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BUSINESS AFTER HOURS

Business After Hours, a Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce-sponsored event, is set for 4:30 p.m. today at Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th.

The event is designed to encourage networking between merchants and others, introduce the public to new and unique businesses and to showcase Chamber sponsors. Refreshments will be available and door prizes will be awarded. The come-and-go activity will conclude at 6:30 p.m. Everyone is invited.

RELAY FOR LIFE

February is time to get your team together for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. Call 267-3841 to request a team captain's packet and start your fund-raising now. Relay is May 9-10 at Blankenship Field. Join Big Spring's award-winning effort in the fight against cancer!

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RESTAURANT GUIDE

Mouth watering chicken fried steak. Great steaks and seafood. Check out the menus of some of the top restaurants in Howard County in "Menu Favorites," a supplement featured in today's issue of the Herald.

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One-stop Internet shop on tap

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Howard County residents may soon be able to access the Internet and information about local entities from several locations around the county.



SHARP

Moore Development for

Big Spring Inc. directors heard a report at their meeting Wednesday evening on a public-access computer network that will be purchased with \$250,000 in state Telecommunications Infrastructure Fund grant money. Local entities involved in the project will pony up \$25,000 in matching funds, part of which may be in-kind contributions instead of

cash. Executive Director Kent Sharp delivered the report on the planned network, which will place public-access terminals in several locations around Howard County and will support an integrated Web site highlighting each of the entities involved in the project.

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City's District 2 draws yet another candidate

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A third candidate has filed to seek the Big Spring City Council District 2 seat.



CARTER

resident Ronnie Carter filed paperwork Wednesday to officially become a candidate for the position, currently held by Mayor Pro Tem Oscar Garcia. Garcia has filed to run for reelection to the spot, and for

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Rockodeo a stone's throw away

Annual Gem and Mineral Show slated this weekend

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Are you ready for the Rockhound Rockodeo?

This weekend, rockhounds, lapidaries and others who engage in the fine art of gem and stoneworking will gather at the Howard County Fairbarns for the annual Gem and Mineral Show, hosted by the Big Spring Prospector's Club.

The event — themed "Rockhound Rockodeo" this year — will run from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday and will feature demonstrations of bead making, cabochon and faceting techniques, wire-wrapping and sphere-making demonstrations and a demonstration of the ancient art of arrowhead knapping.

"Dealers will have items for sale such as finished jewelry, rough rock, mountings, novelty items and crystals," said event organizer Lola Lamm.

The free event will also feature hourly door prizes, as well as chances to win a faceted blue topaz or a stone carving of the state of Texas.

Prizes will also be given with the show's "Spinning Wheel" wheel



Big Spring Prospector's Club member Virginia McClain demonstrates the technique of Venetian beadmaking as she models the finished product on the necklace she wears. The Prospector's Club will host it's annual Gem and Mineral Show — themed "Rockhound Rockodeo" this year — Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The show is free to the public.

of fortune.

Visitors to the show will have the opportunity to express their opinion about which crafter's work they like the best.

"We have the People's

Choice Award," Lamm said. "It's for the display case that gets the most votes during the show. The winner gets a nice plaque."

Doyle and Virginia

McClain, members of the Prospector's Club, will be demonstrating their art at the show. Virginia specializes in crafting color

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State of City luncheon tickets still being offered

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Tickets are still available for Tuesday's community luncheon, which will feature a "State of the City" address by Mayor Russ McEwen.

However, Friday is the deadline to reserve luncheon tickets, which are \$5 per person.

Tickets should be picked up at the Chamber office, 215 W. Third.

The luncheon is from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The office is closed at noon for lunch.

If someone needs to make arrangements to pick up tickets during the noon hour, he or she should call 267-3841. They just need to let us know as soon as possible. Debra Valverde, chamber executive director, said they need as little notice as possible for a luncheon.

Tickets will also be available this evening during the Chamber-sponsored Business After Hours event, scheduled from 4:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at the Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th.

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Council OKs irrigation project at cemetery

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council approved a scaled-back version of the Mount Olive Cemetery irrigation project at its meeting Tuesday evening.

The project will still irrigate all the city-maintained areas of the cemetery that were included in the original plan, but distribution lines and a lift station for the project will be installed by city crews instead of the contractor.

The city approved the change order, which will decrease the pricetag from \$108,802 to the \$70,000 the city had budgeted for the work.

The contractor, Kyle Cook of Big Spring based Aquascape, agreed to the change order.

The city had also considered irrigating the Mimosa and Lotus Garden sections of the cemetery, which are currently not being sold as funeral plots, and the county- and Catholic

Diocese-maintained sections.

The Mimosa and Lotus Garden sections would cost an additional \$10,922, the county section an additional \$15,966 and the Catholic section an additional \$4,760.

City Public Works Director Todd Darden said the city will contact the local San Angelo Diocese of the Catholic Church about the possibility of the church funding the irrigation of their section.

The county will also be offered a chance to fund the irrigation of their section.

In other business, the city set the price of worm castings from its compost facility at \$2.50 a quart or \$7.50 a gallon. City staff had originally proposed selling the castings — used as a high-quality fertilizer — for \$2.50 a gallon.

Big Spring resident D.W. Overman, a member

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Deadline nears to get discount on Health Fair booth reservations

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

The pulse of Health Fair 2003 is picking up.

Put another way, Friday is the last day to receive a discount on a booth for the March 29 event, slated again at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Through Friday, booths can be reserved for \$75. After that, the price goes up to \$100. Booth reservations end on March 7.

"Our health fair has been moved up this year so we're doing things a bit earlier than in the past," explained Liz Adamson, executive assistant at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, which sponsors the fair.

A conflict with the Easter holidays and several other events has prompted the earlier date.

Last year's health fair had more than 60 booths — another reason why reservation deadlines are necessary.

"It takes time to work out a floor plan for that

many booths, plus we want to be able to tell people what kinds of screenings will be available and we have to order the

"The health fair is a good opportunity for people who might not normally schedule a doctor's appointment to come out and have some tests and screenings done."

Liz Adamson, chamber executive assistant

signs," Adamson said.

The 10-foot by 10-foot booths are skirted, with curtains hanging behind them. A large, professionally designed sign with the name of the organization or company accompanies each booth.

"They're very nice

booths, very well done," said Adamson. "And there are electrical outlets available for those who might need them, too."

The health fair will run from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Admission is free, as are almost all of the screenings. In the past, these have included checks for blood pressure, cholesterol, prostate cancer, depression, bone density, skin cancer, body composition, stroke risk, blood sugar and more. Information is available on such topics as Alzheimer's disease, rehabilitation programs, rabies and the safe use of prescription drugs.

"This year we are especially featuring diabetes," said Adamson. "I'm sure there will be a lot of information available on that. We will have representatives of the American Diabetes Association on hand. Their theme is Cure.

