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February 23, 2003

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AMERICAN PROFILE

The bond between pets and their people can be extraordinary. This story features three: a dog, cat, and horses. Hometown Recipes: This Friendship Bread is made without a "starter."



BLACK HISTORY MONTH

It's important to learn the struggles of all Americans; a local paraprofessional says, so that we are also trying to be the best that we can be.

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COMMUNITY IMPACT

Sunday, the *Herald* will present a tribute to the Big Spring Fire Department, the fourth segment of a four-part Community Impact Series on the area's law enforcement and emergency response personnel.

Join the *Herald* in honoring the BSFD men and women, who routinely risk their lives to help keep Big Spring residents and property safe.

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StarTek hiring 180 employees

Including those who were laid off on previous dates

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Two and half-months after a large layoff of personnel, StarTek

announced it plans to hire 180 positions, including rehiring staff caught up in the December firings.

"We've got a brand new inbound program for one of our existing clients," said Dennis Edmunds, Big Spring site manager. "This client is a Fortune 500 company. They're a premiere wire-



EDMUNDS

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StarTek employee Jennifer Bakely services a customer call. The call service center is currently hiring another 180 employees to meet the demand of a new program. The growth comes on the heels of a large layoff by the company in December. StarTek is attempting to recruit back employees caught up last reeducation as well as former employees.

center operation. "Our operation on this new line of business will be staffed 24 hours, seven days a week," Edmunds

said. "It's the first line of business that we have that actually extends to all hours of operation."

Heavy recruitment is

focusing on the employees let go in the last reduction.

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Bee-ing the best with words



By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

The top spellers from Big Spring and Forsan schools will battle it out in a war of words Monday to see who will become the Howard County Spelling Bee champion.

"The spelling bee and the preparation of the spelling bee allows our young people to understand not only what communication is but proper communication," said *Big Spring Herald* Publisher Hank Bond. "There is a discipline required to participate in any spelling or math competition where memorization and control of the material is key."

"The printed word cannot be replaced by the visual simply because the visual or the audio is fleeting," Bond continued. "This spelling bee is our way of encouraging not only the winner of today but those who will be winners for tomorrow."

During the month of February, elementaries, intermediate and junior high schools in both Big Spring and Forsan held individual school spelling

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Hank Bond, *Herald* publisher

bees. The winners of those contests qualified for the annual Howard County Spelling Bee sponsored by the *Herald* which will be held at 4 p.m. Monday in the Big Spring Junior

High School Cafetorium, 624 E. Sixth St.

Eighth grader Brad Cahall vaulted to win the Big Spring Junior High School contest with the word tiptoed. Cahall is the son of Jason and Andrea York and Glenn and Iris Cahall.

Showing his wits by spelling clothopper, sixth grader Jeremy Robbins earned the Forsan Junior High School spelling championship. Robbins is the son of Barbie and Toney Robbins.

Kacey Freshour won the Goliad Intermediate School bee with the word potentially. The sixth grader is the son of Daniel and Stacey Freshour.

Nicely merging all his spelling talent, David Lee Rios, a Bauer Elementary fourth grader, was named the school champion with the word marriage. Rios is the son of Robert and Elizabeth Rios.

Montesha Lara was anything less when she won the Washington

Elementary bee by getting

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Coahoma seventh grader is headed to Regional bee

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Simon Stolarczyk measured out his successful run for the Coahoma Independent School District Spelling Bee championship by spelling out volumetric.

"I couldn't believe I won it," said Stolarczyk, the son of Lisa and Colton Norwood of Midway.

The seventh grader competed against 13 other contestants on Feb. 5, in the Coahoma Junior High School Library to vie for the district spelling bee championship.



Courtesy photo
Simon Stolarczyk won the Coahoma ISD spelling bee.

Coming in second was William Reilly, the son

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Second candidate files for BSISD District 2 slot

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

A Big Spring businessman jumped into the District 2 Big Spring school board race Friday, ensuring an election will be held.

Robert G. "Bob" Smith, who filed for the BSISD District 2 race, joined five other candidates declaring Friday for various school board trustee races.

"I was born and raised in Big Spring on the west end of town in the district that I am running to represent," Smith said. "I want to represent the children of our community. If I



SMITH

am elected, I will keep an open mind and have an open door policy."

Smith said he will encourage anyone to voice their opinion and concerns to him on matters that face the school board and the children.

"I will not be a 'yes' man or just rubber stamp things," Smith said. "I will investigate each issue and vote the way I think will best aid the children and the district that I hope to represent."

Smith is the owner of A-Bob's Bail Bonds, is involved with numerous civic organizations and has been an active volunteer in youth sports programs since he was 17.

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State of the City address set for community event

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

Mayor Russ McEwen will present a "State of the City" address to the community during a community luncheon set for Tuesday, March 4.

The luncheon is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"What we are trying to do is have a speech where I talk about what has happened in the last number of years and what I vision for the future," explained McEwen.

His address won't be limited to the city, however.

"The different entities

"It" is an opportunity to hear what is going on in our community. It is a time for vision in our community.



Mayor Russ McEwen

Howard County. Howard College, Big Spring Independent School District, the VA Hospital, Big Spring State Hospital and so forth, have given me information for their plans for the future. And I will express what I

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Dixie Hogan



Dixie Hogan, 93, was born in Magnolia, Ark., Nov. 11, 1909, and died Feb. 21, 2003, in Dallas. A memorial service is scheduled for 3 p.m. Feb. 22, 2003, at the Gaston Oaks Baptist Church in Dallas with Cliff Baker, Minister to Senior Adults, officiating. In Big Spring, the family will observe a private graveside service on Tuesday, Feb. 25.

That evening friends are invited to greet Mrs. Hogan's daughters, Peggy Powell and Jan Larkey with other relatives at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 7 p.m.-8 p.m. in the family gathering room behind the Rosewood Chapel.

Dixie Hogan graduated from Magnolia High School, 1931 as salutatorian of her class. She graduated from the Jefferson Davis School of Nursing, Houston, in 1933, and took graduate courses at the University of Wisconsin.

She married John E. Hogan, M.D. in Houston 1936. They came to Big Spring in 1937 where Dr. Hogan joined the staff of Bivins & Barcus Clinic and Hospital. In 1938, Dr. Hogan and P.W. Malone acquired that clinic and formed a hospital partnership called Malone & Hogan Clinic & Hospital.

Mrs. Hogan was active in the hospital auxiliary and worked in its gift shop for many years. She was a leader in the Red Cross war efforts during World War II, a member of the board of the Salvation Army, president of the Green Thumb Garden Club and active in the Hyperian Club.

Mrs. Hogan formed several garden clubs in Big Spring, especially among young women, and was instrumental in getting professional landscaping architects to design the landscaping around the Howard County Court House.

She also spearheaded an annual "clean up" campaign at the site of the historic Big Spring and was chairman of the Big Spring Anti-Litterbug Campaign.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church where she taught Sunday school for years and was a church visitor and served on many committees.

After Dr. Hogan's death in 1976, Mrs. Hogan worked for several summers as a nurse in the infirmary of Glorieta Conference Center near Santa Fe, N.M. As a registered nurse, she went on several mission trips to the Rio Grande Valley.

Mrs. Hogan moved to Dallas in 1992 to live in Presbyterian Village North, a retirement center. She was a member of Gaston Oaks Baptist Church in Dallas.

She is survived by two daughters, Peggy Hogan Powell of Dallas and Janet Hogan Larkey of Pittsburgh. She has six grandchildren, Mark Powell of Austin, Crystal Colombo of New York, Cari Kelemen of Dallas, Hank Brigman, San Francisco, Jana Johns of Copperas Cove, and Stephanie Curtis of Dallas.

Mrs. Hogan has 10 great-children, Madison, Boone and John Luke Powell, Grace Colombo and Cooper, Cassie and Catie Kelemen, Jay and Josiah Johns and Samuel Curtis.

Mrs. Hogan is also survived by her brother Ned Dudley, M.D. and his wife Fay and many nieces and nephews.

The family requests that remembrances be made either to the First Baptist Church or to the Salvation Army.

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

Support groups

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

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 laryngectomies 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.

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Leonard William Moody



Leonard William Moody, 60, of Jasper, Ga., died on Saturday, Feb. 8, 2003, at his residence in Jasper, Ga. Funeral service was held at 11 a.m. Tuesday, Feb. 11, 2003 at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Jasper with the Rev. Ben Langley, Dr. Claude Craven, the Rev. Richard Craven, the Rev. Randy Cotton and the Rev. Gerald Faulkner, officiating. Interment followed in Sunrise Memorial Gardens,

Jasper.

Leonard was the Music Director at Mount Zion Baptist Church, Jasper, Ga.

He is survived by his wife, Jan Moody of Jasper, Ga.; two daughters, Tonda Coker and Toni Cope both of Jasper, Ga.; two brothers, Raymond Moody of Stark, Fla. and Charles Moody of Jacksonville, Fla.; two sisters, Helen Stewart and Ann Goodge both of Stark, Fla.; five grandchildren, Ethan, Ty and Makayla Coker and Chandler and Jeremiah Cope, all of Jasper, Ga., and his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Dr. Claude and Beth Craven of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Cagle Funeral Home, Jasper, Ga.

Gabino Rosa

Funeral arrangements for Mr. Gabino Rosa, 88, of Stanton are pending with Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel. Mr. Rosa died on Feb. 20 in a Stanton Hospital.

James Oscar Sanderson

Funeral service for James Oscar Sanderson is 2 p.m. today, Feb. 23, 2003, at First Baptist Church in Loraine with the Rev. Clifton Griffith and the Rev. Bryan Waddell officiating. Mr. Sanderson died on Friday, Feb. 21, in Loraine.

He is survived by his brother, Jerry Wayne "Pete" Sanderson of Big Spring.

Memorials may be made to the Parkinson Research Center, Lone Wolf Cemetery, the Odyssey Health Care Hospice or a Favorite Charity.

