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TxDOT official says projects on I-20, U.S. 87 remain priorities

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Interstate 27 project is all but decided by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), but Interstate 20 and U.S. Highway 87 through Big Spring continue to be priority state projects, according to Abilene District Engineer Maribel Chavez.

"With the possibility of NAFTA traffic and continued trade growth passing through Big Spring, a large number of passenger and cargo vehicles will be transiting our roadways," Chavez said. "For the economic development of West Texas and the appear-



CHAVEZ

Lubbock study, continue to praise the citizens for their support and their good suggestions, according to TxDOT's Austin Contract Manager Elizabeth Hilton.

Hilton added the consultants are

ance and comfort of our state visitors, we must continue to upgrade and keep in repair our highways."

The consultants, who in December visited with Big Spring residents during the first meeting of Phase II of the Interstate 10 to the

now busy evaluating environmental, engineering and mobility factors in the various routes. During the next round of public meetings, tentatively set for May, consultants will discuss the three best routes in each corridor.

TxDOT recently completed a couple of notable roadway projects in Howard County, including the roadwork on FM 700 from I-20 to U.S. 87 at a cost of about \$500,000 and the widening to four lanes of U.S. 87 South. The widening project was divided into three phases and took six years to complete at a cost of more than \$7 million.

In addition, the first three phases of rehabilitating U.S. 87 North have been completed. Total cost of all phases will

slightly exceed \$11 million.

Along these lines, Dan Richardson, TxDOT's Big Spring area engineer, announced that the second phase of the reconstruction of U.S. 87 north in Howard County was let in early January and was awarded to Price Construction of Big Spring for a cost of \$3.6 million.

Limits of the reconstruction are from seven miles north of the I-20 North frontage road to 13 miles north.

Once the job begins, it will take approximately 13 months to complete.

The third and final phase of construction is scheduled to be let in the fall of 1999 and will cover the remaining stretch of U.S. 87 in Howard and Martin Counties. Limits are from 13

miles north of I-20 to the Dawson County line at Ackerly. The estimated cost is a little more than \$4.37 million.

Also let in February was an erosion control project, estimated to cost about \$80,000. This landscape project will preserve the slopes of I-20 at the intersections of U.S. 87 and S.H. 350.

Another landscape venture is a cost share project between TxDOT and the city of Big Spring. This activity will include beautification efforts at the entrance to Comanche Trail Park.

In addition to projects which have already been let but not started, TxDOT is expected to let slightly more than \$7 million in Howard County for road improvements in the coming year.

City's officials eye equipment swap at course

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
News Editor

City of Big Spring officials are considering asking retiring Comanche Trail Golf Course pro Al Patterson to trade an estimated \$4,287 worth of equipment he used at the course in exchange for 18 months of extended health care coverage through the city's group plan.

While no decision has been made, Assistant City Manager Emma Bogard said she and City Manager Gary Fuqua have discussed the possibility of such a trade with Patterson.

"We feel like we'll have to go out and purchase some of this merchandise if we can't agree to some type of trade out, just so that the new pro (Jack Birdwell) can operate," Bogard explained. "And if we had to go out and buy replacements, it's probably going to cost us a lot more than the \$4,287 that our appraiser says the merchandise is worth."

Bogard stressed that the appraiser's valuation of the equipment is more than Patterson's COBRA insurance premiums, which would be \$3,543 for the 18-month period.

According to Bogard, the list of merchandise involved in the proposed trade includes: one soft drink cooler, an ice machine, one cooler box, a three-door cooler, cash register, clothing display racks, a desk organizer, television, message and bulletin boards, putter racks, a Pepsi premix dispenser, 20 tires and wheels, a number of chairs and bar stools, a coffee machine, a vacuum cleaner, chain saw, trash compactor, miscellaneous shelving and an air compressor. "He (Patterson) didn't include a dollar figure on his list," Bogard added, "but he also noted that he had also done the concrete work on the clubhouse patio."

Bogard refused to say how much Patterson had valued the equipment, but City Councilman Chuck Cawthon said Tuesday that the retiring pro's estimate was \$14,000.

"They (city staffers) told us we had to have it," Cawthon said. "That was Gary and Emma's recommendation ... that we'd need it to keep operating out there."

A source told the Herald that Patterson first approached Birdwell about buying the equipment, but that Birdwell

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SEASON ENDS



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Coahoma's Josh Collum, facing camera, has the ball knocked away from him by Tahoka's Randy Burleson (12) during their Class 2A area playoff game in Snyder Tuesday. Tahoka defeated the Bulldogs, 53-44. For more information, see page 1B.

Weather gives Stenholm representative cold shoulder for Tuesday's appearance

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Cold weather put a damper on her visit Tuesday, but Jayne Schoonmaker, district aide for Congressman Charles Stenholm, said the intention of such visits will remain the same — reaching constituents.



Schoonmaker, who works in Stenholm's San Angelo office, met with constituents at the Dora Roberts Community Center, and despite a dismal turnout, said she will continue the practice because it's one of the best tools Stenholm has, other than visiting himself, to keep up with the concerns of voters in the district.

The visit was also an effort to make Stenholm's office more accessible to people in Big

Spring and the surrounding area.

Residents having problems or questions about any government agency are always encouraged to attend these meetings, Schoonmaker said.

"These visits are an opportunity for anyone having a problem with a governmental agency such as the Social Security Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, HUD and other departments, to seek assistance," Schoonmaker said.

Her visits also present an opportunity for residents to voice their opinions on current governmental issues.

"A lot of the people we see during visits like this are veterans with disability claims, people with Social Security disability claims or people needing the proper directions as to where to get the information they need," Schoonmaker added.

Tuesday's trip through the 17th Congressional District also included a stop in Colorado City where residents there have con-

cerns about the removal of an old World War I cannon. The cannon was removed with U.S. Army permission at the request of the Sweetwater chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and now resides in that city.

"We can't take sides on issues like this because both cities are part of our constituency, but we do listen to what people have to say," Schoonmaker said.

After her stop in Big Spring, Schoonmaker was off to Lamesa and Stanton for similar visits.

Current issues people seem most concerned about, according to calls received by Stenholm's office, include the Balanced Budget Amendment issue, and Farm Service Agency questions such as the ones answered by Stenholm on his trip to Big Spring last week, but Schoonmaker said overall people are probably the most concerned about the economy.

Schoonmaker is the person who handles Stenholm's schedule when he visits the district.

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Local NAACP slates Black History Month program for Friday

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring/Howard County chapter of the NAACP will celebrate Black History Month by sponsoring a gospel extravaganza at 7 p.m. Friday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church.

The event is scheduled to last two hours and will include numerous choirs and soloists from the surrounding area providing an evening of entertainment and inspiration.

According to local NAACP President Stephanie Horton, everyone in the Big Spring area and surrounding communities are invited to the event, which is designed to promote unity and community spirit.

Horton noted that admission will be free to the public.

Max Brown, associate warden at Big Spring's Federal Correction Institute (FCI), will be the keynote speaker and will address the audience regarding the national theme for Black History Month — "African-Americans and Civil Rights: A Reprise."

The Rev. Earnest C. Wilson, pastor of Mount Bethel Baptist Church, will be a soloist, as will local residents Diane Roach, Tony and Patsy Butler and Helen Light.

The Rev. Walter Light of Miracle Revival and Jo Hazel Dawson will play piano and organ.

According to Horton, some of the choirs scheduled to perform include Baker's Chapel, Mount Bethel, Northside Baptist, Powerhouse Church of God in Christ and McGee's Chapel.

Other local churches invited to participate include College Baptist Church, First Baptist Church and Hillcrest Baptist Church.

Dr. Maria Douglas, an FCI employee who serves as local NAACP secretary, helped organized the event and says one of the main reasons for the event is to raise awareness in Big Spring of the month-long celebration.

"The NAACP does have a display at the library and has done some public speaking events for Black History Month," Douglas said. "We have churches involved, but we also want the public to come out to learn, enjoy and be inspired."

"What the gospel extravaganza is all about is celebrating

SWCID students setting activities of African flavor

By CHRYS GOFF
Staff Writer

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students are celebrating Black History Month Friday with a program at the Student Union Building.

Activities, which are open to the public, begin at 2 p.m. with the Vodoun family from Las Cruces, N.M., who will communicate in sign language about their African culture. The father, Victor, can hear and also communicates through language.

Following the Vodoun presentation, there will be a special meal at 5:30 including several African entrees, such as West African chicken, Ranul stew, pork roast and African vegetarian stew. The vegetables include sweet potato fritters, meat and potato salad, African green pepper and spinach, black-eyed peas with ham, grandmother's Southern fried okra and warm cabbage and cheese salad. Other items include herbal corn bread, almond cheese bread, sweet potato pie, old-fashioned caramel cake, benne cakes and golden

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Black History Month through gospel music," Horton said. "In history, gospel music is how black people endured slavery and other tares and snares."

"Gospel music became a way of communication and a means of releasing stress," Horton added. "Black people took their problems to God through gospel music."

According to Horton, black people can trace a lot of their roots through gospel music, which was also means by which many people found hope.

"We even sang of freedom in gospel music," Horton said. "Historically, gospel music was a way for black people to come together and Friday, everyone is invited to come sing and enjoy themselves as we close out Black History Month with a joyful noise unto the Lord."

Council approves BSPD's application for grant funding

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department's (BSPD) will apply for grant funding for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education program (D.A.R.E.) after passage of an emergency resolution by the Big Spring City Council Tuesday.

The BSPD will now submit the application to the Governor's Criminal Justice Division under the Safe and Drug-Free Schools and

Communities Act for a grant in the amount of \$38,773.

According to Police Chief Jerry Edwards, the grant is a descending grant — funds would enhance the department's funding D.A.R.E. activities from its own budget. Initially, the grant would fully fund the program. Monies from the grant would decrease at a rate of 20 percent per year.

The specific activity would include funding the training, salary and benefits for one D.A.R.E. officer for one year, as well as renewal training for

existing D.A.R.E. officers. The city would not be required to provide any matching funds as part of this grant.

In November, the Big Spring D.A.R.E. program was extended to include the Coahoma and Forsan school districts, because those communities didn't have the necessary funds for supplies and manpower to start the program.

D.A.R.E. is being taught to Forsan fifth graders this semester and will be taught to Coahoma fifth graders during the fall. The program is taught

throughout the school year in Big Spring, with some schools receiving the program in the fall and others receiving it in the spring.

D.A.R.E. began almost 14 years ago in Los Angeles, Calif., and has spread throughout all 50 states and is in its third full year in Big Spring.

The program is a 17-week course that requires parental consent for a child's participation and parents are urged to contact D.A.R.E. officers if they

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TODAY'S WEATHER

50 ▲ Highs 28
Lows ▼

Today: A chance of rain, decreasing cloudiness this afternoon. High around 50. Low tonight in the upper 20s.
Thursday: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low in the upper 30s.
Extended outlook: Friday, partly cloudy. High around 60. Low around 40. Saturday and Sunday, partly cloudy. Highs both days in the mid 60s. Lows in the lower 40s.

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OBITUARIES

Ruby Windham

Service for Ruby Windham, 85, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997, in a local nursing home.

