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Positively Big Spring

Appraisal district needs 911 addresses

Howard County Appraisal District is asking Howard County residents who have a rural mailing address to contact them with their 911 address.

The purpose, according to the appraisal district, is to ensure residents receive important tax information. Residents who are not sure of their 911 address can obtain it by calling the Howard County 911 office at 267-1900.

The appraisal district's phone number is 263-8301.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

- Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.
- Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.
- Disabled American Veterans Chapter No. 47, 6:30 p.m., VAMC room 212.

TUESDAY

- Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628. Beginners class will begin at 8:30 a.m. through the month of April.
- Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., library annex, 500 Main.
- Big Spring Chapter No. 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7 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.
- 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.

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Big Spring Austin-bound Monday, 200-plus strong

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor


NEWTON

Two-hundred local residents will be donning their blue denim shirts Monday and making their way to the state capitol.

Called "Big Spring Day in Austin," the event is the community's opportunity to promote itself before their state legislators.

"It's gratifying to see this kind of positive response to Big spring Day in Austin," said Chuck Williams, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce president. "This gives us an opportunity to introduce Big Spring to legislators in Austin and let them know what we are all about."

"We're excited about it. We've got a great group of people going," said Pam Welch, assistant director for Moore Development for Big Spring, which, which the chamber of commerce, is helping to underwrite the event.

Some 55 people have signed up to take a chartered bus, which leaves at 4 a.m. from Memorial Stadium parking lot adjacent to Howard College. Almost t ree times that many will be making their way to Austin in private vehicles.

They'll all converge at the capitol at about 9:30 a.m. for a day-long series of events that will begin with a resolution to be presented to the House. From 10:30 until about noon, Big Spring fifth grade Signal students will present "If I Had a Hammer" on the south steps of the capitol.

In the meantime, others from Big Spring will be meeting with representatives of Sen. Robert Duncan and Rep. David Counts. At 11:45, the group will join Duncan, Counts and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry for a photo session.

Box lunches will be served on the east lawn at noon, and the Big Spring contingent will tour

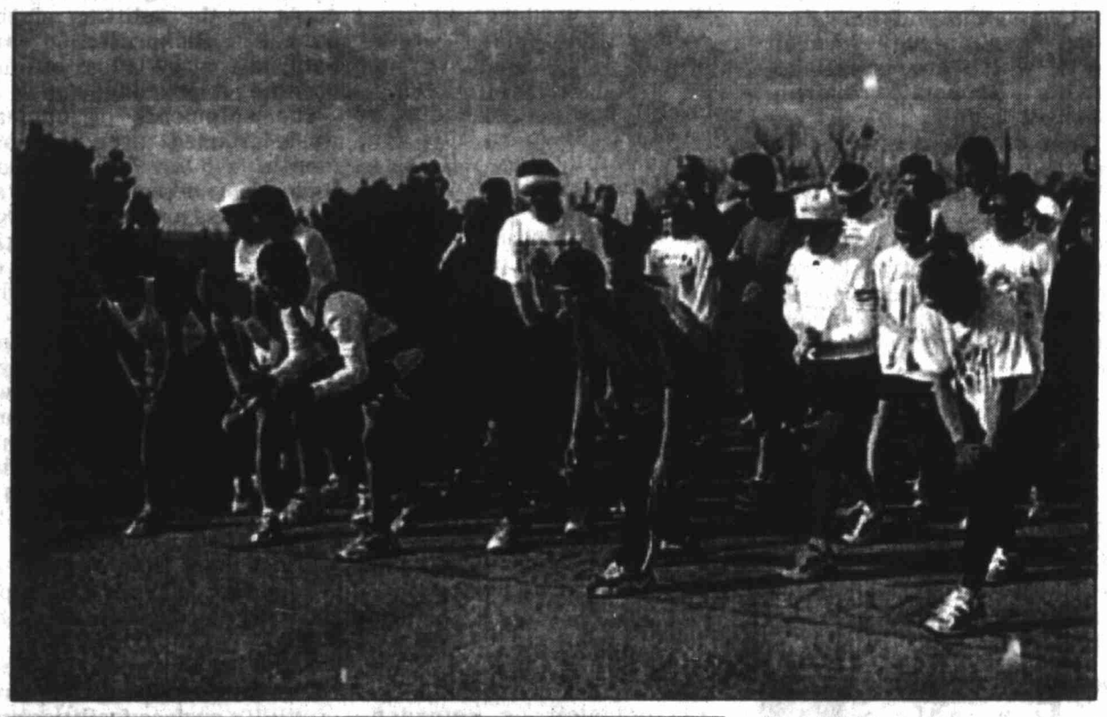
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CANDIDATES SPEAK

Early voting is under way in Crossroads Area city and school board elections.

To help voters make an informed decision, the *Big Spring Herald* asked all 36 candidates in contested races to complete a questionnaire.

Find out who didn't respond, who did, and what they had to say in today's edition of the *Herald*... Pages 5A and 8A.





Local emphasis Saturday was on health. Above, runners and walkers prepare to take off at the starting line of the Master the Mountain Fun Run/Walk at Big Spring State Park. The 5k and 10k event drew a crowd of athletes. At left, Leo Engele has his glucose checked by Howard College nursing student Brooke Barber. Sheila Claxton also provided health screenings at the booth during the Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

HERALD photos/Debbie L. Jensen and Marsha Sturdivant.

Healthy Kids

Texas Healthy Kids Corp. hopes to ensure affordable health care for children

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor

Texas Healthy Kids Corp., a non-profit corporation formed by the Texas Legislature to help make sure Texas children have health insurance, will be in Big Spring on Monday.

Representatives will be at Kentwood Elementary Cafeteria at 7 p.m. to introduce the program to parents and to help fill out forms for those who are interested.

Local rates are $72 a month per child; however, low-income families may be eligible to pay as little as $10 per child per month.

The statewide program covers children age 2 through 17.

The child must not have been insured for the past 90 days, and has to be enrolled in school, if old enough.

Also, the child cannot be covered by any other health care plan or program, such as Medicare, and has to have been a resident of Texas for at least six months.

"Everyone is welcome to come to this presentation, children too," said Jennifer Bice, a representative of Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas, which is handling coverage in the Howard County area.

Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas representatives Bice and Claudia Wilbourn said the program is a PPO-styled service. It is more expensive than some of the Texas Healthy Kids, Corp. rates across Texas, but allows more choice for the health care customer.

Coverage includes physicians' office visits, immunizations, well-child visits, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, lab tests, X-rays, hospitalization, basic mental health and treatment for chemical dependency, rehabilitation and home health services.

Dental benefits are also available but are optional - $3.75-$4.50 a month for parents who pay the full cost of the health insurance premium.

Information at the enrollment will be available in both English and Spanish.

Those who attend are under no obligation to accept the insurance program.

Citizens Fire Academy to start up Tuesday, room still available

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer


SETTLES

Big Spring's first Citizen's Fire Academy begins Tuesday, and places are available for volunteers interested in learning more about fire fighting and prevention.

"We have had people interested in attending the academy, but we still have room for those who may be interested to have an opportunity to sign up," said fire marshal Burr Lea Settles Jr.

Interested persons are urged to apply by calling 264-2303.

"We will have 12 people in a class, and the class will last 12 weeks. Every graduate will be CPR (cardiopulmonary rescuciation) certified, and the firefighters are really excited about this,"Settles said.

Classes will meet from 6-10 p.m. every Tuesday, beginning April 20, he said.

The first class will cover a history of fire fighting within Big Spring, as well as organization of the department. Settles will present this portion of the program.

The second class day on April 27 will offer the instructional talents of Robert Stapp and Tim Childers, who will teach students on proper use of firefighting apparatus.

Steve Hedges will teach the third class May 4. The focus will be on firefighters protective gear, and how it works.

Week four and five will cover emergency medical services, with EMS director Brian Jensen at the helm. A history and overview will also be included in the classes.

The May 25 class will have students learning various hoses and the use of specific nozzles and gates. Dick Dubose and Cecil Cevallos will teach this portion.

On June 1 Robert Muller and Mitch Gill will teach rappelling, and the various equipment used and proper techniques for ascending and descending.

Week eight, June 8, will have Muller and Gill teaching rescue methods and the use of rescue tools and air bags.

On June 15 Stapp and Kevin Murphy will continue search and rescue instructions, focusing on the proper methods of entering a fire scene, as well as the dangers of the rescue.

Week 10 June 22 will find Ken Mayhall and Fred Newman providing live fire training. Students will walk through a fire call and learn what to do at a fire scene.

On June 29, students will actually work a fire scene, with a prepared, controlled fire to be extinguished.

Certificates will be handed out week 12, July 6, as graduation day.

Settles said five positions in the class have been filled, and he is hoping to recruit up to seven more individuals interested in suiting up, riding in a fire truck and working to put out a fire.

"This may not be for everyone, and of course, a student may refuse any part of the class instructions," he said.

The 12-week commitment, as well as an interest in fire fighting and learning the inner workings of a fire department are the only requirements for application. Students will be selected from the applications received, he said.

Combest against low level flights in West Texas

By BILL McCLELLAN
News Editor


COMBEST

A United States congressman is speaking out against the Air Force's proposal to use one of West Texas two sites for B-1 and B-52 bomber training missions.

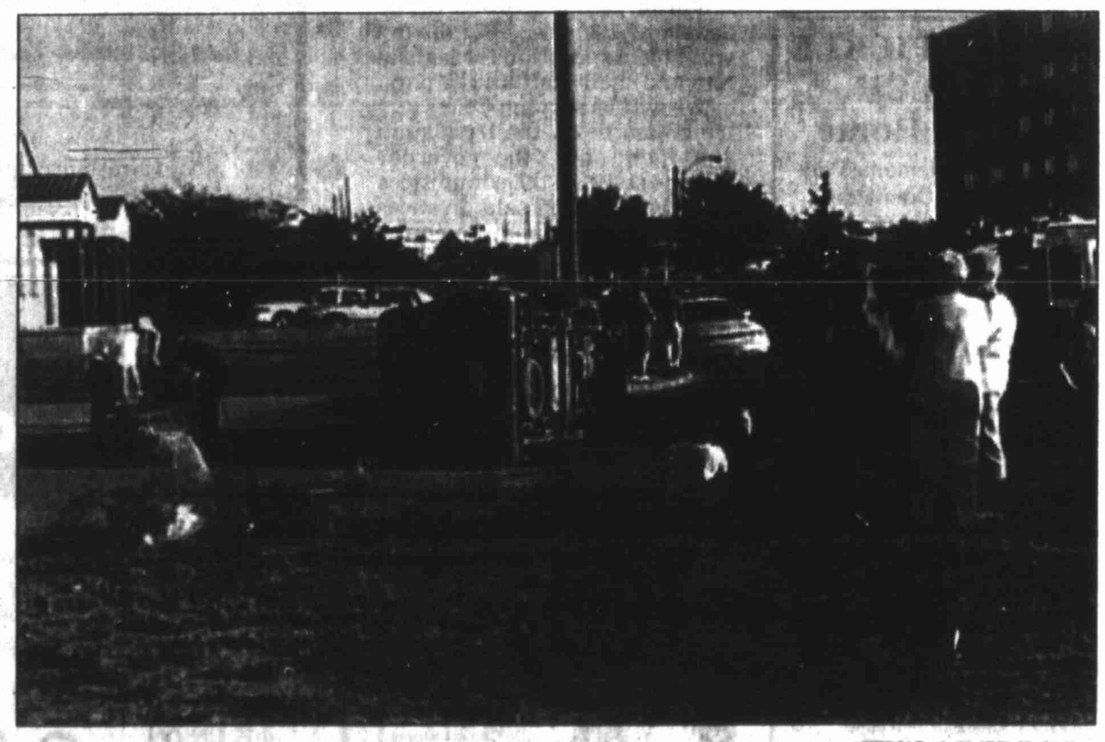
U.S. Rep. Larry Combest, R-Lubbock, announced last week his opposition to the Air Force's proposed Realistic Bomber Training Initiative (RBTI). Under the proposal, the Air Force would designate one of two Military Operation Areas (MOA) in West Texas or one in New Mexico for training of its bombers from Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene and Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana.

"The Air Force currently enjoys the use of a substantial portion of military airspace in West Texas that can be used for their training purposes, and I am concerned that this additional use of airspace will create an unnecessary burden and greater hardship on the already strained landowners in this area," Combest said.

One of the MOAs — the Lancer MOA — is located over Scurry, Borden, Dawson, Lynn, Garza Kent, Fisher and Stonewall counties. Within the MOAs, the Air Force proposes to keep a floor altitude of 3,000 feet and an available ceiling of up to 40,000 feet.

Connected to the MOAs are Military Training Routes (MTRs) in which the planes will

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HERALD photo/Bill McClellan

A paramedic consoles a woman and a child who were victims of a two-vehicle automobile accident just before 7 p.m. Saturday at 17th Street and Lancaster. Though one of the vehicles ended up on its side, there were no major injuries.

OBITUARIES

Bisente Martinez

Funeral mass for Bisente Martinez, Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Monday, April 19, 1999, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Father Chris Coleman officiating and assisted by Deacon Ernie Sanchez. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. There will be a rosary at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, at Stanton Memorial Funeral Home Chapel.

Mr. Martinez died Friday, April 16, 1999, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Big Spring.

He was born on Jan. 22, 1951, in Odessa. He was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church where he was employed ad the janitor.

Survivors include: four sons, Rodney, Richard, Jacob and Bisente Jr. Martinez, all of Big Spring; one daughter, Sandy Martinez of Big Spring; three sisters, Anastacia Rodriguez, Rita Valbuena and Virginia Weaver, all of Big Spring; and two grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Ray Pritchard

Service for Audrey Ray Pritchard, 82, Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, 1999, at North's Memorial Chapel, Abilene, with Rev. Darrell Sanderlin officiating. Burial will be in Cedar Hill Cemetery, Abilene.

Mr. Pritchard died Thursday, April 15, in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born in Comanche County. He grew up in Eastland County and then moved to Lee County, N.M. Mr. Pritchard was a veteran of World War II, serving in the Army from 1941 until 1945. He married Wilma Hefner in 1945. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas Co. for 37 years in Lee County, N.M. and Midland. Mr. Pritchard retired in 1981 in Big Spring. He moved to Abilene in 1996.

Survivors include: his wife, Wilma Pritchard of Abilene; two sons, William "Bill" Ray Pritchard of Cedar Hill, and Timothy "Tim" Lee Pritchard of Hobbs, N.M.; one daughter, Brenda Burton of Abilene; one sister, Lucille Lindsey of Midland; one brother, Earl Pritchard of Deming, N.M.; and four grandchildren.

Visitation will be from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home, 242 Orange.

Arrangements under the direction of North's Funeral Homes, Abilene.

Callie Bell Murphy

Graveside service for Callie Bell Murphy, 88, Clifton, will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 19, 1999, at Mt. Olive Memorial Park, Big Spring.

Mrs. Murphy died Friday, April 16, in a Whitney nursing facility.

She was born on Feb. 9, 1911, in Bonham. She moved to Big Spring at a young age where she was raised and educated. She married Finis Virgil Murphy on April 20, 1925, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Feb. 9, 1976. Mrs. Murphy moved to Clifton, Bosque County, 18 years ago. She was a member of the Baptist church.

Survivors include: three daughters, Pearl Brewer of Morgan, Billie Ramsey of Laguna Park, and Annie Ruth Lopez of Houston; one sister, Mandie Pasley of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and 17 great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Lawson Funeral Home, Meridian.

Michael DeAx

Memorial service for Michael DeAx, 51, Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Monday, April 19, 1999, at the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma with Rev. Walter C. Lee, pastor, officiating.


DEAX

Mr. DeAx died Friday, April 16, in a local hospital.

He was born on Dec. 17, 1947, in Fort Stockton. He was a former resident of Valentine and came to Big Spring 12 years ago. Mr. DeAx was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma. He served in the United States Navy during Vietnam.

Survivors include: four sons, Charles DeAx, Alan DeAx, both of Big Spring, Chad DeAx of Burnet, and Michael DeAx of Gatesville; two brothers, Randy DeAx of Fort Stockton, and Danny Keith of Charleston, S.C.; two grandsons; and his companion, Helena Martinez of Big Spring.

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

Alice Copeland

Graveside service for Alice Copeland, 86, Wichita Falls, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, April 19, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park, Big Spring, with Rev. Don Snipps, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, Big Spring, officiating.

Mrs. Copeland died Saturday, April 17, Integrated Health Services Nursing Home, Wichita Falls.

She was born Sept. 18, 1912, in Cowdin, Okla. She married Neil McCullough and he preceded her in death. She then married Monroe Copeland in 1951. He preceded her in death in f1985. Mrs. Copeland was a member of the Nazarene church and a retired employee of Herman's Steak House in Big Spring.

Survivors include: one son, Gordon McCullough of Wichita Falls; one sister, Mabel Wheeler of Odessa; 12 grandchildren; 30 great-grandchildren; and nine great-great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Womack-Manard Funeral Home, Crowell.

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Marie P. Wallace, 77, died Thursday. Services are 1:30 PM today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. Following the service Sunday the family will receive friends at the funeral home.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
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Michael Deax, 51, died Friday. Memorial services will be 11:00 AM Monday at First Presbyterian Church.

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fly as low as 300 feet, following variable terrain for use in terrain avoidance training. The MTR leading into the Lancer MOA runs directly north along the Howard-Mitchell County line.

Farmers and ranchers in particular in the Lancer MOA and Texon MOA, which is south of Big Spring in the Sterling County area, have voiced opposition to the flights. They fear the flights will ruin their cattle, ranching and hunting operations, as well as cause problems for local air traffic.

"It concerns me greatly that these MOAs will impeded both the commercial and general aviation operations of the local airports, which are essential to greater economic growth," Combest said.

"It is important that we support our air bases and requirements for training, but when low-level fly-overs are conducted, I believe there must be a balance and cooperation between property owners and aviators so that the rights of the landowners are not infringed upon," he said.

The Air Force has been holding hearings on the proposals at various West Texas communities and in New Mexico. Individuals may still comment on the proposals by writing Major Brent Adams, RBTI EIS Project Manager, HQ ACC/CEVPP, 129 Andrews St. Suite 102, Langley AFB, VA 23665-2769.

MEETINGS

Glasscock County ISD board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday.

Items on the agenda include public comments from Linda Cypert and Donna Eggemeyer concerning tennis, campus reports, personnel contracts and the superintendent's report.

