Candlelighters were Jennifer Gonzales, sister of the groom, and Kristen Grandi. The trainbearer was Kimberly Henry, a sister of the bride.

A reception was held at College Park Church of God.

The bride is a 2001 graduate of Coahoma High School and is employed by Big Spring Education Employees Federal Credit Union.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Boles ISD and attended Texas A&M University-Commerce. He is employed by the Big Spring Fire Department.

ANNIVERSARY



R.V. and Geraldine Fuqua

R.V. and Geraldine Fuqua celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with a reception for family and friends at their home, hosted by their children.

R.V. was born in Spur. Geraldine McCutchan was born in Fisher County. They were introduced by Bonnie Fuqua in a drug store in downtown Big Spring.

They were married of Nov. 11, 1942, at the Stanton Courthouse.

The couple's children are Lonnie and Nita Wright of Sand Springs and Aubrey and Barbara Langford, Rodney and Roe Fuqua and Gary and Kelley Fuqua, all of Big Spring. They have 10 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

During World War II the couple lived in Petersburg, Va., New



Jersey and Wichita Falls. Following the war they moved back to Coahoma and then to Big Spring.

R.V. was employed as an operator by Cabot Corp. Geraldine is a housewife. They enjoy fishing, horseback riding and yard work. They are affiliated with Birdwell Lane Methodist Church.

Their comments about their marriage are, "We always enjoyed our children and grandchildren and especially each other's company. We have been the best of friends for 60 years."

COBRA

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The relatively uneventful trip to Big Spring came to a close a little more than seven hours after the VMC's members began gathering at the city's maintenance facility at 5 that morning, as the helicopter was lowered by a Phillips Fabrication Inc. crane

inside a hangar at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark where the committee will paint and refurbish the aircraft before putting it on display at the memorial nearby.

Wilson and Groves said the committee plans to dedicate its newest addition to the memorial next year on Memorial Day.

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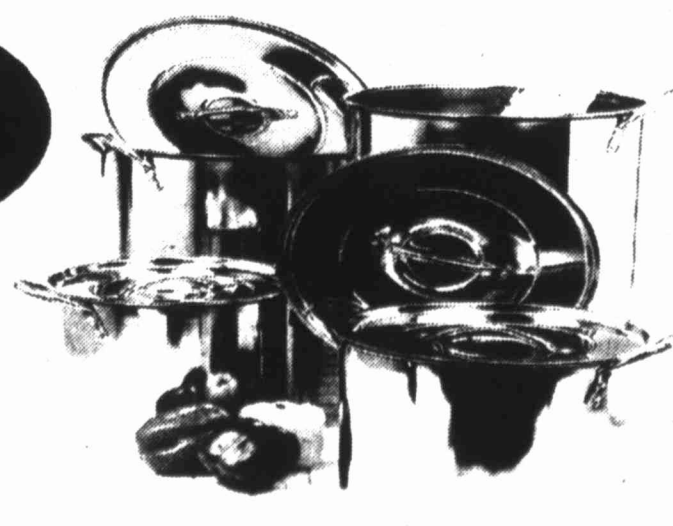
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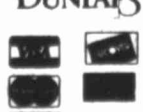


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WEDDING

Michelle Lee Adams of Stanton and Wesley Dean Gisler of San Marcos exchanged wedding vows Nov. 2, 2002, at Circle Six Ranch Tabernacle in Stanton with Dr. James A. Johnson officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Michael and Leatrice Adams of Stanton and the granddaughter of Buster and Fern Adams and Van and Lucy Glaze, all of Stanton.

The groom is the son of Jerry and Kathy Gisler of Runge and the grandson of O.T. Anderson of Lamesa.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Michael Adams, and wore a long white, silk, strapless gown. The bodice was overlaid with Alcon lace. Pearls and iridescent sequins covered the lace design. A heart design in the lace came to the center of the waist. Silver beads outlined the designs of the lace. The same lace and accents were along the bottom of the dress and around the chapel length train. The detachable long sleeves were made from the same lace and



Adams-Gisler

accents. They came just below her shoulders. She wore a tiara of rhinestones and pearls with a chapel-length veil, lightly sprinkled with rhinestones.

She carried a bouquet of one dozen small red freeze-dried roses encircled with larger fresh red roses.

Maid of honor was Misty Adams, sister of the bride. Bridesmaids were Joy Robertson, sister of the bride; Julie Simer, sister of the bride; and Romi Bassett, and

Laurie Adams, cousin of the bride. Flower girls were Jordan Gisler, niece of the groom; Faith Hunt, cousin of the bride; and Emily Glaze, cousin of the bride. Ring bearer was Dausin Roach.

