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Yeats willing to serve on 9-1-1 board

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Local attorney Tim Yeats said that he would serve on the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Directors if appointed by the cities of Howard County.

Big Spring city officials, including Mayor Russ McEwen, approached Yeats about the possibility of replacing Howard College professor Tommy Tune. Tune resigned from the board Friday.

"If I see what I perceive to be problems, then we'll work and try to resolve those problems."

Attorney Tim Yeats, prospective 9-1-1 board member

"I discussed it with Russ and told him that if I'm on there, I'm not going on there with any type of agenda or anything like that. If I

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see what I perceive to be problems, then we'll work and try to resolve those problems."

Yeats is a veteran of the 9-1-1 Board of Directors, having served when the district was first formed.

"I was president of the board for four or five years," he said. "I think it was '91 or '92 when I got off the board, so I have some familiarity

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RECALL ATTEMPT

Effort aimed to end tax for economic development

HERALD Staff Report

The Herald has confirmed that a petition has been filed with the city of Big Spring to recall the one-half of 1 percent sales tax that funds the Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. economic development corporation.

According to information received at the Herald, 1,324 signatures would be needed to force a recall election.

"It's a democratic process. If they get 1,300 signatures we will conform accordingly," said Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director. "I wish, instead of filing petitions, individuals would air their concerns before the board. In fact, people have addressed our board and the city council and that is why we have formed committees such as the agriculture committee and the 4B committee. We try to be a very open organization."

Sharp said he is aware of the petition, but not who filed it.

Efforts to reach appro-

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SHARP

A rockin' good time

Gem and Mineral Show continues today at fairbarns

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

As children watch fascinated, the machine churns a billiard ball-sized chunk of stone around and around. The apparatus consists of three electric motors with suction cup-shaped attachments on the drive shafts, each suction cup caressing and spinning the stone. Spouts dispense cooling water and polishing grit over the entire process.

The device's purpose is to slowly hone the chunks of mineral subjected to its embrace into smooth, polished, perfect spheres.

"How long does it take?" several children wanted to know.

"That depends on how hard the stone is," said Dee Cable of Abilene, overseeing the demonstration. "Usually



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Moss Elementary students Opal Gonzales, 10, left, and Lu Gonzales, 7, and their mother Sonia examine some chunks of stone Saturday at the annual Gem and Mineral Show. The show — themed "Rockhound Rockodeo" this year, continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fairbarns. Admission is free.

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Local campuses to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Big Spring schools gear up to celebrate Texas Public Schools Week with a limited amount of activities this year as educators and students brace for the third grade reading Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills test.

"Public Schools Week gives us an opportunity to showcase our schools and what we feel like are our excellent education and pro-

grams," said Rey Villarreal, BSISD assistant superintendent. "This year's theme is 'Public Schools — Your Texas Treasures.'"

"The community is certainly always welcome to come visit the schools anytime but we especially encourage the public to come out during this week."

Texas Public Schools Week begins Monday but many of the elementary campuses have streamlined the week's activities



VILLARREAL

because of the third grade reading TAKS test set for Tuesday.

This will be the first chance for a third grader to pass the state-mandated accountability test.

Third graders who do not pass after three chances may face retention for the next academic year.

A list of school activities for

the week are as follows:

BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL

BIG SPRING JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Both schools held an open house in the fall and have not scheduled activities for the week. Parents and citizens are welcome to visit these schools during Public Schools Week.

The BSJHS National Junior Honor Society will hold induc-

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CANDIDATE

Second incumbent seeks re-election to FISD board

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Incumbent Gary Hise will seek another term on the Forsan Independent School District board of trustees.

Hise filed papers Friday to seek one of the two at-large seats up for the May 3 elections.

The school board needs experienced members more than ever, Hise said, as the state faces uncertainty about public school funding while legislators wrestle with financial woes.

"We need someone with experience because of the money problems," Hise said. "All the (state) school districts have them. I feel better having someone who



HISE

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'Hank the Cowdog' enthusiasts win trip to visit with author John Erikson in Austin

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Life as Head of Ranch Security can be trying for old Hank the Cowdog. Luckily, the writings of two Big Spring fans sure set his tail a-waggin'.

Matt Ritchey and Jeremy Langford, both Goliad Intermediate fifth grade students, won a state-wide essay contest and a chance to visit with the creative mind behind their favorite book series "Hank the Cowdog."

"We get a free day out of school and get to go to Austin, which I've always wanted to go there," Langford said with a grin. "I've never met a real author in person plus he's one of my favorites and I'd really like to see him."

The two youths learned last week they tied for first in the



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Howdy Y'all! Matt Ritchey, left, and Jeremy Langford hold up copies of their favorite series of novels, "Hank the Cowdog." The two Goliad Intermediate fifth graders will get to meet author John Erikson during a luncheon in Austin.

contest, where young students write an essay about how John Erikson, the author of the Hank series, influenced

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tion ceremonies at 7 p.m. Monday in the west gym. Refreshments will be served in the cafeteria following the ceremony.

GOLIAD INTERMEDIATE

Monday, Texans Reading. Students and staff will stop and read during the day. Students are encouraged to dress in western clothing.

Tuesday, No Pass, No Play. Students and staff are encouraged to dress in their favorite sports or college shirt.

Wednesday, Our Future Is All Tied Up. Students may wear a tie to show that their future is secure because of the education they are receiving. At 7:30 a.m., the Golden Mavericks breakfast will be held in the library. The event will honor sixth grade Golden Mavericks and their parents.

Thursday, Put Ignorance in the Dark. Hats and/or sunglasses are on tap to show that the school is shading out ignorance in "view of education."

Friday, Goliad Spirit Day. Parents are encouraged to visit the school during the day.

BAUER

Monday, Treasure Your Smile. Students should dress up for picture day.

Tuesday, Treasure Being Drug Free. Students are encouraged to wear their Just Say No T-shirts.

Wednesday, Treasure your Parents. Parents are invited for pastries in the school foyer from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m.

Thursday, Treasure your School. Students are encouraged to wear spirit shirts. The school will host a Parent/Teacher Association meeting and an open house from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.

Friday, Treasure Dr. Seuss. Parents are invited to eat a breakfast of green eggs and ham with their children from 7:45 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. Cost for an adult is \$1.25. Students are encouraged to dress up like their favorite Dr. Seuss character.

KENTWOOD

Tuesday, the school will hold a first and second grade program.

Wednesday, Howard College dental hygiene students will visit the classroom.

The school will hold a book fair before and after school except for Tuesday morning.

MARCY

The school's book fair will begin on Monday and run through the end of the week.

Monday, Third Grade Day. Parents of third graders are invited to

visit classrooms and eat with their child. Students and faculty are encouraged to wear their Marcy T-shirts/sweatshirt or jersey of their favorite team to "Be a part of a Team."

Tuesday, Kindergarten Grade Day. Parents of kindergartners are invited to visit classrooms and eat with their child.