Forsan ISD trustees will convene at 7 p.m. Monday to consider a calendar for the 1999-2000 school year, a meeting date to canvass election results from the May 1 election, swimming pool operation for the supper and plans for the faculty banquet.

Coahoma ISD board will meet at 7 p.m. Monday. Items for discussion including a resolution to sell school buses, softball field discussion, a change in election judges for the Vincent area and approval of the 1999-2000 calendar.

Other items include replacement of air conditioners and informational items.

Big Spring ISD trustees will convene at noon Thursday to consider new junior high library furniture proposals, industrial technology, family and consumer science lab proposals and a media delivery system proposal.

Also on the agenda are a policy update and a student school safety list.

CAPITOL

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the capitol building throughout the afternoon. Following presentation of a resolution to the Senate at 1:30 p.m., Big Spring will hold a reception for legislators and their staff until 4 p.m.

"We will be serving Cokes and ice cream to all the legislators and their staff, the governor and his staff, all the committees and their staff," said Frances Wheat, chamber board member and Big Spring representative for Sen. Duncan.

The Coke bottles will be from Western Container and the ice cream from Blue Bell, both locally-represented companies.

Local officials are hoping Big Spring Day in Austin makes a positive impact on state lawmakers.

"We want to make ourselves known more in Austin," said Terri Newton, executive vice president for the chamber. "This is a great opportunity for us."

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SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY

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

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

MONDAY

•TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) will meet Monday, March 1, at 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. They will also meet Monday, March 15, at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels (enter through the north door), for a covered dish dinner. For more information call 398-5522.

•Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wasson. Call 268-9041.

•Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center, meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

•Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, April 5 at 6 p.m. at the Spanish Inn. They will also meet April 19, at 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels, (enter through the north door. Bring a covered dish. For more information call 398-5522.

•The New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, will meet Monday, April 19, at 6:30 p.m., at 2410 Wasson Drive, the house behind the 7-11 store but with the driveway on Randolph. For directions, call 267-2800.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

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Richardson calls WIPP a success story

CARLSBAD, N.M. (AP) — With the opening of the nation's first nuclear waste dump decades after the atom was split, U.S. Energy Secretary Bill Richardson says the Atomic Century finally has come to a close.

The Waste Isolation Pilot Plant "represents the beginning of fulfilling the long-overdue promise to... begin closing the circle on the splitting of the atom," Richardson said Saturday at WIPP's official opening.

The shipments of nuclear waste started arriving last month, but Saturday Richardson described WIPP as real progress toward the Energy Department's effort to begin cleaning up the legacy of nuclear waste left over from the Cold War.

"After years of review... and more than 20 years of solid engineering and sound science, we are taking a major step forward in meeting our national commitment to a safe and healthy environment," Richardson said amid cheers at the site about 26 miles east of Carlsbad.

"After more than 25 years of roadblocks, delays and hiccups, the WIPP is a success story," he said.

The four-hour grand opening ceremony included guided tours of WIPP's surface facilities and speeches by several members of the state's congressional delegation. On hand for the opening were Rep. Joe Skeen, R-N.M., and Sens. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., and Jeff Bingaman, D-N.M.

The opening of WIPP, which was in the planning for 25 years, was repeatedly delayed over environmental and safety questions. Environmentalists still have lawsuits pending against it in federal court in Washington, D.C.

"It took a half-life to get this project opened," Skeen said, referring to the long time it takes to disintegrate radioactive atoms.

"Fortunately, we'll witness the operation of the safest repository for" nuclear waste, Skeen said in a prepared statement Friday.

POLICE

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

•**THEFT OF SERVICE** was reported in the 1700 block of E. Third.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 100 block W. 19th.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 600 block of State.

•**FORGERY** was reported in the 1700 block of Gregg and the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•**THEFT** was reported in the 900 block of Willa, 18th and Gregg, 400 block of Johnson, 2500 block of Wasson.

•**MARTIN MORA**, 21, was arrested on local warrants.

•**ACCIDENT/MINOR** was reported at 18th and Gregg, 2400 block Gregg and 10th and Gregg.

•**PHONE HARASSMENT** was reported in the 400 block of E. Fourth.

•**TRACY LAMDIN**, 26, was arrested on local warrants.

•**DOG FIGHTING** was reported in the 2000 block of Goliad.

•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported at Third and Nolan.

•**DEBORAH DARNELL**, 26, was arrested on local warrants.

•**CLASS C THEFT** was reported in the 4800 block of W. Hwy 80.

•**ACCIDENT/MAJOR** was reported at Fifth and Main.

•**JESSE FIERRO**, 29, was arrested on local warrants.

•**GILBERT SANCHEZ**, 25, was arrested on local warrants.

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Cost of Kosovo operation rises; new atrocities cited

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Clinton administration worked out details of an emergency $5.9 billion budget request to pay for military and humanitarian operations in Yugoslavia as it cited new, compelling evidence of mass killings of civilians there.

The spending package will cover the cost of U.S. participation in the NATO airstrikes and humanitarian relief for refugees from the besieged province of Kosovo, said a senior administration official who spoke on the condition of anonymity. The administration will formally present the request to Congress early next week, the official said Friday.

At the same time, Defense Secretary William Cohen is expected to ask President Clinton to approve the call-up of some 33,000 military reservists, including up to 25,000 Air National Guard members in units that fly aerial refueling missions.

"There is ... evidence of mass killings and graves associated with those mass killings."

-James Rubin, State Department

Some civil affairs specialists from the Army Reserve also are likely to be activated, military officials said.

Meanwhile, State Department spokesman Jamie Rubin said evidence of fresh atrocities inside Kosovo might explain in part an increase in the exodus from the besieged Serbian province.

"There is ... evidence of mass killings and graves associated with those mass killings," west of Kosovo's capital, Pristina, Rubin said.

He did not have precise information on the number killed but said it was more than a few dozen. The location is different from one where mass graves were reported last week, he said.

The new information, which Rubin called compelling, comes from refugee accounts and independent sources he would not identify. It was turned over to the international War Crimes Tribunal, where investigators are compiling records that could lead to prosecution of Serbian officers.

At the Pentagon, officials disclosed that a Yugoslav Army officer was captured by troops of the Kosovo Liberation Army on Tuesday night or early Wednesday and turned over to U.S. custody in Albania on Friday.

The officer, said to be about 21 years old, is the first member of the Yugoslav military to become a prisoner of war during the campaign. Yugoslav forces two weeks ago captured three American soldiers near the border between Yugoslavia and Macedonia and are holding them as POWs.

Clinton wants to protect older Americans from fraud

WASHINGTON (AP) — The greatest threat older Americans now face is not a gun-wielding thug but "a telemarketer armed with a deceptive rap," President Clinton said Saturday. He proposed legislation to shut down telephone scams aimed at the elderly.

The president said also that while the sharply falling crime rate is a godsend to older people who once fearfully locked themselves into their homes, new protection is needed for nursing home residents who "cannot lock the door against abuse and neglect by the people paid to care for them."

Clinton used his weekly radio address to promote the crime bill he will send to Congress next month. He said it will impose "tough measures to target people who prey on elderly Americans."

The proposal also aims at those who defraud health care plans or steal from pensions and retirement funds.

Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., sponsor of existing legislation to guard the elderly from abuse and fraud, endorsed the president's efforts. "We must strengthen the hands of law enforcement to combat those predators who plunder the savings that older Americans have worked a lifetime to earn," Leahy said.

And Sen. Charles Grassley, R-Iowa, chairman of the Senate Special Committee on Aging, said he also agrees with the president's priorities. "As the number of older Americans grows, so does the number of scams targeting them," Grassley said.

Telemarketing fraud cheats Americans of an estimated $40 billion a year, and more than half the victims are over 50, Clinton said. "That's like a fraud tax aimed directly at senior citizens," he said.

The Clinton bill would give the Justice Department authority to cancel telephone service when evidence is found of an illegal telemarketing operation.

"If you prey on older Americans, we will cut off your phone lines and shut you down," Clinton said.

The president said his administration has already issued rules to govern nursing home operations and has stepped up investigations of possible abuse.

"Buf when one out of four nursing homes in America does not provide quality care ... and when people living in substandard nursing homes have as much fear from abuse and neglect as they do from the diseases of old age, we must do more," Clinton said.

Parents accused of keeping kids inside almost constantly

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — A couple allegedly shuttered their four children from the world by forbidding them from going outside the family home. Three of the children can only speak broken English and used their own language to communicate.

Edward and Lucinda Sizemore each pleaded innocent to four counts of non-support of a dependent, a misdemeanor. They were ordered held on $10,000 bond.

Neighbors said they had seen the couple's four children — ages 4, 8, 11 and 17 — only a few times since the Sizemores moved to suburban Harrison Township from Kentucky about five years ago.

"They weren't allowed to go outside," said Della Lewis, an aunt now caring for the children. "Their mom told them if they went outside and people saw them not being in school, she'd get in trouble."

Lewis went to the Sizemore's bright blue, one-story home in late January after Sizemore's eldest child mailed a note to another aunt in an apparent plea for help. Lewis lived nearby but said she hadn't seen the family in 10 years.

Authorities removed the children Jan. 29. and the parents were arrested last week.

The children do not seem to have been physically abused, Lewis said. The eldest child can easily converse with others, but the youngest three communicate with themselves through their own primitive language, she said.

"It's jibberish," she said. "They can understand each other, and they can understand what you're saying."

Lewis said the children told her their father worked two jobs but their mother often locked herself away in her room.

"They told me they would sit around and play cards, draw," Lewis said. "They're pretty good at drawing."

A lawyer appointed to Sizemore said Friday he is beginning to learn about the children's treatment. "The goal is to treat everyone fairly and not prejudge," Frank Malocu said.

An attorney for Lucinda Sizemore did not return a telephone message. The Sizemores declined a request for an interview.

Child welfare authorities began investigating the Sizemores in 1996. But the probe was cut short when the parents told authorities the family was moving back to Kentucky, said Ann Stevens, a spokeswoman from the Montgomery County Children's Services Board.

Stevens said the children were apparently all born at home and lacked birth certificates. She said the family did not emphasize education and apparently was unwilling to seek help.

Appeals court rules Beaumont schools' counseling program unconstitutional

BEAUMONT (AP) — A three-judge federal appeals court panel has ruled unconstitutional a counseling program in the Beaumont schools called "Clergy in the Schools.

By a 2-1 vote, the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals overturned a federal district court and sided with seven unnamed students and their parents.

The students and their parents argued that operating the program in the Beaumont Independent School District violated the Constitutional separation of church and state.

The appeals court agreed the plaintiffs had legal standing to challenge the program and were correct in challenging its constitutionality.

The appeals court sent the case back to the district court in the Eastern District of Texas to issue any orders "that may be necessary or desirable to prohibit BISD from conducting the Program."

It also instructed the lower court to determine how much the district should pay the plaintiffs for attorneys fees.

Judges Jacques Wiener and Fortunato Benavides sided with the plaintiffs. Circuit Judge Emilio M. Garza dissented.

Beaumont schools superintendent Carrol Thomas Jr. started the Clergy in the Schools program soon after he was hired in 1996.

The district invited local religious leaders to provide counseling to elementary and secondary students at the schools during school hours. The district said the program was designed to increase communication between the clergy and students about morality, to increase school safety and to give another local group an interest in the schools.

"BISD's creation of a special program that recruits only clergymen to render volunteer counseling makes a clear statement that it favors religion over nonreligion, at least in the context of those deemed suitable to participate in student counseling on matters of morality and virtue," the majority ruling said.

The judges also said the clergy selected were disproportionately Protestants.

School officials train the clergy for the program, whose guidelines say they are not to discuss religion, sex or abortion and are not to pray with students.

When clergy members visit a school, officials pick some students out of classes to attend the counseling.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
1601 West Eleventh Place
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(915) 263-1211

April 15, 1999

Dear Youth Group,

I am excited to tell you about a new project here at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. We are calling it "Community Corner" and it will serve as both a beautification project for the hospital and an investment in our community. The focus will be on our South entrance that faces Scenic Mountain and leads into our Emergency Room.

This wall will be divided up into parts for local youth groups to decorate with a mural. The theme is "Historic Big Spring...Building the Bridge to 2000". Your group is invited to participate. Scenic Mountain Medical Center will be buying paint and supplies. Your group will need to supply the talent and creativity! We have some substantial cash prizes for the winning murals:

1st prize	$600.00
2nd prize	$300.00
3rd prize	$150.00

Painting of the mural will take place over a week in order to complete the projects. Kick-off will be Sunday, May 16th from 1-5pm for your group to get organized and started on their portion. Final judging will take place at 3pm the afternoon of Saturday, May 22nd. Please invite supporters of your group out after 12 noon on May 22nd for a cookout and then for the final judging at 3:00pm!

I urge you to participate with your youth group. All ages are invited, and adult help is allowed. (An adult is required to be with the youth group at all times.) Please fill out the attached application and return it by Friday, April 30th. Space is limited, and we want to reserve a place for your group. More details will follow at that time. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sincerely,

Loren F. Chandler
CEO

Scenic Mountain Medical Center
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Big Spring, Texas 79720
(915) 263-1211

SCENICMOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER
COMMUNITY CORNER
PARTICIPATION FORM

NAME OF ORGANIZATION/GROUP: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

PHONE#: _____

IN CASE WE WIN, MAKE OUR CHECK OUT TO: _____

ADDRESS: _____

_____

OUR MURAL WILL INCLUDE: _____

ADULT SUPERVISION WILL BE: _____

PLEASE MAIL TO: AMBER RICH
DIRECTOR OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT
SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER
1601 WEST 11TH PLACE
BIG SPRING TX 79720

OR FAX TO ATTN: AMBER RICH
263-0151

QUESTIONS? CALL: AMBER RICH AT 268-4960

EDITORIAL

"Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances."
-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Long overdue visit to Austin finally arrives

Texas' capital city will turn into Big Spring South on Monday when nearly 200 Howard Countians make the trip to participate in "Big Spring Day."

In addition, several hundred former residents who now live in the Central Texas area are expected to swell the crowd to a number that should be impressive — even to our state solons and their respective staffs.

This long-overdue visit to Austin gives us the opportunity to pitch a couple of causes to our legislators — State Sen. Robert Duncan and State Rep. David Counts — as well as to the other members of the House and Senate.

There's always the issue of highway funding, the Texas Agritech Corridor, Port-to-Plains and funding for Howard College and SWCID as well as funding for the boll weevil eradication program.

Monday affords our community the opportunity to make so many legislators and members of their respective staffs aware that there is a whole different Texas west of Interstate 35 while giving them the chance to "discover the Crossroads."

Big Spring Day is the culmination of an effort that has required a great deal of work and coordination, especially from Frances Wheat in Sen. Duncan's Big Spring office as well as the staffs of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and Moore Development for Big Spring.

But let's face it ... Big Spring Day won't be a success without you.

The day offers an opportunity to visit with one another as well as with state officials. It gives us a chance to brag about our Blue Bell facility and our own Western Container ... and what can you say about "If I Had A Hammer" other than "wow?"

And as we pointed out earlier, it gives us a chance to deliver our message about about concerns and priorities over and over and over.

Yessir, things are going to be big in Austin on Big Spring Day!

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Thursday, March 25, Ag. Day, I had the honor to be chosen producer of the year 1999.

It was an honor I never expected to receive. There were so many who deserved this award.

I appreciated the selection committee that chose me and also David Counts for presenting the plaque.

Thank you for all the extra work in contacting some of my friends for their comments.

Also appreciated the phone calls, cards and words of congratulations.

I feel it was an extra special honor.

LELAND WALLACE
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

My class and I would like to extend to you our most gracious thanks. We thoroughly enjoyed the "If I Had A Hammer" project that we recently participated in at Howard College.

Many worthwhile objectives were presented through this program both academically and socially.

The students gained a real sense of accomplishment through the building project, while gaining a respect for each one another as necessary members of a team.

Attached is a sheet on which the students commented about the project and what they learned.

I hope you can see from their comments that they really enjoyed the experience.

Once again, we all thank you for including us in this project and for the time, effort, and money donated to make this opportunity available.

LYNN SMITH
STANTON ELEMENTARY

I learned how to build things.
CACEY

It was cool.
JARRETT

It was very fun.
KATHRYN

I learned about team work.
NATHAN

It was so much fun.
ALICIA

It was fun to build a house.
ARTURO

I thought it was great. I hope we can do it again.
MALLORY

It was very neat and cool.
LEE ANN

I think it was great for us.
BARTON

I liked it. It took some time from school.
BOBBY

I had lots of fun being there. It was really cool.
MARISELA

I had a great time learning how to build a house.
TRAVIS

Thanks.
DANIEL

I had lots of fun.
LUPE

I had an excellent time Thursday and thanks.
MONICA

I thought it was lots of fun.
FRANCESCA

Daddy would be happy with this vote

My dad, who had a knack for growing things, was right more times than I can remember him being wrong in my lifetime.


JOHN H. WALKER

One of those things he was right about was when he was cursing the boll weevil and said he'd never see the end of it in his lifetime.

Daddy was a farmer most of his life. Growing up in the scrub pine country of Smith County, Miss., he and his parents, C.L. and Annie Walker, and his seven brothers and sisters tried to make it on cotton and watermelons.

Now, I never saw my first cotton until we moved to the Mississippi Delta in 1953, but there's no way in the world that I could ever imagine that any part of the Magnolia State other than the Delta could be cotton country.

But Daddy told me different.

He told me about South Mississippi and and East Mississippi and the acres and acres and acres of cotton.

He and I explored the areas of the eastern part of the state, around Meridian or Enterprise or Tupelo — and except for the remains of the cotton gins, their giant steel and tin frames rusting away, I still was at a loss as to how any place other than the Delta could dare call itself cotton country.

By that time, we had moved to the Delta and Daddy was working for Seward & Son and Harris & Seward, raising cotton on three different plantations.

That was back in the days when a Case tractor was still orange and had an eagle as part of its logo.

It was back in the days when Daddy would let me go out and ring the big bell, calling the field hands to work in the morning or sending them home at dinner or signaling the end of the work day.

It was when cotton was hoed to keep the weeds out and when a great, long sack was used for picking the white gold from the prickly bolls after the leaves had given way to the defoliant.

It was a time before the great cotton modules.

There were first the wooden slatted cotton trailers that weren't much longer than the pickup that pulled them to the gin.

They gave way to the longer steel and mesh trailers we still see today.

And as it had been since its arrival on the Mississippi Gulf Coast in 1907, it was the heydey of the boll weevil.

