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BRIEFLY

Key Club fund-raiser

Big Spring High School Key Club members are raising money to fund their trip to the annual Key Club convention.

For the next two weeks, members will be selling carnations at the high school during lunch on Tuesday and Thursday. Also, they will be selling candles until Jan. 28 at the high school.

Anyone who wants to contribute may send checks made payable to the Big Spring Key Club to Big Spring High School, 707 11th Place 79720.

In an unrelated drive, the members are accepting donations for the Ronald McDonald House.

THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: Long before the stock car engines roar and the rubber hits the pavement, Joe Garone and his team of officials are up making sure every NASCAR race is run by the rule book. To ensure the safety and fairness of the race, they keep their eyes on the cars, drivers, track, and weather conditions until the checked flag is waved.

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District 31 Senate seat candidate Sparks drops out of March primary

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

After pulling in a third-place finish in the recent Senate District 31 special election, Don Sparks, R-Midland, announced he will drop out of the March primaries.

Sparks thanked his supporters in a press release issued Tuesday and said he believes his departure



SPARKS

from the race is in the best interest of the people of District 31.

"My wife Gwyn and I want to thank our friends and supporters who worked tirelessly in my senate campaign to represent the

people of District 31," said Sparks. "Our family is humbled by the support I received from the voters throughout the district, but more importantly, those from Midland who knew us best.

"I apologize for not being able to deliver a win to you. With that

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Classified section becomes more reader friendly today!

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Readers of the Big Spring Herald classified advertisements will see quite a change when they open today's paper, as the section has undergone a "facelift."

Formerly a nine-column format, the classified ads will be much easier to read in its new

six-column format, said Herald Publisher

Susanne Reed.

"The old nine-column format was very narrow and used a smaller font size," she said. "The new six-column format uses a larger font, so it's much easier to read. Also, the columns aren't as narrow.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Bauer Magnet Elementary School fourth graders Reba Smith, left, and Sassy Farmer read announcements for the school's morning report during the extended-day program's video class while school aide Kelley Howell tapes the show. Each day, all Bauer classes watch the five-minute student presentation. The program is recorded during the afternoon.

Narcotics task force important for Big Spring, police chief says

By BILL MCCLELLAN News Editor

Participation in the West Texas Narcotics Task Force is a bargain for Big Spring. That's the message the community's police chief conveyed to the city council Tuesday night.

"You figure that to do this without the task force would cost the city \$150,000," said Big Spring Police Chief Lonnie Smith. "It's much, much more feasible for us to work narcotics investigations through a task force."

Though the council had already approved participation in the task force on second reading earlier in the meeting, Smith had been asked to make a presentation to the group. He came prepared. Armed with facts and figures, the chief made a compelling case for sticking with the multi-county narcotics fighting team.

To participate, the city will be liable for half the cost of an officer's salary. In this case, that amounts to \$23,565 for two officers, including benefits.

As Smith pointed out, howev-

er, the task force provides two vehicles and maintenance on them and other equipment including portable radios, cell phone, pager, training and travel expense.

He said the city also benefits by having access to specialized equipment used in surveil-

"It's much, much more feasible for us to work narcotics investigations through a task force."



Chief Lonnie Smith

lance, personal protection, audio and video equipment, informant expense funds, narcotic buy money and the assistance of undercover agents.

"Our officers' primary responsibility is this area, and I've made that clear to the task force," said Smith. "They will,

of course, assist outside of our area — Howard, Martin and Glasscock counties — but their primary responsibility will be in those counties."

Other counties involved in the task force are Pecos, Ward, Crane, Upton, Midland and Ector. The population of the entire area is approximately 312,029 people.

Smith noted that the West Texas Narcotics Task Force initiated 330 cases in 2001-2002 and made 174 arrests, seized 16 vehicles and \$38,335 in currency and \$1,870,566 in drugs while also holding 13 educational programs. For 2002-2003, the task force initiated 280 cases, made 255 arrests, seized 12 vehicles and \$33,884 in currency and \$1,867,976 in drugs while holding 15 educational programs.

During the past six months, the group has investigated 188 cases, making 75 arrests, seizing four vehicles and \$68,740 in cash and held nine educational programs.

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Bid to oust Moore exec is derailed

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

A Big Spring candidate running for state representative in District 85 almost lost his job Tuesday.

A motion to terminate Kent Sharp as Moore Development for Big Spring's executive director failed for a lack of a majority after board members met in executive session to discuss Sharp's decision to run for state office.

The vote resulted in a 2-2 deadlock with board members Tommy Churchwell and Ben Bancroft voting for Sharp's termination and board President Duane Thomas and member Terry Hansen voting against. Board member Charles Myers was absent.

Churchwell said he made the motion because of concerns about Sharp's ability to be effective in the job, facing the time-consuming effort of campaigning for the state position.

"I look at Moore Development like it's my business," Churchwell said. "If I have someone who I have hired to run my business and all of a sudden

"I felt like Kent wanted to be in politics more than he wanted his job."



Tommy Churchwell

they are not going to be at my business to run it, then I feel like I would get somebody else to run my business.

"I don't wish Kent any ill

will," Churchwell continued. "It's strictly business with me. I feel like we've got a job to do and it's going to take eight hours, nine hours every day from now on."

Hansen said it was premature to make this type of decision.

"Mr. Sharp has pledged to us that he is not going to campaign on work time," Hansen said. "He actually cannot do that. We had some very in-depth and frank discussions with Mr. Sharp. I just felt like it was premature to make a decision of this nature at this time."

Hansen said the issue sparked some calls from the community, weighing in on both sides of the issue.

"There are some people who are very supportive of this and others who had questions," Hansen said.

Public opinion didn't sway the decision to raise the issue, Churchwell said.

"Public perception is something I don't use to make decision," he said. "I

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Cost-share funds available to area farmers, ranchers

Special to the HERALD

Funds are now available for farmers and ranchers to develop and improve irrigation practices on their land.

Senate Bill 503 Water Quality Program allows Howard County producers to sign up for cost-share on irrigation practices in 2004. The deadline to register is Feb. 14.

The funds are primarily used to develop and improve irrigation practices. However, they are also used to ensure that proper nutrient and pest management practices are

applied to enable agriculture operations to meet water and quality standards.

Suitable practices to meet those standards include drip irrigation or converting an existing irrigation system to a more efficient system. The advantage of participating in this program is that if a farmer or rancher develops and maintains a site-specific water quality management program plan through the local Howard Soil and Water Conservation District and the plan is certified by the Texas State Soil and Water Conservation Board, the producer will be in compliance with state water quality law.

They are also exempt from other state regulatory processes regarding nonpoint source discharge of pollutants.

A water quality management plan includes appropriate land treatment practices, production practices, management measures and technologies of any combination to achieve a level of pollution prevention or abatement.

For more information, contact the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District before Feb. 14 at 267-1871 ext. 1 or come by the USDA Service Center at 302 W. Interstate 20, Suite 101.

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Obituaries

Weldon Wallace Madewell



Weldon Wallace Madewell, 78, of Madewell, born Aug. 29, 1925, in Argyle to Allen and Myrtle (Meece) Madewell, died Jan. 26, 2004, in Amarillo.

A memorial service for Mr. Madewell will be held at 2 p.m., Thursday, Jan. 29, 2004, at San Jacinto Baptist Church, with Dr. Stan Coffee, officiating. Interment will follow at a later date.

Mr. Madewell married Allien Rose Cahoon on Sept. 15, 1948, in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. He has been a resident of Amarillo for many years. He was the owner of Amarillo Refrigeration and Quality Printing. He also worked at Pantex from 1960 to 1966. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army. He was a longtime member of San Jacinto Baptist Church.

His survivors include his wife Allien of the home; one son, Kenneth Madewell of Amarillo; one brother, Arthur Madewell of Big Spring; one sister, Almeta Lea of Denton; one son-in-law, Denny Phillips of Rowlett; five grandchildren, Rick Phillips, Ross Phillips, Katie Phillips, Theresa Madewell and Kendra Garreau; seven great-grandchildren, Justin, Austin, Taylor, Thomas, Little Ross, Dallas and Madelyn.

Mr. Madewell was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Carroldien Phillips.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Home of Amarillo.

Paid obituary

Take note

□ **A FUND HAS BEEN** established at the First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, to help with the medical expenses of 30-year-old Misty McCullum Wilson, who was diagnosed with cancer more than two months ago. Wilson, who went to Coahoma High School before moving to Lubbock, requires radiation treatments expected to cost \$10,000 per visit.

□ **SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH**, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

□ **THE CLASS OF 1974** is looking for the following classmates. If you know where they are please notify Carol Boyd at 432-263-0486 or e-mail Guy Teague at gntea@ddraytech.net. Kim Adams, Stanley Adams, Steve Adams, Terry Allison, Beverly Anderson, Jim Archer, Albert Arriols, Teresa Atkinson, Shirley Atwell, Vicki Axelrod, Blaz Bailon, Diane Baldock, Jackie Barber, Debra Barksdale, Joyce Bennett, Sherri Bertan, Terry Billingsley, John Bowers, Richard Brackeen, Donna Brewer, Kathy Bull, Sherry Burgess, Mary Burke, Greg Burris, Carla Carter, Cindy Cole, Paula Collins, Michael Conley, Karen Conley Melendez, Linda Curtis, Janice Danford, Cynthia D'Angelo, Pam Daniels, Kay Davis, Lorraine Davis, Jimmy Dean, Donna DeFlicht, Joyce DeFlicht, Rosalinda Deleon, Cynthia Dennis, Wendell Dodson, James Dry, Pam Eisler, Dodie Evans, Cathy Ewing, Martha Eyssen, Steve Ferrell, Sandra Floyd, Ramon Franco, Sheri Fry, Karen Fuller, Mary Gainus, Victor Garcia, Lonnie Gary, Raul Garza, Ricky Gilliland, Sandra Gleason, Susan Gleason Williams, Belinda Gomez, Evelyn Gomez, Anna Maria Gonzales, Garland Green, Janis Gregg, Sarah Haas, Donna Hale, Sue Harris, Terry Harris, June Hendrick Rhea, Adolpho Herrera, Cynthia Herron, Mitzi Hill, Tracy Hill, Babbette Huckaba, Debra Hurrington, Robert Jackson, Phil Johnson, Patricia Jordan, Calvin Juneke, Virginia Keathley, Matthew King, Patricia King, Kathy Kirksey, Ruth Knight, John Kushaney, Jeff Kuykendall, Barbara Landreth, Karen Lawler, John Lipscombe, Wayne Lister, Barry Loyd, Art Mackie, Rebecca Marin, Jerry Martin, Virginia Martinez, Beckie Mason, Susie McGuire, Mark McLeod, Walter McWhiter, Frances Meade, Patsy Medina, Henry Menchaca, Maria Mendoza, William Messenger, Jeff Miller, Ethel Minter, Barbara Morris, Paula Muskovin, Ronald Myrick, Marilyn Neill, Billy Nugent, Eva Palacios, Phil Parmenter, Vicki Patterson, Lana Perry Bruington, Iris Phillips, Randal Phillips, Cindy Phillips, Barbara Pierce, Carletta Pierce Roberts, Debra Pineda, Cherri Polanco, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Jackie Richards, Linda Richardson, Earl Richart, Daniel Rivera, Bennett Robb, Patti Robertson, Vicki Robertson Martin, James Robinson, Johnny Rodriguez, Jerry Rogers, Martha Rogers, Danny Rountree, Mary Rubio Fierro, Priscilla Rudd Horn, Esperanza Salazar, Irene Saldivar, Carol Scott, Patrice Sherrill Fivash, Rita Sherril Yeats, Terri Sledge, Doug Smith, Rickey Smith, Dennis Stevens, Harlan Stewart, Leatreca Stewart, Linda Stewart, Sharon Thorp, Sheryl Tibbs Allen, Carolyn Toaz, Tiburico Trevino, Alice Trevino Hernandez, Robbie Tubb, Joyce Turner, Sarah Vigil, Ken Walton, Joe Watson, Debra Way, Randy Weaver, Debbie Wheeler, Cindy Whitaker Jorgenson, Gary White, Kenneth Wilcox, Jimmy Wiley, Julie Williams, Kenneth Williamson, Monte Wood.