Byron O. McCracken

Byron Otis McCracken, 81, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Feb. 25, 1997, in a local hospital.

Service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Nov. 29, 1915, in Marlin, Texas.

He married Ethel McNew on April 6, 1941, and she preceded him in death. He married June Tate Bingham on June 1, 1974, in Big Spring.

He moved to Howard County at the age of five years and lived north of town on the McNew Farm. He attended the old Highway School until it closed and then completed his schooling at Knott. He served in the Pacific Theatre during World War II with the Army Air Corps. He had worked for civil service for 17 years.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, June L. McCracken of Big Spring; one son, Bobbie J. McCracken of Amarillo; four step-sons, Lloyd L. Bingham, Billy R. Bingham, Steve Bingham and Cecil L. Bingham all of Big Spring; one step-daughter, Frances A. Bingham of Big Spring; one brother, Eugene McCracken of Waco;

one brother-in-law, R.X. McNew of Big Spring; three sisters-in-law, Bonnie Ruth Bennett, Callie McCann and Gertrude McCann all of Big Spring.

He was also preceded in death by a daughter, Polly McCracken Clem.

Pallbearers will be Tom Yeats, Jerry Jones, Alvie Harrison, W.T. Miers, J.D. Stiehl and David Pope.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church, 810 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas; 79720.

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

Paid obituary

Ella Victoria Morrell

Service for Ella Victoria Morrell, 85, Clovis, N.M., is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 26, 1997, in Clovis, N.M.

Dot Cauble Hood

Graveside service for Dot Cauble Hood, 66, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 27, 1997, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park with Rev. Bill Banks, of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Hood died Tuesday, Feb. 25, in a local hospital.

She was born on Sept. 21, 1930, in Plainview, and married Charles Hood on Feb. 18, 1956, in Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School where she was a cheerleader for four years. She had worked at Cosden Refinery as an IBM operator for several years. For the last 30 years she had worked with her husband in the house moving business.

Mrs. Hood was a member of the First Baptist Church and was a member of the Women's International Bowling Congress.

Survivors include: her husband, Charles Hood, Big Spring; two brothers, Richard Cauble, Big Spring, and Jack Cauble, Stanton; and several nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to the donor's favorite charity.

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

Swap

Continued from page 1A declined because of its condition and price. The source said it was then that Patterson asked the city to purchase it.

Patterson is out-of-state and was unavailable for comment.

Birdwell, on only his second day on the job and even before being formally introduced to the council Tuesday night, said it was his understanding that the city had not agreed to the trade and that Patterson had been angered by the city's inaction.

"He (Patterson) was awfully upset that it didn't happen," Birdwell said. "The stuff's still here, waiting on him to come move it out of here."

Visit

Continued from page 1A usually during congressional breaks such as the recent President's Day holiday.

"We try to remain accessible and listen to constituents, but since Congressman Stenholm is the ranking member on the Agriculture Committee, he will be making several trips with the committee and may not be as accessible as he'd like during the current congressional session," Schoonmaker said.

Grant

Continued from page 1A have any questions about the program.

Students in D.A.R.E. are introduced to material dealing with the consequences of using drugs, ways to say no to peer pressure, how to build self-esteem, learning to be assertive in expressing opinions, managing stress, media influence on drug use, alternatives to drug abuse and writing essays.

As with each D.A.R.E. class, the program ends with a school assembly and graduation ceremony.

Last spring, more than 200 Big Spring students participated in D.A.R.E. graduation.

SWCID

Continued from page 1A apple spice cake.

The program will end at 7 with fashion designer Deun Shonowo of Little Rock, Ark., presenting a fashion show. SWCID students will assist by modeling African designs, performing skits and African dances.

SWCID students participating include: Rachele Pierre, Kitsonia Jones, Dorlisha Jones, LaShone Lawrence, Santiba Johnson, Tracie Davis, Tyrann Lee, Buddy Vivens, Nakia Henry, Joseph Pickens, Phillip Waldrup, Tommy Lacy, Duane Hector, Kevin Ballard, Cary McKeller, Chris Maler, Katherine Whittier and Amber Diersing.

The coordinators of the production include SWCID staff members Donna McGee, Marty Keller, Delores Erlandson and Leslie Earnest.

BRIEFS

THE ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED Citizens, Texas Advocates and the Association for the Mentally Ill is sponsoring a meeting 7 p.m. Wednesday at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Don Retberg from the Austin ARC will discuss how to set up trusts, how to become involved in advocacy groups and how to gain information about the service needs for family members.

More information will be available about the new 23-county MHMR center opening in Big Spring March 1 as well. This is an important meeting for all families who are planning for the financial stability of a family member in the future.

ANGELO STATE UNIVERSITY IS hosting a pair of "College Days" for high school juniors and seniors on Saturdays, March 1 and April 5.

Prospective students and their parents are invited to the program, which includes presentations on academic offerings, student activities and organizations, scholarship offerings and financial aid packages.

The program begins at 10 a.m. and runs through 3 p.m. Registration begins at 9 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center.

For more information, contact the Office of Admissions at (915)942-2058.

A SIGN-UP FOR THE Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) begins Monday, March 3 and ends at the close of business Friday, March 28.

Producers interested in participating in CRP should phone the Howard County Farm Service Agency for an appointment, 267-2557.

FORSAN ELEMENTARY (ELBOW) IS having Kindergarten pre-registration on Thursday, Feb. 27, at 7 p.m. in the Elbow School Cafeteria. All district residents and accepted transfers please attend. Kindergarten students

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SATURDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•West Texas Writers Club, 2 p.m., Midland County Library, second floor, 301 W. Missouri. Meetings are open to anyone interested in writing any kind. Guests are welcome. Membership dues are available for \$10.

•Angelo State University "College Day," 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. with registration at 9 a.m. in the Houston Harte University Center for high school juniors and seniors and their parents. There is no charge for "College Day," and lunch is provided. Call (915)942-2058 for more information.

SUNDAY

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting. Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Daytime prenatal classes, Texas Department of Health, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Call 263-9775 to register. All expectant parents welcome. Class instructor will be Laurie Burks, BSN.

•Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program will assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns, 9 a.m. to noon, First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. This program is available to all senior citizens and others who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and who may be able to receive an earned income credit. Bring all W-2's, 1099's and your 1995 tax return. This is a free service. Call 398-5522 or 263-4211 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Call 267-6764. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

RECORDS

Tuesday's high 35
Tuesday's low 31
Average high 62
Average low 33
Record high 90 in 1917
Record low 11 in 1924
Precip. Tuesday 0.05
Month to date 1.01
Year to date 3.58
Normal for the year 1.23
**Statistics not available
The precipitation recorded in Tuesday's paper stated .60 inches of rain. It should have read .06 inches of rain.

FRIDAY

•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call

POLICE

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

•CONNIE FAYE EDEN, 27, of 1303 Wood, was arrested for driving while license invalid, expired motor vehicle inspection and no insurance.

•WAYNE CLARK, 49, of 3406 Parkway, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CHERIE MICHELLE LITTLE, 27, of Rt. 2 Box 112M, was arrested for forgery.

•ANTHONY ARISTA, 37, of 1512 Sycamore, was arrested for public intoxication.

•KENNETH LLOYD HOPPER, 46, of 1605 E. 17th, was arrested for credit card abuse.

•INVESTIGATING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES in the 1300 block of Harding, 100 block of Washington, 1500 block of Wood, 2600 block of W. 80, 300 block of S. Gregg, 1200 block of E. 19th, 1000 block of N. Main, 300 block of Owens and 500 block of Goliad.

•FORGERY in the 2000 block of Gregg.

MARKETS

March cotton 74.01 cents a pound, down 36 points; Feb. crude oil 20.88 down 12 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1.75 higher at 52.50; slaughter steers steady at \$2 higher at 68; April lean hog futures 74.67, up 20 points; Feb. live cattle futures 70.02, up 7 points.

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Coca-Cola	61 1/2 -
De Beers	35 1/2 +
DuPont	110 1/2 -
Excel Comm.	18 1/2 -
Exxon	102 1/2 -
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Ford Motors	33 1/2 -
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Mobil	127 1/2 -
Norwest	51 1/2 -
NUV	9 1/2 nc
Phillips Petroleum	42 1/2 -
Pepsi Cola	33 -
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Sears	54 -
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Texaco	103 1/2 -
Texas Instruments	80 1/2 -
Texas Utils. Co	40 1/2 -
Unocal Corp	39 1/2 -
Wal-Mart	26 1/2 +
Amcap	14.92-15.83
Euro Pacific	26.97-28.62
I.C.A.	26.33-27.94
New Economy	17.65-18.73
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Byron Otis McCracken, 81, died Tuesday. Services will be at 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Dot Cauble Hood, 66, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM Thursday at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mike Tovar, 48, died Thursday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral service will be at 10:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ella Victoria Morrell, 85, died Wednesday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Saturday at the Salvation Army Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Ruby Windham, 85, died Tuesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Passengers injured in accidents similar to fatal mishap

DALLAS — Shortly before a 9-year-old girl was crushed beneath the wheels of a city bus, two other passengers were injured under apparently similar circumstances, The Dallas Morning News said in a copyright story today.

Dallas Area Rapid Transit (DART) apparently put the involved bus back on the streets without repairs, the newspaper said.

The Morning News said it learned of the earlier accidents in transit agency documents it obtained.

Francine White, 9, was killed on Jan. 23 in an accident near Love Field.

One day earlier, an unidentified woman had her wrist bent backwards when her hand or purse got trapped in the closing doors of another bus, according to one of the documents.

Prosecutor says evidence strong in case against Nixon

AUSTIN — Travis County Attorney Ken Oden says he has strong evidence against Sen. Drew Nixon, who's charged with prostitution after being arrested for soliciting an undercover police officer for sex.

Oden said a video recording of Nixon's conversation with undercover office Christine Shelton is convincing.

"I don't think it's appropriate for me to speak to the details of the evidence," Oden told The Associated Press Tuesday. "I can only say that we believe there is clear and persuasive evidence to prove the charge. A review of it would lead any reasonable person to conclude the charge was valid and provable."

Nixon was arrested last week in a prostitution sting run by the Austin Police Department. He faces misdemeanor charges of prostitution and unlawfully carrying a weapon.

Oden said the video tape of Nixon's conversation with Shelton will not be made public until his criminal case is completed.

Bill would toughen nursing home regulations

AUSTIN — Judith White brought lawmakers close to tears as she described a recent fall from her bed in a nursing home.

White, 57, said she screamed for help for more than an hour before someone helped her back into bed. Even then, she was left uncovered by the blanket she was reaching for when she fell.

"We were good citizens. We went to war. We had children. We led good lives and we're being treated this way. It's not fair," White told the House Human Services Committee.

She urged lawmakers to approve a bill to toughen state nursing home regulations. "You have to be in a nursing home to know what it's like."

White was among several hundred senior citizens who packed the Capitol on Tuesday.

Bill raising arson penalty headed for Senate vote

AUSTIN — With a proposal to send church arsonists to prison long enough to get religion, a bill to increase the penalty for burning a place of worship won the endorsement of a Senate committee.

