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WEATHER

Tonight:



CLOUDY

TONIGHT 31°-33° TOMORROW 62°-63°

BRIEFLY

Candidate event

The Texas Public Employee Association and the Big Spring State Hospital will be hosting a reception Thursday for Senate District 31 candidates Kirk Edwards, 10 a.m., and Kel Seliger, 11 a.m., in the Allred Building Auditorium. All state employees are invited.

Relay fund-raiser

The Yellow Dog Daredevils team is selling personalized miniature cakes for Valentine's Day as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life event.

Each cake is \$3 and orders will be taken through Wednesday, Feb. 11.

The cakes will be ready for pick up from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Friday, at the Big Spring Mall.

To make an order, call the Big Spring Independent School District bus barn at 263-4108 and ask for Angel Sosa or, if after 5 p.m., call Georgia Torres at 267-1312 or Sosa at 267-7588.

SMMC gifts

Scenic Mountain Medical Center's relay for life team is selling "Hugs & Kisses" candy grams for Valentine's Day as a fund-raiser for the American Cancer Society.

Prices are: for candy only, \$5; for candy and one balloon, \$7.50; for candy and two balloons, \$10. Alternative fruit packages are available at the same prices.

The candy-grams will be ready Friday. Delivery will be limited to the hospital, Family Medical Center and Malone and Hogan Clinic.

Orders must be received by Thursday and can be made by calling Amber Rich at 268-4960 or the main switchboard at 263-1211.

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BSISD Food Service welcomes audit of services

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

An auditor from the Texas Department of Agriculture was on Big Spring Independent School District campuses last week to review the district's federally-funded child nutrition program.

"I believe our audit went very smoothly," said BSISD Food Service Director Joann Knox. "Of course, just like any other auditor, it's their job to find the little things that we're not doing."

A TDA representative was on district campuses on Wednesday and Thursday, comprehensively reviewing all paperwork dealing



KNOX

with the program and selected Bauer Elementary School and Goliad Intermediate School cafeterias for on-site audits.

"He was looking for things like did they make enough mashed potatoes to serve the amount of kids they said they were serving," Knox said. "Little things like that."

Normally, an audit of the program takes places every five years, and the district was not up for another three, Knox said.

"Because the Texas Department of Agriculture took over the child nutrition pro-

gram, they revamped their schedule," Knox said. "We fell under the new schedule this year."

Although these audits can be time consuming, Knox said she welcomes the critical reviews.

"I think it helps us improve our program," she said.

An official report will be sent to BSISD Superintendent Michael Downes in the next few weeks, Knox said.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by reporter@bigspringherald.com



Saturday's rag ball game between the Big Spring High School Lady Steers and BSISD faculty wasn't quite enough for 3-year-old Cole Daggett, who, along with several other children at the game, decided to play their own game of softball.

Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra seeks help from Crossroads area school children

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

The Lubbock Youth Symphony Orchestra is tuning up to herald in its 17th season with hopes of drawing the interest of more area youth to the program.

"These students have an opportunity to play music they would not normally play in a school setting," said Program Director Gala Green. "It's challenging. The top group plays the same music professional musicians play. It's not watered down."

Green was in the Big Spring area last week, promoting the program by visiting with several area school district music classes.

For 16 years, the program has continued to prosper by placing talented young musicians under the guidance of Lubbock directors, professional musicians and Texas

"Every child, whether they are already in the orchestra or not, has to audition for the group."



Gala Green, program director

Tech University professors and allowing them a forum to grow with their talent in a professional setting.

This past season, Big Spring youngsters Melody McDaniel, Kyle McDaniel and Mark Lozano were among the almost 200 regional students who participated.

"We represent about 37 schools plus home school students," Green said.

The Lubbock Symphony Youth Orchestra consists of three groups — the string orchestra, a beginning group; the concert orchestra, for intermediate students; and the symphony orchestra, for advanced musicians.

Participating musicians range from 6 years of age through high school seniors and are placed in a group based on their level of skill, not their age, Green stressed.

"We try to have strong players in every section because we need those strong players to help with those younger players," Green said. "Basically, they help mentor the younger ones. That's one of the things we like to focus on. We need them to take on leadership roles."

The young musicians pay a \$5 nonrefundable fee to audition, and if selected, another \$250 for mem-

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Council to discuss increasing speed rate on FM 700

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Big Spring City Council will meet at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday to consider a number of matters, including raising the speed limit on the FM 700 North Service Road next to the VA Medical Center.



DARDEN

City Public Works Director Todd Darden said a recommendation to change the speed limit on the rather short stretch of road came as a result of an engineering study from the Texas Department of Transportation.

"The traffic commission requested a study be done on it," said Darden. "The study was performed by TxDOT engineers, and based on the 85 percentile rule, determined the speed limit should be changed from 35 to 45."

"The primary reason they wanted the study was because the road merges into FM 700, and it has such a short ramp the difference in the speeds was causing a problem."

Darden said traffic merging onto FM 700 will still be required to yield the right-of-way, but the change in speed should make it easier for motorists to join the flow of traffic.

The council will hear this matter along with the following:

• A proclamation declaring Feb. 11, 2004, as "2-1-1 Day."

• Final reading of a resolution to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure covering the west 44 feet of Lot 10, Block 17, Boydston Addition.

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Deadline of Feb. 27 looms to register for ACT

HERALD Staff Report

Application packets must be postmarked by Feb. 27, but those who miss the deadline still have until March 12 for late registration. An additional fee will be accessed for those who register late.

April 3.

The purpose of the ACT test is to measure what students have learned in high school in the areas of English, reading, mathematics and science.

Most colleges and universities in the nation accept ACT scores, which along with the student's

high school GPA, courses taken and extracurricular activities, helps college officials to determine admission status and appropriate course placement.

