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It's a disease that millions of Americans must face. Three patients of the Big Spring State Hospital discuss what suffering from depression has meant in their lives — from the break up of marriages to the abuse of alcohol and drugs in the latest of the Herald's Community Impact Series.

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Isett makes Big Spring a stop on candidacy tour



State Rep. Carl H. Isett of Lubbock speaks to supporters during a campaign stop in Big Spring on Friday. Isett is one of several candidates seeking the 19th Congressional District seat vacated by former Rep. Larry Combest.

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Another contender for retiring U.S. Rep. Larry Combest's soon-to-be vacated 19th Congressional District seat made Big Spring a stop on his formal candidacy announcement tour Friday afternoon.

Carl H. Isett of Lubbock, currently a state representative, said he's excited about the race.

"I am excited about the future," Isett said. "There's a lot of uncertainty. There's uncertainty about the economy, there's uncertainty about the world. My experiences as a legislator, in dealing with budgets and what we will do this session, what I will do this session, will again separate me from the rest of the candidates in this field."

Isett, a certified public accountant and lieutenant commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, is a Texas Tech graduate with a bachelor's degree in accounting and finance and a master's degree in finance. He is married with six children.

Isett said he'll place a premium on strengthening defense and homeland security if elected, and promote lower taxes and less government regulation of business. In the area of education, Isett said he favors more accountability as well as more local control.

The candidate said West Texas cities and towns need to pull together instead of squabbling among themselves.

"When you're an elected official in the Texas House from West Texas, you learn very quickly that there are more votes in Houston than there are west of I-35," he said. "You learn very quickly that you have to stick together and you have to discuss things as regional issues. I am already used to and committed to this area, not just the district that I represent, but I represent all of West Texas, and with the other representatives from these areas, we'll work together to be successful. I have already been doing this since I got elected to

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Difference Makers

Almost 95, Mattie Fuller is still going, blowing strong

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

With her 95th birthday fast approaching, Mattie Fuller is a most remarkable woman.

All her friends will tell you just that.

So will her family. What's more, you learn that they not only love her, but have an abiding respect as well.

In fact, her daughter, Sherry Wegner, managed a quick list of 10 reasons why she wanted her mother recognized as one of Howard County's "Difference Makers."

"How can one pinpoint all the things she does that make a difference," Wegner wrote. "There are so many things that she has done and still does for people, even at her age."

"First, she stays in contact with all relatives and long-time friends. Anytime she's in their area (even out of town) she wants to stop and call them or go by and see them."

"She makes sure to go visit her elderly friends in nursing homes and many times drives them to do errands."

"She still makes birthday cakes for the family and some friends. She bakes dozens of cookies at holidays, makes gift



Mattie Fuller (seated) and her daughter, Sherry Wegner, look over a memory book she and her husband, Holbert, were given on their 50th wedding anniversary in 1977.

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Show

Martin County youngsters get most from judge

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

They all looked the same to the uninitiated.

Of course, there were superficial differences. Some were black, some were pink. Some were splotchy conglomerations of both. But as for what made one pig better than another, the average onlooker would be clueless.

The event was the Martin County Livestock Show's Pig Show, and even some of the youngest children there seemed to know their way around pigs better than the reporter whose primary experience with the porcine species includes Big Bad Wolves.

Luckily, there was event judge Leslie Vann, who, in his day job, is superintendent of the Gorman Independent School District.

"I'm a meat man," he said. "'Pretty' doesn't have a whole lot to do with it. That pig might look a lot like me, with big old jowls, but if it has a nice ham, I like it."

A 'ham' is the thigh of the pig, the section that, when cooked with a nice brown sugar glaze and spiral-sliced, makes a delectable holiday feast.

"The judge was wonderful with the kids," said Martin County Championship Club sec-

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Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff tabbed success from very start

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Everywhere you looked, pots of steaming meaty goodness bubbled over barbecue grills, filling the air with stomach-growling aromas.

The event was Saturday's 14th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff, and cooks broke out their ingredients — secret and otherwise — and fired up the grills early. It takes a bit of time to make a good pot of chili.

The event, sponsored by the Big Spring Harley-Davidson Shop as a

fundraiser for the local Harley Owner's Group, started off at 9 a.m.

More than 100 people turned out not only to cook the Tex-Mex treat, but to eat their fill of the spicy concoctions.

Big Spring's Vic Flournoy was acting as a judge for the event, but hadn't had a chance to sample the wares yet.

"I haven't gotten any yet," he said. "I'm judging the second round."

Flournoy said he's had some experience judging chili before, just not the

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Quinn Flournoy of Big Spring helps herself to a bowlful of chili from the Harley Owners Group pot at the 14th annual Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff Saturday. Flournoy's husband Vic participated in the contest as a judge. The event, sponsored by the Big Spring Harley-Davidson Shop, is an annual fundraiser for the Harley Owners Group.

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VA's Stand Down provides care to homeless veterans

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Looking like a scene from the television show M*A*S*H, olive drab tents rose behind Big Spring's VA Medical Center Saturday.

Although Hawkeye and Trapper John didn't show up, the VA Health Care Center Stand Down treated many soldiers in need.

The event, scheduled in conjunction with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day, provided health screenings, clothes, boots, food and valuable information to more than 50 area homeless veterans.

"Everything went good," said VA employee Stephanie Horton. "They seem to be enjoying themselves. They're sure enjoying the meals and the medical attention and the clothing. They're really enjoying themselves."

Horton said the Stand Down, named after Civil War-era camps located behind the lines of battle where wounded or

fatigued soldiers could recuperate, tended the immediate and long-term needs of the homeless veterans.

"We gave them boots and jackets, gloves and hats and backpacks and blankets and sleeping bags and socks. You name it. Hygiene kits," she said. "We had breakfast this morning — biscuits, sausage, eggs, hash browns, gravy, bacon. Then for lunch we had ribs and sausage and chicken and beans and potato salad. We had it all. Tonight we'll be having catfish."

Health and vision screenings, free used eyeglasses provided by the local Lions Club, and information from local agencies was available.

"We had all our different organizations here that can help them get back on their feet," Horton said.

Homeless veterans who missed the stand down can still get help.

"They can still come into the VA and be registered," she said. "They can also talk with Marge Salhus. She's the homeless coordinator and she'll help them get registered."

Horton emphasized the connection between the event and King.

"I want everyone to know that this event is for Dr. Martin Luther King's birthday," she said. "Have a day on and not a day off, which means to do something for somebody else."

She thanked the local entities for their help.

"Thanks to the VA. The VA has been just superb in supporting this event," she said. "The city has just been awesome. They have come out and set up the tents. They have just worked with us, anything we've needed. I can't thank them enough. I would also like to thank the federal prisons, because they have loaned us the tents that we needed to do the stand down."



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Veteran Jim Jones tries on some new boots at the VA Medical Center Stand Down Saturday afternoon. Jones said he was formerly part of the 304th Maintenance Company in Wichita Falls. The Stand Down, held in conjunction with Martin Luther King Jr. Day, was designed to provide food, clothes and valuable information to the area's homeless veterans.

CHILI

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real Texan stuff. "Not at this event, no, at some other events," he said. "I'm originally from Georgia and we had some chili cookoffs there."

The judge added that he has a list of criteria to judge the spicy bowlfuls on.

"It's going to be on color, aroma, consistency, taste and aftertaste," he said. "That's actually the criteria. We had a briefing a little while ago and

we went through that, so I think it's going to go quite well."

Being a good chili judge requires a bit of preparation, and it was set up well, Flournoy said.

"It's set up very nice in there. They've got crackers in the middle of the tables in there in between each helping of chili," he said. "And they've got the cheese and the grapes and things like that. Of course they've got drinks, water or sodas and beer if you choose. They've got what you need to make it a fair

and equitable competition."

Carl Barnes, director of the Harley Owners Group, said he was happy with the turnout for the event.

"I think we have a super turnout," Barnes said. "We have 22 teams registered to cook. You can see the result. The crowd is pretty phenomenal. I'd say. We'll announce the winners about 3 p.m."

The event also featured live music by local bands.

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retary Judith Pinkerton. "At one point he squatted down and talked with a little girl and explained some things to her, what he wanted her to know about her pig. He was a very kid-friendly judge. He wasn't just cut-and-dried, judge the pigs and go. He gave the kids his time."

Pinkerton said livestock raising and showing is a beneficial experience for children.

"It teaches them responsibility," she said. "They have to care for their animals. They have to feed them every single day,

twice a day. They have to exercise them. If they're sick, they have to medicate them."

The experience makes a great family project as well, she added.

"It's a good family time," she said. "It's a project where the whole family can be together. It's a very good responsibility-building program."

The Championship Club raises prize money for winning entries in the livestock show, which replaces the usual auction associated with such an event.

"We don't have an auction," she said. "We raise

money through donations, and it's very fair to the kids. The money is distributed to all the kids depending on their placing. Every kid gets money. It's not like, who your daddy is, where you have a ninth-place pig and it brings more than the grand champion because of who you are. All the kids benefit from it."

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the Texas House." Isett said the Ports-To-Plains Project, planned to create a trade corridor from Mexico to the interior of the United States through West Texas, will be important to the area's future.

"We need to finish it. We need to get it funded and we need to continue that process," he said. "It, like everything else, is a process, not an event. There's been a lot of yeoman's work on it down in Austin, up in Washington and around. I feel like it is vitally important for all of rural Texas, for places like Lubbock, for places like Big Spring, that we

have a corridor to move our goods to the consumers. It is absolutely vital. Transportation in general is just absolutely vital to our area."

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center

CEO report to the community

By:
Timothy E. Schmidt
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Scenic Mountain Medical Center



As CEO of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, I want to take this opportunity to let you know about our achievements in 2002 and what we are planning for 2003. During the course of the year, I plan to write a series of articles in order to give you an overview for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the many issues facing health care providers and introducing you to various members of our Medical Staff and our outstanding employees. Today's article will focus on 2002 accomplishments and 2003 opportunities.

