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The Big Spring Herald is seeking the addresses of all Big Spring and Howard County military personnel currently deployed to the Middle East.

Herald Publisher Hank Bond said the newspaper will be sending free newspapers to the service men and women helping to prepare for a possible conflict with Iraq.



HAWKS SENDOFF

There will be a send-off for the Hawks basketball team on Thursday as they travel to Dallas for the Region V Tournament. The send-off will be at 12:15 p.m. in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Hawks' first game will be on Friday at 3 pm vs. Temple College at the University of Texas at Dallas Activity Center in Richardson.

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Murphy calls for TEA monitor

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Seeing no other resolution to a perceived unresolvable division among trustees, Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Murray Murphy believes the Texas Education Agency should assign a monitor to oversee the board.

"I think the eyes of the

Texas Education Agency need to be here monitoring the board for a period of time," Murphy said.

Murphy's comment comes after several months of board controversy arising from a split in the board over numerous issues, complaints by some board members charging that others are attempting to micro-manage the district and the retirements and resigna-

"I feel like there are certain board members that have overstepped authority"



Murray Murphy, BSISD Superintendent

tions of several administrators.

TEA is expected to conduct an on-site investigation during the week of March 17-21 in response to a complaint filed by trustee Terry Wegman, vice president of the BSISD board, to "a definite split" among board members as to how the school district should be managed.

Specifically, Wegman

charges that four trustees

Alan Partee, Kent Sharp, Mike Dawson and Phil Furqueron have attempted to "micro-manage" the district, and he lists several incidences in the letter to TEA.

The complaint was also signed by trustee Irene Bustamante and Frank Long, board president.

In a written response to

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Mayor calls for positive focus

Says state of the city 'is good'

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

"The state of the city is good." With those words, Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen started his State of the City address Tuesday before about 200 people in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum's East Room.

Following his speech, McEwen said "passion" was the essence of his message. "Passion for our community," he said. "Taking your role in the betterment of our community is the key for us moving forward. Each and every one of us is going to make the difference."

McEwen, saying that he hopes the address will become an annual

"The communities that will prosper in the future are the ones that dream the biggest dreams."

Mayor Russ McEwen



Mayor Russ McEwen is congratulated by city staff members and others who turned out for his State of the City address at Howard College. During the luncheon speech, McEwen praised several local organizations, businesses and entities, and encouraged area residents to take pride in their community.

event, started off the meat of his presentation by accolading several local businesses and organizations.

"Since we are on the Howard College Campus, let me begin by applauding the efforts that have

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Ag Expo, luncheon tickets are ready

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will present its "thank you" to farmers and producers in March.

The event is the West Texas Ag Expo and Appreciation Luncheon and it annually draws between 400 and 500 people to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The day-long expo features exhibits and seminars related to agriculture. The noon luncheon is free to area producers and farmers.

"The Expo allows different entities and business in Big Spring who would like to see farmers as potential customers to set



VALVERDE

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Kiwanians to serve up annual pancake feed

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

O o e y, g o o e y, m m m, m m m good!

Pancake lovers will flock into the Howard College student cafeteria Friday to take advan-



DUNCAN

tage of the annual Kiwanis Pancake Supper fund-raiser.

"We'll have all the syrup and butter you need to make the pancakes all sticky and gooey and really good," said Kiwanis President Ann Duncan. "We want all the pancake eaters we can get in there."

Along with the golden-brown flapjacks, bacon,

sausage, juice and coffee are included in the \$5 admission for the all-you-can eat dinner.

"We make probably 5,000 pancakes," Duncan said. "We'll make as many as we need until everybody is full."

The dinner begins at 4 p.m., a little earlier than last year, and will continue through 8 p.m.

"We are hoping to catch

folks leaving town before the spring break holiday,"

Duncan said. "If they'd like to come, they can fill up on good, homemade pancakes made from a secret recipe."

Money raised from the supper supports the club's civic projects.

"This is one of the biggest fund-raisers we

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INFORMATION

What: Kiwanis Pancake Supper.

Where: Howard College student cafeteria.

When: 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday.

Cost: \$5 per person, all you can eat.

Hangar 25 joins in effort to support military and families

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

An organizational reception for Mission: POSSIBLE will be held Thursday in the briefing room of the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

POSSIBLE is an acronym for Provide Our Soldiers Support and Inspiration By Local Efforts.

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting, which is scheduled to begin at 6 p.m.