Students are allowed to retake the ACT to try for a higher score. Juniors can use the test scores to examine academic weakness and

take courses to correct those weaknesses before retaking the exam as seniors.

Students who have taken the test more than once can report only their highest composite score to prospective colleges if they chose.

For more information about registration and test locations, contact your high school guidance counselor or registrar online at the ACT's website, www.act.org. The website also provides information, sample tests and the opportunity to order test preparation material.

FEBRUARY 9, 2004

Obituaries

Travis Oliver



Travis Oliver, 57, died at 11:08 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 8, 2004, at Midland Memorial Hospital in Midland. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2004, at Myers & Smith Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes officiating. Interment will be at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, 2004.

Mr. Oliver was born on Nov. 23, 1946, at Colorado City. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1957, relocating from Colorado City. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy from 1964 until 1967. He graduated from Howard College with a degree in business administration. He was a boiler operator in the Navy and at the VA Medical Center. He retired from the VA in 1993. He then worked for the Big Spring Independent School District from 1993 through 2003. He was a Baptist and a Mason.

He is survived by his wife, Leta Oliver of Big Spring; two sons, Gary Oliver of Sand Springs and Chris Oliver of Midland; four grandchildren; one brother, Bill Oliver of Albuquerque, N.M.; two sisters, Shirley Scott of Houston and Valreya Nichols of Marshall; and a number of nieces and nephews.

Funeral arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Pay respects online at www.myersandsmith.com.

Edna Marie Moore

Edna Marie Moore, 74, of Lenorah died on Friday, Feb. 6, 2004, in a Lubbock hospital. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Monday, Feb. 9, 2004, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with the Rev. Leandro Gonzales Jr., pastor of Lenorah Baptist Church, officiating and the Rev. David Harp of First Baptist Church of Stanton assisting. Interment will follow at Evergreen Cemetery Stanton.

Mrs. Moore was born on April 1, 1929, in Taylor County and married Dave Moore on Oct. 16, 1965, in Plainview. He preceded her in death in 1982.

She worked as relief postmaster at the U.S. Post Office in Lenorah for 10 years and was a retired registered nurse. She enjoyed playing the piano and enjoyed playing for the churches that invited her to play. She was a member of the Lenorah Baptist Church, an active member of the Senior Adult Group at church and also served as the pianist for the church.

Survivors include two sons, Barney Peterson of Omaha, Neb., and Kenneth Peterson of Lenorah; one daughter, Ruth Faulks of Sherman; two brothers, Bobby Joe McClain of Eljay, Ga., and Charles McClain of Lorena; six grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two step-daughters.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and one brother.

The family suggests memorials made to a favorite church or charity of choice. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at www.npwelch.com.

Police blotter

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

- **JARON KENDERO COBY**, 19, of Longview was arrested today on a charge of harboring a runaway child.
- **JUDY ANN CASTILLO**, 35, of 1509 Lancaster was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.
- **ROSLINDA PEREZ NIETO**, 32, of 1400 Park was arrested Saturday on county warrants for forgery and traffic.
- **SONY GAY BIDDLE**, 34, of 2911 Highway 80 was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **ROBERT EARL HAGAN III**, 21, of Longview was arrested today on a charge of harboring a runaway.
- **JENNIFER BONILLA**, 21, of 1002 Main was arrested Saturday on a charge of theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500.
- **PILAR ANN HILARIO**, 23, of 704 Bell was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.
- **CHRISTOPHER WAYNE MASON**, 20, of 1709 E. 19th St. was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana, minor in consumption.
- **CHRISTOPHER M. FULLBRIGHT**, 19, of 538 Westover, was arrested Sunday on a charge of possession of marijuana, minor in consumption.
- **KEITH ANDREW HILARIO**, of 1401 N. Highway 87, was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana, minor in consumption and on traffic warrants.
- **JOSHUA JACK GIBSON**, 21, of 1408 E. 18th St. was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana and furnishing alcohol to a minor.
- **AMY AMANDA MURRAY**, 18, of 4924 Wasson was arrested Sunday on charges of possession of marijuana, minor in possession-alcohol.
- **ERNESTO MIRANADA**, 33, of Pecos was arrested Sunday on a charge of public intoxication.
- **CARLOS NELSON VINDES**, 54, of Cisco was arrested Sunday on a charge of driving while intoxicated.
- **VIOLATION OF A PROTECTIVE ORDER** was reported in the 2000 block of South Gregg Street.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Harvard.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 1800 block of Wallace.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported in the 2000 block of West FM 700 and the 2000 block of Main Street.
- **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 400 block of Aylesford.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover, the 1200 block of Pennsylvania, the 800 block of FM 700 and at No. 1 Courtney Place.
- **RUNAWAY** was reported in the 100 block of 16th Street.
- **THEFT OF FIREARM** was reported in the 2600 block of Crestline Road.
- **INJURY TO A CHILD** was reported in the 700 block of Creighton Street, in the 2300 block of Roemer Boulevard and in the 1300 block of College
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1400 block of Grafa Street where \$480 in precious metals, jewelry were reported stolen, in the 200 block of W. FM 700 where \$377.96 worth of health, beauty aides were reported stolen and in the 1200 block of Rideroad.

Bulletin board

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

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People age 50 and over are invited to participate. Call 268-4721 for more information.

Evening Lions Club meets at 6:30 p.m. at La Posada.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31 meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main Street. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Bearceant meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main. Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m.

Big Spring Band Boosters meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Big Spring High School band hall.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden County meets at 7 p.m. every second Monday of the month in the library basement in the community room. Call Lane Clawson for more information, 270-2615.

Coahoma Lions Club meets at 6 p.m. the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the Coahoma Community Center, 306 North Ave..

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes meet at 9 a.m. in the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information.

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

WEDNESDAY

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.

