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Suzanne Wade, H-E-B president for food and drug, visits the Big Spring grocery store to begin a year-long celebration of the company's 100th anniversary. Page 1C

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Blood drive slated

The Rotary Club of Big Spring and United Blood Services will be conducting a blood drive from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday in the Fireside Room of the Howard College Student Union Building.

UBS officials have noted that they must collect 300 units of blood each week just to meet the needs of hospitals in this area. Included among those hospitals are Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the VA Hospital in Big Spring. As usual, the crucial factor will be finding volunteers willing to take a few minutes out of one day to donate. For more information concerning the blood drive or to schedule a time to give blood, call the UBS office in Midland at 432-561-5539.

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Salvation Army uneasy over fewer Angel Tree applicants

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Although the Salvation Army finished taking applications for its annual Angel Tree program last week, recent layoffs at StarTek and the uncertainty surrounding the future of the Big Spring State Hospital has the organization's leaders leery to call it complete.

"We've taken approximately

*"People who have been effected by the layoffs or the feasibility study at the state hospital can still call and apply. We're going to sort of leave the back door open for these folks."*

Capt. Russ Keeney



300 applications at this point, which is almost 100 less than we took last year," said Capt. Russ Keeney. "The deadline to sign up

was last week, but the recent layoffs and situation with the state hospital has us a little bit worried.

"People who have been effected by the layoffs or the feasibility study at the state hospital can still call and apply. We're going to sort of leave the back door open for these folks."

Keeney said the drop in the number of applications compared to last year isn't an indication of better economic times, just that area residents don't

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Big Spring Independent School District Technology Director Corey Wood looks over completed grade verification reports with Public Education Information Management Systems (PEIMS) Coordinator Vickie Cheyne in the technology office. The district is verifying all six weeks grades to be sure of accuracy in the school's Student Management System.

Student records system flawed at Big Spring ISD

Administrators working on solving software woes

By KENDRA WISS  
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students and parents alike have voiced a concern about the school's Chancery SMS (Student Management - Solutions).

The Chancery SMS is the computer software system that organizes and tracks students' attendance, schedules and grades.

"This is an excellent but flawed system," said Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes.

The district noticed the problems when the systems were used for the first time.

"We have had over 70 incident reports submitted to the company. Forty-six of these issues have already been resolved," said Downes.

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*"When all portions of the system are in place and functioning, students, teachers, parents and administrators will greatly enjoy its use."*



Michael Downes

Commission to dispose of Big Spring Texas Guard Armory

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Texas Army National Guard Armory, which has not been in use for more than two years, is among eight which have officially been declared "excess" and will be disposed of.

According to the Texas National Guard, the other armories are located in Atlanta, Athens, Brady, Coleman,

Columbus, Odessa and Orange. The decision to close the armories, made by Lt. Gen. Wayne D. Marty, Adjutant General of Texas, was based on Army reorganization and population shifts.

"First, a decision by the Department of Defense to reorganize the United States Army into a smaller, more mobile force has

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The Big Spring Texas Army National Guard Armory is one of eight which have been declared "excess."

Nix and Cowboys to host annual tribute at Stampede

By MARSHA STURDIVANT  
Features Editor

A grand ol' time of good memories and good music marks the ninth annual Hoyle and Ben Nix and the West-Texas Cowboys Tribute Nov. 13.

The doors at the Stampede open at 8 a.m. and the dance is set from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Tickets are \$10 per person.

"Hoyle and Ben Nix were pioneer musicians in West Texas and this is an opportunity to honor them and to remember the music the way it was

then," said Jody Nix, Hoyle's son.

This reunion will gather Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys with some of the original West Texas Cowboys.

Scheduled to perform are Dusty Stewart of Houston on steel guitar, Tommy Harvell of Oak Creek on guitar, Charlie Smith on banjo, one of the original West Texas Cowboys, Raymond McKee, who will "lend a hand to music," Larry Nix on guitar and Amy Hale on drums.

"About 10:15 or so, we're going to step back in time and do the old songs the way we used to many, many years ago," Nix

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Bob Wills, left, and Hoyle Nix appear in a vintage photo. November 13, the ninth annual Hoyle and Ben Nix Tribute will be held at the Stampede. Tickets are \$10 per person. The musicfest will begin at 9 p.m. and run until 1 a.m.

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# Concrete hoped to prevent more problems at junior high

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writer

Big Spring Junior High has received new concrete to help stabilize its once sinking foundation.

Last year, the school completed a \$187,500 project to repair damage that occurred from movement of the building's foundation. The district spent more than four months rebuilding the two girls' locker rooms, which had to be redone because of the building shifting. The district tore down the rooms and started over using lighter materials and pillars to prevent the building from sinking any more.

This latest project completes the district's effort to protect the building's foundation.

"This is a pre-emptive move on the part of the district to prevent the building

from sinking," said Big Spring Independent School District Superintendent Michael Downes. "The school receives monthly engineering reports and the foundation is now stable."

Howard Stewart, transportation and auxiliary personnel director for Big Spring ISD, supervised the concrete project. Stewart said the school had a problem with water getting to the school's foundation.

"The northeast corner of the building now has a water run off so water can't get to the school's foundation," said Stewart.

"This will be a good test to see if the water is adequately routed away from the building since we've had lots of rain lately," he added.

Built in 1999, the junior high has seen its share of difficulty. The building's foundation was poured on top of a filled canyon, unbeknownst to construction and school personnel.

It was only when the problem became noticeably visible that an investigation into what lay under the building was conducted.

In 2000, the district filed a lawsuit against Terracon, the company that performed the core samples and reported it had found the site suitable for construction. Later, all parties involved with the original construction of the building were brought into the lawsuit.

In October of 2002, trustees settled the two-year-old suit for \$1.5 million in recuperative costs.

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HERALD photo/Kendra Wiss  
Big Spring Junior High School Principal Coby Norman and Grades Clerk Patricia Shanks check to see that the water is being adequately drained away from the building's foundation. The concrete project was completed last week.

# Commissioners to discuss Extension vacancy

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer

The Family and Consumer Sciences office with the Howard County Extension Office may not be empty much longer following Monday's meeting of the Howard County Commissioners.

County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater is expected to request permission from the commissioners

to begin efforts to fill the office, which has been vacant since former agent Katie Walker left in August of 2003.

Commissioners decided at that time to leave the position vacant in an effort to save an already stretched budget.

However, during budget sessions in early 2004, Yeater approached the commissioners to refill

the position. The commissioners allotted funds to cover the hiring as part of the 2004 budget.

Also on Monday's meeting, County Auditor Jackie Olson will be presenting routine items, including invoices, purchase requests and budget amendments. Also on the list of routine agenda items are personnel considerations and a payroll

report, to be presented by Teresa Thomas, treasurer for the county.

Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson is also slated to report on pipeline crossings and road maintenance. Also on the agenda, Phil Furqueron, construction administrator for the county, will present a report on renovations made at the county

courthouse and library.

Police Department representative Lt. Terry Chamness is also expected to make a presentation to the commissioners concerning emergency management grant funding.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Danny Priest, 46, died Wednesday. Funeral Services were at 1:30 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial was at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.  
Rodolfo Brito, 80, died Friday. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## APPLY

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have their minds on the Christmas holiday yet.

"With the election and everything else that's been going on, I don't think a lot of people are really thinking about Christmas yet," said Keeney. "We know the need is there, and there's a lot of work to be done between now and Dec. 25."

A lot of work indeed, as the Salvation Army gears up for one of its biggest days of the year — Thanksgiving.

"We'll be going to HEB with our grocery list in the next week or so," said Keeney. "We're expecting to prepare around 400 meals for Thanksgiving Day, both for the people that come here to eat and the those we deliver to the homebound people in the area."

Keeney said he'll be able to keep his attention on the Angel Tree and Kettle programs thanks to Delores Albert, who will once again head up the kitchen and serving staff for the Thanksgiving dinner, which will be served on Nov. 25 at the Salvation Army office, located at 811 W Fifth Street.

"Anyone who would like to volunteer to deliver meals or help in the kitchen is more than welcome," said Keeney with a laugh. "Also, if people would like to donate turkeys for the dinner, that would certainly help."

Also on the Salvation Army's holiday agenda is the annual Kettle program, which is a major source of funding for the charitable organization.

Keeney said the pro-

## Re-employment meeting set Monday

The Big Spring Workforce Network will be offering a "re-employment meeting" Monday for employees who have been affected by the recent layoffs at StarTek.

The re-employment meeting will be held from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. The Big Spring Workforce Network is located at 310 Owens. For more information, call 263-8373. A similar meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Wednesday in the Lamesa Workforce Network at 200 N. Third Street.

gram will be "kicked off" nationally at the Dallas Cowboys football game on Nov. 25, but he and his staff have plans to sneak

a few extra days in this year.

"We'll actually set up the kettles and get the program going on Nov.

15," said Keeney. "On Nov. 26 we'll also have a brass band playing to sort of kick things off at the Wal-Mart Supercenter and help get people in the Christmas mood."

For more information on volunteering or these programs, call 267-8239.

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# Board approves health books, asks for definition of marriage

AUSTIN (AP) — The State Board of Education approved health textbooks for Texas high school and middle school students on Friday, after publishers said they would change the wording in their books to reflect marriage as being between a man and a woman.

A day earlier, a board member had said the books attempted to nullify Texas' law banning the recognition of same-sex civil unions because the books used terms like "married partners" but did not define marriage as an institution between a man and a woman.

After hearing the debate Thursday, one publisher, Holt, Rinehart and Winston, said it was changing the textbooks to include a definition of marriage as a "lifelong union between a husband and a wife." The defini-

tion, which was added to middle school textbooks, already was in Holt's high school editions, Holt spokesman Rick Blake said.

The other publisher, Glencoe/McGraw-Hill, changed wording throughout books from phrases like "when two people marry" and "partners" to "when a man and a woman marry" and "husbands and wives."

Board member Mary Helen Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, asked the panel to approve the books without the changes. Her proposal was rejected.

"We're not supposed to make changes at somebody's whim," Berlanga said. "It's a political agenda, and we're not here to follow a political agenda."

The elected board, which includes 10 Republicans and five Democrats, is allowed to reject books only because

of factual errors or failure to follow state-mandated curriculum. A list of the books that were approved, as well as those that were

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—Terri Leo, board member

not, are sent to school districts for guidance when they choose books.

Board member Terri Leo, R-Spring, said she was pleased with the publisher's changes. She had led the effort to get the publishers to change the

books. "Marriage has been defined in Texas, so it should also be defined in our health textbooks that we use as marriage between a man and a woman," Leo said.

Texas only permits marriage between a man and a woman. Last year, state lawmakers passed the Defense of Marriage Act, which prohibits the state from recognizing same-sex civil unions.

Blake said Holt does not contemplate adding its definition of marriage in books that will be sold outside Texas. He would not say how many books the company expects to sell in Texas.

"The board expressed an interest in having us (make the change)," Blake said. "We thought it was a reasonable thing to do."

A spokeswoman for Glencoe/McGraw-Hill did not immediately respond

to questions from The Associated Press.

Neither publisher added all the changes Leo initially pushed for Thursday. For instance, one proposed passage in the teacher's editions read: "Opinions vary on why homosexuals, lesbians and bisexuals as a group are more prone to self-destructive behaviors like depression, illegal drug use, and suicide."

Randall Ellis, the executive director of the Lesbian/Gay Rights Lobby of Texas, said the

board overstepped its bounds in suggesting and adopting the new wording.

"Their job is to review for factual information and instead what we see is the insertion of someone's ideology and agenda into the textbook of middle-schoolers," Ellis said.

The board's approval caps months of debate over health textbooks. Much of the debate had centered on how much sex education should be included in high school books.

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"The system's main problems come from it not handling special situations well," he said. "The company tested the program in a 'perfect world' situation where there were no schedule changes and no absences," explained Downes.

Many students and parents are concerned partially due to a recent publication in the Big Spring High School student newspaper, the *Corral*. The story states that "program designers have yet to write a way to print transcripts, leaving counselors and seniors worried."

"Current transcripts are available right now," said Downes. Transcripts are updated on a previous semester basis, so current transcripts only have up to last semester's grades. "By January, when the next transcripts are needed for students and parents for college admissions and scholarships, they will be available for students," said Downes.