Police blotter

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

- **COLBY WARD**, 21, of 1504 Lincoln, was arrested Tuesday on a charge of driving while license suspended.
- **LUIS RAMOS**, 39, of 2911 W. Highway 80, was arrested Tuesday on seven local traffic warrants.
- **TIMOTHY ROCKWELL**, 24, of 1405 E. 19th Street, was arrested Wednesday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1600 block of 16th Street.
- **ASSAULT** was reported:
 - in the 2600 block of Fairchild.
 - in the 100 block of Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported:
 - in the 100 block of Gregg Street.
 - in the 1900 block of Highway 87.

Sheriff's report

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

- **ROCKY ALLAN AUTRY**, 20, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on warrants for motion to revoke probation, robbery; for driving while license suspended/invalid; and for unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **EDDIE JOE ALVARADO**, 30, was arrested Monday on a county warrant for resisting/evading arrest and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice with the intent to give false information.
- **BRANDI ANN HUTCHESON**, 19, was arrested Monday on a warrant for motion to revoke probation, forgery of a financial instrument.
- **JENNIFER THANH NGUYEN**, 22, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by Texas Department of Public Safety troopers on a Tarrant County warrant for theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500; and on a charge of possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **IRENE PARADEZ FLORES**, 29, was arrested Monday on warrants for fraudulent possession of controlled substance, prescription; issuance of a bad check; and possession of drug paraphernalia.
- **KHANH THE NGUYEN**, 21, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by DPS troopers on charges of driving while license suspended/invalid and possession of marijuana, less than two ounces.
- **RANDY THANH LE**, 27, was taken to the county jail Monday after being arrested by DPS troopers on a warrant for driving while licenses suspended, invalid.
- **ELROY JOHNSON**, 19, was taken to the county jail after being arrested by Big Spring police officers on warrants for forgery, evading arrest, detention, unlawfully carrying a weapon; and failure to identify as a fugitive from justice.
- **LUIS CARRILLO FLORES**, 24, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for diving while intoxicated.
- **RICHARD DAVID MCCUTCHAN**, 34, was arrested Tuesday on a warrant for bailman off bond, driving while intoxicated and bailman off bond, criminal mischief, more than \$1,500, but less than \$20,000 and on a warrant for criminal mischief, more than \$1,500 but less than \$20,000.
- **LUIS CARRILLO FLORES**, 24, was arrested Tuesday by the HCSO on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

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.

□ The Fibromyalgia Autoimmune Disease Support Group will meet only on the second Thursday of the month at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center. The group will no long meet weekly.

□ Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

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.

Bulletin board

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

TODAY

Line dancing begins at 1 p.m. in the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park. Call 267-6966 for more information.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at Big Spring Country Club.

The Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle meets at 10 a.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom for stretch and tone.

Eagle Lodge Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 West Third.

THURSDAY

Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call 267-6479 for more information.

Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at 7 a.m. at Herman's Restaurant.

The Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's.

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main Street.

Arts, Crafts and Quilting Club meets at 6 p.m. at Howard County Library, 500 South Main Street.

FRIDAY

Spring City Senior Citizens country and western dance is held from 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area senior citizens are invited to attend.

AMBUCS meets at noon at La Posada.

Greater Big Spring Rotary meets at noon in the Howard County Cactus Room.

Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

Lottery

Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 06-10-15-31 (numerical order). Bonus Ball: 09.
Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Prize: \$200,000 (estimate).
Estimated jackpot for Friday night drawing: \$250,000.

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Results of the Cash 5 drawing Tuesday night:

Winning numbers drawn: 02-03-14-24-37.
Number matching five of five: 0.
Next Cash 5 drawing: Wednesday night.

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Tuesday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 3-6-1

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The winning Mega Millions numbers drawn Tuesday: 6-10-20-38-50 Mega Ball = 27

Weather

Tonight...Mostly cloudy. Lows around 40. South winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday...Mostly cloudy. Highs around 60. Southwest winds 5 to 15 mph.

Thursday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. West winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday...Mostly sunny. Highs in the upper 50s. East winds 5 to 10 mph.

Friday night and Saturday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 30s. Highs in the lower 60s.

Saturday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 30s.

Sunday...Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 50s. Sunday night and Monday...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs in the lower 50s.

Monday night...Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

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Kerry going national after big N.H. win

By CALVIN WOODWARD

Associated Press Writer

The opening acts behind them, Democrats transformed their presidential campaign into a national battle Wednesday with John Kerry, fresh from his New Hampshire win, ready to open an advertising blitz in all seven states that vote next and his rivals scrambling to stay competitive.

South Carolina Rep. Jim Clyburn and Iowa Gov. Tom Vilsack intend to endorse Kerry, officials said

Wednesday, a coup for the Democratic presidential front-runner.

The backing of the six-term Democratic congressman, the dominant black politician in his state, is critical in South Carolina where almost half the voters in the Feb. 3 primary are expected to be minorities. Clyburn was courted by all of the Democratic presidential candidates.

Aides to Vilsack spoke on condition of anonymity about his plan to travel to Missouri later to make the

endorsement.

North Carolina Sen. John Edwards, campaigning in his native South Carolina in a crucial test of his candidacy, voiced confidence he can improve on his fourth-place New Hampshire primary showing. "Now we're going to places where I feel I will be very strong," he said Wednesday.

The final New Hampshire precincts reported Wednesday, affirming Kerry as the winner with 84,229 votes — 38 percent. Howard Dean placed second.

ELECTION

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being said, I believe it best for the people of this district that I withdraw from this race so my supporters will feel no further obligation to me."

Sparks said he trusts the voters of the district to make the right decision and declined to endorse another candidate.

"We believed from the beginning of this campaign that the people from both ends of the dis-

trict could come together to elect a senator that's worthy of the office and I trust the voters to make that decision," he said. "Our supporters are capable of making a good choice without my guidance. Therefore, at this time, I do not plan to publicly endorse a candidate in the runoff election."

Sparks received 11,213 votes during the Jan. 20 special election, 16.15 percent of the total vote cast to decide the fate of the unexpired term of former senator Teel Bivins.

While Sparks has chosen to bow out of the race, it's far from over. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, will face off in a runoff election on Jan. 17 to decide who will fill the unexpired term, which ends in January of 2005. Once the winner of that race is determined, all of the candidates, minus Sparks, will once again hit the campaign trail for the March primaries and the November election.

Sparks' name will still appear on the ballot in

March despite his withdrawal, along with fellow Republicans Seliger, Edwards, Lee Gibson of Dumas, Odessa businessman Bob Barnes and restaurant owner/attorney Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo. Also seeking the seat is a lone Democratic candidate, Elaine King Miller of Amarillo.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at citydesk@bigspringherald.com

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"We've added some new classifications as well, fine tuning the way the classifieds are organized. It's going to make it easier for people to find what they're looking for."

Reed said the new system will also make it eas-

ier for those wanting an idea on how much an ad costs to estimate the cost.

"Our new classified system is going to make it easier for our customers to not only read the classified ads, but also to purchase ads," said Reed. "We've changed our rates from a line rate to charging by the word, so anyone can figure out how much their ad is going to

cost them."

While the changes will rather drastically alter the way the classified advertisements section of the newspaper looks, Reed said the ads will continue to be a part of the *Big Spring Herald* Web site, located at www.bigspringherald.com, with little or no change.

"The classified ads will

still go up on the *Big Spring Herald* Web site," said Reed. "This change in format won't change how they appear on the Internet, however."

For more information on rates, call 432-263-7331.

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think this is what is best for Moore Development. I think it's important that we have a full-time person that is totally committed and is looking for Big Spring's interest. That includes after hours as well as during work.

"I felt like Kent wanted to be in politics more than he wanted his job," he continued. "If anybody wants to risk their job to be a politician, for me personally, I feel like I'd better hire someone else who wants their job more than be a politician."

Both Bancroft and

Churchwell said they supported the action of the board.

"I support whatever decision made at this time, though it looks like there was no consensus to support the motion," Bancroft said. "I accept that and unless something changes along that line, I will continue to support Kent in his position as director and wish him well in his campaign for state representative."

Sharp was not available for comment following the meeting.

In other business, Sharp updated the board briefly about current projects including a possible flight school locating to the Mc Mahon-Wrinkle

Airpark. Sharp said he couldn't release much information on the project which could begin as early as October.

Solitaire Homes looks to be on target for reopening before the end of the quarter, Sharp informed board members.

The home manufacturing company has been closed following a fire that ripped through the factory's mill and cabinet area in May of 2002.

"I have no reason to doubt they will reopen," Sharp said.

During the public forum, board members answered several public inquiries into the financial state of Moore

Development, the process of applying for financial help and who qualifies for a loan from the entity.

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COUNCIL

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In other business, the council approved Ray Kennedy to serve on the Colorado River Municipal Water District board, replacing Joel De La Garza, and select Connie Scott to serve on the Teen Court board.

With no comment, the council approved the following on final reading:

- A resolution authorizing the mayor to execute an agreement with Texas Soil and Water Co. Inc. for construction of the WTP wastewater holding basin.

- A resolution authorizing expenditures from the capital revolving fund for construction of the WTP basin.

- A resolution authorizing the city manager to

execute an agreement with Parkhill, Smith and Cooper Inc. to furnish a vulnerability assessment plan of the water system.

- A resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Ector County for membership in the West Texas Narcotics Task Force.

- A resolution amending the fixed asset policy by increasing the asset recognition threshold.

- A resolution denying rate relief requested by Atmos Energy.

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OUR VIEWS

Let's welcome
Bonanza Society
group to our city

One of the best things about Big Spring is that while our community is relatively small in size, there's almost always something going on. That's the case again Friday as members of the American Bonanza Society take time to visit our city.