Lottery

Results of the Lotto Texas drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-7-15-40-42. Bonus Ball: 10. Number matching five of five, plus Bonus Ball: 0. Estimated jackpot for Wednesday night drawing: \$5 million.

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Saturday night: Winning numbers drawn: 5-14-22-23-24. Number matching five of five: 2. Winning tickets sold in El Paso and Red Rock. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday night: 1-6-0

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon: 1-4-0

Weather

Today — Mostly cloudy. Highs around 50. Light winds becoming north 10 to 15 mph.

Tonight — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. Northeast winds around 10 mph.

Tuesday — Mostly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s. Northeast winds 10 to 15 mph.

Tuesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s. East winds around 10 mph in the evening becoming light.

Wednesday — Cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain. Highs in the mid 40s. Light winds.

Wednesday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 20s.

Thursday — Mostly cloudy. A chance of snow. Possibly mixed with rain in the afternoon. Highs in the mid 30s. Chance of precipitation 30 percent.

Thursday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 20s.

Friday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 40s.

Friday night — Mostly cloudy. Lows in the mid 30s.

Saturday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s.

Saturday night and Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows

Take note

□ **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, Jimmey 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 Junek, 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, Debrora Pineda, Cheri Polanco, Eunice Ramirez, Libby Reed, Tony Reidy, Robert Renteria, Jackie

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□ **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.

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

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

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

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Budget board to release details of spending plan today

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A new state spending proposal has been developed, but Legislative Budget Board members and other officials are tightlipped about what it contains.

Budget Board Director John Keel said a "complete packet" running more than 100 pages would be made available Monday morning and "all the details" of the spending proposal would be published in the Texas Register.

State law permits the 10-member board, led by Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst, to withhold details until members complete a recommendation to Gov. Rick Perry. He has 30 days to ratify or change it.

The *San Antonio Express-News* reported in today's editions that state officials were poised to declare a fiscal emergency and urge Perry to shift millions of dollars around to fix it. The newspaper requested all materials, including proposals and explanatory materials, under the Texas Public Information Act.

"If you release preliminary information and then we don't act on it or act on it in a different form, we'll get criticized for changing it."

Rep. Talmadge Heflin
LLB member

One board member, Rep. Talmadge Heflin, said leaders may seek Attorney General Greg Abbott's opinion on what information should be released before meetings.

"If there's a lot of noise, I would want to have his take on it," Heflin, R-Houston and chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, told the newspaper. "If, in fact, we did misread what was appropriate, we'd be able to correct it next time around."

An Austin lawyer who is an authority on open government issues said the spending proposal should have been provided before the meeting.

"There's nothing (in the law) that expressly authorizes them to hold it back," said lawyer Jennifer Riggs. "They ought to release it."

A posted agenda listing agencies seeking additional funds includes the Regional Academic Health Center in the Rio Grande Valley, Texas Tech University at El Paso, the Texas Cooperative Extension and the secretary of state.

Riggs complained information was insufficient "on that agenda to tell employees of the agencies or any of the other parties affected" what the board is doing.

Perry and Dewhurst came to the Rio Grande Valley last year to announce their agreement on diverting \$9 million for the health center to ensure third-year medical students continue to receive a year of clinical training. Funds were also described as supporting added laboratories and faculty development.

Dewhurst also said earlier that he favors allocating at least \$2 million to help finance the launch of a four-year Texas Tech medical school in El Paso.

Heflin said the proposal "becomes public when we discuss it at a public meeting."

"If you release preliminary information and then we don't act on it or act on it in a different form, we'll get criticized for changing it," he said.

Failure to release explanatory materials seems inconsistent with open government, said Suzy Woodford, executive director of Common Cause of Texas.

"It's an outrage," Woodford said. "The public has every right to know what is the emergency, how much money is being spent and who is going to lose money before the board acts."

Texas lawmakers last year struggled to overcome a \$9.9 billion shortfall, writing a new two-year budget that cut health and human services and assorted other programs.

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bership. Those who choose to participate in ensemble groups are charged an additional \$75 fee.

Although the membership fee may seem daunting for some, Green said scholarships are available to help with costs.

Once selected, the students are expected to stay committed to the project, including participating in most of the season's weekly rehearsals and various performances.

"They are allowed a couple of excused absences for rehearsals, but they have to be willing to be there," Green said. "We expect them to have proper behavior, to be prepared, to have their music. When they're not, it can throw the whole orchestra off and that's not fair to the ones who have made the effort to travel and be there and be prepared. They have to be dedicated."

Commitment is one of the many valuable lessons these students learn by being a part of the orchestra.

"We've had several former students that when going up for a scholarship against another person were chosen because they have been in a youth orchestra," Green said. "Most people know that students learn dedication and responsibility while

participating in a youth orchestra, and so they are more than likely to be more committed."

Activities during the season include attending a retreat on Labor Day weekend at Ceta Canyon, a possible performance with the Lubbock Symphony Orchestra and the Broadway on the 4th of July concert.

"That's one of our big highlights of the year," Green said. "They perform in front of a crowd of 75,000 or more. I receive numerous letters from people who happen to come in town and they're amazed to hear that it's youth that are playing."

Green added that in years past several of LYSO students have also been chosen to participate in the National Festival Orchestra.

"They choose 70 nationwide to be in this particular orchestra to perform in January at Carnegie Hall," she said. "We've done this about eight years and every year we've had someone from the orchestra go. Generally, we have from three go on average and one year we had 16."

The symphony will wrap up its 16th season with a concert at 3 p.m. Sunday, March 7, in the Lubbock Civic Center. Admission is \$8 for adults and \$6 for students and senior citizens.

Open auditions for the beginning orchestra will be held at the end of

February. Auditions for the more advanced groups are held in April and May.

"To get into the program, we have annual

auditions each spring," Green said. "Every child, whether they are already in the orchestra or not, has to audition for the group."