"We want families of military stationed anywhere — active duty, reserves, National Guard — and friends, as well. And just anyone who just

"This is a kick-off meeting, to even see if there is a need to do this. I can't help but believe there is."



Emma Bogard, president, Hangar 25 board

wants to show support to the military and their families," said Emma

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Big Spring wildlife rehabilitator Bebe McCasland, right, demonstrates how a pelican walks during the annual Read Across America event held Monday at the Howard County Library. In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, the library held a puppet show based on the author's stories that have bird characters. Also pictured is Karen McIntyre, Howard County children's librarian.

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been made in recent years to make the college campus more and more appealing," he said. "The Howard College campus shines like a bright diamond and is a source of great pride for our community."

The mayor also praised the college's efforts to partner with Lubbock Christian University to make a bachelor's degree program available in Big Spring.

McEwen said he was proud to be a Howard College alumnus.

"My days at Howard College prepared me for my further education at the University of Texas," he said.

McEwen also gave kudos to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for their new emergency facilities and for reducing staff turnover by 34 percent; to ALON USA's Big Spring refinery for winning three safety performance awards last year, for investing in Big Spring with their new asphalt plant and a planned \$15 million catalytic gasoline hydro treating unit and for donating \$10,000 to purchase computer systems for 10 area sixth grade students; and to Moore Development for Big Spring.

"Many have asked what the Moore Board has done for Big Spring and Howard County," he said. "The following businesses have benefited from economic incentives provided by the Moore Board: Spencer Coatings, American Limestone, Mid-Tex Corrections — now Cornell Corrections, Fiber Glass Systems, ALON USA, Western Container, Freecom, Phillips Fabrication, A&M Composites, StarTek, Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Veterans Home and Fibercom."

McEwen addressed area residents planning a petition to recall the 1/2-cent sales tax that funds Moore Development's activities.

"We should all take pride in the continuing efforts that are being made by the Moore Board," he said. "It is my hope that the current recall effort concerning the Moore Board will fail. I call on the citizens organizing this effort to turn their energies to positive efforts for our community."

McEwen also recognized the efforts of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the Big Spring State Hospital and the School District.

"The district will hire a new superintendent in 2003," he said. "The school board will not face a more important task. It is incumbent on every citizen of Howard County to support the board in their decision."

The mayor also applauded retiring superinten-

dent Murray Murphy.

"I can only hope that we will be able to find someone of Murray Murphy's caliber and character," he said. "Thank you, Murray, for 18 years of dedicated service to the children of Howard County."

McEwen also took time to recognize some of the city's own accomplishments and goals, including the double-seal coat program designed to surface all of Big Spring's unpaved streets, the new maintenance system at the Roy Anderson Baseball/Softball complex, and the refinancing of the city's bond debt at a lower interest rate which will save \$476,000 over the life of the debt.

"(This year) will see restrooms at the (Comanche Trail Park) Amphitheater, an irrigation system for the city cemetery, new and improved airport lighting and renovations to the ABC Park on West Fourth Street," he said. "There is a good possibility that the city will call for a bond election this September."

The county was also on the list for accolades.

"In the past few years Howard County has been progressive in moving the District Court into the old library building, continually upgrading the County Library and enhancing the downtown area by landscaping around the courthouse," McEwen said. "County Commissioner Bill Crooker has been a tireless worker for Howard County for over 30 years. He has been instrumental in his tireless work with Ports to Plains. Believe me when I say that Big Spring and Howard County would not be positioned so well if it weren't for the efforts of Bill Crooker."

Improvements at the VA Medical Center and the continuing service provided by the Colorado River Municipal Water District were also praised by McEwen.

"When we set out to do something spectacular, we succeed spectacularly," he said of area charitable events such as the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and the United Way.

The mayor also applauded the annual Festival of Lights Christmas wonderland in Comanche Trail Park, the YMCA and the Big Spring Symphony an Chorale.

McEwen devoted special praise to Dora Roberts and the philanthropic foundation founded in her name.

"Almost all of the organizations I have talked about today have been positively impacted by Dora Roberts," he said.

"It is impossible to enumerate the ways that the generosity of Ms. Roberts has affected the lives of all who live in this community."

McEwen urged Big Spring residents to have pride in their neighborhood and their community.

