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LULAC files single-member lawsuit against Big Spring ISD trustees

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District is being sued by the League of United Latin American Citizens to establish single member districts.

Bill McQueary, BISD superintendent, said a lawsuit was filed against the school district and its seven board members Monday, Feb. 26 in U.S. District Court in Abilene by the statewide LULAC.

Parties named in the suit are Dan Wise, Larry McLellan, Don Baker, Irene Bustemante, Larry Hollar, Glynna Mouton and Al Valdes, all in their official capacities as members of the BSISD board of trustees.

McQueary said LULAC wants to change the manner in which school trustees are elected. There currently is a 4-3 voting system in Big Spring with a trustee elected from each of four districts and three elected at-large.

"Basically, they want seven pieces of the pie," McQueary said. McQueary said he will reserve further comments until after the school board consults with its attorneys in an executive session scheduled March 19.

Pat DeAnda, a local LULAC council member, said her chapter initiated the law suit.



McQUEARY

"We're just getting in compliance with the state and the laws of Texas," she said. She said in the late 1980s, LULAC fought to get the current 4-3 voting system established. She said prior to that, there were no voting districts and all seven members were at-large.

"The reason we (LULAC) did it in the first place was because we wanted to get people on all boards represented from all segments of the community," DeAnda said.

Rolando Rios, a San Antonio attorney, filed the suit on behalf of LULAC. He said LULAC is just trying to nudge the district into eliminating the at-large trustees.

"We hope this is perceived as a friendly law suit," he said.

Rios said he has examined the Big Spring's demographics and is able to draw two minority districts within a seven-district plan. There currently is only one minority district, he said.

Rios calimed that a board with seven single-member districts accomplishes a number of things: "It makes campaigns cheaper ... it brings democracy closer to the people ... and it makes it easier for members of minority communities to elect the candidate of their choice."

Rios said Midland has had a seven single member district for the last seven or eight years. He said the Big Spring LULAC chapter is trying to emulate Midland and the nation-wide trend for equal representation at the school board level.

"We've done many lawsuits across the state increasing the possibilities that minorities can elect candidates of their choice," Rios said, adding that many have been successful.

First-grader tries to understand being booted from Washington

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

Peter Stromquist, 7, who was a first-grader at Washington Elementary School, is trying to sort out why he is going to have to make new friends at a different school in a different school district.

Peter's mother, Sheila Williams, who lives north of Big Spring in the Coahoma Independent School District, said she was abruptly notified Thursday morning by Big Spring Independent School District officials that Peter would no longer be able to attend school in Big Spring.

> *"I believe his (Tarleton's) exact words were that he knew he was out-of-district but he accepted him because he was a good student."*
>
> **-Gary Partlow**
> **meeting attendee**

Williams said she enrolled Peter at the Anderson Kindergarten Center in Big Spring in the fall of 1994 partly because he wears his hair long and Coahoma would have required it be cut as part of their dress code.

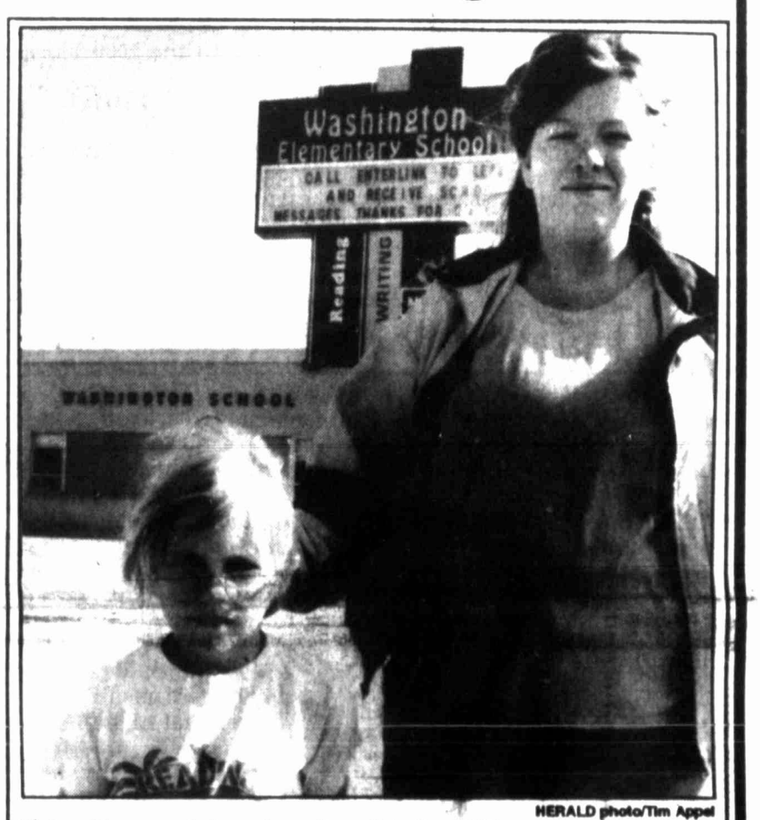
She said she approached BSISD administration prior to Peter's starting kindergarten and informed them they (Peter) lived outside the Big Spring School District.

"When I put him in Anderson (Kindergarten Center) they did not make me fill out a transfer," Williams said. Last fall, Williams said she registered Peter at Washington Elementary with her rural route address and was not told there was anything wrong with his attending the school.

"He's a straight 'A' student, everybody (at the school) has nothing but nice things to say about him," she said.

She feels the out-of-district problem came up after a

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HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Peter Stromquist and mother Sheila Williams stand in front of Washington Elementary School Friday, just one day after the 7-year-old was kicked out of the school. According to Williams, Peter was removed after an incident at a parent meeting. BSISD officials say it was because of a violation of transfer policy.

Forum is Tuesday, early voting torrid

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Within the next seven days, voters in 10 states will go to the polls to cast ballots for everyone from county constable to their party's nominee to be the next president of the United States.

Locally, there is just as much interest in the races for Sheriff and Howard County Commissioner Precinct 3, but before voters cast their ballot in the March 12 "Super Tuesday" Primary in these two races, candidates will be viewed through a microscope as they take part in a "Candidates Forum" Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

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The forum is sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and KBST radio. Because an overflow crowd of about 500 is expected, security will be provided by the Big Spring Police Department and Howard County Sheriff's Department.

The public will be admitted at 6:30 p.m., at the same time candidates are being briefed as to the format of the forum. Coffee will be provided by the chamber.

The evening's schedule will be based on the two-hour time limit. Doors will be closed at 7 p.m. and the forum get under way at that time.

Questions have been selected from some 200-250 submitted to the Herald and KBST. Questions will not be taken from the floor.

KBST will broadcast the forum live and TCA Cable will tape the forum and replay it Thursday from 6:30-8:30 p.m. on Cable channel 10 and again on Sunday, March 10 at 2:30 p.m.

Campaign literature and signs will not be allowed inside or outside the community center. Candidates will be asked to not allow their literature to be distributed on vehicles in the parking.

Early voting for the local races has been on a record pace.

Howard County Clerk Margaret Ray's office was open Saturday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. for early voting and 167 voters took advantage of the opportunity.

A total of 1,291 residents have cast early voting ballots with more than a week of early voting remaining.

Eight hundred and seventy-nine Republicans and 412 Democrats have cast early ballots and Ray's office has mailed out 61 ballots to Democrats and 57 to Republicans.

Christopher sentencing postponed again

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring resident Charles "Chris" Christopher received his fifth sentencing date postponement last Thursday in Rhode Island.

The latest postponement was the second delay in his sentencing during the month of February.

Originally set for Oct. 10, 1995, Christopher's sentencing date was rescheduled for Nov. 30.

U.S. District Judge Frances Boyle was to rule on a new trial motion on Nov. 28, prior to sentencing Christopher.

That date was eventually moved to Feb. 9 and then to Feb. 29 and now Christopher is scheduled to be sentenced on March 15.

Boyle's clerk said the judge has reserved on making a decision on the Feb. 9 motion for a new trial by Christopher's attorneys.

Boyle also granted the Feb. 9 postponement to give the Rhode Island U.S. Attorney General's Office time to respond to the new trial motion. They were unable to be reached for comment on this most recent delay in Christopher's sentencing.

Boyle's clerk said Friday, "The court asked for supplemental memos from both sides on the motion for a new trial, on which the judge will make a ruling March 10, prior to the sentencing."

Christopher was convicted in July by a Providence, R.I. jury on 11 counts of wire fraud and 10 counts of interstate transfer of stolen goods.

He faces a possible 155 years in prison and $60 million in fines for defrauding two insurance companies of more than $30 million.

Christopher's troubles began back in 1988 when the 49-year-old entrepreneur and California real estate developer G. Wayne Reeder acquired American Universal Insurance Co. of Providence, and Diamond Benefits Life Insurance Co. of Arizona.

Both companies eventually failed, resulting in payments to approximately 1,500 annuity holders being cut off for nearly three and a half years.

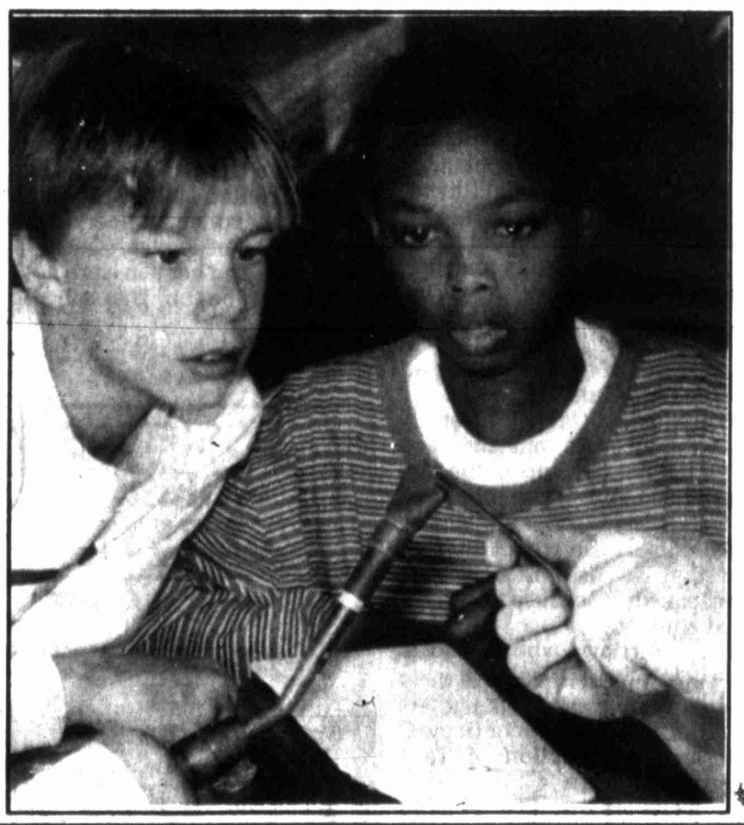
Christopher served as president and chief executive officer of American Universal and chairman of Diamond Benefits.

By 1989 at least 26,000 claims had been filed in Arizona, one of the state's largest insurance insolvencies. Arizona insurers were able to write off those losses on their state taxes.

Regulators in Arizona claimed Diamond Benefits' assets were being skimmed for the benefit of American Universal and its owners.

At a July post-conviction bond hearing in Providence, Boyle

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Matthew Christian and James Simpson watch closely as Craig Tellinghuisen spins a Venician bead in the flame of a torch during the annual Gem and Mineral Show Saturday. The event at the Howard County Fairbarns will continue today.

HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Howard Co. Trivia

When was the first time Howard County was voted "dry"?

Dec. 12, 1906

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Serbs, Muslins agree

Serbs and Muslims in the former Yugoslavia finally agree ... that they cannot co-exist. Page 8A.

Dennis returns Monday

For those readers who have missed Dennis, Ruff, Henry and Alice Mitchell and the Wilsons, Dennis the Menace returns to the Herald comics' page Monday.

STATE

Judge jails juror

A juror who was repeatedly late in arriving for a murder trial has been jailed by the judge. Page 5A.

Hispanic Ranger looks back

Art Rodriguez, the first Hispanic to serve as a Texas Ranger, reflects on his career. Page 6A.

TODAY'S WEATHER

Today



79 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ 46

Sunny

Highs in upper 70s. Lows in mid-40s. Light breeze.

Tonight



Permian Basin Forecast

Monday: Mostly sunny. Highs in upper 70s, lows in 40s.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny, highs near 85. Lows near 50.

Wednesday: Fair and dry, highs near 80 and lows near 50.

Thursday: Partly cloudy, cooler.

OBITUARIES

Leo Ashinhurst

Graveside service for Leo Ashinhurst, 61, of Jacksboro, formerly of Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 4, 1996 at West Bridgeport Cemetery in Bridgeport.

Ashinhurst died Thursday, Feb. 29, 1996 in a Big Spring care facility.

He was born June 23, 1934, in McCamey to parent Oran Leo Ashinhurst and Ora Putman Ashinhurst. He married Claudetta Warneke on April 7, 1971 in Midland. He worked as a truck driver.

Survivors include his wife: Claudetta Ashinhurst of Jacksboro; four daughters: Ida Godwin and Susan Gober of Jacksboro, and Debra dancer and Pam Clouse of Big Spring; four sons: Mack Clemer of Dallas, Danny Ashinhurst of San Antonio, Rodney Ashinhurst of Jacksboro and Chris Ashinhurst of Pampa; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Richard R. Salgado

Funeral service for Richard R. Salgado, 41, of Sweetwater will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 4, 1996, at Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home in Sweetwater with the Rev. Reynaldo Bennett officiating. Prayer service will be today at 7:30 p.m. in the Cate-Spencer & Trent Funeral Home Chapel.

Salgado died Friday, March 1, 1996, in Sweetwater.

He was born July 12, 1954 in Eddy and married Connie Yarbrough on Aug. 31, 1974 in Big Spring.

He was a member of the Pentecostal Church and was self-employed as a painter and in body shop repairs.

Survivors include his wife: Connie Salgado of Sweetwater; two daughters; Mary Victoria Salgado and Hannah Elena Salgado both of Sweetwater; one son: Afredo Martinez of Denver, Colo.; one brother and sister-in-law: Frank and Isabel Garza of Big Spring; four sisters: Vicki Salgado, Mary Lou Salgado, Irene Salgado and Jo Ann Salgado all of Marysville, Calif.; his mother: Vicki Pittman of Big Spring; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gary Lynn Wallace

Funeral service for Gary Lynn Wallace, 50, of Dallas, will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 4, 1996, at First Baptist Church in Roscoe with Rev. Glenn Roenfeldt of San Angelo officiating. Interment will follow in Roscoe cemetery.

Wallace died Friday, March 1, 1996 in Baylor Hospital of Dallas.

He was born April 18, 1945 in Roscoe and never married. He graduated from Roscoe High School and Angelo State University.

He was a member of the Baptist Church and worked for Bank One as a vice president in Dallas for 25 years.

He was preceded in death by his father, Barney M. Wallace on May 10, 1994.

Survivors include his mother: Lillie Wallace of Roscoe; a sister: Tommie Wallace of Dallas; two brothers: Larry Wallace of Roscoe and Jimmy Wallace of Big Spring.

Lillian Fowler

Graveside service for Lillian Fowler, 70, of Garden City will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 5, 1996, at Garden City Cemetery, with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Fowler died Friday, March 1 in a local hospital.

She was born on Jan. 17, 1926 in Big Spring, and married Rufus Fowler on July 17, 1947 in Coahoma.

Fowler was a lifetime resident of Glasscock County. She had worked as a nurse for the former Medical Arts Hospital in Big Spring and was also a homemaker.

She was a Presbyterian.

Fowler is survived by her husband: Rufus Fowler of Garden City; two daughters: Diane Melton of Garden city and Janice McCurdy of Eagle River, Alaska; one son: Sydney Fowler of Clyde; three brothers: Weldon Covert of Big Spring and Hugh Covert and Ronald covert of Sand Springs; six grandchildren and several nieces and nephews

She was preceded in death by her parents, Frank and Alice Covert and one infant sister.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Monday from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Juanita Oline Wozencraft Graves

Funeral service for Juanita Oline Wozencraft, 75, of Tarzan, will be 10 a.m. Monday, March 4, at First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. Monroe Teeters of Big Spring officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Graves died Saturday, March 2, 1996, in Midland after a short illness.

She was born June 7, 1920 in Lenorah and had lived in Martin County all her life. She was postmaster at Lenorah, a member of the National League of Postmasters, National Association of Postmasters of the United States and a member of First Baptist Church in Tarzan.

Graves was married to Lester R. Graves on Jan. 27, 1940 in Stanton. He preceded her in death on May 25, 1990.

Survivors include two sons: Bobby Graves of Lenorah and Ronald Graves of Stanton; a daughter: Francis Foreman of Midland; and four grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to the Heart of Cancer Fund or to a favorite charity.

Billy Ray Turner

Graveside service for Bill Ray Turner, 65, of Abilene will be 1 p.m. Monday in Mt. Olive Cemetery with Rev. Bill Thomas officiating.

Turner died Friday fn a local hospital.

He was born in Alderson, Okla. and attended school in Roswell, NM. He moved to Abilene from Midland in 1968. He was a sales representative fro Tri-State Banking of Amarillo.

Turner married Verna Yancey in Big Spring in 1961. He attended First Assembly of God.

Survivors include his wife: Verna Turner of Abilene; one son: Michael Ray Turner of Roswell; one daughter: Pamela K. Teel of Roswell; three sisters: Alice Howerton of Roswell, Alla Mae Wilson of Placitas, NM, and Charlene Mandrell of Little Rock, Ark.; five grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. today at Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Elliot-Hamil Funeral Home in Abilene.

Big Spring ON THE RUN

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•**MELISSA YOUNG**, 26, of HC 61 Box 446A, was arrested for disorderly conduct and released on bond.

•**CHOY PITTMAN**, 42, no known address, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**SHANI TUCKER**, 30, of 1202 E. 3rd, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

•**DARIN TUCKER**, 37, of 1202 E. 3rd, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 1000 block of Runnels.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** at Mt. Olive Cemetery.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** at 6th and Ave. C.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 2500 block of Hunter.

•**ASSAULT** in the 600 block of Holbert.

•**ASSAULT** in the 2000 block of Gregg.

•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 100 block of Gregg.

•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 2500 block of Albrook.

•**THEFT** in the 400 block of Westover.

•**THEFT** in the 1700 block of Marcy.

•**THEFT** in the 1500 block of Lexington.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•**BOBBY LANCE CUNNINGHAM**, 25, of 1309 Lexington, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and released on a $1,500 bond.

•**CHRISTY LYNN RAINS**, 18, of 1504 Wood, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and released on a $1,500 bond.

•**RONNY EDWARD OATES**, 46, of Hunting, was arrested for assault/family violence and released on a $1,400 bond.

•**TRACY SHARLENE DEVORE**, 23, of 302 NE 2nd, was arrested for possession of marijuana under 2 ounces and released on a $1,500 bond.

•**ELVIERA BRITO**, 36, of Rt. 2 Box 146A, was arrested on a judgment and sentence for driving while intoxicated. She pled guilty and was sentenced to 40 days in jail and fined $600 plus $305 in court costs.

SPRINGBOARD

TODAY

•27th Annual Gem and Mineral Show, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Howard County Fair Barn. Free admission. For more information call Jerald Wilson, show chairman, 264-4662, or Lola Lamb, club secretary, 263-3340.

•The Scenic Cactus Chapter of A.B.W.A. will be having a Membership Tea Drive from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. All working women are encouraged to attend.

CHRISTOPHER

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accepted Christopher's personal land in Big Spring (on South Mountain), valued at approximately $200,000 as a guarantee that he would show up for sentencing.

Christopher is still free on the $200,000 bond he received at the July hearing.

Boyle had originally set Christopher's bond at $500,000.

Reeder is expected to go on trial for his part in the failure of the two companies sometime early this year.

FIRST-GRADER

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Feb. 28 parent meeting at Washington to discuss the results of a survey mailed to parents asking them to comment on the quality of education and services provided at the school.

Williams said she raised an issue at the meeting she had previously voiced directly to the principal, Bill Tarleton, in mid-January. Williams said Peter had told her that the lack of stall doors in the boys bathroom at the school inhibited him from using the facility. He said when he told her when he tried to use the restroom, other children would point and laugh at him, Williams said.

She said when she raised the issue at the meeting, Tarleton said there was nothing he could do to remedy the problem because the boys had a history of tearing down the stall doors when they were in place.

Williams said the meeting got heated when Tarleton and the teachers treated her concerns with what she described as indifference. "I feel I have a right to yell if they're yelling at me too," she said.

Williams said at the meeting Tarleton brought out the fact Peter did not live within the Big Spring School District. She said Tarleton said he knew Peter lived outside the school district but that he had intentionally overlooked it because he was a good student.

Gary Partlow, who attended the meeting with his fiance (who has a 10-year old daughter at the school), confirmed Williams' recollection of Tarleton's statement.

"I believe his (Tarleton's) exact words were that he knew he was out of district but he accepted him because he was a good student," Partlow said. Of Williams' concern for the installation of stall doors in the boys restroom, he said, "They (the teachers and principal) made it seem insignificant, Sheila (Williams) kept saying this is not insignificant." Partlow added, "When I left that meeting I had no idea that boy was going to be kicked out of school."

Williams said the morning following the parent meeting, her husband was phoned at work and notified by BSISD Superintendent Bill McQueary that Peter would no longer be able to attend the school because they lived outside the district.



"It's a school issue, I just have no comment on that."

-Murray Murphy
Assistant Supt.

Peter was allowed to finish out the school day but, when Williams showed up at the school's open house that night for Peter's scheduled performance in a first-grade play, she was confronted by a Big Spring Police Department officer with an order signed by McQueary stating she and her son were not allowed to be on the school grounds.

Williams said Tarleton had given Peter permission to participate in the event and "the music teacher begged me to let him come to the play," she said. Williams said following an initial confrontation with the officer and Tarleton, Peter was allowed to participate in the play.

She said Peter cried himself to sleep that night.

"He doesn't understand why he was kicked out of school, he didn't do anything wrong ... All I wanted was some dignity for my son," Williams said.

She feels the school district should have informed her as to the proper channels to following to request a district transfer when she first told them she lived outside the district.

"I think they should have told me at the beginning of the year. I told them I was out of district ... I think they should let him finish out the school year there ... There's three months left in the school year and they decide to transfer him because his mother voiced an opinion," she said.

Tarleton said he referred the matter of Peter's removal to McQueary and Assistant Superintendent Murray Murphy "at the time that I found out they (Peter) were not attending the school legally." Tarleton would not comment, however, as to when he realized Peter resided outside the district. He refused comment on the school meeting or the open house incident.

Murphy said Tarleton brought the issue to his attention Thursday morning because Williams did not have a formal transfer request on file at the school district. Murphy emphasized that mid-school year transfers are not uncommon.

As to Williams' allegations that the transfer was a result of her actions at the parent meeting, Murphy said, "It's a school issue, I just have no comment on that."

In regards to the open house incident, Murphy said, "We have hundreds of things each year when police officers are called to campuses." Murphy pointed out Williams was allowed to attend the open house, but had "no comment" in regards to all other questions.



Laurie Churchwell seeks Guiness mark while helping Kids' Zone

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

On March 9, a local Big Spring resident will attempt to tap her way into the Guiness Book of World records while helping raise funds for the Kids' Zone playground.

While Guiness won't allow Churchwell to combine both events, the Friends of the Park Foundation will handle the fundraising event.

Laurie Churchwell will attempt to break the current world tap dancing record of 13.2 miles by dancing 16 miles around Howard College.

"I will be dancing along the concourse of Garrett Coliseum and I will have access to the fitness center and the sidewalk in between those two buildings," Churchwell said.

She became interested in going after the record because it combines two of her hobbies.

"I'm interested in running and long-distance and I'm a dance teacher so this is a way of combining two of my hobbies. I'm going to give myself six hours to do 16 miles," Churchwell said.

In conjunction with Churchwell's record-breaking attempt, the Friends of the Park Foundation will be attempting to raise $8,000 for the Kids' Zone playground.

Churchwell's "Dancing for Dollars" efforts in one of several events somehow tied to the building of the Kid's Zone playground.

As for the remaining funds needed for the Kids' Zone project, a local business has also committed itself to helping raise as much as possible by donating a percentage of its evening proceeds to the Kids' Zone project.

Beginning Monday and every Monday evening in March from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m., Pizza Inn will be donating 20 percent of the proceeds it makes during that time to the Kids' Zone project.

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Lillian Fowler, 70, of Garden City, died Friday. Graveside Services will be 2:00 P.M. Tuesday at the Garden City Cemetery under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Five seek Howard County Precinct 3 commissioners' seat

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Several issues are at hand as the March 12 primary approaches and candidates are about to go under the microscope.

On Tuesday from 7-9 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, voters will get a chance to see how the five candidates for Howard County Commissioner Precinct 3 stand on various issues during the Candidates Forum sponsored by the Herald, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and KBST Radio.

The man Bill Mims, Marvin Wise, Max Green and Gerald Wooten will be trying to unseat in the primary election is seven-term Republican incumbent Bill Crooker.

Simply stated, Crooker will be seeking his eighth term as Howard County Commissioner Precinct 3 in the upcoming primary.


CROOKER

Crooker said he thinks Howard County has benefited under his leadership because the county has been able to operate in a fiscally responsible manner despite declining property values since 1985.

He added the experience he had gained while in office has helped him understand the need to carefully evaluate all information before making a decision and there will be some difficult decisions ahead for the county.

"The greatest challenge facing members of the Commissioners' Court is to maximize revenue and to constantly look for ways to provide new sources of revenue," Crooker said.

Crooker said his experience has helped him develop the expertise to attain these goals.

He added that is part of why he has worked so diligently for the past three years to consolidate the Community Services of the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation for 23 counties and have it based in Howard County.

Crooker is now the chairman of the West Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Community Center which plans to complete its transition in September 1996.

He added this will involve the creation of approximately 25 to 35 new jobs in Big Spring.

One of the projects Crooker says he would like to see continue during another term is the Howard County Library's move into the old Bluebonnet savings building.

"I've always been a strong supporter of the library because it's a valuable educational tool in our community," Crooker said.

The one thing he wants to remain constant educating the public about county government.

He said counties are living creatures of state government and don't always have the freedoms a city may have.

Another constant Crooker say is vital to the future of Howard County is cooperation between county and city government.

"Right now the relationship between the city and county is the best it's ever been and should be maintained. I'm also very interested in combining some aspects of our city and county government. I think it's an idea that's entirely possible for a county our size," Crooker said.

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Former Big Spring Mayor Max Green is the only Republican to challenge incumbent Bill Crooker head-to-head in the March 12 primary for the Republican nomination to be the County Commissioner of Precinct 3.


GREEN

Green and his family have been in Big Spring for 35 years.

Green is a successful businessman as the chairman of the Board of Green & Fillingim, PC, Certified Public Accountants.

He is a member of the American Business Club, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Shrine Club, Masonic Lodge, Eastern Star, Permian Basin Chapter of CPA's, Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants and the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Green is an Elder and member of the Session of the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring.

Green points to his various experiences as items that qualify him to be a county commissioner.

"I have written numerous articles regarding finance, investments, government and accounting and I have a working knowledge of auditing, accounting, government, business management, taxes and economics.

Green says the voters have the opportunity to exercise their privilege to elect a new county commissioner for their precinct.

"I believe in limited taxes, limited government and that government should live within its income," Green said.

The acronym for Green's campaign is F.A.I.T.H.:

F.- Fiscal responsibility

A - All citizens of the precinct will be represented

I - Intergovernmental cooperation

T - Tell the truth

H - Hope and optimism

Green said as commissioner he would have only one vote, but his promise is that each vote he casts as commissioner will be based on these principles.

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Former Howard County Engineer Bill Mims declared his candidacy for the position of Howard County Commissioner Precinct 3 in the Democratic primary election early last December.


MIMS

Mims said he is running because he has the time, energy and concern to do a good job of representing the citizens of Howard County; second, he is running because he says he knows how important it is to make sound and informed decisions; and third, he will show respect and concern for other elected officials.

"I am a lifetime resident of Howard County, and have enjoyed and benefited from the opportunities available here in the city and county," Mims said.

Mims is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Howard College and received his engineering degree from Texas Tech.

"I worked in civil service for 25 years at Webb Air Force Base as chief engineer of the base civil engineering division. My primary duties were the design and supervision of maintenance, repair, and construction of base facilities," Mims said.

He added those duties included the overall supervision of sixteen different departments with approximately 330 employees. Work included the preparation and control of annual budgets, preparing programming documents for future construction and maintenance projects.