I don't know how many times I heard my Daddy use all of the four-letter words he knew as he watched the weevil eat up the crop.

There was DDT and malathion to fight the weevil. For so many years, it would be applied by noisy biplanes that would make great, swooping circles before starting their run to drop the poison on the ground that polluted so many of the Delta's beautiful lakes and waterways.

But it was a losing battle. The weevil was always going to win. The sheer quantity of the cotton grown helped offset the losses and Daddy never made less than two bales an acre in all those years.

In 1972, after a series of heart attacks, Daddy stopped farming and he and Mother, remarried after a divorce several years earlier, moved back to the old home site in Smith County.

For the next 17 years, he and I battled as we always did, fighting over his abusiveness — of people as well as alcohol — until he suffered a stroke and died in the summer of 1989.

In the end, we had made peace with one another and I had even discovered another side of my Daddy.

It was a softer side that allowed him to go out and help people who needed help and allowed him to replace those four-letter words he had always used so fluently with another set of four-letter words that included "need" and "love."

When Horace Lamar Walker died in June 1989, that damned old boll weevil was still chewing its way across the Cotton Belt. He was right, it had outlasted him.

But now, just short of 10 years of his death, the boll weevil in West Texas appears to be on borrowed time after producers approved the eradication program and accompanying assessment.

No, other than the fact agriculture impacts the lives of each and every one of us each and every day, I'm not involved in the cotton industry, but after the vote, at least one Walker who walked the long rows of cotton in the Mississippi Delta in another lifetime will have the opportunity to see the boll weevil exterminated.

And I can't help but think that somewhere up above, Daddy will be standing there with a khaki ball cap covering his flat top ... a big grin on his face ... thinking, "Gotcha, you little SOB!"

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.)

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"SHAME ON YOU, BOBBY...YOU PUT ANOTHER RUMOR ON THE INTERNET, DIDN'T YOU?"

Pentagon excess smarts after tax day

The Pentagon budget is set to get an emergency boost from Congress, because of the expensive war being waged by the United States and NATO in Kosovo and Yugoslavia. As a result, the budget "surplus" will too-swiftly evaporate into a nostalgic memory.


JACK ANDERSON

That's partly because, unfortunately, too much of that hard-earned taxpayer money will be wasted. It's difficult enough to police the military's budget in peacetime, but during war it's doubly hard, as auditors and officers look the other way out of misplaced "patriotism."

This has been our experience over decades of reporting on the Pentagon -- that the money, desperately needed in salaries for the troops themselves, and now to beef up manpower, is often wasted on too-expensive military hardware and other shenanigans.

It's particularly difficult to take after the wrenching experience of meeting the April 15th IRS deadline, and coming to the sobering realization that many Americans still haven't earned enough this year to pay all their taxes.

We've heard from thousands of taxpayers over the years who've been boiling mad at the Pentagon's spending practices. They wonder why the Pentagon would pay $91 for a 3-cent screw, $114 for a 9-cent battery, $511 for a 60-cent lamp and $436 for a $7 hammer.

We've often thought that since the government places such high value on these items, maybe taxpayers should pay their taxes with 3-cent screws and 9-cent batteries. Of course, we doubt the Internal Revenue Service would give taxpayers $91 credit for a 3-cent screw.

How does the government justify paying $436 for a $7 hammer? Well, here's how the Navy once justified it to us: $41 to order the hammer and figure out how to use it; $93 for "mechanical subassembly" to make sure the hammer works; $102 for "manufacturing overhead"; $37 to line up spare parts for the hammer; $3 for packing the hammer for shipping; $90 for the contractor's "general administrative cost"; $56 for the finder's fee; $7 for the "capital cost of money"; and $7 for "other expenses."

The toll of eye-popping extravagance in the Pentagon's spare-parts purchases, as well, is large.

Among those cases we've previously uncovered are $145,950 for a standard computer printer that should have cost $28,840; $456 for a half-inch socket worth $1.49; $652 for a tool box that retails for $11.67; $512 for a 48-cent fuse; $2,043 for a plain round nut that could have been bought at any hardware store for 13 cents.

The waste is in so many areas that it's sometimes like a brush-fire on a very windy day -- it is in too many places to stamp out. Once, we found, the Pentagon had spent $650,000 on "security covers" to hide the classified dimensions of nuclear weapons long after the dimensions were declassified. The reason for declassifying the weapons' size, shape and weight, it turned out, was to permit their movement without the encumbrance of security covers.

This column has long been an advocate of highly rewarding those dutiful government employees with a percentage -- usually 10 percent -- of the money they save for the taxpayers.

But it's rarely worked that way. The compensation is all askew. A civilian worker at a National Guard base in Vermont came up with a gadget that costs $8.70 to replace goggles that cost $4,500 a pair. He got a $10,000 award for saving the Army $6.85 million a year.

At the same time, we discovered a sculptor who was paid more than 40 times the amount of the civilian's reward -- $333,000 plus more than $80,000 in royalties from souvenir sales -- for the statuary at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. As Jack Kennedy remarked, life isn't fair.

So we're asking lawmakers and budget hawks that they keep a close eye on the Pentagon's spending practices during this escalating war with Kosovo.

We predict that the patriotic rhetoric that will accompany the Pentagon's pending massive budget increase will serve to obscure a sordid, politics-as-usual fact of life: the American flag being wrapped around a large "peacetime" roll of the pork barrel.

While Senate and House Democrats raise shrill alarms about what Slobodan Milosevic will do if the United States backs down, the private talk in Capitol cloakrooms will secretly center on more practical considerations -- how to ensure fat new defense contracts for home states and congressional districts.

And all the while, the most reasonable budget "item" on which to spend new military dollars -- the men and women serving in the military, and their families -- will probably not see much of it. So, while their loved ones are risking their lives in dangerous deployments far away from home, too many of those at home will have to continue buying their groceries with the help of food stamps.



Big Spring City Council

DISTRICT 1



HORTON



VILLA

District 1:
I-Stephanie Horton
Henry Villa

1. Why are you seeking election to the city council? (limit 50 words)

Horton: It is my desire to continue to improve not only District 1, but the entire community as well. To carry on with the projects that we as a council have been working on for the past several years.

Villa: I never dreamed I'd ever be in politics, but I guess we sometimes do what we don't dream. It is time for Big Spring to become active in determining its own future and not be so reliant and dependent on outside economy. Big Spring needs people who are willing to protect what is right about Big Spring and not be afraid to change those things which are "not so right."

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the city council? (limit 50 words)

Horton: I feel that a candidate for the city council should live in the district they are going to represent. I have lived in District 1 for 26 years, which allows me to see on a day to day basis the problems that face the people in this district. By living in the district I also make myself more available to the public and participate in neighborhood projects.

Villa: I have several years of management experience in a manufacturing environment. I am responsible for a multi-million dollar annual budget and oversee the warehouse operations of a multi-billion part per year company. I believe my most valuable asset is my family and our years growing up in Big Spring. This city has become a part of me and now it's time for me to give it back.

3. What, in your opinion, aré the duties of a city council member? (limit 50 words)

Horton: A council member's main duties consist of developing city policies that guide the city's operations as well as establishing the financial budgets. We also oversee the city's administration while allowing them the freedom to conduct the city's day to day business. A council member must also spend a great deal of time working and listening to the people in their districts, so to better understand their wants and needs.

Villa: The duties of a city council member are to act as an active liaison between the people represented in that district and the city. A city council member must attend council meetings, research information, question the information presented, and make informed choices which would be for betterment of the district represented. In short, I become a single voice representing many voices.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest problem facing the City of Big Spring, and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Horton: We as a community are now facing some economic down turns that are effecting our entire region. This will place a burden on our citizens as well as our city organization. To address this we must tighten our belts and review our priorities as a community and ensure that we get the greatest value for our tax dollars. We must also support the economic development of our community by brining in new business that can broaden our tax base.

Villa: The greatest problem facing Big Spring is the lack of youth programs and the city's general appearance. City officials seem to take a "hands off" approach when it comes to developing programs and facilities for your youth and maintaining our city's looks. As it stands now, programs are developed, such a Little League and Girls Softball, independent of the city. A partnership between the two would help our community invest in its most valuable asset — our children. *(Edited for length)*

For Incumbents:
What accomplishments, during your term of office are you most proud of?

Horton: The one item I will always be most proud of is that of turning an illegal dumping ground into what is now Dr. Morgan Park. A beautiful playground that sets in a wooded area which allows our children the joy of playing in a safe environment when they once had to play in the city streets.

I have also been instrumental in establishing our city clean up by first working with the city administration in the cleaning of vacant lots, and establishing neighborhood groups to participate in area clean ups, and in helping bring the inmate program and establish monthly district clean ups.

I am also extremely proud of the work we have accomplished around City Hall. We have torn down old buildings to create a landscaped parking lot, which supports the improvements at our municipal auditorium, and have gone through and remodeled the old central fire station, creating our present council chambers and our municipal training center. As well as remodeling many of the offices at City Hall.

For Challengers:
Why do you think it is time for a change at this council position?

Villa: It is time for a chance at this council seat because the current incumbent simply doesn't understand the workings of the large industry we have in Big Spring and seems to have settled into an apathetic response to our current problems. New youth programs are non-existent and it took a giant push by the Chamber of Commerce to improve the Roy Anderson Complex even after the council was faxed a petition. I believe that by providing for our youth, we send a message to all that Big spring really cares! We'll be winners when that happens.

DISTRICT 3



CAWTHON



BISHOP

I-Chuck Cawthon
Gary L. Bishop

1. Why are you seeking election to the city council? (limit 50 words)

Cawthon: I would like to continue serving on the city council to see the city continue to progress and to make sure our tax dollars are wisely spent. I also want to see that all people are treated fairly. I want our city to be well thought of, not only by the local people but by all visitors and the rest of the world.

Bishop: Because I truly care about Big Spring and its future. I'd like to take an active voice utilizing informed decision making to help design the future of our community and our youth. Big spring needs proactive individuals who are not afraid to question the way "we've always done things." Our past must be preserved, our heritage engraved in our hearts and our future envisioned.

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the city council? (limit 50 words)

Cawthon: I have served 21 years in the Air Force, I've been in business in Big Spring for the past 25 years. I am a veteran of Vietnam. I've been married 491/2 years, I have 3 children, and 3 grandchildren. I have lived in District 3 for 25 years. I do feel I know the needs of District 3 and the rest of the city. I've served 6 years on the city council, 3 of those as Mayor Pro Tem.

Bishop: I have several years of management experience in a manufacturing environment. I am responsible for a multi-million dollar annual budget and oversee the injection molding operations of a multi-billion part per year company. In addition, I am directly responsible for the management of 100 personnel who reside in Big Spring. My most valuable qualification is that I am a 15 plus year resident of the Big Spring area.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a city council member? (limit 50 words)

Cawthon: The duties of the city council is that of policy making. We make the policy for the city manager. He in turn makes sure all employees of the city follow these policies. It is extremely important to make sure these policies are fair to all the people and that no special interest groups receive special privileges.

Bishop: The duties of a city council member are no less different than any elected official. That is to represent those who elected you in matters that effect those members. Our country is based upon the precept of election for representation. Specifically, a city council member must research and review information presented and make knowledgeable choices based upon that information, especially in light of the district represented. *(Edited for length)*

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest problem facing the City of Big Spring, and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Cawthon: Money. The budget is always the most important job facing this city or any other city. You have to have a good workable budget and follow it the very best way you can. Nothing works unless the city is solvent. I mean nothing. We can't buy cars, fix streets, operate a water plant, or operate a police and fire department unless the city is solvent. We must maintain a tax rate the taxpayers can live with. *(Edited for length.)*

Bishop: The greatest problem facing Big Spring is its apathy, especially in the area of appearance. City officials and residents must become personally responsible for cleaning, beautifying, and building our city programs. This means a proactive city maintenance program, a substantial budget for our city parks and recreation (as opposed to the $500 per year currently allocated for city park facilities such as little league fields), and a current review and analysis of how our current tax dollars are being spent. *(Edited for length.)*

For Incumbents:
What accomplishments, during your term of office are you most proud of?

Cawthon: I feel I have been instrumental in helping to get a much better grade of water for our citizens. Starting and completion of the Beal's Creek project. I have worked hard to see that we have maintained the seal coating of the streets in Big Spring. Taxes are lower than they have been in 6 (six) years. Helping to bring in Western Container and assist them in their expansion. Assisted in negotiating our contracts with Midtex as well as Cornell Corrections which lead to their expansions bringing in over 400 jobs to Big Spring. Very instrumental in obtaining the inmate program and keeping it. A better attitude by the people who are proud of our city and proud to live here. I feel they've seen us cleaning up this city and pitched in and done their share.

For Challengers:
Why do you think it is time for a change at this council position?

Bishop: It is time for a change at this council seat because the current incumbent is afraid to take a strong stand in favor of industry which provides needed tax and other revenue for needed programs. We need to build for the future of Big Spring. This means cleaning up the community, providing funding for youth programs to ensure our future, and to maintain our industrial base. The incumbent in my district does not have enough knowledge of larger industry in order to provide informed decision making.

Coahoma Mayor

I-Bill Read
Randy Overton- Did not respond
Richard Hicks- Did not respond

Mayoral or board experience:
Read: Served three years (1959-61) on school board in city of previous residence. Served on Coahoma City Council from April 1962 to April 1968. Served on Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center board of directors, Howard County Fair board, president of Heritage Museum, president of Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, president and director of Coahoma Lions Club and have served on the bank board of directors for 44 years.

1. Why are you seeking election to the city council? (limit 50 words)

Read: The Coahoma Cummunity and citizens of Coahoma have been good to me and my family for the last 38 years and I want to return some of this gratitude back to the community. I want to work with the council to keep taxes at a minimum. Also, to keep the city in good financial condition.



READ

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the city council? (limit 50 words)

Read: My six years on the council and the last six years as mayor will be very beneficial to me, as well as the experienced gained on the other boards.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a city council member? (limit 50 words)

Read: The mayor presides over the council meetings, appoints various committees, helps with budget preparations and fiscal affairs.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the City of Coahoma, and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Read: One of the greatest problems is the lack of housing, both private ownership and rental property. As with most cities, water is a major concern for the city. These issues will need to be addressed over the next several years.

Coahoma City Council



REID



FERGUSON

Two at-large seats

I-Warren Wallace- Did not respond.
I-Bruce Allen- Did not respond.
Ann Reid
Craig Ferguson

1. Why are you seeking election to the city council? (limit 50 words)

Reid: I am seeking election to the city council to see if I can make a difference in the way Coahoma looks and is represented. I would like to see Coahoma cleaned up and look the way a small town with pride would want to look. The community has a friendly atmosphere where everyone is greeted with a smile and to keep it that way we need to take pride in the whole town and not just parts of it. *(Edited for length)*

Ferguson: I am seeking election to the city council because my wife and I wanted to become more involved in our community and felt this would be a good beginning. We would like to help Coahoma grow and prosper as we plan to continue living and raising our family here.

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the city council? (limit 50 words)

Reid: The qualifications that I would bring to the council would be just normal everyday qualifications. I am familiar with working a budget because of my current job. I have worked with the public for over 10 years, I am a very straightforward person, I say what I mean and I do my best to get the job done. *(Edited for length)*

Ferguson: Being a firefighter/paramedic, I am a compassionate, trustworthy person and I am concerned about the well-being and needs of the people. I look forward to challenges and working in the best interest of others.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a city council member? (limit 50 words)

Reid: The duties of a city council member in my opinion, is the backbone of the community it is representing. The council is responsible for setting a budget and making sure that all expenditures are justified. They are responsible for passing city ordinances and ensuring that all ordinances are enforced on every violation. *(Edited for length).*

Ferguson: The duties of a city council member are to find out what the community and city's needs are and focus on how to obtain those needs. As a councilman, I feel that your duty is to serve the people, for the improvement of your community as a whole.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the City of Coahoma, and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Reid: The greatest challenge that the City of Coahoma has is the passing of ordinances. This in my opinion has been an impossibility. It has been made known that the reason for no ordinances being passed or enforced is the lack of funding. However, I feel there is enough money in the budget to get this done. There are several avenues that the city can take, some of which have been suggested to the current council but still nothing has been done. *(Edited for length).*

Ferguson: I believe the greatest challenge facing the City of Coahoma is to continue working on the economic development and stability of our community. The current council has done a good job, but we still need to focus on the cleanup efforts and appearance of the city. I would also like to see improvements made in the park as well as cleaning up overgrown/weedy lots and broken down buildings.

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Survey: Most homeowners find the need to spruce up, fix up

By BARBARA MAYER
For AP Special Edition

The couch potato phenomenon hasn't taken over on the home front. More Americans probably are wielding a paintbrush or hammer around the house than are lying on a sofa with TV remote control at hand.

A survey taken for the Home & Garden Television Network found that 74 percent of home owners actively tackle home projects. "Actively" is defined as describing people who have spent more than $1,500 on home remodeling projects beyond simple maintenance.

Meanwhile, the Home Improvement Research Institute says that 92 percent of households purchased some type of home improvement product in 1997. And 39 percent purchased 10 or more products. Back in 1987, the number buying 10 or more products was only 23 percent.

"Almost everybody is involved in home improvement," says Fred Miller, executive director of the Home Improvement Research Institute in Tampa, Fla.

Painting is the most common maintenance activity, but consumers have lots of other projects on their minds as well. The trade group's tally of the top projects for 1997 (the latest year for which there are statistics) is dizzying.

The list starts with gardening and landscaping and moves on to refinishing furniture, replacing a roof, replacing a walkway, replacing a driveway, remodeling a bath, adding a deck, doing electrical wiring, and putting on an addition.

More elaborate do-it-yourself activities are becoming more common. There was a 33 percent rise in the number of people tackling a major project themselves like refinishing an attic or adding a room in 1997, compared to two years earlier.

The reasons for all the activity have a lot to do with protecting the value of what usually is the family's most valuable asset, at the same time saving money. But the greater array of consumer information sources may also be a factor.

"I can remember when a lumberyard wasn't all that eager to sell a homeowner three boards when they could be selling a truckload of lumber to a builder in the same amount of time," Miller says. Now a consumer can walk into one of the superstores, take a workshop class, or get good information from salespeople.

"In Charlotte alone, we have two radio programs on Saturday mornings that people can call in to ask any question they want on home remodeling and general repairs," says David Tyson, a builder in Charlotte, N.C., and a regional vice president of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) based in Alexandria, Va. "And of course, there is a whole TV network for home and garden."