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Manuel R. Flores



Manuel R. Flores, 80, of Big Spring died at 12:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at the Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Felix Cubelo officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Flores was born on Feb. 14, 1923, in Seguin. He married Ofilia Rocha on Sept. 3, 1941, in Corpus Christi. They came to Big Spring in 1960.

He was a barber, having worked at the Big Spring State Hospital and the Veterans Administration Medical Center. He also owned Manuel Flores Barber Shop. He was a member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He was a Cursillista, and a member of the St. Joseph's Society. He had also served as secretary-treasurer of St. Thomas and later Sacred Heart Catholic churches.

He is survived by his wife, Ofilia Flores of Big Spring; one son, Juan Flores and his wife, Karen, of Fort Smith, Ark.; seven daughters, Oralia Tobias and her husband, John, Angie Foster, Anita Massey and Geraldine Lopez, all of Big Spring; Mary Powell and her husband, Loren, of Salina, Kan.; Margie Martinez and her husband, Johnny, of Fort Worth and Daisy Battles of Fallbrook, Calif.; two sisters, Maria Flores and her husband, Martin, of Stafford and Adela Gonzales and her husband, Fabien, of Corpus Christi; six grandchildren; 70 great grandchildren; and six great great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Margarita Ramos Flores; his father, Faustino Flores; one brother, Antonio Flores; one sister, Refugia Rojas; and one son-in-law, Marcy Lopez.

Pallbearers will be John Paul Foster, Stephen Battles, Jeremy Martinez, Juan Flores Jr., Luis Martinez III, and Santos Martinez. Honorary pallbearers will be Marcy Garcia, Israel Martinez, Justin Martinez, Johnny Martinez Jr., Rene Garcia, Joey Munoz III and Jonah Flores.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Alice Rosemary Parks

Alice Rosemary Parks, 67, of Odessa, a former resident of Big Spring, died Sunday, Feb. 23, 2003, at Medical Center Hospital in Odessa following a brief illness.

Funeral services are pending with Hubbard Kelly Funeral Home in Odessa.

John J. Wilson

John J. Wilson, 75, of Forsan, died on Monday, Feb. 24, 2003, in a Big Spring hospital. Memorial services will be at 4 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, at the Forsan Baptist Church.

He was born on May 4, 1926, in Belpre, Kan., and married Donna Rae Ebbers on Nov. 22, 1953, in Helena, Mont.

He was raised in Kansas and had lived and farmed in Helena, Mont., for a number of years. In 1960, he moved to Abilene and sold life insurance for American National Life Insurance Co. in the Abilene and Big Spring areas for 11 years. He then moved to Forsan in 1981 and worked for Forsan ISD in the maintenance department, retiring in 1988. He was a member of Forsan Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Donna Rae Wilson of Forsan; four daughters, Karen O'Donnell and husband, Scott, of Belpre, Mont.; Kathleen Prickett and husband, Benay, and Eric Sutton and husband, Wayne, all of Joplin, Mo.; and Kristi Mereness and husband, Don, of Forsan; two sons, Loren Wilson and wife, Cindy, of Forsan and Wayne Wilson and wife, Dena, of Big Spring; six grandchildren; three great grandchildren; and one sister, Helen Morrill and husband, Doug, of Phoenix, Ariz.

He was preceded in death by two brothers, Wallace Wilson and Loren Wilson; and two sisters, Wilhelmina Stephenson and Margaret Hull.

The family suggests memorials to American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin 78755-0460.

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

Take note

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy.

Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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

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

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring.

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

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

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

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

C.E. McCain



C.E. McCain of Midland, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2003, at the VA Medical Center in Big Spring.

A visitation will be held Thursday, Feb. 27, 2003, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m., at Ellis Funeral Home in Midland. Funeral service is scheduled for 1 p.m., Friday, Feb. 28, 2003, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Lane Boyd officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. McCain was born on May 4, 1913, in Walnut Springs to Benjamin Wister and Etta Maude Nichols McCain. He married Margie Nell Stewart in Cleburne on Jan. 3, 1937, and they moved to Midland that year. She died August 26, 1998.

During World War II, Mr. McCain was assigned to Special Services at Midland Army Air Field where he operated the post movie theater. After his discharge as a corporal in the Army Air Corps, he and his wife owned and operated Fashion Cleaners No. 2 for 33 years until his retirement in 1978.

He joined Lions Clubs International in 1969 and served as president of the Midland Southside Lions Club in 1972-1973. He held many offices at the local club and district level. He served as District 2-A1 governor in 1983-1984 and held memberships in Lions Clubs International, the Texas Lions Camp at Kerrville and the District 2-A1 Lions Eye Bank. He was a member of First United Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, his parents, three brothers and a sister.

Survivors include his son, Carmon McCain and wife, Karen, of Lubbock; his daughter, Nena Nix and husband, Larry, of Midland; two grandchildren, Kimberly McCain of Lubbock and Russell Nix of Atlanta; a brother-in-law, S.T. "Jack" Hollis of Colorado City; and several nieces and nephews.

Serving as pallbearers are Gary Carnett, Hubert Frerich, Brian Gross, Philip McCain, Doug Triplett, and Doug Tull. Honorary pallbearers will be Lions Club members.

Memorials may be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland 79702, or the Texas Lions Camp, P.O. Box 290247, Kerrville 78029.

Police blotter

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

- JARVIS LAMAR ALEXANDER, 22, address unknown, was arrested on Howard County warrants.
- RAYMOND VALDEZ GONZALES, 23, of Lubbock was arrested on a Lubbock County warrant.
- CURTIS CIMARRON PENDLETON, 21, of 810 Creighton was arrested on city warrants.
- ARMANDO FRANCO JR., 47, of 1017 Bluebonnet was arrested on charges of unlawful carrying of a weapon and possession of a controlled substance and on a city warrant.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- MAJOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 100 block of East 16th Street and the 800 block of FM 700.
- MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 1800 block of South Scurry Street.
- DRAGRACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 200 block of Northeast 10th Street.
- DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT was reported at Walmart and in the 500 block of Westover Road.
- THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of South Runnels. \$40 cash was reported stolen in the incident.
- BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Boulevard. The door of the vehicle was reportedly left unlocked. Negotiable instruments worth \$25 were reported stolen from the black 1991 Jeep.
- FORGERY OF A FINANCIAL INSTRUMENT was reported at a convenience store in the 1800 block of South Gregg Street. Negotiable instruments and audio or video recordings were seized in connection with the incident.

Sheriff's report

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

- DOLLY HOGAN, 26, of 2521 Chanute was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Monday on two charges of forgery.
- PHILLIP CHARLES ROWDEN, 47, of 1307 Monmouth was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.
- CHARLES R. DEAX, 26, of 707 Creighton was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- ALAN BART DEAX, 24, of 733 Chaparral Circle in Abilene was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- LIVESTOCK ON THE ROADWAY was reported on Highway 350.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 500 block of Driver Road and on County Road 35.
- SUBJECT DETAINED FOR ILLEGAL DRUGS was reported at Coahoma High School.
- DOMESTIC PROBLEM was reported in the 1100 block of Jeffery Road and in the 1600 block of North County Road 41.

