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Bakers Chapel AME Church, at 911 N. Lancaster, will hold its annual barbecue fundraiser from 11-a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Meats include brisket, ribs and sausage. A regular plate is \$5; a combination plate \$6.50.

Call-in orders are welcome at 267-7158.

ADDRESSES WANTED

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

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



AMERICAN PROFILE

Clowns patrol the halls of Kootenai Medical Center in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, dispensing a dose of humor to patients. The program was started by former nurse Bev Toelle in an effort to aid in the healing of patients. Betty Mills, who coordinates the Mirth Corps, does some clowning herself. Both women believe in the healing power of humor.

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline Big Spring Water Department employee Jay Bell inspects a water service line after crews repaired it. The repair work left the Big Spring Herald without water for several hours

WATER WOES

City says main breaks are actually less frequent

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Despite a couple of highly visible water outages along Gregg Street, water main breaks are down significantly.

A water main replacement operation on Lancaster Street early in the week left several Gregg Street businesses. including Herman's Restaurant. without water for about a day, while a service line repair at the corner of Ninth and Gregg left the Big Spring Herald with out water for several hours Thursday.

"That was in conjunction See WATER, Page 3



that we were replacing on Lancaster," said Public Works Director Todd Darden of the work on

Scam could be connected to crimes in Fort Worth

By LYNDEL MOODY

Thursday afternoon.

Staff Writer

A reported theft of \$4.500 from an elderly woman on Tuesday might connected to similar crimes occurring in Fort Worth.

Big Spring police were tipped off to the connection by a Big Spring woman scanning state newspapers on the Internet.

"Someone called me." said Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer. "His

across the state and found this article that was similar to our case.

According to an article in the Fort Worth Star Telegram on Thursday. Fort Worth police are investigating two incidences of theft after scam artists posing as utility workers took belongings from at least two older

day of the theft in Big Spring, a man in Fort Worth representing him-

installing new electrical lines and needed her to go outside so he could test to

women within five days.

On Tuesday, the same Sgt. Roger Sweatt at was checking the self as a TXU employee

Web, reading newspapers told an 87-year-old woman locate the existing lines. Let and some loose change that the company was according to the Star Telegram.

> Anyone with information about this crime is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 263-TIPS, the police at 264-2550 or

> > 264-2558.

While outside, the suspect allegedly stole the at a Big Spring residence victim's purse. The crime took place in a residence resenting a worker from in north Fort Worth at an electric company

Five days earlier, on thing woman at her rest Friday, an 86 year-old woman was approached at her Oakhurst home by himself as an employee of Texas Electric.

The man gave the 86 year-old a similar story and took off with her wal

left on a dish in a dresser. Both instances are sum: lar to the theft occurring Tuesday when a man rep-

approached an 30 some

dence requesting to check her breaker box He told her a car struck a man who introduced an electrical pole down the street and two houses

had caught fire The man convinced the

Unemployment takes expected hike for Howard County, surrounding area

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Seasonal jobs impacted unemployment figures for January, released by the Workforce Commission.

Unemployment in Howard County jumped five points from 4.7 percent in

December to 5.2 percent in January, according to the statistics. Specifically, the civilian

labor force dropped slightly from 14,214 in December to Civilian Labor Force 14,207 14.214 14.153 Employment 13,469 13.539 13,524 Unemployment 4.7 Unemployment Rate 5.2 4.4

Employment dropped from 13,539 to 13,469.

"As expected, our unemployment rose in January, due to the termination of the holiday jobs created in January. November and December.

These statistics indicate what was going on in January, prior to some local layoffs that have taken place in the public sector," said

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North Birdwell UMC ready to dish up chili

HERALD Staff Report

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church will host its annual chili supper

Saturday and invites the public to attend. The free community outreach event will begin at 5:30 p.m. and last through 7 p.m. at the church, 2702 N. Birdwell Lane.

Hot dogs, beans, salads and desserts are also on the menu, along with plenty of delicious, homemade chili.

During the event, the church will hold a book fair as a fund-raiser to support its various civic projects through the year. The book prices are based on donations.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is located just before Birdwell Lane intersects with North FM 700.

DRA marks first year, plans future activities By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

At their lunch meeting Thursday, members of Big Spring's Downtown Revitalization Association looked back on a big first year.

The group met at the newly-opened Franciscan Bar and Grill on the corner of Third and Runnels streets.

"Our first year was a great success," said DRA President Allan Johnson. "We pulled off the Funtastic Fourth Festival. We worked with KBST on the Colgate Country Showdown. We the 16th of September, the Diez y Seis de Septiembre Festival. Then we also had our Christmas Gift to the Community. We also participated in lots and lots of functions with different groups."

The Downtown Revitalization Association's plans for this year include a downtown concert with food vendors and a children's section every other week.

The group also laid some plans for this year. including a downtown concert with food vendors and a children's section every other week.

"The Heart of the City Concert Series," Johnson said. "What it is, we're going to be having a con-

See DRA, Page 3



HERALD photo/Roger Cline One candle on the birthday cake — members of the Downtown Revitalization Association celebrated the group's first anniversary Thursday at the new San Franciscan Bar and Grill in Downtown Big Spring. The group discussed successes from the past year and plans to continue to grow in the coming year.

BIG SPRING ROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

D. H. "Bub" Griffith

D. H. "Bub" Griffith, 87, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, at his residence. Graveside funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on Oct. 8, 1915, in Big Spring and married Ireba Long on Oct. 23, 1937, in Big Spring. She

preceded him in death on Nov. 13, 1993.