Sen. Rodney Ellis' bill would make burning a place of worship a first-degree felony, up from second-degree, requiring a law-breaker to face a prison term of five to 99 years and as much as a \$10,000 fine.

The bill got a unanimous vote Tuesday from the Senate Criminal Justice Committee and heads now to the full Senate.

"This bill sends a strong message to arsonists that our places of worship are off limits," said Ellis, D-Houston. "I think 99 years is long enough time for someone to get religion, if they burned a church."

The law would be the strongest in the nation — with more stringent punishments than the federal Church Arson Prevention Act of 1996. That law set the maximum prison sentence for damage to religious property that causes injury to people at 20 years.

FBI may have withheld key lab document in judge's impeachment hearing in Senate

WASHINGTON (AP) — The FBI may have withheld from Congress, judges and defense attorneys an internal allegation that a bureau lab examiner testified inaccurately during the ouster of a federal judge, FBI Director Louis J. Freeh said Tuesday.

Freeh ordered an investigation to determine what the bureau did with the allegations, which were made by another FBI lab examiner in a 1989 memorandum.

Freeh also ordered copies of the memo turned over to the House, the Senate, the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals and to Rep. Alcee Hastings, D-Fla., the former federal judge. Hastings was impeached by the House in 1988 and removed from the bench by a 1989 Senate trial.

In related developments: —Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, said on the Senate floor that disclosures from a Justice

Department investigation of the lab reveal "a culture that says the FBI is more interested in a conviction than they are in the truth."

—The National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers filed suit in U.S. District Court to obtain copies of Justice's draft report on the lab under the Freedom of Information Act.

—The Associated Press learned that, to avoid any appearance of retaliation, the Justice Department has removed FBI officials from any decision on whether to discipline scientist-agent Frederic Whitehurst, who blew the whistle on problems in the lab.

In the Hastings case, the Senate found that he conspired to take a bribe and lied about it during a 1983 criminal trial at which he was acquitted. In August 1986, a panel of 11th Circuit judges had found that Hastings fabricated his defense

to avoid conviction in the criminal trial. This judicial finding led to his impeachment and removal.

The 1989 memo, written by senior FBI lab agent William Tobin, detailed 27 specific instances in which another FBI lab agent, Michael P. Malone, gave "scientifically unfounded, unqualified and biased testimony." Malone testified before the 11th Circuit panel. A copy of Tobin's memo and Malone's testimony was obtained by The Associated Press.

The lab was asked to test the strap of Hastings' briefcase, because Hastings had testified he was at a store having the torn strap repaired rather than at a meeting to discuss the alleged bribe.

Malone testified that he tested the strap and concluded "most of the separation wasn't a tear at all. It was a cut, and this was very, very apparent."

Clinton campaign expected coffees to raise funds

WASHINGTON (AP) — Inviting donors to drink coffee with the president at the White House was so lucrative that the Clinton-Gore campaign chairman even projected that one hastily scheduled gathering could bring in \$500,000, documents show.

The Aug. 23, 1996, event was scheduled at the behest of campaign chairman Peter S. Knight because the Democratic National Committee was not meeting its fund-raising targets in Texas, according to documents released Tuesday by the White House.

Despite earlier White House statements to the contrary, the files of Harold Ickes, President Clinton's point man in the White House for the 1996 re-election bid, show that coffee klatches were an integral part of campaign fund raising. In a July 14, 1996, memo to Ickes, Knight proposed adding the Aug. 23 coffee klatch in the White House Map Room to the president's already crowded fund-raising schedule. Knight's memo said the coffee klatch could raise \$500,000. It also noted that another Clinton coffee klatch already scheduled was projected to raise \$350,000. Knight said in an interview Tuesday that the figures were "goals, not hard figures" of what he hoped he might be able to raise from attendees of the two coffees — after the events. He said no solicitation was made in advance or at the coffees.

Republicans have charged Clinton was selling White House access to donors, and the DNC's practices are under investigation by the Justice Department and Congress.

Until Tuesday, presidential spokesmen had characterized the gatherings in the White House Map Room as opportunities for Clinton to hear the views of important Americans.

"There's nothing unusual in presidents from Abraham Lincoln to Ronald Reagan to Bill Clinton inviting people to the White House, some of which happen to be your financial contributors," spokesman Lanny Davis said last month.

Documents released Tuesday show that coffee klatches — as well as overnight stays in the

Lincoln Bedroom — were part and parcel of fund-raising.

Clinton personally approved rewarding donors and friends by inviting them to the White House for overnight stays.

He penned "ready to start overnights right away" in a note that told DNC officials to "promptly" get him the names of \$50,000-plus and \$100,000-plus donors. The president also sanctioned the plan to invite top donors to meals or coffee at the White House.

"The people that worked for me and helped to raise money were a small percentage of the total number of people who stayed at the White House. But they were my friends, and I was proud to have them here," Clinton told reporters Tuesday.

Lottery chairwoman fires back letter to GTECH VP

AUSTIN (AP) — A war of words is continuing between Texas Lottery Chairwoman Harriet Miers and the company whose lottery contract she wants to reopen for bids.

GTECH Vice President Mike Chambrillo, in a Monday letter to Miers, contended that reopening the contract would be bad business and could hurt the lottery in the future.

"It is regrettable that you have apparently prejudged this matter," Chambrillo wrote.

Miers fired back Tuesday, writing, "Needless to say, I do

not agree with certain assumptions, characterizations and implications in your letter and I accept the letter as the advocacy piece it is."

"I have one mission: given the policy determination to have a state-run lottery, to ensure to the best of my ability that Texans are receiving maximum benefit from above-reproach operation of the lottery," she wrote.

Miers said in the letter that Chambrillo has asked to meet privately with individual lottery commissioners, which she

called "inconsistent with a public airing of issues that are critically important to the public."

"Additionally, as you know, the commissioners are restrained by the Open Meetings Law from meeting together except in an open meeting," she wrote.

A message left for GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine after business hours was not immediately returned. Miers sent the letter to Chambrillo in care of Michael Boone of Dallas, who also did not immediately return a telephone message.

Rhode Island-based GTECH Corp. won the contract to run the lottery in 1992. The Lottery Commission last year granted a five-year contract extension without taking new bids.

Questions since have been raised about GTECH's hiring practices and the amount of money spent on lobbyists to influence legislation.

Miers has said she believes rebidding would ensure Texans aren't paying too much for GTECH services. The company has made more than \$500 million from the Texas contract.

State officials weighing plan to save Amtrak's Texas Eagle

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas officials are cobbling together a deal to keep Amtrak's Texas Eagle, which runs from Chicago to San Antonio, operating beyond its May 11 scheduled shutdown.

Texas transportation commissioner David Laney told a House subcommittee Tuesday of the proposed deal, which would give the Texas Eagle its second reprieve from termination.

"We are currently in the process, I believe, of a funding arrangement for the next year," Laney said under questioning from House transportation appropriations subcommittee Chairman Frank Wolf.

Under that arrangement, Texas would front the cash-strapped Amtrak a \$5.6 million loan to keep the Texas Eagle

operating until Oct. 1.

Texas state Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, has included in an emergency appropriations bill language that would allow the Texas Department of Transportation to loan Amtrak the money — provided it's repaid by 1999.

The emergency appropriations bill is on a fast track for passage in the Legislature within the next week or two, Ratliff said. As for the Amtrak portion, Ratliff said: "I think I've pretty much gotten most of the leadership. I don't know whether I'd say committed but I've got most of them in agreement, to not

oppose those proposals if the money is going to be repaid."

As for Gov. George W. Bush, who has been skeptical of using state taxpayer money to fund national passenger rail service, Ratliff said he hadn't spoken to him directly but understood that Bush wouldn't object to his loan proposal.

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" 'Mean to' don't pick no cotton."

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OUR VIEWS

Assembly-line citizenship
another fine Clinton mess

Line 'em up, roll 'em on, move 'em out, make them citizens and never mind whether some of them have criminal records.

That appears to have been the way the Clinton administration operated in its Citizenship USA program, which aimed at amazing results in the naturalization process between August 1995 and September 1996. Now a preliminary audit shows the government never conducted background checks on at least 180,000 legal immigrants granted citizenship. Given what past experience reveals, it's a near certainty that several thousand of these new Americans are convicted felons.

Some Republican members of Congress, who are planning hearings on the issue in March, contend the Clinton administration was simply trying to round up votes for the presidential election last November. The Immigration and Naturalization Service replies that there was, instead, a remarkable and unprovoked deluge of 1.3 million applications. No one denies there were lapses in getting fingerprints checked by the FBI.

If the administration did indeed put Americans in harm's way for the sake of political advantage, this would be the worst sort of an outrage. If the mistakes were more innocent than that — the sort of bureaucratic waste that comes from undue haste — it's still an outrage, though a lesser one.

INS officials now say the checks will be performed retroactively and that they will revoke the citizenship of anyone who appears a bad bet. Don't figure on this getting the job done, though, for the required procedures are time-consuming and administratively difficult.

We look forward to the March hearings, and hope that part of the discussion will be about how special it should be to acquire American citizenship. On top of adding to the criminal portion of our citizenry, recent sloppiness in INS practices have denigrated the value of citizenship, which is an insult to the majority of those naturalized citizens who are in fact more than deserving.

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Seize the weird sovereign, it's 'I' before 'E'

It is not wise to tangle with grammarians, who never run out of time, energy or postage stamps.

Last week, for example, I received a stern lecture on gerunds: "Using the vernacular in casual conversation might be acceptable, but in displaying one's education to a clientel (sic) in a written document, some effort could be expected of the author to be grammatical."

I guess it would do no good to argue that I do take great pains to be grammatical in displaying my education. Perhaps I simply need more education to display.

Over the years I've observed that grammarians, like doctors, tend to specialize. Some may memorize the whole book of rules, but they keep it well hid-

den.

For instance, one crusader might save his passion for subject-verb agreement, another for split infinitives. But then you don't go to an ear-nose-and-throat man to fix your feet, so don't expect a gerund guru to undangle your participles.

The only grammarian I hear from who makes his lessons painless is Jack Gore of Americus, Ga., whose frequent postcards are funny, educational and thereby easy to swallow. (Also, I can read his handwriting.) Thanks, Jack. You are an endangered species — a smart man with a sense of humor.

Now I risk ridicule to monkey with the grammarians' old friend, that teaching tool of yesterday, the mnemonic rhyme. In grade school such poems helped us remember difficult concepts.

One particularly useful rhyme came with our spelling lesson: "'I' before 'E,' except after 'C,' or when sounded as 'A' as in 'neighbor' and 'weigh.'"

But it was wrong.

I had not thought about it, until late one night — such deep discussions always occur in the wee hours — when a smart friend mentioned that there were several exceptions to this rule.

As soon as he said it, the clouds parted. Every time I ever used the word "weird" I double-checked its spelling. It is one of those words I have looked up a thousand times, yet it never looks quite right on the page. Now I know why. That poem is carved on my brain like a name on a headstone, and "weird" contradicts its lesson.

Besides "weird," we came up with several other exceptions: foreign, sovereign, seize, caffeine. And then there's "glacier," another poem-buster. It's "I" before "E" after "C."