Significant Accomplishments in 2002

Joint Commission of Accreditation of Health Care Organizations (JCAHO) Survey
JCAHO is the nation's predominate accrediting body for healthcare providers. JCAHO is an independent, not-for-profit organization and has helped develop state-of-the-art, professionally based standards used to evaluate hospitals. In January 2002, Scenic Mountain's Laboratory was surveyed by the JCAHO and received a score of 97. Scenic Mountain Medical Center was surveyed in June 2002 and received a score of 94. Both of these scores are well above the national median score.

Emergency Department Expansion

In January 2002, we began construction and renovation of our emergency department in order to better serve our community. We moved into a temporary emergency room and promptly treated the highest patient volume we had ever experienced in any month. In August 2002, we moved into our new emergency department. The new \$1.6 million emergency department has a dedicated trauma room, seven pre-registered rooms, a triage room, a new waiting area and registration area. In December 2002, a new group of physicians began providing 24-hour/day coverage for emergency care.

Retention of Hospital Staff

In 2000 our turnover was 54%. In 2002 our turnover rate decreased to just under 20%. Nationally, the turnover rate is 22.25%. This represents a significant improvement in our ability to provide quality care to you our customers. We are able to now focus more dollars on training rather than recruitment.

Physician Recruitment

Three physicians joined our medical staff in 2002. Alan Abel, M.D., Susan Roberts, D.O. and Cynthia Rutledge, D.O. Dr. Abel is Board Certified General in Surgery. Dr. Roberts and Dr. Rutledge are both Board Certified in Family Practice. All three physicians are very excited about being in Big Spring, TX. These physicians not only increased the access to healthcare locally, but contributed to the overall Big Spring economy.

Charitable, Gratis and Tax Contribution

In 2002, Scenic Mountain Medical Center provided over \$6.1 million in charitable and gratis care. We also paid over \$500,000 in property taxes. Furthermore, the hospital was very active in community activities such as Rotary, Kiwanis, Relay for Life, American Heart Association, United Way, and sponsoring of our local youth activities.

Patient Satisfaction Scores

Our Patient Satisfaction scores continue to improve each quarter. We continue to receive positive feedback from the community concerning the quality of our services. Yes, we still receive feedback from customers whom we did not meet their expectations. And we are glad that they do take the time to voice their concerns, as this gives us an opportunity to improve our services.

Opportunities for 2003

Improving Access to Care

In 2002, we secured the commitment of six (6) additional physicians who plan to move to Big Spring and open a practice

- Donald Ferguson, MD Internal Medicine
- Lorna Ferguson, MD, Internal Medicine
- Keith Ledford, MD, Obstetrics and Gynecology
- Fahkar Ijaz, MD, Internal Medicine
- Juan Carlos Gonzalez, MD, Internal Medicine
- Alfonso Preciado, MD, General Surgeon

The success of these physicians and other members of our medical staff depends upon our community's willingness to trust their health care needs to these professionals.

Construction of a Medical Office Building

We will soon begin construction of a 30,000 square foot Medical Office Building on the campus of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. We expect occupancy in the fall of 2003. The building will house 12-15 physicians, outpatient radiology and laboratory.

Medical Staff Development

In 2003, we will continue to recruit physicians in the following specialties:

- Cardiology
- Ear, Nose and Throat
- Orthopedic Surgery
- Anesthesia Provider

As a business, Scenic Mountain Medical Center is a major employer in the Big Spring area. In 2002, we paid over \$10.5 million in salaries and wages while providing over 300 individuals employment. According to economist, salary dollars turnover in the local economy 4-5 times. Thus, the impact to the local economy for Scenic Mountain is \$40 million to \$50 million. In addition, we treated over 14,000 people in the Emergency Department, admitted over 3,600 inpatients and performed 1,800 surgical procedures. We also invested in new modern diagnostic equipment and invested in the training of our staff.

I thank you for taking the time to read this article. If you have suggestions or questions that would be appropriate for future articles, please write or call me at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.



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OUR VIEWS

Chamber banquet set for Thursday at Coliseum

It's time again to pay our respects to a very important organization and equally important group of people. This year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet is planned for Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

First, we'll be recognizing the many business men and women who work so hard to make our community thrive. We'll recognize an organization — the Chamber of Commerce — which is dedicated to helping make our city a better place for shoppers, tourists and those of us to live here.

Of course, one of the highlights of the banquet each year is the naming of the Man and Woman of the Year.

We'll also be honoring some special guests, Sen. Robert Duncan and former Rep. David Counts, who served Howard County well for so many years in Austin. And we'll welcome Sen. Teel Bivins and Rep. Pete Laney, who will be our "eyes and ears" at the capitol for years to come.

Thursday's banquet begins at 6:30 p.m. and will feature a sit-down style dinner.

We hope you will come out and join us as we salute our legislators, both past and present, chamber of commerce and the staff members and officers, board members and volunteers who have worked so hard to make it a success.

Tickets are \$20 and may be picked up at the chamber office, 215 W. Third, or reserved by calling 264-7641. This year, businesses may sponsor and decorate an eight-person table for \$100. Participating businesses will receive four tickets. Join us in paying our respects Thursday evening.

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

As your sun meets the moon, Lord, please melt our difficulties into victories for you.

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Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

For some people the cold and flu season causes very little problem and quite frankly, I am one of those people. However, for this cold and flu season I have been battling this stuff in one form or another for about a month.

I guess it's a real bad situation here and in other parts of this state. Schools continue to close from the flu outbreak, but hopefully it will begin to give us a little relief as we go forward into February.

A couple weeks ago I had to go to Dallas on business and let me tell you, after motoring my way through the Metroplex or the Monster Mess as I like to call it, am quite content to not be fighting that traffic every day.

After being in and around Las Vegas for three years, one of the very attractive parts of moving to this part of Texas was the relief from traffic.

I have been in downtown Las Vegas on business when it took more than an hour to go a full block. On a holiday weekend, when an extra 250,000 people are in town, it can take three hours or longer to get down the main strip. Thus, the relaxed pace of driving in Big Spring has been nice.

I certainly will have to say I have far less road rage here than I did there, as long as people stay out of my way!

At the first of the year I try to talk about the newspaper and

its staff. I do usually avoid using names simply because I forget at least one — and usually more. (Over time I try to use them.)

We have continued to try and fine tune our content with some additional state, national and occasionally international briefs as part of the package we produce every day. It is possible for us to use some of this information provided by the Associated Press in a manner that will help complete the full picture.

Our reporting staff works diligently to bring you as much local news as possible every day. Sometimes we miss things or the information has to wait an additional day. And of course we make some mistakes, but over time we hope to smooth this process out.

I can see from close-up the economy of West Texas is slowing to a dangerous level. We have closings here in Howard County as well as across the area and state. KMart is closing 53 stores in Texas alone. However, for those who enjoy shopping at KMart, the store in Sweetwater survived this round of cutbacks.

Last week my son became the fifth driver I have trained to receive his driver's license. My insurance carrier was certainly glad to see me add another name to that policy and the local fueling stations will be happy as well.

Since 1970 I have managed to

teach — through yelling at times I will be the first to admit — my wife and four children enough about the operation of a motor vehicle to earn a driver's license.

It's a matter of being detail oriented. I can also tell you it was much easier to teach them when I was smoking. Now that I have been smoking free for nearly eight years, I had to resort to some pretty big deep breaths — and slightly more yelling.

I did tell Judi White, who is a LVN working at the clinic for Dr. Jim Huston, I would have to mention her this week. In less than 48 hours this woman shot me with needles in a couple places I didn't enjoy. Well, the shot in the arm was not as bad as the other.

I am sure much to the chagrin of the staff here — and my family as well — I am beginning to get my voice back. However, if I talk too long or loud it goes away. Maybe that's why Michael makes me repeat everything!

I'll be glad when we get back to warm temperatures — that's primarily because I will be able to complain about it being too hot.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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Only war will eliminate Saddam Hussein

President Bush seems to be hinting that he hopes someone will shoot Saddam Hussein or that Saddam will decide to retire. All things are possible, but Saddam isn't the retiring type, and he certainly did not reach age 65 in his job by being an easy target.

More than a decade ago, I wrote that the first George Bush had inadvertently provided Saddam with guaranteed protection against a coup. By making war on the Iraqi people and by so obviously being in the pocket of the Israelis, the United States assured that any Iraqi who tried to replace Saddam would be immediately branded an American Zionist agent and ripped apart by the Iraqi people. Iraqis, who don't like Saddam, dislike the United States and Israel's governments even more.

If there is no chance of a replacement surviving in the top spot, there is no point in taking the enormous risk of trying to assassinate a man who is an expert in survival.

Our current President Bush has continued the "protection" policy. Only a senior leader would have even a slim chance of getting close enough to Saddam to whack him, and our esteemed president has let it go public that Iraqi senior leaders will be tried as war criminals. All that piece of stupidity does is guarantee that the senior leadership will remain loyal to Saddam.

So it looks increasingly as if the president is going to have to go to war if he wants to eliminate Saddam Hussein. It looks as if he will have to go to war in the face of a United Nations inspection report that says no evidence of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction can be found. That probably won't deter Bush, but it will create enormous and profound problems for the United States. We will be viewed by most of the world as a bully and a hypocrite of the first order.

It's clear by now that Bush isn't going to make public any evidence that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction because he doesn't have any. He claims to have provided the inspectors with the U.S. intelligence, but if so, having worked on it, they haven't found anything.