Mr. Griffith was a lifetime resident of Howard County. He had farmed on the family farm before going to work for Cosden Oil and Chemical where he had worked as an electrician for over 25 years, retiring in 1981.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a member of the Cosden 25-Year Club and the International Union of Operating Engineers Local 826. Survivors include his son, Jimmy Griffith of Fairfield, Ohio; seven grandchildren; 10 great grand-

children and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Jody Nix, Harold Griffith, Roy Griffith, Tommy Wyrick, Jody Griffith and Jimmy

Griffith. The family suggests memorials to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, Big Spring, 79720 or to a favorite

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

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

Gladys Perkins



Gladys Perkins, 82, of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 12, 2003, in a Lubbock nursing home. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on July 27, 1920 in Eula. Mrs. Perkins came to Big Spring in 1956 and worked at Herman's Restaurant for a number of years. She moved to Lubbock in 1993. She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a member of TOPS No. 21

Survivors include three daughters, Joy Huddleston of Lubbock, Betty Gall of Ocala, Fla., and Joyce Klien of Sanger; one son, Terry Perkins of Lubbock; two brothers, Wesley Clearman of Carling and Troy, run and auction. New Company band will provide Clearman of Gravatt, Ark.; two sisters, Lola Shanks of entertainment. The benefit is sponsored by the Gold Canyon, Ariz., and Emma Jean Teague of Fraternal Order of Eagles, the American Legion and

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

Jessie Nickelberry

Jessie Nickelberry, 81, of Big Spring, died Thursday morning, March 13, 2003, at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a long illness. Funeral Services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Chapel with Jack Bryant officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born Nov. 23, 1921, at Marietta. She was the daughter of Marshal Nickelberry and Carrie Neal Nickelberry. She married Ester Webster in 1938 in Atlanta, Texas. He died in 1964. Mrs. Nickelberry lived in Stanton from 1948 until 1995, when moving to Big Spring. She was a Jehovah's Witness.

She is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and James Watkins of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Kevin Watkins and his wife Tracy, Eric Watkins and Kimberly Tripp and her husband Jeff; and one great grandson: Averic Watkins.

She was preceded in death by one son, Ester Ray

Webster and one brother, J. D. Horsley.

Arrangements are by Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Police blotter

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

• MARCUS LANCE HATTENCACH, 31, of 1806 E.

15th St. was arrested on city warrants. • KATRINA MICHELLE DUNN, 29, of Colorado

City was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office. • DEBORAH CRAWFORD HARRIS, 50, of 3617

Hamilton was arrested on a charge of assault class C/family violence.

• TOTTIE ELLA WILLIAMS, 34, of 1202 E. Third St. was arrested on city warrants.

• EDWARD CHARLES BOYCE, 39, of 1202 E. Third St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

DARREL WILLIAM BURKEEN, 51, address

unknown was arrested on city warrants. • CHARLES WRIGHT, 70, of 410 W. Fifth St. was

arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

FRANKLIN EUGENE RODGERS, 18, of Lamesa

was arrested on a Dawson County warrant. • DANIEL GUZMAN, 40, of 403 E. Eighth St. was

arrested on city warrants. ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was

reported twice in the 500 block of Goliad and also in the 3600 block of Hamilton Street.

• ASSAULT CLASS C was reported in the 1200 block

of East Third Street.

 BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 700 block of Andree Street. Someone reportedly

Janell Lewis Williams



Janell Lewis Williams, 52, of LaPorte, formerly of Big Spring, died on Tuesday, March 11, 2003, in a Baytown hospital. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Bill Myers, pastor of First Baptist Church of Menard, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Sept. 7, 1950, in Big Spring and married Howard Williams on Dec. 30, 1966, in Big Spring.

Mrs. Williams grew up in Howard County and graduated from Forsan in 1968. She had lived in LaPorte since 1994 and was a homemaker. She was a member of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church. She was an active member of the San Jacinto High Rollers Motorcycle Club for 15 years.

Survivors include her husband, Howard "Howdy' Williams of LaPorte; her daughter, Candee Williams of LaPorte; her granddaughter, Stephanie Williams of LaPorte; her parents, Milton "Rip" and Juanita Lewis of Big Spring; two sisters, Lea Oma Gray of Midland and Cheryl Beeson of Big Spring; her mother-in-law, Mable Williams of Berwyn, Pa.; several nieces and nephews and several aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her son, Brad Williams on Dec. 28, 1995, and her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Wright.

Pallbearers will be Lou Vassilos, Erick Soder, Bryan Harbour, Chad Harbour, Brent Newton, Brian Reagan, Tony Conger and Justin Cole.

The family suggests memorials to the American Heart Association, 3205 W. Cuthbert, Ste. A-8, Midland, 79701 or to Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, 1512 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, 79720.

The family will be at the home of Rip and Juanita Lewis, 4820 Wasson Road.

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

Take note

→ A BENEFIT WILL BE HELD FOR MIKE

MATHEWS, who is battling Lou Gehrig's disease, on Saturday, March 22 beginning at 9 a.m. at the Eagles Lodge at 703 W. Third St. Barbecue plates will be on sale for \$6 each at 11 a.m. until late. To-go plates are also available. Activities include a cake walk, poker

Garland; seven grandchildren; and eight great grand- the Cossacks Motorcycle Club. For more information,

"OBESITY AND YOUR HEALTH," a free information seminar featuring Dr. David Syn of The Advanced Bariatric Surgery Center has been scheduled for 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday, March 14, 2003, at the Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive. Among the questions to be answered are: How does obesity affect your health? What are the available treatment options? What is weight loss surgery? Are vou an appropriate candidate?

A courtesy RSVP is requested. Call toll free 866-799-

The seminar is being sponsored by Highland Medical Center as part of their commitment to community education. More information about programs is available at www.InteractiveHealthStrategies.info.

→ THE 1ST TEXAS LIGHT ARTILLERY COM-PANY C Civil War Re-Enactment Group will hold an organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, March 15, at 1312 Elm St. in Big spring.

Anyone interested in Civil War-era battles, fashion, history or society is welcome to attend and find out

what Civil War Re-Enactment is all about.

For more information call Kay Porter at 267-9604

after 5 p.m. or at 270-8264.

pried open the front door of the home and stole firearms worth \$8,200 and other items worth \$770.

 BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 3600 block of Tingle Street. A portable CD player worth \$40 and compact discs worth \$100 were reported stolen from a red 1983 Dodge.

THEFT was reported:

- At Wal-Mart. Clothes worth \$10.36 were reported stolen.

- In the 600 block of Douglas. A pit bulldog worth \$125 was reported stolen and recovered.

 In the 1700 block of Harvard Avenue. Negotiable instruments, computer hardware and software and other items were seized by the police as evidence in the case. \$4,500 cash was reported stolen.

- In the 100 block of Whipkey. Items worth \$315 were reported stolen and later recovered.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT was reported in the 400

block of Hillside Drive. FURNISHING FALSE INFORMATION UNDER TEXAS CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT CON-TROLLED SUBSTANCE SCHEDULE IV was report-

ed in the 1000 block of South Main Street. • NEIGHBOR DISPUTE was reported in the 1000 block of North Main Street.

 DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported twice in the 1300 block of Sycamore Street, the 4200 block of Parkway Road and the 800 block of South Lancaster.

 LOUD PARTY/NOISE was reported in the 2200 block of South Gregg Street.

Bulletin board

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

Friday

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

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

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

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

Saturday, March 15

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

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

Barbecue brisket ribs and sausage fund-raiser, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., Bakers Chapel AME Church, 911 N. Lancaster. Regular plates are \$5 and combination plates are \$6.50. Call in orders are welcome, 267-7158.

An 80th Birthday Reception honoring Wayne Bonner, 3:30 p.m.-5 p.m., Big Spring Country Club. Friends and former students are invitied to visit with Mr. Bonner.

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

Free Community Chili Supper, North Birdwell Lane United Methodist, 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m., 2702 North Birdwell.

Big Spring Shrine Club, 6:30 p.m., for meal and meeting to follow, Goliad and First Street.

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Eagles Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Members and their guests are welcome.

Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for

Sunday, March 16

more information.

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

Weather

Tonight...Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. South

winds 10 to 20 mph.

Saturday...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the lower 80s. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Slight chance of showers and thunderstorms in the evening. Lows in the upper 50s. Chance of rain 20 percent.

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Tuesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Wednesday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s. Highs in the mid 60s.

Lottery

Cash Five numbers drawn Thursday: 4-15-16-17-28

Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday night: 5-7-4

Pick 3 numbers drawn Thursday afternoon: 6-8-4

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Friday, March 1

By LYNDEL MOOD

Staff Writer

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Area students vie in state CX Debate

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Despite a strong showing, the Forsan High School cross-examination debate team of Rachel Clinton and Levi Johnson didn't make the cut to the octagonal finals University Interscholastic League state CX Debate.

The duo won two rounds and lost two rounds on Monday before being eliminated from Class 2A competition. The team of Taylor Norwood and Luke Walker of Callisburg High School in



CLINTON

Gainsesville argued their way to the top and won

In Class 1A competition, the Borden High School duo of Billy Roper and John Wilson walked away

state champions Tuesday night.

Heading into competition today are the Big Spring High School team of Brittney Barrow and Camilla Painter. The two hope to secure a slot for Saturday's finals.

CX-Debate competition is being held in Austin on the University of Texas campus.

JOHNSON

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

SCAM

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woman her breaker box needed repair and the victim wrote a blank check for the cost. Later, the man cashed the check at a Big Spring bank for \$4,500.

Big Spring police are working with Fort Worth officers to determine if the crimes are connected.

The man who committed the Big Spring crime was described by the victim as wearing a light blue, button-up shirt with a name on one side and a logo she believed was connected to an electric com-

Last seen on a surveillance tape from the Big Spring bank, the suspect appears to be a white or Hispanic male, about 5'10 or 5'11, 180 to 200 pounds. somewhat like a uniform.

wearing a light colored Tshirt and a white baseball cap with an unknown logo on it, Sweatt said. The suspect does appear to be clean-shaven.

The man in Friday's theft in Oakhurst is described as a cleanshaven Hispanic or Anglo in his late 20s or early 30s, about 5 feet 7 inches tall and weighing about 170 pounds. He had black hair and brown eyes, wore a red shirt and blue

newer-model red pickup. In Tuesday's north Fort Worth theft, the description was similar except a witness said the man appeared to be in his 40s or 50s and was wearing a ball cap, blue shirt and blue jeans that looked

The witness described the man's pickup as bronzecolored.

It's too early to tell if the crimes were committed by the same person, Sweatt said.

"We don't know if this is our guy or if he is someone who heard about those incidences," Sweatt said. "There are too many variables to predict right now, too many directions to go right now."

Anyone with informajeans and was driving a tion about this crime is encouraged to call Crime Stoppers at 263-TIPS or the police at 264-2550 or Sweatt at 264-2558.

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cert 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. This is to bring people back downtown on a consistent basis. Not just for one big event, but on a consistent basis.'

The point is to rekindle business and excitement in the downtown area.

"Getting people used to coming to downtown Big Spring," he said. "It should light up a fire, create some energy, and should be able to make it where the merchants downtown can do some business and we might even attract some new business. We could also bring in some tourism as well, which is what we're all about.'

Plans are also well under way for the DRA's flagship celebration, the **Funtastic** Fourth Festival. Johnson said this year's event will fill two days instead of just

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24th & Johnson 267-8288 Jessie Nickelberry, 81. died Thursday. Funeral services will be 11:00 AM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park



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last year," he said. "We're going to have 24 bands competing for a \$1,000 first prize in three different categories. This year we're going to break it down into Tejano, country, and rock and roll. We're going to span it out over the two days.' Of course, all the favorites from last year

cle show," he said. "We

"It's going to be bigger, had 150 vendors out there last year; we hope to get a whole lot more than that this year. There's a lot happening." For more information

about the DRA or its activities, call treasurer Ellen Barefoot, owner of Nannie's Attic, at 394-

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Lancaster. "We had some disconnects to do on the old line and tie it in to the new line. That one was off a good part of the day."

Darden said that a faulty tap between a service line and main led to the Herald's outage.

"That one yesterday at Ninth was a service leak," he said. "We had to replace the service line.

and I guess the tap was time," he said. "I want to bad off the main, so they say it was somewhere had to shut it down to around four main breaks redo that.

Darden said leaks are down significantly in January and February 2003 compared to the same time period last year.

"In the month of January and February, leaks for that period of newsdesk@crcom.net

total, and of those four only two of them were bigger than four-inch mains. So we had real good February January as far as leaks

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Virginia Belew. Workforce Network manager for the Big Spring

The statistics also show that while unemployment was significantly lower in January 2002, the labor force continues to stay above those levels. Unemployment a year ago for January was 4.4 percent, based on a labor force of 14,153, with 13,524 of those persons actually employed.

The outlook is still positive, said Belew.

"We have not seen anything to tell us those numbers will be great enough to have a large impact at this time. We continue to have employers call with job openings and are working very hard to make sure those individuals are re-absorbed into the employed category quickly," she added.