We'll quell any jokes about Hoss and Little Joe and get right to the point. The American Bonanza Society is not a fan club for the old television series but rather a group people who own, fly or just have a real fondness for Beechcraft Bonanza and Baron. There are more than 10,000 enthusiasts nationwide, and 20 or more are expected to make it to McMahan-Wrinkle Airpark.

Bonanza Society member Dr. Darryl Powell is in charge of putting together the fly-in, and he's excited about introducing the group to Big Spring. He's planned tours of city landmarks and arranged for meals Friday and Saturday evenings.

It should be an interesting visit for the pilots and their passengers and just as enlightening for Crossroads area citizens who would like to view these magnificent single-engine machines. Dr. Powell tells us that the public is welcome to come out to the airpark, look at the planes and ask questions of the pilots. They should be arriving around noon and a formation fly over of some of the planes is planned at 2:30 p.m.

If your schedule permits, take some time to go out and welcome these folks to Big Spring. We're glad they are coming and we want them to know it.

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Nourish our hearts, Lord, with your word.

Amen

Poster art from Mexican cinema

Rogelio Agrasanchez of Harlingen collects Mexican movie memorabilia. He was a history professor before he decided to start doing historical research into Mexican films.

"My father owns one of the largest private Mexican film libraries. Fifty years ago he was transferring to videotape the old nitrate films, thought to be lost. Many of them were classics of Mexican cinema. I was the first one to receive the tapes and when I started watching them on the television screen I was really hooked by these black and white images from the 1930s. Many of the stars died a long time ago. I wanted to know more about those films, so I started gathering material, buying photographs, going to old movie houses and getting all the old posters I could find."

He says the posters were better than the movies they advertised. "Back in the forties and fifties

producers wanted to attract people to the movie houses, so they did great posters. They would hire the best artists, who used shocking colors, bright reds and greens and yellows."

Rogelio realized there was a lack of literature on the golden age of Mexican cinema, which he says lasted from 1936 to 1956. So he wrote three books on the subject. His first one was an elaborate picture book containing copies of 200 Mexican movie posters. The second one was on Mexican horror movies. The third is about Mexican movie stars.

"Pedro Infante was a singer and very charismatic star of Mexican cinema. He did about 50 films. Every year, people go to his gravesite to have a celebration. His movies are very popular and when they're shown on TV they get good ratings. They're all in Spanish.

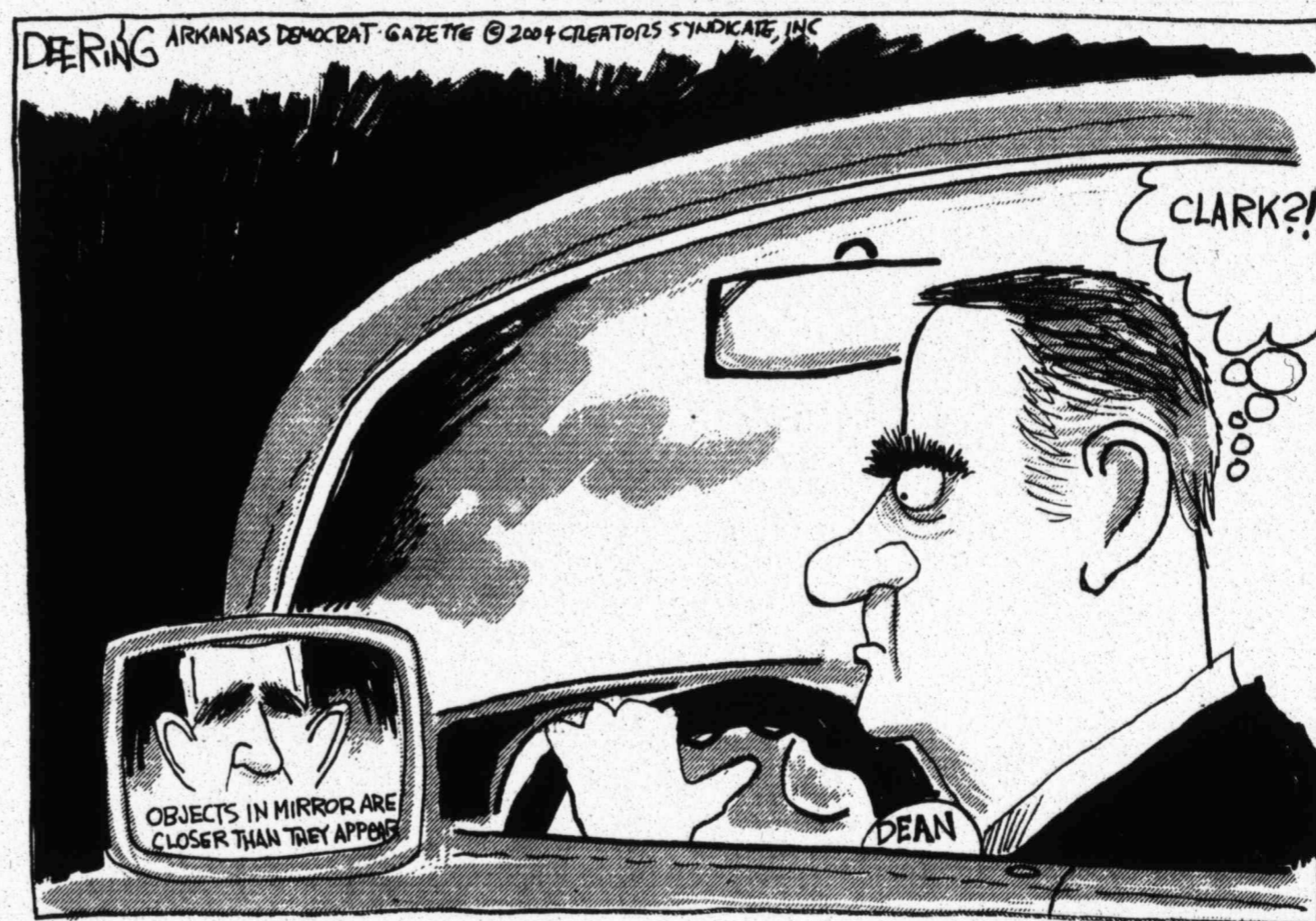
"Another star is Maria Felix, who died recently. She did a lot of films not only in Mexico but in Europe. She was the most beautiful actress in Mexican cinema. Well, I better say she was on a par with Dolores Del Rio, who came from Hollywood, where she did

silent movies. Then in 1943 she returned to Mexico and started doing Mexican films. She had a different personality. She was more cultivated but wore simple peasant dresses and no makeup. "Other well-known stars during the golden age of Mexican cinema were Jorge Negrete and Cantinflas."

Rogelio, who has degrees in history and philosophy, has been collecting Mexican movie items for 15 years. When I went to his home in Harlingen I was highly impressed with the quality of the posters and the films. I couldn't believe how many he has. He keeps a few at his house, but most of them are kept in air conditioned storage in buildings all over Harlingen. The posters are kept flat in large cabinets with drawers similar to the type found in contractors' or architect's offices.

The popularity of his items is evidenced by the fact that his book on Mexican Movie Posters is in its third printing.

Rogelio sells copies of his films and posters to collectors. He travels to Mexican movie festivals in the U.S. and Mexico.

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Kerry's 'Last Resort' is just bunk

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., can't give a credible explanation as to why he voted against the Persian Gulf War in 1991 but then for a 2002

resolution that authorized the use of force in Iraq, even though he now opposes how President Bush is conducting the war.

Kerry told "Fox News Sunday," "With respect to this time, I voted to give the authority to the president to use force under a set of promises by the president as to how he would do it: build a legitimate international coalition, exhaust the remedies of the United Nations, and go to war as a last resort. He broke every single one of those promises."

Bunk. For one thing, the October 2002 resolution did not outline a "set of promises" that limited what Bush would do and how he must do it. Au contraire, to the extent that there were promises in the resolution, they were the promises Saddam Hussein failed to keep in the 1991 cease-fire agreement that followed his ignominious defeat by a U.S.-led coalition.

It's true that the Joint Resolution Authorizing Use of Force Against Iraq includes one paragraph that quotes Bush addressing a U.S. commitment to "work with the United Nations Security Council to meet our common challenge." The same paragraph, however, continues by noting that the president also made it clear that "the Security Council resolutions will be enforced, and the just demands of peace and security will be met, or action will be unavoidable."

I don't see a "last resort" in that language. Do you?

Instead, the resolution made ref-

erences to Hussein's "direct and flagrant violation" of the 1991 cease-fire agreement. Iraq's continued attempts to manufacture weapons of mass destruction, Iraqi forces firing on U.S. and coalition planes "on many thousands of occasions," as well as Hussein's brutal oppression of his people. Added up, Iraq's aggressive actions "combine to justify action by the United States to defend itself."

Here's another reason why you know Kerry isn't telling the truth. One month before Kerry voted aye, Bush delivered a speech to the United Nations in which he made it clear that America would act against Iraq if the United Nations continued to allow Hussein to violate the U.N. cease-fire agreement and U.N. resolutions. As Kerry's hometown paper, the Boston Globe, reported, "The president left little doubt that the United States reserved the right to strike first. In the absence of definitive steps by the United Nations, he said, the United States will go it alone."

"Will the United Nations serve the purpose of its founding, or will it be irrelevant?" Bush asked the United Nations.

So Kerry can't say he trusted Bush not to wage war against Hussein — and expect to be believed. It makes you wonder whether he believes voters — and journalists — won't remember the events surrounding the resolution. Or maybe he thinks that Democrats want a nominee who talks out of both sides of his mouth.

"I know I can make the tough decisions," Kerry told The Washington Post this week.

I know that Kerry can run away from the tough decisions. He voted to authorize the war against Hussein — and now that the war is unpopular among key primary voters, he won't stand by his vote. On a related note, readers should

be clear on what outgoing chief weapons inspector David Kay is saying. It's big news that Kay told The New York Times he believes there are no large caches of weapons of mass destruction.

It's important to note, however, that Kay does believe there may have been small caches. Kay also said the Iraqis were working on research and development for the biological weapon ricin "right up until" the U.S. led coalition invaded Iraq in March. He also said that Iraq had begun retooling its nuclear weapons program in 2000 and 2001 and that officers in the Republican Guard told interrogators they had believed other units possessed biological or chemical weapons. And: "The only comment I ever had from the president was to find the truth. I never got any pressure to find a certain outcome."

Kay may refute the once catholic belief that Iraq held significant stockpiles of newly manufactured weapons of mass destruction, but he paints the picture of a country that was a danger to the world.

Most important, Kay said: "We know that terrorists were passing through Iraq. And now we know that there was little control over Iraq's weapons capabilities. I think it shows that Iraq was a very dangerous place. The country had the technology, the ability to produce, and there were terrorist groups passing through the country — and no central control."

Readers should not forget that it was what we didn't know that scared us.

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Thriller; mystery types head new books library list

Do you ever wake up in the middle of the night in a cold sweat and wonder "now, did I write that newspaper column that I was supposed to write?"