In the meantime, he might blunder us into a war with North Korea. While we can probably take Iraq with relatively few American casualties, there is no way under the sun to fight a Korean War II without very large American casualties. In the first place, within hours of the start of the war, the 37,000 Americans sitting there as a tripwire will be dead. I doubt the North Koreans will bother to take any prisoners this time. Already the neoconservatives are trying to downplay Korean strength by harping on how poor the country is. Well, they should remember their own rhetoric. North Korea is often described as the last Stalinist dictatorship on earth. So it is. Yet when Stalin was alive, the majority of the Soviet people were also poor, often starving, and he nevertheless produced an enormous military machine. Stalin had hundreds of divisions that German intelligence didn't know existed, and the Soviet Union turned out 134 tanks by the tens of thousands. Never confuse general prosperity or the lack of it with military strength. Like a poor man with a 357-caliber Magnum, a country can be poor but well-armed.

America's relationship with Israel is behind this problem. North Korea, even with nuclear weapons, is no threat to the United States. The Israelis, however, are deathly afraid that North Korea will sell nuclear warheads and long-range missiles to Iran or other Israeli enemies. Don't take my word for it. Watch your cable news shows. The same pro-Israel, pro-war-with-Iraq crowd has already started yammering about how dangerous it would be if North Korea were allowed to export its weapons. Dangerous to whom? Well, they never say, but they obviously mean Israel, since the Israelis themselves have often voiced this fear in Israeli newspapers. Their "axis of evil" and our "axis of evil" are the same.

It's not just the early Zionists that pick Kenya for their new colony instead of Palestine. The United States would have had a much easier time of it. Hopefully, though, one day Americans will get tired of pulling Israel's chestnuts out of the fires of its own making. Eliminating threats by making peace with its might is the success of the low priority in Israel.

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Depression: Three patients tell their struggle with a disease that still haunts them today

By Lyndel Moody
Staff Writer

Living with depression is a continual fight for three brave people willing to share their story in hopes of helping others.

Depression so overwhelmed the lives of Marilyn Clawson, Walton King and Richard Butler that the disease drove them to find false relief in drugs and alcohol, lose connections with loved ones and, ultimately, almost destroyed them.

For 40 years, Clawson has lived with the disease.

"I was first diagnosed when I was 19 years old," Clawson said. "When I was first diagnosed, I was treated with shock treatment."

The regimen left unfortunate consequences including memory loss.

"It didn't really help the depression," she said.

So, she turned to drugs and alcohol to cope.

"It caused me to be suicidal," she said.

"I tried to drink myself to death. Part of how I dealt with depression was drinking pills. Consequently, that got me into more trouble with the law. I ended up in jail."

"I had two broken marriages and lost my son and my family," she continued, totaling the litany of losses.

King and Butler both believe they suffered from depression as early as their childhood.

"My mother said she saw something wasn't right with me when I child but she didn't know what it was," Walton said. "In my childhood, I was not happy when I should have been."

"My mother suffered from depression," Butler said. "She received electrical shock treatment when I was in my early teens. I didn't understand it. I would see her the day before and the day after treatment — she didn't know who I was."

Both men admit they turned to drugs.

"I turned to drinking as a way of dealing with my depression," Butler said.

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"I felt something was missing. I lost my first marriage because of it."

The fight to not let the disease control their lives has been difficult and fraught with setbacks.

"The fight against drug addiction and fight against depression go hand in hand," King said. "If you don't take care of one, you'll be consumed by the other."

"Depression has effected

marriage, Butler was finally diagnosed with the disease. With help, he was able to get on a stable on both the disease and his alcoholism, but then a series of traumatic events occurred.

"About 14 years into the my marriage, my second wife became ill with chronic fatigue syndrome," he said. "I believe she also suffered from depression. Having to cope with her depression increased my depression."

Butler's 19-year marriage broke up.

"I began asking for a divorce," he said. "Two weeks later, my mother passed away on my 50th birthday, the same day I lost 17-1/2 years of sobriety from alcohol I had gained."

"Going through that series of losses threw me into a deep depression. I felt like a bot toml-less well."

"I had a feeling of total hopelessness," he said. "A total lack of desire to have good feelings. I had thoughts of suicide I couldn't soon get out of my mind."

After that time of thinking, I saw suicide as my only way out at that point. I felt like it was an irreversible process."

Butler's attempts eventually led him to a comatose state, his life only supported

by a ventilator.

"My brother had to make the decision to take me off the ventilator," he said. "I continued to breathe. Once I woke up, I realized that I was such a failure in everything that

all my relationships and my inability to keep friends," he added. "I once stayed in my house for two weeks without ever stepping outside the front door. I lost one of the best jobs I ever had."

After a broken mar-



Lyndel Moody photo/Lyndel Moody
Aimee Butelo, left, Big Spring State Hospital activities director, speaks with Richard Butler and Walton King. Both Butler and King suffer from clinical depression and their lives have almost been destroyed by the disease.

I failed at killing myself. I think deep down I just wanted to get out of my situation."

Butler said he will always have to fight against the disease.

"Depression will ruin your life if you let it," he said. "If you let it, it will eventually end your life."

King worries the disease may finally destroy his life.

"I have a great fear of it all happening again," he said. "I have a feeling that when I leave this hospital I won't know what to do when I have difficulties."

"I'm ashamed of it," King added. "I think the reason for this interview is I'm ashamed of it and I shouldn't be. I want to help people learn more about the disease and get help."

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WHAT IS DEPRESSION?

By Lyndel Moody
News Editor

Depression can range from very short periods of "the blues" which generally pass quickly, to a lengthy disabling illness that can last for months or even years.

Just like heart disease, there are many forms of depression. Fortunately, even those with severe depression can be helped. Unfortunately, most people with a depressive illness do not seek treatment, studies show.

We all get depressed at times — everyone experiences grief or periods where they feel "down" or dejected. These affect our ability to sleep peacefully and may also cause us to lose our appetite and to want to withdraw.

These symptoms are usually short-term and within hours or days our normal routine takes over.

But major depression includes symptoms that may interfere with the ability to eat, sleep and work for long periods of time. People who suffer from major depression may have feelings of helplessness, worthlessness and guilt. They may lose interest in activities they previously took great enjoyment in. They have little energy and may have difficulty remembering things or making decisions.

Some with have difficulty sleeping; others may sleep most of the time. Some have little appetite and suffer weight loss; others overeat and gain weight.

Severe depression can lead to thoughts of death or suicide, and suicide attempts.

A less severe type of depression doesn't disable, but may keep someone from feeling good or even functioning normally. These episodes can be long-term and chronic, and maybe people who suffer from less severe depression will have major periods of depression at some time in their lives.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Jan. 19, 2003:

Recognize how very fortunate you are, developing a skill to look at life more positively. The more optimistic you are, the better the end results will be. Allow more happiness in your life, and develop an ability to relate to others more easily. Be open to possibilities, adding to your ability to grow and gain through networking. You will gain financially through a partnership or business venture after August 2003. If you are single, you will have the opportunity to end that status this year. You will meet someone quite special. If you're attached, your relationship will benefit if you allow your sweetie to take the lead more often. LEO challenges you, but also adores you.

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 have no concept of how your attitude can make a difference when dealing with those around you. Your smile proves to be a sure-bet. You'll get the answer "yes" rather than "no." News from a distance could be quite exciting. Tonight: Dance away.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Stay anchored when dealing with those in your immediate circle. A partner could change his or her tune, which might really please you. Listen to what this person shares. Together you might be able to bond on a far deeper and more loving level. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Much can be accomplished through words and phone calls at this time. Opportunities knock on your door. Realize that everyone has his or her limits, especially a close friend or partner. Know when to pull back and let someone else express his or her caring. Tonight: Let the party go on.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Take a strong hand with your financial status. Discuss a potential re-organization or change. Someone close expresses his or her responsiveness to your ideas. Refuse to go to extremes or be extravagant. Tonight: Keep costs reasonable.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Your smile draws many. Sometimes even you need to get some distance. Be careful just how close you let someone get, so you don't have to pull away at a later date. Keep a balance with a greater consciousness of those around you. Tonight: The

world is your oyster.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** You might marvel at someone's approach. Realize when you need to call it quits when dealing with a cantankerous associate. Express your support, though don't feel you need to do anything. Sometimes being a good listener is all that is needed. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** The only answer to an invitation involving your friends is "yes." Where you might have expected to have a good time, you'll have a great time. You might suddenly change your plans as a result. Tonight: Just do what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Stop in and check on an older relative or someone you care about. Treat this person to dinner or an outing. You cannot imagine how much your attention will be appreciated. Don't worry so much about spending today. Tonight: Out on the town.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Reach beyond the obvious, gaining a better understanding of what might be anticipated by others. Sometimes you need to walk in others' shoes. Opt for adventure. Take a risk or do something totally different. Tonight: Get concert tickets.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Review offers with an eye to gain and growth. You know what you want; make sure you let associates know too. Working with others allows you to grow and gain in a new light. Think through the possibilities. Tonight: Go along with another's requests.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Others seek you out. Your ability to make waves doesn't have to come out. You'll find that loved ones are only too happy to make your wish a reality. A friend leads you in a new direction. Prepare to take action. Tonight: Where the gang is.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** You might not be exactly sure what to do to make someone comfortable. Why not ask him or her? You're bound to learn a lot about this person. Check in on an older relative who might not feel up to snuff. Your attention is most appreciated! Tonight: Out with your friends.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I recently attended a family gathering at my mother's home. My brother-in-law, "Jimmy," was there. Jimmy is quite talkative, and he freely and regularly uses the "N" word. You know which one I mean.

I live in the South, and there is no shortage of intolerance here, but do I have to be subjected to his bigotry every time our family gets together? I told my mother how disrespectful this term is and how uncomfortable I am when Jimmy uses it, but she refuses to say anything because she cannot stand confrontation.

It is Mom's house, and I don't feel I have the right to create a problem with Jimmy. Meanwhile, I am afraid my 8-year-old nephew will think it is acceptable to use that word. Please help. — Ticked Off in Texas

Dear Texas: It is perfectly OK to "create a problem" in Mom's house. Each of us has an obligation to speak up

when confronted with racism. If you say nothing, Jimmy will think you have no objection, and your nephew will get the impression that others approve.