Wednesday, Second Grade Day. Parents of second graders are invited to visit classrooms and eat with their child. Students are encouraged to wear sunglasses to "Look for Texas Treasures."

Thursday, First Grade Day. Parents of first graders are invited to visit classrooms and eat with their child.

Friday, Fourth Grade Day. Parents of first graders are invited to visit classrooms and eat with their child. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue.

MOSS

The school will host a book fair Tuesday afternoon through Friday.

Monday, Treasure Map Hunt. Students will discuss the history of education in Texas and bring a "treasure" (book) to share with class.

Tuesday, Symbols of Texas books.

Wednesday, Draw a Treasure Map. Children will build a treasure chest.

Thursday, Best edible pirate ship/treasure chest contest. The school will host a PTA meeting/open house at 6 p.m.

Friday, Bury Yourself in a Good Book.

WASHINGTON

Monday, the school will begin its book fair and run through Friday.

Wednesday, Crazy Hat Day.

Thursday, Inside-Out Day. The school will host a PTA meeting and open house beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Washington T-shirt Day.

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COWDOG

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their lives.

"I was so excited I was jumping around just like the kids were," said Kelly Beauchamp, the youth's teacher. "I was flashing the letter to everybody."

The boys will be guests at a luncheon on March 7 in Austin during the Texas State Reading Association Conference. Erikson is the guest speaker and will visit with Ritchey and Langford.

Already anticipating the visit, both boys are afraid they may be at a loss for words.

"I don't know (what I would say if I met him). I'd be speechless," Ritchey said.

"I'll be on the floor, probably passed out," Langford added.

Early in the second

grade, Ritchey became a fan of the series, which is based on the adventures of Hank and his motley crew of West Texas ranch characters.

"It teaches me good lessons — always stand up for myself, never drink things that I don't know what it is," Ritchey said.

Beauchamp added the books are very popular with children.

"For years I've had third, fourth and fifth grade students that have loved his books and read every one that he's written," Beauchamp said.

A member of the TSRA, Beauchamp heard about the contest and encouraged her class to participate. Ritchey and Langford were the only students who decided to take part.

"We had a multitude of

entries from throughout the state," said Susie Tyler, Texas State Reading Association executive director. "This was our first contest and we were pleased with the response."

Beauchamp, who is presenting several sessions at the conference, will also be attending the luncheon.

A native of Midland, John Erikson is a former cowboy and ranch manager. Hank and his sidekick Drover are dogs Erikson worked with on the ranch. More than four and a half million copies of the book have been sold.

For those who would like to read more about Hank and his adventures on the ranch, the Howard County Library just received the latest novels, adding them to its collec-

tion of almost 40 books in the series.

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FISD

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knows what has been going on."

A FISD resident since the middle 1970s, Hise added he respects the quality education produced by the district.

Hise and his wife, Sally, have two twin daughters, Jaclyn and Heather, who are juniors at Forgan High School, and a son, Nicholas, a junior at Southwest Texas State.

The candidate count for the FISD board stands at two with Hise's announcement Friday. Fellow trustee Lewis Boeker had already made a bid to be re-seated on the board.

On Thursday, the race lost a candidate when Beckie Wash withdrew, citing her wish to avoid a conflict of interest.

A relative of Wash is seeking employment with FISD and district policy states that a person must be employed with the district for six months before a family member can seek a board seat.

In other school board races, candidacy filing was quiet at school district administration offices.

The deadline to place a candidate's name on the

ballot for the May 3 elections is March 19 and write-in candidacy filing ends on March 24. Candidacy forms can be picked up and filed at

area school district administration buildings during regular business hours Monday through Friday.

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YEATS

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with it. Probably the only person on the board now that I actually served with was Melinda Hernandez."

Yeats said he has no inside knowledge of the problems facing the district.

"I am no more familiar with it than what I read in the newspaper, which is probably a good thing," he said. "I'm not on anybody's side or anything like that, so I'm coming in with a clean slate."

Tune, a recently seated member of the board, said Friday he was resigning to shift the focus of the board away from allegations of personal vendettas.

Don Nell Luce of Coahoma, the other 9-1-1 Board member appointed by the cities of Howard County, resigned Feb. 17 after the Big Spring City Council voiced a desire to attempt to remove her from the post.

The Big Spring City Council and the Forsan City Council will probably defer to the Coahoma City Council in choosing a replacement for Luce, said McEwen.

The three cities all have regular meetings scheduled March 11. McEwen said he met with Coahoma Mayor Bill Read and Forsan Mayor Roger Hudgins, and all three cities will have agenda items to consider approving Yeats for appointment to the board.

McEwen said he will ask the 9-1-1 Board to delay its upcoming meeting, also scheduled for March 11, to allow Yeats to be seated if he is approved by at least two of the three cities.

Hernandez, the 9-1-1 Board president, could not be reached for comment.

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Tommy Tune resigns from 9-1-1 district board

Editor's Note: Due to a page duplication error, the following story did not appear in its entirety in Friday's edition of the Herald.

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Citing a desire to remove emotion from the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District debate, newly-appointed board member Tommy Tune has resigned.

"I feel like the focus of the debate had shifted more around the allegations of personal vendetta," Tune said. "It was not my wish that that be the focus of the discussion. In an effort to make sure that discussion regarding improving the 9-1-1 service continues in a focused direction, I think it best that I remove myself from the discussion."

Tune was appointed to the board in November by the Big Spring City Council and approved by the Coahoma City Council. After a 118th District Court decision ruled a majority of Howard County's three municipalities are required to appoint municipal members of the board, Tune was seated at the district's meeting earlier this month.

Research spearheaded by Tune uncovered what he, as well as other members of the Big Spring City Council, claim are serious questions about the financial practices of the district.

Mayor Russ McEwen said that he spoke with Tune this morning about

the resignation.

"In our conversation this morning Mr. Tune indicated that he felt that personal feelings had become the major item of conversation and he wished to have all discussion focused on the continuing betterment of the 9-1-1 District," McEwen said.

The mayor said he has approached local attorney Tim Yeats about the possibility of replacing Tune. According to McEwen, Yeats said he will serve if appointed by the city councils.

"He served on the 9-1-1 board when it was first formed, so he brings experience to the 9-1-1 issues," McEwen said. "I have spoken to the mayors of Forsan and Coahoma who have indicated that they will join the city of Big Spring in bringing this to their respective city councils at their March 11 meetings."

McEwen said he plans to request that the 9-1-1 Board delay its planned March 11 meeting to allow a new board member to be seated as soon after appointment as possible.

Tune, whose city council seat is up for vote in the May 3 election, reaffirmed this morning his decision not to seek reelection.

Yeats and 9-1-1 Board President Melinda Hernandez were unavailable for comment this morning.

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Coahoma students to lead prayer vigil Monday morning around school flag pole

HERALD Staff Report

As news of possible war with Iraq reverberates through the nation, two Coahoma students will lead a morning prayer service in hopes that peace will prevail in the world.



"The whole community is invited," Kara Smith, a Coahoma

High School senior, said in a written statement. "There have been graduates of CHS that have already volunteered in the Armed Services so this not only affects the youth of our community but also the world."

