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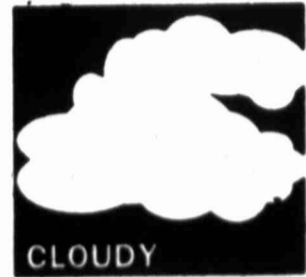
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February 13, 2003

WEATHER

Tonight:



TONIGHT 45-50° TOMORROW 67°-69°

BRIEFLY

FORSAN KINDERGARTEN

Forsan Independent School District is trying to determine if there are 15 potential students for a pre-kindergarten program. "With budget constraints as tight as they are in education, we must plan well in advance for changes like this," said Randy Johnson, Elbow Elementary principal. "So, we are attempting to locate families in our school district who have a child that fits the following guidelines:"

- 1) student will be 4 years old by September 1, 2003, and,
- 2) the family qualifies for the Free or Reduced Lunch program, and/or,
- 3) the child has a language barrier (limited English speaker).

For more information, interested parents may contact Johnson at Elbow Elementary by calling 398-5444 (extension 1 or 2). There is a minimum number of interested and eligible students that must be met before the class is offered.

COMING

SUNDAY

COMMUNITY IMPACT

Sunday the Herald will present a tribute to the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, the third segment of a four-part Community Impact Series on the area's law enforcement and emergency response personnel. Join the Herald in honoring the HCVFD's 84 men and women, who routinely risk their lives to help keep Howard County residents and property safe.

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BSISD trustees to call for May election

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer
Trustees for the Big Spring Independent School District are expected to call for the May 3 election during today's board meeting. This year's election will be the first under the new seven single-member district scheme adopted by trustees in October. The new scheme replaces a four single-member dis-

trict, three at-large method. Two districts are up for election, one represented by Board President Frank Long and the other being a newly created minority-majority district. The single-member district represented by Terry Wegman would have been up for election this year, however, in a 4-3 vote the board approved a phase-in process that brings the



LONG WEGMAN
minority-majority district up for election instead. That move effectively left Wegman out of the run-

ning, at least for a year. The contention laid in the fact that with the boundary changes, Wegman and trustee Mike Dawson, who represents an at-large seat, live in the same neighborhood. Trustees must live in the district they represent. Dawson's term does not expire until 2004 and he would have had to sit out for two years if, as origi-

nally proposed, the new single-member districts would come on-line with the expiration of the current district. While discussing the options, Trustee Kent Sharp argued for the bringing the new minority-majority district on-line as quickly as possible to respond to the group that advocated the switch
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Sweet deals for your sweetheart

Volunteer Valentine House has lots to offer

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Time is running out to contact the Volunteer Valentine House at Big Spring State Hospital and reserve a special gift for that special someone. Several of the items, which volunteers hand-deliver on Valentine's Day, are sold out already. Still, there are lots of gifts to choose from. Still available are a basket with a small stuffed animal, an ivy plant or the very popular singing telegrams. Gifts range in price from \$10 to \$25 — the \$35 "Bodacious Bear" is sold out — and the money raised goes to the Volunteer Services



Big Spring State Hospital's Volunteer Valentine House and the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team are both making up gifts for Valentine's Day. At left, Judy Jarmes displays some bears and baskets available through the Valentine House. Call 268-7550 or 268-7362 to place an order. The Valentine House is located by turning into the state hospital's first entrance and going to the third building on the left. At right, SMMC Relay team captain Teresa Love makes up some candy grams. To order, call 268-4912.



Courtesy photos

Council at the hospital. "Our goal is to net a little more than \$7,000," said Billie Russworm, director of community

relations. The Volunteer Services Council uses the money to help fund "We Care" bags, holiday activities,

Christmas gifts and more for the patients, and even some major building projects that have made life a little easier for both the

residents and careworkers at the hospital. Orders are taken for the
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Candy Grams are inexpensive, benefit Relay for Life

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for a low-cost gift for your sweetheart. Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team is offering candy grams this Valentine's Day for just \$5 each. It's one of several activities team chairman Teresa Love has

scheduled for "Relay," the annual fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society. Candy grams are colorful sacks filled with chocolates. Balloons can be added for \$2.50 per balloon. Cards are also available for the purchaser to write their sentiments. Orders can be placed by leav-

ing a message on the team's Candy-Gram Love Line at 268-4912. All orders should be placed no later than 5 p.m. today and must be prepaid. Orders will not be delivered outside the hospital or Family Medical Clinic. They must be picked up at the volunteer desk in the Scenic Mountain lobby no later than 3

p.m. on Friday. SMMC's Relay theme this year is "Puttin' Cancer Out to Pasture." Co-chairs are Lesley Chandler and Paula Farquhar. Farquhar, also a cancer survivor, has served as the Family Medical
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Y to host mom-son, dad-daughter dance tonight

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Looking to spend some time with your sweetheart this weekend? Well, why not take some time this evening to let the other most important person in your life know you care? The event is the YMCA's "Date

"This will be the first time ever in Big Spring that we're going to have a Daddy-Daughter, Mom and Son Date Night Dance."

Rosie Franco, YMCA program director

Night Dance," designed to bring parents and their children closer together. "It's for the parents to spend time with the children," said YMCA Program Director Rosie Franco. "This will be the first time ever in Big Spring that

we're going to have a Daddy-Daughter, Mom and Son Date Night Dance. It's a day before Valentine's Day so they can spend a night with their children and then spend Valentine's with their spouse or whoever." YMCA Director Pete Thiry said

the event is modeled after a similar annual shindig in San Angelo. "My daughter and I attended the dance in San Angelo for years," he said. "It was my favorite night of the year. I thought it would be fun to try to do the same thing here in Big Spring." The dance will be themed as a Hawaiian luau, and everyone is
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Deadline to sign up for cost-share funds is Friday

Special to the Herald

Friday is the deadline for farmers and ranchers in Howard County to sign up for 2003 cost-share funds through the Senate Bill 503 Water Quality Program. The funds are used to develop and improve irrigation practices. The program also ensures proper

nutrient and pest management practices are applied to allow agricultural operations to meet state standards for water quality. Eligible practices include drip irrigation or converting an existing irrigation system to a more efficient system. The advantage of participation in the program is

that if a farmer or rancher develops and maintains a site-specific water quality management program plan through the local Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the plan is certified by the Texas Soil and Water Conservation Board, the producer will be in compliance with state water quality law.

They are also exempt from other state regulatory processes regarding nonpoint source discharge of pollutants. A water quality management plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production measures, management technologies of
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Contact the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District at 267-1871 ext. 1 or come by the USDA Service Center at 302 West Interstate 20, Suite 101.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Manuela Villa

Funeral services for Mrs. Manuela Villa, 61, of Stanton, have been set for 2 p.m. Friday, Feb. 14, 2002, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father George Thirumangalam officiating. Burial will follow at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

A rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. today at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Manuela was born May 18, 1941, in Stanton and passed away Feb. 11, 2003, in Odessa.

She was a registered nurse.

She is preceded in death by her husband, Santos Villa.

Survivors include her daughters, Velma Gonzales of Wink and Mary Haumesser of Stanton; a son, Santos Villa Jr. of Stanton; a sister, Eva Orasco of Jal, N.M.; brothers Jose Montez and Juan Montez, both of Stanton; nine grandchildren; and 17 great grandchildren.

