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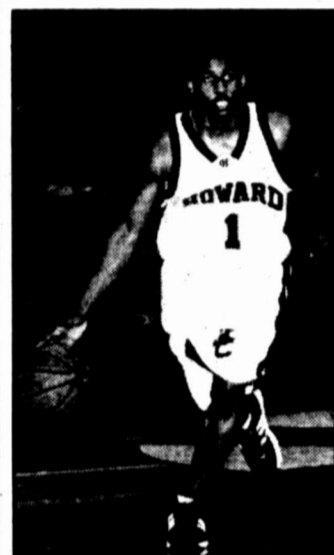
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WJCAC HOOPS

Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks entertain Frank Phillips College tonight at The Dorothy. The women play at 5:50, followed by the men. The Hawks, ranked No. 2 in the nation, will be going for a record 21 wins.

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55 ALIVE

The Spring City Senior Center and AARP have scheduled a 55 Alive Driver Safety Program course.

The course will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Feb. 6-7. A lunch break is included.

This course was developed as a refresher course for drivers age 50 and older. It will be taught by a trained volunteer and in addition to reviewing rules of the road, it will teach how to compensate for age-related declines in physical and perceptual ability.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount.

There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll, go by the Senior Center or call 267-1628. Class size is limited to 35.

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Man charged with murder in girl's death

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

The death of a 6-year-old Big Spring girl has resulted in the arrest of a Clovis, N.M., man on a charge of murder.

Eighteen-year-old Miguel Lopez Jr. was being held at the Big Spring City Jail on a \$1 million bond set this morning by Municipal Court Judge Tim Green.

Lopez's arrest came after an early Sunday morning fire at a residence in the 1500 block of South Lancaster where the girl's body was discovered, according to Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, the department's criminal investigation division and public relations officer.

According to Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen, the fire caused only

minor damage to the home and was confined to one room.

The child's body was found in the room where the fire occurred, Sweatt said. Several other people were in the residence at the time of the fire.

"No one was burned in the fire," Sweatt said.

The victim was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with unknown injuries

and was pronounced dead by Justice of the Peace Bennie Green at 5:59 a.m., according to a press release issued by the police department.

Lopez was arrested at the hospital.

An autopsy was ordered for the victim and was expected to be performed today at Texas Tech Health Science Center in Lubbock, Sweatt said.

Police are not releasing

the name of the victim at this time.

The cause of the fire is currently under investigation by Fire Marshall Carl Condray and the case is under investigation by Big Spring Police Detective Lupe Liedecker.

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



Local scouts will be conducting their Scouting for Food drive on Saturday. Above, from left, Ramiro Mier, Paul Wylie, Jacob Wylie and Brent Yater unload a pickup full of food during last year's drive.

Scouts prepare for annual food drive

By **BILL McCLELLAN**
News Editor

Always prepared, scouts in Howard County want residents to know that they'll be conducting their annual "Scouting for Food" project on Saturday.

Citizens who wish to participate are asked to place bags of non-perishable food on their doorstep or an easy-to-see locations that morning. The scouts will come by to pick them up.

"With the help of the *Herald* and H-E-B, Saturday morning, all

Place bags or sacks of food on a front porch or other area visible from the street by 10 a.m. Saturday.

scouts will be participating in our food drive," said Warren Wallace, district executive with the Boy Scouts of America Buffalo Trail Council.

The group will gather in the *Herald* parking lot. A trailer will be on the lot for the collection of food, which should be in non-glass containers.

"We send units of scouts out to gather about 10 a.m., so we'd ask the public to have their food placed outside before that time," Wallace said.

Food bags from H-E-B will be circulated Wednesday in the *Herald's* weekly shopper. "We ask that people take those bags — don't

worry if you didn't get one because any type of plastic bag or paper sack will do — and once they have filled them with food, place them in a visible area that can be seen from the street," Wallace said.

The scouts will pick them up and deliver the food to the Salvation Army and local food bank.

The effort involved more than 100 scouts and generated between 3,000 and 5,000 pounds of food

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Alzheimer's unit at state vets home to expand

HERALD Staff Report

An expansion of the Alzheimer's unit at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home will be announced during ceremonies on Wednesday.

Land Commissioner Jerry Patterson is expected to make the announcement.

"This is welcome news due to the regional shortage of nursing homes able to care for residents with the illness," said Patterson, who also serves as the chairman of the Veterans Land Board.

Patterson will be joined by the Big Spring home's medical director, Dr. John Farquhar.

Dr. Farquhar will be honored by the city of Big Spring at a 2 p.m. open house at the facility. Farquhar has practiced in Big Spring since 1985 and hosts a popular radio call-in show for medical advice.

Area legislators and local elected officials have also been invited.

A Vietnam veteran and Marine aviator, Patterson authored the law creating Texas State Veterans Homes when he served as a state senator. This is his first visit to the Big Spring facility since being sworn in as Land Commissioner.



PATTERSON

Permanent restrooms, concession stand in works for amphitheater

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

They're set to be in place by Pops in the Park 2003.

By the time Big Spring's annual Independence Day celebration rolls around this year, visitors to the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater who feel the call of nature won't



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have to use porta-potties. At least that's the city's goal: To have permanent restroom facilities in place at the outdoor venue in time to greet the patriotic throng.

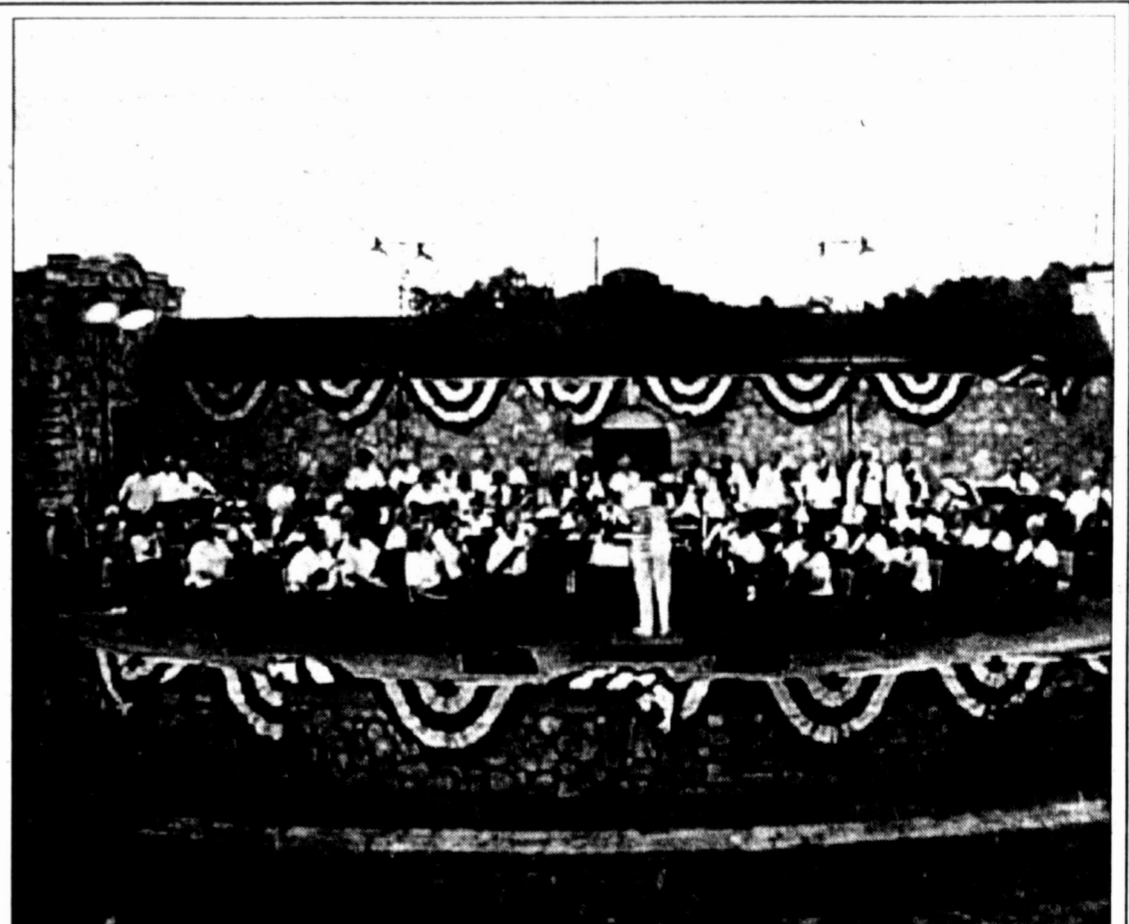
The plans include mens'

