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No classes Monday for most area schools

Most Crossroads Area public schools are enjoying an extended Easter holiday and will not open classrooms and offices again until Monday.

Taking a longer holiday are Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Glasscock County and Grady school districts. Sands ISD took a holiday on Friday only and will return to classes Monday.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

❑ Texas Tech Ex Students Association Big Spring Chapter, 6 p.m., Sparenberg Building, 309 S. Main.

❑ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

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

TUESDAY

❑ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. throughout the month of April.

❑ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

❑ VFW Post No. 2013, VFW Hall, 7 p.m.

❑ Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main.

WEDNESDAY

❑ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room

❑ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen at 264-5175.

❑ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

❑ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

❑ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

❑ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

❑ Christmas in April, noon, Lions Club Den, 1607 E. Third. Call Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

❑ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library. Call Loraine Redman at 264-2260.

❑ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

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Stage is set for 'Roads' musical extravaganza here Friday evening

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer


LOPEDOTO

The stage is set to go, as Up With People prepares to take Big Spring by storm Friday.

"This is an excellent show and there's something for everyone," said Filo Lopedoto, a coordinator with the show.

Up with People®

"If you want to see 100 or more people from all over the world, all on stage, in brightly colored costumes perform with explosive energy, then the musical "Roads" will delight you," said Lopedoto.

The show begins at 7:30 p.m. at Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are available at the chamber of commerce, Howard College Student Union Building Dean of Student's office, Blum's Jewelers at the mall and both Premiere Video locations.

For students and children, the cost is $8. For adults the cost is $10.

"This program is the most fun, it is so fun. We take pride in our energy and we enjoy energizing the audience. We get really excited through the audience," said coordinator Jeannie McFarland.

Lopedoto said the show offers entertainment that will appeal to everyone. A 20th century melody of hits covers decades of music from swing to big band to jazz.

The audience will be treated to songs and dances of bygone eras such as the Charleston and the Jitterbug.

Also, contemporary tunes by artists such as Elvis, the Beatles and Mick Jagger will be performed, she said.

"Everyone knows these songs," Lopedoto said.

Music from around the world will also be featured, she said. Traditional songs from Mexico, India, Japan, Germany, the Netherlands as well as a Chinese dance will be performed.

One attraction of the show is that the performers involve the audience in songs while dancing through the aisles, she said.

The coordinators explained that the musical "Roads" is story

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Ballapalooza provides good family fun

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer



About 100 people braved 20-mile-per-hour gusty West Texas winds Saturday to support the reopening of the Roy Anderson Complex with a day-long Ballapalooza,

"I believe they have really done a good job out here, but I wasn't expecting it to be so windy," said Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ambassador Clarance Hartfield.

Hartfield was remarking on the new paint on the bleachers, the refurbishing of the concession stand and the newly installed picnic tables, which were donated to the complex by Western Container.

Community members as well as supporters from Odessa and San Angelo came to Ballapalooza to participate in raffles, catch a ride on a Gyroscope, have their face temporarily painted with the design of their choice, or to catch a softball game.

"My brother called me and asked me if I wanted to play softball. I said yes, and came and brought my three friends," said Amanda Solis of San Angelo.

George Solis, as well as his sister and her friends played for the Parks Ice House team.

"We have the only team with three girls," Solis boasted.

Ballapalooza provided an opportunity for a family outing for the Solis family. The elder parents, Juan and Angie, as well as the youngster Randy, rested between games and swapped tall tails and laughs, enjoying the opportunity to be together.

A free standing, inflated, enclosed jumping room was a popular attraction for children, as was face painting, ping pong ball toss, hunting for a toothpick in a hay stack and balloon dart throwing.

Older youth enjoyed challenging the Gyroscope, a device that rotates a person 360 degrees forward and backward while suspended mid-air.

"I did this because it's fun," said Rene Williams after she had taken her turn on the Gyroscope.

"I came to Ballapalooza for the fun here, and to help out. I enjoy seeing the people here having fun," said Williams, a first-year member of the United Girls Softball Association.

In spite of the wind, some children flew through the air on the miniature airplane ride, including 3-year-old Alannah Palmer.

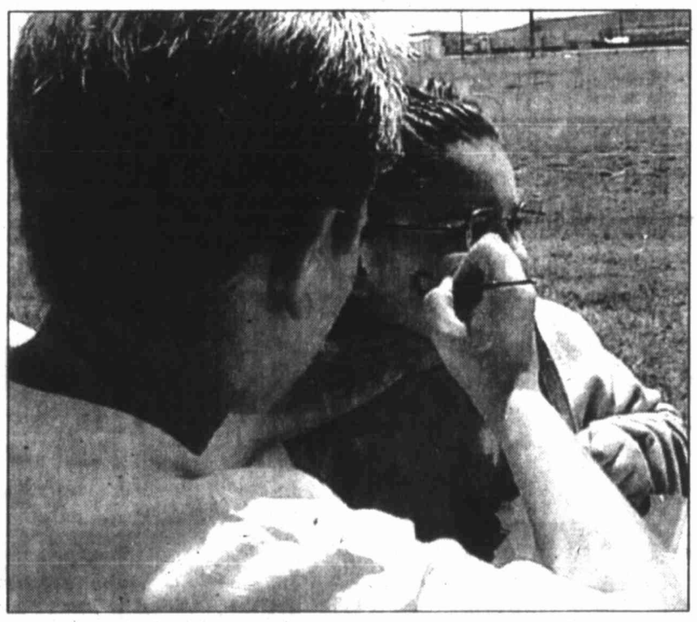
Alannah's mother Vita said her daughter had enjoyed the rides and the events, especially the ping pong toss.

"But she couldn't quite get the hang of the darts. The Easter egg hunt was great, she got more than enough candy. We took some for her to share with

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Saturday's Ballapalooza fund-raiser at the Roy Anderson Softball Complex brought smiles to lots of faces. Above, three-year-old Alexis Janelle Smith paused from her dart-throwing to grin for the camera. Below right, Kris DeLeon and Elias DeLeon practiced handstands for the crowd. Below, left, Zack Watkins painted the face of Valerie Martinez and others during the day-long festivities.

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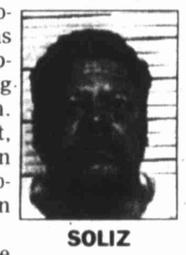
Escape

Third inmate walks off from federal prison

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Another inmate is missing from the Federal Correctional Institution, the third inmate to walk off in 24 days.

Casimiro Soliz, a 40-year-old native of Laredo, was last seen at 8:45 a.m. Thursday by a work detail supervisor. He was officially reported missing at the 4 p.m. inmate count, said Alan Booth, FCI public information officer.


SOLIZ

Unlike the two previous walk-off which were at night, Soliz left during the day, and at a time when he was supposed to have been under supervision, Booth said.


GONZALEZ

"We are currently conducting an investigation and the preliminary findings of that investigation are there were some procedural breakdowns. Some steps which were not followed," said Booth, who declined to name the work detail supervisor or the name of the work detail.


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Booth also said it is unknown what disciplinary measures might be taken, if any. He did confirm that the officer has not been fired.

"Whether that (following proper procedure) would have made a difference, I cannot say. You don't know what goes through someone's mind. When an inmate is looking at (serving) five more years on top of what he is already serving, it is beyond me why he would do this," Booth added.

He said anyone aiding and abetting an inmate in leaving the facility or after the inmate has left the facility unlawfully can be prosecuted and sen-

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From 350 to 87 to Gregg Street, TxDOT projects lined out

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor


BARROW

Howard County residents who plan to travel Highway 350 should be aware that construction will begin on that route April 10.

It's a $1.4 million project that will begin at the north frontage road of Interstate 20 and run to the Mitchell County line, said Art Barrow, Big Spring area engineer for the Texas Department of Transportation.

The work includes resurfacing of the traffic lanes and widening of the shoulders.

A couple of other projects to be let in early fall are on tap for TxDOT, and more are on their way for Howard County, according to the department's TIP or Transportation Improvement Plain for fiscal years 2000-2002.

One is the FM 700 North overpass, a $530,000 project tentatively scheduled to go to bid in August, said Barrow. Another due for bid about the same time is a safety project two miles west of Big spring along Interstate 20. That project, which will entail guardrail and rip-rap work, has been estimated by engineers at $265,000.

Rip-rap refers to the cement supports under elevated roads.

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HERALD photo/Marsha Sturdivant

Tommy Jackson with the Texas Department of Transportation drills holes in Gregg Street, taking core samples of the road material in preparation for the reconstruction of the roadway.

Public hearing on Gregg Street slated for May 4

HERALD Staff Report

A public meeting to discuss and gather input on the proposed reconstruction of Gregg Street from South Fourth to Interstate 20 will be held at 5:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 4, at Bauer Elementary cafeteria.

S&B Infrastructure, Ltd. of Houston will conduct the meeting, in which citizens may make oral or written comments about the project.

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OBITUARIES

Barbara A. Grant

Barbara A. (Lewis) Grant, 58, of Sand Springs, passed away Friday, April 2, 1999 at Scenic Mountain Medical Center after a long illness. Graveside services will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 5, 1999 at Coahoma Cemetery with Rev. Doug Shelly, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, officiating.

Mrs. Grant was born Sept. 1, 1940 in Thurmont, Maryland. She married James "Randy" Grant Feb. 15, 1973 in Tucson, Ariz., and moved to Sand Springs, where she had lived for 25 years. She was a great wife and mother and was loved and admired by all who knew her.

Survivors include: her loving husband, James R. Grant; two sons, Butch Sanderson of Burlington, Wash. and Ricky Sanderson of Keller, Texas; one daughter, Bernadette Grant of Big Spring; several sisters of Maryland; two grandchildren: Daniel Sanderson of Burlington, Wash. and Richard Grant of Big Spring.

Pall bearers will be Chris Jones, Louie (Moose) Smith, Jerry Roach, Charles Dykes, Eddie Earls, Bo Garvin, Jim Reese and James A. Bailey.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home and Chapel.

Paid obit

Edwin E. Lawson

Graveside service for Edwin E. Lawson, 73, of Big Spring, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, April 4, 1999, at Evergreen Cemetery with Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating.

Mr. Lawson died on Friday, April 2, 1999, at his residence.

He was born on July 23, 1925, in Seymour and married Lurlene Geurin on May 17, 1947 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Feb. 1, 1991.

Mr. Lawson came to Big Spring in 1959 and retired from civil service at Webb Air Force Base as a vehicle maintenance supervisor. He later sold used cars for Bob Brock Ford.

Survivors include two daughters, Karla Ingram of Odessa and Karen Harrison of Big Spring; one son, Larry Lawson of Midland; two sisters, Willie Null of Arlington and Mary Sue Rowden of Odessa; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Mental Health and Mental Retardation of Midland, 401 E. Illinois Ave., Midland, TX 79701.

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

Clarence 'Spooks' W. Tanner

Funeral service for Clarence "Spooks" W. Tanner, 73, of Malakoff, will be at 2 p.m. Sunday at the First Baptist Church of Malakoff with the Rev. Casey Perry officiating. Burial will be in Malakoff Cemetery under director of Tomlinson Funeral Home.

Mr. Tanner died April 2, 1999 in Malakoff. He was born Aug. 14, 1925 in Malakoff. He was a graduate of North Texas State University and was a retired high school teacher. He served in the Air Force in World War II and Korea. He was preceded in death by his parents, Emory and Minnie Tanner.

Survivors include a son, Thomas W. Tanner of Malakoff; three daughters, Babette Belcher of Big Spring, Mary Garrett of Malakoff and Judith Anne Bullard of Fort Worth; three brothers, J.C. Tanner of San Antonio, E.A. Tanner Jr. of Fort Worth and Carl Lester Tanner of Malakoff; four sisters, Corinne Tanner and Inez Green of Malakoff and Velma Johnson and Loretta Petty of Fort Worth; and six grandchildren.

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24th & Johnson 267-8288

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As time goes on, Barrow explained, they develop hollow areas in them, which have to be filled with new cement.

More rip-rap work will be conducted on FM 821 at the frontage of I-20. That project, which is estimated at $200,000 has no bid date yet, and will include rehabilitation of the existing pavement.

Still more rip-rap and culvert work will be done along Highway 350, Texas 208 in Mitchell County and I-20, at an estimated cost of $540,000.

The next big project for Big Spring proper is the reconstruction of Gregg Street from South 4th Street to Interstate 20. That $2.25 million project is scheduled to be let in May, 2000.

"It will entail rehab of the pavement, sidewalk additions, basically making it look like the rest of Gregg Street," said Barrow.

Another project set to be let in 2000 — probably in March — is a reconstruction of I 20 frtim Business 20 to the Martin County line. The 16-mile project is expected to cost some $7.8 million, said Barrow. The first phase of the project is 5.9 miles at an estimated cost of $2.6 million. The second phase is to be let in November of 2000 with the third phase to be let in November of 2001.

A December 2000 letting is tentatively scheduled for a $4.2 million project to rehabilitate U.S. 87 from seven miles south of the Martin County line to the Martin County line. The seven-mile stretch will be completely redone, and shoulders widened.

There's no timeline on a $1.1 million project to take place at the U.S. 87 and FM 700. Tentative to be let in 2001, the project calls for turnarounds going west and east at the intersection, and conversion of the existing roads from two-way to one-way streets.

First-up among the projects though is rehabilitation of the parking lots at Big Spring State Hospital. That project is to go out for bids within a week. Construction would begin 60 to 90 days later.

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The proposed project will have two segments of reconstruction. The first will begin at the I-20 south frontage road and end at the railroad bridge. The second will begin at South Fourth Street and end at the railroad bridge.

The project will also address storm water runoff in the U.S. 87 and North Lancaster Street area.

Citizens unable to attend the meeting may submit comments to the Big Spring Area Engineer, Art Barrow, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 511, in Big Spring, 79721.

The $2.25 million project is scheduled for letting in May 2000.

INMATE

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tenced to up to five years in prison.

"I am certainly not saying that is applicable in this case, however," said Booth.

Soliz is approximately 5-feet, 11-inches in height and weighs about 185 pounds. He has several identifying tattoos: "Juanny" and "Mi Amor" on his chest; two hearts with an arrow on his left forearm; "Guadalupe" "Ana"/"VNCS" on his left leg; and "Vida Sin" on his right leg. He also has a scar on his right biceps.

Soliz was serving a 63-month sentence for aiding and abetting to possess with intent to distribute 41.9 kilograms of marijuana. According to prison records, he has no history of violence.

He arrived at the camp on May 21, 1998 and had a projected release date of July 8, 2002.

Soliz is the third inmate to walk off from the facility in less than a month. On March 8, inmate Daniel Renteria-Nunez of Odessa walked away from the camp, which has no fences and no gates.

On March 25, Hector J. Gonzalez, 30, was discovered missing at the 10:15 p.m. inmate count. Gonzalez is also from Laredo.

"This case was different in that Soliz left during the day. The other two were under the cover of darkness," said Booth.

After Gonzalez walked off, prison officials implemented some extra security measures, including additional census counts.

"Those seem to be working well," said Booth.

"It is our job to provide a safe environment for the inmate and the community. We do everything in our power to do that. We have procedures and if they are not followed these things can happen," Booth said.

The Federal Bureau of Investigations and the U.S. Marshal's Office are seeking the three inmates.

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my husband at work," Palmer said.

"I think this is a great thing, we need more wholesome activities for the family like this Ballapalooza," Palmer said.

About 5,000 eggs were hidden at the Easter Egg hunt, and children enjoyed finding their treasure. One parent reported a child putting eggs in his clothing when his Easter basket filled.

A surprise contestant at the dart-throwing contest was the wind, when the board with the balloons fell forward and all the balloons popped at once.

Andrea Earle, tourism director for the chamber of commerce, directed participants and organizers through the complex using a megaphone.

"The Up With People people have been a tremendous help, and Becky Crane (city of Big Spring parks director) has really worked hard to make this a success," Earle said.

"This went very well, and we are very pleased by the games and attendance. I wish we had seen more community members here, and we hope to make this an annual event," Earle said.

Up With People coordinators Jeannie McFarland and Filo Lopedoto coordinated the talent portion of the day, and refused to be daunted by the last minute cancellations of acts.

"I am still excited, and this is a lot of fun," McFarland said.

Earle said many groups and businesses worked to make Ballapalooza a success, including the UGSA, TCA Cable, Regis, On Cue Premier Video and Video Warehouse, Culligan's Water, Coca-Cola, Wal-Mart and Blue Bell Ice Cream.

All money raised by Ballapalooza will be used to make more improvements to the complex.

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about youth, with hope and enthusiasm coming to a fork in the road.

The songs lead them through the decisions they must make about life, whether to take the path of least resistance and surrender, or accept the challenge of a tougher but more rewarding path.

"What we're saying to people who see this show is, 'You can make a difference,'" Lopedoto said.

"When audiences see students rallying together to restore their burned-out youth center, we hope they transfer that to themselves and realize that with teamwork, youth leading youth, they have that kind of power," she said.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Grady wins UIL district academic meet with 406 points

At a recent University Interscholastic League competition, Grady Independent School District student swept the competition, earning 406 total points out of 22 categories.

Grady students earned perfect scores in the calculator applications, computer science, literary criticism, once-act play and science categories.

Second place went to Borden County, with 222 total points. Borden County students earned perfect scores in prose and current issues.

Third place went to Dawson with 203 points, followed by Klondike with 126 points and Ira with 92 points.

Loop students earned 77 points, Westbrook earned 68 points, Wellman-Union earned 61 points, Hermleigh earned 28 points and Sands CISD earned 12 points.

The District 9-A UIL contest was conducted at the Grady High School.

TEXAS LOTTERY

LOTTO: 11,17,21,25,31,32

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 4 p.m. Saturday:

- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 200 block of Channing, 500 block of Westover and 1000 block of State.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of east 13th, 3300 block of West Hwy 80 and 1500 block of Johnson.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT** was reported in the 1500 block of Scurry.
- **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 600 block of West I-20.
- **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 4200 block of Muir, 600 block of Main and 120 block of Airbase Road.
- **TIFFANY SNEED**, 26, was arrested for warrants for theft by check.
- **CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING** was issued in the 200 bloc of North Johnson and 900 block of Willia.
- **MARIE PACHECO**, 37, was arrested for warrants.
- **JERRY BALDOCK**, 27, was arrested for delivery of a controlled substance.
- **MICHAEL THOMPSON**, 23, was arrested for a warrant for burglary.

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Investigation into missing atheists leads to ranch

CAMP WOOD, Texas (AP) — The FBI brought in additional heavy equipment Saturday to help search parts of a 5,000-acre South Texas ranch, apparently for clues to the 1995 disappearance of atheist leader Madalyn Murray O'Hair, her son, her granddaughter and $500,000 in gold coins.

FBI spokesman Mike Appleby of San Antonio, who has not confirmed that the search relates to the O'Hair case, said a briefing was planned Saturday for reporters gathered at the remote site 100 miles west of San Antonio.

"They saw us dragging a backhoe in there early this morning," Appleby said. "They (agents) didn't bring it there for looks."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation has been close-mouthed about the search, which began with Friday's execution of a federal search warrant at the Cooksy Ranch in south Real County. But Tom Vinger, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety, which oversees the Texas Rangers law enforcement agency, said Saturday the O'Hair case is the focus.

"We are assisting the FBI, searching for evidence related to the Madalyn Murray O'Hair case. That doesn't mean they're looking for bodies," Vinger said.

Don Friend, an owner of the Cooksy Ranch, said Saturday the FBI had told him: "We have reason to believe that there are the remains of certain people (on your land)."

Friend said he was told federal agents were bringing in additional help from Washington, D.C., and that officials didn't know yet know how long the search would go on.