For more information about the program, contact Green at 806-762-0460 or by e-mail at ggreen@lubbocksymphony.org.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



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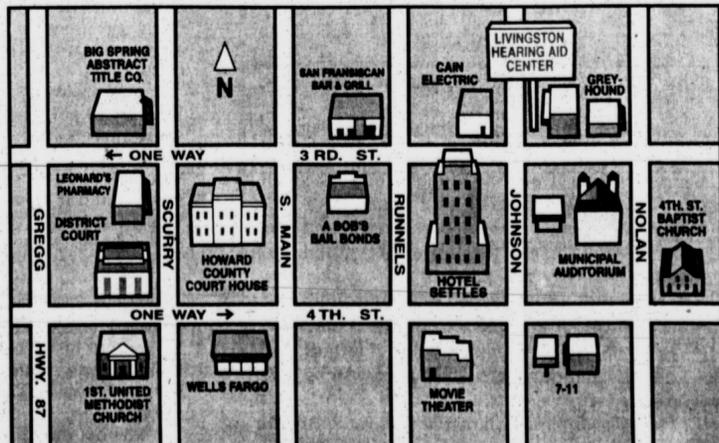


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- Final reading of a resolution to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure covering Lot 10, Block 9, Earles Addition.

- Final reading of a resolution to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure covering the south half of Lot 9, Block 5, Cedar Crest Addition.

- Final reading of a resolution to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure covering the south 50 feet of Lots 9, 10 and 11, Block 4, Wrights Airport Addition.

- Approval of the investment report for month ending Dec. 31, 2003.

- Award a bid for lease finance purchasing.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the mayor to execute a lease purchase agreement and related instruments.

- First reading of a resolution authorizing the city manager to execute a contract with Maximus for preparation of an annual cost allocation plan.

- First reading of an ordinance raising the

speed limit on the North Service Road from Gregg Street to FM 700.

- First reading of an ordinance to establish a Conventions and Visitors Bureau Board.

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OTHER VIEWS

Don't be red-faced this Valentine's Day, let BSSH bail you out

What's going to be red on Saturday? Hopefully it will be a boxed heart of chocolates you hand to your sweetheart and not your face when you realize...oh, my goodness, it's Valentine's Day! Time is running out to get that special someone something special. If you've put it off and put it off, it's not too late. Big Spring State Hospital can help you with just a phone call.

Each year, the Volunter Services Council offers a variety of gifts which will be delivered to the location of your choice. For just a few dollars, you can have flowers, candy, a mug, soaps or a stuffed animal delivered to a residence, place of employment — even a restaurant.

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Here's what is available:

For just \$10, choose from a candy rose bouquet, candy lollipop bouquet, a coffee mug filled with great sippin' treats, a basket with homemade candy, a vase with carnations or rose petal soaps in a tray.

For \$20, your valentine will be treated to a song from some talented crooners. These "singing telegrams" include a snapshot of the event and a heart-shaped box of candy. Other choices include a stuffed bear and box of candy or another stuffed animal and a two-carnation bud vase.

For \$25, you can get a large sweater bear and candy or an animated musical animal and candy. And for \$35, your loved one can receive a large basket with a large bear and box of candy.

Whatever you choose, it's a great way to show that special someone that you care while knowing that part of the money you spend is going to help patients at the state hospital.

The only drawback is time. There's only so much time on Valentine's Day to deliver gifts and to serenade. And typically, these items sell out a day or two before Valentine's Day. So you'll need to get your order in as soon as possible.

To send your valentine one of these unique gifts, call the community relations office at 268-7536 or 268-7271. Make sure something more than your face is red on Valentine's Day.

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The victim asked for it?

The famous lust for murder was not there. The killing was very unpleasant for (German cannibal/killer Armin) Meiwes. There were no base motives."

Those were not the words of Meiwes' defense attorney, as you might expect. Actually, they're what the German judge, Volker Mutze, said to explain his court's decision to find Meiwes not guilty of murdering 43-year-old Bernd Brandes, and instead sentencing Meiwes — who killed, then butchered and ate parts of Brandes — to eight-and-a-half years for manslaughter. Observers expect to see Meiwes on the street in five years.

So the next time someone suggests that Americans look to Our Betters in Europe for a more humane approach to criminal justice, think of Judge Mutze.

Yes, European Union countries eschew the death penalty, which is supposed to show that they are enlightened.

The problem is that Germany and many of these other "enlightened" countries are in the dark when it comes to the appropriate response to violent and heinous crimes. They don't simply oppose capital punishment, they oppose locking up serial killers for life.

European human rights law requires that criminals sentenced to life be eligible for parole — even if they were convicted for planting a bomb that killed 270 people in the 1988 Lockerbie crash.

The longest sentence handed out by the U.N. International Criminal Tribunal for the former Yugoslavia was 46 years — and it was for the crime of genocide.

It's pretty clear that Meiwes enjoyed killing Brandes. The two men met in 2001 when Brandes answered an Internet ad in which Meiwes solicited a man willing to be killed and consumed. Brandes went soon after to Meiwes' rustic home. Meiwes testified that Brandes changed his mind once, but agreed to the killing after consuming sleeping pills, cold medicine and nearly a bottle of schnapps. Even if Brandes had been as sober as a judge — a dubious distinction, in this case — his desire to be mutilated and murdered is evidence of a sickness in his soul. To buy the he-asked-for-it defense, a court has to believe that it is a lesser crime to kill sick people. Mutze apparently bought that argument.

Former San Jose police chief and Hoover Institution fellow Joseph McNamara is appalled. "The judge's reasoning in this is very, very strange; to see this as consensual activity — since the victim was mentally ill — that made it OK for the killer to do what he did," he noted.

McNamara is a fervent critic of long sentences meted out in American courts to nonviolent offenders — and still he finds the Meiwes sentence offensively short.