Tell Jimmy you find his language insulting and hateful, and would appreciate it if he would stop using such an offensive term in your presence. You might not change his behavior, but you will have registered a complaint in front of the family. If you stand up for what's right, it may give others the courage to do

the same.
Dear Annie: My mother has an extreme fear of flying. I live in Alaska, and although I visit Mom at least once a year, it's hard to convince her to come and see us up here. Mom often promises she'll come, and we start making plans, but within a month of her scheduled trip, the excuses begin and she cancels. This year, Mom promised to come for Christmas, but I knew better than to get my hopes up, and sure enough, she decided she couldn't make it after all.

Anxiety disorders, such as a fear of flying, are very treatable. Mom is a medical professional and knows this, but refuses to get help. She has tried some medications, but I think she needs counseling as well. I have an anxiety disorder, too, and therapy and medication helped me tremendously. It's hard for me to watch my mom let this problem keep her from the joys of being with her family. Should I tell my mom

about my experience or just accept the situation? — Missing Mom in Alaska

Dear Missing Mom: By all means, tell Mom how you took steps to overcome your anxiety disorder with counseling and medication. It may provide the underlying support she needs to get help. (The predisposition for some anxiety disorders, by the way, can be inherited.) Meanwhile, don't be too hard on her.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, long-time editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Steers narrowly miss first district victory

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
ANDREWS — Who says the Big Spring Steers can't score? Not the Andrews Mustangs, that's for sure. Andrews held off a heated fourth-quarter by Big Spring to claim a nail-biting 77-74 victory Friday night in front of a large crowd in the AHS gymnasium. Big Spring, despite having three starters sidelined, erased a 25-point third-quarter deficit and pulled to within two with less than a minute to play. Andrews managed to sink three free throws in the final 26

seconds to stave off the Steers. Big Spring, now 2-22 overall and 0-3 in loop play, appeared ready for burial after the third quarter. Andrews had outscored the Steers by a 14-13 clip in the third and taken a 16-point lead, at 63-46, into the final eight minutes. Jordan Cobb ignited a furious rally midway through the fourth by sinking a pair of free throws that cut the Mustangs' lead to 12. Less than two minutes later, he pushed in a 3-pointer to pull the Steers to within seven, at 71-64. Clayton Weaver took over from there. The BSHS junior

reeled off three straight points over a 28-second span to move Big Spring to within four, at 73-69. Weaver, who scored six of his seven points in the final 2:03 of the game, came back seconds later to strike again. With Andrews up 74-70, he stepped in front of an AHS pass and went coast-to-coast for an easy basket that pulled the Steers to within two with 36 seconds left in the contest. Andrews managed to survive the run, however. The Mustangs sank 3-of-4 attempts from the charity stripe in the final 25 seconds of play.

Andrews, 1-2 in district play, looked as if it would dominate the contest early. The Mustangs took a 13-point lead in the first eight minutes of play by outscoring the Steers by a 27-14 margin. They used a 22-18 spree in the second period to stretched their lead to 49-32 at the half. Cobb led all Big Spring scorers in the game with 22 points — 15 of which came via five 3-point shots. Mike Ornales and Josh Pedigo also hit double figures, finishing with 16 and 12 points, respectively. Wes Smith added seven.



Big Spring's Clayton Weaver drives past an Andrews defender for a basket Friday.

Bye-Bye Big Spring?

Steers' Butler among list of candidates at Central

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
Last month, Dwight Butler drove the Big Spring Steers to the regional semifinal round of the Class 4A state football playoffs. His next drive could be to San Angelo.

The longtime Big Spring head coach/athletic director was among 44 candidates that applied for the vacant San Angelo Central head coaching position, according to the San Angelo Independent School District. Central is looking to fill the void at the top of the school's Class 5A program after former head coach Kyle Gandy was released in December.

Butler, the Steers' all-time winningest coach, was unavailable for comment on Sunday.

According to SAISD officials, Butler could be among the candidates to make the "short list" of applicants. District officials are expected to trim the overall list of candidates to 10 next week and then begin the interviewing process in an attempt to reach a decision by the Jan. 28 school board meeting.

Butler, by all accounts, should be one of the top coaches applying for the position. Other noteworthy applicants include Bob Bellard, the son of former Central legend Emory Bellard, Crane's Alan Cheery, former Odessa Permian head coach and current Texas A&M assistant Tam Hollingshead, former Central standout — and current Grapevine coach — Gary Mullins and Greenwood's Bob Purser,

Year	District 4-4A Standings		Overall
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1999 Big Spring	7	4	0
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Totals	70	61	0

who led the Rangers to the Class 3A state finals this past year.

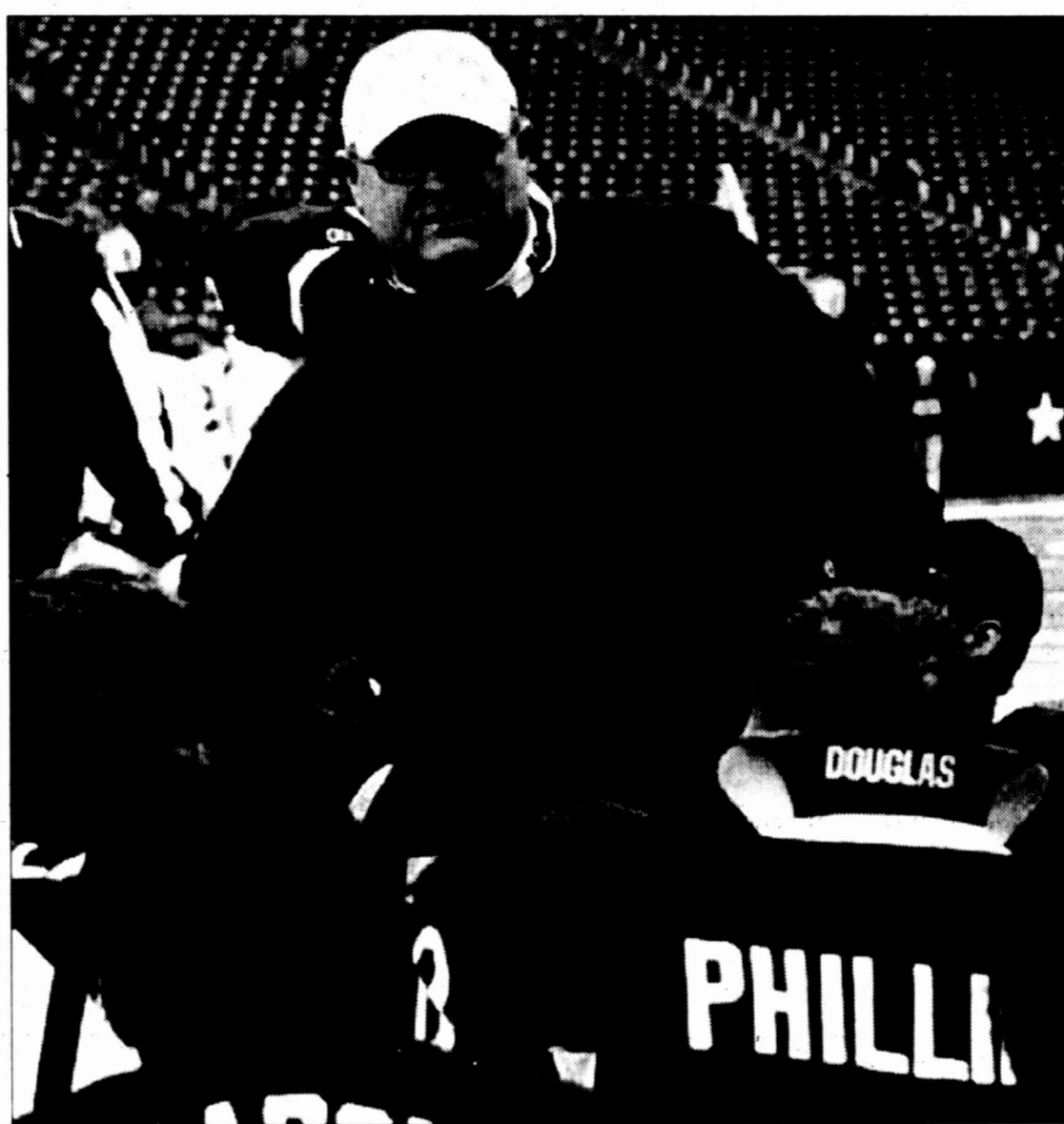
During his 12 years at the helm of the Steers, the former Artesia High School standout led Big Spring to a 70-61-1 record and five berths in the Class 4A state playoffs. This past season, he engineered the Steers to an 8-5 record and a trip to the third round of the post-season.

The Steers' on-field success marked the second time in three years Big Spring had advanced to the regional semifinals.

Since taking over for former Big Spring head coach David Thompson in 1991, Butler has kept the Big Spring football program at the forefront of the Class 4A ranks. Under his lead, a BSHS team that had won just 19 games in the 1980s grew into a perennial playoff contender.

With the announcement that Butler had applied for the Central position, the Big Spring coaching staff could stand to lose up to three key elements this offseason. Last week, San Angelo officials revealed that Big Spring assistants Tony Truelove and J.R. Compton had applied for the San Angelo Lake View head coaching role. The news Butler had applied else-

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Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler was named as one of 44 applicants for the vacant San Angelo Central position Friday. Butler has spent the past 11 seasons as the Steers' head football coach.

Steers' loss would be San Angelo's gain

Dwight Butler, according to the San Angelo Independent School District, has shown an interest in moving 80 miles south to help resurrect the Central Bobcat football program.

Can't blame a man for wanting to move onto a different challenge with an army of able bodies waiting, yearning for success. Twelve years in one school district is a long time for a coach — especially one that wins.

Can't blame him at all. Of course, we can't actually root for him to get it, either.



TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

member of society. Ahhh, that's the man Big Spring came to love on Fridays, second-guess'on Saturdays and

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No. 16 Forsan thumps CC, 56-49

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
FORSAN — The Forsan Buffaloes moved a step closer to the District 3-2A crown Friday night by downing the Colorado City Wolves, 56-49.

With the win, the Buffaloes moved into sole possession of the top spot in the district standings with a 3-0 record. Colorado City fell to 2-1 and into a second-place tie with the Coahoma Bulldogs.

After battling to a 15-13 lead in the first quarter, Forsan hit stride. The Buffaloes, who are ranked No. 16 in the latest Class 2A poll, reeled off a 15-7 run in the second quarter and took a 30-20 lead into the half.

Forsan, now 17-4 overall, kept up the pressure in the third. The Buffs scored 17 points in the period and took a 10 point lead, at 47-37, into the final eight minutes. The Wolves, 11-9, posted

'Dogs keep playoff hopes high with 85-74 romp over Cranes

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
Kelby Kemper scored 23 points and Chase Davis added 18 more Friday and helped the Coahoma Bulldogs keep their playoff hopes alive with an 85-74 win over Crane.

With the win, the Bulldogs improved their season record to 11-9 and moved into a tie for second place in the District

12-9 run in the fourth. Brent Huff led all scorers in the game by pouring in a season-high 31 points. Junior Josh Helmstetter and Matt Ellis added 11 and 9, respectively.

3-2A race with Colorado City. Both teams are now 2-1 in league play.

The Bulldogs, courtesy of a 22-12 run in the first quarter, carried a 41-30 lead into the half. They stretched that lead to 19 in the third period.

Crane was led by 29 points from Hunter Seaborn.

Coahoma hosts Seagraves Tuesday



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Swish guard Bethany Roach (front) attempts to move away from a block from Coahoma's Ambra Hill during Big Spring Youth Basketball League play Saturday in the YMCA. The Swish improved to 2-0 with a 24-21 victory over the previously unbeaten Bulldogettes.

Lady Steers notch 2nd district win vs. Andrews

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor
ANDREWS — Leina Braxton and the Big Spring Lady Steers carried themselves back into the District 4-4A playoff picture Friday night with a thrilling 49-45 comeback win over the Andrews Lady Mustangs.

Big Spring, which finished the first half of their 4-4A schedule with a 2-3 mark, moved into fourth place in the top standings. Andrews fell to 1-4 in district action.

The Lady Steers owned the first few minutes of the contest. Big Spring built a quick 7-3 lead in the first five minutes behind baskets from Braxton, Courtney Brock and Alex Watkins.

Andrews rallied back, however. They outscored the Lady Steers by a 7-5 clip in the final 3:31 of the first and pulled to within 12-9 heading into the second.

The Lady Mustangs continued to press the issue in the second. Andrews, using an 8-for-10 effort from the free throw line, pounded out an 11-6 run in the frame and took a slim 20-18 lead into the half.

Braxton, who sank five 3-pointers in the game, Krystle Long and LaKenya Wrightsil helped the Lady Steers erase Andrews' lead in the third. The three combined for 15 of Big Spring's 18 third-quarter points and helped knot the game at 36-36 at the end of the third.

Braxton, who finished with a game-high 21 points, all but buried Andrews in the fourth by scoring 12 points in the final eight minutes — six of which came on two 3-

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Tickets for '02 BSHS football banquet on sale

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will be holding its annual football banquet on Jan. 23 in the junior high cafeteria.

The event will honor all the Big Spring High School freshman, junior varsity and varsity football players from the past season. The banquet is scheduled to start at 6:30 p.m.

Tickets to the catered banquet are now available for \$10 apiece at Dakota's Flowers. Seating is limited to 350.

Also available will be Steer Gear memorabilia, including playoff t-shirts. For more information contact Jim Clements at 267-1069.

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Tannehill, Steers roll by Snyder

Ryan Tannehill scored 20 points and Caleb Choate added nine more last Monday and led the Big Spring Junior High School eighth grade Black team to an easy 44-29 win over the Snyder Tigers.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 5-1 on the year.

The win didn't appear easy at the half, however. The Tigers took advantage of a slow start by the Steers to grab an 18-16 lead at the intermission.

Big Spring rallied back to post a 26-13 run in the final two quarters.

"I am extremely pleased with our guys hustle and effort," said BSJHS coach Will Johnson. "We played a lot better offensively and defensively in the second.

Michael Green and Lance Tissue got into the scoring act as well. Green finished with five, while Tissue added four. Scott Fankhauser, Rondell Trevino and Jake Truelove also scored.

The Big Spring eighth grade White team rallied from an 11-2 deficit in the first quarter to claim a 46-26 victory.

"I challenged the kids to leave it all on the court and that's what they did," said coach Trey Terrazas.

Raymond Porter continued to light up the scoreboard for the Steers, scoring 14 points in the game. Raul Aguilar and Richard Anderson added eight and six points.

Overall, 10 players scored in the contest for Big Spring, including Austin Cox, Michael Rodriguez, Matt Lozano, Julian Garcia, Ricky Nunez, Jason Worthington and Ryan Harris.

With the win, the White team upped its record to 4-2 for the season.

The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade White team added to the Steers' success against Snyder by claiming a 34-15 win.

Terrance Clemmons and Dimas Valles led all BSJHS scorers in the contest by throwing in 12 and 10 points, respectively. Logan Pierce, Tom Canales, Chad Chalker and Kyle McDaniell also scored in the game.

The win was the seventh grade White team's fifth victory in six outings this season.

The BSJHS seventh grade Black team wasn't as fortunate. Despite a stellar second-half rally, they suffered a tough 37-26 setback in the showdown with Snyder.

Big Spring, 2-4, trailed by a 28-9 margin in the first half, but managed to outscore Snyder by a 17-9 clip in the final two quarters.

Jordan Kinnear paced the Steers with eight points.



Stanton head coach Kenny Van Curen talks with his team during a break in the action Friday. The Buffaloes garnered a tough 51-41 District 3-2A win over Seagraves.

Louder helps carry Stanton to 51-41 win over Seagraves

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald
STANTON — In a game that had more ebbs and flows than a washing machine on laundry day, the Stanton Buffaloes withheld a strong challenge from the Seagraves Eagles Friday night and emerged with a 51-41 victory.

Stanton started the first wave in the game by shooting 40 percent in the first period and building a quick 13-7 lead.

Seagraves responded in kind in the second. They hit eight of their 16 shots in the stanza, including a 3-pointer by David Olivio, to erase their first-period deficit and take a slim 2-point lead, at 26-24, into the locker room.

Neither team took control in the third. Both answered the buzzer for the second half ice cold from the floor. Stanton and Seagraves combined to score just 17 points in the period. As a result, the Eagles were able to nurse a slim 35-32 lead into the final period of play.

The Buffaloes come to life in the fourth. After a

3-pointer by Seagraves' Steven Suniga had pushed the Eagles' lead to 38-32. Stanton reeled off an 11-0 run and grabbed a 43-38 lead with two minutes to play.

In their run, Stanton hit on 5-of-7 shots from the field. Seagraves was not done, however. The Eagles buried a 3-pointer with 1:45 left, cutting Stanton's lead to just 45-43.

The Buffaloes' Victor Hernandez iced the game with 50 seconds remaining by converting a three-point play that increased the SHS advantage to 48-41.

Leading the way for Stanton was Tullie Louder, who finished with 20 points. Louder was backed by Hernandez and Daryl Williams, who both scored eight points. Luis Chapa and Joe Castillo accounted for seven apiece.

In JV action, Stanton made it a clean sweep of Seagraves by pounding out a 48-42 victory. The leading scorer for the Buffalo JV was Matthew Ruiz, who netted 15. Alex Schaffer added 14.

WELLS

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trust our kids from Monday through Friday.

Much like Jim Kinnear with the boys basketball programs, Butler hasn't promised anything grand. Just the simple fact his young men would show up and work hard for every game.

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here. Look at the numbers — even though Butler probably would rather you didn't. Since 1991, the Steers have had

GIRLS

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point attempts.

The first of Braxton's fourth-quarter bombs gave Big Spring a 42-41 lead with seven minutes to play.

It was a lead the Lady Steers never relinquished.

Brock and Watkins each finished the game with seven points, while Long and Wrightsil contributed five and four, respectively. Lindsay Phillips also

Turnovers plague Stanton in 56-44 loss to Seagraves

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald
STANTON — If there is one thing that is true in most sports it is the phrase "turnovers kill."

The Stanton Lady Buffs found the truth in that adage the hard way Friday night. The Lady Buffs racked up 25 turnovers — 12 in the third period alone — and, as a result, was saddled with their first district loss, a 53-44 setback to the Seagraves Lady Eagles.

Adding to Stanton's woes was the fact it was unable to get to the free throw line against Seagraves. The Lady Buffaloes did not attempt a free throw in the second half.

Seagraves came out firing in the first quarter. The Lady Eagles built a quick 6-0 lead before Stanton could get untracked.

The Lady Buffs battled back, reeling of the next eight points and take an 8-6 lead with just over half the first period gone.

Seagraves, which entered the game ranked No. 5 in the latest Class 2A poll, just wouldn't be denied. They hit on consecutive 3-point attempts and outscored Stanton by a 9-1 margin over the final minutes of the first and took a 15-6 lead into the second.

Neither team managed to get untracked in the second. Combined, the two teams shot just 24 percent from the floor in the frame. Stanton hit on just 4 of 16 attempts from the field in the period. Seagraves was only successful on 3-of-13 tries.

The Lady Eagles' 6-foot-2 post Darrice Griffin was the difference-maker in the second. She wreaked havoc on the inside as she altered several shots and amassed three blocked shots.

Seagraves held a slim 26-22 lead at the half.

The Lady Buffs probably felt as if they were caught in a West Texas tornado in the third. They turned the ball over 12

times helped Seagraves reel off a 17-2 run

The Lady Eagles took a 43-24 lead into the fourth quarter.

Stanton put it all together in the fourth.