"I told them that I was to move some cattle in there today, and they said no, don't move the cattle in," Friend said.

In a news release Friday, the U.S. Attorney's Office in San Antonio said "no further comment on today's (Friday) events will be made at this time" because the search is related to an ongoing criminal investigation.

Mrs. O'Hair vanished from San Antonio in 1995 with her son, granddaughter and $500,000 in gold coins. Her 1963 Supreme Court case led to the ban on organized prayer in public schools.

The hunt at the Cooksy Ranch could have resulted from information gathered by federal agents who spent more than a dozen hours interviewing ex-convict Gary P. Karr in Michigan. He and another man, David R. Waters, who was an office manager for Ms. O'Hair's American Atheists Inc., were arrested last week and each jailed on a charge of being a felon in possession of a firearm.

Waters and Karr served sentences at the same Illinois prison for eight months in the 1980s.

About the time of the O'Hairs' disappearance, a Florida man, Danny Fry, vanished after spending September 1995 with his friend Waters in San Antonio. In January of this year, DNA testing proved that a nude, headless and handless body found Oct. 2, 1995, east of Dallas was Fry.

Karr's lawyer, Richard Helfrick, said his client cooperated with FBI questions concerning homicides in Texas.

Texas banks post drop in assets, on paper, anyway

AUSTIN (AP) — Deposits at Texas' 820 banks declined by one-fifth last year, but the numbers don't tell the whole story.

The drop, reflected in the latest figures from the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., is due mostly to interstate bank branching, which Texas permitted for the first time last year, the Austin American-Statesman reported.

In past years, Texas bank regulators required that deposits in Texas branches be counted as Texas assets.

But Charlotte, N.C.-based NationsBank Corp. — now Bank of America — successfully challenged that policy in court. The decision opened the doors for banks in Texas to cease being based in Texas and move their headquarters to other states.

"One of the problems that all of the regulators are having is the move to interstate branching and how it is making all the state figures lopsided," Texas Banking Commissioner Catherine Ghiglieri said. "If you take the banking system as a whole, there is no change. But state by state, there is all these gigantic changes in the reporting."

The apparent drop in Texas deposits shouldn't alarm bank customers, said NationsBank spokeswoman Pam McQuity.

"It really has no impact on customers or anything else," Ms. McQuity said. "The charter consolidation is related to us being allowed to operate seamlessly throughout the country. It reflects the same structure that NationsBank has in other states in which we operate."

When NationsBank moved its Texas headquarters from Dallas to Charlotte, it took more than $62 billion in assets out of the state — far more than any other bank in Texas, according to the FDIC.

Compass Bank followed suit by shifting most of its Texas business operations from Houston to Birmingham, Ala., removing $6.9 billion in assets.

About two-thirds of Compass' $11.3 billion in deposits are in Texas, Florida and Arizona, said bank chairman D. Paul Jones Jr.

Regions Bank, based in Montgomery, Ala., bought seven banks in East Texas and took credit for their assets and earnings. Another Alabama institution, Colonial Bank of Montgomery, acquired two other Texas banks.

The shift of deposits has had a real impact on Texas banks' bragging rights.

Televangelist sells sanctuary, settles suit with ex-wife

DALLAS (AP) — Robert Tilton once drew thousands of worshipers to Sunday morning services in his gleaming, stained-glass Word of Faith church along a busy freeway.

But Tilton's ministry, which grossed as much as $70 million a year through television and mail solicitations, was rocked by scandal in recent years.

Now, the 52-year-old televangelist has sold the church building and grounds to the city of Farmers Branch for $6.1 million and settled a million-dollar fraud lawsuit filed by his first wife, The Dallas Morning News reported in Saturday's editions.

City officials, who expect the sale to close next week, plan to spend two years and $1.5 million converting the church and surrounding 12.9 acres into a convention center.

"This piece of property is and will be a very, very major component to the entrance to our city," said Assistant City Manager John Burke.

A school founded by the church has also been sold for $3.3 million to the Carrollton-Farmers Branch Independent School District. The school, Lexington Academy, which closed in December, was run by Tilton's first wife, Marte Tilton.

Mrs. Tilton sued her ex-husband, the church and longtime church attorney J.C. Joyce of Tulsa, Okla., for more than $1 million in 1996, charging that they reneged on a written agreement to support her and the private school after the couple's 1993 divorce.

Details of the settlement, including the amount, were not disclosed. None of the principals would comment to the newspaper.

Tilton, who secretly married Leigh Valentine in early 1994, filed for divorce from her more than three years ago.

Attendance at Word of Faith — where Tilton still holds the title of senior pastor, although he lives in South Florida — has dwindled to about 140 this year, according to Trinity Foundation, an evangelist-monitoring group strongly critical of Tilton.

The 4,800-seat church, founded in 1976, used to be packed before media reports and lawsuits in the early 1990s began accusing Tilton of false promises of prayer and healing. However, he lost only one jury verdict in those lawsuits, and it was overturned.

Tilton returned to preaching on television in some cities about a year ago. He buys air time on Black Entertainment Television for his five-times-a-week middle-of-the-night show.

Bloodsucking mites killing beneficial honey bees

HARLINGEN (AP) — Beekeeper Bill Vanderput began the year by treating his colonies of bees with chemical strips to ward off bloodsucking mites.

"In January, I put some fresh strips in my hives, and then I discovered about four weeks later that it was not decimating the mite population," said Vanderput.

By then, about 20 percent of his bees were gone.

Vanderput, whose Magic Valley Honey has 4,000 bee colonies from Harlingen to Rio Grande City, is one of many beekeepers statewide battling the tenacious varroa mite.

The varroa mite feeds on the blood of honeybees. The current infestation comes after a 1984 infestation of tracheal mites and the invasion of Africanized honeybees.

The population of commercial honeybee hives in Texas has dropped 50 percent in the past 10 years and 90 percent of the bees in the wild have been killed by mites, said Robert Coulson, an entomology professor at Texas A&M University.

"That is really a serious issue because without these bees it is not possible to pollinate commercial fields," Coulson said.

The varroa mite is currently the main concern for Texas beekeepers. The tracheal mite, which infests the respiratory system of honeybees, has also depleted colonies all over the country.

"It's not just a Texas problem, it's a nationwide problem," Coulson said. "In fact, it's a worldwide problem."

Coulson said bees from commercial hives are essential for agriculture because mechanized agriculture techniques have allowed the cultivation of large fields of crops, and wild bees can't pollinate the vast fields. It is estimated that pollination adds about $500 million in value to Texas agricultural products every year.

Bees pollinate about 90 commercial crops, including melons, berries and cucumbers. Vanderput, a Valley beekeeper for 25 years, rents his bees to farmers, but this year he's had to turn down some growers because he didn't have enough bees to go around — a healthy hive has about 50,000 bees, he said.

The lost business has cost him about $40,000 since January.

Commercial bees are also needed to sustain the population of wild, or feral, bees. When a commercial hive gets too large, half the hive takes a queen and swarms until it finds a new home in the wild.

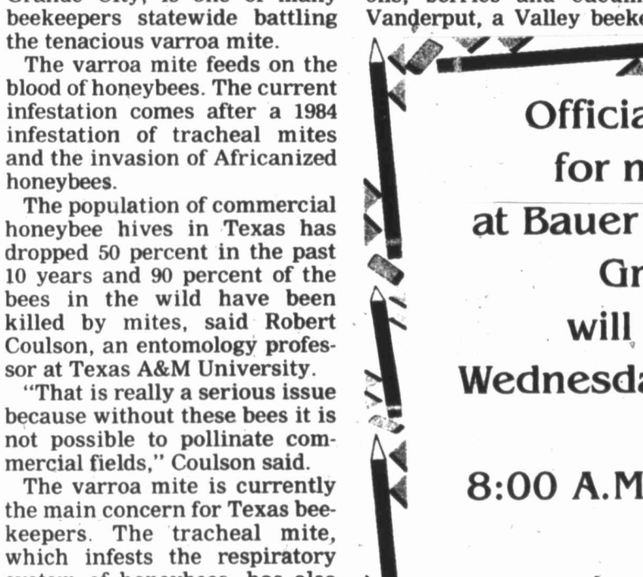
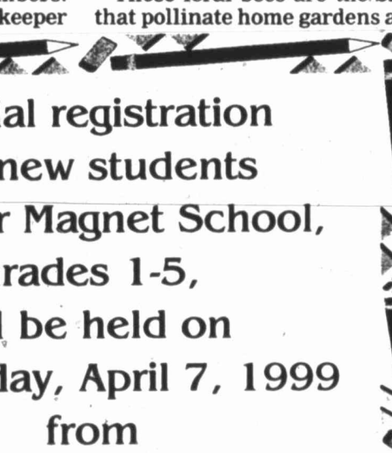
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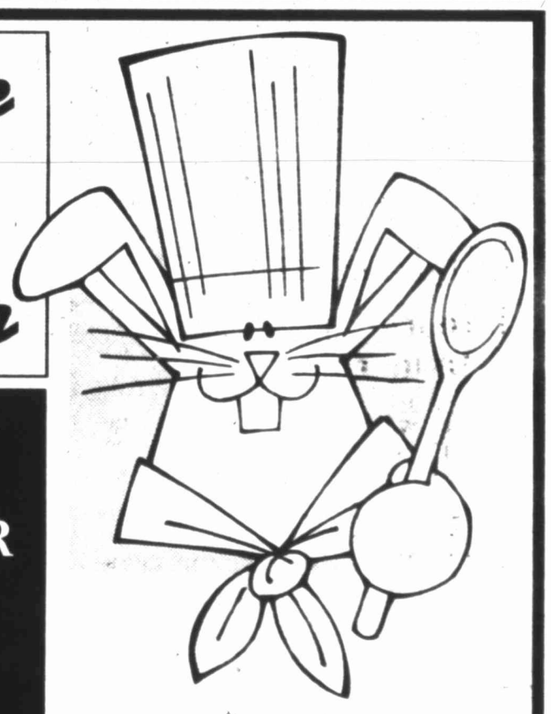
The honeybee decline's effect on agriculture went unnoticed the past few years because of other factors affecting crops in Texas, like drought.

Sorting out the factors contributing to a decline in honeybees isn't either, he said, and neither is fighting the mites. He said it's a challenge to come up with pesticides that won't hurt the bees.

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OUR VIEWS

Support fair deregulation of electric industry

Beginning Monday, members of the State Affairs Committee of the Texas House of Representatives will begin reviewing Senate Bill 7 — which provides for the deregulation of the electric industry in Texas.

We believe it is important for this committee, of which our own representative, David Counts, is a member, to review SB 7 in a fair and open manner, and to allow the facts regarding deregulation to speak for themselves.

We support deregulation of the electric industry in Texas for a number of reasons.

First, we believe deregulation will allow both commercial and residential users the opportunity to lower their bills.

Second, we believe deregulation will allow our industries to remain competitive while also allowing our industrial development agencies, such as our own Moore Development for Big Spring, to remain competitive with communities in states where deregulation has already taken place.

Third, we believe deregulation of the Texas electric industry can best be achieved by Texans and that by completing the task in this 75th session of the Texas Legislature, we can maintain the controls we feel are necessary, rather than waiting on the federal government to do it later this year.

We do have some concerns about deregulation.

First, it must be beneficial to all Texans.

Second, deregulation must maintain the current reliability of the delivery system.

Third, it must ensure fair competition for all electric providers.

There is no doubt that the federal government, with 16 bills proposed or introduced in the 105th Congress, will take action to deregulate the industry this year.

By taking action in Texas, we control our own destiny.

Texas is in a unique situation because it has maintained control over most of its electrical grid. This could be lost if the legislature does not move now to pass legislation that fairly restructures the electric utility industry.

As we've discovered with airlines and telephones, deregulation lowers prices because it encourages competition.

It is time for Texas to catch up with the 18 states which have enacted deregulation and stay ahead of the federal government.

It's time to pass electric deregulation in Texas.

We encourage you to contact Rep. Counts and make him aware of your support for electric deregulation. Your voice counts, but it cannot be heard unless you raise it.

He may be contacted in Austin at (512) 463-3000, by fax at (512) 463-5896 or by e-mail at david.counts@house.state.tx.us — you may also contact his Knox City office at (940) 658-5012.

Because review of SB 7 begins on Monday, your prompt action is required.

If the legislature does not act now, we will more than likely lose control of the electric industry in Texas, because it will be two years before the Texas Legislature meets again and the feds will have acted by then.

It's now ... or never.

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Tobacco funds should be dedicated to health care

By DAN STUTZ, M.D.
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The $15 billion tobacco settlement gives the 76th Texas Legislature a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to create a legacy to meet the health care needs of Texans for generations to come.

The Coalition for a Healthy Texas, a joint effort of the Texas Hospital Association (THA) and the Texas Medical Association (TMA) and more than 20 health and medical organizations, is working to dedicate these dollars to meet the current and future health needs of Texans. The tobacco settlement resulted from an acknowledgment of the health risks and costs associated with tobacco product use. Therefore, the $15 billion settlement should be dedicated to health care services/programs in Texas, with a special emphasis on children's health.

Sen. Bill Ratliff and Rep. Rob Junell, chairman of the Senate Finance and House Appropriations committees, respectively, have taken the first steps by developing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Attorney General on how proceeds from the first year's payment should be spent. But, actually putting the money into health care programs must be accomplished by the full Legislature.

The Coalition for a Healthy Texas has three priorities regarding the tobacco settlement funds: full funding of the Children's Health Insurance Program; establishing the Tobacco Pilot Program addressing cessation and prevention of tobacco use; and establishing a Permanent Fund for Children and Health.

In a recent survey of more than 1,000 Texas voters, 78 percent said they support using the tobacco settlement funds to establish a Permanent Fund for Children and Health.

By establishing a Permanent Fund for Children and Health, and dedicating future settlement payments to the fund, legislators can make sure these dollars are not redirected to unrelated programs in strained budget years.

Tobacco settlement funds should be dedicated to the delivery of primary and preventive health cares services to children and the uninsured. The needs are great in Texas. More than 1.3 million children, or a full 25 percent of Texans under the age of 18, are uninsured. In fact, only one other state has a higher percentage of uninsured children. This means too many Texas children won't receive the regular check-ups and preventative care that protect them from serious diseases. If we don't address this problem, we will fail to prepare roughly a quarter of Texas' population for a happy, productive future.

According to the Texas House of Representatives Public Health Committee's 1996 interim report, *Improving Access to Health Care for Children in Texas*, statistics show that uninsured children are 25 percent more likely to miss school than those who have health insurance. Good health is a prerequisite to learning. Children who come to school sick are not prepared to learn.

Uninsured children pose a significant financial burden on the state and its business community. Health care provided to uninsured children is done so at a much higher cost by doctors and private hospitals, and in some communities, at the expense of taxpayers. In addition, an employed parent must often remain home to care for a sick child. In 1994, this unfortunate reality resulted in a loss to Texas businesses of approximately 550,000 productive work days.

Increased per capita funding on health care leads to other long-term benefits such as a healthier workforce and increased productivity, decreased expenditures on long-term public health, societal benefits of a healthy public and improved academic performance for children.

Sen. Ratliff and Rep. Junell have shown great leadership with regard to the tobacco settlement. We urge their colleagues to join them in creating a positive legacy of health care for Texans to replace the devastating legacy of tobacco. The tobacco lawsuit settlement funds, coupled with a budget surplus of at least $2 billion, provide the Legislature an opportunity they simply shouldn't pass up.

(Dan Stutz, MD, is the CEO of San Angelo-based Shannon Health Systems.)



It's wrong to attack in Yugoslavia

Action against Yugoslavia is legally and morally wrong. Nations, however, frequently commit illegal or immoral actions for some strategic or tactical gain.


CHARLEY REESE

The stupefying mystery of the Clinton administration policy in the Balkans is just what does the United States gain? Nothing that I can see. The Russian foreign minister said it well: "It defies common sense."

Edmund Burke, the great British statesman, listed three reasons against the use of force in a speech urging Great Britain to seek reconciliation with its American colonies.

One reason is that the effects of violence are always temporary.

Two, if the violence fails, then all chances for reconciliation have been lost.

Three, violence often destroys what the violence was employed to save.

We are already seeing these principles at play in the Balkans. Clinton put U.S. troops into Bosnia three years ago (for 18 months, he claimed). Now, NATO officers have said it will be at least another five years before the troops can be withdrawn. And after eight years, will the conflict have been resolved? No. Serbs, Croats and Muslims will still have conflicting goals and claims and very likely will take up arms again.

And does Clinton think Yugoslav leaders will be easier to deal with after an unwarranted, unjustified attack on their country? If he does, he's a fool. And what will be left of Kosovo to save? And what right does the United States and NATO have to interfere in the internal affairs of Yugoslavia? None.

Turkey won't grant autonomy to its Kurdish citizens, and 30,000 of them have been killed. Is the United States going to bomb Ankara? China, of course, has come as close as anyone to committing genuine genocide in Tibet, but it is a most-favored nation. There are ongoing ethnic conflicts inside the former Soviet Union, in Africa and in Asia. Is the United States going to bomb there?

Clinton's Balkans policy just plain makes no sense whatsoever. It is highly dangerous because it may well write an end to any hopes of peaceful relations with Russia.

I can only conclude that, far from being smart, Clinton and his foreign policy crowd are a bunch of blockheads who have blundered into a situation they don't understand.

I can cite you one easy example of how juvenile this administration has acted. You can start with Reagan and go all way back, and I don't think you will find any previous administration that, in a foreign policy situation, threatened specific military actions if its conditions were not met.

It was always customary to warn of "grave consequences" without specifying what those would be. The obvious good sense of that is it gives you wiggle room in reaching a deal and avoids the situation the present adolescent administration has put itself in. By explicitly threatening to bomb, the administration left itself no face-saving out. I could hardly believe it when I heard grown men in Washington say, like some schoolchild, that NATO's prestige and credibility would be damaged if it didn't launch attacks. In other words, now NATO has to bomb for reasons of ego. God help us.

I can easily live with politicians and with administrations with which I have philosophical differences, but the thought of an incompetent administration is scary. Just as it is the stupid criminal who is most likely to kill you, it's the incompetent politician who is most likely to blunder his nation into war.

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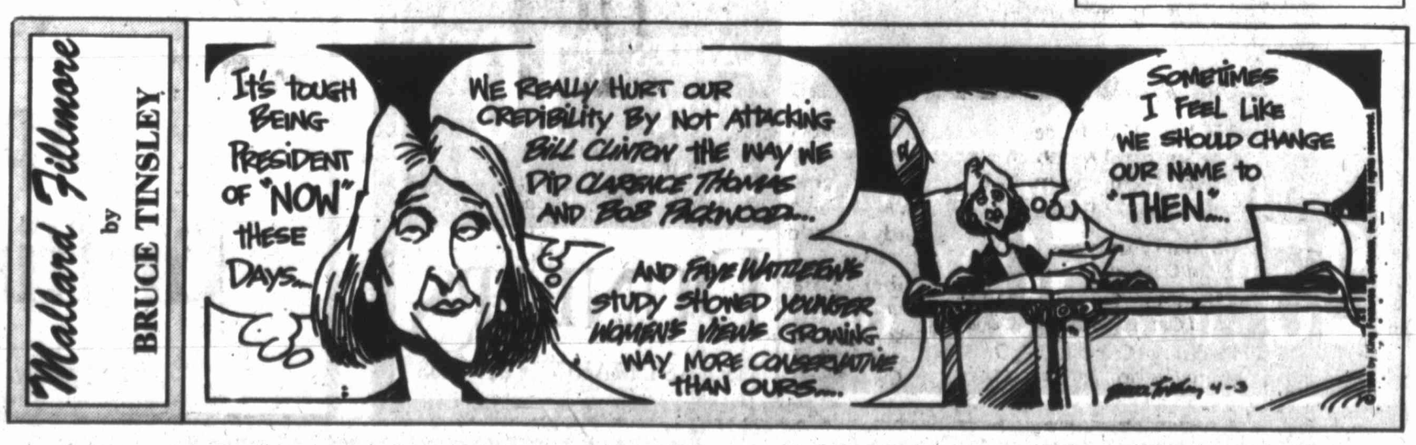
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President ponders Kosovo's human crisis

WASHINGTON (AP) — As NATO missiles struck downtown Belgrade, the Clinton administration declared Saturday that "no target is off-limits" in the campaign to pressure Serb forces to end their campaign of repression in Kosovo.

