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WEATHER

Tonight:



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NEWELL FUND

A fund has been established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

DANCE FUND-RAISER SET

A reward fund benefit dance will be held at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third, to help with investigative costs associated with locating Arlin Bynum or identifying anyone involved in his disappearance. Bynum, a Big Spring resident, has been missing since Aug. 15.

The dance is being sponsored by the Cossacks Motorcycle Club and will feature live music by the Wild Texans. Various fundraisers will be held during the event.

Please report any information pertaining to the disappearance or location of Arlin Bynum to the Big Spring Police Department Phone 432-264-2550.

COMING SUNDAY



As he's done for 18 years, country singer Willie Nelson will take the Farm Aid stage Sept. 7 as one of his many attempts to shine a national spotlight on America's family farmers.

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Early Cars Rod Run set to rumble into Big Spring

By **BILL McCLELLAN**

News Editor

Most Crossroads area residents know that Big Spring boasts the oldest Harley-Davidson dealership in Texas, but fewer know that the city can also make some historic claims when it comes to four-wheeled transportation.

"We have conducted what we think is the oldest consecutive rod run in

What: Early Cars Rod Run.

Where: Comanche Trail Park.

When: 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday.

Texas," said John Edwards, a member of the Early Cars of Big Spring car club.

For 31 years — make that 32 years on Saturday — the Early Cars of Big

Spring car club has staged the Early Cars Rod Run.

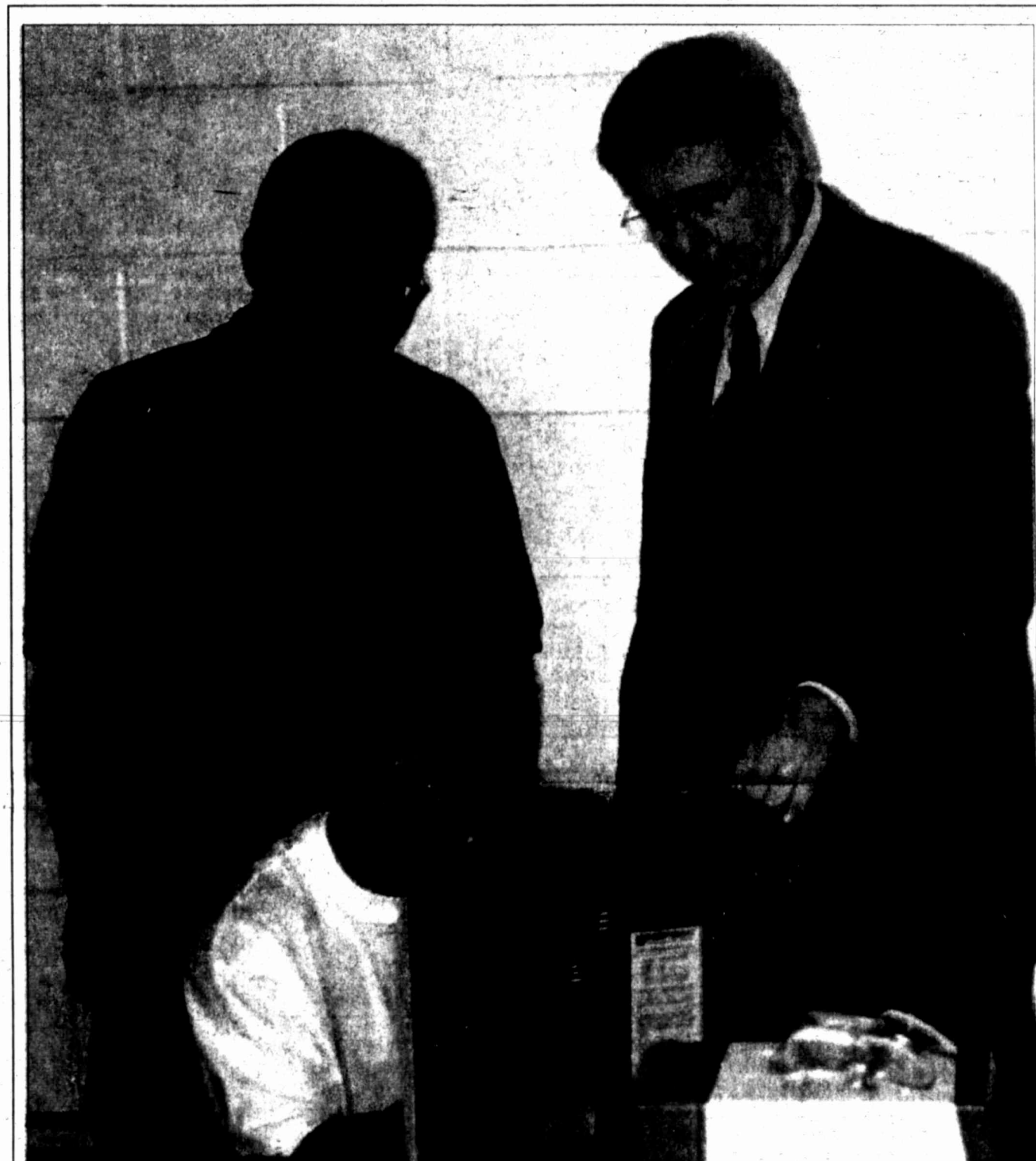
Raymond Hogg, Gary Richardson, Autry Moore and Russell White established the club in 1968. It was originally formed as a pre-1948 street rod club, but has since relaxed those requirements to include cars through 1972.

Year-model isn't important when it comes to this

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Cars like this 1933 Plymouth will be displayed at the Early Cars Rod Run Saturday in Comanche Trail Park. Courtesy photo



Lions International Past President Jim Ross, right, looks on with Cornell Corrections Cedar Hill Unit Warden Jerry Brookmole as one of the inmates currently working with the Lion's eyeglasses program explains how he classifies the lenses. Inmates working with the program turn out between 1,000 and 2,000 pairs of used glasses for the program each month.

Lions express gratitude to inmates for their work with eyeglass program

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Local members of the Downtown Lions Club expressed their gratitude to some rather unusual volunteers this week, as they traveled deep inside an unlikely sanctuary for the sake of eyesight.

Past International Director Jimmy Ross, joined by several local and area members, including Lions Training Coordinator Tom Mills and Texas Lion Eye Glass Recycling Center CEO Ike Fitzgerald, met with officials at the Cornell Corrections Cedar Hill Unit Wednesday to say thank you to the 10 inmates that have made a tremendous differ-

"It's a worthwhile project, for the recipients of the glasses and it's a trade the inmates that work in the program can learn while they are here."

Cedar Hill Warden Jerry Brookmole

ence in eyesight all over the world.

"The Cedar Hill Unit has been actively involved in the cleaning and classifying of the glasses, and this is just our way to go in and say thank you," said Ross,

who is expected to become president of Lions International in three years.

"This is our attempt to give them some recognition for the things they have been doing. It's small in many ways, but we hope it will be something large to them."

The 10 inmates were presented with certificates of appreciation for their continued work in cleaning and classifying the glasses, which are donated from all over the area. Cedar Hill Unit Warden Jerry Brookmole said the prison has been a part of the effort for over two years now.

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Schools, city, county, federal buildings to close Monday

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Schools in Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, along with New Hope Christian School, will be closed for the Labor Day holiday, with classes scheduled to resume on Tuesday.

All Howard County offices with the exception of the sheriff's office will be closed. City of Big Spring offices will also be closed in observance of the holiday,

with the exception of emergency service personnel. Normal schedules for both expected to resume Tuesday.

The city landfill and compost center will be closed Monday. The Big Spring Sanitation Department will run briefly on Monday, picking up trash at major businesses only. The department will collect trash Tuesday and Wednesday to catch up operations following the holiday.

The Spring City Senior Citizen Center will be closed Monday, resuming their regularly scheduled activities on Tuesday.

All federal offices, including the post office and Social Security Administration office, will be closed for the holiday with business set to resume on Tuesday. Mail delivery to post office boxes will continue through the holiday, but no carriers scheduled to be on the streets. Mail dropped off at one of

the pick-up boxes will not be picked up until Tuesday.

Howard College offices will be closed Monday as well, with classes and office operations expected to resume Tuesday morning.

The Northside Community Center and West Side Community Day Care will both be closed Monday.

Offices at the West Texas

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WIND POWER

Company shows interest in bringing energy project here

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

Could a new wind project be taking aim at the Howard County area?

According to Moore Development for Big Spring

Executive Director Kent Sharp, another wind project rivaling the size of York Research's current installation in the Big Spring area may be on its way, and much sooner than some might think.



SHARP

"The project would be completed before the end of the year," said Sharp. "There's a federal energy tax credit which companies that develop renewable energy projects can receive, that is designed to subsidize renewable energy to a level to makes it competitive with traditional gas-fired generation plants."

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Myers takes oath as Moore director; replaces Blackshear

By **THOMAS JENKINS**

Staff Writer

There is a new face on the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors.

As longtime board member Tim Blackshear said his farewells during Wednesday evening's board meeting, the effort to welcome incoming member Charles Myers was well under way.



BLACKSHEAR

"I appreciate the experience of being on the board, and I am looking forward to not being on the board in some ways," said Blackshear with a chuckle. "I'll still be watching what goes on, and how things go. I would like to say to everyone in attendance that we have the finest staff that any ED (Economic Development) board can have in the state."

"I was here when Kent (Sharp, Moore Development's executive director) came on board, and I

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Obituaries

Roy W. Longshore

Roy W. Longshore, 72, of Big Spring died on Friday, Aug. 22, 2003, at his residence following a lengthy illness. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 28, 2003, at the Trinity Memorial Park Peace Chapel with the Rev. Matt Miles, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, officiating.

He was born on March 10, 1931, in San Angelo. Mr. Longshore had owned and operated an electrical contracting business in Forsan before retiring.

He was a Presbyterian and had served in the U.S. Air Force from 1951 to 1955. He was a big supporter of West Texas Boys Ranch in San Angelo.

Survivors include a cousin, Cecile McDonald of Sterling City; several nieces and nephews; two stepsons, Paul Guinn of Brownwood and Aubrey Lepold Guinn of Homer, La.; five grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; and a host of friends and family that love him.

He was preceded in death by his father, Larkin Longshore, and by his mother, Tiny Longshore.

The family suggests memorials to: West Texas Boys Ranch, 10223 Boys Ranch Road, San Angelo 76904-9989.

The family would like to express its sincere appreciation and thanks for all the acts of kindness and love shown. Roy will be in our hearts forever and dearly missed.

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

Paid obituary

Support groups

THURSDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

MONDAY

The Military Support Group meets on the first and third Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, or wish to support our troops, please join us. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh-in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngectomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Weather

Tonight...Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows around 70. South winds around 10 mph.

Friday...Partly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 90s. South winds 10 to 15 mph..Friday night...Mostly cloudy with a 40 percent chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s.

Saturday...Mostly cloudy with a 60 percent chance of thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 80s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy with a chance of thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the lower 80s.

Labor day...Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Highs in the lower 80s.

Tuesday...Clear. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.

Wednesday...Clear. Lows in the mid 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.



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Police blotter

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

• **AMANDA MUNIZ**, 21, of 6140 Ninth Street, was arrested Thursday for disorderly conduct/language.

• **PRISCILLA DELEON**, 23, of 2522 Gunter, was arrested Thursday for disorderly conduct/language.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- in the 400 block of Birdwell
- in the 1800 block of F.M. 700.

• **ASSAULT** was reported:
- in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
- in the 400 block of Gregg Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
- in the 2500 block of Larry.
- in the 400 block of Dallas.
- in the 1700 block of State.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place.

• **POSSESSION OF MARIJUANA UNDER TWO OUNCES** was reported in the 2400 block of 14th Street.

Sheriff's report

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

• **INTOXICATED DRIVER** was reported at the 174 mile-marker of Interstate 20.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Main Street.

• **BURGLARY OF VEHICLE** in the area of North Highway 87.

• **RECKLESS FOUR-WHEELER** was reported at the 174 mile-marker of Interstate 20.

• **RECKLESS GO-CART** was reported in the area of Boatler Road.

Take note

□ **THE EAGLES LODGE**, 703 West Third, will host a dance featuring the "Wild Texans" Friday night 8:30-12:00. Proceeds will benefit the Arlin Bynum Reward Fund.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

□ **ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED.** Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

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

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

Lottery


Results of the Cash 5 drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 2-13-22-31-36.

Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Thursday night.

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Wednesday night: Winning numbers drawn: 14-18-33-34-37. Bonus Ball: 4.

Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0.
Estimated jackpot for Saturday night drawing: \$6 million.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Wednesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-4-0

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Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

TODAY

United Way loan executive training, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., ALON USA training building. Lunch will be provided.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

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

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Masonic Lodge 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

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

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, Annual Hamburger Supper, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m., Big Spring High School cafeteria, 707 11th Place. Cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children less than 12 years old.

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

SATURDAY

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

Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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

SUNDAY

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

MONDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place. People age 50 and older are invited to participate, 268-4721.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada, 206 NW Fourth Street.

Big Spring Chapter & Council RAM, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Building, 221 Main St.

Howard County ARC, 806 E. Third St., Bingo Hall, 264-0674.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-1628.

Coahoma Senior Citizen's luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

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

Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 2 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Gospel Singing at Kentwood Activity Center on Lynn St. has been canceled for this evening. The activity will resume on Oct. 7.

VFW Post 2013, 7 p.m. VFW Hall, 500 Driver Road.

Sheriff's Posse, 7 p.m., Clubhouse on Andrews Highway.

American Red Cross, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1600 Lancaster.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins
Lions International Past President Jim Ross presents a certificate of appreciation to one of 10 inmates currently cleaning and classifying eyeglasses for the Big Spring Downtown Lions Club. Also pictured are Tom Mills, training coordinator for the group, and Ike Fitzgerald, CEO of the Texas Lion Eye Glass Recycling Center.

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and both groups have benefited greatly.

"They do get paid for working in that area," said Brookmole. "It's a worthwhile project, for the recipients of the glasses and it's a trade the inmates that work in the program can learn while they are here."

The majority of the inmates working in the program are natives of Mexico, and during the ceremony expressed great satisfaction at the idea some of the glasses they helped to prepare are sent to their homeland.

"It's really very important to us," said one inmate during the presentation. "We truly appreciate what the Lions Club is doing to help our people in Mexico, and we're honored to be a part of it."

Following the presentation, Lions officials were taken back into the cell block where the glasses

are stored and worked with for a hands-on look at how the inmates do their part.

"The inmates can process approximately 1,000 to 2,000 pairs of glasses per month," said Brookmole. "Right now we have limited program and educational classes... We can find some viable vocational trade these individuals could utilize when they go back to their countries, and our goal is to reduce recidivism and get these people back to their countries so they can provide a good job and income for their families. That's our primary goal."

As they discussed the machinery currently used to classify the donated glasses, one inmate said it's something he's considering learning as a trade and starting his own business building glasses when he gets back to Mexico.

"With the cost of the material around \$2.80," said Ross, "you could easily build them yourself and sell them, or even hire someone else to do the actual building

and handle other aspects yourself."

During the meeting between Brookmole and Ross, a new direction for the program was discussed and, if approved, could do even more toward turning many of the inmate volunteers away from a life of crime.

"We would really like to look into the idea of offering classes to these people for what they're doing," Mills said during the meeting. "It would offer an opportunity for these men to get formal training they can put to work when they get home and maybe even get them involved in the Lions' efforts in third world nations."

Brookmole agreed, calling the idea a win-win situation. "This sounds like a good idea to me," he said. "I think it could serve our purposes, along with the purposes of Lions International, quite well."

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Business After Hours slated this evening at Home Hospice

Networking will be the focus this evening, as the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce presents Business After Hours at Home Hospice, located at 600 Gregg St.

The come-and-go activity is set from 5 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Door prizes given away

and refreshments served during the program.

"It's an excellent chance to bring your business cards and get to know some of the other business people in the community," said Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde.

ROD RUN

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weekend's rod run, though. The only requirement is to have a good time.

"We're expecting 50 to 75 cars from all over — Temple, San Antonio, Lamesa, Lubbock, Midland, Odessa, Snyder, Colorado City, Stanton, Garden City, San Angelo — and at least one from New Mexico," said Edwards.

The event will take place from 8 a.m. through 3 p.m. at Comanche Trail Park. There is no admission charge.

"People are invited to come out and see all the cars and visit. It's very informal," said Edwards.

Several vendors will be on hand, selling items like T-shirts and die-cast cars.

Early Cars of Big Spring is a civic-minded club which has helped such organizations as the March of Dimes, Christmas in April and

the Muscular Dystrophy Association as well as holding fund-raisers for the police department, fire department and needy individuals. The club also assists area car clubs in putting on runs, shows and other functions.

For more information about the rod run, contact Edwards at 264-0836 or Dickie Partlow at 263-4909. For information about the Early Cars of Big Spring car club, contact Raymond Hogg at American Muffler, 611 W. Fourth St., or visit with any member during Saturday's rod run.

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"That federal energy tax credit is up at the end of this year. Everyone anticipates next year's energy bill to have a similar credit or an extension, maybe four or five years, of the credit. To get credit on the current tax credit that's in place though, the wind turbines have to be up by Dec. 31. They've told us they intend to have the finances in place and have these turbines completed by the end of the year."

Sharp said the addition of another wind project in Howard County would make the third such entity in the area.

"Believe it or not, this will make the third company, not the second, to choose our area for a wind project," said Sharp. "Although the wind turbines (currently in place) are the same, there's actually two legal entities that are producing power out there."

Sharp said he couldn't reveal the name of the company they are currently negotiating with, but did say the total project carries a price tag estimated at \$50 million.

So far the mystery company has not requested a tax abatement, said Sharp, which could add the operation to the local

tax rolls, making for a huge boost to the local economy.

"The reason we can't be more specific about things at this time is because there are still contractual arrangements being negotiated and anything we say could jeopardize those and we just don't want to do that," he added.

During Wednesday's meeting of the Moore Development for Big Spring Board of Directors, Sharp informed the board of the issue.

"They are wanting Moore Development to basically act as a conduit for industrial revenue bonds, which is how they want to finance the project," said Sharp. "The only legal entity in the state of Texas that can issue industrial revenue bonds is a development corporation, which is what we are."

Sharp said Moore Development's go-ahead on the project would have

to be met with approval from the Big Spring City Council. As for financial liability, Sharp said all



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"We will have every legal instrument in place to make sure it doesn't effect our bond rating or our credit rating," said Sharp. "There will also be a fee paid to us if the bonds are issued."

When asked if terms or rates from the industrial revenue bonds were advantageous to the unnamed company, Sharp said no, raising a suspicious eye from some board members.

"I'm quite interested in knowing why they want to use these bonds if there's no advantage in it," said board member

Tommy Churchwell. "Until we have a better idea of why or more conclusive studies to be sure this can't be a liability to Moore Development or the city, I'm just not comfortable taking action on it."

Sharp said he expects company representatives to be available to answer the board's questions soon. No action was taken on the matter.

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EDITORIAL

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OUR VIEWS

We're excited about another football season

Turn on the lights, the party's about to begin! The 2003 high school football season officially opens Friday with every team in the Crossroads area except one taking the field.

Characteristically, teams that were at home for their season opener last year will be on the road this Friday night — and that means everyone but the Big Spring Steers.

The Steers, which trekked to Odessa last year to play Odessa High, will host the Bronchos this time around with the kickoff set for 7:30 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Meanwhile, Coahoma travels to Reagan County to play the Owls and Forsan makes its way to Iraan for a date with the Braves. Both of those games are scheduled for a 7:30 p.m. start. Stanton, the area's other Class 2A team, ventures to Roscoe for an 8 p.m. kickoff against the always-tough Plowboys.

Garden City's Bearkats head to nearby Sterling City for a game against the Eagles at 8 p.m.

In six-man action, Sands' Mustangs gallop to Ropes for a 7:30 p.m. start. The area's other six-man squad, Grady, is idle Friday but we suspect the coaching staff will be at Ropes as well. That's the Wildcats' opponent in their season opener the following Friday — at home.

To say we're looking forward to the season and the excitement it brings is an understatement. The strategies of the coaches and skills of the players are always intriguing, but it's more than that. Add in the bands, cheerleaders, pep squads and that great feeling of backing "our team" and there's simply nothing better than Friday night football in West Texas.

Join us this weekend in supporting all of these youngsters, who are a source of pride for all of us. We wish them all the best and cheer them on to what we hope will be a great season.

So put on your school colors and get ready to show some spirit. We'll see you at the stadium!

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us pray to you, Lord, and love the great things and the small things in our lives.

Amen

Erring on the side of death

If the Florida Supreme Court does not intervene, Terri Schiavo likely will die of starvation and dehydration.

When she was 26 in 1990, Schiavo collapsed in her home. Deprived of oxygen for at least 10 minutes, Terri suffered brain damage. Since then, some doctors, a Florida judge and her husband claim that Terri has been in a "persistent, vegetative state" — that is, according to Florida law, "a permanent and irreversible state of unconsciousness in which there is an absence of voluntary or cognitive behavior and an inability to interact purposefully with one's environment."

That's some diagnosis, considering videotapes that show Schiavo responding to stimulus. "Her condition was misrepresented," said her father, Bob Schindler. He arranged for doctors to examine Terri and found expert witnesses who believe therapy can help her. They say she's not in a persistent vegetative state. That's why Terri's family is fighting husband Michael Schiavo's decision to yank Terri's feeding tube.

So far, the courts have sided with Michael Schiavo, although rulings have delayed starving Terri until higher courts have weighed in on the case.

Attorney Patricia Anderson is working to transfer custody of Terri to the Schindler family. As far as Anderson is concerned, Terri is being treated as expendable because she is disabled.

"Do you think the ACLU would

not be on the governor's doorstep if he announced that the next death warrant was going to be carried out by starvation and dehydration?" Anderson asked.

Indeed, many courts have been making it progressively easier to kill disabled people — for their own good.

Look at the misleading vocabulary that surrounds this story.

When you think "life support," you think big, noisy, invasive machine. For Terri, "life support" means: food, delivered through a tube to her abdomen.

(Hugo Kugiya wrote a superb series of stories on the Schiavo case for *Newsday*, in which he reported that Michael's brother Scott testified that Terri had told him, "I don't want to be kept alive on a machine" — after his grandmother died, after spending weeks unconscious on a ventilator.)

If Terri Schiavo had left something in writing that directed her family to pull a feeding tube if it alone kept her alive, her family would have to respect her wishes. But when comments alone — which do not establish that she deliberated on the consequences of those words — can kill a woman, then the courts are erring on the side of death.

Here's another word: burden. As *Newsday* reported, Michael testified that when her grandmother was ill, his wife told him, "If I ever have to be a burden to anybody, I don't want to live like that."

Except, Terri wasn't a "burden" when Michael Schiavo was suing for medical malpractice and swearing he needed maximum damages because he planned to take care of his wife for the rest of her life. Only after the money came in did Michael Schiavo act on his wife's

reputed wish to die.

For Michael's part, as his attorney George Felos pointed out, Schiavo spent a great deal of time caring for his wife in the first couple of years after she collapsed and then waited years after damages were awarded before he tried to starve Terri.

On the other hand, Michael Schiavo is living with another woman, with whom he had a child. He has moved on, which can be good, but it also presents a conflict of interest that might have sent up a red flag for certain jurists.

Felos noted: "The people who are funding the opposition to this case are doing so on ideological grounds. In other words, these are right-to-life anti-abortion groups that believe that irrespective of the patients' wishes, people should be kept alive by feeding tubes."

Then call me an ideologue. I support abortion rights, but I despair when the right to refuse painful, invasive surgical procedures morphs into withholding food and water from disabled people, whether they claimed this right or not. I don't believe that off-hand comments should be substituted for careful documentation that establishes that a patient thought out the consequences of denying treatment to herself before it was needed.

"If you decided to starve your dog," Anderson asked me, "do you know what would happen to you?"

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am begging for your support in retaining the Veterans Administration Medical Center that is located here in Big Spring, Texas at its current location.

As you are already aware of, within a hundred mile radius of Big Spring there are literally thousands, possibly even hundred of thousands, of veterans from World War II and all other conflicts, as well as non-conflicts in protecting our free country.

West of Midland/Odessa the number of veterans declines due to the sparse number of the population in that area, while to the east, north and south the number increases dramatically.

Our economy is now on the increase and the fight with Iraq has put a strain on the money available for congress to spend. The cost of relocating the current Medical Center elsewhere would be in the hundreds of millions of dollars, while this same, already paid for facility would become vacant and useless.

The economy is of course one consideration, but the main consideration should be the health and support of the men and women who placed their lives on the line to keep our country, the land of the free and the home of the brave, and our government of the people, by the people and for the people of America.

Please consider standing with us here in Big Spring and West Texas in retaining the location of the Veterans Administration Medical Center at its current location, both for its central location as well as monetary reasons.

ROY SIMMONS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I recently heard about the feasibility study being done on the VAMC in Big Spring. I know there are probably several petitions rolling around town, but I wanted to make one that might be easy for people from all over to sign.

Petitiononline.com is a website. On this site I have created a petition opposing the closure/relocation of the VAMC in Big Spring. I encourage you to let your readers know about this site so they can sign.

I know that as a former Big Spring resident (BSHS 1990) who no longer lives in the West Texas (there are billions of us), I would appreciate a resource that would help me aid the effort to keep the VAMC.

LELAND BAKER
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TO THE EDITOR:

The news of the recommendation for a study for the closing of the VA facility in Big Spring and making a medical satellite in the Midland/Odessa area was a surprise.

The report that the CARES Commission recommends a study for the closing of the Big Spring VA facility was a complete surprise to the Big Spring community and should be a wake-up call for the community. If we do not support what we have we can and may lose it. We must talk to everyone we know to give full support for and how important it is to the veterans for the facility to remain in Big Spring. This recommendation for closing and to transfer operations to the Midland/Odessa area can only be a political power play. It appears that someone in the Midland/Odessa area is upset about the support we gave in the election of Randy Neugebauer for congress and not to support someone from the Midland/Odessa area. More power to Randy.

Some of the main reasons the facility needs to remain open in Big Spring are as follows:

- The facility serves a very large area of rural West Texas for the eligible veterans with the least amount of travel. From studies it is said that Big Spring is the center of the demographics of the patients' home addresses.

- The reports are generally that the veterans are happy with the care given by the Big Spring facilities. My father, a World War I veteran, was an example and was very well taken care of for some time.

- The community needs this facility as it is a very important part of Big Spring's economy. Big Spring is a typical rural community that is struggling to remain viable and it needs all the help it can get.

- Big Spring volunteers do support this facility and the patients react to us for our support.

- The power play should be ignored and the good of the veterans should not be a pawn because the Big Spring area supported the election of Randy Neugebauer for Congress during the recent elections.

- The new veterans home in Big Spring would be better served for the Veterans Hospital to remain open in Big Spring to reduce travel for medical attention.

- Many veterans have moved to Big Spring to be nearer a VA med-

ical care facility. A better recommendation would be for Big Spring to be a retirement center and for more veterans to retire here.