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said. Some of those songs include the classics by Bob Wills, such as "Faded Love," "San Antonio Rose" and "Maiden's Prayer."

Nix said some of the traditional favorites of Marty Robbins and Hank Thompson are also on the program.

"This is that good dance music that is still popular today," he said.

Hoyle and Ben Nix

The story also stated that the program had problems with its grading system and GPA calculations which would effect class rankings.

"The gradebook program has many problems," said Downes. "In an effort to help both students and teachers, the district has purchased GradeSpeed. Although it is not Web-based like Chancery SMS, it can be used by teachers at both school and home through the use of a floppy system."

On Thursday, junior high and high school teachers were given grade verification reports to complete by Monday.

"We are taking steps so that we can be assured that the grades in the computer and the actual grades the students have received match," said Downes.

The previous grades have not yet been entered into the school's new program. Because the system is not yet deemed to be stable by school officials, the large data amounts would only create more problems.

"When the systems are stable, we can easily

translate that information over so that there will be no inaccuracies on the permanent data," said Downes.

The district also purchased a second server so that the main system won't have to be taken down in order to test different strategies.

"This will give us the flexibility to test issues without messing up the system beyond repair," said Downes.

The Chancery SMS is the "Cadillac" of all student management programs, according to Downes.

"When all portions of the system are in place and functioning, students, teachers, parents and administrators will greatly enjoy its use," added Downes.

He explained that parents will enjoy being able to see their student's attendance record, grades and overall averages just by going to the Chancery SMS link on the school's Web site.

Downes also said that teachers will enjoy being able to input their grades at home and have them instantly averaged and saved without bringing a

wooden dance floor at the Stampede.

"This is really a labor of love for me. This is about the music and about these two pioneers, who taught me to carry on this tradition like a family business," Nix said.

He said reservations are being accepted and fans were calling before the event was publicized.

"It is always standing room only. I try to accommodate everyone so they can all enjoy the night," he said.

To make a reservation, contact Nix at 267-2060.

floppy back and forth from school to home.

According to Chancery's Web site, many other school districts have also been given the promise of future greatness by Chancery.

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# Seized files are scrutinized in Michael Jackson pretrial hearing

SANTA MARIA, Calif. (AP) — The judge in the Michael Jackson case delayed ruling Friday on a complex question involving search warrants, but reiterated he would start the pop singer's child molestation trial Jan. 31.

Santa Barbara County Superior Court Rodney Melville set up an exhaustive schedule of hearings to dispose of motions that may be filed before trial. He also shot down any chance of further postponements.

Also Friday, lawyers on both sides spent hours poring over file folders seized by sheriff's deputies from the home of Jackson's personal assistant to sort out those that would be considered confidential. They were not released in open court.

The Los Angeles home of Evelyn Tavasci was searched Sept. 15. Jackson attorney Thomas

Mesereau Jr. contended attorney-client privilege was violated because deputies seized items related to the pop star's legal representation — including folders labeled "Mesereau."

Other items taken were phone records, e-mails and documents showing the Jackson defense team may have orchestrated demonstrations outside the courthouse at previous hearings.

Melville expressed concern about why the prosecution should have access to files regarding demonstrations. "Aren't you only entitled to seize evidence relating to crimes?" he asked.

Deputy District Attorney Ron Zonen said he felt the information would be useful if the defense were to file a motion for a change of venue.

Zonen also said there were

records showing one of Jackson's employees, Miko Brando, son of the late Marlon Brando, was given \$20,000 to deliver to Jackson. "This particular person will likely end up as a witness at the trial," Zonen said.

Defense lawyer Robert Sanger responded, "There is nothing unusual about Michael Jackson having \$20,000 cash delivered to him for running his daily affairs."

Sanger said much of the materials seized involved events long before Jackson was charged with child molestation, and added that deputies who served the warrants exceeded their authority to take materials.

Jackson was not at Friday's court hearing. He has pleaded not guilty to child molestation, conspiracy and administering an intoxicating agent, alcohol, to a boy.

# DPS: Four girls, toddler die in crash near Columbus

ALTAIR (AP) — Four female high school students and a toddler died Friday when the car they were riding in lost control and slid into the path of an oncoming tractor-trailer, a Texas Department of Public Safety spokeswoman said.

The car's driver, Christina Llanos, 16, of Eagle Lake, and truck driver Dan Thomas Tucker, 52, of Runge, Texas, were the only survivors, said DPS spokeswoman Lisa Block. Both were treated and released.

The five others, all from Eagle Lake, died at the scene. They were Robin Marie Aguilar, 16; Heather Kieborz, 17; Yesenia Maribel Castillo, 17; Patricia Ann Ruiz, 17 and her 18-month-old son Jeremiah Ruiz, who was not in a car seat, Block said.

The crash was reported shortly before 3:30 p.m., about a mile from Rice Consolidated High School in Altair.

School had just let out and the teens were head-

ing home, said Rice Consolidated Independent School District Superintendent Michael Lanier.

"It is pretty tough," Lanier said. "They are here one minute and gone the next. They hadn't even started living yet."

Assistant football coach Michael Barnes said the four teens killed were students at Rice Consolidated. He said the accident devastated classmates, and that the team's game against Bellville in Altair was rescheduled for 2 p.m. on Saturday.

"Four of their fellow students just died, so it's pretty hard on them. They were all crying," Barnes said of the players. "We had a meeting and let them all go home."

Authorities were still investigating what caused Llanos to lose control of the 1994 Nissan Maxima she was driving, Block said.

Altair is located about 65 miles west of Houston on Interstate 10.

# U.S. employment rises by 337,000 in October in biggest jump since spring

WASHINGTON (AP) — Employers went on a hiring spree in October, adding 337,000 new jobs, many of them for hurricane cleanup. The surge was the largest in seven months, a sign the jobs recovery may have taken hold.

More people resumed their job searches, expanding the pool of people wanting work and sending the unemployment rate up slightly to 5.5 percent from 5.4 percent, the Labor Department also reported Friday from a separate survey of households.

Economists were surprised and elated about the net increase in jobs, but also cautious. They had forecast an increase of about 175,000 in the department's survey of employers' payrolls. August and September employment also was revised higher by about 113,000.

"This report is really telling us the economic expansion is solidly in place," said Anthony Chan, senior economist with JPMorgan Fleming Asset Management. "For those naysayers who were expecting recession next year, this certainly defies those expectations."

But economists noted that much of the boost came from jobs related to the aftermath of four hurricanes that struck Florida and the Southeast in August and September. Construction employment was up 71,000 last month.

"The October figures may suggest a stronger labor market than actually exists," said Oscar Gonzalez, economist with John Hancock Financial Services. Monthly

increases of about 200,000 are more realistic through the end of the year, analysts said.

"While we still have plenty of lost jobs to make up, this report is bound to boost spirits and hopefully spending as we head into the holiday season," Gonzalez said.

On Wall Street, the better-than-expected report boosted stocks, extending the rally for a ninth straight session. The Dow Jones industrial average closed up 72 points and the Nasdaq gained 15 points.

The report also was good news for President Bush as he prepares for a second term. A generally weak jobs market had plagued his re-election campaign, providing a political target to his Democratic challenger, John Kerry.

Kerry and other Democrats often criticized Bush for jobs lost during his watch, the first president to do so since Herbert Hoover as the Great Depression set in. Bush now is 371,000 short of closing the jobs deficit and has a second term to work with.

October's 337,000 jobs gain was the largest since March, when employment jumped by 353,000.

The Bush administration quickly took credit.

"There can be no doubt that President Bush's tax relief, combined with good monetary policy, the strength of our small-business sector and our outstanding work force has led to a growing economy that is producing good jobs for American families," Treasury Secretary John Snow

said.

Democrats welcomed the jobs increase, but noted that recent hiring has been by federal, state and local governments despite Republicans' traditional desire for smaller government. Private sector employment still is down by a net 1.3 million, including 2.7 million manufacturing jobs. Almost 4 million people are unemployed.

The administration needs to "take a sober look at the plight of working families," said AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, citing rising

health care costs and stagnant wages. "Workers deserve economic policies that will improve their standard of living and provide sufficient time with their families."

The number of people holding more than one job rose by 519,000 to 8 million. The average time for the unemployed to find a job was 19.6 weeks, the same as in September.

The jobless rate for blacks jumped to 10.7 percent last month, up from 10.3 percent in September. The rate for Hispanics fell to 6.7 percent from 7.1 percent.

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### Arafat has requested Jerusalem burial; Israel insists it will only permit Gaza funeral

JERUSALEM (AP) — Israel remains determined to deny Yasser Arafat burial in Jerusalem, though Palestinian officials say such a generous gesture could go a long way toward building trust destroyed in four years of fighting.

Israel fears acceding to Arafat's request to be buried in Jerusalem's Al Aqsa Mosque would strengthen Palestinian claims to the traditionally Arab sector of the city as a future capital.

One Cabinet minister on Friday said that the holy city is reserved for the burial of Jewish kings, "not Arab terrorists."

Palestinian officials said publicly that it is inappropriate to talk about funeral arrangements as long as their 75-year-old leader clings to life at a Paris hospital. A hospital spokesman said Friday that Arafat was in a coma and "has not gotten worse."

One official said Palestinian leaders are hoping to enlist international support for a burial at the Al Aqsa Mosque compound, Islam's third-holiest shrine, which was built on the ruins of the biblical Jewish temples.

The top Muslim cleric in Jerusalem said Arafat requested burial near Al Aqsa when the two met four months ago. The

comments by the mufti of Jerusalem, Ikrema Sabri, marked the first official comment on Arafat's burial wishes.

It is not clear if Arafat has left a written will, and Sabri said he was not aware of one.

The way the dispute is resolved could signal how Israel and the emerging Palestinian leadership — Prime Minister Ahmed Qureia and his predecessor, Mahmoud Abbas — will get along in the future.

Arafat is reviled by many Israelis, and seeing him interred near what is also Judaism's holiest site would draw public outrage. Israeli Justice Minister Yosef Lapid said

Arafat "will not be buried in Jerusalem because Jerusalem is the city where Jewish kings are buried and not Arab terrorists."

His blunt remarks came despite Prime Minister Ariel Sharon's order to government officials to keep a low profile and avoid antagonizing the Palestinians, though Sharon himself told his Cabinet last week that he would not permit Arafat to be buried in Jerusalem.

Sabri said he didn't expect Israel to honor Arafat's wishes. "The Israelis didn't respect President Arafat alive, and we don't see them respecting him when he's dead," Sabri said.



Flash 900 photo/Hussein Hussein  
In this handout picture from the Palestinian Press Office, Palestinian President Yasser Arafat is shown with his wife, Suha, as he leaves his West Bank headquarters to travel to Paris, France, for medical attention.

### Russia signs ratification of Kyoto Protocol

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia gave final approval to the Kyoto Protocol on global warming as President Vladimir Putin signed legislation ratifying the landmark environmental pact that seeks to slow global warming by reducing greenhouse-gas emissions, the Kremlin said Friday.

The protocol, ratified by both houses of Russia's parliament last month, commits 55 industrialized nations to make significant cuts in emissions of gases like carbon dioxide by 2012.

The United States and Australia have rejected the pact, which was signed by Putin late Thursday and could not have come into effect without Russia, which accounted for 17 percent of carbon dioxide emissions in 1990. The United States accounted for 36 percent of carbon dioxide emissions that year.

Germany praised Russia's ratification, joining Japan, Britain and others in saying the pact should give new impetus to countries trying to tackle transnational environmental problems.

"With the entry into force of the protocol, it sees a decisive step by the international community toward more climate protection," said Hans-Hermann Langguth, a spokesman for German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder.

Japanese Environment Minister Yuriko Koike said earlier this week that Tokyo — one of the pact's biggest promoters — would "continuously urge the United States, Australia and other countries which have not ratified the protocol" to do so.

The pact's approval followed fierce debate among Russian officials. Opponents, led by Putin's economic adviser, Andrei Illarionov, warned that it would hobble the nation's humming economy.

Kyoto backers, however, rejected the claim, saying that even after a five-year recovery, the post-Soviet economic meltdown has left emissions some 30 percent below the baseline.

Energy Minister Viktor Khristenko said Friday he "shared the skeptical attitude" of opponents, according to the ITAR-Tass news agency, but he noted that it would also form "a new sector on the global market, which is both interesting and

promising."