President Clinton, in his weekly radio address, declared the Kosovo operation "a difficult and dangerous one, but it's necessary and right, and we must stand with all our NATO allies to see it through."

"Our nation cannot do everything. We can't stop all the violence. But there are times when looking away simply is not an option," he said.

Clinton also said the U.S. military would pitch in with humanitarian relief for what NATO spokesman Jamie Shea today called a "demographic earthquake" in the Balkans — with 290,000 refugees having left Kosovo in the past 10 days and as many as 300,000 more moving toward the border.

An Air Force C-17 cargo plane was flying out of Dover Air Force Base, Del., this afternoon with 50,000 pounds of packaged meals, known as humanitarian daily rations, to feed Kosovar refugees.

Dover spokesman Tech. Sgt. Don Perrien said the C-17 was headed for Ramstein, Germany, headquarters of U.S. Air Force operations in Europe.

The supplies then will be flown to the Balkans, he said. Perrien said that in the next several days Dover will be shipping as much as 1.1 million pounds of rations.

An administration official said the attacks in Belgrade "made it clear we are targeting high-value targets, especially those assets Mr. Milosevic holds most dear — his regular army and special forces."

"The message is that no target is off-limits that is involved in the repression of Kosovo, including downtown Belgrade," National Security Council spokesman David Leavy said.

"As we move forward in the days to come, we will continue to intensify the strikes to make clear to Mr. Milosevic our determination to significantly degrade his military capability," he said, referring to Yugoslavia's president, Slobodan Milosevic.

After sea-based cruise missiles set a complex of military offices in downtown Belgrade afire early today, Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon declared they hit buildings Milosevic "uses to control the forces responsible for ethnic cleansing in Kosovo."

Air war in Yugoslavia yields little progress

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly two weeks into NATO's air campaign against Serb forces, chilling pictures of thousands of ethnic Albanians fleeing Kosovo provide grim confirmation of the yawning gap between the alliance's objectives and the reality on the ground.

In the battle between Balkan tribalism and high-tech aerial warfare, it was clear Saturday that tribalism has the edge in the early going.

NATO's operation was intended to deter Serb attacks on ethnic Albanians in the province and reduce the military's ability to continue its offensive.

So far, the mission has raised several questions:

—Have the actions of the United States and its NATO allies hurt the very people they were trying to help?

—Could NATO have devised a more creative response to the Kosovo problem than one that has left tens of thousands of desperate ethnic Albanians stranded at border crossings, many stripped of even the most elemental necessities?

What had been a steady stream of refugees from Kosovo, dating from early 1998, suddenly has become a flood — an average of 880 an hour in the first eight days of bombing that began March 24. Serb militiamen in ski masks often appeared at the homes of the ethnic Albanians and offered them a choice: leave now or die.

Largely missing from the exodus are military-aged men. The State Department estimates they could number in the hundreds of thousands, and their fate is unknown. In addition, countless Kosovo Albanian homes and shops have been looted and burned.

The Serbs' treatment of the ethnic Albanians led some American officials to liken Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic to Adolf Hitler and Pol Pot. Five days into the bombing, the State Department said genocide may not be too strong a term to describe the Serb actions.

Clinton administration officials were aware months ago of a potential humanitarian catastrophe if the Serbs and Kosovo's Albanian majority did not reach a political settlement by the time the snows melted in the Balkans.

CIA Director George Tenet warned of this possibility in congressional testimony in early February.

Alleged Melissa suspect will plead innocent, lawyer says

TRENTON, N.J. (AP) — The man accused of creating the so-called Melissa virus, which infected thousands of computers and overloaded e-mail systems worldwide, never intended to do anything wrong, his lawyer said Saturday.

David L. Smith, a 30-year-old computer programmer, will plead innocent to the state charges, said lawyer Steven Altman.

Smith was arrested Thursday night at a brother's house in Eatontown. He faces charges that include interruption of public communications, conspiracy and theft of computer service — charges that carry a maximum penalty of 40 years in prison and a $480,000 fine.

Altman said his client had been wrongfully portrayed as a dangerous computer-hacker and been victimized by the government's crackdown on high-tech crimes.

"The computer world is a world where people do things, experimental things, just about every day," Altman said. "Nothing he did, or intended to do, had a premeditated or wrongful intent."

Smith was released Friday on $100,000 bail.

"He's very upset, scared and nervous. This has been a horrible ordeal. They went in there as gangbusters — local authorities, state police, the FBI. Ted Bundy, that's what they treated him like," Altman said, referring to the serial killer executed in Florida 10 years ago.

The virus spread around the world Monday like a chain letter, arriving in e-mail messages with the heading "important message." It then caused affected computers to fire off 50 more infected messages, and the volume of e-mail slowed some systems to a crawl.

Smith, who worked as an on-site consultant, or a troubleshooter, for AT&T Labs in Florham Park, employed by Iselin-based CGS Computer Associates, was tracked down by a task force of federal and state agents, with help from America Online technicians.

Twin 11-year-old boys accused of shooting parents, sister

KITTRELL, N.C. (AP) — Investigators say they have no idea why twin 11-year-old boys allegedly opened fire in their family's home, killing their father and wounding their mother and sister.

The twins, whose names were not released, were each charged Friday with murder and two counts of assault with a deadly weapon after the incident the night before.

"Both were equally responsible. Both were equally involved," said sheriff's Capt. John C. Shockley.

William Harvey Bawcum Jr., 46, heard the sound of bullets and bounded up the staircase to protect his wife, Shockley said. He was shot in the right cheek and throat and died at the scene.

Sixteen-year-old Robin Bawcum was hit below her right collarbone. Her mother, Deborah, 45, was wounded in her right arm.

Robin Bawcum was in fair condition and Mrs. Bawcum was in good condition at Duke University Medical Center late Friday.

Authorities say after the shootings, the boys waited for officers to arrive. Police were unsure who called 911.

"It was a terrible, bloody mess. There was a lot of blood all through the house," Shockley said.

Investigators said they recovered a .32-caliber handgun.

Accused mail bomber may have targeted White House, officials say

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who told a judge he is guilty of trying to send a bomb to a federal office in Las Vegas may also have tried to send one to President Clinton, law enforcement sources say.

Frank Darwin Alexander tried to plead guilty to federal explosives charges in Las Vegas on Friday, but a magistrate judge refused to accept the plea. A prosecutor said Alexander is a self-described admirer of Oklahoma City bomber Timothy McVeigh and serial mail bomber Theodore Kaczynski.

Alexander is due back in court in Las Vegas on April 9.

Meanwhile, federal investigators are examining charred remains of a mail bomb found at a Washington post office for evidence it may have been sent by Alexander.

Law enforcement sources, speaking on condition of anonymity, said initial examination of the device showed similarities to a bomb that exploded at a Dallas post office and to unexploded devices found in Las Vegas.

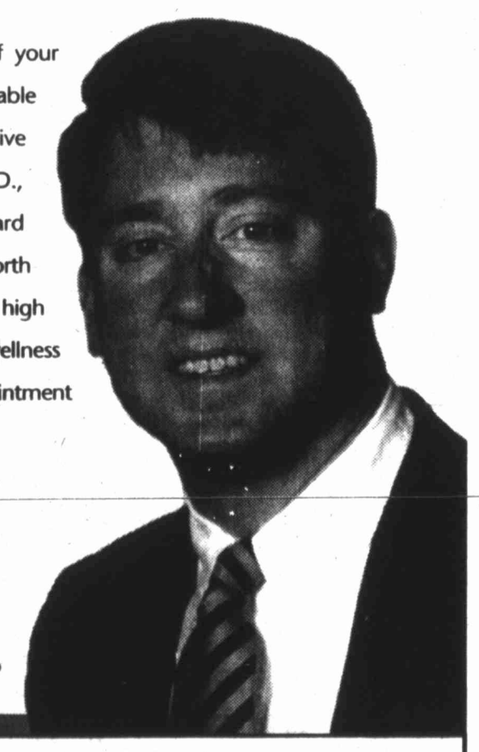
Sources also said investigators, including the Secret Service, were looking into whether Alexander intended the similar device to be delivered to Clinton.

A law enforcement source would not say why authorities think the president may have been targeted.



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IN BRIEF

BSHS netters shine at Snyder tournament

Big Spring's senior tandem of Stephanie Lewis and YuChing Li chalked up its first tournament championship of the year Friday with a 6-1, 6-0 win over the top-seeded team from Hereford at the Snyder Midnight Madness Tennis Tournament.

In addition to the success enjoyed by Lewis and Li, the Lady Steers got a third-place finish from Kim Dominguez in girls' singles' competition.

The Lady Steers' doubles team of Becky Vera and Desiree Richardson also had a good tournament, opening play with a win over the top team from District 5-4A rival Sweetwater.

Perhaps the most stunning effort turned in by Big Spring's girls, however, was April Ward's 6-2, 6-2 win over Erin Graham, the No. 1 girls' singles player on Snyder's host team.

On the boys' side, Derek DeHoyos managed two wins to lead the Steers in singles play, while Alex Edgemon chalked up his first match win in varsity singles competition.

Zach Smiley and Aaron Langford managed a pair of wins before being eliminated from doubles competition, while Brian Watt and Drew Mireles took one match win.

The Steers and Lady Steers will take part in the San Antonio Invitational Tournament on Friday and Saturday, making final preparations for the District 5-4A tournament set for April 16-17 in Midland.

Hawk rodeo standouts among event's leaders

Two members of Howard College's Hawks rodeo team were among the leaders following completion of the first go-round at the Howard College Rodeo.

Freshman Matt Burrow was third going into Saturday's finals of the rodeo, while sophomore Walker Wallace was second in the steer wrestling and fifth in the team roping competition.

Final results from the rodeo will be in Monday's edition of the *Herald*.

Snappers to play host for softball tournament

A softball tournament hosted by the Snappers softball team of Big Spring has been scheduled for Friday and Saturday at Cotton Mize Field.

Entry fees will be $110 per team, and Wednesday will be the deadline for entries.

For more information, call Jim Rangel at 264-6475 or Jacob Rios at 263-5955.

Big Spring UGSA's registration continues

Officials with the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association have announced that registration will continue until Friday at All-Star Sports.

Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of $25.

ON THE AIR

Television

AUTO RACING
2 p.m. — NASCAR Late Model Twin 100s, TNN, Ch. 35.

COLLEGE BASEBALL
1 p.m. — Oklahoma at Texas, FXS, Ch. 29.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
7 p.m. — Colorado Rockies vs. San Diego Padres, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA BASKETBALL
2:30 p.m. — New York Knicks at Indiana Pacers, NBC, Ch. 9.
5 p.m. — Houston Rockets at Seattle SuperSonics, NBC, Ch. 9.

GOLF
11 a.m. — PGA Bell South Classic, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.
11:30 p.m. — NCAA Men's Championship, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.
2 p.m. — Senior PGA The Tradition, final round, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.

HOCKEY
2 p.m. — Detroit Red Wings at Dallas Stars, FOX, Ch. 3.

TENNIS
Noon — WTA Family Circle Cup, FOX, Ch. 3.
2 p.m. — Davis Cup, first round, United States at Great Britain, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Mitchell's 9.89 sparks Steers' win at Monahans; Lady Steers third

HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — Big Spring's Steers, paced by Tory Mitchell's impressive 9.89 hand-held clocking in the 100 meters, piled up 88 points to win the boys' division of the Monahans Sandhills Relays.

While Mitchell's 9.89-second clocking in his 100 meters preliminary race will not go down in the record books because hand-held times are not valid for national records, it was almost certainly the fastest time in the nation this season.

The national record in the 100 meters is a fully-automatic timed 10.12. Mitchell's 9.89 hand-held time translates roughly to a 10.13.

After setting the meets crowd to buzzing in the prelims, Mitchell simply glided to a 10.7 first-place clocking in the finals. However, he followed that with a blistering 21.8-second win in the 200 meters.

While Mitchell and the Steers were scoring 88 points to edge Monahans' host Loboes by by 92/3 points in the boys' team standings, San Angelo Lake View's Maidens piled up 1201/2 points to win the girls' division.

Monahans' Lady Loboes were second with 93 points, while Big Spring's Lady Steers were four points back with 89.

In addition to his wins in the 100 and 200 meters, Mitchell jumped 23 feet event to win the long jump competition and anchored the Steers' 400-meter relay team to a first place clocking of 42.6 seconds.

It was the best relay time of the season for the foursome of Jason Woodruff, Doug White, Colby Ford and Mitchell.

Big Spring's only other points in the boys' field events was Braden Wagner's fifth place effort of 11-6 in the pole vault.

Rolando Ledesma added a first-place finish in the 1,600 meters and fourth in the 800 meters. Mike Martinez added second-place points in the 3,200 meters and was fourth in the 1,600.

The majority of the Lady Steers' points again came in the three relay races.

Chanta Farr, Angela McGee, Cari Mercilliot and Angelica Hinojos motored to a first-place clocking of 50.10 seconds in the 400-meter relay.

The foursome of Hinojos, Mercilliot, April McGee and Angela McGee posted a winning time of 1:49.60 in the 800-meter relay.

The Lady Steers 1,600-meter relay team of Farr, Latrisha Rollins, Amanda Rubio and Karen Martinez finished second behind Lake View, posting a 4:20.50.

Hinojos added a second-place finish in the 100 meters with a time of 12.9 seconds and Ashley Larson's time of 13:26.3 was good enough for third in the 3,200 meters.

The Steers and Lady Steers will return home this week for Saturday's running of the AMBUCS Big Spring Relays at Blankenship Field.

Girls' running prelims are slated for a 9 a.m. start while boys' field events will get under way at the same time. Boys' running prelims and girls' field events will start at 1 p.m.

Running events finals are slated for a 5 p.m. start on Saturday.

Hawks sweep four from NMMI

Now put WJCAC lead on the line making long trip to face El Paso

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks followed the same scenario Friday and Saturday in posting a four-game sweep of New Mexico Military Institute's Broncos in non-conference baseball action.

The Western Junior Conference Athletic Conference-leading Hawks took no prisoners in the opening games of both doubleheaders, only to struggle in the nightcaps.

Sophomore left-hander Nick Webb improved his record to 8-1 by scattering six NMMI hits in Saturday's opener, and the Hawks pounded out 17 hits, including three home runs, en route to a 19-4 route.

But in Saturday's finale was a different matter entirely.

Trailing 5-4 going into the bottom of the sixth inning, the Hawks needed a pinch-hit home run by Chad Verret to tie the game and eventually force extra innings.

In the bottom of the eighth, sophomore catcher Robert Ramos, who'd come on to replace starter Michael Otho for whom Verret had batted in the sixth, took the first pitch he say deep to left for the game-winner.

The home run made sophomore Josh Duwe the winning pitcher after he'd worked 21/3 innings of hitless relief for Howard starter Duite Welch.

Welch, normally the Hawks' closer out of the bullpen, made his first start of the season, going 5 2/3 innings. He struck out five, but walked six.

Verret's and Ramos' clutch were not surprising, as they'd led the Hawks' 17-hit attack in the first game of the day — Verret had three hits, two doubles and a home run, while Ramos also had three hits that included a double and a home.

Shortstop Shane Webb added a pair of doubles and third baseman Drew Topham also hit a home run.

The Hawks, now 35-8 on the season, will carry their 12-3 record in WJCAC play to El Paso for a three-game series Friday and Saturday.

"It's time to turn it up a little bit," Hawks head coach Brian Roper said following Saturday's nail-biting finale. "We're going to get back to basics and have a few tough practices in the next few days to get ready to go out there."

Howard opened the four-game series Friday, sweeping a doubleheader by 15-0 and 11-8 scores.

While the Hawks had little trouble in rolling to the first win, ending the game on the 10-run rule after just 41/2 innings, Friday's nightcap was a different matter, as the Broncos took an early 4-1 lead and held Howard at bay until the Hawks exploded for eight runs in the bottom of the sixth inning.

The Hawks' big inning in then nightcap was accomplished with just three hits, as NMMI committed three errors and Broncos pitching allowed two bases on balls.

Trailing 4-3 going into the sixth, the Hawks got a gift when Caleb Reger reached base on a throwing error by NMMI third baseman Brett Ellis.

And when first baseman Broncos Jack Loucks mishandled a ball a few seconds later on a grounder by Verret, the Hawks had runners at the corners.

Having been thwarted in the fifth inning, when they'd been unable to score after loading the bases with nobody out, it looked as if the Hawks were again going to be their own worst enemy.

Reger was nailed at the plate when John Michael Herrera's suicide squeeze bunt rolled straight to Maloy.

But the Hawks tied the score on the very next pitch when John Coleman singled to right, scoring Verret. Herrera scored when Maloy uncorked a wild pitch and when he fell behind in the count to Howard catcher Trey Ensor, NMMI coaches called on Daniel Gomez to relieve.

Inheriting a 3-0 count, Gomez walked Ensor. An error charged to Broncos center fielder Jason Schick allowed Webb to reach base and Coleman to score.

Kennard Bibbs then loaded the bases with a perfectly executed bunt single and Jay Alsup drew a walk to drive in Ensor.

That set the stage for designated hitter Rhett Wells to cap the rally with a grand slam home run, taking the first pitch Gomez offered deep to left.

Hawks reliever Mike McMillan took the win, having replaced Duwe with one out in the third.

The former Coahoma Bulldogs star retired NMMI in order for 3 2/3 innings before running into a jam in the top of the seventh and surrendering a 3-run homer to Schick.

But the 11-4 lead his teammates had given him going into the inning was more than enough to take the pressure off McMillan, and the Howard defense ended the game on a double play.

