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FLYING PROUDLY

As Crossroads area residents take an added interest in showing their pride, the Herald is providing readers with a full-page size American flag to display in a window at their business or residence. The flag is included in the today's edition of the Herald and Wednesday's Howard County Buyer's Guide.



AMERICAN PROFILE

Easter breads, which are rich in symbolism and history, have strong traditions around the world. We'll feature four.

Gardening: One of the nicest things you can do for even the smallest back yard is to put in a water garden.

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Air strikes pound targets

The Associated Press

Leaving throngs of captured Iraqis behind them in razor-wire pens, U.S. and British forces advanced toward southern Iraq's largest city Saturday while air strikes pounded far-flung targets across the country. The U.S. commander boasted that the overall campaign will be "unlike any other in history."

U.S. aircraft bombed Iraqi tanks holding the bridges near Basra, a city of 1.3 million, and Marines captured the airport after a gunbattle. To the north, U.S. infantry and airborne units pushed over the desert toward central Iraq on the second day of the ground offensive.



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In Baghdad, intermittent explosions were heard throughout the day, but not at

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Big Spring couple proud of family's commitment to preserve U.S. freedom

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor
Patriotism.

It's a part of all of us, but none more than those who have served and those who have sons, daughters or grandchildren who proudly serve today.

That's the case with longtime Big Spring residents Bob and Sherry Wegner.

"I really feel like it is our duty to serve," said Bob, a first-generation citizen of the United States. His father, a Russian-German, was only 6 years old when he arrived in the U.S.



Sgt. Ronnie Wegner during Desert Storm.

"My grandfather was so proud to be here. That kinda'

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Georgia men killed in fiery crash

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

A fiery, two-truck accident in Martin County left two Georgia men dead and diverted Interstate 20 traffic onto one service road Friday.

The accident occurred about 9 a.m. near the 163

mile marker.

Pronounced dead were 28-year-old Francois Alphonse of Decatur, Ga., and his 30-year-old passenger, Jacob Smith of La Grange, Ga.

DPS troopers said Alphonse was the driver of a 2003 International

tractor-trailer that was westbound. The rig apparently crossed the IH-20 median and into the path of a 2001 Volvo tractor-trailer driven by 55-year-old Robert Sovo of Richland, Miss.

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Police investigate store robbery

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Big Spring business owner was robbed in his store Friday afternoon before the two assailants fled the scene.

The crime occurred at 1:40 p.m. at the Bargain Barn, located at 508 West

Third.

"The owner advised two black males came in and sprayed him in the face with something like pepper spray or mace," Big Spring Police Sgt. Roger Sweatt said. "They stole his wallet, which contained some cash and

credit cards, and took off."

Last seen, the two assailants fled the scene in a red Grand Am, heading west on west Third Street.

The victim refused med-

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Smoke billows from burning trenches filled with oil in Baghdad on Saturday. Fuel trenches were set on fire on the outskirts of Baghdad, ringing the capital with plumes of thick smoke.

TAKING TAKS

Howard County third graders exceed state passing average

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

All three Howard County school districts exceeded the state passing average for the Texas Assessment of Knowledge and Skills third grade reading exam.

Ninety percent of third graders in Big Spring public schools passed the state-mandated accountability test administered on March 4. Ninety-eight percent passed at Coahoma Elementary

PASSING

Big Spring ISD: 90 percent
Coahoma ISD: 98 percent
Forsan ISD: 100 percent

and 100 percent passed at Elbow Elementary.

Preliminary results show that 89 percent of the 262,595 students who took the English version of the exam passed, while 82 percent passed the Spanish version.

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As expected, roundup gets off to a slithery start

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Vickie Morgan shifted through dozens of venomous diamondback rattlesnakes nuzzled in the

Jackie Bibby attempts to get a little loving from this banded Egyptian cobra with the assistance of fellow snake handler Jesse James. The stunt was among many performed Saturday during the 41st annual

Rattlesnake Roundup. The AMBUCS sponsored event gets rattling today at noon and runs until 6 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns.

pit, searching for just the right one.

"We're going to play baseball," the snake handler declared to the show's announcer.

Her search at an end, Morgan sent the perfectly coiled reptile shooting across the pit into the waiting hands of fellow snake handler Jackie Bibby, while hundreds of spectators observed.

The stunt is just one of many snake handlers would perform Saturday at the AMBUCS 41st annual Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County Fair Barns.

"They're not pets, they're not de-fanged and they're not de-venomized," said Monty Stallcop, announcer for the snake handler show.

In fact, Stallcop emphasized, the venomous creators were brought to the show yesterday after being recently being caught by hunters hoping to earn cash for the reptiles.

"This show, Jackie held snakes in his mouth, they played catch, did a walk-out," Stallcop said. "They had a snake pop a balloon

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A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Greg Porter



Greg Porter, 41, of Big Spring died at 2:20 p.m. Wednesday, March 19, 2003, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center in Big Spring following a sudden illness.

Funeral services were at 2:00 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael Willard of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born March 11, 1962, at New Ulm, Minn. He had been a resident of Big Spring for 3 years coming from Colorado City. He lived in Snyder prior to Colorado City. He had been employed Dave's Tubing Testing in Big Spring and previously at White's Auto Store in Snyder.

He is survived by his wife Shelia Porter of Big Spring; three sons, Micah Allen Porter and Gregory Malachi Porter, both of Tennessee Colony, and Christopher Clark of Big Spring; one daughter, Brandy Clark of Big Spring; parents, Allen and Lucille Porter of New Ulm, Minn.; one brother, Brad Porter of Rockford, Minn.

He was preceded in death by one daughter, Mindy Kay Ferguson.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Glen T. Kingston



Glen T. Kingston, 65, of Borden County died Tuesday, March 18, 2003, at 6:39 p.m. at University Medical Center in Lubbock following a long illness.

Services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Hardman, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Gail, officiating. Burial will be at Gail Cemetery. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 24, 1938, in Mitchell County. He was the son of Bonnie and E. S. "Shorty" Kingston. The family moved from Mitchell County to Howard County in 1946 and Borden County in 1950.

He married Judy Doyle Sept. 6, 1958, in Lamesa. They lived in Garden City from 1958 until 1994 moving to Borden County. Mr. Kingston worked for the U. S. Department of Agriculture from 1956 to 1994.

While at Garden City, he was also a deputy sheriff for 33 years. Mr. Kingston also farmed in Borden County from 1975 until the time of his death. He was a Baptist.

He is survived by his wife Judy Kingston of Borden County; two sons and daughters-in-law, Jody and Leisha Kingston of Frisco and Greg and Wendi Kingston of Greenwood; five grandchildren, Cade, Jace and Trey Kingston, all of Frisco, and Patricia and Candace Kingston, both of Greenwood; two brothers, Bobby Kingston of Visalia, Calif., and Jerold Kingston of Phoenix, Ariz.; two sisters, Pearl Armstrong of Ackerly and Ollie Holmes of Borden County.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Kingston was preceded in death by one son, Clay Kingston; one sister, Nell Scott; and one brother, Jimmy Wayne Kingston.

Pallbearers will be Dennis Armstrong, Maxie Doyle, Carley Doyle, Leddy French, Jerry Kingston and Bill Clark. Honorary Pallbearers will be Booger Pruitt, E. L. Franklin, Lonnie Doyle, Larry Smith, Chuck Lewis, Gene Adams and Mike Smith.

The family suggests memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 8212 Ithaca Avenue, Suite D, Lubbock 79423 or any other favorite charity.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Velma McMinn



Velma McMinn, 95, of Vincent, died on Thursday, March 20, 2003, in a Stanton nursing home.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home with the Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church of Stanton, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Dec. 13, 1907, in Comanche County. Mrs. McMinn moved from Comanche County to Polar and then to Vincent.

There she met Nathan E. McMinn and they married on Sept. 11, 1933, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 30, 1951. They lived in the Vincent Community near Coahoma and she remained on the farm and ranch for almost 65 years.

Velma loved the outdoors, working in the fields and gardening. She also loved making quilts, especially for her grandchildren. She was a member of Vincent Baptist Church.

Survivors include a daughter and son-in-law, Natha and Wayne Mitchell of Stanton; two granddaughters and their husbands, Natalie and Mike Trampe of Sheridan, Wyo., and Valerie and Jim Smith of Stanton; five great grandchildren, Savannah and Sean Smith of Stanton and Micah, Nathan and Matai Trampe of Sheridan, Wyo.; a sister, Lola Tarbet of Las Cruces, N.M.; and a host of nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by a son, Nat McMinn; three sisters, Viola Mitchell, Oleta Burney and Idell Mathews; four brothers, Henry Mitchell, Bill Mitchell, Aubrey Mitchell and Jim Mitchell and her parents, Samuel Daniel and Bertha Mitchell.

The family suggests memorials be made to Hospice of Midland, 911 West Texas, Midland 79702 or a favorite charity.

The family will receive friends from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 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

Hiram B. Croker

Hiram B. Croker, 77, of Big Spring, died on Friday, March 21, 2003, at his residence.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Greg Taylor, pastor of Miracle Revival Center, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Hiram was born on April 18, 1925 in Comanche and married Corinne Faye Whitaker on Nov. 1, 1958, in Fort Worth. She preceded him in death on Nov. 18, 2000.

Mr. Croker came to Big Spring in 1965 and had worked as an auto mechanic for Whites for six years and then for K-Mart for 4 years.

He was a Baptist. He served in the United States Army Air Corps during World War II. He also served in the Navy and then the Air Force during the Korean War. He retired from the Air Force after serving more than 20 years in the military.

Survivors include two step-sons, Bill Samples of Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Douglas Maples of Fort Worth; one sister, Audy Lee Nelson of Jacksboro; one brother, Bill Croker of San Angelo; two grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by his parents, seven brothers and three sisters. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Hiram E. Ruggles



Hiram E. Ruggles, 77, of Sand Springs went to sit at the feet of Jesus, on Saturday, March 22, 2003 at 12:20 a.m., after a short illness.

Waiting for him there were his parents, Clarence and Mattie Ruggles; three brothers, Clements, Dub and Jay Ruggles; two sisters, Flo White and Thelma Williams; three brothers-in-law, Buddy Patterson, D.C. Williams, and Luther Crawford; one daughter, Susan Peebles; and one son-in-law, Gene Kaddatz.

Memorial services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Timmy Dunn, associate pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

He was born on July 11, 1925, in Ackerly to Clarence and Mattie Ruggles. Hiram married Marcia McClendon on April 21, 1950 in Lovington, N.M.

They lived in Lamesa from 1950 until 1969 when they moved to Andrews and then moving to Sand Springs in 1994.

Mr. Ruggles owned his own plumbing, heating, and air conditioning business in Lamesa. After moving to Andrews, he decided to pursue a college degree, first attending Odessa College and then completing his bachelor of science degree at Sul Ross State University.

He then taught small engine repair at Andrews Middle School and completed his master's of education degree from Texas A&M University at Commerce. Mr. Ruggles was a five-year lung cancer survivor. Hiram was a member of Trinity Baptist Church and a veteran of the U.S. Army serving during World War II.