Serving as pallbearers will be Thomas Gonzales Jr., Thomas Gonzales III, Timony Gonzales, Danny Warner, Jose Villa, Gary Montez, Jesse Montez and Jerry Hinojosa. Honorary pallbearers will be Guadalupe Perez and Johnny Villa.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

James Wells

James Wells, 70, died Monday morning at Midland Memorial Hospital. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Friday at Hollenbeck Cahill Main Street Chapel with entombment at Oakhill Cemetery Mausoleum. Survivors include one son, Steve Wells of Big Spring. Big Spring arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Virginia Garcia

Virginia Garcia, 56, of Big Spring, died Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at her residence. Services are pending with Nalley Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Crimestoppers

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department warns area residents to be careful to avoid a con game which cost an Big Spring man \$1,200 Wednesday.

"This old boy was coming out of the Wal-Mart store and he was approached by a male that he described as possibly Asian," said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt. "He came up to him and told him that to collect the money he had to have two witnesses and \$20,000 to make a deposit kind of deal. Another old boy came up and they talked this victim to going to his bank and drawing out however much money he could, which was about \$1,200."

Sweatt said the con men tricked the man out of the money by switching bank bags.

"They were over by the bank and they laid the bank bag down on the seat," Sweatt said. "They said, 'Well, I've got to go to the bathroom,' and the other one was like, 'I've got to go, too.' So they walked across the street and he waited a while and they never came back. He was thinking, 'Well, I've got the money, so they'll be back in a little while.' But they switched it. All he had was newspaper clippings."

The first suspect is described as a young, possibly Asian or Hispanic male with slicked-back black hair. The second suspect is only described as a Hispanic male.

"That's the only description we got," Sweatt said.

Anyone with information about the scam should call the Big Spring Police at 264-2550 or Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS or 264-TIPS.

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

Support groups

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. Nor-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

☐ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Police blotter

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

• **BRANDIE DENISE JETTON**, 26, of 5200 Midway Road was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **BILLY JOE CHAVERA**, 25, of 1605 Avion was arrested on a charge of evading arrest.

• **CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER**, 25, of 1806 Winston was arrested on city and county warrants.

• **JAMIE RAE SMITH**, 35, of 1905 Wasson Road was arrested on city warrants.

• **JOHN EUGENE KELLY**, 36, of 1307 Oilmill Road was arrested on an Ochiltree County warrant.

• **ALISHA MANETTE SMITH**, 30, of 4202 Old Colorado City Highway was arrested on a Howard County warrant and city warrants.

• **DARLENE SHELDON**, 44, of 907 E. Interstate 20 was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **ABLE H. HINOJOS**, 30, of 100 N.W. Third St. was arrested on a charge of evading arrest or detention — vehicle and on one citation.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported at Wal-Mart and in the 1400 block of East Sixth Street.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported at Wal-Mart. Officers reportedly seized a novelty bat in the incident.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of East 24th Street, the 1200 block of East Third Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1000 block of South Gregg Street, the 1500 block of Stadium Avenue

• **SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1200 block of Mesa Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street, the 500 block of Westover Road

• **THEFT** was reported:

• In person at the Police Station. \$1,200 cash was reported stolen.

• In the 400 block of South Gregg Street. Beer worth \$37.98 was reported stolen from a convenience store.

• In the 3200 block of Avenue C. Clothes worth \$25 were reported stolen.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASSING** was reported in the 1400 block of Virginia Avenue. \$85 damage was reportedly inflicted on the structure.

Take note

☐ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1229 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled 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 to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

☐ **BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING** counties are in critical need of foster families.

Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 235 or email jmc@crcom.net.

TODAY

Gideon International, Big Spring Camp, U42060, 7 a.m.; Norman'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, 267-8479.

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.

Dance, Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, 8:30-12:30. Members and guests welcome.

Big Spring Squares, 267-7043 or 263-6305.

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry beginning at noon, \$7 per plate, carry outs available and delivery is available from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., 3203 W Hwy 80, 263-2084. Everyone welcome.

SUNDAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY

Howard County Archaeology Society meets the second Monday of each month, 7 p.m., Howard County Library Community Room.

The Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 47 will hold its regularly scheduled meeting on Feb. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at the Chapter House located at Seventh and Abrams.

The Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association will meet Feb. 17 in the Cactus Room at Howard College. Lunch will be served at 11:30.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 1-18-20-21-52-54.

Estimated jackpot: \$5 million.

The winning ticket was sold in: Midland.

Next Lotto Texas game: Saturday night.

Estimated jackpot: \$4 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-9-9

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Wednesday by the Texas Lottery: 1-5-8-17-28

Weather

Tonight...Thunderstorms likely. Lows in the mid 50s. South winds 10 To 20 mph. Chance of precipitation 70 percent.

Friday...Partly cloudy and windy. A 20 percent chance of morning showers. Highs in the lower 70s. West winds 20 to 30 mph..Friday night...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 40s.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 60s.

Sunday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the upper 50s..Washingtons birthday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy. A slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Big Spring High School cross-examination debate partners Camilla Painter, left, and Brittney Barrow have qualified to participate in the University Interscholastic League state c-x debate to be held in Austin on March 15-17. BSIS c-x partners Victoria Zermeno and Corey Green are alternates and will travel with the Painter and Barrow to state.

BSISD

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to the seven-member district.

The seven-single member district issue was first brought to the board by Big Spring resident Pat DeAnda in June in hopes to encourage more minority participation. Later, a group was formed to lobby for the change.

Filing an intent to run for the school board begins Monday at the BSISD administration office.

Trustees will meet at

5:15 p.m. today at the Big Spring High School board room, 707 11th Place.

Also on the agenda:

- Consider a grant writer position.
- Consider employment recommendations, and contracts for administrators, directors and coordinators.
- Consider resignations/retirements/employments.
- Consider the 2003-2004 calendar.
- Consider request to install exhaust fans for Steer and Lakeview Head

Start gyms.

- BSISD policy revision.
- Consider accelerated reading instruction increase
- Consider special education amendment.
- Consider Perkin's grant application amendment.
- Title IV rural and low income school program for fiscal year 2003.

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gifts, which may be picked up at the Volunteer Valentine House or delivered by volunteers to the sweetheart of your choice.

"We will be taking orders until we are sold out," said Russworm. "There will be some cash and carry items we'll have on the 14th, but historically we pretty much sell out of our gifts by then."

There's a long list of gifts.

- For \$10,
 - Love Blooms: Three white carnations in a red bud vase;
 - Pizza Delivered With Love: A 12-inch chocolate heart cookie;
 - Sugar Bear: A small bear on a small box of chocolates.
- For \$15,
 - Baby Animal Basket: A small basket, stuffed animal and more;
 - Love Grows: A heart-shaped topiary ivy plant.
- For \$20,
 - Puppy Love: Stuffed puppy on a large box of chocolates;
 - Singing Telegram: A telegram delivered with a small box of candy;
 - Bear Hug: Medium

basket with a bear and more.

For \$25, - Beary Special: Large basket with a large bear and more.

One of the most popular gifts each year is the Singing Telegram. About 10 groups of three to four singers will sing a favorite song to your sweetheart.

To order a gift or for more information, contact the Volunteer Valentine House between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 268-7362 or 268-7384.

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State and national news at a glance



State works to battle base closures

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas communities are taking a one-for-all approach in their bid to protect the state's military bases heading into the 2005 base closure round, state lawmakers said Wednesday.

Legislation aimed at helping Texas cities to keep their bases operating is taking shape at the state Capitol.

"This is our opportunity here to be proactive and to have a game plan," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chair of the Senate Committee of Veteran Affairs and Military Installations. "We love our military. We love our military families."

Texas has 18 military installations with a total annual economic impact of \$43 billion, representing 225,000 jobs, officials said.

fire that killed him."