Smith and senior Josh Bishop will lead the prayer service at 7 a.m. Monday in front of the Coahoma High School flag pole.

The schedule of events includes raising the flag, the Pledge of Allegiance,

singing of "America the Beautiful" and a prayer for our country and the world.

The two youths first heard of the idea from their youth leader, Jeanne Niklasch, and decided to take on the project.

"My sister from Mississippi sent me an e-mail," Niklasch said.

The e-mail called for Christians to stop what

they are doing and pray on the same day. Monday is significant because it's the third day of the third month of the third year of the third millennium. The number three represents the Holy Trinity.

"I gave it to the kids and asked them if they would like to do something over it," Niklasch said. "They took it from there and ran with it."

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between 40 and 80 hours." Cable said her husband Russ has made around 500 spheres on the machine, and their booth at the Howard County Fairbarns Saturday was covered with brightly-polished colored spheres of pretty much any type of stone you can think of.

The event is the annual Gem and Mineral Show, hosted by the Big Spring Prospectors' Club. The show — themed "Rockhound Rockodeo" this year — opened Saturday and continues today from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Fairbarns.

"We've had people coming in all day," said Prospectors' Club President Danny Martin. "It seems like everybody's been busy. The weather's been nice and it's a pretty good turnout to tell you the truth."

About 400 people had come in to view the displays and perhaps

acquire a polished chunk of Mother Earth for themselves, he added.

Martin said he was demonstrating cabochon-making technique at the event.

"Where you dome the rock and everything and then put a polish on it and everything," he said. "You start out with a slab and you mark it and grind it down, and then start doming it with a grinder. You use this in silverwork a lot of times, bolo ties and smaller stones for rings and things."

Other demonstrations, such as Venetian bead-making, flint arrowhead knapping and stone faceting were available for those visiting the show to watch.

The Big Spring Prospectors' Club meets every second Tuesday.

For more information call club secretary/treasurer Lola Lamb at 263-3340.

RECALL

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appropriate city officials, such as the city secretary, were unsuccessful late Friday and Saturday.

A spokesperson for the Concern Citizens of Big Spring, which had a hand in last year's recall attempt of the mayor, said the local group did not file the petition.

The purpose of Moore Development is to assist and enhance economic development in Big Spring. Specifically, the corporation uses its sales tax revenues to increase job opportunities by assisting with the expansion of local businesses and attracting new businesses to Big Spring and Howard County.

In May 1990, Big Spring citizens called for the creation of a 1/2-cent sales tax to be used to support economic development activities in the community. On Sept. 4, 1990, the Secretary of State issued a certificate of incorporation for Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. Operations began on Oct. 1, 1990, with an executive direc-

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Huff, Davis highlight 3-2A all-district selections

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Hollywood scriptwriters couldn't have written a better story than the Forsan Buffaloes in 2003. A down-and-out team comes out of nowhere to become the big Buffalo on the scene.

Forsan added to its list of accolades last week when they dominated the District 3-2A all-district teams. The Buffaloes landed seven players on the first- and second-team rosters

and nabbed three of the district's top individual honors, including Offensive and Defensive MVPs and the Coach of the Year honors.

Forsan head coach Terry McDonald, garnered the Coach of the Year honors after leading Forsan to its first district championship



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in more than 30 years. His team went 25-6 and advanced to the regional quarterfinals of the Class 2A playoffs.

averaged just less than 20 points a game this season. Huff, one of several seniors on

Brent Huff claimed a share of the district's Most Valuable Player honors after turning in a stellar senior campaign. The Buffaloes' slick-shooting 6-foot-2 guard

the FHS squad, shared the MVP honors with Coahoma's Chase Davis, who averaged better than 16 points a night after battling his way through an early season injury.

Forsan's Wes Longorio collected the district's Outstanding Defensive Player honors. The 6-foot senior helped key a stingy FHS defense.

Crane sophomore Daniel Heredia was selected the District 3-2A Outstanding Newcomer.

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Diamond Dreams

Lady Steers shut down Abilene Wylie, Permian batters

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Almost any coach alive would love to have Randy Johnson and Curt Schilling heading up their pitching staff. Big Spring Lady Steers' Dan Arista isn't among them.

And for good reason — the Arizona Diamondbacks' 1-2 punch doesn't even come close to the dominance posted by junior Alex Watkins and sophomore Chelsea Abner.

The Abilene Wylie Lady Bulldogs and Odessa Permian Lady Panthers found out just how good the Lady Steers' aces can be this weekend. Big Spring posted back-to-back shutouts over the two teams — allowing a total of just six hits in 13 innings. The two shutouts also marked the eighth time in 15 games Watkins and Abner have held opposing teams scoreless.

Abner, a hard-throwing lefthander who had been sidelined early in the year with a strained ligament in her right knee, made her debut on the mound Friday afternoon and gave Arista just what he wanted — a bonafide 1-2 combination.

"Chelsea kept us in the game," said Arista. "She's been bothered with a bad knee, but I decided to give her a chance and see how she handled it."

Abner more than handled Abilene Wylie. She allowed just four hits in six innings of work and led the Lady Steers to a 10-0 victory.

Big Spring gave Abner plenty of offensive support early. Big Spring staked her to a big lead with a 5-run outburst in the bottom of the first inning.

Leina Braxton led off the BSHS first with a walk. One out later, Hufford singled to left. Braxton raced home moments later on a fielding error by the Wylie first baseman on a grounder off the bat of Laura Olague.

Watkins followed with a two-run double that inflated the Lady Steers' lead to 3-0. Abner and Heather Vassar drove in runs in the frame.

Big Spring stretched its lead to 8-0 in the second inning. Olague carried the big stick for the Lady Steers in the frame by cranking out a two-run double to left that scored Erica Stewart and Hufford.

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Big Spring sophomore Chelsea Abner delivers a pitch to the plate during the Lady Steers' 10-0 victory over Abilene Wylie Friday. Abner allowed four hits in her 2003 debut. She had missed much of the team's first 12 games with a strained knee ligament.

Bucher out as women's head coach

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

For the second time in as many years, the Howard College Lady Hawks basketball program finds itself going into the off-season with more questions than answers. It also finds itself without a coach.

Kevin Bucher stepped down as the Lady Hawks' head coach Friday after enduring a tough 2002-2003 season that saw the once-powerful Howard College program struggle to a tie for last place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Howard College Athletic Director Jim Lewis announced Friday morning Bucher would not be returning for a second season next fall and that a successor would begin immediately.

Coach Bucher worked to recruit a full roster of student athletes for the women's program this year," said Lewis. "We appreciate his efforts and wish him well in the future."

Bucher, who replaced Joey Wells as the mentor of the Lady Hawks basketball program last April, was unavailable for comment. Wells resigned at the end of the 2001-2002 season.

A two-time NJCAA Coach of the Year winner, Bucher spent just one season at the helm of the Howard program. The team went 10-20 this past season — a campaign marred by in-fighting among players. The Lady Hawks finished the WJAC race with a 1-11 record.