Tyson refers to the four-year-old Home & Garden Network based in Knoxville, Tenn. Programming 21 hours a day covers crafts and hobbies, decorating, gardening and landscaping, and building and remodeling projects.

"HGTV is one of fastest growing networks compared to others launched about the same time," says Carol Hicks, vice president.

"We are now in more than 48 million homes and our Web site, HGTV.com, received 7.5 million page views in the month of December, 1998. We get over 16,000 inquiries a month from viewers requesting more information."

While there is no statistical proof of the relationship between more information and more interest, home improvement does appear to be a stable business category.

"From 1988 to 1998 there was only one year, 1991, in which the industry did not grow. Otherwise every year has shown sales growth ranging from a couple of percentage points to 9.3 percent in 1994," says Miller.

At $152.2 billion, sales of home improvement products and services were up 7.7 percent in 1998 compared to 1997.

Business is also booming for building contractors, with sales projected at $135 billion in 1999, up from $130 billion in 1998 and $108.3 billion in 1993, according to NARI.

For the past two years, the top two home remodeling projects done by member contractors have been remodeling a kitchen and adding or remodeling a bathroom.

Something like 4 million kitchens are remodeled every year — four-fifths by contractors and one-fifth by do-it-yourselfers, says Lynn Pendergrass, general manager for appliance product development at General Electric Co. Kitchen remodeling is projected to continue significant growth for the first five years of the new century, she adds.

Typical remodeling projects relate to a desire to take better advantage of existing space or to lifestyle changes such as aging.

Among the projects tracked by GE are moving the laundry room upstairs from the basement, raising appliances to minimize bending, and installing quieter appliances or those with larger touchpads and larger numeric readouts.

Tyson says more of his clients are treating themselves to a master bedroom suite with a luxurious bath, partially egged on by a rash of appealing new products for the bath.

How to survive home rehab

By BARBARA MAYER
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Maureen and Robert FitzPatrick of Stamford, Conn., planned ahead on their kitchen renovation.

But for John Zline of South Salem, N.Y., major remodeling was like a kitten with a ball of twine. A small repair started the ball rolling toward a two-story addition.

In both cases, the key to living through the experience while continuing to live at home was maintaining a good attitude and choosing contractors with whom they could communicate.

Zline started with a leaky roof in the living room and ended with a 14- by 24-foot addition on two levels to his 1,900-square-foot prefabricated deck house, which is about 25 years old. The addition has given him a dream kitchen along with a new room on the lower level to be furnished as a combination den and guest bedroom.

It all started in the fall of 1996 when he called in Kevin Yates of Ridgefield, Conn., to repair a leak. One repair led to another and the idea for an addition to the side of the house took shape.

"I hated my kitchen and I love to cook, but I thought I could not add on to the house because of its hilly site," Zline says. "Kevin changed my mind."

Zline's house was under construction for approximately two years. Besides the addition, he had extensions added to the decks on both levels, replaced the roof and windows, and installed a new heating and air conditioning system. In addition, extensive electrical work was done and long-standing foundation problems have been corrected.

Zline says getting through the experience was staying calm and being able to communicate with his contractor. Unusually, they worked without a contract.

"They say you should not do that, but I felt very comfortable with him. We never had a set price because we picked things out as we went along."

Zline is delighted with the results, but admits that "if I had known when I saw the leak in the living room ceiling that I would end up with a new kitchen, I could have saved myself time and money."

The wood floor in the living room put down at an early stage had to be redone because of the wear and tear of later projects.

Besides Yates, Zline worked with an architect who drew up plans and an engineer who approved them, as required by local building regulations. Kitchen cabinets were ordered through a local lumberyard, and its kitchen planner came over to the house to measure and offer suggestions.

The FitzPatricks of Stamford also feel lucky in the professionals they selected. After years of cutting out pictures from magazines, Mrs. FitzPatrick knew what she wanted. But she consulted with Stamford architect Anthony Masciarelli to make sure every detail was correct. She also relied on advice from her general contractor and from the kitchen cabinet company which sent over a kitchen designer to consult on cabinet planning.

The FitzPatricks converted a dark 35-year old kitchen and a laundry room into a single large sunny room. They bumped out the kitchen for a 10- by 15-foot dining area, and they extended their patio. Putting in the new patio also made it possible to redo the garden and to create a nicer view from the back of the house.

Virtually everything in the kitchen is new: cabinets, counters, flooring, appliances, and lighting. The custom-made wood kitchen cabinets are painted white. Wood floors replace tile. Countertops and backsplash are granite, replacing plastic laminate. Ten recessed ceiling fixtures as well as undercabinet lighting replace a single hanging fixture and a fluorescent light over the sink. There is also a new hanging fixture in the dining area, and a new floor-to-ceiling pantry cabinet.

The house was upset from June until just after Thanksgiving, but Mrs. FitzPatrick was happy to be able to cook Thanksgiving dinner, even though most of her pots and pans were still packed away.

"As soon as they demolished the cabinets, it was a mess," she recalls. "Six months is a long time not to have complete access to your kitchen."

Getting ready to sell your home

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Unless you're in a truly "hot" market area, you need to go through some preliminaries — and perhaps make repairs — to get your house in condition to command top dollar when you sell it.

Forget the advice about stage-managing the aroma of cookies or bread to allure buyers, says Kenneth Austin, chairman of the HouseMaster home inspection chain. "It won't work if your home has troubling problems.

"A home owner who wants or needs to sell a home fast should consider the factors that will make the house attactive to potential buyers," he says. "What we're talking about is making your house a good 'deal' — one that doesn't necessarily come from a quick coat of paint in the living room or new hardware on the kitchen cabinets, but rather with a fair market price based on the home's condition."

Look at your home through a buyer's eyes, he advises. Perhaps you've learned to live with your leaky shower. Or since you come in through the garage or side door, you may not often think about the peeling paint, loose gutter, or crumbling walkway that leads to the front door.

"This may not seem like a big deal to someone who has lived in a home for twenty-plus years, but it can be a real turnoff to the buyer who is about to shell out a quarter-of-a-million dollars."

Getting an unbiased appraisal by a professional home inspector can give you a handle on the pluses and minuses of your property and let you set a realistic price that will inspire a quicker sale.

"You'll also have the opportunity to repair anything major, eliminating the chance that the buyer will uncover it later on at a more critical time in the deal," Austin says. "Since the inspection also give you the option of adjusting the price according to the condition stated in the inspection report, it gives the seller more options than just waiting for a buyer's home inspection to raise the issue of deficiences."

Austin lists some of the biggest turnoffs to potential buyers:

— Poor physical appearance, including dirty, peeling paint, loose railings at the front door, broken doorbell, unkempt lawn and landscaping, cracked or loose bricks, driveway or steps. Dirty dishes in the sink and unwashed windows also turn off buyers. "If your house looks unloved, you make it difficult for someone else to love it."

— Obvious plumbing problems. A dark brown stain on the ceiling of the room below your bathroom will alarm most buyers, even if the original problem has been fixed. Neglected bathrooms with cracked, stained or loose tiles, mildew, crunchy floors, low water pressure, old, cracked or chipped fixtures, loose toilets, bathtub rot and dripping faucets will have the buyer looking elsewhere.

— Water in the basement. Any signs of water or wet in the basement — water marks on the walls, dank, musty odors and mildew will trouble a buyer.

Stop at the bookstore before a remodel job

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Before you go to the hardware store or lumberyard, take a trip to the bookstore:

— The urge for a bigger, allegedly better, house is what Minnesota architect Sarah Susanka describes as "the Versailles complex — the notion that houses should be designed to impress rather than nurture." Go the other way, she urges in "The Not So Big House" (Taunton, $30 hardcover). Get back to something that fits the way you really live, she says. With good design and attention to detail, you can get more actual living space from a 3,000-square-foot house than from one twice that size. She offers suggestions and inspiration about how to go about it.

— What does that whatchamacallit look like, and where is it at the store? "The Complete Illustrated Guide to Everything Sold in Hardware Stores" (Macmillan, $18.95 paperback), by Steve Ettlinger, will help you sort out the maze. Along the way, you just might find out things you never knew, like what a gimlet, a window zipper, or a butt chisel are for.

— Use of tools is a trait anthropologists say puts humans on a higher scale in the animal kingdom. But as amazing as rapid-fire automatic staplers, power drills and the like are, nothing matches the beauty of old hand tools, often etched or filigreed with lacy Victorian patterns in brass and wood. Sandor Nagyszalanczy celebrates them, in both words and photographs, in "The Art of Fine Tools" (Taunton, $37 hardcover). Consider, for example, a Harrison miter plane, which features a carved rosewood front grip in the shape of a Scotsman wearing a tam-o'shanter. Or a cast-iron level painted brightly in decorative green and gold.

— Much of the beauty of period houses is in the details, including the decorative wood fittings. Mario Rodriguez tells you how to recreate the look in your own home, in "Traditional Woodwork" (Taunton, $19.95 paperback). He gives instructions on projects such as a Federal fireplace mantel, a built-in window seat, or a corner cupboard.

— Host of a new public television series, "Handy Ma'am," Beverly DeJulio has written a companion text by the same name (Real Estate Education Company, $19.95 hardcover, April), with advice for those who may want to do home repairs and remodeling but aren't sure they can. She recalls how she mastered her first major repair job, replacing a sump pump, and how it gave her to confidence to tackle other projects.

— Maybe you want to install a home office or at least a work station. Or perhaps set up a no-squabble bedroom to be shared by two youngsters. What about making better use of basement or attic? Find some suggestions in "The Complete Home Style Book" (DK Publishing, $24.95 paperback). The book covers every room in the house and even one-room living, if you're in really limited quarters.

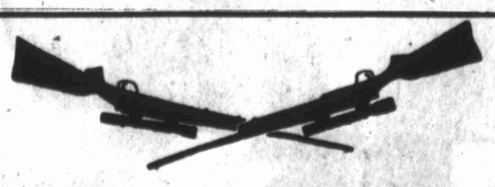
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Laminates are back: On flooring, furniture

By BARBARA MAYER
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In homes today, the midcentury modern look is big.

Along with a return of the era's furniture and accessories, there is a revival of interest in one of its preeminent surfacing materials: plastic laminate.

Besides being used — just as it was before — to cover counters, cabinets and walls, new types of laminates are showing up in flooring, furniture, and the finished particleboard used to build shelves and other projects.

Laminates also are found increasingly in manufactured housing, says George Carter, executive director of the Laminating Materials Association, Inc. The workhorse use of laminates on counters and cabinets really never faltered, even though the material lost its cachet in the 1970s and 1980s.

Laminate flooring is particularly popular now. Although it has been available in Europe for at least 15 years, it's been on the market for U.S. consumers for only about the last five years.

Flooring patterns imitate materials such as wood, tile and stone. It's easy to maintain, scratch resistant, fade resistant, and often sold with 15-year warranties. And it can be installed over existing flooring materials. The flooring often sells at about $4 a square foot, not including installation. That places it below hardwood flooring in cost but above sheet vinyl.

A bit of history puts laminates into perspective: Although identified as part of the postwar plastics era beginning in the 1950s, they originated when the first experimental laminated sheets made of kraft paper and liquid Bakelite were developed around 1910. The process involved stacking Bakelite-impregnated paper in layers and compressing them in a flat-bed hydraulic press. The former paper sheets emerged as a single rigid laminated sheet with the chemical and electrical properties of Bakelite, a type of plastic.

Although the original work was done elsewhere, the Formica Company was founded in 1913 to manufacture laminate sheets, and its early start has made its trade-named product almost a synonym for plastic laminate sheets, no matter that a number of different companies make and market them.

Through World War II, uses of the product were mainly industrial and commercial. But after the war, they blossomed in consumer applications, ranging from countertops to skis.

In the 1950s and 1960s, laminates were used by avant garde designers for furniture and surfaces. A design community backlash against the product and in favor of natural materials during the late 1970s and 1980s put laminates on a back burner. Now, young designers are rediscovering the material.

Jim Huff, owner of Inside Design, a furniture store in Oklahoma City, sees laminate turning up more often on the modern furniture he stocks either instead of, or in addition to, wood.

"It's a durable material and comes in many different colors. And plywood and laminate used together can be more cost-efficient than other materials," says Huff.

Laminates have always been valued as a relatively inexpensive way of getting color and pattern into a room and for offering a durable and easy-care surface.

"Now, there is a shift from plain color without visual texture to the use of laminates with visual and physical texture as well as color," says Renee Hytry, director of design for Formica Corp.

Various types of patterns also are available.

Restoration trend brings back laminates of past

By BARBARA MAYER
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What should be done with a 1959 ranch house chock full of plastic laminate-covered counters, walls and cabinets in colors such as aqua, bright pink and orange?

"Tear it down" is what 99 out of a 100 might say. But sometimes that one voice in the wilderness that says "save it" wins out.

Restoration is what happened to the Ralph S. and Sunny Wilson House in Temple, Texas. The refurbished house was given landmark status in July, 1998, by the National Register of Historic Places and the Texas Historical Commission.

Quite a turnaround, especially since demolition had already begun when efforts to save the house began in 1996.

Ralph Wilson Sr. built the house in 1959 to live in. As the founder of Wilsonart International, today a leading producer of high pressure laminates, he decided to treat his home as a design laboratory. He used it to demonstrate unusual uses and experimental applications of laminates.

Instead of employing sheetrock — the common wall material of the day — Wilson had laminate panels installed as walls. The method of construction was to tack laminate panels directly onto the structural two-by-fours.

The kitchen and bathroom counters are one of the first examples of bending a laminate sheet so it forms a continuous curve from the top to the side edge of the counter, in a process known as post-forming. Post-forming is common today, but in 1959, it was an experimental technique. Laminate shower surrounds were another application innovative at the time. There was also a decorative geometric pattern in laminate on a living room wall. Fashionable colors of the era such as aqua, bright pink, lemon yellow, and pumpkin were used.

Don't climb a ladder without these safety tips

ROSEMONT, Ill. (AP) — The ladder, that helpful bridge to many home improvement projects, also can be dangerous.

More than 511,000 Americans were treated for ladder-related injuries in 1997, and about 300 people die each year from such injuries, says the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons. Estimated costs of ladder-related injuries — including work loss, medical, legal, liability, pain and suffering — come to about $11 billion a year.

Whether you use a stepladder, extension ladder, step stool or utility ladder, AAOS advises you to take precautions:

— Face the ladder and stay in the center of the rails while climbing.

— Keep your body centered on the ladder while working.

— When possible, hold the ladder with one hand while working with the other hand.

— Don't bounce or "walk" the ladder to a new position while you're still on it. Climb down and reposition the ladder.

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— On single or extension ladders, never stand above the third rung from the top. Never climb above the point where the ladder touches the wall or vertical support.

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— "Building the Alaska Log Home" (Alaska Northwest Books, $29.95 paperback), by Tom Walker, has been reissued in a new edition, with practical advice to make a seemingly daunting task do-able. He takes the reader through the processes with new photographs, diagrams and updated techniques and building materials. Along the way, he covers the history of log homes and anecdotes about living in one.

— It may be your dream house, but you'd better be awake when you figure costs, contracts and the other nitty-gritty of building or remodeling. "Successful Homebuilding and Remodeling" (Real Estate Education Company, $22.95 paperback), by Barbara B. Buchholz and Margaret Crane, gives you the word on how to figure your costs per square foot; how to read blueprints to eliminate surprises; how to negotiate with the contractor; how to get financing; and how to pare down costs.

— "The Unofficial Guide to Hiring Contractors" (Macmillan, $15.95 paperback), by Duncan C. Stephens, will help you level the playing field when dealing with contractors. The author tells you how to find tradesmen you can trust, how to check them out, and how to keep on top of the whole process.

— As anyone who's ever experienced it knows, moving to a new home is more than just getting you and your belongings from A to B. In "Will This Place Ever Feel Like Home?" (Dearborn Publishing, $17.95 paperback), Leslie Levine looks at the challenges — physical, social and psychological — faced by the new family on the block. Levine interviewed more than 120 people who had recently transplanted their homes and lives and got their eye-level advice on how to deal with the upheaval, the loss of the familiar and the adventure of the new.

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Coahoma ISD


MARLAR


METCALF


NEFF

Two at-large seats

I-Brian Marlar
John Wayne Metcalf
Cindy Neff
Larry Cordes- Did not respond
Eddy Corse- Did not respond
Joe Mansfield- Did not respond
Ronnie Dodson- Did not respond
David Higgins- Did not respond

1. Why are you seeking election to the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Marlar: In my first term; I have seen our district go through some smooth days and some rough days. I believe I have the skill and experience to help our school in the transition the school system is going through. An experienced board would be beneficial to a new school administrator.

Metcalf: It is one of the greatest opportunities that you can get (without being a teacher) to be involved in the educational field of children. It also gives you the opportunity to help support the education of the future generation.

Neff: I am dedicated to the learning experience becoming the most successful opportunity for our children. I possess the qualities needed in a strong board member — one that will be invested in and stand up for the values of our children, our future — while supporting our teachers and community.

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Marlar: Three years board experience, an understanding of school finance and the rules governing the school board's role in school administration, and a desire to provide the best education possible for the students in our district. I vote my convictions and stand on the things that I believe to be right.

Metcalf: I have already had three years experience on the Coahoma ISD and have served on various other boards that deal with multi-million dollar budgets which I feel is a needed plus of anyone that is seeking a position that is handling tax payers dollars.

Neff: A strong board member should possess integrity, personal commitment, leadership, vision, flexibility and honesty. Throughout my experiences, formal education and ensuing career, I have acquired these skills, putting them to work in my daily life — at both work and home. I want to put them to work for the school.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a school board member? (limit 50 words)

Marlar: The laws are clear as to the duties of the school board. Basically, they are to set budget and tax rate, set school policy, hire/fire based on the appropriate recommendation, hold administration accountable for administering school policy.

Metcalf: You are to hire and evaluate the superintendent and also to set local policies for the education of the children. I think you need to be open minded, knowing that there is two sides to every situation. I also feel you need to have hearing ears and a caring heart.

Neff: School boards are present to guide and direct the school system according to established laws, good business sense and community benefit. A board member should take these guidelines and render decisions that will steer the school in appropriate directions in the best interest of the kids and community.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the school district and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Marlar: With the sagging oil prices and depressed agriculture, our district, like the other districts in our area, is hit hard by declining funds. We must continue the high quality education our kids receive while stretching the money. We must make the hard choices regarding tax rate as well as reduce spending where possible to maximum use of the money we have available.