Correction

An article in the Herald's Wednesday edition about the Howard College board meeting erroneously stated that the community network project was being paid by a \$500,000 TIF grant. The grant is actually \$250,000.

Bulletin board

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Prayer for Peace, 7 a.m., Coahoma High School flag pole. The student lead prayer is apart of a nation-wide call for prayer. The public is invited.

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.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 15-26-29-30. Bonus Ball: 28. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none. Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$225,000.

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

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-2-8

No ticket correctly matched all six numbers drawn Wednesday night for the twice-weekly Lotto Texas game, state lottery officials said.

The ticket was worth an estimated \$9 million. The numbers drawn Wednesday night from a field of 54 were: 5-7-14-16-42-45.

Saturday night's drawing will be worth an estimated \$12 million.

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the upper 30s. Southeast winds 10 to 20 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 60s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph..Friday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s.

Saturday...Mostly clear. Highs in the mid 60s. Sunday...Mostly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

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

Wednesday...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 30s. Highs in the mid 60s.

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Fred Roger

PITTSBURGH Fred Rogers, who invited millions of children to be his neighbors, died today. He was 74. His television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" has been on the air for more than 30 years. He died early today.

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Fred Rogers, host of 'Mister Rogers' Neighborhood', dies

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Fred Rogers, who gently invited millions of children to be his neighbor as host of the public television show "Mister Rogers' Neighborhood" for more than 30 years, died of cancer early today. He was

74. Rogers died at his Pittsburgh home, said family spokesman David Newell, who played Mr. McFeely on the show. Rogers had been diagnosed with stomach cancer sometime after the

holidays, Newell said. "He was so genuinely, genuinely kind, a wonderful person," Newell said. "His mission was to work with families and children for television. ... That was his passion, his mission."

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mer Howard County Democratic Party Chairman W.A. "Woody" Jumper has also filed to challenge Garcia for the position.

Carter, a Big Spring native, said he favors spending money to improve the city's infrastructure.

"The city is on everybody's case and everything about making their yards look pretty and the city property, which is the streets and the water, is as lousy as you can get," Carter said. "They talk about businesses coming here. Well, the city needs to take some pride and take care of their responsibilities, and then the citizens will probably fall in line and start working with the city. But as long as the city shows they don't care, why should the peo-

ple care?" Carter said he also favors abolishing Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc.

"I think we need to get rid of Moore Board and stop wasting our tax dollars giving them jobs," he said. "The City Hall can do the same thing Moore Board's doing. Invest money to get more money. That's what the Moore Board does. But we're paying them... each one of them's drawing probably more than \$37,000 a year, plus their retirement, plus their hospital, plus the expense of all the paperwork and computers and all that stuff. And we're also paying for their education so they can get smart and go somewhere else and get a real job."

Carter advocates the use of tax funds currently levied by the Moore Board for city improve-

ment. "We could take that tax money through City Hall, invest it like they're doing, bring it back to the citizens, and use the tax dollars like they're supposed to be to improve our streets," he said. "Make the town look decent where people can drive down the street without rattling a \$30,000 car apart."

District 4 and District 6 on the council are also up for election. City resident Gloria McDonald has filed to run for District 4, while incumbent Tommy Tune has said he will not run. District 6 incumbent Greg Biddison has filed to run for re-election to District 6, and has no challengers currently.

The deadline to file for the city election is 5 p.m. March 19. Early voting will begin April 16 and end April 29.

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Care, Commitment. "The pet therapy dogs will be at the fair and the Citizens Police Academy will be finger printing and video taping children. And of course we will have all the usual screenings as well," she added.

"The health fair is a good opportunity for people who might not normally schedule a doctor's appointment to come out and have some tests and screenings done. It's convenient and they don't have to make an appointment," Adamson said. "Last year, more than

1,100 people attended the fair.

To reserve a booth or to learn more about the fair, call the chamber at 263-7611.

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of the Howard County Composters organization, told the council that the proposed price was far lower than standard market prices for worm castings.

"Worm castings are better than any fertilizer you will ever find," he said. "You use it sparingly."

Darden said the compost facility will begin selling the castings after

the ordinance is approved on second reading at the council's March 11 meeting.

In other business the council:

- Awarded bids for lease financing of 2.1 percent to Midland based SunTrust Inc.

- Awarded bids for computer servers and laptops for the Police Department to the low bidder, Fairchild Computers of

Odessa. The servers will cost the city \$15,360, while the seven laptop computers will cost \$12,233.

- Approved a specific use permit for a pet shop to be located at 1200 West Highway 301.

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The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The meal will be Mexican food, served by Great Western Dining.

Those who choose not to

partake of the meal can attend free of charge.

"Seating is very limited for those who don't purchase a luncheon ticket, but there will be a few chairs," Valverde said.

The mayor's address won't be limited to the city.

"The different entities

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

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ROCKODEO

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ful Venetian beads, while Doyle does lapidary work, crafting cabochon jewelry out of polished stone, petrified wood and even dinosaur bone.

"We went to a show like this over in Midland, Doyle said. "We looked around a bit and I said, 'Where do I sign up?' They told me about the club here in Big Spring."

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Lynda Proffitt was diagnosed with breast cancer in August of 2002. She has had 5 rounds of chemotherapy and 2 surgeries. She still has to undergo 5 more rounds of chemo and 6 weeks of radiation. None of these procedures have been covered by insurance. A cancer fund has been set up at the State National Bank on Main Street to help with the medical bills. Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

INTERNET

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"(The Moore board is) just one of several local entities that went together," Sharp said. "It had to be a community network. Basically the idea behind the grant was to get all this information contained in all the filing cabinets in City Hall, at the county, the Moore Board, the college get all that information up on the Internet where people can access it."

Sharp said the community Web site will be accessible by anyone with Internet access, or from several access points around the county.

"The idea is to get the content up, and then to put access points around," he said. "Right now the only true access point I know of is at the (Howard County) Library. We want to put one at the North Side Community Center. We want to put some here at the Moore Board. We'll have some down at the Workforce Network. Where anyone can walk in off the street and access not just the Howard County network but they can search Yahoo! They can search the Internet. There will be some filtering software, obviously. But we want to take the computers to the constituents. The community Web site will make accessing government information more handy for area residents. "When they want information, they would love to have a one stop shop," Sharp said. "And they would love to be able to do it without filing a freedom of information request at City Hall saying what they want." Sharp said the entities involved in the project are the cities of Big Spring, Howard County, Howard College and the Workforce Network will hold a bidder's conference within the next few weeks to communi-

cate with potential bidders on the scope and details of the project.

Current plans are for the network to come online this spring.