Let's all bond together to keep what we have not only for the good of Big Spring but also for the good of our veterans.

W. PASCHAL ODOM
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with interest my friend Christine Horn's letter regarding the Texas Democrats currently based in Albuquerque. She cited the Alamo heroes as an example which our representatives should keep in mind as they serve us. Actually, the Alamo was a defeat.

Despite the fact that their deaths inspired the rest of Texas and strengthened their resolve, they did all die and it was a victory for Santa Anna. Sam Houston was roundly criticized for failure to stand his ground and fight, as he kept his rag-tag army of Texans in retreat from the approaching enemy forces. Houston kept running away until he could get a strategic advantage, which he seized on and won the war.

I think this may be what the Texas Dems have in mind as they keep running away. They are hoping for enough attention to this restricting to have an advantage.

If they go back now, it's the Alamo for them! And having our districts redrawn for the remainder of us.

RITA PALMER
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you much for publishing the letter regarding the "runaway childish" democrats by Christine Horn. Bravo, Bravo, Ms. Horn.

Maybe the Hispanic senators can share with their colleagues the truism: "He who goes to la villa, loses his silla" This last word means chair.

Their lack of professionalism is costing millions of Texan-taxpayers dollars with a paralyzed government.

Unfortunately the news media creates the appearance to the general public that the people at fault are the governor, the Lt. governor or the Speaker of the House and the rest of the senators who are the ones faithfully at work.

MARGARITA DURAND-HOLLIS
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By LISA FALK

Associated Press

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Senator exiled in New Mexico frustrated by a lack of end game over redistricting

By LISA FALKENBERG

Associated Press Writer
ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. — They've asked Republicans for a cooling-off period in the standoff over congressional redistricting. But for the next several days, 11 Democrats hiding out in New Mexico have granted themselves a cooling-off period.

The group of senators — who broke quorum and fled the state more than a month ago to avoid a vote on a GOP-backed redistricting plan — are on vacation until Tuesday for Labor Day weekend. Some senators planned on attending out-of-state fund-raisers while others planned to see family.

"I haven't asked the senators where they're going to be," said Sen. Leticia Van de Putte, chairwoman of the Senate Democratic Caucus. "All I

know is that nobody's going to be in Texas."

The break comes just in time.

The Senate's longest serving member, John Whitmire of Houston, said Wednesday he was growing increasingly anxious to get home and frustrated that there appears to be no end in sight in the standoff with Republicans.

"I want an end game," said Whitmire, who has had a bag packed for several days, ready to return to Houston. "I wanted an end game when we left ... If you stayed another 30 days, what would you do then?"

At news conferences, leaders of the Democratic pack who left Austin to block congressional redistricting insist the whole group is committed to staying another month, until Republicans meet their demands or until

the threat of arrest is gone.

"For us, 30 days was a sacrifice, but one we were willing to pay and we will stay another 30 days if need be," Van de Putte said.

Whitmire, the dean of the Senate, said he is still dedicated to the cause of fighting redistricting, but doubts whether staying longer makes sense.

"There's something irrational about all of this," Whitmire told The Associated Press.

"There's something irrational about us being in a hotel for 30 days. And this group's talking about staying another 30 days," Whitmire said.

"We get out here and start playing to our constituents and this group has a hard time figuring out how to wind it down because now they've built it up in our communities to the level that it looks like

anything less than total victory" is unacceptable.

Whitmire said he "got pretty damn close to getting a reservation," back to Houston for the weekend, but decided he couldn't risk getting caught and jeopardizing the group's cause.

After hearing of Whitmire's comments to the AP, Van de Putte could be heard saying from a conference room, "Whitmire has poured us out."

But later, after talking with Whitmire, Van de Putte said she understood his position and even shared some of the frustration.

"In 30 days, all of us are somewhat frustrated. We miss our families and we miss our homes. But on Tuesday, John Whitmire's going to be here," Van de Putte said, referring to the group's next press conference.

NEWS BRIEFS

CHICAGO (AP) — The auto-parts warehouse, with only one entrance, was a maze of crates and 55-gallon drums. So when former employee Salvador Tapia walked in and started shooting, police said he had effectively cornered all seven people inside.

After fatally shooting six, including two brothers who owned Windy City Core Supply Inc., Tapia went outside Wednesday morning and opened fire on police.

A team of officers followed the 36-year-old back inside, where he refused to drop his semiautomatic pistol. Hiding behind a box, Tapia again fired at police before an officer fatally shot him, acting Police Superintendent Phil Cline said.

Tapia was fired six months ago for causing trouble at work and frequently showing up late or not at all, Cline said. He said Tapia had since made threatening calls to the owners.

One employee in the building survived — he was inexplicably tied up by Tapia but escaped and called 911, police said.

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Oklahoma prosecutors filed the first criminal charges Wednesday against WorldCom and former CEO Bernard Ebbers in the \$11 billion accounting scandal that plunged the long-distance giant into bankruptcy.

The company, Ebbers and five other former executives were accused of falsifying the books in violation of Oklahoma securities law.

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was here when all the rest of them came on board, and I appreciate the job everyone has done."

Myers' appointment to the board was approved Tuesday evening by the Big Spring City Council, amid concerns of a possible conflict of interest due to his legal firm's representation of Moore Development in the past.

Myers said although Moore Development was one of his favorite groups to represent, his past representation will not be an issue.

"The firm is prepared to give that business up to avoid any appearance of impropriety," said Myers. "We don't believe there's a conflict of interest and there never has been, but I'm certainly not trying to get on the Moore Board to secure business for my law firm."

Myers said the future of Big Spring and Moore Development looks bright with the people's tax dollars under the stewardship of the organization.

"I think the future of things looks pretty good. It's really difficult to say just getting on, because I know they're taking on several new projects that I'm not privy to at this time," said Myers.

"However, I think they've done a good job in the past of being selective with the projects that they choose, and I hope we can continue to do that."

"I'm ready to get my feet wet and work hard," he added. "I have pledged to the council to keep an open mind with regard to

the projects that come forward to the Moore Board."

During the meeting a check for \$70,000 was presented to Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes and Big Spring High School Principal Mike Ritchey, for the high school's vocational program.

Sharp said the assis-

tance Moore Development is providing will help buy necessary equipment for the building trades program, which should help hone the skills of many students going directly from high school to the workforce.

"We're hearing from our local industries that the students that are going directly from high school to the workforce

just don't have the necessary skills," said Sharp. "These funds will help buy equipment for the vocational programs and, hopefully, improve that situation."

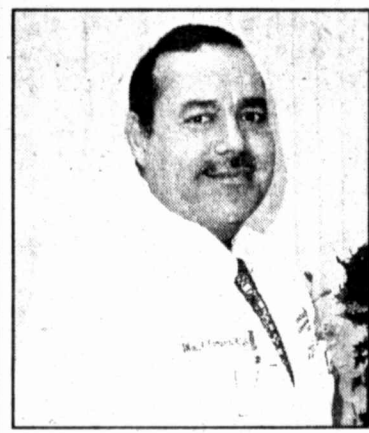
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Centers for Mental Health and Mental Retardation will be closed Monday, with activities expected to pick back up on Tuesday.

The Big Spring YMCA and Big Spring Boys Club will both be closed in observance of the holiday.

Not everything will be closed Monday however, as both the Big Spring City Pool and city golf course will be open for business. The pool will be open from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m., with Monday being the last day the pool will be open for the 2003 season.

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an American Tribute

September 11, 2001 marked a tremendous change in American history. Despite the horror of the day's events, a new sense of American pride emerged from the destruction. American State Bank honors the victims of 9/11 with an American Tribute.


A field of 3,412 flags will be placed at Odessa's Memorial Gardens Park, one flag for each person who lost their life in the 9/11 tragedies.

September 10: 6 p.m. - Reading of victims' names and placing of flags in the field - candlelight ceremony to follow at sunset

September 11: 8 a.m. - Ceremony to honor victims of the 9/11 tragedies and to recognize local and area First Responders

ASB invites everyone to attend both events. Commemorative tee shirts will be available at all ASB locations for a \$5 donation and flags used in the project will be available at Memorial Gardens Park for a \$25 donation.

All proceeds will benefit nursing scholarships and other local charities.



Volunteers are needed for flag assembly and placement. Also, volunteers are needed for various responsibilities at both ceremonies. Please call ASB at 580-2419 to volunteer.

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That's Racin'

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Go online and check out www.thatracin.com for the latest information and news on stock-car racing, updated daily.

"I got run over by Kurt Busch. It was a bone-headed move. I guess Spencer didn't hit him hard enough."

— NASCAR driver Sterling Marlin, after Busch spun him out during last week's Sharpie 500.



A TRADITION NO LONGER

Despite a long history, Darlington Raceway hosts last Cup race on Labor Day weekend

By JIM MCLAURIN
Knight Ridder Newspapers

If you plan to attend the Southern 500 next fall, bring a jacket. And a flashlight.

If you will be there this weekend, bring a knife to scrape the Labor Day weekend rubber off your face because, who knows, someday it might be a souvenir.

Darlington Raceway, the home of the Southern 500 since 1950, will hold the final running of the storied race on Labor Day weekend this Sunday. Next year, the Labor Day date is being moved to California Speedway in Fontana, Calif., and the Southern 500 moves to Nov. 14. NASCAR officials announced the change in June, saying also that the November race at North Carolina Speedway in Rockingham would no longer be held.

Some considered the schedule change a double slap in the face to an area of the country that helped raise Winston Cup racing to its current stature as the premier motorsports circuit in the United States. Others felt that it was a move whose time has come. Most, if not all, people in racing felt that it was inevitable.

"I hate to see it leaving," said Jeff Burton, the 1999 Southern 500 winner. "I do understand the need to adapt to a changing environment, and I do see a need to be in California twice."

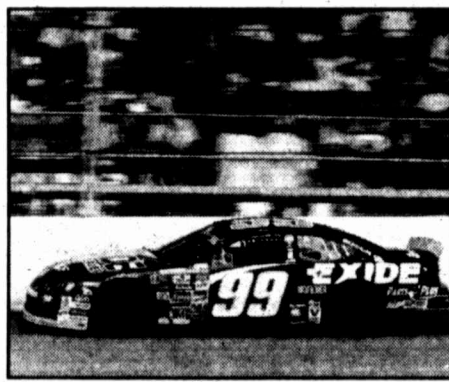
"I wish there was a way to keep it here on Labor Day weekend, but on the other hand, we can start a new tradition, and it'll be OK."

That, at least, is what NASCAR is banking on. In January, NASCAR and International Speedway Corp. chairman Bill France, Jr., put the less productive tracks on the Winston Cup circuit on notice: Increase ticket sales, or lose a race date to a track where we can sell it out.

Darlington, along with Rockingham, has not had sellout races in several years for their 60,000- to 70,000-seat grandstands and California fills 100,000 with ease. Since ISC, which is the sister company of NASCAR, owns all three tracks, it made perfect business sense.

On the other hand, not everyone agrees that the bottom line should be the bottom line. If the Southern 500 is fair game, they wonder, what's next?

Ricky Craven, the winner of the closest race in NASCAR history in the Carolina Dodge Dealers 400 at Darlington this spring, said if it were his decision, Darlington and Labor Day weekend would be inseparable.



Jeff Burton races to victory in the 1999 Southern 500 at Darlington Raceway. The track's traditional Labor Day weekend race date will be moved to November next season.

"(But) my personal opinion won't satisfy people who own stock in that company," Craven said. "That is the difference between today and 20 years ago."

"It's important to recognize what helped NASCAR become such a popular sport. The Darlington Southern 500 is a big, big part of that."

The other side of the coin, he said, is the current generation's responsibility to keep that popularity growing.

"If the West Coast is demanding more races, then we go to California," he said, adding: "That doesn't mean I have to like it."

The problem, according to Burton, is that the same thing that helped tracks like Darlington and Rockingham when racing was based primarily in the Southeast, now works against both. Tickets are more expensive, and the market is oversaturated, making Southeastern ticket buyers more selective.

"Now a lot of people travel to the races, and Darlington's not one of those places you circle," Burton said. "Not a lot of people say, 'I can't wait to go to Florence, South Carolina.'"

Darlington is attempting to spice up its fall lineup for next year by adding lights and running the race in prime time for the first time in history.

Donald Dunn, a race fan from Greenville, N.C., said he doubts if that will make a difference. NASCAR has already alienated a good portion of its hardcore Southern race fans with high ticket prices, and it's too late for tinkering.

"Like it or not, the 'country boys' supported the Labor Day race and bought a big part of the tickets," Dunn said. "Without that support, it won't sell out. Now that this race is moving to the middle of hunting season, there will be even more empty seats."

He has already made his plans for next November: "I'm going to the bluegrass festival," he said. "Can't wait till ISC finds out about this one."



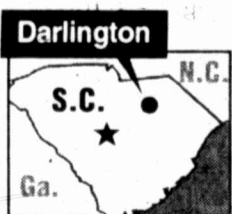
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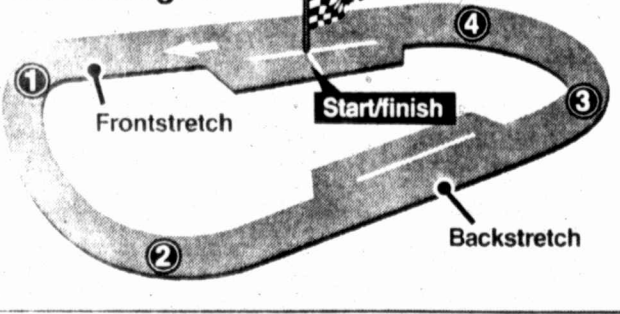
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Track facts

- Year constructed: 1950
- Distance: 1.366 miles
- Degree of banking:
 - Turns 1-2: 25 degrees
 - Turns 3-4: 23 degrees
 - Frontstretch: 3 degrees
 - Backstretch: 2 degrees
- Eastest qualifying time: Ward Burton, 173.797 mph, 28.295 seconds, March 22, 1996
- Track record for a 400-mile race: David Pearson, 132.699 mph, 3 hours, 54 seconds, May 11, 1968



Track diagram



RANKINGS

THAT'S RACIN'S TOP PICKS

- Matt Kenseth (car No. 17):** Nobody's ever lost a 351-point lead in a championship race. He probably won't either. Last week: 1.
- Ryan Newman (car No. 12):** Spin twice yet barely missed a top-five finish at Bristol. Good driver, good team. Last week: 2.
- Kevin Harvick (car No. 29):** Had a shot at three wins in his Bristol weekend but didn't wind up with any of them. Last week: 3.
- Kurt Busch (car No. 97):** Like him or not, winning at Bristol speaks well of just how solid this team really is. Last week: 5.
- Dale Earnhardt Jr. (car No. 8):** Somehow it would be fitting for him to win the last Southern 500 on Labor Day weekend. Last week: 4.
- Jimmie Johnson (car No. 48):** Keeps inching his way back up in the points standings — he's up to fourth this week. Last week: 8.
- Robby Gordon (car No. 31):** Bristol was pretty much a lost weekend for this team. Oh well, it's on to Darlington. Last week: 6.
- Tony Stewart (car No. 20):** Gave Jimmy Spencer advice on handling controversy last week. Isn't it an odd world? Last week: 7.
- Michael Waltrip (car No. 15):** Stays here despite a 42nd finish at Bristol? Yes, because no one else ranked behind him had any luck either. Last week: 9.
- Jeff Gordon (car No. 24):** Good enough to lead 179 laps at Bristol, but he got behind and let trouble find him. Last week: 10.

For the rest of the top-40 rankings, go online and visit www.thatracin.com.

Despite some bad press, NASCAR will come out on top

There may not be any hurricane warnings up for the central coast of Florida, but the folks at NASCAR headquarters in Daytona Beach are hunkering down nonetheless.

From a public relations standpoint, this is not going to be the easiest week in the stock-car racing sanctioning body's history.

This Sunday's Southern 500 at South Carolina's Darlington Raceway puts NASCAR and its sister company, International Speedway Corp., squarely in the critics' crosshairs.

Next year, for the first time in the sport's history, this race won't be run on Labor Day weekend. That makes this race the perfect jumping-off point for stories and columns about how growth is forcing the sport to abandon its roots — or "modernize tradition," to use the ridiculous doublespeak term employed when the decision to put a second California Speedway in this

slot next year was first made. In the first place, it may be jumping the gun to say that Sunday's race will be the last Southern 500 on Labor Day weekend at Darlington.

I've always had the sneaking suspicion that Darlington might get this weekend back in the near future, maybe when NASCAR takes away the track's spring Cup date. And when plans to put lights up at the venerable old track were announced earlier this month, that only made those suspicions stronger.

It seems silly to spend money to light Darlington for the final hour of a race in November, but makes much more sense to put up lights as an option to run there on a Sunday night in September. Nobody has told me

that is what's being planned, but I still don't think that's out of the question.

Regardless, that won't stop NASCAR from taking heat from the media and, most likely, from inside the garage this weekend. It's likely, in fact, that the entire 2004 Nextel Cup and Grand National Series schedules will be released this week so all of the squawking about the first phase of "realignment" can be over and done with at one time.

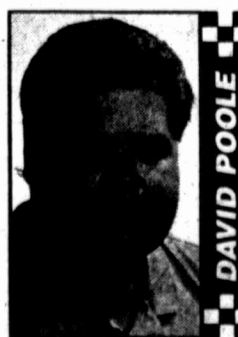
Whenever the critics start piling on like they'll do this week, you wonder if NASCAR chairman Bill France Jr. gets the urge to pick up the phone, call his banker and check the balance. Then, he could just sit back and chuckle at everyone who keeps telling him how the family business is going down the tubes.

No, everything's not all about how much money you make. But in American capitalism, that's how you keep score. And despite all of the "advice" the folks who run NASCAR get, you can't say they're not putting some good numbers on the board.

NASCAR is also looking seriously at making changes to its championship points system as well as its rules regarding provisional starters. Both are overdue for a tweaking. It's also looking hard at what rules changes it could make for 2004 to reduce the cars' dependence on clean air and revive on-track competition.

Jimmy Spencer will be back at the track this weekend. Then, the circuit will move on to Richmond and New Hampshire where the energy-absorbing SAFER barriers will be in place for the first time.

The storm will pass, and NASCAR will keep right on counting its money.



DAVID POOLE

THIS WEEK'S RACE

SOUTHERN 500

Where: Darlington Raceway, a 1.366-mile egg-shaped banked paved oval located in Darlington, S.C.

When: Sunday at 1 p.m. (all times ET). Qualifying is 3:05 p.m. Friday.

TV: NBC

Radio: Motor Racing Network

Purse: \$4,699,845.

Last year's winner: Jeff Gordon

Worth mentioning: Bill Elliott

Elliott is the only driver with four top-10 finishes in his past four races at Darlington. He has a 9.04 finishing average in 50 races at Darlington, the best among active drivers with more than three starts.

The last driver to win the Southern 500 from the pole was the late Dale Earnhardt in 1990, the last of his three Southern 500 victories.



Gordon

POLL POSITION

THIS WEEK'S QUESTION

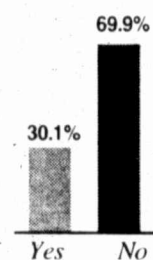
Which Winston Cup driver do you most love to hate?

Cast your vote at: www.thatracin.com

LAST WEEK'S QUESTION

Do you think NASCAR's punishment of Jimmy Spencer and Kurt Busch for their altercation at Michigan was fair?

Number of votes: 5,373



STOP 'N' GO

RANDOM THOUGHTS

A list of who's hot and who's not in Winston Cup racing.

Who's hot

- Kevin Harvick** has five top-five finishes in his past six races, including one victory.
- Ryan Newman** has seven consecutive finishes of 11th or better including three victories.
- Dale Jarrett** has three seventh-place finishes in his past six races.
- Matt Kenseth** has 22 top-15 finishes in 24 races this season.

Who's not

- Jeff Gordon** has finished 24th, 36th, 33rd, 30th and 28th in five of his past six races. Gordon lost 367 points to point leader Matt Kenseth during those six races.
- Bobby Labonte** has finished 14th or worse in the past seven races.
- Rusty Wallace** has finished 37th, 38th and 43rd in the past three races. Wallace has dropped from 10th to 15th in points.



Harvick

— Jim Utter

BY THE NUMBERS

WINSTON CUP POINTS LEADERS

The top-40 drivers as of Aug. 24:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. M. Kenseth (17)	3592	21. R. Craven (32)	2438
2. D. Earnhardt Jr. (8)	3241	22. J. McMurray (42)	2414
3. K. Harvick (29)	3128	23. J. Benson (10)	2373
4. J. Johnson (48)	3063	24. J. Nemechek (25)	2320
5. J. Gordon (24)	3060	25. D. Jarrett (88)	2309
6. K. Busch (97)	2990	26. D. Blaney (77)	2252
7. R. Newman (12)	2971	27. R. Rudd (21)	2235
8. M. Waltrip (15)	2960	28. J. Mayfield (19)	2201
9. B. Labonte (18)	2907	29. J. Spencer (7)	2132
10. R. Gordon (31)	2835	30. K. Wallace (23)	2059
11. T. Stewart (20)	2809	31. S. Park (30)	2052
12. T. Labonte (5)	2755	32. T. Bodine (54)	2029
13. J. Burton (99)	2709	33. J. Green (1)	1867
14. M. Martin (6)	2668	34. C. Mears (41)	1819
15. R. Wallace (2)	2602	35. T. Raines (74)	1709
16. S. Marlin (40)	2596	36. K. Schrader (49)	1700
17. B. Elliott (9)	2580	37. K. Petty (45)	1688
18. W. Burton (22)	2470	38. J. Andretti (43)	1381
19. G. Biffle (16)	2466	39. J. Sprague (0)	1284
20. E. Sadler (38)	2445	40. M. Skinner (4)	1278

GRAND NATIONAL POINTS LEADERS

The top-20 drivers as of Aug. 22:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. S. Riggs	3330	11. S. Compton	2773
2. D. Green	3302	12. M. Bliss	2719
3. R. Hornaday	3233	13. A. Lewis	2508
4. J. Keller	3226	14. T. Bodine	2467
5. B. Vickers	3195	15. M. Wallace	2393
6. B. Hamilton Jr.	2961	16. C. Gibbs	2328
7. S. Hmiel	2947	17. K. Grubb	2047
8. J. Sauter	2878	18. M. Waltrip	1857
9. S. Wimmer	2855	19. J. McMurray	1851
10. K. Kahne	2812	20. K. Harvick	1692

NEXT RACE: Saturday, Winn-Dixie 200, Darlington.

TRUCK SERIES POINTS LEADERS

The top-10 drivers as of Aug. 20:

Rank/Driver	Points	Rank/Driver	Points
1. B. Gaughan	2315	6. R. Crawford	2176
2. T. Kvapil	2308	7. B. Hamilton	2163
3. T. Musgrave	2294	8. J. Leffler	2071
4. D. Setzer	2210	9. C. Edwards	2057
5. J. Wood	2182	10. T. Cook	2018

NEXT RACE: Sept. 4, Virginia Is for Lovers 200, Richmond, Va.

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IRVING (AP) — injuries to quar... from other tea... renewed debate... whether the NE... season is too lo... Dallas Cowboys... disagree.

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Carter and the... the first team ar... ed to play deep... second half of to... season finale ag... Oakland Raiders...

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Dallas happy to have a game

IRVING (AP) — Serious injuries to quarterbacks from other teams have renewed debate about whether the NFL's pre-season is too long. The Dallas Cowboys would disagree.

The Cowboys needed their first three games to pick a starting quarterback. Now that coach Bill Parcells has given the job to Quincy Carter, he needs as much work as he can get to be ready for the opener.

Carter and the rest of the first team are expected to play deep into the second half of today's pre-season finale against the Oakland Raiders.

"This guy just needs to know what his responsibility is now, and recognize it," Parcells said. "He realizes it's a good opportunity for him. That doesn't mean he'll succeed just because he knows."

Dallas and Oakland are both 1-2 this preseason.

While most teams usually scale back in preparation for the regular season, the Cowboys are going all-out to end the preseason. They're trying to alter their new offense to fit Carter.

Raiders linebacker Bill Romanowski is expected to play after being suspended a day and fined by the team for seriously injuring teammate Marcus Williams during a fight in practice Sunday.

In the first month of the season, Dallas plays Atlanta and the New York Jets, teams that have lost starting quarterbacks to injuries sustained in meaningless games.

Carter was the season-opening starter in both of his first two years in Dallas. He was just 6-9 as a starter before being replaced midway through last season by Chad Hutchinson.

But Carter didn't have Parcells as a shadow then.

"I'm going to be right there on Quincy. All he needs to do is lift weights, watch film, practice, eat good food and sleep," Parcells said. "He'll have a lot of pressure on him. I've never had a quarterback that didn't."

Parcells chose Carter after he was 18-of-29 for 208 yards and two touchdowns in turnover-free performances the last two preseason games.

Pacers fire Thomas as head coach

The Indiana Pacers fired head coach Isiah Thomas Wednesday only seven weeks after NBA Hall of Famer and former coach Larry Bird took over as president of basketball operations.

Saying he didn't feel comfortable with the Pacers' late slump last year, Bird pulled the plug on Thomas, whom he feuded with when both were players.

The Pacers were 131-115 in the regular season under Thomas. Indiana made the playoffs all three years but lost in the first round each time.



Howard College sophomore Bray Armes, who finished 11th in the steer wrestling standings at the recent National College Finals Rodeo in Wyoming, is one of a handful of experience cowboys coming back this fall for Hawks. Armes is currently leading the point standings for the 2003 PRCA Rookie of the Year honors.

Armes puts PRCA career on backburner for Hawks

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Bray Armes has just about everything a young steer wrestler could want in life.

He's won plenty of trophies and cool hard cash.

He's gotten the chance to see a million different places.

He's got his card as a member of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association and is within a whisper of earning the 2003 PRCA Rookie of the Year accolades.

It's the two things he doesn't have under his belt that have the 2002 college steer wrestling champion returning to Howard College this fall: A National Collegiate Rodeo Association Southwest region championship trophy as a member of the Hawks rodeo team and a degree.

"I want to try and help Howard win and get my degree while I'm still young," said Armes Tuesday afternoon before heading to Ellensburg, Wash., to compete in a PRCA-sanctioned event.

The rodeo is one of two the HC sophomore will be participating in next week as he continues to try and nail down the rookie honors — and a berth in the National Finals Rodeo.

The grind of competing on the PRCA circuit and being a student isn't an easy one, but it's one Armes works hard at.

"It's tough to do it (the PRCA) full time and still be a student," he said. "I spend a lot of my free time doing school work. It's so great that the college has teachers who will work with you so you can do both. You just can't say enough about how they help those who really want it."

Armes' schedule will become a little less hectic next month when he joins a host of returning Hawks in an effort to carry Howard College to a successful



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fall campaign, which begins Sept. 18 in Portales, N.M.

It's a chore the Gruver cowboy is looking forward to.

"This year we have a lot of guys returning and some really good freshmen. I think we have a shot at winning the region if we all

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Those guys have been out on the road and have some experience. They're just at a different level which is going to be a big plus for our whole team.