and womens' facilities and a permanent concession stand, to be located at the top of the amphitheater seating furthest from the stage.

City staff members met with the Convention and Visitor's Bureau Committee members to discuss plans for the new facilities.

"The CVB committee reviewed the plans, they approved them, authorized the staff and our architect Phil Furqueron to proceed with full plans and specifications," said Public Works Director Todd Darden. "They also wanted to see some opinion of probable costs for contract labor vs. inmate

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Community leaders hope to have permanent restrooms and a concession stand in place at the Comanche Trail Park Amphitheater in time for the city's annual Pops in the Park celebration on July 3. Sound and lighting systems, renovation of the dressing rooms and additional parking are planned in the future.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Marie Clifton



Marie Clifton, 77, of Garden City, died at 5:45 p.m. Friday, Jan. 24, 2003, at Mountain View Lodge, following a brief illness.

Funeral service was at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at The Church of Christ in Garden City with Mr. Wilburn Bednar and Mr. Scott Sheppard, Church of Christ ministers, officiating. Graveside service will be at 4:30 p.m. Monday at the Gooch Cemetery in Mason.

Mrs. Clifton was born on June 28, 1925, in San Angelo. She was the daughter of Frank and Naomi Bailey. She married James Evert Clifton on Nov. 3, 1941, in Menard. They lived most of their life in the Mason and Menard area. Mr. Clifton died on Dec. 8, 1973.

Mrs. Clifton had lived in Glasscock County since 1973. She was a member of the Church of Christ in Garden City. She was a homemaker and had also worked with her husband and son on the ranch and farm.

She is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law: Frank and Betty Clifton of Garden City, Earnest and Carolyn Clifton of Sterling City and Wayne and Shirley Clifton of Waco; one sister: Ira Taylor of Three Rivers; one brother: Sam Bailey of Taft, Calif.; 27 grandchildren; and 28 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband and parents, she was preceded in death by one sister, Shirley Diehl, and one daughter-in-law, Darlene Clifton.

Pallbearers will be Tommy Crisp, Robin Crisp, Earn Clifton, Roy Estes, Johnny Bailey, Milton Bailey, Jeff Shane and Mike Bailey. Honorary pallbearers will be Gene Crisp, Gerald Crisp and Sonny Bailey.

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

Christopher Blake Allen

Christopher Blake Allen, 15, of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2003, at his residence after a lengthy illness.

Graveside funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Randy Gee, pastor of Crestview Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Jan. 20, 1988, in Fort Worth and had been a resident of Big Spring since 2000.

Blake loved his dogs, sports, playing video games, chess, all things mechanical and especially fishing.

He was a Methodist. Survivors include his mother, Kimberly Shawn Stillman of Big Spring; his father, Ronald Wayne Allen of Lubbock; one brother, Steven Allen of Lubbock; his paternal grandparents, Mary and Larry Malone and

Clayton "Dude" Cluck, all of Big Spring; his paternal grandparents, Elenoria and Wayne Allen of Lubbock; his great-grandparents, Bill and Betty Bain of Big Spring; and several aunts and uncles.

The family suggests memorials to: Make-A-Wish Foundation of West Texas Inc., 3800 E. 42nd St., Suite 512, Odessa 79762 or the American Cancer Society Relay For Life, c/o Diane Wood, P.O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Margaret Havener Gray

Margaret Havener Gray of Odessa, a native of Big Spring, died Thursday, Jan. 23, 2003, at her home.

Funeral service will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 27, 2003, at the Sunset Heights Baptist Church in Odessa with the Rev. Jess Little officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery in Big Spring.

She was born on Oct. 10, 1923, in Big Spring, a daughter of Kyle and Frankie Miller. She married Joe Havener on June 15, 1941. On May 29, 1976, she married Daniel Gray.

Mrs. Gray worked for many years as a bookkeeper and was involved with the Ector County 4-H Youth for 40 years. She was also a charter member of the American Paint Horse Association, a founding member of the Permian Basin Paint Horse Club, a member of the American Quarter Horse Association, a member of the Odessa Garden Club and an active member of Sunset Heights Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Daniel Gray; her parents; two brothers, H.S. "Sam" Miller and Kyle Miller Jr.; and two sisters, Jenny Sontag and Rhoda Lemons.

She is survived by two daughters, Sandra Havener of Odessa and Debby Whittemore of Goldsmith; a grandson, Luke Whittemore of Amarillo; a granddaughter, Megan Whittemore of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers the family requests memorials be made to the Sunset Heights Baptist Church of Odessa.

Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa has charge of arrangements.

Marion Byler

Marion Byler, 84, of Stephenville, a retired employee of the VA Medical Center in Big Spring, died Sunday, Jan. 26, 2003, at the Canterbury Villa Nursing Home in Stephenville.

Funeral service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2003, at the Stephenville Funeral Home Chapel with Paige Baize officiating. Burial will be in the Upper Greens Creek Cemetery in Erath County.

Police blotter

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

- **MIGUEL LOPEZ JR.**, 18, of 921 Piersale St., Clovis, N.M., was arrested on a charge of murder.
- **EMANUEL CERVANTES**, 30, of 1226 E. 15th, was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention.
- **ROBERT DWITE SCHAAF**, of 538 Westover was arrested for local warrants.
- **JOE ERNEST VALENCIA JR.**, 19, of 2505 Ent was arrested for city warrants.
- **JAIME LOPEZ MUNOZ**, 37, of 1002 N. Main was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MATTHEW JOHN HENRY**, 43, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **DEREK TARVER MOFFETT**, 23, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested for city warrants.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 800 block of Willa and the 2300 block of Morrison Drive.
- **HARASSMENT** was reported in the 1400 block of Aylesford.
- **BURGLARY of a BUILDING** was reported in the 4300 block of W. Highway 80 where \$925 worth of jewelry, precious metals and \$15 in cash were reportedly stolen.

Sheriff's report

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

- **LOOSE LIVESTOCK** was reported on Hilltop Road.
- **STOLEN VEHICLES** was reported in the 400 block of North College.
- **THREATS** was reported in the area of South Highway 87.
- **BURGLARY** was reported at Forsan High School. According to the daily activity log, deputies responded to a report of a kicked in door.
- **PHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 5000 block of Wasson.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 02-09-27-33-42-52. Estimated jackpot: \$4 million. No ticket matched all six numbers. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday's drawing: \$5 million.