Survivors include his wife, Marcia Ruggles of Sand Springs; one daughter, Juanette Kaddatz of Weatherford; one daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Sam Buchanan of Big Spring; ten grandchildren, Chris and Kent Kaddatz of Weatherford, Karla Stewart and husband, Josh of Grand Prairie, Tommy Peebles and wife, Amber of Rocksprings, Keith Peebles of Alpine, David Patterson of Jackson, Miss., Harper Buchanan and wife, Angela of Pearland, Brady Patterson of Tennessee Colony, Keely Green and husband, Randy of Fort Worth, and Sami Buchanan of Luther; and eight great-grandchildren.

Honorary pallbearers will be Chris Kaddatz, Kent Kaddatz, Tommy Peebles, Keith Peebles, David Patterson, Harper Buchanan, Brady Patterson, Josh Stewart, Randy Green and Salvador Esparza.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, 810 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720 or the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, P.O. Box 254, Coahoma 79511.

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

Joy C. Morgan

Joy C. Morgan, 80, of Stanton, died Saturday, March 22, 2003. Graveside funeral services will be at 2 p.m., Monday, March 24, 2003, at Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton. Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Velma E. Simmons

Velma E. Simmons, 95 of Big Spring formerly of Spur, died on Friday, March 21, 2003, in a Big Spring nursing home. Graveside funeral services will be held at 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2003, in Stanton at Evergreen Cemetery with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ officiating.

She was born on Feb. 13, 1908, in Brady and married Isaac Simmons on Nov. 1, 1932, in Spur. He preceded her in death on Aug. 2, 1998.

Mrs. Simmons came to Big Spring in 1999 from Spur where she had been a sales clerk for Gabriels Department Store for 25 years. She was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include her son and daughter-in-law, Gordon and Elwanda Simmons of Roswell, N.M.; a sister, Novella Turner of Idalou; two grandsons, Larry Simmons and his wife Annette of Elk City, Okla., and Gary Simmons and his wife Lisa of Lubbock; three great grandchildren, Vanna and Gregory Simmons of Elk City, Okla., and Hayden Simmons of Lubbock.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

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

Reception for world-renowned artist Douglas Walton, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., Display's of Splendor, 700 E. FM 700.

MONDAY

Senior Circle, Sit & Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people 50 years and older, call 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, Bethel Street, McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The public is invited.

"Telling It Like It is — The Truth About Teens and Sex," 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

Sands High School one-act play, 7:30 p.m. The high school theater troupe will present its one-act play "The Cop and the Anthem" by O. Henry.

Police blotter

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

• **DAVID MALCOMB WHITE JR.**, 40, of New Orleans was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• **THEODORE DIAZ**, 34, of 711 NW Eight was arrested on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, one gram less than four grams.

• **ROGER LEE EDWARDS**, 46, of 1314 Madison was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended.

Sheriff's report

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

• **JIM LLOYD POLLARD**, 45 of 900 Aylesford was taken to the county jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police on a charge of criminal trespass.

• **LATASHA QUIVITIE WOODSON**, 23, of 446 B Armstrong was arrested on a warrant.

• **A MAJOR ACCIDENT** was reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 163.

• **ABANDON VEHICLES** were reported on Interstate 20 near mile marker 174.

• **WANTED SUBJECT** was reported at Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs's office in Coahoma. The subject was arrested by Howard County Sheriff's deputies.

• **STOLEN WEAPON** was reported at the sheriff's office

Fund-raiser

COAHOMA BAND BOOSTERS WILL be selling Krispy Kreme donuts for \$6 a dozen. Orders will be taken through Tuesday. The donuts will be ready at 7 a.m. Friday and can be picked up at Wal-Mart or at the Coahoma football field concession stand. To order, call 393-5320 or 268-1731.

Weather

Sunday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the mid 70s. South winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night...Clear. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday...Sunny. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tuesday...Partly cloudy with a slight chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 11-28-32-36-37.

Number matching five of five: 1.

Prize per winner: \$54,421.

Winning tickets sold in: Amarillo.

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 10-24-28-35. Bonus Ball: 26.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-0-3

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Troops A soldier's Despite many Iraq morale

By Lt. Col. JOHN M. ...
U.S. Marine Corps
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Troops advance across Iraq

A soldier's view

Despite dust storms, many inconveniences, morale is very positive

By Lt. Col. JOHN M. YOUNG
U.S. Marine Corps Reserve

It's just not the same looking at it on the silver screen.

You've watched desert dust storms in "Lawrence of Arabia," "Four Feathers" and the Star Wars classics, but it's not the same as standing — or trying to stand — in a real one. The sand bites at your skin, it gets in your eyes and ears, it makes your teeth gritty, and it can pretty near make your whole day and night miserable.

We've had some big ones in the last couple of days in Kuwait. The first one I saw blew in at night. It seemed like a huge dinosaur was shaking our tent and then breathed a thick cloud of brown gas inside.

Outside you could barely see the adjoining tents. The unlucky ones who had to go somewhere in the storm either shot a compass course, used their GPS receivers, or just plain got lost. I thought I'd seen dust storms on reserve exercises at the Marine Corps Base at Twenty-Nine Palms, Calif., but, like they say, "You ain't seen nothin' yet."

People tease you about what mommies put in their sons' packs, but nobody was teasing me when I passed out the dust masks my mom had insisted I bring. At least they reduced some of the coughing and gagging in our tent. I actually went to sleep — sort of — wearing it. Two days later, it hit us again, but this time it was in the daytime. The sun that ordinarily blazes unmercifully down on you covered into a dim brown ball in the sky.

Just before I arrived in the country my tent mates said they had the "Mother of All Sandstorms." In the middle of the night the wind and sand were churning so hard that they grabbed the guy lines to keep the tent from blowing away. It didn't quite blow away, but it collapsed on their racks and all their gear.

Sandstorms are just part of the fun. Everywhere we go we have to carry our weapons (M-16 rifles for the troops and 9mm pistols for the officers and staff NCOs). But that's not all. We also have to carry gas masks with extra fil-

"Every face in the chow hall, every vague form struggling through a sandstorm, every Marine training his machine gun at the desert expanse, believes in what we're doing and is proud to be here."

Lt. Col. John M. Young

ters and chemical warfare suits in backpacks too.

To an extent that's understandable.

Carrying all that gear into the showers can be a little much. And trying to cram it all into the heads with you, which are little "johnnies on the spot" that you see at construction sites (and, with all that gear, they are REALLY little), can be downright embarrassing.

As to the food, it's not too bad. Most older men like me look forward to steady meals at the chow hall. The younger troops used to their moms' cooking always complain.

What I miss the most is ice. We just don't have any over here. There are lots of sodas though. In the States you'd never want to drink a hot one, but, over here, you take what you can get and are glad to have it.

Entertainment? If you've ever thought your kids watch too much TV, get them to join the Marines and go to Kuwait. There aren't any TVs here, except for an occasional enterprising Marine who managed to stuff a DVD player with a few movies into his sea bag. So, you rediscover the joys of reading ... if you can stay awake long enough to turn the pages.

So why do we do it? There's not a Marine here that I know of who wants to go home till it's over. Every face in the chow hall, every vague form struggling through a sandstorm, every Marine training his machine gun at the desert expanse, believes in what we're doing and is proud to be here.

And every one has a family and friends back home that are backing them up.

Let them know it.



Marines reach a static discharge cable up to an approaching CH-53 Sea Stallion heavy lift helicopter.

FAMILY

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spilled over on me," said Bob.

Bob was an Air Force crew chief at Webb AFB during the Korean Conflict. But that's not what he's most proud of today. Today, this cotton farmer takes special pride in his son, Tech. Sgt. Ronnie Wegner with the Army Reserves, and grandson Airman 1st Class Landon Wegner, with the Air Force.

They've both been shipped out to the Middle East within the past month.

Ronnie, a civil affairs specialist associated with the 1st Calvary out of Fort Hood, is no stranger to the region. He served in a chemical unit during Desert Storm, testing for chemical agents.

Now, he's back again. "We really don't know where they have sent him, possibly Baghdad," said Sherry. "You really don't ever know exactly where they are, of course, once they get shipped out."

Landon is crew chief of the C-130 gunboat "Spector." Though he has only been in the service 3-1/2 years, he's already seen action. He was stationed in Uzbekistan as forces swept through Afghanistan. He shipped out again Feb. 20 to the Middle East. His grandparents believe that he is near Kuwait City.

"We spoke with him last week and his morale is real good," said Bob. "He's real upbeat about everything."

"Ronnie is the same way," said Sherry. "He's excited. He loves adventure."

Both boys are Big Spring High School graduates. Ronnie, 45, and his wife, Suzie, live in San Angelo and have a son, Billy.

Landon, 23, is the son of



RONNIE LONDON

Tommy Wegner and Lusara Wegner, both of Big Spring. His other grandparents are Clovis and Janie Phinney of Coahoma.

The Wegners have four sons — Ronnie, Tommy, Robby and Billy — and three daughters — Jana, Toni and Kristin. Ten of the Wegner's children and grandchildren are Big Spring High School graduates.

Bob met Sherry when he was assigned to Webb AFB. They were married

in 1956 and lived in Montana for three years before moving back to Big Spring.

"We've lived here since 1959," said Sherry, who operates her own business, Sherry Wegner Insurance Agency. The business was named Agribusiness of the Year last week during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual Ag Luncheon.

"I'm really proud of that," Sherry said.

But not as proud as she is of her family, and of the son and grandson who are stationed in the Middle East today.

"I'm very proud that we have kids willing to go and fight for our freedom, but I'm scared to death, too," said Sherry. "I know they are well-trained. I feel like God is going to bring them home."

The war from a biblical prospective

By CYNTHIA FUGATE

CNHI News Service

DANVILLE, Ind. — The U.S.-led war in the Middle East is turning some evangelicals to the Bible for text that offers clarity and comfort to Christians with a high view of scripture.

For Muslims, that comfort comes in knowing that peace will once again be found in the Islamic religion.

"We pray for a quick operation and a quick resolve and pray for minimal casualties on all sides," said Sayyid Muhammad Syeed, Ph.D., secretary general of the Islamic Society of North America. "There are a number of Muslim American soldiers fighting, and our prayers are for all of them."

For those struggling to understand what Christians should believe about war, Billy Strother, Ph.D., pastor of Northview Christian Church in Danville, answered tough questions through Biblical text.

"We should begin by recognizing that faithful Christians fall on both sides of the war," he said. "And deciding what you believe about war may be a matter of principle."

Christians with a high view of scripture, he says, should subscribe to the belief that the Bible is the penultimate source of wisdom.

Muslim Americans struggling with war, Syeed says, should pray for the safety of all nations and know that Saddam Hussein's rule will soon come to an end.

"There has been a lot of confusion with our religion and how we should feel about this war," he said. "We've been praying for decades for an end to this tyrant's rule. We pray this war may finally bring peace and understanding of our religion."

Christians wondering whether God is a pacifist or whether there would ever be a circumstance in which Jesus would

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U.S. General Tommy Franks, head of the U.S. Central Command, speaks to the press in Doha. Franks expressed satisfaction with the progress in the three-day-old drive to chase Iraqi President Saddam Hussein from power. He made his comments as U.S. and British troops moved towards Baghdad from the south and coalition warplanes pressed a crushing campaign of air strikes on the capital.