An autopsy was being performed Wednesday.

Police were "hoping against hope," there were no more bodies found. The FBI and other law enforcement agencies will play a role in the continuing investigation.

Law officers link Wilcox and a 15-year-old boy to the deaths of an elderly couple whose bodies were found in brush, as well as a 61-year-old man found dead in his home and an 87-year-old man whose body was in the trunk of an Oklahoma-tagged Ford Taurus that Wilcox had at the motel.

The investigators tracked Wilcox to the motel after questioning the teen, who was taken into custody Tuesday.

Police Chief Pete Alvarez said prosecutors want to prosecute the youth as an adult on capital murder charges.

Slaying suspect dies after shootout

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — Autopsy results will determine if a 34-year-old man suspected of killing four people fatally shot himself or was killed by police gunfire during a confrontation.

Donald Wilcox died Wednesday morning outside a motel room in Flour Bluff when members of a SWAT team opened fire on him after he pointed a pistol at officers.

It appeared that Wilcox shot himself in the face with his .45-caliber pistol as he fell to the ground, said police, who aren't sure which shots killed Wilcox.

"We are certain that we at least hit the individual with some of the gunfire," Cmdr. Mike Walsh said. "The medical examiner would be able to definitively decode whether it was a close contact gunshot wound or more distant

Education Board waits for chairman

AUSTIN (AP) — Members of the State Board of Education say they want to help Texas' budget crisis by cutting spending, a priority of Gov. Rick Perry.

There's just one problem: the board can't meet until Perry appoints a new chairman.

The governor has not decided who will lead the 15-member elected board, spokeswoman Kathy Walt said Wednesday.

The board oversees the \$17 billion Permanent School Fund, the purchase of textbooks, testing and other areas. It last met Nov. 15.

"I'm looking forward to seeing a chairman appointed," said member Don McLeroy, R-Bryan. "We're ready to get organized."

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encouraged to wear their favorite Hawaiian-style shirt or skirt.

"We're going to have DJ music and we're going to have refreshments and leis will be given out to whoever goes," Franco said. "Also we're going to have door prizes and pictures taken."

Tickets for the event are \$10 in advance at the YMCA or \$12 at the door per couple. For more information call the YMCA at 267-8234.

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

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Clinic chairperson the past few years.

The team is hosting several other events. Among them are candy cakes which will be given away. Tickets are \$1 from any Relay team member or by calling the Candy Gram Love Line.

The Relay Team is also hosting a book fair. Olivia Flournoy from Books are Fun will be selling books and gifts in the lobby of SMMC from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Thursday and from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. A percentage of the proceeds will go to the

Relay team.

Then, on Feb. 28, the team will host a baked potato luncheon in the hospital lobby. Large baked potatoes will be sold from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. for \$5 with trimmings and a drink in a "to go" container. Guests as well as hospital employees are welcome to pick up a hot potato and

eat in the Yellow Rose Café.

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any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.

For more information,

contact the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District at 267-1871 ext. 1 or come by the USDA Service Center at 302 West Interstate 20, Suite 101.

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OUR VIEWS

Show the one you love how much you care

Tomorrow is Valentine's Day. Just the mention of this holiday devoted to romance conjures up certain images - roses, chocolate, intimate dinners by candlelight, a quiet evening alone letting the one person we love the most know just how special they are to us.

Valentine's Day means different things to different people. It becomes as individual as each of us.

For some, it's a time to go full bore. To spend freely Shower the one we love with one lavish gift after another.

Others adopt a more reserved tone. A whispered sentiment. A simple card.

All those varied methods mean the same thing, however.

That message is simple. I love you.

No three words are more warming to the human soul.

Perhaps nothing is more desperately sought by each of us. And certainly, nothing is more difficult to find.

That's because love isn't something you can purchase, regardless of how much you spend.

Love can't be summoned on demand. It's something given freely from the heart.

Love is shared and should be nurtured - not just tomorrow, but every day. Better yet, every moment.

So, on this Valentine's Day, we hope each of you takes the time to do just that. Regardless of the manner you choose, let those you love the most know they fill a special place in your heart and your life.

Their lives will be enriched, as will yours.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:
To the people of Big Spring and Howard County:

It seems impossible that I am writing this letter from another town, after a lifelong residency in Big Spring. With mixed feelings, Ted and I moved to San Angelo when I was given the opportunity to be the district director for Senator Robert Duncan in Tom Green, and 10 more of his 46 counties. We enjoy life here.

Since the late 1800's, the Reagan family has been an integral part of the Big Spring community. During those years, as we attempted to do our part to make West Texas a better place to live, each of us found how dear you can be! You have walked with us through the joys of life and the sorrows of illness and death. In so many ways, we were blessed by your love and compassion.

I was very touched by the recognition at the Chamber banquet, and treasure the mosaic heart presented me at that time. "Home is where the heart is" as Cheri Sparks told me. My heart will always be in wonderful Big Spring, with that unique heart on my desk as a daily reminder.

Physically, I have left

Big Spring, but all of you will be a part of me forever. Incredible friends were such a vast part of the life Walter and I had in Big Spring. Larry and Elise benefited from growing up where they knew so much love and security.

Thank you from the bottom of my heart! You have given an accepting love to me and mine for many years and I love each of you for that. Ted and I hope you will stay in contact, we are just 85 miles south.

God bless!
FRANCES REAGAN
WHEAT ST. CLAIR
SAN ANGELO

TO THE EDITOR:
What a community we have! The Howard College Rodeo Team fund-raiser, "Give a Friend a Goat," was a huge success. We would like to thank everyone for the continued support of the rodeo program. We want to give special thanks to the crew at KBST for the outstanding coverage of our event. Once again, thanks to everyone who made this a successful event. Mark your calendars for the annual Howard College Rodeo, April 10-12.

GREG KERNICK
RODEO COACH
HOWARD COLLEGE

A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, when we desire to please you and go in the right direction, take our hand and lead us so we will not stumble. Amen

Have everyone pay the taxes they owe

And another thing CEOs should probably avoid ... Sprint Corp. has just fired its two top executives for (I love this part) a conflict of interest. It seems these worthy gentlemen felt perfectly entitled to pay zero taxes on more than \$100 million in stock-option gains. Isn't that special? But that's not why they were fired.

They were fired because Sprint's accounting firm Ernst & Young set up these lucrative tax shelters. After the IRS disallowed the shelters, the execs were at war with their own company's auditors. Not nice. It gets better. In return for giving the two execs what turned out to be very bad advice, Ernst & Young got \$6 million - paid by Sprint.

Now the execs owe the taxes and penalties, but they no longer have the money, since Sprint's stock price hit the skids in the general implosion of telecommunications. Plus, they are no longer employed.

Pretty big mess, and it's happening all over. This raises several questions, including: Who put the Tabasco in the IRS's grits? When last heard from, the IRS was being slowly starved to death by successive Republican Congresses, the same way they did with the Securities & Exchange Commission, which lead to the inevitable Enron & Etc.

One dandy way to prevent an agency from doing its job is to simply cut its budget year after year. You may recall the Grand Inquisitor hearings during the Newt Gingrich era, when the IRS

was called before a congressional committee and denounced for "Gestapo tactics." The Republicans then passed a "tax reform" act that should have been called the "Let's Hamstring the IRS So It Can't Make Rich People Pay What They Owe Law."

The result is that, since 1995, the IRS has focused most of its tax fraud investigations on the working poor, people who qualify for the Earned Income Tax Credit - the only good idea Ronald Reagan ever had.