Cash Five numbers drawn Saturday night: 01-04-06-29-34. One winning ticket sold.

Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 5-2-4

Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 1-9-9

Support groups

MONDAY

☐ 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.

☐ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

☐ New Voice Club support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

TUESDAY

☐ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

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

Take note

☐ **THE SECOND ANNUAL KEY CLUB** talent show will be held 7 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 30, in the high school auditorium. Admission is \$2 in advance and \$3 at the door.

Tickets are available from Key Club members or at the high school, 707 11th Place.

☐ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

☐ **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.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 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@crcom.net.

TODAY

Senior Circle, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., SMMC. People 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

Big Spring Band Booster, 6 p.m., Big Spring High School band hall, 707 11th Place. All band parents are invited to attend.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

THURSDAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1706 E. FM-700.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 267-6479.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

FRIDAY

AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Inn, 3101 S. Highway 87.

Greater Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College, HC Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Spring City Senior Citizen's Country and Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park. All area seniors are invited.

SATURDAY

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historical home is open from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Admission is \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizens.

Eagles Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

Weather

Tonight — Clear — Becoming mostly cloudy after midnight. Areas of fog after midnight. Lows in the mid 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.

Tuesday — Breezy. Cloudy — Becoming sunny. Areas of fog in the morning. Highs in the lower 70s. Southwest winds 15 to 25 mph.

Tuesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Wednesday — Breezy and cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Thursday — Cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Friday — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

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State and national
news at a glance



School fund investment talks

AUSTIN (AP) — Houston Sen. Rodney Ellis says he has an idea to get more money from the state's \$17 billion Permanent School Fund. It's called total return, a different way of investing the stocks and bonds that provide income for Texas schools.

At least one member of the State Board of Education that oversees the fund says it's not the treasure chest that some — including Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst — are searching for as they work around a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall.

"I'm not convinced that total return is the panacea that everyone says it is," said Don McLeroy, a member from Bryan.

The school fund, comprised of stocks, bonds and oil and gas royalties from state-owned lands, provides more than \$800 million annually for public schools.

Ellis believes that amount could increase if the investment style is changed.

Groups battle for Confederate flag

TYLER (AP) — A local chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and the Smith County Historical Society are wrapped up in legal battle over the rights to an 1863 Confederate battle flag.

Both groups claim the rights to the 17th Texas Cavalry flag, one of two Confederate banners restored by Tyler historian Mike Sabota.

The flag was donated in Smith County by Col. C.E. Parker to the UDC. But Historical Society members claim Parker's donation came with a caveat that the UDC place the flag in an Austin museum.

"That never happened, so he reclaimed it and gave it to the Historical Society in 1963 or '62," Historical Society president Randy Gilbert said in Sunday editions of the Tyler Morning Telegraph.

But Charles Herbst, husband of local UDC president Maxine Herbst, calls the lawsuit "ridiculous" and said it's recorded that the colonel donated the "Parker Flag" in 1923 to the local UDC chapter.

County stands by only doctor it has

THROCKMORTON (AP) — Some Throckmorton County residents are holding their breath these days, hoping drug and alcohol abuse allegations against Dr. Richard Hubner won't cost the physician his job.

Residents in the rural Northwest Texas county have little choice but to cling tightly to Hubner: He's the only doctor they've got.

The Texas State Board of Medical Examiners placed Hubner on five years probation last month after he was accused of drug and alcohol abuse. Similar allegations got Hubner fired from an Azle health clinic in Tarrant County in 2001, the Abilene Reporter-News reported Sunday.

Hubner, 54, denied he had done anything wrong but agreed to accept the board's discipline.

"I'm a good doctor," he said. "And the people here have been very supportive."

Kinder, gentler Gilley's opens

PASADENA (AP) — Mickey Gilley finally can be proud of having his name in lights again in Pasadena.

The country singer whose name once graced Gilley's Club, the world's most famous honky-tonk for nearly two decades, is now running Gilley's Restaurant in his adopted hometown. And unlike the club, which actually was the brainchild of former partner Sherwood Cryer, the eatery is strictly his creation.

"I didn't want anybody to use the Gilley's logo on something I was not approving of," Gilley recently said over lunch at his month-old restaurant on Pasadena's south side.

"When I first went into business over there (in 1971) it was great for the area and it was a great club. But if you buy a brand-new car and don't change the oil for 10 years, it's going to break down."

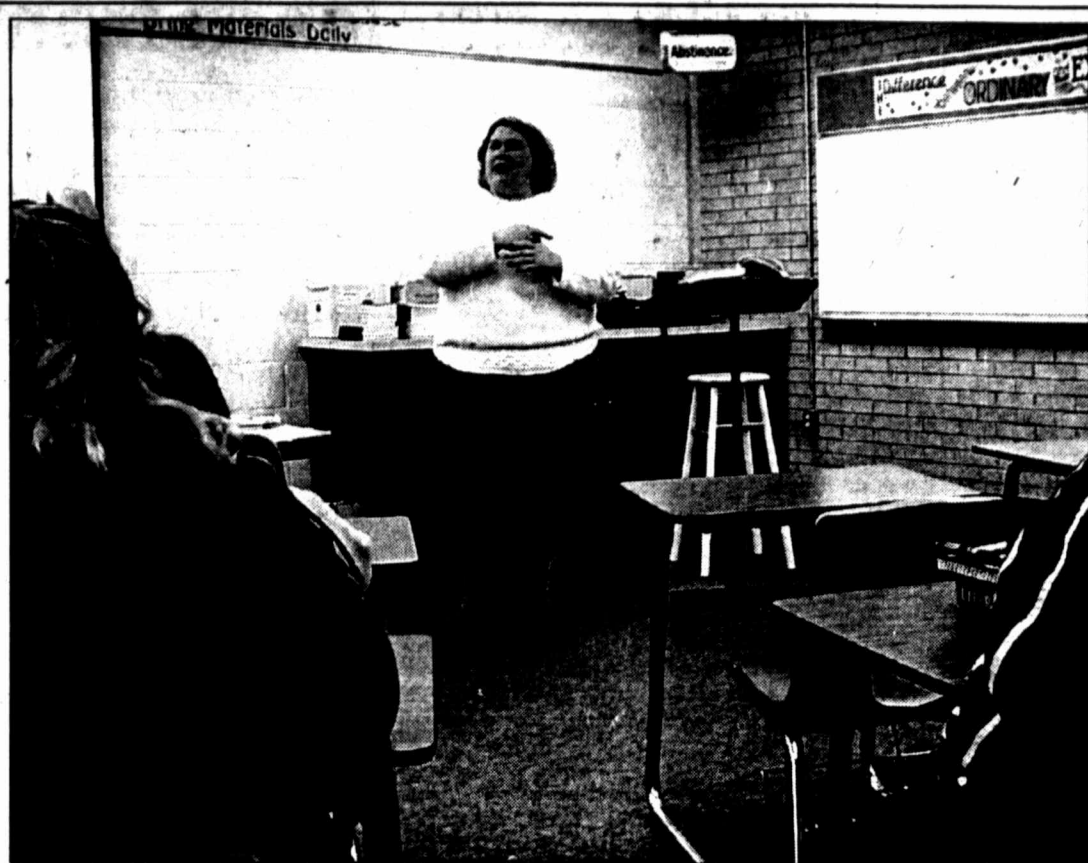
Gilley and Cryer, partners in the club that went from Texas hotspot to international tourist draw with the 1980 movie "Urban Cowboy," became embroiled in a nasty lawsuit. Cryer, who still operates a beer joint in the area's industrial district, said Gilley "got above his raising" and tried to interfere in running the club.