So here's a useful assignment for all of you weird, red pen-wielding neighbors, sovereigns and foreigners who seize on every opportunity to correct me. Put on your thinking caps, expand your horizons and send me more exceptions to the "I"

before "E" poem. I'm working on a new rhyme.

It's "I" before "E," except after "C."

Or when sounded as "A" As in "neighbor" and "weigh."

But remember this, too, When you think that you're through:

Some words are a tease Like "foreign" and "seize." And just to be mean I'll throw in "caffeine!" "Weird" lives up to its name, And "sovereign's" the same. "Glacier" won't fit.

So don't bother with it. Schoolchildren everywhere will thank me. Teachers will cheer. Maybe the expanded rhyme will be named after me, the way stars are named for the astronomers who find them. There are bound to be enough exceptions to give us material for several stanzas.

Of course, now I'll hear from nitpicking poets who find fault with my rhyme scheme and meter. This way, everyone stays busy.

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The grandfather at 6-year-old Leah's kindergarten

My granddaughter Leah, who is 6 years old, lives in suburban Maryland across the Potomac from suburban Virginia

where I live. Last week her kindergarten invited the pupils' fathers to come for a visit to see what goes on in a kindergarten these days. Leah's father had commitments, and the accessible grandfather was invited to substitute.

I got up at 6:30 a.m. and by 7:15 was driving in hectic traffic going both ways. To keep from feeling nervous about visiting Leah's kindergarten, I thought about my own in Lexington, Va. a while ago. To learn to read, we learned the sounds of the alphabet and actually puzzled out some words for ourselves. I wondered if this school would be that

adventurous or would concentrate on good behavior, the conventional ABC's and singing the songs of television cartoon characters.

When I got to Leah's, her mother Jenny knew I lacked the confidence to follow directions to the school, so she and my younger granddaughter Sophie drove Leah and me to the 8:30 meeting. Leah took me into a big, colorful room with small tables and chairs scattered around, walls filled with pictures, poems and numbers, and two teachers who let the 15 pupils help their fathers adapt to the school. There was one other grandfather — from Richmond yet.

We grandfathers seemed most surprised by the informality, liveliness and resources of the place. Leah gave me confidence by holding my hand while I met people and then led me to a low counter with accessible small computers.

Yes, computers. She used the controlling "mouse" to bring up on the screen some cartoon-like pictures and puzzles and games. I was fascinated and dumbfounded. As Leah worked one of the puzzles with quick

moves of the mouse, I became aware that the other grandfather, watching a similar performance nearby, had the candor to gasp out loud.

Leah was reading me a wonderful computer story about a worm named Sammy when the teachers called us quietly to order. There was a prayer and a song by the kids: "It's a Small World After All." Leah was a strong singer. We all said the Pledge of Allegiance while a boy waved an American flag vigorously. Various pupils took other assignments — passing out paper cups, helping pour juice, holding the door for a juice-carrier, passing out napkins, bringing in three kinds of cookies made the day before by this class.

There were interludes when we all concentrated on a big calendar and got the day and date straight. We counted by twos along a chart on the wall from one to 106 — this was the 106th day of the school year. The elders were introduced to "Patches," a huge rabbit who spread calmness all around her.

For the last exercise, crayons and drawing paper were distributed. Pupils and elders

alike were to write what they liked best about kindergarten and illustrate it. Leah drew a good computer and misspelled it imaginatively in sounding out the word. I actually wrote that I had most enjoyed sounding out words at my kindergarten. I also wrote that I had liked swinging in the swing on the porch of the kindergarten, known as Miss Edmonia's, in Lexington. I drew a porch swing and felt how good the past can be.

As we started to leave, Leah asked me what I liked best about this kindergarten. The computer story of Sammy the worm, I said. She grinned suddenly, took me back to the computer, worked the controls and produced print-outs of the four thematic pictures of Sammy's trip from his town to the jungle. She quickly stapled the pages together as a book for me. Its great last line is: "When Sammy got there, he roasted marshmallows."

Quite apart from that, it will always be a very sentimental book for me.

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Fifth grader Will Liggett wins at St. Mary's annual science fair

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

Will Liggett, a fifth grader at St. Mary's Episcopal School, was awarded a bronze medal for having the best overall project at the school's third annual science fair last Friday.

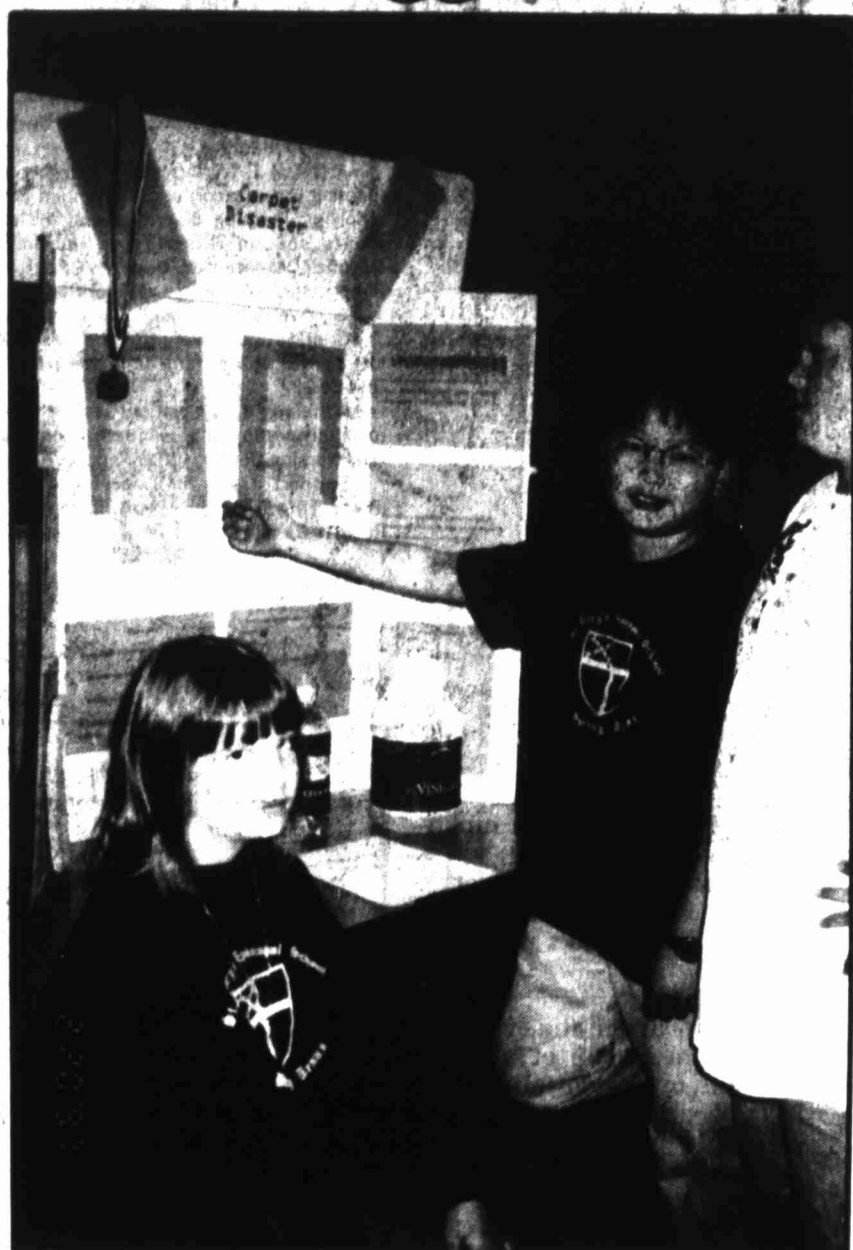
Liggett's project, "Carpet Disaster," set out to prove which cleaner was the best one to use to remove mustard stains from carpet. He used an aerosol can of carpet cleaner, water, club soda and vinegar on four separate samples. His theory was the commercial carpet cleaner would be the best product to use. However, his testing showed water was the most effective way to remove the condiment from carpet.

He's now eligible to enter the Texas Episcopal Regional Science Fair in Tyler April 18-19. A total of 36 students participated in the fair with a first, second and third place awarded for each grade level.

Rachael Wheeler, a first grader, was awarded first place for her "Fingerprints" project. She collected the fingerprints of everyone in her class then proved each person has their own unique set of prints. Second place went to Callie Partee for her project "Oxygen comes from Plants" and Rowdi Wise was third with "Making Models of Molds and Casts."

In second grade, Ashley Howe was first with "The Sinking Diver." She had a plastic cut-out of a man and glued a straw to his back that was sealed at one end. Then the "diver" was placed in a plastic bottle full of water. When the bottle was squeezed, it increased the water pressure and forced water into the straw so the plastic man was able to dive to the bottom of the bottle. This proved you can compress air but not water. "Density of Liquids" was the second place winner's project by John Kountz and "Will an Egg Float?" was Carson Carruthers' third place entry.

Fourth grader Kelli Warrington won first place for "Why Use Soap?" to show how soap changes the surface tension of water. "Magnetic



Courtesy photo
Overall best project winner Will Liggett explains his "Carpet Disaster" project to Kristi Halliday and Erin Partee. Halliday placed second and Partee placed first in the fifth grade competition.

Fields" by Nathan Smith was second and "Acid or Base" by Scott Thomas was named the third place winner.

Fifth grader Erin Partee showed how to collect water if you are ever stranded in the desert. "Moisture Trap" was his project where he had 10 to 12 inches of dirt in a large cardboard box. A hole was put through the middle of the dirt, a cup at the bottom of the box and a piece of plastic was used to cover the top of the hole. As the dirt began its evaporation process, the water condensed onto the plastic then dripped into the cup. Kristi Halliday's

"Fungus Among Us" was second and "Egg into a Bottle" was Larry Marquez's third place entry.

Those who participated in the first grade science fair were Holly Bancroft, Chad Chalker, Kathryn Krager, Meredith Morgan, Callie Partee, Dillon Phernetton, Braden Schaffner, Eric Welch, Rachael Wheeler, Rowdi Wise and Brent Yater.

Second graders were Jessie Berry, Garrett Bradshaw, Carson Carruthers, Austin Cox, Ashley Howe, John Kountz and Matt Lozano. There is no third grade class at St. Mary's this year.



Courtesy photo
Kelli Warrington, right, won first place in the fourth grade class for her project "Why Use Soap?" Nathan Smith, left, was second for his "Magnetic Fields" project.



Courtesy photo
From left: Carson Carruthers, Ashley Howe and John Kountz were the top three winners in the second grade class at St. Mary's. Howe won first place for her "Sinking Diver" science project.



Courtesy photo
Rachael Wheeler, a first grader, was the top winner in her class for her "Fingerprints" project.

Fourth graders were Lindsey Barton, Nathan Bradshaw, Tony Emerson, Robert Finn, Mark Lozano, Tony Rubio.

Nathan Smith, J. Rich Sparks, Scott Thomas and Kelli Warrington. Fifth graders were Amber

Buchanan, Kristi Halliday, Will Liggett, Larry Marquez, Jeremy North, Erin Partee, John Wilkinson and Jace Williams.