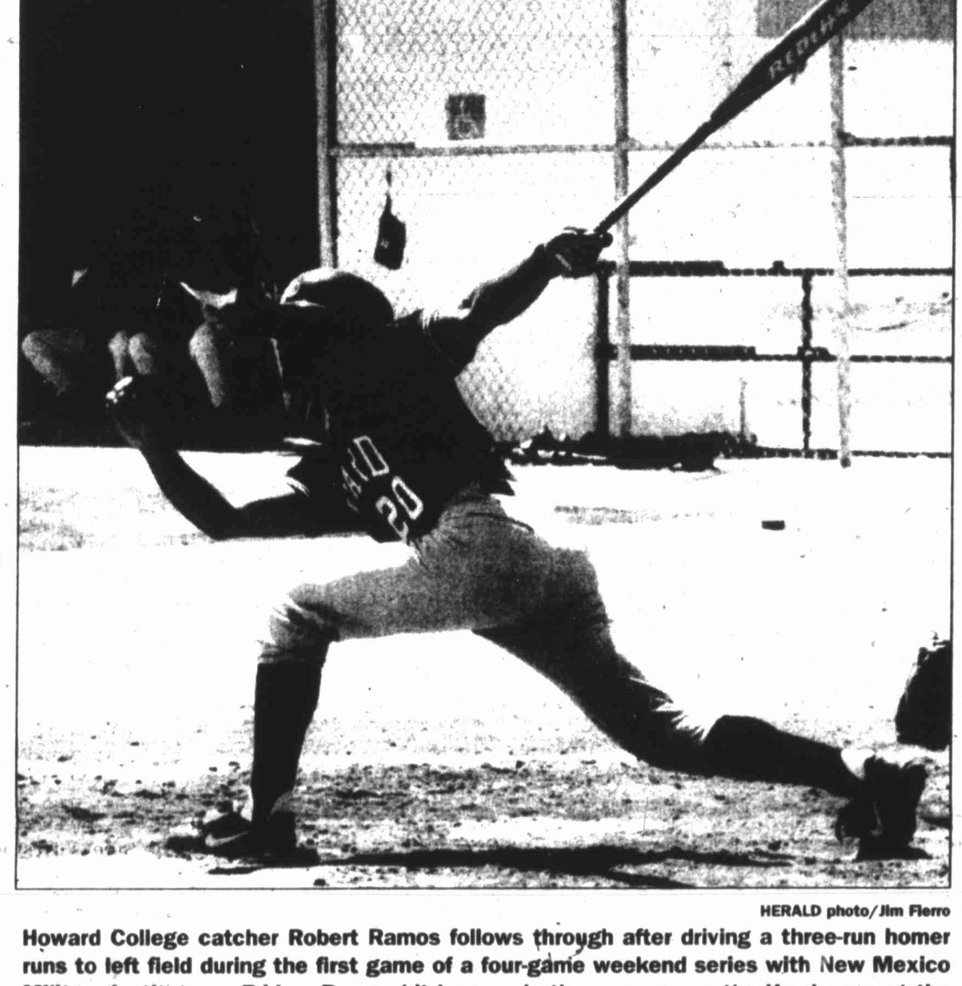
Wells was Howard's big stick in the nightcap, as he when 2-for-4 and drove in five runs, his first trip to the plate yielding an RBI double. Bibbs was also 2-for-4 with an RBI, while Coleman was 2-for-3 and drove in a run.

Friday's opener was simply the "Brandon Claussen-Robert Ramos Show."

Claussen was dominating on the mound. The left-handed sophomore allowed just two NMMI hits and struck out seven in four innings of work. Freshman Danny McMurtry pitched the final inning in no-hit fashion.

Ramos paced the Hawks' 10-hit offensive showing, going a perfect 3-for-3 at the plate and driving in four runs. The big knock was a 3-run homer in the second inning.

Bibbs was also impressive, going 3-for-4 at the plate and driving in four runs, his 3-run triple in the bottom of the fourth all but sealing NMMI's fate.



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Howard College catcher Robert Ramos follows through after driving a three-run homer runs to left field during the first game of a four-game weekend series with New Mexico Military Institute on Friday. Ramos hit homers in three games as the Hawks swept the series improving to 35-8 on the season.

Lady Hawks fall in finale of tourney

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — El Paso Community College's Lady Tejanos spoiled a sterling performance by Howard College freshman Brandy Smith, breaking open 2-2 deadlock with a run in the bottom of the seventh inning to take the Midland College Invitational Tournament championship Saturday at the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

Smith, who had been sidelined with shoulder pain for the the last two weeks, made a surprise start for interim coach Cotton Mize and went the distance.

The Lady Hawks, playing in Midland with head coach Andy Mace underwent triple bypass surgery at Lubbock Methodist Hospital on Friday, improved their record to 37-11 on the season by knocking off every tournament foe they faced until Saturday's finale.

Howard jumped out early in the title game and took a 2-1 lead into the bottom of the fifth. The Lady Tejanos managed to manufacture a run to deadlock the game going into the sixth and held the Lady Hawks at bay down the stretch.

The Lady Hawks, now 4-2 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) action, will return to Midland on Tuesday and Wednesday to play four games — three of which will figure in the WJCAC standings.

The first game of Tuesday's 1 p.m. doubleheader will count as a conference game, as will both games of Wednesday's twinbill. Wednesday's action is also scheduled for a 1 p.m. start.

The Lady Hawks reached Saturday's title game with El Paso by going undefeated in pool play on Friday, then taking an 8-7 win over Temple Junior College's Lady Leopards and then knocking off Hill College's Lady Rebels 1-0 in the semifinal round.

Hill had advanced to the semifinals with a 9-0 blanking of Midland College's host Lady Chaparrals.

In Friday's pool action, the Lady Hawks made short work of UTPB's Lady Falcons in their first game and added another shutout of Briarcliffe (N.Y.) College.

The rounded out the opening day's action with a 3-1 win over Hill.

The Lady Hawks had two players earn all-tournament team honors. Pitcher Maria Lopez, who worked all but two games, joined third baseman Diana Julian on that squad.

BSHS' Rodriguez hopes signing with OC helps focus task at hand

As he and his teammates head into the second round of the District 5-4A golf tournament Saturday in Fort Stockton, Big Spring's Sammy Rodriguez Jr. hopes knowing what he'll be doing next year will translate to better concentration of the golf course.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

Rodriguez, the No. 1 player on coach Gary Simmons' Steers squad, signed Tuesday with Odessa College to play junior college golf next season.

And while he'll admit he can't help but think about helping the Wranglers earn a trip to Alabama for the NJCAA National Golf Championships next spring, Rodriguez says his primary focus now is atoning for a disappointing start to the 5-4A tournament at the Big Spring Country Club.

"It just didn't go our way here Monday," Rodriguez said of the Steers' 327 team total that left them 25 strokes off Andrews' lead and 10 strokes out of a three-way tie for second. "We'd definitely planned to defend our home track better than we did.

"I should have played better myself," he added, noting that his round of 78 tied teammate Heath Bailey for sixth in the medalist standings, six strokes behind Andrews' Brad Gibson. "The thing we have to do now is put that behind us and focus on the last two rounds. We have to do that one round at a time, though."

Rodriguez proved he can stay focused earlier this season when he had the best tournament of his career at the Tall City Invitational in Midland.

After opening the tournament in 1-under-par fashion at the Green Tree Country Club that weekend, Rodriguez closed the tournament by touring the Hogan Park Golf Course with a blistering 5-under-par 66.

His 6-under-par 137 finish not only set a Big Spring High School record, but established that tournament's benchmark, as well.

Asked why he chose Odessa's scholarship offer after considering Western Texas College, New Mexico Military Institute and Paris Junior College, Rodriguez said he was looking forward to the type of competition the Wranglers will be facing next year.

"We're going to be playing six or seven tournaments in the fall and 10 in the spring," he explained, "and we're going to be playing with the kind of people that you've got to go out there and play with everything you've got just to stay with them. I'm looking forward to that kind of challenge."

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Not everyone has the benefit of having a good idea of what they'll be doing next year.

A case in point would be Howard College rodeo coach Mike Yeater, who has announced that he is resigning his post at the close of the current semester and admits he has no idea of what he plans to do in the future.

Yeater, who's Hawks and Lady Hawks just finished hosting their final Howard College Rodeo under his leadership, said he simply isn't physically capable to doing the job.

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SPORTS EXTRA

LOCAL BOWLING

VA COUPLES
WEEK 28

RESULTS- Team eight tied Team seven 0-0, Team five over Team six 6-2, Team nine over Team tean 6-2, Team four over Team three 8-0, Team two over Team one 8-0; hi sc team series Team six 1944, Team two 1911, Team four 1904; hi sc team game Team nine 700, Team six 689, Team seven 681; hi sc series men David Klaus 565, Jimmy Horton 554, Jerry Bacon 537; hi sc game men Jimmy Horton 215, Jerry Bacon 203, Gene Richard 194; hi sc series women Carolyn Coatney 494, Lavonne Brumley 489, Shawn McCutchan 463; hi sc game women Brenda McCright 198, Lavonne Brumley 181, Lannis Wallace 179; hi hdcp team series Team five 2376, Team four 2363, Team two 2343; hi hdcp team game Team five 833, Team nine 831, Team six 813; hi hdcp series men David Klaus 661, Jimy Horton 653, Jeremy Samora 619; hi hdcp game men Jimmy Horton 248, Jeremy Samora 234, Jerry Bacon 228; hi hdcp series women Carolyn Coatney 614, Sam Horton 603, Shawn McCutchan 598; hi hdcp game women Brenda McCright 241, Lannis Wallace 230, Carolyn Coatney 216.

STANDINGS- Team six 154-70, Team two 137-87, Team four 134-90, Team seven 132-84, Team eight 126-90, Team nine 118-106, Team one 118-106, Team five 89-135, Team three 84-140, Team ten 10-214.

PINPOPPERS
WEEK 29

RESULTS-Dixie Chicks tied Petty Farms 4-4, Bowl-a-Rama over Health Food Store 8-0, Misfits over Hair Designs by Randy 6-2, VFW tied Perco Car Care 4-4, Kuykendall over Guys Restaurant 8-0; hi sc series Alta Coy 550, Bernadine Sealy 508; hi sc game Delores Clinkscales 210, Cindy Aikin 205; hi sc team series VFW 1915, Bowl-A-RAma 1874; hi sc team game Bowl-a-Rama 683, VFW 657; hi hdcp series Alta Coy 667, Pauline Porch 647; hi hdcp game Janie Ringener 249, Cindy Aikin 244; hi hdcp team series Bowl-a-Rama 2462, VFW 2341; hi hdcp team game Bowl-A-Rama 879, Petty Farms 820.

STANDINGS-Hair Designs by Randy 153-79, VFW 148-84, Petty Farms 137-97, Bowl-a-Rama 121-111, Kuykendall 117-113, Perco Car Care 113-119, Guys Restaurant 105-127, Misfits 92-140, Health Food Store 87-145, Dixie Chicks 87-145.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 28

RESULTS- Eye Ball Records over Top Dogs 6-2, Monostat 5 tied Allans Furniture 4-4, Los Guys over Wolfpack 6-2, Tejano Bad Boys over Ghost 6-0, The Pimps over Scaltech 6-2; hi sc series Jackie Lecroy 659, Armando Gutierrez 628, Jerald Burgess 616; hi sc game Jerald Burgess 277, Armando Gutierrez 246, Tom Cruz 242; hi sc team series Allans Furniture 2655, The Pimps 2623, Wolfpack 2494; hi sc team game Allans Furniture 960, The Pimps 931, The Pimps 914; hi hdcp series Randy Cypert 671, Aaron Bogard 665, Jackie Lecroy 665; hi hdcp game Jerald Burgess 285, Randy Cypert 264, John Kilgore 254; hi hdcp team series Allans Furniture 3033, The Pimps 2944, Monostat 5 2905; hi hdcp team game Monostat 5 1090, Allans Furniture 1086, The Pimps 1038.

STANDINGS-Top Dogs 144-80, The Pimps 136-88, Allans Furniture 136-88, Scaltech 131-93, Los Guys 130-94, Tejano Bad Boys 106-118, Eye Ball Records 102-122, Wolfpack 95-129, Monostat 5 76-148, Ghost 60-164.

TRANSACTIONS

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 29

RESULTS-Allans Furniture over Los Guys 6-2, Scaltech over Wolfpack 8-0, Top Dogs over Tejano Bad Boys 6-2, The Pimps over Monostat 5 6-2, Eye Ball Records over Ghost 8-0; hi sc series John Paul Foster 652, James Rawls 626, Sonny Baeza 621; hi sc game Aaron Bogard 276, John Paul Foster 233, James Rawls 232; hi sc team series Allans Furniture 2700, Scaltech 2591, Wolfpack 2453; hi sc team game Scaltech 929, Allans Furniture 927, Wolfpack 921; hi hdcp series Sonny Baeza 681, James Rawls 677, Aaron Bogard 670; hi hdcp game Aaron Bogard 304, James Rawls 249, Sonny Baeza 246; hi hdcp team series Allans Furniture 3072, Scaltech 2999, Wolfpack 2843; hi hdcp team game Scaltech 1065, Allans Furniture 1951, Wolfpack 1051.

STANDINGS- Top Dogs 150-82, The Pimps 142-90, Allans Furniture 142-90, Scaltech 139-93, Los Guys 132-100, Eye Ball Records 110-122, Tejano Bad Boys 108-124, Wolfpack 95-137, Monostat 5 78-154, Ghost 60-172.

MEN MAJOR
WEEK 28

RESULTS-Collums Restaurant over Parks Convenience 8-0, Trio Fuels over Rainbow Home Improvement 8-0, Parks Agency over BSI 6-2, O'Daniel Trucking over Mason's Roofing 8-0, Bob Brock Ford over BSFD+1 8-0, A&B Poleline over Team 12 8-0; hi sc series Lee Everett 712, Jackie Lecroy 684, James Rawls 653; hi sc game Lee Everett 251, Douglas Greer 247, John Foster 242; hi sc team series Bob Brock Ford 3031, Trio Fuels 2857, O'Daniel Trucking 2846; hi sc team game Bob Brock Ford 1036, Trio Fuels 1009, Collums Restaurant 978; hi hdcp series Lee Everett 835, James Rawls 749, Jackie Lecroy 744; hi hdcp game Lee Everett 292, Jerry Myrick 283, Douglas Greer 274; hi hdcp team series O'Daniel Trucking 3416, Bob Brock Ford 3415, Trio Fuels 3379; hi hdcp team game Trio Fuels 1183, Bob Brock Ford 1164, O'Daniel Trucking 1141.

STANDINGS- Collums Restaurant 158-66, Parks Agency 150-74, Trio Fuels 136-88, Bob Brock Ford 132-92, O'Daniel Trucking 124-100, A&B Poleline 116-103, Parks Convenience 115-109, BSI 111-113, Mason's Roofing 108-116, Rainbow Home Improvement 94-130, BSFD+1 90-134, Team 12 8-216.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
WEEK 28

RESULTS- Bowlarama Pro Shop over M&M's 6-2, Robertson Body Shop split with Comet Cleaners 4-4, A Timeless Design over Western Auto 8-0, Back-N-Action over Arrow Refrigeration 6-2, Loan Stars over Morehead Transfer 6-2, Big Spring Music over Lulu's Family 6-2, Allan's Furniture over The Astros 6-2, Spanky's over American State Bank 8-0, KC Steak House over Fiesta Dodge 8-0, Slow Starters over Alley Cats 6-2; H&R Block (postponed)-BSI (Unopposed); hi sc game men Jerald Burgess 236; hi sc series men Jerald Burgess 673; hi hdcp game men Jerald Burgess 269; hi hdcp series men Jerald Burgess 772; hi sc game women Joycee Davis 238; hi sc series women Evelyn Williams 591; hi hdcp game women Ella Bridge 278; hi hdcp series women Evelyn Williams 720; hi sc team game Comet Cleaners 645; hi sc team series Comet Cleaners 1696; hi hdcp team game Comet Cleaners 770; hi hdcp team series Comet Cleaners 2071.

STANDINGS-Arrow Refrigeration 153-71, Loan Stars 138-86, Comet Cleaners 133-91, American State Bank 127-97, KC Steak House 127-93, Big Spring Music 120-100, Robertston Body Shop 117-107, Allan's Furniture 114-110, H&R Block (postponed) 114-102, Spanky's 113-111, Slow Starters 108-116, Back-N-Action 104-120, Western Auto 103-121, BSI (unopposed) 103-105, A Timeless Design 102-122, The Astros (postponed) 95-119, Fiesta Dodge (postponed) 93-123, Lulu's Family 85-115, M&M's 82-142, Morehead Transfer 77-147, Bowlarama Pro Shop 58-38, Alley Cats (unopposed) 38-50

GUYS & DOLLS
WEEK 29

RESULTS-Hesters Mechanical over Jims 8-0, Greehhouse Photography over Karat Patch 6-2, BSI over Big Spring State Park 6-2, Dell's Cafe over Head Hunters Beauty Salon 6-2; hi sc game men Ben Sparks 221; hi sc game women Betty Daily 190; hi sc series men Ben Sparks 588; hi sc series women Velma Campbell 989; hi hdcp game men Ben Sparks 251; hi hdcp game women Betty Daily 230; hi hdcp series men Ben Sparks 678; hi hdcp series women Georgie Tarver 630; hi sc team game Karat Patch 713; hi hdcp team game Karat Patch 854; hi sc team series Jims 1956; hi hdcp team series Hesters Mechanical 2426.

STANDINGS-Jim's 148-84, Big Spring State Park 132-100, Karat Patch 113-119, BSI 111-121, Dell's Cafe 110-122, Hesters Mechanical 108-124, Head Hunters Beauty Salon 104-128, Greenhouse Photography 102-130.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Claimed RHP Al Levine off waivers from the Texas Rangers.

BALTIMORE ORIOLES—Acquired 1B-OF Jeff Conine from the Kansas City Royals for RHP Chris Fussell. Placed C-1B Chris Hoiles on waivers for the purpose of giving him his unconditional release. Signed OF Jose Herrera to a minor-league contract.

CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Placed OF Brian Simmons on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 26. Optioned RHP Kevin Beirne to Charlotte of the International League. Sent C Robert Machado outright to Charlotte.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Released LHP Ron Villone.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Claimed 1B-OF Ryan Jackson off waivers from the Florida Marlins and optioned him to Tacoma of the PCL. Sent SS Giomar Guevara outright to Tacoma. Placed RHP Mark Leiter on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 26.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Reassigned C Joe Oliver to their minor league camp.

TEXAS RANGERS—Claimed 3B Tom Evans off waivers from the Toronto Blue Jays.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Named Sal Butera major league advance scout for the 1999 season, and Pat Kelly manager of Syracuse of the International League. Optioned LHP Steve Sinclair to Syracuse.

National League

NL—Named Jeff Nelson and Paul Nauert to the umpiring staff.

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Optioned OF Pete Incaviglia, RHP Rich Batchelor, RHP Dan Carlson and RHP Bobby Chouinard to Tucson of the PCL.

ATLANTA BRAVES—Signed RHP Marc Pisciotta to a contract with Richmond of the International League.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Assigned RHP Archie Corbin and INF Kevin Millar to their minor-league camp. Placed 3B Mike Lowell on the disabled list. Purchased the contract of RHP Dennis Springer from Calgary of the PCL. Waived 1B-OF Ryan Jackson.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Purchased the contract of RHP Brian Williams from New Orleans of the PCL. Transferred the contract of RHP Dean Crow to New Orleans.

NEW YORK METS—Optioned INF Shane Halter and LHP Rigo Beltran to Norfolk of the International League. Assigned INF Craig Paquette, INF Melvin Mora and RHP Pat Mahomes to their minor-league camp.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Recalled SS Abraham Nunez from Nashville of the PCL.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Placed G Steve Smith on the injured list.

BOSTON CELTICS—Placed G Bruce Bowen on the injured list. Activated C Eric from the injured list.

CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Signed G Earl Boykins for the remainder of the season.

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Signed G Troy Hudson to a second 10-day contract.

VANCOUVER GRIZZLIES—Signed G Terry Dehere to a second 10-day contract.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

BUFFALO BILLS—Signed OL Ethan Albright and TE Eric Stocz.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Signed OL Brian DeMarco to a three-year contract.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Re-signed CB Paul Bradford and DL Troy Sienkiewicz to one-year contracts.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

LOS ANGELES KINGS—Recalled RW Pavel Rosa and G Ryan Bach from Long Beach of the IHL.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Tyson Nash from Worcester of the AHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Recalled C Matt Cooke from Syracuse of the AHL.

SOCCER
Major League Soccer

LOS ANGELES GALAXY—Waived F Jose Vasquez.

COLLEGE

ILLINOIS STATE—Named Jenny Yopp women's basketball coach.