Metcalf: The declining tax base in my opinion is the greatest problem that the district is facing. I believe the tax base will make a comeback in due time. But in the meantime the tax rate is something that we are going to have to tackle. With the declining base it is going to take substantial sacrifices from the school system and the tax payers. I believe we need communication involvement with the public as a whole and not just within the boundaries of the school system. *(Edited for length)*

Neff: Declining income and community support are two factors that have great impact on our school system preparing our kids for the future. We need to be frugal, maximizing the dollars we have while assuring basic educational needs are fully met. It is time to take our past and present challenges, turn them into opportunities for growth and regain the support and positive input from our community. These are critical as we look into the future.

Glasscock County ISD

Two at-large seats

I-Lillie Havlak- Did not respond.
I-Jimmy Bednar- Did not respond.
Jimmy Aggemeyer- Did not respond.
Carl Hoelscher
Karla Hoelscher- Did not respond

1. Why are you seeking election to the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

C. Hoelscher: I would like to be a part of the education of the children of the community as well as my own. I have two children. Katelyn is attending Glasscock County ISD and Austin will start in 2000. With my children just starting school, I will be interested in the school and its activities for a long time.

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

C. Hoelscher: I have served the community in various civic organizations. I received a degree in finance from Angelo State University in 1988. This along with my occupation, being farming, has taught me how to make the best out of a budget that is already stressed.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a school board member? (limit 50 words)


C. HOELSCHER

C. Hoelscher: The main duty is to give the superintendent direction and then let him run the school. Other duties include set the tax rate, watch the financial position, look after the facilities and listen to the opinion of the people. We should always keep in mind that the education and welfare of the children come first.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the school district and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

C. Hoelscher: The greatest challenge facing Glasscock Co. school district now is financial. The declining tax base due to low oil price is the largest problem. Enrollment declining has also hurt the district. There is very little that can be done about enrollment. The declining tax base needs to be addressed by the legislature. We are having to send nearly two million dollars out of the county due to Robin Hood. We can no longer do this and maintain the kind of school we have now. *(Edited for length)*.

Forsan ISD


RIOS


HUMPHREYS

Three at-large seats

I-Dale Humphreys
I-Domingo Rios Jr.
I-Donnie Andrews- Did not respond
Marty Whetsel- Did not respond
Robert Stapp Jr.- Did not respond

1. Why are you seeking election to the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Humphreys: I am seeking re-election to the Forsan Board of Trustees to help continue the exceptional educational programs already in place in the school district and to support the students, parents, staff, and administration who implement and utilize these programs.

Rios: I feel that it is a privilege to serve on the school board. You meet some interesting challenges and decision making. As a former instructor from the military, it is an important issue as to the quality of teachers to be hired and the type of technology being used.

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Humphreys: I have seven years of experience as a member of the board of trustees. I have experience in management programs and in budget/planning areas. More importantly, I have 18 years experience as a parent who believes we must be involved in a positive way for our children to be successful.

Rios: I have been in the district for about 14 years. All five of my kids have attended this district with the last one to graduate in the year 2000. Not to mention four grandkids currently attending Elbow Elementary. Currently I am teaching parttime for Howard College and understand how important it is to have the current textbooks and technology to perform your job. *(Edited for length)*

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a school board member? (limit 50 words)

Humphreys: In my opinion, a school board member must support the students, parents, staff and administration of Forsan ISD and seek to develop all aspects of education for our young people.

Rios: I feel that one of the most important issues is the financial status of the school. Because without a healthy fund, a school will struggle to function properly. It all goes back to the amount of teachers and technology you can afford, not to mention the facilities and equipment you need to carry out the mission. *(Edited for length)*

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the school district? (limit 75 words)

Humphreys: Forsan faces a major loss in revenue this coming school year, which will affect all aspects of education. We must use the income we have wisely, fairly, and efficiently so that each student has the opportunity for the very best education and training possible. I am proud of the technology which is already in use at Forsan Junior/Senior High School and Elbow Elementary. I believe the continued advancement of this technology and the implementation of new educational ideas in our district will benefit the students and ensure their preparation for today's world.

Rios: I think things are really going to get challenging due to the fact of the oil industry going down. It was or is one of our greatest assets and it may come to merging with other schools unless we can come up with some more revenue or a different way of coming up with the funds to support the school without having to raise taxes. I feel that it is going to be very interesting as to what the school board does. Whatever the decision, it will have to be looked and analyzed carefully. *(edited for length)*

Stanton ISD

District 3

I-Johnny Louder- Did not respond
Randy Turner

1. Why are you seeking election to the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)


TURNER

Turner: As a taxpayer and parent, I want to ensure that the children of this district are receiving the best possible all-around education and all are getting fair and impartial treatment. The students of SISD are the future of Stanton, and we owe them the best education we can give them.

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Turner: I have had management and budget experience from several employment positions. I have taken management and labor classes in college. I believe in fair treatment of all.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a school board member? (limit 50 words)

Turner: a. To provide the best possible education to the students; b. Provide the best teachers and administration; c. Be honest and fair when dealing with problems; d. Discussion — the only way to get the best idea is to have different ideas brought up and to get other's input.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the school district and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Turner: The greatest challenge I believe is the loss of revenue that nearly all local districts are facing. Not only do we lose some tax money from oil but also the probability of fewer students. As a board, we will have to make sure we get the best buy for our money spent, by verifying any money spent is being used to further improve or maintain the education the students are receiving.

District 7

Unexpired term

Kenneth Ron Graves
Rocky Barnes- Did not respond
Dr. Pablo Tevenl- Did not respond

1. Why are you seeking election to the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Graves: To help the board, administrators, teachers and parents through problems that are evolving, that we may start the new century in a progressive way


GRAVES

2. What qualifications do you possess that will help you serve on the board of trustees? (limit 50 words)

Graves: A graduate of Stanton High School, I have lived in this county for most of my life. All three of my children attend Stanton schools. Therefore, I am aware of the problems the district faces. In my work, I have to deal with many different cultures and types of people which I enjoy.

3. What, in your opinion, are the duties of a school board member? (limit 50 words)

Graves: Dealing with the employment status of the staff on recommendation of the Superintendent. Handling problems referred to the board. Finances.

4. What, in your opinion, is the greatest challenge facing the school district and how can it be addressed? (limit 75 words)

Graves: 1. Keep the lines of communication open between the Superintendent of Schools, the Board, and the public. 2. Handle all problems put forth before the board in a manner that is fair to all involved parties treating all with genuine respect.

Grady ISD

District 3

I-Tony Sawyer- Did not respond
Johnny Cox- Did not respond

Nearly one in seven Bush dollars came from father's donors

AUSTIN (AP) — Nearly $1 of every $7 Texas Gov. George W. Bush raised for his presidential exploratory committee came from donors who had given to his father's presidential campaigns, Bush's first campaign finance report shows.

An Associated Press computer analysis of the report Bush filed this week with the Federal Election Commission and those filed by his father's 1988 and 1992 campaigns found:

— Of the $7.6 million Bush raised, $1.06 million came from those who also gave to President Bush.

— Of Bush's 23,339 total donors, 1,350 also had given to his father.

— The average contribution of those who gave to both Bushes was more double the average given to George W. Bush — $787 compared with $325.

— While 22 percent of all George W. Bush donors gave the $1,000 maximum allowed under federal law, that rose to nearly 66 percent among those who gave money to both men.

— The most dual donors, 551, hailed from Texas.

Californians were second, with 120. In Florida, where Bush's brother Jeb is governor, 74 people had given to Bush and his father.

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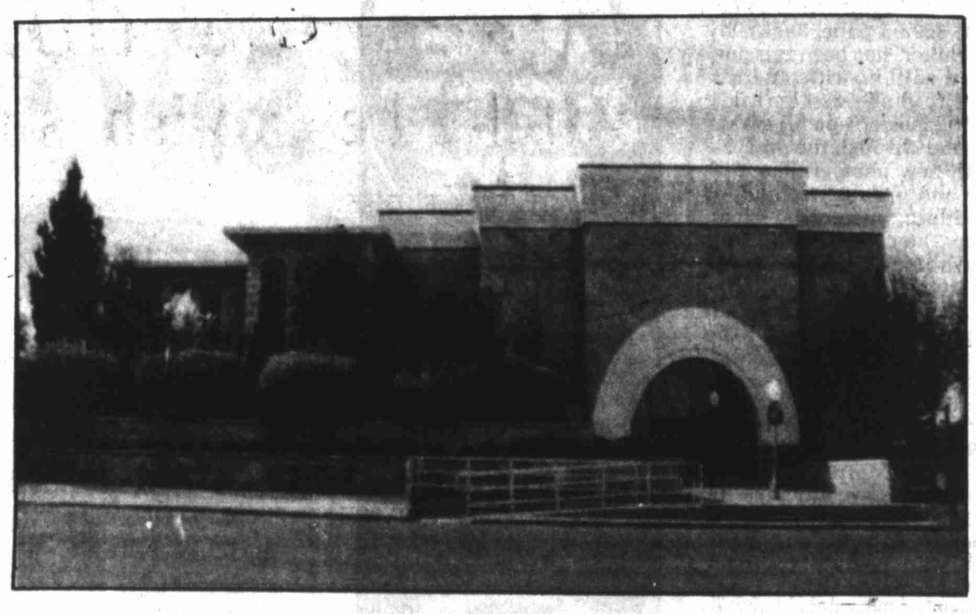
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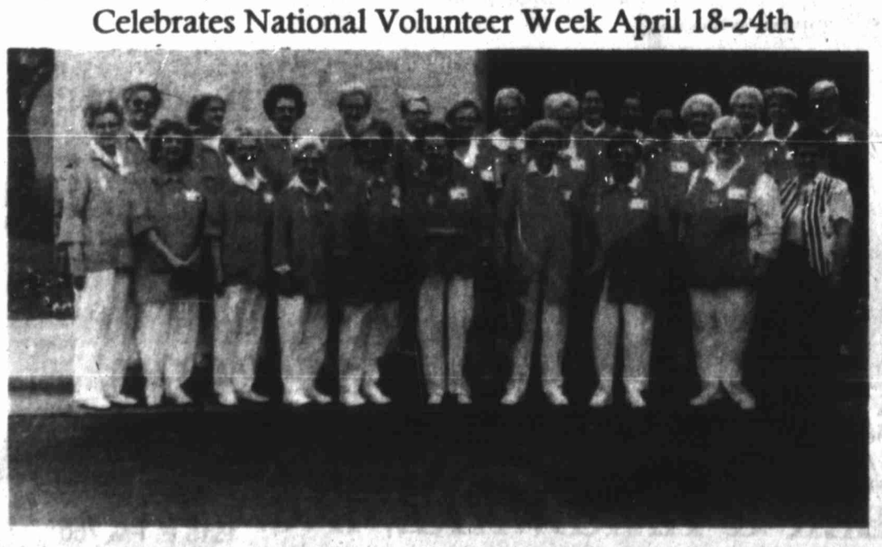
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IN BRIEF

Mustangs knock out Steers in five innings

Andrews' Mustangs improved their record to 20-1 overall and a perfect 6-0 in District 5-4A with a 12-0, five-inning win over Big Spring's Steers.

The Mustangs scored all the runs they'd need in the first inning, scoring five runs — three of them earned — off freshman Steers starter Willis Morrison.

Andrews added single tallies in the second and third innings, then wrapped things up on the 10-run rule with five runs in the top of the fifth.

The Steers managed just one hit off Andrews starter P.J. Lewis.

The loss leaves the Steers at 4-13 overall and 3-3 in district play.

Hawks' series in El Paso opens with big 7-4 victory

Howard College's Hawks opened a three-game weekend series with El Paso Community College's Tejanos with a 7-4 win Friday in Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) action.

Sophomore Brandon Claussen went the distance in chalking up the win, striking out 14 Tejano batters.

Freshman outfielder Jay Alsup was the big man offensively for the Hawks, going 4-for-5 at the plate, including a pair of home runs.

The win improved the Hawks to 39-10 overall and 14-5 going into Saturday's doubleheader in El Paso.

Little League instruction event slated for April 25

Howard College's Little League Instruction Camp for players of all ages has been scheduled for April 25 at Jack Barber Field.

The camp will provide instruction in baseball fundamentals under the supervision of Howard coaches Brian Roper and Justin Hays, as well as members of Hawks baseball team.

Registration is set for 1:45 p.m. with camp instruction slated for 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

The fee will be $10 per youngster, and participants should bring a baseball glove and bat.

Lady Steers boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the Big Spring High School library.

Members of the group are beginning to make final preparations for their May banquet.

IT'S MISSING

Results from Saturday afternoon's Coahoma-Olton baseball game and Big Spring's softball game with Andrews had not been reported as the Herald went to press Saturday night.

ON THE AIR

Television

AUTO RACING
Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Goody's 500, ESPN, Ch. 30.
Noon — NHRA Pennzoil Nationals, TNN, Ch. 35.
3 p.m. — CART Grand Prix of Long Beach, ABC, Ch. 8.
3 p.m. — SCCA Trans-AM, TNN, Ch. 35.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL
1:30 p.m. — St. Louis Cardinals at Houston Astros, FXS, Ch. 29.
2 p.m. — Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies, TBS, Ch. 11.
7 p.m. — Seattle Mariners at Anaheim Angels, ESPN, Ch. 30.

NBA BASKETBALL
2 p.m. — Seattle SuperSonics at Phoenix Suns, NBC, Ch. 9.
4:30 p.m. — Houston Rockets at S. Antonio Spurs, NBC, Ch. 9.

FIGURE SKATING
1 p.m. — Hershey's Kisses Challenge, ABC, Ch. 8.

GOLF
11 a.m. — PGA Seniors' Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.
2 p.m. — PGA MCI Classic, final round, CBS, Ch. 7.

HOCKEY
2 p.m. — Dallas Stars at Colorado Avalanche, FOX, Ch. 3.

Simmons takes second district championshp in playoff

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — Big Spring's Ashlie Simmons made an easy par on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff with Snyder's Keisha Gafford to put the finishing touches on her second straight district championship Friday, during the final round of the District 5-4A girls' golf tournament.

The manner in which Simmons managed to get into the playoff was perhaps even more dramatic than the sudden-death par that gave her the title.

Staring at the flag from 165 yards out and water guarding the green on the Riverside Golf Course's 18th green, Simmons calmly fired a 6 iron on her second shot that landed 20 feet left of the pin. She two-putted for a birdie, forging the playoff.

Simmons then won the coin toss for honors and nailed a 240-yard drive down the right side of the fairway on the par 4 playoff hole. She then put more pressure on Gafford, who'd left her tee shot in the rough, by hitting a wedge onto the front of the green and two-putting for the par.

Gafford missed the green with her second shot and could not get up down.

The Lady Tigers' star did get some consolation in leading Snyder to the team championship, their 325 during Friday's round giving them a 985 total for the 54-hole tournament and an 11-stroke win over Andrews' Lady Mustangs.

Snyder had entered the final round trailing the Lady Mustangs by one stroke, but Andrews could manage no better than a 337 during Friday's play.

Simmons, who finished the tournament at 83-75-80, 238, and Fort Stockton's Valarie Nolen, who finished sixth in the individual standings with an 87-81-80, 248, will join the Snyder and Andrews teams when they return to the Riverside course on April 26-27 for the Region I, Class 4A tournament.

Big Spring, the defending District 4-4A champions, simply didn't have enough experienced players to contend for the team title — Simmons being the only player on the team with previous varsity experience.

As a result, the Lady Steers finished sixth in the team standings, their round of 379 leaving them with with an 1,169 tournament total.

"It was our best round of the year," Lady Steers coach Mike Scarbrough said following Friday's last-minute excitement. "We made up 23 strokes to overtake Sweetwater for sixth place. Heather Harris show her lowest round of the year by 12 strokes and Pricilla Del Bosque had the best round of her career."

Both Harris and Del Bosque finished with final round of 94. That left Del Bosque 29th overall with a 294 over 54 holes, while Harris finished 38th at 323.

In medalist only play, Big Spring's Mandi Osborne posted a 111 Friday to finish 40th overall with a 336 total and Sarah Anthony was right behind, her f102 allowing her to finish just two strokes off Anthony's total.



HERALD photo/Jim Fjerro

Big Spring's Tory Mitchell leaves San Angelo Lake View's Rashad Chance (left) in his wake as he heads to the finish line to post a district record of 20.5 seconds in the 200 meters during Friday night's finals of the District 5-4A track and field meet at Blankenship Stadium.

Lake View double no surprise

Mitchell establishes new meet record in 200

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

There were no real surprises Friday during the District 5-4A track and field championships, as Big Spring High School played the role of district meet host for the first time in 19 years.

San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs and Maidens took team championships and Big Spring's Tory Mitchell set the grandstands buzzing with a meet record time of 20.5 seconds in the 200 meters, as he added individual titles in the 100 meters (10.22 seconds) and long jump (22 feet, 81/2 inches).

The Chiefs walked away as repeat champions in the meet's varsity boys' division, while the Maidens snapped a four-year reign by Big Spring's Lady Steers in the girls' division.

Despite establishing a new district record in the 200, Mitchell had little to say following the meet.

"I didn't have that good a time in the 100, so I wanted to come back with a good race in the 200," Mitchell said after turning in his best time in the 200 meters this year.

The defending region, state and national champion in both the 100 and 200 meters, Mitchell also ran a leg on the Steers' 400-meter relay foursome that finished second behind Lake View.

"Our team depth isn't too good ... hasn't been the last four years, but I run with a bunch of great guys," he noted after teaming with Jason Woodruff, Colby Ford and freshman Willis Morrison for 43.06 clocking.

For the first time since his freshman season, Mitchell ran the second leg of the Steers' sprint relay, rather than his normal position as the anchor.

"We put him back there in the second leg, because with the way you can set your exchange lanes, you can let him run farther than everybody else," Steers coach Randy Britton said. "That's what Lake View does with (Saidric) Williams."

Williams and teammate Rashad Chance continued their duels with Mitchell in the long 100 and 200, respectively. Williams was second in the 100 meters with a 10.53 clocking, in addition to finishing as the runner-up in the long jump.

Chance was the runner-up in the 200 with a time of 21.91 seconds.

When asked if he was developing a rivalry with the Lake View sprint tandem, Mitchell was again a man of few words — grinning and offering only, "A really good one."

While the Chiefs managed to pile up 181 points to take a 78-point margin of victory over Sweetwater in the team championship, the Steers finished third overall with 87 points.