In Bucher's defense, Howard played close in almost every game this fall. Late season dismissals and injuries left the team with a shortage of guards, depth and an overall lack of team speed.

Prior to coming to Howard, Bucher had coached at Connors State College in Oklahoma. He led CSU to an 18-12 record and a berth in the NJCAA Region II Tournament. He also previously coached at Arkansas State University and Moberly Community College in Missouri.



BUCHER

Butler among finalists for Red Zone Player of the Year honors

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring High School quarterback Tye Butler accomplished almost everything possible in a football uniform.

He practically rewrote the school's passing record book. He led the team to the state quarterfinals and earned a Division I scholarship.

Butler could add another honor to his resume in the near future. He was selected from more than 100,000 high school athletes as



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one of the top football players and named as one of a handful of players nominated for the national Red Zone Player of the Year honor.

The Red Zone award is presented annual to the athletes that best enabled his team to succeed with in a team's 20-yard line. Players are rated on several criteria, including

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Coahoma track meet set for Saturday

Staff report

Crossroads-area track and field fans will get their chance to see local thinclads in action this coming Saturday when teams throughout West Texas converge on

Coahoma for the 2003 Bulldog Relays.

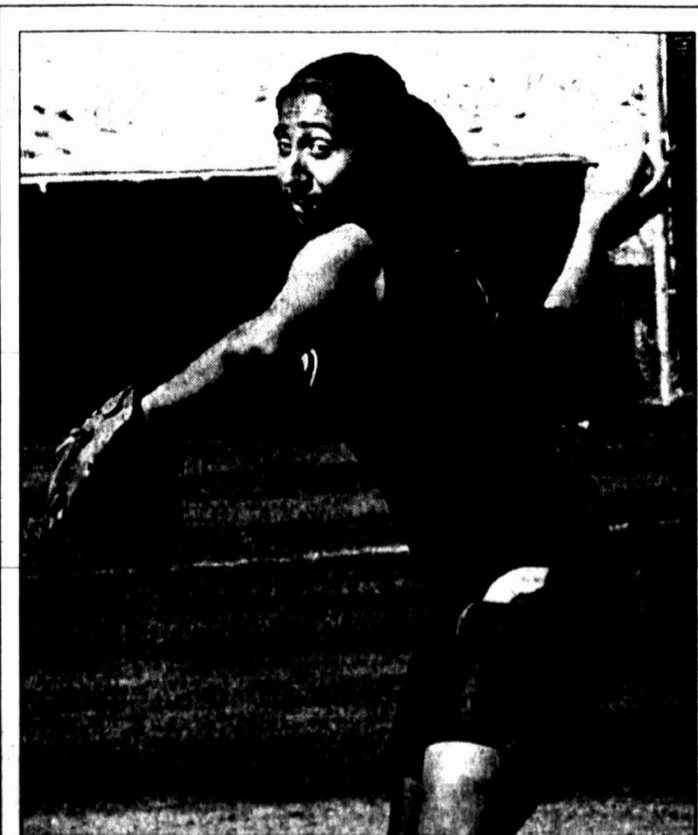
Most area teams began their track seasons this weekend. Coahoma participated in the Stanton Relays.

Big Spring High school tracksters began their

2003 season at the Lubbock Invitational.

They will be competing in the West Texas Relays this Saturday in Odessa.

Big Spring's annual AME-UCS Relays are scheduled for April 4 at Blankenship Field



Howard College shortstop Blanca Paz prepares to make a throw to first during the first game of the Lady Hawks' showdown with Western Texas. See story on Page 8A.

Swish close out perfect 8-0 season

Staff report

The Big Spring Swish closed out a perfect season Saturday afternoon by claiming a 30-19 win over the Garden City Fever.

With the win, the Swish, who were led by Lindzey Roach, completed their 2003 10 & Under campaign with a perfect 8-0 record.

The win also enabled the Swish to become one of only a handful of Big Spring Youth Basketball Teams to finish the year unbeaten. The Forsan Lady Buffs, who also competed in the 10 & Under division were 8-0.

The Lakers, in the boys' 8 & Under league, finished at 7-0-1.

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By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

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By TOMMY WELLS
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Former Lady Steer leads Queens to Far East hoops crown

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The last name and the scenery may have changed, but the outcome remains the same for former Big Spring Lady Steers standout Robin (Wise) Szilagyi.

A four-year starter at Big Spring, the 5-foot-11 post recently helped the Okinawa Queens win the recent Far East

Basketball Championship in Osan, South Korea.

The Queens won all seven games during the tournament, including posting a 56-45 victory over the Osan Air Force Base team in the finals of the week-long event.

Szilagyi, 34 and the mother of four, was named to the Far East all-tournament team for her efforts.

Szilagyi, the daughter of for-

mer Big Spring school board member Dan Wise, followed up her effort at the Far East Championships with a solid outing in the Martin Luther King Tournament in Japan. The Queens won that title.

For Szilagyi, the Far East title caps a winding basketball road that has taken her from Big Spring to College Station to Belgium and, finally, to Southeast Asia.

After graduating from BSHS in 1989, Szilagyi became the first girl to walk-on with the Texas A&M Lady Aggies. After one year at A&M, she became disenfranchised with the team and traveled to Belgium, where she landed a spot on a Belgian National squad.

After returning to the States, she married a member of the U.S. armed forces and was transferred to Okinawa, Japan,

where she was selected to become the only non-military player on the Queens' roster.

Szilagyi, along with her sister Tammy, played at Big Spring under head coach Ron Taylor. Tammy Wise, a 6-foot-1 post who graduated in 1989, was a two-time all-state selection for the Lady Steers.

Szilagyi and the Queens are scheduled to compete in Guam this month.

Steers' Shroff makes semis

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Big Spring standout Jay Shroff continued to prove he is one of the top prep tennis stars in the area this past weekend with a strong start in the Midland ISD Tennis Invitational.

Shroff cruised through the first three rounds of the meet and earned a spot in the tournament semifinals. He also teamed with Ryan Vela to give the Steers a consolation round win in boys' doubles.

Shroff opened the tournament with a 6-2, 6-3 romp over El Paso Americas' Derek Armendariz. He followed that win with an equally easy 6-0, 6-1 victory over Randall's Caleb Sherrod.

In the third round, he survived a tough 7-5, 5-7, 6-0 test from Midland Lee's Brett Rogers.

The Steers' Justin Ferrell lost his opening round matchup with Odessa's Blake Gipson by a 6-2, 6-3 margin.

Big Spring's Veronica Villarreal also enjoyed a strong showing at the tournament. She posted a 2-1 mark in her first day. She edged out Midland's Lindsay Duncan, 6-0, 6-3, in her opener.

After dropping a tough 6-4, 6-2 decision to Caprock standout Ashley Ellis, Villarreal bounced back to pick up a 6-3, 6-2 win over Midland Lee's Mandy Fly in the consolation round.