Greg Kernick
HC rodeo coach

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come together and improve every time out," said Armes, a 6-foot-3, 235-pounder who took up rodeo five years ago at the age of 16. "We're definitely going to be a team you have to watch out for. (Coach) Greg (Kernick) has us going in the right direction."

Kernick agreed — especially considering the talent the Hawks bring back to the fold.

"We've got a lot of talent on this team," said Kernick. "It's huge for us to have those young men like Bray, Seth (Swearingen), Trey (Hale) and Danny (McDowell). Those guys have been out on the road and have some experience.

They're just at a different level which is going to be a big plus for our whole team."

Armes, who became interested in the sport by watching his father compete in amateur rodeos, is one of the region's top steer wrestlers. Last fall, he won the Southwest region championship and advanced to the college finals. Only the top 15 bulldoggers in each region earn spots in the finals.

Swearingen and McDowell, like Armes, needs little introduction on the college circuit. The two Howard College standouts enter the 2003 season among the top candidates to win their respective events. Swearingen finished second in the wrestling — behind Armes — in steer wrestling and followed that up with a 13th place effort at the national event.

McDowell, the Southwestern collegiate runner-up in bull riding, was second in the nation at the college finals in Gillette, Wyo., in June.

Trey Hale, the fourth member of the Howard College team to have reached the college finals, and Trent Cornelius also return. As a freshman in 2001, Hale advanced to the NCFR in team roping.

Both Hale and Cornelius will be in the third year at HC.

The Hawks also bring back several other key contributors, including Pampa's Zack Cobb and Zack Hall of Georgia. Bull rider Wayne Doucet and ropers Lester Jordan and Ryan O'Donnell of Stanton also return.

"We've got a lot of talent coming back this fall," said Kernick. "This group ought to be able to step up and make a strong showing."

Howard College's fall rodeo schedule will consist of four events before the men's and women's teams head into a busy spring campaign

IN BRIEF

HC cheerleading camp set for Sept. 6

The Howard College cheerleading squad will host its annual mini cheer camp on Sept. 6, at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Registration begins at 8 a.m. and cost is \$25. The camp is open to first through eighth graders.

Cheer/dance class runs from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Participants are asked to bring a lunch, tennis shoes, a water bottle and place their name on all their belongings.

All mini cheer campers will have a chance to perform at one of the Hawk basketball games.

For more information, call Linda Berry at 264-5024.

HCHS to host golf tournament Sept. 13

The Howard County Humane Society will be hosting the first Dorothy Garrett-Margaret Lloyd Memorial Golf Tournament on Sept. 13 at Big Spring Country Club.

The 4-person scramble, which is being sponsored by Wells Fargo and Phillips Fine and Storage, is scheduled to start at 1 p.m.

For more information contact the BSCC pro shop at 267-5354.

Youth bowling league sign-up to be Sept. 6

The YABA-sanctioned Youth Bowling League will begin registering bowlers for this season at 10 a.m. on Sept. 6 at the Bowl-A-Rama.

A parent's meeting will be held at 9 a.m.

YMCA slated to hold Putt Putt tournament

The Big Spring Family YMCA will hold a Putt Putt golf tournament on Aug. 30 at the Big Spring Putt Putt course on Highway 87 south of the city.

Golfers can register to play in either the Youth division (12 and under), Teen (13-17) or Adult (18 and over). Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division. The entry fee is \$10 per player for the 18-hole event.

Entry forms are available at the YMCA.

BSHS season tickets now on sale at ATC

Big Spring High School football season tickets are on sale at the ATC. Tickets can also be purchased for individual games.

For more information contact Kay Cook at 264-3662.

Football officials needed for '03

Football officials are needed for the upcoming 2003 season. For more information call Delvin Guinn at (432) 267-9729.

ON THE AIR

Sports Broadcast Schedule		
Event	Time	Station
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Aug. 28		
Texans vs. Buccaneers	6:45 p.m.	94.1
Aug. 29		
Big Spring vs. Odessa	6:30 p.m.	95.7/1490
Aug. 29		
Coltana at Reagan County	7 p.m.	94.3
Aug. 30		
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Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You encounter the best sort of person today: someone just like you. Your instant simpatico is the beginning of a satisfying friendship. Pair up with a Virgo for an eventful evening. If you're up for anything, love could fall in your lap.

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shaping up, but you must make a decision in order to keep your momentum going. Words get you moving. Inspire yourself by listening to someone who uses them well. Libra and Cancer are lucky contributors.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Before you can say saturated fat, you're back on track with health goals. Think of an appropriately delightful reward such as new gym clothes or a massage. Some of you will be expanding your point of view with travel today.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Time alone is time well spent. Where do you do your best thinking? Seek out that spot today, and have a quiet conference with yourself. People discuss your original ideas when you're not there. How flattering!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a fabulous time to begin again. Dust away cobwebs — both emotional and actual. You revisit old stomping grounds but this time with a more mature

outlook. Doesn't everything seem smaller than you remember it?

TOMORROW'S BIRTHDAY (August 29). You expand your support system, gathering new friends, admirers and financial contributors in the first three months of your birthday year. Imagine love in fine detail through the next three weeks. Singles attract the perfect partner by practically dreaming him or her up. Your career shifts into high gear through November, and you'll be traveling, too. Your lucky numbers are: 9, 15, 32, 19 and 3.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Plans are subject to change, but you've got the countenance not to be swayed. Work associates start new projects that need your guidance. Aquarius and Gemini make the best dates tonight. Show up on time!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Make commitments, and set long-term plans into action. Take the plunge! Capricorn and Pisces are ready to get their feet wet with you. For luck, restore and repaint around the house. Colorful transformations change your world.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Pocket money is easily earned. Cash can be collected from recycling or selling off used CD's. Love

tip: Your passion ignites with a fire sign (Aries, Leo, Sagittarius). The two of you are explosive together!

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You're cool and clever despite the weird energy around the workplace. Vanquish clutter, and tell friends with untidy emotional patterns to take their complaints elsewhere. You've got more important things to think about.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Your own good sense is more on point today than recommendations from friends. The tides turn at work. You're the one on top by 3 o'clock. Candles and the right music set the mood for romance tonight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Take credit for the positive changes around you. You've got more than the requisite amount of intelligence and are blessed with extra creativity to boot. Any projects undertaken today succeed.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You gain a feeling of competence, and others respect your abilities. You'll be wondering what your partner wants out of the relationship. Retreat from the drama for a while. The new perspective helps both of you.

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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: When my father passed away several years ago, Mom needed help with her finances, so my brother, "Hugh," stepped in to give her a hand. The problem was that he started taking money out of Mom's bank accounts for his own use. When Mom developed Alzheimer's, Hugh ran her accounts into the red.

We did not know any of this was going on until Mom came to live with me briefly, and I asked the bank to send statements and copies of checks. I discovered over \$200,000 of Mom's money had been converted into a house, cars, trips and gifts for Hugh and his girlfriend. When I confronted him, he stormed out of the house.

Mom moved into an assisted-living facility last year. Hugh then sold her house and put the money in a brand-new trust in HIS name. Mom's living arrangements are covered by insurance and her Social Security check. Her other checks and dividends are sent to Hugh's address, and if he cashes and spends them, there is no way for us to know, since everything is now in his name.

The misuse continues, and my other siblings and I do not know what to do about it. We don't want to alienate Hugh. Even though my father set up a trust for Mom, who knows if anything will be left by the time Hugh is finished with it? Do you have any advice? — Chicago Family

Dear Chicago: You need the help of a good attorney. Since your mother is still living, you should ask about having a court-supervised guardian/conservator appointed for her. That person will have the authority to check into Mom's financial situation. Your family attorney can refer you to the proper legal specialist, or you can contact your state bar association. Good luck.

Dear Annie: I have been dating a man in the radio industry for the last couple of months. Unfortunately, he often uses poor grammar. I am wondering if I should correct him. I believe he might sound more professional if he polished up on his speech. I also am concerned that when he sends audition tapes to other companies, his poor grammar may



ANNIE'S MAILBOX

hurt his chances of getting a better job.

I don't want to make him uncomfortable by correcting him all the time, so I am not sure how to go about this. — Small-Town Wisconsin Girl

Dear Wisconsin: There are professional voice trainers who work with those in TV and radio to help correct grammar and pronunciation, tone down local accents and smooth out the rough edges. Do some research, and then suggest to your boyfriend that he could benefit from having an expert critique his audio tapes.

Dear Annie: I am getting married in less than a month and asked "Gina" to be a bridesmaid. She is a good friend, but she's a flake. Now I'm afraid she will forget to come to the wedding, or show up late and in the wrong clothes.

Gina makes promises and forgets to keep them. She never bothers to call and explain. My fiancé and I made plans with her several times to meet the other attendants, but she didn't show up. She recently said she was coming to try on her bridesmaid's dress, but the shop said she didn't come by, and I still don't know why.

Is there any way I can politely and tactfully ask her to bow out of the wedding? I'd like to salvage the friendship, but it will not crush me to lose it. — Bruised Bride

Dear Bride: Call Gina and say, "I can see that the responsibility of being a bridesmaid is too much for you, so I've decided to let you off the hook." Tell her you appreciate her friendship, and if possible, give her another, less crucial, role at the wedding.

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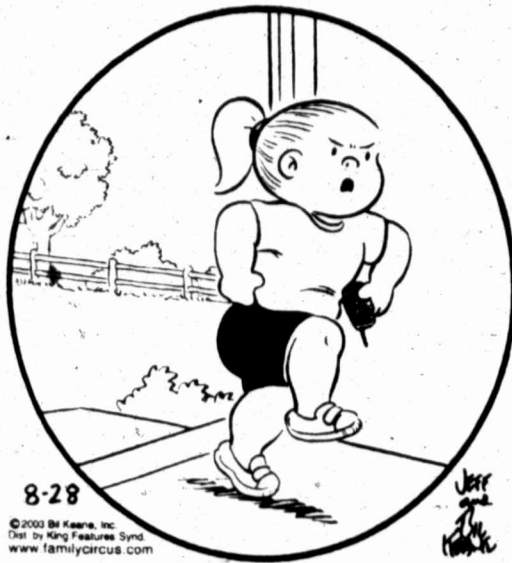
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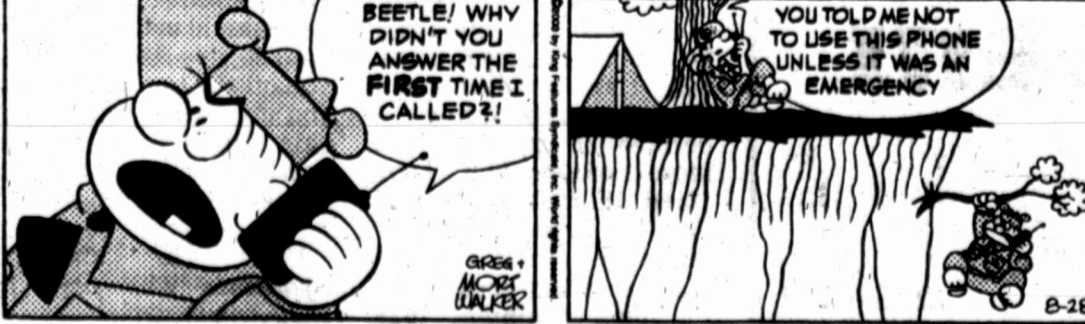
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

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Forty years ago, on Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington, where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

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In 1955, Emmett Till, a

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In 1968, police and anti-war demonstrators clashed in the streets of Chicago as the Democratic national convention nominated Hubert H. Humphrey for president.

In 1973, more than 520 people died as an earthquake shook central Mexico.

In 1981, John W. Hinckley Jr. pleaded innocent to charges of attempting to kill President Reagan. He was later acquitted by reason of insanity.

In 1988, 70 people were killed when three Italian stunt planes collided during an air show at the U.S. Air Base in Ramstein, West Germany, sending flaming debris into the crowd of spectators.

In 1996, Democrats nominated President Clinton for a second term at their national convention in Chicago.

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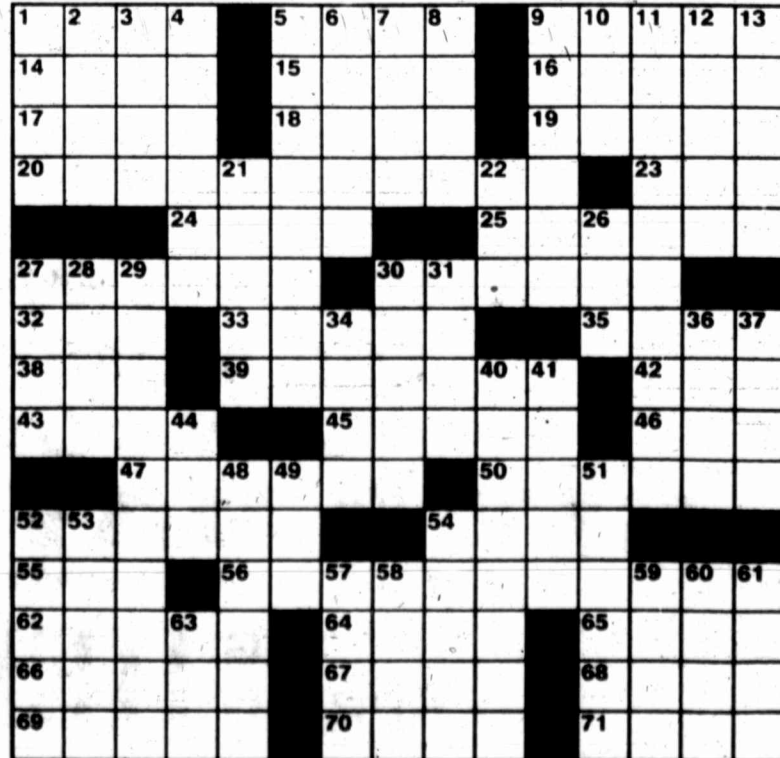
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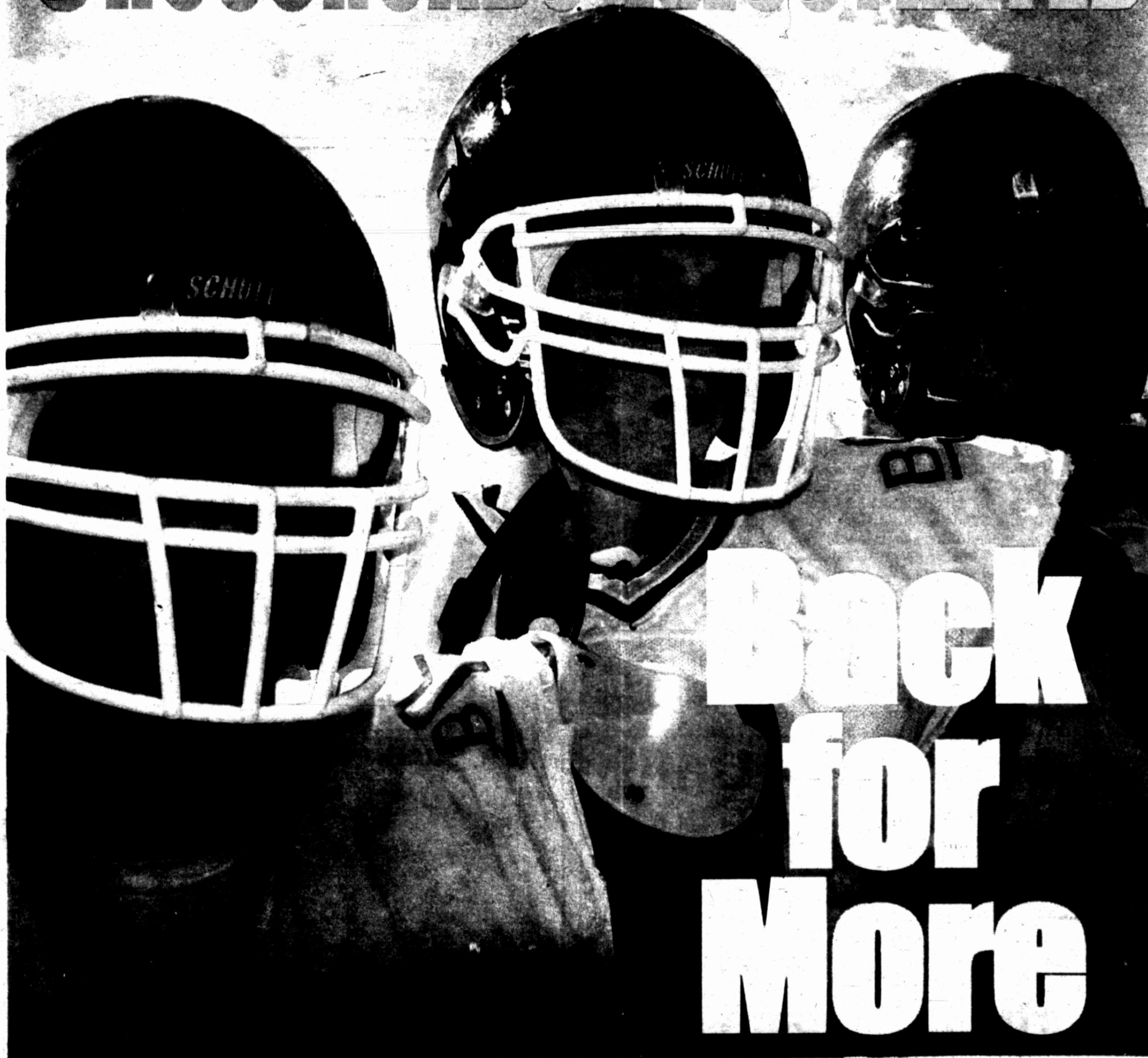
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And the third season — the three months in between the rock-melting and egg-cookin' and is just warm — is Texas' most heralded season: High school football season.

That's right, folks. It's time for football, volleyball, cross country and team tennis.

Some weeks ago — in the midst of the rock-melting season — we here at the Herald sat down (not on the concrete, mind you) to begin planning for the 2003 fall sports issue. Then, after three months of not doing anything, we decided it was time to unveil this year's edition and give those football fans in Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Garden City, Stanton, Grady and Sands a taste of what lies ahead during the next 10 frantic weeks.

The refreshing sight of a football flying through the air will definitely make the 'warm season' endurable.

So, anyway, during that time when we were planning the edition, the idea that there were other fall sports thriving that deserved their

own own place in the Big Spring sun. Thus, the idea of two preseason sections came about. One for the football information and one for volleyball, tennis and cross country.

Thus, within the next 40 pages — two sections, we hope to give you a brief glimpse of what is to come and what to expect from the area high school stars this year.

The one thing you will likely notice, is this year's tab is more feature-based than in the past. Inside, we have produced numerous stories about the local athletes who are on the cusp of making this one of the most memorable 'warm' seasons in memory.

From the unknown lineman, to Big Spring's volleyball dreams, to the school's quest of becoming a four-sport powerhouse (Football, cross country, tennis and volleyball) to the future of some area programs, we hope to bring you an insight to one of the most sports-rich regions of the United States.

We hope you enjoy the two-section issue as we try to make it one of the best editions in West Texas. Any help and suggestions are always welcome.

And, after you're done, the pages fold into a really nice fan ...



TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

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The Unknowns Page 3



• They're big, they're strong and they're probably the only group on the field you wouldn't recognize. But linemen may be the most important.

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• You'll never guess who the 4-4A coaches think will be the team to beat this year. Okay, maybe you will ... it's Frenship.

A Passing Dream



• Wesley Smith put the needs of the entire team in front of his own desires to be quarterback. It's a move he plans to make the best of.

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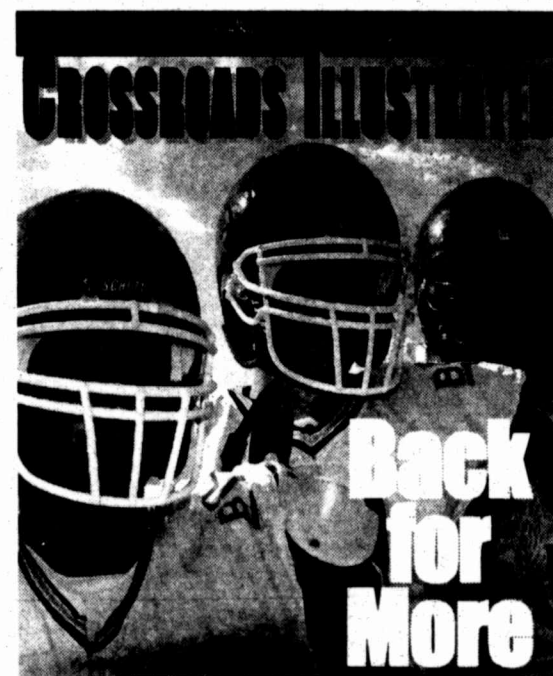


• With Tye Butler gone to New Mexico, the Steers will turn the offense over to a pair of young guns.

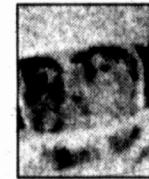
Steers Reload Page 9



• The Big Spring Steers head into the 2003 season much younger than in years past. That doesn't have them thinking its a rebuilding year.



First Steer Page 12



• Willie Mendoza helped pioneer football to the Mexican-American community in Big Spring by becoming the team's first Hispanic starter.

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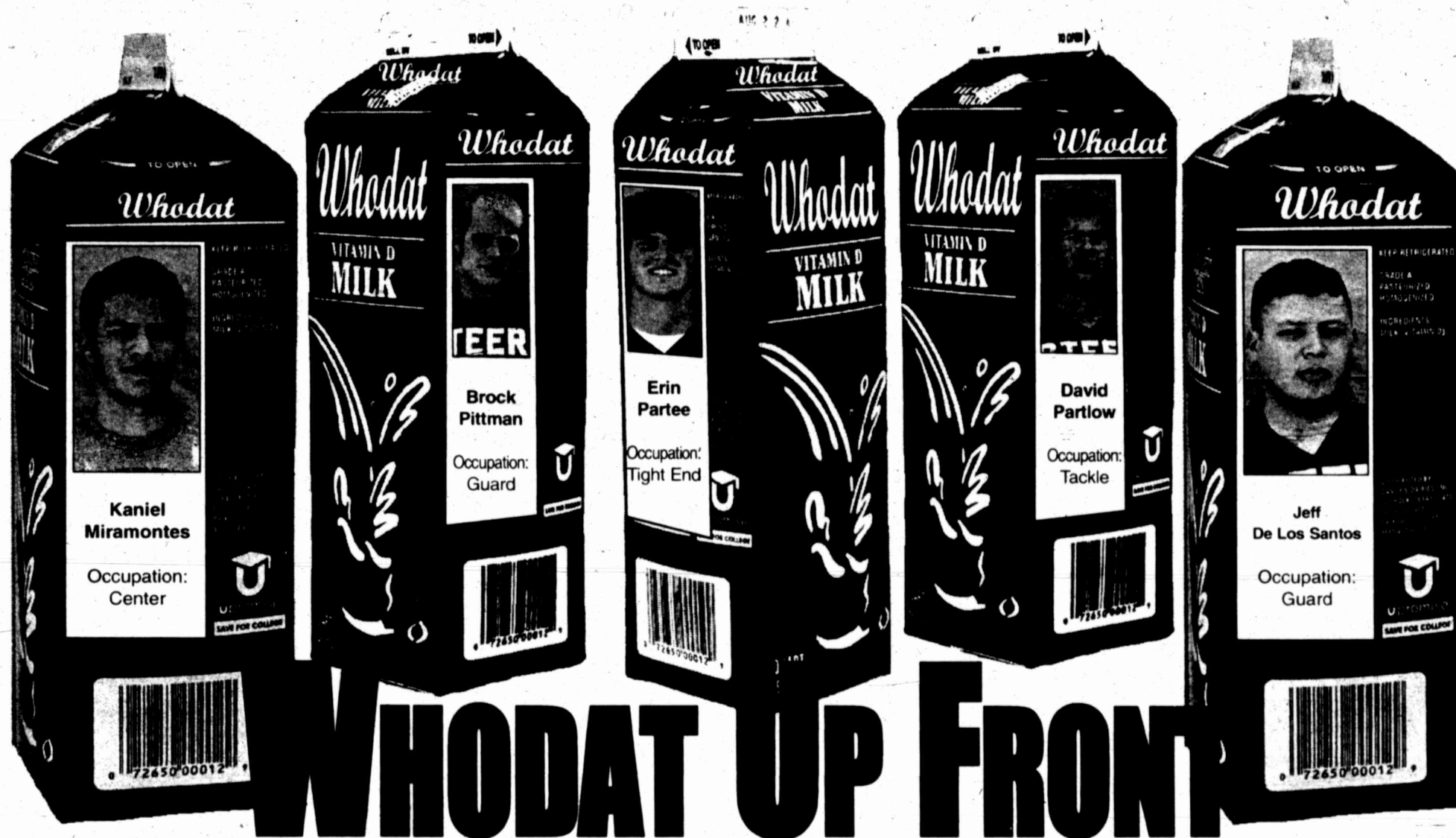


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Football's non-glamour group could be most important

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

Okay, Here's a test. Have your friends, colleagues and wanna-bes pick any player in the National Football League that you'd like to be. Write it down.

Brett Favre?
Michael Vick?
LaDanian Tomlinson?

Odds are, not too many chose to pattern their lives after an offensive linemen. Fact is, nobody grows up wanting to be a linemen — not even linemen.

"It's definitely not the glamour position on the football field but they're definitely the most important," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "Linemen are a special breed. Most of the time, those are the young men who are the hardest workers on a team."

"I have a ton of respect for them because they never complain or gripe even though they're the ones who get beat up on the most," he said. "Linemen, as a whole, are the most 'we' oriented people on the field."

When it comes to stereotypes, offensive linemen are normally portrayed as a notch below "Bubba" on the evolutionary scale. Nothing,

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*Dwight Butler
BSHS head coach*

according to Butler, could be farther from the truth.

"Most of the time, linemen are some of the most intelligent and least selfish players on the team. They, for whatever reason, may not have the hands to be a receiver or be fast enough to

be a running back but that doesn't mean they can't play. These young men are just competitive and love to play the game.

"I think if they were worried about getting their names in lights or how much publicity they could get, we wouldn't have any linemen. These young men just love to play."

No one has been a member of the "Whodat" club longer than Steers' center Kaniel Miramontes and guard Jeff De Los Santos. Both have been starters in the trenches for the past two years.

Miramontes is anything but a typical center. A converted fullback, he's just 5-foot-6 and is usually much smaller than the young men who line up opposite him.

"I thought it was bad at first," said Miramontes of being put on the line. "Then I found it was kind of fun. It doesn't matter to me anymore as long as I get to play and help the team win."