"We see pockets of pride but can't seem to get over the hump," he said. "What will it take? It is as simple as this: Our standard should be 'clean and green.' It is a simple standard. It is easy to understand. Look at your property. Is it clean and green? If not, what can you do to make it that way? Would it enhance my quality of life? Would it enhance the quality of life of my neighbors? Would it bring about a sense of pride to all who saw my property?"

The mayor addressed far-reaching plans for the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

"I would like to see us make major renovations to the Municipal Golf Course and find a motel company that would like to place a motel adjacent to the Dora Roberts Community Center," he said. "Many companies, governmental agencies and organizations conduct regional conferences that include meetings, golf and tennis tournaments, along with activities for the families involved. We have the perfect setting around our lake and with proper planning and promotion, I feel that we could become the focal point for meetings such as these."

Big Spring must be creative in drawing people here, McEwen stressed.

"We must begin to explore alternative methods of attracting people to Big Spring and Howard County," he said. "The communities that will prosper in the future are the ones that dream the biggest dreams. We have shown the ability to be the best when we reach the highest. We can no longer accept mediocrity. We must reach for the stars."

The mayor ended his address with an appeal for prayer.

"As we look to the future of Big Spring and Howard County, we are in need of a miraculous transformation," he said. "This supernatural transformation will come if we pray asking for the Lord to watch over and care for us."

The event, hosted by Howard College, was catered by Great Western Dining.

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HANGAR

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Bogard, Hangar 25 Air Museum board president.

A Military Support Group already exists for Howard County and Bogard made it clear that the Hangar 25 board is not trying to duplicate their efforts.

"It is a wonderful organization and they do so much to support families, particularly in prayer and worship. And the Vietnam Memorial group does a wonderful job in its efforts, too," she said. "We want to do something as well. The hangar (museum), being almost a military operation in itself, we feel a real need right now to support those families and we want to do some things for the troops as well. I don't think, at this time, we can do too much to show our support."

Ideas the group might pursue include:

- Gathering letters of support to military personnel from school children;
- Gathering cookies to be sent to military personnel
- Collecting photographs of military per-

sonnel for an honor board and location map;

- Monthly family journal updates;
- Military style briefings and support information for families.

"We are hoping to plan an activity every month. One may be to provide a class for financial assistance for families. Sometimes when a family member is away, there are financial problems. There is help out there, and we can show them how to get it," said Bogard. "Another month, we might see about having children write letters. Another idea we talked about was a cookie campaign where we send cookies."

"We are going to set up a computer where people can come to the museum and communicate through e-mail," Bogard added.

"There are lots of ways we can help and we want to visit with families and friends and see what their needs are. This is a kick-

off meeting, to even see if there is a need to do this. I can't help but believe there is."

The reception is open to anyone.

"If you cannot come, call and give us your name and number so we can contact you for future activities," said Bogard.

For more information, contact museum coordinator Susan Lewis at 264-1999.

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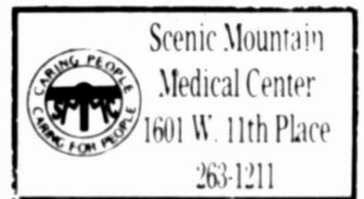
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Dorothy Coates, 76, died Friday. Funeral services will be 11:30 AM, Thursday at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park.

Cecil L. Mackey, 88, died Tuesday. Funeral services will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Opal Dean, 92, died Tuesday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.



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the agency describing, by date, 10 to 12 incidences of concern since the 2002 board election. Murphy concurred with the issues raised by the three trustees.

"There have been some governance issues that have bothered me personally," he said. "I feel like there are certain board members that have overstepped authority. My letter will show that I concur with Mrs. Bustmanate, Mr. Long

and Mr. Wegman on the issues they raised."

Murphy said he wrote the letter after a conversation with Dr. Jo Frazier, who will be serving as chairperson of the TEA investigation.

Murphy would not release the letter to media or go into any specific details. When attempting to retrieve a copy of the letter from the agency, a spokesperson for TEA requested the Big Spring Herald file a information request under the

Freedom of Information Act. This process could at take 10 days or more.

Wegman declined to comment on whether a monitor should be assigned to the board, saying the issue should be left up to TEA.

"That will be their determination," Wegman said. "They will look at things and determine if that is warranted."

Trustee Allan Partee denies the allegations and said he welcomes the investigation to clear up

the matter.

Long and Furquerson declined to comment. Bustmanate, Dawson and Sharp could not be reached for comment at press time.