U.S. Marine medics and a helicopter pilot carry a wounded Iraqi prisoner during a helicopter medevac from the field hospital of the 3rd Marine Battalion near the southern Iraqi town of Basra. U.S. Marine tanks battled Iraqi forces on the western outskirts of Basra on Saturday, a U.S. Marine captain said.

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which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God." (Romans 13:1)

Most importantly, Strother says, are the contemporary benchmarks of what constitutes a just war: war must be the last resort after all possible solutions have been tried and failed; the reason for the war must be to redress rights actually violated or to defend against unjust demands backed by force; the war must openly and legally be declared by a lawful government; there must be a reasonable chance of winning; soldiers must try to distinguish between armies and civilians and never kill civilians on purpose; the means used in fighting the war must be proportionate to the end sought; the good to be

done by the war must outweigh the evil which the war would do; and the winner must never require the utter humiliation of the loser.

"Would this second Gulf War constitute a just war?" Strother said. "I can't answer for everyone, but after testing the questions with the eight benchmarks, my answer is yes."

Syed says it's important for Muslim Americans to come forward and have a positive approach to the war.

"We will continue to pray for a peaceful end to the crisis in the Middle East," he said.

For Christians wondering if they have a responsibility to relate to war regardless whether they personally support it, Strother says the answer is yes.

As proof, he says, "Jesus said, You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that

you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against

nation, and kingdom against kingdom." (Matthew 24:6-7).

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At a briefing in Doha, Qatar, Gen. Tommy Franks, commander of the U.S.-led forces, said the assault on Iraq would be one of "shock, surprise, flexibility," using munitions on a "scale never before seen."

"Our troops are performing magnificently," said Franks, who indicated that surrender negotiations with Iraqi military commanders were in progress.

Franks said he had no idea where Saddam was at present. Regarding weapons of mass destruction, the general said none had been located by the invasion force thus far, but he voiced certainty that some would be found as the troops advance.

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using it to flee Kuwait. Along the roadside, a few children waved; others patted their stomachs or lifted their hands to their mouths, signaling hunger.

Left behind were large numbers of malnourished and overmatched Iraqi soldiers who surrendered Friday. Among those giving up were the commander and deputy commander of Iraq's 51st Infantry, the highest-ranking Iraqi officials known to have surrendered thus far.

According to Hoon, most regular Iraqi troops have withdrawn from Basra, but members of Saddam's security forces continued to defend the city.

A British military spokesman, Lt. Col. Chris Vernon, said allied forces hope to avoid bloody urban warfare and will not immediately try to storm Basra. The allies hope that Basra's military and civil leaders can gradually be persuaded to capitulate as they see Saddam's regime losing power.

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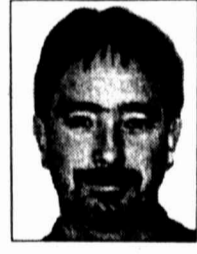
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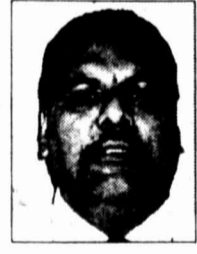
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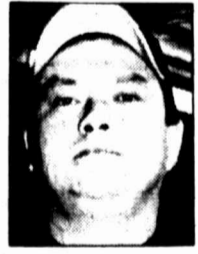
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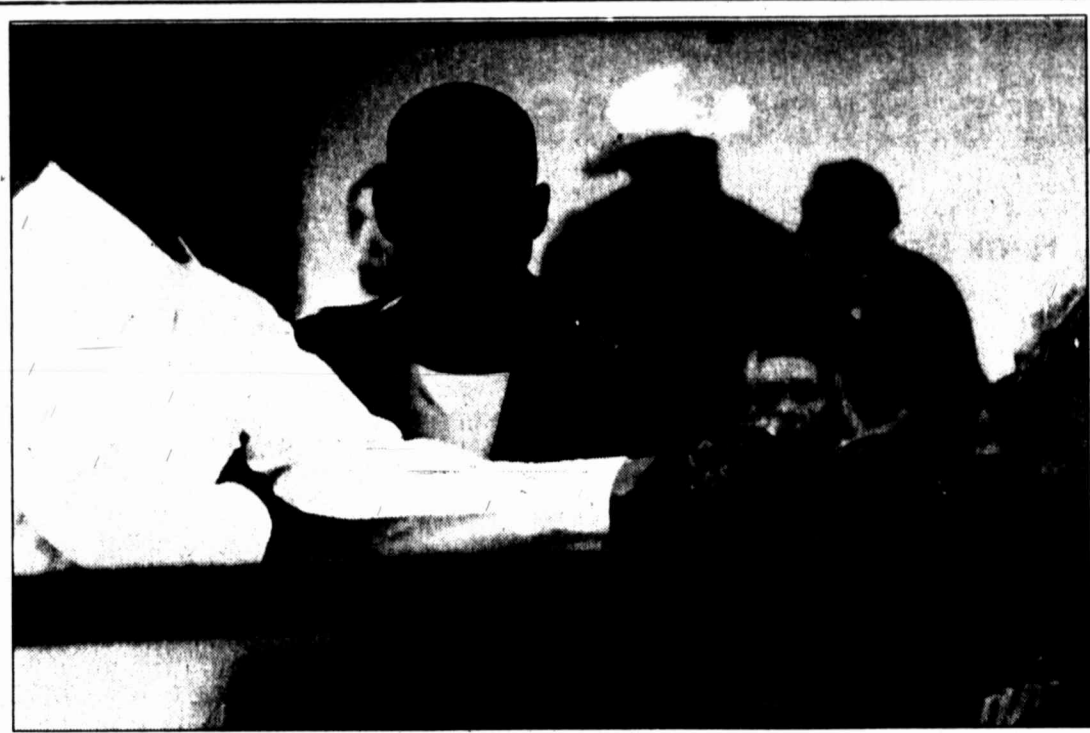
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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody
Twelve-year-old Jason Walker touches a rattlesnake shown by snake handler Jesse James at the Rattlesnake Roundup. James was one of three handlers performing stunts with the venomous creatures Saturday. The roundup resumes today at noon at the Howard County Fair Barns.

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to show the strike. We do a lots of things to show people what you can and what you cannot do with snakes, depending on the snake."

Spectators can expect more of the same today as the roundup gets rattling at noon and runs to 6 p.m.

Along with the demonstrations, AMBUCS volunteers will be busy skinning and cooking the 2,000 plus pounds of

snakes that managed to slither into the roundup by noon Saturday. More snakes were still expected later Saturday and today.

The club's profit from the roundup helps support scholarship programs, both locally and nationally, along with purchasing specially designed bicycles for handicapped children.

In conjunction with the roundup, a free arts and crafts show, flea market

and carnival are a part of the festivities.

"We have a great time out here and we hope people not only learn something but are entertained at the same time," Stallcop said.

The cost for admission to the roundup is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children.

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according to a press release from the Texas Education Agency. Students needed to correctly answer 57 percent of the test in order to pass.

"The kids worked hard, the parents worked hard, the teachers worked hard," said Richard Light, Big Spring Independent School District curriculum director. "Wow! We're excited."

This is the first year to administer the TAKS — the Texas Assessment of Skills in Knowledge — which replaced TAAS. It was a test expected to be more difficult than its predecessor, requiring the use of higher-level thinking skills.

Third graders in Texas are the first class as a whole to face one of the biggest changes of policy in the accountability testing process. Third grade students must pass the test to advance to fourth grade.

"We were just really thrilled when we received our third grade TAKS test results," said Elbow Elementary Principal Randy Johnson. "This

was a real pressure situation with a new standards, having to past the test to advance on to fourth grade."

It is a pressure that has been building since the class entered kindergarten.

"They've worked very hard," said Coahoma Elementary Principal Cindy Fowler. "I think this is a success story for all the work done by the students, parents and teachers since kindergarten."

"This was a total team effort with students, parents and teachers," Johnson echoed. "We've been working on this for several years."

Out of the 330 third graders enrolled in the BSISD, 32 will need to retake the exam on April 30, Light said. Teachers have already begun working with those students.

This year's test is only the starting point. Each year, the state is expected to raise testing expectations.

The current class of third graders will face the same requirements in two years. They must pass the TAKS reading and math exams in order to advance to the next level.

"We will continue to work with these kids over the next few years to prepare them to meet the standards in 2005 as fifth graders," Light said.

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"We don't know the reason why this happened," said Department of Public Safety Trooper Jason Hester. "He (Sova) took evasive action into the bar ditch to avoid a collision. He did everything he could to keep from having this accident."

Sova saw the runaway truck and swerved into the ditch, but the International rig struck the left backside of his trailer. The International tractor-trailer caught fire. Fire crews were ham-

pered in their efforts to extinguish the blaze because of a lack of water.

"They did run out of water," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, who responded to the scene.

However, the Texas Department of Transportation was able to get a water truck to the accident scene to help out.

Authorities quickly determined that none of the cargo was hazardous. The westbound truck carried electronic components, while the eastbound truck carried

ceramic tiles.

Sova was treated for minor injuries at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

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Police are requesting anyone with information about the incident to call to call Crime Stoppers at 263-TIPS or the police at 264-2550 or Sweatt at 264-2558.

"Something like this can become really dangerous," Sweatt said. "If

someone is elderly or in bad health, has some type of respiratory disease, this could kill or damage them."

The case is being handled by Big Spring Detective Milton Horton.

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OUR VIEWS

We can encourage change in TxDOT's highway plans

Progress is inevitable, period. That's why anyone who thinks it makes any difference whether using the term "U.S. Highway 87 Truck Relief Route" or "U.S. Highway 87 Bypass" is of any real importance needs to wake up.

For the same reason, anyone who really thinks our north-south highway won't be re-routed needs to do the same.

The time when major highways went through the middle of towns in the form of widened streets began disappearing the 1950s and 1960s.

That's called progress.

Long time residents of Big Spring can remember when Interstate 20 replaced U.S. Highway 80 as the east-west highway through our community.

Did it have an effect on businesses in Big Spring?

Of course it did, but nothing on the order of other factors — in particular the closure of Webb Air Force Base and a fundamental shift of retailing in communities like ours.

You can't stop progress. And those who stand in the way or otherwise try to prevent the Texas Department of Transportation's plans for the relief route/bypass might as well bury their heads in the sand.

Instead, we need to be taking a long look at TxDOT's current thinking on the project.

We here at the Herald have serious concerns about current plans. The first and foremost centers on TxDOT's announced plan to provide just one access and egress point on the entire road. Second is the extremely wide right-of-way. Both would seem to limit small business development along the corridor.

While we are certain that in the long run, our community's economic development prospects will be bolstered by the new roadway, TxDOT's plans need to provide more opportunity.

Owners of convenience stores, restaurants and other small businesses that will be most affected by bypassed traffic must have an opportunity to begin planning now on how to best position their businesses.

Some may decide they'll do just fine where they are. Others will probably decide they'll need to relocate. Regardless they need to be given that choice.

As a community we can encourage change in the TxDOT plans and we are convinced we should be as united as possible in bring pressure to bear for those changes.