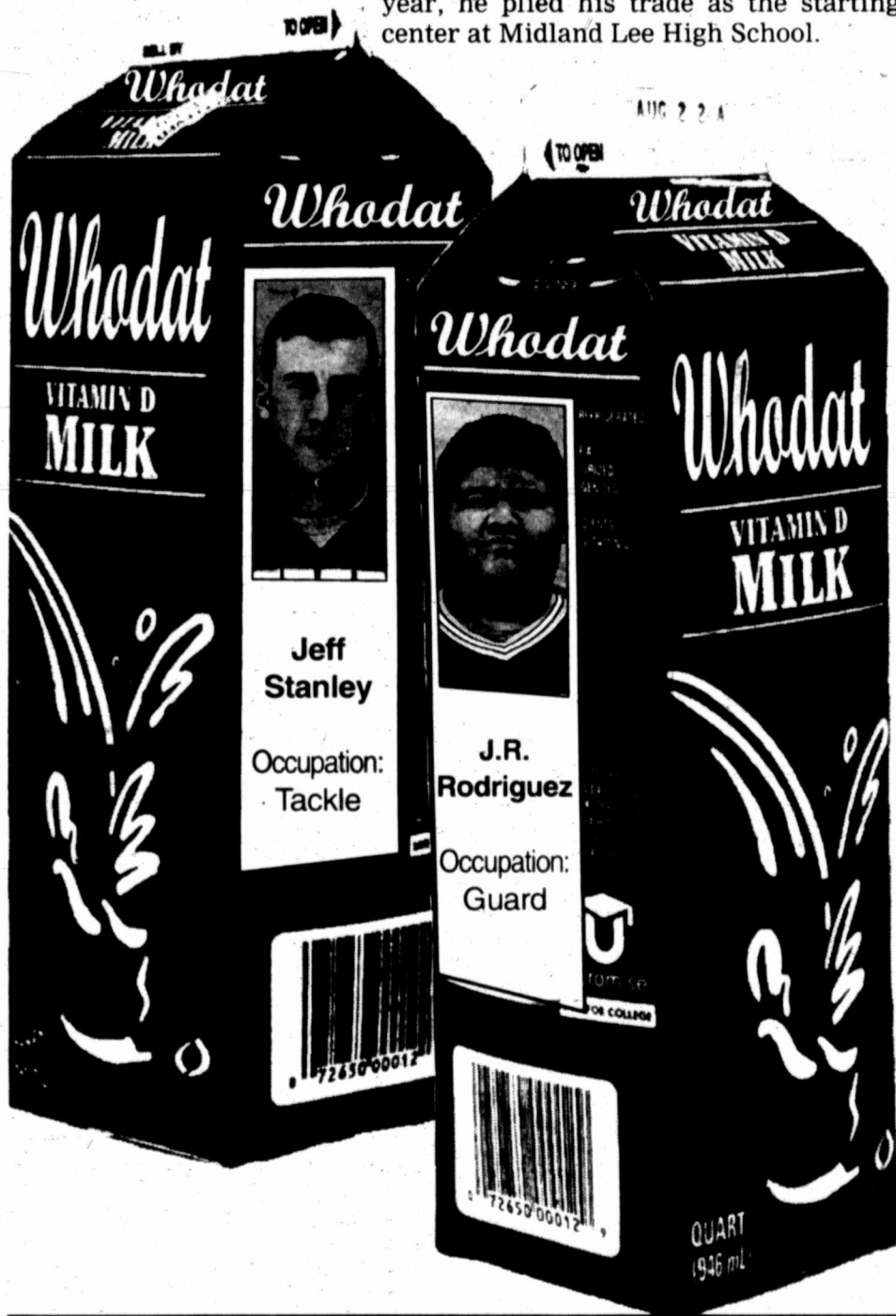
De Los Santos, a guard who helped the Steer offense roll up almost a mile of in total yards last season, isn't likely to be pushed around by too many defenders. He went into the preseason at 6-foot and 270 pounds.

Like Miramontes and De Los Santos, Brock See **WHODAT** on Page 4

WHODAT

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Pittman, David Partlow and Jeff Stanley are veterans of the offensive line. Pittman, a 6-foot, 227-pound transfer, has spent much of his playing career from junior high on up helping make other people stars. Last year, he plied his trade as the starting center at Midland Lee High School.



Partlow, a two-year starter, enters the year at 5-10 and 240. Stanley, a 6-foot-1, 210-pound senior, is one of the more versatile big men. Last year, he played several different positions, including center while Miramontes nursed an injury.

Erin Partee, who is battling to grab the newly-created tight end position in the Steers' one-back offense, and guard J.R. Rodriguez are oddities in the BSHS program: They're actually big. At 6-foot-3, both Partee and Rodriguez are more of the typical linemen.

"You have to be smart and have good footwork to be a lineman," said Rodriguez, "I've always wanted to play football and been big. When I was little, my dad and I used to watch football and television and he told me I was going to be a lineman so that became my dream.

"I love this. I want to go to college and as a lineman," he added.

Butler heaped praise on the group of men holding down the line.

"These young men are the backbone of this team. You can have all the skill in the world, but if somebody like them aren't up front clearing the way you might as well go play touch." said Butler.

"They're all mentally tough and work hard," he added. "I like them because they don't mind getting dirty."

The lack of notoriety isn't a factor for for most linemen, including Rodriguez.


"We get the least amount of credit of anyone on the field, but everyone knows who has to be on the field to win."

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Despite losses, Frenship is again favorite to claim 4-4A crown

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

There are certain truths in life: Hit a person in just the right spot, and they will fold up like a cheap lawn chair. Drip water in an eye, and it'll blink. Ask a District 4-4A coach who the 2003 champion will be, and they'll say whoever won it last year.

With that in mind, it should come as no surprise which team most coaches in the upcoming loop race think should be the odds-on favorite to claim the district championship this season: It's the Frenship Tigers.

The Tigers, despite losing enough firepower from last year's team to overrun a small country, still rated highly in most coaches thoughts. Frenship was picked by all coaches in the district to finish atop the final standings.

"They're going to be tough again," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "They have a solid program that turns out good teams every year. Anytime you start looking at favorites, you have to consider them."

The Tigers pretty much controlled district play last fall. Frenship rolled

Coaches' poll

The following is a look at the coaches' preseason poll for District 4-4A.

Place	Team
1	Frenship
2	Andrews
3	Big Spring
4	Lake View
5	Levelland
6	Estacado

through the regular season, posting a perfect 10-0 record. The Tigers advanced to the Class 4A Division I quarterfinals before being bumped by the Brownwood Lions, 41-21.

The Tigers, who lost nine starters on the offensive side of the ball, are expecting to make another playoff run this season. Frenship head coach Bobby Davis is hoping to reload the Tiger machine through a talented junior varsity program that posted a 7-3 mark a year ago.

Back to lead the Tigers' efforts to repeat as the 4-4A titleholder will be wide receiver Chris Richburg. The 6-foot-4, 200-pound senior should take some of the pressure of new quarterback Jayme McCall by giving him a big target to look

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The Frenship Tigers are expected to make a strong push to repeat as the District 4-4A champion this season.

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McCall, who will be trying to fill the shoes of 2002 District MVP Kris Kelley, will have solid offensive line to work behind. Like last fall, the Tigers will have one of the bigger offensive fronts in the district, averaging well over 6-foot and 220 per man. Tackle Chris Peeples, a 6-foot-3, 230-pounder who has drawn some college interest, will lead the trenchmen.

Finding a capable replacement for running-back Brent Robbins will be a priority.

If any team has a chance at unseating the Tigers, it could be the Andrews Mustangs. Coach Blaine Springston, now in his second year as the head man at AHS, returns the bulk of his starters from a squad that finished the 2002 race as the district runner-up.

The Mustangs edged out Big Spring for the No. 2 position in the final game of the season.

Andrews should have a potent offense coming back as it will once again have the services of quarterback Matt Gardner and receivers Elton Powell and

Eddie Carrasco. Gardener, a 6-foot-2, 220-pound senior, passed for more than 1,000 yards a year ago. Powell was the lone underclassmen selected as a receiver to the first-team all-district squad in 2002.

Defensively, Andrews may be even better than a year ago. The Mustangs welcome back seven starters including speedy safeties David Kessler and Blaine Springston III. Kessler racked up 67 tackles and led the team with six interceptions.

“Anytime you start looking at favorites, you have to consider them (Frenship).”

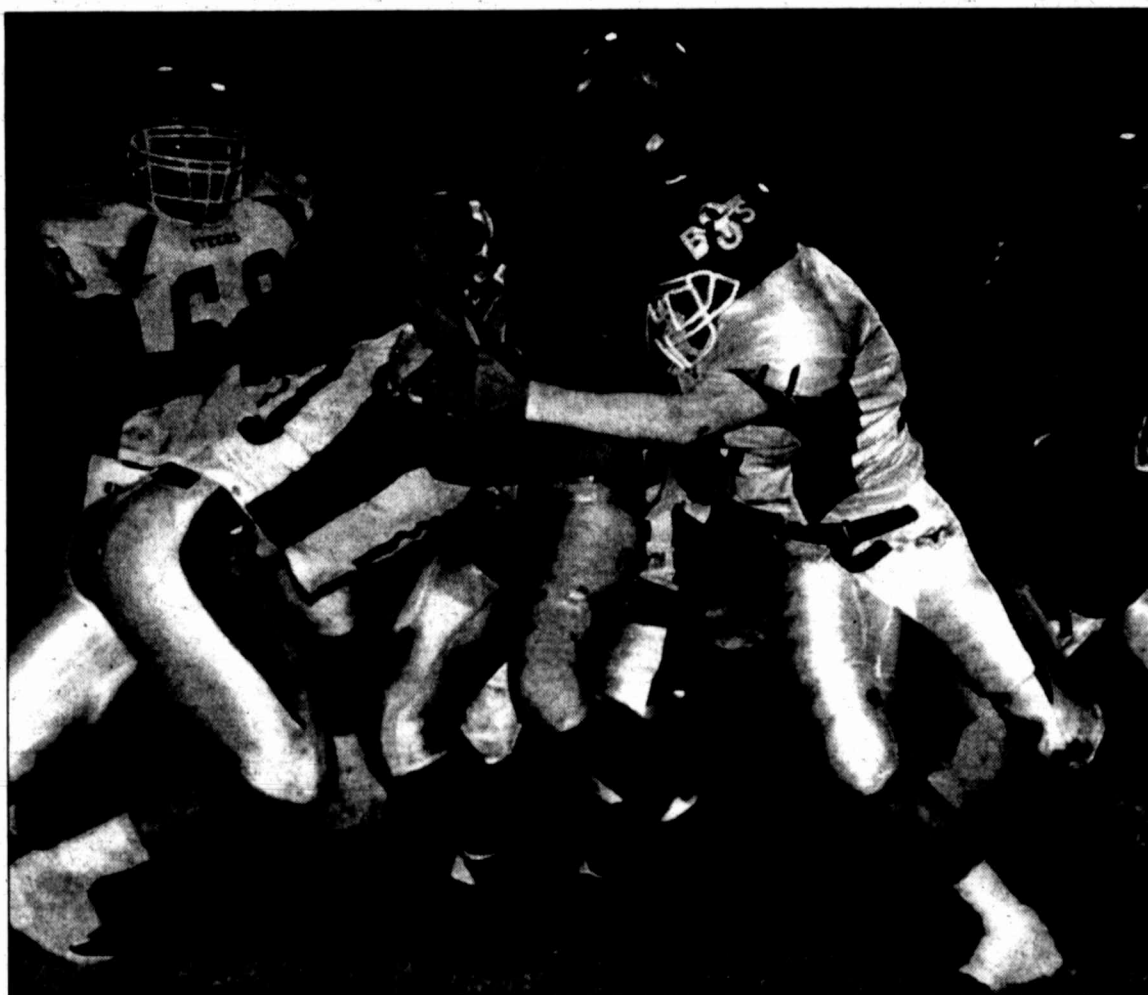
Dwight Butler
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Defensive end Brent Villa (60 tackles and three QB sacks) also returns.

The Steers are tabbed as the third place favorite by coaches.

“The Lake View Chiefs are hoping a new head coach can put them on the trail to success. Former Mason and Reagan County head coach Joey McQueen takes over the helm of a Lake View team that went 3-7 last year and missed out on a chance to make the playoffs in the final week of the year by suffering a loss to Lubbock Estacado.

The Chiefs have six starters returning on each side of the line of scrimmage, including quarterback Matt Phillips, who



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The Big Spring defense will likely have to shoulder much of the load early as the Steers break in a new offensive backfield. Big Spring is expected to compete with Andrews for the district runner-up honors this fall.

rolled up more than 1,900 total yards of offense last season as a sophomore. Others returning for the Chiefs include receivers Alex Gaither, Christian Perryman and Gabe McGrew.

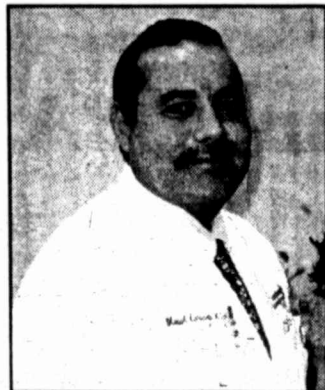
The Chiefs are expected to battle Levelland for the district's fourth-place position. The Lobos return the nucleus of its team that posted a five-game improvement last fall.

Speedy quarterback Rocky Hartline will be the main man in the Levelland offensive scheme. The 5-foot-10, 180-pounder is one of the quicker signal-callers in the district, running a 4.8-second 40.

Defensively, the Lobos will pin their hopes around a solid linebacking corps that includes Josh Brown, junior Tanner Richardson and defensive backs Shane Bryant and Daniel

Mendoza, an all-district pick last year.

Estacado, coming off a 1-9 effort, is again picked as the district's cellar dweller. The Matadors bring back six starters on offense and defense, including quarterback Malvin Irving and running back Tony Glynn, a 5-foot-9, 160-pound speedster who rolled up 665 yards after being called up from the Lubbock Estacado junior varsity.



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A passing dream — interrupted

Smith embraces move that ended his days as next QB prodigy

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Last season, Wes Smith looked as if he would be the heir-apparent to the reins of the Big Spring Steers' offensive machine. He had spent a year serving as the understudy to the school's most-prolific passer ever and even managed to successfully run the Steers offense against Odessa Permian when called upon.

Then, something funny happened on the way to taking the snap. He decided the needs of the many far outweighed the desires of the one. Thus, Smith days as the next great Steer quarterback came to an end.

"At first I was kind of disappointed in the idea," said Smith, who has played quarterback at every level since the seventh grade. "but you have to do what's most important for the team and that's what I'm doing."

Faced with a shortage of wide receivers on a team featuring a fast-paced, one-back

offense, Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler found himself short of big, speedy receivers capable of stretching defenses following the graduation of Brandon Mendoza and Curtis Woodruff.

"The coaches know what's best for the team," Smith said. "They told me they thought it would be better for the team if I switched to receiver where the team could use my speed and height. If they think I'd be better there, that's what I'm going to do."

"That shows the character Wes has," said Butler. "It takes a lot of maturity from a young man to do what he's doing. That's the caliber of person Wesley is."

A year ago, he patiently spent his time standing on the sideline serving as Tye Butler's backup. He watched and waited as Butler amazed onlookers week-in and week-out en route to rewriting almost every BSHS passing record imaginable. His turn, he knew, was coming.

"I went into the off-season looking for— See **CHANGE** on Page 8



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Once the
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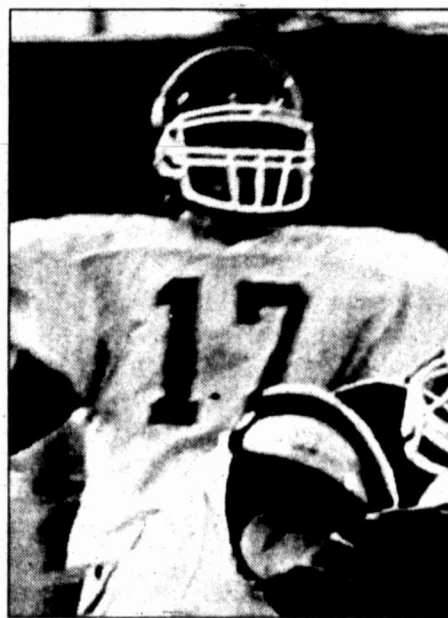
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Jerry Doporto (left) and Andy Lasater are looking to fill the shoes of record-setting quarterback Tye Butler this season.

Doporto, Lasater ready to follow in Butler's shadow

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

When word finally made that Wesley Smith would be moving to wide receiver this fall, Jerry Doporto and Andy Lasater knew the learning curve they were on had just become a short, straight line. A line that will lead one of them into trying to fill Tye Butler's big shoes as the man who pulls the trigger on the BSHS offense.

"It's a big step for us. He (Tye) left some big shoes to fill," said Doporto, the odds-on favorite to move into the starting quarterback role. "All we can do is go out and try our best."

Doporto isn't too worried about stepping into the starting role. He after all, has been groomed for the position for more than a decade. He's played quarterback at every level since he stated playing organized football as a youth in the Big Spring youth football league.

"I think I can handle all the pressure," he said. "I've played this position since I was in the second grade. I know what I have to do."

Doporto proved his point last season as the starting quarterback for the Big Spring junior

varsity program. He rolled up more than 1,000 all-purpose yards a year ago and led the team to a 5-5 record.

Doporto, who is shorter than Butler, will likely give the Steers a different style of quarterback. A strong-armed passer, he is a threat to run as well. Last year, he rushed for more than 300 yards.

"The biggest difference I've noticed is the difference in speed," he said. "It's a lot faster than at the JV level ... and that the coaches expect a lot more out of you on varsity."

"But that's okay with me, I think I'm ready to play at this level."

Smith agreed.

"They both good players. I think they'll do fine."

You can rule out the possibility of the preseason battle for the starting job creating a rift between Doporto and Lasater, who guided the Big Spring freshman squad in 2002. The two are friendly rivals, said Doporto, who will celebrate his 17th birthday only 24 hours before the Steers open District 4-4A play against Lake View.

"We're good friends," he said. "We ask each other questions and help each other do what the coaches want to get done."

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ward to the playing quarterback," he said. "I thought I could have done some big things, but things didn't work out like that. The most important thing is the team. I'll do whatever it takes to make the team better."

Smith isn't bitter at the move. In fact, he has helped tutor both of the underclassmen — Jerry Doporto and Andy Lasater — battling for the starting quarterback role during preseason drills.

"I think they're both quality quarterbacks," he said. "I try to help them whenever I can. I'm a team player. I'm not going to sit around and argue about where I should be playing. I believe the coaches know where I can help the team."

Rather than complain when the switch became official, Smith jumped into the role. One of the first things he did was visit with Woodruff — who turned a big senior season into a college deal at Tarleton State University.

"I talked with Curtis about playing receiver and he told me the key was to just go out and do the best you can and to have fun," he said. "That's what I plan to do. I'm just going to go out and try hard and have fun with it."

The switch from the person who throws the ball to the person who catches it probably won't be as big a change as most might expect. Smith played receiver over the past few seasons for the Steers' 7-on-7 summer passing league squad.

"I don't think it's going to be a big change for me," he said. "It's more of just getting used to it."

Learning a new offensive position isn't the only new facet of the game he will be undertaking this fall. Smith will also be shifting to a new position on defense, moving from safety to corner to fill the hole created by the loss of teammate Shamar Myles.

Smith was an all-district selection as safety last season.

"I'll play in whatever spot the coaches think I can best help this team win," he added. "I just want us to win."

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One year after reaching the Class 4A Division II semifinals, Big Spring is ...

Reloading the machine

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

Rebuilding isn't a term that Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler associates with his football program. Rebuilding is for teams that see their numbers and seasons go in cycles. For Butler, there is only one cycle — retooling teams that have been decimated by graduation.

"We're going to be younger than we were last year," he said. "But, then again, we're always going to be younger than most teams. Because of our size, we're going to have to rely on some of our younger players to step up. Filling holes is something we do every year."

Maybe more so this fall than in years past as the Steers' roster was hit hard in May. Maybe only the Iraqi army saw more of its players exit the scene at one time than Big Spring.

Starting QB? Gone.
Starting tailback? Ditto.
Two starting wide receivers? Hasta la vista,

baby.

Starting lineman? Exited stage right.

Both defensive tackles? Bye-bye.

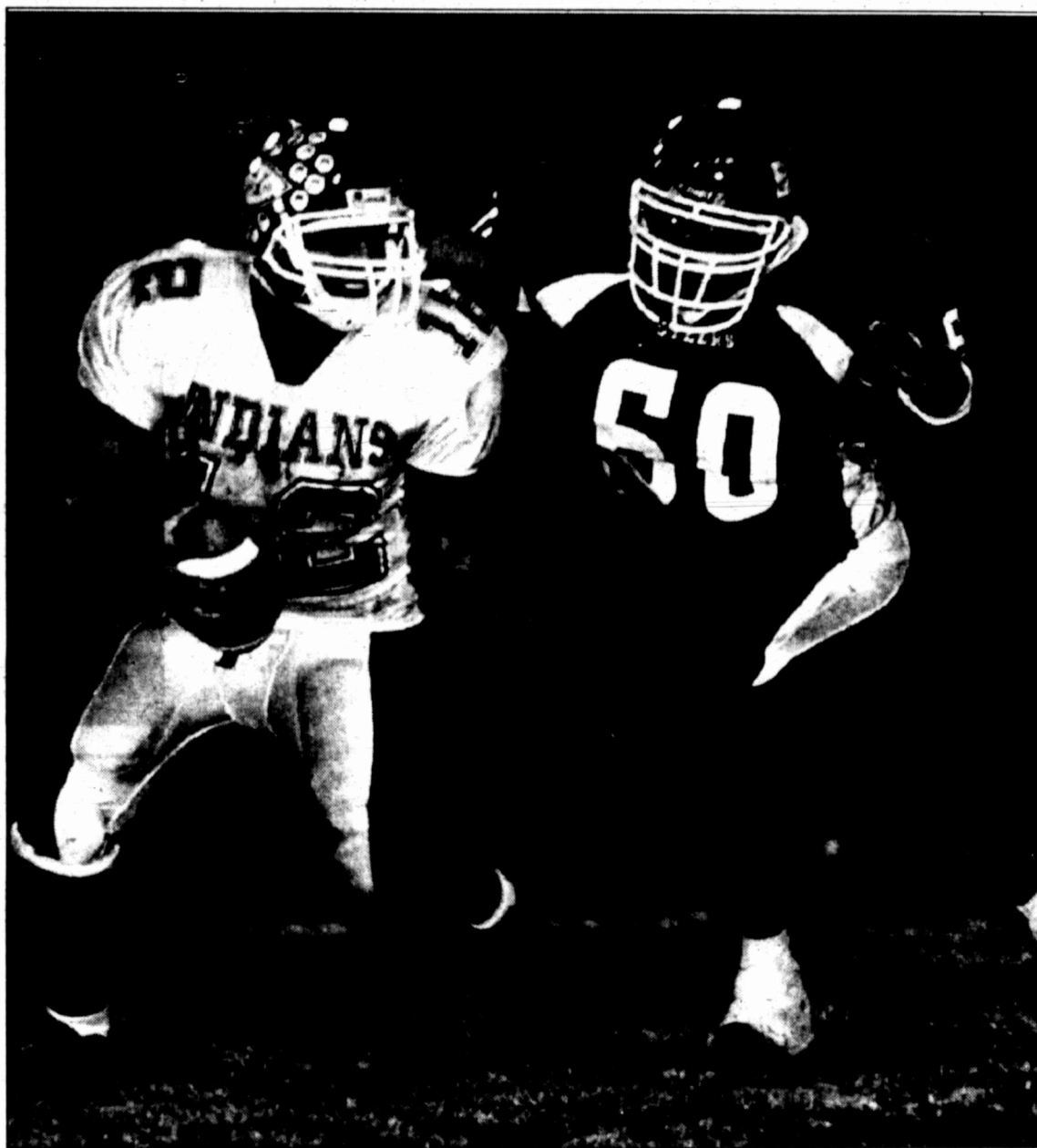
With all those loss, all hope for the Steers making their second straight — and fifth in the past seven years — trip to the state playoffs are dead, right? Don't count Butler among those believers. Younger doesn't mean the Steers are necessarily destined to finish in the lower half of the District 4-4A race. It just means the team will have to grow up quicker and be a little hungrier.

To be sure, Butler and his coaching staff face an uphill battle in replacing last year's senior class. The team Butler will lead into Memorial Stadium on Aug. 29 season opener against Odessa High School will be a far cry from the unit he guided to an 8-5 record and a berth in the Class 4A Division II regional quarterfinals last season.

"We're not trying to kid ourselves. We know we're going to be younger, especially in the secondary. See **STERS** on Page 10



DOPORTO



David Lopez and the Big Spring Steers will be trying to wrap up their third trip to the state playoffs in four years this season. Big Spring posted an 8-5 record last year and advanced to the regional semifinals.

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Dwight Butler, 13th year

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8-5, 3-2 in district. Lost in Class 4A Division II regional quarterfinals to Aledo.

THE SKINNY STRENGTH

Offensive Line

Big Spring heads into the 2003 season with four returning starters up front, including center Kaniel Miramontes. The team also gained an added boost up front with the arrival of former Midland Lee lineman Brock Pittman.

WEAKNESS

Skill positions

The Steers will be a vastly younger team this season as they graduated its quarterback, starting tailback and two wide receivers. Last season's back-up QB Wesley Smith has been moved to wide receiver to help shore up the receiving corps.

BIGGEST GAME

vs. Andrews on Nov. 7

The Steers, if the 4-4A race holds to form, could be facing long-time rival Andrews for a playoff berth. Andrews knocked Big Spring out of the district's No. 2 seed last year.

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
Aug. 29	Odessa	H	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 5	Permian	H	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 12	Hereford	H	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 19	Plainview	T	8:30 p.m.
Sept. 26	Open		
Oct. 3	SA Central	H	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 10	Lake View	H	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 17	Frenship	T	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 24	Levelland	H	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 30	Estacado	T	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 7	Andrews	H	7:30 p.m.

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cially at the skill positions on offense," said Butler. "Our biggest challenge will be filling those holes on offense, but we think we have the young men here who can step up and do the job. Our young men are fighters. They work hard every day and usually step up to every challenge."

Perhaps the biggest challenge facing the Steers' this preseason is finding a replacement for quarterback Tye Butler, who parlayed a record-setting senior season into a Division I scholarship with the University of New Mexico. Despite learning a new one-back offense, the Steers' fourth Division I signee

in the past seven years, he completed 176-of-310 passes for 2,738 yards and 29 touchdowns.

Butler's departure leaves the Steers' starting job to two under-



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classmen, including junior Jerry Doporto and sophomore Andy Lasater. Doporto starred last season as the starting quarterback for the Big Spring junior varsity, leading the team to a respectable 5-5

mark. Lasater was the Steers' freshman team signal-caller.