Richard Q. Aguilar

Funeral service for Richard Q. Aguilar, 64, of Marfa will be held at later date. Mr. Aguilar died on Sunday, Feb. 16, in Midland. He is survived by his wife, Yolanda P. Aguilar of Marfa.

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

Take note

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

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered 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

Police blotter

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

MARTY WAYNE HUCKABEE, 22, of 1604 Settles was arrested for city warrants.

DOLYE RAY MIEARS, 28, of 5025 of Goliad was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and for a parole warrant.

MICHAEL DEAN NALL, 24, of 1605 Bluebird was arrested on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces and for city warrants.

STEVEN DALE NALL, 24, of 32 Bluebird was arrested for city warrants.

LYNDON TRENT FRALEY, 42, of 801 W. Marcy was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

JOANN TORRES, 41, of 500.5 NW Seventh St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

JAMES CANTU, 32, of 1512 S. Main was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams.

JESSIE DELFINO LUGO, 18, of Coahoma was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 28 grams.

LUIS ANTONIO ALCANTAR, 43, of 612 NE Fifth St. was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.

CHEZ R. DOUGLAS, 37, of New Mexico was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2400 block of Alamesa Drive and the 2500 block of Dow Drive.

AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT was reported on the east side of Big Spring.

CRIMINAL MISCHIEF, less than \$50, was reported in the 1500 block of East Fourth St.

FORGERY of a FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported in the 1700 block of Young.

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

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.

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.

Eagle Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., 703 W. Third.

FRIDAY

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.

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.

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

Lottery

Results of the Cash Five drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 28-06-29-16-17. Number matching five of five: 0.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-23-28-34. Bonus Ball: 4. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 1. Prize: \$450,000.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-2-2

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 4-6-2

Weather

Sunday... Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. West winds 10 to 20 mph becoming north during the morning.

Sunday night... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Monday... Cloudy and colder. Highs in the mid 40s.

Tuesday... Cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Wednesday... Partly cloudy. Slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Thursday... Clear. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Friday... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

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U.N. Inspectors

UNITED NATIONS inspectors ordered Baghdad gal missiles and Saddam Hussein help the United States support for with Iraq.

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State and national news at a glance



U.N. inspectors make demands on Iraq

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq faced a new test of its willingness to disarm after U.N. inspectors ordered Baghdad to begin destroying dozens of illegal missiles and their components by March 1.

Saddam Hussein's response could either hurt or help the United States as it struggles to win international support for a new U.N. resolution backing war with Iraq.

The Bush administration, searching for more evidence of Iraq's refusal to peacefully disarm, had pushed for the destruction of the missiles. U.S. officials said they were reviewing the four-page order that chief U.N. weapons inspector Hans Blix sent to the Iraqis late Friday.

In the letter, Blix ordered Baghdad to destroy, under U.N. supervision, all of its Al Samoud 2 missiles and warheads, the missile engines for them, and a host of other components, some of which Baghdad illegally imported.

He also ordered Iraq to destroy the launchers, testing equipment, software and documentation associated with the Al Samoud program, but not the factories where the missiles were built, as the United States wanted.

"The appropriate arrangements should be made so that the destruction process can commence by March 1, 2003," Blix wrote to Iraqi General Amer al-Saadi, an adviser to Saddam. March 1 is the date Blix's next report on Iraqi compliance is due to the Security Council.

The deadline will be key for the Security Council which is bitterly divided over whether war is necessary in Iraq. Any indication of compliance by the Iraqis will likely bolster the position of France and others who claim inspections are working.

Gunmen open fire on Shiite mosque

KARACHI, Pakistan (AP) — Gunmen on motorcycles stormed a Shiite mosque and opened fire Saturday in southern Pakistan, killing at least nine worshippers and injuring at least nine, police and hospital officials said.

At least three gunmen entered the Imam Bargha Mehdi in this southern port city as worshippers were performing evening prayers, Interior Ministry spokesman Iftikhar Ahmed said. The gunmen had been waiting at a nearby tea shop, according to witnesses.

Mohammed Ali, one of the worshippers, said he saw four people on two motorcycles approach the mosque.

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of Barbara Reilly of Sand Springs.

"The students did a wonderful job and the competition was very close," said Karen Reagan, spelling bee coordinator.

Performing in his first spelling bee, Stolarczyk's win secured a slot at the Lubbock Avalanche

Journal Regional Spelling Bee contest on March 8, in Lubbock.

The Regional champion qualifies to compete the 76th annual Scripps Howard national contest held in Washington, D.C., at the end of May.

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the word benumbed correct. A fourth grader, Lara is the daughter of Delilah and Gabriel Soto and Johnny Lara.

Fifth grader Laura Spence was crowned the Elbow Elementary champion by correctly spelling the word species. Spence is the daughter of Paul and Beth Spence.

The case of who was going to win the Moss Elementary contest was over when John Lewis spelled out argument. The fourth grader is the son of John Lewis Jr.

It didn't take any investigative skills to figure out Kentwood's champion. Fourth grader Natalie Patricia Morales, the daughter of Lori Martinez, won with the word draghnet.

Marcy Elementary fourth grader Jessica Rubio took the contest on

the word quarterback. Rubio is the daughter of Kim and Jessie Rubio.

One of these nine will be declared the Howard County Spelling Bee Champion and advance on to the Lubbock-Avalanche Journal Regional Spelling Bee. That contest will be held March 8 in Lubbock.

The Regional champion qualifies to compete the 76th annual Scripps Howard national contest held at the end of May.

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STARTEK

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"Not only those affected by the most recent staff reduction but even former employees that were not caught up in that reduction," Edmunds said. "We have a lot of great people here that were at one time StarTek employees."

"If they tried us once and it didn't work we would hope that, if they're interested, they would give us a try again because it is a much-changed environment here," he continued.

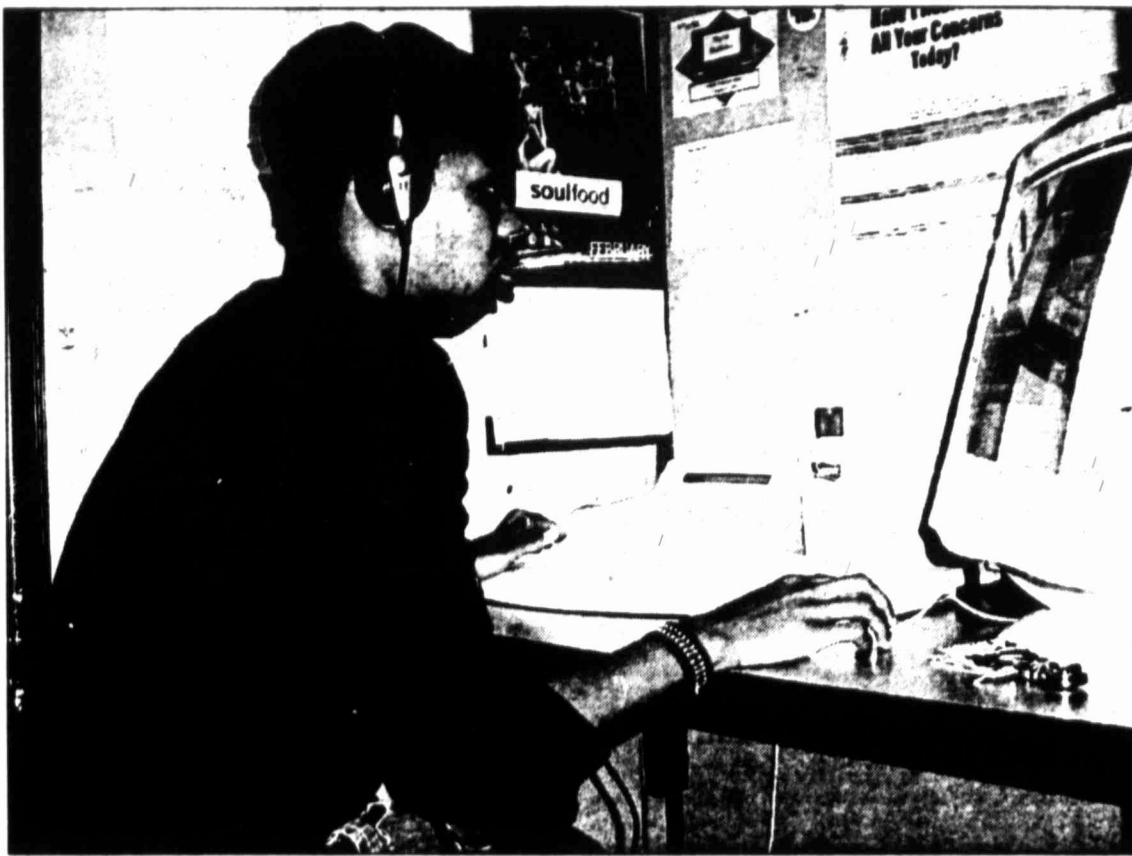
The company is recruiting for across-the-board positions ranging from English- and Spanish-speaking customer representatives to spots in management, supervisory, quality assurance and training areas.

The need for Spanish-speaking customer service representatives is continuing to explode, Edmunds said. Securing the new program has created an immediate need for at least 50 new positions that require Spanish fluency.

Employees in the Spanish cues will be paid a differential based on their fluency, he added.

Word has already leaked out about the hirings.

"We've not had too much difficulty filling the first four classes for March 3," Edmunds said. "Now's the time because these positions will fill very quickly based on our current demand and the current walk-ins that we are experiencing."



StarTek employee Marta Mathews services a customer call. The call service center is currently hiring another 180 employees to meet the demand of a new program.

To meet the demand for new employees, the company is extending its recruiting hours from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the site located in the College Park Shopping Center on Birdwell Lane.

"Interested applicants can stop in and either complete an application in the office or take the application with them and send it back into us," he said. "That begins process."

Training for new employees will be paid by the company and accepted applicants will be paid for their training time.