Former minister charged with child porn

WACO (AP) — A former Methodist minister in Bosque County has been charged with possession of child pornography, accused of collecting and trading the illegal images on his church computer.

The Rev. James Ray Jones, a 56-year-old former pastor of First United Methodist Church in Clifton, was charged last week in Waco's federal court.

An ordained minister since 1991, Jones was implicated in an FBI sting operation after he sent images of child pornography to an undercover FBI agent he met in an Internet chat room, federal officials have said.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring Herald District Circulation Manager Beth Bond speaks with a Forsan High School class Thursday about food preparation. Bond, a certified chef, writes a weekly cooking column for the Herald.

SCOUTS

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for the needy, Wallace said.

The scouts will collect bags in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan. Anyone who is missed can call 263-3407 to have their goods collected by the scouts.

Residents who live outside those communities can bring their sacks to the Herald parking lot on Scurry Street on Saturday, or to the scout office, 610 Scurry, at any time.

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

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He also plans to tour the VA Medical Center while in Big Spring.

The commissioner is expected to make his announcement during a 11 a.m. press conference at the state home. The public is invited to all of the activities.



MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

Marie Clifton, 77, died Friday. Funeral services were 10:00 AM Monday at the Garden City Church of Christ. Graveside services were at 4:30 PM, Monday at Mason, Texas.

Marie Lambert, 99, died Friday. Private services will be at a later date.

PARK

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labor. We'll be preparing those and getting back to them in the near future."

Darden said that, along with the opinion of costs for each labor option, the city will also develop a projected timeline for the project for each option.

"Because of needing those in and functional by Pops in the Park, which is July 3," he said. "We may be in a situation where we're going to be forced to use inmate labor."

Darden said the project will include running water and sewage lines to the site, to be located at the top of the amphitheater, away from the stage.

"The lengthy run will be the sewer line," he said. "We do have a sewer line that runs through the park. It's over close to KidZone."

The planned facilities could be part of a larger renovation project for the amphitheater, Darden said.

"When we were having meetings over the Community Master Plan, we had broken off into committees for different areas of our community as they related to the Master Plan," he said.

"There was one committee for parks and recreation. That committee suggested an overall mas-

ter plan for the amphitheater including restrooms, sound and lighting, as well as additional parking. It also included renovating our dressing rooms."

The restrooms are the first step of realizing that plan, he said.

"At some point the staff plans to bring to the Parks Board an overall master plan for the amphitheater whereby we can accomplish some of these plans and renovations to the amphitheater in phases," he said.

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OUR VIEWS

Hartfield Jr. and Forrest deserving of Chamber honor

It would be difficult to find two people who have given more of their free time than this year's Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce award recipients, JoAnne Forrest and Clarence Hartfield Jr.

Forrest has spent most of her life looking after the welfare of others, both in her work as a long-time employee at Big Spring State Hospital and as a tireless volunteer. She has given countless hours of her time to the hospital's Volunteer Services Council and helped organize the first Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser.

Apart from the state hospital, she has been involved with the Howard/Glasscock Chapter of the American Cancer Society for more than 20 years, and a key figure in its Relay for Life fundraiser. That would be enough for any one person, but Forrest has pitched in to help with other endeavors as well. She has served for years on the Heritage Museum board and with the Mary Jane Club. She also works with her church, the First United Methodist Church, and coordinates the Living Christmas Tree each year.

Hartfield has also served many, many hours as a volunteer, giving of his time not only to help others, but to educate them. As a Vietnam veteran, Hartfield has joined with other veterans to present programs to local and area school students on the realities of war... and the price of freedom. A lifetime member of the local National Association for the Advancement of Colored People chapter, he has spent much of his time educating others on integration, African-Americans' role in the military and the Buffalo Soldiers.

A true emissary for Big Spring, Hartfield serves as an Ambassador with the Chamber of Commerce. He has served on the Chamber board and on many other boards - among them, the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, the Heritage Museum, the Hangar 25 Air Museum, the Vietnam Memorial Committee and the Big Spring Rotary Club.

Also dedicated to church and family, he is a member of the Holy Trinity Church, where he serves as assistant Sunday School superintendent and sings in the choir.

We salute these two outstanding members of our community, Clarence Hartfield Jr. and JoAnn Forrest, Man and Woman of the Year.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Everything in our personality begins with our thoughts, Lord, help us dwell only on our good and positive thoughts
Amen

We can learn from 'The Goose Story'

The Greek philosopher and teacher, Aristotle once said, "Education is the best provider for old age." While my views with regards to education may be a little too simplistic, I believe that all of life should be a classroom. We should learn something from every person we meet and spend time with and from every experience we have throughout our lifetime. We are each different as individuals and I don't know about you, but I love nature and the out of doors. This covers the gambit from raising a garden, working in the yard, taking trips to the mountains and the beach and each year I spend some time deer hunting with good friends down in south Arkansas. Our hunting camp is



JIM DAVIDSON

located near the Mississippi flyway and while we are there, there is seldom a day that goes by that you can't hear geese honking and look up in the sky and see them flying along. Any one who has ever seen a flight of geese knows they always fly in the shape of a "V" and many people have wondered why this is true. We can learn a lot from our fine feathered friends, as evidenced by the following article, titled The Goose Story, by an unknown author.

The Goose Story
Next fall when you see geese heading south for the winter flying along in a "V" formation, you might be interested in knowing what science has discovered about why they fly that way. It has been learned that as each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following. By flying in a "V" formation, the whole flock adds at least 71% greater flying range than if each bird flew on its own. People who share common direction and

sense of community can get where they are going quicker and easier, because they are traveling on the thrust of one another.

Whenever a goose falls out of formation, it suddenly feels the drag and resistance of trying to go it alone and quickly gets into formation to take advantage of the lifting power of the bird immediately in front. If we have as much sense as a goose, we will stay in formation with those who are headed the same way we are going.

When the lead goose gets tired, he rotates back in the wing and another goose flies point. It pays to take turns doing hard jobs.

The geese honk from behind to encourage those up front to keep up their speed. An encouraging word goes a long way.

Finally, when a goose gets sick or is wounded by a gun shot and falls out, two geese fall out of formation and follow him down to help and protect him. They stay with him until he is either able to

fly or until he is dead, and they launch out on their own or with another formation to catch up with the group. If we have the sense of a goose, we will stand by each other like that.

When I first read The Goose Story I was reminded of a visit several years ago with Jack Smith, over in Jackson, Tennessee. He told me about a goose hunting trip when he actually saw a wounded goose being carried to safety by another goose. He said, "As I sat there and watched this big goose get underneath the other one and flap its wings harder and harder to carry it to safety in a nearby refuge, I couldn't believe this was happening before my eyes." While doing research for this column, I also learned that wild geese mate for life, which ain't no bad deal.

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"Daddy, when I grow up I wanna be just like you. So at what point in life can I expect to lose my sense of fashion, hygiene and the desire to look even remotely civilized in public?"

We must control corporate greed

Did you hear the Bush administration finally found a connection between Iraq and Al Qaeda? They both have the letter Q. The evil, evil Q. (Not original with me, making the rounds.)