INDIANA—Suspended WR Tyrone Browning, S Kyle Moffatt and DT Damian Gregory indefinitely from the football team after misdemeanor disorderly conduct charges were filed against them.

KENYON—Announced the resignation of Richard Witmore, men's basketball coach.

PURDUE—Named Kristy Sims-Curry women's basketball coach and signed her to a five-year contract.

ROSE-HULMAN—Announced the resignation of Scott Duncan, athletic director and football coach.

SAVANNAH STATE—Named Steven Wilks football coach.

NBA STANDINGS

Saturday's results not included

EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	23	10	.697	—
Miami	19	10	.655	2
New York	18	14	.563	41/2
Philadelphia	16	15	.516	6
Washington	13	17	.433	81/2
Boston	10	20	.333	111/2
New Jersey	6	24	.200	151/2
Central Division				
Indiana	21	11	.656	—
Detroit	20	12	.625	1
Milwaukee	19	12	.613	11/2
Atlanta	20	13	.606	11/2
Toronto	16	14	.533	4
Cleveland	15	15	.500	5
Charlotte	12	18	.400	8
Chicago	9	23	.281	12
WESTERN CONFERENCE **Midwest Division**	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	23	8	.742	—
Houston	22	10	.688	11/2
San Antonio	21	10	.677	2
Minnesota	18	13	.581	5
Dallas	11	22	.333	13
Denver	9	24	.273	15
Vancouver	6	26	.188	171/2
Pacific Division				
Portland	25	6	.806	—
L.A. Lakers	22	11	.667	4
Seattle	15	16	.484	10
Phoenix	15	17	.469	101/2
Sacramento	14	18	.438	111/2
Golden State	13	18	.419	12
L.A. Clippers	3	27	.100	211/2

Friday's Games
Milwaukee 84, Boston 83
Cleveland 85, Philadelphia 80
Atlanta 84, Vancouver 81
Indiana 87, Charlotte 81
Minnesota 107, Denver 88
L.A. Lakers 91, Phoenix 90
Orlando 115, Chicago 68
Portland 107, Seattle 95
Utah 92, Golden State 85

Saturday's Games
Toronto 87, Washington 85
Orlando 92, Detroit 77
Miami at New Jersey (n)
Sacramento at Minnesota (n)
L.A. Clippers at San Antonio (n)
Phoenix at Portland (n)
Golden State at L.A. Lakers (n)

Today's Games
Charlotte at Atlanta, 11:30 a.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 11:30 a.m.
Miami at Washington, 2 p.m.
New York at Indiana, 2:30 p.m.
Houston at Seattle, 5 p.m.
Philadelphia at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Milwaukee at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
Vancouver at Chicago, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Denver, 8 p.m.

MAJOR LEAGUES

EXHIBITION GAMES
Today's Games
Syracuse (AAA) vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Minnesota at New Orleans, 2 p.m.
Houston at New Orleans (AAA), 1:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Charleston, SC (AA), 1:05 p.m.
New York Yankees at Los Angeles, 3:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Arizona, 5:05 p.m.

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Regular Season
Today's Game
Colorado (Kile 13-17) vs. San Diego (Ashby 17-9) at Monterrey, Mexico, 7:05 p.m.
Only game scheduled
Monday's Games
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 1:05 p.m.
New York at Florida, 3:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 3:10 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 3:10 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 6:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
New York at Florida, 6:05 p.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:40 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
San Francisco at Cincinnati, 11:35 a.m.
Montreal at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
Colorado at San Diego, 4:05 p.m.
New York at Florida, 6:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Atlanta, 6:40 p.m.
Chicago at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
Milwaukee at St. Louis, 7:10 p.m.
Arizona at Los Angeles, 9:35 p.m.

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NATIONAL LEAUGE
Regular Season
Monday's Games
Detroit at Texas, 1:35 p.m.
Boston at Kansas City, 1:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 2:05 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.
New York at Oakland, 9:35 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Tuesday's Games
Toronto at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Texas, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 9:05 p.m.
New York at Oakland, 9:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled
Wednesday's Games
New York at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 6:05 p.m.
Boston at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
Detroit at Texas, 7:35 p.m.
Chicago at Seattle, 9:35 p.m.
Cleveland at Anaheim, 9:35 p.m.

DIV. I BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 28:

	Record
1.Florida State	29-3-0
2.Auburn	27-4-0
3.Stanford	20-8-0
4.Pepperdine	27-3-0
5.Cal. St.-Fullerton	25-5-0
6.Miami	22-6-0
7.Georgia Tech	23-6-0
8.North Carolina	22-5-0
9.Rice	28-7-0
10. Florida	21-8-0
11. Mississippi State	22-4-0
12. Wichita State	21-6-0
13. Baylor	24-6-0
14. Florida Atlantic	31-1-0
15. Alabama	22-7-0
16. Texas	22-11-0
17. Texas A&M	25-7-0
18. Arizona State	27-11-0
19. Nebraska	20-6-0
20. Oral Roberts	22-4-0
21. Texas Tech	24-8-0
22. Lourisiana State	20-9-0
23. Wake Forest	19-6-0
24. East Carolina	24-5-0
25. Southern Calif.	16-16-0

NHL

Friday's Games
Anaheim 4, N.Y. Rangers 1
Detroit 5, Chicago 3
San Jose 7, Vancouver 0
Saturday's Games
Late games not included
Boston 3, Philadelphia 0
New Jersey 4, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 5, Dallas 2
Today's Games
N.Y. Rangers at New Jersey, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Dallas, 2 p.m.

Brits overcome Americans in doubles to stay alive in Davis Cup showdown

BIRMINGHAM, England (AP) — Tim Henman and Greg Rusedski dashed United States hopes of a quick Davis Cup victory over Britain with a five-set doubles triumph over Todd Martin and Alex O'Brien Saturday.

With Rusedski's serve unbroken throughout the 3-hour, 15-minute match, the British pair improved their record as doubles partners to 7-0 with a 3-6, 7-5, 6-3, 6-7 (7-5), 6-3 triumph. The loss cut the Americans' lead to 2-1 in the best-of-5 series.

A place in the quarterfinals of the World Group will be be determined by Sunday's singles matches between Henman and Martin and Rusedski and Jim Courier.

Henman, having spent 7› hours on court in his two matches so far, plays first Sunday. Courier, having been rested for the doubles by team captain Tom Gullikson, should be a lot fresher against Rusedski despite his 4:12 match against Henman Friday.

"I'm bound to be a little fatigued," Henman said. "I hope that Todd's tired as well."

But Martin, who beat Rusedski in three, one-sided sets Friday, said he had no plans to work on Henman's possible tiredness.

"If it were on clay, then maybe I could spin the ball and play the angles," he said. "But it's a quicker surface than that and anyway that's not the way I play.

"I'm not going to beat him by fatiguing him, just beat him."

The Americans have won a record 31 Davis Cup titles. The Brits have not reached a World Group quarterfinal since 1986.

"I thought that when Rusedski saw Todd again it would be like a re-occurring nightmare," Gullikson said. "We did it the first set, but just couldn't keep the momentum up."

Gullikson sent out his 12th different doubles pairing in the 16 matches he has been in charge of the team and they got on top early.

MOSELEY

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Although having undergone lower back surgery two years ago, Yeater is still plagued with chronic back pain.

"It's really been a battle of survival this year," Yeater said of the pain. "There are really only a couple of ways of relieving it ... they could fuse the vertebrae, but doctors don't like doing that until you're 45 or so and I'm 35. The other solution is to change jobs or live with it.

"I'm changing jobs ... don't know what I'll be doing, but I can't keep doing this," he added. "In this job, feeding livestock and the like, there's no way to keep from lifting more than I should. It's not that I'm lifting a lot of weight, but it's the repetitive nature of what I have to do that causes the problem.

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After sitting out of coaching for a year, former Stanton Lady Buffs basketball coach Ron Mayberry has been named the new head boys' basketball coach at Ozona High School.

Mayberry's hiring was the first personnel move formally made by Ozona's new athletic director Steve Taylor.

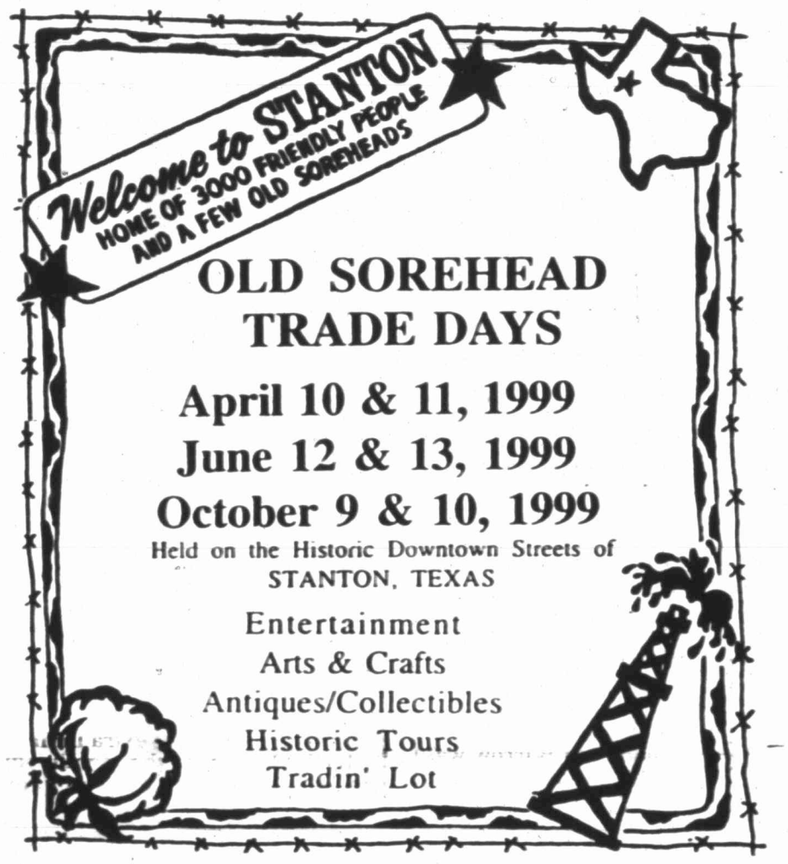
Mayberry was supposed to be the boys' coach at last season at Robert Lee, but resigned before the Steers' first game because of health concerns.

He had been diagnosed with cancer, but has since been cleared and given a completely clean bill of health.

Mayberry replaces Ronnie Casey, who left Ozona after guiding the Lions to a 20-12 record and the District 2-2A championship. Casey is taking the head basketball coach's position in Menard.

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John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald. His column appears on Wednesdays and Sundays.





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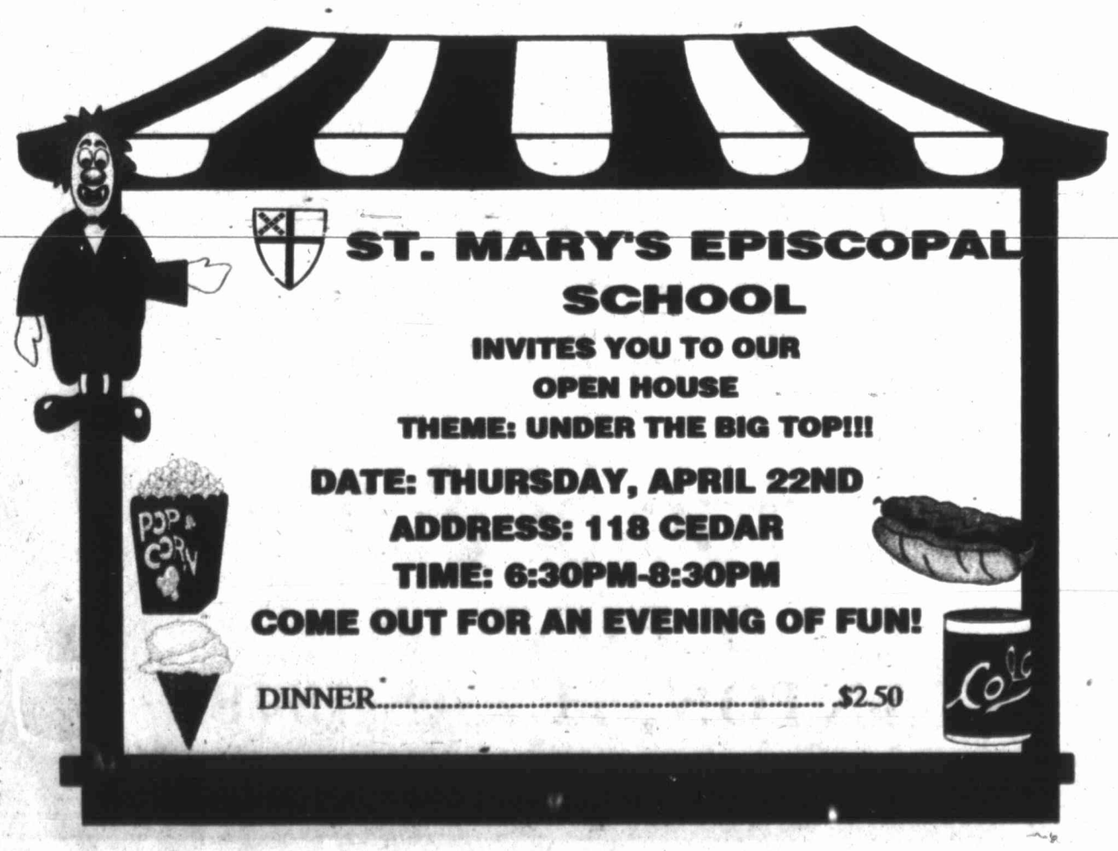
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Mariah II

Bringing back a winning tradition



At left, the members of Mariah II are, back row, left to right: Heather Wilks, Sarah Sanghavi, April Ward, Estella Ornelas, Captain Lorie Broussard, Rachel Ray, Cindy Landin, Becky Vera and Beatrice Trevino; front row, left to right, Marissa McCartney, Kami Horn, Lacey Lyons, Karen Martinez and Aline Legg.

At bottom, left: The original Mariah performs in this photo dated April 2, 1983. Clippings and photos in Herald files about the group are dated from 1982-1988. At bottom, right: Headlines about Mariah are filled with praise and accomplishment.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

Some things are so good, they deserve a second chance.

That's the theory behind the revival of a Big Spring tradition, Mariah. This award-winning color guard spread Big Spring's name all over the country in the early to mid-1980s.

Now, senior Lorie Broussard and other members of the Big Spring High School Color Guard have brought back the tradition. They call it Mariah II.

And they have already continued the group's award-winning ways: At last weekend's North Texas Color Guard Association state finals, Mariah II took first place in the novice division.

The 14-member group performs a routine to music from the movie, "Newsies." Their performance style is known as Winter Guard.

The original Mariah, made up at times of various high school and college students before becoming the Big Spring High School color guard, won four state championships in 1982, 1983, 1984 and 1986.

They placed fourth at the Winter Guard International Olympics in 1983 and seventh at the National Color Guard Championships.

Bill Bradley, band director at Runnels Junior High School, was given much of the credit for the group's success. He died suddenly of a heart attack in February 1984, and his students, then all members of the Big Spring High School Color Guard, won their first meet of the year just days after his death. They gave a touching tribute to their teacher, who was described as a positive motivator and role model.

With Bradley's help, the student members of Mariah gave Big Spring a legacy in national color guard circles that is expected to continue now that the sequel has begun.

It was because of the original Mariah that Lorie Broussard was moved to try it again. When choreographer Celestino Sosa came from San Angelo to choreograph the color guard's marching routines last summer, he mentioned Mariah.

"They were like, the best," said Lorie, a senior who is captain of the color guard and Mariah II. "He remembered them and told us other people remembered them, too."

"Bringing Mariah back will be intimidating to bands all over this area," said Rocky Harris, Big Spring High School band director. "These girls are on their way to doing that."

After auditions for the group in November, Mariah II members began working on their performance, rehearsing during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays.

At their first two competitions earlier in 1999, they won first place.

Steve Broussard, Lorie's father, said they deserved the honors.

"They worked at this very hard," he said. "They had seen all the stuff in the high school about the original Mariah, and I think they wanted to be part of all that."

Lorie, meanwhile, took first place in solo competitions at both contests. Then she took third in state.

Lori admits disappointment that no one brought back Mariah before this year, her last in high school. But she said she's glad she did, and she believes it will continue.

"I hope it will," he said. "I'm trying to instill that in the girls that will go on. I'm pretty confident in some of the girls I've left behind, that they will continue it."

Mariah II has performed at Howard College and Runnels Junior High School. Lorie said she would love to find another place to perform before the year is over.

For more information about Mariah II, call Harris at the high school band hall, 264-3641.





Happiness is... Surprising results from an unofficial survey

I have just finished an unofficial survey on "What does it take to make you happy?" The results are very interesting, but not as surprising as you might think.

Women, regardless of age seemed to need their family to complete their happiness. A dear friend gesturing expressively with her hands, said that in church, looking at her girls, there with their children, knowing later all the family would be together for a special meal, was the best for her.

I asked her if the fact that some of the older family members were alive influenced her thinking, she said yes, at that moment, bad times and situations almost faded away into a cloud of happiness.

I thought she expressed that very well; she is not a person who has been blessed with so many of the creature comforts we take for granted, yet her capacity for happiness was greater than some of the other folks I quizzed.

One friend, a lawyer, didn't hesitate about his criteria. To be happy for him involved a lot of research, finding the answer — the truth was what he needed. I was very impressed, he gave lawyers a better image as far as I was concerned.

Those under 15 were very different, not surprising. They need things of the moment: games, clothes, music, things and situations that wouldn't last a long time.

One of Adrian's friends who is single had no standard for happiness, he said he had never really been happy. That isn't too unusual, married people are thought to be happier than single folks. Those who make studies of these situations don't give us a reason. Maybe having someone to share your unhappiness as well as the good times is just as important.



MARY RANDLE

One lady I encountered in the doctor's office, she and her husband are engaged in farming and ranching, expressed it very well for most of us. "A 10-inch rain." She added that it must be slow, gesturing that it should come over a period of several days, so we wouldn't waste a drop!

Let's be honest, West Texans don't ever get enough rain. We don't complain if on rare occasions it rains on more than one day, that's enough to make us happy.

Some say their friends make them happy. Just being with them, doing things together, brings happiness. Maybe sharing is part of being happy?

I thought it was interesting that food played a part in our happiness.

That shouldn't have been a surprise, so much of family tradition centers around special days, and that means special meals with all the family favorites.

I make it a practice never to write about politics or religion, but this time of the year is a special time for Christian and Jewish religions.

Passover and Easter fall together, one celebrates the passing over of Jewish houses, the other death and resurrection.

I mention this because I wondered how much religion plays in our happiness, and does religion say we should be happy or somber?

I didn't come up with a lot of information except those who stated a strong belief in their religion professed to be happier. Does God want us to be happy? I guess that's up to you.

Adrian's dogs bring him a lot of happiness. Especially since they don't eat everything in sight. Yesterday, Sally Ride the younger got on the couch so she could tickle a young baby's feet with her nose. When he and his mother laughed, it seemed Sally was laughing too.

I don't consider myself a writer, but if I can write a column and be fairly certain three people will get a laugh, that makes me happy.

I think the older we get, the easier it is for us to define and find happiness. We have only to look, it's just as easy to be happy as sad.

What would make me happy today? That's easy — my income tax in the mail, knowing I was going to get a big refund!

Mary Randle writes a monthly column for the Big Spring Herald.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Heather Gipe and Clay Klatt, both of Plano, will exchange wedding vows on May 15, 1999, at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt with Rev. Keith Wiseman, of the First United Methodist Church of Lubbock, officiating.