But challenging plans to build a bypass is simply Quixotic. One might as well be tilting windmills.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Thanks and God bless you and your entire organization for your extraordinary promotion and coverage of the United We Stand, Community Prayer Rally and African Children's Choir! Your efforts generated an unprecedented attendance and enthusiastic atmosphere that we'll

long remember and that could serve to forever change our community.

We appreciate your extra-effort and we pray The Lord will bless you in your areas of greatest need because of those efforts that you've 'sown' in our community!

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A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

While our troops are away from their families, Lord, please put your protective shield around them and around us. Amen



Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

A week ago Friday, on March 14, actually it was in the very early morning hours of March 15, my wife Marilyn and I spent about an hour in the emergency room at Scenic Mountain Medical Center here in Big Spring.

In what I can only call a very freakish accident, as we were making the bed, Marilyn tried to slide her foot forward and as she did her ankle gave way and she deeply sprained her right ankle.

She had injured her ankle in an automobile accident in 1996 and possibly it was weakened by that terrible accident, however until now this really hasn't been a real problem for her, but this time the results were quick... and painful.

I want to take a few minutes and talk about the quality of healthcare she received at Scenic Mountain.

We were greeted in a very friendly manner, went through the sign-in quickly. We were then taken to triage, as most are that come into the emergency room facility, and put quickly through the routine questions and tests like temperature, blood pressure and pulse.

After that stop we were taken, she in a wheelchair, to a patient area inside the emergency room where we waited for the doctor. I'd say the wait was maybe 10 or 15 minutes.

I must point out the place was hopping, with almost every room occupied and people continued to stream in while we were there.

After a trip to x-ray and a sigh of relief that her ankle wasn't broken we went by the check-in desk to check out. We left the hospital loaded with information on how to properly care for the sprained ankle.

I can't remember many names

except Dr. Beasley, however everyone working that morning should get a rose on their desk.

I know lots of people who complain about the quality of healthcare no matter where they go, but in my brief experience here I cannot complain at all.

Dr. Jim Huston is my personal physician, however I have been to Dr. John Fish for an eye issue. He was not only professional, but also extremely friendly. He took me on an emergency basis when my right eye felt like there was a branch growing out of it. I had made a stop at Dr. McGonagill's office, where he quickly took me in for a check, and then he made the appointment for me at Dr. Fish's office.

I don't know about you but I don't think I could have asked for more, do you?

At all offices I received competent service from the office staff and the assistants were very helpful and appeared to be very well trained.

I try not to always look for the black side of every rock. There are people that find it necessary to complain about the care they receive no matter where it is, what kind of treatment they are seeking or who the doctor is.

I grew up in a healthcare family and I am here to tell you medicine is not an exact science. Never has been, never will be. It's a matter of how you're treated and how to deal with your medical malady.

A few weeks ago I spent about an hour and a half with Tim Schmidt, who is the administrator of Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and we talked at length about what can collectively be done to create and ultimately maintain an atmosphere and understanding of the quality local healthcare, which is available right here.

His concern, and mine as well, is how to properly and correctly communicate what is offered right here in Big Spring and the quality of healthcare actually available at the local facilities.

Sometimes rumor and innuendos can cause tremendous misunderstandings — and extremely false impressions — within a community and while no organization or service business will ever satisfy everyone, every time, it is certainly the mission of the local healthcare community to do that as much as possible.

I will tell you from my life's experience there has been a tremendous amount of money poured into this community over the years by individual physicians and major healthcare organizations to provide the healthcare services we have in place. It would be a terrible loss if our healthcare infrastructure is diminished or lost simply by non-use of local residents.

As the war in Iraq continues I just want to offer my support to those in the armed forces of the United States.

Not only the many involved in the Middle East situation for they are certainly in harm's way, but also the many thousands on other bases around this country and around the world who stand guard against other aggressors.

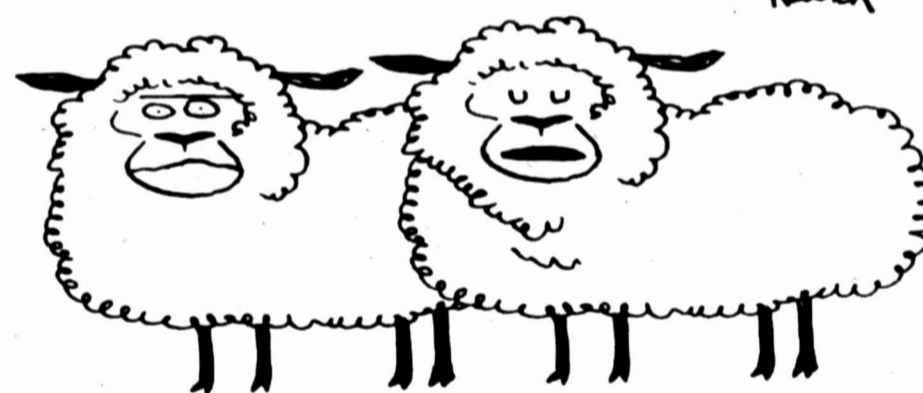
I don't want to be the one to break this to you, and probably most of you knew this all along, but this isn't the end of world aggression. North Korea, China, the list is endless.

This isn't a political statement; it is a statement of support for those in our military. It is my prayer God will hold them in his hand and bless them in their endeavors.

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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"Cheer up, Morty. Someday your sheep will come in."

Along the marginal way

If you'll come along, I would like to invite you to take a wonderful trip that literally produced enough memories to last me a lifetime. Early one Saturday morning, this past

October, my wife, Viola and I, along with our good friends, Fay and Deveryl Smith, boarded a Delta flight bound for Hartford, Connecticut. For me this was the fulfillment of a long awaited goal to visit the New England states during the peak foliage season. We were met at the Hartford/Springfield Airport by some precious people, Charles and Hope Rice, who live at nearby Enfield and they were our unofficial hosts while we were in the area. Deveryl and Hope had been childhood friends back in Arkansas and they have maintained their friendship over the years. It was super nice to have these dear people to greet and dine us and then send us on our way the next morning, in our rental station wagon.

We had already decided to take the back roads without any itinerary and see all the sights at a very leisurely pace. Each of the five states we visited was different and the whole New England area was just beautiful, with the mountains

ablaze with color! It is impossible to share all the highlights in this column, but for me the greatest blessing of all came from something that was totally unexpected. Near the end of the following week we spent the night at York Beach, Maine, and the next morning during a phone conversation, Hope told Deveryl to be sure and see "The Marginal Way" at Ogunquit, which was only a few miles away.

None of us knew what to expect and when we arrived, we were not overly impressed, as it turned out to be just a one mile paved walking trail. The trail, called "The Marginal Way", begins at Perkins Cove, where a lot of gift shops and restaurants and a charter boat service is located. The air that morning was a little chilly, so the girls said they had rather visit the gift shops and would be along in a while, so Fay and I went across the parking lot to start our journey up the trail. Almost from the beginning, it rises in elevation as it curves and winds its way through the scrub brush up to the top of the cliffs, where you can see and hear the ocean waves as they crash onto the jagged rocks over 100 feet below. It only took a few minutes for both of us to realize that our initial reaction was wrong and that we were experiencing something very special.

As we walked along, drinking in the majestic view, we began to notice the trash cans that were 300-400 yards apart and had been

painted a dark green color. Further observation revealed that each can contained a single word printed with white script lettering which made it stand out against the dark background. The first can we noticed had the word "compassion", the next "forgiveness", the next "sympathy", followed by "generosity" and "thoughtfulness". Fay and I had no idea who had done this or why it was done, but it sure made us stop and think.

We both agreed that along "The Marginal Way" you could feel the presence of God and you could also see some of His very best handiwork. When you add to this the human qualities of forgiveness, compassion, sympathy, generosity and thoughtfulness, there is no reason why any person should not stop and count their blessings. We surely did. A few minutes later, we were joined by the girls who had made quite a contribution to Maine's economy and we did our best to share with them what we had experienced. It turned out they had felt it too, and we just praised the Lord together for the privilege of being there. Yes! The Architect of the universe has certainly built a wonderful place for us to live!

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By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

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Staff Writer

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'Truth About Teens and Sex' seminar planned Monday night

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A Big Spring family nurse practitioner will be "Telling It Like It Is - The Truth About Teens and Sex," Monday night. "I will be talking about the emotional, spiritual and physical consequences of having sex before marriage," said Kim Shafer, family nurse practition-

er with Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Shafer said the candid presentation will discuss a wide range of issues from sexually transmitted diseases, to teen pregnancies, the effects of abortion and abstinence.

"There is no such thing as safe sex anymore," Shafer said. "There are a couple of sexually transmitted diseases now that

you can get without having sexual penetration. People who are using a condom aren't protected against herpes and the human papilloma virus (HPV). You can get these from skin to skin contact, mouth to genital contact."

Not widely known, Shafer said about 50 percent of the pap smears she sends for STD test comes back positive for HPV.

Some types of this virus can put a person at a high risk for developing cancer, she said.

"Some teens don't know they have an STD," she said. "They don't show any symptoms."

Representatives from the Permian Basin Women's Resource Center in Midland will join Shafer for the Monday night seminar.

"They present an abstinence

program called TASK. Teens are Saying kNow program," Shafer said.

The program will be held at 7 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene, 1400 Lancaster.

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Aggravated assault among indictments handed down by Howard County grand jury

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Ten individuals were indicted Thursday by the Howard County grand jury on felony charges ranging from theft to aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

Two of the ten were indicted on the second degree felony aggravated assault charge and a local businessman was indicted on a charge of tampering with a governmental record.

Judy Estes was indicted for aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Her alleged offense occurred Aug. 11, 2002, and she was arrested by the Big Spring Police.

Anthony Valentine was also indicted on aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. His alleged offense occurred Dec. 25, 2002, and he was also arrested by the BSPD.

Scott Anthony Emerson, a local businessman and owner of Gold Rush tobacco shop, was indicted on the third degree felony charge of

tampering with a governmental record. Emerson's alleged offense occurred Aug. 29, 2002 and he was arrested by Texas Department of Health agents.

Also indicted were:

• Donald Edward Atkinson, on two counts of credit card abuse, state jail felonies. Atkinson's alleged offenses occurred Dec. 18, 2002, and he was arrested by the BSPD.

• Franklin W. Fahnbulleh III, on charges of unlawful restraint and unlawful restraint by public servant, both third degree felony charges; and public lewdness, a class A misdemeanor.

Fahnbulleh's alleged offenses occurred Nov. 8, 2002 and he was arrested by the BSPD.

• John Foster, on a charge of theft by check, a state jail felony. Foster's alleged offense occurred Dec. 6, 2000, and he was arrested by the Howard County Attorney.

• Joe Rodriguez, on a

charge of driving while intoxicated, a second degree felony (enhanced). Rodriguez's alleged offense occurred Nov. 20, 2002, and he was arrested by the Texas Department of Public Safety.

• Robert Dwite Schaaf, on a charge of theft, a state jail felony. Schaaf's alleged offense occurred Oct. 2, 2002, and he was arrested by the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• Rosemary Silva, on three counts of abandoning or endangering a child, all state jail felonies. Silva's alleged offenses occurred July 13, 2002, and she was arrested by the BSPD.