Quarterback won't be the only place with a new face. Big Spring will have to replace Josh Mathews at tailback and both Brandon Mendoza and Curtis Woodruff at wide receiver. Butler said four players, including Marcus Gray, Taviance Clemons, Dennis Kimble and Andy Urias, are battling for the right to replace Mathews, a 1,000-yard rusher who signed to play collegiately at Ranger College. Each back, Butler said, brings a different aspect to the team. Gray, who spent last season as Mathews' backup, gives the Steers plenty of speed, while Clemons is more on an elusive, shifty back who spent

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Bruce Schooler

Michael Ornales and the Big Spring offense hit stride in their first year of running the one-back offense. The Steers had three players roll up more than 1,000 yards offensively and finished the 2002 season with almost one mile of total offense.



Jerry Doporto



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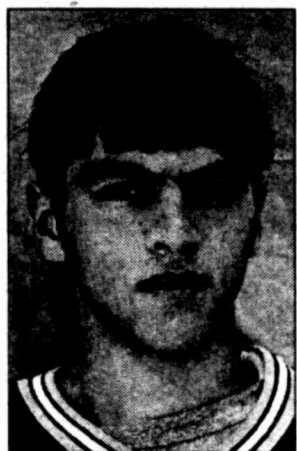
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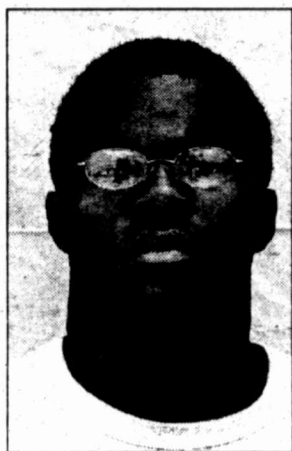
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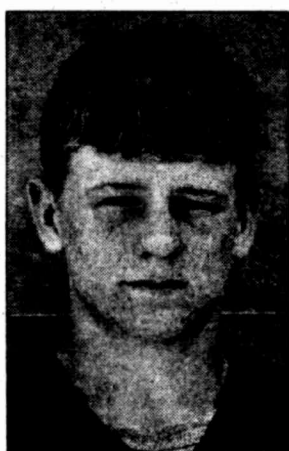
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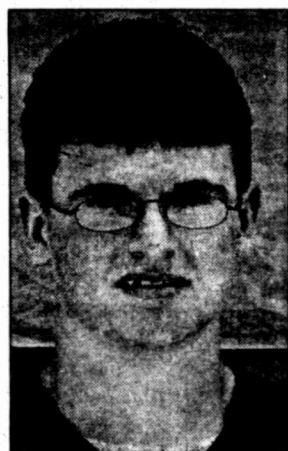
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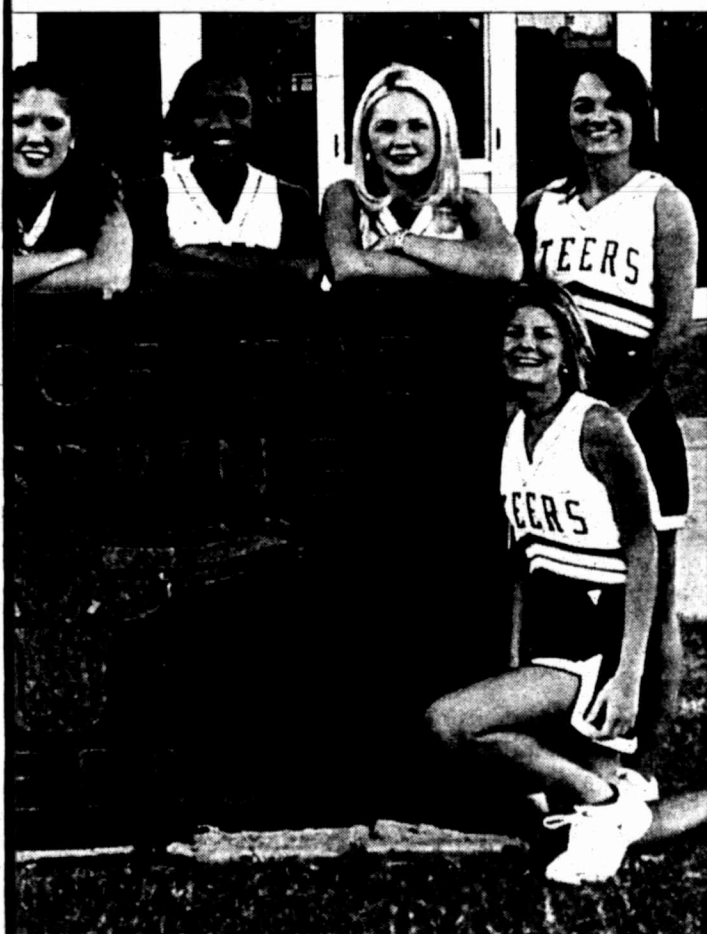
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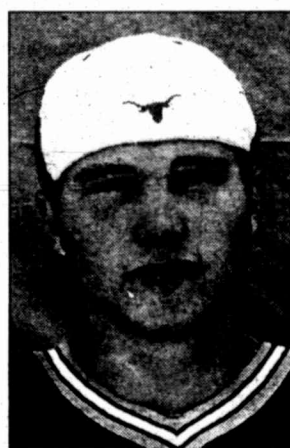
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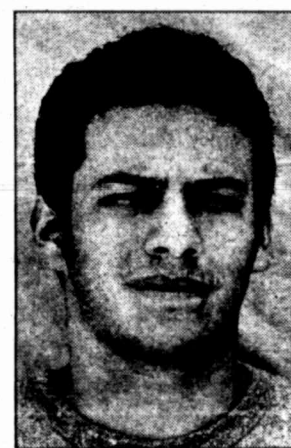
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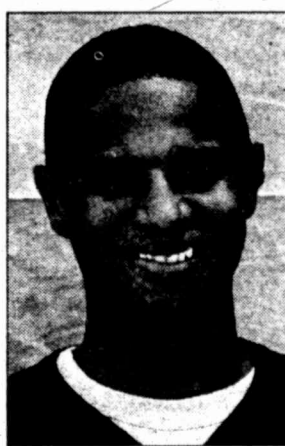
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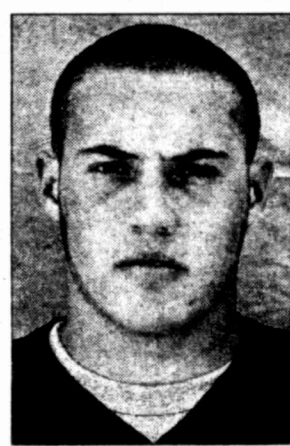
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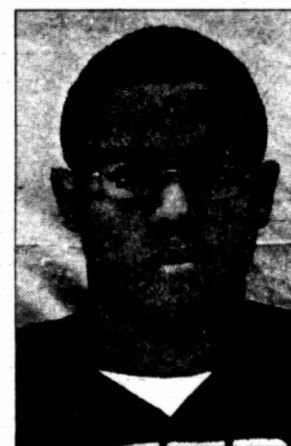
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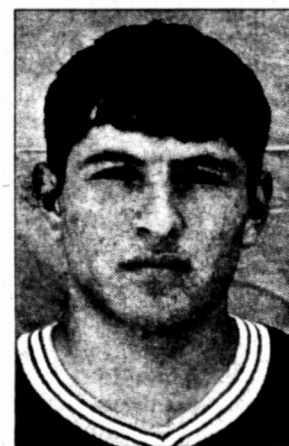
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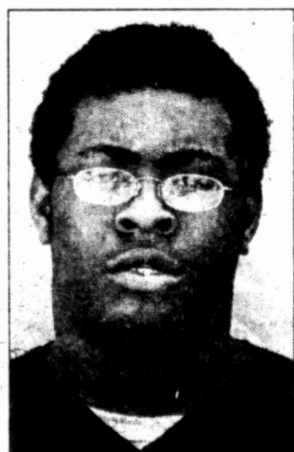
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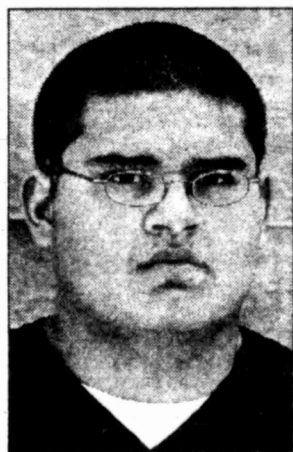
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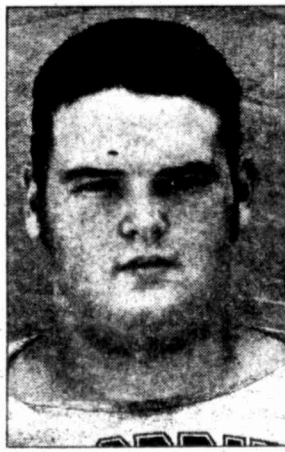
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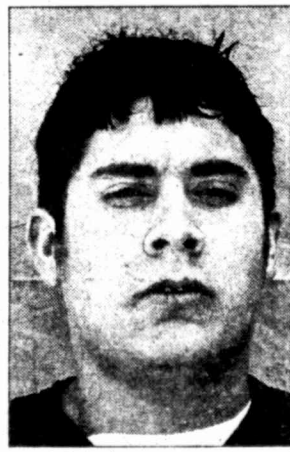
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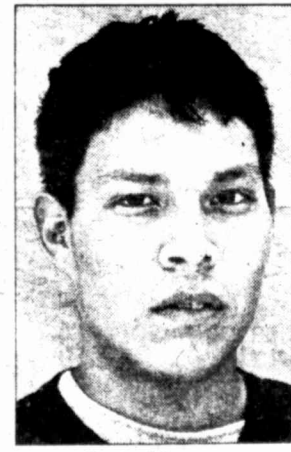
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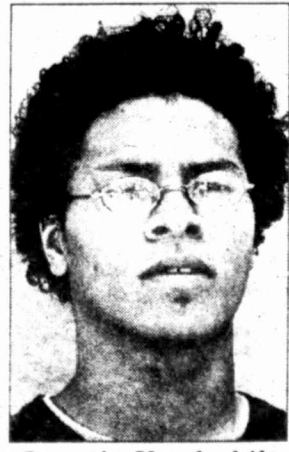
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'El Primero Steers de Big Spring'



'Ol 44' helped pave the way for Mexican-American

By Tommy Wells
Sports Editor

Willie Mendoza grew up playing football in a vacant lot on Sixth Street filled of rocks and broken glass. The end zone — when they were visibly marked — didn't have goal posts or end zone pylons. The rules were simple then — more Forrest Gumpain than anything else in nature. When he and friend Billy Pineda were growing up the main rule was "Throw it to Willie," and don't get tackled on the rocks.

Such were the difficulties facing a young boy growing up on the rough west side of Big Spring in the 1950s. The rules either made you tough or they made you find another road to travel.

For Mendoza, the rules weren't a problem. In fact, that sandlot eventually helped Mendoza further racial equality in Big Spring. Not because it was a mission or a battle against the Anglo community, but because it was a goal of his to play for the Steers. A goal he reached.

Only a few years after learning the game on the vacant lot, he became the first Mexican-American to start for the Big Spring Steers because it was his dream.

"It was a dream of mine to play for the Steers," said Mendoza. "Ever since I was a little boy, I would

sit around and listen to the Steers on the radio with my grandfather. Right from then, I knew I wanted to play football for the Steers.

"I just knew I had to do it. Not because I was Mexican-American or anything like that. I knew I had to because I always loved the game and wanted to play."

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Willie Mendoza

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fast, you didn't get to play junior high ball. They (the coaches) would just blow you off whatever nationality you were."

"Also, it was a different time. Our parents weren't too much behind us playing football then. Back then, a majority of people weren't planning to go to college or things like that."

At just over 5-foot-4, Mendoza didn't fall into the

"big" category and did not play football at Runnels — which served as one of two junior high programs — along with Goliad — feeding the Steers at that time.

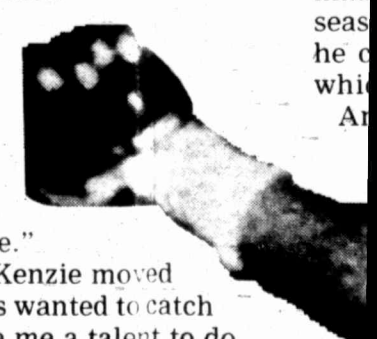
The love of football didn't fade, however. As a freshman in 1959, Mendoza — all 5-foot-6 and 132 pounds of him — decided it was time to give the sport another go. He tried out and made the Steers' "B" team as a fullback, defensive back and kick returner.

Making the team didn't equate into much playing time, however. As a small fullback on a BSHS team that lived by a power running game, he rode the bench for much of his initial season. Undeterred, Mendoza returned again as a sophomore — and again made the "B" team only to return to a familiar spot on the bench.

Life changed dramatically for him the following year, however. Emmett McKenzie was brought in as the new head coach in 1961 and immediately took notice of Mendoza's ability to catch the ball. Shortly after his arrival, he shifted him to wide receiver.

"I was pretty quick (as a fullback). I could always get away from the bigger guys — maybe because it was pretty easy for me to get lost in there," he said. "But when Coach McKenzie moved me I was really happy. I always wanted to catch the ball. I think the Lord gave me a talent to do that because ever since I was a little boy I've had good hands."

After spending his junior year learning the wide receiver position as part of the "B" team, Mendoza got the call he had dreamed of. In the fall of 1962,



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would be on the varsity roster as
a starter — joining the likes of
quarterback Jerry Tucker, Dexter
Pate and fullback Jack Irons in rep-
resenting the city.

"It was a dream come true for me,"
he said. "My dream was to graduate from
high school and play for the Steers. I was getting the
chance to do both while most of my friends were
going into the service or getting married.

"I probably have my mother to thank for that,"
said Mendoza, who later was drafted into the
United States Army in 1967 and sent to Vietnam.
"I only got a few letters from the service. I
think she threw most of them away so I would
stay in school."

His mother's efforts paid big dividends for
the Steers. As a senior wide receiver he
made an immediate impact. In Big Spring's
season-opening 36-0 shutout of Plainview,
he caught seven passes — four of
which went for touchdowns.

Another Mexican-
American



made the Big Spring roster that fall. Gene
Salazar was named to the BSHS roster,
but did not start.

Following graduation, Mendoza
enrolled at Howard County Junior
College and continued to make an
impact on football. — this time,
helping youngsters learn the
game on the sandlot. He and
life-long friend Billy Pineda
coached the Oilers to the
Big Spring Youth Football
championship in 1964.

Mendoza's efforts
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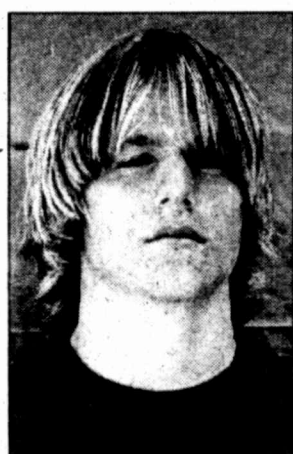
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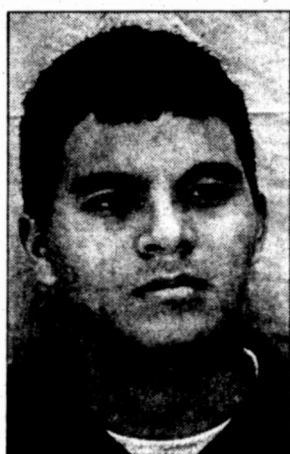
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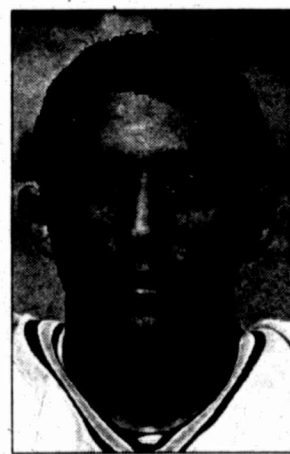
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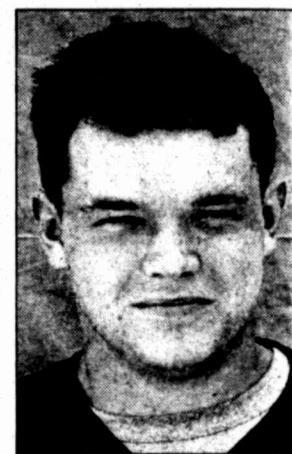
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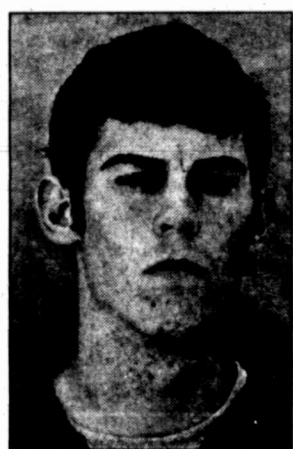
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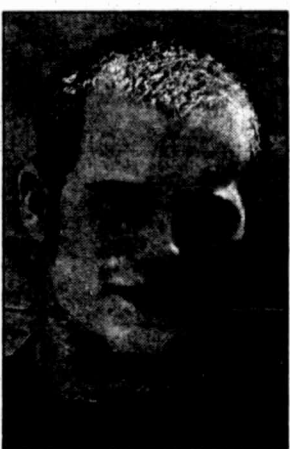
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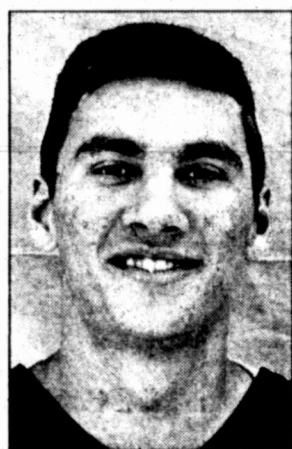
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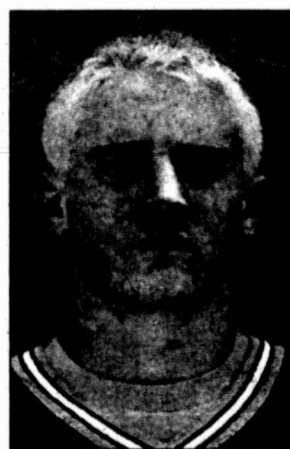
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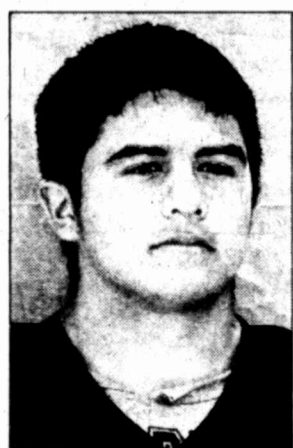
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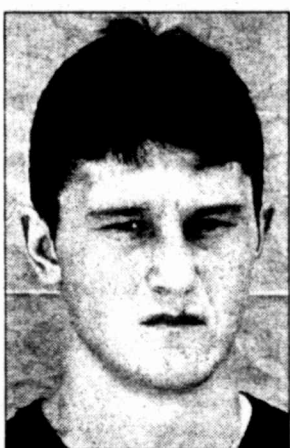
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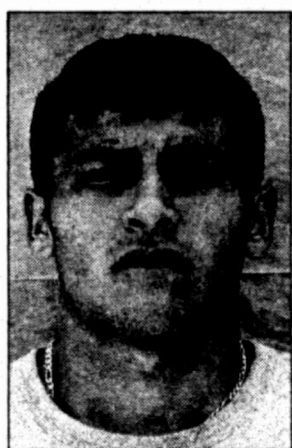
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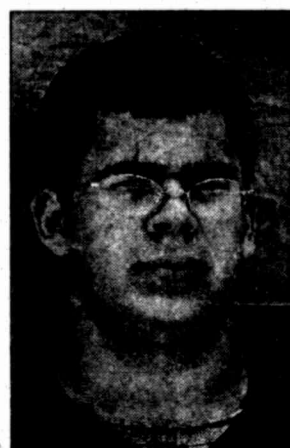
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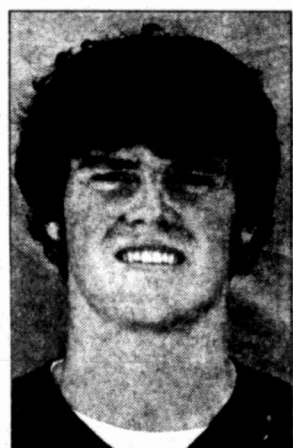
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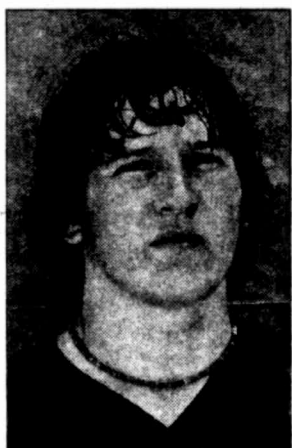
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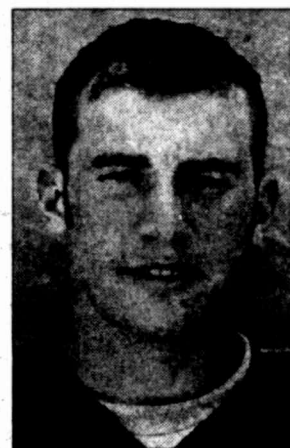
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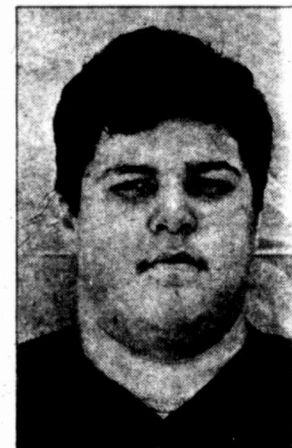
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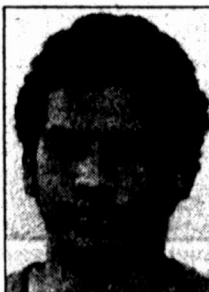
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last year lighting up opposing JV defenses. Kimble and Urias both give the Steers a power game.

Replacing Woodruff, the team's 6-foot-4 red zone receiver, and Mendoza, a speedy wideout capable of stretching defenses, forced the Big Spring coaching staff to take a different approach. Big Spring turned to back-up quarterback Wesley Smith to fill Woodruff's role and is looking for

returning slot receivers Mike Ornales or Michael Shockley to step up.

"By losing Curtis, Brandon and Ronnie (Johnson) we not only lost experience, we lost a lot speed," said Butler, the all-time winningest coach in Big Spring history. "We feel like we



MIRAMONTES



DE LOS SANTOS

have the athletes that can step in and replace them. It might take a game or two, but we think we have the athletes who can step up and play those positions."

Not all the news out of the Steers' camp is gloom and doom. Butler does have one bright spot to reload around —

a very experienced offensive line.

Big Spring, in contrast to their young lineup at the skill positions, will open the season with one of the more experienced offensive lines. Four starters return from last season's squad, including Kaniel Miramontes, a three-year starter at center, and Jeff De Los Santos, a three-year starter at left guard.

"Without a doubt, the offensive line should be the strength of our team. We have four returning

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2003 Big Spring Steers

No.	Name	Pos.	Class	Wt.
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4	Mike Ornales	WR	12	170
5	J. Rich Sparks	WR	11	180
6	Anthony Fuentes	DB	12	140
7	Andy Lasater	QB	10	180
8	Jordan Cobb	DB	12	140
9	Jerry Doporto	QB	11	135
10	Jared Phillips	LB	12	205
11	Wesley Smith	DB	12	165
12	Michael Shockley	WR	12	145
14	Pete Yanez	LB	12	160
15	Alex Castillo	WR	10	135
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32	Daniel Castillo	LB	11	185
33	Abel Pesina	WR	12	160
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KBST, KBYG schedule extensive coverage of area

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

Big Spring radio stations are once again planning thorough coverage of high school football games.

The leader is KBST 1490 which will offer another year of Friday night broadcasts, as well as its weekly forecasters show and Saturday morning wrap-up sections.

"Nobody in this area covers our teams," said KBST general manager John Weeks. "We want to give our listeners the opportunity to pick their team and listen to them."

"We try to give the audience a picture, whether you are taking you radio to the game or take it to the stadium with. We want to give them a good picture of West Texas football. We want to give people a quality broadcast."

Sam Stephens, John Weeks, Tommy Walker will talk in-depth about local high school teams and offer on-the-sideline reports from

Reggie Franklin at every Big Spring High School game this fall. In all, 10 people help produce each game of the Steers' 10-game regular season.

KBST's weekly forecasting show is scheduled to tip-off the season Aug. 29. The station's two-hour wrap-up show will make its 2003 debut on Aug. 30 with Tom Ruiz and Sam Stephens conducting interviews with area coaches.

KBST's sister station, KBTS also will broadcast a full slate of high school football games, focusing on the Crossroads' six area teams, including Coahoma, Stanton, Forsan, Garden City, Sands and Grady.

Tom Ruiz and Al Patterson will be handling the play-by-play duties for KBTS this fall.

Both KBST and KBTS will be broadcasting a full slate of college and professional games this season, including games involving The University of Texas, Texas Tech, Texas A&M, Baylor, and the Dallas Cowboys and Houston

Texans.

KBYG will again offer local residents the opportunity to experience the game in Spanish. Raul Marquez and Joe Gonzales will offer play-by-play coverage of every BSHS game, beginning at 7 p.m. on Friday nights.

"About 43 percent of Big Spring in Spanish is Hispanic," said Marquez. "You have to realize that

a lot of hispanic grandparents and parents don't fully understand the English language so this is a way we can help them understand and be a part of it all. This is just a serve we provide to the community."

KBYG is one of the few radio stations in Texas to broadcast high school football games in Spanish.

Steers to play seven home games in '03

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

A little construction in Odessa is making Big Spring fans a whole lot happier in 2003.

Due to construction at Odessa's historic Ratliff Stadium, the Steers' Sept. 5 game with Odessa Permian will now be played at Memorial Stadium — a fact that will give Big Spring seven home games.

Ector County Independent School District officials informed Big Spring last week that construction

at the stadium would not be completed in time for the Panthers' to hold the game. Artificial grass — similar to that at Midland's Scharbauer Sports Complex last year — is being installed in the stadium. The field is not expected to be ready until late September.

Despite the game being played at Memorial, the Steers will still be the visiting team. The game will not count as one of the "home" games for Big Spring season ticket holders.

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Also returning to man the trenches with Miramontes and De Los Santos are tackles David Partlow and Jeff Stanley, a verastile lineman who also started

at center against Lake View last fall. The Big Spring offensive front could become even stronger later in the year if Brock Pittman is able to return from an illness that had him hospitalized through part of the Steers' pre-season drills. Pittman, the starting center at Midland Lee last year, trans-

ferred to Big Spring late last year.

J.R. Rodriguez, a 6-foot-3, 340-pound standout last fall for the junior varsity, could also work his way into the starting lineup.

Offensively, Butler said he and his coaching staff would try and help tak some of the pressure off the younger players by altering the Steers' one-back set this season to include a new tight end scheme at times.

"It will give us the opportunity to dictate the game to the defense by allowing us to be able to check away from their strengths," said Butler. "By no means are we going

to get away from what we're doing (the one-back scheme). We just want to make it harder for defense to key up on us."