Murphy has cited a split among the board, lack of board confidence and micro-managing issues by some board members as the reason for his decision to retire in June. He said he did not see these issues being resolved while he served as superintendent.

The on-site investigation will include interviews of members of the board, administrators, staff and other persons who might be able to assist with the inquiry. The investigating team will also review minutes and agendas from board meetings, board policies, communications files, news articles and other pertinent documents.

Following the visit, the agency will submit a written preliminary report which the district will

have time to appeal if it so chooses. A final report will then be issued.

A variety of outcomes can occur from this investigation, ranging from dismissing the complaint, requiring board members to have more training, assigning a monitor to the board to appointing a master. A master has the right to overrule board members.

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up booths," said Debbye ValVerde, Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"Agriculture is a part of the Big Spring Area," said ValVerde. "We host the luncheon because we

want to thank the area farmers for doing their business in Big Spring. All the contributions are from area merchants that want to thank the farmers for doing business with them and in Big Spring."

The luncheon is also open to the public for \$9

per plate. Tickets are available at the chamber office, 215 W. Third.

A highlight of the event is the naming of the producer of the year and the ag business of the year. A guest speaker is planned, although that individual has not been confirmed

yet, ValVerde said.

Some of the seminar topics from past Expos included row spacing, boll weevil management, drip irrigation and worker protection standards, farm chemicals, laws relating to agriculture and even improving the

home landscape.

The ag expo is in its 12th year. This year's event is set for March 20 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the coliseum and there is no admission charge.

For more information on the expo or the lun-

cheon, contact the Chamber at 263-7611.

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

PANCAKE

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hold during the year," Duncan said. "We fund our scholarships and community projects through this event."

The club's primary focus is helping children.

"Our motto is: 'Children, Priority One,'" Duncan explained. "One of our greatest accomplishments is our Big

Spring High School Key Club which has 150 members."

Members of the Key Club, a youth arm of Kiwanis International, will also help serve dinners during the event.

Tickets for the pancake supper can be purchased from any Kiwanis member or at the door.

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The Progressive & Deadly Nature of Temptation
SUNDAY (10:20 AM)
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SUNDAY (6:00 PM)
Heart Responses That Cause God To Act
MONDAY (7:00 PM)
The Awe Inspiring Epic
TUESDAY (7:00 PM)
Five Words to Change Your Life
WEDNESDAY (7:00 PM)
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What's new at the library.....with Hollis McCright

Gold, diamonds and money — which would you choose? The library has three new books (look on New Book shelf) that address these three commodities. H. W. Brands is a distinguished professor and holder of the Merlbern G. Glasscock Chair in American History at Texas A&M. He is the author of the bestselling biography of Benjamin Franklin "The First American" and "T.R." In "The Age of Gold" (979.404 BRA H), Brands explores the discovery of gold at Sutter's Mill, Calif., in 1848 and the impact it had upon the United States. This is a very interesting book.

The nickname for diamond is "ice." The book is "Barren Lands: An Epic Search for Diamonds in the North American Arctic" (338-4762 KRA K) by Kevin



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Krajick. In the 1970s, two men set out on a 20-year quest to find a North American gem mine. Along the way, Chuck Fipke and Stew Blusson will outwit rivals, including the DeBeers cartel, and make one of the world's greatest diamond discoveries. The stampede rivals that of the Klondike gold rush. "Barren Lands" will keep you up at night; you won't be able to put it down once you start!

You are a driver for Loomis Fargo, making \$14.50 an hour and shuttling millions of dollars from one financial institution to the next. You see all that money and want a piece of the pie. In "Heist! The 17 Million Loomis Fargo Theft" (364.1620 DIA J) by Jeff Diamant, you will meet those responsible for the theft. On Oct. 5, 1997, FBI agents watch a security videotape as David Ghant loads stacks of cash on a pushcart and then disappears. This is the story of an unlikely crime destined to be remembered, not for its sophistication, but rather for the crazy cast of characters who stole \$17 million dollars.

What do Pat Conroy (author of "Prince of

Tides"), Ralph Ellison, Charles Darwin, Lyndon Johnson, Sandy Koufax and Lafayette have in common? The library has received biographies of each of them. Pat Conroy defined himself (until age 21) as a basketball player and in his book "My Losing Season" (B CON P) takes you through his last year of playing basketball. Ralph Ellison was a pivotal figure in American literature and history and quite possibly the father of African American literature. "Ralph Ellison: Emergence of Genius" (B ELL R) written by Lawrence Jackson, is a long overdue examination of Ellison's contribution to literature.