"We just don't have the numbers, the depth to be a factor for the team championship," a somewhat resigned Britton said. "Plus we've had so many people injured this year.

"Doug (White) comes down with a hamstring pull that left us having to decide between two freshman so that we could put a sprint relay team on the track," Britton added, heaping praise on Morrison for the manner in which the anchored the Steers foursome to a regional qualifying finish. "Jimmy Hawkins has been hurt all season ... it's just been a tough season."

Britton also noted that Big Spring didn't fare as well as it is used to doing in the distances, failing to qualify anyone for the Region I, Class 4A meet in the 3,200 meters, 1,600 meters or the 800.

"Our kids ran pretty well as far as times go," Britton said of Rolando Ledesma and Mike Martinez. "But they just didn't have the (placing) finishes. A lot of that has to be attributed to how green we are in that area. This is the first year either of them have run at the varsity level. That makes a big difference."

The Steers' only other regional qualifier was pole vaulter Kyland Wegner, who's 11-0, leap tied teammate Braden Wegner for second behind Snyder's Jared Thornhill. Kyland advances to the regional meet based on the fewest number of misses.

Big Spring girls' coach Jay Kennedy was also adopting an air of resignation after watching Lake View score 199 points and end the Lady Steers' four-year reign atop the district's team standings.

"I had Lake View projected winning it by 43 points going into the meet and they won it by 42," Kennedy said. "But we had a great meet and that's something I'm very pound

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Stewart posts third at regional

HERALD Staff Report

OKLAHOMA CITY — Stephanie Stewart, representing the Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team, turned in one of the best performances of her 10-year career Friday to finish third all-around in the Level 10 seniors division at the USA Gymnastics Region III Championships.

The 16-year-old Big Spring High School sophomore took the regional championship in the uneven parallel bars with a 9.675 score and added sixth-place finishes in the vault and floor exercise.

Although Stewart failed to place in the balance beam competition, Sidewinders coach Russ McEwen praised her 9.25 score.

"She was in a position to stick the beam and go on to nationals and that's exactly what she did," McEwen said, already looking ahead to the AAU Junior Olympics gymnastics competition set for April 15-16 in Austin.

"It was just a tremendous meet for Stephanie and that has us really excited about her prospects at nationals," he added. "Her mindset for the meet was a huge factor. She felt good, wasn't having to nurse an injury like she was last year and just went out there and went 4-for-4. It was a great job."

Stewart's scores in the vault and floor exercise were 9.25 and 9.175, respectively, leaving McEwen little room for criticism.

"At this level, you lose tiny fractions of points for minuscule mistakes," he explained. "Stephanie did a tremendous job on every apparatus. There's always room for improvement and we'll be back in the gym this week looking to do just that, but it really was a great performance on her part."

Stewart opened the 1999 season recovering from ankle surgery. Doctors had been forced to remove bone chips and spurs on the bone in much the same fashion they'd done a year earlier on her elbow.

The difference this weekend, however, was that a year ago Stewart was still nursing her injuries, whereas on Friday, she stepped on the floor confident she was ready to turn in her best.

"My routines are as stronger than they've ever been," she explained. "I've added a couple of moves to two of the routines and the others I've just gotten to the point where they're really solid. I've really had time to get them polished this year."

Lady Steers trio sweeps 5-4A tennis championships

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Big Spring's trio of Lady Steers tennis standouts — Kim Dominguez, YuChing Li and Stephanie Lewis — lived up to their billing Saturday during the final rounds of the District 5-4A tennis tournament at the Lee High Tennis Center.

Dominguez, the No. 1 seed in girls' singles, took a 6-3, 7-5 win over San Angelo Lake View's Candace Simpson in the championship match.

Li and Lewis, the tournament's No. 2 seed in girls' doubles behind Andrews' Christy Overbeck and Jana Stein, knocked off the top seeds with a 6-3, 6-2 win in the doubles championship.

As a result, the Lady Steers trio will advance to the Region I, Class 4A tennis tournament slated for April 26-27 at San Angelo State University.

"It was really a good tournament for us," Big Spring coach Ralph Davis said after seeing his seniors dominate the girls' draw. "We did just what we expected and then more on the girls' side and our boys competed well, too. Derek DeHoyos surprised just about everyone except us by finishing fourth in the boys' singles."

DeHoyos, who Davis had tried to have seeded fourth, opened the tournament with a 6-2, 6-4 win over Andrews' Wes Burns and then knocked off No. 4 seed Justin Guy of Snyder 4-6, 6-4, 6-2 before running into top-seeded Brandon Hix of Sweetwater.

Hix took a 6-1, 6-0 win over DeHoyos, putting the young Steers player into the third-place match where he suffered a 6-2, 6-0 loss to second-seeded Will Foster of Andrews.

The Steers' other boys' singles entry, Alex Edgemon opened the tournament with a 7-6, 6-0 win over Sweetwater's Andy Montoya before being eliminated by Fort Stockton's No. 3-seeded Luke Epps.

Dominguez's toughest challenge in the girls' singles came from No. 3 seed Jessica Escue of Lake View, as she was forced to three sets before taking a 6-3, 6-7, 6-3 win.

As the No. 1 singles seed, Dominguez had drawn a bye in the first round and demolished Andrews' Amanda Long 6-1, 6-0 in the quarterfinals.

The Lady Steers' other girls' singles entry, April Ward, opened the tournament with a first-round win over Natalie Alexander of Snyder, rebounding from a disastrous first set for a 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory.

That win, unfortunately, left her in Simpson's path and Ward was eliminated in the second round 6-0, 6-0.

Big Spring's boys' doubles teams suffered first-round losses.

In junior varsity action Saturday, Big Spring's Brian Wingert took the boys' singles championship with a 6-1, 6-1 win over teammate Michael Williamson.

The junior varsity girls' singles saw Big Spring's April Cunningham reach the finals before losing to Andrews' Sarah Snow.

Big Spring's jv doubles teams did not far as well, however.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League

BOSTON RED SOX—Recalled C Creighton Gubanich from Pawtucket of the International League. Activated DH Reggie Jefferson from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned 1B Brian Daubach to Pawtucket. Transferred LHP Brian Barkley from the 15-day to the 60-day disabled list.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Placed RHP Joey Hamilton on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 14. Recalled RHP Nerio Rodriguez from Syracuse of the International League.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Traded RHP Mark Wohlers and cash to the Cincinnati Reds for RHP John Hudek. Assigned RHP Mike Cather to Richmond of the International League. Placed RHP Kerry Ligtenberg on the 60-day disabled list.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Traded RHP Dave Mlicki and RHP Mel Rojas to the Detroit Tigers for RHP Robinson Checo, RHP Apostо Garcia and LHP Richard Roberts. Activated RHP Antonio Osuna from the 15-day disabled list.

NEW YORK METS—Optioned OF Terrence Long to Norfolk of the International League. Recalled C Vance Wilson from Norfolk.

PITTSBURGH PIRATES—Placed RHP Francisco Cordova on 15-day disabled list. Bought the contract of RHP Jim Dougherty from Nashville of the Pacific Coast League. Transferred LHP Jeff Tabaka from 15-day to 60-day disabled list.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Activated C Phil Nevins from the 15-day disabled list. Designated INF Carlos Garcia for assignment.

BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association

ATLANTA HAWKS—Activated G Steve Smith from the injured list.

LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Waived F Dennis Rodman. Activated F-C Travis Knight from the injured list.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Signed G Doug Overton for remainder of season.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

CHICAGO BEARS—Signed WR Bobby Engram, G Chris Villarrial and RB James Allen to one-year contracts.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Signed QB Jay Fiedler.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

ANAHEIM MIGHTY DUCKS—Recalled LW Mike Leclerc from Cincinnati of the AHL.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Announced the retirement of C Wayne Gretzky.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Signed F Steve Kariya.

AL LEADERS

BATTING—Thomas, Chicago, .517; Glaus, Anaheim, .462; Jeter, New York, .462; Vizquel, Cleveland, .455; Stocker, Tampa Bay, .441; Fryman, Cleveland, .424; CDavis, New York, .424.

RUNS—Jeter, New York, 17; Stewart, Toronto, 13; Salmon, Anaheim, 12; Glaus, Anaheim, 11; JCruz, Toronto, 11; CDelgado, Toronto, 11; Knoblauch, New York, 11; RAlomar, Cleveland, 11; WClark, Baltimore, 11.

RBI—Salmon, Anaheim, 15; CDelgado, Toronto, 14; MRamirez, Cleveland, 14; TGreene, Anaheim, 13; O'Neill, New York, 12; IRodriguez, Texas, 11; Belle, Baltimore, 11; Baines, Baltimore, 11.

HITS—Glaus, Anaheim, 18; Jeter, New York, 18; Salmon, Anaheim, 18; Velarde, Anaheim, 17; WClark, Baltimore, 17; ASGonzalez, Toronto, 16; SGreen, Toronto, 16; Offerman, Boston, 16.

DOUBLES—Glaus, Anaheim, 10; Offerman, Boston, 7; Greer, Texas, 6; SGreen, Toronto, 6; Cordero, Cleveland, 6; Lofton, Cleveland, 6; ONeill, New York, 6.

TRIPLES—Jeter, New York, 4; Offerman, Boston, 3; Cairo, Tampa Bay, 2; Lofton, Cleveland, 2; 18 are tied with 1.

HOME RUNS—Jeter, New York, 4; RDavis, Seattle, 4; CDelgado, Toronto, 4; Salmon, Anaheim, 4; Canseco, Tampa Bay, 4; 13 are tied with 3.

STOLEN BASES—Stewart, Toronto, 5; Stocker, Tampa Bay, 4; TGoodwin, Texas, 4; Vizquel, Cleveland, 4; Febles, Kansas City, 3; Cairo, Tampa Bay, 3; Knoblauch, New York, 3; BKAnderson, Baltimore, 3.

PITCHING (2 Decisions)—FrGarcia, Seattle, 2-0, 1.000, 3.65; Colon, Cleveland, 2-0, 1.000, 3.27; Mathews, Oakland, 2-0, 1.000, 1.80; Lloyd, Toronto, 2-0, 1.000, 1.29; Mussina, Baltimore, 2-0, 1.000, 2.45; Olivares, Anaheim, 2-0, 1.000, .63; DWells, Toronto, 2-0, 1.000, 2.45; Cone, New York, 2-0, 1.000, 1.59; Saberhagen, Boston, 2-0, 1.000, .00; Morgan, Texas, 2-0, 1.000, 4.05.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 28; OHernandez, New York, 20; Sele, Texas, 19; Clemens, New York, 17; Mussina, Baltimore, 15; Burba, Cleveland, 15; DWells, Toronto, 15; Moyer, Seattle, 15.

SAVES—Wetteland, Texas, 4; Timlin, Baltimore, 3; RHernandez, Tampa Bay, 3; Gordon, Boston, 3; Taylor, Oakland, 2; Mesa, Seattle, 2; Aguilera, Minnesota, 2.

NL LEADERS

BATTING—Casey, Cincinnati, .484; Gwynn, San Diego, .447; Lieberthal, Philadelphia, .424; McEwing, St. Louis, .414; Aurilia, San Francisco, .409; Klesko, Atlanta, .407; BJordan, Atlanta, .400.

RUNS—Henderson, New York, 12; VGuerrero, Montreal, 11; Kendall, Pittsburgh, 10; Alfonzo, New York, 10; JBell, Arizona, 10; Bonds, San Francisco, 10; Tatis, St. Louis, 9; Aurilia, San Francisco, 9; BJordan, Atlanta, 9.

RBI—Widger, Montreal, 12; Bonds, San Francisco, 12; Ventura, New York, 11; GHill, Chicago, 11; VGuerrero, Montreal, 10; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 10; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 10; JBell, Arizona, 10.

HITS—Aurilia, San Francisco, 18; Gwynn, San Diego, 17; MaWilliams, Arizona, 16; Casey, Cincinnati, 15; Vina, Milwaukee, 15; Ventura, New York, 15; JBell, Arizona, 15.

DOUBLES—Alfonzo, New York, 5; Castilla, Colorado, 5; Olerud, New York, 5; Bonds, San Francisco, 5; 11 are tied with 4.

TRIPLES—Beltre, Los Angeles, 2; Gutierrez, Houston, 2; KYoung, Pittsburgh, 2; 24 are tied with 1.

HOME RUNS—JBell, Arizona, 5; Rolen, Philadelphia, 4; Widger, Montreal, 4; Mondesi, Los Angeles, 4; Burnitz, Milwaukee, 4; LGonzalez, Arizona, 4; GHill, Chicago, 4; Bonds, San Francisco, 4; McGwire, St. Louis, 4.

STOLEN BASES—EYoung, Los Angeles, 9; Biggio, Houston, 4; 11 are tied with 3.

PITCHING (2 Decisions)—11 are tied with 1.000.

STRIKEOUTS—RaJohnson, Arizona, 34; Reynolds, Houston, 24; Schilling, Philadelphia, 21; KBrown, Los Angeles, 21; ALeiter, New York, 18; Smoltz, Atlanta, 16; Schmidt, Pittsburgh, 15; Lieber, Chicago, 15; Stottlemyre, Arizona, 15.

SAVES—Wagner, Houston, 4; Nen, San Francisco, 4; Brantley, Philadelphia, 4; Shaw, Los Angeles, 3; JFranco, New York, 3; Urbina, Montreal, 2; Acevedo, St. Louis, 2; Veres, Colorado, 2; Beck, Chicago, 2.

MAJOR LEAGUE STANDINGS

American League
Saturday's results not included

East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	7	3	.700	—
Boston	6	3	.667	1/2
Toronto	7	4	.636	1/2
Tampa Bay	5	6	.455	21/2
Baltimore	3	7	.300	4
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Cleveland	7	1	.875	—
Kansas City	4	5	.444	31/2
Minnesota	4	5	.444	31/2
Chicago	3	6	.333	41/2
Detroit	3	7	.300	5
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
Anaheim	6	5	.545	—
Texas	6	5	.545	—
Oakland	5	6	.455	1
Seattle	4	7	.364	2

Friday's Games
Tampa Bay 6, Boston 2
Toronto 7, Baltimore 6
Minnesota at Cleveland, ppd., rain
Detroit 8, New York 1
Kansas City 7, Chicago 2
Anaheim 9, Seattle 5
Oakland 8, Texas 2
Saturday's Games
Boston 8, Tampa Bay 5
Cleveland 5, Minnesota 1
Detroit 3, New York 1
Chicago 6, Kansas City 5
Toronto 7, Baltimore 4
Oakland 11, Texas 3
Seattle at Anaheim (n)
Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Witt 1-0) at Boston (Rapp 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Guzman 0-1) at Toronto (Hamilton 0-2), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Lincoln 0-2) at Cleveland (Burba 1-0), 12:05 p.m.
New York (Mendoza 1-0) at Detroit (Grateral 0-1), 12:05 p.m.
Chicago (Baldwin 1-1) at Kansas City (Barber 1-0), 1:05 p.m.
Texas (Morgan 2-0) at Oakland (Oquist 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Seattle (Hinchliffe 0-0) at Anaheim (Sparks 0-2), 7:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
Tampa Bay at Boston, 10:05 a.m.
Minnesota at Kansas City, 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

National League East Division	W	L	Pct.	GB
Atlanta	6	3	.667	—
New York	7	4	.636	—
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	11/2
Montreal	5	6	.455	2
Florida	3	7	.300	31/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
St. Louis	6	3	.667	—
Houston	5	5	.500	11
Chicago	4	5	.444	2
Cincinnati	4	5	.444	2
Pittsburgh	4	5	.444	2
Milwaukee	4	6	.400	21/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
San Francisco	7	4	.636	—
Los Angeles	6	5	.545	1
San Diego	5	5	.500	11/2
Arizona	5	6	.455	2
Colorado	3	5	.375	21/2

Friday's Games
Chicago 9, Milwaukee 4
Philadelphia 17, Florida 3
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 5
Montreal 6, New York 4
St. Louis 5, Houston 3
Atlanta at Colorado, ppd., snow
Arizona 10, San Francisco 4
San Diego 3, Los Angeles 0
Saturday's Games
Pittsburgh 7, Cincinnati 6, 10 innings
New York 3, Montreal 2
Milwaukee 5, Chicago 4
Colorado 5, Atlanta 4
San Francisco 8, Arizona 5
Florida at Philadelphia (n)
St. Louis at Houston (n)
Los Angeles at San Diego (n)
Today's Games
Pittsburgh (Schourek 0-1) at Cincinnati (Avery 1-1), 12:15 p.m.
Florida (Ojala 0-0) at Philadelphia (Loewer 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Montreal (Vasquez 0-1) at New York (Watson 1-0), 12:40 p.m.
Chicago (Mulholland 0-0) at Milwaukee (Woodard 1-1), 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Osborne 0-1) at Houston (Hampton 1-1), 1:35 p.m.
Atlanta (Maddux 1-0) at Colorado (Astacio 0-1), 2:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Ortiz 1-1) at Arizona (Reynoso 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Valdes 1-0) at San Diego (Williams 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
St. Louis at Milwaukee, 6:05 p.m.
Montreal at Colorado, 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at Arizona, 9:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at San Diego, 9:05 p.m.
Florida at San Francisco, 9:05 p.m.
Atlanta at Los Angeles, 9:10 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NBA

Friday's Games
Washington 87, Chicago 70
Cleveland 91, Toronto 90, OT
Atlanta 91, Orlando 79
Philadelphia 93, Indiana 83
Detroit 80, New York 71
Boston 82, Miami 81
Minnesota 89, Vancouver 75
Charlotte 95, Milwaukee 94
San Antonio 81, Portland 80
Phoenix 92, Dallas 85
L.A. Clippers 86, Golden State 83
New Jersey 121, Seattle 91
Saturday's Games
Charlotte 98, Cleveland 82
Toronto 93, New York 90
Portland at Dallas (n)
L.A. Lakers at Utah (n)
Denver at Sacramento (n)
Today's Games
Boston at Washington, 11:30 a.m.
Philadelphia at New Jersey, 11:30 a.m.
Detroit at Orlando, 2 p.m.
Golden State at Vancouver, 2 p.m.
Seattle at Phoenix, 2 p.m.
Indiana at Miami, 4:30 p.m.
Houston at San Antonio, 4:30 p.m.
Milwaukee at Chicago, 7 p.m.
Utah at Minnesota, 7 p.m.
Denver at L.A. Clippers, 8 p.m.
Monday's Games
Orlando at Toronto, 6 p.m.
New York at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Charlotte at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Cleveland, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Boston, 7 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

NHL

Friday's Games
Carolina 2, Tampa Bay 2, tie
New Jersey 3, Philadelphia 2, OT
Edmonton 5, Colorado 1
Los Angeles 2, San Jose 0
Saturday's Games
Boston 2, Buffalo 1
N.Y. Islanders 7, Pittsburgh 2
Phoenix 2, Dallas 0
Toronto at Montreal (n)
Ottawa at Carolina (n)
Tampa Bay at Florida (n)
Detroit at Chicago (n)
New Jersey at Nashville (n)
Calgary at Edmonton (n)
Anaheim at San Jose (n)
Today's Games
Washington at Buffalo, 2 p.m.
Pittsburgh at N.Y. Rangers, 2 p.m.
Boston at Philadelphia, 2 p.m.
Dallas at Colorado, 2 p.m.
St. Louis at Los Angeles, 2 p.m.
End Regular Season

TEXAS LEAGUE

Friday's Games
Tulsa 6, Arkansas 3
El Paso 7, San Antonio 3
Shreveport 3, Jackson 2
Wichita 12, Midland 5
Saturday's Games
Tulsa at Arkansas (n)
San Antonio at El Paso (n)
Jackson at Shreveport (n)
Midland at Wichita, 2 (n)
Today's Game
San Antonio at El Paso
Only game scheduled

SOCCER

Saturday's Games
Columbus at New England (n)
San Jose at DC United (n)
Los Angeles at Chicago (n)
Kansas City at Colorado (n)
Today's Game
Tampa Bay at Dallas, 4 p.m.