Making a career change

A career change may involve not only changing who you work for but changing the kind of work you do. Before making a career change, it is important to have certain habits and skills.



Dana Tarter
Extension Agent

Build a reputation at work that shows you are able to make decisions, finish tasks, meet deadlines, work without direct supervision and keep your attention on your job. In addition, it is important to show you have confidence in your ability and are able to organize your daily routine.

Before you actually start pursuing a career change, you must know what you want. It may be to your advantage to

Dear Betty,
I've been married two years and have yet to enjoy a comfortable meal with my mother-in-law. If my cooking isn't too starchy, then it's too spicy; the portions are too big, or they're "ice cold." It seems that the harder I try to impress her, the higher she sets the standard. I truly want to please her; any suggestions? — Columbia, S.C.

With such warm-hearted intentions you're bound to win her over eventually. If you can't wait that long, here's a proven mother-in-law management technique: If you can't beat 'em, join 'em. Transform her from adversary to ally by enlisting her advice.

The next time she's due for dinner, ask for her favorite menu ideas. Engage her in the meal preparation, and solicit and record her treasured tips and recipes. I'll bet she has a cupboardful.

Cooking together can be a bonding experience that will make everyone feel needed — perhaps the way she used to feel when she was the most important woman in your husband's life.

Ask Betty

Dear Betty,
I want to try cooking more fish dishes at home, but I'm always worried the fish I buy won't be fresh. How can you tell? — Gallup, N.M.

Here's the five-step cure to your fish freshness phobia: 1) when selecting fresh fish, the eyes should be bright, clear and not sunken (and if it winks at you, throw it back, that's too fresh); 2) gills should be reddish pink, never brown; 3) scales should be bright with a sheen; 4) flesh should be firm and elastic, it should spring back when touched; and 5) there should be no odor.

If you decide to buy frozen fish, make sure the package is tightly wrapped and the contents frozen solid with little or no airspace between packaging and fish.

Any discoloration could indicate freezer burn. And as with fresh fish, there should be no odor. Readers casting about for



menu variety should follow your lead and eat more fish with all that flavor and nutrition, one bite and you'll be hooked.

Sweet & Saucy: For a fast and tasty fruit sauce, purée in a blender or food processor a can of fruit with a splash of half-and-half or yogurt (plain or vanilla); spoon over pound cake or ice cream.

Speaking of toppings, to get the most volume from your whipped cream, wait until the cream is almost completely whipped before adding vanilla or sugar.

Write Betty at "Ask Betty Crocker," One General Mills Blvd., Minneapolis, Minn.; 55426, or call toll free 1-888-ask betty.

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- TOPS Club (Take off pounds sensibly), weigh-in 5:30 to 6 p.m., Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.
- Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.
- Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Mondays each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.
- Big Spring Group of Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

TUESDAY

- Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m., second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.
- AA-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.
- Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.
- Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of

a child, 7:30 p.m., first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

- Diabetes support group, second Tuesday of each month, 7 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.
- Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.
- "Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m. at the Corral, 611 E. Third, followed at 7 p.m. by the monthly meeting of the Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill.

Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D. Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY

- Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.
- Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.
- Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is Please see SUPPORT, page A6

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TIPS 'N' TRIVIA

Roofs and gutters:

(NAPS) - To stop a debris-caused gutter drainage problem, following these suggestions:

- Walk around your house. Troughs of eroded soil under the gutters will tell you rain water has been collecting in puddles next to the foundation.
- Clean the gutters from a ladder, moving as you clean. Avoid getting on the roof. Finish the job with a hose.
- Next, restore the eroded soil at the foundation perimeter. Order a truckload of clean dirt and spread it so the slope of soil beneath the eaves pitches downward six inches, over a horizontal distance of three to four feet away from the house. This allows water to drain away along its natural course into the lawn. Tamp it in place and then cover with just enough top soil, stone, mulch or other ground cover to prevent erosion.
- Install a total gutter guard system to end the problem.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Coahoma Clean and Proud

Coahoma Clean and Proud, a Keep Texas Beautiful organization, will meet Monday, March 3, at 7 p.m. If you are interested in recycling and/or making Coahoma a prettier, cleaner place to live, come to the meeting at First Bank of West Texas' Signal Mountain Community Room. For more information, call Irene at 394-4424.

Free income tax assistance

Volunteers with the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program assist in the preparation of 1996 income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, Eighth and Runnels, each Monday from 9 a.m. to noon through April 14. For further information call 398-5522 or 263-4211.

THE LAST WORD

A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.
Henrik Ibsen

If you keep a thing seven years, you are sure to find a use for it.
Sir Walter Scott

Never undertake anything for which you wouldn't have the courage to ask the blessings of Heaven.
G.C. Lichtenberg

To have learnt to play a good game of bridge is the safest insurance against the tedium of old age.
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Season's end: Tahoka ousts Coahoma from playoffs

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

SNYDER — Coahoma coach Kim Nichols knew about the run-and-gun Tahoka Bulldogs.

What he wasn't ready for was the slow-to-a-crawl Tahoka Bulldogs.

Tahoka jumped to a nine-point lead in the second half, then promptly took the air out of the ball en route to a 53-44 victory over the Coahoma Bulldogs in a Class 2A area playoff game at Scurry County Coliseum Tuesday night.

The win advances Tahoka to the Region I-2A basketball tournament this weekend in Abilene, while Coahoma's season came to an end with a 22-10 record.

This battle of Bulldogs featured one half and three minutes of intense action, then 13 minutes of ball-handling exhibitions.

Coahoma jumped out to a 7-1 lead early, but was not able to take advantage of cold Tahoka shooting during the first quarter.

"We had them down ... and

then we missed a couple of shots right under the basket," Coahoma coach Kim Nichols said. "We had a chance to go up by several more points."

Tahoka rallied to tie the game going into the second quarter, then forged ahead by three points at halftime. Still, Nichols felt good about his team's chances.

"I thought we did a good job of handling their pressure defense," Nichols said, pointing to a measly five turnovers by Coahoma in the first half. "We just had some cold streaks."

The deadliest cold streak for Coahoma came at the start of the third quarter, when the Bulldogs turned the ball over on their first five possessions. Tahoka, meanwhile, increased its lead to 39-30 on a three-pointer and basket by Rocky Moore, then promptly shut its attack down, opting instead for the delay game.

That tactic, though boring, was more than effective. Moore and fellow guard Randy Burleson were able to play keep-away from Coahoma for

most of the remainder of the game.

"If I had it over to do again, I wouldn't (go into the delay game), because we were on a roll," Tahoka coach Toby Villa said.

Afterward, Nichols expressed few regrets for the way the season panned out for Coahoma.

"We felt at the beginning of the season that we could be here — that we could win district," Nichols said. "(Tahoka) has some great athletes, and we battled them tooth and nail tonight."

COAHOMA (44) — Collum 3 0-1 7; Milliken 0 0-0 0; Walker 0 0-0 0; Olives 0 0-0 0; Nichols 5 2-2 14; Hamilton 2 1-1 5; Barr 3 1-2 7; Lain 3 0-0 8; White 0 0-0 0; Gwyn 0 0-0 0; Batson 0 0-0 0; totals 17 5-8 44.

TAHOKA (53) — Burleson 2 2-2 6; Chaney 1 0-0 2; Pebworth 0 0-0 0; Moore 6 4-6 18; Long 2 0-0 4; Reach 1 3-4 5; Hale 3 1-2 7; Graves 5 1-2 11; totals 20 11-18 53.

Score by quarters:
Coahoma 12 15 8 9 — 44
Tahoka 12 18 11 12 — 53

Three-point goals — Coahoma 5 (Nichols 2, Lain 2, Collum 1), Tahoka 2 (Moore 2); Total fouls — Coahoma 17, Tahoka 14; Fouled out — none.

Nichols named MVP of 8-2A all-district squad

HERALD Staff Report

The District 8-2A champion Coahoma Bulldogs placed three players and the Forsan Bulldogs two on the All-District 8-2A Boys' Team.

Blake Nichols, a 6-foot-1 sophomore from Coahoma, was named most valuable player, while Forsan's Robert Hillger, a 6-1 senior, was named the squad's defensive player of the year.

Joining Nichols on the first team from Coahoma were seniors Josh Collum and Aaron Barr. Also on the first team from Forsan is junior Josh Gaston.

The Bulldogs advanced to the area round of the Class 2A playoffs before being defeated by Tahoka Tuesday night. Forsan finished tied for second in District 8-2A this season.

8-2A All-District team

MVP — Blake Nichols, Coahoma.
Defensive player — Robert Hillger, Forsan.
Newcomer of the year — Kenny Whittenburg, Winters.

First team
Josh Collum, Coahoma; Aaron Barr, Coahoma; Josh Gaston, Forsan; Robert Hillger, Forsan; Brad Whitaker, Wall; Andy Howard, Roscoe; Justin Browne, Ozona; Jon Sanchez, Ozona; Zane Bruce, Eldorado;

HONOR ROLL

Kenny Whittenburg, Winters.

Second team
Matthew Hamilton, Coahoma; Steve Osburn, Forsan; Daniel Davis, Forsan; Justin Leggett, Eldorado; Cory Braden, Wall; Beau Barnes, Roscoe; Bobby Cervantez, Ozona; Corey Van Zandt, Winters; Adam Cruz, Winters; Bear Nitsch, Winters.

Coahoma honorable mention
Adam Batson and Robert Lain.

District 8-2A girls
District 8-2A champion Ozona dominated the league's all-district team, placing MVP Amber Tarr and three other players on the first team.

Joining Tarr on the dream team were newcomer of the year Leslie Avila, coach of the year Dickie Faught and first-team selections Shelly Sullivan and Amber McWilliams.

Junior Tara Sterling and sophomore Cassie Tindol were first-team selections from Coahoma. Forsan guard Amie Evans was a second-team selection, as were Tori Elmore and Ellie Woods from Coahoma.

Roscoe's Shasta Stovall, who was killed in an automobile

Please see MVP, page 2B

DUET



Borden County's Colt McCook, right, collides with a Roby player while shooting during their Class 1A area playoff game at Garrett Coliseum Tuesday.

Bearcats headed to regionals after OT victory

HERALD Staff Report

CRANE — Apparently, the Garden City Bearcats saw how much fun their girls' basketball team had at the regional tournament, and decided to do the same.

The Bearcats took everything Wink threw at them — and then some — to take a 63-59 overtime victory in a Class 1A area basketball playoff Tuesday night.

The win advances Garden City to the Region II-1A tournament, which will be held Friday and Saturday at McMurry University in Abilene. At last week's girls' regional tournament, Garden City advanced to the finals before falling to Henrietta Midway.

Tuesday, the Bearcats were led by Kelly Lankford with 25 points, while Bradley Batla and Michael Martinez each added 11 for Garden City.

Garden City (18-12) held a comfortable 29-17 lead at halftime, but Wink roared back with a 20-8 third quarter to tie the contest. The game remained tied until overtime, when the Bearcats outscored Wink 9-5 to take the victory.