After the base closed Mims accepted the position of Howard County Engineer and served in that capacity for about 17 years.

"During this time I was able to implement many improvements, many of which were in addition to those made in the road department," Mims said.

He added, "I think my experience in these two positions will permit me to perform the duties of commissioner to the satisfaction of the citizens I will represent."

One of the issues on Mims' mind is the county's declining tax base.

"As everyone is aware, our declining tax base makes growth and economic development our first priority. The need for sound and informed decisions, cooperation with all taxing entities, and organizations promoting our community, is a must," Mims said.

He added, "To this end I believe my ability to work in harmony with others has been demonstrated in my past performance on the job and while serving many years in Boy Scouting, Little League and as a member of the Forsan Independent School District board of directors."

Mims also served on the board of directors of Citizen Federal Credit Union for about 16 years and and the city of Big Spring's Board of Adjustments and Appeals for about 10 years.

Mims also dropped the lawsuit he had filed against Howard County in 1994 shortly after he announced his candidacy, he says, so that he could promote a more positive image image for the county during his bid to become Howard County Commissioner, Precinct 3.

The suit was filed in Abilene last year alleging county commissioners forced him to retire in June because of his age.

"I want to see better county government and I think my background and experience will help to achieve that goal," Mims said.

He added his goals as county commissioner would be to work for a more efficient and responsible county government; make economic development the county's first priority; maintain a constant county tax rate with the exception of tax increases approved by Howard County voters; and have the county assist with the implementation of the master plan and develop a similar plan for the county.

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The second Democrat to seek his party's nomination for the County Commissioner Precinct 3 seat is Marvin Wise.


WISE

Wise is a longtime resident of Big Spring, moving here from Coahoma in 1943. He attended Big Spring Schools and graduated from Big Spring High School and Howard College.

Wise was unsuccessful in his bid to unseat Crooker in 1992, but did offer the incumbent his strongest challenege, and closest race, ever.

He served the United States as a member of the U.S. Army's 6th Airborne Ranger Battalion and he worked for the Army Security Agency.

Wise was called back into the service in 1956 and again worked for the ASA.

Wise and his wife Margaret of 38 years have three children who also grew up and graduated from the Big Spring public school system.

He is employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center business office. His primary duty is to qualify uninsured residents for financial aid with medical bills.

Wise said, If elected, I'd like to see better relations between the Big Spring City Council and the County Commissioners' Court. More cooperation between the two would give us more strength and more buying power.

Wise said he would also like to see more cooperation so the city and county can put more pressure on the Federal Aviation Administration for Big Spring to regain control of the airpark.

Another area Wise sees as important to the future of the community is the Interstate 27 Project.

"This would be of particular importance to the community especially in the freight industry," Wise said.

He added having one of the commissioners' meetings at night would give more residents a chance to see how the county government works.

Wise would like to improve the way the county indigent health care program works.

One issue in particular Wise said he would like to restudy is the county employees' insurance program. he said sometimes the cheapest route is not always what's best for employees.

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After repeated attempts, Democratic candidate Gerald Wooten was unable to be reached to be included in this profile of candidates seeking their party's nomination to be the next Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 3.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"It is easier to be dishonest for two than for one."

-John Fowles

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Charles C. Williams
Publisher

John H. Walker
Managing Editor

Don't just mark a box, study all the candidates

From the bottom to the top. From county constable to president, men and women are running for public office and, as things would have it, this is one of those years when we vote on virtually everyone.

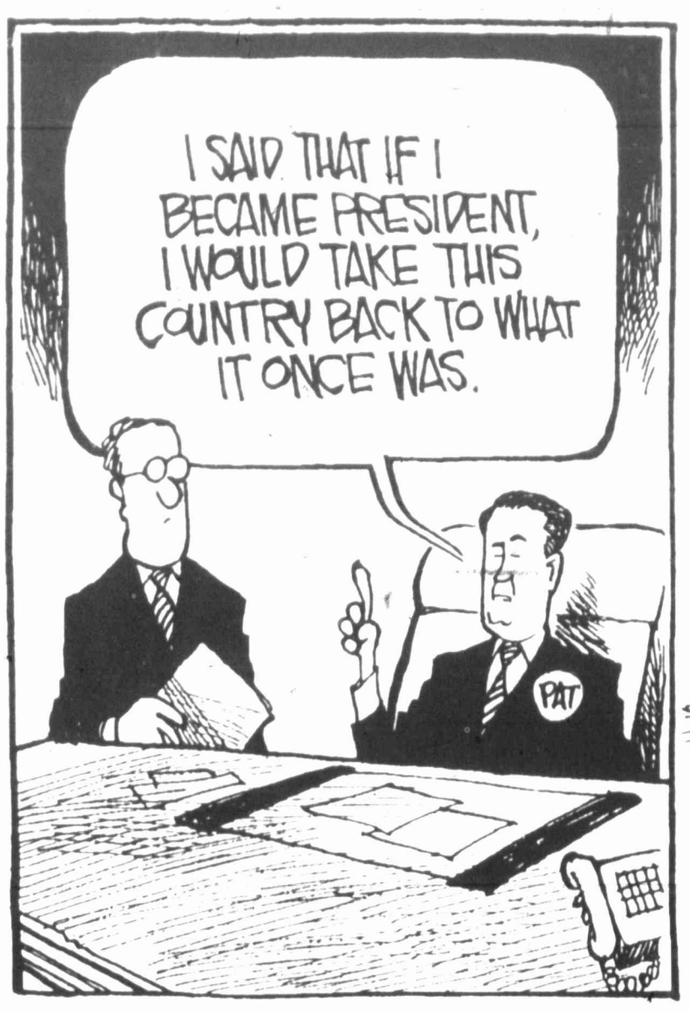
We believe in exercising our right to vote. We believe it is one of the most basic tenets of our democratic society and is one of the reasons, along with freedom of worship, freedom to congregate and freedom of speech, that our forefathers founded this country.

We hope you will take the time to vote. More than that, we hope you take the time to look past ther glitter and glitz — at all levels — to learn all you can about the candidates seeking public office.

This is not the first time we've urged you to take the time to study the candidates ... and it probably won't be the last ... because we believe knowledge is a weapon that helps us keep from electing bad people.

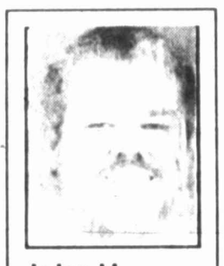
We hope you have the opportunity to attend the Candidates' Forum Tuesday night from 7-9 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center. If you can't attend, you can listen to the forum live on KBST radio and you will also have the opportunity to watch the forum when it is shown on a tape delay basis Thursday night and next Sunday afternoon.

The forum is a cooperative effort of this newspaper, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and KBST and we hope it helps you resolve questions or concerns you might have in regards to the two most contested races locally, sheriff and commissioner.





Candidates can't have cake and eat it, too



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

It's amazing the activity a pretty day ... you know, one without wind and dust, can help bring about.

Before coming to work Saturday I noticed people in the park, kids on the school grounds (they must have all lived in the Big Spring district), people on the lake, bicyclists, people out walking, etc.

Over at the courthouse, there was other activity — that of people exercising their right to vote.

Since there are three Democrats and two Republicans running in both of the locally contested races, there has been more interest in those.

Voting activity, especially on the Republican side, has been on a record-setting pace. It will be interesting to see what the final totals are.

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Random election thoughts ...

This column is being written at 10:30 Saturday night, as we produce the paper you are reading. As we build the various pages, we have the opportunity to see what ads are on the pages and what they say.

One, for sheriff's candidate Woodie Howell, made me chuckle ... no, laugh.

It says something to the effect that since Danny Heckler, whose letter was published in last Sunday's edition of the Herald, is a convicted felon, his word and, I'm sure, opposition to Howell, should be discounted.

I remember a few weeks ago when Howell made one of his regular trips to the Herald to see me to explain the quandary he had gone through, trying to decide whether or not to accept a contribution from Pat Gray, whom he pointed out to me was a convicted felon.

Seems like when it was beneficial to the candidate, it didn't make any difference, but now ... is that something about cake and eating it, too?

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We've had a few callers tell us we shouldn't beat up on poor Pat Buchanan.

Why not?

Buchanan, of the Adolph Hitler cut of cloth, would set us back into the 19th Century, which would be horrible in light of the fact we're ready to head into the 21st!

Other callers have complained because we've picked on "Poor Woodie" or haven't "dug enough" on the same candidate. We've heard from both sides that we aren't doing our job and that they intend to cancel.

This page, the Opinion page, is the heart and soul of a newspaper. It carries the official stance of this newspaper in the editorial and it also carries the opinion of various writers in the form of columns. Additionally, we share the opinion of our readers who send us letters and comply with a very few guidelines.

The purpose of an Opinion page is to provoke thought and encourage an exchange of ideas. It is the only place in the newspaper where something stating an opinion that deals with politics, policies or government will appear — other than the occasional front-page editorial or column.

So to those of you who are offended when this newspaper, or its writers, take a stance on the Opinion page, I would advise you to simply not read page four. It's that easy, because that's where it always appears, and it will apparently save some of you a lot of anguish.

John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response to this column may be directed in care of this newspaper.

YOUR VIEWS

Coahoma reader says she doesn't buy Howell's line

To the Editor:

Re Woodie Howell's latest "problem," the County Commissioners. "The (Man) doth protest too much methinks." Hamlet, III, ii, 242. Alas, Woodie never knew my father, he would have told him, "Even a fish does not get caught if it keeps its mouth shut." I think Mr. Howell has decided he can not dazzle us with brilliance he will baffle us with bull! I am not baffled. I made my vote count.

Clara Justice
Coahoma

Reader says make difference in government with ballot

To the editor:

1996 could very well be the most important election year of the past 50 years. Many new faces are running for office. Sheriff, County Commissioner, School Board members, Justice of the Peace, District Attorney, Representative for Texas District 70, Representatives for US District 17, US Senate Supreme Court Judges, Vice President and President. Did I miss any?

Each and every one of these candidates have the idea; NO! They firmly believe that they can control your money so much better than you can. And each and every one of them is asking you to choose them to spend your money for you. It is up to you, and you alone, to determine which one you choose. When you go to the polls and cast your ballot for the candidate of your choice, what you are doing in essence is placing your faith and trust in this particular candidate for that particular office, that they will faithfully look out for your interest to the best of their ability. This is our democratic government in action, the only one of its kind in existence. Our constitution gives us many rights — voting is only one of them. Not voting is a 'yes' vote for special interest groups. And boy DO THEY LOVE IT!!

Since September, 1989, school funding has increased by $5.828 billion, property taxes almost doubled, the Texas Education Agency administrative budget increased over $1 billion this year alone, while we graduate functionally illiterate and math deficient students; the sales tax rate was raised 1/4 percent in 1990 the 4 1/2 percent earned surplus tax was instituted, taxpayers were forced to pay an illegal tax the entire year of 1993. State spending was almost doubled, many more spending increases are in the making. This has come about mostly by legislators in office since mid to late '80s. Their excuse? "We did the best we could." Do we not have legislators of the caliber that signed our constitutions? 1994 started a trend away from the status quo. Let's continue to expand it.

For those who still desire to give our legislators a blank check and retain the status quo, this message does not concern you. But is you want more control of you money, to have someone in Austin and Washington who works for you, then by all means I urge you to exercise your right and vote for the candidate of your choice. Let's prove that "the pen is mightier than the sword" with a ballot. Remember, only YOU can make it so. Thank you for your time.

Roy Simmons
Big Spring

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Winning isn't everything, it's how it's interpreted



Mike Royko
Syndicated Columnist

"This Lamar in the red shirt," Slats Grobnik said, "he's supposed to be a bright guy, huh?"

I hope so, since he wants to be president of this great land and leader of the free world.

"Well, if he's so smart, how come he don't know how to do simple arithmetic?"

I wasn't aware of that failing. He's clever enough with numbers when it comes to getting in on slick business deals back in Tennessee.

"Maybe. But it sounds to me like he couldn't count his toes and get it right."

Why do you say that?

"Because after that dinky New Hampshire primary thing, he started jumping around and acting like he's the hottest Republican since Ike."

Yes, he was thrilled by the results. He's now even hinting that Bob Dole should go off to an old folks home.

"Right. But when I look at the results of that Republican primary, you know what I see? I see that between 75 and 80 percent of the people who voted said they didn't want Lamar and his red shirt. Or maybe they liked his red shirt, but they didn't want him."

I suppose that's one way to view the results.

"Sure. The guy don't even get 25 percent of the whole puny vote. You'd think he'd be embarrassed and say to himself: 'Oh, boy, a lot of people must think I'm a klutz."

But you fail to understand that in the New Hampshire primary, numbers have a unique meaning.

"Hey, I don't care where it is — one and one makes two. Except maybe if you go to school in Chicago."

Ah, but that just shows that you don't listen to the pundits, the analysts, the spin doctors, the prognosticators, the McGoofy Group and the other wise men of politics.

"No, and I don't see flying saucers, either, so what?"

You don't understand that Lamar's third-place finish was better than Dole's second-place finish because Dole was expected to finish in first place, but instead Pat Buchanan finished in first place, a couple of thousand votes ahead of Dole.

"So? Two or three aldermen in Chicago get more votes than that whole crew did in New Hampshire. What's the difference, a couple thousand measly votes one way or another? There was a time when my cousin Louie the precinct captain could have found that many votes in a vacant lot."

You still don't understand. If you are expected to finish first but finish a narrow second, you are a disastrous loser. But if you are expected to finish third and finish third, you are a big winner. And if, as Pat Buchanan did, you finish first when you were expected to be a runner-up, you are the second coming of Teddy Roosevelt.

"Then they're all nuts. The way I see it, almost 75 percent of the voters there said they didn't want Pat Buchanan either. What's he so proud of?"

Because the pundits say he has tapped into a deep vein of anger, resentment, fear and frustration in the American populace.

"What, Buchanan gets the votes of a few thousand chronic grousers and we got a revolution going? I got a theory, see. If everybody in this country croaked at the same time, and everybody went to heaven at the same time, you'd still get 20 percent who would vote against God."

Yes, there could be those who would suspect that someone else had a bigger or better harp.

"Yeah, or that some kind of liberal was going to give their harp to somebody who never even went to church. Or why they were letting foreigners into heaven to steal our harps."

I suppose that is human nature.

"I got to give Dole credit for one thing. He didn't do very good either, but he's the only one who admits it."

Yes, but he is a shocking disappointment.

"To who? He's the only guy in the bunch who grew up in the working class or was in a war and who has a real track record in government. So all of a sudden Buchanan, who was never anything but a speechwriter and a TV big mouth, and red-shirt Lamar are giants and Dole's a midget. Who says so?"

The pundits, the analysts, those who are experts on fire in the belly and the vision thing.

"You mean all the media meatballs?"

That's a rather unkind way to put it.

"Hey, a few weeks ago these were the same flippos who were pounding on their laptops that this guy Forbes could be big heat. Now all of a sudden, they say he is dead meat. If these guys worked in an emergency room, and you came in with a nosebleed, they'd ship you to the morgue."

I guess you'll just never understand the subtleties of political analysis.

"Yeah. And I never hear messages from space aliens through the fillings in my teeth either."

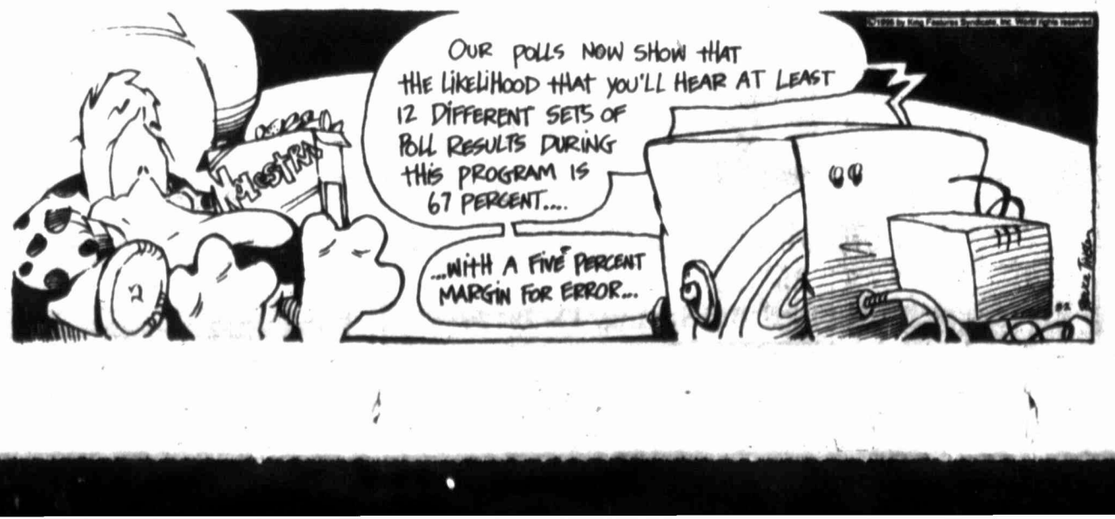
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Judge orders district to leave student in regular classes

AUSTIN (AP) — A federal judge has temporarily halted the San Marcos school district's attempt to enforce a new school discipline law as it applies to a 10th grader reportedly involved in an off-campus incident.

The judge struck down the district's action in placing Timothy Nevares in a "disciplinary alternative education program" after the student was accused of throwing rocks at a car, injuring a passenger.

Nevares hasn't been charged with a crime related to the alleged incident, which wasn't related to school.

The district took action under a law that took effect Sept. 1 that places him in special classes without a hearing.

The teen's attorney, John Bennett, was pleased with U.S. District Judge James Nowlin's preliminary injunction Thursday forcing the district to keep Nevares in regular classes.

"They're going to punish the student before he ever gets charged or goes to court," Bennett said. "There's something wrong with that."

While Nowlin expressed "great sympathy for the reasons for this statute," he said it appears lawmakers ignored the constitutional guarantees of due process for anyone accused of wrongdoing.

Nowlin expects to make a final ruling after all parties, including the Texas Education Agency, file briefs.

"It's really not the San Marcos school district that's on trial; it's the statute," said Dorcas Ann Green, attorney for the San Marcos Consolidated Independent School District. "We just happen to be the first vehicle for that challenge."

The law provides that students must be placed in alternative-education programs if they are involved in on- or off-campus conduct that could be punishable as a felony.

Bennett said it stems from a Dallas case a few years ago when a student charged with murder could not be suspended from school because the killing took place outside school jurisdiction.

The law requires police to forward incident reports to schools, and Green said officials must place students in alternative programs on the basis of the accusation, even though it may be unproven and unrelated to school.

Green said the district had no choice but to place Nevares into an alternative class by law.

"The San Marcos school district does not have any reason to believe this student was dangerous in the classroom, because there was no activity on campus that triggered the removal," Green said. "They have no discretion, and that's what the judge, I'm sure, will be looking at."

Bennett said Nevares would be hurt by the program and branded as a problem student despite a history of A's and B's and no disciplinary difficulties.

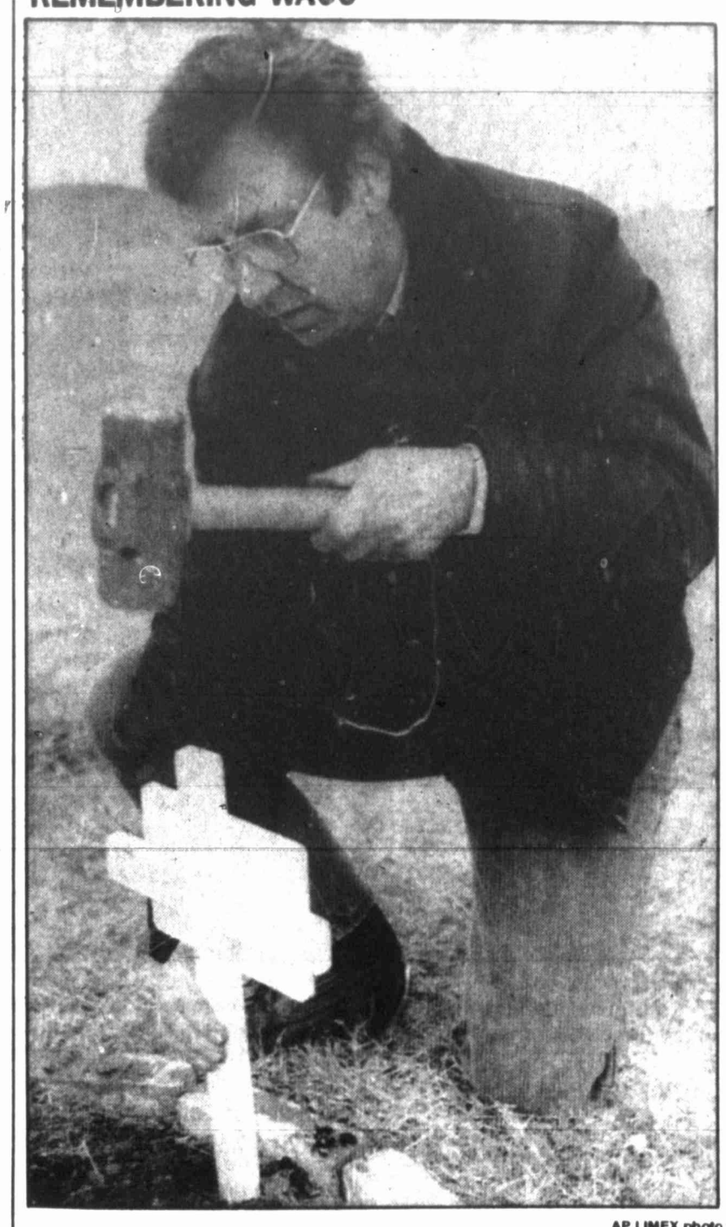
"What we're talking about is removing a kid from the educational environment and shoving him into a reformatory," Bennett said.

Nevares' father, Dan Nevares, filed a lawsuit in Hays County District Court when the district told him on Feb. 12 Timothy was being sent to the alternative school.

The district made its decision based on a San Marcos police report that Nevares had injured a car passenger with a thrown rock. State law provides for hearings based on on-campus incidents but not those that take place away from school.

The Texas Association of School Boards has filed a brief saying the law doesn't deprive a student the right to due process.

REMEMBERING WACO



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Former Branch Davidian Clive Doyle hammers in a cross at the base of a crepe myrtle tree in memory of the six Davidians who died in the fire at the Waco compound three years ago. Four ATF agents also died during the 51-day seige by the FBI.

DFW continues to battle problems with air traffic control radar

DALLAS (AP) — Like a commuter trying to squeeze another 10,000 miles out of the old family sedan, the nation's airports continue to limp along with outdated air traffic control systems.

Things were back to normal Saturday after the most recent glitch at DFW International Airport, when the computer handling departures went down for about four hours on Friday.

It was the 13th time in the past two years that the Fort Worth air traffic control center has had an equipment failure.

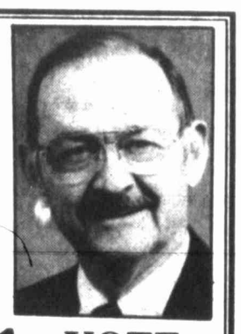
Air traffic controller David Benedetto said the problem was caused by a software glitch.

"One controller tried to amend a flight plan...and the computer got lost," he said. "It was not a hardware problem this time. It was a software problem. The software we're running on was written who knows how long ago. It's old software running on an old machine."

Friday's problem did not affect arrivals or threaten passenger safety, the FAA said.

Federal officials said in January that air travelers should brace for late planes and canceled flights as workers began replacing aging computers that control the busy skies over several large cities.

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Judge jails juror for continually being late for murder trial

CORPUS CHRISTI (AP) — A juror who was repeatedly late in arriving for a murder trial has been jailed by the judge.

Judge Hilda Tagle took the action Friday to be sure that Clifton Lee Grett will be present Monday when the trial of a woman accused of killing her attorney husband resumes.

The judge said the jail time isn't intended to punish the juror. He already faces punishment March 11 when he will appear before the judge to explain why he shouldn't be held in contempt of court for being tardy for trial sessions on both Thursday and Friday.

"This is kind of a last-ditch effort to ensure his attendance," she said. "I didn't want to jeopardize the trial."

Another juror already had been dismissed earlier in the week for health reasons, and an alternate was not selected, Tagle said.

She said she would have to declare a mistrial if only 10 jurors could hear the case.

The judge ordered Grett held in the Nueces County Jail until 8:30 a.m. Monday when the trial resumes.

The contempt of court charge was filed against Grett at the request of defense lawyer Doug Tinker.

Tinker is defending Kimberly Dixon, 38, who is accused in the Sept. 12, 1993, shooting of William Foster Cockrell Jr. in the couple's home.

At the time, Dixon told police that she shot her husband in self-defense after he assaulted her.

Dixon's first trial in 1994 ended in a mistrial after the jury announced it was deadlocked, 11-1, in favor of convicting her.

"The judge has taken the hard line," said Neil McCabe, a law professor at Houston's South Texas College of Law. "It's unusual to jail a sitting juror."

I, Matilda Irvin, would like to say
"Thank You"
for all the support, donations and extremely successful benefit breakfast, which was held at Sacred Heart Hall.

Special thanks to Father Delaney,
My uncles, aunts, cousins and friends

San Angelo residents mark anniversary of death of Goodfellow Army private

SAN ANGELO (AP) — One year has passed since the battered body of 19-year-old Army Pvt. Tracie Joy McBride was found on a remote roadside. But the pain and grief shared by those who knew her, however briefly, remains fresh.

About 150 soldiers paid their respects to the slain soldier at Goodfellow Air Force Base on Friday, the day before the one-year anniversary of the discovery of her body near a bridge, 22 miles north of San Angelo.

"I think for those of us who are still here, it's gotten a little bit easier but not all that much," said Col. James Faust, who commands Goodfellow's Army battalion. "It's hard to get over a loss like this."

Miss McBride had been at the base little more than a week when she was abducted from a base laundry room on Feb. 18, 1995. Louis Jones held her captive in his San Angelo home for several hours before beating her to death with a tire iron and then dumping her body in Coke County.

A jury found Jones guilty in October and sentenced him to die. But that brought little solace to a community that once thought itself too small, too friendly, too West Texas to be the site of something so horrific.

"It has been a year of change, of personal growth and of a search for justice against those who take life so thoughtlessly," said Army Capt. Kelly Snyder, Miss McBride's company commander for just nine days before the abduction.

Goodfellow's flags flew at half-staff all day. During the memorial ceremony, soldiers stood at attention as a flag was raised, then lowered and folded. It was to be sent to Miss McBride's parents, Jim and Irene McBride, in Centerville, Minn.

"I think the healing is never finished," Mrs. McBride told the San Angelo Standard-Times from the family's home.

One of the issues Miss McBride's death highlighted was domestic violence. A criminal complaint filed by Jones's ex-wife, who said he raped and beat her two nights before Miss McBride's abduction, broke open the case.

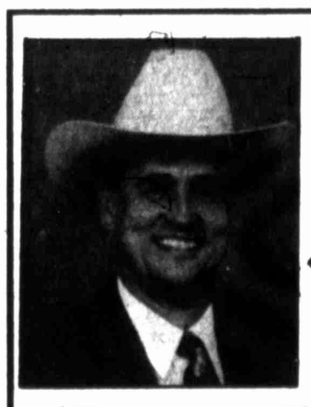
Valerie Tillery, program director at a San Angelo family shelter, said counseling was once an option for Jones. He was encouraged to attend the shelter's anger management classes before the breakup with his wife.

Jones never contacted the shelter, Tillery said.

"Who's to say if it would have saved her life," Ms. Tillery said. "It really might have helped."

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First Hispanic Texas Ranger reflects on historic career

EDITOR'S NOTE — From within and without, the Texas Rangers of the 1990s have been challenged about the agency's acceptance of women and minorities. But almost three decades ago, there was another pioneer.

By MIKE COCHRAN
Associated Press Writer

SAN ANTONIO — On a sultry afternoon in 1969, state trooper Art Rodriguez daydreamed at his South Texas home of a change in his humdrum crime-fighting career.

He was not optimistic.

He had gunned down no dangerous criminals nor captured any notorious bandits. Given the history of the Texas Rangers, he fretted also that an Hispanic applicant would not even be considered for the elite, historic organization.

"But what the hell," he remembers thinking at the time.

So he marched one day into the office of a tough and widely feared Texas Ranger named A.Y. Allee to inquire about a job he was convinced he would not get.

"They said back then that Capt. Allee had Mexican blood," Rodriguez recalled. "On the tips of his boots."