"Charles Darwin: The Power of Place," (B DAR C) by Janet Browne, is the story of Darwin's life after publication of "The Origin of the Species." An intensely private man, he is not prepared for the onslaught of publicity that emerges. Browne presents a sympathetic and authoritative picture of Darwin as he copes with Darwinian revolution.

Robert Caro has just published his third volume upon the life of

Lyndon Baines Johnson. In "The Years of Lyndon Johnson: Master of the Senate" (B JOH L), Caro writes of the master politician — from 1949 to 1960. This is an unprecedented examination of how legislative power works in America and how Johnson mastered the Senate as no politician had done before. This is a masterful book.

Sandy Koufax was only a teenager when Dodgers owner Walt O'Malley claimed him "the Great Jewish Hope" of the franchise. Old fashioned in his willingness to play when injured and in his acute sense of responsibility to his team, Koufax answered to an authority higher than O'Malley. Retiring from baseball at age 30, what has he done with his life? Read Jane Leavy's book "Sandy Koufax: A Lefty's Legacy" (B KOU S).

The Marquise de Lafayette may be the only Frenchman to actually like the United States. At the tender age of 19, Lafayette renounced a life of luxury in France to fight and bleed for liberty — at Brandywine, Valley Forge and Yorktown. A major general in the

Continental army, he earned the love of Washington and the common soldier. "Lafayette" (B LAY M) is the dramatic life story of one of the greatest leaders in American and European history. Written by Harlow G. Unger, students of American history will not want to miss this book.

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Soups can warm the coldest day

The Associated Press

Soup is a major item in the cook's survival kit. It's always a warming thought. How heavenly to have an endless repertoire of wholesome yet easy variations to put on the table, to feed and cheer the hungry.

A few samples to consider:

"Soup of the Day" (Harper Collins, 2002, \$25.95) is cooking teacher and food writer Lydie Marshall's collection of 140 soup recipes for at least 140 well-fed days.

"We love soup for many reasons: when the weather is freezing, a good hot soup is always welcome; when we are coming down with a cold, drinking a hot vegetable or chicken broth can help make us feel better; when we want to save money for a vacation, we can eat soup, an excellent and inexpensive way to be nourished," she writes in her introduction.

Marshall, who lives part of the time in New York, and part in Provence, France, where she runs a cooking school, also rec-

ognizes the pleasure of cold soup on a hot day; the book's recipes cover all seasons.

Her Italian tomato and bread soup is adapted from a Florentine version. She says it can be made with fresh tomatoes in season, or any time with canned tomatoes; the flavor comes not only from the tomatoes but from good beef broth and peasant bread.

Italian Tomato and Bread Soup (pappa al pomodoro)

1/2 cup extra-virgin Italian olive oil
2 garlic cloves, coarsely chopped
1 medium red onion, cut in half and finely sliced
1 1/2 pounds very ripe tomatoes, peeled, seeded, chopped (3 cups), or 28-ounce can Italian plum tomatoes
Large pinch of sugar
1 teaspoon red pepper flakes
10 fresh leaves of basil
3 cups concentrated homemade beef broth, or commercial broth, or made from bouillon cubes
4 cups stale Tuscan bread (see note), cut into

small pieces
Salt
Freshly ground black pepper

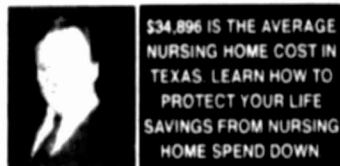
Heat the oil in a large 4-quart pan over low heat. Add the garlic and onion and braise for 10 minutes without burning the garlic.

Meanwhile, puree the tomatoes in the food processor for 1 minute. Add the tomatoes, sugar, red pepper flakes and basil leaves to the pan. Raise the heat and bring to a boil, then reduce the heat and simmer for 10 minutes. Add the broth. Bring to a boil slowly, then add the bread. Season with salt and pepper.

Simmer for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally to mix bread and tomatoes. Turn off the heat, cover the pan and let stand for 1 hour.

Reheat before serving. Taste and correct seasoning. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Tuscan bread is made without salt. You may substitute a hearty peasant or country-style bread.