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Remember, this should happen at least two days past the deadline! Thanks to Karen McIntyre for writing the column for last week. I wasn't able to submit it for I was called out of town unexpectedly. A couple of weeks ago, I wrote about the McNaughton books that we receive. We have received the latest shipment, and the shipment was filled with excellent books, so let's get to them! Remember, these books are found on the "New Book" shelf in the library.

John Stossel is co-anchor of ABC television's news program "20/20."

As a crusading reporter, he has chased snake oil peddlers, rip-off artists and corporate thieves, thereby winning the applause of many. While on his many crusades, he discovers that even while lawyers, lazy reporters and bureaucrats seemingly try to protect your interests, many times they make your life even worse.

In "Give Me A Break," (B STOSSEL) Stossel shows how the problems that government tries to fix can best be solved by the power of the free market. Carefully reasoned and researched, this is the book to read.

Are you as tired of hearing Pete Rose whine about how he has been mistreated as I am? It seems like all that we have heard is how terrible it is that just

At the Library

because he bet on baseball games he cannot be inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame at Cooperstown. If you want to read it, we do have his auto-biography in, "Pete Rose: My Life Without Bars," (B ROSE).

How about a new Lillian Jackson Braun mystery? With her 26th "Cat Who," Braun again reveals Qwill and his cats to be the most *purr*-ceptive criminal nabbing team of all time.

"The Cat Who Ate Turkey" is not about a Thanksgiving turkey, but about wild turkeys making their appearance in Moose County for the first time in 30 years and, perhaps, a murdering Michiganner. Another cute and funny book from Braun.

John Lescroart's forte is the legal thriller. His character Dismas Hardy has finally made it to the top. After becoming a managing partner in his firm, a rainmaker and fix-it guy for those who really would rather stay out of court, one would think he had it all.

Au contraire, my friend! Hardy has lost his faith in the law. In "The Second Chair," Hardy will confront his demons with associate lawyer Amy Wu in trying a case of murder.

This is another excellent book from Lescroart. The library has several of his other books both in print and on audio.

Some more "thriller" type books are "Mr. Paradise" by Elmore Leonard, and "The First 48" by Tim Green (no, not Judge Tim Green).

Leonard's books are always just a bubble off center while Green writes

of fallen heroes who come out of an alcoholic haze for one last run.

Again, the library has to check out quite a few of both Leonard's and Green's books. They are writers who excel in their genre.

Are you a fan of J.D. Robb and her Eve Dallas series? "Divided in Death" has arrived and, as usual, Dallas and Roark solve complex cases together.

Remember, all the books described above can be found on the New Book shelf.

Western fans unite! The library has received 20 new westerns. I will give you just the title and author. For good reading try Stephen Elly's "Beneath a Dakota Cross" and "Shadow of Legends" by Will Henry; "Reckoning at Yankee Flat," and "From Where the Sun Now Stands," and "The Gates of the Mountains."

Two by Elmer Kelton are "The Smiling Country" and "The Buckskin Line." Alan LeMay was forced into writing westerns when his ranch was rained out in 1936.

While not so good for his ranch, his books have given a world of enjoyable reading.

Check out "Useless Cowboy," and "The Searchers," or "The Unforgiven."

"The Unforgiven" book was made into a movie with Burt Lancaster, Audrey Hepburn and Audie Murphy.

Lauran Paine is another excellent western novelist. This writer's new arrivals include "The Trail Without End," "Buckeye" and "Carleton's Meadow."

Lewis B. Patten has written a "firsthand" account of the Battle at the Little Bighorn. "The Red Sabbath" is that story.

In "Masterson" Richard S. Wheeler takes Bat

Masterson and his wife Emma on a nostalgic journey to revisit scenes of their lives in the late 1800's.

Remember that all of these western books can be found in the Western book section. They are all written in large print, making it easier on the reader's eyes.

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The Internet/video room closes one-half hour before closing. The library is located at 500 S. Main St., phone 264-2260. The Web site is www.howard-county.lib.tx.us and the catalog is on line. The library email address is hmc@hclib.org.

Do not feed the animals

HOUSTON—Texas Parks and Wildlife commissioners plan to vote next week on a rule banning the feeding of animals in Texas' 120 state parks.

While prohibitions against feeding wild animals have existed in national parks since at least the 1940s, Texas may be the last state to establish such a rule, Walt Dabney, the state parks director, said in Friday editions of the Houston Chronicle.

The commissioners vote Thursday on the proposal, which would carry a \$500 fine for the offense.

Dennis Jones, interim manager at Brazos Bend State Park, said he hopes the rule will save humans from injury and help protect wildlife.

At the 5,000-acre preserve, people feed alligators despite warnings not to do it.

"Television shows like Steve Irwin's (The Crocodile Hunter) have made people more bold," he said.

But when wild animals are fed in parks, they congregate, reaching unnatural densities that increase competition for food found in nature. That can cause disease to spread quickly.

"People feed animals to bond with them," Jones said. "But they don't take into consideration that they are creating an artificial environment that cre-

ates a situation that does not exist in nature. It's the right thing to do to let the wild animals be wild."

Besides the fear of bites, deer are hosts for the ticks that carry Lyme disease, and raccoons and other wildlife can have rabies.

Dabney said the feeding ban will not diminish the pleasure of viewing wildlife. Park managers say they are more interested in educating people than handing out tickets.

In Texas, the only rules on the books now are against harming, harassing or taking wild animals from state parks.

"There are people that say, 'I am going to speed no matter what, and I can't do anything about that,'" said Dabney. "But hopefully, how many that is will be fewer now."

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Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am the mother of a teenage daughter. Unfortunately, I have discovered a new wrinkle in the drug abuse scene. My daughter's friends are obtaining and hoarding prescription ADD medication, such as Ritalin, along with diet pills, sleeping pills, tranquilizers and painkillers. I suspect they are obtaining some of these pills over the Internet. They are using them as party drugs, mixing them with alcohol, marijuana, and so on.

Annie, I am sure this practice is not unique to my daughter's friends. Please help me get the word out about this dangerous practice. — Worried Mom

Dear Mom: Some kids, in an effort to find new ways to get high, will mix almost any combination of drugs, especially if a "friend" tells them it's harmless. No drug is completely harmless. If the drug itself does not cause damage, the effects certainly can, especially if the drugs are combined with other substances. Under the influence, teens are more likely to have unprotected sex, drive while impaired, recklessly put themselves in harm's way, and in worse-case scenarios, jump off balconies and land in emergency rooms — or worse.

The best protection against drug-damaged teens is an educated family. Talk to your kids. Tell them the truth about drugs, good and bad. Explain why you don't want them taking such



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

risks with their health and their lives. When teens know they can count on you to be honest, they are more likely to listen to what you have to say.

Dear Annie: I can relate to "Ricky," who is obsessed with putting the lid back on the toothpaste. My wife doesn't put the lid back on, either. It never bothered me until the night I got up to use the bathroom. As I walked past the sink, I spotted a cockroach eating toothpaste right out of the unclosed tube.

I still cannot get my wife to take the problem seriously, so now I squirt out what is on the end of the tube, discard it and go from there. It hasn't damaged our relationship because this is hardly a deal breaker. — Orange Park, Fla.

Dear Orange Park: Eek. That was a pretty disgusting encounter you had with the cockroach, but you are wise to choose your battles.

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BY JOYCE JILLSON

The moon in Taurus stimulates your appetite for the best. Quality over quantity is the choice, which is lucky for our pocketbooks. Splurge, but splurge small. Aquarius aspects remind us that things are not inherently valuable until we put a value on them in our own minds. Perhaps what you really want cannot be bought with money.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). You are still in a cycle of finding out about yourself and probably don't feel ready for a big commitment. Work on pursuing interests and career projects with a great deal of follow-through. A co-worker notices your personal touch.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Today, travel plans are made before the beds are. Be sure to get paperwork filed, letters mailed and documents signed. The girl or boy next door has just as much to offer as the glamorous person on the other side of the

world. GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Because you've got more to give, it's important to be more cautious about whom you let into your world, especially when it comes to sharing your ideas. Make strong choices — the buzz boosts your reputation.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Being inventive is great, but do your research, too, or you'll waste time. It's lucky to let people see you get around in style. On the social front, first impressions are telling but not the whole story. Flirting and fun are nothing serious.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). For the first time in a long time, you may remember what you set out to do in the first place. Those dormant dreams are awakened so you can re-evaluate the path you are on. Cutting-edge style looks good on you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Emotions resonate on a childish level, but much is accomplished. Take chances, and voice your opinion — even if it's unpopular. This evening, extra charisma is yours — friends vie for your time. Small parties are favored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct.

23). Distractions are all around this morning, and you may just throw up your hands at the prospect of getting anything done. Fighting the flow is useless. Instead, carve out some hours tonight to be super-productive.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Over-thinking your situation is usually counterproductive for you, but it's your secret to success today — that is, as long as you're plotting on paper. It's easy to see how you got to your current point in life.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Forget about the other people for a while, and revel in being you. Metaphor: While everyone around you is gently clapping, you give a standing ovation. There is nothing wrong with over-the-top gusto — it's part of your charm.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Persistence

wins. Even outright rejection can be reversed with enough tenacity. Sensory awareness is heightened, and the finer things in life are magnetically appealing. The very best of life doesn't have to be expensive.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Active imagination is a glorious thing, as long as it doesn't run you. There's a temptation to pretend you're some other version of yourself. Disclose all the information you should disclose, or you'll wind up in a pickle later.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Money isn't the answer to making your dreams a reality — but it sure helps! When your team gets rich, so do you. Focus on a venture that will be lucrative for all involved. Shy people enter your world.

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Patriots expect a tough, hard-nosed game from Carolina

By BOB MCGINN

Milwaukee Journal Sentinel
HOUSTON (KRT) — Everything that the New England Patriots have accomplished this season, they've had to earn the hard way. Now that the Patriots are in the Super Bowl, coach Bill Belichick claims his team's most arduous undertaking awaits Sunday against the upstart Carolina Panthers. "We know this will be our toughest game of the year," Belichick said Monday. "I have a tremendous amount of respect for the Panthers and the way they've played. They're a great football team, well-

coached and strong in all three phases of the game." The Patriots (16-2) were installed as a 7-point favorite immediately after they pounded Indianapolis in the AFC Championship Game and the spread hasn't changed over the last nine days. Carolina (14-5) might be a physical match for the Patriots under coach John Fox, but New England's record against win-



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ning teams borders on the astonishing. During the regular season, the Patriots went 7-0 against opponents that finished above .500. Only one other team in NFL history, the Minnesota Vikings of 1969, had a record as good as 7-0 against winning teams. New England beat three 12-4 teams (Philadelphia, Indianapolis and Tennessee)



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and three 10-6 teams (Dallas, Denver and Miami twice). Then in the post-season they had to defeat the Titans and Colts all over again. Since a 2-2 start that included losses to Buffalo (6-10) and Washington (5-11), the Patriots have reeled off 14 victories in a row. They were favored in 11 of those 14 games, but only in their rematch against the Bills on Dec. 27 in Buffalo were they favored by more points than this week. "We really don't care about that," Belichick said. "We think we have a good team but we've got to prepare well in order to win. If we don't play well, we won't beat anybody."