The company is also working with community education entities to invest in pre- and post-employee education programs, Edmunds added.

Edmunds said, "We also have also \$50 million in cash or cash equivalent to our credit, which speaks very well for how we manage our business."

StarTek has more than \$200 million in revenue and more than 56,000 employees national and internationally. The corporation is in 16 locations nationwide.

"We are a profitably traded company on the New York Stock Exchange," Edmunds said. "We also have also \$50 million in cash or cash equivalent to our credit, which speaks very well for how we manage our business."

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see for the future of our community," said McEwen. "It's an opportunity to hear what is going on in our community. It is a time for vision in our community."

Lunch will be catered by Great Western Dining and the cost is \$8 per person.

"We would like everyone to come out to this event," said Debbye Valverde, Chamber executive director. "There will be seating for those who do not plan on eating. The charge is for the meal only, so if you don't want to eat but would like to attend, there is no cost."

Those who do plan on partaking of the meal are asked to make reservations by Friday so that an accurate count can be provided to the caterer. Tickets can be obtained at the Chamber office, 215 W. Third, or by calling 263-7641.

"We want as much attendance as possible," reiterated McEwen. "We encourage everyone who can to be there."

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*Dark Blue (R)
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*Gods & Generals (PG-13)
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Story by Big Spring Fire Marshal Carl Condray. Layout by Roger Cline, HERALD staff writer

Fighting fires ...saving lives

To the 64 men and women of the Big Spring Fire Department, the focus of their jobs is clear: Answering the call for help.

Whether battling to save a home from fire or treating the sick and injured, these dedicated professionals contribute a huge portion of their lives in the service of their neighbors.

The firefighters of Big Spring have been on the line, keeping their community safe, for years. The image of a sparkling fire engine rolling by as the driver waves to a bundle of excited children is a familiar sight in this small town. Thankfully, far less familiar is the flurry of activity surrounding a midnight

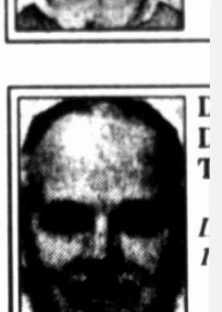
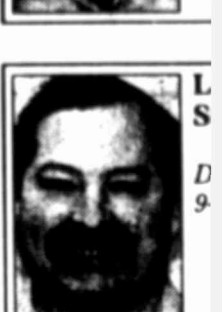
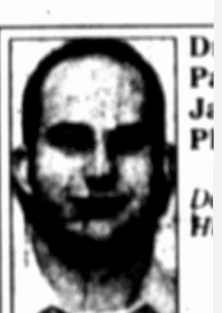
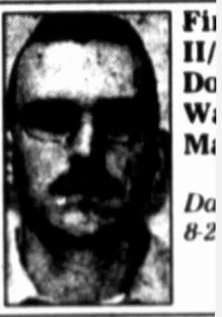
structure fire as exhausted firefighters struggle to save what is left of a family's dreams. These seldom-seen acts of selflessness and courage are, by necessity, limited to the T.V. screen, but sadly occur regularly right here in Big Spring.

Gratefully the efforts of fire prevention and public education — which the Big Spring Fire Department embraces wholeheartedly — have reduced the annual occurrence of fire loss to an ever-diminishing low. This is a matter of pride among firefighters, for despite the personal challenge and thrill of facing their old enemy Fire, the loss of life or property is

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Below, Big Spring firefighters bring a stationary monitor online during the ALON USA fire last year. Opposite, firefighters and Emergency Medical Service personnel work to remove a woman from the wreck of her PT Cruiser earlier this month. The woman was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center where she was treated for her injuries.

Photo below courtesy Big Spring Fire Department, opposite, HERALD file photo.



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The reduction in fire calls has freed resources and allowed the department to answer an equally demanding — and still growing — need: First responder duty in support of Big Spring's fire department based Emergency Medical Service.

The 300 or so fire calls a year logged by the fire department may seem impressive until compared to the 3,500 average calls made by the medical units. The care of the sick and injured of Howard County is indeed a 24-hour-a-day, 365-day-a-year responsibility.

Even the fire engine crews, who respond only to the most serious of calls to lend additional hands and experience to the ambulance crews, rarely enjoy an uninterrupted night's sleep or hot meal. The 24-hour tour of duty each crew spends at the fire station is sometimes a marathon of activity. A staff of highly-trained professionals is needed to meet this ever-growing need.

Many of the uninitiated believe firefighting is as simple as aiming the garden hose. That's a misconception. The fire environment is more dangerous and demanding than ever. Toxic materials, contagious diseases and an ever-growing list of federal and state regulations demand constant adjustments to procedures.

Just staying on the payroll is a real challenge. In order to maintain their certifications and stay on top of their skills, firefighters follow a rigorous training schedule of continuing education, mandated by state fire agencies.

Three to five hours of class, drill or review is required each week throughout the year in both fire and medically-related fields to meet the obligation.

The stereotypical firefighters, seen reclining in front of the television as they wait for a call, is a thing of the past.

Even veteran firefighters, who are not officially required to pursue the medical end of the job, find themselves involved daily and are counted on to provide the backbone of firefighting experience in a field dominated by medical calls.

So what does a firefighter do when not fighting a fire or treating patients? There's a host of options.

Several firefighters voluntarily enroll in additional training to serve on the department's water rescue team, high-angle rescue team or the currently-forming hazardous materials team.

Instructors of both fire

education and emergency medical service are always in demand and many firefighters answer this call as well.

Aiding the fire marshal's office in his investigations and educational responsibilities falls to still other motivated firefighters who spend time, money and effort to fill the role of fire investigators.

It's important to remember that a college class or isolated training session does not make a professional. Discipline and dedication are critical to the success of potentially dangerous fire, medical or rescue operations. The kind of firemen who rush in without regard to safety, ignore the warnings only experience can provide and place the glory of the moment above common sense, fall short of the professionalism the Big Spring Fire Department considers a must.

When discussing the accomplishments of the fire department's employees, it would be wrong to exclude its youngest member. Sadie, a 7-year-old yellow Labrador is a six-year veteran of as Big Spring's K9 arson investigator.

Sadie has brought a whole new element to the fire prevention and investigation program.

The inclusion of a K9 unit isn't the only innovation the fire department is including in its repertoire.

Rapidly taking the place of outdated and ineffective paper trails is the computerization of the day to day administration of the department. With the help of grant money, the department has not only purchased computers for all its stations, but is currently networking them into one unified system. This will allow more effective planning, scheduling, recordkeeping and filing of information to state authorities.

The administrative division of the Big Spring Fire Department is a small but crucial element to the effectiveness of the entire operation. Bookkeeping, scheduling, training, coordinating and maintaining the sometimes chaotic nature of a fire department can be a monumental task.

The fire department is equally proud of those men and women who man the desks and key boards instead of the fire trucks. Without them and the supporting efforts of other city departments, the fires would continue to burn and the injured suffer despite the best intentions of our firefighters. Teamwork in the office is as important as on the fire scene.

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Marcy kids full of questions during career week

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

What do you do?
Local firemen, nurses, ministers, attorneys and journalists attempted to answer that question earlier this month as Marcy Elementary opened its classrooms for career week.

"The major goal in mind was to help our elementary students identify various career opportunities and become more familiar with a variety of occupations," said Marcy counselor Mary Lou Salazar. "In so doing, our major activity during the week was the opportunity for students and teachers to meet and listen to the wonderful presentations that our distinguished guests provided."

During the week, numerous community members visited classrooms to speak and answer questions about their field.

"The children were incredible," said Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen. "It was so much fun to be around the kids of that age and see their bright eyes."

Several of the guest visitors said the students asked some impressive questions.

"Let them know I work more with high school than elementary, and one child asked me how high school compared to elementary and junior high schools as how students behave and learn," said Paul Abundez, Big Spring Junior High School assistant principal.

Some of the most interesting questions were: "How do you enjoy your job?" "Do you think it's fun?" McEwen said.

These kinds of questions I found really intriguing. The kids really wanted to know how you appreciate



Big Spring Attorney Tim Yeats speaks to a class of Marcy Elementary fourth graders during the school's career week.

your job." When students learned Donna Wright was the Howard County clerk, they took particular interest in several aspects of her job.

They were all interested in the birth certificates and wanted me to know where they were born," Wright said. "They want

ed to know how old you had to be before you got married."

Guest speakers were each escorted by a fourth-grade ambassador during their visit. Ambassadors included Eduardo Galvan, Sabrina Gonzalez, Alyssa Luera, Amber Gonzalez, Brandon Sanchez, Jessica Rubio, Emily Hicks, D.J.

Roberts, Camron Carroll, Alysia Yanez, Ethan Yeats, Courtney Long, Adam Canales, Brandy Vaughn and Graciela Zavala.

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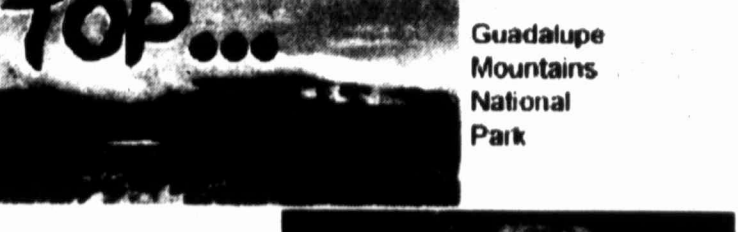
"The call for prayer had just begun and four people on two motorcycles rode up to the gate and opened fire," he said.

Among the dead was a 7-year-old boy, who succumbed to his injuries at a nearby hospital hours after the incident.

Others described a narrow escape. "Two injured people fell on me, and because I was covered by them, I was safe," said Anwar Hussein, who ran to the scene from a nearby hotel.

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Police say turned violent

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer
Two Big Spring men were arrested Tuesday evening after one allegedly turned violent when caught trying to steal videotapes from Blockbuster Video.