Putin pledged in May to speed up approval in return for the European Union's support of Russia's bid to join the World Trade Organization. The 1997 pact will take effect 90 days after Russia notifies the United Nations of its ratification.

One of the key provisions of the pact allows countries to trade greenhouse gas emission allowances.

The European Union is launching a trading system in January under which European companies that emit less carbon dioxide than allowed can sell unused allotments to those which exceed the target.

The profit motive is expected to drive efforts and technology, and EU officials expect "substantial cuts" in emissions of carbon dioxide, which makes up 80 percent of the EU's greenhouse gases.

Russia's rusting Soviet-era power stations, aging

pulp mills and creaking blast furnaces could potentially be the biggest source of emissions quotas for Kyoto signatories, Kyoto specialists say — and could thus attract foreign investment. Under the treaty's so-called Joint Implementation, foreign companies will be able to invest in cleaning up the country's decrepit industry and claim the emissions reductions achieved as their own.

Economist Yuri Safonov, with the Russian Higher School of Economics, told ITAR-Tass that Russia should be able to sell quotas for the discharge of about 2.2 billion tons of greenhouse gases without hurting its economy.

"This amount is no problem for the Russian industry," Safonov said. "It will enable the country to attract new investments in the development of its fuel and energy complex, including the thermal electrical utilities, and in the housing and utility services."

Industrialized countries will have until 2012 to cut their collective emissions of six key greenhouse gases to 5.2 percent below the 1990 level. Greenhouse gases are believed to trap heat in the atmosphere, warming the Earth and changing the climate.

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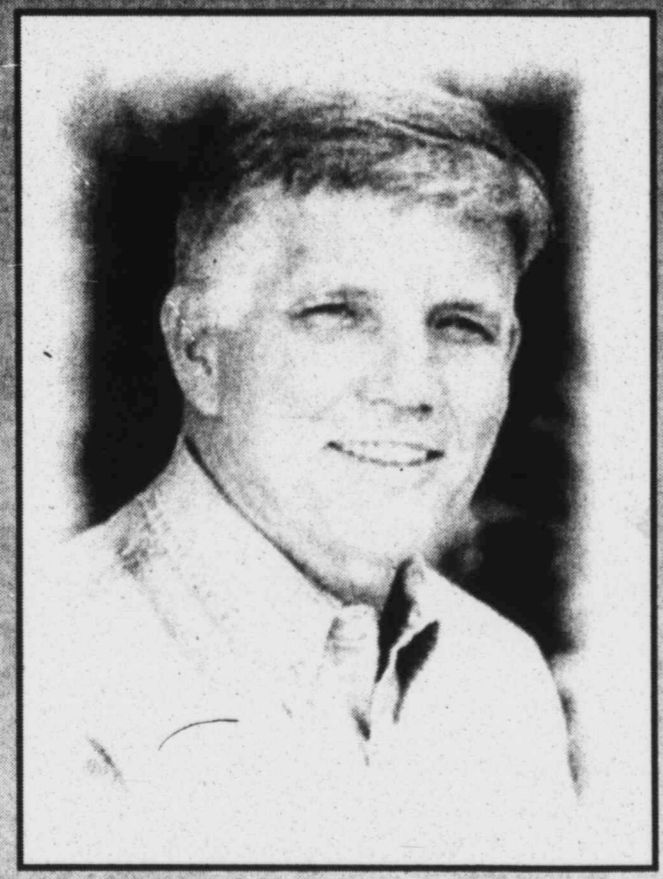
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The Texas Military Facilities Commission has the responsibility for disposing of the armory properties. The Big Spring Texas

National Guard has already been operating out of the Midland area for more than two years. The only news the announcement brings is that the facility can now be disposed of.

Phone calls to the Public Affairs Office of the Texas National Guard were not answered Friday afternoon.



Usraa-Fallujah KRT photo/Paul Asker

U.S. Army units poured into a camp outside Fallujah as jets continued unleashing missile strikes.

American warplanes pound Fallujah; residents say attacks strongest in months

NEAR FALLUJAH, Iraq (AP) — Insurgents set off at least two car bombs and attacked a police station Saturday in the central Iraqi town of Samarra, killing at least 21 people and wounding 22 in what could be an effort to take pressure off Fallujah, where U.S. forces are gearing up for an assault.

Elsewhere, 20 American soldiers were wounded in the Sunni Triangle city of Ramadi, the U.S. command said without elaborating. Residents of that insurgent stronghold, located 70 miles west of Baghdad, reported clashes and explosions throughout the day.

The attacks in Samarra, 60 miles northeast of Fallujah, occurred in a city that U.S. and Iraqi forces reclaimed from insurgents in September and had sought to use as a model for pacifying restive Sunni Muslim areas of the country.

Early Saturday, however, armed militants stormed a police station, killing 12 policemen and injuring one. In other attacks, a suicide car bomber detonated explosives inside a stolen police car near the mayor's office, a second car bomb exploded near a

U.S. base and a mortar fell on a crowded market.

The dead included an Iraqi National Guard commander, Abdel Razeq Shaker al-Garmali, hospital officials said. The town's mayor was reportedly injured in the car bombing.

Residents said U.S. forces, using loudspeakers to make the announcement, imposed an indefinite curfew on Samarra. American warplanes and helicopters were heard roaming overhead.

In western Baghdad, a suicide car bomber detonated an explosion that wounded three coalition troops, the U.S. military said. The bomber was killed and another occupant in the car was wounded.

The new violence could be aimed at relieving U.S. pressure on Fallujah as American commanders shift their forces for an anticipated showdown there.

More than 10,000 American soldiers and Marines are massed for an expected offensive against Fallujah, and Iraq's interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi warned the "window is closing" to avert an attack.

As the Americans prepare for an offensive, U.S. planes dropped five 500-pound bombs at several targets in Fallujah early Saturday, including a factory as well as suspected weapons caches. The drone of U.S. aircraft heading toward Fallujah could be heard over Baghdad. The U.S. military said the main highway into Fallujah has now been completely sealed off.

U.S. intelligence estimates there are about 3,000 insurgents dug in behind defenses and booby traps in Fallujah, a city of about 300,000 located 40 miles west of Baghdad.

Military planners believe there are about 1,200 hardcore insurgents in Fallujah — at least half of them Iraqis. They are bolstered by insurgent cells with up to 2,000 fighters in the surrounding towns and countryside.

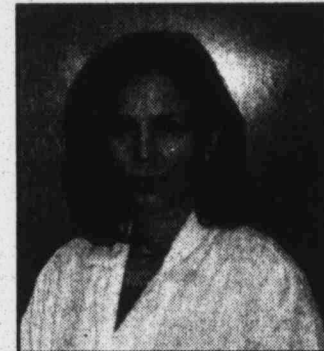
In Brussels, Belgium, Allawi warned that the "window really is closing for a peaceful settlement" in Fallujah. Allawi must give the final go-ahead for the offensive, part of a campaign to curb the insurgency ahead of national elections planned for January.

WEEKLY WEATHER DATA SUMMARY  
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SISD board to convene

HERALD Staff Report

The board of trustees for Stanton Independent School District will meet at 7 p.m. on Monday for a regular meeting.

Items on the agenda include an open forum and a hearing to discuss moving polling places for school board elections to a central location, specifically, the Stanton Middle School Cafeteria.

The board will also consider bids for resurfacing the high school track, activating RIF policy and policy update 73.

Following a personnel report, the campus principals, technology department, special programs department, athletic director and superintendent will all present their reports to the board.

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# Car designer Shelby still a driving force

By TERRY BOX

The Dallas Morning News

ANNONA, Texas — Sometimes late at night, 81-year-old Carroll Shelby lies awake, thinking about all the cars he still wants to build.

"I've got 10 different cars in my head," said Shelby, the lanky, legendary Texan who created the fierce Shelby Cobras and Mustangs of the 1960s and was a renowned racer in the 1950s.

At a time when most men his age are settling in for the final chapter of their lives, Shelby is on the move again.

Earlier this year, he and wife Cleo bought a 4,600-acre ranch outside tiny Annona in East Texas. After years of living mostly in Los Angeles, he said that he expects the new ranch to become his primary home — a symbolic return of sorts to East Texas, where he was born.

More important, perhaps, Shelby is already building some of the cars in his head.

He and Unique Performance of Farmers Branch announced in October that they plan to produce a high-performance 1967-68 Mustang inspired by Shelby's fleet GT 500 Mustang.

In November, he will unveil a hot rod Ford Expedition sport-utility vehicle at the influential Specialty Equipment Market Association show in Las Vegas. Although the Expedition is a concept vehicle, it was assembled as part of Shelby's two-year partnership with Ford Motor Co. — a relationship that he expects to soon produce other vehicles.

"I want to beat the Porsche Cayenne's ass," he said. "Besides, I also believe there is a niche for high-performance SUVs — to tow race cars, boats and go to Highland Park to pick up your 3-year-old."

Shelby also continues to build new models of his seminal Cobra.

That's in addition to raising African Tulli cattle in East Texas, developing a small "revolutionary" engine that will consume less fuel and raising funds for his Shelby Children's Foundation.

All that drive comes from a man who is one of the longest-surviving double-organ transplant recipients, with a heart in 1991 and kidney in 1996.

Some who know Shelby speculate that this high-profile flurry of activity is meant to firm up an already substantial legacy — an observation that Shelby largely dismisses.

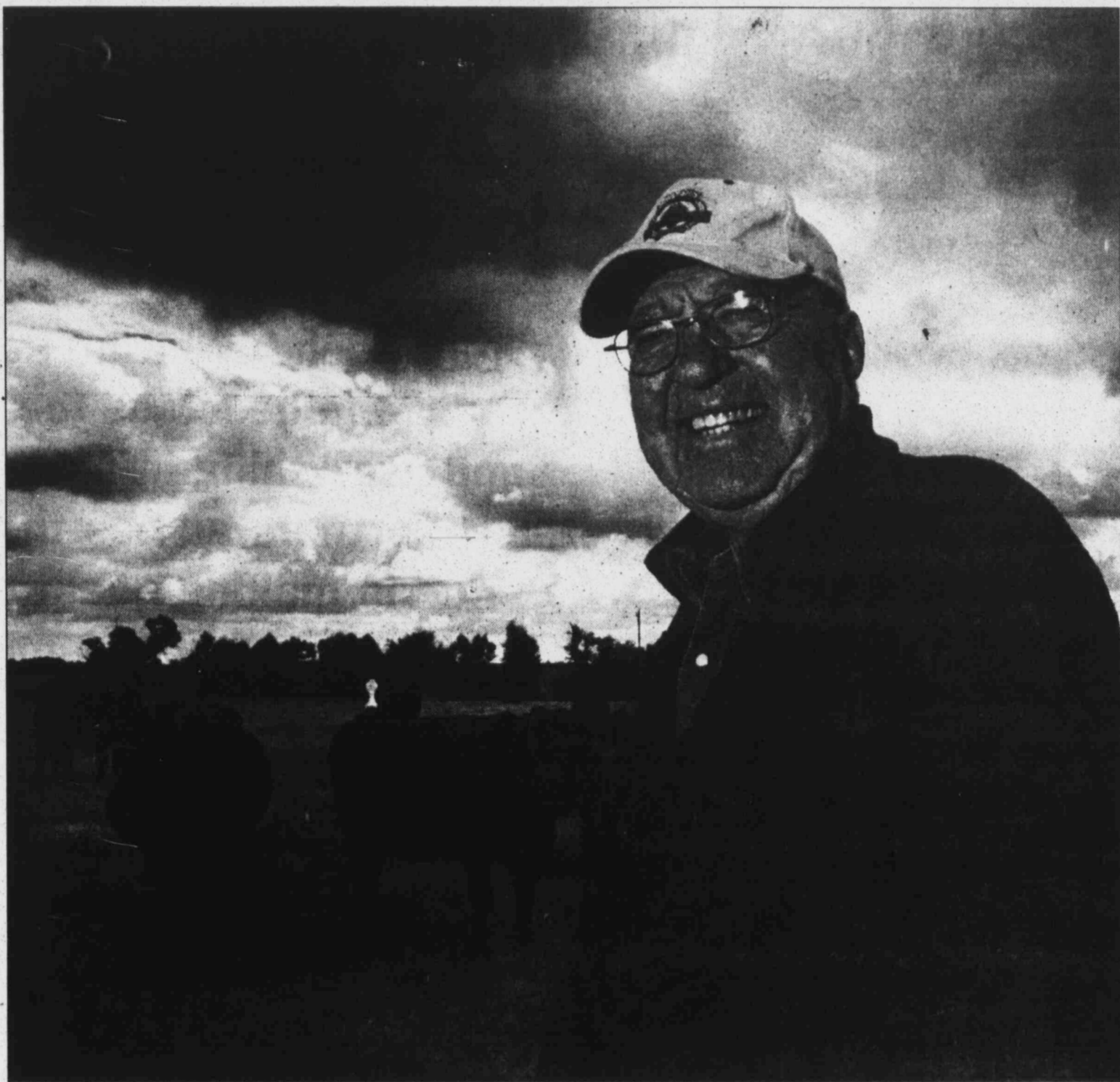
"I think what he's focused on today are projects that will carry his name, carry his legacy," said Doug Hasty, president of Unique Performance. "He wants to get back to Texas, he wants to get involved in these projects."