Anderson races to 3rd in Abilene

Big Spring's John Anderson raced his way to third place in the Mini-modified division last Saturday at the Abilene Speedway.

Anderson trailed only Terry Owen of Merkel and Bill Brzezinski of Roby in the final standings. Southlake's A.C. Urbanosky was fourth overall.



Big Spring's Leina Braxton slides in under the throw at third base during the sixth inning of the Lady Steers' 10-0 rout of Abilene Wylie. Braxton stole second and third and later scored on a passed ball. She finished the weekend with seven steals.

WINS

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Abner singled Olague home for the final run of the inning.

Watkins, who had started the Lady Steers' first 12 games as the pitcher, all but cemented Big Spring's win in the fourth with a triple down the leftfield line. Crystal Clark delivered a clutch two-out single that plated Watkins, and gave Big Spring an 8-0 lead.

Braxton, who finished the game by going 2 for 3 from the plate, sealed the win in the fifth. After leading off with a one-out single, she stole second and third base and then sauntered home on a passed ball to score the game-winning run.

Big Spring capped the weekend by avenging an earlier loss to Permian

with a 3-0 shutout.

Watkins, who had suffered a 5-0 loss to the Lady Panthers last month, limited Permian to just two hits in the game.

The Lady Steers, after surviving a first-inning threat from the Lady Panthers, scored all the runs Watkins would need in the bottom half of the frame.

Braxton and Stewart opened the inning with back-to-back walks. Braxton stole third and scored on a sacrifice bunt down the first base line by Olague.

Hufford capped a two-run outburst in the third inning by slapping a double to left that scored Braxton and Stewart.

Watkins picked up a defensive gem from

Olague at third and survived a major threat in the sixth. After Permian had managed to put runners on first and second, Olague fielded a sharp hit and tossed the ball to Hufford at third for the force.

Watkins, en route to posting her seventh shutout of the young season, forced Permian to strand seven batters in the contest. Only one did Permian have more than one runner reach base in the same inning.

The Lady Steers, now 11-31 for the year will return to action Tuesday evening with a bout against the Snyder Lady Tigers. The varsity is slated to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring opens District 1-1A play March 18 against Lake View.

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accomplishments in the red zone, effort, leadership abilities, statistics and honors.

Butler, who recently signed a scholarship deal with The University of New Mexico, completed 176-of-310 passes for 2,738 yards and 29 touchdowns — both school records.

Over his final two years as a starter, he threw for more than 4,600 yards and tossed 48 touchdowns.

The BSHS standout was one of five area players making the list of 360 athletes nominated from

through-

out the United States. He is joined by Andrews' Jared Long, Merkel's Jeremy Mullins, Plainview's Taber Minner and Snyder's Josh Montoya.

The son of Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler, the 6-foot-190-pound senior wasn't the only Big Spring star mak-



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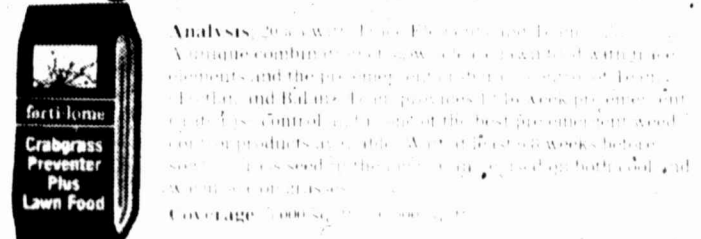
MENDOZA

ing waves on the national scene. Wide receivers Curtis Woodruff and Brandon Mendoza

both signed collegiate deals last month.

Woodruff will play next fall at Tarleton State University while Mendoza will take his game to the junior college ranks.

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HC sweeps two games from WT Dusters

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

The Howard Lady Hawks scored five times in the first inning and never looked back Friday afternoon en route to sweeping both games of a doubleheader with the Western Texas Lady Dusters.

With the two wins, the Lady Hawks improved to 11-9 for the year. Western

Texas fell to 13-3.

Howard, sparked by a two-run double from Marci Sheppard, put Western Texas on the ropes early. They scored five times in the bottom of the first and rolled to an easy 10-1 victory.

Sophomore pitcher Jennifer Reed dominated the Lady Duster batters. She allowed just four hits in the contest while strik-

ing out 10.

Western Texas' only run came in the third, cutting HC's lead to 5-1.

The Lady Hawks, who are 3-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, sealed the win in the bottom of the fourth on a two-run double to left by Angela Piper.

Lady Hawks' freshman Jennifer DeMay was just

as impressive inside the circle in Game 2. She fired a 2-hitter and helped Howard take a 5-0 win.

Crystal Judkins' one-out double in the fourth inning sparked a 3-run spree by the Lady Hawks that all but doomed Western Texas.

Offensive, Kortne Kemper paced the Lady Hawks at the plate, going 6-for-7 in the two games.

Cowboys trade for Glenn

IRVING (AP) — Of all the former players Bill Parcells could have brought in to join him with the Dallas Cowboys, receiver Terry Glenn might have been one of the least likely.

Instead, he's the first. Parcells traded for the receiver he once derisively called "she," giving up an undisclosed draft pick Friday to

acquire him from the Green Bay Packers. Glenn restructured his contract, getting a five-year deal tailored to help the Cowboys' salary cap. The Cowboys also re-signed offensive lineman Flozell Adams to a \$25 million, five-year contract, making for a busy first day in the post-Emmitt Smith era at Valley Ranch.

3-2A

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The Buffs landed two players on the 3-2A first-team all-district roster, including senior Matt Ellis and junior guard Josh Helmstetter.

Coahoma, which reached the state playoffs for the eighth time in the last 11 years, also had two players chosen to the team, including junior forward Kelby Kemper and senior Toby Jackson.

Kemper returned from a football-related injury to average more than 14 points a night. Jackson also finished the year averaging double-digits offensively.

It was Jackson's basket

in the final seconds against the Colorado City Wolves that clinched the Bulldogs a post-season berth and gave Forsan the district championship.

The Wolves, who had entered the final game looking to split the 3-2A title, had three players chosen

to the first-team squad, including seniors Jacobie Russell and Jonathan Spear and junior Christopher Spear.

Tullie Louder was the only Stanton player named to the first-team. The SHS senior keyed the Buffaloes' offensive attack, averaging more than 16 points a night.

Forsan, Coahoma and Stanton each landed two spots on the second-team squad. Forsan seniors David Lee and Trey Kuykendall highlighted a list of Crossroads-area stars that also included Coahoma senior Cory Mulkey and junior Sam Tindol. Stanton's Chris Ramos and Joe Castillo also made the squad.

Forsan's Ryan Sayles was named to the 3-2A honorable mention unit, as were Coahoma's Adrian Abrego and Stanton's twosome of Luis Chapa and Victor Hernandez.



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The Queen's Ball



Once again, dashing young gentlemen and elegant young ladies of the New Hope Christian School met for a fine hour of feasting and dancing during the Queen's Ball.