Some days, I'd just as soon whack myself in the head with the newspaper as read it. Remember the time the stock market tanked, lost \$6.65 trillion, 38 percent of its total value? That would be the last two years.



MOLLY IVINS

Silly us, we thought the Bushies were actually going to do something - not much, but something - about why it happened. Congress stepped nobly to the plate in the summer of aught-two - as Enron, WorldCom, Tyco, etc. came crashing down around us - and passed a Reform Bill. Yes, they did. Not a dissenting vote against it, even in the Republican House.

President Bush fought it right up to the final week, then turned around and not only signed it, but claimed credit for it. So we were all off on the rosy road to reform, led by none other than Harvey Pitt, Bush's man at the Securities and Exchange Commission, who spent his entire career as a lawyer for the major

accounting firms. If Harvey Pitt were any closer to the accounting industry, he'd be in violation of the Texas-sodomy statute.

Then, oops, bumps on the rosy road. Pitt appointed Judge William Webster to head the new oversight board that was supposed to clear up all the conflicts of interest in the accounting field, but Webster turned out to have some conflicts of interest himself. So Webster stepped down, and Pitt himself was canned on election night last year.

You probably thought he was long gone, but, nope, he's still head of the SEC. Bush hasn't gotten around to nominating anyone else. So Pitt is still there, working his fingers to the bone for his former clients.

Remember when we thought the minimum reform would be to separate the auditing and the consulting functions of accounting firms? Can that. The SEC plans to make it optional, leaving the choice up to a company's audit committee. Let's see, would Ken Lay and Jeff Skillings have voted to bring in another auditor to check out the offshore partnerships they set up with help from Arthur Andersen?

You're going to find this hard to believe, but Pitt is actually making the rules on the accounting industry weaker than they were before all the corporate scandals came out. Now it will be even harder for investors to

find out how much a company pays its accounting firm for auditing work and how much for consulting work.

If you think all this is just some obscure infighting at an alphabet-soup agency, you haven't looked at your 401K lately. In 2000, the SEC was not prepared to actually do anything about the glaring conflict of interest between auditing and consulting by the same accounting firm, but at least it required that companies disclose the payments. Guess who represented the accounting firms during that battle? Harvey Pitt, arguing that it was a terrible idea.

The SEC is also backing down from requiring lawyers to make a public withdrawal from their clients if they fail to convince said clients to stop violating securities laws. The lawyers are naturally claiming this would violate lawyer-client confidentiality. People, the lawyer gets to keep his clients secrets after the crime is committed, not before.

Here's part of what still needs to be done:

- One of the major incentives for corporate crooks to cook the books is the practice of granting stock options that are not counted as a business expense. You get vast amounts of stock distributed to executives, who then have enormous incentive to create short-term increases in the stock price so they can

cash out before the price plummets.

The Litigation Reform Act of 1995, passed by the Republican Congress over Clinton's veto, gives protection to accounting firms that approved false earnings statements and allows immunity from lawsuits for accountants who fail to spot or disclose fraud. That's ridiculous. Other laws passed in 1996 and 1998 severely limit the possibility of recovery by defrauded investors and force class-action suits into federal courts under weak federal laws.

There are only two ways to control corporate greed: one is by government regulation, but for 20 years now regulatory oversight has been systematically shut down, bought off and defunded. The other way is by suing the bastards, but access to the courts is also being systematically shut down by round after round of tort reform.

- Shut down the offshore tax shelters and mail-drop corporations.
- Give workers the right to elect the trustees of their retirement funds. Put independent directors on corporate boards.
- Regulate derivatives.
- Do not permit accounting firms to offer both auditing and consulting services to the same clients.

The only way we are ever going to get this administration to make matters better rather than worse is through serious pressure from the public. It's your money.

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Horoscope

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Jan. 27, 2003: You have the unusual knack of drawing others toward you. Expand your horizons, making what you want more of a possibility this year. Associates respond positively, whether individually or as a group. Others tend to fulfill your desires without you even asking. Use your personality and strong sense of direction to enhance your life and fulfill your needs. If ever you could have what you want, this is the year. If you are single, a romance will color your life, if it hasn't already. You could meet that special person without even realizing it. The relationship will just develop. If you are attached, you two can work out nearly any hassle this year without even trying. After August, you become even closer. **SAGITTARIUS** is a time-

honored friend.
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) **** Reach out for others. Make that additional effort. You could be surprised by what someone close to you shares. Stay focused, especially if intellectual work is involved. You can solve a problem — just use your ingenuity, please. Tonight: In the whirlwind of life.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Be more imaginative in how you carry out a responsibility. A key associate responds very well to your energy and direction. You might have a better idea than you realize. Feedback makes you feel great! Tonight: Indulge a loved one.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20) **** You might want to review a situation more

carefully than you have in the past. Others present ideas quickly. Do a better job of listening. You come up with remarkable and strong ideas. Screen your calls, taking only the necessary ones. Tonight: Follow your friends.
CANCER (June 21-July 22) **** Learn how to be more efficient from an associate. Dealing with individuals adds that personal touch. As a result, you will gain both financially and emotionally. Good news surrounds your efforts. Others will pitch in. Tonight: Put your feet up.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your efforts do make a difference. A child or loved one adores hanging out with you. Add more pleasure to a playful get-together. Your imagination can light up any situation and illuminate any problems. Just be yourself. Tonight: Play away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Be direct, even if you are uncomfortable with a loved one or a friend. Realize what makes you happy, which might be something as simple as having time to yourself. Ask for more of what you desire. Charge your imagination into your work and personal life. Tonight: Put your feet up.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Push extra hard to talk to that boss or to get through someone's door. You will find that others respond to your high energy and efforts. Something you want heads down your path. You gain a novel perspective as a result. Tonight: At a favorite spot.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You might wonder why you need to spend as much as you do on your image, but you will see the end results almost immediately. Others admire your presentation. You know

how to make that difference with others. Use your imagination with family members. Tonight: Your treat.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) **** Others don't often get your drift. The good news right now is that it doesn't make any difference, as they simply decide to go along with you. What more can you ask? Interestingly, you will come up with a good answer or response. Tonight: Whatever knocks your socks off.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Step back and set your limits. Sometimes you take on way too much, not knowing when to say "enough." Your associates will understand that sometimes you need to eliminate or delegate. In fact, you might be quite happy with someone's reaction. Tonight: Let others decide.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) **** Your friends could

make all the difference in what comes down your path. Listen well to someone's suggestion. He or she has enormous understanding of what will make you happy. Don't make choices that aren't necessary. Tonight: Follow your friends.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** Accept what others might not. You find a boss or associate to be pushy, wanting to have something his or her way. Do you really care? Your positive attitude and strong sense of timing separate you from others. Tonight: In the limelight.

 Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.
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Siblings squabble over brother's sexual preference

Dear Annie: I am one of four grown siblings. My youngest brother, "Chad," is gay and has a life partner, whom we include in all family events. The problem is, my oldest brother, "John," refuses to attend any family gathering where Chad and his partner are present, because he doesn't want to "break bread" with a gay couple. Therefore, he and his family never join us for Mother's Day, Christmas, birthday celebrations, and so on.