Roby 46

PLAYOFFS

Borden Co. 38

The Borden County Coyotes' season ended at the foul line Tuesday night, as Roby made 14 of 16 free throw attempts in the fourth quarter to take a 46-38 victory in a Class 1A area playoff game at Garrett Coliseum in Big Spring Tuesday.

Roby advances to the Region I-1A tournament in Levelland, where it will face Paducah. Borden's season ends with a 26-4 record.

Colt McCook scored 13 points to lead Borden County.

Rotan 81
Klondike 66

ROBERT LEE — The Rotan Yellowhammers raced out to a 24-12 first-quarter lead, then held on to defeat Klondike in a Class 1A area playoff game in Robert Lee Tuesday.

The Yellowhammers increased their lead to 46-29 at the half, and Klondike (22-8) was never able to make a run at the lead after that. Rotan advances to the Region I-1A tournament in Levelland Friday and Saturday.

Hot Carr revitalizes Raiders, spurs comeback over Tigers

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — An early 14-point deficit was no big deal for Texas Tech, which simply fed Cory Carr more often.

Carr had 30 points and was 7-for-13 from 3-point range as Texas Tech (17-8, 9-6 Big 12) put away Missouri with a 19-1 run that began late in the first half in an 84-73 victory Tuesday night.

The Big 12's leading scorer made only two of six shots in the first half and clanked a few as Missouri got an emotional start in its home finale and jumped to a 15-1 lead. He hit five of his first eight after the break, four of them from 3-point range.

"When he gets a fever like that, we want to get him the ball," coach James Dickey said.

"He's able to put up some numbers in bunches," teammate Tony Battle said. "When you're on the road, you have to give him the ball."

Carr's 3-point output tied his career best, which is also the school record, and tied a Hearn Center record for an opponent.

"I was moving without the ball and guys were looking to screen for me, get me open," Carr said. "I got great looks."

Battle also had a slow start, getting his first basket with 7:07 left in the first half, but finished with 17 points and 15 rebounds before fouling out

with 2:02 left.

They formed a potent 1-2 punch during the run that began with 3:04 left in the first half and Tech trailing 40-27 ended when Battle scored from the lane with 16:48 remaining for a 46-41 lead. Carr hit three 3-pointers and Battle had six points.

"Everything was clicking there for a while," Battle said. "We had the complete inside-outside going."

Missouri responded by launching batches of 3-point attempts. The Tigers' best outside threat, Jason Sutherland, was 2-for-11 from long range and Missouri was 7-for-29 overall.

Missouri shot 47.1 percent in the first half, 37 percent the rest of the way.

"When you live by it, you're going to die by it," Missouri coach Norm Stewart said. "That's exactly what happened. You've got to get to the basket a little more than we were able to."

Stewart started an all-senior lineup for Missouri's final regular-season home game, including seldom-used point guard Chip Walther and forward Dustin Reeve. Walther got the team off to a quick start with a pair of 3-pointers and finished with 11 points, one short of his career high, and six assists.

"They got us off to a great

start," Stewart said.

Texas Tech missed its first six shots and five of its first six free throws.

It didn't last. It was a familiar story for Missouri, which previously fell apart in the second half against Colorado, Wake Forest and Kansas.

Missouri (13-15, 5-10) has lost five of six and could be headed for its first losing season since 1978-79. Missouri lost five games at home this season, tied for the worst showing ever, despite a run of sellouts that extended to 112 on Tuesday.

"Not to get philosophical, but if they don't have any tougher times than these then they'll be all right," Stewart said.

Freshman center Tate Decker, who has emerged from a long stay in Stewart's doghouse the last few games, made six of nine shots and led Missouri with 17 points. Sutherland had 14 points and L. Dee Murdock had 10.

Missouri was without forward Kelly Thames, who has a sprained right ankle. Thames is expected back Saturday for the regular-season finale against Kansas State.

It was only the fourth meeting ever between the schools, the first since the 1976 NCAA tournament and Texas Tech's first trip to Missouri. Before the loss the Tigers had been 107-9 vs. first-time visitors.

Offense a no-show in Cavs-Sonics game

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

How low can they go in the low-scoring NBA?

Very low, indeed.

The Seattle SuperSonics beat the Cleveland Cavaliers 72-66 Tuesday night in one of the lowest-scoring games in modern NBA history.

How ugly was it?

"A couple of times I looked in the stands and I was amazed people were still there," Seattle's Hersey Hawkins said.

The 138 combined points were the seventh fewest since the shot clock was introduced in the 1954-55 season. But it wasn't even the lowest-scoring game the defensive-minded Cavs have been involved in this month. On Feb. 1, they lost to Miami 71-66.

"I feel like we just won a regional high school tournament," Sonics coach George Karl said. "Hey, a three-point lead in this one was insurmountable."

The Sonics set season lows with their 72 points and 35 percent shooting from the field. But they managed to win their seventh straight game by outscoring the Cavs by 14 points at the free-throw line.

"That was ugly basketball," Seattle's Detlef Schrempf said. "I don't know how y'all stand it."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was New Jersey 97, Sacramento 90; Washington 108, Indiana 87; Houston 100, Los Angeles Lakers 96; Utah 110, New York 99; Dallas 86, Charlotte 84; Toronto 124, Denver 122 in overtime; and Los Angeles Clippers 98, Philadelphia 98.

NBA

Rockets 100, Lakers 96

At Houston, Hakeem Olajuwon scored eight straight points in the final 4:08 for the Rockets, who lost Brent Price for the season with a knee injury. Price, who missed the first 27 games with a broken elbow, tore the anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee in the second quarter. Charles Barkley led the Rockets with 26 points and 17 rebounds, while Olajuwon scored 25.

Nets 97, Kings 90

At East Rutherford, Sam Cassell had two baskets and two assists in a key fourth-quarter run and New Jersey held Sacramento scoreless in the final 4:46. Kendall Gill led the Nets with 28 points and 10 rebounds, and Cassell added 23 points, including a clinching 3-pointer with 29 seconds left. Mitch Richmond scored 32 for the Kings, but was 3-of-15 from the field in the second half.

Bullets 108, Pacers 87

At Landover, Juwan Howard scored 20 of his 28 points in the first half as Washington built a 21-point lead and cruised past Indiana to end a three-game losing streak. Howard also had 11 rebounds and nine assists, barely missing the first triple.

At Dallas, rookie Erick Strickland scored a career-high 17 points, including two free throws with 3.9 seconds left, as

the Mavericks snapped Charlotte's five-game winning streak. The Hornets had a chance to win, but Vlade Divac missed a 3-pointer with one second left. Glen Rice led the Hornets with 29 points, while Anthony Mason had 16 points and 22 rebounds.

Raptors 124, Nuggets 122

At Denver, Damon Stoudamire scored nine of his career-high 35 points in overtime as Toronto blew a lead in the last 48 seconds of regulation before rallying to beat the Nuggets. Doug Christie added 27 points and had a team-record nine steals for the Raptors, who shot 57 percent from the field and forced 22 turnovers. Denver's LaPhonso Ellis scored 32 points, including eight in the extra period.

Jazz 110, Knicks 99

At Salt Lake City, Karl Malone scored 33 points for Utah, including four in a row late in the fourth quarter after he was whistled for the game's ninth technical foul. Malone, who pulled his hamstring in the first quarter and was flattened by a Charlie Ward pick in the third quarter, helped Utah win for the 26th time in 29 home games. Patrick Ewing led the Knicks with 28 points.

Clippers 98, 76ers 93

At Los Angeles, Loy Vaught had 20 points and nine rebounds for the Clippers, who never trailed in winning their second straight. The Clippers reversed a 101-84 loss at Philadelphia last Thursday and moved into seventh place in the Western Conference, a half-game ahead of Sacramento. The top eight teams make the playoffs.

Hello, icebags ... injuries common in spring training

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ah, the sounds of spring ... Ouch!

Ice packs and MRIs were the rule Tuesday as injuries popped up at training camps in Arizona and Florida.

Barry Bonds was the most prominent player hurt, and perhaps the most serious.

The San Francisco outfielder injured his right hip after slipping on a marble floor and falling down a flight of stairs in his rented Scottsdale, Ariz., home.

"I just slipped down the steps. I just fell and hit the marble floor," Bonds said. "I hit the floor with my hip and went straight down."

Bonds, a three-time NL MVP, tumbled down 7-8 carpeted steps, and still was experiencing some soreness, even after a chiropractic session.

"It just seems like something's pinching a nerve in my hip every time I lean forward," he said.

The Giants said an MRI was inconclusive. Doctors planned to continue studying the results in hopes of having a more definitive diagnosis today.

The incident comes just days after Bonds signed a record \$22.9 million, two-year contract extension.

Meanwhile, Houston Astros infielder Ricky Gutierrez fractured a thumb and will be out 1-2 months, the Yankees worried whether right fielder Paul O'Neill's injured hamstring will

be healed by opening day, the Mets sent outfield prospect Jay Payton back to New York for tests, and the Royals found out that pitcher Kevin Appier and Doug Linton are sore.

In Kissimmee, Fla., Outierres was attempting to make a diving catch of an infield chopper when he fractured his thumb by jamming it into the turf.

He was scheduled for arthroscopic surgery in Houston today, general manager Gerry Hunsicker said, adding Gutierrez likely will be sidelined for 6-8 weeks.

"It hurts pretty bad," he said. "We'll just see how it goes from here."

Yankees
O'Neill's left hamstring doesn't seem to be getting any better.

The outfielder is slowed by the same injury that bothered him at the end of last season and limited his playing time in the postseason. He still hasn't tested his leg by running full speed in workouts.

"I still know it's there," O'Neill said of the injury. "It doesn't hurt, but I'll feel better once I play a game and it doesn't bother me."

O'Neill has been participating in batting practice and outfield sessions. He also took part in on-field conditioning Monday for the first time.

"I'm concerned and curious if it will get any better by what he's doing right now," Yankees manager Joe Torre said. "We'll have to see what the first few

ballgames bring us."

Royals
Appier has soreness in the upper part of his right arm, and Doug Linton had elbow stiffness and will have an MRI.

Appier, who missed time last July with soreness in his arm and shoulder, did not have his normal velocity.

"Some of it is from normal throwing and stiffness we see in spring training," trainer Nick Swartz said of the Royals' probable opening day starter.

Linton was scheduled to be tested today after he was limited to throwing fastballs and changeups. He did not pitch after Sept. 11 last year because of tenderness in a ligament in his right elbow.

Mets
Payton hurt his right (throwing) elbow during a workout Tuesday and will travel to New York for an MRI under the supervision of Dr. David Altchek at the Hospital for Special Surgery.

Payton, 24, started last season at Class A St. Lucie, then moved to Double-A Binghamton and wound up at Triple-A Norfolk, hitting .307 with six homers and 26 RBIs in 55 games.

In his first outing under game conditions this spring, Jose Mesa gave up two home runs and a single to his first three batters in an intrasquad game at Winter Haven, Fla.

Mesa gave up a home run to Pat Borders, a single to Kevin Seitzer, and a home run to

Omar Vizquel before recording his first out. That offensive outburst led a team managed by coach Jeff Newman to a 6-3 win over a team managed by coach Johnny Goryl in the four-inning intrasquad game.