Former Treasury Secretary Paul O'Neill blamed the situation squarely on Congress. "We've been directed by Congress to examine the devil out of such returns," he told a congressional committee. "You think I like that? I hate that." O'Neill was most likely the Tabasco sauce in this case. Of course, he has since been fired by President Bush and replaced with a perfect example of an overpaid corporate executive.

The decline in auditing rich people and corporations actually started 14 years ago. Then, audits of the working poor increased by 48.6 percent in 2001. Those applying for the EITC have a one in 47 chance of getting audited, while those making more than \$100,000 have a one in 208 chance. In 1988, that number of was one in 9, according to the Institute for Public Affairs.

The inimitable B. Rapoport of Waco, Texas, puts it like this, "You earn \$50,000 a year and you pay \$9,000 in income tax. That won't send you to the poorhouse, but it sure as hell makes your budget tighter. Now I make more than a million a year. I pay \$400,000 in taxes, that leaves me \$600,000 to live on. It doesn't affect my standard of living at all. I'm still rich."

What is it with rich people that 60 percent of a \$100 million is not enough? What kind of sickness is that? You make \$100 million on

stock options, do you honestly think you earned it? Did you work 10,000 times harder than a guy who gets \$10,000 a year for digging ditches? Even a thousand times harder? A hundred? Ten?

It is no secret that the ultimate goal of the conservative movement in this country is to get rid of the IRS and the progressive income tax entirely. The right-wing foundations have been talking about it for years. It is genuinely difficult to understand the level of greed and venality that would make someone think everyone else should pay taxes on what they make, but that he doesn't have to.

John Grisham's new book, "The King of Torts," (good plane book) is as close to an explanation of what form of madness we are dealing with here as it may be possible to get. It is the instructive tale of a young public defender who sells out on an outrageous case and then proceeds to become obscenely rich on mass tort cases.

He then loses it all, brought low by another trial lawyer. Those who hate trial lawyers will love the book, but I think it also underlines the socially useful function of the sharks.

In a perfect storm of irony, the rich people who tried to evade taxes (one of the Sprint execs came up with 700,000 deductions: Ernst & Young should get a medal for chutzpah on that one) are now suing their accountants, their lawyers and their banks because the scam didn't work.

Oh goody, more business for rich trial lawyers.

If some Democratic presidential candidate really wanted to distinguish him or herself from the pack, he could try running on a platform of closing down offshore tax shelters and having everybody pay the taxes they owe. And be sure to use the word patriotism when you do it.



MOLLY IVINS



"I don't want anyone to see my bad hair day, and it was the only hat I could find. You got a problem with that?"

Love means helping each other in times of need

Valentine's Day came early for me this year with the arrival of triplet grandsons two weeks ago. With their big, dark eyes and tiny, helpless bodies, these three miracle babies inspire the deepest kind of love, not the sentimental stuff of greeting cards.

It's been interesting to gauge the response of people when I tell them about the triplets. One group offers unqualified congratulations, often remarking what a blessing my family has received. The other group, after a quick "best wishes," launches into a series of commiserations.

"How will the parents - poor things - possibly manage?" they ask. It's a fair question, especially since my son David and daughter-in-law Sandi have two other children, a 6-year-old girl and a 14-month-old boy.

"With love," might be the simplest answer. Not just the instinctive, parental variety that transforms every funny-looking, wrinkled newborn into a Botticelli angel; but the love of family, friends, church and community that bonds us humans to one another. Countless people have extended this kind of love over the last few months, without which these babies might never have been born the big, healthy boys they are.

My daughter-in-law's parents,

though suffering from health problems of their own, drove 150 miles each week to help with the housework and care of the other two grandkids when Sandi's doctors ordered her to bed full-time in her fifth month of pregnancy. My husband and I pitched in to help out on weekends, as well as kept our granddaughter overnight once or twice a week. But then, that's what grandparents are for.

What impressed me most was the love and sacrifice of non-relatives who pitched in tirelessly. Friends and neighbors collected clothes, blankets, bassinets, baby swings and other essentials to supplement what the family already had. Ladies from their church provided meals for the family several nights a week when Sandi could no longer cook. And now that the babies are home from the hospital, volunteers from the church have signed up to spend eight hours each day to help care for the triplets and their mom, who is still recuperating from the difficult pregnancy and births.

It's hard to imagine how the parents could have done it without all these support systems in place. Unfortunately, too few young parents can count on as much help. In our mobile society, it's unusual to have even one set of grandparents in the area, much less two. And proximity isn't the only issue. Many grandparents either can't or don't wish to take on extra responsibilities when their grandchildren arrive. If you believe the advertisements aimed at baby boomers, today, most gramps and grandmas are out learning the rumba or running a marathon, not changing

diapers and getting up with the grandbabies for 3 a.m. feedings.

David, Sandi and their children benefited, too, from living in a small-town community. Many Americans live in cities and suburbs where they don't know their neighbors, or are too tired from long hours at work and commuting to become involved in their communities and churches. Who's going to bake a turkey dinner or wash dishes for a family whom they only run into at the mall?

On a day we're celebrating love, maybe we should remember that the most important kind of love isn't the kind that sets our hearts aflutter and sometimes makes us act like fools, but the more enduring love of husband for wife, of parents for children, of neighbors who help one another in times of need.

Perhaps we should remember, too, St. Valentine, whose name we honor on this day. Legend has it that the 3rd Century Roman emperor, Claudius II, decided to ban marriage because he believed his army was losing soldiers, who preferred to stay at home with their wives and children rather than fight the Goths and others who threatened the empire. When Valentine violated the emperor's orders by secretly performing marriage ceremonies for Christian couples, he was arrested, beaten with clubs and, ultimately, beheaded on Feb. 14.

As I revel in the love of my ever-expanding family on this Valentine's Day, I'll remember the man who sacrificed his life to preserve marriage and the family nearly 2,000 years ago.

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In

Happy Valentine's Day!

Well, and you are aware of Valentine's Day? It's coming, so today we're going to take the necessary steps in making the perfect and most romantic day of the year. The first step to making the night perfect is getting out the candles, your nice settings, a tablecloth you are getting a perfect Valentine's Day evening with special someone.

next step I will go to making that perfect Valentine's Day! The ingredients to a perfect meal consist of starter called Italian Stuffed Mushroom main course of Stuffed Chicken Breast, Mashed Potatoes, Beans, and Chees Biscuits and a de finish it off called Raspberry Bavarian Cream.

Let's Begin with appetizer:

Italian Stuffed Mushrooms
13 medium mushrooms
1 tablespoon margarine or butter
1/8 cup chopped onion
1/8 cup chopped pepper
3/4 cup soft bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
1/8 teaspoon salt
1/8 teaspoon pepper
1/2 tablespoon margarine or butter
Grated Parmesan cheese

The first step is to make the perfect Valentine's Day!

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In the kitchen.... with Beth

Happy Valentine's Day

Well, guys and gals, as you are well aware Valentine's Day is tomorrow, so today we are going to take the necessary steps in making the perfect and most romantic day of the year. The first step to making the night perfect is getting out the candles, your nicest table settings, a tablecloth and you are getting close to the perfect Valentine's Day evening with that special someone. Now the next step I will give you to making that perfect Valentine's Day will be the ingredients to a perfect meal consisting of a starter called Italian Stuffed Mushrooms, a main course of Stuffed Chicken Breast, Garlic Mashed Potatoes, green beans, and Cheese Biscuits and a dessert to finish it off called Raspberry Bavarian Cream. Let's Begin with the appetizer.