Defensively, the Steers will have several new faees— mainly in he line. Big Spring will have to find a pair of capable replacements for defensive tackles Jeremy Hones and Jerod Boyd, as well as linebacker Dustyn Beauchamp. Boyd and Beachamp both signed to play next season with Sul Ross State University.

Jared Phillips, a two-year starter, will likely inherit the responsibility of playing middle linebacker this fall. Playing an outside position last fall, Phillips had 113 tackles.

Zach Angel, a late season JV call-up a year ago, should also

vie for role on the outside, as should Daniel Castillo and Brandon Hughes. Castillo saw some time at linebacking during the Steers' playoff run a year ago.

Steven Heffington and sophomore Dexter Straughter will likely get the first look at replacing Jones and Boyd at the tackle positions. Michael Parker and Tom Olague could also figure into the mix.

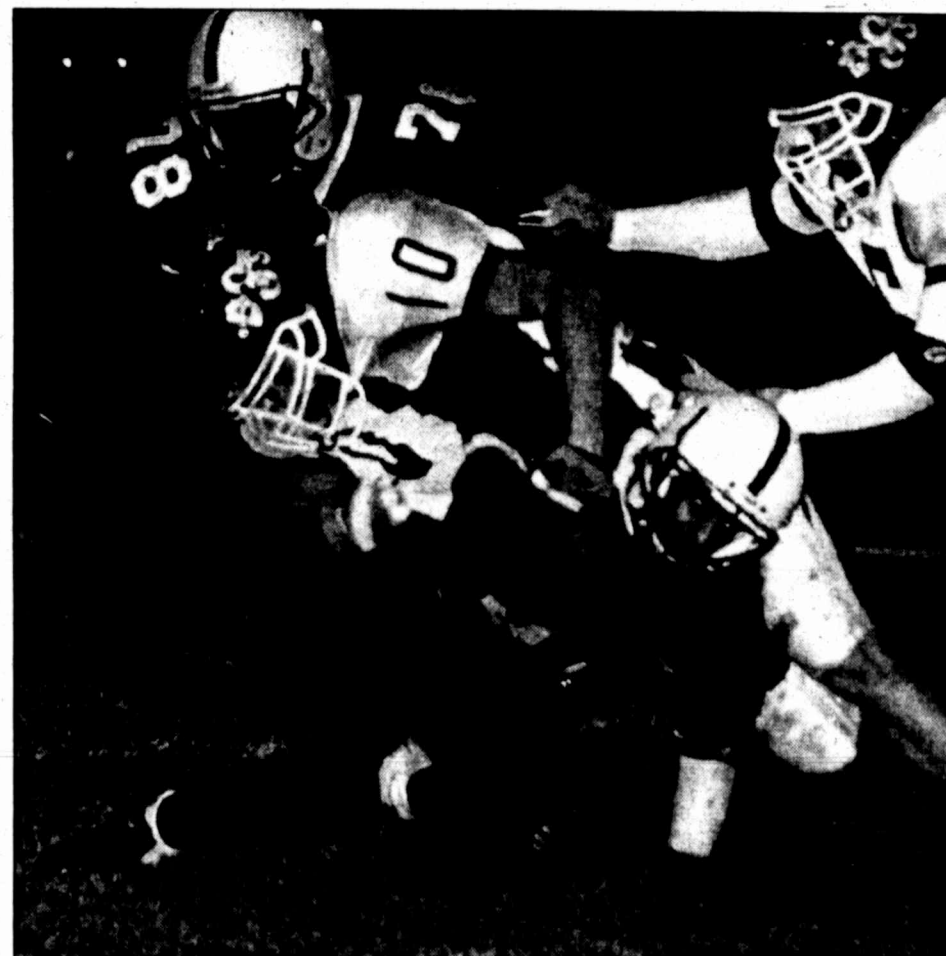
The true strength of the Steers' defense could be at defensive end and in the secondary. David Lopez, who recorded 12 sacks last year, and Jeremy Cerda both return.

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We're going to have to have a few younger players step up and fill some holes and help give the starters a break at times.

If we can do that, we could have a pretty good unit.

Dwight Butler
BSHS head coach

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Jared Phillips will lead a veteran Big Spring defense this fall. Phillips is expected to move to middle linebacker this season.

Both were honorable mention all-district selections last season.

The defensive backfield, despite the loss of sophomore sensation Shamar Myles, should be strong this year as two all-district players are set to return to the fold. Back again are Smith, who is scheduled to shift from safety to corner to fill the hole created by Myles' loss, and cornerback Jordan Cobb, who led the team in interceptions a year ago.

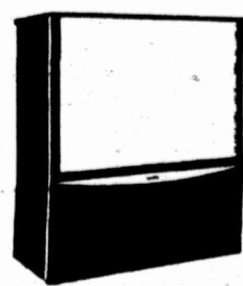
Myles, who started all 13 games last year as a sophomore, is doubtful for the year after suffering two strokes this summer due to a blood

clot on the left side of his brain. He is currently in Covenant Medical Center in a drug-induced coma.

"Defensively, we need to replace the middle three," said Butler. "We're going to have to have a few younger players step up and fill some holes and help give the starters a break at times.

"If we can do that, we could have a pretty good unit," he said.

Big Spring returns both of its kickers this year. Cobb will again handle the placekicking and kick-off duties. Ornales will serve as the team's punter.



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GETTING HIS KICKS, AMERICAN STYLE

Cobb showing he's much more than a 'futbol' star with Steers

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

As a youngster, Jordan Cobb knew all about football ... uh, maybe we had better make that more like futbol.

The fact Cobb had never played a single down of the football hasn't stopped the former Brazilian soccer standout from becoming a solid contributor in the

American game for the Big Spring Steers. It just took a little extra work — and a move from Maceio, a city in the northeast corner of Brazil.

For Cobb, the road to Steerdom was a long, winding road that began in Big Spring. After spending the first eight years of his life running through the sand of Big Spring, he received a bit of culture shock when his father, Wade Cobb, accepted a missionary position in

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Bruce Schooler
A former soccer player in South America, Jordan Cobb has taken to the American version of 'futbol' with ease. He is a starting defensive back and kicker for the Steers.

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South America. For the next five years, instead of kicking pointed footballs he learned to kick round futbols into a net on fields in San Paulo and Maceio.

American football was another world away.

"I like football," Cobb said. "When I was little I remember my dad and I would go out and throw the ball around. My dad had played in high school, so I knew what it was but I didn't realize that there were organized teams that played. It was all soccer there."

It was all soccer until he turned 13 when his family decided to return to Big Spring.

"When we came back I decided I wanted to play," he said. "I didn't know anything. I remember when I went out for the team Coach (Dwight) Butler came in and was talking to all of the freshman. He was calling out the positions and telling them which coach to go with. I didn't have a clue what he was talking about. I didn't even know who he was."

"After he had finished calling everyone out I went up to him and asked him where he wanted me to go. He asked me what position I

had played in junior high and I told him I had never played before. He looked at me and told me to go with the receivers and defensive backs."

It didn't take the Big Spring coaching staff long to get to know him — especially since he was always telling them he could kick the ball.

"I always told them I could kick," he said. "I didn't get to kick much as a freshman because Mike (Ornales) was the one who did that. They gave me a chance in one game after I had scored a touch-down, probably just to keep me quiet."

Dwight Butler
BSHS head coach

His first try at kicking an American-style football

was less than memorable, he said. "It didn't go too well," I made it, but kind of looked real goofy. It was pretty ugly."

The look didn't dishearten the BSHS coaching staff — or Cobb.

The following season, with a year of experience under his belt, Cobb went into preseason drills gunning for a spot on the Steers' junior varsity squad as a wide receiver/defensive back — and place kicker.

"During two-a-days, I told them again I could kick the ball," he said.

Butler took him at his word.

After spending just one game — the 2001 season-opener against Sweetwater, with the JV, Cobb

was summoned to the Butler's office and told he would be moving to the varsity.

"We were struggling with our kicking game and I told the coaches 'Please, somebody go find me a kicker.'" Butler said.

"One of the coaches said 'there's Cobb, he's always saying he can kick .. but he's only played soccer.'"

"I told him to go get him and we took him out on the field to watch him. His first three tries were good," so we brought him up and we've never regretted it," he said.

Cobb didn't have long to wait for his first varsity attempt. By the third week of the season, he had assumed the Steers' starting posi-

tion and was called on to kick a field goal in the closing seconds of a game at Memorial Stadium against Hereford.

He missed.

"To be honest, it wasn't fair to him," said Butler. "Here's a kid who's never played before and we had to put him in that situation. He was devastated, but it wasn't his fault."

Cobb turned the miss into motivation. Over the course of the next seven games, he converted every field goal and extra point attempt. His only other miss came in the Steers' final game of the year.

"After missing that first one, he could have quit," said Butler. "He didn't. He came back and performed beyond our wildest expectations. He showed a lot of moxie for a young man. That miss would have ruined a lot of people."

Cobb's foray into football took an added twist last year. As a junior, he continued to blossom as a kicker — and surprisingly enough as a defensive back.

"He kept telling us he could play," said Butler.

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During the summer, he participated in the 7-on-7 competition as a defensive back - doing well enough to turn more than a few heads.

"When we came in last year, I told (defensive coordinator) Jay (Kennedy) that we needed to try him. Lo and behold, he played well enough to be first-team all-district."

Cobb led the team interceptions in his first full season on the varsity.

"Kids like Jordan ruin the myth that soccer players can't play football," he said. "He was bound and determined that he was going to show us he could do it."

As for Cobb's soccer career, it came to a halt two years ago - after he had helped his Midland-based team qualify for a tournament in Florida.

"I still like soccer," he said. "I don't get to watch it that much, though. Right now, I'm having fun playing football."

For the Steers, Cobb's future is simple.

"We're not giving him back to Brazil," said Butler.



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

Jordan Cobb, who spent the first eight years of his life in Big Spring, lived in Brazil until he was 13. His father, Wade, was a missionary who served in San Paulo and Macieo.

Big Spring Steers Sub-Varsity Schedules

Junior Varsity

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Odessa	T	7 p.m.
Sept. 4	Permian	H	7 p.m.
Sept. 11	Midland High	H	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Plainview	H	5 p.m.
Sept. 25	Open		
Oct. 2	SA Central	T	7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Lake View	T	5 p.m.
Oct. 16	Frenship	H	5 p.m.
Oct. 23	Levelland	T	6 p.m.
Oct. 31	Estacado	H	4 p.m.
Nov. 6	Andrews	T	7 p.m.

Freshmen

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 28	Odessa	T	5 p.m.
Sept. 4	Permian	H	5 p.m.
Sept. 11	Andrews	T	5 p.m.
Sept. 18	Colorado City B	T	5:30 p.m.
Sept. 25	Grape Creek A	H	4:30 p.m.
Oct. 2	SA Central	H	5/7 p.m.
Oct. 9	Lake View	H	5/7 p.m.
Oct. 16	Frenship	T	4/6 p.m.
Oct. 23	Levelland	H	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 23	Colorado City B	H	5:30 p.m.
Oct. 31	Estacado	H*	4 p.m.
Nov. 1	Greenwood B	H	1 p.m.
Nov. 6	Andrews	H*	7 p.m.

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Former Big Spring star Bubba Franks dreamed of being a basketball player while in high school.

By **TOMMY WELLS**

Sports Editor

Daniel "Bubba" Franks just knew he was headed for a career in basketball after he graduated from Big Spring High School. He did, after all have the height, the desire and the drive to play basketball at college.

Basketball seemed like a no-brainer — even to him.

Then something strange happened: Football discovered the 6-foot-4, 215-pounder and the rest of his life changed dramatically.

To be sure Bubba Franks knew football as a young man growing up in Big Spring. He even suited up and dutifully endured the sear-

ing August two-a-day drills and countless hours of blocking and receiving drills. He even showed a

knack for game, being named one of the top players in the district as a junior and senior. As a senior tight end/defensive end in 1996, he even drew notice from some of the marquee names in college football — Texas, Oklahoma and Texas Tech.

Still, basketball was the season of reason for him.

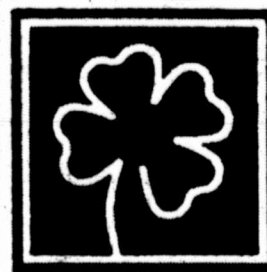
"I really thought I would wind up playing basketball," he said. "I just played football so I could get into shape for basketball season. I never really thought too much about it (football). Basketball was a big thing for me then because everyone in my family played. We were always talking basketball

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- Franks' thoughts were legitimate. He was an all-district performer as a junior as a post. Overall, he was a two-time all-district player at BSHS.

Football was just something Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler spoke about in between basketball games.

"I can remember ever since I was a freshman, Coach Butler told me I had a chance to do something special but I didn't believe him. I just blew

him off and thought about basketball."

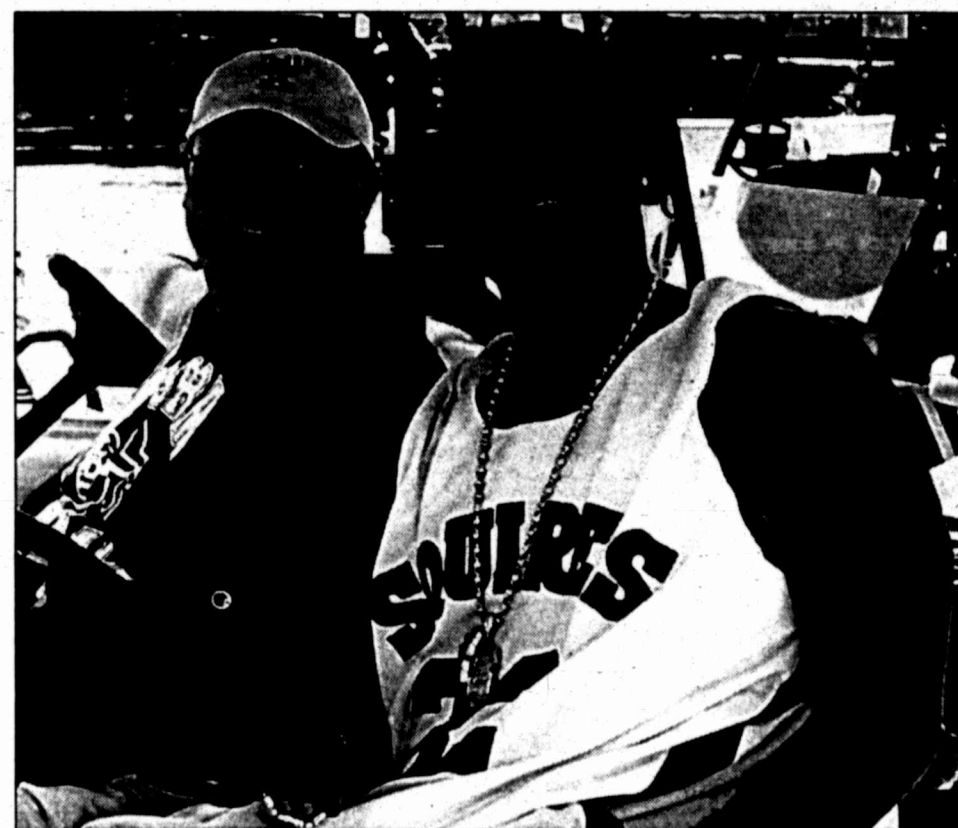
The talk turned to football at the Franks' household quite by accident. A chance viewing of a Midland High School video tape by coaches from the University of Miami resulted in an offer that turned into an All-Pro career with the Green Bay Packers of the National Football League.

"The Miami coaches were in Midland looking at some tapes of a punter when they saw me," Franks said.

"The coaches in Midland told them how to get a hold of me and they offered me a chance to come play."

"I just played football so I could get into shape for basketball season. I never really thought too much about it (football). Basketball was a big thing for me then because everyone in my family played. We were always talking basketball around the house."

Daniel "Bubba" Franks
Green Bay Packers



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells

Daniel "Bubba" Franks visited Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler during a trip "home" in July to help the Big Spring Booster Club with its annual golf tournament. Franks wants to start an event locally to help local businesses.

For Franks, the choice between Miami — then coached by Dennis Erickson — and one of the Texas schools was as simple as catching a ball. Miami, a perennial national power, offered to let Franks try his hand at tight end. The Texas schools were more interested in him as a defensive lineman.

"I wanted to play tight end, plus I liked it there," said Franks, who still lives in Miami during the off-season.

Franks did play tight end ... very well. After his junior season — and being named an All-America selection by *The Sporting News* and *Football Weekly* — with the Hurricanes, he declared himself eligible for the NFL draft and was

immediately taken in the first round — 14th pick overall — by the Packers.

By making it to the NFL, Franks became the 15th player from Big Spring to play in the professional ranks, joining the ranks of Melvin "Swede" Pitman (Pittsburgh Steelers), Bob Flowers (Green Bay Packers), Olie Cordill (Cleveland Rams), Harry Burrus (New York, Chicago and Brooklyn of the All-American Conference), Cliff Patton (Philadelphia Eagles, Chicago Cardinals), R.E. "Peppy" Blount (Chicago Bears), Billy "Chop" Van Pelt (Los Angeles Rams), Charles Johnson (St. Louis Cardinals), Houston Oilers, Denver

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Landing with Green Bay has been a match made in heaven for Franks, who gained his "Bubba" nickname early in life from his mother, Janice Banks, because it sounded like "bottle" — a word understood as a young child.

"You would be surprised at how much Green Bay is like here. It's just like Big Spring — only a little bigger," he said. "It's a small town with a football stadium built right in the middle. Everyone is really friendly and supportive of the team. I don't think you could ask for a better place to play."

Despite being a two-time All-Pro selection, Franks is determined to not forget his roots, his friends or Big Spring.

"Just because I play football doesn't mean I have to become something I'm not," he said. "I really look forward to coming back

as often as possible because it keeps me grounded. I don't think it would be fair to myself to forget where I came from.

"I love coming here and seeing my friend and going to talk to the students at the school. If I can talk to them and offer a little help with my experiences, that makes the whole thing worthwhile for me. No matter where I go, this will always be my home," he added.

Making 'home' a better place is something Franks hopes to do in the near future.

During a July visit to Big Spring to help support the Big Spring High School Booster Club's annual golf tournament, he expressed plans to establish a football camp for area youngsters and, possibly, stage a celebrity bowling event locally.

"I'm in the process of setting up the Bubba Franks Foundation," he said. "Once I'm done with that, I'd like to try and come back and set up a camp or and bowling event."

"I'd like to try and help the economy here by bringing in some of my friends and getting people to come here every year."

And what of his basketball career?

"I'm into a different type of ball. I go bowling whenever I can," he said.

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nephew, Gabriel Mendoza, was a quarterback with the Steers.

"Times have changed," he said. "The kids today are bigger, faster and stronger, and the parents are more behind their children to play. Looking back at history, things have improved for every-

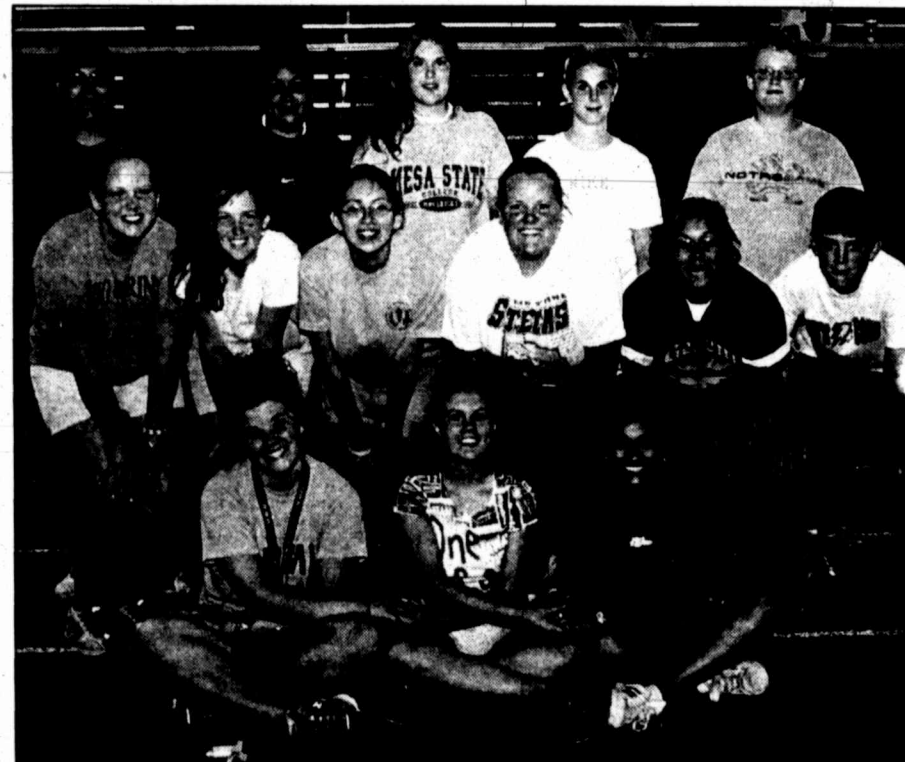
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"When I was young, you didn't see a Mexican-American playing golf, now you do. Times have changed."

The one thing that has remained constant is his love for the game.

"I've always loved football," he said. "Even know, when I go to the field and smell the grass and feel the cooler air coming, I get that

2003 BSHS trainers



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Members of the 2003 Big Spring High School athletic trainers' staff include (bottom row, left to right) Leighanna Wingo, Ashleigh Gentry, Vanessa Sanchez, (middle row) Angela Banks, Melody McDaniel, Natalie Nava, Melissa Strain, Toni Gonzales, Jessie Berry, (top row) Manual Gonzales, Marissa De Le Santos, Alyssa Mattson, Meagan Hughes and Brady Phillips.

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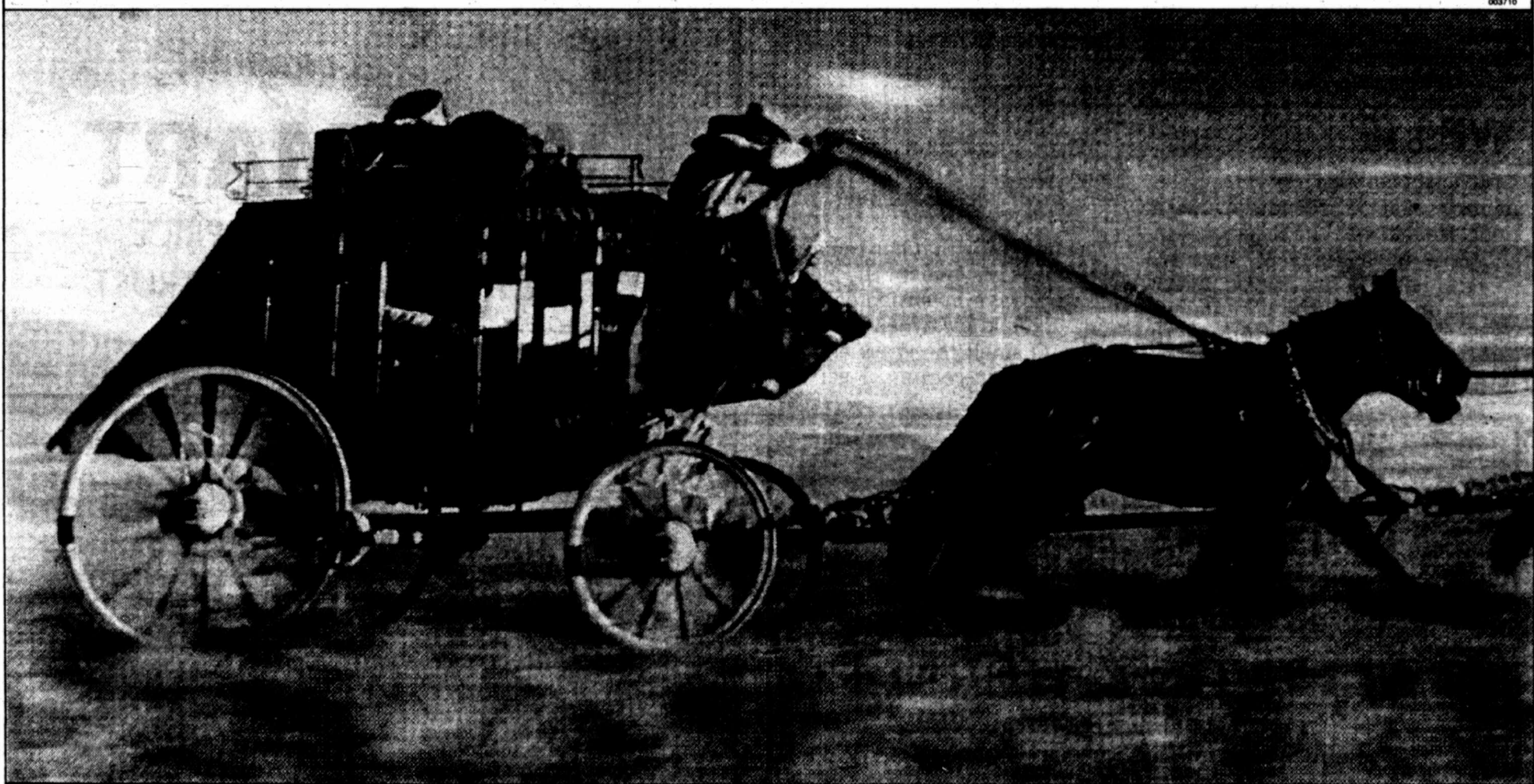


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The Big Spring Lady Steers are hoping to ride a strong lineup to another deep playoff run this season. The Lady Steers return three all-state performers from last year's squad that advanced to the regional semifinals.

A year after a turbulent playoff run, the Lady Steers want to ...

Just win, baby

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Success breeds success. And high expectations. If you need proof of the latter, you need look no farther than the Big Spring Lady Steers.

Success is the aura surrounding the Big Spring Lady Steers as they head into the 2003 high school volleyball season. Rarely have the expectations been higher for the Lady Steers who, despite off-court distractions, marched to their first 20-win season in more than two decades and garnered a berth in the Class 4A regional semifinals less than a year ago.

The expectations haven't been lost on anyone. LaKenya Wrightsil knows the bar has been raised. So, too, does Ka'Rissa Magers, Lindsay Phillips and Leina Braxton — and almost everyone on the planet including new head coach Revis Ward-Daggett, a former NCAA Division I Coach of the Year at the University of Texas at El Paso.

To be sure, most feel this is indeed the "Year of the Lady Steers."

"I don't know really the nuts and bolts of the other teams in the district, so I can't say much about that, but I think we can be extremely

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There's no doubt in my mind that we have the talent to do something special if the girls gel.

Revis Ward-Daggett
BSHS head coach

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competitive with whatever team we line up against, whether that be one of the teams in our district or anyone else," said Ward-Daggett. "Our goal is to make the playoffs. We have the talent to do that if we come together as a team. There's no doubt in my mind that we have the talent to do something special if the girls gel."

The Lady Steers' talent level has Daggett more than impressed.