Julio Franco had two hits and Chad Curtis had an RBI triple to lead Newman's team. Indians manager Mike Hargrove was not concerned by the performance of Mesa or anyone else.

"The worst thing we can do is read anything special into these first few games," Hargrove said.

Cardinals
Results of an MRI on the left elbow of St. Louis pitcher Lance Painter did not find any serious ailments. Painter felt tightness in his elbow while throwing on Monday and had the precautionary test later that day.

"I think I tried to do too much too early," said Painter, who had surgery on his left shoulder last season. "I didn't know if it was related to what happened last year or not. It's a big weight off my shoulders to find out that it's negative."

Right-hander Brady Raggio, who was 9-10 with a 3.22 ERA at Class AA Arkansas last season, will start against the Yankees in the first exhibition game. Mark Petkovsek, Tom McGraw and Rich Batchelor also will see action.

Pitching coach Dave Duncan said Andy Benes will start the home exhibition opener at Al Lang Stadium on Sunday against the Reds.

Duncan says goodbye to Wake Forest fans

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

COLLEGES

Tim Duncan played his final college home game in front of his family, the governor of his native Virgin Islands and thousands of adoring Wake Forest fans.

To make the night his jersey was retired even more special was the fact that Duncan's Demon Deacon teammates helped him shoulder the offensive load in a 71-55 victory over Georgia Tech.

The 6-foot-10 senior had 10 points, 12 rebounds and nine assists as the second-ranked Demon Deacons moved within one-half game of first-place Duke in the Atlantic Coast Conference standings.

After the game, his No. 21 jersey was raised to the rafters, and Duncan addressed the crowd one last time, with his father, William, two sisters and coach Dave Odom by his side.

"This is probably the first time in my life that I'm uncomfortable on the court," said Duncan, an All-America last season who decided to return to Wake Forest for his senior season. "This has been a lot of fun for me. I don't know what to say."

In other games involving ranked teams on Tuesday night, it was No. 3 Kentucky 74, Tennessee 64; No. 9 Cincinnati 63, Southern Mississippi 49; No. 21 Illinois 87, Penn State 65; and No. 23 St. Joseph's 78, Massachusetts 63.

Duncan got his 24th double-double this season and the 81st in 123 career games, but four teammates scored in double figures and several were factors in the deciding 18-4 run that gave Wake Forest a 63-43 lead with 4 minutes to play.

"In the last four, five, six minutes that was the best ball movement we had had in the last two or three weeks," Odom said. "I thought we passed the ball with a purpose, very unselfishly. Everybody got a piece of it."

"I think that again, like Saturday in Virginia, it was a small step for us, but a very important one (offensively)."

Tony Rutland led the Demon Deacons (22-4, 11-4) with 16 points, including four in the big run during which Ricky Peral had two 3-pointers.

"We tried to double-team (Duncan) a bit, but he made some nice skip passes and guys like Peral and Jerry Braswell hit some big shots," Georgia Tech coach Bobby Cremins said of the run. "That's what they're going to have to do if they want to win it all."

Matt Harpring had 20 points and 11 rebounds for Georgia Tech (9-16, 3-12), which lost its fifth straight game and fell to 0-10 against ranked teams one season after winning the ACC regular-season title.

No. 3 Kentucky 74, Tennessee 64

Scott Padgett scored 24 points and sophomore Ron Mercer, who was scheduled to hold a news conference today to announce his decision to apply for the NBA draft, had 19 as the visiting Wildcats (27-3, 13-2 Southeastern Conference) tied a school record for regular-season victories. C.J. Black had 22 points for the Volunteers (11-14, 4-11), who closed within three points twice late in the second half, but killed themselves with 33 turnovers.

No. 9 Cincinnati 63, Southern Mississippi 49

Ruben Patterson scored 20 points to offset Danny Fortson's season-low four as the Bearcats (23-5, 11-1) clinched at least a share of the Conference USA regular-season championship and the top seed in the league tournament. George Scott had 15 points for the visiting Golden Eagles (12-13, 6-7), who lost to No. 17 Louisville in overtime last Saturday.

No. 21 Illinois 87, Penn St. 65

Kiwane Garris had 27 points for the visiting Fighting Illini (19-8, 9-6 Big Ten), who handed the Nittany Lions (9-16, 2-14) their second-worst loss of the season. Jarrett Stephens had 18 points lead Penn State.

Streaking Stars manage 1-0 victory over Blackhawks

CHICAGO (AP) — There's a reason the Dallas Stars already have a dozen more points than they did last season: They've buried personal agendas in favor of team goals.

That was illustrated perfectly in Tuesday night's 1-0 victory over the Chicago Blackhawks.

Backup goalie Arturs Irbe had a spectacular third period, several seldom used players performed well in place of injured regulars and low-scoring Todd Harvey netted the game's only goal.

"I wish I would play more, but I understand the circumstances," said Irbe, whose 12-

save third period included sparkling stops on Murray Craven and Tony Amonte in the final minutes. "I'm not complaining and there's no reason for me to complain because we're winning."

Mike Modano, Dallas' best player, said Irbe's attitude typifies this season's Stars. At 37-22-4, the Stars are 15 games over .500 for the first time in 14 years and have tied the franchise record for most points after 63 games, 78, set in 1982-83. Dallas had only 66 points all last season.

"We were disappointed with last year and wanted to have a

fresh start," Modano said. "Something different is happening for us every game — someone's popping in a big goal or making a big save. We expect the unexpected."

Dallas learned just before Tuesday's game that wing Benoit Hogue wouldn't be able to play because of a sore elbow. He joined Craig Ludwig, Richard Matvichuk, Greg Adams and Jere Lehtinen as injured Stars.

Nevertheless, Dallas tied the 1993-94 club's franchise record with its 19th road victory and moved eight points ahead of second-place Detroit in the

NHL's Central Division.

"We extended our depth to the ultimate level," coach Ken Hitchcock said. "We had to change our game plan with a lot of players out, played a safer game, and got away with it because of Irbe."

Irbe, giving All-Star Andy Moog a night off, finished with 24 saves in recording his second shutout of the season and 10th of his career.

With 3:20 to play, he stopped Craven, who was alone in front after stealing Sergei Zubov's pass. With 1:28 left, Amonte got loose for a breakaway only to be foiled by Irbe's arm save.

MVP

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accident earlier this year, was named honorary captain of the all-district team.

8-2A All-District team

MVP — Amber Tarr, Ozona.

Defensive player — Jana Potter, Roscoe.

Newcomer — Leslie Avila, Ozona.

Coach of the year — Dickie Faught, Ozona.

First team

Tara Sterling, Coahoma; Cassie Tindol, Coahoma; Shelly Sullivan, Ozona; Amber McWilliams, Ozona; Makenzie McCravy, Eldorado; Victoria Mitchell, Eldorado; Becky Frierson, Roscoe; Phyllis Gee, Wall; Cristin Corley, Winters; Janet Guy, Winters.

Second team

Tori Elmore, Coahoma; Ellie Woods, Coahoma; Amie Evans, Forsan; Joshelyn Helm, Roscoe; Cheyanna Dean, Roscoe; Stormi Sessom, Ozona; Autumn McWilliams, Ozona; Melissa Braden, Wall; Angela Ballew, Eldorado; Ashley Whitten, Eldorado.

Coahoma honorable mention selections

Krista Stanislaus and Tonia Sparks.

District 30-1A Girls

Tiffany Maxie was named

most valuable player and teammates Kim Harp and Misti Batla were first team selections as the Garden City Lady Bearcats dominated the All-District 30-1A girls' basketball team.

Maxie, a junior, was a unanimous selection.

Lady Bearcats named to the honorable mention team include junior Paula Braden, senior Mitchell Hoch, sophomore J'Layne Niehues and junior April Bryant.

30-1A All-District team

MVP — Tiffany Maxie, Garden City.

First team

Kim Harp, Garden City; Misti

Batla, Garden City; Amanda Smith, Irion County; Nory Pierce, Irion County; Liz Mendez, Rankin.

Second team

Tanya Presky, Rankin; Valerie Rogers, Rankin; Amanda McCutchen, Irion County; Jami McDonald, Sanderson; Monique Luevano, Sanderson.

Honorable mention

Paula Braden, Garden City; Michelle Hoch, Garden City; J'Layne Niehues, Garden City; April Bryant, Garden City; Marcy Mauldin, Irion County; Melinda Beck, Irion County; Kathie DeLaPaz, Rankin; Chris Pruett, Rankin; Roxanne Hagelgans, Sanderson; Lydia Rodriguez, Sanderson.

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DEAR ABBY: I am 15 years old and my boyfriend just told me that he loves me. He has opened his heart to me, and I'm afraid that I have nothing to say to him in return.

I know what I feel for him is more than a crush. My emotions are too strong to just "like" him. I love to be around him, I love to talk to him, and I love it when we embrace. I just don't know if I love him.

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You men out there (and women), please listen to me: If it's hurting your partner and you truly love that person, then

stop what you're doing. Discuss it with him or her and solve the problems to your mutual satisfaction. Otherwise, you may find yourself alone. — LOST MY LADY

DEAR LOST MY LADY: "Sitting on the Sidelines" indicated that her husband is an otherwise affectionate and attentive partner. As you point out, however, he is not perfect. If he were, he would have done exactly as you recommend. You have learned a very valuable lesson, and I thank you for passing it on.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 79-year-old woman and I'm in pretty good shape for my age. Even so, I tire more easily these days, and shopping in department stores has become harder than it used to be because there is no place to sit down and rest for a few minutes. My feet and legs get tired, and if I could just sit and rest, I would be able to continue shopping. As it is, I end up taking a catalog and leaving, because I can't walk or stand that long.

With department stores competing so heavily for business, wouldn't you think they could put a chair or two near the cash register for our older folks? — MAXINE, LONG BEACH, CALIF.

DEAR MAXINE: I would think they could — and should — even though space in department stores is very valuable.

DEAR ABBY: We hear so many horror stories concerning children of divorce, it might be encouraging to hear of one where both parents handle the situation very well.

Since the divorce seven years ago, the two children (now 11 and 13) have been in the custody of their mother. Of course, the father has visitation rights. Never has either parent said anything derogatory about the other. The two have always lived in different areas — now Cleveland and Dayton, Ohio — and each has initiated phone calls to the other for the children.

When the mother (my daughter) goes to her Air Force reserve duty in Dayton, the children stay with their father, and occasionally, she, too, stays there. Similarly, when the father and his wife come to Cleveland to see the children, they have stayed at my daughter's home — as have his relatives.

Last Christmas, they had the greatest arrangements, demonstrating what exemplary parents they are — the new wife included. During the Christmas vacation, the girls spent several days with their father, then on Christmas Eve when he brought them back to their mother's home, he and his wife stayed overnight, so they could all share Christmas morning with the children.