She is the daughter of Linda Rankin of Lubbock.

He is the son of Bobby and Sandy Klatt of Lubbock, formerly of Big Spring.



Gina Scott and Phillip McNeal, both of Abilene, will exchange wedding vows on April 24, 1999, at Trinity Baptist Church with Rev. Randy Cotton, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Randy and Becky Jones and Ricky and Charlotte Scott of Big Spring.

He is the son of Jess and Mary Hitt of Dallas.



Kim Parrish and Gary Gamble, both of Big Spring, will unite in marriage on May 29, 1999, at 1109 E. Sixth with Rev. Doug Shelley, of Eastside Baptist Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Allen and Pat Parrish of Big Spring.

He is the son of Jerry and Betty Gamble of Broken Bow, Okla.



Jamie Jon Arrick and Heath Alan Anderson, both of Lubbock, will be united in marriage on July 17, 1999, on the beach in Padre Island with Rev. Steve Clinton, of Island in the Son United Methodist Church, officiating.

She is the daughter of John and Sidney Arrick of Odessa, and the granddaughter of Jewel Arrick of Big Spring.

He is the son of Rita Anderson of Big Spring and Danny Anderson of Corpus Christi, and the grandson of Robert and Leta Pruitt of Big Spring.

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'Tea Set' proves again Christie is true treasure

"The Harlequin Tea Set and Other Stories." Agatha Christie. Berkley Books, New York, New York. December, 1998. 214 pages. $5.99

Nine short stories written by Agatha Christie are found in this recent publication. The novelettes were originally printed in various monthly publications for [illegible]. The earliest tales quite naturally reflect the style and times, yet each has a timeless quality that will appeal to contemporary readers.



PAT WILLIAMS

"The Lonely God" is a love story with a sweet and fulfilling end. As with any Christie tale, nothing is certain until the vary last sentence, and the author still leaves the reader wondering whether it is fate or intentional intervention that determines whether or not dreams become a reality.

In "Manx Gold" Christie mentions specific names and dates, and it's very difficult to determine whether the story is real or fictional. The author cleverly gives clues within the story that predict the solution, but the clues are also an enigma. Because the average readers will probably not be able to unravel the puzzling symbols,

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VAMC announces ceremony to open first floor addition

Cary D. Brown, Medical Center Director, proudly announces the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for the first floor addition of the Ambulatory Care Project has been scheduled for Thursday at 2 p.m. Con.

Charles Stenholm had agreed to assist Brown with cutting the ribbon.

The Department of Veteran affairs Medical Center of Big Spring began the first floor outpatient renovation/expansion as a $2.5 million project on May 1997. The first floor expansion increased the floor space approximately 12,000 gross square feet and will allow all primary care physicians and specialty clinics to be located in one area of the medical center complex.

After construction began on the first floor, Brown announced the second floor would be renovated to include a state-of-the-art surgical suite. The existing surgical suite has undergone only minor improvements since the construction of the building in 1950. The second floor project creates approximately 7,000 gross square feet and will include five operating rooms. The new surgical suite project on the second floor should be completed in early summer.

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As we celebrate National Volunteer Week April 18-24, it is fitting that we recognize and honor our nation's premier volunteers — those who work with us each day in VA Voluntary Service. Volunteers have long played a vital role in VA's care of veterans.

The volunteers of Howard and surrounding counties have volunteered in excess of 14,000 hours to the Big Spring VA Medical Center and the four community-based clinics located in Abilene, San Angelo, Odessa, and Hobbs, New Mexico during fiscal year 1998. These hours are equivalent to over 20 full-time employees.

For more than half a century, VA has recognized the unique value of volunteers in helping us provide veterans the quality service they deserve. VA's Voluntary Service, in fact, is the largest volunteer program in the federal government. Since Voluntary Service was organized in 1946, VA volunteers have donated in excess of 500 million hours of service. Multiply that by the minimum wage, and you get just a hint of how valuable our volunteers are to VA's efforts.

Volunteers help us provide patients the human touch. Along with hospital staff, they offer a sympathetic ear in the middle of the hustle and bustle or periods of silent waiting that make a patient's hospital stay. Volunteers share a unique "one-of-us" perspective with our patients, as well as sympathy and compassion.

The Big Spring VA Medical Center will honor our volunteers for their commitment to service to our veterans on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, with the Annual VA Volunteer Service Awards Banquet.

On behalf of this hospital, on behalf of VA, and on behalf of the veterans you serve, the entire staff of Big Spring VA Medical Center thanks you, our volunteers.

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Welcome-New Employees

Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Gail Krug, Pharmacist; Elaine Murphy, RN

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National Medical Laboratory Week

April 11-16, 1999

In recognition of National Medical Laboratory Week, the staff of the Big Spring VA Medical Center Pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service (P&LM) has planned an Open House and tour of the Lab on Monday, April 12, 1999.

The pathology and Laboratory Medicine Service of the Big Spring VA Medical Center consists of 14 employees.

The activities of these employees are pathologist, laboratory supervisor, two clerical providers, and 10 technical personnel. The areas of service provided are: histology/cytology, microbiology, hematology, chemistry, special chemistry, urinalysis, serology and blood bank.

Dr. Darryl H. Powell, Chief of Staff, is very proud of the Lab at the medical center having received three consecutive outstanding evaluations from CAP (College of American Pathology).

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Upcoming Events

April 8-Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony, Ambulatory Care Project

April 18-24-National Volunteer Week

May 6-12-National Nurses Week

May 7-Re-Creation at Big Spring VAMC

May 9-16- National Nursing Home Week

Iva Jo Hanslik is temporarily the Community Relations Coordinator at the VA Medical Center. She may be contacted at (915) 264-4824.

Wedding, Anniversary and Engagement announcements are due at the life! desk Wednesday by noon for publication in Sunday's paper. Please stop by the Herald office for a form, or call 263-7331, ext. 236 and we will send one to you. We do not charge for these announcements, but they must be printed on our forms.

WEDDINGS

Smith-Carpenter

Brena Smith and David Carpenter, both of Pueblo West, Colo., were united in marriage on Feb. 13, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring, with John Doll, youth pastor, and Rev. Gary Smith, bride's father, officiating.

She is the daughter of Rev. Gary and Susan Smith of Oskaloosa, Iowa.

He is the son of Dr. James and Gail Carpenter of Big Spring.

Instrumentalists were Rev. Roger Huff and Tracy Moore, groom's sister.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown and carried a bouquet of magnolias.

Matron of honor was Michelle Pierce of Big Spring.

Bridesmaids were Tracy Moore, sister of the groom, Sky Williamson, Stacy Schuneman and Stefani Atnip.

Flower girl was Makayla Moore, niece of the groom, and Tyler Carpenter, son of the groom, was the ringbearer.

Chad Carpenter, brother of the groom, served as best man.

Serving as groomsmen were Lance Moore, Greg Pierce, Alan VanGalder and Nathan Smith, brother of the bride.

Ushers were David Doll, Chris Rosenbaum and Braden Burchett.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's cake was white with pearls and magnolias.



MR. AND MRS. DAVID CARPENTER

The groom's cake was a red velvet cake with cream cheese icing, decorated with a man in prison and ball and chain design.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1997 graduate of MidAmerica Nazarene University with a BSN of Nursing.

The groom is a 1989 graduate of Serra High School and a 1998 graduate of the Federal law Enforcement Academy. He is employed with the Department of Justice in Florence, Colo.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico, the couple are at home in Pueblo West, Colo.


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WEDNESDAY-Turkey, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, pudding.
THURSDAY-Smothered steak, new potatoes, broccoli, pea salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.
FRIDAY-Brisket, baked potatoes, beans, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Pizza or baked potato, green beans, carrot/celery sticks, peaches, milk, fruit drink.
WEDNEDAY-Steak fingers or chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes/gravy, buttered carrots, fruit cup, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.
THURSDAY-Beef tacos or tamales, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cornbread, milk, fruit drink.
FRIDAY-Soft burrito or burrito/chili, buttered corn, carrot/celery sticks, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Pizza, tater tots, fruit, milk. Teachers only: salad or baked potato.
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat (burritos), corn, salad, bread, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Taco beef pie (canoe dogs w/chili & cheese), pinto beans, salad, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Ravioli, green beans, salad, crackers, cobbler, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, french fries, salad, relish and onions, cookies and fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, pudding, milk.
FRIDAY-Soft burritos, ranch style beans, salad, cheese and sour cream, fruit, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corn dogs w/mustard, scalloped potatoes, pork & beans, cake, milk.
TUESDAY-Hamburger steak w/gravy, sliced potatoes, june peas w/carrots, hot rolls, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, pudding, milk.
THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, whole new potatoes, green beans, jello, hot rolls, milk.
FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
MONDAY-HOLIDAY
TUESDAY-Soft bean taco, corn, salad, fuit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Cowboy stew, salad, fruit, cornbread, milk.
THURSDAY-Barbecue on a bun, potato wedge, salad, pickle, milk.
FRIDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green peas, fruit, hot roll, milk.

Take time out for yourself, READ!

WHO'S WHO

Amarillo medical graduates joined other medical students across the nation in recent annual Match Day ceremonies to find out where they will spend the next three to five years in specialty training.

Larry Fish, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Fish of Big Spring, matched into the ophthalmology program at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

Overall, 81 percent of the Amarillo students matched with their first choice and 92 percent matched to their top two choices. Last year's numbers showed that 37 percent of the student matched into their top choice and 66 percent of the medical students matched into one of their top three choices for training.

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Justin Keith Wood was recently chosen for membership in the 1998-99 Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges honors program. He was one of 66 outstanding campus leaders at Texas A&M University chosen for his scholastic excellence.

Wood is a senior at Texas A&M and will be eligible for graduation in May. He is the son of Ronnie and Diane Wood of Coahoma.

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The state's largest teachers' group says parents should be told when an uncertified teacher is assigned to their child's classroom.

This position was one of several official stances the Association of Texas Progressional Educators (ATPE) delegates took during the group's annual convention, which was attended by some 1,200 educators from around the state March 25-27 at the Austin Convention Center.

Attending the convention from Coahoma ATPE were Jeanne Cole and LeJean Lockett.

ATPE convention delegates also would like to see strict limits placed on how emergency teaching permits are issued for uncertified teachers. Currently, individuals without a teacher's certification are required to obtain certification within a certain amount of time, but teachers say it is not always enforced.

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Southern Illinois University Carbondale will recognize 1,993 undergraduate students who have achieved academic excellence at spring Honors Day ceremonies Sunday, April 11.

Honors recognition goes to full-time students with cumulative grade-point averages of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale) on SIUC coursework completed through fall semester 1998.

Among those honored was Monica Marie Villarreal of Big Spring, a freshman with an overall average of 3.75 or above.

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Two high school seniors from Big Spring and one from Forsan High School have been awarded Carr Academic Scholarships at Angelo State University for 1999-2000.

Those students include: Lorie Broussard and Beatrice Trevino, both of Big Spring, and Jeremy Hedges from Forsan.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from $1,500 to $6,000, to qualified undergraduates.

IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Staff Sgt. Peter D. Paul has arrived for duty at Kunsan Air Base in Kunsan City, South Korea. He is an engress systems craftsman assigned to the 8th Maintenance Squadron.

He is the son of Rachel Paul of Henniker, N.H., and his wife is Nora, the daughter of Rosalia Billalba of Big Spring.

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Bradlee N. Evans has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station. The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay entering active duty for up to one year.

Evans, a student at Coahoma High School, will report to Fort Sill, Lawton, Okla., for basic training on June 9.

He is the son of Rickey A. Evans of Fluvanna, and Saundra Bloom of Coahoma.

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Navy Petty Officer 1st Class Duane Brooks, son of Frank V. Brooks, Big Spring, recently completed a six-month deployment while assigned to Middle East Forces Pacific aboard the guided missile destroyer USS Paul Hamilton, home ported in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii.

During the deployment, Brooks and fellow crew members participated in Operation Desert Fox in which U.S. forces launched retaliatory missile attacks on military installations in Iraq. The attacks were made after President Saddam Hussein refused to allow U.N. teams to inspect Iraq for weapons of mass destruction.

Brooks' ship was also part of the multinational interception force in the Arabian Gulf to support U.N. sanctions levied against Iraq after the 1991 Gulf War.

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Marine Lance Cpl. Chris Perez, son of John Perez, Big Spring, recently participated in a training exercise while assigned to the 24th Marine Expeditionary Unit.

Perez and fellow Marines joined elements of the Hellenic armed forces to conduct the nine-day exercise in Greece. The exercise Alexander the Great, prepared the forces for a possible NATO peach keeping mission in Kosovo that will involve more than 20,000 troops.

Perez's unit is an expeditionary intervention force with the ability to rapidly organize for combat operations in virtually any environment.

The 1995 graduate of Maranatha Baptist Academy, joined the Marine Corps in August 1995.

WILLIAMS

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she explains everything in an "afterword".

Hercule Poirot makes an appearance in "The Mystery of the Spanish Chest". He is daunting and ingenious as he solves a murder that appears simplistic, but is extraordinary in its complexity.

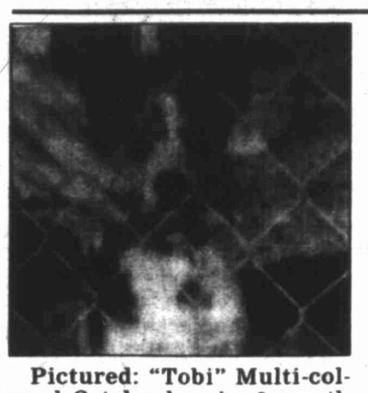
"The Harlequin Tea Set" gives the book it name. This story depicts a situation in which a delightful bit of trickery turns the tables on the culprit.

The other stories are unique, one offering a bit of the supernatural, while another serves up a bit of homespun philosophy. In typical Christie fashion there are always a few well placed cynical, but humorous, lines that bring in inadvertent smile to your lips.

Agatha Christie is a literary treasure, and The Harlequin Tea Set is the perfect book to introduce her cleverly written stories to a newcomer or to give a lifelong fan a few hours of reading pleasure. This is one treat in which you can indulge that is calorie-free!

RATING: (***) three out of four=Entertaining!

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Pictured: "Tobi" Multi-colored Catahoula mix, 9 month old female.

"Bucky" Gold and white Pitt Bull male, 1 year old, neutered.

"Cowboy" Black and White miniature Border Collie mix, male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Max" Black and white small Terrier mix, 2 year old male.

"Mary" Black and white small Terrier mix, 5 year old female.

"Billy Gunn" Brown and white Boxer mix, male, 1 year old, neutered.

"Brook" Black and brown Rott/Shepherd mix, female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Blue Eyes" Multi-colored Catahoula mix female, 1 year old, spayed.

"Stick Dog" Red Shepherd mix male, 2 years old, neutered.

"Sandy" Gold Lab mix female, 1 year old spayed.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just $50 and cats are $40. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.



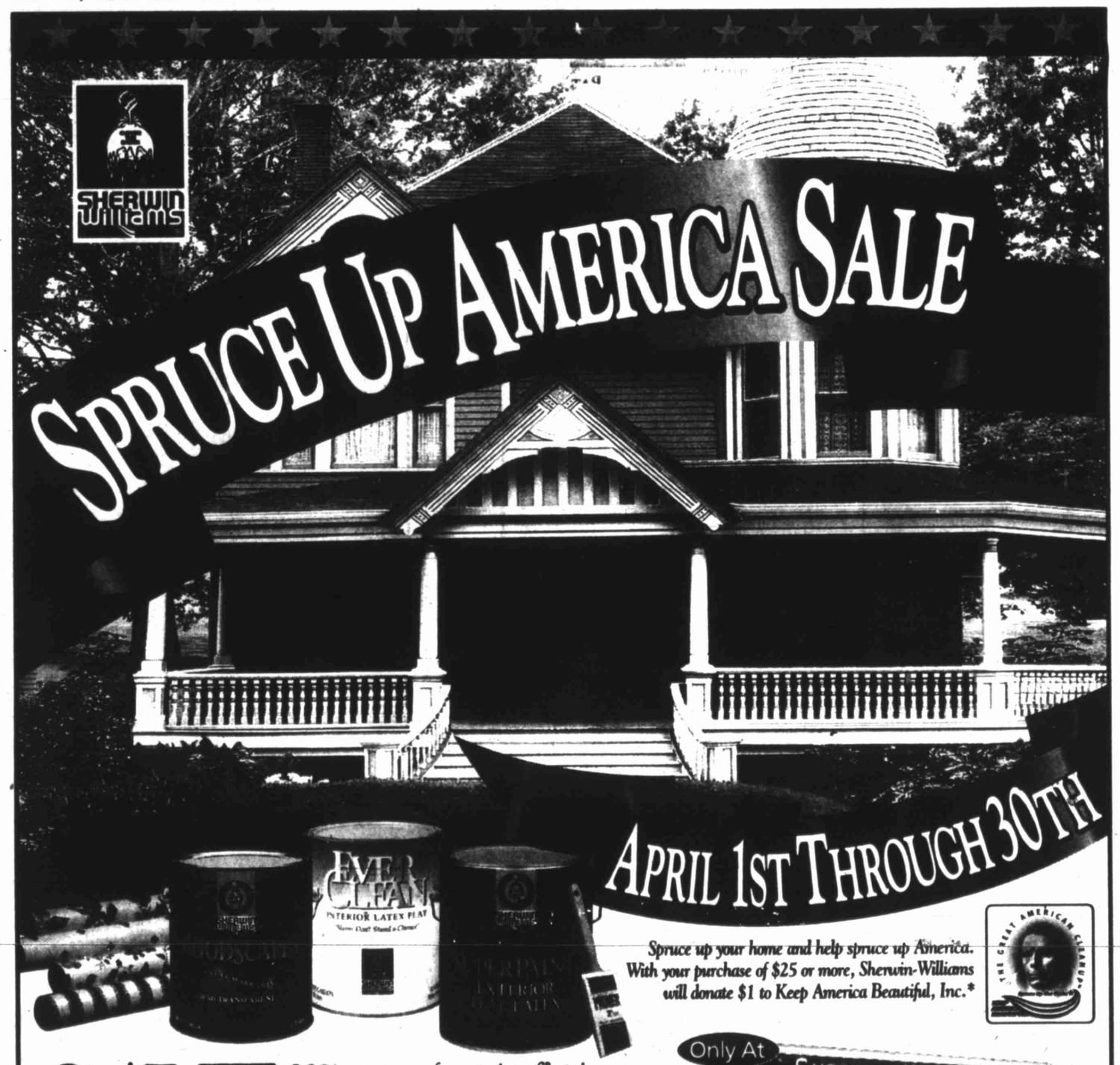
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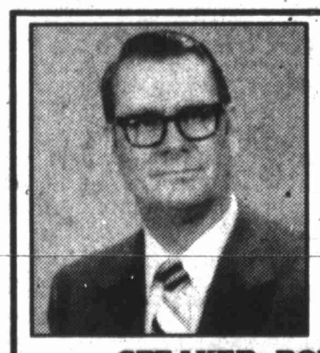
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Sweet reality helps sell Blue Bell ice cream to 60 percent of Texas market

HOUSTON — In the advertising business, an agency-client relationship that lasts five years is considered a long-term thing.

That makes it all the more remarkable that Blue Bell Ice Cream has depended on the same person to craft its marketing efforts for the past 30 years.

Houston adman Lyle Metzdorf has directed every element of the company's public image — from its nostalgic television commercials all the way down to the country-style design of its ice cream cartons — since 1969. The 63-year-old Metzdorf also penned one of the most memorable advertising lines ever heard in these parts:

We eat all we can and sell the rest.