At the first whiff of overconfidence, Belichick need only remind his players what their mind-set was in this game two years ago. St. Louis rode into that Super Bowl favored by 14 but left with a 20-17 defeat at the hands of the inspired Patriots. Last year, the Oakland Raiders were favored by 31 points only to be humiliated by the Tampa Bay Buccaneers, 48-21. "Two years ago, we were trying to prove something and we were a 13- or 14-point underdog," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady said. "But I think the goal is the same. They won See PATS, Page 3B

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Ritchey scores 23 as BSHS girls thump LV, grab first district win

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The last time the Big Spring Lady Steers and Lake View Maidens got together, the Maidens made Big Spring the answer to a trivia question — as in which team did Lake View beat to end its 41-game district losing streak. Raegan Ritchey and the Lady Steers wanted no part of being Part II to the equation Tuesday night in Steer Gym. Ritchey pumped in a season-high 23 points and Leina Braxton added 18 more as the Lady Steers' roared to their first District 4-4A win with a 71-49 victory. "The last time we played it was pretty hard on all of us," said Ritchey. "We were a little steamed after that game. We've been waiting for this game for a long time. I think we all were fired up about playing them again." With the win, Big Spring climbed into a tie with Lake View for fourth place in the loop standings with a 1-5 mark. The win, ironically, also enabled Big Spring to snap a six-game losing streak and dealt the Maidens their fifth straight setback. "This was a big win for us," said second-year head coach Gary Miller. "I thought our young sophomores played really tonight and our seniors stepped it up. It's always good to get that first district win. Hopefully, we can get on a roll now and get back into the race. "Everything about this game will be positive for us," he added. None were more positive for the Lady Steers than Ritchey. En route to posting her best offensive numbers since junior high, the sophomore forward knocked



Big Spring's Raegan Ritchey celebrates with Leina Braxton and Carmen Lewis following the Lady Steers' win over the Lake View Maidens Tuesday. Ritchey scored a season-high 23 points and helped the Lady Steers snap a six-game losing streak.

Steers shine at 4-4A meet

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald
The Big Spring Steers swim team went into the District 4-4A swim meet knowing they needed to have their best effort of the season to advance to the Region I-4A Swim Meet next month. Objective accomplished! The Steers and Lady Steers swimmers qualified in each of the relays and in 13 individual events for the regional meet, which is scheduled for Feb. 7 in Lubbock. Big Spring's performance left coach Harlan Smith pleased. "We swam the best we have all year," Smith said. "Everyone improved their times and gave it their best effort. What more can I ask for?" On the boys' side, the Steers had 10 swimmers — six of which qualified in two specialties — finish in the top six of their events and earn berths in the regional meet. Big Spring ended the meet by finishing third behind pre-meet favorite Pecos and longtime rival Andrews. Andrews edged Big Spring out for second place by a mere half point. "It came down to the fact they had someone in the diving event and we didn't," Smith said. "Now all we can do is move on and try to do better the next time." Big Spring started things with a vengeance. Senior Chris Stokes blazed out to a time of 1:55.28 in the first individual event, the 200-yard freestyle. He defeated Pecos' Daniel Quintana by more than a full second. The duo of Daniel Pike and Scott Thomas also scored for the Steers, finishing fourth and sixth in the finals, respectively. Stokes also qualified for the regional meet by virtue of his

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Chiefs keep Steers winless in district with 72-51 setback

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The San Angelo Lake View Chiefs reeled off a 26-14 run in the first eight minutes of the second half Tuesday night and cruised to a 72-51 win over the Big Spring Steers in the BSHS gymnasium. "We played really well in the first half," said Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear. "But they came out and ran on us a little in the third quarter and put us in a hole that we could dig ourselves out of." "They never gave up," he said. "We came back pretty strong in the fourth. As a coach, you can't ask for more more than that." With the setback, Big Spring slipped to 0-4 in District 4-4A action. Lake View, now 11-14 overall improved to 2-2 and moved into a tie for third place in the loop standings with the Andrews Mustangs.

Big Spring managed to hold its own with the Chiefs early. Despite 14 first-half points from Lake View's A.J. Ross, the Steers trailed by just six at the half, at 32-26. Michael Ornales-Doportto and C.J. Lowery combined to give the Steers a lead early on. After the Chiefs Anthony Smith had pushed in a running layup to open the scoring, Ornales-Doportto and Lowery pumped in back-to-back shots from inside the paint to stake the Steers to a 4-2 lead. Senior forward Erin Partee got into the act moments later. He put in an easy shot off a fast break that gave Big Spring a 6-4 lead at the 4:28 mark of the opening stanza. The Chiefs managed to storm back, however. Lake View collected three field goals from Ross and a key three-pointer from Calvin Anderson to put

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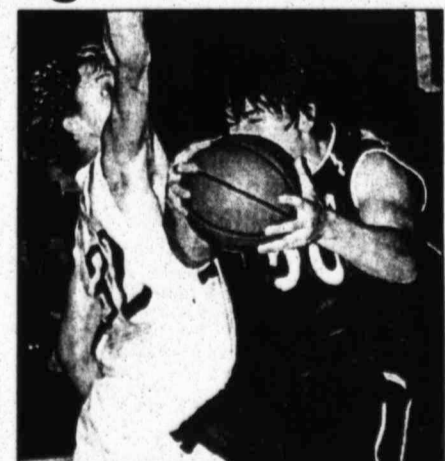


Big Spring senior Wesley Smith brings the ball down the floor during the first half of the Steers' 72-51 loss to Lake View.

Bulldogs use fourth-quarter run to down Seagraves, 63-50

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs kept the hopes of capturing the District 3-2A championship alive Tuesday night by grinding out a 63-50 road victory over the Seagraves Eagles. With the win, the Bulldogs improved to 12-10 for the year and, more importantly, to 4-0 in loop play. Coahoma, which had four players reach double figures offensively, dominated Seagraves in the first eight minutes. Led by the play inside of Tyler Fowler and Kelby Kemper, the Bulldogs hammered out a 17-12 run in the opening frame. Seagraves, now 3-1 in district play, managed to battle its way back in the second. The Eagles outscored Coahoma by a 17-12 clip in the stanza and went into the half with the score knotted at 39-39.



Kelby Kemper collected 12 points and 14 rebounds in the Bulldogs' 63-50 win over Seagraves.

Coahoma managed to regain the upper hand in the third, taking a slim 51-49 lead into the final eight minutes. Kemper, who finished the night with a double-double, and Adrian Abrego helped the

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down nine shots from the field — five in the second quarter — including two from three-point land.

"That's just a great athlete coming through when she needed to," said Miller. "When your young players like Raegan, Brenn (Swinney) and Carmen (Lewis) play against juniors and seniors like they did, it's a big positive for this program."

Braxton lit the Lady Steers' fire early on. The senior guard staked Big Spring to a quick lead when she took the ball off the opening tip and buried a three-point shot from the let win.

Junior forward Alex Watkins pushed the BSHS lead to 4-0 moments later with a free throw.

Lake View, now 11-15 for the season, threatened to spoil the Lady Steers' moment, however. The Maidens answered Big Spring's run with a 14-0 run over the ensuing four minutes and built a 14-4 advantage before Jessie Tipton came off the bench to bury a trey that pulled the BSHS girls to within seven.

Lake View senior Erika Fowler stretched San Angelo's lead to 10 once more, at 17-7, seconds later with the first of her two three-point shots in the first eight minutes.

"I think we started out really well," said Miller. "We hit a lull there in the middle of the first and they came back on us. We took a timeout and settled ourselves down and then we started to play again."

Braxton got the Lady Steers' offensive in gear again from there. She buried a trey just before the end of the first period that enabled Big Spring to go into the second down by just six, at 18-12.

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Team	W	L	Overall	District
Frenship	21	6	5	1
Levelland	14	12	4	2
Andrews	14	11	4	2
Estacado	14	12	3	3
Lake View	11	15	1	5
Big Spring	6	15	1	5

Tuesday's Games: Frenship 67, Levelland 40; Big Spring 71, Lake View 49.

BSHS offense into high gear in the second. She spurred a 22-5 run in the frame and helped Big Spring streak to a 34-23 halftime lead.

Ritchey, after a Swinney basket had cut the Maidens' lead to one at 20-19, gave Big Spring the lead back midway through the second period when she pushed in a three-pointer from the right side.

Defensively, the Lady Steers mauled Lake View in the second. San Angelo managed just one shot from the field in the quarter.

Big Spring maintained its lead in the third with another strong offensive effort. Sparked by clutch baskets from Lewis, Ritchey, Alex Watkins, Shannon Higgins, Imari Brown and Braxton, the Lady Steers cranked out 16 points in the third and took a 50-39 advantage into the final eight minutes of the contest.

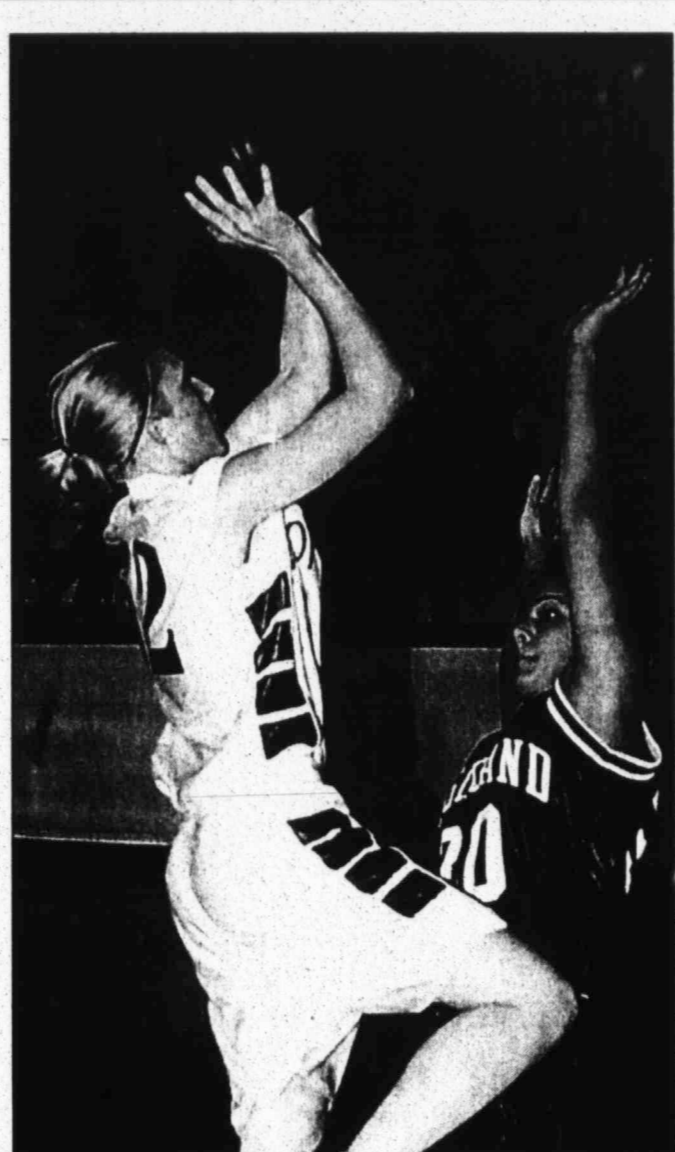
Braxton finished the contest with 18 points, while Higgins and Lewis posted eight apiece.