Abby, wouldn't it be wonderful if more divorced couples could handle the situation so well? — GRATEFUL GRANDMA IN FLORIDA

DEAR GRATEFUL GRANDMA: Some do, but unfortunately, most do not.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 27:

Honor priorities. There will be much going on. No matter how out of control things can get, you land on your feet. You might want to let go of something that began about 11 years ago. The time has come to bring this journey to completion. You will begin a new cycle in 1998. If you are single, romance is likely; others find you unusually attractive. The choice is yours. Enjoy! If attached, you will work on your relationship and goals. Be more aware of your perspective and needs. Open discussions will become a greater part of the union. SCORPIO is tender toward 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) Your experiences have unexpected twists. Recognize who your supporters are, and who they aren't. Stay tuned in to the feedback you receive. Communicate primarily on a one-to-one level. Count on your intuition to help you. Tonight: Talk over dinner for two.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Make an effort to listen more and talk less. You might have lost sight of your priorities and long-term goals. Recognize that a boss has reason to be in a flutter; change may be needed. Friends and associates could simply be agreeing to placate you. Tonight: Be friendly.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Work demands your focus and energy. You don't always agree with others, but you are grounded. News from a distance throws a new cast on what has been insignificant up to now. Reorganize, and be flexible. Adaptability is one of your strongest suits. Tonight: Work late.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Be cautious with money matters. You find your caring enhanced by a sense of naughtiness or mischief. Curb daydreaming, and stay centered on key details. Creativity meets different problems; just make sure you are anchored. Tonight: Start the weekend early.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are anchored, though sometimes rigid, with others. Let go of limiting thinking, especially in light of how it affects your work. Be open to new concepts. Someone offers you a special opportunity. Shake up the status quo, if necessary. Tonight: Home feels right.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't deceive yourself about what is occurring. Much opens up for you, but at the same time, you might be limiting yourself. Be direct when making requests. Make a landmark decision for your future. Communications are key. Tonight: Chat intimately over dinner.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your possessive side emerges quickly with a loved one. Do not kid yourself about this situation or mislabel the feeling. Be honest. The unexpected challenges you, both in relationships and with children. Don't let another see you chuckle at his tantrum. Tonight: It's your treat.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Clarify a message, not once, but several times. Think through your decisions with care. Because of your strong personality and high charisma, others are likely to go along with your choices. A domestic matter is highlighted. Tonight: You are all smiles.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Take a back seat while you can. There is a disruptive element in the air, so say and do little. Keep your own counsel, and gather information. Much is going on very quickly. Unexpected news turns in your favor. Tonight: Vanish while it's still possible!***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You get what you want. The unexpected occurs financially. Avoid taking anyone for granted. Be willing to let go in order to expand. Friendship plays a major role in your choices. Call a halt to a difficult situation. Tonight: You are happy where the crowds are.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You throw others off by your unpredictable behavior. They don't understand that you have strong priorities, and right now it is work. You will not tolerate any flak. Instincts are correct about a money issue. Follow through. Tonight: You are a force to behold.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You feel that someone is turning over your apple cart. Actually, you are simply realizing what is what. This insight takes awhile to become reality, but it will help empower you. Reach out for others, and seek a fresh point of view. Tonight: Go for what is different.***

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Silence marks anniversary of 'Ponygate' scandal at SMU

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DALLAS — Ten years later, Watergate's Texas cousin still isn't talking.

The SMU football scandal — pop-titled "Ponygate" — was Texas excess gone to excess. It was big names with big money telling big lies to escape blame for little-boy deeds that amounted to the biggest credibility challenge the NCAA has ever known.

After pausing to collect its collective breath, the NCAA — 10 years ago Tuesday — slapped SMU with the unthinkable sanction: the suspension and virtual dismemberment of the school's football program. It was that big. To warrant that kind of punishment, it had to be. Sure, there was a cover-up. Sure, there was hush money.

But there was more to the scandal, enough to water the eyes of Watergate chroniclers.

Who could have imagined a gauntlet meeting in a parking lot during which the once-and-future governor of Texas would order slush-fund payments to college football players? On that bit of film noir, the SMU saga turned.

Even a decade later, high-placed lips remain tightly sealed concerning details of the scandal.

Delicious absurdities did emerge, most notably a desk-drawer holdup by two SMU athletes who stole the school's monthly player payroll — with perfect impunity, of course.

"Hello, NCAA?" You can just imagine the call. "Get over here quick. Someone just stole our slush fund."

Even conventional historians must note that, just as Watergate wormed its way into the White House and forced a president to quit, the SMU scandal permeated the governor's mansion. And for much of Bill Clements' second term, it all but crippled his ability to deal political poker in Austin.

But the SMU scandal had a few things Watergate didn't. High melodrama, for instance. The chief prosecutor fainted during sentencing. Watergate's Sam Ervin never thought of that. It also had football. That is to say, it had religious significance.

And what the SMU scandal did for major-college football in Dallas was smack it dead. A reformation long overdue, some might say.

But when the NCAA — on Feb. 25, 1987 — posted its fatal findings against the habitually malevolent Mustangs football program, the fate of the Southwest Conference, too, was sealed.

Rich in athletic lore — much of it supplied by champions of the Hilltop — the SWC did not survive the first decade of SMU fallout. And with the conference's passing, SMU lost its best measuring stick for recovery. Now the Mustangs worship in the rear pews of the Western Athletic Conference.

The SMU scandal had something else Watergate didn't: something that even Richard Nixon's palace guard couldn't engender. It had loyalty — probably bought and certainly blind — but the kind of loyalty that lasts to the grave.

Haldeman talked. Ehrlichman talked. Dean couldn't wait to talk. Liddy talked. Now he won't stop. Nearly all of the Watergate notables blabbed long and loud about how they made spitwads out of the Constitution.

Code of Silence Since March 3, 1987, when he rocked the state by confessing his personal involvement in SMU's pay-to-play scheme, Clements has been loathe to talk about it.

In his retirement, Clements has served as a generous benefactor to the school whose board of governors he once chaired. His proud vision for Texas, clouded by a spat of fanaticism for his alma mater, was not beyond refocusing.

Bob Hitch, pressed to quit as athletic director during the scandal, won't discuss it. He still resides in the Dallas area, but his interests now lie in a chain of dry-cleaning shops.

Bobby Collins, also pressed to resign as football coach, still

has no testament to offer. Collins, once regarded as one of the game's most able coaches, retreated to his quiet Mississippi roots after the scandal. The past four years, Collins has served as director of the Eagle Club fund-raising organization at the University of Southern Mississippi, where he used to coach.

"There's just really nothing I have to say about it," Collins said politely. "I hope you'll understand, but I'm just getting on with my life, enjoying my kids and my grandkids."

What is it about this crummy little football scandal that compels such a blood-oath silence? When the Methodist bishops investigated the matter in the spring of 1987, 11 principals refused to be interviewed, among them Collins, former coach Ron Meyer, a member of the SMU Board of Governors and a member of the Board of Regents. Hitch refused to be interviewed under oath.

What was left to hide? Clements already had exposed the depth of the scandal. Hitch and Collins, pressed into the payoff chain-of-command, agreed to take the public fall in exchange for full payment on their contracts — about \$800,000. Because both had violated NCAA rules, the school wasn't obligated to pay. But when the agreements were drawn up, there were secrets to keep — and Hitch and Collins agreed to keep them.

The NCAA's infractions committee found the silence deafening. The committee set aside the recommendation of its own investigative staff and made SMU the first recipient of newly enacted "death penalty" sanctions for repeat rule violators. The Mustangs were banned from football competition in 1987. The school voluntarily scrapped the 1988 season because of restrictions brought by other sanctions.

Ten years later, the wounds are still fresh — even among those who applied the penalty. "I do believe the process was well served by the committee's decision," said Milton Schroeder, an Arizona State law professor who served on the panel. Beyond that, Schroeder declined to discuss it.

Chief investigator David Berst fainted on the gallows on Feb. 25, 1987, the victim of flu and stress. He still feels the indignity — not of the pratfall but of the magnitude of SMU's disregard for honest competition.

"I was beginning to wonder whether there were any institutions who had a sincere interest in knowing what was going on in their program," says Berst, now the NCAA's director of enforcement.

"It was one of the worst cases we had ever encountered," Berst says. "It involved people at the highest levels of the institution. It involved violations no one needed a manual to understand."

It holds the distinction of "M1" in the NCAA's case-file code. The "M" is for "major violation." The "1" is more symbolic. Without it, there might never have a "2" or a "3."

When the NCAA approved "death penalty" legislation in 1985, the organization placed a chip on its shoulder and its credibility on the line. If the legislation was tailored to fit the neck-size of SMU's wayward and resurgent football program, so be it.

Sanctioned five times between 1958 and 1985, the Mustangs were begging to be rubbed out. By refusing full disclosure in 1987, they were financing their own hit. It wasn't a case of the NCAA needing an example. SMU simply refused to quit auditioning for the part.

"Their claim was that it was environmental," Berst says, "that they had to do it to keep ahead of competitors who they believed were doing the same thing. To them, it wasn't an issue of these being the laws of the land. They just saw these as a bunch of rules made up by a gentleman's club."



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Columnist

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Chiefs on lookout for quarterback

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The Kansas City Chiefs, after courting veterans Chris Chandler, Heath Shuler and Elvis Grbac, are taking their quarterback search into the college ranks.

Kansas City coach Marty Schottenheimer was in Tempe, Ariz., on Tuesday to scout Arizona State quarterback Jake Plummer.

Schottenheimer, who watched Plummer and some of his teammates play at Sun Devil Stadium, said he liked what he saw.

"I think clearly he is a young man who has the potential to be a winning National Football League quarterback, and that's what everybody in the league is looking for," Schottenheimer

told Phoenix TV station KPNX. "It's a long way from the NCAA to the NFL, but at this point I think he's got the all the qualities that you're looking for."

Grbac, a free agent from San Francisco visited the Chiefs on Monday, along with free-agent wide receivers Andre Hastings of Pittsburgh and Qadry Ismail of Minnesota and linebacker Terry Wooden of Seattle.

Chandler was traded by Houston to Atlanta on Monday after talking with the Chiefs last week, and Shuler also has visited the team. Shuler wants out of Washington now that Gus Frerotte is the starter.

Other NFL teams also were busy Tuesday as they continued to tinker with their 1997 rosters.

Women's Care Update

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ALCOHOL AND ELEVATED ESTROGEN LEVELS

Postmenopausal women, in particular, have reason to drink alcohol only in moderation. A new study, conducted by researchers at Boston's Brigham and Women's Hospital and published in the Journal of the American Medical Association, indicates that postmenopausal women who drink alcohol while taking estrogen replacement may inadvertently raise the hormone's level in their blood. According to the research, those postmenopausal women who consumed the equivalent of 3 to 5 quick drinks (a heavy dose) found their estrogen levels rising with their blood alcohol levels and peaking at over 300% of baseline levels. While this particular study did not discuss the alcohol-induced estrogen spikes and risks, there is concern that these much-higher-than-normal estrogen levels may be linked to small increases in breast cancer.

Reports such as these seem to surface almost daily — about some food product, environmental toxin, or pollutant, reputed to elevate your risk for breast cancer. While the statistics may be accurate, only your physician can evaluate YOUR risks by factoring in your current condition, your medical history, and your family's history. If you have questions on this subject, or if you would like to schedule an appointment for my office in Big Spring, located at the Medical Care Plaza, 1200 Gregg Street, please call my main office in Midland at (915) 822-2222.

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