Howard Foster, 26, and Rodney Wayne Tubbs, 19, Big Spring, were charged with robbery, resisting arrest, and theft \$50 or more. Foster was in and the other was out of Blockbuster on

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Anyone who cannot come in on Monday mornings or who is handicapped and needs at-home assistance — or, anyone needing further information — should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

Police say robbery attempt turned violent; two arrested

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

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turned violent when caught trying to steal videotapes from Blockbuster Video.



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Howard Foster, 26, and Rodney Wayne Tubbs, 19, both of Big Spring, were arrested. Foster was charged with robbery, resisting arrest, assault on a public servant and theft \$50 to \$500; while Tubbs was charged with theft \$50 to \$500.

Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said store employees caught the two men trying to steal videotapes after the store's door was locked near closing Thursday night.

"What happened was, (Foster) was inside, he and the other guy," Sweatt said. "(Blockbuster employees)

had locked the door because they didn't want any more customers coming in because it was closing time. (Foster and Tubbs) walked out with the videotapes. (Tubbs) gave up his videotapes, and Howard kind of spazzed out and started trying to kick the door."

Sweatt said the store manager tried to stop Foster from kicking the door.

"He struck the manager and knocked him down," Sweatt said. "Then the police got there and the fight was on. It sounded like a pretty good fight."

When officers arrived at the scene, Foster allegedly assaulted one of them.

"It was Officer (Art) Dehlinger," Sweatt said. "This went on at about 11 o'clock last night. (Foster) was arraigned and we're talking to him on some other things right now. Bond was set at \$17,750 all together."

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Big Spring Rotary Club members Jan Foresyth, left, and Cleo Young present a birthday cake to celebrate the club's 75th anniversary of existence. The club celebrated the milestone on Tuesday during its regular meeting.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Sands all-state running back Nate Looney is among three Mustangs to announce they will play in the 2003 All Americas Bowl.

Sands trio commits to All Americas Bowl

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Texans are turning out in full force for the All Americas Bowl. Through last weekend, seven all-state standouts had committed to compete in the international six-man football game slated for Big Spring this summer.

Foremost among the Texans planning to participate in the game are three Sands High School standouts, including quarterback Jeremy Renteria, running back Nate Looney and linebacker Heath Webb.

Renteria pulled the trigger on the Mustangs' high-octane offense this season. He threw for more than 1,700 yards and 33 touchdowns. With Renteria

under center, Sands posted a 12-2 mark this season and advanced to within one game of the six-man state finals.

Looney was one of the state's top rushers. He gained nearly 1,800 yards this year and scored 21 rushing touchdowns.

Webb, a first-team all-state linebacker, paced the Mustang defense this year, racking up more than 100 tackles. He also rushed for more than 600 yards in short-yardage situations.

Sands' threesome will join fellow all-staters in Whitharral end Brandon Hoskins and Valley running back Derrick Cruse on the Lone State State roster.

Other all-staters set to play include Richland Springs' Jared Hicks and Abbott's Josh Nors and Nate Hejl.

The National team, which will be comprised of players from throughout the United States, Canada, Australia and Norway, landed one of the top ends last week. Two-time six-man All-America pick Dan Link of Custer, MT, announced he would be attending, joining a roster that already showcases several foreign standouts. Joining Link in leading the Nationals will be Tyrel Kerpan, who, in December, was named one of the top 20 football prospects in Canada. He led Loreburn to its record eighth provincial title this past fall.

Also making the trip this summer will be Australian star Daniel Seremet, who spent a month in Big Spring last summer training for an appearance in a Canadian all-star tilt.

Texas High School Basketball Playoffs

'Cats Scratch Playoff Fever

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

LUBBOCK — Grady head coach Carl Krug is one who's quick to give credit where credit is due.

Given the chance, he'd thank God for the chance, thank the school for the bus and thank a hustling defense for a tough 56-42 victory over the Whitharral Panthers in front of a large crowd in Lubbock Christian University's Rip Griffin Center. The Wildcats held Whitharral to just 10 points in the fourth quarter Friday night and rolled into the third round of the Class A, Division II state playoffs for the second time in as many years.

"That was a real rough one," said Krug, who saw his team lead by just five points, at 40-35, with less than seven minutes to play in the Area round playoff matchup.

Anchored by a stingy defense, Grady managed to put the game away in the final seven minutes by outscoring Whitharral by a 14-7 margin.

"It was a very physical game," Krug said. "Whitharral was very physical and it kind of caught us off guard, but we managed to keep our composure. I thought we handled it pretty well and worked through it."

No one helped carry Grady down the stretch more than junior guard Nick Winford. He sank seven free throws in the final three minutes to cement the victory and propel the third-ranked Wildcats into a showdown with No. 1-ranked Nazareth in the third round.

The Wildcats, now 31-1 overall, advanced to the third round of the playoffs last fall before falling to D'Hanis.

Whitharral managed to stay close at the start of the fourth period. Junior forward David Moore sank a short 8-footer at the start of the frame and pulled the Panthers to within 40-35.

That was as close as Whitharral could get, however. Grady, sparked by T. Springer, followed Moore's basket with a 6-0 run that gave the Wildcats a 46-35 lead.

Brandon Hoskins, a 6-foot-4 post, breathed new life into Whitharral's hopes midway through the period when he pulled up and buried a 3-point

Bufs open playoff run against Ozona

The Forsan Buffaloes opened their first playoff run in six years Saturday night at the Junell Center in San Angelo against the Ozona Lions. Final results of the game were unavailable at press time.

Both teams entered the game with outstanding records. Forsan, the District 3-2A champion, is 23-5 and making its first playoff appearance since 1997. Ozona comes in at 20-8.

The Area playoff matchup pit two teams that are somewhat familiar with each other. Ozona dealt Forsan an 80-69 setback earlier this season in the first round of the Sterling City tournament. The Buffs went on to claim the consolation title.

The Lions, who went into the game fresh off a 66-57 bi-district win over Alpine, have averaged 23 steals a game this season defensively.

Complete coverage of the playoff matchup will appear in Monday's Big Spring Herald.

shot from the left wing. The last of his four treys pulled the Panthers to within 46-38 — and set up Winford's 7-of-8 from the charity stripe down the stretch.

Grady survived a rocky third quarter. Whitharral outscored the Wildcats by an 11-8 clip in the frame and went into the fourth trailing by seven, at 40-33.

Andrew Villa powered Grady's efforts in the third, scoring three points in the final 3:30. Brent Madison added a shot from the floor midway through the frame. Senior guard Eric Tunnell opened the second half with a 3-pointer.

The Wildcats did most of their damage offensively in the second quarter. Grady, powered by 11 points from Tunnell, broke open a tight game in the second by pounding out a 21-11 spree.

With the Wildcats holding a slim 11-10 advantage at the end of the first peri-

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Grady senior Eric Tunnell drives the baseline against Whitharral's Raymond Brown during the second quarter Friday night in the Wildcats' 56-42 Area playoff win at Rip Griffin Center. Grady improved to 31-1 overall with the win.

Second-half surge sends 'Lopes to 55-34 win over Eastland

Staff report

Trey Paden made just four baskets Friday night in his first visit to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Unfortunately for the Eastland Mavericks three of them were 3-point bombs that ignited a 23-6 third-quarter

run that led the Abernathy Antelopes to a 55-34 Class 2A Area playoff victory.

With the win, Abernathy improved to 25-5 for the year. Eastland's season ended at 21-9.

Abernathy's Nick Bowe got started early against the Mavs' undersized defense. He scored seven of his game-

high 14 points in the first eight minutes and led the Antelopes to a 12-8 lead.

The Mavericks brought most of the fireworks in the second quarter. Eastland garnered baskets from Curtis Harris, Jeremy Allman and Justin Briley in the frame and outscored Abernathy by an 8-3 clip.

The Mavericks, who hit only 6 of 20 shots from the field in the first 16 minutes, held a slim 16-15 lead at the half.

Abernathy managed to shoot just 28 percent from the floor in the initial two quarters, hitting 6 of 23 attempts.

Abernathy blew the game open in the See CLASS 2A, Page 12A

Monahans sneaks away with tough 3-2 win over Lady Steers

Staff report

Midland wasn't kind to the Big Spring Lady Steers this past weekend. In fact, it was down-right inhospitable.

The Lady Steers, who opened the West Texas Classic softball tournament with a 6-0 win over the Odessa High School Lady Bronchos, suffered a tough 3-2 loss in extra innings to the Monahans Lady Loboes.

Big Spring, with the

loss fell into a third-round matchup with El Paso Montwood. Monahans advanced to play Midland Lee.

The Lady Loboes didn't find the win over Big Spring easy. Monahans, after the two teams had battled to a 2-2 tie in the regular 55-minute time limit, broke a 2-2 tie in the bottom of the sixth.

Big Spring didn't go down without a fight. The BSHS girls managed to

get a runner to third base before the Loboes picked up the game-winning out.

The Lady Steers, now 7-2-1 for the year, are scheduled to return to action Feb. 28 when they host the Abilene Wylie Lady Bulldogs in the first half of a two-game homestand. The game with Wylie will begin at 4 p.m. at the BSHS softball complex.

The Lady Steers close out the homestand March 1 against Permian.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells
The Big Spring Wizards' efforts fell just short Saturday in BSYBA action.

Wizards close out their season

Staff report

Ernest Saiz scored six points and Jeremy Burchell added four more Saturday morning and helped the Big Spring Wizards close out the Big Spring Youth Basketball 12 & Under season.

Despite pumping in a season-high 20 points, the Wizards dropped a 24-20 decision to the Dream Team.

With the win, the Dream Team closed out its season at 3-2-1. The

BSYBA BASKETBALL

Wizards fell to 0-5-1.

The Dream Team took the early advantage, scoring twice in the first quarter against the Wizards, who were playing without starting point guard Cameron Honea and forward Andrew Bahion.