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Children in families who have health care insurance are more likely to have regular, well-child exams and to stay healthier. "Children who have health care coverage tend to be healthier and are better prepared to learn," said Jan Mann, TexCare program director for West Texas Opportunities, Inc. "that's why enrolling children who are uninsured in CHIP and Medicaid programs needs to be top priority for parents." West Texas Opportunities, Inc. and its partners are actively involved in efforts to increase the number of children enrolled through TexCare.

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Do you have an interesting sports item or story idea? Call Tommy Wells at 263-7331, Ext. 237. Email results to: jmoseley@crcom.net

Seven teams to compete for Big Spring crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Local high school baseball enthusiasts will find themselves in the right spot at the right time beginning tomorrow morning when seven of West Texas' top baseball programs square off in the 2003 Big Spring Baseball Tournament.

The Big Spring Steers will highlight a strong field that includes two Class 5A programs in Abilene Cooper and Odessa High, three 4A schools — in Big

Spring, Hereford and San Angelo Lake View, New Mexico power Portales High School will round of the field.

Big Spring, anchored by a solid performance at the plate from Eric Chavez, turned in a strong outing in their last game, rallying from a 6-run deficit before dropping a 7-6 decision to the Odessa Permian

2003 Big Spring Baseball Tournament First Round

- Big Spring vs. Hereford, 8:30 a.m. Steer Field.
- Brownwood vs. Odessa High, 8:30, Jack Barber Field.
- Cooper vs. Lake View, 11 a.m. Steer Field.
- Portales vs. Cooper Lake View winner, 1:30 p.m. Steer Field.

Panthers.

The Steers, who have dropped four of their last five games, will open the tournament tomorrow morning when they square off against the Hereford Whitefaces. The game is slated to begin at 8:30 a.m. at Steer Park. In other first round games, Brownwood will face Odessa High beginning at 8:30 a.m. at

Jack Barber Field on the campus of Howard College. Abilene Cooper and San Angelo Lake View will meet at 11 a.m. at Steer Park. Portales will face the winner of the Cooper-Lake View bout beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Big Spring will face either Brownwood or Odessa in the second round. A win over Hereford would send the Steers into an 11 a.m. bout at Jack Barber Field. A loss drops the Steers into a 4 p.m. consolation game at Steer Park.

The tournament is scheduled to run through Saturday afternoon.

IN BRIEF

BS roots run deep for Memphis signee

Ashley Dixon's Big Spring roots have taken her far. The Arkansas high school basketball standout signed a scholarship deal



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recently to play for the University of Memphis next fall. The 5-foot-6 senior led Pulaski Academy to the state playoffs this past season.

She is the niece of former Big Spring High School standouts Jay and Zay LeFevre. He grandfather is the late Leroy LeFevre. Zirah Bednar of Big Spring is her great-grandmother.

Send-off planned for Hawks tomorrow

There will be a send-off for the Howard College Hawks basketball team as they travel to Dallas for the Region V Tournament. The event is set for 12:15 p.m. tomorrow in front of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Hawks' first game will be Friday at 3 p.m. against Temple Junior College.

Former BSHS coach dies in El Paso

Former Big Spring High School assistant football coach Tommy Moss died last week in El Paso. He was 55.

Moss was an assistant at Big Spring from 1973 to 1976. He was later the defensive coordinator at San Angelo Central.

Tennis, gymnastics classes now forming

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

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

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

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

For more information contact the YMCA at 267-8234.

'Hawk Talk' will air March 12 on KBST

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

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By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Sweetwater Lady Mustangs' pitching staff resembled a Wyle E. Coyote cartoon Tuesday afternoon — completely clueless.

The Coahoma Bulldogettes popped the Lady Mustang staff for 16 hits and raced to an easy 13-2 run-rule victory in front of a small crowd at the Sweetwater softball field.

The Bulldogettes, now 5-2 on the year, began battering Sweetwater's pitching staff early, scoring twice in the top of the first.

Megan Young opened the CHS first by with a lead-off single. Ashley Lang then pounded out a double to put runners at second and third.

Tawna Jacobs didn't let the Lady Mustangs off the hook. She gave Coahoma the lead moments later with a two-run double.

Young got into the RBI act in the second. She delivered a clutch hit that scored Michelle Walker and Andrea Amaro and stretched the Bulldogette lead to 4-0.

Coahoma unloaded on Sweetwater in the third inning. En route to scoring nine times in the frame, the Bulldogettes garnered big hits from Walker, Ruby Garcia, Lang, Amaro and Sarah Dunn.