Best man was Lance Roach. Groomsmen were Wayne Gisler, brother of the groom; Mike Gisler, brother of the groom; and Albert Stock and Colin Rangnow, cousin of the groom.

Ushers were Rodney Robertson and Gary Simer, brothers-in-law of the bride. Candlelighters were Laurie Adams and Jeffrey Adams, cousins of the bride.

A reception was held at the Martin County Community Center. Mike Payne and the Western Star Band provided entertainment.

The bride's cake was three white heart-shaped tiers with red silk rose petals strewn around the cake.

The groom's cake was chocolate with a hunting theme.

Following a cruise to Cozumel, Mexico, the couple have made their home in Dallas

ANNIVERSARY

Eugene and Dorothy Hirt

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hirt of St. Lawrence celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a Mass and renewal of their wedding vows with a reception and dinner for family and friends, hosted by their children and grandchildren at the St. Lawrence church hall.

Eugene was born in Ballinger. Dorothy Droll was born in Rowena. They were married Jan. 3, 1953, in Rowena.

The couple's children are Roxanne Orr of

Midland; Duane Hirt of St. Lawrence and Cecelia Matthews of Grady.

The couple has lived in Wall and St. Lawrence since their wedding. He is a retired farmer and a veteran of the Korean War. She is a homemaker.

They are members of the St. Lawrence Catholic Church.



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ANNIVERSARY

Wade and Dorothy Shanks

Wade and Dorothy Shanks celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with a four-day trip to Tribesman Resort on Table Rock Lake in Branson, Mo.

Their children and spouses hosted the celebration and presented them with a 50th Wedding Anniversary cake, a cassette tape with all of the grandchildren and great-grandchildren wishing them "Happy Anniversary" and their oldest grandson, J.P. Shanks, singing, "I Couldn't Help Falling In Love With You" and reading a poem his wife, Angela, wrote. They also presented them a video of pictures through the past 50 years.

Their children and spouses took turns fixing breakfast each morning for all of them. Wade was born in



Comanche County and Dorothy Christian was born in Big Spring. They met at the 7-Up Bottling Co. where Wade worked, in 1952.

They were married on Oct. 25, 1952, in the home of Dorothy's parents.

Their children are: Donnie and Sharon Shanks of Levelland, Larry and Sheila Shanks of Loveland, Colo., and Jimmy and Sandy Shanks and Shirley and Kevin Murphy, all of Big Spring. They have eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Wade worked at the 7-Up



Bottling Co. and was a contract painter. Dorothy was a Baptist church secretary and homemaker.

Wade enjoys hunting and visiting with friends over coffee. Dorothy like arts and crafts, sewing, music and reading. Both of them like to travel and attend their grandchildren's activities.

They have these comments about their marriage: "We have had a good marriage through the years and God has blessed us abundantly. Our love for God and each other continues to grow."

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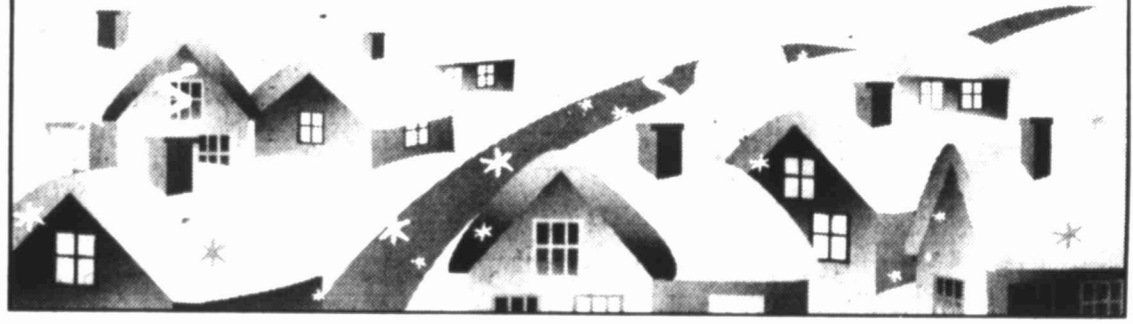
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Shoplifting 'major' crime in Big Spring

Merchants lose thousands of dollars a year

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Any way you look at it, shoplifting is a bad idea. That's the message from Big Spring Police and local merchants, who say the problem is out of control — not just in Big Spring, but everywhere.