In other business, the Moore Development board:

• Heard a report from its IB Project Committee. The committee reported that it has formed small subcommittees to research specific IB community development projects, including improvements to the Chamacho Trail amphitheater, Lake and golf course. Another subcommittee has been formed to study project proposals from the public.

• Held an executive session to discuss the possi-

ble purchase of a tract and

• Conducted a public hearing on Monday, Feb. 24, at 7 p.m. at the Moore Board meeting.

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Manuel R. Myers died Monday, Feb. 24, at 10:30 a.m. Funeral services will be held 10:30 a.m. Thursday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home, 1929 a.m. Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 19th & Main at Trinity, Memorial Park.

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Gem and Mineral Show promises lots of surprises

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The show is a great place for those who get tired of the same old, same old prizes.

Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday. It will all be going on at the Big Spring County Fairgrounds adjacent to the Big Spring Rodeo Field off FM 700.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

May we cultivate our love for you, Lord, through your word. Amen

The size of protests doesn't matter

Antiwar protesters bristled when The San Francisco Chronicle reported last week that a mere 65,000 protesters showed up at San Francisco's Feb. 16 antiwar protest.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

I can't help but enjoy watching the antiwar crowd which has accused the government for a long time of issuing inflated body count numbers - find itself wearing the same soiled shoes.

Organizers had estimated that the Feb. 16 demonstration attracted 200,000 to 250,000 demonstrators, while the police estimate was 200,000. (This is after last month's about face, when SFPD upgraded its estimate for a January protest from 55,000 to 150,000 attendees.)

Some outraged readers questioned whether it was right for The Chronicle to spend limited resources on the count. That's a loser's lament. You know that if The Chronicle count had raised the census, the same people would consider the count worth every dime.

In fact, the story served to put the brakes on the hyper-inflation of crowd estimates. Someone had to do it. Too many media outlets - especially in Europe - used the organizers' numbers without even qualifying where the guesstimates came from.

Still, as long as opinion polls show popular support of the Bush policy on Iraq - and they do - the size of protests won't matter. That fact protected President Clinton when he was in office - and today it protects President Bush.

For his part, Bush marveled that in America "democracy is a beautiful thing," where "people are allowed to express their opinion." He didn't need to add: Unlike in Iraq, where Saddam Hussein's thugs torture and kill dissenters.

As to protest numbers, Bush answered that size

doesn't matter: "It's like deciding, well, I'm going to decide policy based upon a focus group. The role of a leader is to decide policy based upon the security."

Besides, it's not as if the Bushies care whether 200,000 or 65,000 protesters show up in San Francisco - not when another number likely resonates with more meaning among the Bushies: 16.2 percent, the paltry percentage of the vote DUBYA won here.

Ohio State political science professor John Mueller noted that while bigger demonstrations are more impressive than smaller ones, the Bush administration's "basic assumption is if the war is a success, people who are protesting or opposed to it will be supportive of it or (will) be quiet."

After the Persian Gulf war, Mueller added, "You couldn't find a Democrat for months." I don't mean to poo-poo the concept of demonstrations. They convey ideas. They demonstrate that citizens are committed to a cause. They also show the public what the demon-

strators stand for. The last S.F. demonstration included rioting and violence, as well as mindless anti-American rhetoric. And anti-Bush rhetoric. It was a partisan affair.

Note to demonstrators: If the Bush administration really were interested solely in Iraq's oil, it would spare the military and push to end the United Nations' sanctions against drilling.

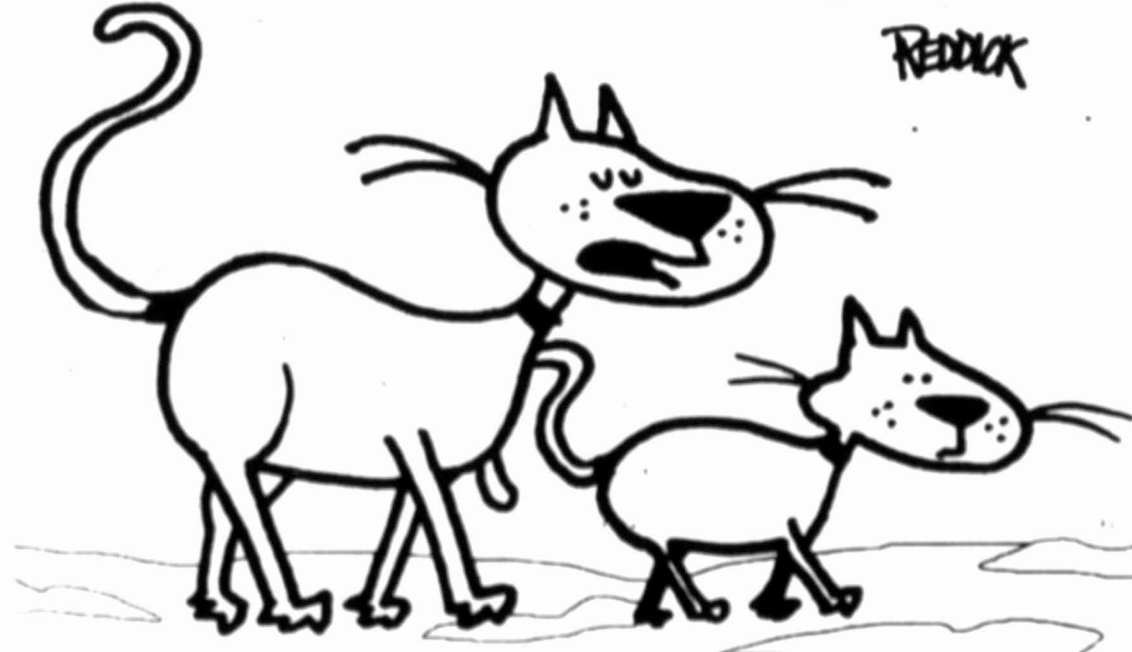
Among a minority of protesters, the demonstration turned violent, and some 46 rioters were arrested.

Note how Tanya Mayo of the "Not in Our Name" group told The Chronicle that "the level of violence and destruction that the United States has in store for the people in Iraq is a million-fold of what we saw on the streets of San Francisco."

She has a point, if unintended. The antiwar crowd readily overlooks the many atrocities committed by Saddam Hussein. If they can overlook Hussein's bloody past, surely they can overlook bottle-throwing and window-smashing.

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"No, son, the whole nine lives thing is a hoax. We just use that to scare small dogs."

Gephardt kicks off campaign

With the original Democratic presidential Six Pack now having grown to the Crazy Eight and soon to be the Starting Nine, Dick Gephardt thought it was about time he started reminding people that he was running for president.



ROGER SIMON

There is another reason for the four-state adventure, which started in Missouri, flew the first chartered jet of the campaign to Iowa with about 20 reporters, went on to Manchester with about 10 reporters and is scheduled to go to South Carolina with two reporters: Gephardt has not generated much positive news coverage since last fall.