McNamara also points to the two-year, suspended sentence meted out to the man who stabbed tennis great Monica Seles in 1993 as an example of Germany's inappropriately light punishments.

German courts, McNamara noted, "view five years as a life sentence." It apparently didn't matter that Meiwes seems likely to become a repeat offender. When police caught up with Herr Cannibal last year, he was back on the Internet, trolling for young men willing to be murdered and butchered.

Meiwes videotaped the murder and mutilation of Brandes, and

then later watched the video. Yet the judge saw no lust or base motives? His motto should be: See no evil.

The manslaughter sentence — for a premeditated murder — was supposed to represent the middle ground. The defense had argued that, if anything, Meiwes was guilty of "killing on demand" (nominal sentence: five years).

Prosecutors had wanted a life sentence — subject to parole, naturally — for a killing with sexual overtones. Prosecutors are appealing, as they should.

Meanwhile, Chapman University School of Law professor John Eastman noted, the court was wrong to treat "deliberate, premeditated murder and cannibalism as manslaughter on a par with a traffic-accident death caused by a negligent driver." Maybe that's what happens when only judges are on a jury. I don't believe a panel of German civilians would have rendered the same verdict. It's the professionals who are so opposed to appearing judgmental — even in a courtroom — and so caught up in the legal niceties that they can't see a sick murder for what it is.

"Each had something to get, and each had to give something," was Mutze's assessment. Only an enlightened European judge would — when presented with the violent butchering of a 43-year-old man — decide that the important issue was whether it was remotely consensual.

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Dean's campaign is done

Just when I was going to write that you could not count Howard Dean out, that he could still rekindle the fires of his support, that he could still be a potent campaigner, he convinces me that he is a replicant after all.

In the Philip K. Dick novel "Do Androids Dream of Electric Sheep?" and the movie "Blade Runner," which was based on it, replicants are synthetic beings indistinguishable from humans except for their inability to feel normal emotions.

Take The Scream. The scream did not, of course, do in Howard Dean. The scream had a context: Dean had just come in third in Iowa, having won only two counties out of 99.

Had Dean won Iowa by 10 points and given the same speech, even adding the state capitals and major exports, he could have given the same scream and it would have been viewed as no worse than mildly amusing by the news media.

But the scream came not only in the context of defeat, but in the context of a candidate whose emotions were suspect. To me, Dean looked not just like a candidate looking for a strategy, but a human being looking for a personality.

It was not entirely his fault. The intense scrutiny of a presidential

campaign — and first-time candidates never believe this — makes you profoundly question yourself.

When everything you do gets criticized, you begin to question everything you do. When you are winning, you don't care. You trust your instincts because your instincts seem so wise and good.

But when things go badly, you get lost quickly. Howard Dean's campaign strategy was based on spending huge sums in Iowa and New Hampshire, and using victories in those two states to roll over his opponents elsewhere. (John Kerry had the same strategy; the only difference is that Kerry succeeded.)

But having squandered millions in Iowa, Dean was rocked to his core on caucus night. How could he have been so wrong? How could he have been so bad? And what was he going to say to salvage his campaign?

Personally, I think he should have gone with a quotation. Quotations are usually safe. He could have gone with the famous one by Adlai Stevenson (who was quoting Abraham Lincoln) when he said that "he was too old to cry, but it hurt too much to laugh."

Or he could have gone with a joke: "I'm going to sleep like a baby tonight — I'm going to wake up and cry every 15 minutes."

Dean could have gone with anything that made him seem human. Instead, he went with a totally phony, manufactured emotion: wild enthusiasm. It was a disaster. It was exactly what a replicant would have wrongly guessed was

appropriate.

Which brings me to the second piece of videotape that has been shown over and over again this year: Janet Jackson's exposed (though pixelized in the replays) right breast.

Howard Dean was asked about it. The old Howard Dean would not have answered. But the new Howard-in-Defeat Dean, who must show he is one us, had to.

Naturally, he muffed it. He replied: "I'm probably affected in some ways by the fact that I'm a doctor, so it's not exactly an unusual phenomenon for me."

Is that a regular guy or what? In poll after poll, voters say that what really makes them vote for a candidate is "that they are a regular person just like me."

But is that the quote of a regular person? Or is that the quote of a person without normal human emotions?

And are we really to believe that doctors don't respond to sexual stimuli outside of work? Are we really to believe that doctors don't have normal human emotions even while relaxing and watching a football game?

Some people think the movie "Blade Runner" ends with the last replicant still at large.

I think they ought to check out Vermont.

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Glaucoma

It is estimated that 3 million people in the United States have glaucoma. It is a leading cause of blindness. However, those who have glaucoma know they have a few minutes to learn about it can affect your love.

In its early stages, glaucoma has signs or symptoms. Therefore, it is estimated that only the people with glaucoma are aware. In its later stages, symptoms of glaucoma may include:

- Loss of peripheral vision;
- An inability to adjust the eye to dimly lit rooms;
- Rainbow colored lights;
- Frequent changes in glass prescription.

By this time, reversible vision to the optic nerve.

Living Things

Ask Aggie Landry heart disease.

Landry is a woman and a WomenHeart, National Coalition of Women with Heart Disease. Unshe's also a mother.

Last year, 10-year-old Dallas mother was in Kansas when she suffered a stroke. She started sweating. Then, she became unconscious. Her stroke. She figured it was something she was experiencing. She breathed. She got to work. Landry's niece called an ambulance. A few minutes later, paramedics told her someone was chest with her and that she was severe back vomited.

In the emergency room, Landry received an electrocardiogram which revealed her heart's electrical system. The EKG was abnormal and showed the right side of her heart was in distress.

Although Landry reported five warning signs, family history, high blood pressure, the doctor released her from the hospital. He diagnosed her with a bad cardiac reflux.