RODEO LEADERS

Through April 12
ALL-AROUND COWBOY
1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, $70,850. 2. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., $31,884. 3. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., $31,585. 4. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, $24,906. 5. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, $24,451. 6. Ty Murray, Stephenville, Texas, $23,957. 7. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, $22,074; 8. T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okla., $21,508. 9. Trevor Brazile, Childress, Texas, $19,429. 10. Kurt Goulding, Duncan, Okla., $18,822. 11. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, $14,585. 12. B.J. Zieffle, Consort, Alberta, $9,817. 13. Todd Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., $7,227.
SADDLE BRONC RIDING
1. Rod Hay, Wildwood, Alberta, $39,081. 2. Dean Schlattmann, Basin, Wyo., $28,184. 3. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., $26,400. 4. Dan Mortensen, Manhattan, Mont., $23,369. 5. Ira Slagowski, Carlin, Nev., $21,182. 6. Bobby Griswold, Moore, Okla., $19,593. 7. Steve Dollarhide, Wikieup, Ariz., $18,516. 8. Billy Etbauer, Ree Heights, S.D., $18,094. 9. Ryan Elshere, New Underwood, S.D., $18,076. 10. Rod Warren, Water Valley, Alberta, $16,941.
BAREBACK RIDING
1. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, $31,657. 2. Jeffrey Collins, Redfield, Kan., $26,532. 3. Chris Harris, Arlington, Texas, $23,145. 4. Eric Mouton, Weatherford, Okla., $22,277. 5. Kelly Wardell, Bellevue, Idaho, $19,366. 6. Denny McLanahan, Canadian, Texas, $18,897. 7. Jason Wylie, Stanchfield, Minn., $18,213. 8. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., $16,900. 9. Mark Gomes, Nickerson, Kan., $16,737. 10. Eric Swenson, Bonham, Texas, $16,414.
BULL RIDING
1. Gregory Potter, Weatherford, Texas, $28,293. 2. Cody Hancock, Taylor, Ariz., $21,006. 3. Myron Duarte, Auburn, Wash., $19,927. 4. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, $19,122. 5. Francis Wilson, Sidney, Neb., $18,711. 6. Josh O'Byrne, Animas, N.M., $18,264. 7. Rex Phillips, Elko, Nev., $17,500. 8. Vince Stanton, Weiser, Idaho, $17,412. 9. Mike Moore, Wellington, Colo., $16,942. 10. Chad Castillo, Tucson, Ariz., $15,956.
CALF ROPING
1. Fred Whitfield, Hockley, Texas, $61,923. 2. Cody Ohl, Stephenville, Texas, $37,092. 3. Blair Burk, Durant, Okla., $34,444. 4. Johnny Emmons, Grandview, Texas, $24,992. 5. Tony Reina, Wharton, Texas, $23,331. 6. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., $22,355. 7. Ricky Hyde, Conway, Ark., $20,483. 8. Jerome Schneeberger, Pond City, Ohio, $20,192. 9. Ronnie Hyde, Bloomington, Ind., $19,605. 10. David Lawson, Newcastle, Okla., $18,337.
STEER WRESTLING
1. Rope Myers, Van, Texas, $33,733. 2. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, $25,672. 3. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La., $23,298. 4. Randy Suhn, Laramie, Wyo., $21,081. 5. Jason Lahr, Emporia, Kan., $20,171. 6. Byron Walker, Ennis, Texas, $19,680. 7. T.W. Snyder, Colbert, Okla., $17,915. 8. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., $17,419. 9. Mike Smith, Baton Rouge, La., $17,419. 10. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, $16,936.
TEAM ROPING (HEADING)
1. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., $23,508. 2. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., $23,303. 3. Daniel Green, Oakdale, Calif., $21,657. 4. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, $17,980. 5. David Motes, Fresno, Calif., $15,742; 6. Kevin Stewart, Glen Rose, Texas, $15,694. 7. Turtle Powell, Alpine, Texas, $14,968. 8. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., $13,891. 9. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., $13,476. 10. Steve Purcella, Hereford, Texas, $12,794.
TEAM ROPING (HEELING)
1. Britt Bockius, Claremore, Okla., $23,508. 2. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, $23,303. 3. Allen Bach, Turlock, Calif., $21,657. 4. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, $17,980. 5. Wayne Folmer, Stephenville, Texas, $17,959. 6. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, $15,694. 7. John Paul Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, $14,968. 8. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Bandera, Texas, $14,074. 9. Monty Joe Petska, Turlock, Calif., $13,476. 10. J.D. Yates, Pueblo, Colo., $12,824.
BARREL RACING
1. Sherry Cervi, Midland, Texas, $41,026. 2. Janet Stover, Decatur, Texas., $26,205. 3. Jamie Richards, Kennewick, Wash., $20,675. 4. Talina Bird, Post, Texas, $20,374. 5. Ruth Haislip, Acampo, Calif., $19,896. 6. Rachael Myllymaki, Arlee, Mont., $17,613. 7. Charmayne James, Stephenville, Texas, $15,225. 8. Liz Loeffler, Poteet, Texas, $15,217. 9. Gail Hillman, Waller, Texas, $14,029. 10. Monica Wilson, Cardston, Alberta, $13,603.

LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

GUYS & DOLLS
WEEK 31

RESULTS-Dell's Cafe over Hesters Mechanical 8-0, Jim's over Big Spring State Park 8-0, Karat Patch over BSI 6-2, Greenhouse Photography over Head Hunters Beauty Salon 6-2; hi sc game men Robert Beaty 247; hi sc game women Velma Campbell 184; hi sc series men Thomas Daily 619; hi sc series women Velma Campbell 517; hi hdcp game men Robert Beaty 279; hi hdcp game women Kathrine Smith 217; hi hdcp series men Thomas Daily 712; hi hdcp series women Kathrine Smith 613; hi sc team game Head Hunter Beauty Salon 722; hi hdcp team game Karat Patch 1986; hi sc team series Head Hunters Beauty Salon 722; hi hdcp team series Greenhouse Photography 2446.

STANDINGS-Jim's 158-90, Big Spring State Park 134-114, Karat Patch 125-123, Dell's Cafe 124-124, BSI 119-129, Hesters Mechanical 114-134, Greenhouse Photography 110-138, Head Hunters Beauty Salon 108-149.

MENS MAJOR
WEEK 30

RESULTS-Bob Brock Ford over Rainbow Home Improvement 8-0, BSFD+1 over BSI 5-3, A&B Poleline over Trio Fuels 6-2, Parks Convenience over Team 12 8-0, O'Daniel Trucking over Collums Reataurant 6-2, Parks Agency over Mason's Roofing 6-2; hi sc series Jackie Lecroy 700, Jerald Burgess 649, Lee Everett 617; hi sc game Jackie Lecroy 255, John Foster 249, Larry Cole 246; hi sc tea series Bob Brock Ford 2999, Parks Agency 2886, BSFD+1 2750; hi sc team game Bob Brock Ford 1023, Parks Agency 1011, BSI 96; hi hdcp series Jackie Lecroy 757, Larry Cole 735, Lee Everett 728; hi hdcp game Larry Cole 293, Jackie Lecroy 274, Walter Little 268; hi sc team series Bob Brock Ford 3413, BSFD+1 3401, BSI 3320; hi hdcp team game BSFD+1 1176, BSI 1171, Bob Brock Ford 1161.

STANDINGS- Parks Agency 162-78, Collums Restaurant 160-80, Bob Brock Ford 146-94, Trio Fuels 138-102, O'Daniel Trucking 134-106, A&B Poleline 126-114, Parks Convenience 125-114, BSI 122-118, Mason's Roofing 112-128, BSFD+1 103-137, Bainbow Improvement 100-140, Team 12 10-230.

VA COUPLES
WEEK 30

RESULTS- Team two over Team three 8-0, Team one over Team ten 8-0, Team seven over Team six 6-2, Team eight over Team nine 6-2, Team four over Team five 6-2; hi sc team series Team seven 2021, Team four 2005, Team two 1939; hi sc team game Ream seven 719, Team nine 714, Team four 694; hi sc series men Manuel Gutierrez 606, Jerry Bacon 582, Rick Hill 577; hi sc game men Rick Hill 235, Gene Richard 226, Manuel Gutierrez 226; hi sc series women Lavonne Brumley 575, Brenda McCright 497, Karen Albano 496; hi sc game women Brenda Mc Cright 205, Lavonne Brumley 198, Jan Graham 187; hi hdcp team series Team four 2455, Team seven 2444, Team five 2403; hi hdcp team game Team seven 860, team five 852, Team four 844; hi hdcp series men Manuel Gutierrez 672, Jerry Bacon 657, Rick Hill 652; hi hdcp game men Rick Hill 260, Gene Richard 251, Manuel Gutierrez 248; hi hdcp series women Lavonne Brumley 671, Jo Anne Cordova 638, Brenda McCright 626; hi hdcp game women Brenda McCright 248, Lavonne Brumley 230, Jan Graham 230.

STANDINGS- Team six 162-78, Team seven 154-86, Team two 145-95, Team four 140-92, Team eight 132-100, Team nine 138-112, Team one 128-112, Team five 99-141, Team three 84-156, Team ten 10-230.

PINPOPPERS
WEEK 31

RESULTS-Hair Designs by Randy over VFW 8-0, Misfits over Guys Restaurant 6-2, Dixie Chicks over Health Food Store 8-0, Petty Farms over Kuykendall 8-0, Perco Car Care over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2; hi sc series Jerry Burchell 538, Bernadine Sealy 523; hi sc game Jerry Burchell 221, Betty Gibson 202; hi sc team serie Hair Designs by Randy 2024, Perco Care Care 1815; hi sc team game Hair Designs by Randy 705, Perco Care Care 638; hihdcp series Charlene Cook 666, Jerry Burchell 646; hi hdcp game Jerry Burchell 257, Charlene Cook 249; hi hdcp team series Hair Designs by Randy 2444, Perco Cre Care 2382; hi hdcp team game Hair Designs by Randy 845, Perco Car Care 827.

STANDINGS-Hair Designs by Randy 169-79, VFW 150-98, Petty Farms 149-101, Perco Car Care 123-125, Bowl-A-Rama 123-125, Kuykendall 119-129, Guys Restaurant 113-135, Misfits 102-146, Dixie Chicks 99-149, Health food Store 93-155.

PINPOPPERS
WEEK 32

RESULTS-Perco Car Case over Misfits 6-2, Hair Designs by Randy over Kuykendall 8-0, Petty Farms over Bowl-A-Rama 6-2, Health Food Store over VFW 8-0, Guys Restaurant over Dixie Chicks 6-2; hi sc series Betty Daily 588, Velma Campbell 527; hi sc game Betty Daily 210, Rene Cave 200; hi sc team series Hair Designs by Randy 1960, Perco Car Care 1845; hi sc team game Hair Designs by Randy 691, Misfits 654; hi hdcp series Betty Daily 711, Sue Russell 650; hi hdcp game Betty Daily 251, Sue Russell 244; hi hdcp team series Perco Car Care 2397, Petty Farms 2386; hi hdcp team game Misfits 854, Perco Car Care 831.

STANDINGS-Hair Designs by Randy 177-79, Petty Farms 155-103, VFW 150-106, Perco Car Care 129-127, Bowl-A-Rama 125-131, Guys Restaurant 119-127, Kuykendall 119-137, Misfits 104-152, Health Food Store 101-155, Dixie Chicks 101-155.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 30

RESULTS-Scaltech over Ghost 8-0, The Pimps over Los Guys 8-0, Monostat 5 over Eye Ball Records 6-2, Wolfpack over Top Dogs 6-2, Tejano Bad Boys tied Allans Furniture 0-0; hi sc series John Oliva 649, John Paul Foster 648, Joey Gutierrez 643; hi sc game Armando Gutierrez 255, Neal Anderson 246, John Paul foster 236; hi sc team series Scaltech 2797, The Pimps 2785, Wolfpack 2686; hi sc team game Scaltech 978, Wolfpack 958, The Pimps 955; hi hdcp series Joey Gutierrez 703, John Oliva 694, Weldon walker 690; hi hdcp game Armando Gutierrez 263, Neal Anderson 260, Jeremy Smith 258; hi hdcp team series Scaltech 2105, The Pimps 3103, Wolfpack 3076; hi hdcp team game Scaltech 1114, Wolfpack 1088, Scaltech 1065.

STANDINGS-Top Dogs 152-88, The Pimps 150-90, Scaltech 147-93, Allans Furniture 142-90, Los Guys 132-108, Eye Ball Records 112-128, Tejano Bad Boys 108-124, Wolfpack 101-139, Monostat 5 84-156, Ghost 60-180.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS
WEEK 31

RESULTS-Top Dogs over Monostat 5 8-0, Eye Ball Records tied Tejano Bad Boys 4-4, Scaltech tied Los Guys 4-4, Allans Furniture over Ghost 8-0, The Pimps tied Wolfpack 4-4; hi sc series Jackie Lecroy 701, Jerald Burgess 644, John Oliva 643; hi sc game John Paul Foster 290, John Oliva 249, Jackie Lecroy 246; hi sc team series Top Dogs 2749, The Pimps 2547, Tejano Bad Boys 2530; hi sc team game Scaltech 954, Top Dogs 944, Top Dogs 928; hi hdcp series Jackie Lecroy 704, Aaron Bogard 692, John Oliva 685; hi hdcp game John Paul Foster 293, Aaron Bogard 264, John Oliva 263; hi hdcp team series Top Dogs 3145, Tejano Bad Boys 2992, Monostat 5 2895; hi hdcp team game Scaltech 1087, Top Dogs 1076, Tejano Bad Boys 1063.

STANDINGS- Top Dogs 160-88, The Pimps 154-94, Scaltech 151- 97, Allans Furniture 150-90, Los Guys 136-112, Eye Ball Records 116-132, Tejano Bad Boys 112-128, Wolfpack 105-143, Monostat 5 84-164, Ghost 60-188.

WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
WEEK 30

RESULTS- Back-N-Action over Slow Starters 6-2, Arrow Refrigeration over Western Auto 6-2, Fiesta Dodge over Loan Stars 6-2, Comet Cleaners over Lulu's Family 6-2, Robertson Body Shop over Bowlarama Pro Shop 6-2, American State Bank over BSI 8-0, Allan's Furniture split with A Timeless Design 4-4, Big Spring Music over Spanky's 6-2, Alley Cats over H&R Block 6-2, M&M'S over KC Steak House 6-2, The Astros (postponed)-Morehead Transfer (unopposed); hi sc game men Junior Barber 233, hi sc series Junior Barber 664; hi hdcp game men Mike Short 301, hi hdcp series men Junior Barber 745; hi sc game women Peggy Huckabee 217, hi sc series women Joycee Davis 624, hi hdcp game women Peggy Huckabee 265; hi hdcp series women Joycee Davis 714; hi sc team game American State Bank 655; hi sc team series American State Bank 1781; hi hdcp team game American State Bank 753; hi hdcp team series American State Bank 2075.

STANDINGS-Arrow Refrigeration 161-79, Loan Stars 147-93, Comet Cleaners 146-94, American State Bank 139-101, Big Spring Music 132-104, KC Steakhouse 131-105, Robertson Body Shop 129-111, Allan's Furniture 124-116, H&R Block (postponed) 122-110, Spanky's 116-124, Back-N-Action 112-128, Slow Starters 112-128, Western Auto 111-129, A Timeless Design 110-130, BSI (unopposed) 105-119, The Astros (postponed) 103-127, Fiesta Dodge (postponed) 101-131, Lulu's Family 93-123, M&M's 89-151, Morehead Transfer (unopposed) 81-151; Bowlarama Pro Shop 62-50; Alley Cats 54-58.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS-White Motor [illegible] Stanton over Hardison Appliance 8-0, [illegible] Dirt Co. over Cowboy's 8-0, KC Steak [illegible] over Scurry Rentals 8-0, BSI over Carlos Restaurant 8-0, Ups & Down over A Timeless Design 6-2, Morris Robertson Body Shop over Tonn Cleaners 6-2, Dub's Wonders tied Parks Agency, Inc. 4-4, Double R Cattle Co (unopposed)-Professional Health Care (postponed); hi sc game men David Cruz 240; hi sc game women Lanelle Witt 214; hi sc series men Novin Hamlin 663; hi sc series women Lanelle Witt 594; hi hdcp game men David Cruz 276; hi hdcp game women Lanelle Witt 267; hi hdcp series men David Cruz 754; hi hdcp series women Lanelle Witt 753; hi sc team game White Motor Co. Stanton 752; hi hdcp team game LG Nix Dirt Co 916; hi sc team series White Motor Co. Stanton 2186; hi hdcp team series White Motor Co. Stanton 2630.