His campaign started under the cloud of the Democratic failure to regain the House last November and has been plagued by a series of news stories saying that a) Gephardt simply must win Iowa next year and b) he might have a hard time doing it.

He has never been the media's candidate of the moment, and generating some upbeat stories would help him not only with potential supporters, but with campaign

Bush has to go, but they are uninformed about who they will rally around," Edward Reilly, Gephardt's pollster, says his polling has discovered. "They don't know a lot about Gephardt, Lieberman, Kerry and certainly not Edwards. It is important that Gephardt introduces himself to the voters."

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Even though taken as a group they have delivered thousands of speeches, giving a presidential speech is different: The audience expects more. The audience wants to be stirred and moved. They want a little grandeur, a little excitement. They want a rousing candidate to fill them with inspiration.

Gephardt's son, Matt, introduced him to the crowd Wednesday, saying, "He taught us to work hard, to never give up, to be passionate ... and most of all to do unto others as you would have them do unto you."

The latter point, often called the Golden Rule, is mentioned in many of Gephardt's speeches. But

it symbolizes both his strength and his challenge: The Golden Rule is a wonderful thing, and what a fine nation this would be if everybody or even every president followed it. But how do you turn it into an exciting political concept?

Well, maybe the answer is that you don't. Maybe exciting is not what the people want these days. Maybe they feel that with terrorism, Iraq and North Korea, their lives are already exciting enough.

"I'm not the political flavor of the month," Gephardt said near the end of his speech, his voice thick with emotion. "I'm not the flashiest candidate around. But the fight for working families is in my bones. It's where I come from; it's been my life's work."

Later, in Des Moines, Gephardt sat down with reporters and put it this way: "Politics in the end is about human relationships. The candidate is the product. If people like you, know you, trust you and believe in you, they will vote for you."

So in the weeks and months ahead, like, know, trust and belief is exactly what Dick Gephardt will be selling.

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In this want to tell you this week's restaurant of choice. This restaurant is located on Third Street here in Big Spring. On Monday I went with a co-worker, RhaeAnn, to Brenda's BBQ. This restaurant is the most con-

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Diabetes is a serious condition. But new treatments and good management practices are the keys to a long and healthy life for persons with diabetes. According to the American Diabetes Association (http://www.man/apply/mercedf), who has diabetes body doesn't



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In the kitchen.... with Beth

In this week's visit I want to start off by telling you about this week's restaurant of choice. This restaurant is located on Third Street here in Big Spring. On Monday I went with a co-worker, RhaeAnn, to lunch at Brenda's BBQ and More. This restaurant is one of the most consistent



BETH BOND

restaurants I have ever visited. No matter how many times I go there, the food tastes exactly the same with Destiny giving the same excellent service.

The owner, Brenda, is there most all of the time and in her hospitable way makes sure everything with your visit is A+.

I am impressed! My sandwich of choice at Brenda's is the Philly steak and cheese, so this is something to try the first time or the next time you visit Brenda's.

Now on to the recipe of the week.

Marinated Chicken
1 chicken, whole fryer
1 cup yogurt, plain
1/2 onion, grated
3-4 cloves garlic, mashed
1/2 lemon, juiced
1 tablespoon cumin, ground
1 tablespoon paprika, ground
salt and pepper to taste

The first step you take in making the marinated chicken is cutting the chicken into small pieces. Next, you want to cut the thighs and legs in half and the breasts into similarly small-sized portions.

Mix together the

yogurt, onion, garlic, lemon juice, cumin, paprika, salt and pepper. Put the chicken in a mixing bowl and pour the marinade over it. Mix the chicken until all of the pieces are well coated.

Refrigerate the mixture overnight or at least 8 to 10 hours. Grill the chicken over a charcoal fire, turning and basting frequently. Allow 20 to 25 minutes for cooking time. This recipe serves four people.

Next week we will visit again with another great recipe from the culinary world and I will let you know where to

dine and hope to have an A+ restaurant experience.

Beth Bond is a certified chef with a culinary degree and a hotel-motel degree from Sullivan University in Louisville, Ky. She also has several

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Diabetes facts and figures

Diabetes is a serious illness. But the good news is, it doesn't have to be a life-threatening one. Early diagnosis and treatment, and good management practices are the keys to a long and healthy life for persons with diabetes.



KATH WALKER

According to the American Diabetes Association (<http://www.diabetes.org>), when a person has diabetes, his or her body doesn't produce

insulin (type 1) or properly use insulin (type 2), a hormone needed to convert some foods into energy. No one knows what causes diabetes, although genetics and such factors as lack of exercise and obesity may contribute.

Facts and figures from the ADA list about 17 million Americans with diabetes, but only about 11.1 million diagnosed. This means nearly one-third, 5.9 million people with diabetes don't know they have it.

The costs of all these cases of diabetes is enormous. The ADA estimated the total direct and indirect cost in 1997 (the most recent year figures are available) to be \$98 billion. Of that, \$44 bil-

lion was medical and treatment costs, and \$54 billion was for indirect costs, such as disability.

A simple blood test by a health care provider is required for a diagnosis of diabetes. However, being aware of the symptoms can lead to an earlier diagnosis and a better quality of life. The ADA lists some of the symptoms to look for: frequent urination, excessive thirst and extreme hunger, blurry vision, increased fatigue, irritability and unusual and unexplained weight loss.

Once the medical diagnosis has been made, proper treatment and management can make life healthier for the person with diabetes. A combination of exercise,

weight control, proper diet and sometimes medications can keep the person, not the disease, in charge of his or her life.

If you would like some more information on diabetes, please feel free to contact the Extension Office at 915 261 2246.

The information in this article was provided by Linda Anderson.

Kath Walker is the Howard County Extension agent for Family and Consumer Sciences.



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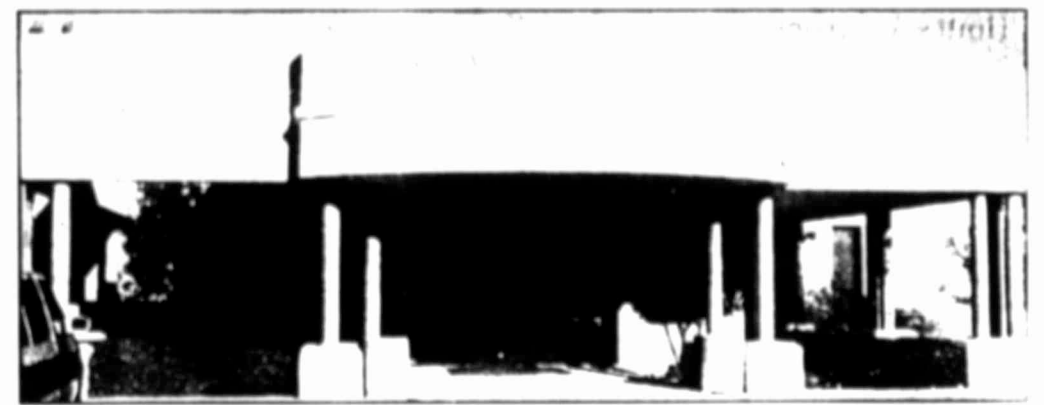
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about that. It does not matter who you play, you play them. The thing is that you be ready to play.