BETH BOND

Italian Stuffed Mushrooms

- 13 medium mushrooms
- 1 tablespoon margarine or butter
- 1/8 cup chopped green onion
- 1/8 cup chopped red bell pepper
- 3/4 cup soft bread crumbs
- 1/4 teaspoon dried oregano leaves
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 tablespoon margarine or butter
- Grated Parmesan cheese

The first step is to pre-

heat the oven to 350 F degrees. Next twist the mushroom stems to remove them from the mushroom caps. Finely chop enough stems to measure 1/3 cup. Reserve the mushroom caps for use later in the recipe. Next, melt 1 tablespoon of margarine or butter in a 10-inch skillet over medium-high heat. Cook the chopped mushroom stems, onion, and bell pepper in the margarine for about 3 minutes, stirring it frequently until the onion is soft. Remove mixture from the heat and stir in the breadcrumbs, oregano, salt, and pepper. Now, fill the mushroom caps with the breadcrumb mixture. Melt 1/2 tablespoon of margarine or butter in a rectangular pan in the preheated oven. Place the mushrooms, filled sides up, in the pan with the melted margarine or butter. Sprinkle a desired amount of parmesan cheese on the top of the mushrooms and bake them for 15 minutes. Set the oven to the broil setting and place the pan with the mushrooms 3 to 4 inches from the heat and bake them for an additional 2 minutes or until they are golden brown. Enjoy your appetizer. Now onto the main course.

Stuffed Chicken Breast

- 2 boneless, skinless chicken breasts, beaten with a tenderizing mallet
- 2 - 1/2-inch slices Prosciutto or regular cooked ham
- 2 - 1/2-inch slices Provolone cheese
- 14 thin slices of bacon
- 4 toothpicks

You will begin by pre-heating the oven to 325 F degrees. Next, you will

take your two chicken breasts and beat them lightly until they are flattened with a tenderizing mallet. Next you will lay 1 piece of ham and 1 piece of cheese on top of the beaten side of the chicken. Now pick the flattened chicken up in your hand and roll it from end-to-end. Then wrap the chicken tightly in the bacon slices. Fold the end of chicken to the inside and wrap with two pieces of bacon to secure the chicken tightly. Insert the toothpicks in the ends of the rolled chicken to hold it together. Bake the chicken uncovered for 1 hour, until the bacon is crisp looking and the internal temperature is 160 F degrees. Remove the toothpicks and serve with the side items. I am getting ready to give you the recipes for:

Garlic Mashed Potatoes

- 3 large potatoes, peeled
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup garlic cream cheese

You will begin by putting a pot of water on high heat and bringing it to a hard boil. While you are waiting for the water to boil, peel the potatoes and cut them into small pieces. Once the water has begun boiling, add the potatoes to the pot and boil for 20 minutes or until tender. Drain off the excess water and add milk, butter or margarine and garlic cream cheese. Using a mixer, mix for 5 minutes on medium speed. Using a hand masher, mash until lumps are not visible in the potatoes. Serve with the other parts to this meal.

Green Beans

- 1 can green beans

- 1 small can of mushroom pieces
- 1/2 of a 1-inch slice of hard salami
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper

You will begin by opening the can of green beans and pouring them into a medium size saucepan. Next you will drain the can of mushrooms and add it to the green beans. Then you will chop a small onion into small pieces, along with the hard salami and add to mixture. Finally you will add the garlic powder, salt and pepper. Cook over low heat with a lid on the pot for 20 minutes. Serve with the other parts of this meal.

Cheese Biscuits

- 1 cup Bisquick® Original baking mix
- 1/3 cup milk
- 1/4 cup shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/8 cup stick margarine or butter melted

Begin by preheating oven to 450 F degrees. Next mix together the Bisquick®, milk and cheese to make a soft and fluffy dough. Stir hard for about 30 seconds. Put the dough in small balls with a spoon onto an ungreased cookie sheet. Bake for approximately 8 to 10 minutes or until they are golden brown. While they are baking, melt the butter in a saucepan using low heat. Once they are golden brown, take out the biscuits and brush them with the melted butter. Serve with the other parts of this meal. Now the final touch to

this perfect meal, ta da!

Raspberry Bavarian Cream

- 1-6 oz container raspberry yogurt
- 1/2 3 1/2 oz pkg. vanilla instant pudding
- 1/2 cup heavy whipping cream
- 1/2 cup fresh or thawed raspberries

Begin by mixing the yogurt and dry pudding mix together in a medium sized bowl with an electric mixer on low speed for 30 seconds. Next mix in the whipping cream on medium speed for 3 to 5 minutes or until soft peaks occur. Make sure to scrape the side of the bowl occasionally. Add in the raspberries with a rubber spatula. Put in cool dishes or hold in refrigerator until ready to be served.

Now I have given you all the recipes to the perfect meal but let me help you with one more step. Let me tell you how to cook it all and get it done in a timely manner as well as getting it all done at the same time so it is not only good but good and hot.

Make your dessert first and stick it in the refrigerator so that part of the meal is out of the way! Next you want to make the appetizers. Once they are done put them on a plate and cover them to hold in the heat until you want to serve them. As soon as they come out of the oven, turn the heat to 325 F degrees. It should be close to that temperature already, so preheating the oven won't take long. Have the chicken already rolled and in a deep pan

so that you can stick it in the oven first. Now, while it is in the oven, peel your potatoes. After your chicken has been in for 30 minutes, start the water to boil. It should boil within 10 minutes. The potatoes should be tender right as the chicken has been in the oven for an hour. In the meantime, while your water is getting ready to boil, prepare the ingredients to fix your green beans. Put your green beans over heat as soon as your potatoes are added to the boiling water. Take the chicken out of the oven and cover it in aluminum foil. This will hold in the heat and allow you to turn the oven up to 450 F degrees to prepare your biscuits. It takes 8 to 10 minutes for the biscuits to bake in that time you should prepare your plates with the chicken, mashed potatoes, and green beans add the biscuits when they are done and your meal is ready. Put on some slow music and enjoy!

Next week we will visit again with another great recipe from the culinary world.

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KATIE WALKER

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Lady Steer ho will meet Feb
The Big Spring School Lady Steer Booster Club will begin preparing for the upcoming Steers Banquet. The banquet is slated for 7 p.m. at the ATC. All persons interested in helping with the banquet are invited to attend. The banquet will be held at the end of the school year. For more information contact Heyworth at 267-5354.

Coahoma LL officers, sign
Youngsters are excited in playing Coahoma Little League this year. The team is set up at the ballpark from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24-25, from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. on March 1. Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium. A coaches clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by College's Bret at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. A fee of \$10 is charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

Country club 4-person scr
A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday, Feb. 22, at the Big Springs Country Club. Entry fee will be \$10 per player plus a \$500 prize fund. Private members are welcome. Each player's fee includes a barbecue on both days. Play will be a shotgun start. The field will be flighted by first scores. For more information, call the club at 267-5354.

Clay shooting slated for Sta
The Fourth Annual Albertson's Clay Shooting will be held on Saturday, Feb. 22, at Win Farms in Stan. The event will consist of four teams using Class scoring. For more information contact 0172.

Women's soft outs set for
Tryouts for women's softball will be held on Sunday at the Mize softball field. Everyone is invited to attend the tryouts. The tryouts will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 16.

ON THE

Event, Time	Date
Lady Hawks at Midland	Feb. 13
Hawks at Midland	7:35 p.m. Feb. 14
Macon vs. Memphis	6:30 p.m. Feb. 17
MAAC vs. Hawks	7:35 p.m. Feb. 18
Lady Hawks vs. Midland	2 p.m. Feb. 20
Lady Hawks vs. Frank Phillips	2 p.m. Feb. 21
Hawks vs. Midland	7:35 p.m. Feb. 21

IN BRIEF

Lady Steer boosters will meet Feb. 27

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers Booster Club will hold a meeting on Feb. 27 to begin preparations for the upcoming Lady Steers Athletic Banquet. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. in the ATC.