Fowler led all LVHS scorers with 17. Allison Hill, the team's top scorer this fall, netted just nine.

The Lady Steers, who converted 17 of their 24 opportunities from the free throw line, finished off their game with a 21-10 run in the fourth.

"Losing to them the last time was tough on us," said Ritchey. "We wanted to get a little revenge. We were really fired up. We wanted to win badly."

Big Spring, now 5-16, will travel to Levelland Friday for a 6 p.m. start.



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells
Westbrook's Keisha Thurman goes up for a shot during recent action. Thurman scored six points Tuesday and helped Westbrook down Blackwell, 56-44. The Lady Cats are now 3-3 in District 13-A play.

Lady Birds deal Forsan a tough 46-30 setback

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Crane Lady Birds did the unthinkable Tuesday night. They beat the Forsan Lady Buffs.

The Lay Birds notched their first win in District 3-2A play by turning solid runs in the second and fourth quarters into a 46-30 win.

With the loss, Forsan fell to 1-5 in league play.

Crane managed to grab the upper hand early in the game. The Lady Birds outpointed Forsan by a slim 8-4 clip in the first eight minutes and never looked back.

The Lady Buffs' deficit grew to 11 in the second quarter. Crane posted a 12-5 spree in the frame and took a 20-9 lead into the intermission.

Forsan, which was paced in the game by Misti McGuire, held its own in the third, matching Crane point-for-point.

The Lady Birds sealed the win with a 17-12 fourth-quarter effort.

McGuire finished the game with seven points. Haylea Belew and Cynthia Becerra had five apiece.

Boling, Piercefield lead JV Steers past Chiefs

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Brandon Boling scored 19 points and Kyle Piercefield added 16 more Tuesday and powered the Big Spring Steers junior varsity to a 76-55 rout of the Lake View Chiefs.

With the win, Big Spring improved to 10-9 for the season and ran its district action to 2-2.

"We had some good offensive production and played real well on defense," said JV coach

Will Johnson. "We still have to play four quarters. When we do that, we'll be pretty good."

The Steers, who also netted 10 points from Shay Long, broke open a tight 37-35 game at the half with a torrid flurry in the third. They outscored Lake View by a 21-10 clip in the frame and built a 58-45 cushion.

Boling tallied eight of his game-high total in an 18-10 fourth-quarter run.

Justin Green scored nine for the Steers.

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fourth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle race, while Pike, Thomas, and David Brooks all advanced in the 500-yard freestyle. Pike was second in the race, while Thomas and Brooks placed sixth and fourth.

The Steers received another strong showing in the 200-yard individual medley as Will Liggett, Justin Petrowski, and Ryan Hughey claimed half of the Region 1-4A meet births by finishing third, fourth and sixth.

Liggett continued his hot streak by placing third in the 100-yard breaststroke. Jeremy Petrowski took sixth.

Mark Sheedy added to the BSHS coffers by tearing off a scorching time of 59.25 in the 100-yard butterfly. He claim the silver medal in the event and then capped his day by throwing in a fourth-place finish in the 100-yard backstroke.

Petrowski made sure he was going to see double duty at the regional meet as well. He finishing fourth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Steven Lucas also claimed a spot at Lubbock by taking sixth in the 50-yard freestyle to earn his bid to Lubbock.

The Lady Steers found the waters to be a bit choppy. They finished

fifth in the final team standings. Pecos won the event with a total of 134 points.

The meet was not a total washout for BSHS, however. Jessica Hughey and Kendra Weeks both made the finals in two events and procured themselves an opportunity to move forward.

Hughey finish in fourth place in the 200-yard freestyle and third in the 100-yard backstroke, while Weeks claimed fourth in the 200-yard individual medley and sixth in the 100-yard butterfly.

Freshman Terrin Herring made the most of her first chance in the district meet by turning in a sixth-place finish in the 100-yard freestyle.

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Bulldogs salt the win away in the fourth. Both sank key shots down the stretch to power a 22-11 fourth-quarter spree.

Fowler led all Coahoma scorers with 14 points.

Abrego finished the game as Coahoma's second-leading scorer, netting 12. Kemper collected 12 points and a game-high 14 rebounds.

Sam Tindol also reached double-digits offensively, tallying 11.

Coahoma will close out the first half of it District 3-2A schedule Friday by hosting the Colorado City Wolves.

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their conference and so have we. They're the toughest team we have played all year."

Other Patriots players said much the same thing. Belichick's message clearly has taken hold among the ranks.

There was a time, of course, when the favorite had its way in the Super Bowl. Before the Patriots' upset in February 2002, the favorite had won seven out of eight, with the exception being Denver's upset of Green Bay after the 1997 season as an 11-point underdog.

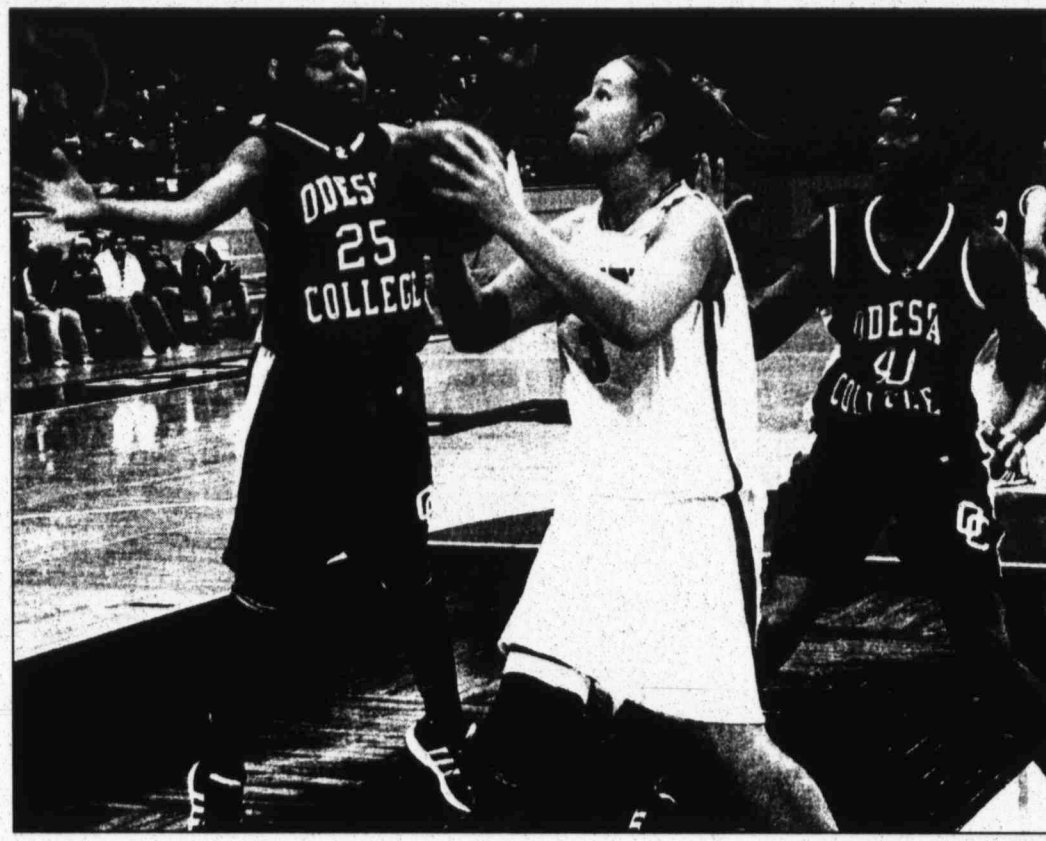
"They've won six in a row," Belichick said. "They won a couple play-off games on the road."

"I've seen the Carolina Panthers play just about every game this year. They have played very well, and have played very well lately. They scored touchdowns on defense, created turnovers, created a lot of positive field position. They are hard to move the ball against."

Both teams are better on defense, heightening prospects for a low-scoring affair. In the last 28 Super Bowls, the fewest points scored were 36 in Super Bowl XXIII (San Francisco 20, Cincinnati 16). The record for fewest points is 22 in Super Bowl IX (Pittsburgh 16, Minnesota 6).

If the game is low-scoring, so be it.

"These are two teams that have very strong wills," Patriots linebacker Ted Johnson said. "It will be a war of wills. I think there's some sex appeal there.."



Howard College's Kristen Valentine drives between two Odessa defenders for a shot Monday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The Lady Hawks are scheduled to continue their trek through the Western Junior College Athletic Conference Thursday with a bout against South Plains Thursday in Levelland.

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together an 11-5 spree over the final four minutes.

Lake View carried a slim 15-11 lead into the start of the second period.

The Steers managed to stage a run of their own in the opening seconds of the ensuing frame. Brandon Hughes and Ornales-Doperto scored the first three points of the second quarter and helped spark a 10-6 BSBS run that tied the game at 21-21 with 4:20 left in the half.

Senior Alvin Russell capped the Steers' run with a 6-foot jumper from the left side that pulled Big Spring even. The bas-

District 4-4A Standings

Team	Boys		Girls	
	W	L	W	L
Estacado	22	4	4	0
Frenship	10	13	3	1
Andrews	18	5	2	2
Lake View	11	14	2	2
Levelland	7	17	1	3
Big Spring	4	20	0	4

Tuesday's Games: Frenship 68, Levelland 60; Lake View 72, Big Spring 51;

ket was the first since last season for Russell, who was forced to sit out the team's first 22 games recovering from a torn anterior cruciate ligament.

Unfortunately for Big Spring, Lake View had a second-quarter run of its own. The Chiefs outscored the Steers by an 11-5 margin in the closing four minutes of the half.

Smith kicked Lake View's offense into high gear in the third. He

pushed in 13 of his game-high 23 points in the frame and spearheaded the Chiefs 26-point outburst.

Lake View carried a 58-40 advantage into the final eight minutes.

Ornales-Doperto turned in his third double-digit performance in his last four outings by pouring in 16 points. Jordan Cobb and Partee each contributed six points, while Wesley Smith added five.

Ross and Anderson both tallied 16 for Lake View.

In other 4-4A action, No. 14 Lubbock Estacado retained its hold on the district's top spot with a 64-33 win in Andrews. Frenship moved into second with a 68-60 win over Levelland.