Western Junior Athletic Conference officials utilize a five breaker.

According to the top four team conference advance direct regional tournament.

That, for the Hawks, is part.

Now for the "power rating" used to break a conference play "system" follow criteria, the first uses a points system which teams at 10 points for a victory over a team being awarded for second place finish so on down the victory over a team being awarded for

Here's the de breaker: Wednesday, both College and College would take officials schools to Plan

If a tie remain regular season the "power rating" have been seeding will be determined by total number of wins in WJCA head competition.

Guess what? The two teams regular season.

Failing to break there, WJCA will look at a number of wins in head competition. The team finishes directly below the WJCA final.

Again, the Hawks will be

According to rules, should a from that point results of the wins against lower team or be compared and has been

Look as hard like, but the Hawks will be a tie.

After all that WJCA will resort to its final break the conference. It will flip a coin to determine the No. 1 seeds.

Should both their regular

Junior High Plainview.

Sammy Sevey as impressive boys' side of merit.

The standout of the meet's outstanding award after a super heavy performance.

Sevey began squatting 600 then proceeded to press 340 pounds dead lift 515 finished with total of 1,451.

Tyler Shep to Coahoma count. He finished in the 275-pound turning in a 7.

Mitchell Gu fourth in the division. His total was 710.

Nathan Sell total of 805 pound class.

The Bulldogette in the re lifting Saturday, Muncy will be Muncy Center in which is located Floydada and

IN BRIEF

BSGSA registration will begin Saturday

The Big Spring Girls Softball Association will conduct softball registration for players, ages 4-adult, in the Big Spring Mall on the following dates. Registration will be Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sign-ups will continue Monday through March 7 from 5 to 7 p.m., and on Saturday, March 8 and March 15, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The cost for registration is \$30 per player. A copy of your child's birth certificate will be needed at registration.

LL registration now under way at Mall

Registration for the Big Spring Little League season is currently being held at the Big Spring Mall.

Boys and girls, ages 7-12, can sign up from Monday through Friday from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. They can also register on Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

For more information call 263-1792 or 263-5311.

Lady Steer boosters will meet today

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

All persons interested in helping with the banquet are asked to attend.

For more information contact Beverly Heworth at 263-3915.

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 4 p.m. on Saturday 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. today in the Coahoma Community Center. A fee of \$15 will be charged for all non-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.

Hawks have plenty to play for

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks clinched a berth in the Region V Tournament cons ago. Win or lose, the Hawks have known their ticket to the postseason has been punched.

So, there's no reason to have a sense of urgency when they take to the floor tonight against New Mexico Military Institute? Don't believe the hype.

Howard College needs a win tonight like a penny needs a wishing well — for two reasons.

"This is an important game for us because we're in a playoff

New Mexico Military vs. Howard College

7:30 p.m. at Dorothy Garret Coliseum

race and because we'd like to play well in front of the home crowd and go into the conference tournament with a good taste in our mouth," said Hawks' head coach Chris Jans.

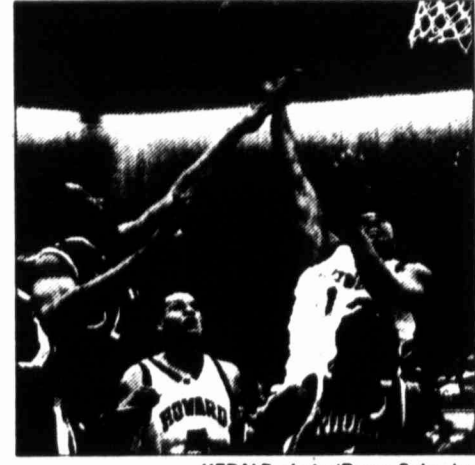
A win over New Mexico Military is a major stepping stone to possibly finishing second in the conference final standings. The Hawks, despite posting a 26-3 record this season, must win tonight in order to preserve

the chance at earning the No. 2 seed in the Region V Tournament, which is scheduled for March 6-9 at the University of Texas at Dallas.

A win tonight by the Hawks and Odessa (which plays last-place New Mexico Junior College) would create a tie for the No. 2 spot and force conference officials to dig deep in their bag of tricks to determine the seeding for the tournament.

"We're aware of it," said Jans. "I know the players are aware of what a win or loss would do to us, but we're trying not to worry

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler
Chaun Brooks (shooting) and the Hawks close out their regular season tonight vs. NMMI.

TOURNAMENT TIME

Plainview begins quest for third 4A title on Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers won't be going to the state basketball tournament, but that doesn't mean they won't know a few people in Austin this weekend.

The Plainview Lady Bulldogs, who were part of Big Spring's old district, will try and become the second Class 4A team to win three straight state titles. Plainview (32-2) opens the 2003 Class 4A tournament Thursday with a semifinal game against Angleton (23-10).

The Lady Bulldogs should win state again, would join Levelland as the only three-peat winner in history. Levelland won four straight state titles in a row from 1986-90.

The other 4A seed, Dallas Lincoln (26-6) against San Antonio Horstman (24-6).

In Class 5A, Tiffany Jackson is back again in search of a state title. On this time, she's in a new uniform.

After two straight losses in the Class 4A title game with Dallas Lincoln, Jackson, the University of Texas, once considered one of the best high school players in the country, returns to the Texas state high school tournament with her new team, Coahoma, in a quest for a gold medal.

The tournament starts Thursday with Class 4A games at the Frank Erwin Center, Jackson's future home court as a Longhorn.

Jackson has been a force in the tournament the past two years, twice leading Dallas Lincoln to the Class 4A championship game.

Always considered long on talent, Lincoln found itself overmatched both times by Plainview. Jackson even stumbled a bit in last year's 4A title game, scoring just 12 points in what many expected would be her showcase performance.

Jackson's transfer has bolstered Duncanville (37-1), which has won five state



File photo
The Plainview Lady Bulldogs, a former Big Spring district rival, will begin its quest for a third state title Thursday afternoon when they face Angleton.

titles, but none since 1997 when Tammy Cutchins was the star. At 6-foot-1, Jackson scores 17 points per game playing just about every position on the floor.

"She can play at any position and she is so explosive in the open court," Texas coach Jody Conradt said when Jackson signed with the Longhorns. "Not only does Tiffany headline our class of signees, but she headlines the class of 2003."

Duncanville plays Austin Westlake (32-5) in one 5A semifinal on Friday. The other pits Georgetown (32-5) against Fort Bend Hightower (30-5). Missing from this year's tournament is Mansfield, which won the past four titles.

In the Class 3A semifinals, defending champion Llano (25-11) returns to play against Canyon (30-1) and Kountze.