Annie's Mailbox

My mother insists that everyone is welcome in her home, and she won't cave in to John's blackmail. Chad and his partner are respectful and discreet. In fact, most of our acquaintances think Chad is straight. Mom is crushed that John no longer joins us for family events. Is there anything we can do? — Separated Siblings
 Dear Sibling: Not really. Fair or not, John has made a decision to avoid Chad and his partner. Your mother, wisely, does not wish to

take sides and invites everyone. Although John doesn't sound terribly receptive, there are organizations that can provide reading material that may enlighten him. Contact PFLAG (Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays), 1726 M Street NW, Suite 400, Washington, D.C. 20036 (www.pflag.org) for information. It's worth a try.
 Dear Annie: I am a 24-

year-old woman, and I need help with my mother. We do not get along. She believes she has the right to tell me what to do, who to talk to, and so on, and I am tired of her attempts to run my life. I moved out of the house, thinking it would force her to leave me alone, but I was wrong. Mom began phoning me at work, often starting fights, and would call my cellphone at 5 in the morning. I changed the number, and my boss told her to stop calling me at work, but she won't quit.

I have made it clear to Mom that I want her to leave me alone, but I'm talking to a wall. I have seen two psychiatrists about the problem, but nothing seems to change her behavior. Should I leave town and make a complete break? How can I have a peaceful life? — Emotionally Tired in the United States
 Dear Tired: Surely those two psychiatrists told you it is not possible to change someone else's behavior and offered some ideas for cop-

ing with Mom's intrusive behavior. If she calls you at work, tell her you are busy and you will call her back at a more convenient time, and then HANG UP. Turn off your cellphone when you don't want to take calls. Let your answering machine pick up at home. If she offers unsolicited advice, listen politely, and then ignore her. Once you realize you are not obligated to follow her advice, it won't annoy you as much.

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime 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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Wife is disappointed in husband's broken promises

Dear Ann Landers: When I met "Jimmy" five years ago, I was a moderately heavy smoker and he occasionally used chewing tobacco. He frequently expressed his dislike of my smoking, and I let him know how I felt about his "social dipping." We tried to quit together at one point but were unsuccessful. When a close relative of mine died



Ann Landers

of emphysema, I finally managed to stop smoking. After we became engaged, Jimmy promised to give up his habit but told me he wanted to do it gradually. Three months ago, we were married. I asked only one thing of him — that he not bring any dip on our honeymoon. He agreed.
 Well, you guessed it. The third day of our honeymoon, I discovered dip spilled on the bathroom counter. When I asked Jimmy about it, he said it was no big deal and got mad at me for "snooping." I cannot begin to describe

how angry and hurt I am. Jimmy insists I'm overreacting and says I should get over it. Ann, it's not only that I dislike dipping, it is a matter of a broken promise and a blatant lack of consideration.
 I am not sure what I should do about this. Instead of trying to make good on his promise, he leaves spit cans where I can see them. I am becoming very bitter about this and find myself snapping at him for every little thing. Obviously, I am NOT "getting over it" and need some advice. — A Disappointed

Newlywed in Greensboro, N.C.
 Dear Greensboro: What Jimmy doesn't seem to understand is that this has gone far beyond the chewing issue. It is now a matter of basic integrity. He broke his word and tried to cover it up. And now he leaves those nasty spit cans where you can see them and tells you to "get over it."
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Hawks gun for school record tonight

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks can make Gene Roddenberry proud tonight when they take to the court in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. They can, after all, go where no Howard College men's basketball team has gone before.

The Hawks will gun for their school-record 21st straight win this evening when they tip-off action against the Frank Phillips College Plainsmen. The game is scheduled to tip off at approxi-

mately 7:50 p.m.

In Frank Phillips, Howard College will be facing a rebuilding Plainsman squad. Frank Phillips has put together an 8-11 record this season, including a 1-3 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

The Plainsmen, under first-year head coach Elwin McRoy are currently fifth in the WJCAC standings.

While Frank Phillips has struggled to find its game this season, the Hawks have soared. Howard

WJCAC Showdown
When: Frank Phillips College vs. Howard College
When: Lady Hawks 8:30 p.m.; Hawks 7:50 p.m.
Where: HC's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

College climbed to No. 2 in the latest National Junior College Athletic Association's poll last Monday. Three days later, they equaled the school's all-time win streak mark with a 77-61 win over New Mexico JC.

Howard College enters tonight's showdown as one of only two unbeaten Division I junior college programs in the

nation. They are currently 20-0.

Tonight's activities will also showcase the Howard College Lady Hawks. The HC women will kick off the basketball double-header beginning at 5:50 p.m.

The Lady Hawks, who own the school's overall best win streak with 32 straight wins, will be trying to snap a four-game slide against a young Lady Plainsmen squad. Frank Phillips sports 11 freshmen on their roster.

Howard's women are 9-13 overall.

Bucs 'Super' in 48-21 win over Raiders

SAN DIEGO (AP) — They were the laughingstocks of the NFL, maybe of all pro sports.

They had garish orange uniforms with a winking pirate on the helmet. Losing 10 games came automatically. Wasting high draft picks was a given.

Those Tampa Bay Buccaneers were buried Sunday with a flourish. Led by a fearsome defense, a suddenly dynamic offense and a coach who brought the final fiery touch, the Bucs routed the Oakland Raiders 48-21 in the Super Bowl.

Laughingstock? Try champions.

"For all this franchise has been through, nothing could be sweeter," veteran safety John Lynch said. "Super Bowl champs. Wow!"

Yep, wow. As in five interceptions of league MVP Rich Gannon, three of them returned for touchdowns — two by nickel back Dwight Smith, a Super Bowl record, and one by NFL defensive player of the year Derrick Brooks. The other two pickoffs went to Super Bowl MVP Dexter Jackson.

As in holding the game's No. 1 offense to 62 yards and three first downs in the first half, which ended 20-3.

As in staging consecutive touchdown drives of 77 and 89 yards, both concluding with passes to Keenan McCardell, a 5-yard score and an 8-yarder.

Whatever the Bucs tried seemed to work. It was as if coach Jon Gruden, acquired from the Raiders last February for

four high draft picks and \$8 million, had drawn up the game plan for both teams.

In a way, he had.

"Jon Gruden was Gannon," said Bucs defensive coordinator Monte Kiffin, whose unit also had five sacks and yielded all of 19 yards rushing. "Nobody can be like Gannon like Gruden can. He taught Gannon. He was in Gannon's head."

But Gruden played down that apparent advantage.

"That was all overrated," he said. "I stayed away from the defense. That's a credit to our players. We've got a great defensive club."

So great that All-Pro tackle Warren Sapp was willing to proclaim it the best ever. Before he attempted to light a foot-long victory cigar, Sapp compared the unit that allowed only 196 points this season — and just two touchdowns in the playoffs that were not tainted by special teams gaffes — to the legendary defenses.

"We had to have that championship before we could say anything," Sapp said. "Now you can put us in the same sentence as the Ravens and the Steel Curtain."

"But I don't think any of them faced the kind of offense like we did. None of them went into the Super Bowl and played the No. 1 offense. And we put a stranglehold on them."

Almost from the very start. Brad Johnson was hit as he threw on Tampa Bay's third play from scrimmage. The ball fluttered short of a wide-open

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Stormi Smith goes up for a shot during the Swish's win over Forsan during Saturday's Big Spring Youth Basketball Association action. With the win, the Swish improved to 3-0 on the year. The team will be honored as "Team of the Day" this Sunday in Odessa by the Odessa Jackalopes.

Coahoma LL will elect new officers Jan. 29

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Coahoma Little League baseball organization will unofficially begin its 2003 season preparations Wednesday night when they hold their first meeting of the year in order to elect new officers.