Allee peered across his desk at the sturdy, brown-haired, nervous, young trooper and declared: "I would be very happy and proud to have you work for me."

As Rodriguez sat speechless, he watched Allee telephone Austin and instruct his superiors to place his name among the list of applicants.

And that's how Arturo Rodriguez Jr., then 31, became the first Hispanic to serve as a commissioned officer in the oldest crime-fighting agency of its kind in North America.

"It was the greatest thing that ever happened to me or will ever happen to me," he told a reporter recently. Later, he would add with a shrug:

"Leaving the Rangers was my greatest regret."

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Growing up in Uvalde above the Texas-Mexico border, young Rodriguez saw many of his young friends settle into menial jobs, and he was determined to avoid a similar fate.

"My English was very limited and uncertain, and I was intimidated by the Anglos," he admits. "But I wanted to do something and be something."

Against prevailing odds, he chose law enforcement. It was a choice that would take him to such volatile 1970s South Texas towns as Crystal City and Carrizo Springs, across the Rio Grande Valley and to a strange interlude with George Parr, the infamous "Duke of Duval County."

There would be other stops in Dallas, Houston, San Antonio and Eagle Pass, in California and Mississippi, and in Mexico and the Caribbean.

It was a memorable odyssey, though it began and ended in disillusionment.

In 1965, after four years in the Marines, Rodriguez signed on as the first Hispanic deputy sheriff in Uvalde. But he quickly realized he was no more than a glorified "gofer."

That initial foray into crime fighting was a "total disappointment."

In 1966, Rodriguez talked his way into a job with the Uvalde police department, which treated him decidedly better. But he saw a darker side of law enforcement.

"One of my biggest complaints against fellow officers was that some were discourteous and used excessive force when making an arrest, especially with Mexican-Americans."

Most offensive was a loudmouth, arrogant officer he called "Jack" who would taunt his targets, call for a backup and then, with his quarry in handcuffs, beat and kick them.

Rodriguez often clashed with the fellow officer and they nearly fought on occasion.

> *"It's a miracle that I ever became more than a common laborer."*
> -Art Rodriguez

"But," he would say ruefully, "I came across a lot of 'Jacks' during my next 25 years of law enforcement."

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One day Rodriguez met a Texas Ranger named Joaquin Jackson, who was stationed in Uvalde and on his way to becoming a legend. Jackson would change his life forever.

"We would work together, hunt together and drink together," Rodriguez said. "He inspired me to believe in myself. He brought out the best in me."

Jackson encouraged Rodriguez to join the Texas Department of Public Safety, the Rangers' parent agency, and supplied the application, which the two of them "embellished the hell out of."

It worked.

"I became the first Mexican-American to graduate as a bona fide highway patrolman," Rodriguez says. "I owe Joaquin Jackson a world of gratitude."

Rodriguez spent a year and a half as a DPS trooper in Duval County where he and partner Oren Moore mostly chased speeders, confiscated drugs, arrested minor felons and pursued dope peddlers.

Early on, he and Moore visited the courthouse to meet county officials.

"I was approached by a small-framed man of about 55 or 60 years who spoke fluent Spanish and acted liked he owned the courthouse," Rodriguez recalled.

"Who in the hell are you?" George Parr asked.

Rodriguez introduced himself.

"I didn't think they let any Mexicans in the highway patrol service," Rodriguez quotes Parr as saying.

"They must have made a mistake. ..," Rodriguez replied.

The meeting ended cordially, and Rodriguez, in a book he is writing off and on, would touch floridly on Parr:

"The South Texas Robin Hood; the political boss that changed the course of history; the protector of the poor and menace to the rich; the man who made political heroes out of some and goats of others; the man who could appoint judges, elect senators, and even help Lyndon B. Johnson attain the highest elective office of the land, the presidency of the United States of America — this man would also have an influence on my law enforcement career."

Rodriguez and Moore soon learned that no matter the number of arrests, convictions were rare, dismissals commonplace. A bit reluctantly, they confronted Parr, who was surprisingly responsive.

At a subsequent meeting, Parr told the officers: "I have instructed my JPs to cooperate with you, and if they don't, let me know and I'll take care of it."

Says Rodriguez now: "From that day on our conviction rate increased 100 percent and the dismissal rate plunged."

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The Texas of the Sixties was a turbulent era for both law enforcement and Hispanics, and Art Rodriguez's Ranger career may have been doomed from the beginning.

The Rangers had a reputation as anti-Hispanic, none more so than Allee, who was repeatedly accused of brutality by striking South Texas farm workers.

Rodriguez found himself scorned not only by Anglos and Mexican-Americans but also by a growing Hispanic political organization, Raza Unida. The party's headquarters was practically in his own back yard.

He says leaders of the group were shouting "Kill the gringos!" and he was caught right in the middle: "I was damned if I did and damned if I didn't."

They branded him a tyrant and a "coconut": brown on the outside, white on the inside.

The timing of the Ranger appointment was awkward for Rodriguez, but no more so than his ties to the controversial Capt. Allee.

"The Anglos questioned my ability to perform to the level demanded by the history and tradition of the famous Texas Rangers," he recalls, "and the Mexican-Americans were accusing me of being a traitor to my own people, a Mexican that had defected and joined the enemy."

Was in fact he somehow "used" by Allee?

"I don't think so. He knew me through Joaquin and he knew the work I was doing in Crystal City as a DPS patrolman."

Besides, he chuckled, Allee was not one to play politics.

"Capt. Allee was his own man. He wouldn't appoint me or anybody else to pacify anyone."

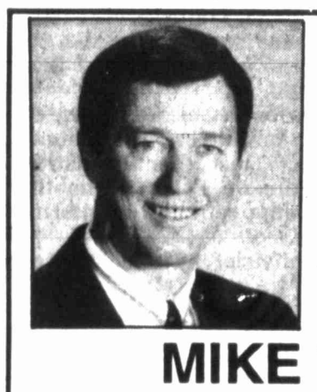
Despite the pitfalls,

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Art Rodriguez, the first Hispanic to serve as a commissioned officer in the Texas Rangers, poses at his home in San Antonio. Rodriguez joined the oldest crime-fighting agency of its kind in North America in 1969.



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Rodriguez, according to some of his old colleagues, eventually earned the respect of the Hispanic community and most of the Texas Rangers.

And with minor reservations, he came to admire Capt. Allee.

"The whole country was changing, and bless his heart, Cap tried to change," Rodriguez said. "But he was from the old school and he didn't know how to.

"Still, he was a man among men."

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A hard-nosed traditionalist, "Cap" Allee frequently admonished Rodriguez to never surrender his weapon. "Don't ever shame us," Allee insisted. "Don't ever lose your gun."

That advice may have saved his life.

One Saturday night, Rodriguez received a call from the Dimmit County Sheriff's Office in Carrizo Springs. A wedding dance was out of control at nearby Big Wells.

When he and other officers arrived, they found a number of revelers, one of whom confronted Rodriguez and was promptly arrested. While he was being handcuffed and turned over to a deputy sheriff, an ominous crowd gathered.

"You're not going to take him!" they shouted.

As the officers struggled with other drunks, Rodriguez remembered that, in the movies at least, a shot fired into the air often restores order. Not this time.

"Only a few even noticed, and they didn't seem impressed," he said.

Then a screaming, kicking mob of 15 or 20 rushed him, pushed him against a barbed wire fence and began pawing and pummeling him. He could feel them grabbing for his pistol.

"I could hear Cap's words: 'Don't lose your gun,' " Rodriguez said.

With a flashlight and a blackjack, he hammered back at his assailants, losing his $100 hat, his tie clip, most of his shirt but not his gun.

"I knew that if they got me off my feet they would stomp me to death," he said. "I considered getting my gun out and shooting some of my attackers, but I didn't."

The bruised Ranger and his colleagues finally escaped in a shower of rocks and debris, then called for reinforcements. Eventually, 20 persons were arrested, including 13 who were treated for head lacerations at the Carrizo Springs hospital.

"I put all of them there," Rodriguez said. Proudly.

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By mid-1971, Rodriguez felt he was at the height of his Ranger career. He had established a rapport with other law enforcement agencies and had solved some major cases.

But Allee had retired, which created new problems.

"My immediate boss would often refer to Mexican-Americans as 'Meskins,' and even though I tried to explain the degrading meaning of the word, he never understood or tried to understand."

Even worse, Rodriguez said the senior Ranger captain often used the word, too.

Then came an episode which he says altered his Ranger career. He and a colleague were drinking beer in a club after a seminar in Austin when the other officer became belligerent and threatened to shut down the place.

Rodriguez hustled him out to the car, then returned and apologized.

A week later, the company commander in San Antonio insisted that Rodriguez accompany him back to Austin. He did not tell him he was being summoned by the senior captain.

"I was given the same penalty as a drunken Ranger who had abused his authority," he said, "when all I had done was help a fellow Ranger stay out of real trouble."

As upset as he was with the three-month suspension, Rodriguez was even angrier at his company commander for failing to support him.

"I felt betrayed," he said.

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From his base in San Antonio, Rodriguez frequently worked with agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration. One such operation led to the arrest of notorious killer and heroin kingpin Fred Gomez Carrasco in July 1973.

A year later, Carrasco would die in a bloody shootout while attempting to escape from the state prison at Huntsville.

Impressed with the work of the young Ranger, the DEA offered Rodriguez a job, which he turned down. But he soon reconsidered and accepted.

"I wish it never happened," Joaquin Jackson says now. "I think he'd been better off if he'd stayed with the Rangers. He was a good man, a good worker and a damn good peace officer."

Disenchantment with Ranger leadership figured in the decision, of course. But Rodriguez confided later that he also welcomed the element of danger and adventure in the DEA.

He got both with the DEA, a job he would hold from 1974 until 1986.

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In the summer of 1983, Rodriguez and DEA agent Albert Castro flew to New Orleans to kick off an FBI "sting" operation that called for them to pose as Columbian drug dealers.

The target was a purported Dixie Mafia chieftain named D.J. Venus III.

Decked out in expensive clothes and jewelry, they met Venus one day in their $300-a-day hotel suite. And as the group sloshed down vintage whiskey, Venus told them the best area for a cocaine air drop would be his Mississippi ranch. He said local law enforcement officers would provide protection.

The undercover agents next met with Venus on his remote ranch near Biloxi, where they were introduced to Venus's associates. One of the host's sons was high on drugs or alcohol and waving around a semi-automatic weapon. Also present was a deputy sheriff.

Rodriguez, admittedly nervous, was relieved that he had refused an FBI demand to wear a recording device into the meeting.

The group washed down thick steaks with beer and whiskey as Rodriguez and Castro worked out details of the scheme. Rodriguez retrieved $5,000 from his rented Lincoln Town Car and handed it to the deputy as a "gift" from his Colombian drug lord.

A third meeting was arranged before the drop date and this time the sheriff himself appeared. Rodriguez gave him $15,000 as a "token of good faith" for his protection.

A subsequent Associated Press story would report:

"BILOXI, Miss. (AP) — A sheriff who was first elected on a pledge to clean up county corruption was arrested along with his chief deputy by undercover agents who had contracted to air drop a load of cocaine."

The article told how the sheriff, the deputy, Venus, his two sons and four other men were charged with conspiracy to import cocaine. Bonds ranged from $50,000 up to $500,000 for Venus.

"To my knowledge," says Rodriguez, "all were convicted and had to serve some time in a federal institution."

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Over breakfast one morning in a San Antonio hotel, Rodriguez looked back on his law enforcement career with a mix of pride, pleasure and profound regret.

In 1983, he and a DEA partner were sent to "clean up the office" in the Mexican border town of Eagle Pass, which he says they did. But because he considered it a temporary assignment, Rodriguez left his wife Lily and three kids in San Antonio.

He said his supervisor assured him he would be relocated there.

But that supervisor was transferred to Washington, and the best his successor would offer was Corpus Christi or Austin. Rodriguez demanded San Antonio or nothing.

"They called my bluff," he sighed. "I got on my high horse and quit. I thought I'd hurt the DEA, but in fact I just hurt myself and my family."

Back in San Antonio, he worked as a private investigator, conducted inquiries for criminal attorneys, ran a beer and barbecue place and started on his book.

He felt his historic experience as a Texas Ranger and his adventures later with the DEA might provide a positive influence on young Hispanics.

After reading of the current Ranger turmoil over women officers and other minorities, he suggested to a reporter that his own story might shed light on the issue.

Now 57, Rodriguez recalled as a child the difficulties of growing up Hispanic in the 1950s in a small town where the social line was clearly drawn.

"You had to remember your place or you would be emphatically reminded."

His father never quite got the hang of parenthood, leaving for World War II and remaining on the go when he returned to the states.

"He was born with Gypsy feet," Rodriguez said. "My mother had the task of raising three boys and an adopted daughter alone."

His two older brothers left home in their mid-teens and young Art stuck around to get a high school diploma only because of his mother's insistence and encouragement.

"During my school years," he says, "my goal, like that of many other Mexican-American kids, was just to get by." He realizes now that he barely escaped becoming "a common laborer."

He would offset any shortcomings with grit and luck.

"I feel I contributed my best to law enforcement," Rodriguez said. "I hope I opened the door for other Mexican-American kids and inspired them to dream and fulfill their goals."

He would come to miss the Texas Rangers terribly.

"Doors had opened to me because I wore the silver star on my chest," he once wrote in a moving farewell to the crime-fighting agency. "And people no longer rejected me because of the color of my skin."

Choppy seas put halt to flotilla

KEY WEST, Fla. (AP) — Choppy seas and dangerous thunderstorms Saturday halted a 35-boat flotilla of Cuban exiles that set off to stage a memorial for four comrades killed by Cuban jet fighters a week ago.

Planes from Brothers to the Rescue, the exiles' search-and-rescue group, took off late and headed toward the Florida Straits to drop a floral wreath over the spot where their planes were believed shot down.

Escorted by 11 U.S. Coast Guard cutters, the exiles' boats lurched into waves whipped up to 9 feet by high winds blowing across the Straits. That slowed the flotilla and prevented it from reaching the spot 21 miles northwest of Havana.

"The conditions are terrible," said Pablo Valladares, who returned to a Key West marina. "It was smart to come back."

The flotilla set sail early Saturday, but 21 boats had turned back by early afternoon and many exiles were seen leaning over the sides vomiting from seasickness.

About 43 miles south of Key West, the last 14 boats dropped flowers and wreaths into the churning sea and sang the Cuban national anthem. They shouted "Viva Cuba libre!" — "Long live a free Cuba" — and then turned to head back to Florida.

The storms also delayed the departure of the Brothers to the Rescue planes, which planned to fly over a memorial service at Miami's Orange Bowl after returning from the Straits.

"We cannot let (Cuban President Fidel) Castro push us back by raising the state of fear on the island," said Jose Basulto, head of the exile group that combs the Straits looking for rafter refugees.

Five of the smallest boats in the flotilla returned to Key West after laying a wreath at a spot 10 miles south of the coast where a boat sank and a man died in a similar exile protest Sept. 2.

"Castro's time is up," said flotilla participant Dario Vallejo, 53. "He has to go. Those men on the planes aren't his only victims. He has the blood of thousands of people on his hands."

Scores of Cuban exiles whose boats were too small or frail to withstand the rough seas were cautioned by police and the Coast Guard not to join the flotilla when it set off at 7 a.m.

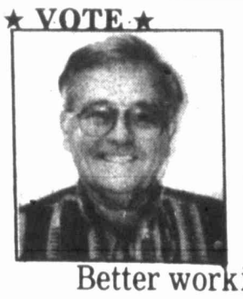
Cuba contends it shot down the two planes Feb. 24 because they had violated its territorial airspace. The island's communist-ruled government has promised similar retaliation if provoked again.

On Friday, however, Cuban Foreign Minister Roberto Robaina said Cuba "will act with the utmost restraint" toward the flotilla and flyover.

Castro, meanwhile, accepted responsibility for last weekend's shootdown.

A U.S. military escort in the air and on the water had orders to do whatever it took to keep the flotilla from turning into another international incident.

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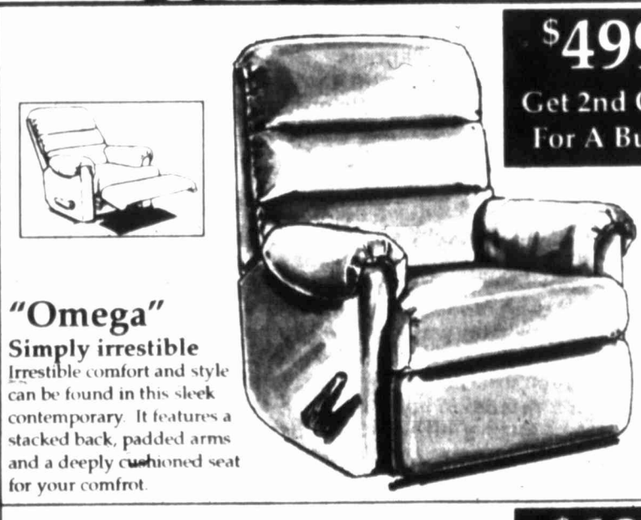


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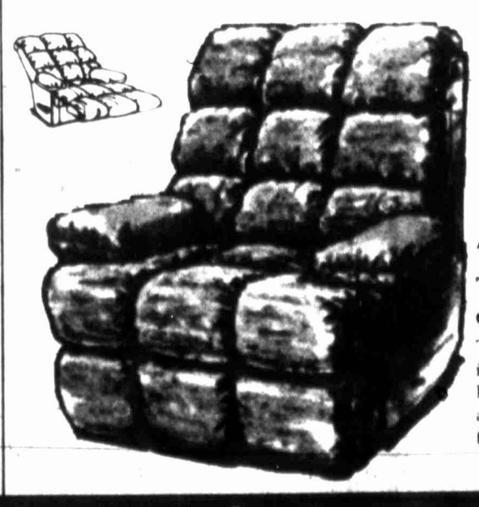
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Armed soldiers involved in Tijuana drug operation

TIJUANA, Mexico — Mexican soldiers swept through residential neighborhoods today in a drug operation aimed at an unidentified target. Gunfire could be heard at different places in the border city.

A group of about 30 soldiers dressed in fatigues descended upon a small home in the Cacho neighborhood of Tijuana, standing with guns drawn across the street from the house.

Soldiers also stood on the street corner, and shots could be heard from other nearby sections of the city.

An unidentified official with the Federal Judicial Police said the Mexican military is targeting certain homes throughout the city that are known as suspected drug ring leaders' residences.

But he would not confirm they were looking for the notorious Arellano Felix drug lords.

Soldiers cleared neighbors away from the house they targeted in the Cacho neighborhood.

Whale-watch boat overturns, one person killed

WELLINGTON, New Zealand — A popular whale-watching boat overturned Saturday off the coast of New Zealand. An Asian tourist died, trapped underneath the boat's hull, as rescue teams carried 28 others to safety.

The whale-watching craft capsized about three miles from Kaikoura township on New Zealand's South Island, where tourists from around the world come to watch, photograph and swim with blue whales and dolphins.

Police said five of the 25 rescued tourists suffered hypothermia and shock. None was in serious condition. Three crew members also escaped injury.

About half of the tourists were Asian, and the others apparently were German, Dutch and English.

Boats in the vicinity and a rescue helicopter were quickly at the scene to lift the tourists and crew from the cold sea.

The Asian woman, who was not immediately identified, was found trapped in the hull of the overturned vessel. Rescuers discovered her body only after they righted the craft.

It was not immediately clear why the boat capsized.

French authorities to return Greenpeace's five ships

PAPEETE, Tahiti — France will return five Greenpeace ships it seized during international protests against its nuclear tests in the South Pacific, French officials said.

The Rainbow Warrior II, the environmental group's flagship, and the MV Greenpeace were seized on Sept. 1. In an attempt to stop the tests, the Rainbow Warrior had sailed into the 12-mile exclusion zone around the test site. The MV Greenpeace launched an helicopter that flew into the zone.

France also seized the yachts Vega, Ribaude and Manutea.

The office of the French public prosecutor, Jean-Pierre Dreno, released a statement Friday saying that continuing to hold the ships is "no longer essential to demonstrate the truth."

Greenpeace had assembled a "peace flotilla" of a dozen boats last year in an attempt to prevent the six nuclear tests France conducted on Mururoa and Fangataufa atolls from Sept. 5, 1995, to Jan. 27, 1996.

Australian conservative upsets Labor Party after 13-year rule

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — Prime Minister Paul Keating conceded defeat today, as a conservative coalition appeared headed for a sweeping election victory over the Labor Party that has governed Australia for 13 years.

He congratulated coalition leader John Howard, who had promised voters he would stem the power of the labor unions that have been Keating's major allies.

Australian Broadcasting Corp. projections from the first results showed Howard's coalition gaining as much as a 40-seat majority in the 148-seat House of Representatives, the legislature's main chamber.

Polls had projected a much narrower victory for the conservatives, and Labor Party officials appeared shell-shocked by the apparent size of the defeat.

Keating said he would step down as leader of the Labor Party, which he joined at age 15. He had been prime minister for four years and in parliament for 26 years.

It was the second time Howard has run as opposition leader. He lost to Labor in 1987 and later was replaced as head of the coalition, but was reinstated in January 1995.

Throngs of shoppers force new department store to close doors

BERLIN — The French department store Galeries Lafayette was forced to close its doors Saturday, two days after it opened in Berlin, not from lack of customers, but too many.

Thousands of would-be shoppers jammed the street outside the store for much of the day, trying to get into the six-story, circular glass structure that one Berlin tabloid has dubbed "Spaceship Lafayette."

Police closed the street, Friedrichstrasse, to cars and used loudspeakers to try to disperse the crowds in front of the locked doors. No injuries were reported.

The store, which opened Thursday, is a major part of plans to restore the historic center of Berlin, most of which was on the East German side of the Berlin Wall. Before World War II, Friedrichstrasse was one of the city's busiest thoroughfares and the center of its bustling cabaret scene.

Russians order British businessman out as spy suspect

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian authorities ordered a British businessman out of the country on Friday for suspected spying, British officials said.

Britain was seeking an explanation for the ordered expulsion of Nigel Shakespeare, who was reported to be outside Russia on a business trip, a British Embassy spokesman said.

A spokesman for the Russian Foreign Ministry declined to confirm or deny the expulsion order.

Shakespeare, a former military attache who was expelled from Moscow in 1989 in apparent retaliation for the expulsion of Soviet diplomats and journalists from London, had returned to the Russian capital to live in 1993.

Neither Serbs nor Muslims feel they could live together

DOBROSEVICI, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — Sejad Delic and his mother walked into their hilltop village in silence on Saturday, passing the last of their Serb neighbors hurrying to get out.

They had lived side-by-side for generations before the war and hadn't seen each other in four years. No one said a word or even acknowledged the other's existence.

"Let them go," said Munevera Delic, 54, waving the Serbs off with her hands. "They know what they did. That's why they're going."

Sejad, 22, and his mother were among about 150 Muslims who returned to Dobrosevici, just northwest of downtown Sarajevo, for a look at their homes being vacated by Bosnian Serbs. They were still homes when the Muslims were expelled in spring 1992. They are nothing more than naked walls now.

The village was part of territory around Sarajevo returning to Bosnian government control under the Dayton peace accord. Serbs, fearing retribution for Muslim villagers murdered at the start of the war, are leaving, taking with them everything they can.

"These, here, are my neighbors I grew up with," Sejad said, pointing at the intact home of Serbs next to his destroyed house. "When I went there in 1992 to ask them to save me from being taken to a camp or being killed, Mileva said she doesn't know me and slammed the door."

Sejad first saw his next-door neighbor, Mileva Crnovcic, two days ago as she was packing to leave. She ran inside when she saw him, he said.

"She doesn't dare to come out. She is afraid of me," he said, standing just yards from Mileva's front door.

Sejad had just celebrated his 18th birthday and was suffering one of his first hangovers when, on the morning of May 30, 1992, Serbs in the surrounding hills opened fire.

Within days, Serbs captured the village and arrested his family. His mother was exchanged after seven days. Sejad and his father were taken to a detention camp in nearby Rajlovac and beaten along with the other Muslim men.

His father, Hajro, died in Sejad's arms two days after he arrived at the camp following a 24-hour beating by a former neighbor, Nikola Stanisic, whom Sejad identified as the brother of Maksim Stanisic, a Bosnian Serb representative trying to encourage Serbs not to flee the area.

Dozens of Dobrosevici's Muslim residents were killed in the early days of the war.

Four years later, neither the Delics, nor their Serb neighbors, feel there is any reason to live together again.

Serbs have been fleeing the areas to be handed over for weeks, and the exodus is continuing. What galls the returning Muslims is that in some case Serbs are stripping other people's homes bare.

Sejad's three-story childhood home had just been renovated with new windows and doors at a cost of $12,000 before war erupted. He said he saw the doors, windows and frames being driven out of the village on the back of a Serb truck Thursday.

Munevera said she had met some of her neighbors packing and leaving. They were told by Bosnian Serb police they have to leave, she said, but they don't know where to go.

Princess Di's mother blames media for contributing to divorce

LONDON (AP) — Princess Diana's mother says the media is at least partly to blame for the breakdown of her daughter's marriage.

Frances Shand Kydd said she speaks from experience, having been through the "sheer hell" of two highly publicized divorces herself.

Being constantly in the spotlight "just wears you down," she said in an interview Saturday in the Daily Express, a British tabloid.

While Diana remained in her apartment at Kensington Palace for a second day, her divorce continued to make front-page headlines.

So did her ex-lover's search for the highest bidder for his kiss-and-tell TV interview on their romance. Former army officer James Hewitt reportedly has instructed author-producer Anna Pasternak to land a $4.6 million deal.

Two tapes were stolen Saturday from the home of Sebastian Rich, who filmed the Hewitt interview, but they were of U.S. troops in Somalia, said police in Surrey, where Rich lives.

For Diana, the Hewitt interview — which Pasternak said will be "very frank, honest and candid about their physical relationship" — was another piece of bad news at the end of a stormy week.

Her first round of talks Wednesday with Charles ended in a public dispute about everything except the fact she had agreed to a divorce.

By the weekend, it appeared both sides were heeding a request from Queen Elizabeth II to conduct the divorce negotiations privately for the sake of their children, princes William, 13, and Harry, 11.

"The princess is totally supportive of negotiations between the lawyers being kept private and confidential," her spokeswoman, Jane Atkinson, said Saturday.

She would not comment on a front-page story by Richard Kay, a Daily Mail reporter in whom Diana has confided before, that "a divorce crisis is looming."

Mrs. Shand Kydd said her role is to be "the supportive mother" because anyone going through divorce, "and that includes Diana, needs compassion to come to terms with a very sad situation."

"There is no doubt in my mind that the constant media speculation has been a contributing factor in the breakdown of three marriages — my own, my son's and my daughter's," she was quoted by the Daily Express as saying.

She left Diana's father, the late Earl Spencer, for business tycoon Peter Shand Kydd, who walked out on her.

Mrs. Shand Kydd said media interest in the family following Diana's marriage helped break up her marriage to Shand Kydd and created marital problems for her son, Earl Spencer, who separated from his wife last April.

Diana's divorce, she said, "is going to be so much more painful" because it is "so much more public."

King Hussein says he will try to change situation in Iraq: "end nightmare"

OXFORD, England — King Hussein of Jordan says he will do everything he can "to end the nightmare that is Iraq today" — the closest he has ever come to saying he supported moves to unseat Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

"I see (the Iraqi people) encircled from without and oppressed from within. People who have suffered beyond anyone's imagination," the king said Friday.

"We will do everything we can to end the nightmare that is Iraq today," he said.

Hussein told Oxford University students he had moved away from the policy of reconciliation with Iraq because Saddam's oppression had gotten worse.

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Klondike falls in regional championship game

By MARA FORTNER
Special to the Herald

LEVELLAND – Klondike couldn't have been playing better when the Nazareth Swifts came along. The Cougars had just rolled over the their first two opponents of the Region I Class A playoffs at the South Plains College Texan Dome. They had not missed many shots or rebounds. Their game plan was smooth and fundamentally sound.

Then came the championship game Saturday night against Nazareth. The Swifts had just finished a tough match against Sands earlier in the day. They placed tradition and size against Klondike's seasoned talent and size.

The game was back-and-forth throughout the evening. There was never one clear leader. Scoring went down to the wire Nazareth had a slim 51-50 lead with 1:28 remaining in the game. Klondike was forced to the outside shot. The result was a key rebound by the Swifts and free throws to the end for a heartbreaking 55-50 upset of the Cougars.

Klondike's season came to an abrupt end. Yet, they had an outstanding record of 24-1.