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Walker's win leads CHS girls to 2nd in Lubbock

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Michelle Walker may be just 5-foot-3, but that doesn't mean she can't sling weights with the best of them. The diminutive blond Coahoma Bulldogette proved that point this past weekend when she rolled to the individual title in the girls' division of the Lubbock High School Powerlifting Invitational.

Walker's victory, along with Top 3 finishes by Tiffany Reid, Miranda Parsons, Valerie Cortez and Callie Price, helped spur Coahoma to a second place finish in the girls' final team standings.

Walker, who's ranked among the Top 20 powerlifters in her weight class, dominated the 118-pound division. She hoisted a three-lift total of 585 pounds to win the division's gold medal.

Price turned in a silver medal effort in the heavyweight division. She recorded a three-lift total of 650 pounds.

Reid finished third in the 105-pound classification with a final total of 365 pounds. Parsons and Cortez finished third in the 165- and 198-pound divisions, respectively.

The Bulldogettes also picked up a solid performance from Chelsea Wood and Katie Bowling at the meet. Wood bettered her previous best mark in the 114-pound weight class by 20 pounds. She turned in a final weight of 125 pounds.

Bowling penciled in a lift total of 380 pounds in the 97-pound division.

Coahoma's Amber Arthur and Veronica Rodriguez also competed well.

The second place finish sends the Bulldogettes into the regional powerlifting meet on a good note. The regional meet is slated for March 7 at Coronado

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MC sweeps two from Lady Hawks

The Midland College Lady Chaps swept both ends of a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader Wednesday at Foundation Field.

The Lady Chaps, despite being held to just four hits by Howard ace Jennifer Reed, scored a run in the top of the eighth and claimed a 2-1 win in Game 1.

Midland's Heidi Miller led the Lady Chaps to a 2-1 win in Game 2 by hurling a two-hit gem.

Howard faces Western Texas Friday beginning at 1 p.m.

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Junior High Plainview.

Sammy Sevey as impressive boys' side of merit.

The standout of the meet's outstanding award after a super heavy performance.

Sevey began squatting 600 then proceeded to press 340 pounds dead lift 515 finished with total of 1,451.

Tyler Shep to Coahoma count. He finished in the 275-pound turning in a 7.

Mitchell Gu fourth in the division. His total was 710.

Nathan Sell total of 805 pound class.

The Bulldogette in the re lifting Saturday, Muncy will be Muncy Center in which is located Floydada and

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about that. It doesn't matter who you play or when you play them. The main thing is that you have to be ready to play."

Western Junior College Athletic Conference officials utilize a five-part tie-breaker system. According to that plan, the top four teams in the conference standings advance directly to the regional tournament.

That, for the Hawks and Wranglers, is the easy part.

Now for the rest. A "power rating system" is used to break all ties for conference playoffs. This "system" follows several criteria, the first of which uses a points system in which teams accumulate 10 points for a win over a top finisher in the conference, nine points are awarded for defeating the second place finisher, and so on down the line with a victory over a last place team being awarded one point.

Here's the deal on tie-breaker 1: With wins tonight, both Howard College and Odessa College would be tied - taking officials from both schools to Plan B, Part II.

If a tie remains after the regular season and after the "power rating system" have been used, the seeding will be determined by totaling the number of wins by each team in WJCAC head-to-head competition.

Guess what? It's a tie as the two teams split their regular season games.

Failing to break the tie there, WJCAC officials will look at the number of wins in head-to-head competition against the team finishing immediately below them in the WJCAC final standings.

Again, the Wranglers and Hawks would be in a tie.

According to WJCAC rules, should a tie remain from that pointy, the results of the number of wins against the next lower team or teams will be compared until a winner has been established.

Look as hard as you'd like, but the final result will be a tie.

After all that work, the WJCAC will have to resort to its final option to break the conference tie. It will flip a coin to determine the No. 2 and No. 3 seeds.

Should both teams win their regular season

WJCAC STANDINGS

Men's Standings		
Conference	Season	
ay South Plains	130	26.2
x Howard	103	26.3
x Odessa	103	16.11
Clarendon	67	13.15
NMMI	58	17.10
Midland	310	11.15
Frank Phillips	310	10.18
New Mexico JC	211	10.18

* qualified for Region V Tournament
y clinched WJCAC Title
* Ranked #6 in the NCAA
** Ranked #15 in the NCAA

Women's Standings

Conference	Season	
ay Midland	92	24.5
x New Mexico JC	83	24.4
Odessa	74	14.14
Clarendon	74	22.7
South Plains	65	21.8
Frank Phillips	110	14.14
Howard	111	10.29

* qualified for Region V Tournament
y clinched share of WJCAC Title
* Ranked #11 in the NCAA
** Ranked #20 in the NCAA

Around The WJCAC

South Plains at Frank Phillips, Odessa at New Mexico JC, Clarendon at Midland

finales tonight, a coin flip could be held as early as Friday to determine the Region V Tournament seeding.

Should Howard College win the coin toss and go in as the second seed, the Hawks would be placed in the bottom half of the bracket and play on Friday, March 7, at 3

p.m. against the North No. 3 seed. It would also mean any rematch with South Plains would happen in the Region V finals.

If the Hawks lose the flip, they would go in as the third seed and would be placed in the top half of the bracket - meaning they would likely face South Plains in the semi-finals and play Friday, March 7, at 1 p.m. against the North No. 2 seed.

A win over NMMI isn't a given, said Jans.

"We're going to have to be ready to play tonight," he said. "They're fighting for a playoff spot. They are going to come at us, which is exactly what we want. We want to play someone who is going to come at us and make us play better."

NMMI trails Clarendon by one game for the fourth, and final, WJCAC playoff spot. A win tonight and a loss by Clarendon would force a one-game "play in" matchup for Friday.

Smith's fate to be decided soon

AUSTIN (AP) Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said Wednesday he expects to decide by the end of the week whether Emmitt Smith will remain with the team.

Jones said he visited with Smith on a flight to Austin, where the running back was honored by the Legislature.

"We know he's NFL royalty, he's Dallas Cowboys royalty," Jones said. "But

this is about the future of the team. It's not about Emmitt's ability to play."

Smith's status has been in doubt for months. He turns 34 in May and was due a base salary of \$7 million next season, with a salary cap figure of \$9.8 million. If released now, he'll still count \$1.9 million against the cap.

He's coming off his least productive season since he was a rookie.

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(25-1) takes on Brownsboro (30-4).

In Class 2A, defending champion Buffalo (28-0) plays Shallowater (31-3) and Schulenberg (32-4) plays Brock (32-5), which moved up after winning the Class 1A Division I title a year ago.

In Class 1A, Gruver (30-2) and La Rue Poyner (31-6) play for the Division I title, while Hedley (35-1) and Priddy (32-2) meet for the Division II championship. The winners play Saturday for the Texas Cup, the mythical championship for Texas small schools.

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Junior High School in Plainview.