Coahoma held a 13-0 lead heading into the bottom half of the third.

Sweetwater used a pair of CHS errors to avoid the shutout in their ensuing at-bat. The Lady Mustangs, who managed just three hits in the affair, scored twice in the bottom of the third and pulled to within 13-2.

The game was called after the fifth inning due to the 10-run rule.

Walker picked up the win for Coahoma. She walked just one batter in the game.

The Bulldogette JV dominated Sweetwater in their matchup, taking a 15-2 win.

The Coahoma teams will return to action Saturday in Andrews. The JV will begin play at 11 a.m. The varsity will follow at 1 p.m.

Coahoma JH meet begins tomorrow

The Coahoma Junior High School track meet will be held tomorrow at Bulldog Stadium.

The meet, which will feature several area squads, is scheduled to get under way at approximately 3:45 p.m.



Big Spring tackle Kyle Newton (left) was one of five Big Spring-area football standouts selected to play in the Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic this summer in Abilene. Newton, an all-stater this past fall, joins Big Spring's Tye Butler and Brandon Mendoza, Forsan's Wes Longorio and Coahoma's Billy-Bob Walker on the North roster.

Five Crossroads stars garner invites to FCA All-Star Classic

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

As an offensive lineman, Big Spring tackle Kyle Newton knew he wouldn't get the star treatment reserved for quarterbacks, running backs and receivers. Newton knew he was destined to be a Men-in-Black-type figure for the Steers — there but never seen.

In that regard, the 6-foot-2, 210-pounder proved more than capable during the 2003 high school football season. En route to helping produce a record-setting quarterback and receiving corps, Newton quietly turned more than a few heads — and opposing facemasks. Enough so that he was awarded honorable mention all-state honors.

The accolades continued to roll in for the leader of the Steers' front five last Sunday when Newton headlined a list of five area standouts named to the Myrtle Greathouse All-Star Football Classic which is scheduled for June 7 at Shotwell Stadium in



After passing for nearly 3,000 yards as a senior, Tye Butler was one of three BSHS players selected.

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Players from all sizes of schools — ranging from Class 5A to Class A — will participate in the all-star game, which benefits the Big Country/Concho Valley Chapter of

the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. In all, 51 area schools will be represented.

Newton won't be the only Big Spring-area star gracing the field in June. Also selected to the North roster were Big Spring quarterback Tye Butler and wide receiver Brandon Mendoza, Forsan running back Wes Longorio and Coahoma all-everything standout Billy-Bob Walker.

Newton was a key reason for the Steers' ability to evolve into one of the state's top passing teams in 2002. He, along with fellow linemen Kaniel Miramontes, Jeff DeLos Santos, Scott DiFrancesca, Erin Partee, Bryan Stokes and David Partlow, cleared the way for a squad that rolled up nearly 400 yards a game last fall.

Thanks to the work of Newton, Butler — who recently signed a Division I scholarship deal with the University of New Mexico — was able to put up some incredible numbers last fall. En route to guiding Big Spring to an 8-5

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Quick start spurs Snyder to 3-1 win over Big Spring

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Snyder Lady Tigers pounded out three runs in the first two innings and then held on to claim a tough 3-1 win over the Big Spring Steers Tuesday afternoon at the Snyder High School softball complex.

With the setback, Big Spring suffered only its fourth loss of the year. The Lady Steers are 11-4-1 heading into Friday's home game with the Abilene High School Lady Eagles.

Snyder jumped out to a quick lead in the game. The Lady Tigers roughed up BSHS starter Alex Watkins for three runs in their first two at-bats.

Watkins regrouped quickly, however. The Big Spring standout shut out Snyder over the final five innings.

The Lady Steers, who managed just four hits in the contest, managed to avoid the shutout by driving in a run in the fourth innings.

The Big Spring junior varsity dropped a 3-2 decision to Snyder.



Howard College first baseman Jessica Stroud stretches for a throw from Angela Piper (background) during the Lady Hawks' win over Western Texas. Howard will play in Midland's Lead-off Classic this weekend.

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How to improve your new media parenting skills

Do you have a member of the "Clickerati" at your house? They are otherwise known as today's tech-savvy generation of children who are light years ahead of their parents when it comes to new media. They were using computers almost before they could talk, and can find virtually anything - from music to movies to games - on the Internet.