But Landry was not alone. She was something wrong.

"If I didn't know them, I would have thought Landry said."

Aggie Landry suffered a massive heart attack due to a condition called coronary artery disease, where a blockage in the artery. And a million people have heart attacks. A million people have heart attacks. A million people have heart attacks. Ms. Landry is in a trillion.

After her insurance was performed.

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Glaucoma has few signs or symptoms

It is estimated that more than 3 million Americans have glaucoma, a group of eye diseases that is the nation's number one cause of preventable blindness. However, only half of those who have glaucoma even know they have it. So, please take a few minutes of your time to learn about this disease and how it can affect you or someone you love.

In its early stages, glaucoma has few signs or symptoms. Therefore, it is estimated that only half the people with glaucoma are aware of it. In its later stages, symptoms of glaucoma may include:

- Loss of peripheral vision;
- An inability to adjust the eye to darkened rooms;
- Rainbow colored rings or halos around lights; and
- Frequent need to change eye-glass prescriptions.

By this time, serious, irreversible vision loss due to damage to the optic nerve, which trans-

mits visual information from the eye to the brain, may have occurred. The damage is progressive and can result in blindness.

It was once believed that increased pressure inside the eye, or intraocular pressure, was the main cause of optic nerve damage. However, people with normal intraocular pressure can also experience vision loss from the disease. Therefore, it is now known that other factors must also cause glaucoma.

While glaucoma can be neither prevented nor cured, early detection and treatment may help preserve vision. Regular, thorough eye exams through dilated pupils are critical to saving sight. Such an exam includes two routine tests. The first test is Tonometry, or the measurement of the inner pressure of the eye; and ophthalmoscopy, which examines the inside of the eye, especially the optic nerve. Other tests include a so-called visual field test, in which a patient is asked to look straight ahead and then indicate when a moving light passes his or her peripheral vision, and a check of the angle where the iris, or colored part of the eye, meets the

cornea. In most cases, glaucoma can be controlled with medication or surgery.

Glaucoma is the leading cause of blindness among African-Americans, in whom the disease is six to eight more times likely than Caucasians. African-Americans ages 45-65 are anywhere from 14 to 17 times more likely to go blind from glaucoma than Caucasians with glaucoma in the same age group.

Several other groups of people are at high risk for glaucoma - people over age 60, diabetics, and people who are severely nearsighted.

It is recommended that people have thorough eye exams at ages 35 and 40, followed by exams every two to four years after age 40 and every one to two years for after age 60. People over 35 who have any high risk factors should have a thorough eye exam every one to two years.

Dr. Juan Carlos Gonzalez is board certified in internal medicine and can be reached at 1608 FM 700 Suite C, Big Spring 79720 or by telephone at 263-7700.



DR. JUAN CARLOS GONZALEZ

Living with heart disease

Things you cannot tell, just by looking at her

Ask Aggie Landry if heart disease is a man's disease.

Landry is a spokeswoman and advocate for WomenHeart, the National Coalition for Women with Heart Disease. Unfortunately, she's also a member.

Last year, this 38-year-old Dallas mother of three was in Kansas City visiting her mother who had suffered a stroke. Landry started sweating profusely. Then, she felt nauseous. Her stomach hurt. She figured it was something she ate. She started experiencing severe shortness of breath and struggled to get words out.

Landry's 10-year-old niece called 911, and an ambulance arrived just minutes later. She told the paramedics that she felt like someone was hitting her chest with a softball, and that she was suffering severe back pain. She vomited.

In the emergency room, Landry received an EKG, or electrocardiogram, which measures the heart's electrical activity. The EKG was abnormal and showed that the left side of her heart was in distress.

Although Landry had reported five heart attack warning signs, and had a family history of heart disease, the doctor tried to release her from the hospital. He diagnosed her with a bad case of acid reflux.

But Landry refused to leave. She knew that something was terribly wrong.

"If I didn't fight with them, I would've died," Landry said.

Aggie Landry had suffered a massive heart attack due to a rare condition called spontaneous coronary artery dissection, where a tear forms in the artery. Around one in a million people suffer this type of heart attack. Only about one in a trillion people survive.

Ms. Landry turned out to be one in a trillion.

After her insistence, a blood test was performed that suggested that

Heart disease and stroke facts about women

- Heart disease and stroke are the No. 1 and No. 3 killers of women over the age of 25.
- Heart attack, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases claim the lives of more than half a million women each year—about a death a minute. That's more lives than the next 7 causes of death combined, and nearly twice as many as all forms of cancer, including breast cancer.
- Of the women who die, one in 29 die of breast cancer. About one out of every 2.4 women die of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases.
- One in five females in the United States has some form of cardiovascular disease.
- Every year since 1984 more women than men have died of heart disease, stroke and other cardiovascular diseases. The difference in deaths currently is more than 65,000 per year.
- 63 percent of women who died suddenly of heart disease had no previous symptoms of this disease.
- Of the total number of U.S. deaths in 2000 from heart disease and stroke, women represented 53.5 percent of all deaths and men represented 46.5 percent.
- African-American and Mexican-American women have higher heart disease and stroke risk factors than white women of comparable socioeconomic status.
- Heart disease rates in women after menopause are 2-3 times those of women the same age before menopause.
- Within six years after a recognized heart attack: 35 percent of women will have another heart attack, 14 percent will develop chest pain, 11 percent will have a stroke, 46 percent will be disabled with heart failure, and 6 percent will experience sudden cardiac death.
- At older ages, women who have heart attacks are more likely than men to die from them within a few weeks. After the first heart attack, studies show that 38 percent of women die within a year compared to 25 percent of men, because women tend to be older and sicker when they have heart attacks.
- Stroke is the No.3 cause of death for American women, behind heart disease and cancer. It is a leading cause of serious, long-term disability.
- Overall, more women than men die of stroke. In 2000, nearly 103,000 females died from stroke, which represents about 61 percent of the deaths from stroke.
- 25 percent of women who have an initial stroke die within a year. This percentage increases among women 65 and older.
- 53 percent of women under the age of 65 who have a stroke die within eight years.