Others say Shelby is simply increasing his involvement in a segment that he helped create 40 years ago: muscle sports cars.

"The peak for the cars he developed was in '67," said Bill Neale of Dallas, a car enthusiast and respected automotive artist who has known Shelby for 50 years. "I kind of see what he's doing now as completing what he started then."

Whatever his reasons, Shelby said he intends in the short term to build "several more cars."

"When I got my heart 14 years ago (from a Las Vegas gambler who



Carroll Shelby, the legendary Texas racer and father of the Shelby Cobra, at his 4,000 acre ranch in Annona.

dropped dead at a craps table), I had two weeks to live," he said. "Eight years ago, I got a kidney from my son. I live it a day at a time. But I still have the desire, the ideas."

That was clear to Ford two years ago, when it hired Shelby — then nearly 80 years old — as a consultant, said spokeswoman Jennifer Flake.

"No matter what year you were born, speed and power and performance still resonate," she said.

California car designer Chip Foose, star of TLC's reality series "Overhaulin,'" is considering working with Shelby on another Unique Performance project — '34 Ford hot rods with Foose styling and Shelby power.

Even in this era of oversized wheels, electric tangerine paint and 1,000-watt car stereos, Shelby has relevance, said Foose.

"He's very sharp and very passionate about his cars," said Foose, who is half Shelby's age.

At Unique Performance, Shelby provides decades of automotive experience as well as a push for heavy testing of new products, Hasty said. The company already builds two other highly modified models of specialty '60s Mustangs, and the new one with Shelby will likely be the last of its "continuation" pony cars, he said.

"He's a man who never sleeps," Hasty said of Shelby. "He's always thinking. He's not just sitting back and lending his name to something."

Despite his health problems, Shelby doesn't seem much interested in sitting period.

On a recent blustery day, he strolled through the mostly empty ranch house, noting that he and Cleo are still moving furnishings and equipment to the ranch — including some items from smaller ranches in Pittsburg, Texas, that he has owned for years.

Later, behind the wheel of a white Jeep Grand Cherokee, he ticked off the list of repairs and improvements needed for

the property and a striking 50-year-old ranch house designed by Dallas

architect Charles Dilbeck. "It's a beautiful place," said Shelby, who drove

with nitroglycerin tablets under his tongue for a time before his failing

heart forced him to stop racing in the '50s.

"I've kind of fallen in love with it. I've got to refence it, I've got to put 12,000 tons of chicken manure on it, and the house needs rewiring. It's a 10-year deal, and I won't be around in 10 years. But we're getting started."

Shelby said he bought the ranch mainly "for the dirt." It will give him more space for his 350 head of Tulli cattle, which he says are easier to maintain and can tolerate heat better than other breeds.

His primary source of revenue will likely continue to be a Goodyear tire distributorship that serves 15 Western states, he said.

Though he and his wife may still spend summers in California, he said he expects to be in Texas far more than in the past.

"Texas was a hobby for me for a while," Shelby said. "But Texas is my residence now. My business is automobiles, really. What I love are (classic) airplanes, steam locomotives and dirt. I want to have all of them."

Neale, the Dallas artist, doubts that Shelby even views this as his last hurrah.

"He still approaches an opportunity to do something with a car like he did when he was 30, and still has got good ideas to this day," Neale said. "Legacy? He doesn't give a rip about what people think. If something interests him, he just does it."



## HEALTH HAPPENINGS

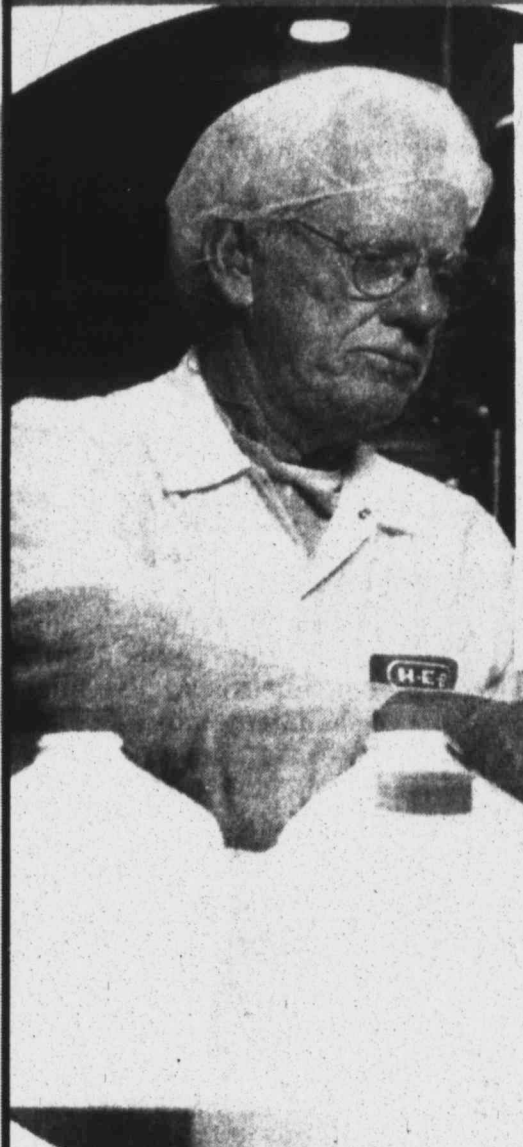
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<b>November 2 • Tuesday</b> * Mall Walking - 8:00 am * Coffee @ Park Place - 10:00 am	<b>November 16 • Tuesday</b> * Mall Walking - 8:00 am Kick Off Relay For Life - Garrett Hall - 6:00 pm Reading Of Mayor Proclamation - <b>Guest Speaker</b> Refreshments Available
<b>November 3 • Wednesday</b> * RSVP Senior Leadership - Chamber - 8:30 am * Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am * Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am * Supper Club - 5:30 pm "Herman's"	<b>November 17 • Wednesday</b> * RSVP Senior Leadership - Chamber - 8:30 am * Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am * Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
<b>November 4 • Thursday</b> * Mall Walking - 8:00 am * Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am	<b>November 18 • Thursday</b> * Mall Walking - 8:00 am * Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am * Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 pm
<b>November 5 • Friday</b> Open	<b>November 19 • Friday</b> * Thanksgiving Potluck & Bingo - 11:30 am
<b>November 6 • Saturday</b> * Regional Training Regional 5 Relay For Life San Angelo Holiday Inn - 10:00 am	<b>Bake Sale</b> Hosted By SMMC Volunteers Hospital Lobby - 7:30 am
<b>November 7 • Sunday</b> * The Man Who Came To Dinner - MCT - 1:00 pm	<b>November 20 • Saturday</b> Open
<b>November 8 • Monday</b> * Birthday Party & Lunch - 11:30 am * Gale's Bakery * Games - 2:00 pm * Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm	<b>November 21 • Sunday</b> Open
<b>November 9 • Tuesday</b> * Mall Walking - 8:00 am American Heart Association meets @ Noon Gale's Sweet Shoppe * American Cancer Society Howard/Glasscock Co Volunteer Luncheon Volunteer Of The Year Garrett Hall - Noon * RSVP Hank Dunn - First Presbyterian Church 6:30 pm Free To Public - Hard Choices For Loving People CEU's Offered 2.0 - Light Supper - 264-7599	<b>November 22 • Monday</b> * Games - 2:00 pm * Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
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<b>November 11 • Thursday</b> * Mall Walking - 8:00 am * Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am * Jewelry Sale - Hospital Lobby 9 am-5:00 pm	<b>November 24 • Wednesday</b> * Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am * Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
<b>November 12 • Friday</b> * Lubbock Shopping (KK's Mall) - 8:00 am * Jewelry Sale - Hospital Lobby 9 am-4:00 pm	<b>November 25 • Thursday</b> Thanksgiving Holiday
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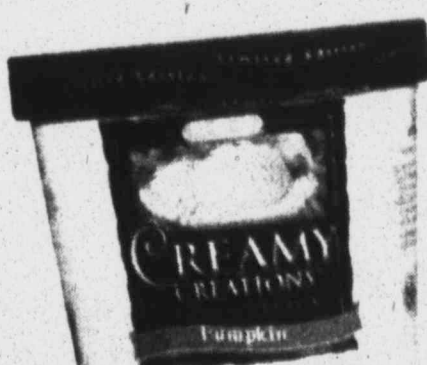
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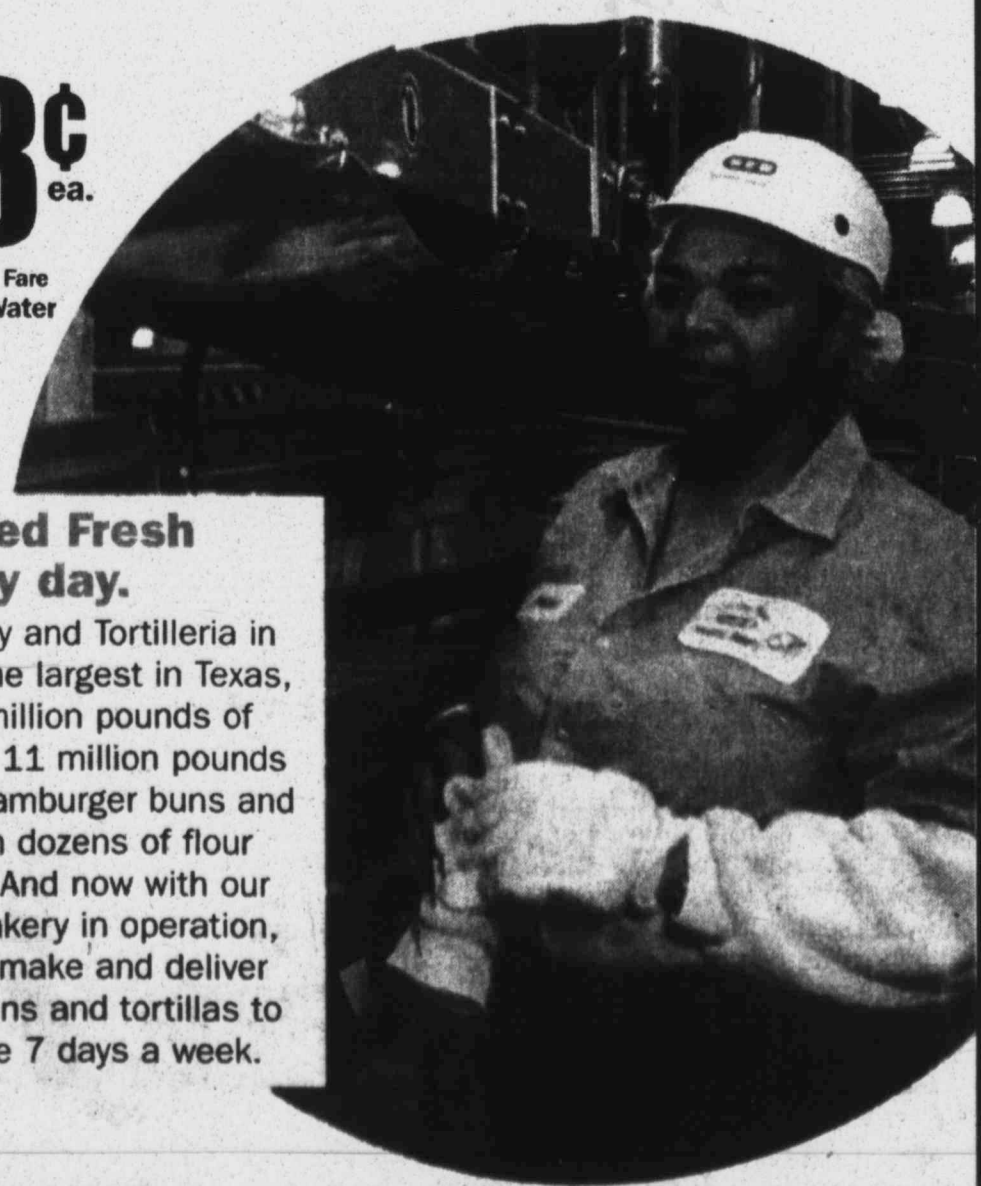
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**Odessa set "madness"**

The Odessa Softball Association is set for Nov. 11-12 for UTPB softball tournament. The double round-robin tournament is set for Nov. 11-12. For more information, contact Michelle at 409-361-1111.