"We had a great season," said Cougar head coach Jim Kinnear. "We were just a few seconds away from attending the state tournament. You can't take that away from us. Several times we have had our backs against the wall and have come out of it. It just didn't happen tonight (Saturday). We did have a great year (however)!"

Nazareth jumped on top of Klondike in the opening minutes of the game. They poured in seven points before the Cougars could respond.

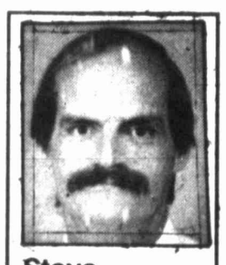
Klondike broke their scoring dry spell when Brent Kirkland sank and eight foot turn-around jumper.

The Swifts stayed up by seven, however, with a shot down the middle of the floor.

Kirkland pulled up just inside the three-point range and fired

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Lady Hawks' season hits unexpected snag



Steve Reagan
Sports Editor

Even though the siren song of baseball beckons me, basketball refuses to let my attention stray for too long.

One of the most interesting basketball seasons in years – for area fans, anyway – got more interesting Thursday night. That was when Terry Gray and the Howard College Lady Hawks hit a rather large bump in the road.

To make a long story short – and to try to tell the whole story would require a team of MIT graduates and more space than my editor would allow – the Lady Hawks head into Tuesday's Region V tournament in the unaccustomed spot of being the second seed from the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Howard, which has been the WJCAC's top seed at the regional tournament for the past four years, found itself playing second-banana after losing to Frank Phillips Thursday night in Big Spring (See related story, this page), leaving both teams tied for the top spot in the conference.

The Lady Hawks' sudden demotion came as an unpleasant surprise to Gray, who had entered the game under the assumption that Howard would be the conference's top seed at the tournament, regardless of what happened Thursday.

But the conference had other things in mind. Instead of using the WJCAC's power-ranking system as the tie-breaker – which would have given Howard the top seed – league officials decided to go with head-to-head results, which gave Frank Phillips the nod.

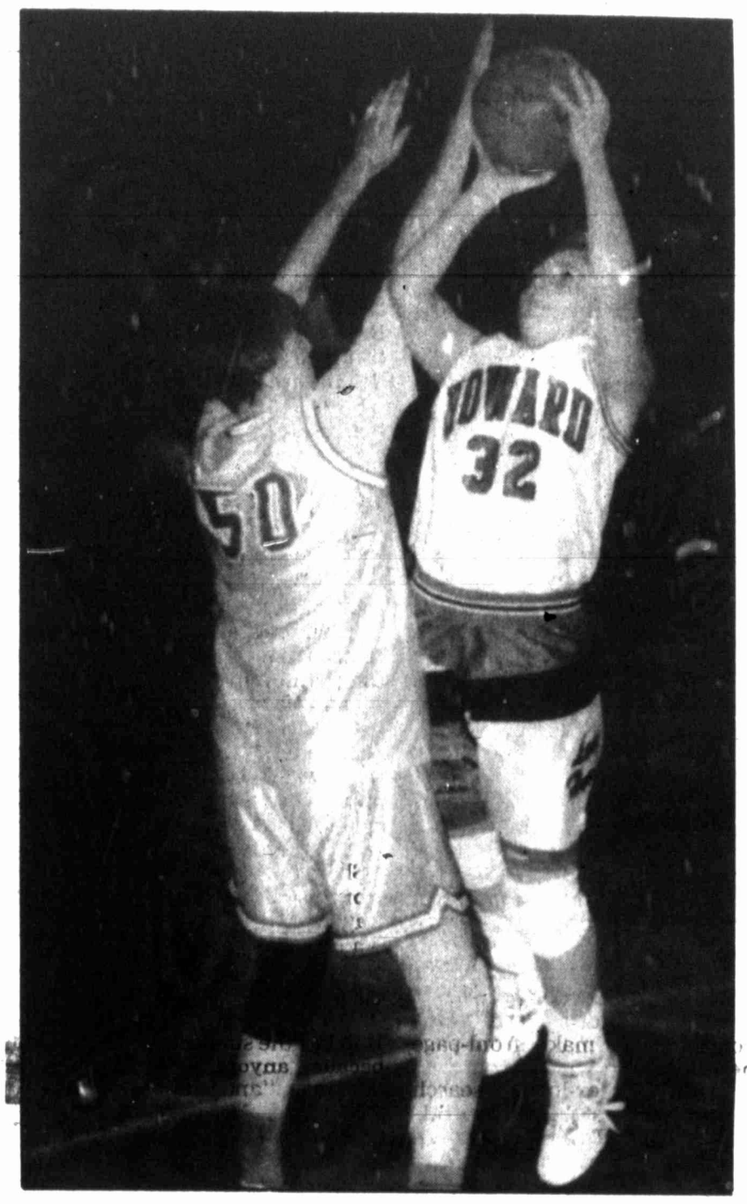
It's no use crying about Friday's decision – what's done is done. What rankles me is the league waited until about three hours before Thursday's game to inform Gray and Howard about the possible rules change.

The timing, to say the least, stunk.

For the last week, Gray and the Lady Hawks were not preparing for Frank Phillips. Instead, they were getting ready for Cisco and the regional tournament. The FPC game, they assumed, was basically meaningless.

Three hours before game time, however, everything changed. The Lady Hawks had to shift emotional gears and begin making belated prepara-

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Herald photo by Steve Reagan

Howard College's Sunny Fuller (32) shoots the ball against Frank Phillips Thursday night in Big Spring.

Howard bumped from top seed spot

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

A sudden change in plans has bumped the Howard College Lady Hawks out of the top-seed position at next week's Region V tournament.

The chairman of the Western Junior College Athletic Association's President's Council, Dr. Gary McDaniel of South Plains College, decided Friday afternoon that Frank Phillips College, which won two of three games with Howard this season, will be the conference's No. 1 seed at the Region V tournament, which begins Tuesday afternoon at the Odessa College Sports Center.

Controversy over who the WJCAC's No. 1 seed would be erupted Thursday afternoon prior to the Howard-FPC game. Prior to Thursday, Howard officials believed that the Lady Hawks, by virtue of a better power ranking, would be the league's top seed, regardless of the outcome of Thursday's game.

Three hours before game time, however, WJCAC officials informed Howard coach Terry Gray that head-to-head results, instead of power ranking, would be the factor in determining the top seed. With Frank Phillips' 64-59 win over Howard, that left the team's tied for the conference title with identical 15-3 league records, and gave the top seed to the Lady Plainsmen.

Howard took the matter to the WJCAC Presidents' Council, and, after hours of discussions Friday afternoon with FPC officials and Howard President Dr. Cheri Sparks, McDaniel made his ruling.

Dr. Sparks said the WJCAC's new women's schedule, which had member teams facing each other three times this season, contributed to the confusion concerning the rules.

"We have a new schedule, and the existing rules don't exactly fit that schedule," Sparks said. "We were interpreting the rules one way, and (FPC) was interpreting them another way."

The immediate impact of the ruling means that the Lady Hawks will have a tougher road to the Region V final. For starters, they begin tournament play Tuesday at 6 p.m. against McLennan Community College, the third seed from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. If Howard had been named top seed from the WJCAC, they would have faced North Texas' fourth seed, Cisco, in the first round of the tournament.

Secondly, the ruling means that Howard, if it defeats McLennan Tuesday, would probably face Grayson Community College, the top-

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Herald photo by Steve Reagan

Big Spring's Clint Caudill, right, beats a pickoff throw back to first base during the Steers' game with Snyder Saturday afternoon at Steer Park.

Lady Steers win second straight track meet

Herald staff report

The Big Spring Lady Steers track team won big in the San Angelo meet with a team score of 178 points.

The closest school that challenged Big Spring was Frenship with a score of 117 points.

In the field events, Big Spring took a sweep with the triple jump. Keesha Lott won first place with a distance of 35-6, Jaclyn Owusu jumped 35 feet to win second place and Krissi McWherter took third jumping 33-11.

Owusu won second place in the long jump with a 10-1 as her winning distance. Charlotte Bumblis took fifth place jumping 15-5.

In the high jump, McWherter won second with a jump of 5-2, and Dee Hill finished fourth jumping 4-8.

Stephanie Henderson took first place in the 400-meter dash running a time of 61.1. Mari Carnero was sixth in the event running a time of 65.8.

Hill won first place in the 100-meter hurdles finishing in a time of 16.5, and McWherter followed winning second in a time 16.98.

Stephanie Henderson took first place in the 800-meter run finishing in the time of 2:32.2.

Big Spring won first in each of the relay events. The 400-meter relay team of Owusu, Bumblis, Lott and Kandi Cline finished wit a time of 50.7. The 800-meter team of Cline, Lott, McWherter and Casillas won with 1:49.6 as their time; Carnero, Cline, Henderson and Casillas took the 1600-meter relay running a time of 4:12.7.

Steers second at Andrews

ANDREWS – Big Spring's boys track team took second place this weekend under the host Anderws at the Mustang Relays taking a cumulated score of 141.

Andrews won the meet with a team score of 150. The difference was four events that Big Spring didn't participate in; Andrews accumulated 68 points in those events.

In the field events for Big Spring, Todd McAdams placed third in the pole vault clearing an even 10 feet. In discus throwing, Dan Brewster placed sixth with an even 120 feet.

Mike Banett won third place in the shot put event throwing 43-2. Rudy Hernandez won fourth place in the event throwing 42-6.

In the long jump, Tory Mitchell took first place with a jump of 20-11 1/2, and Toma McVea won third place in the event with a jump of 20-3 3/4.

For the running events, Mitchell won first place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 10.47, and Jose Pesina took third with a time of 11.3.

Randy Farr took first place in the 200-meter dash with a time of 21.6 seconds, and Mitchell

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Cougars upset Texas

HOUSTON (AP) — Five Cougars scored in double digits as Houston went on a 17-0 run late in the game to topple visiting Texas 86-76 Saturday afternoon.

The win boosted Houston's record to 17-9 overall and 11-3 in the Southwest Conference, wrapping up second place in the SWC's farewell season.

UH, which won 15 of its last 18 games after a 2-6 start, will play the SWC's seventh-place team in the opening round of the conference tournament in Dallas on Thursday.

The Cougars also hope to have drawn some attention from the NCAA postseason selection committee for an at-large berth.

Texas slipped to 18-8 and 10-4, and finished third in the SWC.

Dickey, Sasser win honors

DALLAS (AP) — Texas Tech coach James Dickey had this word for his team after it was snubbed last year by the NCAA basketball committee: "Don't ever forget this feeling."

The Red Raiders didn't and for that reason they won the Southwest Conference basketball title going away. Which is why Dickey won The Associated Press' SWC Coach of the Year honor in balloting by his peers and Jason Sasser was named Player of the Year.

"We just wanted to make sure this year we were as good as we could possibly be," Dickey said. "We didn't have to mention last year. It was always there, unwritten and unsaid."

Now the only question surrounding Tech is how high a seed the Red Raiders will get in the post-season tournament.

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Okla. State at Missouri, noon, CBS (ch. 7).
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STANDINGS - Team Three, 140-52; Team Twelve, 124-68; Team One, 123-69; Team Nine, 118-74; Team Ten, 106-86; Team Five, 98-94; Team Two, 91-101; Team Eight, 88-104; Team Six,78-114; Team Four, 72-120; Team Eleven, 68-124; Team Seven, 46-146.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS - Team 2 over Strike Force, 6-2; Four Stars over Spanky's, 6-2; Hughes Auto Sales over Our Team, 8-0; Team 8 over Team 1, 8-0; hi sc. game and series (men) Chuck Carr, 256 and 652; hi hdcp game (men) Robert Beaty, 246; hi hdcp series (men) James Rawls, 689; hi sc. teamg ame Four Stars, 788; hi sc. team series Spanky's, 2187; hi sc. game and sries (women) Renae Carr, 223 nd 606; hi hdcp game (women) Ree Ann McKinnoln, 247; hi hdcp series (women) Renae Carr, 657; hi hdcp team game and series Four Stars, 880 and 2443.

STANDINGS - Four Stars, 112-80; Team 2, 110-82; Team 1,108-84; Hughes Auto Sales, 104-88; TEam8, 84-108; Spanky's, 89-92; Strike Force, 80-104; Our Team,70-114.

MENS MAJOR

RESULTS - Fina Engineers over B.S.I., 6-2; Parks Agency over Bob Brock Body Shop, 6-2; O'Daniel Trucking over Coors, 8-0; Parks Convenience ove rGrady Walker L.P.G., 8-0; Bob Brock Ford over Frankhagen T.V., 6-2; Trio Fuels tied Fred's Contracting, 4-4; Mason Roofing over Rocky's, 8-0; hi sc. game Ray Kennedy, 279; hi sc. series Walter Little, 691; hi sc. team game and series parks Agency, 1184 and 2996; hi hdcp game and series Walter Little, 293 and 766; hi hdcp team game Parks Agency, 1300; hi hdcp team series Mason Roofing, 3499.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 132-60; Fina Engineers, 114-78; Mason Roofing, 112-80; Trio Fuels, 103-88; O'Daniel Trucking, 99-93; Bob Brock Ford,98-94; Gray Walker L.P., 97-95; Rocky's, 97-95; Fred's Contracting, 94-98; Coors,89-103; Frank hagen T.V., 86-106; B.S.I., 82-110; Parks Convenience, 75-117; Bob Brock Body Shop, 65-127.

GUYS & DOLLS

RESULTS - Hester's Mechanical over O.S.I.M.I.A., 8-0; Petty Farms over A Bye, 6-2; Big Spring State Park tied Photo Magic Studio, 4-4; Fifth Wheels bowled unopposed, Rocky's, postponed; hi sc. game (men) Merlin Purser, 199; hi sc. series (men) Sam Lewis, 540; hi hdcp game (men) Merlin Purser, 233; hi hdcp series (men) Ed Booth, 612; hi sc. game and series (women) Betty Gibson, 226 and 569; hi hdcp game and series (women) Betty Gibson, 255 and 656; hi sc. team game Petty Farms, 657; hi sc. team series Hester's Mechanical, 1862; hi hdcp team game and series Hester's Mechanical, 834 and 2399.

STANDINGS - Roc ky's, 124-68; Photo Magic Studio, 125-75; Big Spring State Park, 112-88; Hestr's Mechanical, 105-95; Petty Farms, 105-95; Fifth Wheels, 99-93; O.S.I.M.I.A., 100-100.

MEN'S CAPROCK

RESULTS - Spare Time over Bad Company, 6-2; Burgess Automotive over Nasty Boys, 6-2; Budweiser over Just Piddlin, 6-2; Courtyard apt. tied Chili Peppers, 4-4; B.S. Auto Electric over Tough As Nails,6-2; Texas Finance over McMahon Supply, 8-80; My-Boys over McMahon Concrete, 6-2; Hank & Jans over W.G.A.S., 8-80; hi sc. game Marcus Phillips, 269; hi sc. series Sam Gonzales, 746; hi hdcp game Casey Richbourg, 267; hi hdcp series Jack Acuff, 694; hi sc. team game and sries Burgess Automotive, 884 and 25461; hi hdcp team game and series Burgess Automotive, 907 and 2630.

STANDINGS - B.S. Auto Electric, 32-8; Burgess Automotive, 28-12; Hank & Jans, 28-12; Budweiser, 28-12; Nasty Boys, 25-15; Bad Company, 24-16; Courtyard Apts., 24-16; My-Boys, 20-20; W.G.A.S., 19-21; Texas Finance, 18-22; Chili Peppers, 16-24; McMahon Supply, 14-26; Just Piddlin, 12-28; Spare Time, 12-28; Tough As Nails, 10-30; McMahon Concrete, 10-30.

MENS MAJOR

RESULTS - Parks Agencyover Trio Fuels, 8-0; Bob Brock Ford over Rocky's, 8-0; Grady Walker L.P. tied Fred's Contracting, 4-4; Fina Engineers over Mason Roofing, 6-2; O'Daniel Trucking over Parks Convenience, 8-0; Coors over Frank Hagen T.V., 8-0; B.S.I. over Bob Brock Body Shop, 8-0; hi sc. series Jeff Dukett, 697; hi sc. game Randall Reid, 275; hi sc. team game and series Grady Walker L.P., 1041 and 2930; hi hdcp game and sries Randall Reid, 307 and 756; hi hdcp team game and sries Coors, 1187 and 3437.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - Budweiser over POW MIA, 6-2; Large Boys over Team Three, 6-2; A & J over Auto Trend, 6-2; Wrecking Crew over Joe's Crew, 6-2; hi sc. game J.M. Ringener, 280; hi sc. series Jeff Dukett,717; hi sc. team game and series Budweiser, 1051 and 3035; hi hdcp game J.M. Ringener, 280; hi hdcp series Jeff Dukett, 717; hi hdcp team game and sries Budweiser, 1089 and 3149.

STANDINGS - Budweiser, 140-52; A & J, 129-63; Auto Trend, 102-90; Large Boys, 94-98; Wrecking Crew,87-105; Joe's Crew, 77-115; Team Three, 74-118; POW MIA, 65-127.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Guy's Restaurant over Kuykendall, 6-2; Casual Shoppe over Petty Farms, 6-2; Federal Oil tied Health Food Center,4-4; Tailgaters over A & B Farms, 6-2; hi sc. game Kathrine Smith, 221; hi sc. series Bernadine Sealy, 560; hi sc. team game and sries Casual Shoppe, 731 and 2072; hi hdcp game Kathrine Smith, 263; hi hdcp series Rosie Posey, 676; hi hdcp team game Kuykendall, 858; hi hdcp team series Casual Shoppe, 2441.

STANDINGS - Casual Shoppe, 132-60; Guy's Restaurant, 104-88; Health Food Center, 104-88; Petty Farms, 104-88; Tailgaters, 95-97; Kuykendall, 86-106; Federal Oil, 78-114; A & B Farms, 65-127.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

RESULTS - Slow Starters over A Timeless Design, 6-2; PFS over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; Big Spring Auto Electric over Fifth Wheels, 6-2; Team 18 split with Big Spring Music, 4-4; Wal-Mart Fun Bowlers over Wild bunch, 6-2; Loan Stars over Big Spring Chrysler, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration tied with Saunders Company, 4-4; Cocono over Golden Corraf, 6-2; Charlotte's Raiders over Security State Bank, 8-0; hi sc. game (man) Jim Nipp, 268; hi sc. series (man) Jerald Burgess, 652; hi hdcp game (man) Jim Nipp, 296; hi hdcp series (man) Byron Gressett, 716; hi sc. game (woman) Patricia Hill, 215; hi sc. game (woman) Sharon Litle, 549; h ihdcp game (woman) Patricia Hill, 259; hi hdcp series (woman) Sharon Litle, 717; hi sc. team game and series PFS, 625 and 1709; hi hdcp team game Arrow Refrigeration, 732; hi hdcp team series Loan Stars, 2034.

STANDINGS - PFS, 127-65; Big Spring Music, 118-74; Arrow Refrigeration, 112-80; Loan Stars, 106-86; Bob Brock Ford, 102-90; Big Spring Auto Electric, 100-92; Wild Bunch, 100-92; Security State Bank,98-94; Fifth Wheels, 98-94; Golden Corral, 96-96; Charlotte's Raiders,94-98; Big Spring Chrysler, 94-98; Team 18, 92-100; A Tiemless Design, 86-106; Wal-Mart Fun Bowlers, 85-107; Slow Sarters Two, 80-112; Conoco,74-118; Saudners Company, 66-126.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Federal Oil tied A & B Farms,4-4; Health Food Center over Tailgaters, 6-2; Kuykendall over Petty Farms, 6-2; Guy's Restaurant tied Casual Shoppe, 4-4; hi sc. game and series Sue Russell, 209 and 526; hi sc. team game Health Food Center, 679; hi sc. team sries Casual Shoppe, 1973; hi hdcp game and series Sue Russell, 246 and 637; hi hdcp team game and series Health Food Centr, 839 and 2422.

STANDINGS - Casual Shoppe, 136-64; Health Food Center, 110-90; Guy's Restaurant, 108-92; Petty FArms, 106-94; Tailgaters,97-103; Kuykendall, 92-108; Federal Oil, 82-118; A & B Farms, 69-131.

TRANSACTIONS

Weekend

Friday

BASEBALL

American League

KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Agreed to terms with Jason Jacome, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to terms with Robert Eenhoorn, infielder, on a one-year contract.

TEXAS RANGERS—Agreed to terms with Luis Ortiz, infielder, on a one-year contract.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Agreed to terms with Robert Perez, outfielder, on a one-year contract.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Agreed to terms with Ryan Klesko, outfielder; Javier Lopez and Tyler Houston, catchers; Ed Giovanola, infielder; and Pedro Borbon, Brad Clontz and Greg McMichael, pitchers, on one-year contracts.

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with Bret Boone, second baseman, on a one-year contract.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with Kurt Miller and Randy Veres, pitchers, and Quilvio Veras, infielder, on one-year contracts.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Agreed to terms with Tony Eusebio, catcher; Orlando Miller, infielder; and Mike Hampton, Doug Brocail and Billy Wagner, pitchers, on one-year contracts.

NEW YORK METS—Agreed to terms with Bias Minor, pitcher, on a one-year contract.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Released Howard Nathan, guard.

BOSTON CELTICS—Placed Dino Radja, forward, on the injures list.

PHOENIX SUNS—Activated Mario Bennett, forward, from the injured list. Place Terrence Rencher, guard, on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NFL—Announced the resignation of Don Shula, co-chairman of the NFL Competition Committee. Named Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren acting co-chairman of the NFL Competition Committee.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Agreed to terms with Cornelius Bennett, linebacker, bn a four-year contract.

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Signed Carlos Brooks, defensive back, to a one-year contract.

BALTIMORE—Named Maxie Baughan linebackers coach and Alvin Reynolds defensive backs coach.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed Eddie Robinson, linebacker, to a four-year contract.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Named Kevin O'Neill head trainer and Brad Roll assistant strength and conditioning coach.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Signed Mark McMillian, cornerback, to a three-year contract.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed Ron Stone, offensive lineman, to an offer sheet.

NEW YORK JETS—Cut Tony Casillas, defensive tackle.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Signed Ty Detmer, quarterback, and James Willis, linebacker, to two-year contracts, and Richard Cooper, offensive lineman.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed Will Wolford, tackle, to a four-year contract.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed Leslie O'Neal, defensive end.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Signed Leonard Rentro, defensive tackle; Dion Foxx, linebacker; and Rudy Harris, fullback.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

COLORADO AVALANCHE—Sent Aaron Miller, defenseman, to Cornwall of the AHL.

HARTFORD WHALERS—Signed Andrew Cassels, center, to a three year contract. Sent Steve Martins, center, to Springfield of the AHL.

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Named Rick Minch director of team services, Nick Salata director of public relations; and Mike Altieri media relations coordinator.

OTTAWA SENATORS—Traded Dave McLlwain, forward, to the Pittsburgh Penguins for a 1996 eighth-round draft choice.

TORONTO MAPLE LEAFS—Called up Brandon Convery, center, from St. John's of the AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Sent Stewart Malgunas, defenseman, to Portland of the AHL.

COLLEGE

BAYLOR—Named Darrell Wyatt wide receivers coach.

MISSOURI-KANSAS CITY—Named Bob Sundvold men's basketball coach.

RUTGERS—Extended the contract of Bob Wenzel, men's basketball coach.

TOLEDO—Announced the resignation of Larry Gipson, men's basketball coach, to become interim assistant athletics director.

WAKE FOREST—Announced that Antonio Jackson, men's basketball forward, will transfer at the end of the season.

BASKETBALL

All-SWC team

The 1995-96 Associated Press All Southwest Conference men's basketball team as selected by the coaches

FIRST TEAM

Jason Sasser, Texas Tech, Sr., Dallas, 19.4 ppg; Brian Skinner, Baylor, Soph., Temple, 17.4 ppg; Reggie Freeman, Texas, Jr. Bronx, N.Y., 22.4 ppg; Tommy McGhee, Rice, Sr., Pontiac, Mich., 20.0 ppg; Tim Moore, Houston, 17.4, Sr., Houston.

SECOND TEAM

Shawn Igo, Rice, Jr. West Columbia, Texas; Cory Carr, Texas Tech, Soph., Kingsland, Ark.; Sonny Alvarado, Texas, Sr., Fresno, Calif.; Damion Walker, TCU, Fr., Dallas; (tie) Darvin Ham, Texas Tech, Sr., Saginaw, Mich., and Tony Battie, Texas Tech, Soph., Dallas.

Player of the Year—Sasser, Texas Tech.

Defensive Player of the Year—Skinner, Baylor.

Newcomer of the Year—Walker, TCU.

Coach of the Year—James Dickey, Texas Tech.

All Newcomer Team—Walker, TCU; Tracey Anderson, Texas A&M; Kris Clack, Texas; DeJuan Vazquez, Texas; Stanley Bonewitz, Texas Tech.

Catch all the Region V action in the Herald

Lady Raiders cook Rice Owls

HOUSTON (AP) — Freshman Julie Lake posted a career-high 28 points to lead No. 9 Texas Tech to an 84-68 win over Rice on Saturday.

Tech (23-3, 13-1 Southwest Conference) clinched at least a tie of the SWC regular-season title with the win.

Michi Atkins poured in 21 and led the Tech defense with 11 rebounds. Alicia Thompson added 13 points.

Rice (13-13, 6-8) was led by Jennifer Hamilton, who had a season-high 18 points. Tammy McCallum scored her eighth double-double of the season with 17 points and 11 rebounds. Jessica Garcia recorded 15 points off the bench.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

Howard sweeps Frank Phillips

The Howard College Hawks broke out the bats – and the broom – Saturday, cranking out 22 extra-base hits en route to a 10-0, 12-1 doubleheader sweep of Frank Phillips at Jack Barber Field.

The Hawks improved to 14-4 overall and 2-0 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.

In the first game Saturday, Ben Phillips scattered five hits in pitching the complete-game shutout. He struck out seven and walked only one in improving to 4-0.

At the plate, Phillips received more than enough support from his teammates. Chad Polk, Wes Davis and Nathan Nelso each cranked home runs, while Jason Huth had two triples and a double.

It was more of the same in the second game, this time with Caleb Brown benefitting from the offensive onslaught. Brown struck out five, walked none and allowed five hits en route to improving to 3-2. Shane Wyrick and Dustin Bratlien each had homers, Brady Mills and Cory Kelley had triples and Mills, Hurth, Polk, Davis, Bratlien and Matt Schuldt had doubles.

"The bats have definitely come around," Howard coach Brian Roper said. "The pitching has been there all year, but it gives them even more confidence on the mound, knowing they're going to get a few runs from the team."

The Hawks and Frank Phillips conclude their series today with a single game at 1 p.m.

YMCA opens lifeguard class

The Big Spring YMCA will have a lifeguard class. Classes will be offered March 11-16. For more information, call 267-8234.

Ackerly baseball meeting Tuesday

An organizational and signup meeting for Ackerly area Little League players will be held at 7 p.m. Tuesday in the Sands school cafeteriea. Interested persons need copies of birth certificates. Registration cost is $20 per child.

For more information, contact Terry or Dorothy Nichols at 353-4244.

Slow-pitch softball meeting Monday

The Big Spring Slow-Pitch Softball Association will hold an organizational meeting at 6 p.m. Monday at the Fun and Food Cafe on 11th Place.

For more information, contact Chuck Martin at 264-9236.

Stallings qualyies for NCAA indoors

Stanton native Jeremy Stallings, a junior at the University of Florida, ran an NCAA Indoor automatic qualifying tme of 1:46.17 in the 800 run at the Florida Fast Times Indoor Track Meet Thursday in Gainesville, Fla.