Although this is the first year of existence for the pre-school, the young 4-year-old socialites were carrying on a tradition established at the previous private school, Saint Mary's Episcopal School.

The event is celebrated in October or February and changes names depending on which month the party is held.

In October, the pre-k classes of Theda Brooks, Karla Bowles and Sherry Newton study the letter "I" and attend the "Elegant Party;" in February, they study the letter "Q."

To prepare for the affair, the gentlemen and ladies must first learn their manners. Each also chooses a pattern to create their own fine china, from which they will dine.

On the day of the ball, young ladies have been known to don evening dress, costumes and jewelry while gentlemen have been seen in ties, hats, and their daddy's shirts — any type of clothing the child believes is elegant.

Then, upon the hour, the entourage enters the ballroom where a great feast has been laid out. Long rows of tables covered with fine lace table cloth laid upon a pink table linen and a candlelight atmosphere greet the party.

Each child must wait until everyone is served and the blessing given before dining on fine cheese, crackers, fruit and enjoying a nicely aged punch.

After the feast, it's time for young couples to take a turn around the floor. The dance seems a little chaotic at times as the boys tend to rather wrestle with each other than dance with the girls, thus leaving the young ladies no choice but to partner up with each other.

Following the dance, the young ladies and gentlemen return to their classroom where they view a video on Cinderella and her special ball.

One child, Kolton Crawford, is so exhausted from the morning's events he falls fast asleep, not even stirring when fellow classmates attempt to wake him.



At top, Tanner Christie shares a quiet moment with his dance partner Ashley Luce before he whisks around the room for another dance. Middle, all smiles, Lindsey Boeker lets Blake Letcher guide her through the steps. Bottom left, looking very queenly, Hannah Tucker poses for a picture. Below, New Hope Christian School pre-k teachers Theda Brooks, left, Sherry Newton and Karla Brooks enjoy the party with Andrew Paradez and Mary Williams. Above, tucked out from the ball, Kolton Crawford takes a sound nap.



Story and photos by Staff Writer Lyndel Moody

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ANNIVERSARY



Clemont and Dorothy Jones

Clemont R. Jones and Dorothy Joan Johnson were united in marriage on March 8, 1953 in the First Lutheran church of Paxton, Ill. In celebration of their 50th anniversary, their children will host a reception in the parlor of the First Baptist Church, March 8, 2003, from 2-4 p.m.

Clem was born in Bay, Ark., and Dottie in Paxton, Ill. Clem joined the Air Force in 1948 and was stationed at Chanute AFB, Ill. In 1952, Clem and his mother lived in Paxton and it was there that he and Dottie met. Dottie's car had run out of gas and Clem came to the rescue. It was the beginning of their friendship, and they were married eight months later.

The Jones family lived in England, behind the Iron Curtain in Berlin and were stationed at



Jesse and Edna James

other bases in the United States. Clem's last tour of duty was Webb AFB. Having served in the Air Force for 21 years, he chose to retire and the family made Big Spring their home. Clem joined Gamco Industries and Dottie spent 25 years as a teacher with St. Mary's Episcopal School.

The Joneses have three sons: Dana of Big Spring, and Brian and Mark, both of Denton. They have two daughters-in-law: Tammi and Traffy and three grandchildren: Stacy, Kie and Emily.

Clem and Dottie are active members of First Baptist Church where Clem serves as a deacon and Dottie teaches a ladies Bible class. Clem has served with the Boy Scouts for over 30 years. The Lord has bountifully blessed them during their fifty years of marriage.



West-Wilkerson

Krista Brienne 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 of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Edman and Wanda McMurray of Big Spring and El Nora West and the late R.D. West of Leuders. He is the son of Ed and Ladonna Wilkerson of Sunray.

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John Farmer, Grandparents are Royce Carson of Lubbock, Cindy Mize of Big Spring and Donald and Dianne Farmer of Big Spring.

Abraham Ortiz, boy, born Feb. 28, 2003, at 4:36 a.m., weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces. Parents are Juan and Elisa Ortiz. Grandparents are Orlando and Estella Sanchez of Big Spring, Margret Aguilar of Lamesa and Juan Ortiz Sr. of Seminole.

Calleigh Jean Farmer, girl, born Feb. 27, 2003, at 10:40 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 7 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Rinnie Carson and

Jesse James rode into town over the weekend to get himself a wife, without brandishing a shooting iron or lassoing a horse.

This article appeared in the Big Spring Herald announcing the marriage of Jesse James to Edna Gilchrest, March 15, 1953.

Together they weathered the storms of life and raised three sons, Larry, Terry and Curtis. They will celebrate 50 years of marriage, March 15, 2003. They have been citizens of the community and business owners for all of their 50 years together.

Jesse went to work for his brother, Doc James, in 1952 when S&S Wheel Alignment was located at 401 E Third. He bought the business in 1971 and continues to operate S&S Wheel Alignment, now located at 403 E Second, with two of his sons, Terry and Curtis.

He takes great pride in offering a high standard of excellence in the work they do. He is one of the good guys holding on to a piece of what made America great, hard

work, integrity and fairness. Jesse has one of only a few family businesses weathering the storms of progress.

Edna raised their sons and worked at Coker's Restaurant for many years. If you remember Coker's Restaurant, you will remember her. She was the little fisty waitress known as "Kat."

After Coker's, Edna semi-retired and was a volunteer at the VA Hospital from 1987 to 1990. She loved her time at the VA Hospital offering help to those in need of a kind word and a smiling face. In 1990 she went to work for Big Spring Independent School District, where she currently works.

If you ask Jesse or Kat, "When are you going to retire and take life easy?" Their answer will be, "Never. Who wants to sit down and let life pass you by?"

The family and friends of Jesse and Edna wish to congratulate them on their 50 years of marriage and we wish them 50 more years.

NEWCOMERS

Michael Molimar, wife Juanita, daughters Joanna and Mickie and son Zeke of Midland. He is employed by Universal Valve Service. She is employed by Limestone Ridge Apartments.

Joyce McGee of Breckenridge. She is employed by Howard College Book Store.

Guillermo Zagarra, wife Rossana and children

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POMMERENING

Pommerening, the 32-year-old daughter of Donna Kelly of Big Spring, is an aviation administrative assistant with AIMD.

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The Sailors of AIMD provide a full range of maintenance services throughout Strike Fighter Wing, U.S. Pacific Fleet.

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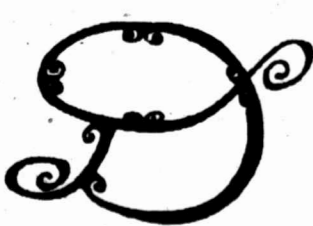


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WEDNESDAY-Smothered potatoes, salad, milk/rolls sauce.

THURSDAY-Macaroni & tomato squash, salad, milk/fruit.

FRIDAY-Catfish fries, lima coleslaw, milk/fruit gelatin.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Omelette, fruit, milk

TUESDAY-Biscuits, ham, juice

WEDNESDAY-toast, sausage, milk

THURSDAY-Pancakes, ham, juice

FRIDAY-Poached sausage, juice, milk

LUNCH

MONDAY-Cheese patty (toasted sandwich), gravy, fruit, bread.