"We have a great product, but if we didn't let people know who we are in a creative way, we wouldn't be where we are today," said Blue Bell Vice President John Barnhill.

When Barnhill hired Metzdorf, Blue Bell was indeed the "Little Creamery in Brenham." It controlled only 1 percent of Houston's ice cream sales, compared with a whopping 63 percent today. That means slightly more than six out of every 10 gallons currently sold in Houston carry the Blue Bell brand.

The statewide picture is pretty much the same. The ice cream wasn't available in most of Texas in 1969. Now, it commands 60 percent of the Texas marketplace, according to A.C. Nielsen Scantrak Data.

"Lyle has contributed immeasurably to our success," Barnhill said. "He is masterful at knowing how people will react to things. That's what makes him so special."

A hallmark of Metzdorf's work for Blue Bell has been his use of real people — as opposed to actors — in many commercial roles.

"I spend more time casting than anything other than creating the idea. If you don't do a good job casting, you are wasting a lot of money," said Metzdorf, who owns a small Houston agency called Metzdorf Inc. "Real people have a naivet that they bring to a commercial that actors just can't bring. Blue Bell likes it because they don't have to pay them residuals."

Residuals are fees paid to actors — and Blue Bell does use a few — for repeated airings of commercials. Because some of Blue Bells' classic ads have aired for years, that can run into real money.

Metzdorf also breaks ranks with other dessert companies in his willingness to show people who aren't rail thin. The people populating Blue Bell commercials are shaped like most of us out here in the real world, which is considerably lumpier than your average supermodel.

"I want people to believe what they are seeing. The best way to do that is to use believable people," he said. I don't want to them to have perfect body shapes and capped teeth. But it takes a brave client to allow you to have that kind of latitude."

In an effort to distinguish Blue Bell from larger rivals based in big cities, Metzdorf has always pounded away at country themes, conjuring up the power of simpler pleasures enjoyed in simpler times.

Men wear overalls and straw hats. Boys fish with cane poles. Little girls frolic in gingham dresses, and cows wander through peaceful meadows.

"The reason Blue Bell Ice

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IN THE NEWS

The 42nd annual meeting of **PLAINS COTTON GROWERS** will be held on Friday at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center Theater.

PGC's featured speakers are **BILLY DUNAVANT, JR., U.S. REP. CHARLES STENHOLM** (D-Stamford) and **STATE SEN. ROBERT DUNCAN** (R-Lubbock).



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Also on the agenda is Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation executive director Lindy Patton.

Following the PGC meeting will be a boll weevil management seminar co-sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service.

The seminar is scheduled to begin at 1:30 p.m.

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The **UNITED STATES AIR FORCE** will hold a **PUBLIC HEARING** from 5-9 p.m. on Wednesday in the Snyder High School Cafeteria regarding low-level bombing training over portions of the Crossroads.

HEPA, INC. (Heritage Environmental Preservation Association) opposes the Air Force plan, which inlcudes high-speed, low-level flights over eastern and southern Howard County as part of the mission approach pattern.

Currently, about 30 such flights are conducted annually. Under the new plan, a total of 1,250 flights would occur at altitudes as low as 3,000 feet.

The proposed flight area includes most of Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Kent, Fisher, Stonewall, Garza and Lynn counties.

In addition, other public hearings will be held this week from 5-9 p.m. at Abilene High School; from 5-9 on Thursday at Reagan County High School in Big Lake; from 5-9 on Friday at Pecos High School and from 10 a.m. until noon and 1-5 p.m. Saturday in Alpine at the Alpine Recreation Center.

("In the News" is a free column that includes business-rlated news of interest to the Crossroads Area. Send information to Herald Sunday Business, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.)

Business leaders: Electric deregulation a necessity

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

Imagine a small business being able to lower its money electric bill by, say, $350 per month. That $4,200 annual difference could be important to the firm's bottom line.

Now, imagine a business the size of Fina's Big Spring Refinery, where the annual electric bill exceeds $8 million, to be able to lower its bill a proportionate amount.

"Deregulation could provide Texas with an economic edge," said Fina Refinery manager Steve Weber. "Without it, we could lose existing businesses and prospective businesses to other states (that have deregulated electricity)."

The deregulation of Texas' electric industry could open the door to increased economic development, supporters say.

"It's a major portion of the cost of doing business," explained Western Container Corp. president Bob Tremblay. "Deregulation can only help industry."

While opponents fear that deregulation will only favor larger users, Fina's Carla [illegible] what happened with deregulation.

"It will freeze existing rates and allow people to shop for lower rates," Meadows, head of Fina public relations department, said.

In addition, Senate Bill 7, which will go before the State Affairs Committee of the Texas House on Monday, allows providers to offer services they cannot as a public utility.

One of those options will be aggregation. Aggregation will let consumers join together with neighbors, colleagues or organizations to negotiate, as a whole, for better electricity prices.

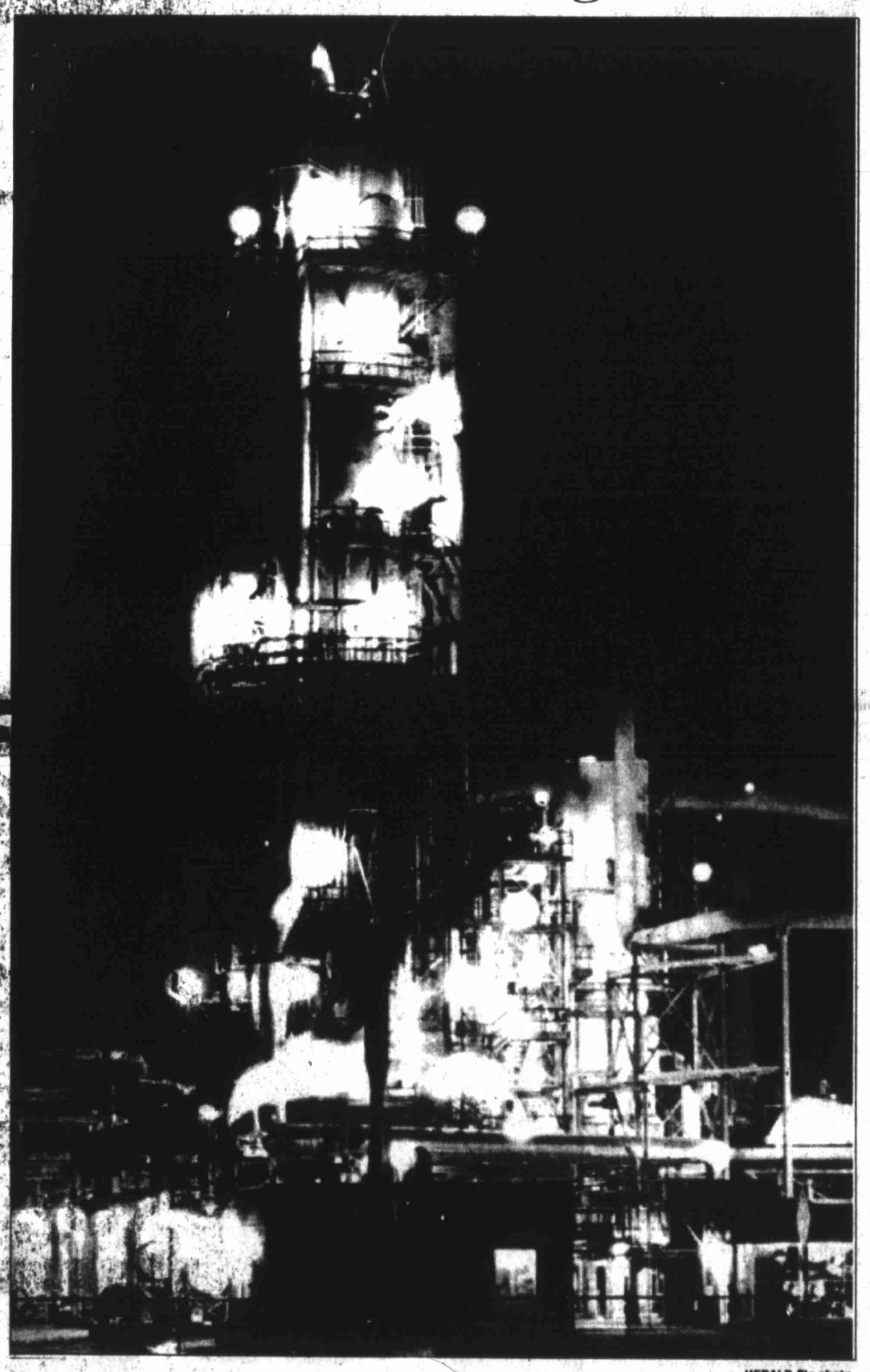
Kent Sharp, executive direotor of Moore Development for Big Spring, says deregulation can help attract industry to a community.

"If we have deregulation and an industry can shop for its supplier, we will have a better chance of getting them than without it and going up against a deregulate state."

Tremblay offered an example.

"Let's say we're looking at building a plant where there is deregulation and we're also looking at a site where there's

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HERALD file photo

Electric deregulation could help Texas attract new industry and retain exisiting businesses. Under deregulation, both retail and residential consumers would be able to shop for lower rates. For someone like Fina, whose Big Spring Refinery electric bill is $8 million annually, that could add up.

Texas House set to review SB 7 this week

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

On March 17, members of the Texas Senate overwhelmingly passed SB 7, which would deregulate the electric industry in Texas and allow consumers to choose their electric provider.

This week, the bill moves into the State Affairs Committee of the Texas House for review.

Opponents of deregulation say it would be good only for big business, and that smaller business and residential users would suffer because no one would want their small value.

Supporters say just the opposite is true — that while large commercial customers such as the Big Spring Refinery and Western Container would have multiple options, so would the smaller consumer.

In addition, they say, deregulation would put Texas' communities on a level playing field in the economic development arena with the 17 other states that have already passed laws deregulating the electric industry.

One thing is certain — if Texas lawmakers don't do something to deregulate the electric industry, federal lawmakers will.

Already during the 105th Congress, no less than 16 bills have been proposed or introduced to restructure all or a part of the electric utility industry nationwide.

Many of these bills grandfather and protect the plans adopted by the states that have already restructured. However, for states that have not enacted customer choice, whatever federal bill is enacted will dictate how those states proceed.

Supporters of industry deregulation say it clearly is in Texas' best interest that Texans make the decisions pertaining to their own state.

Because house leaders say Congress will pass a restructuring bill in 1999 and the Texas legislature meets only every other year, supporters say it is now or never in the Lone Star State.

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Deregulation would allow consumers to choose provider, shop for lowest rates

HERALD Staff Report

How would deregulation of the electric industry work?

Under SB 7, passed March 17 by the Texas Senate and set to be reviewed beginning Monday by the State Affairs Committee in the Texas House, it would allow consumers to choose their electric provider.

Proponents — which include Texas Utilities Electric (TU) — the state's largest investor-owned utility, say the result would be the creation of a competitive market that would result in lower utility prices for consumers.

The bill establishes Jan. 1, 2002 as the start date for competition with rates frozen at current levels until then.

Once competition begins, those rates will be rolled back 5 percent — thereby ensuring benefits for residential and small commercial customers.

It also provides a number of important consumer protections, such as sanctions against slamming and cramming.

Once enacted, the bill would allow customers to pick and choose their electric provider, just as they choose their telephone service and long distance

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Community forum helps target interests, concerns

On March 23 members of the community were invited to attend a forum to discuss key issues facing us over the next five years. The Texas Agriculture Extension Service, a part of the Texas A&M University System, has been designated to organize and conduct these forums in the 254 counties of Texas.



DAVID KIGHT

Those in attendance were asked not only to identify issues, but to also rank them in order of priority and the likelihood of being able to do something about the issue. The ranking of the top ten issues were: Improve the quality of life for all ages and ethnic groups; Enhance present Howard County economy; Diversify economy; Improve and diversify education in local school districts; Sustain ability of agriculture and related businesses; Development of leaders in local government; Water quality and quantity issues; Declining tax base-oil and ag.; Drug free community; Better health care for elderly.

As mentioned previously, these are ranked on most to least important and rated on the likelihood of making an impact on these issues.

The next step will be to get assistance from additional community leaders with experience in one or more of these issues so that a plan of action can be developed. The next meeting, Focus Forum, will be held Tuesday, April 13th, 1:30 to 4:00 pm at Norwest Bank. If you are interested is assisting developing a plan of action to address any one of the issues, we invite you to attend the Focus Forum. Please call the Extension Office at 264-2236 to be assigned to a particular issue.

Results of all county issues are placed on the Texas Community Future Forum website, where they will be tabulated on a state wide basis.

(David Kight is the Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. His office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse and his telephone number is 264-2236.)

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SAVINGS

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not. All things even, if we can go in and get our electricity for one-cent per kilowatt cheaper in the one state than the other, we're no longer looking at the other state."

While the Big Spring Herald uses in the vicinity of 400,000 kilowatts annually, a business like Western Container might use 40 million — and Fina upwards of 100 million.

It's clear to see why a penny a kilowatt could add up to a business.

But it's businesses of all sizes that are supporting deregulation.

A survey of 32,000 small business owners who are members of the Texas Federation of Independent Business showed that more than 60 percent of those who responded support electric competition. A little more than 50 percent of those who responded also said their electric bill is a "major expense" to their business.

DEREG

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providers.

Mike Hammock, TU's Big Spring manager, said the company supports deregulation as long as it is fair to all concerned, maintains the reliability of the statewide delivery system and protects the utility's shareholders.

"We do have some concerns about Senate Bill 7 as it was passed (which included adoption of 22 of 51 amendments)," Hammock said.

Those include the rate after the 5 percent rollback — or "rate to beat" — on Jan. 1, 2002; a government-mandated size of market share and increased authority to the Public Utilities Commission.

TU's opposition to the rate to beat stems from the fact that current Texas providers — such as TU Electric and West Texas Utilities — would be tied to that rate for a period of five years or until they had lost 40 percent of their customers.

At the same time, new entries to the Texas market would be able to undercut the so-called price to beat.

"That's not competiton," Hammock said. "We welcome competition, because we believe it will be good for everyone, but allow the existing companies the opportunity to be competitive as well."

In addition, the bill sets 20 percent of the Texas market as the most any one company could control. Texas utilities, which currently has 38 percent of the market share, is the only provider that would be effected.

"Apparently, that's just a number that was pulled out of the air," Hammock said. "Again, we think real and fair competition will control the market and we don't feel this is real or fair.

"Give everyone the opportunity to compete on equal footing."

Hammock said concerns that larger users of electricity will received preferential treatment — or even cause smaller customers to be ignored — are ill-founded.

"Yes, we have the Finas and Western Containers," he said, "but 97 percent of our customers are either small businesses or residential users. We don't want to lose them."

He also said increased PUC oversight was not needed.

"They will continue to oversee the wires end of the business, but they are adding things they will be over that they are not currently involved with. That's not deregulation."

HOUSE

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Why restructure, opponents ask?

- Retail competition provides choice, which lower rates;
- Texas is being left behind economically;
- Texas must act before Washington does it for us;
- Texas must act to foster stability and promote investment in the state.

Currently, more than one-half of the people in the United States live is states that have deregulated their electric industry.

BLUE BELL

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Cream tastes so good is because the cows think Brenham is heaven," one commercial proclaims.

While he didn't come up with the phrase, The little creamery from Brenham — Barnhill wrote that into a radio script during the 1960s — Metzdorf is the guy who recognized its power and elevated its use to that of a enduring slogan.

Over the past three decades, Metzdorf's work obviously has struck a popular chord with Texans, because Blue Bell receives hundreds of letters from them every month. Some suggest ideas for future commercials, and Metzdorf is more than willing to seize on them.

For instance, the newest Blue Bell spot is based on a letter from a woman that read, "I can't sleep when there's Blue Bell in the freezer."

"I read that and said, 'Now that's a commercial!'" he said.

Apart from the letters arriving in Brenham every month, the folks at Blue Bell get other assurances that let them know they're doing something right.

"Whenever I go into a grocery store and say I work for Blue Bell, someone almost always says, 'I guess you eat all you can and sell the rest.'" Barnhill said. "When something like that happens, you know your advertising message is getting through."

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Order of dismissal: James Harold Nelson, Jr., Reynaldo Sanchez Carrasco, Scott Wade Hopkins, Casey Chance Harrison, Ray Lea
Judgment & sentence assault: Raul Mendez $500 fine, $254.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
Probated judgment assault/bodily injury: Antony Lewis $500 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over $500/under $1500: Christopher Ornelas $100 fine and 180 days in jail
Probated judgment theft over $50/under $500: Cynthia Jean White $100 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence possession of marijuana under two ounces: Michael Don Fulbright $500 fine, $219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail, Elda Melina Bernal $219.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
Judgment & sentence evading arrest/detention: David Humphrey $500 fine, $219.25 court cost and 60 days in jail
Probated judgment DWI: William C. Williams IV $1500 fine and 180 days in jail, Michael Lockhart $1500 fine and 180 days in jail, Michael Anthony Pryor $1500 fine and 180 days in jail, Stephanie Cisneros $1500 fine and 180 days in jail, Jeremy Acuff $1500 fine and 180 days in jail, Clyde Myles $1500 fine and 180 days in jail, Kayla D. Horton $1500 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence theft over $50/under $500: Gilbert Herrera $250 fine, $254.25 court cost and 30 days in jail
Probated judgment DWLI: David Cruz $500 fine and 180 days in jail, Charles Ray Smith $250 fine and 180 days in jail, Neal Grant Stoglin $250 fine and 180 days in jail, Juan Sosa Rodriguez $250 fine and 180 days in jail, Richard Huckabee $250 fine and 180 days in jail, Antony Lewis $250 fine and 180 days in jail, Manuel Armendariz $100 fine and 180 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWLI: Michael Shane Webb $300 fine, $219.25 court cost and 90 days in jail, Marilyn Kay Pope (2nd offense) $2000 fine, $297 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWLS: Marilyn Kay Pope $200 fine, $232 court cost and 90 days in jail
Judgment & sentence DWI: David Humphrey, III (2nd offense) $2000 fine, $234.25 court cost and 90 days in jail
Revocation of probation & imposition of sentence: Marilyn Pope

DEEDS:
WARRANTY DEEDS:

grantor: Mari Nava
grantee: Silvino Nava Delapa and Ramona Denava
property: lot 12, blk. 2, Avion Addition
filed: March 16, 1999

grantor: Louis E. Stallings and Luan C. Stallings
grantee: Margie Rios
property: lot 13, blk. 6, Avion Addition
filed: March 16, 1999

grantor: Roy R. Taylor
grantee: Robert E. and Ella Merrill Morgan
property: a 2.16 acre tract of land in the north 1/2 of a 4.21 acre tract of land out of the southwest 1/4 of section 48, blk. 32
filed: March 17, 1999

grantor: Lydia B. Yanez
grantee: Oscar Yanez
property: all that certain tract, parcel and piece of land, being out of and part of the East 1/2 of tract 23, Wm. B. Currie Subdivision of the southeast 1/4 of section 42, blk. 32
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Franklin D. Marsh, Jr.
grantee: Cynthia Jane Marsh
property: lot 3 and the east 5' lot 2, blk. 5, Hathcock Addition
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Ester Lopez Tobar, Manuel Lopez, Jr., Eleanor Lopez and Elisabeth Lopez Porter
grantee: Paul and Sylvia R. Salazar
property: lot 18, blk. 4, Cedar Crest Addition
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Julian Moncada
grantee: Consuelo M. Hernandez
property: lots 11-12, blk. 16, Washington Place Addition
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Jesse Herrera
grantee: Juanita Herrera and Marcelino Herrera
property: all of lot 1-2, blk. 10, Wrights Airport Addition
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Jack E. Lee, James A. Welch and Don F. Reynolds
grantee: LWR Company
property: lot 8, blk. 29, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Larry A. Bishop and Gary L. Bishop
grantee: Royce Walker
property: the southeast 1/4 of section 7, blk. 31
filed: March 19,1 999

grantor: James R. Corbell
grantee: Clifford and Ramona Goff
property: a 0.912 acre tract of land out of and part of the southwest 1/4 of the northwest 1/4 of section 19, blk. 32
filed: March 22, 1999

grantor: L.O. and Edna Jones
grantee: Mario Hernandez
property: a tract of land out of the southeast 1/4 of section 32, blk. 32
filed: March 22, 1999

grantor: Leah Petersen
grantee: Marcellous Weaver
property: lots 4-5, blk. 2, Settles Addition
filed: March 23, 1999

WARRANTY DEED WITH VENDOR'S LIEN:

grantor: Bill D. Brooks and Thieda K. Brooks
grantee: Peyton Sedberry and Mindy Sedberry
property: all of lot 12, blk. 2, Hayden Addition
filed: March 16, 1999

grantor: Mary M. Arnold
grantee: J.J. and Pauline Fulesday
property: lot 29, blk. 6, Douglas Addition
filed: March 18, 1999

grantor: Rodney and Carolyn Brooks
grantee: David and Patricia Barr
property: the southeast 1/4 of section 18, blk. 25
filed: March 22, 1999

grantor: Ron T. Brooks
grantee: David W. and Patricia Barr
property: east 80 acres of the southeast 1/4 of section 30 and west 80 acres of the southwest 1/4 of section 29, blk. 30
filed: March 22, 1999

grantor: David W. and Patricia Barr
grantee: Rodney and Carolyn Brooks
property: east 80 acres of the southeast 1/4 of section 30 and west 80 acres of the southwest 1/4 of section 29, blk. 30
filed: March 22, 1999

grantor: Donald E. Harlkins
grantee: Fredrico C. and Anita M. Martinez
property: lot 8, blk. 12, Cole & Strayhorn Addition
filed: March 22, 1999

grantor: Bonnie Ruth Brown
grantee: Shirley J. Matthews
property: the south 125' of lot 1, blk. 1, Worth Peeler Subdivision
filed: March 23, 1999

grantor: Robert A. Meeks
grantee: Tony Meeks
property: the west 125' of lot 2, blk. 83, Original Town of Big Spring
filed: March 23, 1999

grantor: Claudette Marie Clark Poynor, Patsy Mae Woods, D.W. Rowland, Celia Cox, John Hobbs, Beverly Carter and Randy Hobbs
grantee: Mark Caperton
property: all of lot 23-24, blk. 18, Washington Place Addition
filed: March 23, 1999.