Alex Crabtree and Angel Martinez III each pumped in shots for the Wizards in the second and helped the team pull See BSYBA, Page 13A

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Valdez elects not to return to Tech squad

LUBBOCK (AP) — A Texas Tech basketball player suspended for one game by coach Bob Knight quit the team Friday after failing to show up for team meetings and practices.

Nick Valdez had not attended practice since he and Andre Emmett were benched for Monday's game against No. 3 Texas for missing breakfast and a walkthrough meeting that morning.

Both Emmett and Valdez effectively were reinstated to the team late Tuesday night after finishing disciplinary conditioning work. Emmett was at practice both Wednesday and Thursday, but not Valdez.

"He was told he could stay under certain stipulations and he chose not to," Tech athletic director Gerald Myers told The Associated Press.

One of the stipulations would have required Valdez to do more running than that required of his teammates, Myers said.

Nick Valdez could not be reached for comment Friday night.

On his weekly radio segment Thursday, Knight said there had been a "long history" of problems with Valdez.

"I think we have had a whole series of irresponsible things with Valdez in the past," Knight was quoted as saying in

Friday's online edition of the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal.

Myers said that Valdez had missed practice because his teammates did not want him to practice with him in the wake of an e-mail Valdez's father had sent to a newspaper Tuesday.

The Avalanche-Journal reported in its Wednesday editions that Joe Valdez's e-mail said that his son and Emmett may have been "set up" to be suspended Monday. The e-mail said the two didn't receive a customary wake-up call as punishment for their part in the team's losses.

He later apologized in another e-mail to the Lubbock Avalanche-Journal and the Tech coaching staff, saying he regretted the earlier comments.

It was unclear if Emmett, the Big 12 scoring leader, would play in the Red Raiders' game on Saturday against Texas A&M.

The team is 14-8 overall, but only 4-7 in Big 12 games and in danger of missing the NCAA tournament.

Knight has said Emmett, who leads the Big 12 Conference in scoring with 21.5 points per game, could be the best college player he's ever coached if he played hard and played defense.

Williams: Astros bullpen has openings for young pitchers

KISSIMMEE, Fla. (AP) — Jimmy Williams isn't wasting any time resolving his pitching decisions.

The Houston Astros manager has designated right-handed pitchers Pete Munro and Kirk Saarloos to battle for spots in the bullpen rather than compete for the fifth starting job. And there's plenty of work ahead.

"I would seem to me there are three or four spots out there," Williams said. "We have some aggressive young pitchers with some good arms. Most of these pitchers I've seen before. We'll have to make those decisions when we start the spring training games."

Left-handers Jesus Sanchez, Jerome Robertson, Tim Redding and Jared Fernandez are being considered for the

fifth slot in the starting rotation.

Brad Lidge is the youngest of the pitchers trying to earn a bullpen spot. He had offseason surgery on his left knee. Lidge said his knee is about 80 to 90 percent healed.

"There's going to be pressure to make the bullpen spot," Lidge said. "I'm hoping my knee does not interfere with it at all. My best case scenario I'm hoping for is that by the time games start, my knee will be ready for a full go."

Lidge was Houston's first round draft pick in 1998 and appeared in six games for the Astros in 2002, finishing with a 1-0 record and a 6.23 ERA.

Fernandez, a right-handed knuckleballer, did not workout last Monday because of lower back soreness.

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third. The Lopes, sparked by Paden's three 3-point shots, collected points from five different players and streaked to a 38-24 advantage heading into the fourth quarter.

Abernathy closed out the game with a 17-12 run in the final eight minutes.

Paden, who added a field goal in the fourth, finished as one of three AHS players to hit double figures by scoring 11. Chris Farr added 10.

Briley led all Eastland

scorers with 12. Harris chalked up 10.

In other playoff games of interest, the Sweetwater Mustangs used a 19-0 run in the first quarter to roll to a 60-45 win over Lubbock Cooper in Post.

With the win, the Mustangs, now 18-11, will face Midland Greenwood this Tuesday. Greenwood defeated Littlefield in its Area matchup, claiming a 70-38 victory.

Also, Merkel defeated Dimmitt, 58-50.



Defense was the name of the game for the Grady Wildcats Friday night in the Rip Griffin Center. The Wildcats earned their fourth-ever playoff victory with a 56-42 win Area round win over the Whitharral Panthers.

GRADY

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od, Tunnell went to work. He pitched in two quick baskets and pushed Grady to a 15-12 lead before Springer and Madison followed with a pair of back-to-back shots that inflated the 'Cats lead to 19-15.

Whitharral managed to sneak back to within 21-19 with less than four minutes to play in the half, before Tunnell exploded. He ignited a 9-0 run late in the stanza when he knocked down a shot from the outside. Tunnell followed that with four straight free throws, increasing the GHS cushion to 28-19 before Colter Tate Winford capped the run with a shot from the low post.

Hoskins, who finished the game with 29 points, kept Whitharral close in

No. 1 Nazareth vs. No. 3 Grady

Tuesday, 7 p.m.

at Lubbock Cooper HS

the initial eight minutes of play. He opened the game by scoring the first five points on a trey from the left wing and a layup from the low post.

Madison, one of three GHS players to reach double-digits in the game, helped the Wildcats answer with a run of their own. He pushed in the Wildcats' first basket and then watched on as Spring reeled off three straight baskets to give Grady an 8-5 lead with just over four minutes left in the frame.

Hoskins, who scored every WHS point in the

initial eight minutes, carried the Panthers back to a 10-10 tie later before Madison sank a free throw at the end of the first that gave the Wildcats a lead, at 11-10, they would never relinquish.

Madison finished the game with 12 points. Spring led all GHS scorers with 13, while Tunnell added 10. Villa and Winford, both tallied seven.

Grady, the District 7-A champion, is scheduled to make its next playoff appearance Tuesday night against Nazareth. The game is slated for 7 p.m. at Lubbock Cooper High School.

Whitharral finished its 2002-2003 basketball season with a 21-11 record. The Panthers had entered the game riding an 11-game win streak.



Krista Howard showed her support for the Wildcats at Friday's playoff game.

Sports Briefs

By The Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Baseball commissioner Bud Selig called for new talks with the players union to ban ephedra, the nutritional supplement that may have contributed to the death of Baltimore pitcher Steve Bechler.

While ephedra is banned by the NFL, the NCAA and the International Olympic Committee, use of the substance, which is available without prescription, is allowed in baseball.

During labor bargaining last summer, owners talked about banning ephedra, but they did not include a ban in their proposal after the union told management lawyers that it would not agree to it.

OLYMPICS

LAUSANNE, Switzerland — IOC president Jacques Rogge expressed concern about Athens' readiness to host the 2004 Olympics, telling Greek organizers they must speed up their planning.

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LOS ANGELES (AP) — Charles Howell III surged to the top at the Nissan Open with a bogey-free round of 6-under 65 to lead by one stroke over Nick Price going into the weekend.

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to within 9-6 at the half. The Wizards rallied back in the third. The team garnered a pair of baskets from Saiz and a driving layup from Martinez and took a slim 16-15 lead into the fourth quarter.

The Wizards had led at the half or at the start of the fourth quarter in four of their five losses this season.

After the Dream Team had rallied to take a 20-18 lead, Burchell pumped in a shot from the low post to tie the score at 20-20 with 2:42 left.

Unfortunately, the Wizards' magic didn't hold out. Burchell and guard Tommy Wells fouled moments later and cleared the way for the Dream Team to reel off a 4-0 run in the final 1:47.

The win moved the Dream Team into a first-place tie with the Players in the 12 & Under division. Forsan is currently third at 3-3.

Saiz finished the game as the Wizards' top scorer, collecting six points. Burchell and Martinez added four apiece, while Wells and Crabtree contributed two.



Members of the Big Spring High School Steers' high school basketball team presented State National Bank's Richard Steel with a plaque of appreciation for the institution's donation toward helping the basketball program obtain new padded chairs. Presenting the award at the Steers' final home game were (left to right) Russell Grant, BSHS coach Jim Kinnear, Alvin Russell and (far right) Clayton Weaver.

Steer linksters 12th after first round at Tall City Invitational

Staff report

Nick Read continued to tear up the West Texas high-school golf scene Friday and helped carry the Big Spring Steers to 12th in the overall Division II team stand-

ings at the Tall City Invitational held in Midland. The Steers finished the first 18 holes of play with a score of 341.

Wichita Falls, led by Will Osborne's first-round score of 77, leads the Division II race with a tally of 324. Andrews and San Antonio Holy Cross are second and third, respectively, with scores of 326 and 327.

Read carded a first round score of 80 and went into Saturday's second round at Hogan Park tied for fourth in the individual standings. BSHS teammate Ryan Rodriguez was one stroke back.

Following Read and Rodriguez in the Big Spring stables were Jace Williams, Jason Murphree and London Jenkins. Williams carded a first-round score of 88. Murphree and Jenkins penciled in scores of 92

and 96. The Big Spring Lady Steers battled their way to sixth at the end of the first round at the Fort Stockton Golf Tournament.

Sparked by the play of sophomore Rachel Gee, the Lady Steers shot a 391 over the first 18 holes and are just 60 shots off the pace set by Pecos.

Midland High School's Taryn McNeil leads the race for the individual title. She shot a 77 in the first round — one better than Andrews' Halli Richards and Pecos' Lauren Martinez.

The Big Spring boys, following the completion of the Tall City event, will compete in the Andrews Invitational meet this weekend. The BSHS girls, who played last week in Snyder, will travel to Midland this week to play in the Midland Invitational Tournament.

Palmer hoping to rise to top of draft class

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Carson Palmer understands the history.

Heisman Trophy winners usually don't get picked first in the NFL draft, and Cincinnati's first-round picks often fail.

Palmer wants to change those trends.

The former Southern California quarterback won the Heisman in December, and now the question is whether NFL teams will see him as the best player available in the draft. Only one vote will count when the draft is held April 26 in New York, and it belongs to the Cincinnati Bengals.