Unemployment for January 2003 compares generally favorably to the area. The month's numbers include 5.9 percent for the Permian Basin, 6.8 percent for Texas and 6.5 percent for the nation.

Numbers for area coun-

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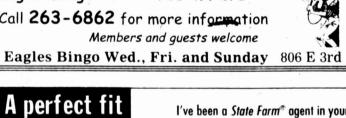






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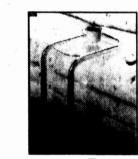


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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the Herald salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play

This week we salute:

• THE EVENING LIONS CLUB of **BIG SPRING** and other Crossroads area **LIONS CLUBS**, who make it possible for youngsters to attend the Texas Lions Camp in Kerrville each summer without cost to their families.

• KIWANIS CLUB MEMBERS, for another great pancake supper.

 THE MILITARY SUPPORT GROUP, FIRST CHURCH OF THE **NAZARENE** and the many others who sponsored the Community Prayer Rally and African Children's Choir Wednesday at the Big Spring Municipal Auditorium.

 SPRING BREAK. Either you got some time off and loved it or it's finally over and you're glad things are returning to "normal." Either way — salute!

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

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A SMALL PRAYER

Dear Lord, we can conquer fear when we face all our ars with our prayers to you.

Gephardt on his candidacy

ot long ago, I spoke with Dick Gephardt, longtime congressman from Missouri, who is currently running for the 2004 Democrat presidential nomination. Here is part of that conversation.

Me: At what point did politics become a passion in your life?

Gephardt: When I was 11, I visited my mother's brother's family in Oklahoma for the summer. I spent almost all summer there. They lived on a farm, they had ponies, and it was a

wonderful thing to do as a kid. But in August, I sat in the house in Oklahoma and watched the full gavel-to-gavel Republican and Democratic conventions, Adlai Stevenson and Dwight Eisenhower.

And my aunt, in fact, dubbed me the "Hot House Rose" because I sat in the house while everybody else was out playing with the horses or the ponies or whatever!

I don't know: I can't explain to you why I was interested in it. I have no idea of why it was interesting. I just ... I loved it. I wanted to see all that. I wanted to see the speeches. I wanted to see the delegates vote and all that.

Then flash forward to Northwestern University, 1958-1962. Jack Kennedy's elected, and I was just completely taken with him, with what he said about being in public service. Northwestern's a very Republican school, but I had Democratic friends, and they all said, going

into business is not the deal, you need to be in politics. We need you to get into public service.

And Kennedy was a real influence on my life. I mean, just seeing somebody like that who was so well educated, so smart, so dedicated to public service ... that really captured me.

And I ran for student body president at Northwestern and won. And so I got into politics that way. Then I went to Michigan Law School because I wanted to learn the law and I enjoyed practicing law, I practiced for 10 years. But from the minute I came back to St. Louis, I knew I wanted to get into politics.

Me: You think you have a good chance of winning this time? Gephardt: I've won a lot of elections; I've gotten my message across. I've basically sold myself,

which is what you have to do, and I think I can do that. I mean, I've got a staff here that's been with me forever. I've got a wife I've been married to for 36 years. I have a lot of relationships with

people in Iowa and New Hampshire that I didn't have 15 years ago (when he ran for president in 1988). So, I think I can do this, and I think people will like what I'm saying and what I'm

I've had a number of people come up to me in the last year, half year, and a lot of them say to me: "You'd make a good president. I know you can do the job; you would make a terrific president. I just don't know if you can win. But you'd make a good president."

And that gives me confidence cause I believe that. I mean, I believe I can do this job well. And I'm not being arrogant or bragging - I really know that I can do this. Me: How do you convince them you can win?

Gephardt: I think that takes care of itself.

Me: By winning?

Gephardt: By winning. I mean, you know, the big thing in this whole primary thing is you just got to win. And I remember when Clinton was having his troubles, people were saying, "Oh, he can't win." And they were writing him off. Well, he overcame that by winning. I think that's the only way to do it. Hanging in there. That's the name of the game.

Me: The conventional wisdom, now carved in stone, is that you have to win Iowa. Do you have to win Iowa?

Gephardt: I have to do well in Iowa. I mean, there's a lot of hypotheticals you can come up with: What if somebody gets 32 percent, and I get 31, and somebody else gets 30 percent? I think that's good enough.

Me: What forces a candidate to end his campaign? Money or the humiliation of losing?

Gephardt: Campaigns don't end they run out of money. You've got to put gas in the car every day; you've got to pay the staff; you've got to get planes in the air; you've got to drive cars.

Me: Humiliation doesn't bother candidates?

Gephardt: No, money bothers candidates. If you're running up debts that you can't pay, you'd better get out.

Me: But as long as you've got a dollar, you are going to keep run-

Gephardt: We'll go 'til we drop.

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Your Views

TO THE PUBLISHER: I am extremely disappointed with the Herald's editorial staff because of the irresponsible, inaccurate and highly biased editorial piece that was printed in the newspaper Sunday, March 9, 2003, regarding the BSISD school board.

I guess John Moseley is at it again. In a conversation that I tried to have with Mr. Moseley several months ago, he told me that he is entitled to express, in newspaper editorials, any opinion that he has, and that it does not have to be an opinion based on facts at all. Needless to say, I could not believe my ears! I have taken several journalism courses, and of course, took exception to his viewpoint. An editorial should be written by a person who is responsible enough to research the facts, evaluate them and form an opinion based on that evaluation

Mr. Moseley's editorial sounds like the rantings and ravings of a madman bent on defending the **BSISD** administration regardless of the real facts. Could it be that Mr. Moseley's father wa a school administrator himself? Why, yes! I believe that is exactly the

case, and many, many people in Big Spring have the good sense to discount Mr. Moseley's ravings because of this fact. It is widely known and becoming more widely known each time he pulls another boner like this.

"When you wake up with kitty

litter stuck in your teeth, you

just know it's gonna be one

of those days."

I am positive that all of the problems with this very same board will vanish when Murray Murphy's divisive personality is removed from the equation. If you took the time to investigate what has really happened, you would find Murray Murphy in the middle of every controversy, pitting one group against another. For example, take a close look at what actually happened with Mrs. Rocha. Why can't Mr. Moseley sit back and let TEA do their job on the upcoming investigation? I believe any problems found by TEA will be with the three board members who Murray Murphy continues to lead around by their noses, and with Murphy himself.