**Basketball needed for**

The Crossroads is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming November. For more information, contact Rodriguez at 409-361-1111 or 517-0300. The game will be played in Lufkin, such as B. Forsan and will be a junior high school level.

**Berkman m start of ne**

HOUSTON Astros' infielder Lance Berkman is set to undergo surgery on his right knee. The Astros will take him off the roster for five months, though Berkman is expected to be ready for the start of the 2005 season. The injury is a setback for Berkman, who was recently named an All-Star. In 160 games, he became the Astros' home run leader with 16 home runs in 775 games.

**Wichita Fa on to state**

LAKEWA, Okla. — Defending state champion Highland Falls won 11-0 Friday to advance to the state championship. Wichita Falls won 12-2 to advance to the state championship. Highland Falls won the 2003 state championship with the score 10-2.

### IN BRIEF

#### Odessa sets softball "madness" tourney

The Odessa Softball Association has set up a softball tournament for Nov. 13 at the UTPB softball complex. The double elimination tournament costs \$100.

The deadline to sign up is Nov. 10.

For more information, contact Gabriel or Michelle at 552-7426.

#### Basketball referees needed for season

The Crossroads area is looking for basketball officials for the upcoming season in November.

For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

#### Berkman may miss start of next season

HOUSTON (AP) — Houston Astros outfielder Lance Berkman tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee playing flag football and will undergo surgery next week, the team said Friday.

The Astros said it will take Berkman between five and six months to recover although Berkman told the club he hoped to be ready for opening day 2005.

The injury occurred recently during a church-related function Berkman attended, Tim Purpura, the Astros' new general manager, said.

Berkman, a three-time National League All-Star, batted .316 this season with 30 home runs and 106 RBI in 160 games. He became the first outfielder to have three 30-homer seasons with the Astros.

Berkman made his major league debut in 1999 after he was Houston's first-round pick in the June 1997 draft. He has a career average of .303 with 156 home runs and 535 RBI in 775 games.

#### Wichita Falls moves on to state finals

LAKEWAY (AP) — Defending Class 4A state champion Dallas Highland Park beat Houston Friendswood 11-0 Friday to clinch another shot at the title.

Highland Park (22-0) lost only 15 games and no sets to Friendswood (11-7). The Scots will face Wichita Falls (24-5) Saturday for the championship.

Wichita Falls was a 12-2 winner over San Antonio Alamo Heights (8-8).

Highland Park and Wichita Falls met in the 2003 semifinals, with the Scots winning 10-2.

## Coahoma's ariel attack shoved aside in victory

By JEFF LANE

SPECIAL TO THE HERALD  
COAHOMA — Will the real Coahoma Bulldogs please stand up?

Playing for Pride. Senior's last game. Setting the tone for next year. All good reasons why the Bulldogs laid a good old-fashioned beating on district rival Stamford, 56-14.



HOLGUIN

The 2004 season has not been what Coahoma players and coaches had imagined back in August. No home wins going into the last game. A plethora of injuries to key players. Only one victory in nine games. It's been a nightmare head coach Robert Wood would not have wished on his worst enemy.

Well, maybe if they were in the Bulldogs district.

Some might think it may have been better watching Ashlee Simpson lipsync than to have gone

out in the cool night air to see the end of a dismal football season in Coahoma.

They would have been wrong though.

Wood brought a Bulldog team that was ready to get it on, and that they did.



BORN

They ran the ball like there was no tomorrow. They converted fourth downs. They blocked and tackled with wild abandon. They made touchdown saving tackles from out of nowhere — like Garren Jernigan making up 20 yards to run down a would be Stamford scorer.

Jernigan later jumped in front of a pass and took it untouched to paydirt.

And by the games end they sent what was left of a beaten Stamford team walking off in its dust.

If you needed a bright spot to reflect on in the off-season this one couldn't have been scripted much better.

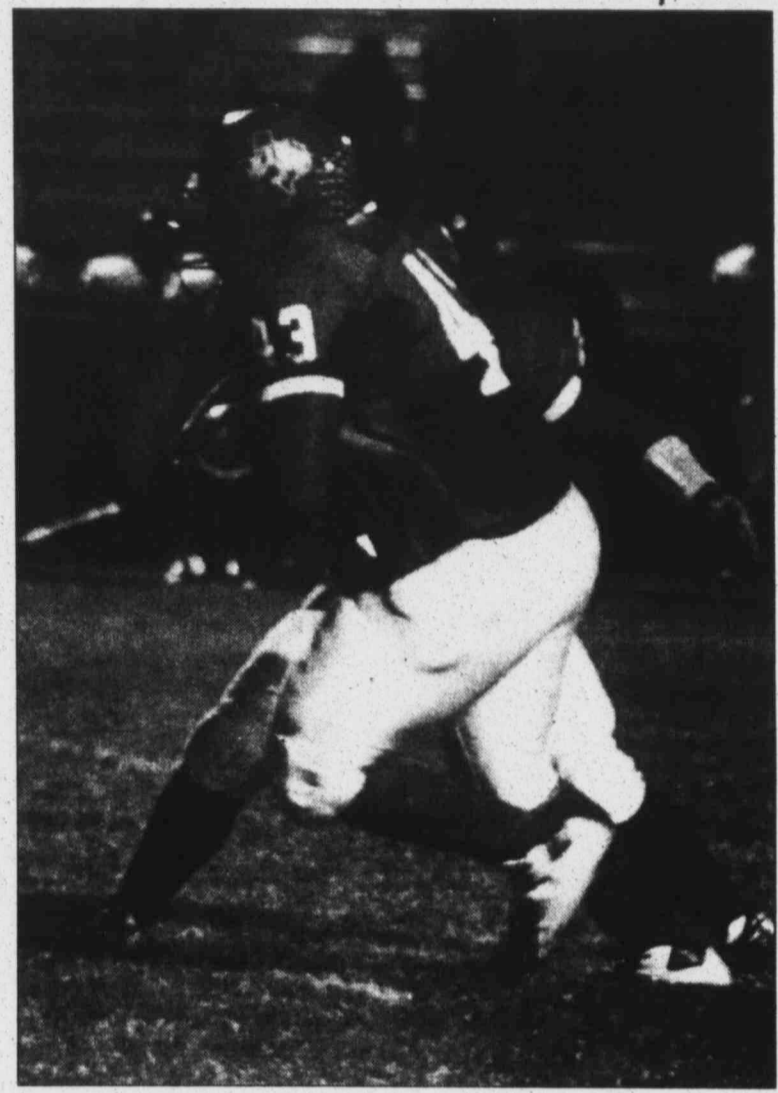
Both Stamford scores were heavily influenced by Coahoma mistakes in an otherwise flawless game. If not for that help, Stamford may not have seen paydirt all night.

To give Stamford credit they kept on keeping on the entire game. Senior running back Wesley Woodard led Stamford with 121 rushing yards on 23 carries and a touchdown.

Coahoma, however, had several getting in on the action.

Senior Andrew Brown rumbled and stumbled through the Stamford defense to the tune of 136 yards and three touchdowns. Backups Tad White and Antonio Gonzales each chipped in with 50 and 47 rushing yards, respectively, and a touchdown apiece. Both of these guys are juniors and may have shown Coahoma fans a little of what can be expected next year.

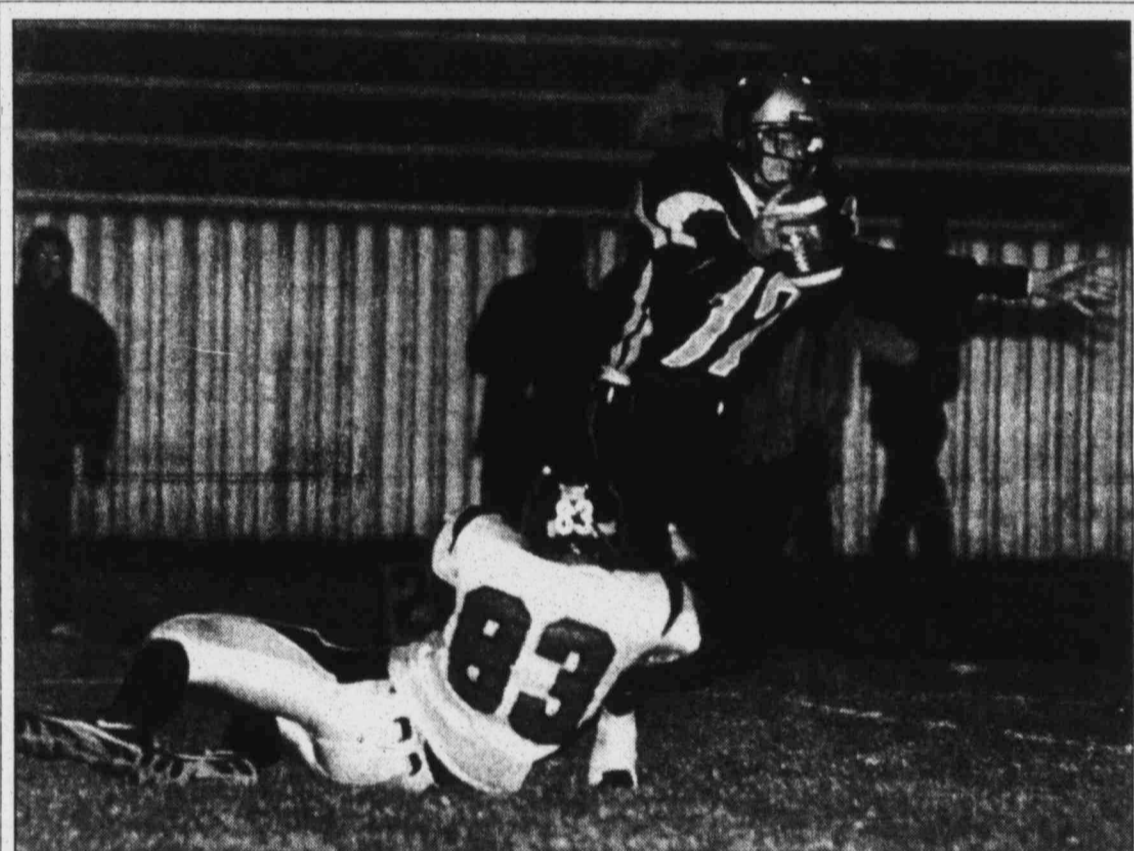
Senior Lance Roberts added another 107 yards to the running attack and



HERALD photo/Manuel Baeza

Coahoma senior Andrew Brown gets the hand off and looks for a hole through the line Friday night at Bulldog Stadium. Coahoma defeated rival Stamford in the battle of the Bulldog, 56-14.

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HERALD photo/Bruce Schoenler

Big Spring sophomore Ryan Tannehill gets away from a Plainview defender Friday during the second half of the Steers' 42-30 loss to the Bulldogs at Memorial Stadium. The Steers end their season with a record of 3-7.

## Fast start leads to crazy finish

By TROY HYDE

SPORTS EDITOR  
BIG SPRING — A dominating start turned into a crazy and unfortunate finish for the Big Spring football team as the Steers dropped their final regular season game of the year to rival Plainview, 42-30.

The craziness was in large part due to the officiating. Or lack there of, according to Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler.