Sources: American Heart Association Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics - 2003 Update
American Heart Association Fact Sheet, "Women and Cardiovascular Disease"

Landry had heart damage, so the E/R staff rushed her into the catheterization lab. They discovered she had a blocked artery which had caused damage to her heart muscle, and three stents were placed in the artery to keep it open.

Aggie Landry did not look like your typical heart attack patient. She only weighs 110 pounds. She's young, physically active, eats right, and her cholesterol and blood pressure levels were perfectly normal.

"If I were a man in my 40s, if I were overweight, I would've been in the cath lab in 15 minutes flat," Landry said.

Landry says she's thankful to be alive. But her life expectancy will likely be shortened because she suffered a heart attack. She used to look forward to seeing her young children get married, and seeing her grandchildren some day. Now, she says she just hopes she makes it to see her oldest girl through the second grade.

"Hospitals make errors, doctors make errors," Landry said. "Women know their bodies best, and they have to advocate for themselves."

More than 260,000 women each year die from sudden cardiac arrest.

The warning signs of a heart attack for women can be markedly different than those for men.

Studies show that 38 percent of women die within a year of a heart attack compared with 25 percent of men. During the first six years following a heart attack, the chance of having a second attack is 35 percent for women compared with 18 percent for men.

"Having a heart attack affects every aspect of your life," Landry said.

Every woman should be aware of the heart attack warning signs and seek medical advice immediately if they appear. Heart disease is not a man's disease - it can be just as devastating to women.

February marks the beginning of the American Heart Association's Go Red for Women campaign, a national call for women to take charge of their heart health and live stronger, longer lives.

To learn more about women and heart disease, visit our website at www.americanheart.org/red.

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There was a lot going on in Big Spring Saturday, as despite the cool weather, folks were out and about.

Staff reporter/photographer Thomas Jenkins took these photos. Clockwise from top left they are:

Nancy and Hugh Raney make their way through the "fixins" line at the Lady Steers Softball Complex Saturday. BSHS Softball boosters held a hamburger feed before the Lady Steers unofficially kicked off their 2004 season against the BSHS faculty.

Dan Joplin of Abilene shows off his axe-throwing skills Saturday during the Society for Creative Anachronisms regional officers meeting, dubbed Crescent Wrench. Joplin, who is known by his 10th Century Viking name Sven Drogen, was just one of many medieval "researchers" attending the event, which took place at First Presbyterian Church.

Jim Pearce flips burgers Saturday afternoon at the "Meet the Lady Steers" rag ball game at the Lady Steers Softball Complex. Pearce was just one of many parents who volunteered to make the fund-raising event a success.

Troop 305 Tiger Scout Devon Cravens loads a bag of non-perishable food items into a collection trailer in front of the scouting office Saturday, as the Lone Star District Buffalo Trail Council did its "good turn" with its annual canned food drive.



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Lady Steers set to play

The Big Spring School Lady Steers will action Tuesday. The Lady Steers and 1-8, will District 4-4A traveling to Lubbock. The girls will play at 6 p.m. The BSHS Softball team is kicking off a tough season facing Andrews. The Steers will play a game at 4-22.

YMCA swim spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has spots open. To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, you must be at least 10 years of age and be able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper breathing. Spots are responsible for annual USSF registration, all entry equipment and transportation meals at meet. For more information, call Dolline at 264-8252 or 263-7331.

Ten Star summer all-star application

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BSCGA to hold membership drive

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association will be holding an annual membership drive on Sunday at Comanche Trail Course. For more information, contact Billy at 263-7331 after 8 p.m. at 263-7331.

BSCC to hold scramble on

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 4-Person Scramble on Feb. 28-29 beginning with a 1 p.m. start on both days. Entry fee is \$10 per player plus golf. For more information, call (432) 267-5500.

Lady Hawks home debut

The Howard County Lady Hawks will have their home debut on Friday afternoon at the college at Fort Worth Field. The first game doubleheader begins at 1 p.m. Howard County enters the game with a 2-0 season record.

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

IN BRIEF

Lady Steers, Steers set to play Tuesday

The Big Spring High School Lady Steers and Steers will return to action Tuesday.

The Lady Steers, 5-19 and 1-8, will continue District 4-4A play by traveling to Andrews. The girls will begin play at 6 p.m.

The BSHS boys, coming off a tough loss to Lubbock Estacado, will face Andrews at 8 p.m.

The Steers enter the game at 4-22 and 0-7.

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For more information contact Billy Pineda after 8 p.m. at 264-7116.

BSCC to hold 4-man scramble on Feb. 28

The Big Spring Country Club will hold a 4-Person Scramble on Feb. 28-29 beginning with a 1 p.m. shotgun start on both days. Entry fee is \$75 per player plus golf cart.

For more information call (432) 267-5354.

Lady Hawks to make home debut Friday

The Howard College Lady Hawks will make their home debut Friday afternoon when they face Ranger College at Foundation Field.

The first game of the doubleheader will begin at 1 p.m.

Howard College enters the game with a 2-0 season record,

Hawks hope to keep playoff dream alive

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Howard College Hawks find themselves in an unusual situation as they head into today's showdown with the Clarendon College — on the bubble.

The Hawks, who have dropped their last two Western Junior College Athletic Association outings, will be trying to keep the bubble from bursting when they take to the Clarendon College

Hawks at a glance

Who: Howard College vs. Clarendon College
Where: Clarendon
When: 8 p.m.
Radio: KBST 1490
Records: HC 13-7, 4-4.

court. Howard enters the contest tied with Odessa College for the final WJCAC postseason berth.