• Alisha M. Smith, on two counts of credit card abuse, state jail felonies. Smith's alleged offenses occurred Dec. 8, 2002, and she was arrested by the BSPD.

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White appointed to 9-1-1 board by Coahoma, Forsan councils

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

Both the Coahoma and Forsan city councils appointed local Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission employee James White to the Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Board of Directors last week.

White, a Coahoma resident, was selected by the Coahoma City Council, said Forsan Mayor Roger Hudgins.

"It was in Coahoma's ballpark and (Coahoma) Mayor (Bill) Read asked him to serve and he agreed, so we agreed with him," Hudgins said. "The vote was unanimous, and that's all I can tell you."

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen said he doesn't know White personally.

"I did talk to Mayor Read in Coahoma and he had high recommendations of him," McEwen said. "It will be on our agenda next Tuesday and I fully expect our city council to also approve

Big Spring City Council expected to approve appointment Tuesday

him as our designee on the 9-1-1 Board."

Howard County 9-1-1 Communications District Board Chairperson Melinda Hernandez said she also does not know White personally.

"I've heard really good things about him and I'm glad he's on board," Hernandez said, adding that she sees White's appointment as a sign Howard County's three cities are making an effort to work together with regards to the 9-1-1 board.

"It looks that way," she said. "I think everybody is making an effort to get along, and we all have the same goal. Hopefully we'll do what's best for all the citizens and the community. I think everybody's

really making an effort to work with one another."

White was appointed to fill the seat vacated by Coahoma resident Don Nell Luce, who resigned amid Big Spring City Council plans to seek her removal from the board.

Earlier in the month, Big Spring attorney Tim Yeats was appointed to fill the 9-1-1 board seat vacated by Tommy Tunn of Big Spring.

The 9-1-1 board consists of five members, two appointed jointly by the three cities in Howard County, two appointed by the Howard County commissioners and one appointed by the Howard County fire marshal.

White will be seated on the board at its next meeting, April 8 at noon.

White could not be reached for comment Thursday or this morning.

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Reed, DeMay hurl 4-hitters at El Paso CC

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Jennifer Reed and Jennifer DeMay took a page from the United States military Friday afternoon. The Lady Hawk pitchers each hurled 4-hitters and helped Howard College

performance." The Lady Hawks didn't waste any time in putting El Paso in a hole. They gave Reed a 1-0 advantage with a run in the bottom of the first.

They didn't have to worry from there. Reed limited El Paso to just four hits over the next six innings. Angela Piper, Monica Droz, Jessica Stroud and Marci Shepherd all had key hits in the game.

DeMay was equally as impressive in the finale. The freshman from El Paso baffled EPCC batters all day. She allowed four hits en route to picking up the 4-3 victory.

Howard College, now 22-12-1, will return to Western Junior College See **SOFTBALL**, Page 10A



REED

Reed tossed a shutout in the opening game and then watched on as DeMay walked away with a 4-3 win in the finale.

"I think we played well," said Lady Hawks' head coach Dawn Wuthrich. "We hit the ball well and were disciplined at the plate. As far as pitching goes, you couldn't ask for a better

OC sweeps pair from Hawks

Herald staff report

The Odessa College Wranglers dealt the Howard College Hawks a double dose of misery Friday afternoon by sweeping both ends of an afternoon twinbill in Odessa.

The Wranglers claimed the opened by a 5-1 margin. They rolled to a 9-1 victory in the finale.

With the losses, the Hawks fell to 13-12 overall and to 6-10 in Western Junior College Athletic Association action.



Sands' Nate Looney established a personal-best time in the 200-meter dash Friday at the rain-shortened Sands Invitational. Looney won his heat in the event with a sub-23 second performance.

Rain washes out Sands meet

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

ACKERLY — There was plenty of running going on Friday at the Sands High School track. Unfortunately, most of it was for cover.

Heavy rain and lightning forced Sands officials to shut down the Sands Invitational Track Meet midway through the event. As a result, team champions in the boys' and girls' divisions were not crowned.

"We had so many races that we didn't get to run preliminaries in that we could name a champion," said Sands head coach Larry Reid. "It was just a nice little competition, I guess."

The raid didn't spoil performances from Sands' Nate Looney and Whitharral's Brandon Hoskins. Looney turned in a personal-best in the 200-meter dash, clocking a sub-23 second time. Hoskins, the Texas six-man football player of the year, ran a 49.94 in the 400-meter dash.

Abner, BS unload on Levelland

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Chelsea Abner pitched five strong innings and Alex Watkins drove in four runs Friday afternoon and led the Big Spring Lady Steers to a 12-4 win over the Levelland Lady Loboes.

With the win, the Lady Steers remained unbeaten in District 4-4A action, improving to 2-0. The win keeps Big Spring in a tie for first place in the loop standings with Andrews.

The Lady Steers jumped on Levelland early. Big Spring scored four runs in their first at-bat and never looked back.

Heather Vasser carried the big stick for the BS girls in the first. She delivered a clutch two-hit hit that scored two runs.

Watkins and Abner also had run-scoring singles in the frame.

Big Spring added two more runs in the fourth before Watkins sealed the win in the sixth by driving home three runs with a bases-clearing double to left. She later scored on a hit by Vasser.

Levelland scored four times in the fifth before Watkins relieved Abner and retired the next 10 batters she faced.

Abner allowed just four hits in five innings of work.

The Lady Steers will host Frenship Tuesday.



Big Spring's Chris Aris put during Thursday's final standings.

Big Spring take 2nd

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring graders turned in another strong Thursday afternoon second at the Big Spring Junior School Track and Meet.

The Steers, anchored by strong efforts from Jordan Kinnear, Zack Dawson, scored 11 of the 17 event rolled up 132 points. Andrews won the team title with 159 points.

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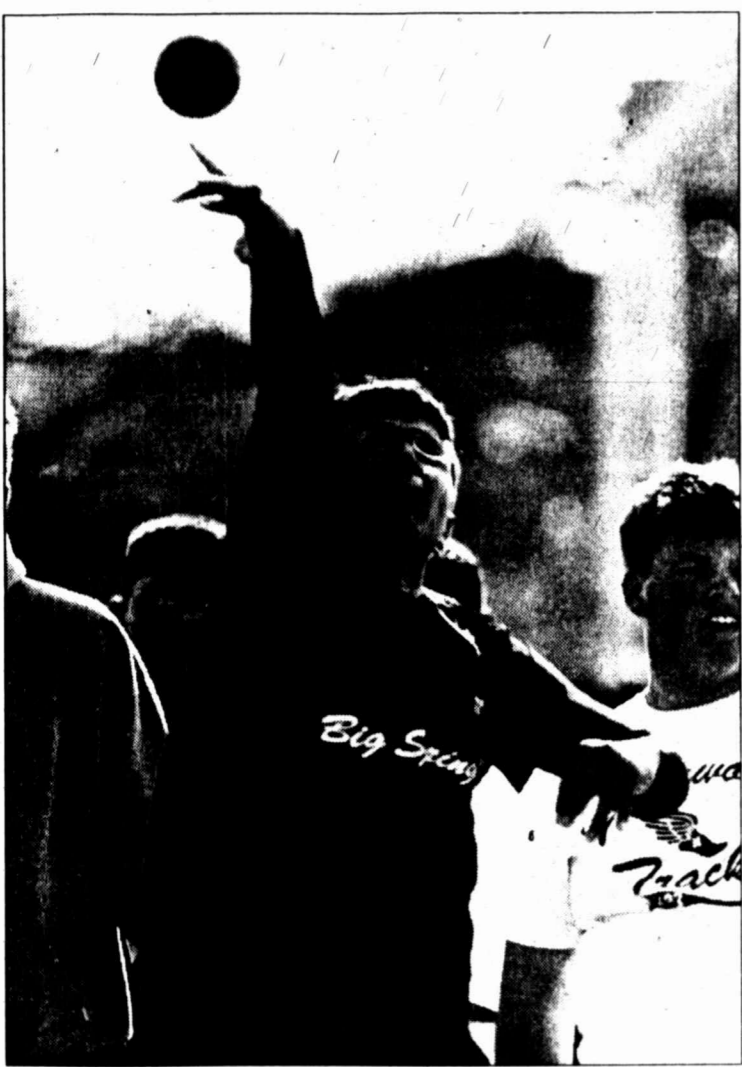
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Big Spring's Chris Arista takes his turn at throwing the shot put during Thursday's junior high meet. He finished third in the final standings.

Byrd leads BSJHS 8th graders to crown

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Move over Carl Lewis. Forget Ben Johnson.

The sprinter everyone wanted to beat — or be close to — Thursday afternoon at the Big Spring Junior High School Track Meet was Demar Byrd.

Bird helped power the Big Spring eighth grade Steers to first place in the overall team standings by dominating the 100- and 200-meter dashes. A three-sport standout, Byrd breezed to wins in both events and led the Steers to a 38-point win over Andrews.

Big Spring, which also picked up two wins from Michael Rodriguez, rolled up 166 points in the meet. Andrews and San Angelo Lee finished second and third, respectively, with 128 and 119.

Byrd was without equal in the 100, running the course in 11.48 seconds. His time was 1.2 seconds faster than the winning time Borden County's Michael Bullinger used to win the Sands Junior High Track Meet. His

Big Spring Junior High School Track Meet

(Held Thursday at Blankenship Field)
Big Spring finishers only

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Big Spring 166; 2. Andrews 128; 3. San Angelo Lee 119; 4. San Angelo Lincoln 93; 5. Greenwood 60; 6. Lamesa 35; 7. Snyder 17.
LONG JUMP — 1. Adrian Nevarez, 17.10;
TRIPLE JUMP — 6. Ryan Tannehill, 32.31/4
POLE VAULT — 2. (tie) Jacob Cortez, 8.6
SHOT PUT — 2. Caleb Choate, 42.5; 1-2.
DISCUS — 2. Caleb Choate, 114.11
2.400 — 1. Michael Rodriguez, 8:25.27; 2. Rudy Rodriguez, 8:54.45

800 — 3. Joey Herrera, 2:30.19
400 RELAY — 4. Big Spring, 49.30
110 HURDLES — 2. Lance Tissue, 17.77
100 — 1. Demar Byrd, 11.48
800 RELAY — 2. Big Spring, 1:40.57
400 — 1. Adrian Nevarez, 53.84; 3. Julian Garcia, 57.39
300 HURDLES — 1. Lance Tissue, 47.59; 5. Ryan Tannehill, 48.34
200 — 1. Demar Byrd, 24.95; 5. Jamere Cooper, 26.11
1,600 — 1. Michael Rodriguez, 5:24.84; 4. Rudy Rodriguez, 5:37.37
1,600 RELAY — 1. Big Spring, 3:49.95

time was less than a second faster than many high school sprinters record in the event.

Byrd won the 200 with a time of 24.95. Teammate Jamere Cooper was fifth in the standings with a 26.11.

Rodriguez owned the distance races. He won the 2,400-meter run with a blistering time of 8 minutes, 25.27 seconds. The Steers' Rudy Rodriguez was second at 8:54.45.

The pair finished 1-2 in

the 1,600 as well. Michael Rodriguez won the race in 5:24.84. Rudy Rodriguez was fourth at 5:37.37.