"When we decided to come here, I had heard the team had some talented girls coming back," said Ward-Daggett, who takes over the BSHS

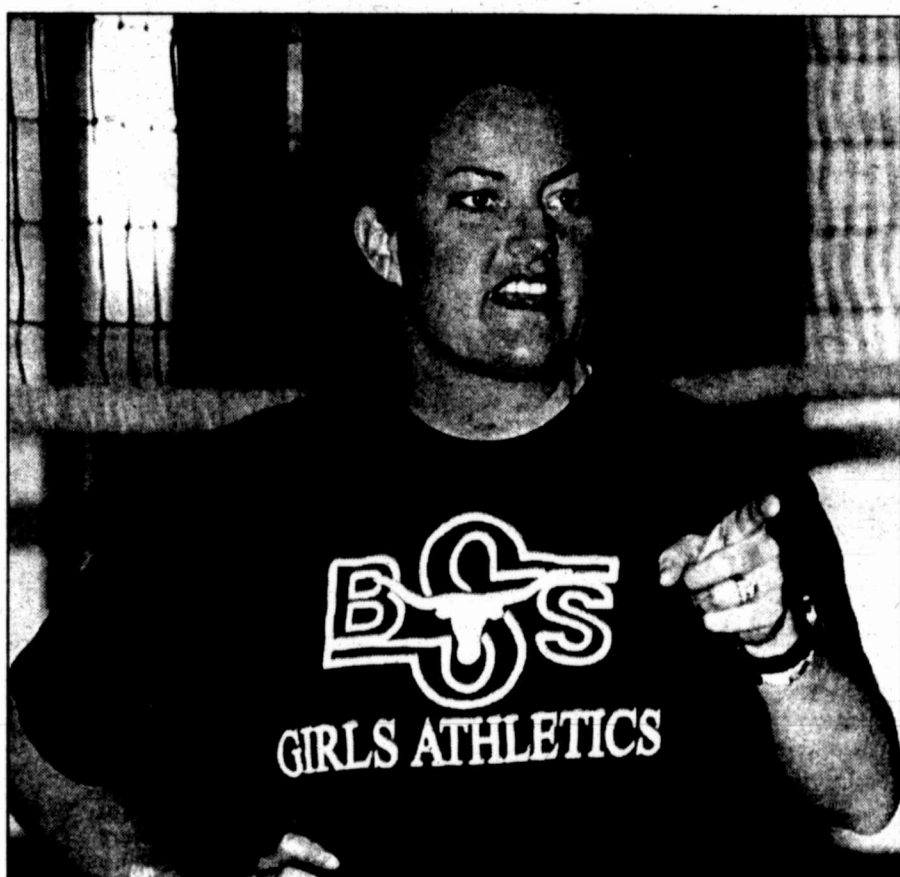
program from Traci Pierce, who accepted a post with Class 3A Rice Consolidated. "You always hear those type of things, but you don't really let yourself believe it until you actually get there and see it for yourself. Last week, one of the parents asked me what I thought and I told them 'They're much better than I even dreamed they would be.' We have some very athletic and experienced players who have already been through the fire."

Past successes and talent, won't keep the Lady Steers from making several major changes, however. Ward-Daggett said the squad would be adapting to several lineup changes in an effort to make the team less one-dimensional.

"We're going to play a much faster-paced game," said Ward-Daggett. "We're going to be huge in ball control which means we're going to have to be better than good defensively. We can't just touch the ball, we've got to set the ball and pass it well because when we don't pass or set it the way we need to, you become more one-dimensional in that it is easy for a team to tell where the ball is going."

"Rather than just have the girls pound the ball," said Ward-Daggett, "we're going to see them pound the ball."

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Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

Former Division I college coach Revis Ward-Daggett hopes to keep the Lady Steers pointed in the right direction.

Former UTEP coach happy to be 'plugged in' at BSHS

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Revis Ward-Daggett was happy living in the Tulsa-area, away from the limelight of Division I college volleyball. The idea of chasing a child was more appealing than globe-trotting.

Two years removed from being the Western Athletic Conference Coach of the Year at

UT-El Paso, Ward-Daggett was content to be a high school volleyball coach, and to be at home with her young son, Cole.

"I loved coaching college volleyball, but I love being a mom more," said Ward-Daggett. "I

absolutely adore being a mother and I found it (volleyball) was taking too much time. That's when I decided it was time to get away."

That decision was also the beginning of a cycle that would land the former standout at Fort Davis High School in Big Spring

as the coach of one of West Texas' top prep squads.

After resigning at Texas-El Paso, she and her hus-

band, Lea, relocated to the Tulsa area where they soon settled in — she as the head volleyball coach at Grace Fellowship Christian School.

It was a place she seemed des-

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"I loved coaching college volleyball, but I love being a mom more."

Revis Ward-Daggett
BSHS head coach

LADY STEERS

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ball, we're going to try and put the ball where the defense isn't by using our heads, ball control and quickness."

The ball control offense will also require the team to adapt to a 5-1 base set, meaning the majority of BSHS defenders will be fielding more digs in the backcourt.

That's not to say the Lady Steers don't have power. In fact, nothing could be farther from the truth. Should Big Spring need to pound the ball, the team sports four players, including Wrightsil, Magers, Braxton and newcomer Shannon Higgins, capable of hammering the ball home.

Magers, an honorable mention all-state selection last season, will likely be a major factor in the Lady Steers' attack. She's already made an impression on Ward-Daggett.

"She's got the ability to feel and get to the block," she said. "She's

the first hitter I've ever had (at college or high school level) that I have agreed to let attack with both hands. She hits the ball well with either hand. I have a lot of confidence in her ability to get the ball down."

Braxton and Wrightsil will add even more firepower to a potent Lady Steers front as the middle hitters. Both Braxton and Wrightsil were honorable mention all-staters a year ago.

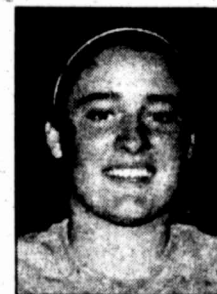
"Because they are very seasoned and athletic, they're going to be important for us. They're going to be passing the ball more for us and thereby making us less one-dimensional.

"They give us Option 1 if they pass and Option 2 if they don't," she said.

Running the floor show will again be Phillips. The Big Spring senior was a the District 4-4A Outstanding Setter selection last season.

"Her work ethic is amazing,"

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LADY STEERS

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said the coach. "She's adapted very well to the 5-1 system in practice. She sets the ball very well from the back row."

Also back to help pace the Lady Steers this season is Timmie Blackshear, a solid server and the team's defensive specialist.

Higgins will get the starting nod on the right side. The BSHS standout gained the starting job with an impressive pre-season performance.

Ward-Daggett, who played on the Fort Davis Indians' 1980 state championship squad, was especially high on varsity newcomer Carmen Lewis' defensive abilities. Lewis, Higgins and Blackshear could see plenty of time defensively.

"Carmen's extremely athletic," said Ward-Daggett, who coached at a private school in the Tulsa, Okla. area last year. "She doesn't let a ball fall if it's within 100 yards of her. She just finds a way to get to it."

Big Spring will have plenty of talent — and size — off the bench, including Kendall Adams and Brenn Swinney. Both could see plenty of playing time this year. Adams will likely be the team's first setter off the bench, while Swinney could play at a variety of spots.

"She (Swinney) is very versatile," said Ward-Daggett. "She's a

real bonus for us because she can play anywhere we need her."

Junior Alex Watkins, Kristen Choate and Stefani Scott also could see time this fall as Big Spring begins gunning for its first district championship since the days of former Olympian Rose Magers.

Big Spring, surprisingly enough, could be the odds-on favorite to win the District 4-4A crown. The team's wealth of returning starters and talented bench appears to be the head and shoulders above the rest of the district, including Andrews which has won the past three loop titles.

The Lady Mustangs, who entered the playoffs rated No. 10 in the state last year, will be adjusting to a bevy of new starters and a new coach this fall. Longtime Andrews head coach Penny Bane retired at the end of last season to enter administration duties with the school district. Hollie Smith Nitsche takes over a team that lost four starters, including 4-4A most valuable player Karli Bane.

San Angelo Lake View, the third-place team in the district race a year ago, returns the bulk of last year's team. Back to lead the Maidens will be Ashley Painter, the district Outstanding Server a year ago, and last season's Newcomer of the Year honoree Jolynn Levinski.

Levelland, like Andrews, will be adjusting to a new coach as Eddie Knight left to take over Kermit.



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UIL unleashes major changes on Texas volleyball landscape

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

There is one thing for certain as the 2003 Texas high school volleyball season gets under way: This isn't your mother's game.

In fact, it isn't even close to the game the University Interscholastic League brought to Texas in 1967. Gone is the offensive-team-only-can-score framework. Gone is the first-to-15 mindset.

In moves aimed at making the sport more intense, the UIL approved sweeping changes for volleyball in Texas beginning this season. In is rally scoring, the let serve and the best-of-5 format in which teams compete to score 25 points in a game. By adopting the changes, the UIL is matching the move by the National Federation of High School's changes.

The biggest changes fans will see is the introduction of rally scoring, in which a point can be scored by either team, regardless of who holds service. Under the old system, only the team serving the ball could score.

In addition to rally scoring, teams will now play to 25. The first team to score 25 wins. Teams still must win by two, meaning a game could be forced to score 30 at times to win.

The other big change involves playing a best-of-5 format. Varsity and junior varsity teams will now have to win at least

2003 scoring changes

Varsity

- Matches will be best-of-5, with games to 25 points and no cap
- The fifth game, if needed, will be played to 15, with no cap
- Let serve is allowed
- Each team is allowed two timeouts per game

Sub Varsity

- Matches will be best-of-5, with games to 25 and a cap at 30
- The fifth game will be to 15, with a cap at 20
- Let serve is allowed
- Each team is allowed two timeouts per game
- By mutual consent, matches could be played best-of-3 to 25 (cap at 30), with the third game played to 25 (cap at 30). If one school wants to play a best-of-5 format, then that format must be used

Junior High

- Matches will be best-of-3 to 25 (cap at 30)
- Third game will be played to 25 (cap at 30)
- Let serve is allowed
- Each team gets two timeouts per game
- By mutual consent, seventh and eighth grade teams may play the third game of a match even if one team has won the first two games, provided a player does not play in more than two games. Any student who has not played in the first two games must be allowed to participate in the entire third game.

Tournaments

- Pool play must consist of two rally scored games to 15 (cap at 20)
- Pool-play games start at 0-0
- Bracket play will use appropriate format based on level of play
- However, varsity and sub-varsity tournaments can choose to play best-of-3 matches for bracket play on the discretion of the tournament director. If this format is used, each game will be played to 25 with a cap at 30, with the third game to 25 (cap at 30).

three games in order to claim a win. Under the old system, teams had to win two of three.

Junior high teams, if both sides agree, can be played in a best-of-3 format with the stipulation that any student who did not play in the first two sets must play the entire final frame.



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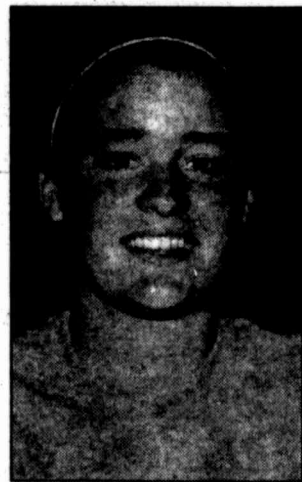
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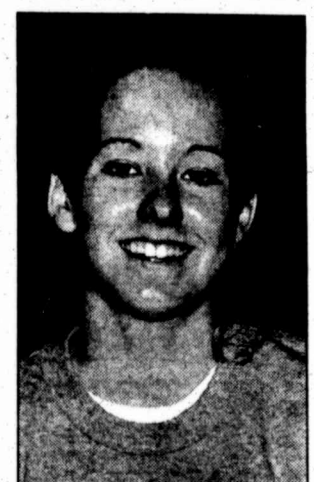
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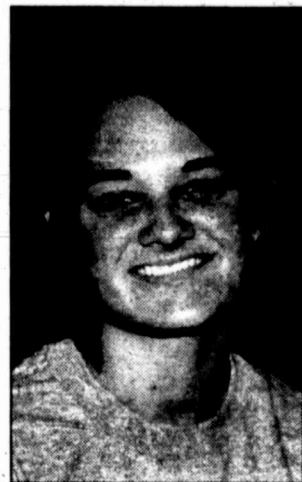
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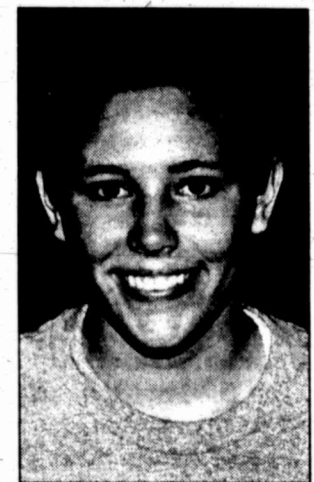
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FAST FACTS

NICKNAME

Bulldogs

DISTRICT

3-2A

COACH

Robert Wood, 4th year

LAST YEAR

2-8, 1-4 in district.

THE

SKINNY

STRENGTH

Experience

After enduring an injury-riddled 2002 season, the Bulldogs should be stronger as they were forced to play numerous young players last fall.

WEAKNESS

Depth

Like most smaller schools, the Bulldogs will face a shortage of depth in numbers.

BIGGEST GAME

vs. Seagraves on Oct. 10

The Bulldogs' first district game could be one of their more important outings. With Crane and Colorado City both returning a lot from playoff teams, a win over Seagraves could put CHS in good position for the loop's last playoff spot.

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
A29	Reagan Co.	T	7:30 p.m.
S5	Jim Ned	H	7:30 p.m.
S12	Wall	T	8 p.m.
S19	Ozona*	H	7:30 p.m.
S26	McCamey	T	7:30 p.m.
O3	Open		
O10	Seagraves	H	7:30 p.m.
O17	Colo. City	T	7:30 p.m.
O24	Forsan	H	7:30 p.m.
O31	Stanton	T	7:30 p.m.
N7	Crane	H	7:30 p.m.

*-Homecoming



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

The Coahoma Bulldogs are hoping a new spread offense and a healthier team will mean they can erase the memories of last season's 2-8 campaign. The Bulldogs, under head coach Robert Wood, open their 2003 season on the road Friday night with a bout against Reagan County.

With health and a new offense, Bulldogs hope to return to form

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

The Coahoma Bulldogs could have been the poster child for Murphy's Law last season. Mainly because everything that could go wrong did.

Everything from the loss of running back Kelby Kemper in Week 6, to inopportune turnovers in key situations; to a youth-laden roster caused Coahoma to struggle to an overall record of 2-8 — 1-4 mark in District 3-2A — only one season after capturing the team's first district championship in 29 years.

Bulldog faithful should be able to take solace in the fact that what doesn't kill you tends to make you stronger.

With that in mind, Coahoma head coach Robert Wood is hoping a healthy team and the introduction of a new, one-back offensive set will see

Coahoma return to form this season and make the school's second playoff trip in three years.

Wood is banking on the return of Kemper and senior quarterback Sam Tindol will give the Bulldogs plenty of bark offensively. Both Kemper and Tindol possess 4.6 speed in the 40 and should to greatly bolster the "Big Red" offense's chances.

"I'm really proud of those two," said Wood. "They have stepped up and really took to the leadership roles that were left to them. They



TINDOL

both worked hard during the off-season, coming in and lifting and just overall setting a good example for the rest of the team."

The return of Kemper, who rushed for more than 500 yards

before being sidelined for the year See COAHOMA on Page 7



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Crane, Colorado City favored in 3-2A race

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Whichever team that wants to win the District 3-2A title knows one thing for sure: The road runs through Crane and Colorado City.

Crane, despite losing head coach Alan Cherry to Bay City, is the coaches' preseason favorite to win the 3-2A crown again. The Cranes bring back six offensive and five defensive starters from a team that went 12-2 and advanced to the Class 2A, Division II quarterfinals.

Colorado City, which doesn't return the sheer numbers as Crane, should vie for the No. 2 spot, according to a poll of coaches. The Wolves bring back two of the district's top rushers in senior Jacobie Russell and sophomore Kenneth Scott, the 3-2A Newcomer of the Year last fall.

Seagraves, the district's third-place playoff representative a year ago is expected to battle Stanton for the third berth this year. Coahoma and Forsan were picked fifth and sixth, respectively.

Seagraves brings back the bulk of its defense this year. Among the seven starters slated to return are linebackers Jose Bueno and Kyle Wilson.

The Eagles barely qualified for the playoffs a year ago. Only a win over Forsan in Week 10 enabled them to clinch a playoff

berth.

Stanton, which struggled to a dismal 1-9 record last year, was picked to be much stronger this fall. The Buffaloes, the 1997 Class 2A state champions, return eight starters on the offensive side of the ball, including promising quarterback Victor Hernandez and running back Tanner Riley.

Rebuilding the offensive line may be the Buffaloes' biggest chore now that Lance Kargl has taken his game to the University of Houston.

The darkhorse in the District 3-2A race may well be the Coahoma Bulldogs. The team struggled through an injury-plagued 2002 season and finished a disappointing 2-8.

Coahoma head coach Robert Wood welcomes back a boatload of talented underclassmen. In all, six offensive and eight defensive starters return, including running back Kelby Kemper.

"I don't put much faith in preseason polls or even polls in the regular season," said Wood, who is entering his fifth year at the helm of the Coahoma program. "Everything has to be decided on the field."

Forsan, which came within a game of reaching the playoffs last fall, was picked to finish in the 3-2A cellar this fall. New Buffalo head coach Tommy Thompson will be trying to rebuild after being hit hard by graduation when the Buffs lost their top three running backs.

COAHOMA

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with a hip injury, and Tindol is just part of the renewed excitement surrounding the Bulldog program. The two are just a part of 12 returning letterman, including nine from a stingy defensive unit.

Coahoma lost only three starters to graduation on the defensive side of the ball.

"The defense should be solid for us this year," Wood said. "We have eight starters returning for us plus we have a lot more depth this year than last. That should help some, too"

One of the strongest points of Coahoma's defense will be the defensive secondary where Clint Walker, Tindol and Kemper all return. While those three try to cover up the passing game, Lance Robbins and Adrian Abrego will likely be manning the linebacker roles.

The defensive line should also be a strong point this fall. The

Bulldogs welcome back two strong performers at defensive tackle in 6-foot-3, 315-pound senior Sam Sevey and 5-foot-11, 235-pound junior Andrew Brown. Dusty Martin, Zach Phillips and Clay Grant are expected to join Sevey and Brown on the line.

Offensively, the Bulldogs are just as solid.

In fact, the biggest question this year for Wood and his staff is how quickly the team can adjust to the new spread offense.

"I am excited about the enthusi-

asm being shown by the boys," Woods said. "They have really bought into it. We have a long way to go but I see improvement each week and that's all I can really ask out of them."

Tindol will run the offense again this year after guiding the team through last season. Adrian Abrego, who also spent considerable time at quarterback a year ago, also returns.

Kemper, a preseason all-state candidate, will carry the bulk of the load of the Bulldogs' ground game. Korley Bennett and Clay Grant also will contribute heavily to this year's offensive productivity as running backs. Bennett served as the team's main rusher after Kemper went down a year ago.

Sevey and Brown will pave the way for Coahoma on the offensive line. Sevey was second team all-district last year for the Bulldogs and is expected to be even more dominant this year.

Despite the wealth of talent returning, Wood doesn't foresee an easy roll

through the District 3-2A race. A playoff berth, he said, would depend on his team's ability to make its own breaks.

"Crane and Colorado City look to be above everyone else in the district," he said. "But if we can stay healthy we should be able to challenge for a spot. You sort of make your own breaks when it comes down to it."

Coahoma opens its 2003 season on Aug. 29 against the Reagan County Owls.



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Buffaloes

DISTRICT

3-2A

COACH

Tommy Thompson, 1st year

LAST YEAR

4-6, 2-3 in district. Buffaloes went into final game needing only a win over Seagraves to qualify for playoffs.

THE SKINNY

STRENGTH

Quarterback

When it comes to quarterbacks, Josh Helmstetler is one of the Crossroads' brightest young stars.

WEAKNESS

Experience at RB

Forsan heads into the year hoping to find a pair of capable replacements for graduated seniors Wes Longorio and Billy Acosta.

BIGGEST GAME

at Coahoma on Oct. 24

The annual Howard County War is always a big game. Maybe even more so this year. A win over the Bulldogs could be instrumental in a Forsan playoff run.

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N7	Colo. City	T	7:30 p.m.

*Homecoming



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

The Forsan Buffaloes will be trying to reload on the run this season under new head coach Tommy Thompson. The Buffaloes, who nearly made the playoffs last fall, must replace most of their offensive and defensive backfields.

Rebuilding Buffaloes could still make run at postseason berth

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

At first glance, the Forsan Buffaloes' 2003 season looks a lot like a hillbilly wedding — the bride is ugly and the best man ran away.

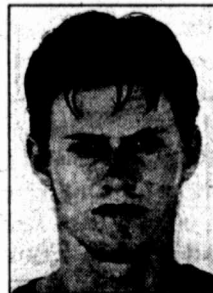
Okay, so maybe things aren't that bad in Forsan. In fact, despite seeing his team miss the playoffs by the narrowest of margin a year ago and seeing his best rusher ride off into the sunset at graduation, Buffaloes head coach Tommy Thompson doesn't think his team is that far away from puckering up to a trophy.

"I'm excited about this season," said Thompson, who served as an assistant under former Forsan head coach Steve Park for five years. "If we can get a few more numbers out we could be in pretty good shape. We have a lot of experience coming back. Barring any major injuries, I think we can be competitive in our district."



HELMSTETLER

Being competitive in District 3-2A would be a major feather in the Buffaloes cap — especially since the district will feature at least three teams — Crane, Colorado City and Coahoma — that are capable of winning the league championship. Should Forsan manage to knock any of the three favorites and take care of busi-



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ness against the other two, a playoff spot may not be out of the question.

The Buffaloes will get plenty of opportunities to battle test their playoff hopes in non-district. Forsan is scheduled to face a Who's Who list of West Texas powers in its first five games, meeting Iraan and Roscoe right off the bat.

Those games, Thompson said, can only help a young team trying to gain its varsity legs.

"It'll be a great test for us to play teams of that caliber," he said. "They

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should be a good gauge for us to tell where we are as a team going into district play. You aren't going to get better as a team unless you play good teams."

Before Iraan and Roscoe, a n d before the first kick-off, Thompson will have to find a replacement for all-world running

back Wes Longorio, who graduated in May after turning in a stellar high school career. As a senior, he rushed for more than 900 yards and helped the Buffs finish the year at 4-6 — a deceiving record considering four of Forsan's losses came to state ranked teams. Despite the early season bumps, the Buffaloes won two of their first four district games and went into the regular season finale against Seagraves a win shy of a postseason berth.

Finding a replacement for Longorio will be the first step toward taking the team — which last won a district championship on 1986 and last made the playoffs in 1998 — to the next level.

"It's not going to be easy to replace Wes," said Thompson. "He was a special athlete, but I think we have the talent to do that. We've got some good young athletes coming back that could step up for us."

Adam Johnson, a hard-running back with good speed, may be just the person to fill Longorio's shoes. Thompson said the sophomore sensation had performed well during two-a-days and could be the Buffaloes' starting tailback. Sophomore Justin Forshee could also see time at tailback.

Cory Reyna will likely nab the starting fullback role, replacing Billy Acosta, who also graduated

last May.

The one thing Thompson won't have to worry about is finding a quality quarterback to pull the trigger on the FHS offense. Senior Josh Helmstetler will return as the Buffs' signal-caller again this year. The strong-armed passer had a breakout season last fall, throwing

"Barring any major injuries, I think we can be competitive in our district."

Tommy Thompson
Forsan head coach

for more than 600 yards before a broken hand sidelined him offensively for the final four games of the year. Helmstetler will operate behind a solid offensive line that features four returning lettermen, including center Codee Barraza. Also returning up front are tackle Micah Harrison, guard Brent Wood and tackle Jeremy Bedwell.

Ben Braman and Trey Paradez are battling for the starting nod at wingback, while John Martinez will likely open the year at tight end.

Should Helmstetler need to take the FHS offense to the air, he'll have two speedy receivers to aim at in Brandon Bursleson and Johnathan Wright.

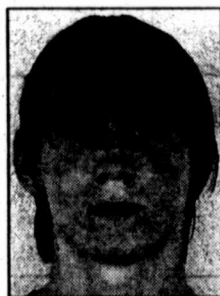
"Brandon and Johnathan give us speed and good hands at their receiver positions," said Thompson.

Defensively, Thompson may face an even harder time getting the Buffs ready for the playoff marriage. Forsan returns just four starters from last season's squad — and only one of those — Helmstetler — is in the secondary. And even he will be playing a new position.

"Josh (Helmstetler) will have to move back and take Wes' spot at safety so we can try and stabilize a young secondary," said Thompson.

Helmstetler's move, according to Thompson, would make it even more important for Mitch Hooper and Cody Baerza to step up and make plays defensively.

Barazza and Bedwell will key the defensive line.