The meeting, which will also serve as a venue for interested parties to inquire about the league, will be held at the Coahoma Community Center, beginning at 6 p.m.

For more information about the meeting or the Coahoma Little League persons may contact either Jill Ringener at 263-2789 or Tessa Reid at 394-4563.



The Coahoma Bulldogettes will renew their cross-county rivalry with the Forsan Queens tomorrow night at home. Games will start at 6:30 p.m.

Grady moves to within one win of clinch tie for crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

GAIL — The Grady Wildcats moved to within one game of clinching at least a tie for the District 7-A championship Friday night by downing Borden Co., 51-34.

With the win, the No. 4-ranked Wildcats improved to 7-0 in district play and took a two-game lead over the Coyotes heading into this weekend's showdown with Sands.

Grady, now 24-1 overall,

wasted little time in putting Borden Co. on its heels. The Wildcats reeled off a staggering 30-10 spree in the first 16 minutes and never looked back.

Borden Co. managed to fight their way back in the third. They scored a 22-12 advantage in the frame and cut Grady's lead to 42-32.

Grady was led offensively by Brent Madison's game-high 20 points. Eric Tunnell added 13.

Lady Cats keep playoff hopes alive

Amanda Henson scored 16 points and Megan Niehues added 14 more Friday and led the Garden City Lady Cats to a 46-41 win over the Wink Lady Wildcats.

With the win, Garden

City remained in second place in the District 8-A standings with a 4-1 record.

Jessica Hoch also hit double figures for the Lady Cats, throwing in 10 points in the contest.

IN BRIEF

'Hawk Talk' will air Feb. 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show dealing with Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST 1490-AM on Feb. 12.

The show, which is slated to begin at 9 a.m., will be hosted by Sam Stephens.

Big Spring cagers to play Frenship Tuesday

The Big Spring Steers and Lady Steers will continue their District 4-4A march tomorrow when they travel to Wolforth to face the Frenship Tigers.

The BSHS varsity girls' squad, 17-10 overall and 3-4 in district play, will start at 6 p.m. The Steers, 2-24 and 0-5, are set to begin play at approximately 7:30 p.m.

BSGSA to hold open meeting Jan. 30

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association is having an open meeting on Thursday, Jan. 30, at the Howard Co. Library.

Parents are urged to attend the meeting to discuss major decisions that will be made regarding the BSGSA softball program.

The meeting is scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.

Hawks' skills camp continues Feb. 1

The Howard College Hawks coaching staff and players will continue their Skills Camp on Saturday in the coliseum.

The cost for the camp, which runs three more Saturdays from 11 a.m. to noon, is \$10 per person.

For more information contact Hawks head coach Chris Jans at 264-5044.

Hunter safety class slated for Feb. 8-9

A hunter safety class will be available for local residents on Feb. 8-9 in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices.

Boyce Hale will conduct the classes, which are being sponsored by Dibrell's Gun Shop.

For more information contact Hale at 267-6957 or 267-7891.

BSYBA hoop season continues Saturday

The Big Spring Youth Basketball Association 2003 season continues Saturday with a full state of games.

Teams from throughout the area are fielding teams this year.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shoot will be held March 21-22 at Windwarker Farms in Stanton.

The event will consist of 4-person teams using Lewis Class scoring. For more info contact (915) 570-0172.

Lady Stangs edged past Forsan Starz

Ashley Guerra scored 11 points and led the Sands Lady Stangs to a 23-15 win over the Forsan Starz Saturday in BSYBA action play. Tamara Nichols tallied six.

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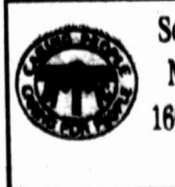
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Pike, Carrasco lead Steers to third at District 4-4A swim meet

HERALD Staff Report
PECOS — Josh Pike and Michael Carrasco led the way, as Big Spring's Steers piled up 56 points to take third place in the boys' team standings at the District 4-4A Swimming and Diving Championships on Saturday at the Pecos Aquatic Club.
 Pecos' host Eagles piled up 120 points to repeat as district champions, while Andrews' Mustangs were second with 63 points.
 Pecos' Lady Eagles

matched their male counterparts, repeating as the loop champs in the girls' division, piling up 155 points to run away from runner-up Andrews' 70. Big Spring's Lady Steers were sixth with 20 points.
 Pike was the Steers' leading point producer, winning the 100 backstroke and finishing second in the 200 freestyle.
 Carrasco added a second-place finish in the 100 individual medley and was third in the 100 butterfly.

In addition, the duo teamed with Justin Petrowski and Will Liggett to finish second in the 400 freestyle relay and fourth in the 200 freestyle relay.
 Another Steers' foursome — Scott Thomas, Jason Petrowski, David Brooks and Randy Yanez — added a sixth-place clocking in the 100 medley relay.
 Liggett chipped in a pair of third-place finishes in the 100 freestyle and the 100 breaststroke.

Justin Petrowski contributed individual points with fourth place in the 100 individual medley and sixth place in the 100 butterfly. Mark Sheedy chipped in a fourth-place showing in the 100 backstroke, while Thomas was sixth in the 200 freestyle and David Pike was sixth in the 500 freestyle.
 The Lady Steers' were paced by sophomore Jessica Hughey, who won the 100 backstroke and was second in the 100 individual medley. She

also combined with Kendra Weeks, Meagan Matthews and Kasey Pointon for a sixth place in the 200 medley relay and with Weeks, Anita Guiette and Morgan McKinney for sixth in the 200 freestyle relay.
 Weeks added a third-place clocking in the 100 butterfly and was sixth in the 100 breaststroke.

The Lady Steers' final points of the meet came in the 400 freestyle relay where Matthews, Pointon, Guiette and McKinney swam to a sixth-place finish.
 Next for the Big Spring swimmers is the Region I, Class 4A meet in Lubbock. Winners from that meet qualifying for a trip to the state meet.

Raiders fall to 13th-ranked Oklahoma State

LUBBOCK (AP) — Oklahoma State hasn't relied on just one or two players in putting together the nation's longest winning streak.
 Melvin Sanders, Victor Williams and Tony Allen each took a turn at being the man for the 13th-ranked Cowboys on Sunday in a 79-70 victory over Texas Tech, their 14th straight win.
 "That's one thing this whole year ... we've been having someone stepping up big," forward Andre Williams said. "And we need to keep that rolling to keep this rolling."
 Sanders, who finished with 17 points, hit three straight 3-pointers in the first four minutes for the Cowboys (16-1, 5-0 Big 12). Victor Williams scored seven points in the opening 2 1/2 minutes of the second half.
 But it was Allen who quelled a run by Texas

Tech (11-4, 1-3) in the closing minutes.
 The Red Raiders closed to 65-64 with 3:14 remaining before Allen scored six straight points in just over a minute to give the Cowboys a 71-64 lead with 1:42 remaining.
 Allen finished with 21 points.
 "Tony has been doing things like that all year, making big plays down the stretch," said Victor Williams, who finished with 24 points. "They were pressing on the wings and denying the ball. When they do that it opens up the middle, and we were trying to penetrate. That's what Tony was able to do."
 In other games involving ranked teams Sunday, it was: No. 10 Creighton 89, TCU 79, and No. 17 Wake Forest 71, Florida State 60.
 Oklahoma State scored on seven of its first nine

possessions in the second half and used a 14-0 run to take a 54-39 lead.
 "Their start was really good, really energetic, and we made mistakes and errors," Texas Tech coach Bob Knight said. "Then you're just trying to fight your way back. And then when we did come back, we again made a couple of mistakes."
 Many of the Cowboys' points came on fast breaks from turnovers and rebounds. The Cowboys outscored Tech 18-4 in fast-break points.
 Oklahoma State coach Eddie Sutton praised his team's ability to convert quickly.
 "We got a lot of baskets in transition today," Sutton said. "If Bob were to be critical of his team, it might be in the fact that we beat them down the floor some and got some baskets."
 Texas Tech used a 21-11

run to get within one, but the Cowboys put together a 10-1 run to lead 75-65 with 31 seconds remaining.
 "It seemed like we would get in position and just defeat ourselves by making mental mistakes," Texas Tech's Will Chavis said.
 Trailing by 11 points early in the second half, Tech had to claw its way back into the game.
 "At the beginning of the second half, we dug ourselves a big hole," said Kasib Powell, who led Texas Tech with 26 points. "Then it took all of our energy to come back and we couldn't get over the hump."
 Andre Emmett finished with 23 points, scoring seven straight points to lead Texas Tech's comeback.
 Powell and Emmett scored all but 21 of Tech's points.