Palmer, who's not short on confidence, believes he can do for Cincinnati what he did for the Trojans last season: turn around a faltering team.

The Bengals, who are picking first for the third time in nine years, haven't made the playoffs since 1990 and have gone 55-137 since then. Their track record with drafting quarterbacks is even worse. The last two times Cincinnati selected a quarterback in the first round, they went with David Klingler and Akili Smith. Both were busts.

Palmer has heard the horror stories about the Bengals, but he isn't worried.

"I don't know what the big knock on them is," he said. "All I heard coming in here were negative things. It doesn't look bad to me."

Palmer proved he can help a team — from mediocre to title contender — during his senior year at

USC. After going 16-16 in his first three seasons, he got the Trojans into the top 10 and led them to the Orange Bowl.

At a school known as Tailback U., he was the first of the school's five Heisman winners to play quarterback. If he is the first pick in the draft, Palmer would become the first Heisman winner chosen No. 1 since Tampa Bay selected Vinny Testaverde in 1987.

But in a quarterback class some analysts have compared with the 1983 draft — which produced John Elway and Dan Marino — there is no consensus on Palmer going No. 1. He and Marshall's Byron Leftwich are ranked by most analysts as the top two quarterbacks in the draft. The rest of the class includes Florida's Rex Grossman, whose stock has been steadily rising, Louisville's Dave Ragone and Texas' Chris Simms.

Determining who's the best, however, hasn't been easy.

Palmer and Leftwich both possess prototypical size. Palmer was measured at 6-foot-4, 232 pounds, and he calls himself a pocket passer who can move around.

Leftwich came in at 6-5, 240, and he may have more mobility. He also claims to have a stronger arm, but leg injuries the last two seasons are keeping the doctor's busy.

Leftwich said Friday that he's healthy, and that too much was made of what he described as a hairline fracture in his lower left leg.

IN BRIEF

Tennis, gymnastics classes now forming

Registration is taking place now for tennis, gymnastics, swimming and martial arts classes at the YMCA. All classes are scheduled to begin March 3 and meet two days a week for the ensuing four weeks.

Gymnastics classes will meet on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning at 4 p.m. for preschoolers and 4:45 p.m. for school age children. Sandy McDiffitt will be the lead instructor.

Swim classes will begin at 6 p.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays for school-aged children, and on Tuesdays and Thursdays for preschoolers.

YMCA tennis classes will begin at 4 p.m. for preschoolers on Mondays and Wednesdays and at 4:45 p.m. for school aged youths. Martial arts classes will be held Tuesdays and Thursdays at 6:45 p.m. and on Saturdays at 10 a.m.

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

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 sign-up, coaching clinic reset

Youngsters interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team this year can sign up at the ball park from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 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 6:30 p.m. Feb. 26 in the Coahoma Community Center. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all coaches not from Coahoma.

'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST AM 1490 at 9 a.m. March 12.

Sam Stephens hosts the 9 a.m. show.

Country club slates 4-person scramble

A four-person scramble has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday 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.

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

BS boys booster club to meet Feb. 24

The Big Spring Boys Basketball Booster Club will meet Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. in the ATC meeting room. The meeting will be held to plan for the upcoming banquet.

Clay shooting event slated for Stanton

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

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Wells-Harrell

Sherra De'ann Wells of Stanton and Trey Harrell of Lomax will exchange wedding vows on April 12, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Midland with David Harp of Stanton officiating. She is the daughter of Theodore and Vicki Wells

of Stanton and the granddaughter of Lee and Mary Graves of Lubbock. He is the son of Bob and Deborah Adkins of Lomax and the grandson of Lawrence and Evelyn Adkins of Stanton and Glenn Holloway of Lenora.

ENGAGEMENT



West-Wilkerson

Krista Brianna West and Joseph Abraham Wilkerson, both of Amarillo, will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 2003 at San Jacinto Baptist Church in Amarillo with Dr. Stan Coffey officiating. She is the daughter of

Edward and Nikita West and the granddaughter of Edmon and Wanda McMurray, El Nora West and the late R.D. West of Lueders. He is the son of Ed and Ladonna Wilkerson of Sunray.

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Duncan-Williams

Heather Ann Duncan and Ryan Cole Williams, both of Fort Worth, will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 2003 at Alto Lakes Country Club in Ruidoso, N.M., with Dr. Ed Williamson, of Trinity First Methodist Church in El Paso, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Buddy and Ann

Duncan and the granddaughter of the late Lloyd and Jo Duncan and John and Darlene Howard. The groom is the son of Ms. Leslie Williams and Geary Williams and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Williams and Mrs. Maurine Hanks.

STORK CLUB



Destiny Faith Hallford

Destiny Faith Hallford, girl, was born Jan. 16, 2003, at 12:25 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 12 1/2 ounces and was 18 inches long. Parents are Billy Wayne and Cecilia Hallford. Grandparents are Billy and Sandra Hallford and Manuela Galindo.

Alexander Torres Quintana Jr., boy, was born Feb. 7, 2003, at 9:19 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 11 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Parents are Alexander and Stephanie Quintana. Grandparents are Joe and Nora Torres, Lupe Garcia and the late Valentine Quintana.

Brandyn Isiah Montanez, boy, born Feb. 7, 2003, at 10:40 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 8 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Parents are Amanda Montanez and Guadalupe Moreno Jr. Grandparents are Carlos Montanez Sr. and Mary Rodriguez of Lubbock, Guadalupe Moreno Sr. of Stanton and Francisca Davis of Abilene.

Mariah Audrianna Nicole Hilario, girl, born Feb. 13, 2003, at 11:06 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 9 1/2

ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Parents are Larry Hilario and Amanda Contreras. Grandparents are Ruben and Marge Hilario.

Lavla Gillian Torres, girl, born Feb. 11, 2003, at 6:59 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Nancy Lopez and Mark Torres.

Devanna Lovette Williams, girl, born Feb. 10, 2003, at 6:21 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 1 ounce and was 19 3/4 inches long. Parents are Emilia and James Williams.

Bailey Nicole Smith, girl, was born Jan. 12, 2003, at 11:59 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 8 1/2 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Parents are Britt and Wendy Smith. Grandparents are Ronnie

and Gail Morris of Tyler and Ken and Cheryl Field of Colorado Springs, Colo.

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Keith Ledford, M.D., Board Certified, OB/GYN	Alfonso Preciado, M.D., Board Certified, Gen. Surgery

MILITARY

Air Force Tech Sgt Marcos A. Ramos has graduated from the Air Force Noncommissioned Officer Academy at McGuire Air Force Base, Wrightstown, N.J.

For almost six weeks, the student received training in professional military education that prepares noncommissioned officers for positions of increased responsibility by broadening their leadership and supervisory skills, and expanding their perspective of the military profession to be better supervisors and mentors.

Training included instruction in advanced military leadership management theories and responsibilities, and the profession of arms, oral, written and speaking communication skills and physical fitness training. The sergeants

are trained to perform supervisory duties to learn behavior concepts, problem solving and counseling techniques relative to the Air Force mission and organization.

Ramos is a terminal instrument procedures specialist assigned to the 65th Operations Support Squadron, Lajes Field, Lajes, Azores, Portugal.

He is the son of Pedro O. and Josephina O. Ramos of Big Spring.

His wife, Cynthia, is the daughter of Victor Y. and Maria D. Garcia of Arlington.

The technical sergeant graduated in 1987 from Big Spring High School, and received an associate degree in 1998 from Community College of the Air Force.

WHO'S WHO

Baylor University named 2291 students to the Dean's Academic Honor List for the 2002 fall session.

To be named to the Dean's List, a student must be an undergraduate with a minimum grade point average of 3.7 while enrolled in a minimum of 12 semester hours. Chelsea Ann Helsley has been named to this list.

Bridget N. Cain has been designated as a member of the Dean's Honor Roll of Mays Business School of Texas A&M University.

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FRIDAY — rice, blackeyed rot salad, milk/milk.

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WEDNESDAY — Biscuits, sausage, milk.
THURSDAY — on a stick, juice.
FRIDAY — Nutrigrain, milk.
LUNCH MONDAY — ets, corn, milk.
TUESDAY — quesadilla, Spiced, fruit, milk.

FOOD

How to feed the exhausted day
A book title Check Cooking: the attention-stressed cook implied recipes for workaday week
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WEDNESDAY — Chicken-rice casserole, carrots, salad, rolls, milk, pudding.

THURSDAY — Liver & onions, baked potatoes, broccoli & cheese, gelatin salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

FRIDAY — Meatloaf, rice, blackeyed peas, carrot salad, milk/cornbread, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Cinnamon toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Donuts, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Sausage on a stick, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal, Nutri-grain bar, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza pockets, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sloppy joes, French fries, Lettuce/tomato/pickle, banana cake, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY — Ham sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY — Beef tips w/gravy, rice, green beans, fruit, rolls, milk.

SANDS CISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Donuts, milk, juice.

TUESDAY — Hot cakes, sausage, milk, juice.

WEDNESDAY — Muffins, milk, juice.

THURSDAY — Pancake on a stick, milk, juice.

FRIDAY — Cereal, milk, juice.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, pears, milk.

TUESDAY — Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot roll, cake, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Taco salad w/cheese, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, hot roll, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY — Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD LUNCH

MONDAY — Pepperoni pizza (chicken strips), potato rounds, mixed, fruit, trail mix.

TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets (sausage wrap), macaroni & cheese, green beans, blueberry cup, roll.

WEDNESDAY — Mexican jambayla (tuna salad), salad, corn, apple.

THURSDAY — Steak fingers (chicken sandwich), mashed potatoes, glazed carrots, pineapple jello, roll.

FRIDAY — Hamburger (chalupa), salad, French fries, ranch style beans, rainbow freeze bar.