"It's major," said Wal-Mart Manager Daryl Holley. "It's hard to say. We figure we catch about 10 percent of the actual shoplifters that come into the store. We have several hundred dollars every week unaccounted for."

Holley said shoplifting has a direct impact on the price of Wal-Mart's merchandise.

"It's going to cause the cost of everything else to go up," he said. "It's a cost that's just passed on to the rest of us consumers."

Shoplifting at Wal-Mart can have long-lasting repercussions.

"We prosecute every shoplifter, every one," he said. "Young, old, kid, it doesn't matter. The police are called. They are barred from Wal-Mart, any Wal-Mart, anywhere in the U.S. They cannot shop ever again in a Wal-Mart store or anything Wal-Mart owns."

Holley said the store also works closely with the police to discourage shoplifting.

"The police are called every time we have a shoplifter, whether it's \$5 or \$500," he said.

Wal-Mart's shoplifting problem is about evenly split between juvenile and adult thieves.

"It's probably about even," he said. "Mostly the kids take music, CDs, videos, cosmetic-type things, makeup, pens and paper and school stuff. Adults generally take the high-dollar electronic stuff, clothing, beer. It doesn't seem like beer would be a big problem



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Shoplifting in Big Spring leads to prosecution and can result in jail time. Here, Big Spring Police Jailer Tim Ward, right, demonstrates how a shoplifter is confined to a small cell on the upper floor of the Big Spring Police Department.

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Daryl Holley, Wal-Mart manager

area, but it is. Tobacco. That isn't a big problem because of the way we have our set up (in a kiosk at the front of the store), but it's a high-theft item. The highest-theft department is electronics, followed by cosmetics." Big Spring Mall Manager Kathy Lusk agreed that the problem is rampant. "I would say it's about the same as everywhere," she said. "We deal with shoplifting every day." Businesses include

shoplifting as an operational cost in their budget, she added.

"Every business has to include that in their budget," she said. "It's a loss. In order to make that up, they have to increase the prices of merchandise."

Mall security guards call the police every time they catch a shoplifter, she added.

"We have a policy, if we catch them as employees of the Big Spring Mall, not associated with a certain store, we prosecute them and we give them a no trespassing warning," she said. "That means they are not to set foot on Mall property again or we'll have them arrested, even if they don't do anything. As far as the individual stores, I know they do prosecute them as well."

Lusk said most shoplifters are children or young adults.

"Most of our shoplifters are between the ages of 10 and 25," she said. "We have problems with juveniles, but we also have problems with people up

to 25 years old or 30. Past 30 we don't have too many shoplifters that are that age."

Shoplifters are especially bad around the end of the year, she added.

"When the economy's bad, or around the holiday season, we see an increase in shoplifting," she said. "Every single store we have falls victim to that."

Ellen Barefoot, proprietor of Nannie's Attic in downtown Big Spring, said she doesn't have much of a problem with shoplifters.

"I have very little problem with shoplifting," she said. "I hate to go into a shop where they gawk you. I turn around and walk out, so I hate to do that to people. So I asked God to give me a discerning spirit; when someone comes through my door, that I need to watch out for, please let me know."

Barefoot said there's just something about shoplifters that sets off warning bells in her

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ALON USA institutes personnel cutbacks, revamps benefit plan

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

ALON USA announced late last week that it will be making some personnel cutbacks due to a down year in the refining industry.

In a prepared statement, Big Spring Plant Manager and Corporate Vice President Joe Conciene said part of those cuts will come in Big Spring.

"2002 has been a very difficult year for the refining industry in general, even worse than 1999," Conciene said.

"As a part of a company-wide effort to bring costs in line with the prevailing market conditions, ALON USA has had to make a difficult decision to, among other things, reduce staff at the Big Spring refinery, the corporate office in Dallas and at our pipelines and terminals by approximately 5 percent."

Employees who remain on the job will feel the crunch too, he said. "Furthermore, 10 percent of our employees' base compensation was moved to an incentive-based compensation plan," he added.

Conciene said the Big Spring plant currently employs about 185 people, the pipelines and terminals 23 and the Dallas office 96.

ALON's president Jeff Morris said the layoffs

"What we've always done in Big Spring to ensure our future is to do the hard things when they're necessary. This is one of those times."



Jeff Morris, ALON president

have already begun.

"We've already reduced some jobs, we reduced them last Friday," he said. "We reduced our staff that is directly associated with the refinery by three persons and then an additional two that are working in our pipelines and terminals."