But they're still kids. And just as adults watch out for their children when it comes to what they eat, or the books and toys they play with, parents should also be aware of what their kids are doing online. Twenty-first century parents need to "catch up"; they should take the time to find out what is available on the Web and guide their children accordingly.

An excellent resource designed for kids and intended to help families explore the Internet together is MaMaMedia.com. One of the only independent sites available for young people, this kids-oriented guide to the Net offers a variety of engaging activities to help users gain technological fluency and expand their minds through playful learning. Children can design and animate characters, make their own digital cards, invent games and share ideas - all within a colorful, entertaining format.

Aimed at kids 12 and under, the site includes a number of innovative, interactive educational opportunities. A "Rompe" channel allows kids to explore the Web safely by providing a visual directory organized into seven categories, each with hundreds of sites carefully selected by the MaMaMedia editorial team. Users can also visit "Zap" where they can make digital creatures and screens, or "Surprise" where they can create stories and cartoons. The site also has companion areas that provide information and guidance for parents and educators.

"MaMaMedia prides itself on creating innovative, meaningful ways to marry the power of the computer with the potential of the child," says Idit Harel, Ph.D., the founder and CEO of MaMaMedia. "The educational value of a Web site comes from stimulating the imagination, not just manipulating information," she explains.

According to Harel, there is a fundamental set of new-media-literacy skills that all children should be expanding. "Activities on the site are meant to help kids develop the three X's: eXploration, eXpression, and eXchange of ideas and creations with digital media and technology tools," says Harel. She considers these skills to be as important as the three R's to the develop-

ment of a successful citizen in the 21st century.

"Good internet learning tools are just like a paintbrush or building blocks," says Harel. "Web experiences for kids should be about learning by doing within a multidimensional creative process, rather than being confined by linear stories or questions and answers."

The site also provides a way for kids to respond to world events. Within 48 hours of the Sept. 11 tragedy, the MaMaMedia Peace Project was launched.

The "HQ for Peace" channel features peace-themed activities such as puzzles, "Mail Bytes" where kids can respond to questions, resources for learning more about the world, and options for sending digital peace greetings to friends and family. Millions of children have used the channel since its inception.

"The peace site provides a safe and expressive space for children to think about and share their feelings, display their digital creations, and exchange ideas about peace, fear and hope," says Harel.

Harel established MaMaMedia in 1995 after years of study at the MIT media lab.

The quality content, based on new learning skills, attracts more than 20,000 children a day, almost 5 million member/users in total since it was launched. The site has won a number of awards, including the Computerworld Smithsonian Award and the Global Information Infrastructure Award.

To improve your new media parenting skills, start your adventure by visiting www.MaMaMedia.com



More students going online to get ahead; Parents seek tutoring for live instruction

A growing number of children are heading to the Internet for educational resources. In fact, the U.S. Census Bureau estimates that 68 percent of school-age children will use the Internet to complete school research and homework assignments this year.

"Computers and the Internet are truly increasing the opportunities for students to learn. In fact, certain Web-based learning can supplement and add increased value to what a child learns in the classroom, as is the case with online tutoring," states Pat Hoge, executive director of education and curriculum development for online tutoring service, eSylvan.

While many students are taking advantage of the academic resources that computers and the Internet make available, Opinion Research Corp. has found that students aren't the only ones going online. In fact, 79 percent of parents are heading to the Web for homework help and academic resources for their children.

"Though many of the tools necessary to complete homework assignments and review critical skills are available online, parents should take the time to sort through the options," states Hoge. "Many homework help Web sites only offer guidance on specific homework problems or

links to other sites. An online tutor, who can provide individualized assistance, may be what the student really needs."

eSylvan is the first and only Internet-based tutoring service to offer personalized reading and math tutoring for students in grades three through nine provided by state-certified teachers. eSylvan teachers and students use Web technology

that allows continuous two-way audio dialogue, which is much like talking on the telephone. They also write questions and answers, which are displayed on both the student's and teacher's computer screens using a digital pencil and digital writing pad (similar to a mousepad).

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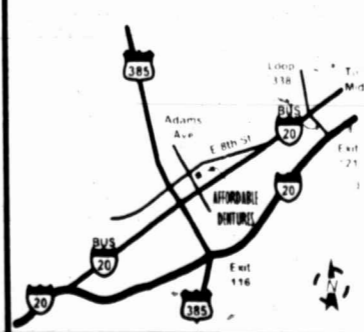
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