SUPER BOWL

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 McCardell to cornerback Charles Woodson.
 Just like that, the vaunted Oakland attack was at the Bucs 36. But Tampa Bay held the Raiders to Sebastian Janikowski's 40-yard field goal.
 The next 34 points belonged to the Bucs.
 Martin Gramatica tied it with a 31-yarder, and Jackson got his first interception near the end of the opening quarter. That led to Gramatica's 43-yarder.
 While Jackson's second interception on the next series did not lead to points, the defense had fully asserted itself.
 "Give them a lot of credit," Gannon said. "They performed exceptionally well on defense and we couldn't do what we wanted to do. The turnovers obviously killed us."
 "It was a nightmarish performance."
 It was the kind of performance people expected from the old Bucs, the ones who lost their first 26 games (0-14 in their debut season of 1976) and, in one 14-year stretch, had 13 seasons with at least 10 losses, including 12 in a row. On Sunday, it was the Raiders who were inept on both sides.
 The worst came after Tampa Bay took a 13-3 lead on Mike Alstott's 2-yard run that Karl Williams set up with a 25-yard punt return. Looking to get back into it, the Raiders wound up punting, and the Bucs went on a 77-yard drive to McCardell's first touchdown catch.
 After an Oakland three-and-out to start the second half, Tampa Bay covered 89 yards in 14 plays and nearly eight minutes, with McCardell scoring from the 8.
 Two plays after that, Smith cut in front of Jerry Rice and stole a

poor pass from Gannon, sprinting 44 yards to make it 34-3.
 "This is the thing I've been doing for 17 years of my life," said Smith, one of the least-heralded Bucs defenders. "Play football and make plays was what I was known to do."
 Better known for doing it are Sapp, Brooks, Lynch, Simeon Rice (two sacks and relentless pressure), Ronde Barber and Brian Kelly. But Smith and Jackson got many of the accolades this night.
 "When I first came to the team I knew they had some great players like the Sapps, the Lynchs

and the Brooksies," Jackson said. "These guys came from nothing and came together as a championship caliber team."
 That they came together on offense, as well, made the Raiders more impressive. Many expected the Bucs to outdo the Raiders defensively. But to also have the game's most dynamic offense before 67,603 fans — none of them wearing that awful orange — might have been too much to ask.
 "It's so awesome after what this franchise has been through," Lynch said. "You got to go prove

it, but we knew that we had it, and that's what Jon did so well, make us believe it. One of his first words was that we are going to win a world championship. We never wavered from that fact. ... It's unreal."

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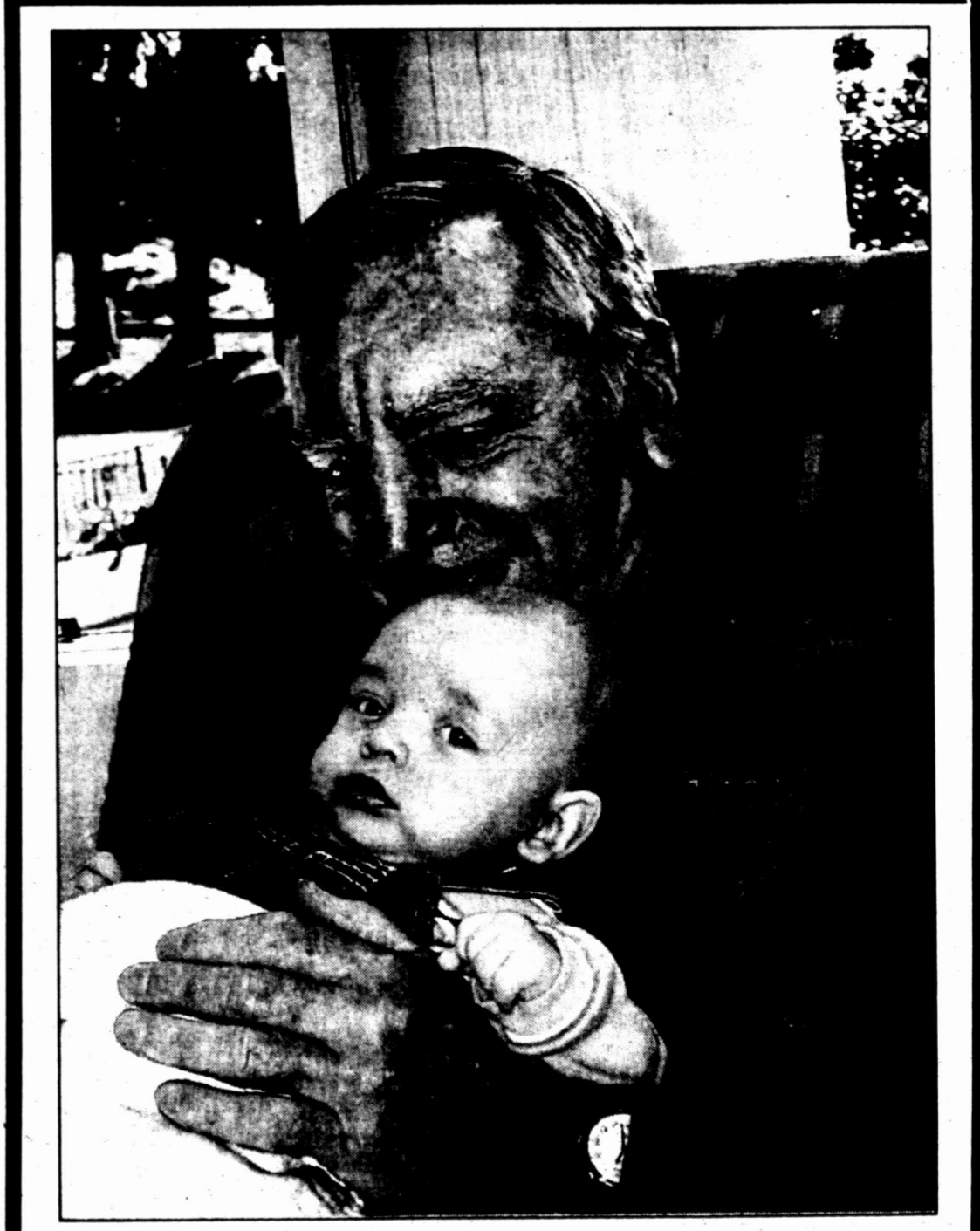
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