Mr. Moseley is indeed a poor representative of your publication. Until your irresponsible and biased newspaper changes, I will not be reading it. I suggest you

call some board members from each side, or better, yet, all of them, and get the real facts. In the meantime, I will be getting my news from KBST.

Has John Moseley ever taken the time to attend a school board meeting ever, or called board members to clarify issues I don't think so.

> LINDA BANKS **BIG SPRING**

EDITOR'S NOTE: It should be noted that despite Mrs. Banks' assertions, the editorial stance for the Herald is determined by the three members of its editorial board — Publisher Hank Bond, Managing Editor John Moseley and News Editor Bill McClellan. It should also be noted that prior to writing editorials, we check the facts on any issue to the best of our ability.

TO THE EDITOR: This letter is long overdue. I want to tell you about a gentleman and friend that is a tireless worker for those people he serves. I have know him for many years and became better acquainted with him while I served as mayor of Big Spring. Please note that I personally have nothing to gain or lose by writing this letter.

I have watched this man go about his elected responsibility with dedication and humility, the like of which is rarely seen today. The person I am referring to is Mayor Bill Read of Coahoma.

I know that the position of mayor can be tough and that you can't always please everyone. Sometimes the clearest view is from the outside looking in, and that is from where this letter is coming.

During 11 years of local and regional politics I came into contact with mayors for all across the state. Mayor Read stands heads above others for his continued effort to improve the quality of life for the city of Coahoma. If you haven't driven

around Coahoma for a while, take a drive out east and look at the improvements taking place in that community. In a day when politicians seem to be ego driven, it is refreshing to see a public servant doing just that-serving the public.

> TIM BLACKSHEAR **BIG SPRING**

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Friday, March 14

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Baptist Temple

This Sunday will be a time of celebration as we celebrate Bill Banks' fifth year as our Minister of Education and Youth. There will be an old fashion dinner on the grounds and time of fellowship after the morning service. Everyone is invited.

Come worship with us as we continue our study in the Gospel of Mark. The message this Sunday morning will be "A Confession of Faith." Morning Bible Study is at 9:30. Morning worship is at 10:45 and evening worship is at 6. A nursery will be provided.

In April, J. R. Church will be with us to lead a Prophecy Bible Conference. The time will be April 13-16.

For more information call 267-8287, our Web Site www.baptisttemplechurch.org, or visit us at the corner of 11th and Goliad where you will find a warm and friendly welcome.

First Assembly of God

This Sunday at 10:40 a.m. Pastor R.T. Havener will begin a series of sermons on the life and ministry of Jesus. These sermons will be preached each Sunday morning between now and Easter to give greater appreciation and meaning to the resurrection.

The first message to be preached this Sunday morning will be entitled, "The Name of Jesus", taken from Matthew 1:21.

Sunday evening at 6, Pastor Havener will speak on the subject, "Three Men and the Word." This message will be taken from 1 Corinthians 2:14-

1/5; and 1 Corinthians 3:1-

There will be special music in both services and you are invited to join us at Fourth and Lancaster for a beautiful day of worship.

North Birdwell Lane Methodist Church

It's time for the annual chili supper offered by the members of North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church to everyone in the communi-

Anyone who enjoys a good bowl of chili, hot dogs and desserts, should come out on Saturday at 5:30 p.m. There is never a charge to anyone. This is a gift from the church to our friends and neigh-

The church is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane just before Birdwell intersects with FM 700.

The church is still in the process of renovation. Last year, a heating and air conditioning system was installed and this year carpeting has been placed in the fellowship Sunday school rooms and nursery. The nursery is being refurnished and re-decorated. The entrance is being enclosed to provide protection from the weather as people enter the church.

Also a fund has been started to replace the hymnals and to add music in the sanctuary.

Please come visit North Birdwell. Sunday worship services begin at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School classes at 10:30 a.m. There is a Wednesday night Bible study at 6:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

St. Mary's **Episcopal Church**

Everyone is invited at attend worship services at

for all ages begins at 9:30

The Episcopal Church Women will meet Sunday, 11:45 a.m. in the library.

10:30 a.m. Sunday School

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have its monthly meeting and breakfast this Saturday starting at 8 a.m. in the chapel.

The Vestry will meet on Monday at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Our Lenten program continues on Wednesday, March 19. The theme this year is, "How do Episcopalians approach the Christian Faith?" The Rev. Jim Haney will be our speaker. The All-Parish meatless pot luck supper is at 6 p.m. We will end with a brief service of Compline.

The Inquirers' Class is on Thursday, March 20, at 6:30 p.m., in the library. During Lent, St. Mary's will once again have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 12:05 p.m. in the church. For more information

about St. Mary's Episcopal Church, call 267-8201 or visit our Web www.stmarysbst.org. St. Mary's is located at 1001 South Goliad.

Anderson Street Church of Christ

A free financial seminar hosted by Anderson Street Church of Christ will be held Sunday and Monday evenings, March 30-31, from 6 to 9 p.m.

The "No Debt-No Sweat" Seminar is conducted by Steve Diggs of Antioch, Tenn. A private investor, financial counselor, speaker and Christian radio host, Diggs' seminar is based on Christian principles.

money management to "How to Avoid the No. 1 Most Costly Mistake," the seminar is fast paced and

easy to understand. If you want to learn how to get out of debt and practical steps for a healthy financial future, please join us for this "No Debt-No Sweat" Seminar.

Anderson Street is off North Birdwell Lane. Our preacher is Billy Reed. Sunday services are Bible Class at 9:30 and worship at 10:30 a.m.

First United Methodist Church

Come and hear Pastor Dave Ring deliver his message from Acts 1:6-12, "What Was It Like Down There," on Sunday. The first worship service begins at 8:30 a.m. followed by Sunday School at 9:45 a.m. and the second worship service at 10:50 a.m.

At 5:30 p.m. Sunday the Senior Adult Ministries group will host its hot dog supper in Garrett Hall. Come out and share in this occasion.

United The First Methodist Church basketball team will have a game at 7 p.m. on Monday at the First Baptist Church. Monday is Singles

Fun Night at 7 p.m. in Garrett Hall. Call Jackie Henry for details.