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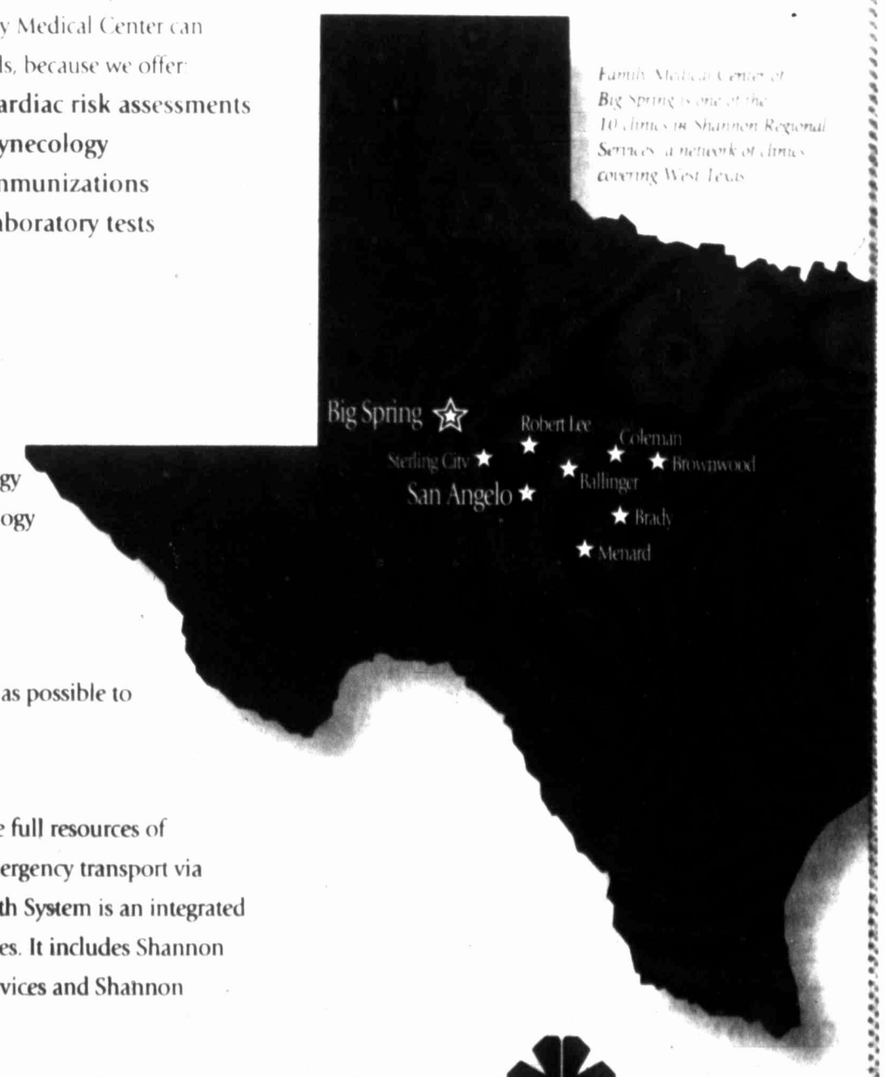
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Klondike opens tournament with pair of victories

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

LEVELLAND – Though the Klondike Cougars entered the Region IA Tournament with a 22-0 record, Cougar coach Jim Kinnear felt the team was not respected as a playoff team.

After its 82-59 thrashing Friday over the Plains Cowboys, people may have opened their eyes to this team.

"I think perhaps we haven't gotten the respect we deserve," said Kinnear. "Maybe we didn't play teams like Nazareth in our schedule, but we made an impression on people [Friday]. This game is the best we've played in the couple of games."

The game didn't start out as solid for Klondike. The Cowboys attacked the inside with aggressive force. Cowboy wing Chase Clanahan stunned Klondike with his quick turnaround jumpers at the bottom of the key, scoring 10 points the first quarter.

But that was the Cowboys' only highlight they'd like to mention as Klondike instantly stopped their scoring run. Klondike switched from a man-to-man defense to 2-1-2 zone. After the switch, Plains was not as successful inside. Clanahan was forced to pass the ball back out to Plains' guards, who often forced their shot.

"We started out in man-to-man defense, and [Plains] hurt us inside," said Kinnear. "So we with to the zone, and it made us a little bit stronger defensively and in the boards."

Klondike outscored Plains 18-8 in the second quarter for a 42-29 lead at halftime, and Plains could not recover. Klondike's smallest lead in the game was seven points. According to Cougar wing Tanner Etheredge, Friday's decisive win was what they needed for momentum.

"We played some weak teams before the regional tournament," said Etheredge. "This win proves we can play against a top team. It gave the team a lot of confidence."

Not only is Kinnear happy with the win, he is proud that the Cougars maintained their pressure throughout the game.

"This is the best game we've played in five games," said Kinnear. "We could never put that much defensive effort in a full game. In the past, we usually have back-to-back quarters with that effort, but these kids laid it on the line for four quarters."

Klondike post Brent Kirkland led all scorers with 28 points. Etheredge, not too far from Kirkland, scored 27 points. Klondike improves its record to 23-0 while Plains ends its season 22-9.

As the teams slowly fall from the playoff competition, Kinnear is more optimistic from a defensive point of view about Klondike's chances through all the unpredictability of the state playoffs.

"Right now it's anyone's game in this tournament," said Kinnear. "One thing is for sure, no one can hold a run against the Klondike Cougars."

KLONDIKE (82) – M. Arismendez 2 2-2 7, Etheredge 11 4-5 27, Kirkland 11 6-8 28, C. Arismendez 4 4-5 12, Rawlings 0 2-2 2, Roberts 2 0-0 6, totals 30 18-22 82.

PLAINS (59) – Clanahan 9 2-2 20, Davis 5 0-0 10, Parrish 5 3-7 13, Flores 1 0-0 2, Blount 3 1-5 7, Caballero 2 0-0 5, Redman 1 0-0 2, totals 26 6-14 59.

KLONDIKE	24 18 20 20 – 82
PLAINS	21 8 20 10 – 59

Three-point goals – Klondike, Roberts 2, Etheredge 1, M. Arismendez 1; Plains, Caballero 1. Total fouls: Klondike 13, Plains 18.

By MARA FORTNER
Special to the Herald

LEVELLAND – The Klondike Cougars are peaking at the right time.

Head coach Jim Kinnear pointed that out after Saturday's 78-58 win over Sudan Saturday morning in the semifinals of the Region I-1A boys' basketball tournament.

"We have the capability to be playing like we havtwo games. It is a great time to be playing up to our potential," Kinnear said.

After opeing the tournament with a 23 point win over Plains, the Cougars kept up their outstanding offensive and defensive moves in Saturday morning's game.

The Cougars' victory moved them into the championship game against Nazareth.

Klondike used the defensive talents of Brent Kirkland, Tarner Etheredge and Michael Arismendez to keep the Hornets off the scoreboard for most of the first quarter.

After Sudan closed to within 9-5 early in the first quarter, Chris Arismendez, Etheredge and Kirkland combined buckets to help the Cougars pull out to a 14-5 lead.

Klondike's height took control of the game in the second half.

With the score 45-37 Klondike, the Cougars scored 10 staight points on layups and fast breaks. On defense, Kirkland kept Sudan from scoring with three blocks.

"Our height took control," Kinnear said. "Kirkland was great on the boards. He is averaging 18 rebounds and 20 points a game. He picked up that level (Saturday). When he gets going, the team gets going."

Klondike had a 55-39 lead after three quarters, and outgunned Sudan 23-19 down the fourth quarter homestretch.

Etheredge and Kirkland were high-point men for the Cougars with 26 points each. Michael and Chris Arismendez added 10 points.

Mustangs break long-standing region drought with victory over Smyer

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

LEVELLAND – Twenty-four years of frustration were lifted off Sands' shoulders Friday.

Sands beat Smyer 67-60 to pass the first round of Region IA Tournament. This is the first time since 1974 the Mustangs made it this far into the playoffs.

"It has been 24 years for [Sands]. This is the fourth time for me since I've been here," said Sands coach Jerry Gooch. "In the past, the kids were intimated by the facilities. They weren't [Friday]."

Gooch made sure that would not be the case against Smyer.

"[The coaches] have been working on telling these kids that it doesn't matter where you play or what ball you play with, it is all the same measurements. Basketball is basketball."

Sands did everything for preparation including practicing a few offensive setups with a girl's basketball in order to build confidence.

"Mental toughness was one of the keys to winning," said Gooch. "That's what we've working all this week. We have the skills. I wish we were bigger, but at least we're winning."

Mental toughness wasn't the problem for Sands in the beginning – it was defense. Smyer's keen passing ability placed them in a comfortable lead. Bobcat guard Larry Mendez was able to zip the ball through Sands' slow-reacting zone defense inside to Joe Jimenez and Mark Ramirez.

Twelve of Smyer's points were scored by players left unguarded inside which resulted to a 37-31 lead by the Bobcats, and one upset coach on Sands' side.

"The first half we stunk on defense," said Gooch. "That's why I was yelling and everything. All we were doing was standing around. Defensively, we didn't hustle."

In the second half, Sands tightened its defense. Smyer couldn't get close to the paint, and the Bobcats' outside shooting froze during the half, shooting 8-25 from the field.

As the shots bounced away on Smyer's side, Sands was on fire. Mustang guard Steven Croft, who had no luck with three-pointer the first half, took shorter jumpers, scoring 21 points in the game. Sands shut Smyer to nine points the fourth quarter, which made all the difference, for Sands was trailing 51-44 at the start of the fourth.

"Our defense was clicking the fourth quarter," said Croft. "We stepped it up, and stopped them from shooting. Our defense was killing them."

Gooch says though the team worked on different things, it needed to go back to what brought them to the tournament.

"We played hard defense," said Gooch. "Most of the time if we think we beat a team offensively, we concentrate on that. This time we played defensively, and that's been are reason of winning our last five games."

Senior post Delynn Reed scored 14 points and grabbed 14 boards. As a senior, Reed knows there's no tomorrow if Sands lose, and made sure the team realized it also.

"I just told them this is not going to be my last game," said Reed. "I got a little worried when we were down by 10 the fourth quarter. We had to give every last bit of energy into this game, and we finally put ourselves together. The win feels great."

Sands is 22-5 with the win, and Smyer ends its season 25-8.

SANDS (67) – Fryar 4 0-1 7, Reed 5 4-6 14, Beall 5 2-2 12, Croft 10 3-7 21, Zarate 3 0-2 6, H[illegible] 0 2-2 2, Barnes 2 1-3 5, totals 29 12-21 67.

SMYER (60) – Maye 9 7-11 25, Smith 1 1-4 3, Ramirez 8 0-0 15, Mendez 1 1-2 3, Jimenez 6 1-3 13, Rodshadi Moore 0 1-2 1, totals 25 11-22 60.

SANDS	16 15 14 22 – 67
SMYER	18 19 14 9 – 60

Three-point goals: Sands, Croft 2, Fryar 1; Smyer, Ramirez 1. Total fouls: Sands 20, Symer 21.

By MARA FORTNER
Special to the Herald

LEVELLAND – Saturday's Region I-1A playoff game could have gone either way if four well-aimed shots would have hit their mark for the Sands Mustangs.

The Nazareth Swifts fended off a scare from the Mustnags in the final three minutes to take a 59-45 win and advance into Saturday night's championship game with Klondike.

"We played well," Sands coach Jerry Gooch said. "We played well everywhere on the court. The difference in the game were the four good shots we had that did not fall right in the fourth quarter."

Sands ended its season with a 22-6 overall record; plus, this marked the first time in 24 years the Mustangs have made it past the first round of the regional tournament.

"It was fun! We really enjoyed it," Gooch said. "We have no regrets."

After Nazareth fashioned a 32-26 halftime lead, both teams struggled in the third quarter, which was filled with rim-outs from both Sands and Nazareth.

The Mustangs fought their way back into the game, though, and when Delynn Reed hit a put-back and Steven Croft follwed with a three-pointer, Sands had pulled to within 37-34. The score was 42-38 after the third quarter.

But Nazareth got hot early in the fourth, racing to a 50-39 lead after the first minute of the final period.

High-point man for Sands was Clayton Fryar with 13 points. Reed added 11 points.

Norman, Sing run through rain to take lead at delayed Doral Open

MIAMI (AP) — Greg Norman and Vijay Singh, playing head-to-head, matched each other putt-for-putt and shared the lead at the Doral-Ryder Open when darkness halted third-round play Saturday.

The co-leaders at 12-under par were facing birdie putts on the 15th hole when they marked their spot and chose to wait until Sunday to putt out.

Eight other players — including Joe Ozaki at 11-under and Lennie Clements and Michael Bradley at 10-under — will finish the third round then wait for the final round to start.

Ozaki and Bradley were through 14 holes, Clements through 15.

"That will be the hardest part," Norman said. "What do you do for three or four hours? Prance around the room?"

A 1 hour, 20-minute delay at midday caused by casual water on the greens from a sudden shower backed up play and made it impossible to finish before dark.

Glen Day was the leader in the clubhouse at 10-under-par 216 while Ben Crenshaw and Mike Brisky finished at 9-under. Six players had finished at 8-under.

"That's not something you like to have on a Sunday," Crenshaw said about those who must go back out on the course. "I'm happy to be finished."

Third-round play will resume at 9 a.m. and the final round will start at 11:15, using both the first and 10th tees. Crenshaw thinks Norman and Singh will be difficult to catch.

"Greg has played so consistently well in so many place," Crenshaw said. "He just has great control of his game right now. And Vijay is dangerous with his length.

"I can't shoot anything more than 68 tomorrow or 67 and have a prayer," he said.

Certainly not if Norman and Singh play like they did on the front nine Saturday, where both shot 32.

"We both holed quite a lot of good putts," said Singh, who putts pendulum style with an extra long putter he just starting using earlier this year. His best was a 25-footer for eagle on No. 8 to get to 12 under par.

Norman followed moments later by rolling in a 20-footer on top of Singh to get to 11-under. Norman then made an 18-footer for birdie on No. 9, and the two headed for the back nine tied at 12-under.

"I had the feel for the greens," Norman said. "We're going to get good greens in the morning and good light," he said, explaining why he marked an 18-foot birdie putt on No. 15 and Singh marked a 10-footer.

Both had parred all five holes on the back nine, and neither had made a bogey in the round.

Crenshaw, who almost passed up the tournament because of a sore back, shot a 68 on Saturday, making six birdie putts of 10-to-25 feet. He bogeyed No. 18 when he drove into the left rough near the water and had to lay up short of the green.

He also made "a very good bogey" on No. 3 when he drove into the water and got down in two from 100 yards to make a 5.

Day got to 10-under par with a 67 in which he closed with a birdie, birdie finish.

Both Ozaki, the second-round leader at 10-under-par, and Bradley, in second place after 36 holes at 9-under, played well and picked up one stroke on par Saturday. But Norman and Singh sprinted right past them, playing 14 holes at 4-under.

They finished the front nine in a flurry, with Norman making birdies on Nos. 5, 7, 8 and 9 — all on putts of between 15 and 20 feet — and Singh made a birdie on No. 6 and an eagle on No. 8.

They would have been devastating better-ball partners, shooting a 29 on the front side.

DIVOTS: CBS continues to run through the rain drops with its golf coverage. It lost both weekend rounds at Pebble Beach, then was thrown off its schedule here, going off the air as Singh and Norman were teeing off on No. 13. The L.A. Open did go off without a hitch last weekend, however.

Because of TV coverage, the final tee time of the day was set at 2:10, giving virtually no margin of error when rain interrupted play. Without daylight savings time, there was no way to get the round in before dark.

Norman has been commuting the 100 miles from his home in Hobe, Fla., to Doral.

Strug, Roethlisberger reign at American Cup

FORT WORTH (AP) — Kerri Strug always has had the skills to compete with top international gymnasts, but even her coach said she lacked a killer instinct and couldn't deal with pressure.

Not any more. Older, battle-tested and more mature, Strug held her coming out party this weekend at the American Cup, defeating two former Olympic champions en route to her first international title.

Strug, 18, was the star of Saturday's all-around finals, finishing first in all four events and earning the two highest scores of the meet with breath-taking efforts on the uneven bars and the floor exercise.

"It was a real positive weekend for me," said Strug, a Tucson, Ariz., native who also shared two individual titles Friday night and was the top overall finisher in the qualifying round. "I'm glad to start 1996 this way."

The old Strug probably would've choked after taking a .162 lead into the final event, especially considering how long she had to wait between being first on the balance beam and last on the floor. The delay was stretched to more than an hour because of television.

The new Strug, however, responded with a 9.837 — the best score of the three-day event by a male or female, besting only the 9.812 she received on the uneven bars. It was only her second time she had used that routine in competition, and the first time was Friday night.

"It's all a matter of maturity," said Bela Karolyi, the coach who helped her become the youngest member of the U.S. Olympic team in 1992 whom she left immediately after the Games only to return in December.

"Her mental attitude now is incomparable to any time I remember before. What she did today, being the last person ... that was a grueling, nerve-wrecking experience. It was a major test and she passed."

Strug's sweep of the events left her with 39.130 points, a comfortable margin over another Karolyi pupil, Svetlana Boguinskaia of Belarus, who scored 38.687.

Boguinskaia, a five-time Olympic medal winner, corrected the mistake on the floor that cost her dearly Friday night to overtake Oksana Chusovitina of Ubekistan for second. Chusovitina, a member of the 1992 Olympic gold-winning Unified Team along with Boguinskaia, held on for third (38.635).

Kristy Powell, the defending American Cup champion from River Forest, Ill., barely trailed Strug entering the floor routine, then missed landings on her first two passes, took an 8.575 and fell to last among the eight finalists.

The men's results weren't as nail-biting as John Roethlisberger defended his American Cup title. The four-time world champion from Minneapolis scored 57.611 points and cruised to victory mainly by avoiding the flubs made by each of his competitors.

Jair Lynch, the top qualifier from Thursday night, was among those who erred, but the Stanford graduate built up enough points by finishing first in the floor routine and second in the high bar to take second (56.887). Georgia's Ilia Giogadze was third (56.674).

Roethlisberger is the top U.S. men's hope medal contender this summer. However, hopes also were high for him in 1992, when he finished 34th in the all-around at Barcelona.

"This meet served exactly what I needed it to," said Roethlisberger, 25. "That was to come in and try routines and to hit him. It's left me some room to improve. I didn't want to come in and be perfect here. I have three months to get the kinks out."

This was the first major tune-up for Olympic-caliber performers, although several top contenders stayed home. Among the no-shows were U.S. stars Dominique Moceanu and Shannon Miller.

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Melissa Clemens winces as she hits the ground while trying to perform an aerial maneuver during a snowboard competition at Brighton Ski Area in Brighton, Mich. recently.

UT All-American learning patience as Cubs' prospect

MESA, Ariz. (AP) — Whenever the subject turns to prized prospect Brooks Kieschnick, the Chicago Cubs preach one concept, one word.

Patience.

Kieschnick must have it, and so must the Cubs.

"Brooks led the American Association in home runs last year, and power is definitely a need of ours," general manager Ed Lynch said. "But when a guy is beginning his career, it usually doesn't make sense for him to sit on a major-league bench instead when he could start for a minor-league team."

Then again, aside from Sammy Sosa, Kieschnick is the only real home-run threat in spring training with the Cubs — a point he drove home in Friday's exhibition opener by sending a shot deep over the right-field wall.

"I'm trying to do so well that they're forced to make a tough decision," the 23-year-old outfielder said. "But I understand the way it works. If I have to go back to the minors, I'll go back to the minors. I'll put up good numbers and, hopefully, they'll say it's my time."

The way the ball jumps off his bat, it's tempting to say that Kieschnick's time should be right now.

"We're not so deep that we can't make room for a good young player," team president Andy MacPhail said. "But ... "

When it comes to Kieschnick, "but" always seems to be a prelude to preaching patience.

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>
> **Jim Riggleman**

"I'd say we're leaning toward sending him down," MacPhail said. "Let him play and let the opportunity develop."

Added manager Jim Riggleman: "We feel that he's an incredible prospect, but ... "

There it is again.

"I don't think he has to be in the big leagues right now," Riggleman said. "We have five good outfielders, and we certainly don't want to be in a situation where Kieschnick is only going to hit twice a week."

Playing last season for Iowa, the Cubs' top farm team, Kieschnick led the league in homers (23), hits (149), extra-base hits (54) and total bases (250). He was fourth in doubles (30) and fifth in RBIs (73). The left-handed hitter had a .295 batting average.

He was one of the nation's top pitchers at the University of Texas before the Cubs selected him in the first round of the 1993 draft, and he didn't become a full-time outfielder until last season. Nevertheless, he made only two errors.

"He's not very fast, but he's got soft hands and good instincts," said Ron Clark, who managed Kieschnick at Iowa. "And he's got a great arm. You can hit the ball off the fence, he'll field it and throw you out at second."

Come April, however, that fence probably won't be the ivy-covered wall of Wrigley Field.

The Cubs' outfield appears set. Sosa is an All-Star in right, Brian McRae is an outstanding center fielder, and Riggleman expects to platoon Luis Gonzalez and Ozzie Timmons in left. The manager also hopes to find more playing time for Scott Bullett, one of the NL's top pinch-hitters last year.

"We would feel very comfortable starting the season with those five outfielders," Lynch said. "But the history of this game tells you that anything can happen: injuries, trades, whatever."

In other words, Lynch might deal from strength by trading an outfielder to shore up the Cubs' questionable bullpen.

Then, ready or not, Kieschnick's time would arrive.

"I hope that doesn't happen just yet. He needs more seasoning in the minors," Clark said. "The kid will be a major-league player. It's just a matter of time. He has to have patience, and so do we."

UMass struggles, but subdues Louisville in final seconds

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Marcus Camby made two free throws with 6.9 seconds left and Carmelo Travieso blocked a 3-pointer with two seconds remaining Saturday as No. 2 Massachusetts held on for a 62-59 win over No. 21 Louisville.

The Cardinals (19-10), who trailed by seven points at the half, moved to within 58-57 with 3:46 left when DeJuan Wheat made three free throws after being fouled by Donta Bright.

Bright then rebounded a miss and scored with 3:14 left to put the Minutemen up 60-57.

Wheat's driving lay-up with 1:59 remaining made it 60-59, but the Cardinals failed to take advantage of two turnovers and a missed shot by Bright on the Minutemen's last three possessions.

Samaki Walker rebounded Bright's miss with 35 seconds left to set up Louisville's final play. But Bright knocked the ball off Wheat and out of bounds with 8.7 seconds left, giving the ball to UMass.

AP TOP 25

Connecticut 87, Seton Hall 58

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Ray Allen scored 31 points and No. 4 Connecticut broke its own record for Big East Conference wins in a season with an 87-58 victory over Seton Hall on Saturday.

Allen, the conference's second-leading scorer at 23.5 points per game, was coming off a career-high 39 points against Rutgers. He broke the 30-point barrier for the just fourth time this season.

The Huskies (27-2, 17-1) finished 16-2 each of the last seasons in the league in becoming the first school to ever win consecutive outright league titles. With the split into divisions for this season, the conference did not recognize an overall champion.

Georgetown 106, Villanova 68

LANDOVER, Md. (AP) — Allen Iverson's Big East rival Kerry Kittles wasn't able to play, so Iverson put on enough moves for both of them.

Iverson scored 37 points with a full array of shots, including an electrifying jumper at the first-half buzzer Saturday as the No. 8 Hoyas routed sixth-ranked Villanova 106-68.

Seniors Jerome Williams had 16 points and 10 rebounds and Othella Harrington 20 points and 12 rebounds in their final games at USAir Arena, where Georgetown (24-6, 13-5 Big East) finished 16-0 this season. The Hoyas outrebounded the Wildcats 47-28.

Villanova, led by Chuck Kornegay's 25 points, was rudderless without senior guard Kittles. Last year's Big East player of the year, Kittles was serving the last game of a three-game suspension.

Klondike

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the ball through the hoop. The score was 9-4 with 5:12 left in the first period.

Nazareth kept driving the ball into the Cougars drawing some crucial fouls. They were at the line a couple of times over the next minute. However, they only produced two points out of four attempts. The Swifts followed this with a layup for a 13-4 lead with four minutes remaining in the period.

Jai. Rawlings found and opening and slipped the ball through the net. Kirkland and Chris Arismendez chipped i a bucket each to pull the Cougars to within three points of Nazareth, 13-10, with 1:36 still left in the period.

The Swifts continued to outrebound the Cougars for the remainder of the period. They converted a rebound in the final seconds with a three-point bucket. The score a the end of the period was 16-10, Nazareth.

The Swifts started the second period with a jump shot from inside the key.

Klondike remained patient. They began their climb back with free throws by Michael Arismendez, a fast-break layup from Michael to Tanner Etheredge and a sizzling three-point shot by Etheredge. With 4:49 left in the first half, the game was now tied a 19-19.

Nazareth and Klondike traded the next couple of points. Rawlings supplied the Cougars' points from the free throw line.

A three-point bucket by Kirkland gave the Cougars a one-point edge with three minutes left tin the half.

Nazareth missed a free throw opportunity. Rawlings rebounded the shot and fed the ball upcourt. Chris Arismendez headed for the basket and made the layup. He drew the foul in the process. He sank the shot from the free throw line to give the Cougars a 27-23 lead, 2:26 on the clock.

Nazareth laid the ball in with 2:07 left in the half for their final points of the period.

Etheredge was sent to the charity stripe with 56 seconds remaining. He chipped in both attempts to give Klondike a 29-25 lead at the break.

Nazareth defense was doubleteaming Kirkland and forcing the Cougars to make some adjustments.

Klondike applied the full court pressure in the second period. The Swifts hurried their shots and M. Arismendez, Rawlings, Etheredge, and Kirkland were getting the rebounds.

Klondike controlled the first minute of the third period. Etheredge started off with a coast-to-coast jump shot. Kirkland followed up with a turn-around jumper. The score was now 33-27, Klondike.

Nazareth kept a tight lid on the inside game of Klondike. This resulted in a slower offense. The Swifts took advantage of this time to make some key rebounds. Their offense was sparked and came up with six straight points and a tie ball game 33-33 at the five minute mark.

Klondike stayed one step ahead of Nazareth, however, for the rest of the period. Etheredge and Kirkland made the shots for a 41-39 lead at the end of three full periods.

Disaster struck the Cougars in the final period. Nazareth held Klondike to one shot per trip. They court and picked up seven points. The Swifts were back on top,46-41, with 5:22 left in the game.

Kirkland cut into the drive with a shot from inside the paint. The Swifts added a free throw and the score was now 47-43 with four minutes remaining.

The Cougars worked hard on offense. They drove in for the shot and drew the fouls. Kirkland and Etheredge combined shots to pull to within one point of Nazareth, 47-46, with 2:11 showing on the game clock.

KLONDIKE (50) – M. Arismendez 1 5-5 8, C. Arismendez 2 1-4 5, Rawlings 1 2-2 4, Etheredge 5 4-4 15, Kirkland 8 1-2 18, totals 17 13-17 50

NAZARETH (55) – Braddock 2 2-2 7, Schumaker 1 3-4 5, Shilling 8 1-1 17, Hoelting 4 0-1 8, Schacher 5 2-7 12, Hoelting 2 2-2 6, totals 22 10-18 55.

KLONDIKE	10	19	12	9	– 50
NAZARETH	16	9	14	16	– 55

BSHS

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finished second running 22 seconds flat. Farr also won place in the 400-meter dash running a 50.6 in the event, and Donny Hill won third place with a time of 51.8.

In the relay events, the 400-meter relay team of Pesina, Hill, McVea and Mitchell won first place with a time of 43.1.

The 1600-meter relay team of Hill, Davis, McVea and Farr took first place finishing with 3:30.

BSHS golf

The Big Spring girls golf team placed ninth out of 14 teams in the division this weekend at the Ft. Stockton Invitational.

Big Spring had to compete without two of it varsity players, and had to bring JV players Prescilla Del Bosque and Sunny Scarbough into the invitational.

"We didn't do as well as I expected," said golf coach Mike Scarbough. "The weather was windy and cold Friday, so everyone's score were high. We did improved Saturday by 25 shots."

Kelly Hollar led the Lady Steers hitting a score of 179 overall.

Howard

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ranked team in the nation, in the regional semifinals Wednesday, instead of the tournament finals Thursday.

Gray and Howard College Athletic Director Tommy Collins were out of town this weekend and unavailable for comment, but Lady Hawks' assistant coach Jan Gray was taking the decision philosophically.

"We kind of felt like it was good and bad in different ways," she said. "We have to play McLennan instead of Cisco, who we scouted Wednesday, and then we have to face Grayson if we beat McLennan ... But the bottom line line is that we've got to beat Grayson eventually if we want to get back to nationals. We're going to have to play them one way or another."

And, if Howard makes the Region V final and finds itself facing Frank Phillips again, the recent brouhaha might give the Lady Hawks additional motivation.

"The girls are ready to play," Gray said. "They weren't really all that upset that they're not the No. 1 seed. They realize you have to play well every night to win the tournament, and they'll be ready for whoever shows up. But (if the Lady Hawks face FPC in the finals), that would be a great motivation for them heading into the game."

Snag

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tions for a game that suddenly meant everything.

Tough chore, that.

Granted, the Lady Hawks could have made things easy on themselves by winning, and they didn't. They blew a nine-point lead in the final five minutes, missing several crucial free throws down the stretch.

But this whole sordid episode could have been avoided months ago if the conference had simply clarified its tie-breaking procedures. How difficult would it have been to tell everyone – in November – how ties would be broken?