The Lady Buffaloes responded in the fourth. They scored 10 of the next 12 points to close the gap to nine points, at 47-38, with a little over five minutes remaining.

The Lady Buffs' hopes were dampened at the 3:43 mark of the final period when Stanton standout Heather Washington was whistled for her fifth foul. Washington led the Lady Buffs' second-half come-

back by scoring 10 of her team-high 11 points in the final half.

Kristi Bridges and Kayla Cook joined Washington on the scorer's sheet with eight points apiece. Karyn Cook added six more.

Seagraves' Karyn Smith led all scorers with 22.

In junior varsity action, the Stanton Lay Buffaloes rode a 14-0 run to start the game to a 46-32 victory.

Stormi Dugan led the way for Stanton, scoring 12 points.

Stanton, now 24-2, begins the second half of District 3-2A Tuesday against Colorado City.

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In the Kitchen ...with Beth Bond

A special Super Bowl edition

Men, we all know that the Super Bowl is really for you. So now we have some quick, easy recipes that



you can do yourself and get your wife out of the kitchen and out of your hair on Super Bowl Sunday.

I will give you a couple of sandwiches you can grill for your buddies and some other appetizers, a couple you can even prepare the day before. And for those of

us women who do like the Super Bowl, let them cook for you today!

Invite over all your good friends, have a beverage, eat some food and ENJOY THE GAME! I would like to thank my mom and my aunt Sarah for helping me with a couple of these recipes.



Beth Bond is a certified chef with a culinary degree and a hotel-motel degree from Sullivan University in Louisville, Ky. She also has several years' experience in the hospitality and food service industries. She can be reached by email at BethBond@mail.com, writing the Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79721 or calling 915-263-7331.

GREEN CHILE BURGERS

- 1 1/2 pounds ground beef
- 1/2 cup Monterey jack cheese, grated
- 4 green chiles, chopped
- 4 slices of red onion
- 4 sliced of tomato
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 1 teaspoon chile powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

Mix ground beef, garlic, chile powder, salt and pepper. Form into patties. Preheat grill. Grill to desired doneness. Toast buns or rolls lightly. Top burger patties with cheese, onion, tomato, chiles and slap them between the bun.



TEX-MEX STEAK SANDWICHES

- 2 pounds chuck steak
- 12 corn tortillas
- 3 canned long green chiles
- 1/3 cup olive oil
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- Salsa

Cut chiles into strips so that you have 12 of them. Cut steak into 1"x1"x3" pieces. Combine steak strips, garlic, and olive oil in a resealable bag. Toss and let sit for a couple of hours. Preheat grill. Grill steak on four sides until about medium rare. Warm tortillas in the oven. Remove steak from grill when done and place a piece in a tortilla with 1 piece of chile and roll up. Serve with salsa.

CHEX® MIX

- 6 tablespoon butter or margarine
- 2 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoon of season salt
- 3/4 teaspoon. of garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon onion powder
- 3 cups of Corn Chex® cereal
- 3 cups of Rice Chex® cereal
- 3 cups of Wheat Chex® cereal
- 1 cup of mixed nuts
- 1 cup of pretzels
- 1 cup garlic flavored bite size bagel chips or regular size bagel chips broken into 1 inch pieces

CHEESE BALL

- 8 oz. Package of cream cheese, softened
- 4 oz. Crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2 tablespoon chopped green peppers
- 1 tablespoon chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon season salt
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts

You mix all the ingredients together except for the walnuts. Form into a ball. Roll the ball in the chopped walnuts and chill for at least 2 hours. Overnight is best that way it has plenty of time to firmly set up.



Oven directions

Heat oven to 250 F degrees. Melt butter in large pan in oven. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Bake one hour, stirring every fifteen minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in air tight container.

Microwave directions

Melt butter in large microwavable bowl uncovered on high. Stir in seasonings. Gradually stir in remaining ingredients until evenly coated. Microwave uncovered on high 5 to 6 minutes, thoroughly every two minutes. Spread on paper towels to cool. Store in air tight container. IMPORTANT because microwaves cook differently, time is approximate.

TOUCH DOWN CRUNCH

- 9 Cups Rice or Corn Chex®
- 1/2 Cup of creamy peanut butter
- 6 oz. Chocolate Chips
- 1/4 c. Margarine
- 1 1/2 Cup of powdered sugar

Melt chocolate chips, peanut butter, and margarine in small pan on the stove on medium heat or medium bowl in the microwave on high heat. Cook for about one minute, then stir, then cook an additional thirty seconds. Pour peanut butter mixture over nine cups of cereal and coat it evenly.

Pour entire mixture into a gallon size plastic zip bag, add powdered sugar, seal and shake until mixture is coated evenly. ENJOY!!

WINGS

- 1 bag of frozen party wings, thawed
- oil
- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1/4 cup hot sauce

Fill pot or fryer about half way full of vegetable oil. Deep fry party wings until they're done, approximately 6 minutes depending on the fryer or pot you are using. Then drain wings on paper towel to get off the excess oil. Melt butter in small pan on the stove or in a medium bowl in the microwave. Mix 1/2 cup of hot sauce or more depending on how hot you want them with the melted butter. Add cooked wings and toss and coat wings evenly. ENJOY!

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ANNIVERSARY



Jim and Novena Butler

Jim and Novena Butler celebrated their 45th wedding anniversary with a family gathering and dinner hosted by their four daughters.

Jim was born in Wirt, Okla. Novena Ward was born in Milo, Okla. They met through their families and attended Dundee High School together.

They were married on Jan. 17, 1958, at the First Christian Church in Healdton, Okla.

The couple's children are John and Cindy Yater and Tim and Debbie Newton, all of Big Spring, and Kelly and Anita Johnson and Art and Robin Hobbs, all of

Midland. They have eight grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Healdton, Okla.; Ardmore, Okla.; Crane; Lamesa and in Big Spring for the last 30 years.

Jim is retired from the oilfield and is a consultant at this time. Novena is retired from retail sales at Walls Outlet, where she worked for 23 years.

Their hobbies include golf, fishing, camping and their grandchildren.

The couple have this comment about their 45 year marriage: "We did make it, no matter what they said. Both have to work at a marriage to make it work."

ENGAGEMENT



Deanda-Newton

Diane Deanda and Larry Newton will exchange wedding vows on March 1, 2003 at the Princess of Monaco, New Orleans French Quarter with Reverend Talavera officiating.

She is the daughter of H.V. (Sonny) and Betty Crocker.

He is the son of the late Lindell and Leola Newton.

WHO'S WHO

Dorothy J. Graves, 21, recently graduated from Goldsmith College University of London, London, England in September, where she obtained a bachelor of arts degree in anthropology and communication studies.



Graves

She is presently studying at the University of Edinburgh, Edinburgh, Scotland for a master's degree in archeology.

She is the daughter of Arthur and Delia Graves of Big Spring.

was named to the roster of high-achieving students for the fall 2002 term.

To qualify for the President's List, full-time students must have passing grades in all classes, must earn at least a 3.7 grade point average, and have at least 12 hours credit for the term.

Schreiner University is a primarily residential liberal arts university in Kerrville. The university is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church (USA). Schreiner grants a master's degree in education and baccalaureate degrees in the humanities, natural sciences and social sciences.

Schreiner University has named a student from Big Spring to its President's List.

Amanda Miller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duaine Box of Big Spring,

Ashley Alexander White, daughter of Jim and Susan Alexander of Forsan, was named to Angelo State University's Dean's List for the fall semester.

MILITARY

Army Spec. Keith W. Rich deployed to Poland and participated in the V Corps' biggest annual exercise named Victory Strike III.



RICH

The Germany-based soldiers were being joined by troops from U.S. Army Europe

and other Army and Air Force organizations and Polish forces in a deep-strike exercise.

The exercise was designed to give state-of-the-art aviation units a chance to prove their ability to strike deep behind enemy lines. Using the newest Apache Longbow helicopters, troops participated in airborne operations to prac-

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'Holiday magic' brought by volunteers

"Holiday Magic" occurred for about 200 Big Spring State Hospital patients on Christmas morning because of our volunteers and the 80-plus donors who contributed more than \$10,000 in cash and gifts.



SHIRLEY BODIN

It was heartwarming to see the many community residents from the Lions Club, churches and ALON-USA Refinery who came out to help make the day a magical time for the patients. A big

thank you to chairman Shirley Bodin and all our volunteers who spend many hours shopping for and wrapping gifts.

Long before Christmas wrapped up, Valentine fund-raiser co-chairmen Karen Brewer and Judy Jarmes spearheaded Valentine workdays. Two more workdays — Jan. 23-31 — are scheduled for people who want to help. Every Valentine's Day, we seem to attract at least one person who drops in to "just help for a few hours" and enjoys volunteering so much that he or she develops into one of our outstanding volunteers. Maybe this is the time for you to check out volunteer opportunities at Big Spring State Hospital.

It's not too early to begin thinking about your Valentine order. Some outstanding items are being offered at terrific prices. Come by the Community Relations Valentine House to view samples and place your order. Or you can phone the Valentine hotline at 268-7550 to place an order. A free promotional basket is being offered through a fund-raiser. For tickets, contact any volunteer. The basket is valued at more than \$100.

Howard College student Marcus DeLeon graciously painted and donated a life-sized mural to The Chalet Resale Shop, 1007 E. 11th Place, giving the secondhand store a new look. Hats off to volunteer Ruth Stephenson,

Howard College and hospital employee Eddie Williams for their work in adding the mural and the new sign. The Chalet is open Monday through Friday, 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Bargains galore fill the store and donations of clean, well-cared-for clothing and household items are always welcome. The volunteers, who independently give of their time to run the resale shop like a business, are the true gems of our volunteer community. The shop generates about \$17,000 each year for hospital patients.