TUESDAY-Hot burritos (cold)

NEWCOMERS

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Paola and Priscilla Houston. He is employed by VA Medical Center.

Erasmus Sosa, Linda, sons Timothy, Phil and daughter Lind Austin. He is employed by Avis Lube.

April Henderson and Angelo. She is employed by Wendy's.

Jorge Contreras and wife Pattie of Alamo. She is not located at Lemoore. She is employed by Loans.

R.T. Burris and Willie Mae of Midland. He is retired.

Oscar Delbosq and Dora and grandsons of Lansing, Kansas. He is employed by VA Center.

Jay Morgan of Stockton.

David Canal, Viola and d. Andrea, Britton and Felicia.

Lynn Cubler Christian, Mission. He is retired.

Kathy Barga, mother, Evelyn New Branfels. She is a computer worker.

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THURSDAY-Chicken, macaroni & tomatoes, squash, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

FRIDAY-Catfish, French fries, lima beans, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, fruited gelatin.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Oatmeal, sausage, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Biscuits, gravy, ham, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-French toast, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, syrup, ham, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Pop-tarts; sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Chicken patty (toasted cheese sandwich), gravy, potatoes, fruit, bread, milk.

TUESDAY-Homemade burritos (corn dogs).

spicy fries, apples, cookies, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti (burritos), salad, corn on cob, rolls, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, green beans, mashed potato, rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, tater tots, peach cups, milk. Teachers Only: Salad.

SANDS CISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Pancake on a stick, milk, juice.

TUESDAY-Muffins, milk, juice.

WEDNESDAY-Pancake & sausage, milk, juice.

THURSDAY-Donuts, milk, juice.

FRIDAY-Cereal LUNCH

MONDAY-Corndogs w/mustard, macaroni & cheese, June peas & carrots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak, whole new potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad, pinto beans, corn bread, cake, milk.

THURSDAY-BBQ ribs, potato salad, pickles, hot rolls, pineapple, milk.

FRIDAY-Lunchables.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Corndog.

potato wedges, baby carrots, grapes.

TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, tortilla, pears.

WEDNESDAY-Fish strips, macaroni & cheese, green beans, pineapple jello, roll.

THURSDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, mixed fruit, roll.

FRIDAY-Deli sandwich, cheese bites, French fries, pork & beans, Spring Break Treat.

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Coffee cake, sausage, cereal, toast, juice, milk.

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

LUNCH MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza (corn dog), mixed vegetables, vegetable sticks.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce (Salisbury

steak), green beans, salad, fruit gelatin, French bread.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets (steak fingers), mashed potatoes, sweet peas, peaches, hot rolls.

THURSDAY-Beef tacos, flour tortilla, taco shell, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks.

FRIDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, French fries, hamburger salad, orange smiles, peanut butter cookies.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST MONDAY-Toast, peanut butter, jelly, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Oatmeal, apples, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-French toast sticks, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas, pinto beans, rice, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti, French bread, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-BBQ Sandwiches, tater tots, pickle spears, fruit, cook

ies, milk. FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, green beans, fruit, rolls, milk.

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL MONDAY-Lasagna, bread & butter, peas, cantaloupe. TUESDAY-Taquitos.

border beans, veggies & dressing, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken tenders, tater tots, jello.

THURSDAY-Rice-a-roni casserole, peas, cantaloupe.

FRIDAY-Pizza, veggies & dressing, pudding.

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.

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Jorge Contreras and wife Pattie of Alpine. He is not located at this time. She is employed by Delta Loans.

R.T. Burris and wife Willie Mae of Marshall. He is retired.

Oscar Delbosque, wife Dora and grandson Chris of Lansing, Kan. He is employed by VA Medical Center.

Jay Morgan of Fort Stockton.

David Canales, wife Viola and daughters Andrea, Brittney, and Felicia.

Lynn Cubler of Pass Christian, Miss. He is retired.

Kathy Barganier and mother, Evelyn Billbrey of New Branfels. She does computer work.

Shelby Simmons of Dallas. He is employed by U.S.A. Today.

MILITARY

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These include repairs, inspections and manufacture. Pommerening believes that her ability to do her job helps sustain her command's mission readiness.

"I ensure paperwork that comes in and goes through my workcenter is accurate allowing for gear to be issued to squadrons to keep them up and ready to go," said Pommerening.

Pommerening has also

found being a part of AIMD can be very rewarding.

"Knowing we support squadrons which allows them to complete their mission is rewarding," Pommerening said.

AIMD's guiding principle is that its people are the source of its strength, and Sailors like Pommerening help ensure that the detachment's strength remains intact.

P.F.C. Mark Ortega

graduated from the U.S. Marine Corps in San Diego Calif. on Feb. 14, 2003.



ORTEGA

He will be at Camp Pendleton, School of Infantry S.O.I. for more training.

Ortega is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. M. Ortega of Big Spring.