"Plainview is definitely the moutheist team in our district and that creates a bit of friction for both teams," said Butler. "And the officials let this one get out of hand."



DOPERTO

The officials ejected two players — one from each team — and the Big

Spring "chain gang," as well. And then apparently did not like the replacements either.

"They kicked the first group out because they didn't like them I guess and then I give them some more guys and they didn't like them either so I didn't know what to do at that point," said Butler.

There was also a game on the field Friday — one

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## Valley Christian runs over 'Kats

By TROY HYDE

SPORTS EDITOR  
GARDEN CITY

Senior Trey Hillger scored five of Garden City's six touchdowns Friday night during his last game at Bearkat Stadium, but his performance was not enough to get his football team past Valley Christian Academy as the Bearkats

lost, 46-42. "It was a physical game," said Hoskins.

Valley Christian's Craig Villalpondo and Eric Marquez each rushed for more than 200 yards in the win and Hillger finished with 212 yards rushing in the defeat.

"Marquez and Villalpondo ran really hard and ran through

us," said Hoskins. The two teams traded touchdowns in the first three quarters and Garden City led 28-26 after three frames. However, Valley Christian outscored the Bearkats 20-14 in the final period to claim the win over the District 8 Six-

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## Buffaloes go into playoffs with win

By TROY HYDE

SPORTS EDITOR  
STANTON — The Stanton Buffaloes ended its season with a home victory Friday knocking off the Hawley Bearcats, 39-22. The Buffaloes got out to a 21-10 halftime lead and outscored the Bearcats 18-12 in the second half to claim their fifth win of the season. They finished the district season with a 4-1 record.

Sophomore quarterback Michael Washington got the Buffaloes on the board in the first quarter as he crossed the goal line from two yards out.

Then after a 34-yard touchdown run by Hawley's James Mooney, Washington struck again, this time through the air as he connected with Matthew Ruiz on a 41-yard pass play.

A one-yard Washington run in the second quarter put Stanton up 21-7, but Hawley added a 30-yard field goal by Michael Sparr with 45 seconds to play to cut into the deficit before halftime.

Washington went back to work in the third and fourth quarters. He put the game out of reach quickly in the third as he rumbled 41 yards to paydirt with 8:38 left. Then, Bobby Gutierrez put the

Buffaloes up 33-10 with 57 seconds to play in the third frame with a one-yard dive.

Ruiz got himself back in the action in the fourth quarter as he got loose again after receiving a Washington pass. This time, though, Ruiz scored from 60 yards out. That put Stanton up 39-10.

Mooney added touchdown runs of eight and 17 yards 27 seconds apart to make the final score respectable as Stanton enters the playoffs next Friday with victory.

The Buffaloes had 413 total yards, including 241 on the ground. Each team turned over the ball twice, as well.

Washington finished seven-for-10 through the air for 172 yards with one interception and two touchdowns. Gutierrez finished with 110 rushing yards on 28 carries.

The victory gives Stanton the top-seed in the Class 2A Division II bracket of the playoffs. They are scheduled to tentatively play in San Angelo next Saturday in the bi-district round against an opponent to be determined.

Hawley closes out its year with a 2-8 overall record and 1-4 district record.

### Next Week's Playoff Matchups

•Stanton (5-5) will play next Saturday with the location tentatively in San Angelo. Its opponent was undetermined at press time. Check out the Herald for information as it is released.

•Garden City (8-2) will take on rival Ira (9-1) in Borden County Friday at 7:30 p.m. Ira defeated Garden City in week one earlier this year, 48-43.

•Grady (5-5) will take on Dell City (9-1) at Wink next Friday at 7:30 p.m.

• Note: the winner of Garden City/Ira will meet the winner of Grady/Dell City.

### Friday Night Football

This week's finals

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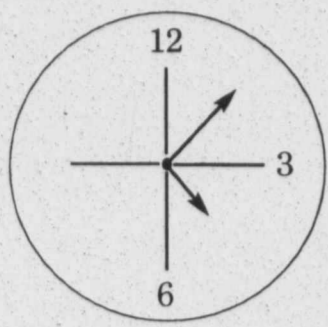
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**ALAN HENRY:** Water lightly stained; 69 degrees; .03-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits and dark jigs along structure. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs.

**ARROWHEAD:** Water muddy in upper end of lake; 68 degrees; 8-foot low. Black bass are fair on shallow running crankbaits and big jigs near rocky areas and flooded vegetation line. Crappie are good on jigs and minnows suspended 12- to 14-foot near derricks. White bass are good on shallow flats 3- to 8-foot on shad-imitation crankbaits and larger jigs with inline spinners. Blue and channel catfish are fair on cut shad and prepared baits in shallow water and vegetation line. Deer Creek Ramp closed due to low water.

**COLORADO CITY:** Water clear; 75 degrees; 5.2-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

**FT. PHANTOM HILL:** Water clear; 73 degrees; 9.4-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on live bait. White bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

**HUBBARD CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 17.62-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits and slow-rolling spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on jigs and live bait. Catfish are fair on live baits.

**NASWORTHY:** Water lightly stained; 74 degrees. Black bass are slow. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair on live bait.

**OAK CREEK:** Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 27.2-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on jigs and minnows. Catfish are fair. No boat ramps open. 4x4 vehicles can unload on the dirt road near the dam.

**O.H. IVIE:** Water lightly stained; 73 degrees; 29.3-foot low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and dark jigs. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live bait.

**POSSUM KINGDOM:** Water clear; 70 degrees; 1-foot low. Black bass are fair at 5- to 10-foot depth along vegetation line. Crappie are fair. White bass are fair. Striped bass are fair on live shad or sunfish fished vertically. Channel and blue catfish are good in river just above reservoir on trotlines.

**SPENCE:** Water lightly stained; 75 degrees; 60-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are fair. Striped bass and hybrid striper are slow. Catfish are slow.

**STAMFORD:** Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 5.26-foot low. Black bass are fair on live bait and shad-colored jigs or spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

**SWEETWATER:** Water lightly stained; 76 degrees; 31.25-foot low. Black bass are fair. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on small crankbaits. Catfish are good on live baits.

**WHITE RIVER:** Water lightly stained; 74 degrees; 22.5-foot low. Black bass are fair on crankbaits and live baits. Crappie are fair on jigs and live bait. Walleye are fair on live baits. Channel catfish are fair on prepared baits.

**WICHITA:** Water clearing; 67 degrees; 4-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass and Hybrid stripers are fair on large minnows and Roadrunner jigs along dam.

McGrady settles in as Rockets win

By COLIN FLY

Associated Press Writer  
MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Tracy McGrady is starting to feel comfortable as a Houston Rocket.

McGrady, who came over in an offseason trade from Orlando, had 30 points and nine assists Friday night to lead Houston to its first victory of the season, an 89-81 victory over the Memphis Grizzlies.

After two lackluster performances to start the season, McGrady showed why the Rockets traded away Steve Francis to get the two-time NBA scoring champ.

"I was a little hesitant in the first two games," McGrady said. "Tonight, I just wanted to come out and impose my will on the game because I didn't want to go back home 0-3."

Jackson scored 14 points, and Juwan Howard had 11 points for the Rockets, who were playing their third road game in four nights.

"I felt it was just a matter of time when Tracy felt comfortable knowing the plays and the system," Rockets forward Jim Jackson said. "All of that takes time when you come into a new system."

Pau Gasol led Memphis with 21 points, including 12 straight Grizzlies' points in the fourth.

Bonzi Wells had 15 points and Jason Williams added 11. The Grizzlies struggled from the field, shooting 35 percent.

Memphis coach Hubie Brown said before the game he wouldn't "go out and get hit by a train or a trolley" if the Grizzlies fell to 0-2, but afterward he blamed himself for the team's poor start.

"These first two games, we were not ready," Brown said. "All of the blame is on me, not them. I've got to get them to execute."

The Grizzlies had an

excellent opportunity. Yao Ming, who finished with eight points and four rebounds in 22 minutes, picked up his fifth foul with the Rockets leading 67-60 with 11:37 remaining.

But McGrady took over, scoring 10 points over the final 10 minutes. Tyrone Lue gave the Rockets an 82-71 lead with 4:47 left on a one-handed scoop layup. Memphis never came within seven after that.

Rockets forward Maurice Taylor, who fouled out in the fourth, thought McGrady thrived

as the lone focal point down the stretch.

"I think with the foul trouble with me and Yao, Tracy had to take over and do his thing," Taylor said. "I think he felt more comfortable in that mold and attacking."

James Posey continued to struggle for the Grizzlies after missing all but one preseason game with a sprained left foot. He scored three points and had six turnovers after averaging 13.7 points last season as the team's second leading scorer.



Charlotte's Emeke Okafor catches his breath during the season opener against Washington at Charlotte Coliseum in Charlotte, North Carolina. KRT photo/Patrick Schneider, Charlotte Observer

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also threw for 76 yards and two touchdowns.

On the receiving end of those scores were senior Chad Born (two catches for 21 yards) and junior Joe Holguin (three catches for 44 yards).

Born snagged an 11-yard touchdown pass from



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Roberts and got loose for the two-point conversion to haul in another catch. Holguin made a spectacular

diving catch in the end-zone on a fourth down play.

If you missed this game as a fan of the Coahoma Bulldogs, shame on you if it was just to see old Matlock reruns.

Overall, the season may look disappointing. But Friday night's dominating performance will definitely help ease the pain.

Coahoma outgained Stamford 431 to 176, despite turning the ball over three times. Of the 431 total yards by Coahoma, 368 came on the ground.

Brown finished the year with 472 yards and six touchdowns in 10 games, as well.



BROWN

Spurs down Lakers as Bryant, Duncan share words, elbows

By BETH HARRIS

AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The new-look Los Angeles Lakers took their lumps again.

No longer surrounded by fellow future Hall of Famers Shaquille O'Neal, Karl Malone and Gary Payton, Kobe Bryant and the rest of the Lakers couldn't complete a rally and lost their second straight after a season-opening win.

Tim Duncan had a double-double, and San Antonio won 105-96 Friday night in the teams' first meeting since the Lakers eliminated the Spurs from the Western Conference semifinals last season.

"San Antonio is a team that really knows what they're doing out there because they have the chemistry and they've been with each other for a long time," Bryant said.

Duncan led five players in double figures with 26 points and 16 rebounds. Manu Ginobili added 18, Tony Parker 16, Rashaun Nesterovic 14 and reserve Brent Barry 13. The Spurs passed with abandon, racking up 28 assists while scoring 100-plus points for the second straight game.

Bryant scored 28 points in 45 minutes and Lamar Odom added 24 points and 11 rebounds.

They shot a franchise-low 29 percent in a 104-78 defeat at Utah on Wednesday, when Bryant

had 38 points.

"Kobe is great," Spurs coach Gregg Popovich said. "He came after us and tried to get it done and almost did it. I would imagine Kobe wants to get it done more than ever."

The Lakers trailed nearly the entire game, and were down by 18 points three times in the third quarter.

The Lakers got within six points in the fourth on a 3-pointer by Chucky Atkins, the kind of shot Bryant relishes making late in games.

That got the Staples Center crowd on its feet, just like in the old days when O'Neal was rumbling up the floor after a thunderous dunk.

But the fans quieted down when Bryant was stripped on a drive in the lane with just over two minutes left.

Bryant and Duncan received offsetting technical fouls in the fourth when both teams jawed in a crowd near the Lakers' free throw line.

"I think I unintentionally hit him, so I asked him if he was all right," Bryant said. "He said I threw an elbow. I said, 'I didn't throw an elbow.' He said, 'Yes you did.' I said, 'I just told you I didn't, so what if I did?' And that's how we both got technicals."

Bryant scowled his way through much of the final 12 minutes, annoyed by calls that went against him.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde

Big Spring's Lorissa Rodriguez competes in the Big Spring Invitational back in September. The cross country teams performed at the regional tournament Saturday morning but results of the meet were unavailable at press time.

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# Celebrating Life National Hospice Month

## Open House Seminar planned

Celebrating National Hospice Month, Home Hospice has planned an open house from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Tuesday to allow the public to see their new location, 111 E. Seventh St.

Following the open house, a reservation-only light meal is planned at First Presbyterian Church.

At 7 p.m. Hank Dunn will be the featured guest speaker at the church, presenting "Helping Families Make End-of-Life Decisions."