Throwing a last-minute monkey wrench into the proceedings makes the league look amateurish – and that's putting it kindly.

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'PRIDE' OF THE RANGERS



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Country singer Charlie Pride tosses a baseball after calesthenics at the Texas Rangers' traing camp in Port Charlotte, Fla. Pride, from Dallas, played in the minor leagues for the old Washington Senators and has worked out with the Rangers for the past 20 years.

Free throws cap rally to give Groesbeck 3A crown

■ UIL GIRLS

AUSTIN (AP) — Annetta Anglin hit two free throws with 2.3 seconds left to cap a dramatic fourth-quarter comeback and give Groesbeck a 63-61 victory over Slaton in the Class 3A championship game of the girls' state tournament.

Anglin's free throws came after a questionable foul called as she slashed into the lane to attempt a driving layup and made contact with Slaton's Julie Cottrell.

Slaton players thought the foul was a charge on Anglin, but the official called Cottrell for a block, and after a Slaton timeout, Anglin calmly sank both free throws, overcoming a nine-point deficit with an 18-7 surge in the final six minutes.

A full-court inbounds pass by Slaton was intercepted by Groesbeck as time expired.

Class 2A Championship
Ozona 45, Gunter 39

AUSTIN (AP) — Amber Tarr scored 19 points, including two free throws with 53.4 seconds left, to help Ozona repel a late challenge and defeat Gunter 45-39 to retain its Class 2A title.

An 11-1 run early in the fourth quarter pulled Gunter to 41-37 with 1:10 to play, but Tarr's free throws and two more by Bobbie Bryson with 20.5 ticks to play were enough to ensure victory as Gunter bombed unsuccessfully from 3-point range down the stretch.

Ozona, which starts three sophomores and defeated Cooper in last year's final, finished the year 37-2.

Gunter got a standout performance by Amy Sutton with 27 points, including four 3-pointers, as it closed the year 35-2 with a second straight tourney appearance. The Tigers lost in last year's semifinals to Cooper.

Tarr, who also had 11 rebounds in earning most valuable player honors, helped Ozona build a 40-26 lead at the end of the third quarter by scoring 10 points in the period, including a 3-pointer with five seconds left.

Class 1A Championship
Nazareth 43, Celeste 30

AUSTIN (AP) — Melinda Schmucker scored 19 points and Nazareth collected a record 13th state girls basketball title with a 43-30 victory over Celeste in the Class 1A championship game Saturday.

Nazareth (36-2) won its first 1A title since winning four straight from 1988-91 and avenged a 1993 semifinal loss to Celeste (36-3), which went on to win its second straight 1A title that year.

Schmucker, a Texas Tech signee, scored all of her team's points in a decisive 9-2 run that opened up a close game and gave Nazareth a 25-16 lead with 7:28 left in the third quarter.

Celeste, led by Christy Grady with 12 points and 14 rebounds, pulled to 28-26 on a drive by Marcey Lewis with 2:06 left in the third quarter. But Schmucker answered with a 3-pointer and Amy Pohlmeier hit two 3s, igniting a 15-4 run to close the game.

K'Lynn Gerber had 12 points for Nazareth, and Schmucker added seven rebounds in collecting most valuable player honors. She had 24 points, five rebounds, five steals and three assists in a 58-27 semifinal victory over Round Top-Carmine on Thursday.

Desert critters making their unwelcome presense noticed

■ SPRING TRAINING

The Associated Press

First it was scorpions, now bees. What's next, locusts?

Desert creatures have been making surprise appearances at spring training camps this week in Arizona.

First, a scorpion bit San Francisco shortstop Shawon Dunston on the right shoulder during during an indoor workout in Scottsdale. That same day in Tempe, California pitcher Jim Abbott was dressing for the Angels team photo when he found a scorpion in his shoe.

On Friday, a swarm of bees congregated near the middle of the infield in the sixth inning of the Angels' game against the Oakland Athletics in Tempe. The swarm sent California second baseman Rex Hudler and shortstop Brian Grebeck scrambling for the Angels' dugout.

The bees then chased fans out of the bleachers down the right-field line before settling near an exit ramp. The game resumed after a short delay, and a beekeeper was called to control the swarm.

In the seventh, Hudler singled in the go-ahead run as California beat Oakland 2-1.

Chris Turner opened the seventh with a bloop double and scored when Hudler followed with a sharp single up the middle off Billy Taylor.

Yankees 5, Indians 2

At Tampa, Fla., Albert Belle, fined $50,000 a day earlier, hit a two-run homer in his first at-bat of the spring, but the Yankees rallied to beat the Indians in the first exhibition game at Legends Field, New York's new spring training home.

Belle was fined by acting commissioner Bud Selig for a profane tirade at NBC's Hannah Storm prior to Game 3 of the World Series.

Belle homered in first on a 3-2 pitch from David Cone, a hanging slider.

Cleveland starter Orel Hershiser allowed only one hit in two innings, throwing 18 strikes in 26 pitches.

Red Sox 22, Boston College 0

At Fort Myers, Fla., Aaron Sele, a key to Boston's rotation after being sidelined most of last season, struck out four of seven batters in his first spring appearance.

He said he felt no pain in his rehabilitated right shoulder.

"It's just one little step toward pitching in the regular season," he said. "I didn't expect a setback at all, and it was a little encouraging to go out and throw free and easy."

Tigers 8, Reds 4

At Plant City, Fla., John Flaherty and Bob Higginson hit two-run homers in a game that marked the debuts of two managers.

Detroit, playing its first game under Buddy Bell, took a 7-0 lead after 4› innings behind the two homers. The Reds, playing their first game under Ray Knight, got homers from Eddie Taubensee and Mike Kelly.

Dodgers 10, Royals 4

At Haines City, Fla., Todd Hollandsworth, battling Billy Ashley for the Dodgers' starting left field job, hit a three-run homer in the sixth off Doug Linton.

Braves 4, Mets 3

At West Palm Beach, Fla., Robert Smith's two-out single in the bottom of the ninth inning scored Damon Hollins with the winning run.

Jason Schmidt, tabbed as the Braves' No. 5 starter, struck out five of the six batters he faced.

Twins 9, Pirates 6

At Fort Muers, Fla., Greg Myers, bidding to become Minnesota's starting catcher, hit a three-run homer to break open a scoreless game in the second. He has four hits and four RBIs in five spring at-bats.

Kirby Puckett had two hits and an RBI for the Twins.

White Sox 7, Rangers 2

At Sarasota, Fla., Danny Tartabull hit a two-run double in a five-run third inning.

Chicago broke open the game open against reliever Gil Heredia. Frank Thomas and Ron Karkovice added RBI singles.

Phillies 7, Blue Jays 6

At Clearwater, Fla., Lee Tinsley singled with one out in the ninth and scored on Kevin Jordan's double as Philadelphia won the opener of its 50th spring season in Clearwater.

Erik Hanson, signed by Toronto as a free agent, allowed five runs — three earned — and five hits in three innings.

Astros 6, Marlins 5

At Melbourne, Fla., Jerry Goff hit a one-out homer in the 10th inning off Mario Brito. Sean Berry and Orlando Miller both hit two-run homers for Houston.

Charles Johnson drove in three runs with two doubles for Florida.

Cubs 12, Mariners 6

At Mesa, Ariz., Ryne Sandberg doubled, walked and scored twice in the first exhibition game of his comeback.

Sammy Sosa drove in three runs with a homer and a single, Brooks Kieschnick had a three-run homer, and Mark Grace and Leo Gomez had two RBIs each for the Cubs.

Giants 12, Padres 3

At Peoria, Ariz., Cuban defector Osvaldo Fernandez allowed a three-run double in his spring debut, but his teammates scored 11 straight runs.

Rickey Henderson, San Diego's new left fielder and leadoff batter, sat out the opener, saying he needed to get more swings before playing.

Rockies 4, Brewers 0

At Tucson, Ariz., Curtis Leskanic combined with four relievers on a five-hitter.

Marvin Freeman, Steve Reed, Darren Holmes and Bruce Ruffin followed Leskanic. Milwaukee failed to advance a runner past second base and hit into two double plays.

Torrence, Johnson shine; Lewis doesn't

■ U.S. INDOOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

ATLANTA (AP) — Gwen Torrence and Michael Johnson proved they're still the best in their sprints. Carl Lewis couldn't make the same claim.

Torrence, the top female short sprinter in the world, won the 60 and 200 meters Saturday at the USA Mobil Indoor Championships. Johnson, the world's No. 1 men's long sprinter, destroyed a powerful field in the 400 for his 51st straight finals victory.

But Lewis, once the top sprinter in the world, finished last in his preliminary heat of the 60 meters.

"It's tough to stomach races like today," he said.

Torrence, a native of Decatur, Ga., delighted her home crowd of 20,173 at the Georgia Dome by winning the 60 in 7.05 seconds, then smashing the American record for the second consecutive day with a time of 20.33 in the 200.

Torrence, also the double sprint champion at tnis event in 1994, broke the 200 record of 22.70 she set in Friday's preliminaries and moved into fourth place on the all-time list. The world record is 21.87 by Merlene Ottey of Jamaica.

The only disappointment for Torrence, who also clinched the women's Mobil overall Grand Prix title and the $40,000 first prize, was not breaking seven seconds in the 60.

"I've been trying so hard to run under seven seconds," she said. "I put pressure on myself. But I feel better now that the (200) time has cracked the top 10 in the world."

Johnson, the world outdoor 200 and 400 champion who has not lost a 400 since 1989, blazed to victory in 44.66, only .03 seconds off the world record he set in these championships last year.

Competing against a field that included 1995 world indoor champion Darnell Hall and former NCAA champions Mark Everett and Derek Mills, the muscular Johnson powered his way into the lead at the halfway point in 21.07, then pulled away to win by about eight meters.

Johnson said the streak doesn't put any extra pressure on him.

"I've been facing that since 1990," he said. "I'm used to it. It's a good feeling for me. I like to be under that pressure. I like to be the one people are pointing at."

While Johnson and Torrence were the dominant performers of the 108th championships, there were several other outstanding efforts and some shocking disappointments.

Lewis, winner of eight gold medals in both the Olympics and World Championships, was last in his six-man heat in 6.77. He also finished last in a 60 final last month at Houston.

However, Lewis said he wasn't discouraged because he improved on his time at Houston (6.84) and was confident that his training would have him in good shape for the Olympic trials at Atlanta in June. There, he will compete in the 100, 200 and long jump.

Jon Drummond, ranked No. 1 in the U.S. in the 100, and No. 3 Dennis Mitchell were eliminated in the 60 semifinals, while defending champion Tim Harden did not start after entering the meet.

Donovan Powell, runner-up to Harden in last year's NCAA championships, won the race in 6.55, beating Keith Williams of St. Cloud State (Minn.) by .01 seconds. Powell set a meet record of 6.51 in the prelims, then matched it in the semis.

Mike Marsh, the Olympic 200 gold medalist, was third in the 60 in 6.60.

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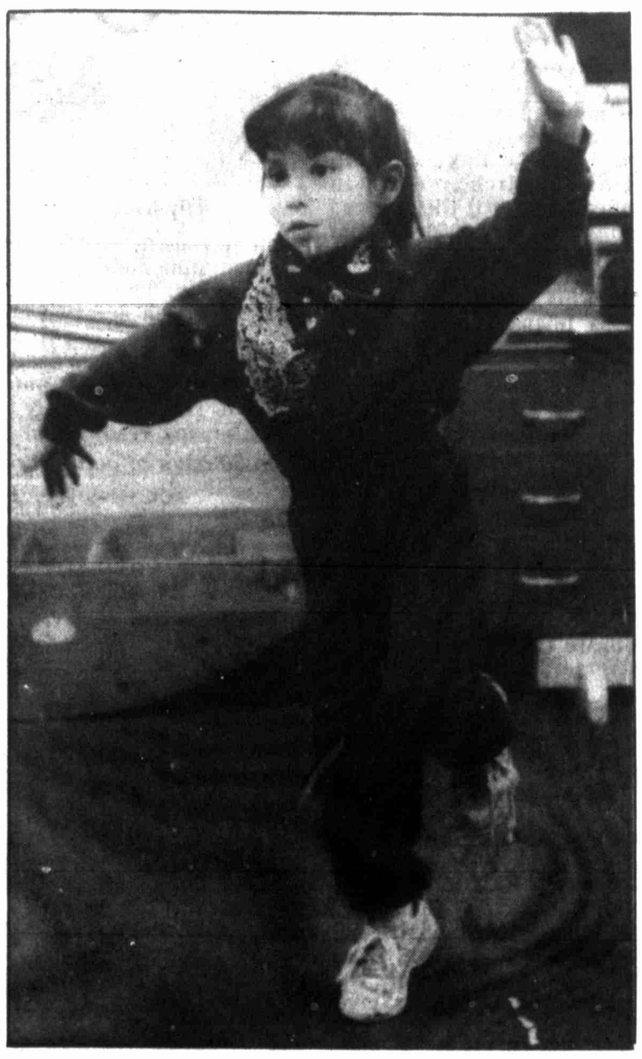
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Texas Public Schools Week

Texas Public Schools Week, Feb. 26 to March 1, gave Big Spring Independent School District a chance to showcase positive happenings at their various campuses. It was also an opportunity to show parents and the community how the children are educated.



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Desirrae Garza poses like a cactus during a song in her p.e. class at the Kindergarten Center. Garza wears a bandana for Bandana Day.



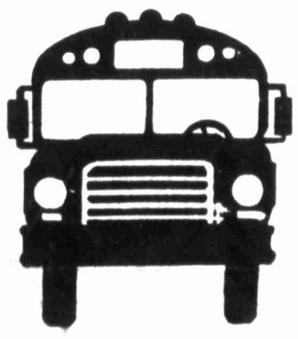
Eight schools scheduled various events throughout the week including open houses, inviting parents to eat lunch with their child or have pastries in the morning, book fairs and PTA meetings.

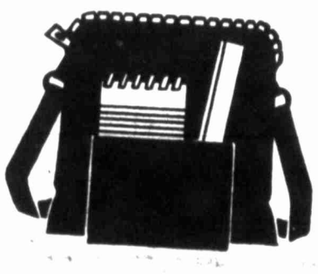
Some of the fun activities for the students included dressing up for Western Day at Moss Elementary, wearing bandanas at Anderson Kindergarten Center, wearing hearts at Bauer Magnet Elementary or listening to the band and choir at Goliad Middle School.



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Maggie Lopez takes a sip of milk while eating lunch with daughter Jennie Lopez at Moss Elementary School.

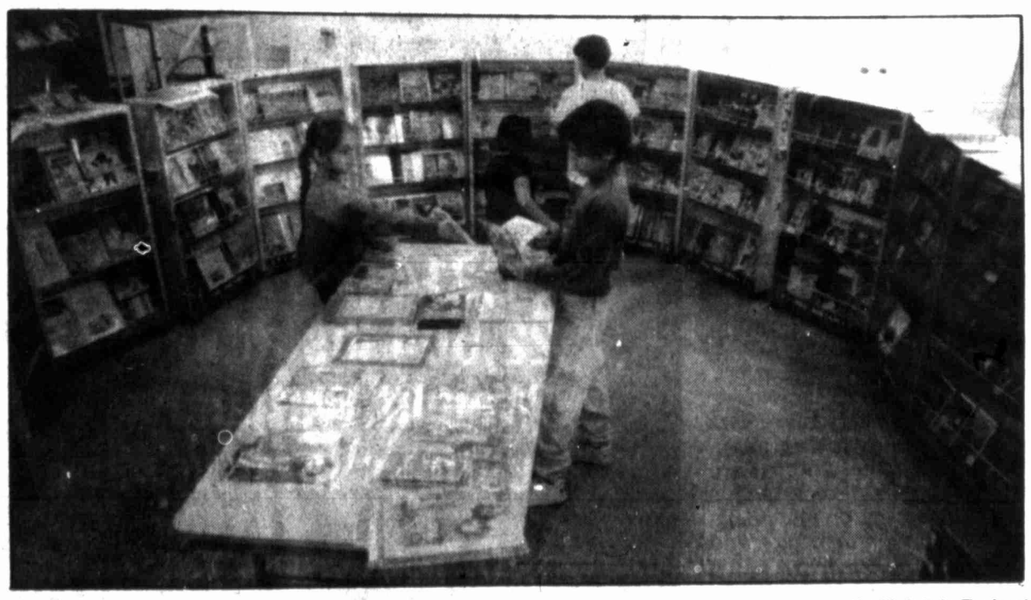






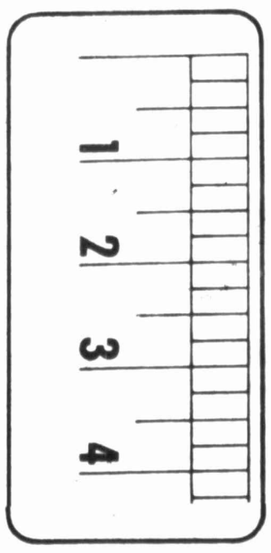


Other events included being honored for outstanding academic achievement at College Heights Elementary, wearing patriotic clothing at Kentwood Elementary, wearing DARE t-shirts at Marcy or watching a performance by the Windy City Players at Washington Elementary.



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Kids look at books for sale at a book fair in the College Heights Elementary School library.





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Porscha Knowlton and Denielle Burns wear heart shirts during Heart Day at Bauer Magnet School.

Community has chance to help others next Saturday



Barbara Morrison
Columnist

Not so long ago, a young mother allowed herself the rare luxury of indulging in symbolism. As she quietly made her way to the front of the people-filled room, she carried only a single object.

At first glance, the object didn't appear extraordinary. Why, it was only a small, white styrofoam cup. But, to see her. Oh, how that mother carried that cup - almost statuesque, as a soldier going into battle.

Determinedly, she waited her turn. Others were going before her, each inwardly involved in their own search, despair, hunger or anger. Finally, it was the mother's turn.

As she walked to the front of the room, it seemed as if she was more focused on the symbolic contents, than she was on the outward appearance of the cup. That is when the veil of understanding clarified my thoughts.

All of a sudden, the meaning of her symbolism dawned as she spoke a single whispered word. "Cancer," she said in silent triumph as she threw away the cup. She lifted her chin, straightened her shoulders and walked triumphantly away, grinning as she passed me.

"I get it," I shouted inwardly to myself. "She's asking that this cup may pass from her!" I was happy for her, for I knew her own personal story.

Cinda Stanley should feel sorry for herself. Cinda Stanley should be firmly entrenched in an avalanche of self-pity. Cinda Stanley should be in bed wailing and moaning, and asking God "Why?!" But she isn't. That's just not Stanley-style. And, I'm sorry for telling it Cinda, for I know this would embarrass you, but you can chew me out later.

Cinda's 16-year-old daughter, Meagan, was diagnosed and treated for a type of adolescent cancer many months ago. The family was joyous upon their recent visits after the year-long treatments were finished and doctors officially announced the cancer was gone. Then again, the family remained joy-driven throughout the entire experience.

Hopes were high and Meagan was excited. Her life, and the life of her family, could finally begin its way back to the normal side of the tracks. Meagan's motto throughout the ordeal, "inch by inch, life's a cinch." That's when graduate school began.

Two weeks ago, the Stanleys learned Meagan now has acute leukemia. Doctors forecast the only chance for a cure lies in a procedure called a "bone marrow transplant."

Yes, I truly believe there are angels among us...and Cinda Stanley, and Meagan...and her son Logan...and yes, even hubby Dickey, are just some of those angels. Now, I am asking the people of Big Spring, Stanton, Lamesa, Midland and everywhere else in the world to join these celestial ranks.

I've done some research and discovered being a bone marrow donor initially involves giving only a small amount of blood. The donor must be between the ages of 18 and 60, but there are many ways those outside of those age groups may contribute. The procedure involves the giving of a $20 donation, so why not give money if you can't give blood so that someone else can?

The restrictions regarding being a donor are much less stringent than those in giving blood. I found diabetics (not on insulin) may be tested. Underweight and overweight are both accepted and high blood pressure is no problem.

I was shocked to learn while Caucasians have a 60 percent chance of finding a match, minorities stand a slim chance to find a match. Because of the

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WEDDINGS

Kraus-Burt

Kathlyn Kraus, Big Spring and Russell Burt, Loraine, were united in marriage on Feb. 10, 1996, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Rev. Bob Lacey officiating.

She is the daughter of Dean Kraus, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Carter, Loraine and Mr. and Mrs. Don Burt, Merkel.

The couple stood before an altar wrapped in hay and ivy. There were burgundy bandanas tied behind bows on each side.

Given in marriage by her brother, Kit Kraus, the bride wore a white, long sleeve western-style dress with fringe around the waist and in front. The sleeves were lace and the bride also wore a white western hat with a veil as well as white western boots.

She carried a bouquet of hunter green, burgundy and white flowers with ribbons of the same colors streaming down off the arrangement.

Jerry Oliphant provided the music and James Kinman sang at the wedding.

Matron of honor was Kelly Hankins, sister of the bride, Big Spring.

Bridesmaids were Connie Harshaw, sister of the groom, Loraine, and Ashley Pierce, niece of the bride, Big Spring.

Best man was Donny Vallery, friend of the groom, Loraine.

Groomsmen were Scott McLaughlin, Roscoe, and Blake Soechting, New Braunfels.

Sammi Jo Harshaw, of Loraine and niece of the bride, served as flower girl. Levi Hester, Loraine, served as ring bearer and is a nephew of the groom.

Ushers were Dale McGallaird, Spur, and Steven McDonald, Roscoe.

MR. AND MRS. RUSSELL BURT

Derek Pierce, nephew of bride, and Levi Hester, nephew of groom, served as candlelighters.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held at Canterbury.

The bride's cake was a four-layer white cake with hunter green and burgundy roses. The centerpiece was a basket with the throw-away bouquet in it.

The groom's table was decorated with haystacks, cowboy hats and bandanas. His cake was horseshoe-shaped with cactus cookies on top.

The bride graduated from Big Spring High School and is currently attending Howard College. She is employed by St. Mary's Episcopal Retirement Homes, Inc.

The groom graduated from Loraine High School and Howard College. He is employed by Feagin's Implement.

A honeymoon is planned for a later date and the couple has made their home in Big Spring.

Coleman-Hughes

Kim Coleman and Wes Hughes, both of Ackerly, were united in marriage on Feb. 23, 1996, at Tinnie's Silver Dollar with John Hendricks, a Methodist pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Mike Welling, Ackerly.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Hughes, Big Spring.

The couple stood before fan candelabras with a large arrangement of calla lilies, larkspur and two tree candelabras.

Given in marriage by Mike Coleman, the bride wore a traditional white full gown with a ruffled long train accented with laces and beads. She carried a lace black fan with cascading calla lilies, orchids and white roses.

Matron of honor was Joanne Welling, mother of the bride, Ackerly.

Bridesmaid was Kara Hughes, groom's sister, Big Spring.

Best man was Ricky Hughes, father of the groom, Big Spring.

Groomsman was Torbin Lancaster, groom's cousin.

The reception was held at Tinnie's Silver Dollar.

The bride's cake was a traditional white three-layer cake with small black bows, calla lilies and orchids.



MRS. WES HUGHES

The groom's cake was a one-layer chocolate cake in the shape of Texas with yellow roses.

The bride is a graduate of Sands High School and is involved in ranching.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and Howard College. He is involved in farming.

The couple made a wedding trip to Ruidoso and Santa Fe, N.M. to ski. They have made their home in Ackerly.

WHO'S WHO

The College of the State Bar of Texas recognized 3,370 attorneys as certified members of the College during its Annual Awards Luncheon in Austin recently.

This distinguished group of attorneys accounts for less than 8 percent of the total number of attorneys in Texas.

To qualify for membership, attorneys must complete 80 hours of continuing legal education (CLE) within a consecutive three-year period or 45 hours during the current year. To maintain membership in the College, an attorney must complete 30 hours of CLE each year.

The following attorneys from Big Spring were honored: Robert D. Miller, Judge Robert H. Moore, III, and Clyde E. Thomas, III.

GETTING ENGAGED

Amanda Beth Sutton and George Brinton Ryan, both of Dallas, will be united in marriage on March 30, 1996, in the Frost Chapel at the First Baptist Church in Shreveport, La.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Douglas Sutton, Shreveport, La.

He is the son of George Alden Ryan and the late Virginia Wilson Ryan, Big Spring.

All photos will be disposed of if not picked up within 30 days after publication.

STORK CLUB

Cortnie Paige Cahill, Feb. 26, 1996, 2:17 p.m.; parents are Michael and Melissa Cahill, San Angelo.

Grandparents are Jim and Cheryl Cahill, Big Spring and Bobby and JoAnn Fuller, Seabrook.

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Sydnee Richelle Robles, Nov. 17, 1995, 9:54 a.m.; parents are Steve and Loretta Robles, Lamesa.

Grandparents are Santiago and Carmen Robles, Lamesa and Enrique and Alicia Gonzales, Lamesa.

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Kinsey Sue Wash, Feb. 25, 1996, 7:19 a.m.; parents are Chad and Kellie Wash.

Grandparents are Charles and Joyce Wash, Big Spring and Clinton and Sue Smith, Nacogdoches.

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Leela Katherine Schooler, 9:46 p.m. and Emmalee Rose Marie Schooler, 10:18 p.m., Feb. 27, 1996; parents are Kevan and Connie Schooler.

Grandparents are Bill and Lota Schooler, O'Donnell and Bob and Nina Barnes, El Paso. Great-grandparents are T.L. and Nell Kupper, Big Spring.

Foods to be fortified with folic acid

WASHINGTON (AP) — Most bread, flour, pasta and other food from grains must be fortified with folic acid in an attempt to prevent disabling birth defects, the Food and Drug Administration has ordered.

The department suggested the FDA make similar recommendation nationwide in 1993.

The addition means women will get about 10 percent of their daily requirement of this vital trace nutrient from every serving of these foods they eat, making it easier to consume enough to ensure a healthy pregnancy.

Eating enough folic acid is said to cut by 50 percent to 70 percent a woman's risk of having a baby with a neural tube defect, in which the brain and spinal cord form improperly.

The government recommends that all women of childbearing age consume 400 micrograms of folic acid every day.

The nutrient must be eaten six weeks before pregnancy and through the first six weeks of pregnancy, to ensure the woman's body contains enough for the period of vital spinal cord development. An estimated half of the nation's pregnancies are unplanned, meaning untold numbers of women don't get enough folic acid at critical times.

MARCH EVENTS

Here is a list of upcoming events for the month of March:

•Gem Show - March 3 at the Howard County Fairbarn. Contact Show Chairman Jerald Wilson at 264-4662 for more information.

•American Business Women's Association Membership Tea Drive is March 3 from 1-3 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

•Bone Marrow Drive - March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Garrett Hall of the First United Methodist Church. This is for the benefit of Meagan Stanley who has been diagnosed with leukemia. Call Nancy Marshall at 263-8053 for more information.

•100 Years After History Tour on March 14 at the Big Spring State Park. Learn about century-old rock carvings on Scenic Mountain and drink espresso while watching the sunset. Call 263-4931 for more information.

•Colorado City Railhead Trade Days on March 16 and 17. Arts, crafts, antiques, food and entertainment are available in downtown Colorado City at First and Main. Call 728-3403 for details.

•Old Sorehead Trade Days on March 30 and 31. Call 756-3386 for more information.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Cherokee" young, neutered male, part Siamese; sweet masked face with large blue eyes, very gentle and inquisitive.

Special note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Morris" male mature yellow tabby, round-faced and big eyes, will take charge in any household, must see to appreciate.

"Peanut Butter" friendly neutered male, lovely cream and orange coat, gold eyes, very affectionate.

"Georgia" a real peach, black tortoise-shell spayed female, sweet and very affectionate.

"Miss Cealie" young spayed female, golden/green eyes, very soft orange, gray and white calico coat, four white feet, very alert, affectionate and purrs constantly!

"Rainbow" cute spayed female long hair with white coat, black stripes and spots, very friendly.

"Jackson" neutered male adult, pretty black coat, friendly and easy-going.

These, plus many more cats and dogs are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just $45 and cats are $35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

At other homes:

Two female dogs, each six months old, half black Lab/Collie mix, have had first shots, 263-2736.

Six young outside adult cats, great mousers, 263-8904.

Outside dog: six year old poodle mix, spayed female with gray coat, loves kids, 263-0566.