All persons interested in helping with the banquet are asked to attend. The banquet will be held near the end of the school year.

For more information contact Beverly Heyworth at 264-3915.

Coahoma LL elects officers, sign-up set

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, Feb. 24-25, from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, March 1, at the Coahoma Junior High School gymnasium.

A coaches clinic for all area Little League coaches will be conducted by Howard College's Brett Smith at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 23. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 22-23, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Entry fee will be \$75 per player plus cart fee, but private carts are welcome.

Each player's entry fee includes the cost of barbecue on the course both days.

Play will begin with a shotgun start both days. The field will be flighted by first-round scores.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

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

The event will consist of four-person teams using Lewis Class scoring.

For more information contact 1-915-570-0172.

Women's softball tryouts set for Feb. 16

Tryouts for the women's softball season will be held this Sunday at the Cotton Mize softball fields. Everyone is welcome to attend the tryouts.

The tryouts will be held at 2 p.m. on Feb. 16.

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Hawks vs. Midland (replay), 2:45 p.m.	1490	

Hawks, Chaps prepare for WJCAC rematch

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Howard College head coach Chris Jans didn't try to sugar-coat his team's performance the last time they faced the Midland College Chaparrals. Quite simply, he said, Midland was better prepared.

Jans and the Hawks will get a chance to change that status tonight when they step on the court at the Chaparral Center in Midland. They'll also have the opportunity to add to Midland College's recent string of woes. The two teams are scheduled to

tip off action at 8 p.m.

For the Hawks, the game has major implications — and not just because its Midland. A win would keep Howard within striking distance of South Plains and the WJCAC regular season championship. It would also go a long way to helping the Hawks, who enter tonight's game ranked No. 12 overall, erase the memory of two losses in their last four outings.

"We expect a well-prepared, hungry Midland team," said Jans. "Obviously, they're not having a lot of success by losing all those close games. I want to

make sure our guys realize they're the best 2-7 team in the country."

The Chaparrals should have another motivational factor driving them when they take to the court. In addition to wanting to end a 7-game losing streak, the Chaps will be trying to atone for a 72-71 loss to Howard College on Jan. 20.

The latest in a string of losses for the Chaparrals came Monday night when they dropped a 66-65 decision to New Mexico Junior College. With that loss, Midland College fell to 10-12 for the year and to 2-7 in conference play.

"The basketball gods haven't been kind to them (over the last month)," said Jans. "That doesn't mean they won't show up and play hard, though."

The Chaparrals could be dealing with several crippling injuries tonight. Their top two guards, Marques Woods and Brian Latham, both missed time against NMJC and are questionable for this evening's action.

Robert Sevalia leads the Chaps in scoring this fall, averaging 16.8 points per game.

The Howard College Lady Hawks will begin tonight's action beginning at 5 p.m.



Big Spring Lakers' head coach Wesley Watson talks over strategy with his players during a recent outing. Watson's Lakers is one of just a handful of unbeaten teams left in the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association.

Swish, Lady Buffs remain unbeaten in BSYBA action

By ROBERT SMITH
Special to the Herald

And then there were two. The Big Spring Swish and the Forsan Lady Buffs remained the only unbeaten teams in Big Spring Youth Basketball 10 & Under girls' action this weekend as both teams rolled to easy victories.

The Swish and the Lady Buffs head into this weekend's action sporting perfect 5-0 records.

The Swish jumped out to an early lead and never looked back as they rolled to a 33-14 win over the Big Spring Titans.

Offensively, the Swish were led by Lindzey Roach and Emily Hicks, who scored 14 and 13 points, respectively. Stormi Smith added four more while Jessica Granados registered her first basket of the season.

The Titans were led by Patricia Morales' six points. Cassie Boehringer, Scarlet Robertson,

Morgan Slaughter and Kenzie Black all added a point.

Forsan's Miranda Park pumped in 14 points and led the Lady Buffs to a 29-9 win over the previously unbeaten Garden City Fever.

Morgan Forshee and Brittny Lindsey added to the Lady Buff win, scoring six and five points, respectively. Hali Wells and Kayla Schlipf added contributed two apiece.

The Fever, now 4-1, were paced by Katelyn Hoelscher and Kiki Daniels. The two combined for eight of their team's points. M'Call Schaefer added a free throw.

Lady Steers 20, Sparks 19

The Big Spring Lady Steers pulled out a nail-biting 20-19 victory over the Stanton Sparks Saturday afternoon in BSYBA action.

With the win, the Lady Steers moved into a tie for second place in the division standings with a 4-1 record. The Sparks fell to 2-3

overall.

Megan Doe led the Lady Steers by scoring a game-high 14 points. The team also had points from Berklie Pierce, Taryn Kennedy and Belle Feaster, who posted her first basket of the year.

The Sparks were led by Katie Rodriguez's 12 points. Ashton Snellgrave tallied three while Bailey Bryan and Savannah De La Rosa chipped in two apiece.

Comets 25, Buffalo Stars 22
The Big Spring Comets pulled out a tough 25-22 win over the Forsan Buffalo Stars in BSYBA play Saturday.

Valerie Ross led the way for the Comets by throwing in 11 points. Breanna Hilario, Barbara Cruz and Angelina Castillo all added four points each. Amber Gonzales also scored, notching her first bucket of the season.

Kara Hughey led the Buffalo Stars by pumping in 20 points.

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Allen scores 28 as Bucks deal Mavs 3rd straight loss

MILWAUKEE (AP) — The Milwaukee Bucks beat the Dallas Mavericks at their own fast-paced game.

Ray Allen scored 28 points, Tim Thomas added a season-high 27 as the Bucks beat Dallas 120-114 on Wednesday night — sending the Mavericks to their third straight loss.

"I love to play fast, it fits my team's personality," Bucks coach George Karl said. "The key I go back to is how we pass the ball."

Allen added nine rebounds and seven assists, and Sam Cassell had nine assists and three key points late as the Bucks scored 65 points in the second half to sweep the two-game season series from the Mavericks.

Milwaukee made eight of its final 13 3-pointers, while Dallas missed its final eight 3-point attempts.

"We did a bad job in transition of picking up their 3-point shooters," Dallas guard Steve Nash said. "We didn't play very good defense. They're a good offensive team, but you have to do better than giving up 120 points."

Thomas was effective inside early in the game, which helped produce some open jumpers in the fourth quarter.

Toni Kukoc scored nine points in a 16-4 run that gave Milwaukee a 110-100 lead with 5:15 left. Dallas then went on a 10-2 spurt to get to 112-110 on Nash's 20-footer with 2:25 left.



Forsan's Hillary Burks and members of the Forsan cheerleading squad had plenty to cheer about Tuesday as the Buffs clinched the District 3-2A title.

Coahoma to oppose Roosevelt Tuesday

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols always thought his team, given time, would mesh into one of the better teams in the rugged District 3-2A race. He was proved right Tuesday night as the Bulldogs rallied to claim a 62-61 win over Colorado City and cinch a berth in the Class 2A state basketball playoffs.

Now comes the real test.

Coahoma will begin its playoff quest Tuesday night with a bidistrict round playoff game against Lubbock Roosevelt. The game is scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Seminole High School gymnasium.