Big Spring faces Levelland Friday.

Lady Kats' roll past Meadow in non-district bout

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Garden City Lady Kats added to their win total Tuesday night by hammering out a non-district 54-28 victory over the Meadow Lady Broncos.

With the win, Garden City improved to 21-3 for the season. The Lady Kats are scheduled to return to District 8-A action Friday when they host the Wink Lady Wildcats.



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GCHS run.

Garden City stretched its advantage to 14, at 23-9, by outscoring Meadow to the tune of 13-7 in the second quarter.

Garden City all but iced the win in the third. The Lady Kats poured in 21 points in the first eight minutes of the second half and built a commanding 44-17 cushion.

Garden City finished off the game with a 10-9 run in the fourth.

Niehues completed the contest as Garden City's top offensive weapon. She poured in a game-high 17 points. Senior Jessica Hoch added 16 — nine of which came via three three-point shots.

Leslie Jansa and Amanda Henson also turned in solid efforts. Jansa, a senior point guard pushed in nine points and dished out eight assists while running the GCHS offense. Henson contributed eight points.

Garden City picked up points from Lauren Plagens and Anna Flores.

Crane deals Buffs 71-60 loss

The Crane Golden Cranes overcame 29 points from Forsan's Josh Helmstetler and claimed a tough 71-60 come-from-behind victory in District 3-2A action.

With the loss, the Buffaloes slipped into second place in the loop race, one game behind Coahoma, at 3-2. Crane is

2-2.

The Cranes, who trailed 29-25 at the half, managed to grab the lead in the third. Crane outscored Forsan by a 25-12 margin in the period and took a 50-41 lead into the fourth.

Auggie Hilario and Tye Baker hit double figures for FHS. Hilario had 16 while Baker threw in 10.

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*** PROGRAM CARS ***

*** Lincolns ***
2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - White Pearl Tri-Coat W/Lightstone Leather, 14,800 Miles. MSRP \$43,875. NOW \$30,995. Was \$43,875.

2003 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Vibrant White C/C, W/Parchment Leather, 11,400 Miles. NOW \$30,995. Was \$43,500.

*** Mercurys ***
2003 Mercury Sable G.S. - Arizona Beige/Cloth, All Power, 19,000 Miles. MSRP \$22,505. NOW \$13,995. Was \$22,505.

2003 Mercury Sable LS - Silver Birch W/Flint Leather, All Power, 22,000 Miles. NOW \$19,995. Was \$30,140.

*** Fords ***
2003 Ford Taurus SES - White, 15,000 Miles. MSRP \$21,670. NOW \$13,995. Was \$21,670.

*** Small Pickups ***
2003 Ford Ranger Edge - Blue, V-6, one owner w/21,000 miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$11,995.

2003 Ford Ranger - Tan, automatic, air, 15,000 miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$10,995.

2000 Nissan King Cab XE - Local one owner w/72,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

2000 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Red, automatic, 68,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

1998 Nissan Frontier XE - Red, air, 5 speed, one owner w/50,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$7,995.

1999 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT - Tan, automatic, V-6, locally owned, 72,000 miles. Was \$7,995. NOW \$6,995.

1997 Chevrolet S-10 Ext. Cab L.S. - Red, automatic, new transmission, 77,000 miles. Was \$8,995. NOW \$7,995.

1993 Ford Ranger Super Cab XLT 4X4 - Green, V-6, automatic, clean four wheel drive. Was \$8,995. NOW \$7,995.

*** 1/2 Ton Pickups ***
2002 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - White, all power, one owner w/38,000 miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$21,995.

2002 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - Arizona beige, all power, one owner w/43,000 miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$21,995.

2002 Dodge Ram 150 Quad Cab SLT - Tan, all power, V-8, local one owner w/20,000 miles. Was \$21,995. NOW \$20,995.

2002 Ford D1500 Super Cab - Dk. green/tan, tan leather, fully loaded, locally owned w/33,000 miles. Was \$23,995. NOW \$22,995.

2002 Ford F150 S/C XLT Quad Cab - Tan, V-8, all power, 15,500 miles. Was \$20,995. NOW \$18,995.

2001 Ford F150 Super Cab - Red, all power, local one owner w/40,000 miles. Was \$20,995. NOW \$19,995.

2001 Ford F150 Supercab - Tan, 15,000 miles, has had new motor installed. (Reman.). Was \$16,995. NOW \$14,995.

2000 Dodge D1500 Club Cab - 1960 V-8, auto., all power, extra clean w/ranchhand grille guard. Was \$13,995. NOW \$12,995.

2000 Chevrolet C1500 Silverado - Pewter, 6 cyl., one owner, nice truck w/48,000 miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$11,995.

1998 Ford F150 - White, 6 cyl., 5 speed, air, local one owner w/68,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

1997 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab Silverado - Black w/tan bottom, all power, clean w/80,000 miles. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995.

1997 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab Silverado - Tan, V-8, all power. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

1997 Dodge D150 Club Cab SLT - White, V-8, all power. Was \$13,995. NOW \$9,995.

1994 Ford F150 XL - Green/tan, 6 cyl., 5 speed. Was \$5,995. NOW \$4,995.

*** 3/4 Tons & 1 Ton Pickups ***
2001 GMC Sierra 2500 Ext. Cab 4X4 L.S. - Pewter, cloth, all power, local one owner w/56,000 miles. NOW \$22,995. Was \$23,995.

2000 Chevrolet C3500 Crew Cab LS 4X4 - Green, all power, 50,000 miles, local one owner. NOW \$18,995. Was \$21,995.

1994 Ford F250 Supercab Diesel 4X4 - Tutone tan, turbo, diesel, nice truck. NOW \$6,995. Was \$7,995.

*** SUV's ***
2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - Green w/cloth, all power, one owner w/17,000 miles. NOW \$18,995. Was \$19,995.

2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR. - Arizona beige, cloth, all power, one owner w/34,000 miles. Was \$19,995. NOW \$18,995.

2002 Ford Escape XLS Sport - Chrome yellow, all power, one owner w/38,000 miles. Was \$15,995. NOW \$13,995.

2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$21,995.

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe LS 4-DR. - Pewter, cloth, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. Was \$24,995. NOW \$23,995.

2001 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR. 4X4 - Blue, cloth, clean, four wheel drive, 51,000 miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$12,995.

2001 Ford Explorer Sport 4-DR. XLT - White w/cloth, all power, one owner w/29,000 miles. Was \$15,995. NOW \$14,995.

2001 Chevrolet Tahoe L.S. 4-DR. - Red w/cloth, all power, one owner w/50,000 miles. Was \$24,995. NOW \$23,995.

2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer Edition - Red/tan, leather, one owner w/40,000 miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$19,995.

1999 GMC Suburban L.S. - Tan, dual air, all power. Was \$17,995. NOW \$14,995.

1999 Chevrolet Blazer - All power, locally owned, 69,000 miles. Was \$10,995. NOW \$8,995.

1999 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR. - Red, all power, local one owner w/54,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

1998 Honda Passport EX 4X4 - Silver, loaded, 73,000 miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$10,995.

1998 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR. 4X4 - Red, all power, one owner. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

1997 Chevrolet Suburban LT - Brown, leather, extra clean SUV. Was \$10,995. NOW \$9,995.

1994 Chevrolet Suburban - Tan, leather, all power, one owner w/85,000 miles. Was \$21,995. NOW \$18,995.

1992 Jeep Cherokee - Red. Was \$6,995. NOW \$3,995.

*** Motorcycles ***
2002 Honda Gold Wing - Illusion Blue, cruise, AM/FM, like new, one owner w/4,300 miles. Was \$15,995. NOW \$13,995.

*** VANS ***
2002 Ford E350 XLT 15 Passenger Powerstroke Diesel Van - White w/cloth, dual air/heat, all power, one owner w/26,000 miles. Was \$21,995. NOW \$20,995.

2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, all power, one owner w/56,000 miles. Was \$19,995. NOW \$18,995.

2000 Mercury Villager - Green, leather, dual air/heat, all power, local one owner w/34,000 miles. Was \$15,995. NOW \$13,995.

1998 Mazda MPV - Red, all power, 56,000 miles. Was \$10,995. NOW \$8,995.

1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, clean van. Was \$9,995. NOW \$7,995.

1996 Ford Windstar GL - Green, one owner, dual air. Was \$6,995. NOW \$5,995.

*** CARS ***
2002 Ford Mustang - Gray, 5 speed, air, CD, all power, one owner w/28,000 miles. Was \$15,995. NOW \$14,995.

2002 Honda Accord LX 4-DR. - Silver, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. Was \$16,995. NOW \$15,995.

2001 Ford Crown Victoria LX - Tan w/cloth, all power, one owner w/59,000 miles. Was \$14,995. NOW \$12,995.

2001 Lincoln L.S. - Blue, leather, V-8, one owner w/57,000 miles. Was \$22,995. NOW \$20,995.

2001 Ford Crown Victoria L.S. - Silver, leather, one owner w/39,000 miles. Was \$14,995. NOW \$12,995.

2001 Ford Mustang Convertible - V-6, 62,000 miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$11,995.

2000 Pontiac Bonneville SE 4-DR. - Silver, cloth, all power, one owner w/42,000 miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$11,995.

2000 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Tan w/leather, all power, locally owned w/28,000 miles. Was \$20,995. NOW \$19,995.

2000 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - Red, cloth, local one owner w/62,000 miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$11,995.

2000 Volvo S40 Turbo - All power, leather, 35,000 miles. Was \$16,995. NOW \$12,995.

2000 Ford Taurus SE - Red, cloth, all power, 60,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$7,995.

2000 Ford Taurus SE - Blue, all power, one owner w/33,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$7,995.

2000 Ford Taurus SE - Blue, all power, one owner w/33,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$8,995.

2000 Ford Focus Wagon SE - Silver, all power. Was \$7,995. NOW \$6,995.

2000 Volkswagen Jetta GLS - Blue, all power, clean, one owner w/58,000 miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$10,995.

1999 Pontiac Firebird - White, T-Tops, 56,000 miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$11,995.

1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, all power. Was \$22,995. NOW \$20,995.

1999 Mercury Sable GS - Tan, all power. Was \$9,995. NOW \$5,995.

1999 Ford Mustang - Red, V-6, auto., all power. Was \$9,995. NOW \$7,995.

1999 Nissan Maxima GLE - Green, all power, locally owned, 63,000 miles. Was \$13,995. NOW \$12,995.

1999 Volkswagen New Beetle GLX Turbocharged - Red w/black, leather, all power, local one owner w/35,000 miles. Was \$12,995. NOW \$11,995.