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FRIDAY - Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread.
SANDS CISD BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Biscuits & sausage
TUESDAY - Pancakes
& sausage
WEDNESDAY - Muffins
THURSDAY - Cereal
FRIDAY - Cinnamon rolls
LUNCH
MONDAY - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, fries, pickles, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY - BBQ ribs, potato salad, pickles, cookies, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY - Fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, milk.
FRIDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad,
corn, batterbread, peaches, milk.
BIG SPRING ISD
MONDAY - Corndog (fish strips), potato wedges, baby carrots, grapes.
TUESDAY - Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), mashed potatoes, black-eyed peas, mixed fruit, roll.
WEDNESDAY - Chili mac (burrito), fried okra, broccoli w/cheese, strawberry shortcake, roll.
THURSDAY - Chicken fajitas (pocket pizza), Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, pears.
FRIDAY - Sloppy joe (chicken pattie), French fries, sliced pickles, pork
& beans, ice cream cup.
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BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal, toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY - Cinnamon roll, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY - Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.
THURSDAY - Cinnamon toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY - Cheese quesadillas, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken n noodles (pizza), crackers, carrots, peach cobbler, milk.
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COAH BREAKFAST MONDAY

MAGIC

Continued from Community office and we them to our p ask that they more than six old and are a reading mate population. We appreciate munity respo recent reqes and clothing. patients now clothing and for the last ct ter weather. Volunteer S Council board met Jan. 9 in Community B office, and ag amazed at ho business can plished each ing the lunch

PUBLIC NOTICE TO PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING WILL RECEIVE LOWING DATE-TIME FOR THE LISTED ITEMS/EQUIPMENT
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MENUS

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THURSDAY — Chili dog, chips, corn, fruit, milk, chocolate pudding.
FRIDAY — Chicken stir fry (hot dog), rice, egg rolls, fruit, milk.
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BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Pancakes

sausage on a stick, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Poptarts, ham, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Donuts, sausage, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Waffles, sausage, juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
TUESDAY — Taco beef pie (corn dogs), salad, pinto beans, pudding, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Roast beef (burritos), gravy, green beans, potatoes, rolls, milk.
THURSDAY — Frito pie, corn, pickle spears, cake, milk.
FRIDAY — Nacho Granda, ranch beans, mixed fruit, milk.

STORK CLUB

Jorden Leigh Cervantez, girl, was born Dec. 28, 2002, at 8:58 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 13, ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Karla and Edward Cervantez. Grandparents are Bruce and Vernie Jaeger, Prescott Valley, Ariz.; Arnold Cervantez of Houston and Terry Cervantez and Carl and Linda Lancaster, all of Big Spring.
...
Andrew Mendoza, boy, was born Jan. 12, 2003, at 7:59 a.m., weighing 5 pounds, 13 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Andriana Mendoza and Johnny Reyes. Grandparents are Bletha Mendoza, Santos Mendoza Jr., Teresa Yanez Salazar and Ruben Gamboa Sr. of Big Spring. Great-grandparents are Ignacio and Ida Rodriguez, Santos Sr. and Juana Mendoza, Rosalinda Yanez and the late Victor Yanez Sr., all of Big Spring.

MAGIC

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Community Relations office and we'll distribute them to our patients. We ask that they not be more than six months old and are appropriate reading material for our population.
We appreciate the community response to the recent request for coats and clothing. The patients now have warm clothing and are ready for the last chill of winter weather.
Volunteer Services Council board members met Jan. 9 in the Community Relations office, and again, I was amazed at how much business can be accomplished each month during the lunch hour. I

appreciate our 17 community volunteers who serve on this important board. Their dedication is what makes the volunteer program function so well and enables our staff to perform our jobs in a manner in which helps our patients. Mark your calendar for the Feb. 6 board meeting. The volunteers and hospital depend on your leadership to carry out our mission.
Until next time, keep volunteering, it makes you feel better and brings smiles to the patients at BSSH.

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

HUMANE SOCIETY



Hi, my name is Manny. I'm the black and brown puppy. I am a male. My sister is right beside me, her name is Betty. We are 6 weeks old. We will grow up to be medium sized dogs. On Jan. 15, we were found by the Humane Society staff in a box small enough to get out of, covered in fleas, with no food and outside in the cold. But since we've been here we've have gotten our shots, been wormed, bathed and sprayed for fleas. The Humane Society has been so good to us by showing us a lot of love. So if you are looking for a cute and adorable puppy, older dog or cat please stop by and give us a look. You'll be glad you did.

MILITARY

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Direct inquiries to Jo Helen Rosacker, Sid Richardson Memorial Fund, 309 Main Street, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, and include qualifying employee's name, Social Security number, company, and dates of employment.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, the City of Big Spring will receive sealed bids on the following date-time for the purchase of the below listed items/equipment:
A. Date/Time: Tuesday, February 11, 2003 at 2:00 p.m. for the following:
1. TUB GRINDER/LEASE
2. LAPTOP COMPUTERS
3. COMPUTER SERVERS
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Conference Room, Upstairs, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing Agent, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid items. Handicapped individuals attending the opening are invited to leave the stairs must notify the purchasing office at 915-263-2388 a minimum of 48 working hours prior to bid opening. The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
#3768 January 19 & 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
REAL PROPERTY
THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ issued out of the Honorable 118th District Court of Howard County, 27 day of July, 2001 by Judgment of said Court for the sum of \$13,034.06 dollars and costs of suit, under a Writ of Execution, in favor of John Kennerum and Tana Kennerum in a certain cause in said Court, 41630 and styled John Kennerum and Tana Kennerum, plaintiff vs. Robert Seago, defendant placed in my hands for service, I, Dean Restell, a Deputy Sheriff of Howard County, Texas, did, on the 09 day of January, 2003 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Howard County, Texas, described as follows, to wit:
LT 8 BK 16 MCDOWELL HTS (50 X 165) BIG SPRING, TEXAS
AND LEVY UPON THE REAL PROPERTY OF Robert Seago and that on the first Tuesday of February, 2003, the same being the 04 day of said month, at the Court House door of Howard County, in the City of Big Spring, Texas, between the hours of 10 A.M. and 5 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property.
I, give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Herald, a newspaper published in Howard County.
#3762 January 12, 19 & 26, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
OF PROPOSED TEXAS
HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT
CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the dates shown below, and then publicly read.
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Contract 6093-85-001 for REST AREA MAINT, OPER. REPAIR AND ENHANCEMENT IN GRAY County, etc will be opened on February 04, 2003 at 11:00 am at the State Office for an estimate of \$7,316,873.12.
Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
State Office
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Phone: 512-416-2540
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Amarillo District
District Engineer
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Amarillo, Texas 79105-2708
Phone: 806-356-3293
Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#3760 January 12 & 19, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING
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TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH,
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SPECIFIC USE PERMIT
The City of Big Spring will be holding a Public Hearing for a Specific Use Permit for the use of a Pet Shop to be located at 4200 West Highway 80, Section 30, Block 33, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas.
#3766 January 19 & 26, 2003

Church News and Club News should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear, are subject to editing and will run as space allows.



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New owner being sought

Otherwise, Santa Fe Sandwiches will be closing

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

If you're a fan of Santa Fe Sandwiches, located in the Big Spring Mall, don't give up hope yet — the restaurant is currently still open for business.

Owner Jeannie Cunningham said the store is for sale and she will be closing it Jan. 31 unless it is sold.

"I'm going to have to close because I'm going to have total knee replacement on both knees," Cunningham said. "It's not a life-and-death thing, it's just a matter that I can't stand for long periods at a time. I'm going to probably have surgery in February or March."

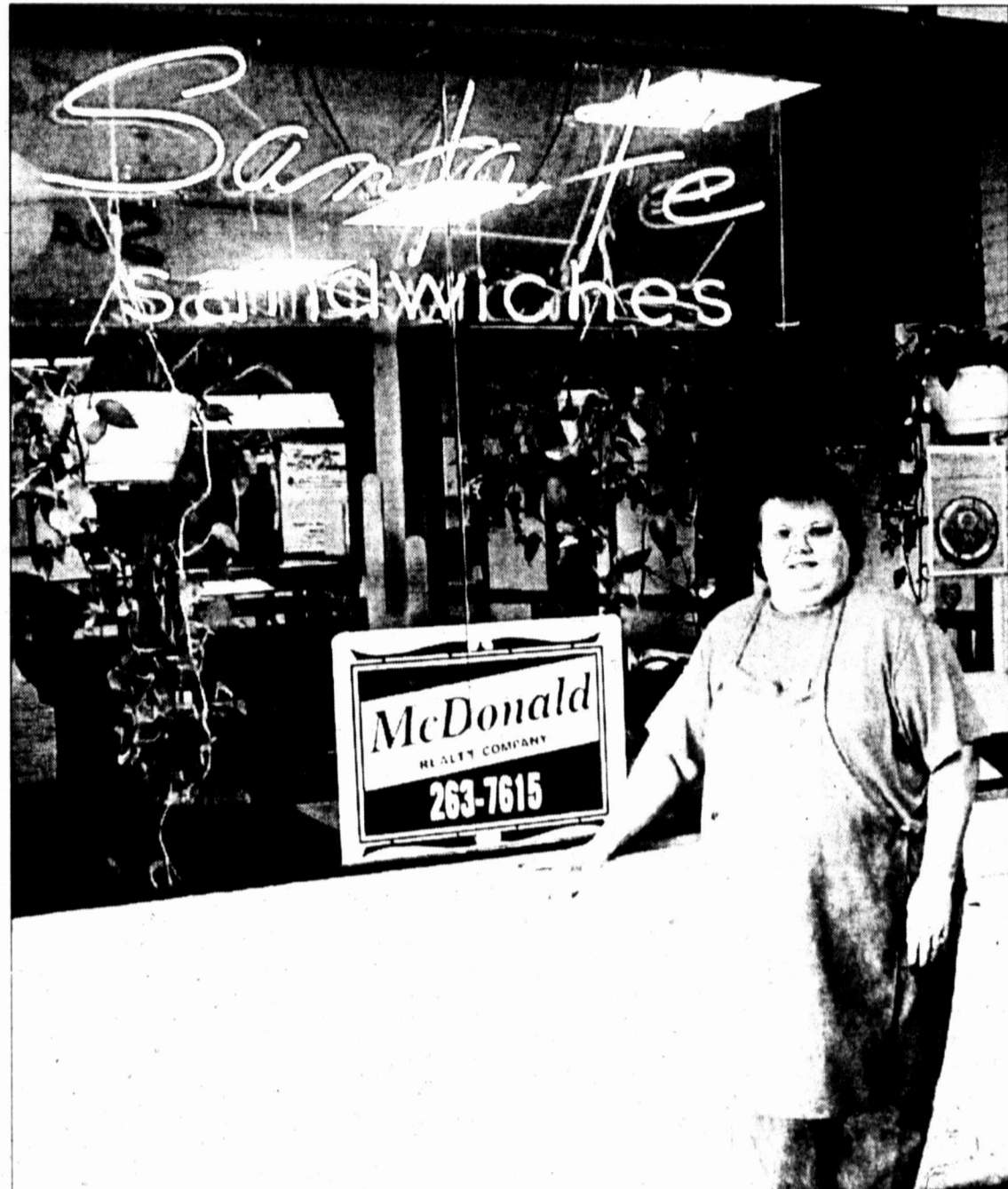
Cunningham said that she's closing since she doesn't have a family member in a position to take over the business.