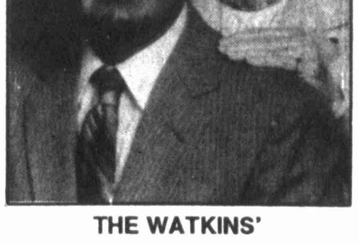
ANNIVERSARIES

Watkins

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Watkins will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, March 3, 1996, at a reception hosted by their children. All friends of the couple are invited to attend the reception, which will be held from 2 to 4 p.m. in the fellowship hall of Trinity Baptist Church.

Roy Watkins was born in Minneapolis, Minn., and Eloise Fain Watkins was born in Corsicana, Texas. Roy served in the United States Marine Corps from 1941 until 1947. He met Eloise in 1943, and they were married on March 4, 1946, in Minneapolis, Minn. They lived in Great Lakes, Ill., in Saginaw, Mich., and in Minneapolis until they moved to Big Spring in 1953. At that time Roy began working for Cosden, and he was transferred to the Fina Pt. Arthur refinery in 1983. In 1987 he retired, and he and Eloise moved back to Big Spring.

They have three daughters, Lorrie Jones of Clovis, N.M., Monica Bacon, missionary to Mexico, and Tammy Yeats of Big Spring. They have eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.



THE WATKINS'

Roy and Eloise are active members of Trinity Baptist Church. Their hobbies are traveling, sewing, reading and golf.

All photos must be picked up within 30 days of publication or they will be discarded.

Gressett

Philip and Faye Gressett will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 9, 1996, with a reception at the 14th & Main Church of Christ, from 1 to 4 p.m., hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Tom Green County, and she was born in Pueblo, Texas, as Faye Killough. They were married on March 9, 1946, in Big Spring with T.D. O'Brien officiating. They have seven children, Gary, Phylis F., Byron, Bill, Wayne and Mike Gressett, all of Big Spring. They also have 15 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

During their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Gressett have lived in Big Spring for most of their marriage and presently live in Odessa. He is retired from Cosden Oil & Chemical, and she is retired from Bell Telephone Company.



THE GRESSETTS



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ON THE MENU

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken; rice; broccoli; salad; milk/rolls; brownies.
TUESDAY - Beef tips; noodles; carrots; fruit gelatin; milk/rolls; cookies.
WEDNESDAY - Smothered steak; potatoes; squash; tossed salad; milk/rolls; cake.
THURSDAY - Catfish; potatoes; okra & tomatoes; coleslaw; milk/roll; applesauce.
FRIDAY - Turkey & dressing; sweet potatoes; mixed vegetables; waldorf salad; milk/roll; cookies.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choice; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake/sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
THURSDAY - Sausage & biscuit; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
FRIDAY - Waffle w/syrup; sausage patie; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
LUNCH
(Elementary)
MONDAY - Corn chip pie; green beans; celery sticks w/ranch dip; mixed fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Pig in a blanket; spinach; potato rounds; catsup/mustard; rosy applesauce; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers; whipped potatoes; gravy; English peas; apple; hot rolls; milk.
THURSDAY - Crispy chicken sandwich; lettuce & tomatoes; potato wedge; catsup/mustard/mayo; peach cobbler; milk.
FRIDAY - Fish nuggets; catsup; potato salad; black eye peas; fruit freeze bar; corn bread; milk.
LUNCH
(Secondary)
MONDAY - Corn chip pie or chicken salad on lettuce; green beans; celery stick w/ranch dip; mixed fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Pig in a blanket or hamburger steak w/gravy; spinach; potato rounds; catsup/mustard; rosy applesauce; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Steak fingers; whipped potatoes; gravy; English peas; or chef salad w/dressing; crackers; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Crispy chicken sandwich; lettuce & tomatoes; or beef fajitas; salsa/sour cream/cheese; salad; potato wedges; peach cobbler; milk.
FRIDAY - Fish nuggets; catsup; or baked ham; potato salad; black-eyed peas; fruit freeze bar; corn bread; milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Fruit danish; milk; juice.
TUESDAY - Cereal; milk; juice.
WEDNESDAY - Bagel;milk; juice.
THURSDAY - Breakfast pizza.
FRIDAY - Donuts; milk; juice.

LUNCH
MONDAY - Corn dogs w/mustard; bake beans; macaroni & cheese; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Fried chicken; mashed potatoes w/gravy; green beans; hot rolls; jello; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Frito pie; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY - St. fingers w/gravy; slice potatoes; June pea w/carrots; hot rolls; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Fish w/tarter sauce; ranch style beans; salad; fried batter bread; milk.

GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; gravy; green beans; mashed potatoes; peaches; rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti w-meat sauce; tossed salad; butter carrots; brownie; garlic bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bake ham; scalloped potatoes; corn; hot rolls; apple betty; milk.
THURSDAY - Barbeque on bun; French fries; pinto beans; cookie; milk.
FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL

FORSAN SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - French toast; syrup; sausage; juice;milk.
WEDNESDAY - Bacon/eggs; biscuits; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Muffins; butter; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak fingers; gravy; mashed potatoes; broccoli/cheese; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Western casserole; corn; salad; peaches & creme; crackers; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Sloppy Jo; French fries; salad; pickles/onions; apple cobbler; milk.
THURSDAY - Stew; corn; corn bread/crackers; cookies & creme; milk.
FRIDAY - Soft burritos; Ranch style beans; salad/cheese; fruit; milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; little smokies; juice/milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice/milk.
WEDNESDAY - Oatmeal; sausage; juice/milk.
THURSDAY - Eggs; biscuits; juice/milk.
FRIDAY - Muffin; breakfast patty; juice/milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak; mashed potatoes; green peas; peaches; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Tuna sandwich; chips; fruit; carrots; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Sloppy joes; fries; pickle; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Hot dogs; vegetarian beans; potato salad; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Turkey & noodles; green beans; fruit; crackers; milk.

Cholesterol screening may not be needed

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Tens of millions of Americans without a high risk of heart disease do not need cholesterol screening, an association of doctors said in a break with most other experts.

The American College of Physicians, which represents 85,000 internal medicine specialists, is urging doctors not to screen men younger than 35, women younger than 45 and men or women 65 or older, unless they have clear risk factors such as high blood pressure or a family history of heart disease.

The group's guidelines, which drew sharp criticism, were published in last Friday's edition of the Annals of Internal Medicine.

The researchers, citing concerns that some people might receive unnecessary prescriptions, said there is no proof that lower cholesterol levels cut the risk of heart disease for low-risk age groups.

"Our great concern is that if you screen young people and start them on drugs, that you'll expose them for many years to the inconvenience and risk of therapy without corresponding benefits," said Dr. Alan Garber, a Stanford University professor and co-author of the new guidelines.

Government experts and heart specialists said the guidelines would deny people the chance to live healthier lives.

"Basically what they're saying is physicians can't be trusted, because they're all going to jump to drugs. That's not the evidence," said Dr. James Cleeman, coordinator of the National Cholesterol Education Program.

The NCEP recommends cholesterol screening for anyone 20 or older. The American College of Physicians, the nation's largest medical-specialty group with 85,000 internists, previously recommended testing everyone between the ages of 20 and 70.

Garber, who wrote the guidelines with Warren Browner of the University of California at San Francisco, said lowering cholesterol prolongs the lives only of people in age groups with an annual heart disease death rate of 3 percent.

Fewer than 1 percent of middle-aged men and even fewer women fit into that category, Garber's paper says.

"Because the short-term risk for developing coronary heart disease is low in this group, even among persons with an elevated blood cholesterol level, the potential benefits of cholesterol reduction are small," the paper says.

Garber said clinical trials have not focused on people younger than 35 or older than 65, and so there is little evidence drug therapy can help them. Heart drugs may pose side effects, he said, and some have been linked to cancer in rats.

Tulane University Medical Center's Chancellor John C. LaRosa said cholesterol tests are inexpensive and that only 5 percent of the under-35 population take heart drugs.

"I'm surprised at the ACP," LaRosa said. "I think they were sold the position that this was cost-effective and they want to be seen as a cost-effective organization."

"It's not hysteria to be prudent about recognizing risk factors and treating them," he said, adding that there is evidence heart disease can be prevented decades in advance.

The American Heart Association and National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute denounced the guidelines, which were approved in March by the college's 26-member Board of Regents.

Games and munchies go together

Scripps Howard News Service

Here are some suggestions on what to serve during the college basketball tournaments, also known as March Madness.

The bean dip is made with pinto beans, corn and Mexican seasonings. it's topped with sour cream, baked till hot and bubbly and served with crunchy tortilla chips.

Dried-tomato almond tapenade is simple to make and can be prepared in advance. Any of this sophisticated spread that's left over can be kept refrigerated for a few weeks.

Serve on crackers, toasted French bread slices and raw vegetables, or use as a spread on turkey, chicken or tuna sandwiches.

LAYERED PINTO BEAN DIP
For bean layer:
2 (15-ounce) cans pinto beans, rinsed and drained
4 green onions, cut into 1-inch pieces
4 teaspoons fresh lime juice
1/4 cup sour cream
Corn-cheese layer:
1-1/2 cups cooked corn, well drained
1-1/2 cups (6 ounces) shredded jalapeno Jack cheese
1/2 cup chopped red bell pepper
3 tablespoons chopped fresh cilantro
1/2 teaspoon chili powder
1/2 teaspoon ground cumin
1/8 teaspoon pepper
Top layer:
1-1/4 cups sour cream
Tortilla chips
Heat oven to 325 degrees.

Place half the beans, onions and lime juice in bowl of food processor or blender; cover. Puree until smooth. Spoon into a 2-quart rectangular baking dish and stir in remaining half of beans and sour cream; spread evenly in bottom of dish.

For the corn-cheese layer, combine all ingredients; mix well. Spread over bean layer.

For top layer, spread sour cream over corn-cheese layer.

Sprinkle with ground pepper for a nice look. Bake 15 to 20 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serve immediately with tortilla chips.

DRIED TOMATO-ALMOND TAPENADE
2 cups (3 ounces) dried-tomato halves
Hot water for reconstituting
2/3 cup whole natural almonds (see note)
1/3 cup water
2-1/4-ounce can sliced black olives, drained
3 tablespoons olive oil
1 tablespoon dried basil
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 large garlic cloves, chopped
Salt to taste

In a bowl, cover tomatoes with hot water; set aside at least 15 minutes to soften.

Meanwhile, place almonds in bowl of food processor fitted with steel blade; process, pulsing on and off until coarsely chopped. Remove almonds; set aside.

Drain reconstituted tomatoes; add to the bowl of the food processor with the remaining ingredients except the almonds and salt. Process until almost smooth, pulsing on and off and scraping down the sides of the bowl, as needed. Add chopped almonds; pulse on and off to blend thoroughly. Season with salt.

Serve with baguette slices, crackers and raw vegetables. Can be refrigerated, covered, up to two weeks. Bring to room temperature before serving.

Note: To toast almonds, spread in an ungreased baking pan. Place in a 350- degree F oven and bake 5 to 10 minutes or until almonds are lightly brown; stir once or twice to assure even browning and watch carefully to avoid burning. Note that almonds will continue to brown slightly after removing from oven.

Bone

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few people wiling to donate, African Americans only have a 7 percent chance and Native Americans only a 5 percent chance of finding a match.

Consequently, during the upcoming drive, which will be Saturday, March 9 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Garrett Hall in the First United Methodist Church, 400 Scurry, minorities will be tested for free. (By the way, folks, Hubby and I will both be there waiting in line).

As for the pain idea...and I have heard from many people they are afraid, allow me to put it this way. While I am assured there is little pain involved if a person is lucky enough to have the registry notify them they are a match, it is a chance we must take if we are truly a loving community.

And, I am sure the pain would be much greater to look into a person's eyes and tell them, "I'm sorry, but I'm afraid to give the gift of life to you." Please, may that be a cup that passes from us all.

Editor's Note: Barbara Morrison may be reached at 267-7960 for anyone who has questions about the bone marrow drive.

ANNOUNCING THE NEXT
Senior Citizen's Retirement and Financial Planning Info Seminar
Free Admission For Those 60 Years & Older
$200 Charge For Under 60
Thursday, March 7, 10 AM-11:15 AM
Tumbleweed Room
Student Union Building
Howard College
With lecturer from The Senior Financial Services



Perry Clark
Retirement Counselor

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Horsehead Crossing at Pecos River is full of history



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

Tiny lead balls and shell casings are buried beneath the surface at Horsehead crossing on the Pecos River. The old ammunition fragments indicate the violent nature of the place.

Metal detectors uncover old military buttons and other paraphernalia used by the people who spent time at the site.

Bill Boyd, a deputy sheriff in Crane, has a big interest in Horsehead crossing. "Back in the mid 1800's, it was an immigrants' trail west. Gold seekers headed for California crossed the Pecos here. People fleeing the Civil War used it. Comanche Indians used it on their raids into Northern Mexico. It was on the Butterfield Stage route. It was on the Goodnight-Loving cattle trail for approximately 12 years. Countless other people depended on it because it was an important spot on the international highway of its day," Boyd said.

It was important because of the ease in crossing the Pecos, which cut deep canyons as it traversed across the desert. The high cliffs made access to the river extremely dangerous. But at Horsehead crossing, the ground had a gentle slope into the river.

At this spot, the Pecos was 80 feet wide and three to four inches deep, with fast moving water.

"It's kind of a lonesome place today, but in the ground you can find physical evidence of those times. The number of pistol caps, rifle balls and other munitions that were expected in this general area shows it to be a violent place.

"The military used the route to travel between forts and on various campaigns against Indians.

"The soldiers camped at Horsehead quite a bit between the 1840's and 1880's, based on the items we've found," Boyd added.

The crossing was a popular spot for outlaws and Indians. Boyd continued, "Many trail herds were taken right here. The outlaws or Indians would hide in the brush and when the wagon trains or herds of cattle stopped here to rest, the outlaws or Indians would attack. Theft and murder were commonplace here in those days."

> Indians would steal horses in Mexico, drive them real hard to this spot and the horses would be so thirsty they would literally drink themselves to death.
> **Bill Boyd**

It was named Horsehead crossing because of the number of horse skeletons found at the site. "Indians would steal horses in Mexico, drive them real hard to this spot and the horses would be so thirsty they would literally drink themselves to death.

"The water is salty here, too. Some of the immigrants arranged those skulls to mark the crossing area. There were plans to build a bridge here, but the outbreak of the Civil War put that to rest," Boyd explained.

Joe Allen of Crane loves to spend time at the crossing. He grew up in Crane and became superintendent of schools there. He has always been interested in Crane County history.

Allen said, "I came out here with Bill and we started looking for Indian artifacts.

"We've filled up a couple of cabinets in the Crane museum with things we've found here. We've also explored the trail and can walk it for miles. We've even found some deep ruts still visible."

Horsehead Crossing is 12 miles west of Castle Gap, a huge landmark in the mountains of Upton County. Castle Gap was the gateway to the American West. It was also a good place to be ambushed by outlaws or Indians.

There is a legend of buried treasure at both Castle Gap and Horsehead Crossing. "We're not treasure hunters," said Joe.

"We've certainly not found any valuable treasure, but we have found treasure as we see it in the artifacts we've found. They really don't have much value, other than the story they tell and that's extremely valuable to us."

Reviews of slick political book and a thriller

Scripps Howard News Service

ABSOLUTE POWER. By David Baldacci. Warner Books. 470 pages. $22.95.

WHITE STAR. by James Thayer. Simon & Schuster. 303 pages. $22.

The president is a ladies man. Partial to married women. That old "never complain, never explain" outlook. And a powerful man needn't worry about married women selling their stories to the ragsheets.

So he finds himself in the sack of an extraordinarily wealthy and influential older man's trophy wife, in a house that is supposed to be empty. Mr. Prez has a propensity for violence, and she hates being slapped around. Suddenly she is on him with a knife. It is poised three inches from the president's chest when he yells. Secret Service to the rescue. They blow her away.

So how do any of them explain to her husband, to Congress, to the country, to the world financial markets how all this came to happen, even if their job is to protect The Man?

The dirty deeds and coverup are but half their problem.

Little do they know as they sanitize the room that there is an improbable witness behind a one-way mirror that adds a dimension to the marital relationship in that house. It's a professional burglar who has been casing the joint for weeks, waiting for the household to leave for an extended period.

But they soon guess. And these Secret Service folk who started out as earnest nice guys become sociopathic goons, such nasty yeggs the author finishes with a statement praising the Secret Service.

The decisions these fictitious agents made, he says, "were decisions any one of us might have made if confronted with the total destruction of all we have worked for."

Maybe. Maybe not. Theirs was the kind of secret that's tough to keep. I'm not sure, in reality, that someone wouldn't have reported the incident, or dropped a dime on a buddy in another agency to spur some proper action.

That aside, there are a couple of good guys who outflank the killer sociopaths in various ways in scenes written as though for a television or movie camera. The bad guys eventually get comeuppances. And for Baldacci, a made-for-TV story line.

I disliked "Absolute Power" because of its slickness, because I hated most of the people in it, and because I was grossed out by someone undermining the institutions of the body politic, fictionally, just to make a buck.

The final author's note suggests Baldacci knew just how thin was the ice on which he trod.

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When Owen Gray was on a mission in Vietnam — stalking, low to the earth, rapt with the danger — he was incapable of contemplation that took him more than eight inches above the ground. He might lie on his belly for two days waiting for the mark ... he thought of nothing else.

It is now years later. Vietnam is behind him. Owen Gray has a job, three adopted children and a sweetheart. Enter a mad Russian, well, an angry and obsessed Russian, Nikolai Trusov, whom Gray had winged in 'Nam. He steals Gray's sharpshooter rifle from a Marine Corps museum and goes about sniping at people until it becomes clear to Gray that he and he alone can settle this score with a rematch.

It turns out stalking is like bicycle-riding. You do it once and do it well and you don't forget. Thayer's snipers and survivors duel it out in the wilderness of Idaho, stalking one another, setting up traps for one another to make this testosterone-and-suspense-ridden, very bloody novel a page-turning, nightmare-inducing triumph.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Cadet Rawley M. Mims has been placed on the Dean's List at the U.S. Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., for academic excellence with a 3.0 or better grade point average at the end of the semester.

Mims is the son of Rickey D. and Brenda E. Mims of Stanton. He is a 1993 graduate of Grady High School, Lenorah.

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Marine Pfc. James L. Saint, son of Steve Westbrook, Big Spring, recently reported for duty with 2nd Combat Engineer Battalion, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C.

The 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

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Jamie Olivarez has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland.

Olivarez, a senior at Big Spring High School, reported to Fort Benning, Ga., for military basic training on Jan. 19, 1996.

He is the son of Freddy and Amy Olivarez, Big Spring.

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Navy Petty Officer 2nd Class Mikeal B. Adams recently reported for duty at Enlisted Personnel Management Center, New Orleans.

He is the son of Don D. and Vonseth B. Adams, Snyder.

The 1985 graduate of Snyder High School joined the Navy in February 1990.

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Army Pvt. Mario A. Cavazos has graduated from the light wheeled vehicle mechanic course at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

Cavazos is the son of Eva B. Cavazos of Big Spring.

YOU SCARED ME



Herald photo by Tim Appel

From behind her "fortress," Amanda Hepner acts scared by the movements of a robotic Riley Brooks as the two were playing in their kindergarten class at Elbow Elementary School.

Sculptor brings history to life

AMARILLO (AP) — The blast of cannons, the cries of anguish from wounded soldiers, the thunder of horses' hooves rumbling into a battle charge — these are the imaginary sounds that have made Jim Man's sculpting business a worldwide success.

Man is the 35-year-old owner of LeMan's Collection, an Amarillo business that produces and distributes lifelike, metal figurines representing historical battles from America's past.

Sculpted from pewter and lead, connoisseurs of Man's prized work often pay up to $8,000 for an entire set of Civil War figures, complete with accessory pieces like cannons, tents, earthen ramparts, wooden fences and other items to make the three-dimensional landscape complete.

"Even though we're the best, we're also the most expensive," Man said. "We outsell other manufacturers three-to-one, but still, it's a fickle market. Only one out of 100,000 people will purchase a complete set."

Besides Civil War figures, the LeMan's Collection offers a set of cowboys and Indians, models from the American Revolution, aircraft from World War II, game hunters, carousel horses, hunter-jumper sets and 1920s golfers.

Man insists that his collections remain within American themes.

Man started his business six years ago after a search for high-quality, hand-painted soldiers proved most unfruitful. On the advice of a friend who happened to be in the business, Man decided to produce his own high-caliber line. Each item is signed and numbered.

He said toy soldiers were a hobby of his since childhood, and that providing a quality, realistic line of sculptures was a natural, but difficult transition.

"I've starved to death until the last year-and-a-half," Man said. "It's taken me six years to become an overnight success, and I work 80 hours a week."

The LeMan's Collection is now sold in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C., Disney World, Opryland in Tennessee, Horchows's retail stores, 65 collectible stores nationwide, and through two global toy soldier catalogs.

Locally, Man's figurines are sold at Top Notch Outfitters and Suzanne's.

Man was also commissioned to provide a battle scene for the Confederate Research Center and Museum in Atlanta.

Man locally employs nine people to produce his line, and retains a representative in the northeastern U.S. and one in the southeastern U.S.

He said he markets to people between the ages of 30 and 50, "who have a pretty decent disposable income, but I've got some kids who save up their allowance to buy one, and then they keep them under lock and key."

Man said his biggest markets are in Europe and South America; Texas and the southwestern U.S. are his worst markets.



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We are currently seeking input from our readers to begin a recipe page to run on the second Wednesday of each month beginning in April.

The recipes can be ones you created or ones passed down from generation to generation.

If you have any recipes you would like to see published, please submit them to the Herald office at 710 Scurry or mail them to: P.O. Box 1431; Big Spring, Texas; 79721; attention: Kellie Jones.

Submissions for the first recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than April 1. It is scheduled for April 10.

For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331.



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- Have the child locate the Real Estate Section, Houses For Sale, read the advertisements, noticing what information is included in them.
- Now, have them write an ad selling their school. Remember the more creative the ad the more people will notice "Your Ad" as oppose to others. ENJOY!

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Stenholm not happy, reluctantly helps U.S. House pass farm bill 270-155

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The nations two million farmers have a farm bill thanks to a 270-155 vote by the U.S. House Thursday.

Seventeenth District Congressman Charles Stenholm was one of the "yes" votes to pass the Agricultural Market Transaction Act legislation, which replaces traditional crop subsidies with a system of fixed payments.

The U.S. Senate passed their version of a farm bill in early February.

"Despite my serious reservations about this bill, I recognize that the nation's two million farmers need a policy in place on which to make their 1996 planting decisions," Stenholm said.

He added Thursday, "By voting for a farm bill today, the process will continue moving along and, hopefully, some of the problems with this bill can be worked out in conference with the Senate."

The House narrowly rejected amendments to eliminate government support programs for peanuts and sugar. Stenholm successfully stopped the House effort to eliminate the marketing loan program for cotton.

Unfortunately, according to Stenholm's office, the House rejected the Gunderson dairy compromise, which would have provided stability to dairy products.

"I could at least understand the point of eliminating subsidies if there was a level playing field for our producers in the international marketplace," Stenholm said.

He added, "It's foolish to think our producers can somehow compete without our government standing shoulder to shoulder with them when foreign governments so heavily subsidize our competitors."

Stenholm also introduced amendments in the form of a Democratic substitute to provide $3.5 billion for what will be called a Fund for Rural America.

"If the federal government is going to withdraw from its partnership with the American farmer, investments need to be made in rural America to ease this transition. We proposed to increase the USDA's authority to make improvements in rural infrastructure for water delivery and sewage disposal, research, education, extension, insurance and conservation," he said.

Stenholm's substitute also included provisions to provide oil seed loan rates and retain permanent farm law providing for permanent farm support authority. This block of amendments was rejected by the House.

Also defeated by the House was a Stenholm amendment that would have replaced the provisions of the bill with a modified version of the Senate farm bill in an effort to expedite the final enactment of policy on which farmers could plan for the current crop year.

Stenholm said, "House action improves the bill and gives us a good basis from which to further improve this legislation in conference."

Environmentalists strike out at House farm bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas farmers would receive nearly $3.3 billion of a $35.6 billion nationwide allocation guaranteed to past subsidy recipients under the seven-year farm bill rewrite that's before the House, an environmental group says.

Environmental Working Group, in an analysis issued Tuesday, criticized the "Freedom to Farm" bill the House is debating this week. The Senate earlier this month passed its own overhaul designed to wean farmers off government assistance by providing declining lump-sum payments.

Texas would rank second only to Iowa in terms of total estimated farm payments over seven years, EWG said. Texas cotton producers would receive the biggest chunk, $1.3 billion; followed by wheat producers, $579 million; sorghum producers, $514 million; and rice growers, $432 million.

Under the now-expired farm bill, Texas producers shared $2.7 billion in subsidies between 1990 and 1994.

The environmental group is attacking the House bill's promise of continued largesse for a relatively small number of subsidy recipients — some of whom don't farm now — while saying little is being done to protect the small family farmer or improve the rural environment.

"If 'Freedom to Farm' becomes law, Congress will be sending out checks for $35.6 billion, written against your account, taxpayer, to a handful of Americans who will qualify for 'Freedom to Farm' payments over the next seven years," said EWG president Kenneth A. Cook.

The top 2 percent of subsidy recipients nationwide could collect 22 percent of the money, the group said, basing its estimate on an analysis of records of the nation's 1.38 million subsidy recipients. That would work out to an average $281,000 per recipient over seven years.

The top 2 percent of Texas subsidy recipients — 2,127 producers — would share $713 million, for an average payment of $335,000, the group estimated.

Drafters of the legislation, which has had a turbulent history, tout the bill as a money-saver that provides more flexibility to growers.

It would end decades-old programs that guarantee a minimum price for major crops but impose controls on how many acres farmers can plant and in what crops. Instead; the linkage and controls would end, with farmers getting a lump sum payment that would decline over seven years.

House Agriculture Committee Chairman Pat Roberts, R-Kan., said the environmental group's criticisms were a rehash of earlier complaints.

"I've got a question for Ken Cook: Why is the most consistent and vocal critic of the current farm program not supporting the most fundamental reform of the farm program since the Great Depression?" Roberts asked.

"I guess if you make your living as a dragonslayer, you don't want to slay the last dragon."

By the Agriculture Department's latest estimates, if the now-expired farm bill were extended, the federal government would pay out $12.2 billion in subsidies over seven years — vs. the $35.6 billion locked in under the GOP blueprint, EWG said.

"Insiders know that 'Freedom to Farm' is not a budget cut," the study said. "It's an incredibly lucrative, seven-year subsidy handout for farmers, especially big farmers."

But the House Agriculture Committee's top Republican aide, Gary Mitchell, took issue with the Agriculture Department's forecast, noting that past ones have fallen far short of the mark.

SEE THE WORLD!



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Places and Pleasures owner Barbara Couch is standing next to several of her many travel brochures. Couch recently became the new owner of the Big Spring travel agency.

Southwest Texas State to shut down Aquarena Springs

SAN MARCOS, (AP) — Ralph the Swimming Pig has taken his last lap around Aquarena Springs after getting a pink slip from the Texas University System Board of Regents.

The board has voted to convert Aquarena Springs from a theme park to "educational and general uses," ending the swimming swine's 30-year run at the headwaters of the San Marcos Springs.

"The regents took this action because the university can't afford to lose any more money at Aquarena Springs," Southwest Texas State spokesman Mark Hendricks told the San Antonio Express-News.

Aquarena Springs stopped charging admission Monday. Sky rides, underwater shows and bird shows will cease Friday, officials said.

Public reaction to the regents' decision has ranged from outrage to ecstasy, said the park's acting general manger, Ron Coley.

"We received an offer Monday from someone who wanted to buy Ralph and barbecue him," he said.

The two pigs that had played Ralph were returned to their owner.

The regents took the action last Friday after rejecting four proposals from companies to manage the park, which the university bought for $7 million in 1994.

"The regents have tried to determine what's in the best interest of the university, community and the environment," university president Jerome Supple said in a prepared statement.

The decision means 200 fewer summer jobs at the park and possibly the loss of $107,000 in combined tax revenues to school, city and county coffers.

The university will continue to run the park, hotel, restaurant and golf course. In September the university cancelled its contract with Professional Food Service Management.

The winter staff of 150 will stay on the payroll.

Last year, about 150,000 people visited the resort that opened in 1947 on Spring Lake at the headwaters of the San Marcos Springs. Far more people patronized the golf course and Pepper's at the Falls restaurant.

But Southwest Texas State had lost $1.4 million running the park at the time the management company was dismissed, said Hendricks. Operations since have been streamlined — including the closing of the cafe — to reduce losses.