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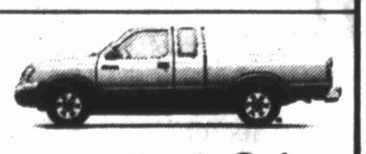
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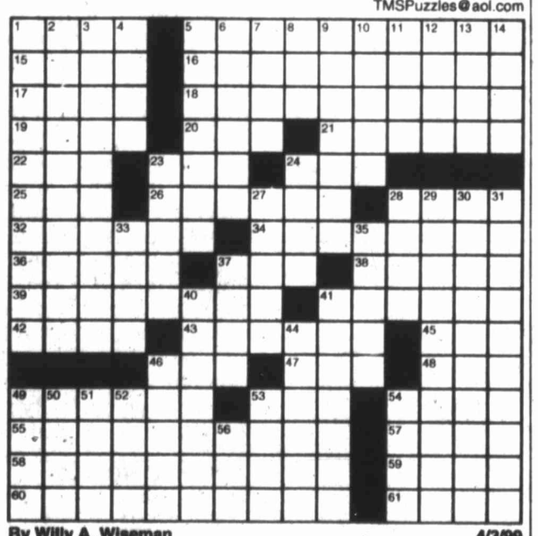
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PUBLIC NOTICE

BID 99-425
Advertisement for Bids
The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following:
MICROSCOPES
Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:00 p.m. on May 6, 1999 at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Annex, room A2 and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.
Technical questions should be directed to Lynn Simpson, Instructor, Howard College, (915) 264-5150. Bidding questions directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
2253 April 4 & 11, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Immaculate Heart of Mary Church I.H.M. Catholic Church is seeking bids for the following contract: Renovation of female and male restrooms. A pre bid meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 7, 1999 at 5:00 P.M. at I.H.M. church office. Sealed bids will be addressed to the office of I.H.M. Church, 1009 Hearn, Big Spring, Texas 79720, Telephone 915-267-4124 or 263-3519, on or before 3:00 P.M., Friday, April 30, 1999. The bidder will be required to supply a proof of insurance and be bonded. The award of bids will be considered at a scheduled meeting of the I.H.M. building committee. We reserve the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
2252 April 2, 4, 5, 6, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL)
To the Registered Voters of Glasscock County-Garden City, Texas.
(A los votantes registrados del Glasscock County-Garden City, Texas):
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 1, 1999, for voting in a general election to elect two at large trustees to to the Glasscock County Independent School District Board.
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el uno de Mayo de 1999 para votar en la Eleccion General para elegir districto abierto tres miembros para el Glasscock County Independent School District Board.)
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES: Pct. 1-St. Lawrence Hall, Pct. 2-Garden City Church of Christ, Pct. 3-Drummight Community Center, Pct. 4-Garden City Church of Christ.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
Glasscock County Court house, County Clerk's Office, Garden City, Texas between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999
(entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de abril,1999) and ending on April 27, 1999. (y terminando el 27 de abril, 1999)
Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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Wanda Forbis
(Name of Early Voting Clerk)
(Nombre del Secretario (a) de la Votacion Adelantada)
Box 190
Garden City, Texas 79739
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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April 23, 1999
Issued this the 1st day of April, 1999.
(Emitada este dia 1 de abril, 1999.)
2254 April 4, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Public Meeting
Proposed reconstruction of N. Lamesa Highway (US 87)
The abilene district of the Texas Department of Transportation will host a public meeting on Tuesday, May 4, 1999, to discuss and gather public input on the proposed reconstruction of North Lamesa Highway (US 87). The meeting will be held in the cafeteria at Bauer Elementary School, 108 NW 9th. in Big Spring, beginning at 5:30 p.m. The proposed project will have two segments of reconstruction. The first segment will begin at the IH 20 south frontage road and end at the railroad bridge. The second segment will begin at S. 4th St. and end at the railroad bridge. The proposed project will also address storm water runoff in the US 87 and N. Lancaster St. area. At this time the project is scheduled for letting in May 2000 at an estimated cost of $2.25 million.
S&B Infrastructure, Ltd., Houston TX will conduct the meeting. They would like to be informed of all concerns and comments while in the preliminary design phase of the project. There will be an opportunity during the meeting for the public to make oral and written comments and ask questions. Citizens not able to attend the public meeting may submit comments to the big spring Area Engineer, Art Barrow, P.E., Texas Department of Transportation, P.O. Box 511, Big Spring, Texas 79721.
If you have any question concerning the meeting, please contact Tom Edwards at 915/263-4768. All interest citizens are invited to attend. The meeting room is handicap accessible
2255 April 4, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

Region 18 Education Service Center is issuing three (3) "Open Catalog" bids on behalf of approximately forty-one (41) Texas school districts. The bid categories are:
1. School and Office Supplies, Instructional Materials and Furniture
2. Computer Hardware, Software, Supplies and Accessories
3. P E and Athletic Supplies and Equipment

Bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., May 14, 1999 at Region 18 ESC, PO Box 60580 or 2811 LaForce Blvd., Midland TX 79711. Bids will be opened and recorded as they are received. All bids, meeting the bid criteria, will be formally approved by the Region 18 ESC Purchasing Committee at a special meeting to be held after all bids have been received and recorded at the above address.
Bid forms are available from Gary Bond, Region 18 ESC at PO Box 60580, Midland TX 79711. Please call 915-567-3258 should you have any questions.
2246 April 4 & 11, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION TRUSTEE)
To the Registered Voters of Forsan ISD, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Forsan ISD Texas;)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 1, 1999, for voting in a trustee election, to elect three trustees.
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitador abajo se abriran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 1 de Mayo de 1999 para votar en la Eleccion para elija tres fideicomisarios.
LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
Forsan ISD Administration Office
Forsan Elementary School (Elbow School)
Early voting by personal appearance will; be conducted each weekday at
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Forsan ISD Administration Office between the hours of 8:00 am. and 4:00 p.m. beginning on April 14, 1999
(ensre las 8:00 de la manana y las 4:00 de la tarde empezando el 14 de Abril, 1999), and ending on April 27, 1999.
(y terminando el 27 de Abril, 1999.)
Appliations for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
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P.O Drawer A
Forsan, Texas 79733
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April 23, 1999
Issued this the 1st day of April, 1999.
(Emitada este dia 1 de Abril, 1999
2251 April 4, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF HEARING ON THE APPLICATION OF TMBR/SHARP DRILLING INC. TO CONSIDER TEMPORARY FIELD RULES FOR THE BOOKS, S (FUSSELMAN) FIELD GLASSCOCK COUNTY, TEXAS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the public and to all interested persons that under the legal authority and jurisdiction of Title 3, Oil and Gas, Subtitles A, B, and C. of the Texas Natural Resources Code, Chapters 26, 27 and 29 of the Texas Water Code, and TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (1999), the RAILROAD COMMISSION OF TEXAS will hold a hearing on APRIL 14, 1999, at 9:00 a.m. at the William B. Travis State Office Building, 1701 N. Congress Avenue, Austin, Texas. This hearing will be conducted in conformity with the TEX. GOVT CODE ANN. art. §§ 2001 et seq. (1999). For room assignment, on the date of the hearing please check the bulletin board in the 1st Floor lobby. Persons planning to attend this hearing are urged to contact the applicant (see service list) immediately prior to the hearing date to be sure that the hearing will proceed on the scheduled date.
This hearing will be held to consider the application of TMBR/Sharp Drilling Inc. for temporary field rules for the Books, S. (Fusselman) Field, Glasscock County, Texas. Applicant seeks the following rules:
1. Spacing: 660'/1320';
2. Density: 80 acre proration units with 10% tolerance;
3. Diagonal: 3300'; and
4. Allowable based on 1965 yardstick depth allowable.
If you have questions regarding this application, please contact the Applicant's representative, Steve Towns, at (512) 480-9600. If you have any questions regarding the hearing procedure, please contact the Railroad Commission, Office of General Counsel, at (512) 463-6848.
2229 March 14, 21, 28 & April 4, 1999

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 4:
Your intuition is unusually sharp this year, especially surrounding finances and partners. As a result of your insights, you explore new territory in old and new relationships. Nearly anything is possible, especially if you are willing to risk and to break defensive or restrictive patterns. Romance blossoms if you are single, making this a very special year. If attached, you enjoy each other much more than ever before. You're happy just being together, talking and exploring. Sagittarius opens doors.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
*******Finally, you get to straighten out some of the uproar of the past week. How you view a situation could radically change as a result of a conversation. Treat yourself and/or a loved one to something long cherished. Tonight: Let the good times roll!**

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
*******Others have a lot to say, though you might not want to hear it all. A friend wants to turn a wish into reality for you. You might need to talk it through before accepting this offer. Don't discount a valid opportunity. Tonight: Let another treat you.**

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
****** A talk with one in charge cannot be put off much longer. You might wonder which way to go. Your sense of humor comes out when dealing with others. Follow your heart with a loved one, even though you might be overly sensitive. Tonight: Be as nurturing as possible.**

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
*******Creativity marks decisions, conversations and interactions. Flirtation goes wild, for those who want more amour in their lives. News from a distance is promising, if you want to walk through that door. Let caring play a bigger role in your life. Tonight: Kiss the bliss!**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
*******You are full of lightness and happiness when dealing with a key partner. Make a must appearance, but also allow plenty of downtime. You have a lot to share right now. Express your childlike side. Tonight: Having a ball.**

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
*******Initiate talks. You'll be pleased by news you hear. A partner or associate demonstrates his caring. Options are numerous and overwhelming. You finally understand another. Plan a special outing together. Tonight: Out for dinner, then who knows?**

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
*****Making an extra effort to please a partner, being understanding and accommodating others count a great deal today. You get a lot done, even for an "off" day. Ask a loved one to join in on a key project. Caring abounds. Tonight: Meet a friend.**

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
*******You beam in what you want. Your personality melts away another's inhibitions. You might not be sure which way to go. Gentleness works, not only on others, but also on you. Another wins your heart! Tonight: Get into the moment!**

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
******There's a lot going on, at home and in your mind. Completing a project is important; however, you might want to take some time to share with a roommate. Discussions breed greater togetherness. Don't forget how much you like to have a good time. Go out! Tonight: The party starts now.**

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
*******Sometimes you have a lot to say; this is one of those times. A friend might engage you in conversation, but once started, you might run with it. A child or loved one needs your attention. Together, you bond on a deeper level. Understand where this person is coming from! Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.**

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
******Others look to you for ideas and leadership. You know what is acceptable. Establish limits financially; don't allow another to coerce you. You are aiming in the right direction. Discussions about image and work prove fruitful. Browse a flea market for a new item for the home. Tonight: Where your friends are.**

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
*******You are bubbling with ideas that you want to share with others. Reach out to those at a distance and catch up on news. Make plans for a movie or a fun adventure. You get another's attention; a new beginning is now possible. Tonight: It could be a late night!**

Woman who had mastectomy feels uneasy on nude beach

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I have been happily married for 21 years. A couple of weeks ago, he surprised me with the news that we're going on an all-expense paid trip to France and the Cote d'Azur courtesy of his company. It will be our first trip to Europe together, and I'm very excited. I see this as kind of a second honeymoon.

Now, here's the rub: Five years ago, I was diagnosed with breast cancer. I had a mastectomy, underwent six months of chemotherapy and had some reconstructive surgery. Though breast cancer is never cured, I was given an optimistic prognosis. I have done my best to regain my life and live each day. It took a while to not think about dying all the time, and I think I have gotten to the point where I look toward living the future.

We have been making plans for our trip and, much to my surprise, my husband said he would like us to go to some of the nude beaches when we're on the Riviera. I have been on nude beaches before and I'm certainly no prude, but I'm very uncomfortable about being seen in public with my "deformity."

I am very physically fit - but I feel like a freak with only one breast. My husband was surprised when I said I'm uncomfortable about going topless, and though I know he would never make me do anything I feel uncomfortable about, I could tell he thought that I have a problem. Now I'm wondering if I DO have a problem. — SURVIVOR IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR SURVIVOR: You are understandably self-conscious because you feel you look "different." Your husband probably reacted the way he did because he still regards you as a beautiful woman, and he no longer "sees" your mastectomy scars.

As you already know, you see everything on the nude beaches in Europe - old, young, fat, thin, and everything in between. This includes people who have had various surgeries, scars and all, so please don't be concerned about being viewed as a curiosity. If you prefer to remain covered, go with your feelings. There's no law that obligates you to undress.

However, before you make a final decision, please discuss the idea of a day at the beach with your physician. Because scar tissue does not tan, you might be advised to take special precautions to protect your skin.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of Gwen Fryar, Deceased, were issued on the 31st day of March, 1999, under Docket NO. P-12, 528, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to Martin Fryar.
Claims may be presented in care of Martin Fryar to the Estate Addressed as follows:
Estate of Gwen Fryar
c/o Martin Fryar
HC 76 Box 21
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims against this estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 31st day of March 1999.
Martin Fryar, Independent Executor of the Estate of Gwen Fryar, Deceased.
2257 April 4, 1999

INCREASE THE POWER OF YOUR MIND. READ!

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF MARIA GOMEZ, DECEASED
Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Independent Administration for the Estate of Maria Gomez, Deceased, were issued on March 29, 1999, in Cause No. 12, 512, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, To Dora Powell, Independent Administrator.
The residence of the Independent Administrator is in Tarrant County, Texas. The post office address for mailing of claims is:
c/o K. Marvin Adams, Attorney
The Fillmore Law Firm, P.C.
307 W. 7th Street, Suite 1100
Fort Worth, Texas 76102
All person having claims against this estate, which is currently being administered, are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
Dated this 31st day of March 1999.
K. Marvin Adams
State Bar No. 00369100
The Fillmore Law Firm, P.C.
307 West 7th Street
1100 Commerce Building
Fort Worth, Texas 76102, 817/332-2351
ATTORNEYS FOR THE ESTATE
2256 April 4, 1999

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PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION REQUEST FOR BIDS
The City of Big Spring is seeking bids for the following Contracts:
1. Municipal Auditorium Finish Upgrade
City of Big Spring
Sealed Bids shall be addressed to the Office of the Assistant City Manager, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720 on or before 2:00 P.M., Thursday, April 29, 1999. Bids will be opened and read aloud at 2:30 P.M. in the City Hall Conference Room.
A MANDATORY PRE-BID CONFERENCE will be held at the following location:
City Hall Conference Room, 310 Nolan Street
Time: Tuesday, April 13, 1999: 2:00 P.M.
The Award of Bids will be considered at a legally scheduled meeting of the City Council.
The City of Big Spring Reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
Only bids submitted on the City Bid form shall be accepted. Bid packages can be examined or obtained from the office of the Architect, J. Phillip Furqueron, Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, phone: 915-267-3794.
Signed: Tim Blackshear, Mayor
Signed: Tom Furgeson, City Secretary
2247 March 28 & April 4, 1999

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803 Highland



4BR, 3 Bath. Includes sequestered master BR w/fireplace, deck & hot tub, WB fireplace in living room. 2 car garage, pool, over 3000 sq. ft. of living space. Scenic view. Call Mesa Valley Prop. 267-7449.

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Owner Financing
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MOVE IN SPECIAL
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263-3461

PUBLIC ESTATE AUCTION
707 Highland • Big Spring, Texas
Corner of Stonehaven & Highland Dr.
Saturday, April 10, 1999• 10:00 a.m.
Preview for 8 to 10 a.m. the Day of Sale

Ladies Diamond Rings, Gold Ring, Gold Bracelet, Glassware, Stemware, Figurines, Pots & Pans, Brass Items, Oil Lamps (Elec.), Floor Lamps, Desk Lamp, Paintings, Frames, China, Linens, Luggage, Small Appliances, Candles, 78 Records, Lots of Christmas Decorations, Jewelry Chest, Thomasville Oak Bedroom Set (Bed, Doored Chest, Dresser & Night Stand), Dresser Bases, Glider Rocker, Wood Quilt Rack, Wood Record Cabinet, Kimball Organ, Large RCA TV, Cedar Chest, Queen Ann Chair, Sofa Sleeper, Swival Rocker, Sofa, Chairs, Dining Chairs, Wood Rocker, Doored Chest, Oak Dresser with Bed & Night Stand, Maple Chest, Table with (4)Chairs, Coffee & End Tables, Roll Top Desk, Brass Tea Cart, Table with (6) Chairs, China Cabinet, Rattan Chairs, Oak Office Chair on Rollers, Marble Top Tables, Small Wood Tables, Whirlpool Side-by-Side Refrigerator (like new), Munsey Microwave, Maytag Washer & Dryer, Upright Freezer,Small Hot Point Refrigerator, Dirt Devil Vacuum, Yard Tools, Hand Tools, Murray Gas Mower, Fertilizer spreader, 2-Wheel Dolly, Yard Cart, 6" Grinder on Work Table, Small Drill Press.

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