Adrian Nevarez emerged a two-time winner. He highlighted a solid showing by the Steers in the field. Nevarez won the long jump competition with an effort of 17-feet, 10-inches. He also won the 400-meter dash.

The Steers, as a team, walked away with the top honors in the 4x400-meter

relay. Big Spring pounded out a time of 3:49.95 in the race. They finished second in the 4x200-meter race and fourth in the 400-meter relay.

In addition to Nevarez's win in the long jump, Big Spring collected three second-place markers in the field events. Jacob Cortez was second in the pole vault, while Caleb Choate earned two silver medals with second-place finishes in the shot put and discus.

Lance Tissue, Joey Herrera and Julian Garcia added to the Steers' medal count. Tissue was third in the 110- and 300-meter hurdles races. Herrera was third in the 800-meter run, while Garcia was a bronze winner in the long jump.

Big Spring 7th graders take 2nd at local meet

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring seventh graders turned in yet another strong outing Thursday afternoon, placing second at the annual Big Spring Junior High School Track and Field Meet.

The Steers, anchored by strong efforts from Jordan Kinnear and a Zack Dawson, scored in 11 of the 17 events and rolled up 132 points. Andrews won the overall team title with 159 points. Kinnear, performing in front of a large crowd at Blankenship Field, was a two-time medal winner. He won a silver medal in the shot put competition with a throw of 40-feet, 5-inches.

Big Spring, as a team, scored big in the shot, scoring 15 points. In addition to Kinnear's effort, the Steers' Chris Arista took third and teammate Adrian Carrillo was sixth.

Kinnear and Arista went 1-2 in the discus standings. Kinnear won with a throw of 112-10. Arista checked in at 108-8. Dawson paced the Steers' efforts on the track. He and teammate

BSJHS Track Meet

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gave Big Spring a 1-2 finish in both the 2,400- and 1,600-meter runs. In the 2,400-meter run, Dawson logged out a time of 9:24.10 — just over four seconds faster than Parrish.

Brandy Hubbard collected the Steers' only other win of the meet. He cleared 8-6 and easily won the junior high pole vaulting honors.

The Big Spring 4x100-meter relay team came up big at the meet. The BSJHS foursome finished second in the race, posting a time of 1:27.74.

Big Spring was third in the 4x100-meter relay and fourth in the 800-meter relay. Jesse Sanchez was fourth in the 800-meter

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McDowell wins OC bull riding accolades

By **TOMMY WELLS**
Sports Editor

Danny McDowell did his best impression of world champion bull rider Ty Murray Friday evening and proved he was the top cowboy at the Odessa College Rodeo.

The freshman from Jena, La. highlighted Howard College Hawks efforts in the second day of the rodeo. He collected a score of 87 and won the bull riding competition.

Terene Ream also continued to shine for the Lady Hawks. She battled her way through a tough second round in the barrel racing event and stood fourth heading into Saturday's finals. Ream had a time of 15.98 seconds and led after the first round.

Team ropers Allan Parker and Justin Fox had another strong effort Saturday. The two stood in second after two days.

Jessi Goodson and Trent Cornelius also had solid efforts Friday. Goodson had a run of 8.4 seconds in the goat tying division.

The OC rodeo ended Saturday.



Howard College catcher Kortney Kemper helps position the defense during the Lady Hawks' 4-0 win over El Paso Friday.

SOFTBALL

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Athletic Conference action on March 28 against nationally-ranked Midland College.

The team will make its final home appearance of the 2003 season April 18 against the Odessa College Lady Wranglers.

Grady girls capture Sands JH title

HERALD staff report

Brittney Rivas won the high jump and the 200-meter dash Thursday afternoon and led the Grady Junior High School Lady Wildcats to the junior high girls' team title at the Sands

Invitational Track Meet. In all, Grady won five events and rolled up a 142 points — 36 more than runner-up Water Valley. In addition to Rivas' two wins, Grady also picked up gold medal efforts from sprinter Kelsi Howard in the 400-meter

dash and Sandi Cox in the discus. As a team, they won the 4x200-meter relay crown.

The Grady boys, paced by Johnny Tubb, finished second overall. They scored 88 points and finished a distant second to O'Donnell.

Sands Junior High Track Meet Results

GIRLS
TEAM TOTALS — 1. Grady 143; 2. Water Valley 107; 3. O'Donnell 106; Klondike 104; 5. Wellman 46; 6. Sands 31; 7. Westbrook 14; 8. Dawson 13; 9. Garden City 11; 10. Borden County 9; 11. Grandfalls Royalty 5.
100 — 1. Hederson, Klondike 14:22; 2. Davis, Dawson 16:27; 3. Chidley, O'Donnell 16:36; 4. Carrasco, Grandfalls 16:36; 5. Krapf, Westbrook 16:40; 6. Peacock, Sands 16:50.
200 — 1. Rivas, Grady 31:03; 2. Franke, Water Valley 36:06; 3. Howard, Grady 31:53; 4. Childress, O'Donnell 31:60; 5. Schueke, Grady 31:62; 6. Lucio, Sands 31:94.
400 — 1. Howard, Grady 1:11.54; 2. Rivas, Grady 1:11.76; 3. Galhadi, Water Valley 1:12.51; 4. Chavez, Westbrook 1:12.85; 5. Martinez, Sands 1:13.35; 6. Robles, Grady 1:13.55.
100 Hurdles — 1. Young, Water Valley 19:38; 2. Rodgers, Klondike 19:87; 3. King, Grady 19:89; 4. Morales, O'Donnell 20:00; 5. T. Southhall, Klondike 20:34; 6. Costa, O'Donnell 21:10.
300 Hurdles — 1. Sanchez, Water Valley 59:73; 2. Shirley, Wellman 1:01:21; 3. Baun, Water Valley 1:02:71; 4. Costa, O'Donnell 1:02:78; 5. Wilson, O'Donnell 1:02:96; 6. Rodriguez, Grady 1:03:03.
800 — 1. Calzador, O'Donnell 2:49:41; 2. David, Water Valley 2:59:51; 3. Rivas, Grady 2:52:76; 4. Pyc, Dawson 2:58:26; 5. Ybarra, Sands 2:59:15; 6. Stamper, Borden Co. 3:02:47.
1600 — 1. Calzador, O'Donnell 4:39:54; 2. Romine, Grady 4:41:80; 3. Ramey, Sands 4:42:19; 4. Rodriguez, Grady 4:49:32; 5. Eden, Water Valley 4:59:25; 6. Ybarra, Sands 5:01:12.
3200 — 1. Ramey, Sands 10:06:63; 2. Rodriguez, Grady 10:31:71; 3. Lopez, O'Donnell 10:37:28; 4. Romine, Grady 10:51:94; 5. Eden, Water Valley 11:03:56; 6. Ledezma, Water Valley 11:27:30.
Long Jump — 1. Gregory, Klondike 14.2; 2. David, Water Valley 13.11; 3. Hederson, Klondike 13.10; 4. Martinez, Sands 13.6; 5. Rivas, Grady 12.11; 6. Pate, Wellman 12.934.
Triple Jump — 1. Gregory, Klondike 28.73; 2. Howard, Grady 28.41; 3. Franke, Water Valley 27.9; 4. Morales, O'Donnell 27.4; 5. Wilson, O'Donnell 26.9; 6. Claude, Garden City 26.9.
High Jump — 1. Rivas, Grady 4.8; 2. T. Southhall, Klondike 4.8; 3. Hernandez, O'Donnell 4.6; 4. Baun, Water Valley 4.4; 5. Pate, Wellman 4.4; 6. Romine, Grady 4.4.
Shot Put — 1. Vincent, Wellman 25.71; 2. Slaton, Wellman 25.07; 3. Garcia, Water Valley 25.1; 4. Hernandez, Water Valley 25.0; 5. Madison, Grady 24.10; 6. Dill, Water Valley 24.6.
Discus — 1. Cox, Grady 77.8 1/4; 2. T. Southhall, Klondike 68.4 1/4; 3. Hernandez, Klondike 67.1 1/2; 4. Soto, Borden Co. 66.9 1/2; 5. Madison, Grady 65.0 1/4; 6. Garcia, Dawson 63.3.
4x100 Relay — 1. Klondike 56:30; 2. O'Donnell 57:51; 3. Water Valley 58:81; 4. Westbrook 1:00:15; 5. Wellman 1:00:33; 6. Grady 1:00:62.
4x200 Relay — 1. Grady 2:05:85; 2. O'Donnell 2:07:99; 3. Klondike 02:08:35; 4. Water Valley 2:11:48; 5. Sands 2:11:69; 6. Garden City 2:15:68.
4x400 Relay — 1. Water Valley 4:54:86; 2. O'Donnell 5:00:11; 3. Grady 5:08:15; 4. Garden City 5:19:77; 5. Borden Co. 5:31:16; 6. Wellman 5:31:37.
Boys
TEAM TOTALS — 1. O'Donnell 172; 2. Grady 88; 3. Grandfalls 87; 4. Wellman 84; 5. Dawson 54; 6. Borden Co. 48; 7. Klondike 37; 8. Water Valley 22; 9. Sands 19; 10. Garden City 6.
100 — 1. Bullinger, Borden Co. 12.64; 2. Barrera, O'Donnell 12.72; 3. Alvarado, Grandfalls 12.74; 4. Cavazos, Grandfalls 12.95; 4. Nagera, Grady 12.95; 6. Vasquez, O'Donnell 13.02.
200 — 1. Juarez, Grady 26.78; 2. Scott, Klondike 27.03; 3. Alvarado, Grandfalls 27.11; 4. Bullinger, Borden Co. 27.31; 5. Ramey, Dawson 28.12; 6. Neufeld, Grady 28.45.
400 — 1. Fierro, Wellman 1:01:20; 2. Bullinger, Borden Co. 1:02:38; 3. Morales, Grandfalls 1:02:74; 4. Stewart, Dawson 1:04:60; 5. Rutledge, Grady 1:05:27; 6. Braken, Grady 1:05:56.
800 — 1. Goad, O'Donnell 18:79; 2. Tubb, Grady 19:68; 3. Payne, Borden Co. 20:39; 4. Miller, Klondike 20:64; 5. Eggmeyer, Garden City 21:11; 6. Alexander, Water Valley 21:28.
1600 — 1. Gregory, Wellman 4:07:41; 2. Martinez, Sands 4:11:52; 3. San Juan, Grady 4:13:29; 4. Nagera, Grady 4:21:59; 5. Rodriguez, Grady 4:22:44; 6. Schuler, Borden Co. 4:29:15.
3200 — 1. Gregory, Wellman 9:04:41; 2. Martinez, Sands 9:12:01; 3. Rodriguez, Grady 9:14:08; 4. Nagera, Grady 9:33:87; 5. Ross, Wellman 9:35:44; 6. Schuler, Borden Co. 9:56:37.
Long Jump — 1. Morado, O'Donnell 16.8; 2. Goad, O'Donnell 16.3 3/4; 3. Brandenburg, Grandfalls 16.3 1/2; 4. Fierro, Wellman 15.7 1/2; 5. Alvarado, Grandfalls 15.6; 6. Gass, O'Donnell 15.2 1/2.
Triple Jump — 1. Morado, O'Donnell 34.10; 2. Eaker, O'Donnell 32.2 1/4; 3. Gass, O'Donnell 31.11 1/4; 4. Morales, Grandfalls 31.2 3/4; 5. Brandenburg, Grandfalls 31.1 3/4; 6. Payne, Borden Co. 30.6.
High Jump — 1. Bullinger, Borden Co. 5.0; 2. Goad, O'Donnell 5.0; 3. Gloria, O'Donnell 5.0; 4. Davis, Water Valley 4.10; 5. Santiago, Grandfalls 4.10; 6. Cave, Klondike 4.10.
Pole Vault — 1. Brune, Wellman 8.5; 2. Stewart, Dawson 8.0; 3. Cavazos, Grandfalls 7.6; 4. O'Brien, Garden City 6.6.
Shot Put — 1. Pinkerton, Klondike 42.2 1/2; 2. Mott, O'Donnell 41.10 1/2; 3. Stewart, Dawson 38.050; 4. Halfman, O'Donnell 37.7; 5. Burris, Wellman 36.8; 6. Stubbs, Water Valley 36.0 1/2.
Discus — 1. Pinkerton, Klondike 112.1; 2. Stewart, Dawson 111.1; 3. Castro, O'Donnell 110.10; 4. Nagera, Grady 109.2; 5. Eaker, O'Donnell 108.5; 6. Furlong, Borden Co. 106.11.
4x100 Relay — 1. O'Donnell 51.13; 2. Wellman 52.21; 3. Grandfalls 52.63; 4. Dawson 53.52; 5. Water Valley 54.65; 6. Borden Co 54.75.
4x200 Relay — 1. O'Donnell 1:44.83; 2. Grady 1:48.20; 3. Grandfalls 1:53.47; 4. Dawson 1:54.04; 5. Klondike 1:58.45; 6. Water Valley 1:59.57.
4x400 Relay — 1. O'Donnell 4:10.59; 2. Grady 4:10.92; 3. Wellman 4:20.55; 4. Grandfalls 4:21.97; 5. Water Valley 4:32.00; 6. Sands 4:44.24.