COAHOMA ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Pancakes, ham, syrup, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY — French toast, syrup, sausage,

juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Oatmeal, sausage, fruit, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Steak fingers, gravy, potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

TUESDAY — Hamburgers, spicy fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cheeseburger pockets (corn dogs), tater tots, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY — Frito pie, corn, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY — Meatloaf (burritos), creamed potatoes, baked beans, milk.

STANTON ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Breakfast pizza, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — French toast sticks, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast,

cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Hotdog on a bun (combination burrito), chili, corn, vegetable sticks, pear slices.

TUESDAY — Chicken nuggets (steak fingers), mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, roll.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza (manager's choice), peas & carrots, salad, fruit cocktail.

THURSDAY — Nacho grande (baked potato), refried beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread.

FRIDAY — Bar - b - q on bun (beef stew), French fries, stuffed celery, apple wedges, corn bread.

FORSAN ISD BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Biscuits, sausage, juice, milk.

TUESDAY — Muffins, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Breakfast burritos, juice, milk.

THURSDAY — French toast stix, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal, Nutri-grain bar, juice, milk.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Pizza pockets, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY — Chicken quesadilla, Spanish rice, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sloppy joes, French fries, lettuce, tomato, pickle, fruit, banana cake, milk.

THURSDAY — Ham sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY — Beef tips w/gravy, rice, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

Food bites

How to feed people at the exhausted end of the day

A book titled "Reality-Check Cooking" will grab the attention of a host of stressed cooks, with its implied promise of recipes for the real, workaday world.

The book exists, a team effort written for a good cause by Claudia Drumheller-Tomkiel and Julie Drumheller-Bushinski, who cheerily dub themselves "Two Crazy Sisters."

They say the spirit of the book is, "Let's have a good time making some good food, and let's have enough time left over to actually get some sleep!"

Both are married professional women, and with something else in common. "Somewhere along the line we discovered that we both had medical conditions which have fatigue as a major symptom (Claudia has fibromyalgia and Julie has multiple sclerosis)," they say.

They are selling their self-published book for \$10, and say they will donate \$3 from the sale of every book to the National Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, to support research.

They say they want their book to pass on what they had to work out for themselves: how to cut corners and cheat a little to continue with their lives and their love of the kitchen. The book's

recipe groups include one-pot meals, easy dinner ideas, no-fail sweets and bake-sale items.

"These are recipes my sister and I fall back on, and that other people seem to enjoy," Claudia said in a telephone conversation, from her Carlisle, Pa., home.

The book is available by mail order from Two Crazy Sisters, 644 Yorkshire Drive, Carlisle, PA 17013 (\$10 plus \$3.50 mailing cost), or on the Net at <http://www.twocrazysisters.com>

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The hows and whys of the emergency department

Patients have the right to access emergency care services when and where the need arises. If someone has or believes they have an emergency medical condition, the most important thing to do is seek medical care.



TIM SCHMIDT

When someone arrives in an emergency department, they are generally worried about their medical condition or the medical condition of one of their family members. One of the first things they expect is to be seen and treated by a doctor. When they are asked to wait, they become anxious, apprehensive and angry. That is why I thought it would be useful to explain the various stages of care provided in the emergency department and other factors that may contribute to the extended waiting times.

For a few years, overcrowding in the emergency department has become a growing issue among patients, family member and hospitals. This issue seems to be more critical in larger cities than smaller communities like Big Spring. Nevertheless, when the emergency department is busy and overcrowded, there are generally delays and extended waiting times.

Studies confirm that the main reason for overcrowding in emergency departments nationwide is that more and more people are using the departments for non-emergency care because it is convenient or they are unable to see their regular physician.

A recent study by Solucient showed that an astounding 58 percent of the emergency department visits nationwide were for non-emergency care, affecting patients who are truly in need of emergency care.

At Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the emergency department is one of the busiest places in the hospital. However, we are fortunate that the emergency department was recently expanded.

Additionally, the physicians and nursing staff work very hard to see

patients immediately, thus making their stay as short as possible.

Unlike other emergency departments in larger cities where the average total time that patients spend is 9-12 hours, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, the average time a patient spends is 1.5 hours.

Nevertheless, waiting is still very frustrating for patients and family members. It seems that these days, people are more pressed for time, or at least we feel that way. We have a culture of instant gratification.

We hate waiting for anything. We want faster service and if we don't get it, we go elsewhere. Nothing upsets people more than having to wait in the emergency department.

Fortunately, the emergency department staff understands this. That is why they try harder not to keep patients waiting longer than is necessary. Here are some things that one can expect when they come to the emergency department.

First, patients who arrive other than by ambulance are triaged by a triage nurse upon arrival. The triage

process is an important first step as it helps the emergency department staff determine the urgency of the patient's medical condition.

During the triage process, the nurse generally takes the patient's vital signs, temperature, heart rate and blood pressure.

The nurse then inquires about the patient's symptoms, including loss of body function, medical history and medication list and drug allergies.

Immediate medical attention is given to a patient with a life-threatening diagnosis while other patients with non-life threatening conditions may have to wait. After the triage process, the patient is either taken to a private room in the emergency department or asked to wait in the lobby until a room becomes available.

Second, the physician examines the patient when notified by the triage nurse. Generally, the physician will see a patient with the most severe injuries or illness first.

Keeping patient safety in mind, the staff does its best to care for everyone

in a prompt, efficient manner. However, life-threatening situations require the more immediate attention. It is not a "take a number" system. If a patient's condition is not life-threatening, the patient may have to wait until a physician is available.

Since the emergency department does not schedule appointments, often it is impossible to predict when and how many patients may arrive at once. And at times, while it may seem there is not a crowd in the waiting area, the exam rooms may be filled with patients requiring immediate care.

Fortunately, the waiting time in such cases is about 30 minutes at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Thirdly, a patient's stay in the emergency department may depend on the number and type of diagnostic tests the physician may order to appropriately diagnose and treat the patient's condition.

Generally, if the physician orders several lab tests, it may take longer to complete them. Also, if X-rays or other diagnostic tests are ordered in

addition to the lab tests, it may take even longer to complete the tests and get the results to the physician.

Depending on the results of these tests and the patient's physical and psychological conditions, the physician may discharge the patient to be seen by their regular doctor for follow-up care or admit the patient to the hospital for closer monitoring.

Lastly, the staff in the emergency department knows that waiting isn't easy for patients and family members. The fact that they are in the emergency department is reason enough to be concerned.

That is why they will do everything to make their stay as comfortable and short as possible.

So the next time you are in the emergency room department waiting, if you ask the staff the reasons for waiting, you may be surprised to hear how busy the emergency department is.

Tim Schmidt is the chief executive officer at Scenic Mountain Medical Center

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Carrier of the Month

Customers only have praise for Sonny Crocker

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

For longer than most Big Spring residents have been alive, the *Big Spring Herald's* Carrier of the Month for February has been providing quality service to the paper's customers.

Sonny Crocker started out as a child selling papers for five cents.

"They cost me three cents, so I made two cents per paper," he said. "Then in 1941 I got a paper route on Main Street from 10th to 24th Street and back on Runnels Street by the old high school."

Nowdays, Crocker's route covers a good chunk of the east side of Big Spring.

His favorite part of being a carrier?

"All the people," he said. "They help me and I help them."

And Crocker's customers seem to love him.

"He's been real reliable," said Edgar Armstrong, one of Crocker's customers from Sunset Avenue. "He's been real good for us. He's the best carrier we had since the Reagan boys were here 40 years ago."

Armstrong said Crocker has been delivering to his home for more than five years.

Carol Smith, a *Herald* reader on South



Big Spring Herald Carrier of the Week Sonny Crocker folds papers in his car before heading out on his route. Crocker started out with the *Herald* as a child, selling papers for five cents each at the Settles Hotel.

Monticello Street, has nothing but praise for Crocker.

"The man never misses a day," Smith said. "The only time he has ever missed was when he was sick and in the hospital. He is the best carrier I have ever had."

Despite disability Crocker suffered in a stroke, Smith said he's a very reliable carrier.

"You can almost time a clock by him," she said. "I know he has some physical difficulties, and I commend him because he tries so hard and does a

heck of a job."

Crocker's district manager, Beth Bond, had only kind words about the carrier of the month.

"He's a faithful carrier," she said. "He got sick and was in the hospital, and

IN THE NEWS

The Texas Cooperative Extension in Martin County is offering a food manager certification exam at 4 p.m. Feb. 21, at the Martin County 4-H Building in Stanton. Cost for the test is \$35. Those planning to attend should pre-register for the test at the Martin County Courthouse.

Under new Texas Department of Health guidelines, each food establishment permitted by the TDH must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

For more information, call 915-756-3316.

Application dates for Non Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) are quickly approaching. Final application dates to make for the year 2003 NAP are:

- Black eyed peas, March 1
- Pecans, March 1
- Hay grazer, March 15

NAP is a program designed to provide a safety net for crops considered non insurable. To be eligible for NAP, producers must make request and pay administrative fees by the final application date. For additional information, interested producers should contact the Howard County FSA office.

Producers will have the opportunity to complete training to meet one of the requirements

for obtaining a private applicator license at a program scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Dawson County Community Building, South Eighth Street and Houston Avenue in Lamesa.

To become a licensed private applicator, a producer must attend a Texas Cooperative Extension training program, make a passing score on the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam, and submit an application to TDA along with a fee. The TDA license is valid for five years.

In addition to the extension training program, TDA periodically will offer testing at the Feb. 25 seminar, beginning at 4 p.m.

The training is available to those producers who have previously completed a course to those producers who are titled who will be visiting the applicator restricted and/or limited by pesticide and who wish to obtain a TDA private applicator license.

Those who plan to attend need to pre-register at the Dawson County Extension Office in Lamesa at 263-4344 and obtain a copy of Training Permit for Private Applicator. More information is available by contacting the extension office located in the Dawson County Courthouse.