Clarendon may be just what the doctor ordered for the Hawks.

The Bulldogs have struggled to a 1-6 mark in conference play. They suffered a 107-59 setback to Midland two weeks ago.

The Bulldogs, 10-11 overall, have weapons though. Clarendon is led by guard Alex Robles (11.4 points per game), Stanley Titsworth (9.3 ppg) and Ed Miles (9.9 ppg).

Robles is among the conference's top three-point shooters, hitting 60 treys.

Howard, 13-7 overall and 4-4 in conference play, is led by Steve

Goff, who is averaging 16.4 points a game and leads the WJCAC in three-pointers made with 75.

Johnny Jones and Steve Story also average double digits offensively, while John Sykes paces the defense with 160 rebounds.

The Howard College women, 10-14 and 2-5, will try to dampen Clarendon's postseason hopes today. The Bulldogs, behind the conference's leading scorer Stephanie Russell, are currently fourth in the WJCAC standings.



Big Spring junior Alex Watkins coaches the Lady Steers from the third-base line Saturday during the faculty-student exhibition bout. Watkins broke a bone in her right foot last Wednesday in basketball practice and will be sidelined for several weeks.

Mad Cow Scare

BSHS teachers, faculty 'school' Lady Steers in preseason opener

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Lady Steers were at a severe disadvantage Saturday afternoon in their unofficial preseason opener: They didn't know whether to laugh or cry as the high school faculty — affectionately dubbed the "Mad Cows" — rolled to a 10-7 slow-pitch softball exhibition win that came complete with post-game celebrations and in-game taunting.

The Mad Cows, led by high school principal Mike Ritchey and former Lady Steers' softball coach Kenny Lowery, bolted to an 8-0 lead before holding off a late rally to claim the decision.

The Cows struck early and often. Sparked by hits from BSHS girls' basketball coach Gary Miller and Ritchey, the faculty squad scored runs in each of the first four innings and built a 7-0 lead — a lead that led to the "boys have the muscles, teachers have the brains ... look who's winning the game" chant.

Lowery, a former college baseball standout who coached the BSHS junior varsity softball team last fall, capped the Mad Cows' evening with a seventh-inning home run to left.

Chelsea Abner, who fanned early in the game, sparked the Lady Steers'



BSHS coach Kenny Lowery hits a solo homer to left in the student-faculty exhibition Saturday.

rally in the seventh by hitting a two-run double that enabled Big Spring to grind out five runs and pull to within 8-5. Leina Braxton and Erica Stewart also had hits in the rally.

BSHS volleyball coach Revis Daggett pitched the final inning to collect the save for the Cows.

The Lady Steers will officially begin their preseason schedule Feb. 12 in Lubbock against Coronado.

BS splashes to third at I-4A swim meet

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

LUBBOCK — The Big Spring Steers turned in a solid effort Saturday at the Region I-4A Swimming and Diving Championships, taking third in the overall team standings. Unfortunately for the Steers, the team failed to qualify anyone for the Class 4A state meet.

Jessica Hughey was the only Lady Steer to reach the podium. The junior standout managed to finish third in both the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard backstroke. Her efforts helped lead Big Spring to an eighth-place finish in the girls' standings.

Defending regional champion Pecos won the girls' crown with 117 points. Andrews was second at 49.

On the boys' side, most figured the battle for first was to be a three-team battle between Andrews, Pecos and Big Spring.

They were right as the 4-4A trio ran away from the rest of the field. Pecos claimed the Region I-4A honors with a staggering 127 points. Andrews Mustangs were second with 105, while the Steers tallied 53.

Martinez, Sage power Hawks to sweep of Lubbock Christian

By BRANDON HALLFORD
Special to the Herald

After taking two games Friday from the Lubbock Christian University Chaparrals, the Howard College Hawks had to feel good about themselves as they completed a weekend sweep Saturday by taking two from LCU at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks, now 8-2 overall, won by the scores of 8-1 and 9-6, respectively.

In the first game, the Hawks received a six-inning, 10-strikeout performance from sophomore pitcher Adam Jones while catcher Roberto Martinez provided the offensive punch.

Jones was simply too much for LCU. The Pampa native struck out five of the first six batters he faced and never looked back.

Lady Hawks sweep two from Cisco

The Howard College Lady Hawks opened their 2004 softball season on a high note Saturday by sweeping a pair of wins from Cisco Junior College.

Howard, behind the efforts of Monica Droz and Angela Piper, won the first game by an 11-0 score.

Jennifer DeMay picked

up the win, allowing two hits in six innings while fanning seven.

Howard, behind pitcher Andrea Renteria, won Game 2 by a 14-4 clip. Renteria had five strikeouts.

Piper went 5-for-7 from the plate in the two games with three home runs and nine RBI. Droz was 7-for-8 and scored seven times.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON
Under the Libra moon, fairness seems not only important but attainable. Desire for a level playing field is what you'll notice most.



Joyce Jillson

ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a fine line between taking action and acting prematurely. Call on your most mature self to guide you. It's best to ignore hotheaded friends now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Sometimes when it all goes wrong, it's actually the best thing that could happen to you. Take the holdups and tribulations in stride. Tonight, reflect on the creative artist within you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Though it may seem like an extra step, plan everything carefully -- otherwise, you'll be in for a surprise that even spontaneous Gemini won't like. In matters of love, you'll know when to initiate action. If you don't feel it, don't move.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Plans may crumble before your eyes when a new person steps into the picture. If you've done your work well, the negative impact will be minimized.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Your eyes sparkle with hope. If you feel like you've been judged or passed over, it's time for you to be recognized. Willful children could dictate what you do tonight. Try to regain control, or this cycle continues.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Identify and avoid any of the nerdy, nervous habits that might be

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