On Wednesday, there will be a noon Bible Study in Garrett Hall with lunch provided. The cost of the lunch will be \$2.

The church of Big Spring will host a noon prayer time on Thursday and a morning prayer time on Friday, March 21, at 7 a.m.

First United Methodist Church is located at 400

From the A.B.C.'s of Scurry. For more information, call the office at 267-6394.

First Baptist Church

You are invited to come to First Baptist Church this Sunday for Bible study through the Sunday School. We meet at 9:30 a.m., followed by a joint worship service at 10:50 a.m. Nursery for children three years of age and younger is provided. This Sunday's sermon title is "Sleeping Through the Service" and will be brought to us by our pastor, Rev. Dennis Teeters. Bible Buddies/ Drill will meet at 4:45 p.m., Youth Choir and Sunday Night Live at 5 p.m. and the evening worship service begins at 6.

All our normal, weekly scheduled activities will resume this week.

For information concerning any of the programs of our church. please call 267-8223.

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church

Parishioners and community supporters of the first Friday of Lent Fish Fry enjoyed great food and fellowship. Thanks to

everyone who came out last Friday night. The Lenten season is one of healing, renewal and emphasis on extra prayer.

Stations of the Cross will be held each Wednesday after 5:30 p.m. Mass during Lent.

The "May Fest" committee is sponsoring a garage sale March 14-15. The youth group will have burritos on sale during the fund-raiser.

Coahoma United Methodist Church

Coahoma United Methodist Church is proud of our youth. You are invited to see why on Sunday. They will be leading our morning ser-

We hope you will plan to be there to support our youth as they do God's work in His church.

Then, stay after the service for a baked potato meal, which is a fundraiser for our youth.

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Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of TSDAR

The Capt. Elisha Mack Chapter of the TSDAR met at the Big Spring Country Club on March 8 with 11 members and one guest present. The guest was Amanda Schafer of San Angelo.

Vicki Broadrick gave an interesting program on the Constitution Convention and had some very interesting statistics on the members of the convention. Of the 55 members present, only eight were signers of the Declaration of Independence; 29 were

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United States — George Washington and James Madison. Broadrick also spoke on the basis of the convention and how it led to the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

Sue Ann Damron and Mary Schuelke will be attending the Texas State Daughters of the American Revolution conference to be held March 20-22 in San Antonio.

Sue Ann Damron will also be our delegate at the NSDAR Continental congress to be held in Washington, D.C. in July.

Anyone interested in the Capt. Elisha Mack chapter of the TSDAR can contact Mary Schuelke at 915-353-4337 or Damron at 915-393-

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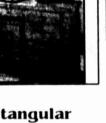
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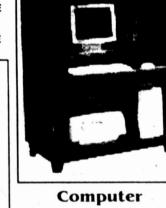




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Lady Hawks split second doubleheader with OC

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Howard College Lady Hawks closed out a solid performance in Odessa Thursday afternoon by earning a split in a doubleheader with the Odessa College Lady Wranglers.

With the win, the Lady Hawks posted three victories over the Lady Wranglers in two days. The two Western Junior

College Athletic Association complex. teams played back-to-back doubleheaders beginning Wednesday.

Howard College, which had swept both games from OC the previous day, rocked the Lady Wranglers in the opening round Thursday. Anchored by Kortney Kemper and Angela Piper, the Lady Hawks pounded out a 7-4 victory in front of a

The Lady Wranglers managed to pick up their only win of the four-game series in the finale. Odessa College rallied to take an 8-7 victory.

By taking three of four from the Lady Wranglers, Howard College helped itself in the WJCAC standings. The team improved to 18-12-1 overall and to 7-5 on conference play. small crowd at the OC softball Currently HC stands third in

the WJCAC standings. No. 3ranked Midland College leads the race.

The Lady Hawks are scheduled to return home this Tuesday to square off against Eastern Oklahoma and Ranger College. Howard will lead off the three-team, round-robin show at 11 a.m. against Eastern Oklahoma. They will close out the day at 3 p.m. against Ranger.



Jennifer Reed and the Howard **College Lady** Hawks took 3 games from the Odessa **College Lady** Wranglers this week. The team will play at home

Tuesday.

HERALD photo

GAME, SET, MATCH



Grady's Brianna Pribyla prepares to return a shot from a Westbrook player during a match Thursday afternoon at the Figure 7 Tennis Complex. Pribyla, a sophomore, helped Grady pound out a 19-19 tie in their annual spring break dual matchup with the Westbrook

Grady, Westbrook battle to draw

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Grady Wildcats walked off the Figure 7 Tennis complex courts Thursday afternoon feeling a bit like they had just kissed their sister. Yucky.

Then again, a tie tends to make athletes feel that way.

The Westbrook Wildcats, anchored by strong performances from Linsey Chavez and Keisha Krapf, battled their way to a 19-19 deadlock during a dual meet between the two Crossroads-area powers. The two teams played both junior high and high school matches in the event.

"I was real proud of our players,"

said first-year Weetbrook tennis coach Marcelino Chavez. "We did a great job against a powerhouse. We got in a lot of tennis and that's what we need

before our busy schedule hits.' The Wildcats' seventh grade twosome of Michael Morton and Tate Burleson claimed a key junior high victory. They teamed to take a 3-1 decision in doubles play. 8

Grady managed to even the score a bit on the girls' side. The Lady Wildcats' Brianna Pribyla and Cruz Montoya claimed a big victory.

Westbrook eighth grader Jordan Truelove was untouchable during the meet. He went undefeated in singles play. Eighth grade teammate Lauren Johnson went 2-2 on the girls' side.

In high school action, Westbrook senior Manuel Molina turned in a strong effort. Teamed with sophomore Jared Matlock, Molina went 2-2 in boys' doubles action.

The Wildcats, who are scheduled to compete in their district meet on April 8-9 in Abilene, also picked up impressive outings from sophomore Chris Molina and freshmen Joseph Barboza,

Cory Morton and Trey Chavez. Grady, which has played a dual meet during the spring break holidays for the past three years, also picked up a strong outing from senior Daisy DeLucas.

The GHS netters are slated to compete in their district meet in three weeks in Midland.

Forsan selects all-stars

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Forsan coach Michelle Dykes probably grimaces every day when she checks the mail. Sooner or later, she figures the Texas Regulatory Commission will make her sew a warning label on the front of her 10 & Under all-star team.