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BARAZZA

2003 Crossroads Composite Schedule

Aug. 28 Big Spring JV/Frosh at Odessa, 5 p.m. Reagan Co. at Coahoma JV/Frosh, 6 p.m. Roscoe JV at Stanton, 6:30 p.m. Ropes JV at Sands, 6 p.m. Iraan at Forsan JV, 6:30 p.m.	Aug. 30 Odessa at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Coahoma at Reagan Co., 7:30 p.m. Stanton at Roscoe, 8 p.m. Sands at Ropes, 7:30 p.m. Forsan at Iraan, 7:30 p.m. Garden City at Sterling City, 8 p.m. Water Valley at Westbrook, 7:30 p.m.	Sept. 4 Odessa Permian at Big Spring, 5 p.m. Coahoma JV at Jim Ned, 6 p.m. Jim Ned at Coahoma JH, 5 p.m. Stanton at Reagan Co. 6:30 p.m. Sands JV at Wellman-Union, 6 p.m. Garden City JV at Forsan, 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 5 Odessa Permian at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Wellman-Union at Sands, 7:30 p.m. Ropes at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Reagan Co. at Stanton, 8 p.m. Jim Ned at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Forsan at Garden City, 8 p.m. Westbrook at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.	Sept. 11 Midland High at Big Spring JV, 5 p.m. Big Spring freshmen at Andrews, 5 p.m. Andrews at Big Spring JH 8, 4 p.m. Big Spring JH 7 at Andrews, 4 p.m. Forsan JV at Roscoe, 6:30 p.m. Westbrook JH at Blackwell, 6 p.m. Wall at Coahoma JV, 6 p.m. Coahoma JH at Wall, 5 p.m. Stanton JV at Garden City, 6:30 p.m. Stanton JH at Midland Chr./Rankin, 5 p.m.	Sept. 12 Hereford at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Coahoma at Wall, 8 p.m. Stanton at Rankin, 8 p.m. Garden City at Robert Lee, 8 p.m. Forsan at Roscoe, 7:30 p.m. Grady at Wellman-Union, 7:30 p.m. Sanderson at Sands, 7:30 p.m.	Sept. 18 Plainview at Big Spring JV, 5 p.m. Big Spring frosh at Colorado City, 5:30 p.m. Grape Creek at Big Spring JH, 5 p.m. Coahoma JV at Ozona, 6 p.m. Ozona at Coahoma JH, 5 p.m. Stanton JV at Iraan, 6:30 p.m. Iraan at Stanton JH, 5 p.m. Westbrook, Open. Forsan JV at Sonora, 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 19 Big Spring at Plainview, 7:30 p.m. Ozona at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Iraan at Stanton, 8 p.m. Irion Co. at Garden City, 8 p.m. Sonora at Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Buena Vista at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Sands at Balmorhea, 7:30 p.m.	Sept. 25 Grape Creek at Big Spring frosh, 4:30 p.m. Big Spring JH at Snyder, 5 p.m. Snyder at Big Spring JH, 5 p.m. McCamey at Coahoma JV, 5 p.m. Coahoma JH at McCamey, 5 p.m. Ozona at Stanton JV, 6:30 p.m. Stanton JH at Ozona, 5 p.m. Sands at Westbrook JH Rankin at Forsan JV, 6:30 p.m.	Sept. 26 Coahoma at McCamey, 7:30 p.m. Stanton at Ozona, 8 p.m. Garden City at Midland Trinity, 7:30 p.m. Westbrook at Sands, 7:30 p.m. Grady at Highland, 7:30 p.m. Forsan at Rankin, 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 2 Big Spring JV at Central, 7 p.m. Central at Big Spring frosh, 5 p.m. Frenship at Big Spring JH, 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 3 Central at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Garden City vs. Rocksprings at Ozona, 7:30 p.m. Westbrook at Grady, 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 9 Big Spring JV at Lake View, 5 p.m. Lake View at Big Spring frosh, 5 p.m. Big Spring JH at Merkel, 5 p.m. Coahoma JV at Seagraves, 6 p.m. Coahoma JH at Seagraves, 5 p.m. Stanton JV at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m. Trent at Westbrook, 6 p.m. Forsan at Crane, 6 p.m.	Oct. 10 Lake View at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Seagraves at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Colorado City at Stanton, 7:30 p.m. Garden City, Open Westbrook at Hermleigh, 7:30 p.m. Crane at Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Dawson at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Sands at Loop, 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 14 Frenship at Big Spring, 4:30 p.m.	Oct. 16 Frenship at Big Spring JV, 5 p.m. Big Spring frosh at Frenship, 4 p.m. Big Spring JH at Frenship, 4:30 p.m. Colorado City at Coahoma JV, 6 p.m. Coahoma JH at Colorado City, 5 p.m. Forsan at Stanton JV, 6 p.m. Stanton JH at Forsan, 5 p.m. Westbrook JH at Ira, 6 p.m.	Oct. 17 Big Spring at Frenship, 7:30 p.m. Coahoma at Colorado City, 7:30 p.m. Stanton at Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Garden City at Wink, 7:30 p.m. Grady at Loop, 7:30 p.m. Borden Co. at Sands, 7:30 p.m. Ira at Westbrook, 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 21 Levelland at Big Spring JH, 4 p.m.	Oct. 23 Big Spring JV at Levelland, 6 p.m. Colorado City at Big Spring frosh, 5:30 p.m. Big Spring JH at Levelland, 4 p.m. Coahoma JV at Forsan, 6 p.m. Forsan JH at Coahoma, 5 p.m. Stanton JH at Crane, 6 p.m. Crane at Stanton JH, 5 p.m. Highland at Westbrook, 6 p.m.	Oct. 24 Levelland at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Forsan at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Crane at Stanton, 7:30 p.m. Rankin at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Westbrook at Highland, 6 p.m. Sands at Grady, 7:30 p.m.	Oct. 30 Big Spring at Estacado, 7:30 p.m. Stanton JV at Coahoma, 6 p.m. Coahoma JH at Stanton, 5 p.m. Westbrook JH at Loraine, 6 p.m. Forsan JV at Seagraves, 6 p.m.	Oct. 31 Estacado at Big Spring JV, 4 p.m. Estacado at Big Spring frosh, 4 p.m. Stanton at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Seagraves at Forsan, 7:30 p.m. Garden City at McCamey, 7:30 p.m. Loraine at Westbrook, 7:30 p.m. Kicndike at Grady, 7:30 p.m. Dawson at Sands, 7:30 p.m.	Nov. 1 Greenwood at Big Spring frosh, 1 p.m. Greenwood at Big Spring JH, 10 a.m. Big Spring JH at Greenwood, 10 a.m.	Nov. 6 Big Spring JV at Andrews, 7 p.m. Andrews at Big Spring frosh, 7 p.m. Big Spring JH at Andrews, 4 p.m. Andrews at Big Spring JH, 4 p.m. Coahoma JV at Crane, 6 p.m. Crane at Coahoma JH, 5 p.m. Seagraves at Stanton JV, 6 p.m. Stanton JH at Seagraves, 5 p.m. Colorado City at Forsan JV, 7 p.m.	Nov. 7 Andrews at Big Spring, 7:30 p.m. Crane at Coahoma, 7:30 p.m. Stanton at Seagraves, 7:30 p.m. Iraan at Garden City, 7:30 p.m. Westbrook at Trent, 7:30 p.m. Grady at Borden Co., 7:30 p.m. Sands at Klondike, 7:30 p.m.
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FAST FACTS

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Buffaloes

DISTRICT

3-2A

COACH

Lee McCown, 1st year

LAST YEAR

1-9, 0-5 in district. Stanton finished at 1-9 last fall.

THE SKINNY STRENGTH

Experience

The Buffaloes return a bevy of young talent on both sides of the line. Offensively, Stanton brings back eight starters from last year's squad, including its entire backfield. Defensively, six starters return.

WEAKNESS

Offensive line

Stanton returns only four starters return up front from last year's squad.

BIGGEST GAME

vs. Colorado City on Oct. 10

Stanton will be able to gauge its improvement early in the district race by hosting Colorado City in Week 1.

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
A29	Reagan Co.	T	7:30 p.m.
S5	Jim Ned	H	7:30 p.m.
S12	Wall	T	8 p.m.
S19	Ozona*	H	7:30 p.m.
S26	McCamey	T	7:30 p.m.
O3	Open		
O10	Seagraves	H	7:30 p.m.
O17	Colo. City	T	7:30 p.m.
O24	Forsan	H	7:30 p.m.
O31	Stanton	T	7:30 p.m.
N7	Crane	H	7:30 p.m.

*-Homecoming



Herald Photo/Thomas Jenkins

The Stanton Buffaloes will try and return to winning form with their second head coach in as many years. Former Stanton assistant Lee McCown takes over the Buffalo helm from Larry Tate who retired following last year's 1-9 campaign. Stanton returns a majority of its offensive players this fall.

New coach has Buffaloes looking to make move upward this season

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

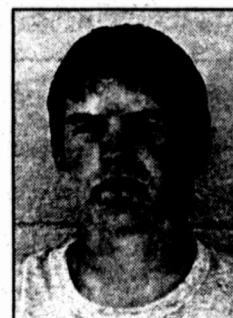
Football, as Harry Potter would say, is like a box of Bertie Bott's Every Flavor candy, you never really know what it's going to be until it's too late.

For the Stanton Buffaloes, last year turned out to be something less than they had hoped. Worse than ear wax.

In Stanton, that something was less than acceptable. So, in the off-season, the Buffaloes decided to take a path less traveled by handing Lee McCown his first head coaching post with the intent of bring a higher level of excitement and exuberance to a team that was once one of the



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marquee names in Texas' Class 2A ranks.

"I'm pleased with the way things have gone," said McCown, who took the reins of the Stanton program when Larry Tate retired to East Texas during the offseason. "I don't think we're missing anything (talent-

wise) here, we just haven't had things go our way the last two years. The young men have worked hard.

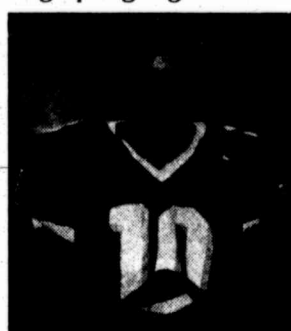
"We're looking to improve every week and get Stanton back on the winning side," he said.

Improving and moving up shouldn't be that hard for Stanton — which has gone 1-0 and 2-8 in each of the last two years — especially with the wealth of battle-tested talent the Buffaloes have returning. In all, McCown brings back seven starters on the offensive side of the line of scrimmage this season.

That experience should also help the Buffalo offense show dramatic improvement over last fall. Stanton

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Michael Shockley



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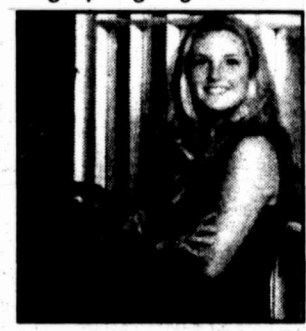


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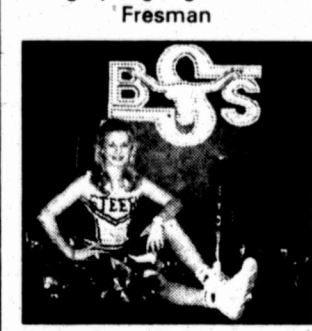
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Lauren - Keep reaching for the stars and always believe in yourself. We are very proud of you!

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 averaged less than 7 points a night in 2002.

"We're definitely going to have to improve there if we want to reach our goal," McCown said.

Leading Stanton's efforts to end a three-year playoff drought will be quarterback Victor Hernandez, a strong-armed 6-foot, 155-pounder who showed flashes of stardom last season. Hernandez, despite spending most of his time



ANDERSON

the Buffs to a non-district victory over Rankin.

Hernandez won't have to carry the SHS offense on his own, however. Returning to join him in the backfield will be tailback Tanner Riley, a fleet-footed runner, and senior fullback Eric Hernandez, a 5-foot-11, 215-pound bruiser capable of opening huge holes in defensive fronts.

Junior Bobby Decker and sophomore Sloan Kelly are also expected to compete for playing time at the fullback position.

The Stanton offensive line, despite losing all-world standout Lance Kargl to the University of Houston, should be solid this fall. Blake Anderson, a 6-foot-7, 325-pound guard that could be the Crossroads' next Division I lineman, returns for his senior season. He will be joined in the trenches by juniors Alex Shafer and Dex Allredd to form one of

the bigger offensive fronts in West Texas. Shafer enters the year at 6-foot and 275 pounds. Allred is 5-foot-11 and 190 pounds.

Newcomers Henry Armendariz and Kirk Canada are expected to

mer standout at Robert Lee. "But we think Daniel and Darryl will be able to fill those roles for us."

Defensively, Stanton looks to be just as veteran-laden. The Buffs welcome back six starters from last year's defensive unit that ranked among the best in the area.

Shafer and Anderson will show their versatility as they will start at the defensive tackle positions. Senior Luis Chapa will anchor one of the defensive end

positions while Kelly could open at the other.

Allred and Eric Hernandez will once again anchor the Buffaloes' line-backer corps while Victor Hernandez returns for another stint at safety.

Despite Stanton's 0-5 effort in district play last fall, McCown said the Buffs' goal is simple: to be competitive in district and make a run at the playoffs.

"We are hoping to have a winning season and battle for one of the three playoff spots this year," McCown said "This district is tough from top to bottom. I would think right now Crane and Colorado City are the favorites. The final spot is up for grabs between Coahoma, Forsan, Seagraves ... and us."

"We're looking to improve every week and get Stanton back on the winning side."

Lee McCown
 Stanton head coach

make huge contributions as well. Armendariz will likely open the year at center while Canada will play guard.

The Buffaloes will be in a total rebuilding mode at the wideout positions. Seniors Daniel Harris and Darryl



McCOWN

Williams are expected to step forward and fill those holes.

"We used a lot of two tight end sets last year so the experience level at the wideout position is a little thin," said McCown, a for-

Julie Cadenhead
 Big Spring High School
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 Forsan High School



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Dauids and Goliaths ...

The following is a look at the enrollment numbers for area teams and their respective districts according to the UIL for the 2002-2003 year.

District 4-4A

Frenship*	1,478
Lake View	1,319
Estacado	1,208
Big Spring***	1,127
Andrews**	963
Levelland	921

District 3-2A

Colorado City**	316
Crane*	315
Coahoma	275
Stanton	249
Forsan	191
Seagraves***	187

District 3-3A

Snyder	778
Sweetwater*	714
Lamesa***	705
Seminole**	635
Merkel	448
Denver City	419

District 7-1A

McCamey**	158
Iraan*	151
Rankin	107
Garden City	106
Wink***	100

District 5 6-man

Ackerly Sands*	72
Grady***	71
Lamesa Klondike	56
Gail Borden Co**	55
Welch Dawson	48
Loop	38

District 8 6-man

Roscoe Highland**	67
Ira*	57
Loraine	57
Westbrook***	53
Trent	51
Hermleigh	33

* = District champion in 2002.
 ** = District runner-up
 *** = Third place team

Stats courtesy the University Interscholastic League website.

Brandon Herrera
 Big Spring High School



Good Luck!

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John Marino
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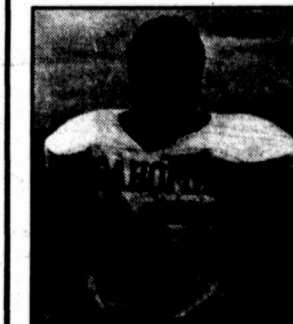
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FAST FACTS

NICKNAME

Bearkats

DISTRICT

7-1A

COACH

Ken Hoskins, 1st year

LAST YEAR

1-9, 0-4 in district. The Bearkats lost their last nine games under former coach Wade Wesley. Their only win came in Week 1 against Sterling City, 7-6.

THE SKINNY

STRENGTH

Experience

At one of the smallest Class A schools, new head coach Ken Hoskins will have 15 returning starters, including eight on the defensive side of the ball.

WEAKNESS

Depth

The Bearkats, despite the influx of players from a successful junior high program, will be short of depth again.

BIGGEST GAME

vs. Sterling City on Aug. 29
The Bearkats can set a positive tone for the upcoming year with a strong outing in their season opener.

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
A29	Sterling City	T	8
S5	Forsan	H	8
S12	Robert Lee	T	8
S19	Irion County	H	8
S26	Midland Trinity	T	7:30
O3	Rocksprings	Ozona	7:30
O10	Open		
O17	Wink	T	7:30
O24	Rankin	H	7:30
O31	McCamey	T	7:30
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Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

The Garden City Bearkats will try and rebound from a tough 1-9 campaign in 2002 under new head coach Ken Hoskins. The Bearkats opened two-a-day practices with 33 players.

Bearkats ready to put memories of tough '02 season behind them

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Last season, the Garden City Bearkats felt a lot like a Mississippi riverboat gambler on a bad streak.

They just couldn't find an ace — or any winning combination for that matter — as they struggled through a 1-9 campaign that was marred with nine straight losses, including a winless journey through the District 7-1A field.

The hand they've been dealt this season looks a lot better. While not promising miracles, new head coach Ken Hoskins thinks his team can, and will play a lot better this year as a result of a new wide-open offense and a new outlook.

"The kids have worked extremely hard and have a very positive attitude toward what we have to do," said Hoskins, who took over the Bearkats' helm in July when former coach Wade Wesley accepted an

administrative position at Petrolia. "We've got some talented kids here."

He's also got a ton of returning lettermen to work with as he tries to right the Bearkat football program. Garden City, which opened two-a-day practices with 33 players, returns seven offensive and six defensive starters, including tight end Blake Chudej — the school's entire male senior class.

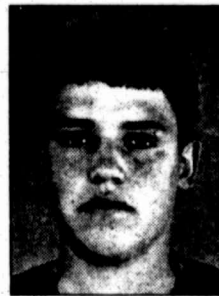
Leading the Bearkat offense this fall will be quarterback Colby Hirt. The 5-foot-9, 140-pound junior, will be looked upon to step in and fill the shoes of former GCHS standout Brian Hilger, the team's top offensive weapon a season ago.

Hilger accounted for more than 1,000 all-purpose yards a year ago and was the driving force behind the Bearkats' lone win — a 7-6 thriller over rival Sterling City in the 2003 season opener.

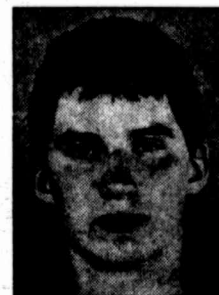
Hirt won't be asked to engineer the Bearkat offense all by himself. Running backs Trey Hilger and Robert Lopez will be relied upon heavily to help spark the Bearkats' new

multiple set offense — which is designed to take advantage of the team's speed by forcing defenses to face Wing and one-back shotgun formations.

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Todd Weishuhn, an all-district performer last fall, also returns. The 5-foot-11, 155-pounder is scheduled to start as a receiver. Travis Coats, a speedy junior, could also start as a wide receiver.



COATS



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HILGER



MULTER

Up front, Hirt will have the core of his offensive line returning this season. Junior Tim Schniers and sophomore Cory Multer both return as does Chudej — a huge 6-foot-5 target — at tight end.

Hoskins indicated newcomers Dusty Walker, Garrett Kellermeier and Grant Schwartz could also see time on the line.

Defensively, the Bearkats will be built around a solid underclassman squad. Of the six starters returning on the defensive side of the ball, five are juniors.

"We've got some guys back, but they're still



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

Ken Hoskins, who guided Whitharral to the 2001 state championship, takes over the Bearkats this fall.

pretty young," said Hoskins, who guided Whitharral High School to five straight playoff appearances and to the state six-man football title in 2001.



LOPEZ

key the linebacking corps. Lopez and Weishuhn will both return to the field as defensive backs, while Wade Machicek, a 6-foot-2, 180-pound junior, will anchor the line.

Garden City could leap into six-man ranks next season

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Garden City Bearkats could be part of a huge group of Texas schools making the leap into the six-man football ranks next season.

According to various sources throughout the state, more than 10 teams could jump from 11-man to six-man next season due to falling enrollment numbers. Currently, teams with less than 99 students are eligible to participate in six-man.

The move to six-man wouldn't upset new Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins in the least. He guided the Whitharral Panthers to the state championship in 2001.

"When I agreed to come here, they told me there was a chance we could go six-man next year," said Hoskins, who led Texas to a 64-14 win over the Nationals in

the All Americas Bowl in July at Memorial Stadium. "I told them that was fine by me. With the talent we have here, in two years time Garden City could be a state power."




The All Americas Bowl is an international six-man all-star football game featuring players from the U.S., Canada, Australia and Norway.

By shifting to the six-man ranks, Garden City would be moving into schools with enrollments similar to its own. The Bearkats could have as few as 95 students next year. Rankin, Robert Lee and Wink could also follow suit.

Several East Texas schools, such as Ladonia, have already said they would be moving into the six-man ranks beginning next year — a move that would swell the state's smallest football classification to more than 110 members.

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FAST FACTS

NICKNAME

Mustangs

DISTRICT

5-Six-Man

COACH

Larry Reid, 2nd year

LAST YEAR

12-2, 5-0 in district. Lost in state semifinals to Sanderson.

THE SKINNY STRENGTH

Tradition

The Mustangs know how — and expect — to win every time they take to the field. Sands is one of the winningest teams in the state since 1990.

WEAKNESS

Experience

The Mustangs will be hard-pressed to replace the five senior starters that graduated in May. Coach Reid will be forced to turn to several underclassmen to fill key roles this fall.

BIGGEST GAME

at Grady on Oct. 24

This game, in all likelihood, will be a do-or-die situation for one of the two teams. Grady returns a veteran-laden squad that suffered a 45-point rule loss to the Mustangs a year ago.

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
A29	Ropes	T	7:30
S5	Wellman	H	7:30
S12	Sanderson	H	7:30
S19	Balmorhea	T	7:30
S26	Westbrook	T	7:30
O3	Open		
O10	Loop	T	7:30
O17	Borden Co.	H	7:30
O24	Grady	T	7:30
O31	Dawson	H	7:30
N7	Klondike	T	7:30



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The Sands Mustang will try and return to the playoffs for a seventh straight year this fall with a much younger lineup. Sands returns just one starter from last year's 12-2 state semifinalist squad.

Mustangs look to make another run

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

A year ago, the Sands Mustangs entered the season as one of the elite six-man teams in the state sporting a lineup that would have made most armies blush.

This season, Sands head coach Larry Reid probably considered handing out pacifiers instead of helmets and pads. To say the least, the Mustangs are young — real, real young ... and still the odds-on favorite to claim a playoff berth.

Reid, who guided the Mustangs to the state semifinals last fall, returned just one starter — Brandon Woods — from last year's 12-2 squad. Gone are three six-man all-American picks in quarterback Jeremy Renteria, Heath Webb and Nate Looney.

If you had just one starter to build around, Woods isn't a bad choice. He was one of the state's top receivers and tacklers last fall.

Woods will likely play a much larger role in the Mustangs' efforts this fall as he moves into the backfield as the team's starting tailback — a position he played some last fall. At running back, he will give Reid a true double threat as he caught 29 passes for 633 yards and 14 touchdowns.

Another returnee for Sands is Julian Mojica, the team's kicker last fall. He converted 51-of-75 PAT attempts a year ago and also served as the team's backup center. Mojica is also expected to start as an end.

Marcelo Barraza will likely step in as the new quarterback for the

Mustangs, while Cevan Smithson and Brady Timmins could see time as a rusher. Jose Briseno will likely be one of Sands' main receivers.

Defensively, the Mustangs' 3-2 offense will be centered around Woods, a six-man preseason all-

American selection. He racked up more than 70 tackles a year ago.

Reid indicated Sands, which has made the playoffs six straight years, could open the year with five starters who were on the SHS junior varsity a year ago.

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FAST FACTS

NICKNAME

Wildcats

DISTRICT

5-Six-Man

COACH

Carl Krug, 2nd year

LAST YEAR

7-3, 3-2 in district. Wildcats finished third in the district race last season.

THE SKINNY STRENGTH

Experience

Grady returns one of the most-experienced teams in the district this fall, bringing back four starters on both sides of the ball. Back to lead the show is junior running back Andrew Villa. The addition of several players from the Grady JV will also help.

WEAKNESS

Tradition

Being in one of one of the state's toughest districts year-in and year-out has been tough on the Wildcats. Grady has not qualified for the playoffs since 1997.

BIGGEST GAME

at Highland on Sept. 26
Grady will be able to test itself against one of the state's up-and-coming teams just before the start of district.

THE SCHEDULE

Date	Opponent	Place	Time
S5	Ropes	H	7:30
S12	Wellman-Union	T	7:30
S19	Buena Vista*	H	7:30
S26	Highland	T	7:30
O3	Westbrook	T	7:30
O10	Dawson	H	7:30
O17	Loop	T	7:30
O24	Sands	H	7:30
O31	Klondike	H	7:30
N7	Borden Co.	T	7:30

*Homecoming

'Cats poised to end playoff drought

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

For the past five years the Grady Wildcats have had to play second fiddle to the likes of the Sands Mustangs and Borden County Coyotes. That string may never reach six.

Grady, which battled its way to third place in the District 5-A six-man race last fall, expects nothing less than a playoff trip this November — especially since they return the bulk of a squad that narrowly missed the postseason party last fall. The Wildcats return four starters on each side of the ball from a senior-laden team that finished 7-3 overall.

Second-year head coach Carl Krug will have plenty of offensive weapons at his disposal this fall, including junior running back Andrew Villa and quarterback Trent May — one of seven seniors on the roster.

Villa, a 5-foot-7 140-pound standout, exploded on the scene last fall, rolled up more than 1,400 all-purpose yards when an injury sidelined star spreadback Eric Tunnell for a much of the year. For the year, the speedy back rushed for 939 yards and nine touchdowns and passed for 520 yards.

With Villa sparking the offense, Grady averaged more than 350 yards a game in 2002. May blossomed into a solid performer last fall, running the Wildcats' offense in the tight formation. A three-year letterman, he threw for 652 yards

and 15 TDs as a junior. Adam Cantu, one of the fastest players on the field, will likely draw the starting running back job.

May will have a veteran cast of receivers coming back as ends Brent Madison and Jason Pribyla and center Kendall Cook all return. Pribyla is one of the district's top returning pass catchers, racking up 307 yards and 8 scores a year ago.

Defensively, Grady should be just as solid as Villa, a pre-season all-state candidate, comes back to headline a stingy unit. As a sophomore, he led the team in tackles with 111 stops.

Kendall Cook, a second-team all-district pick last year, will anchor the Grady defensive line again. Last season, he racked up 57 tackles and teamed with May to form one of the best tandems in West Texas.

Junior Ben Hirth, the only junior projected to start on the GHS defense, will be the other end, while Madison and Cantu man the safety positions.

Should Grady manage to upend either Sands or Borden County this season, the Wildcats could find themselves in position to make school history in November — by winning a playoff game in football. The Wildcats' only postseason wins have been on the basketball court in 2002 and 2001.



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COACH

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... until a chance meeting with Big Spring's Robin Ritchey at a Sun Country Regional Volleyball Club game. After a game, the two began to talk about volleyball, life and ... the Lady Steers' search for a new coach.

"We got to talking after one game and they told me they needed a coach. I told them to talk to Lea (then the AD at Grace Christian). I kind of thought nothing would really happen. They did and one thing just led to another."

The deal-clincher came weeks later when Ward-Daggett interviewed with Big Spring Athletic Director Dwight Butler and BSHS

Principal Mike Ritchey.

"I knew this was the place for us when I interviewed with them," she said. "I really liked what they had to say and how they approached the kids and job. I'm a big believer in God having a purpose for people and it just seemed like a perfect fit."

Ward-Daggett's volleyball career began in 1980 when she helped lead Fort Davis to the state championship. After graduation, she moved to the Tulsa area and enrolled in college at Oral Roberts University. In 1991, she restarted the ORU volleyball program from scratch.

That first season proved to be tough. ORU, which had dropped the program several years earlier because of financial considera-

tions, battled its way to a 2-29 record.

"We were just getting started," she said. "We probably were an average high school team playing at the college level."

The next season didn't get much better. ORU improved to 3-28 — but did manage to sign a legitimate college setter and middle hitter.

Oral Roberts hit stride in her third year, going 20-13. The following year, the team went 23-8 and nearly qualified for the NCAA tournament.

ORU went prime time in 1995, posting a 30-3 record and advancing to within one game of the NCAA Final Four. ORU upset three nationally-ranked squads en route to gaining a spot in the West

Regional finals against defending national champion Stanford.

In 1998, she accepted an assistant coaching position at the University of Oregon. One year later, she was named the head coach at UTEP.

Ward-Daggett spent three years with the Lady Miners before stepping down.

"It was hard on us as a family," she said. "I enjoyed coaching but I enjoyed being with my family more. I want to go somewhere we could become a part of the community and put some roots down."

"I don't miss the college game one iota," she said. "We're finally going to get to be plugged into a community."

Lea also joined the BSHS coaching circle. He is the new Lady Steers' softball coach.

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