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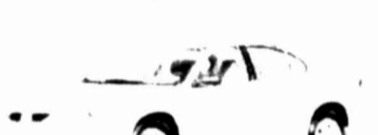
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Laying the foundation to build upon

Overhead as the sun beats down, 11 Big Spring teens and their adult supervisors toil to finish constructing a home in Juarez, Mexico.

Sweat pouring down their backs, they ignore their sunburned skin and continue pounding out nails and carefully erect the walls.

In three days, the First United Methodist Youth group, along with two Baptist groups from the Permian Basin, finish a two-bedroom home to house a family of three whose mother and father are scarcely older than teens.

"It made such an impact on the kids on how the people lived down there," said Courtney Johnson, First United Methodist youth minister.

Instead of ski trips, vacations to the beach or a week at home, these teen-agers gave up their spring break to work with a mission's agency called Casas por Cristo or Houses because of Christ.

After traveling most of the night, the Big Spring group arrived early Monday morning on the construction site to find nothing but sand, gravel and some lumber.

"We started building the house that morning by laying a strong foundation," Johnson said.

Upon arrival, the 21-year-old woman whose house the group would construct became emotional.

"This family was living with other family members and some of their relatives were receiving a Casas por Cristo house next door," Johnson said. "The total number of their family members that lived on this block was around 30. So several of the family members would have a nice sturdy home they could be proud of."

Families are selected for the program by an application process through their local church.

"Their pastors are in direct contact with Casas por Cristo and a representative comes to look at their existing home," Johnson explained. "The representative determines the needs of the family. If the house is literally falling in, the family is put on the urgent need of housing list...but if the house can stand for a little longer the family could be on a waiting list for up to a year."

"Our family had to wait nine months," Johnson continued. "That's a short period of time when you consider that the average family in Mexico makes \$20 a week and therefore it would take them about 50 years to build an 11 by 22 foot house that we build for them in three days."

During the three-day project, the young mother fed the young workers lunch every day as construction continued.

"By the end of at the end of first day the foundation was laid and most of the walls of the house were built," Johnson said. "The second day con-

sisted of putting up the walls and roof and applying black board and chicken wire to the walls."

On day three, roofing, insulation, sheet rock and wiring were finished.

"Total we took three days to build a nice, sturdy house for a needy Christian family," Johnson said.

On Thursday, the workers presented the young couple keys to their new house.

"There were a lot of tears shed when we gave them the keys to the home," Johnson said.

Others besides the young couple also made an impression on the Big Spring group.

"We were able to get to know several of the neighbors who blessed us in many ways," Johnson recalled. "The grocery store man that lived across the way, lived in a house made of wooden pallets and cardboard. He had several members of his family living in this house."

"One night we found out that he had been watching us all week and was curi-

ous of who we were working for and why we were so generous," Johnson continued. "We had an opportunity to witness to him and tell him about our mission trip to Mexico to help our needy Christian brothers and sisters."

The story left an impression on the local business grocer.

"He was so impressed that some Americans would take their time to help others, that he told us about his situation," she said. "We were able to sign him up for the program and maybe we can go back next year and build a house for him."

Photos by Courtney Johnson, Story by Staff Writer Lyndel Moody

Participating in the trip from Big Spring were Courtney Johnson, Nathan Sellers, Mark Warrington, Chris Wingert, Lacy Moore, Josh Plaia, Brian Wingert, Sarah Carman, Todd Seber, Donald Bugg, Karen Carman, Kristy Tacker, Cassandra Willis, Brennan Bailey, Kelli Warrington, Kelly Wingert, Ray Russell and Ryan Beall



At top, Brian Wingert and Sarah Carman construct one of the walls of the house. Middle, the young owners of the newly constructed home pose for a picture. Josh Plaia, above, and, right, Kelly Wingert and Brennan Bailey take time to play with the village children. At left, Bailey, Kelli Warrington and Nathan Sellers prepare to set the foundation.

By the grace god has given me, I laid a foundation as an expert builder, and someone else is building on it. But each one should be careful how he builds. For no one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ." I Corinthians 3:10-11

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WEDDING



Richard-Dockers

Regina D'Ann Richards of Mountain Home, AFB, Idaho and Timothy Michael Dockers of Splendor exchanged wedding vows on Feb. 22, 2003, at Forestwood Baptist Church in New Caney with the Rev. Bruce Rosier officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Pamela Richards of Big Spring and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Richards of Mansfield and the granddaughter of Mike and Fran Mathie of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Joe Hubbard of Splendor.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Eugene Richards, and wore a satin, spaghetti strap gown with a corset style tulle bodice and full skirt accented with beaded lace motifs and a tulle fingertip veil with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white daisies and lavender roses.

Candlelighters were Joe

Hubbard and Waymen Dockers. Bonnie Hubbard lit her son's candle and Pamela Richards lit her daughter's candle for the couple's unity candle.

A reception was held in the church parlor. The bride's cake was three satellite cakes decorated with fresh flowers, purple daisies, and a Kim Anderson bridal couple figurine. The groom's cake was a chocolate cake with chocolate pecan icing.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School. She is presently employed by the United States Air Force.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Splendor High School. He is presently employed by the United States Air Force.

Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple have made their home in Mountain Home, Idaho.

WEDDING



Deanda-Newton

Diane Deanda and Larry Newton, both of Big Spring, exchanged wedding vows on March 1, 2003, at the Princess of Monaco in the French Quarter, New Orleans, La., with Rev. Anthony Talavera officiating.

She is daughter of Sonny and Betty Crocker of Big Spring and the granddaughter of the late Burr and Lona Crocker and Nettie Hale.

He is the son of Leola Newton and the late Lindell Newton and the grandson of the late Howard and Viola Newton and Leonard and Susie Smith.

The bride wore a white satin, sleeveless, princess style dress with a scoop neckline enhanced with

tiny pearls. Her veil of sheer illusion fell from a pearl encrusted tiara. She carried a spring bouquet of tea roses, daisies and babies breath.

The violinist was Adrian Thomas.

The matron of honor was Cathy Graves.

Best man was Ike Graves.

A reception was held at the Princess of Monaco Carriage House. The bride's cake was a heart shaped three-layer cake with pineapple filling, decorated with spring flowers matching the bridal bouquet.

Following a wedding trip to New Orleans, the couple have made their home in Big Spring.

ENGAGEMENT



Strain-Barkley

Eddie and Roxie Strain of Colorado City would like to announce the engagement of their daughter, Mandy Strain of Colorado City, to Michael Barkley, also of Colorado City.

Parents of the future groom are Robert Barkley of Blackwell and Anna Eubank of Centerville.

The bride elect graduated from Colorado high School in 1999 and will

graduate cum laude on May 17, 2003, with a bachelor of science in human development and family studies from Texas Tech University.

The future groom graduated from Big Spring High School in 1994 and is also a graduate of Texas Tech University.

The wedding will take place at 7 p.m. on June 7, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Colorado City.

ENGAGEMENT



Turner-Cusick

Misty DeeAnn Turner and Marc Alan Cusick, both of Monument, Colo., will exchange wedding vows on April 12, 2003, at Shove Chapel in Colorado Springs, Colo., with Brother Gary Snider officiating.

She is the daughter of Dean and Marilyn Turner of Big Spring.

He is the son of Marley

Cusick of Colorado Springs, Colo.

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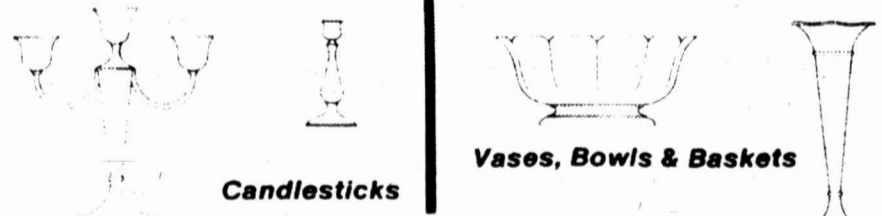
Dr. Susan Roberts will be talking about Heart Disease.

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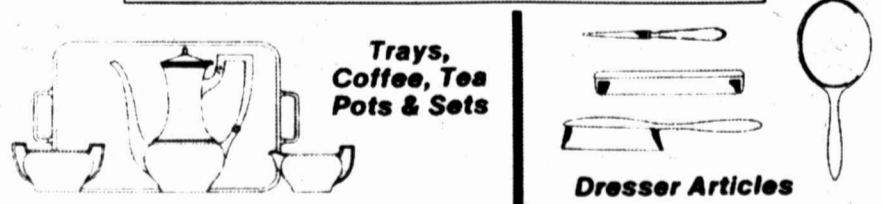
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TUESDAY — Liver & onions, potatoes, carrots, spinach salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken-rice casserole, mixed vegetables, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, bread pudding.
THURSDAY — Enchiladas, rice, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.
FRIDAY — Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY — French toast sticks, Little Smokies, fruit juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Scrambled eggs, has browns, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Texas toast, jelly, sausage links, fruit juice, milk.
FRIDAY — cereal, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — sliced ham, creamed potatoes, glazed carrots, biscuits, applesauce, milk.
TUESDAY — Lasagna, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, garlic bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken pot pie, black-eyed peas, fruit cup, crackers, milk.
THURSDAY — Nachos with meat, pinto beans, tossed salad, cornbread, peach shortcake, milk.
FRIDAY — Barbeque on bun, French fries, pickle & onions, goodie bar, milk.

rots, strawberry/banana bar.