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Howard County maintenance section employees who were honored recently at the Safety Awards Banquet in Abilene for their outstanding safety record are, from left, front row, David Petree and Joey Sneed, and back row, Roby Rios, Claudie Horn, Kyle Lacey, Gene Froman, Jesse Gonzales, Gregg Cotton and John Allred, assistant section supervisor. Receiving awards but not pictured were Darrett Sherman, David Moreno, Brian Klinskiak and Ronald Boley.



Big Spring area Texas Department of Transportation office employees who were honored at the Safety Awards Banquet in Abilene for their outstanding safety record are from left, front row, Greg McAdams and Mike Lee, and back row, Thomas Edwards, Danny Martin, Robert Kilpatrick, James Payne, Roy Dill, Big Spring area engineer, and Jimmy Marquez.

14 commercial poultry operations stricken with deadly disease

Fourteen commercial poultry operations have been hit by Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) in southern California, and Texas animal health officials are advising owners of all poultry, emus, ostriches, pet birds, parrots and other fowl to keep watch on their flocks and report signs of unusual illness or unexpected death losses. Clinical signs of END in birds can include gasping and coughing, greenish diarrhea, trembling



TOMMY YEATER

or complete paralysis. Death losses for this bird and poultry disease can vary, but could be as high as 90 percent. Laboratory tests must be run to confirm an END diagnosis. "END is highly contagious, so it is very difficult to stop the spread of this virus, once it is introduced into an area," commented Dr. James Lenarduzzi, acting executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's regulatory agency for livestock and poultry health. He said more than 2.2 million birds have been killed to stop the spread of END in southern California, Nevada and Arizona, where the disease has involved more than 2,000 noncommercial, or "backyard"

flocks, in addition to the 14 commercial operations in California. At least 9,000 flocks in the affected states remain quarantined, and birds may not be moved from their premise. "With END, we need a pound of prevention, and, if it is introduced, several tons of cure," said Dr. Lenarduzzi. "An outbreak of END is extremely costly. The U.S. Department of Agriculture is paying the salaries and travel expenses for workers who travel to California, Nevada or Arizona to assist in the disease eradication effort. More than 1,700 local and out-of-state veterinarians and animal health workers are currently on the task force. The USDA also is

paying owners fair market value for birds that are destroyed. "The disease eradication effort is very time-consuming and labor-intensive. It involves not only diagnosis, depopulation, and disposal of the bird carcasses, but also cleaning and disinfection of premises to make certain the virus has been killed. In southern California, animal health workers are conducting a door-to-door campaign to identify premises that have been affected by the disease," commented Dr. Max Coats, TAHC assistant executive director. "The California disease eradication task force is holding public meetings to discuss the depopulation process.

Additional surveillance and testing is being conducted beyond the quarantine zone, which currently involves the counties of Imperial, Los Angeles, Riverside, Orange, San Bernardino, San Diego, Santa Barbara and Ventura in California. "We ask owners of poultry and birds to contact their private veterinary practitioner and the TAHC to report any suspected death losses or unusual signs of illness," said Dr. Lenarduzzi. The TAHC's hotline is staffed 24 hours a day and can be reached at 1-800-550-8242.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Extension agent for agriculture.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Warrant issued... The above named are the last known...

Gammans, Pat, 110 Scout Hill Road, Big Spring...

Ortega, Rosemary, 1809 Johnson, Big Spring...

Wyatt, Don, 2702 FM 66, Waxahatchee...

\$1,500 fine, \$276 court costs, 365 days license suspension...

Smith, Property Lot 18, Tract 4, Foster Subdivision...

Garrett, Kay L., P.O. Box 807, Coahoma...

Grizales, Raymond Valdez Jr., 504 Ave. T, Lubbock...

Parrett, Scott, 918 W. Fourth St., Big Spring...

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An Open Letter to the Community. Scenic Mountain Medical Center. "Our Community, Our Hospital". Dear Community Members: During recent weeks, many of you have asked me about the future of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. I want to take this opportunity to assure you that Scenic Mountain Medical Center is here to stay and stronger than ever. While some of the area's larger healthcare systems are making changes, SMMC remains a strong and viable hospital and an important community asset. Recent investments have allowed SMMC to make important renovations, purchase new medical equipment and bring new physicians to the area - all in an effort to offer the latest technological advances and specialty care right here at home. With each passing year, we strengthen our commitment to caring for our community through a series of improvements; 2002 was no exception. In August, we completed a \$1.6 million renovation to our emergency department, which now features a dedicated trauma area, seven private exam rooms, a triage room, and a new waiting and registration area. In addition, a new group of physicians provide 24-hour emergency room coverage. SMMC welcomed three new physicians to its medical staff last year and secured commitments from six additional doctors in specialties ranging from internal medicine to obstetrics and gynecology. We will continue to expand access to care in the year ahead as we recruit more physicians in areas such as cardiology and orthopedics as well as an ear, nose and throat specialist. Perhaps the most significant investment we made in 2002 was in our community. SMMC provided more than \$6.1 million in care to people who otherwise could not afford medical treatment, and paid \$500,000 in taxes-funds that support community services and public schools. Last year, we paid more than \$10.5 million in salaries and wages, which produced a ripple effect that can be felt throughout Howard County. In the years ahead, we will continue to invest in our community by providing jobs for our nearly 300 employees. In 2003, we will build on our commitment of caring for the people of Big Spring and surrounding communities through continued expansion, physicians recruitment and community involvement. In the next few months, we'll break ground on the construction of a medical office building on the medical center's campus. The building, which is expected to be complete this year, will house 12 to 15 physicians as well as outpatient radiology and laboratory services. Our commitment to enhancing the quality of life for the people of the Permian Basin is as strong as it was when we first opened our doors. Please rest assured that the future of Scenic Mountain Medical Center has never been brighter, and we have never been more focused on meeting the needs of the people who matter most: Our Patients. Please support your local hospital and medical staff community. On behalf of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and Big Spring Hospital Corporation, we want our friends and neighbors to know that we remain your community hospital and look forward to serving you for many years to come. Scenic Mountain Medical Center: Our Hospital; Our Community. Sincerely, Timothy E. Schmidt, Chief Executive Officer, Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Pl., 263-1211.

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Charles H. Perry, President
4:00 PM February 23, 2003

Horoscope

When was the last time you felt exhilarated? One way to go with the planetary flow and create some enthusiasm in your life is to take the lead of the Sagittarian moon and do something new, strange, multicultural or just plain far away. Even if you simply get in the car and drive, you'll drum up more good vibes than by you would by staying home.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Refine your social image. You can't help but make friends you're going to value for the long term. Let go of a persistent, nagging problem. Your dreams bring insight about to the best way to do that.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Strong hunches lead you to the right doors. Someone younger values your opinion; why not help him or her up the same ladder you just climbed? Improvements in the home are featured. A well-connected Scorpio helps.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Avoid seeing things as "forever," and concentrate instead on what you can control now. You're kind to advise a friend, but don't get too involved in the problem. For Gemini shoppers: Put quality over quantity.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). You are drawn to the psychic world and desire to fine-tune your intuitive skills. Hone and display your talents. Don't hoard them. What you don't think is important could bring great joy to someone else.

LEO (July 23-Aug 22). As your priorities fall into a different lineup, a new door swings wide open to you. It's amazing what one small shift in consciousness can do. Friends will wonder what you're up to and call you out of the blue.

TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (February 23) This year, you make opportunities work for you! Simplify your life in the next few weeks. Following your own path is what attracts sexy partners through April. Other financial ventures started this summer bring long-term financial security. Make low bids on a house in August - you'll still get the deal. Your lucky numbers are 4, 26, 31, 18 and 36.

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22). Questions of integrity sur-

face at home. Admirably, you strive to be the bigger person, turning your back on anything petty. It might not work in this case, though. Stop, and deal directly with what bothers you. Tell it like it is.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You deserve the heaps of positive attention loaded on you today. After all, you get what you project. If leaving the house, take cash, and you won't be caught off guard. Tonight, you're influenced by an advertise-

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Everyone needs you now, it seems. Value your own time, and others will, too. Try not to compare yourself to friends. (Or if you must, at least do so in a way that makes you feel good about your uniqueness.)

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Express yourself through the arts - you've got real talent. Don't show your love in financial terms. The person who whispers in your ear that he or she needs such proof is lacking something on a deep level.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You are only responsible for as much as you take on, so refuse to be victimized by overwork. Take your time with creative activities. A sudden stroke of luck comes in the afternoon! Spur-of-the-moment trips are fabulous.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A burst of optimism is featured this morning. Your example affects others more than you think. Around friends, be careful not to sell yourself short by making self-deprecating jokes. They won't respect you later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). The more relaxed you are, the more you can achieve. Taking care of parents or children is a responsibility that falls to you tonight. Avoid being late, as people take it personally. Respect for tradition scores points.

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I am madly in love with Dale, so I'm sure you're wondering why I would cheat on him. Dale wondered the same thing. Annie, I lost my virginity when I was raped in high school. I saw a counselor for a month or so, but eventually stopped when my college classes started and I became too busy. I told Dale that ever since the attack, I have been insecure about my body. When I cheated, I was going through a weird period and felt the need to give myself to men. I know that sounds irrational, but I don't know how else to explain it.

It has been over a week, and Dale says things will never be the same, and he has stopped speaking to me. Tell me, Annie, is there hope for us to get back together? I've made a journal containing all my thoughts about us as a couple and plan to mail it to Dale's house. Do you think this is a good idea?

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Dear Confused: Let's worry less about Dale, and more about you. Rape is a serious crime, and such an attack can be emotionally devastating to the victim. A month of therapy was obviously not enough if you still felt the need to "give your-

Annies Mailbox

sell to men.

You owe it to yourself, and to any future relationship with Dale, to get additional therapy. Please go back to the counselor you saw before, or ask your doctor to refer you to someone. Leave a message on Dale's cellphone or answering machine, telling him you are making an effort to work through these problems and hope he will give you a second chance.

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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