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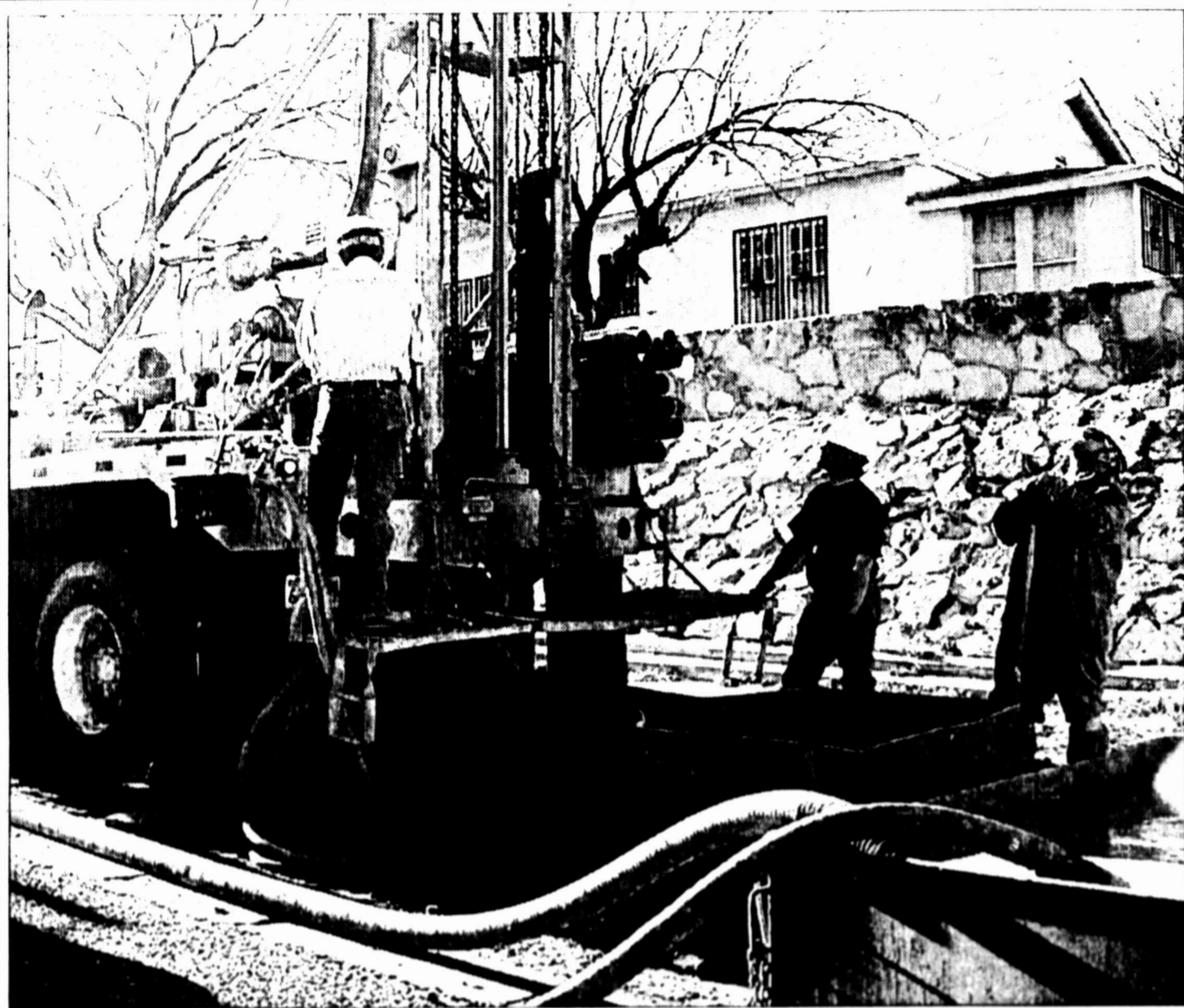
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Keith Robinson, left, Travis Smith and Conrad Nilsen, employees with McLean CP Installation of Amarillo, work to install a new cathodic protection bed near a gas line on Seventh Street near Gregg. Once installed, the bed will help reduce the amount of corrosion on the outside of the gas line.

IN THE NEWS

U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, has been named to three subcommittees of the House Committee on Agriculture. They are the Subcommittee on General Farm Commodities and Risk Management, the Subcommittee on Specialty Crops and Foreign Agriculture Programs and the Subcommittee on Conservation, Credit, Rural Development and Research.



COMBEST

Court Clerk Michele Sanchez-Rodriguez of the Big Spring Municipal Court has completed requirements for Level I of the Municipal Court Clerk Certification Program and has been awarded certification by the Texas Court Clerks Association. Sanchez-Rodriguez has served in the Big Spring Municipal Court since 1999.

To qualify for Level I certification, clerks must complete 40 hours of continuing education and pass a four-hour exam. Areas covered by the examination include an overview of the courts, ethics, authority and duties, procedures before trial, trial processes, post-trial procedures, state and city reports, traffic law, communications and stress management and juveniles.

StarTek Inc. reported net income of \$6.5 million, or \$0.45 earnings per fully diluted share, for the fourth quarter of 2002. Income is up 23 percent from the \$5.3 million in the fourth quarter of 2001. Fourth-quarter revenue was \$66.5 million, up from \$64.9 million in the same quarter last year. For the year ending Dec. 31, net income grew 32 percent to \$19 million, or \$1.32 per share, the company reported.

Steven Stone, CPA with the Big Spring office of H.D. Vest Investment Securities, has been named to the All-American Team of The American Funds Group of mutual funds.

Stone was cited for outstanding service to investors in the Big Spring area and for financial expertise and dedication of principles of sound mutual fund and variable annuity investing.

He has been with H.D. Vest since December 1989 and has been in the financial services field for 24 years. Stone graduated from the University of Texas in Odessa in 1977 with a BBA degree in accounting.



STONE

The PBADDA/PALTA Spring Seminar will be held from 7:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Thursday, April 3, at the Petroleum Club of Midland. Reservations made by March 7 will be see NEWS, Page 5B

Eradication board director election set

HERALD Staff Report

Cotton producers in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone who wish to represent the six-county area on the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation's statewide board of directors have until March 8 to officially place their names into nomination. The deadline comes as cotton farmers and landowners who farmed

cotton in 2002 get set to decide in an April 15 referendum whether to continue a boll weevil eradication program in the Permian Basin zone.

Cotton producers who farm in the zone and who have grown cotton for at least seven years may place their names on the ballot for the board member position. Those wishing to be placed on the ballot must fill out a nomination form along with a

biographical information sheet. In addition, the nomination must be supported by the signatures of at least 10 other cotton growers in the zone.

Producers can mail the form to the Texas Department of Agriculture at P.O. Box 12847, Austin, 78711, or fax the form to (512) 463-5072. The nomination must be received on or before March 8.

Nomination forms are available at local county extension service offices and the Texas Department of Agriculture in Austin at (512) 463-7593.

Growers in the Permian Basin Zone initially approved a boll weevil eradication program in April 1999 and a maximum assessment of \$12 per land acre for irrigated cotton and \$6 per land

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Snip, snip! Bill Dixon and Dana Dixon sever the red ribbons at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cuttings for Skate Zone and Urban Zone, located side by side in the Big Spring Mall. Also shown, along with chamber members and ambassadors, are store employees. Brandon Greathouse, Kelly Hinojos and Deidrei Knight. Skate Zone offers skateboards and skating accessories, while Urban Zone offers urban and extreme-sport styled clothing.

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Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye Valverde chats with H.B. Walker Thursday during the Business After Hours reception at the Carriage Inn Retirement Home, 501 W. 17th St. Business After Hours, sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is an opportunity for area residents interested in local business to meet and network at different locations around town.

Time to vaccinate horses

Despite the current frigid temperatures, spring is just around the corner and animal health officials are urging owners to protect their equids, including horses, mules and donkeys, against several mosquito-borne diseases before "bug" season starts.

Vaccines are available to protect equids against both equine encephalitis, better known as "sleeping sickness," and the West Nile Virus. However, the shots are of no value if they aren't given prior to

disease exposure. These vaccines require two doses, administered several weeks apart, and full protection doesn't develop until four to six weeks after the second dose.

Cases of "sleeping sickness," or equine encephalitis, occur sporadically in Texas equids and on rare occasions, humans contract the mosquito-borne infection. Transmitted by mosquitoes that have fed on diseased birds, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) cause swelling of the brain, resulting in staggering, convulsions and fever. Veterinarians can administer an effective "two-way" vaccine to pro-

tect equids against EEE and WEE. Two injections, 30 days apart, are required, and the animal will need a booster shot annually or biannually.

- Symptoms of these diseases include:
1. Staggering, falling or inability to rise;
 2. Illness affecting a large percentage of animals;
 3. Sudden death loss.

For information on this or other pertinent information, contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Extension agent for agriculture. He can be reached at 264-2236. His office is in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.



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