The topic will include a power point presentation.

Dunn is the author of "Hard Choices for Loving People," which covers such topics as cardiopulmonary resuscitation, artificial hydration and nutrition, treatments to consider and letting go.

All nurses, clergy and social workers who attend the seminar will receive two continuing education units.

The events are free and open to the public. To make a reservation to attend the light meal, contact Sherry Hodnett at 264-7599.



## Hospice workers celebrate life

Although the definition of hospice means providing care to those who are terminally ill, for Home Hospice workers, the term focuses on celebrating life.

"This is about taking care of people and making them comfortable. It's about making their lives better while they still have life," said Jennifer Noble, a registered nurse with Home Hospice.

Sherry Hodnett, volunteer and bereavement coordinator, said the organization opened in Big Spring with three people working out of their cars.

Today Home Hospice has grown to 35 volunteers, more than 12 nurses and nurse's aides, three chaplains and a host of office personnel.

"You do not choose hospice, it chooses us. You have to have the heart for it. God sends you to hospice, and you know it when you get here," said Dixie Daves, a volunteer with Home Hospice.

For some volunteers, like Daves, Margie Myers and Koila Strickland, becoming a hospice volunteer was one way of dealing with the loss of a family member.

"I do special projects that need to be done, from addressing invitations to delivering things that need to go out," Strickland said.

And Myers said, "I do correspondence for my patients at a nursing home, and sometimes I just sit and visit with the patients."

Others volunteer make trips to the grocery store, deliver groceries, provide manicures and even give beautician services free of charge.

Regardless of what motivates a person to provide hospice care, the one common element is a need to give support and provide comfort to those who are dying.

Hearty laughter from a hospice worker remembering a patient's love and warmth may quickly replace tears, as memories of the patients they care for awakens the loss that is a necessary component of the job.

"But we want to help them live life to the fullest, for the time they have left. That's why our motto is 'loving people until God sees fit to call them home'," Hodnett said.

While aides working for Home Hospice may devote the time they spend with a patient each day to personal hygiene like bathing and dressing, the job does not stop once the patient is dressed.

"I love taking care of people. Sometimes I just stop and talk with them, and we really get to know each other. I try to keep my job on a professional level, but when I spend a year or more with one patient, they

become as close as family," said nurse's aide Rose Ann Joy, who has been involved with hospice care for five years.

In fact, longevity seems to be the hallmark of the job, as all the women interviewed record years of service to the profession.

And Home Hospice workers treat each other and their patients like family, attending funerals, getting to know and care for family members and supporting each other.

"We have a monthly memorial for our staff to celebrate the life of the patients we have lost. That is very important to us for closure. We will hug each other, remember, laugh and cry at those times. We're really like a family here, and we become family to those patients we help," Hodnett said.

One way the hospice workers deal with loss they face each day is a memorial wreath that has a white ribbon representing each patient. The wreath will be on display at the Home Hospice offices, 111 E. Seventh.

"One time I had white balloons with each patient's name on it that we released during the memorial service," Hodnett said.

"Sherry comes up with neat ideas for our memorial services. We all cried as we saw those white balloons floating away and finally disappearing," Joy said.

Hodnett said often the families of the patient depend as heavily on the hospice workers as do their loved one. Memorials are often requested to go to Home Hospice, which in turn sends the funds to Hospice House in the Odessa, owned by the corporation which is based in Odessa.

"They get really attached to us and if, say Rose Ann is out sick, the families and the patients are very worried about her. While we're not blood relatives, they become close, dear friends, and we grieve with them as we would for a close, dear friend," Hodnett said.

A deep, committed spiritual relationship resounds in all the volunteers and workers of Home Hospice.

Hodnett said the owners also have deep beliefs and are always ready to answer questions and provide support to every member of the team.

There is never a bill given to a hospice family or patient, and all expenses are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance, she said.

"We know they are out of pain and have gone to a better place when they die. We focus on celebrating life and allowing each patient to live life to fullest in the time they have left.

"We do whatever needs to be done, and I feel blessed to be doing what I do. I love it," Hodnett said.



JENNIFER NOBLE



In the top photo, Rose Ann Joy, Margie Myers, Koila Strickland, her sleeping grandson, Jackson Parsley, 3, and Dixie Daves discuss the Tuesday open house at Home Hospice, 111 E. Seventh, and seminar featuring Hank Dunn, which begins at 7 p.m. in First Presbyterian Church. In the left photo, Sherry Hodnett looks at the scrap book she keeps for the staff and patients. In the right photo, Chaplain Elwin Collum and Rose Ann Joy hang the Memorial Wreath.

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# Howard County Bible Class celebrates 65 years in the classroom

By KENDRA WISS

Staff Writers

The Howard County Bible Class has been taught continuously in Big Spring since 1939. It's possible that this is the longest running Bible Class in Texas.

The Howard County Bible Fund Board is seeking members of the community to help support the fund to keep Bible education in Howard County schools.

The board is seeking money to pay the Bible teachers, purchase Bibles, workbooks and incidentals. The Bible teachers are paid the same salaries as other teachers at their respective schools based on the number of classes they teach each semester.

Big Spring High School's History of the Bible classes are offered three class periods by Dr. Bill Welsh. The three credit-hour humanities classes are an elective chosen by students. The class also counts as a concurrent college credit course through Howard College, but since the Howard County Bible Fund pays Welsh, students are not charged concurrent fees.

The Bible course at Big Spring High School starts each day with a quote and

a Psalm. "My purpose is to teach the Bible and help students apply it to everyday life," said Welsh.

Biblical history is coupled with world history, biographies, geography, economics and the politics of Biblical times. Fridays during Bible class, Welsh allows the students to watch films depicting the stories they've studied and introduces the class to his personal collection of Biblical artifacts, making the course not only Bible lessons, but hands-on-history.

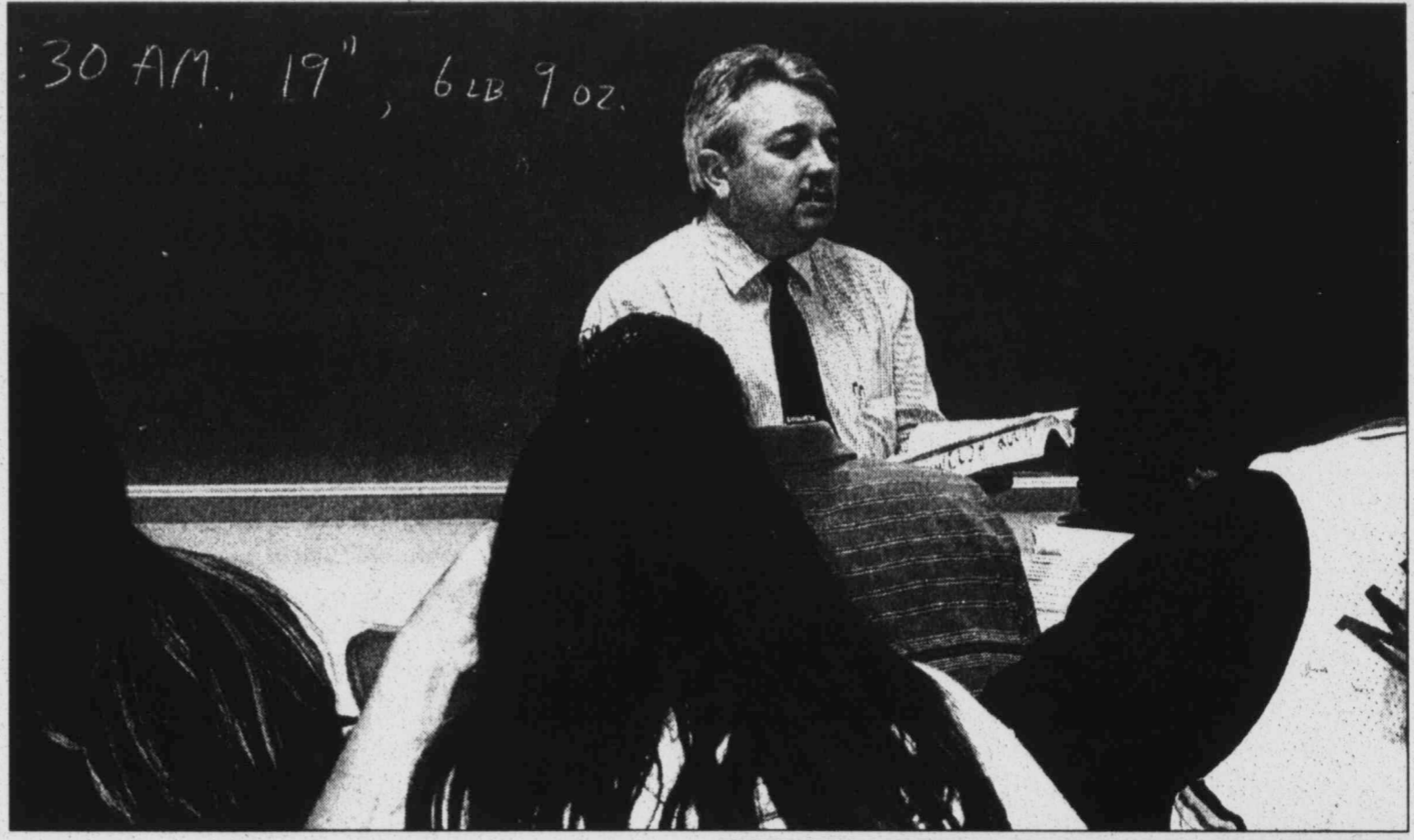
"This class is such a blessing to not only the students, but to me personally.

"I've seen students change dramatically just from the daily reading of the Bible they receive from this class," said Welsh.

Forsan High School's two Bible classes are taught this year by the Rev. Craig Felty.

History of the Bible is taught at Coahoma High School by the Rev. Russell Mullins.

Meetings of the fund board are held the even numbered months on the first Monday of the month at First Baptist Church at 7 p.m. and all community members are welcome to



Above, the Rev. Dr. Bill Welch teaches his Humanities Bible History class at Big Spring High School. At right, one of the items Welch uses in his class to illustrate history contained in the Bible are ancient coins from across the globe. The coins are placed on the wall map near the country of origin.

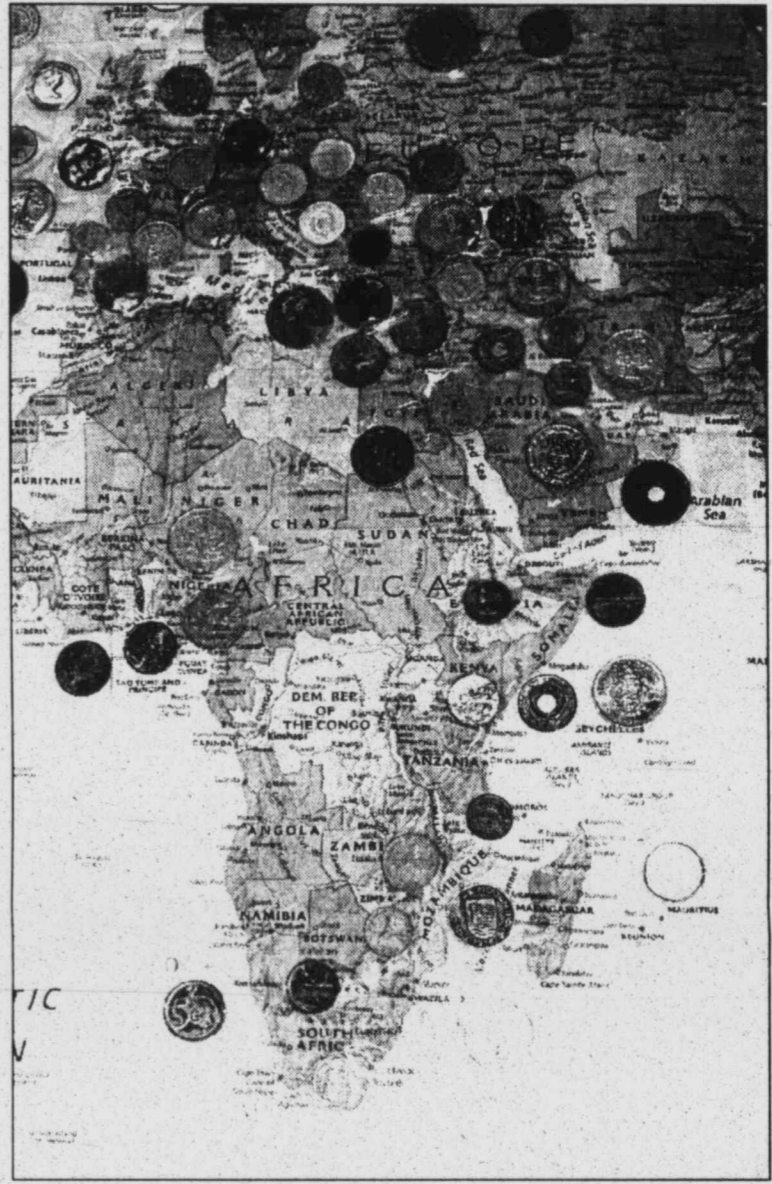
attend.