They can, after all, explode at any given moment.

Dykes and fellow coaches Ticia Faglie and Leslie Kirklyn announced the 2003 selections to the Forsan squad earlier this week. The squad will complete in National Little Dribblers Tournament in Levelland in June.

Dykes, who coached the Lady Buffs to. a perfect 8-0 record this season, said her team could make an impact.

"This team has high hopes of doing

very well," she said. Part of the reason for the excitement surrounding the Forsan camp is due to guards Meagan Doe and Miranda Park. The two standouts helped their teams combine for a 15-1 record this past year.

Doe was one of the top stars in the Big Spring Youth Basketball Association this fall. En route to averaging more than 10 points a game, she led the Lady Steers to a 7-1 record.

Park was a driving force behind the Lady Buffs' success. She scored 119 points this year.

Joining Doe and Park will be posts Morgan Forshee and Brandy Wilson. Forshee averaged more than four points a game for the Lady Buffs. Wilson led her team in scoring this season by averaging more than 10 a night.

NIT eyes Raiders, Indiana for field

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LUBBOCK (AP) — The NIT wants both Texas Tech and Indiana for its 40-team tournament field, but no early head-tohead game is likely between the current and former team managed by Bob Knight, a top NIT official says.

"That would be an attractive matchup, but I wouldn't do it unless I talked with both coaches," said NIT executive director Jack Powers.

"If that happens in the finals or the semifinals, then it would happen. But I'm not looking at that at all. I'm not even going to put them in the same bracket," Powers said.

NIT organizers have been working to start the NIT with Texas Tech hosting a lone nationally televised game on ESPN on Monday night.

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Knight, Tech advance; Colorado wins stunner

DALLAS (AP) - Bob Knight was able to give back his salary when he didn't meet his expectations. Texas Tech players don't have such an option.

The only way the Red Raiders can make up for their disappointing play through the regular-season Big 12 Conference race is by winning in the postseason. They took the first step Thursday with a big comeback in the opening round of the Big 12 tournament.

Andre Emmett scored 23 points, including eight See BIG 12, Page 2B

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straight in a game-ending 10-0 run as the Red Raiders rallied to beat Baylor 68-65 Thursday night.

'We're tired of saying our backs are against the wall and coming into the locker room with a loss," said Kasib Powell, who had 20 points. "We've underachieved all season. We wanted to pick it up.'

Emmett rebounded his own miss and made the go-ahead basket with 12.4 seconds left. After Baylor

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missed a last shot, Powell got fouled fighting for the rebound with under two seconds to play and hit both of his free throws.

"I don't feel like a hero, I just made the last shot,' Emmett said.

The Red Raiders win wasn't as miraculous as-Colorado's 77-76 triumph over Kansas State, when James Wright banked a 3pointer at the buzzer after a bizarre series of events.

"I was just lucky it went in," Wright said. "It wasn't designed for me. I just set a screen, came off and I was wide open.'

Kansas State should have had a victory after Pervic Pasco intercepted Colorado's **des**peration court-length inbound pass with 3 seconds left. Instead, Pasco raised an arm in celebration and took some steps with the ball, thinking his team had won the game. But the referees whistled him

with 1.8 seconds still left on the clock.

Colorado, which bolstered its NCAA resume with its 20th win, plays sixth-ranked Oklahoma (21-6) in a quarterfinal game Friday.

Texas Tech (17-11) plays against thirdranked Texas (22-5). The Red Raiders likely have to win two more Big 12 games and get into Sunday's final for an NCAA berth.

good enough yet. I don't 12 rebounds and five know," Knight said.

lowa St. 97, Texas A&M 70

Iowa State avoided another early exit from the tournament. The Cyclones never trailed after scoring the game's first five points and building a 20-point lead midway through the first half.

Tim Barnes had six 3pointers among his 21 points to lead six players

for a traveling violation in double figures for the Cyclones, who had lost in the first round of the Big 12 tournament in both years since winning the event in 2000. Marcus Jefferson added 19 points and Jake Sullivan had 17.

Big 12 career scoring leader Bernard King had 20 points to lead Texas A&M (14-14), which has never won a game in the Big 12 tournament.

Missouri 70, Nebraska 61

Arthur Johnson pow-"Maybe we're just not ered his way to 18 points, blocks and the Tigers overcame an early 22-4 deficit.

> Rickey Paulding added 19 points and 11 rebounds as the Tigers.

Andrew Drevo had 21 points and 10 rebounds to lead Nebraska (11-19). which shot a season-low 27 percent from the field (17 of 62).

Missouri tied the game at 29, then trailed only 33-32 at halftime.



The Howard College Hawks return to, action tomorrow afternoon against the Tyler Junior College in Tyler. The Hawks will play four games in two days against TJC.

Sonics runs past Mavericks

SEATTLE (AP) Rashard Lewis had 30 points and 10 rebounds as the Seattle Supersonics ended a three-game losing streak with a 107-100 victory over Mavericks on Thursday night.

"The whole year we've been coming down the stretch with big plays, and lately we don't seem to be doing that," said the Mavs' Dirk Nowitzki, who scored 27 points.

Nowitzki's free throw with 58.2 seconds left cut the Sonics' lead to 100-97, but the Mavericks' defense broke down on the next possession, and Lewis beat Nowitzki and drove down the middle of the key for an uncontested dunk.

Ray Allen scored 29 points for the Sonics.

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Lady Steers boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Softball Booster Club will be holding a meeting this Monday. The meeting is slated for 7 p.m. at the BSHS ATC meeting room.

BSCGA to host golf tournament Sunday

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Associa-tion will hold a 4-person Selective Drive Tournament (A, B, C, D) on Sunday. Members and non-members are welcome to participate in the event.

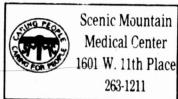
For more information contact Billy Pineda at 264-7116 or the Comanche Trail course at 264-2366.

Lady Steers, CHS girls set to play in tourneys

The Big Spring Lady Steers and Coahoma Bulldogettes will return to action this week by participating in tournaments.

Big Spring will play in San Marcos the Coahoma Invitational. will play in Arlington.