The cuts are necessary to ensure the plant's future operation in Big Spring, he said.

"It's simply a matter of cost control," he said. "It's another one of those years that we've been through over time where

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Businessman wants Christians to carry faith to workplace

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

A prominent Texas businessman is spreading the word that daily work is a crucial part of spiritual life, whether the job is at the top of the corporate ladder or toiling in the trenches. "Both places you are tempted to go through the motions. Both places you are tempted not to do your absolute best," said Howard E. Butt Jr., vice chairman of the San Antonio-based H-E-B Grocery Co. headed by his brother. "Both places you are tempted to see the people around you as something less than a person of great dignity, and I think that's as true for the CEO of the biggest corporation."

Early this year, Butt intro-

duced "The High Calling of Our Daily Work," a Web site designed to inspire believers to carry moral messages they hear in church on Sunday to the workplace on Monday morning.

The site, a product of the Kerrville-based H.E. Butt Foundation, provides encouragement from Christian authors and others. "From what we get, we can make a living; what we give, however, makes a life," says a quotation from the late tennis star Arthur Ashe displayed on the site Thursday.

"Work becomes sacred when we realize that all life is sacred," said Butt, 75. "Our personal friendships are sacred. Our marriage and family relationships are sacred, and the

thing in which we spend most of the time is work, and it is clearly sacred. If it's not, life is robbed. It's robbed of the music, robbed of the drama."

For Butt, success in business has been a family tradition, but not without personal struggle.

His grandparents, Charles C. and Florence Butt, founded the privately held grocery store company in Kerrville in 1905. Their son, Howard Edward Butt, took over the company after World War I, and the enterprise flourished.

Today, the state's largest grocery store chain is headquartered in San Antonio and operates 300 Texas stores, employing about 55,000 people. The company had \$9 billion in sales last year, said company spokes-

woman Emily Kahanek.

The stores are run by Howard Butt's son, Charles, listed in Forbes magazine this year as having a net worth of \$1.8 billion. Howard Butt Jr. heads the nonprofit foundation, which was founded in 1933 and operates an adult Christian retreat and youth camps.

The Web site is an outgrowth of personal experience, said the foundation chief, who also writes Christian books.

"I began to gradually learn that this is where the stress points are, over these tough decisions that are before us every day in business," he said. "Perhaps triggered by some of this, I went into serious clinical depression in the mid- to late '50s, I had to get psychological

help, and it took me into a whole new depth in understanding the relationships around me."

He found happiness when he "gave myself to the company," incorporating faith into daily decision-making for the grocery store chain. He left active management of the company in 1967 and moved to a board position. Since 1968, he has been involved in running the foundation — his passion. He became its president in 1982.

"Each of us have to chart out the path of our own obedience and decide what it is," he said.

The Web site offers the chance to do that through daily devotions and prayers and message boards to chat with others about work and faith.

Recent dry spell just what area farmers have been needing

By RUSSELL BAKER

Extension Agent, IPM

Rainfall over the month of October greatly improved the growing conditions for winter crops such as wheat. With the sunshine and somewhat mild temperatures we have experienced over the past week, the winter small grains should really take off.

This is good news for those who have these planted and are hoping to graze livestock.

The sunshine over the past week has also helped to dry out local cotton fields, making it possible to get back to harvesting. The cotton harvest had basically been but on hold for the almost the entire month of October, because of too much moisture. Friday

withstanding, hopefully the weather will continue to hold out for a couple of weeks, allowing producers to finish the cotton harvest, then the wet weather will return.

Pecans are beginning to be harvested around the area. Most varieties split their shucks and began to drop earlier than normal this year. Many I observed were a full week to 10 days earlier

than the previous couple of years. With the pecans starting to be collected, it is time to start thinking about the Howard County Pecan Show, which is open to all and rapidly approaching.

The 2002 Howard County Pecan Show will be held on Thursday, Dec. 5, 2002 at 9:30 a.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. The entries must be in the Howard

County Extension office no later than 5:00 p.m. Monday, Dec. 2, 2002.

All varieties will be judged separately and will be awarded 1st place (blue), 2nd place (red), and 3rd place (white) ribbons.

In addition, plaques and rosettes will be awarded to the Grand Champion in the Commercial, Classic and Variety Seedling divi-

sions (rosettes will also be awarded to the Reserve Champion in each of the above divisions).

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Russell Baker is the Extension Agent, Integrated Pest Management, for Howard, Martin and Midland counties.

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