Roosevelt is advancing to the playoffs after finishing the 2003 season as the District 4-2A runner-up. Coahoma was the third-place team in its district, finishing behind only Colorado City and state-ranked Forsan.

Nichols said the Bulldogs were in the process of looking for a practice game for Friday night.

Coahoma won't be the only team making its playoff debut Tuesday. In all, four area teams will be hitting the floor, including the state-ranked Borden County Lady Coyotes.

Borden County is scheduled to face Whitharral Tuesday night in Snyder in the regional quarterfinals.

Forsan, which clinched the District 3-2A title when Coahoma stunned Colorado City, will make its first playoff appearance since 1997 next week. The Buffaloes, like No. 4-ranked Grady, drew a bye in the first round.

Grady won the District 7A championship this past week.

Lady Steers begin play in Brewer Inv.

The Big Spring Lady Steers will begin play this afternoon in the Fort Worth Brewer Invitational Softball Tournament.

Big Spring, under the direction of head coach Dan Arista, is scheduled to face the Brewer Lady Bears in the first round.

The Lady Steers, who opened their 2003 season Tuesday by tossing a 3-0 shutout at the Midland Greenwood Lady Rangers, are slated to play three games in the tournament, which concludes Saturday evening.

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Grady garners district crown

PATRICIA — The Grady Wildcats nailed down the District 7-A championship last week with a stunning 69-34 win over the Klondike Cougars.

The win marked a strong finish by Grady. The Wildcats posted a pair of solid wins in their final two regular season games. They beat Dawson, 40-39, earlier in the week.

Grady, now 27-1 and ranked third in the Class 1A, Division II poll, finished the district portion of their schedule with a perfect 10-0 record. Borden County earned the district's runner-up honors by virtue of their 41-38 win over the Ira Bulldogs on Feb. 4.

The Wildcats had beaten Dawson twice prior to the third encounter between the two schools, including on December 14 in the championship game of the O'Donnell Tournament.

It looked as if the Dragons had finally figured out Grady early on. Using a zone defense to slow Grady's fastbreak, Dawson managed to remain close in the first half.

The strategy began paying big dividends in the second half. Dawson allowed Grady to hit on just 4-of-19 attempts down the stretch.

Despite Dawson's run, Grady managed to hang on for the win and capture its first-ever outright district championship in school history.

Senior T. Springer led GHS with 12 points, six rebounds, and four steals. Brent Madison added 10 points, and seven rebounds. Jason Pribyla had nine points and six rebounds.

The Wildcats had an easy time against the Cougars. They outgunned Klondike by a 24-4 margin in the first quarter and never looked back.

Tunnell ended his regular season with one of his best efforts, scoring 20 points while grabbing four rebounds and coming away with five assists and five steals.

The Wildcats will take on the Guthrie Jaguars in bi-district action in Snyder on Feb. 18 at Western Texas College at 6 pm. Borden County will go against the Aspermont Hornets.

ACU coach granted leave of absence

Ablene Christian granted coach Wayne Williams a leave of absence Wednesday because of ongoing health issues within his family.

Assistant coach Shanna Lavender will coach the team on an interim basis the remainder of the season and Jason Osuna will remain as an assistant coach, athletic director Shanon Hays said.

Hays said she granted Williams' request, effective immediately.

Williams' mother has Alzheimer's disease and his brother is in declining health in Lubbock.

"I realize this decision comes at a time when our team is in the middle of the conference schedule, but my family is my first priority, and that's where I need to be right now," Williams said.

SMALL photo/Steve Schuster
The Howard College Lady Hawks will lead off tonight's WJCAC action against the Midland Lady Chaparrals beginning at 5:35 p.m. The Lady Hawks head into the contest sporting a 10-16 season record and a 1-7 mark in WJCAC action. Midland College, ranked No. 13 in the nation, is 22-4 overall and 7-1 in conference play. The game can be heard live on KBST 1490.



Lady Cats close out season with 49-36 loss to Klondike

PATRICIA — The Grady Lady Wildcats ended their 2002-2003 season on a losing note on Feb. 4, dropping a 49-36 decision to Klondike.

The win gave the Lady Cougars the District 7-A runner-up playoff berth. Grady had upset Klondike on Jan. 17 making it necessary for Klondike to win in order to gain a post-season playoff berth.

In other district action, Borden County beat Ira, 49-41, and Dawson defeated Sands, 56-40.

Grady finished the year with a 10-17 record and a 3-7 mark in loop play. The most exciting thing

is the potential the Lady Wildcats will bring to the floor next year. Head coach Johnny Peugh loses only two seniors from this season's team. All five starters will return next fall.

Borden Co. finished the regular season at 25-5 and 9-1. Klondike was 17-9 and 7-3.

"I wish we could have done better this year, but that's the way things go," said Peugh. "We have a great bunch of kids on this team. I'm looking forward to next year."

Kelsey Tubbs paced Grady Tuesday with 13 points and seven

rebounds. She also had two steals. Miranda Spradling had eight and Lynsey Pinkerton added six.

WJCAC STANDINGS				Men's Standings				
Women's Standings		Season		Team		Conf. Season		
Midland	7-1	22-4	South Plains	9-0	23-2	Howard	7-2	23-2
New Mexico JC	6-2	22-3	Odessa	6-3	12-11	Odessa	6-3	12-11
Odessa	5-3	12-13	Clarendon	5-4	12-12	Clarendon	5-4	12-12
South Plains	4-3	19-6	Midland	3-6	15-8	Midland	3-6	15-8
Clarendon	4-4	19-7	Midland	2-7	10-12	New Mexico JC	2-7	10-14
Howard	1-7	10-16	New Mexico JC	2-7	10-14	Frank Phillips	2-7	9-15
Frank Phillips	0-7	13-11	Frank Phillips	2-7	9-15	Frank Phillips	2-7	9-15
* Ranked #13 in the NJCAA				* Ranked #8 in the NJCAA				
** Ranked #20 in the NJCAA				** Ranked #12 in the NJCAA				

Astros, Lugo agree to 1-year deal

HOUSTON (AP) — Infielder Julio Lugo and the Houston Astros avoided arbitration when they agreed on a one-year contract worth \$1,575,000. Lugo had been set for an arbitration hearing on his request for \$1.8 million, \$300,000 more than the Astros' offered. The sides were in the hearing room when they reached the agreement. His contract is guaranteed.

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BY JACQUELINE BIGAR
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You are a force unto yourself this year. You seem to be able to steer clear of outside events and make clean and clear decisions. As a result, you could experience a spectacular year if you're open to creating just that. Work needs to be a high priority. Examine the quality of your day-to-day life. Make changes where you deem necessary. If you are single, you will walk into a major relationship in the next six to seven months. You might decide that this person is "it." If you're attached, work more as a team, and your bond will grow as a result. Let your sweetie dominate more often. LEO challenges you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) *** Take care of personal matters; be ready to take charge of your personal life. You're up for changes, and you deserve them. Invite favorite people to join you as you decide to let your hair down. Let the good times roll. You've held back long enough. Tonight: Let it happen.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Realize more of what you want by acting on it. You cannot sit on your duff and expect things to come to you. Much changes quickly. Confusion surrounds your family and professional life. Instead of looking at a choice, see how to make both options possible. Tonight: Do something ultimately relaxing.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) *** Deal with funds with a strong hand; not taking anything for granted. Realize more of what you desire by putting your best foot forward. Stabilize your finances with a strong hand. Reach out for others.