Sammy Sevey was just as impressive on the boys' side of the tournament. The Coahoma standout earned the meet's outstanding lifter award after winning the super heavyweight division with a Herculean performance.

Sevey began the day by squatting 600 pounds. He then proceeded to bench press 340 pounds and a dead lift 515 pounds. He finished with a three-lift total of 1,455 pounds.

Tyler Sheppard added to Coahoma's medal count. He finished second in the 275-pound ranks by turning in a 775 mark.

Mitchell Gutierrez was fourth in the 123-pound division. His three-lift total was 710 pounds.

Nathan Sellars posted a total of 805 in the 198-pound class.

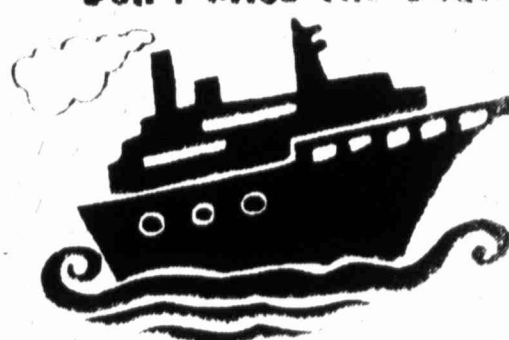
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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON

The Pisces sun loves to focus on our emotions, and under today's planetary influences, this could happen at the expense of the stark truth. How we feel always distorts our experience of things, and we remember details that support our feelings, even if they don't paint a realistic picture. But remember: Everyone else has feelings, too.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Carry out the plan; don't switch your approach when you hit the rocky middle section. Work conditions might be less than ideal, but this only gives you a way to prove your dedication. Adverse situations illuminate true character.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Ambitious bulls will be moving up the success ladder. If you think this means you, and nothing happens, it may be time to get more honest about your level of determination. What can you do to turn it up a bit?

GEMINI (May 21-June 21) Handling the rough spots shows your true grit. Frustrations revolve around transportation, getting and giving correct information, and things you've done to earn the respect of loved ones.

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LEO (July 23-Aug 23) You are most efficient when you can work at your own pace. Take heart in the knowledge that if you keep going in this direction, you'll eventually get what you want, and discover what others are doing. Keep careful records.

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VIRGO (Aug 24-Sept 23) No one lives in a vacuum. As much as you'd like to think you're immune to what affects the more volatile people in your life, these things influence you, too. Finding healthy ways to cope will be the order of the day.

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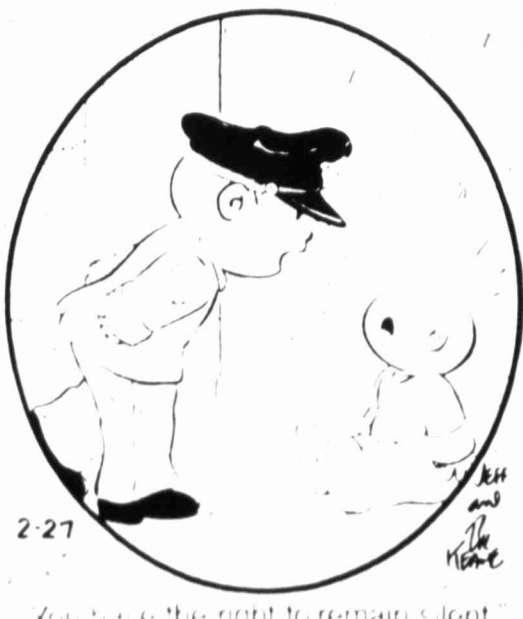
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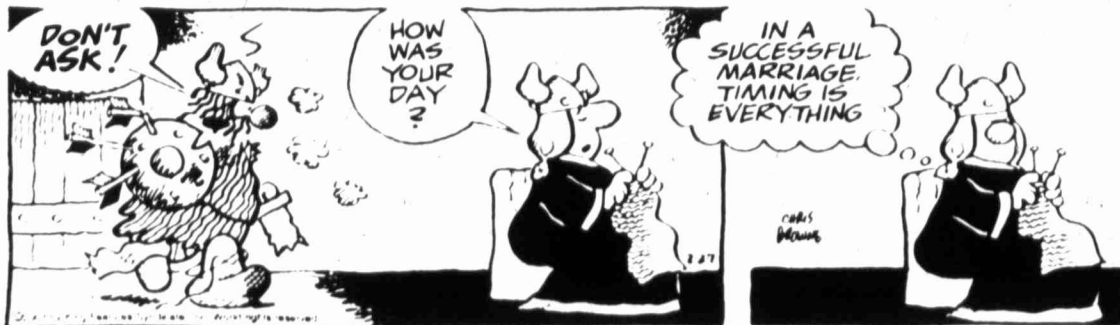
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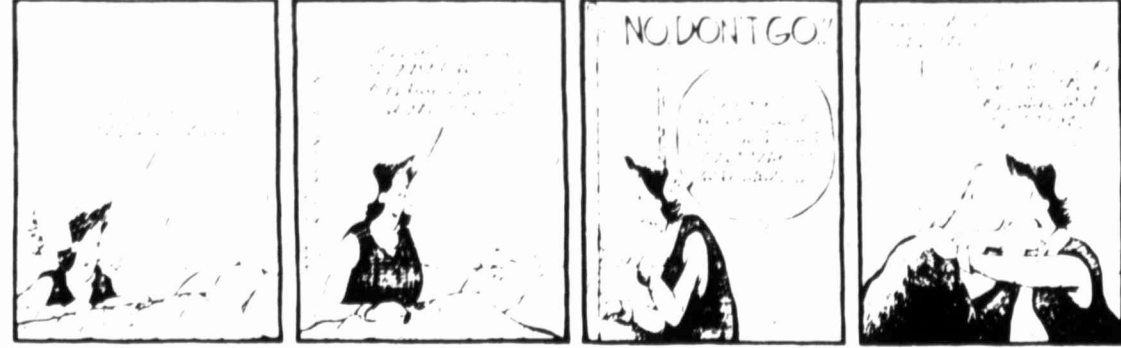
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People In The News

By The Associated Press

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Newsday Crossword

- ACROSS 1 Grinding tooth 6 Read electronically 10 Actress Wray 13 " Mio" 14 Game of chukkers 15 Gelato holder 16 One way to leave 18 The Haj novelist 19 "G'bye!" 20 Windsor's prov. 21 Posh property 23 Bare-bones bed 24 Tropical fruits 25 Actress Brigitte 29 Will & Grace character 30 abductor 31 Actor Mineo 32 J. Hoover 36 Poison tree 37 Mine yield 38 Bagpipe sound 39 Get wind of 40 Young 'un 41 Branch of Islam 42 Corday's victim 44 Bolted forward 45 Idle chatter 48 Absorb, with "up" 49 Called forth 50 "So me!" 51 Trooper prefix 55 Stash away 56 Pre-Civil War 59 Stadium level

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