1998 Plymouth Neon - White, all power, locally owned, 53,000 miles. Was \$4,995. NOW \$3,995.

1998 Nissan Maxima GLE - Gray w/leather, moonroof, 53,000 miles. Was \$15,995. NOW \$11,995.

1998 Ford Escort ZX2 - White, local one owner w/41,000 miles. Was \$7,995. NOW \$6,995.

1998 Dodge Neon - White, 57,000 miles, nice car. Was \$4,995. NOW \$3,995.

1997 Mercury Tracer - Green. Was \$6,995. NOW \$4,995.

1997 Ford Thunderbird - Tan, all power, nice car, 73,000 miles. Was \$8,995. NOW \$6,995.

1997 Mercury Grand Marquis GS - White, all power, local one owner w/43,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$7,995.

1997 Ford Mustang - Green, 6 cyl., automatic. Was \$6,995. NOW \$5,995.

1996 Mercury Cougar - Green w/tan top, 69,000 miles. Was \$6,995. NOW \$4,995.

1996 Oldsmobile 88 4-DR. - Pewter, leather, one owner. Was \$7,995. NOW \$5,995.

1995 Lincoln Town Car Signature Series - Rose, leather, local one owner w/67,000 miles. Was \$7,995. NOW \$6,995.

1995 Cadillac DeVille Concours - Silver, 84,000 miles. Was \$9,995. NOW \$5,995.

1994 Cadillac DeVille Concours - Red, 89,000 miles. Was \$6,995. NOW \$4,995.

1992 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S. - White, locally owned w/58,000 miles. Was \$8,995. NOW \$6,995.

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COAHOMA ISD is accepting applications for substitute custodians. Applications are available at the Administration Office, 600 N. Main, Coahoma, TX. Coahoma ISD is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

HOWARD CO. Sheriffs Office will be accepting applications until Feb. 9th for certified Peace Officer. Patrol experience required. Applications can be picked up at the Howard County Sheriffs Office, 300 S. Main, Big Spring, TX 432-264-2244 between 8am & 5pm Monday-Fri.

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Legals

Texas, did on the 12th day of December, 2003 levy on certain Real Estate mineral rights, situated in Howard County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:
114-1-80-02486-000-R-009998
Smith, Stephen Ray
Unleased Minerals
P.O. Drawer 2758
Big Spring, TX 79721-2758

114-1-80-024486-000-0-009065
Smith, Steve R.
P.O. Box 2758
Big Spring, TX 79721

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AND LEVIED UPON AS THE PROPERTY MINERAL RIGHTS OF STEVE R. SMITH and that on the first Tuesday of February, 2004, the same being the 03 day of said month, at the Court House door, of Howard County, in the City of Big Spring, Texas, between the hours on 10:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M., by virtue of said levy and said Writ of Execution I will offer for sale and sell at public venue, for cash, to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of the said property mineral rights, And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English Language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Herald, a newspaper published in Howard County.

Witness my hand, this 08 day of January, 2004.
Dale L. Walker
Sheriff Howard County, Texas
By Dean Restelli, Deputy
#4082 January 14, 21 & 28, 2004

Legals

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that if requested in writing by February 23, 2004, a public hearing will be held by West Texas Opportunities, Inc., 603 North 4th Street, Lamesa, Texas, Texas on February 25, 2004 at 4:00 p.m. to accept comments on a proposal continuation of rural public transportation services within Lamesa and Dawson County; Stanton and Martin County; McCamey/ Rankin and Upton County; Seminole/ Seagraves and Gaines County; Andrews and Andrews County; Big Spring and Howard County; Crane and Crane County; Garden City and Glasscock County; Monahans and Ward County; Pecos and Reeves County; Ft. Stockton and Pecos County; Kermit and Winkler County; Sanderson and Terrell County; Menton and Loving County; rural Midland and Ector Counties; and Gail and Borden County. Financial assistance to provide this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$373,724 and we anticipate receiving additional funds to supplement this amount. Service will be for the general public and fares may be charged for the service. Additional vehicles will not be required to provide this service. Written comments are being accepted at P.O. Box 1308, Lamesa, Texas until 4:00 p.m. on February 23, 2004. If you wish to or cannot attend the hearing, further information including a full copy of the application can be reviewed at West Texas Opportunities, Inc. #4093 January 28 & February 4, 2004

PUBLIC NOTICE

Sheriff Sale
Notice of Sale:
Real Property Mineral Rights
The State of Texas,
County of Howard

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN That by virtue of a certain Writ issued out of the Justice of the Peace for Precinct No. 1, of Lubbock County, the 24th day of October, 2003 by Judgement of said Court for the sum of \$2,786.77 dollars and costs of suit, under a Writ of Execution, in favor of Commercial Property Services as agent for Lubbock U.S.S.C., Ltd., (attorney Scott Sharp) in a certain cause in said Court, 2003-641,935 and styled Commercial Property Services as agent for Lubbock U.S.S.C., Ltd., Plaintiff vs. GIC SALES, INC. A Texas Corporation and Steven R. Smith, individually, 1606 East 25th, Big Spring, TX 79720. Defendant, placed in my hands for service, I, Dean Restelli, a Deputy Sheriff of Howard County,

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HE'S GOING OVER SOME NEW COMPUTER SOFTWARE WITH A VENDOR.
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I KNOW... BUT "SAME OL' SAME OL' DON'T SELL NEWSPAPERS!"

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WHAT ARE YOU WORKING ON THESE DAYS?
A TIME MACHINE.
WHAT ARE YOU CALLING IT?
"THE CLOCK"

This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Wednesday, Jan. 28, the 28th day of 2004. There are 338 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Jan. 28, 1986, the space shuttle Challenger exploded 73 seconds after liftoff from Cape Canaveral, killing all seven crew members.

On this date:

In 1853, Cuban revolutionary Jose Marti was born in Havana.

In 1878, the first commercial telephone switchboard went into operation, in New Haven, Conn.

In 1878, the first daily college newspaper, the Yale News, began publication in New Haven, Conn.

In 1909, the United States ended direct control over Cuba.

In 1915, the Coast Guard was created by an act of Congress.

In 1916, Louis D. Brandeis was appointed by President Wilson to the Supreme Court, becoming its first Jewish member.

In 1945, during World War II, Allied supplies began reaching China over the newly reopened Burma Road.

In 1973, a cease-fire officially went into effect in the Vietnam War.

In 1980, six U.S. diplomats who had avoided being taken hostage at their embassy in Tehran flew out of Iran with the help of Canadian diplomats.

In 1982, Italian anti-terrorism forces rescued U.S. Brig. Gen. James L. Dozier, 42 days after he had been kidnapped by the Red Brigades.

Ten years ago: In Los Angeles, Superior Court Judge Stanley Weisberg declared a mistrial in the case of Lyle Menendez, just over two weeks after a mistrial was declared in the case of Lyle's brother, Erik; both juries had deadlocked over whether the brothers were guilty of murder in the shooting deaths of their wealthy parents. (Lyle and Erik Menendez were later retried, convicted of murder and sentenced to life in prison without parole.)

Today's Birthdays:

Musician-composer Acker Bilk is 75. Author Susan Sontag is 71. Actor Nicholas Pryor is 69. Actor Alan Alda is 68. Actress Susan Howard is 62. Actress Marthe Keller is 59. Actress-singer Barbi Benton is 54. Actress Harley Jane Kozak is 47. Rock musician Dave Sharp is 45. Rock singer Sam Phillips is 42.

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Newsday Crossword

DINNERWARE by Robert H. Wolfe
Edited by Stanley Newman

ACROSS

1 Quick
6 Rubber roller
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16 Jaws boat
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25 TV network, e.g.
26 Actor Kurt
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43 Fictional lab assistant
45 Unfair treatment
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51 _ cum laude
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AN' NOW I R'MEMBER WHY WE NEVER READ THIS 'UN !!

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The "Geneva Accord"

Is it the way to lasting peace in the Middle East or to disaster?

With great hoopla, two private citizens, unconnected with and unauthorized by their respective governments, have taken it upon themselves to produce the draft of a "peace treaty," which would finally bring an end to the century-old struggle between Jews and Arabs. The treaty, the "Geneva Accord," would almost immediately bring about a "Palestinian" state.

What are the facts?
Negotiators without standing: Yossi Beilin, the "negotiator" for the Israeli side, has no official standing at all. He is a former minister of justice, but has been repudiated by the Israeli electorate. His Arab counterpart Yasser Abed Rabbo has no standing either. He is said to have Yasser Arafat's ear, whatever that may be worth.

This is extraordinary. It is as if an American citizen, say, for instance, Al Gore or Pat Buchanan, were to negotiate with an Iraqi confidant of Saddam Hussein about the American-Iraqi relationship.

Apart from the sheer illegitimacy of this process, provisions of this Accord need examination. They are, without exception, damaging to Israel, which, as usual, is asked to make all "concessions." If this Accord were to come to fruition, it would threaten the very survival of Israel as a Jewish state. The Accord cedes the Temple Mount, the Jewish people's holiest of holies, the focus of its two-thousand-year yearning, to the "Palestinians." Jews could be admitted only at the sufferance of the Muslims. Why would any Jew concede the very soul of his people and of his nation? Would the Muslims concede Mecca, would the Catholic Church concede the Vatican?

But there are equally or perhaps even more weighty matters than these "sentimental" considerations. Under this Accord, Israel would agree to almost total withdrawal from Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and Gaza, dramatically increasing the number of "settlers" who would have to be repatriated. Since the Accord considers them to be "illegal occupiers" no compensation would be conceded to them. Under the Accord, the high ground dominating the Tel Aviv region and the central coastal strip would be in "Palestinian" hands. More than seventy per cent of Israel's population lives in that area and most of its industrial and military capacity and its major civilian airport are located there. Only a fool could believe that the Arabs, who have broken every provision of the vaunted Oslo Accord, would not avail themselves of the opportunity of critically damaging or, if possible, totally destroying the Israeli state.

Israel naked before its enemies: Further, the suggested transfer of the Jordan River Valley, Israel's first line of defense against attack from the east, would put it into an untenable military position. Any safety net, any viable security for Israel would disappear. Israel would lie virtually naked and helpless before its mortal enemies if this disastrous Accord were ever implemented.

The Accord is ambiguous about the so-called "right of return." There is apparently no longer insistence that all "refugees" be allowed to settle in Israel. The "refugees" are the descendants of those who, at the urging of the Arab armies that invaded the Jewish state at the very day of its founding, fled the fighting. There were about 500,000 of them; they have now miraculously swelled to five million. Nobody talks about returning the millions of German refugees to what is now Poland and Czechoslovakia, and nobody dreams of compensating them. But under the Geneva Accord, all those "refugees" are to be paid "compensation," which could amount to hundreds of billions of dollars. Significantly, no compensation is countenanced for the about 800,000 Jews, who were expelled or who had to flee for their lives from the Arab countries, where in most cases they had lived for over 1,000 years.

Under the Geneva Accord, Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank"), which, together with Gaza, would form the "Palestinian" state, is to be free of Jews, made *judenrein*, in line with the Nazi model. But how about the over one million Arabs who live and prosper in Israel? Would it not be fair and reciprocal if they were transferred from "Israel proper" and were moved into the new "Palestinian" state? The Geneva Accord does not address this obvious question, and nobody else does either.

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