San Marcos Mayor Kathy Morris said she was "extremely disappointed" by the regents' action, which conflicts with plans announced when the university bought the theme park.

"They assured the community they would keep it as a tourist attraction," she said.

Graffiti means business for San Antonio firm

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — When street gangs or a lone vandal scrawl their graffiti across a shopping center wall, the business owner sees red.

Entrepreneur Andrew Taylor sees dollar signs.

His company, American Graffiti, is cashing in on the desire of merchants, landlords and others to get rid of the unsightly spray-paint scribble graffiti artists leave behind.

Thanks to growth in graffiti vandalism, business is brisk.

"Graffiti as an industry for the past ten years has grown 100 percent a year," said Taylor, 35, who has seen his client base and revenues multiply since starting his company in 1992.

Last year, Taylor began franchising.

American Graffiti now has operations in Austin, Houston, Las Vegas and Reno, Nev. Other franchises have been sold and are to open soon in Dallas and Hawaii. Taylor has commitments for franchises in the Rio Grande Valley, Albuquerque, New Orleans and Wisconsin. His goal is to have 20 franchises open this year and 30 more in 1997.

What makes his graffiti removal company stand out in the relatively small field is his reliance on an environmentally sensitive cleanup method using baking soda and his company's monitoring of businesses for any new graffiti "hits," Taylor said.

"We are pioneering an industry," he said. "Nobody really comes close to doing what we do."

Gross sales at American Graffiti in San Antonio have increased from $55,000 Taylor's first year of business to $320,000 for 1995. Taylor said he expects to do $500,000 this year.

Grocery stores, banks and health clinics have signed on as clients.

Taylor also does about $5,000 worth of community service work each year.

When vandals slaughtered a Comal County student's show steer last month and scribbled graffiti on his house, American Graffiti cleaned up the markings at no charge.

Taylor began contemplating graffiti removal in 1991 when a visiting friend noted there wasn't much graffiti downtown near the River Walk.

The next year, Taylor entered a licensing arrangement with a California graffiti removal firm that used sandblasting and other traditional methods. The arrangement lasted three months.

Then Taylor formed American Graffiti. He began bringing a water truck and yard blower to job sites. He also wanted an efficient way to use Armex, a baking soda-based cleaning and coating substance produced by Arm & Hammer.

Over a six pack of beer one night in his garage, Taylor used plumbing parts to create a pressure washer attachment for use with Armex.

Taylor's company signed an agreement for Arm & Hammer's distribution unit to sell his device to others for industrial cleaning, paint removal or other purposes.

American Graffiti also has started offering other environmentally friendly products — like a coating to protect surfaces from graffiti and a mild cleaner for such interior surfaces as bathrooms and school lockers. His business also has branched out into offering other services in addition to graffiti removal, like painting and cleaning.

But approximately 100 businesses in San Antonio regularly use American Graffiti.

After removing the initial markings, American Graffiti workers patrol the client's business about once a week checking for any new signs of defacing. It new graffiti is found, the company cleans it up.

One of the sites American Graffiti monitors is a historic aqueduct that has operated since the Spanish colonial era of the 1700s.

Alamo city to begin $43 million hotel facelift

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Adam's Mark officials say renovations should begin soon for a new $43-million hotel here they say will provide hundreds of new jobs.

Fred S. Kummer III, general manager of Adam's Mark in Houston, said the company has targeted an early-spring opening.

Kummer and his father, the president and chief executive officer of St. Louis, Mo.-based HBE Corp., said they knew San Antonio was a must for the chain's next luxury hotel.

The two Kummers spoke at a Wednesday news conference to reveal more details about the project.

The newest Adam's Mark will be located at 430 Soledad St. in what formerly was the tower for National Bancshares Corp. The 312-foot towered hotel will feature 410 rooms and 27,000 square-feet of meeting space.

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

FAST TRACK

Stroh to takeover rival Heileman

DETROIT (AP) — Stroh Brewery Co., the nation's fourth-largest brewer, said today that it has agreed to buy the financially troubled G. Heileman Brewing Co. Inc., the fifth-largest beer maker whose brands include Old Style, Lone Star and Rainier beers.

The sale price was not disclosed, but Stroh will assume Heileman's debts and issue stock and other securities in exchange for Heileman's stock and bonds. Stroh said it hopes to complete the deal by July 1.

"We are extremely pleased to be acquiring Heileman, said Stroh president and chief executive William L. Henry. "The combination of the companies' employees, high-quality brand portfolios and strategically located breweries will create significant strengths."

Heileman's brands also include Special Export, Henry Weinhard, Schmidt's, Champale, Colt 45 and Mickey's.

Stroh will take over Heileman's five breweries, located in LaCrosse, Wis.; Baltimore; Portland, Ore.; Seattle and San Antonio, Texas, it said.

HOUSTON (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp. today said it will step up promotional programs and reduce prices on selected products to achieve lagging first-quarter sales goals.

"While we expected seasonally slower sales in January, February sales have not met anticipated growth levels," Eckhard Pfeiffer, president and chief executive officer, said. "Although we have no additional evidence of a market slowdown, we do see a higher level of competitive pressure, especially in North America."

The company, the world's largest supplier of personal computers, reporting 1995 sales of $14.8 billion, will announce first quarter resuts in April.

Texas Ins. plans Taiwan chip factory

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Texas Instruments-Acer Inc. will spend as much as $1.3 billion to $1.5 billion to build its third memory chip factory in Taiwan, a company executive said Friday.

The latest project will be located in a government-backed science park in southern Taiwan. Construction will begin at the end of the year.

TI-Acer has reserved enough space in the park for three factories, said Lora Ho, financial controller of TI-Acer.

The company, a joint venture of Texas Instruments Inc. and Acer Inc. of Taiwan, will make an initial investment of $150 million to build the factory's structure.

The company recently broke ground on its second factory, which is scheduled to begin production of 16-megabit memory chips in early 1997 and will progress to 64-megabit chips later.

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Rulings:

C.R. Sutton vs. Mimms Sutton, disposed-judgment-other.
Christy Lynn Rains vs. Richard Wayne Rains, disposed-family law.
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MASTERPIECE !



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Robin Flohr, hairstylist at B'Dazzled, applies her creative expertise to Keitha Van Ness. B'Dazzled is at 1307 Gregg St.

Pickens avoids Rainwater takeover

NEW YORK (AP) — The struggle for control of Mesa Inc. came to an apparent conclusion today with an investment of $265 million from Rainwater Inc. that will allow Boone Pickens to remain at the helm.

Fort Worth, Texas-based Rainwater Inc., headed by investor Richard Rainwater, will buy $133 million of Mesa's convertible preferred shares and agreed to buy another $132 million of the shares. Rainwater will help Mesa refinance any debt not paid off with the stock proceeds.

The influx of money to refinance Mesa's debt will mean Rainwater will own about 63.6 percent of Mesa's common stock, assuming the conversion of the preferred shares to common shares. Rainwater could own 70.6 percent of the company after four years.

That means Texas oilman Pickens, once known as a takeover investor himself, has a friend of 15 years for support.

"We're obviously very happy about it. I'm delighted that I have a large shareholder that is a friend that I know well," Pickens said.

Rainwater and Kenneth A. Hersch, Rainwater Inc.'s chief investment officer, will be named to Mesa's board. Pickens will remain as chairman and chief executive officer.

Pickens gained a reputation as a corporate raider in the 1980s, but the recent bid for control of his own company had left him struggling with investors Dennis R. Washington and Marvin Davis.

Washington and Davis, who together own 9.4 percent of Mesa's common stock, had sought to force Mesa management to make a move to improve the company's financial position and stock price.

Agriculture guest worker program not needed in U.S.

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's no need for Congress to reinstate a program allowing Mexicans and other foreign nationals into the United States as temporary agricultural workers, farmworker advocates and immigration control supporters said Wednesday.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on Thursday begins consideration of a huge bill dealing with both legal and illegal immigration. An amendment is likely to be offered that would revive the agricultural guest worker program.

While Sen. Jon Kyl, R-Ariz., has been mentioned as the most likely sponsor of the amendment, a Kyl spokeswoman said Wednesday that her boss hadn't decided whether to offer it.

Fruit and vegetable growers, ranchers and other agribusiness interests want the guest worker program, saying that the trend toward curbing illegal immigration will deprive them of a chunk of their current work force. The National Council of Agricultural Employers contends a "safety valve" is needed in times of labor shortages.

Since 1986, it has been a violation of law to employ illegal workers. The growers acknowledge employing many undocumented aliens, but say they do so because it's practically impossible to check work papers without facing discrimination lawsuits.

Farmworker advocates say the drumbeat for a guest worker program is a back-door attempt to keep a steady supply of cheap, docile labor instead of paying more for laborers already in this country.

"There is no need for this temporary farmworker program," attorney Bruce Goldstein of the Farmworker Justice Fund Inc. said at a news conference Wednesday. A huge pool of unemployed or underemployed legal workers currently exists, he noted.

The contemplated amendment doesn't include any caps, Goldstein noted. By some estimates, as many as 1 million foreign workers could be allowed into the United States under a new guest worker program.

The concern for many immigration-control advocates is that the workers would remain in the United States beyond their temporary authorization, adding to the ranks of the 4.6 million or more illegal aliens already living in this country.

The Labor Department estimates one-quarter of the 1.6 million seasonal agricultural work force is composed of undocumented aliens. Others put the figure much higher, perhaps as much as two-thirds of the seasonal work force.

At the news conference, the Center for Immigration Studies issued a study by an Iowa State University agricultural economist suggesting that if all current undocumented agricultural workers were deported, U.S. consumers would feel little pinch at the grocery store.

Many growers contend that supermarket prices would rise dramatically if they are deprived of their foreign work force.

But the study released by CIS, which favors immigration curbs, contends prices would rise by 6 percent or less. After a one- to two-year transition to a completely legal work force, prices would be no more than 3 percent higher, said the study by economist Wallace Huffman and doctoral candidate Alan McCunn.

"For the consumer, the removal of illegal aliens would be a non-event," said CIS executive director Mark Krikorian.

In an ever-more competitive food market, pennies can make the difference, agribusiness interests reply.

Weird weather peaks interests in planting trees

The unseasonal warm weather this winter, interspaced with COLD spells!, has generated interest in Spring planting of fruit trees. Peaches are, by far, the most popular fruit tree planted in Howard County each year. With some planning and management Peaches can be successfully grown in our area.



Don Richardson
County Agent

Selecting the variety(s) most adaptable for our area is a major key to success. Among those that have been recommended by our Extension Horticulturists and have been personally observed as doing well locally include the Ranger, Loring, Redskin, Milam, Sentinel and Frank. The Elberta, although very popular and one of the most classic and beautiful of all peaches, does not seem to perform over a period of time as well as some of the others. The Peach Tree Borer, the most destructive of West Texas peach insects seems to prefer this variety as well. Most growers must resign themselves to the fact that a peach tree, regardless of variety, in West Texas that survives bore damage beyond 10 years is most unusual and considered an "old" tree. All kinds of remedies and preventatives for boers are available, including many from the Extension Services. All of these only meet with moderate success. My personal reccomendation is to just be prepared to replace trees after 5-10 years with another good young tree.

Peaches do best on elevated sandy, upland soils. 24 to 36 inches of sandy loan topsoil and a red clay subsoil is ideal. Many areas in Howard County have such soils. An elevated site well above the surrounding terrain is preferred because on frosty spring days, cold air will drain to the lower areas. A sloping northeasterly exposure is ideal. It will contribute to later blooming by keeping colder temperatures around the trees during the late winter and early spring period.

At planting time, prune the tree to a single stem and top at a height of 24 inches. Remove all branches or buds lower than 18 inches. This will leave buds in the top six inches and from these three scaffold limbs will be selected. These should be evenly spaced with each pointing in a different direction. During the first growing season, the 3 scaffold limbs should be allowed to grow as much as possible. Other shoots and buds arising on the main trunk should be removed to the ground level.

As with all newly planted trees, be sure and keep them well watered and not drought stressed for especially the first 2 critical years of establishment. For additional tips on growing peaches and other fruit trees in West Texas please call the Texas Agricultural Extension Service at 264-2236 or come by its Howard County Office in the Courthouse in Big Spring.

Court overturns judgement for Farm Workers

PHOENIX (AP) — The Arizona Court of Appeals has overturned a $2.9 million judgment which a Salinas, Calif., produce grower won against the United Farm Workers in a trial marred by the death of union founder Cesar Chavez.

A three-judge panel tossed out the judgment in a ruling issued, saying the trial judge failed to apply relevant California laws and failed to properly instruct the Yuma County Superior Court jury.

Bruce Church Inc., which farms in Yuma, Ariz., and in California's Central Valley, was awarded the $2.9 million judgment in June 1993 in its suit accusing the farm workers union of launching a 5-year boycott that wrongly interfered with the company's business relationships.

It was the second time the Court of Appeals had reversed a multi million-dollar judgment awarded the company against the union.

The suit stemmed from a boycott Chavez launched in 1979 after the union and Bruce Church failed to agree on a new contract for Church's 1,000 field workers that the company said was over favorable to the union.

According to Bruce Church, the union prompted 10 grocery chains nationwide to drop Church's Red Coach brand of lettuce in the mid-1980's by falsely accusing the company of mistreating its workers and misusing toxic chemicals.

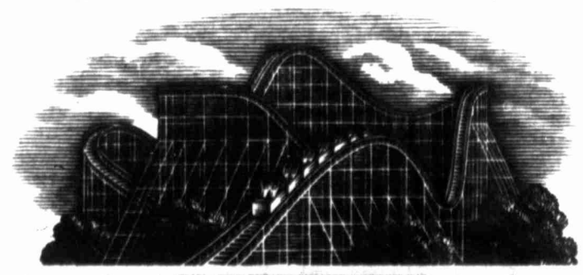
But in its ruling, the state appeals court said the jury was not provided a clear definition of the union's liability when it found the group's actions were "wrongful."

"Instead of proving that statements from the defendant were merely 'wrongful,' the plaintiff must prove that they were made with malice; that is, that they were made with the knowledge that they were false or with reckless disregard as to their truthfulness," Judge Sheldon H. Weisberg wrote.

The trial judge, Joseph D. Howe of Maricopa County, Ariz., Superior Court, also failed to use California laws that were applicable to the case, the appellate court ruled.

"We find that California law controls this dispute and that the decisive issue on appeal is the extent to which Bruce Church may bring this action in a state court without interfering with the jurisdiction of the California Agricultural Labor Relations Board," Weisberg wrote.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, MARCH 3, 1996:

Focus on challenging yourself at work and fulfilling your aspirations. Success is likely to be yours because of your high level of energy and concentration. You will also spread your wings and expand your immediate circle of friends. If you are single, romance breeds — even in this intense year — and you are likely to be quite happy. If attached, share more of your work with your partner. LEO adores you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Confusion marks the next few days as you make decisions and try to stay anchored. Romance or a child needs extra attention, despite what you think is going on. Stay open to fun and a great idea. Someone cannot indulge you enough. Tonight: Be naughty and nice. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Have a discussion with someone you put on a pedestal, even if you are not exactly sure how to begin. Your best bet is to hold off until after a cozy meal. Yourinstincts are right. Curb your tendency to be overly sensitive. Tonight: Be homeward bound. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Remain flexible if you want the day to be happy. You have many options. Don't take a change in plans personally; you will be happy with what happens anyway. A friend plays a significant role in your day. Open up to change. Tonight: Hang out. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Keep a firm hold on your finances. You might not always understand what is happening with an important person in your life, but enjoy lavish attention from this person. The unexpected occurs; learn to work with it rather than against it. Tonight: Indulge. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get in touch with your feelings. Your happy-go-lucky side means a lot to a friend who is at a distance. You feel a sense of rebonding in your relationships after an initial upset. You have the wherewithal to defuse an argument before it escalates. Tonight: Go for the moment. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You sense much is happening on an underlying level. Pull back and center yourself before you take any action. Often your perspective on events is different from that of those around you. Take time for yourself. Tonight: Early to bed. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) A change in plans may be initially upsetting, but you can handle it. You'll have a lot of fun if you decide to go with the flow. A caring, sensitive friend has much to share. Discuss your long-term objectives. Tonight: Party on! *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are in the limelight. Others look to you for decisions. Your feelings change toward a difficult family member. Try to avoid trouble and understand this person's perspective. Love goes a long way. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance. ***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You might misunderstand or be disappointed with a friend or loved one. Stay detached so you can gain perspective of the mechanics in your relationship. Accept an invitation that could be a bit different. Tonight: Break the normal routine. *****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Closeness marks the day after you deal with a financial change. You need to understand what is important to a partner. You might need to separate your funds if you cannot reach agreement with this person. Your family adds to your happiness. Tonight: Togetherness is your theme. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Once you calm an immediate disagreement or irritation, it is all systems go. It might be wise to agree with a partner rather than get into a struggle of wills. After all, it is closeness you are seeking, not a battle. Your popularity is high. Tonight: It could be quite romantic. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Stay in touch with your health and energy needs. This is a great day to work out or to finish an important errand or project. Do not hesitate to spend some money on your health and well-being; this purchase could be vitamins or a new exercise toy. Tonight: Go to bed early. ***

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Young mom's share of lunch cost her some embarrassment



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: I am 20 years old, have been married for a year and a half, and have a 3-month-old son. We don't have much money and are struggling to get by.

Last week a friend of my mother's called and said, "Let's go to lunch. I want to see your new baby." I assumed it would be her treat. Imagine my embarrassment when I was asked for "my share" of the check. All I had with me was $5. My mother put in the rest.

Had I known I'd be expected to pay for my lunch, I would have suggested that she stop by my house to see the baby.

Was I wrong to assume that she'd be treating me to lunch? — EMBARRASSED

DEAR EMBARRASSED: No. Since she invited you to lunch, she should have paid for it. However, some people make a practice of going "Dutch" and assume that everyone else understands.

Before accepting an invitation, leave nothing to chance. Ask, "Are we going Dutch?"

DEAR ABBY: I'm an avid reader and respect your opinion, which prompts me to write this letter. I am 31, and for three years I have been dating "Tom," who is 11 years older than I am. We have a fantastic relationship and can usually work out our differences. Recently we've been discussing marriage.

Tom has two daughters from a previous marriage. "Angie," the 21-year-old, does not live with him. "Michelle" is 18, a senior in high school, and will be leaving for college in the fall. Their mother is still living, and I am not attempting to take her place.

Tom and I attend all Michelle's functions together, and I praise her when she excels in something, but after three years, she has not warmed up to me. I don't mind her cool treatment, because she is always respectful and courteous.

If Tom and I marry, I would prefer that Michelle not address me by my first name.

What is the appropriate way for children to address their stepparent? (By the way, Angie is very fond of me and we get along great.) Tom and I have agreed to abide by whatever you suggest. — TEXAS READER

DEAR READER: Since Tom's daughters are adults, and only slightly younger than you, they might be uncomfortable calling you "Mom." And to call you "Mrs. so-and-so" would be too formal.

The two remaining options: Your first name, or a mutually agreed-upon nickname.

DEAR ABBY: Can you please help me decide what to do? I am 60 years old and have adult children.

I want to write a journal of my life, but there are a few shocking things in my family's past. How much should I tell my children? Or should I leave the family skeletons in the closet? I've been worrying about this for a long time. — MRS. "O"

DEAR MRS. "O": How much of your life you choose to reveal is a decision that only you can make; however, I urge you to think carefully before revealing information that could hurt family members.

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CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 1996, for the purchase of a Lube and Oil Change Service for the City of Big Spring Vehicle Fleet.

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring Municipal Court Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

9754 March 3, 10, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDING(S)
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD

1. Felipe Ramerize, DMR, Lot 7, Block 1 Stanford Park, located at 634 Tulsa.
2. Robert McKenzie, 12200 Eagle Rock Cr, Austin, TX 78758, N/90' Lots 5 & Block 21 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 610 E. 16th.
3. Ray Moran, Box 362, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 2 Block 80 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1102 E. 15th.
4. Doreen May Stewart c/o Flynt Nell, 918 N. Albert, Carlsbad, NM 88220, N/50' Lot 2 Block 79 Original Town, located at 901 Johnson, 300, 302 & 304 E. 9th.
5. Horace J. Smith, 1000 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lots 5 & 10' Block 23 Fairview Hts., located at 1705 Nolan.
6. Horace J. Smith, 1000 11th Place, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 10 Block 32 Cole & Strayhorn, located at 1505 E. 14th.
7. Randy Childs Et Ux Julie, P. O. Box 2834, Big Spring, TX 79721, Lots 14-15 Block 3 Wrights First, located at 1210 Harding.
8. Tony Reyes, 506 E. 12th, Big Spring, TX 79720, SC Block 33 1 N Parcel 862, located at 907 W. 8th.
9. Ozzie Calvin Miller, Deceased, Pt Lot 16 Block 2 Original Town, located at 110 Nolan, also known as 104 E. 2nd.
10. Richard Fuentes Et Ux c/o Tomas Fuentes, 227 Virginia, San Antonio, TX 78211, N/62' 2/3 Lot 5 Block 2 Wrights Second, located at 1618 Mesquite.
11. Manuel C Hara, 4721 Ric Drive, Midland, TX 79703, N/2 Lot 15 All 16 Block 7 Settles, located at 700 Creighton.
12. Alarco Encarnacion c/o Martinez, P O Box 294, Smithfield, IL 60015-0294, W/50' of Lot 12 Block 6 Parks, located at 701 Douglas.
13. Manuel Baeza, 1307 W 2nd, Big Spring, TX 79720, W/50' E/200' Block 3 Browser, located at 1307 W. 2nd.
14. Kate E Porter, 12314B Cahone Trail, Austin, TX 78729, Lot 10 Block 13 Washington Place, located at 1303 Park.
15. Robert D. Buck Et Ux, RR 2 Box 127, Big Spring, TX 79720, Lot 5 Block 49 Original Town, located at 607 Goliad.
16. Murry Gene Garner, HC 71 Box 45, Coahoma, TX 79511, Lot 4 Block 49, Original Town, located at 609 Goliad.

Dear Property Owner(s)

Current Tax Records of the City of Big Spring indicate that you are the owner of the property at the above street address. This structure is in violation of Section 103.4 of the Southern Standard Building and the following detailed report documents the condition which have rendered the structure unsafe to with

Dilapidated, sub-standard structure, plumbing and electrical do not meet City Code of Ordinances. Windows missing or broken out. Buildings have been vandalized and pose a potential health hazard to the public. Structures cannot be secured to keep out transients or children.

Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Big Spring Code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unfit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety and public welfare.

The Southern Building Code, Section 103.4 provides that "all buildings which are unsafe, unsanitary or not provided with adequate ingress or adequate egress or which constitute a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life or which in relation to existing use constitutes a hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of this section. Unsafe Building. All unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the provision of the Southern Standard Code for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe buildings." You are hereby notified that the Board of Adjustments and Appeals, of the City of Big Spring, will meet on March 20, 1996 at 5:15 p.m. in the Municipal Court Chambers, 2nd floor of the City Hall, located at 310 Nolan, to hold a public hearing to determine whether the subject structure/s complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Board may in its finding provide for any of the following:

1. Vacation of the premises.
2. Relocation of occupants.
3. Securing of the premises.
4. Repair of the premises.
5. Removal or demolition of the premises.
6. Any combination of the above.

Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing, to the Chairman of the Board in original and 6 copies.

1. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street address and legal description.
2. A statement identifying the the legal interest of each appellant.
3. A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed.
4. A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard.
5. The legal signatures of appellant and their official mailing addresses.
6. Failure to appear at the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing.

Todd Darden
CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL
9756 March 1, 3, 4, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF COAHOMA
TEXAS COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

The City of Coahoma will hold a public hearing at City Hall, 122 N. First Street, at 7:00 P.M. on Thursday, March 7, 1996 in regard to the submission of an application to the Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs for a Texas Community Development Program (TCDP) grant. The purpose of this meeting is to allow citizens an opportunity to discuss the citizen participation plan, the development of local housing and community development needs, the amount of TCDP funding available, all eligible TCDP activities, and the use of past TCDP funds. The City encourages citizens to participate in the development of this TCDP application and to make their views known at this public hearing. Citizens unable to attend this meeting may submit their views and proposals to Ginger Metcalf, City Secretary at the City Hall. Persons with disabilities who wish to attend this meeting should contact City Hall to arrange for assistance. Individuals who require auxiliary aids or services for this meeting should contact City Hall at least two days before the meeting so that appropriate arrangements can be made.

9761 March 3, 1996

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Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, March 19, 1996, for the purchase of Lubricants for the City of Big Spring Service Center.

Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring Municipal Court Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.

9753 March 3, 10, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS

The City of Big Spring, in behalf of applicants under the City's HOME Program is seeking bids for home improvement work.

Sealed bids for Case Numbers 52, 56, 57, will be received until 2:00 P.M., March 18, 1996, at the Community Development Office, 305 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas and at that time publicly open.

There will be a prebid conference for contractors on March 1, 1996 at 10:30 A.M. in the office of Marva Scurlark, Community Development Office, 305 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas.

The right is reserved by the Owner/City of Big Spring to reject any and/or all bids. All qualified bidders will receive consideration for award without regard to race, color, religion, sex or national origin.

Bidding information for the above cases may be obtained at Community Development Office, 305 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas, between the hours of 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday.

Marva Scurlark
Rehabilitation Coordinator
9750 February 25, 1996 &
March 3, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO. 12,115

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF ALTA N. (AYERS) KNIGHT, Deceased
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Alta N. (Ayers) Knight, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 13 day of February, 1996 in the above entitled and numbered cause, and which estate is still pending, and I now hold such letters.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby respectfully requested to present the same to me at the address below given before such claims are barred by the general statutes of limitation and before such estate is closed.

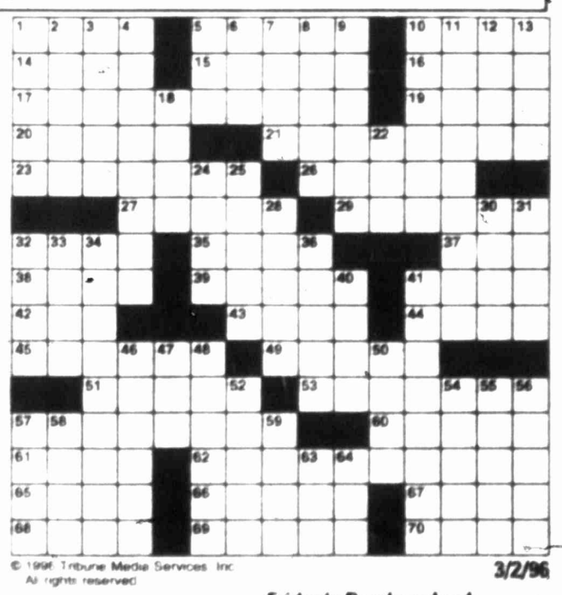
My mailing address is 904 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Dated this 13 day of February, 1996.

Sandra Shanks,
Independent Executrix of the estate of
Alta N. (Ayers) Knight
9760 March 3, 1996

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3/2/96

Birthdays

HAPPY 34th BIRTHDAY DADDY!!

(Johnny J. Flores)

Luv You Very Much,
John Ethan
(& Momma)

Birthdays



Happy 43rd Grandma

Love Linda, Amber, C.J. And Us

PUBLIC NOTICE

NO. 12,114

IN RE: THE ESTATE OF Gertrude Girlie Hoffman Deceased
IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS

Notice is hereby given that Original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Gertrude Girlie Hoffman, Deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 13 day of February, 1996 in the above entitled and numbered cause, and which estate is still pending, and I now hold such letters.

All persons having claims against said estate are hereby respectfully requested to present the same to me at the address below given before such claims are barred by the general statutes of limitation and before such estate is closed.

My mailing address is 1602 Cole Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

Sylvester Patrick Collins,
Independent Executor
of the Estate of
Gertrude Girlie Hoffman, Deceased
9759 March 3, 1996

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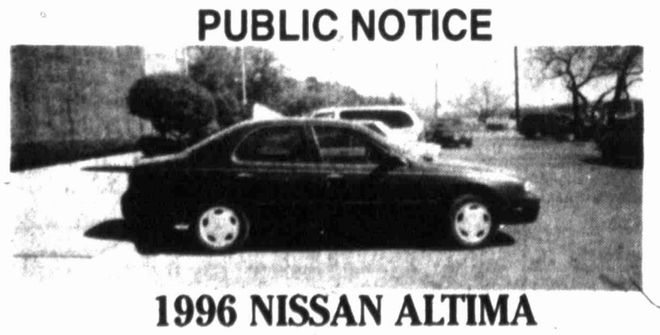
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