Talks prove unusually lively and directed. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** You're personality plus. Use your unique charm to clear out a problem and find strong answers. If you put your best foot forward, you might be amazed by what will happen. Deal with an emotionally possessive situation directly. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) *** You might want to discuss what is on your mind with a loved one or a dear friend. Getting a perspective from someone else helps you make up your mind. Take your time, and don't respond to someone else's schedule. Claim your power. Tonight: Now the world is your oyster.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Meetings and conversations help you make the right decisions at the right time. Be proactive in the daytime, when the Moon beams success on you. Move during this period, putting nothing on the back burner. Stay on top of changes right now. Tonight: Vanish. Go for mystery.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** Be ready to take a risk or go in a new direction. You find that a boss might have pushed you way beyond your limit. Understand what is possible here. A meeting later in the day could be most instrumental. Go for what you want. Tonight: Where the gang is.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** Gain a perspective by pulling back. Think in terms of gain. You might want to discuss a positive change in the near future. By pulling together different forces and different people, you hit the bull's-eye - if not immediately, quite

quickly. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** You discover that there are many ways to get to the same place. Work with an associate, and you'll get the kind of results you desire. Don't do anything halfway. Talk and think past the immediate. You might not be sure which way to go. Tonight: Try a weekend escape.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Realize what it is you want and desire from others, then ask. By not holding back, you ultimately gain. Don't hem and haw; just aim for more of what you want. Schedule a one-on-one meeting for later in the day. Eliminate mixed messages. Tonight: Go along with another's

request.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** Clear out work, but count on the fact that it could take the whole day. If you think you can split from work early, think again. Laughter makes a big difference in how you handle a difficult situation. Relax and don't allow tension to ruin your mood. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Your perspective could change considerably. Plug in your creativity and allow others to give you more feedback. Brainstorm and try someone else's idea. Once you clear a trail, please don't reverse your path. Complete this project. Tonight: Get some extra R and R.

Annie's Mailbox:
Advice for those in need



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I'm 18 years old and live with my boyfriend, "Ted." I moved into his apartment after my high school graduation, and have been with him and his young daughter ever since. Our relationship is good, but I want to move out.

I tried attending college classes last semester, but it was too taxing, mentally and physically. I don't feel ready to take care of an apartment, keep up a full-time relationship, play mother to a young child and go to college, even part time. I told Ted I would be moving into a dorm room over the summer. He exploded into a rage, insisting I didn't love him and that I was "giving up" on our relationship.

Am I abandoning him as he claims? The dorm rooms are less than 10 minutes away, and I can see Ted often. I love him dearly and don't want to end it, but must I live with him in order for us to stay together? - Unwed Housewife in Colorado

Dear Housewife: You are a convenient baby-sitter and housekeeper for Ted, and naturally, he doesn't want to give that up. If he truly loves you, however, he will want what is best for YOU - and that means getting a college education.

You are too young to be saddled with all this responsibility, and it is obvious you are becoming resentful. Move out as soon as possible, and don't let Ted pressure you into returning. If you have developed a close relationship with his daughter, explain to her why you are leaving, and make an effort to call and see her when you can. As for Ted, he sounds a bit con-

trolling. Are you sure you want him?

Dear Annie: Last year, a family member died, and I took it very hard. A friend suggested I take an antidepressant, and my doctor prescribed one on a short-term basis. While researching the medication, I discovered that the symptoms of depression perfectly described my mother-in-law, sister-in-law, husband and daughter. I also learned that some forms of depression can be hereditary.

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My husband told everyone in his family that he wished he'd been on medication years ago. Please urge your readers who are depressed, or whose family members may be depressed, to consider talking to their doctor about antidepressants. - His Loving Wife

Dear Loving Wife: We've already said it, but we appreciate the confirmation.

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The Glasscock County Commissioner's Court will be accepting bids on March 12, 2003 at 10:00 a.m. in the Glasscock County Courthouse for:

(1) Used motor 1985 1980 water truck
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This Date in History

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK - Former Minnesota Gov. Jesse Ventura will be paid a reported \$2 million per year to host a talk show on cable channel MSNBC. Ventura confirmed his plans during an appearance on NBC's 'Tonight' show Thursday. It remained unclear when Ventura's show would begin, but he is expected to get a prime-time slot. 'People just love this guy,' MSNBC President Erik Sorenson told The New York Times, which credited the salary to unidentified network officials. 'He has some kind of connection to the average guy.' MSNBC has been struggling among the cable news networks behind Fox News Channel and CNN. Where hard news once predominated, all three now have nighttime lineups stocked

with colorful personalities.

film.

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Actor and director Roberto Benigni's film 'Pinocchio' has found its voice - and it's in Italian.

The \$35 million movie, shot in Italian but dubbed into English for U.S. audiences, flopped at the box office over the December holidays, grossing less than \$4 million.

Now Miramax has re-released the film at theaters in New York and Los Angeles in Italian, with English subtitles.

The producers have said Benigni, who stars as the wooden puppet, struggled with English. Just weeks before the original release, another actor was brought in to dub Benigni's dialogue. Many reviewers slammed the movie because the words poorly matched the actor's lip movements on screen.

Benigni, 50, is best known for 'Life is Beautiful,' which played to U.S. audiences in Italian with subtitles. It won the 1999 Oscar for best foreign language

CHICAGO (AP) - Film critic Roger Ebert is recuperating from follow-up surgery for papillary cancer, a common and curable type of thyroid cancer.

The 60-year-old movie reviewer for the Chicago Sun-Times and television audiences underwent the procedure Thursday at Northwestern Memorial Hospital.

'It went very successfully,' a hospital spokeswoman said.

A year ago, doctors removed Ebert's thyroid gland and selected lymph nodes in his neck. They said at the time that Ebert was expected to make a complete recovery.



Newsday Crossword

SWAMP SONGS by Bob Frank Edited by Stanley Newman

- ACROSS: 1 WWI-era plane, 5 'Pardon me!', 9 Pop to the surface, 14 Theater section, 15 Like Lindbergh's flight, 16 Mrs. Gorbachev, 17 Lupino et al., 18 Kenton of jazz, 19 Phrase of understanding, 20 Captain & Tennille song, 23 Print measures, 24 Ostrich cousin, 25 Prescription extensions, 30 Bagpipe sound, 32 Grain part, 34 Seagoing: Abbr., 35 That guy, 37 Make haste, 38 National Security advisor, 39 Elton John song, 43 Metrical message, 44 Wasn't colorfast, 45 New Deal agcy., 46 Spirited steed, 47 Looked over, 49 Software holder, 53 Copter's spot, 55 Space walk: Abbr., 57 Bambi's aunt, 58 Partners in Kryme song, 61 Architectural style, 65 Timeline segments, 66 New Jersey town, 67 West Indies isle, 68 'It ___ Necessarily So', 69 Therefore, 70 Not with it, 71 Cattle calls, 72 Byron works, 6 Spa amenity, 7 Airline to Lod, 8 Epoot conveyance, 9 Legal paper, 10 Hardwood, 11 Storage device, 12 GI show sponsor, 13 Fido's foot, 21 Archeologist's find, 22 Wood finish, 26 Encroachment, 27 Not of the cloth, 28 Good fortune, 29 Fr. holy woman, 31 Diamond shapes, 33 Bonn's river, 36 H.G. Wells doctor, 39 Apple leftover, 40 Genuine, 41 Let one's mind wander, 42 Newscast ender, 43 Oom-__ band, 48 Part of FDR, 50 Phrase differently, 51 Anxious, 52 Cuomo and others, 54 Under-sink part, 56 Provides with authority, 59 Singing group, 60 Bread spread, 61 Greek cross, 62 Diner device, 63 Forehead slapper's comment, 64 Kimono sash