"I've got the store listed with the realtor, McDonald's Real Estate," she said, adding that Jon Hargrove with McDonald Realty is handling the sale. "I do have someone looking at it to buy it. Hopefully we'll be able to sell it and it will stay open."

The restaurant owner emphasized that she is not simply looking for a new manager, saying that she's gotten several calls asking about such a position.

"By no means are we looking for a manager," she said. "I have been the owner and the manager for 13 years and I enjoy Big Spring and the mall. The mall's been real good to me but I've got to move on and get my health problems taken care of."

Cunningham said the sale would include the Santa Fe Sandwiches name and restaurant equipment.



Jeannie Cunningham, owner of Santa Fe Sandwiches in the Big Spring Mall, is keeping the restaurant open until her retirement Jan. 31. Cunningham, retiring due to knee problems, is trying to sell the mall's only restaurant to someone who will keep the business in operation.

"All the equipment is mine, and the 13 years is for sale," she said. "I have been here long enough to establish a business here. It's been a great 13 years. I love this town. I'm not going anywhere. I'm going to miss my customers and all the good things that have happened to me since I've been here."

In the event the store

doesn't sell before Jan. 31, it will be closed, she said.

"The mall's not going to run it," she said. "I'm hoping that in the event that I don't sell it, I'm hoping that there would be some kind of negotiation with the mall for the equipment. But I look for it to be sold outside the mall. The person I'm talking to is real interested in getting in here and get-

ting started and making some changes."

For more information about Santa Fe Sandwiches or the sale, call Cunningham at 267-3114 or Hargrove at 267-6261.

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

Settles In

New county agent Tommy Yeater is getting acquainted

By ROGER CLINE Staff Writer

Howard County has a new agricultural Cooperative Extension agent.

Tommy Yeater, 33, a former Howard College Rodeo Team member, has taken over the post vacated when former agent David Kight resigned after being arrested on fraud charges.

Yeater's been on the job since Jan. 6. How's it going so far?

"Wonderful," he said. "Last week it was very busy with the county shows. I didn't do a whole lot but meet people and watch and learn things. This week I'm going out trying to see the county and meet some of the producers."

Yeater said he grew up in El Paso and later San Antonio, where he graduated from high school.

"I came to Big Spring's Howard Junior College on a rodeo scholarship," he said. "I left here and went to Tarleton and got a bachelor's in 1992. I went to work on a large dairy operation as assistant manager. I stayed there three years and then decided it was time to go back to school and get a little more education."

After receiving his master's degree from Tarleton, Yeater moved to Kentucky.

"I took a job in Kentucky and for Murray State University as an animal science instructor and rodeo coach," he said. "I stayed up there four years and left there to get back closer to my family. I took a job with the extension service in Groesbeck, Texas, Limestone County. I stayed there two and a half years and now I've transferred here to get close to family."

Yeater said he has a brother in Big Spring and his wife's family lives in Sterling City and San Angelo.

The agent admits he doesn't know a whole lot about cotton, the area's agricultural mainstay.

"That's a legitimate concern, because it's not my strong point," he said. "But that's the

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Yeater is planning to hit the books and learn all he can about King Cotton.

"I'm planning on digging in as hard as I can to learn about it," he said. "A lot of these people have been doing it their whole life and their parents' whole life and I don't ever expect to know as much as they do. But within a year I'll be a whole lot more familiar with cotton."

The agent is already looking forward to some upcoming projects.

"Getting involved with the producers, learning the county," he said. "Then Feb. 4 we have our Cotton Conference in Martin County and then we have our Ag Expo that we have to start looking at and planning for in March. Between now and then we have our major stock shows. Next week we kick off and send the 4-Hers out to do well in the major stock shows."

Yeater can be reached at his office in the Howard County Courthouse, 264-2236.

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

It's now time for pruning and planting

If you have been pruning or planting trees or shrubs, now is the time. The months of January and February are the ideal time to plant and prune existing trees.



TOMMY YEATER

Planting a tree or shrub should be done during this time so that it allows for root development to occur when the water demands on the trees are not as great as they are

Ask the Agent

in the spring or summer months. A tree or shrub is a long term investment so you want to plant it properly.

You should dig the hole twice as wide as the root mass, but only as deep as it needs to be to get the tree ball right at or slightly below ground level. Use the same soil from the location of the hole.

Some type of mulch in the hole is helpful but not mandatory. A berm should be created on top of the ground which will be conducive to holding water around the tree. A

mulch on top of the ground will keep the soil moisture higher and will prevent weed germination.

Pruning of a tree or shrub should only be done if one of the following three things are desired: 1. If the tree or shrub needs to be pruned to reach a desired shape; 2. If the tree or shrub is to be transplanted, it should be cut back to prevent as much stress on the plant as possible; 3. If the tree or shrub produces fruit, pruning can be used to enhance production.

The most common reason people need to prune

something is to achieve a desired shape or look of a particular tree or shrub. The main thing is to keep in mind pruning a tree or shrub you have no intention of transplanting is to be cautious. No more than 15 percent of the foliage should be removed.

For more information on this subject or others, contact the Texas Cooperative Extension office located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 S. Main, or call 264-2236.

Tommy Yeater is the CEA-AG for Howard County.

Report: Tax exemptions are costing state \$22.4 billion

AUSTIN (AP) — Failure to report inventory and other taxable items by some Texas businesses is costing the state nearly \$2 billion this budget cycle, according to a legislative report on Texas taxes.

The money could be sorely used this legislative session as lawmakers battle a multibillion-dollar budget shortfall.

The loss of property tax revenue comes when businesses do not report all of their taxable personal property such as inventory, equipment and machinery. An estimated \$36 billion in property value was not reported in 2001, according to the report obtained Thursday by The Associated Press.

Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-

Longview, has filed a bill that would create a 10 percent penalty for businesses that underreport or fail to report taxable property.

"While this is not a cure all, it will go a long way to helping Texas out of its current budget woes," Merritt said.

Other findings in the tax-report include:

— Taxing over-the-counter and prescription medicine could bring the state \$848.5 million in revenue for the next budget.

— Another \$143 million or so could be collected if the Legislature changes business tax laws that allow some companies to avoid paying taxes.

— Texas is losing out on bil-

lions — \$22.4 billion a year in sales tax alone — because of exemptions, according to the Senate Finance Committee report due to be released Friday.

The numbers may be tempting to lawmakers facing a budget shortfall of at least \$10 billion through 2005, but Gov. Rick Perry and others have vowed not to raise taxes and warned Texans to be prepared for program and services cuts.

"I think the message will be clear that we are going to live within our means in the state of Texas. We are going to prioritize what's important to the people in the state of Texas, and do that without raising new taxes," Perry said Thursday.

Texas, which does not have an income tax or a state property tax, ranks near the bottom, 48th in the nation, in the amount of state taxes paid per capita. The average Texan pays \$1,059 in state taxes, compared to \$1,515 nationwide.

Most of the state's revenue comes from property taxes — \$22.5 billion levied in fiscal year 2001 — and sales taxes, which raised \$14.7 billion.

Texas collected \$2 billion in franchise taxes, the main business tax.

One way businesses avoid paying the tax is by changing from one type of legal structure to another, such as from a corporation to a partnership, which under state law is not

subject to the franchise tax. Such exemptions cost the state about \$79 million in 2001. That is predicted to increase to \$143 million by 2003.

The sales tax exemptions on items such as manufacturing materials, medicine, food and fuel were detailed in the report. Some of the items such as fuel are covered by other types of taxes.

The committee did not agree on one recommendation for the Legislature, but instead offered several options.

Among the options was re-evaluating sales taxes, including considering taxing items and services not now taxed.

See EXEMPTIONS, Page 5B

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28 Time for Nick
29 Arabian animals
31 Helms once helmed it
32 Particular
33 Section of Scandinavia
35 Delivered letters?
38 Shift
39 Diamond designs
42 Ariel's predecessor
44 Suit-tag letters
45 Like The Plague
50 Date: Abbr.
52 Rectangular
53 Port- (cheese)
55 Poetic preposition
56 Baudolino author
57 Hercules or Saul
60 Overly sentimental
63 Carpenter's activity
64 Rode
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2 Bewitch
3 French port
4 Abe Lincoln's dad
5 Geology suffix
6 Eat
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9 Ben Franklin invention: Abbr.
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11 Dennis the Menace's toy
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14 Power source of a sort
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35 Ringling Museum of Art locale
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37 Black Beauty, e.g.
40 Calling-card abbreviation
41 Postdam pronoun
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