Donations may be mailed to Howard County Bible Fund, P.O. Box 494, Big Spring, 79720-0494.

The Howard County Bible Class is a non-profit corporation with 501(c)3 tax status, therefore all

contributions are tax deductible.

Contact Staff Writer Kendra Wiss at 263-7331 ext. 234 or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com



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## Holiday cookbook contest deadline draws near

Special to the Herald

And an opportunity to show off those special holiday dishes, plus win a prize, is available with the annual Holiday Cookbook Contest, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald.

"This is always so much fun for the judges, the Herald employees and the community," said Christy Hernandez, assistant advertising manager, for the Herald.

The deadline for entries is Monday, and eight separate categories for submissions are available: breads, appetizers, candies/cookies/cake, vegetables, casseroles, entrees,

salads and miscellaneous.

An overall grand prize winner for this year's contest will win a Polaski curio cabinet, courtesy of Allan's Furniture. Other prizes will be awarded in each category, depending on the number of entries, she said.

The cookbook with all

recipes submitted will be published in the Big Spring Herald Nov. 21.

There is a limit of three recipes per person. Submit entries to the Herald.

For more information contact Hernandez at 263-7331.

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## H-E-B begins birthday celebration

Company partners hold first party at Big Spring's Gregg Street location

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

H-E-B began a series of several hundred 100th anniversary birthday parties this week, choosing the Big Spring location to cut the first cake.

Among the H-E-B dignitaries to participate in Thursday's ceremonies was Suzanne Wade, H-E-B president of food and drug, who couldn't resist telling the group, "I always tell everyone that the reason H-E-B started off on the right foot was because it was started by a woman."

In fact, Florence Butt did start the first H-E-B store — although at the time it was named CC Butt Grocery Store after husband, Charles C. Butt — Nov. 26, 1905, in Kerrville. Almost 100 years old now,

there are close to 400 H-E-B groceries in Texas and Mexico.

"The company has weathered hard times in the economy and the depression. Today, we're real excited about our opportunities in Mexico and West Texas. We'll be doing this celebration — 389 birthday parties — all over for the next year," said Wade.

Also introduced to local store employees were Jack Brouillard, the company's chief financial officer and chief administrative officer; and Greg Souquette, regional vice president.

Saying "It's not really about our 100th anniversary but about our partners, our communities and our customer base," Souquette thanked employees, including store director Kenny Breazeale, who has



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Several employees are recognized as past award recipients during H-E-B's 100th anniversary celebration Thursday at the Big Spring store. Pictured are, from left, Kenny Breazeale, store director; Suzanne Wade, H-E-B president for food and drugs; John Smith, assistant store director; Kaela Mize, cashier; Gina Martinez, manager in charge; and Brandon Herrera, cashier for central checkout. Smith has received three major company awards — the People Development Award, for salaried employees that have made a difference in the career of another partner; the Fully Clingman Leadership Award, presented for leadership traits to move H-E-B forward through vision and courage; and the Harvey Mabrey Excellence in Management Award, for support of the H-E-B mission. Mize has received the David Ashworth Community Champion Award, presented to those who personally support worthy community endeavors. Martinez received the Linda D. Jimenez Diversity Leadership Award, for diversity awareness and appreciation. Herrera received the Spirit of H-E-B Award for support of the company's promise to making H-E-B the best place to shop and work.

worked for H-E-B for 23 years, beginning as a sacker while in high school. He has been director of the Big Spring store for three years.

Souquette also introduced Big Spring H-E-B employees John Smith, assistant store director; Brandon Herrera, cashier for central checkout; Kaela Mize, cashier; and Gina Martinez, manager in charge; recipients of company-wide awards.

Mayor Russ McEwen attended the celebration to read a proclamation on the

grocery company's behalf.

Calling H-E-B "an American success story," Ward noted that H-E-B is an \$11 billion plus company annually with an eye toward community needs. She said H-E-B is the largest contributor to food banks in Texas.

"We appreciate your support. We want to be a part of the community and want to give back to the community," she added.

The local store opened for business in 1992.



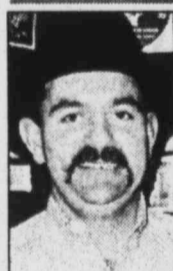
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Suzanne Wade, H-E-B president for food and drug, talks about the company's 100th birthday celebration Thursday at the local grocery store.

## Comprehensive brush management reference guide is now available

"Brush Management Past, Present, Future" is said by one of its editors to be the most comprehensive brush control reference available in decades.

Dr. Allan McGinty, Texas Cooperative Extension range specialist at San Angelo, said the book is for anybody who works with rangelands or who is confronted with brush problems of any kind.



TOMMY YEATER

"The book could easily be used as a college text or as a reference for individuals," said McGinty. "It is the most up-to-date reference on rangeland brush control there is. The last such reference was 'Brush Management Principles and Practices for Texas and the Southwest.' That book, printed in 1980, was authored by the late Dr. Charles J. Scifres, who was then professor of range management with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station at College Station."

McGinty said there have been major changes in the industry in recent years. New application technologies, herbicides, and biological control options along with summer burning, offer brush management opportuni-

ties that were unheard of 20 years ago.

McGinty said the new book is broken into sections on the four methods of brush management: mechanical, chemical, biological and fire.

Each of the sections is divided into chapters on the history, current status and future prospects of that particular practice. Economic and financial questions, water, wildlife and environmental issues also are covered.

McGinty said the idea for the 282-page book started several years ago with a brush control symposium in San Angelo sponsored by the Experiment Station, Extension and the Center for Grazinglands and Ranch Management at College Station.

"We had the symposium because many range professionals were getting up in years and we worried that much of the practical and technical information they had in their minds might someday be lost," said McGinty. "We brought them together and had them speak on brush control so we could capture that knowledge both orally and in a written proceedings. Papers and notes from that symposium and from other top professionals eventually evolved into this text-book."

McGinty's co-editors on the project were Wayne T. Hamilton, director of the Center for Grazing-

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## BUSINESS BEFORE HOURS



Best Western Plaza Inn owners Bob and Priya Patel, center, visit with Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce members Clara Cline, left, and Dorothy Sheppard during "Business Before Hours," a Chamber-sponsored showcase. The newly opened motel is located at the intersection of Tulane and Highway 80.

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## Business briefs

### Couple pleads guilty to smuggling illegals

CENTRAL ISLIP, N.Y. (AP) — A couple pleaded guilty Friday to charges of smuggling dozens of illegal immigrants from Peru and forcing them into "virtual servitude" to pay for their passage.

Jorge Ibanez and Maruiluz Zavala, both 43, pleaded guilty in a deal with prosecutors to charges that include conspiring to commit forced labor, transporting undocumented workers and providing them with forged green cards.

The couple was arrested during June 21 raids on three houses they owned in Suffolk County, where authorities found 69 aliens, including 13 children, living in what were described as squalid conditions.

### Unocal proposes natural gas storage

BRUSH, Colo. (AP) — Unocal Corp. is looking into the possibility of developing an underground natural gas storage facility in salt caverns near Brush.

While many energy companies store natural gas in abandoned wells in depleted natural gas fields, Unocal officials believe the salt caverns would allow them to withdraw the natural gas more quickly.

The storage facility would enable Unocal to ensure ample supplies to help utilities meet demand, said Steve Hanshaw, manager of business development for

Unocal Midstream & Trade, based in Sugar Land, Texas.

Unocal would not disclose the cost of the project. It has notified federal regulators of its testing activities and will begin assessing interest from buyers early next year.

If the project were finalized, Unocal said it would build the facility in phases, starting with 3 billion cubic feet of storage and gradually increasing to 9 billion cubic feet.

### United seeking \$725 million in more labor cuts

CHICAGO (AP) — United Airlines is moving to obtain another \$725 million in labor concessions and eliminate employees' traditional pensions as it seeks the financing to come out of bankruptcy.

A day after the troubled carrier notified employees that further steep reductions in pay and other benefits are coming, union leaders met to analyze the proposed cuts and decide how to respond. United's largest unions declined comment until discussing the plan further.

The nation's second-largest airline has been threatening to terminate its pensions since August. Last month, it said it would need to cut costs significantly more than anticipated because of the industry's deteriorating financial outlook.

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Tomorrow's Horoscope

**BY HOLIDAY MATHIS**  
The Virgo moon brings some much-needed grounding, as there are no other earth-sign influences helping out this week. There's beauty in practical things, like a nutritious meal or clean house. So spend time getting things in order — this week is going to be big in terms of shaking us up with the unexpected doorbell ring or romantic twist.



HOLIDAY MATHIS

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). Signs of your evolution emerge. Where you were timid, you're now strong, and there's a smile where that snarl used to be. Do something out of character. Who knows, maybe you'll find out that it's now in character?

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You've got a panoramic view of the big picture — leave the small details to someone else, right? Wrong! You'll find exquisite joy in handling what would normally be considered tedious. So jump in with that feather duster.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). Normally, endless possibilities are delightful — however, today is anything but normal. If you've got more than three choices, you'll choose nothing. So ask for the abbreviated "menu" from loved ones and friends.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). If you've been waiting for a chance, you'll realize now that chances are not to be waited for. They're to be molded, carved out or invented. Move forward as though someone were leaving you a way in.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). You know better than to borrow trouble, but sometimes, it's fun to have a little on loan. When there's a risk of becoming bored, you know just who to call to spice things up and how far to go before you're really in danger.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Sensational news is part of the fun. But even fascinating stories have their downside. You'll get a glimpse at the path you didn't take. Resist the urge to long for what might have been.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Your positive outlook is not only pleasant, but it causes things to move in your life. Just as a sunbeam focused through a magnifying glass can start a fire, when you're focused on good, goodness multiplies and takes over.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). If you don't hook up with friends now, you're really missing out! Time-tested pals bring out your humor (you're comfortable enough to tap into your genius wit). Add one new person to the group and — voila! It could be love.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). In a creative mood, you'll be further inspired by both the perfection of nature and the vivid pictures in every day life. Do something with this sizzling energy! Tonight, your dreams are prophetic.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). People are gravitating toward your strength, and you're asked to do something that makes you feel uneasy. In the words of spirited rocker Janis Joplin (also a Capricorn), "Don't compromise yourself. You're all you've got."

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-

Feb. 18). You want to make everything around you beautiful, and you can! Affordability is a relative term. There are ways of getting around budget limitations. Stick to what you want, and don't listen to anyone who says you can't have it.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Having to explain things over and over is a sign that maybe you're in

the wrong place at the wrong time with the wrong person. Move yourself into different environments until you return to that sense of flow you're so used to.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** All the big players make cameos in the cosmic film-school project this week. To get ready for it, take advantage of the Virgo lunar energy on Sunday.

Organize, clean, and plan while you've got the time (and the inclination) because once the roller coaster starts, there's no getting off. Saturn, the wise mentor of the zodiac, goes direct on Monday. This begins a review of our life lessons that lasts through the better part of March 2005. If you really learned things the first time, it's more of a validation than a test. To reap

the most from this transit, try being lighter, even amused by your own foibles. There's a reason you did everything you did, and there's no use shaming yourself over it now. Mars enters Scorpio on Wednesday, which stimulates our desires on a deeper level. You not only want what (or whom!) you want, but you know why, and that makes it impossible not to

go after the juicy goal with all the voraciousness and creativity you can muster. Uranus takes the stage Nov. 11 in a dazzle of freakiness! What follows are events that cause you to say, "Wow! I wasn't expecting that!"

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