Clay shooting event scheduled for Stanton The Fourth Annual





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Steers to close out non-district slate

The Big Spring Steers will close out their nondistrict baseball schedule Tuesday when they travel to Pecos. The game will start at 6 p.m.

Chavez to play in Hawaiian tourney

Westbrook freshman Trey Chavez was one of four Texas high school students chosen to play in an all-star tournament in Hawaii this summer.

Chavez is the son of Marcelino and Norma Chavez. Marcelino is a 1974 graduate of Coahoma High School. Norma Chavez graduated from Softball Tournament at Big Spring High School in the Bill Williams complex 1984.

The family is seeking For more information donations to help cover contact Tommy Hawkins the cost for travel.



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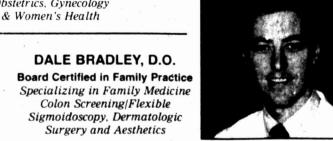


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The plan is contingent on two elements - Texas Tech failing to earn an NCAA tournament berth on Sunday and finding a basketball opponent that could travel to Lubbock on one day's notice for a Monday night game against the Red Raiders.

The availability of any teams for the NIT, including Texas Tech and Indiana, won't become certain until after the 65team bracket for the NCAA Tournament is announced Sunday evening.

The NCAA gets first selection. Unchosen teams with winning records are then available for the NIT.

Because Texas Tech (17-11) went only 6-10 in the Big 12 during the regular season, the Red Raiders are likely headed for the NIT unless they can put together three or four wins at the Big 12 Conference Tournament.

"I think that the team, in the position we're in, would have to win the (Big 12) Tournament to get into the NCAA," Tech head coach Bob Knight said. "We would definitely go to the NIT if offered the opportunity to do so."

The Red Raiders won their first game in the Big 12 tournament, beat-Baylor 68-65 Thursday night, but to win the tournament, unranked Texas Tech would have to beat No. 3 Texas in Friday's quarterfinals, probably No. 6 Oklahoma in the semifinals and probably No. 4 Kansas in the finals.

If Texas Tech does play in the NIT, the Red Raiders could play as many as three home games in Lubbock en route to the NIT semifinals in New York City on April 1

FORSAN

play," Dykes said.

Continued from Page 1B "Morgan and Brandy will be big assets to the team with their post

Defensively, Amber Morrow will key the allstars' efforts. She was the Lady Buffs' Most Outstanding Defensive Player this season. Joining her will be teammate Larissa Dykes the voungest member of the squad.

Brittney Lindsey, Hali Wells and Summer Peddy also made the squad. Dykes said the trio will add even more weaponry to a Forsan arsenal that would already make the U.S. Army green with envv.

"They will help with their height and tough defensive play in the post," she said.

Forwards Kala Schlipf and Jacquelin Cevallos were also selected to the squad.

Earlier in the week, Big Spring announced its 2003 10 & Under selections.



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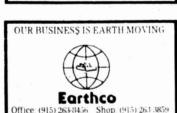
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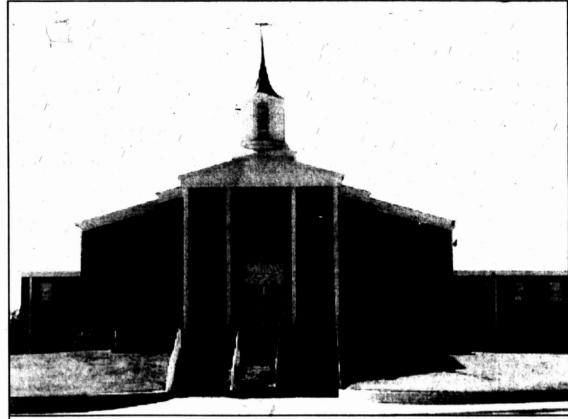
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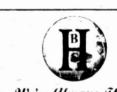
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GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Everything you do is in fast motion, but getting right to the point is your pleasure. Extra work will be offered to you. You can use this to advance your career interests. You don't have to spend a ton of money to get from here to

Your career gets a major weeks. Define your goals more clearly, since you'll

get what you ask for. Everyone seems to need you in April, but you'll have to draw the line somewhere. May brings your big chance to make significant relationship strides. Libra and Cancer are faithful partners. Your lucky numbers are: 6, 31, 22, 7 and 29.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). A party or work event is worth attending but not for the faint at heart. It will only be fun if you work the room. If you're still unsure of your ability to do this, get a book and read up! Rid yourself of social anxiety, and reap huge benefits.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). What you wish for might make life easier, but then again, it might not. Take an extra beat to think things through. Someone who is lucky to your future might be from the distant past. Recontact key business associates.

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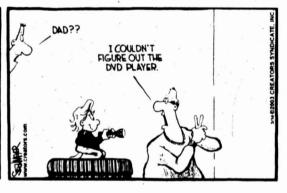
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By The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES -Actor Martin Sheen said NBC executives fear his opposition to a U.S.-led war against Iraq will hurt his popular television show "The West Wing."

Sheen, who plays fictional U.S. President Josiah Bartlet on the NBC series, told the Los Angeles Times for a story Sunday that the show's staff has been "100 percent supportive" but top network executives have "let it be known they're very uncomfortable with where I'm at" on the war.

The 62-year-old actor helped lead a "Virtual March on Washington" last week that flooded the White House with thousands of anti-war emails and has spoken out against the potential war in public.

But NBC spokeswoman Rebecca Marks told The Associated Press on Sunday that she knows of "no concern among top management at NBC regarding Mr. Sheen's stand against the war or fear that it could impact the show."

BUFFALO, N.Y. (AP) Tony Award and Golden Globe award-winning actor Barry Bostwick has been honored for being a nuisance - about promoting early detection of prostate cancer.

Bostwick, who played Mayor Randall Winston on the TV show "Spin City," received the Gilda Radner Courage Award from the Roswell Park Cancer Institute on Saturday.

"I do all I can to beat the bushes for early

screening for men," he said. "I've made sort of a nuisance of myself getting my message across the air.'

The award is named for the "Saturday Night Live" comedian who lost her battle with ovarian cancer in 1989. Bostwick, a prostate cancer survivor, called Radner an inspiration to all cancer patients.

Bostwick, 58, was diagnosed with prostate cancer six years after taking a test. He underwent surgery to remove his prostate and is "now as cancer free as can be,' he said.



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