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MONDAY — Spaghetti, bread & butter, green beans, fruit.
TUESDAY — Hamburgers, tater tots, veggies & dressing, cookie.
WEDNESDAY — Mac & cheese, green beans, cake.
THURSDAY — Corn dog, chips, veggies & dressing, cake.
FRIDAY — Pizza, veggies & dressing, pudding.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Eggs & sausage burritos, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, ham, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Pancakes, ham, syrup, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Donuts, sausage, fruit, milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY — Taco beef pie (corn dog), fruit, salad, milk.
TUESDAY — Fried chicken (chili dog), fruit, baked beans, bread, macaroni & cheese, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken fried steak, gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, milk.
THURSDAY — Tostado (burritos), pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza, tater tots, fresh fruit, milk.
Teachers only: Salad.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Oatmeal, apples, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — Sausage, biscuit, juice, milk.
WEDNESDAY —

Muffins, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Breakfast burrito, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza, salad, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY — Chili dog, French fries, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken quesadilla, pinto beans, rice, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY — Philly steak sub, chips, carrot sticks, fruit, strawberries w/cream.
FRIDAY — Salisbury steak, baked potato, green beans, rolls, fruit, milk.

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Breakfast pizza, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
TUESDAY — French toast sticks, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

STORK NEWS



D'Kota Wayne Harrison

D'Kota Wayne Harrison, boy, born Feb. 24, 2003, at 12:50 p.m., weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces and was 20 1/2 inches long. Parents are Preston and Keisha Harrison of Coahoma. Grandparents are Garland and Peggy Harrison of Coahoma.

WEDNESDAY — Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
THURSDAY — Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.
FRIDAY — Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Corndog (baked fish), macaroni & cheese, peas & carrots, apple wedges, French bread.
TUESDAY — Spagetti & meat sauce (Salisbury steak), green beans, salad, fruit gelatin, French bread.
WEDNESDAY — Cheeseburger or hamburger on bun, French fries, hamburger salad, orange smiles, chocolate chip cookies.
THURSDAY — Baked chicken (meatloaf), mashed potatoes, spinach,

fruit cocktail, rolls.
FRIDAY — Pizza, cheese sticks (macaroni and ham), salad, mixed vegetables, stuffed celery, pear slices.

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BREAKFAST
MONDAY — Breakfast pocket, milk, juice.
TUESDAY — Muffins, milk, juice.
WEDNESDAY — Donuts
THURSDAY — Poptarts
FRIDAY — Cereal, milk, juice.

LUNCH
MONDAY — Burritos, salad, corn, hot sauce, fruit, milk.
TUESDAY — Chicken nugget, mashed potatoes, June peas & carrots, jello, milk.
WEDNESDAY — Enchilada casserole, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY — Roast beef w/gravy, hot roll, green beans, mashed potatoes, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY — Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

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TUESDAY — Tacos (chicken salad), salad, pinto beans, Spanish rice, trail mix.
WEDNESDAY — Chicken nuggets (lasagna), mashed potatoes, green beans, mandarin oranges, roll.
THURSDAY — Spaghetti w/meat sauce (grilled ham & cheese), breaded okra, jello w/mixed fruit, roll.
FRIDAY — Fishburger (cheeseburger), salad, French fries, baby car-

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- Child is unable to speak or comprehend the English language and/or;
- Child comes from an economically/educationally disadvantaged family according to standards set by the State Board of Education. (Qualify for food stamps or the Free or Reduced Lunch Program) and/or.
- Child is homeless.

If you know a child whom you feel meets these qualifications, please call 264-3600. A minimum of 15 qualified students is required before the class will be offered.

Big Spring ISD ofrece libertad de clases de Pre-Kinder para estudiantes por lo menos cuatro años de la edad por el 1 de septiembre de 2003 si los criterios siguientes se reúnen:

- Niño es incapaz de hablar o comprender el idioma inglés y/o;
- Niño viene de una familia económicamente/educativamente desventajada según el conjunto de estándares por el Consejo de Educación del Estado. (Califique para sellos de alimento o el Programa Libre or Reducido de Almuerzo) y/o.
- Niño es sin hogar.

Si usted sabe que un niño quien usted se siente reúne estas salvedades, por favor llamen al 264-3600. Un mínimo de 15 estudiantes calificados se requiere antes la clase se ofrecera.



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Colorado City Home and Garden Show set April 12-13

Special to the Herald

Keep Colorado City Beautiful announces its second annual Home and Garden Show on April 12-13.

The event takes place in the historic Railhead Building on the corner of Elm and First streets in downtown Colorado City. Local and area merchants will display products and services for home improvement, maintenance, landscaping and beautification.

A "Bridal Event" offers an additional area of interest for this year's Home and Garden Show. All types of items associated with weddings will stimulate the imagina-

tion of those planning marriage ceremonies.

Seminars are planned on several topics related to home maintenance, interior decorating, yard care, landscaping and gardening.

There will be plenty of food and refreshments available. Once again, the Colorado City Garden Club will be serving lunch and dessert at the Sidewalk Cafe.

Any merchant that would like to participate in the show but has not been contacted is asked to call Cecilia Scott at 915 728-8870 or Marilyn Brookshear at 915 728-2895 to obtain booth registration information.

USDA-NRCS seeks cost info from technical service firms

Special to the Herald

USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) is seeking information on current market prices for conservation technical services from existing and potential technical service providers during the next several weeks.

"The pricing information we collect will help us establish payment rates for existing and

potential technical service providers," said Dr. Larry D. Butler, NRCS state conservationist for Texas. "USDA needs and will use this information to ensure these providers receive fair market prices for the services they perform."

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Ministries cut back vouchers for counseling stressed farmers

KEARNEY, Neb. (AP) - A special adviser to President Bush on agriculture and trade issues said the Department of Agriculture is working to get federal disaster payments to farmers quickly. "We believe it's our responsibility to get that disaster aid to farmers as quickly as humanly possible," Chuck Conner said Wednesday at the annual governor's ag conference. The \$3.1 billion in

recently approved drought relief came from a new conservation program that was not in place. Nebraska's share of that could be \$260 million to \$280 million, Conner said. The relief process could be streamlined under an idea that would have ag producers certify a 35 percent crop loss to qualify for drought aid, he said. That level of loss already had to be proved

to the Risk Management Agency for crop insurance, so proof of a 2001 or 2002 crop insurance payment could trigger an automatic disaster payment. The hope is that procedures can quickly be put in place to release drought relief funds once the regular program sign-up is finished on April 1, he said. The same people who will work on drought assistance are involved

with the program sign-up. The administration is unlikely to change its policy that any future drought aid must come from other spending set-asides, Conner said. "Drought relief '03 would have to be offset with cuts in other agricultural spending," Conner said. He also predicted the USDA would not extend the sign-up deadline for the new federal farm bill.

COST

Continued from Page 5B the use of third parties—called technical service providers—to help landowners meet their conservation goals. This process allows USDA to provide more resources for technical assistance from private businesses, nonprofit sector and state and local governments. As a result, producers can select NRCS or technical

service providers to help them meet their conservation goals. USDA is seeking sources of certified technical service providers and costs for the technical services they provide by March 30. Conservation technical services include conservation planning and the design, layout, installation, and review of approved conservation

practices. The work completed by these technical service providers must meet NRCS standards and specifications, program requirements, and relevant laws and regulations. Respondents can submit information via the Internet, e-mail, and regular mail. Please submit information online at http://tspcost.sc.egov.usd

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Specifications, plans and other contract documents may be obtained by written request to the above address or by calling 267-6341 at Big Spring, Texas. Each proposal must be accompanied by a cashier's check or acceptable bid bond in an amount equal to at least five (5%) percent of the bid amount. This bid serves as a guarantee that if awarded a contract, the bidder will execute the contract within the time specified herein. Payment terms will be required. The District reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive formalities, and in case of ambiguity or lack of clear understanding of the proposal presented, to request clarification as to the bid. It is the bidder's responsibility to clarify any ambiguity or lack of understanding of the proposal presented. The District reserves the right to award the contract to the lowest responsible bidder. Bids may be opened at the District's office on Thursday, March 27, 2003.
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SALE OF VEHICLE
The Howard County Appraisal District 315 Main Street Big Spring, Texas will accept bids for the sale of one (1) 1991 Chevrolet Cavalier 4 door automobile for \$2,995 or best offer. The odometer mileage reads 63,044.5. Bids will be accepted until 5 P.M. Wednesday, April 9, 2003. Bids will be opened at the Howard County Appraisal District board of Directors regular meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2003.
The vehicle will be sold "as is" without any warranty. The vehicle can be seen at 315 Main Street weekdays between 8:00 A.M. and 12:00 P.M. and 1:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M.
If you desire to bid on this vehicle, please send a sealed bid with the envelope clearly marked "BID FOR THE PURCHASE OF VEHICLE". Any bid received without being clearly marked will be rejected. Address your bid to Keith Toomire, Chief Appraiser, Howard County Appraisal District.
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THE HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS HAS THE RIGHT TO ACCEPT OR REJECT ANY BID.
#3828 March 23 & April 6, 2003

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Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John W. Grant, General Manager, Colorado River Municipal Water District will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, on **Thursday, April 3, 2003 at 3:00 pm** for the furnishing of the following items:
Electric Power Supply for the Colorado River Municipal Water District
At this time and place, the proposal will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 400 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, telephone 915-267-6341. Specifications may also be procured from the District at the above address without charge.
In case of ambiguity in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous bid there-of to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities.
A pre-bid conference will be held at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 18, 2003 at the District's office in Big Spring, Texas, COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT.
John Grant, General Manager #1816 March 19 & 23, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BIG SPRING ZONING SPECIFIC USE PERMIT PET SHOP
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT FOR A PET SHOP LOCATED AT 4209 WEST HWY 80, HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS, PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW.
Troy Darden, Director of Public Works #1819 March 19 & 23, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS
Of Proposed Building Maintenance Work for the Texas Department of Transportation
Sealed proposals to Renovation of Shop Rest Room
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Proposed Contract No. #083XXR1001 will be received by the Abilene District Office of the Texas Department of Transportation located at 4250 N. Clark, Abilene, Texas, until **3:30 p.m., Wednesday, March 26, 2003**, then publicly opened and read. Bidding documents, including proposal/agreement form and specifications, may be obtained from:
Scott Mitchell, Texas Department of Transportation, 4250 N. Clark, P.O. Box 150, Abilene, Texas 79604 (915) 676-6911 (915) 676-6958 - Fax #3820 March 16 & 23, 2003

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Mildred E. Taylor, deceased, were issued on March 13, 2003, in Cause No. P-13017, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Linda Schaefer, Independent Executor.
The address to which claims should be presented is as follows:
Linda Schaefer, 1507 Phillips, Big Spring, Texas.
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law, in care of the representative at the address above set out. Dated this 17th day of March, 2003.
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1 Type of foot
8 Atlantic port
15 Word often preceding "head"
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21 Noninterruptive response
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39 Tony winner Hagen
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