STANDINGS- White Motor Co. Stanton 154-102, BSI 149-107, KC Steakhouse 144-112, Hardison Appliance 144-112, Ups & Downs 132-122, A Timeless Design 132-124, Morris Robertson Body Shop 130-126, Double R Cattle Co. 129-119, Parks Agency, Inc 128-128, Scurry Rentals 126-130, LG Nix Dirt Co. 118-138, Tonn Cleaners 118-138, Dub's Wonders 113-143, Carlos' Restaurant 109-147, Professional Health Care 109-139, Cowboy's 103-153.

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Mustangs wrap up 5-4A golf crown; Rodriguez qualifies for regional

HERALD Staff Report

SWEETWATER — Andrews' Mustangs posted a team total of 301 on the Sweetwater Country Club layout Saturday to win the District 5-4A boys' golf championship going away.

The Mustangs, who entered the final round of the 54-hole tournament with a 10-stroke lead over San Angelo Lake View, were led by district medalist Brad Gibson, who finished with a 72-75-71, 218.

The best Lake View could muster was a round of 303 Saturday, giving hem a 923 total, while Andrews' No. 2 team finished third in the field of 12 teams with a 955 total. Fort Stockton was fourth with a 959 total and Big Spring's Steers were fifth at 972.

Sweetwater's host team finished sixth with a 982 total, while Snyder was seventh at 991.

The Steers posted a final round of 324, led by Rudy Gamboa's 78 and Sammy Rodriguez's 79. Heath Bailey finished the round with an 83, while Richard Gaitan posted an 84 and Jamie Womble finished at 92.

Rodriguez, despite his final 79, finished third in the medalist standings with a 230 total and joins Sweetwater's Shane Mercer as the district's two individuals that will join players from Andrews and Lake View at the Region I, Class 4A golf tournament April 26-27 at the Bentwood Country Club in San Angelo.

Big Spring's No. 2 team finished 10th in the field with a 1,064 total following Saturday's final round of 357. That squad was paced by Jarrod Simmons' strong round of 76 that left him with a 243 total and 21st overall in the individual standings.

Josh Long added a round of 92 to leave him with a 272 total, while Zach Hall finished with a 94 that put him at 271. Will Conley rounded out the No. 2 team's scores with a 95 and 305 total.

Three Big Spring players were entered for medalist honors only. Chris Bravo finished with an 89 and a 287 total, while Jacob Garcia carded a 92 to finish with a 306. Richard Key closed the tournament with a 106 to finish with a 322 total.

Rounding out the team field, Lake View's No. 2 team posted a 342 Saturday to finish eighth overall at 1,048, while Fort Stockton's No. 2 finished with a 350 and a 1,054 total for ninth. Snyder's No. 2 team was 11th with a 1,137 total, while Sweetwater's No. 2 squad finished at 1,146.

Buffs wrap up 3-2A track championship

HERALD Staff Report

STANTON — It was nothing short of a runaway Friday, as Stanton's Buffaloes piled up 222 points on their home track to take the District 3-2A boys' track and field championship.

The Buffs finished 113 points ahead of runner-up Tahoka in the boys' division, while Seagraves was a distant third with 78 points.

Coahoma's Bulldogs finished sixth in the field, managing just 22 points. But their female counterparts fared much better in a highly competitive girls field.

The Bulldogettes scored 91 points to finish third in the girls' field behind Post's Lady Antelopes and Plains' Cowgirls. Stanton's Lady Buffs tied with Tahoka for fourth, both managing 82 points.

Stanton chalked up five wins in the boys' division, Adrian Hernandez leading the way by taking first place in the 100 meters with an 11.00 clocking and then joining Kyle Herm, Jeremy Hull and Austin Kelly to win the 400-meter relay with a time of 44.16 seconds.

The Buffs other wins came in the 1,600 meters where Aaron Hernandez posted a 4:51.54 clocking; the long jumper where Maurice Martinez posted a leap of 21-61/4; and the discus where Jeremy Smith finished with a throw of 141-51/2.

Coahoma's best finish in the boys' division came in the 400-meter relay where the Bulldogs were second with a time of 45.22 seconds.

The Lady Buffs' only win in the girls' division came from Jonna Moore in the 3,200 meters. She finished with a time of 13:00.52.

Rachel Williams paced the Bulldogettes' showing, winning both the long jump and the 400 meters. She posted a 15-10 leap in the long jump and was clocked at 1:01.84 in the 400.

Coahoma's foursome of Williams, Kortney Kemper, Brandie Hart and Leanne Smith also took the 800-meter relay championship with a 1:48.86 clocking.

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DISTRICT 3-2A TRACK
BOYS

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Stanton 222; 2. Tahoma 109; 3. Seagraves 78; 4. Plains 70; 5. Post 52; 6. Coahoma 22.

3,200 — 1. Felipe Reyna, Plains, 10:35.59; 2. Aaron Hernandez, Stanton, 11:05.81; 3. J.D. Ramos, Stanton, 11:06.90.

400 RELAY — 1. Stanton 44.16; 2. Coahoma 45.22; 3. Plains 45.25.

800 — 1. Larry Davis, Tahoka, 2:05.51; 2. Julio Cazares, Stanton, 2:08.44; 3. Moses Gallegos, Seagraves, 2:13.37.

110 HURDLES — 1. Brady Raindl, Tahoka, 15.45; 2. Justin Cobb, Stanton, 15.55; 3. John Randle, Post, 16.59.

100 — 1. Adrian Hernandez, Stanton, 11.00; 2. Kyle Herm, Stanton, 11.12; 3. Austin Kelly, Stanton, 11.37.

400 — 1. Mario Luna, Tahoka, 52.10; 2. Jared Bell, Plains, 52.47; 3. David Cunningham, Stanton, 53.80.

300 HURDLES — 1. Brady Raindl, Tahoka, 41.74; 2. Carl Cavaros, Seagraves, 42.51; 3. Blu Tidwell, Seagraves, 44.16.

200 — 1. Larry Davis, Tahoka, 23.06; 2. Jeremy Hull, Stanton, 23.19; 3. Adrian Hernandez, 23.58.

1,600 — 1. Aaron Hernandez, Stanton, 4:51.54; 2. Felipe Reyna, Plains, 4:52.64; 3. Julio Cazares, Stanton, 4:49.53.

1,600 RELAY — 1. Tahoka 3:29.80; 2. Stanton (Rory Payne, Brady Cook, David Cunningham, Jeremy Hull) 3:32.43; 3. Plains 3:38.53.

POLE VAULT — 1. Eduardo Gallegos, Seagraves, 11-6; 2. Carl Cavazos, Seagraves, 11-6; 3. John Radle, Post, 11-0.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Daniel Webb, Seagraves, 6-4; 2. Justin Cobb, Stanton, 6-2; 3. Terry Bryant, Seagraves, 6-2.

SHOT PUT — 1. Billy Crawford, Post, 48-83/4; 2. Jeremy Smith, Stanton, 48-5; 3. Josh Bell, Plains, 42-113/4.

LONG JUMP — 1. Maurice Martinez, Stanton, 21-61/4; 2. Larry Davis, Tahoka, 21-31/4; 3. Kyle Herm, Stanton, 20-71.4.

DISCUS — 1. Jeremy Smith, Stanton, 141-5; 2. Steven Bunch, Plains, 130-61/2; 3. Chad Smith, Stanton, 129-5.

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Larry Davis, Tahoka, 42-71/2; 2. Justin Cobb, Stanton, 41-31/2; 3. Mario Luna, Tahoka, 40-51/2.

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GIRLS

TEAM RESULTS: 1. Post 154; 2. Plains 116; 3. Coahoma 91; 4. (tie) Stanton and Tahoka 82; 6. Seagraves 42.

3,200 — 1. Jonna Moore, Stanton, 13:00.53; 2. Meranda Hernandez, Post, 13:02.23; 3. Amanda Garcia, Plains, 13:22.16.

400 RELAY — 1. Post 51.71; 2. Coahoma 52.07; 3. Plains 52.10.

800 — 1. Sarah Hawthorn, Tahoka, 2:41.10; 2. Lisa Parrish, Plains, 2:41.14; 3. Micaela Villa, Stanton, 2:41.24.

100 HURDLES — 1. Dianna Williams, Post, 15.62; 2. Kelly Moore, Post, 15.75; 3. Tancy DeLeon, Tahoka, 17.18.

100 — 1. Rhonda Thompson, Post, 12.98; 2. Brandi Hart, Coahoma, 13.05; 3. Condra Wilson, Seagraves, 13.13.

800 RELAY — 1. Coahoma 1:48.86; 2. Tahoka, 1:52.32; 3. Post 1:52.54.

400 — 1. Rachel Williams, Coahoma, 1:01.84; 2. Chelsea White, Tahoka, 1:04.20; 3. Quenishia Griffen, Seagraves, 1:06.15.

300 HURDLES — 1. Kristen Gray, Plains, 46.68; 2. Kelly Moore, Post, 47.85; 3. Rachel Madison, Stanton, 50.52.

200 — 1. Manuela Hernandez, Post, 27.55; 2. Michaela Traweek, Plains, 27.56; 3. Quenisha Griffen, Seagraves, 27.97.

1,600 — 1. Wendy Hernandez, Plains, 6:03.04; 2. Amanda Garcia, Plains, 6:04.88; 3. Jonna Moore, Stanton, 6:09.41.

1,600 RELAY — 1. Post 4:13.60; 2. Plains 4:23.82; 3. Stanton.

SHOT PUT — 1. Kayla Redman, Plains, 43-4; 2. Suzanna Wood, Coahoma, 30-11; 3. LaRinda Ledbetter, Post, 29-71/4.

DISCUS — 1. LaRinda Ledbetter, Post, 93-4; 2. Lauren Nichols, Coahoma, 89-4; 3. Brandy Allred, Stanton, 87-11.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Kayla Redman, Plains, 5-0; 2. Condra Wilson, Seagraves, 5-0; 3. Kortney Kemper, Coahoma, 4-10.

LONG JUMP — 1. Rachel Williams, Coahoma, 15-10; 2. Rhonda Thompson, Post, 15-2; 3. Rachel Madison, Stanton, 15-11/2.

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Quenisha Griffen, Seagraves, 35-5; 2. Julie Adams, Stanton, 34-0; 3. Courtney Stennett, Tahoka, 33-11/2.

Cowboys' first pick is again a defensive end

IRVING (AP) — For the fourth time in six years, the Dallas Cowboys on Saturday made a defensive end their first pick in the NFL draft.

The Cowboys moved up from the 22nd spot to the 20th position in a trade with Seattle to take Ebenezer Ekuban, who is from North Carolina like last year's first round pick, Greg Ellis. Dallas gave up a fifth round pick.

Dallas needed defensive line help because of the uncertainty surrounding tackle Leon Lett. NFL sources say Lett has failed a drug test for the third time.

Dallas looked for more defensive help in the third round by taking linebacker Dat Nguyen, the Lombardi Award winner from Texas A&M. Nguyen, who set an A&M record for tackles, is undersized at 5-foot-11 and 234 pounds, but the Cowboys believe the All-American can help on special teams and perhaps develop into another Zach Thomas, who became a star at Miami despite his small size.

The Cowboys also helped their defense by signing former Indianapolis Colt and Texas A&M linebacker Quentin Coryatt to a three-year contract on Saturday. He missed last year because of shoulder problems.

Dallas also extended the contract of veteran fullback Daryl Johnston, who took a pay cut so he could fit into the Cowboys' salary-cap structure.

The 6-foot-3, 281-pound Ekuban played tight end his first two years at North Carolina but was moved to defensive end, where he used his 4.63 speed to become one of the fastest pass rushers in the country. He had seven sacks for the Tarheels last year.

"I think my greatest asset is my speed," Ekuban said. "I think the Cowboys got me for my speed off the corner. I still have a lot to learn but I believe I can bring some heat."

Ekuban said he learned a lot from Ellis, who paced the Dallas defensive linemen with 63 tackles last year.

"He helped me a lot at Carolina," said Ekuban, a native of Ghana. "Maybe we can meet at the quarterback like we did in college."

Dallas owner Jerry Jones said Lett's problems didn't cause the Cowboys to pick Ekuban.

"The story on Leon didn't impact this decision in any way," Jones said. "Ekuban was high on our board and that's why we took him. We think he can help us."

Dallas coach Chan Gailey said he liked Ekuban's potential as a pass rusher.

"He's got a burst off the corner," Gailey said. "He brings a lot of intensity to the ballfield."

Defensive coordinator Dave Campo said he was pleased with the pick.

"No question our defense is built on speed," Campo said. "We've been hearing from the media how we need a pass rusher. Now we have a chance to have a good one."

The Cowboys took Kavika Pittman as the first pick in 1996 and he started at rush defensive end last year. He had a team-high six sacks.

In 1994, Dallas took defensive end Shante Carver in the first round and he turned out to be a bust and is no longer in the NFL.

Since Charles Haley retired from the Cowboys, their pass rush has become almost nonexistent.

Gailey also was happy over the signing of former first round pick Coryatt, who will play strongside linebacker.

"I just know he was a pain when we played against him at Pittsburgh," Gailey said. "I'm just glad he's on our side. He's a big strong guy and he can help our pass rush."

As for Johnston, Gailey said, "I'm really glad to have him back. He's a veteran player who knows our offense."

The Cowboys also helped themselves offensively this week by signing center Mark Stepnoski and wide receiver Raghib Ismail.

"We had a great draft before the draft," Gailey said. "Jerry did a great job putting us in position for this draft with his free agent signings."

In the second round with the 55th pick in the draft, Dallas opted to beef up its offensive line with 6-foot-4, 306-pound Soloman Page of West Virginia.

Page, who has been timed at 5.17 in the 40-yard dash, had one year of eligibility left with the Mountaineers but decided to come out early.

Ditka gets Williams like he wanted

NEW YORK (AP) — The rap against Heisman Trophy winner Ricky Williams might have been Master P. Or, it might have been that the Indianapolis Colts really liked Edgerrin James better.

Whatever the reason, the leading rusher in NCAA Division I history was at the center of the biggest surprise in Saturday's NFL draft.

Williams knew he wouldn't be the No. 1 pick, but never expected to be the second running back chosen.

That's what happened, though, when the Colts went for James with the fourth pick, allowing the New Orleans Saints to trade away all their draft choices — and a few in 2000 — to Washington in order to move up and select Williams with the No. 5 pick.

"It was kind of a shock to be the second running back, but I'm glad to go to the New Orleans Saints," said a subdued Williams, clearly stunned the Colts passed on him. "It's flattering to know the Saints made a deal like they did. Now, I hope I can justify that."

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DISTRICT 5-4A TRACK RESULTS

Friday's final results from the District 5-4A track and field championships:

BOYS DIVISION

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Lake View 181; 2. Sweetwater 103; **3. Big Spring 87;** 4. Snyder 86; 5. Andrews 70, 6. Fort Stockton 30.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Willie Amos, Sweetwater, 5-10; 2 (tie) Wade Pinson, Snyder, 5-10 (Pinson advances to regionals after jump-off); Joseph Clay, Lake View, 5-10; 4. Jimmy Lopez, Fort Stockton, 5-10; 5. Derek Meador, Lake View, 5-8; 6. Andy Parker, Snyder, 5-6.

POLE VAULT — 1. Jared Thornhill, Snyder, 11-6; **2. Kyland Wegner, Big Spring, 11-0; 3. Braden Wegner, Big Spring, 11-0;** 4. Oliver Solis, Sweetwater, 10-0; 5. Matt Kratzer, Lake View, 10-0.

LONG JUMP — 1. Tory Mitchell, Big Spring, 22-81/2; 2. Saidric Williams, Lake View, 22-7; 3. Shaun Hamilton, Sweetwater, 21-111/4; 4. Jimmy Lopez, Fort Stockton, 20-111/2; Josh Jennings, Andrews, 20-8; 6. Brad Roemisch, Snyder, 20-51/2.

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Brady Cobb, Snyder, 44-0; 2. Shaun Hamilton, Sweetwater, 43-6; 3. Adrian Greenwood, Lake View, 43-4; 4. Saidric Williams, Lake View, 41-101/4; 5. Derek Carr, Sweetwater, 41-71/2; **6. Colby Ford, Big Spring, 40-6.**

DISCUS — 1. Ernie Reynolds, Lake View, 167-0; 2. Mark Medley, Snyder, 153-9; 3. Joe Esparza, Snyder, 146-6; 4. Ben Lyons, Lake View, 135-9; 5. Robert Cameron, Lake View, 134-10; 6. Michael Jones, Sweetwater, 125-7.

SHOT PUT — 1. Ernie Reynolds, Lake View, 56-3; 2. Ben Lyons, Lake View, 49-8; 3. Mark Medley, Snyder, 49-71/4; 4. Carlos Estrada, Lake View, 46-81/2; **5. Jeremiah Baeza, Big Spring, 42-6;** 6. Daniel Lujan, Andrews, 42-2.

3,200 — 1. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 10:17.06; 2. Ruben Solis, Lake View, 10:22.03; 3. Jerry Tarango, Lake View, 10:22.07; **4. Mike Martinez, Big Spring, 10:30.28;** 5. Jesus Arias, Fort Stockton, 10:39.69; 6. David Rivas, Andrews, 10:41.31.

400 RELAY — 1. Lake View, 42.0; **2. Big Spring, 43.06;** 3. Sweetwater, 44.63; 4. Andrews 44.64; 5. Snyder, 44.65; 6. Fort Stockton, 45.13.

800 — 1. Jason Sepeda, Sweetwater, 1:57.47; 2. Rolando Emiliano, Andrews, 2:01.56; **3. Rolando Ledesma, Big Spring, 2:02.57;** 4. Tommy Tarango, Lake View, 2:03.72; 5. Eddy Rodriguez, Fort Stockton, 2:04.5; 6. Louis Molly, Lake View, 2:06.44.

110 HURDLES — 1. Josh Hadley, Andrews, 14.75; 2. Derek Carr, Sweetwater, 14.93; **3. Arthur Gonzales, Big Spring, 15.72;** 4. Jason Trevino, Lake View, 15.78; **5. Willis Morrison, Big Spring, 16.16;** 6. Ben Kibler, Lake View, 16.5.

100 — 1. Tory Mitchell, Big Spring, 10.22; 2. Saidric Williams, Lake View, 10.53; 3. Jaime Bueno, Andrews, 10.97; 4. Noel Melendez, Fort Stockton, 11.38; **5. Jason Woodruff, Big Spring, 11.43;** 6. Eric Jackson, Snyder, 11.5.

400 — 1. Aaron Linthicum, Lake View, 49.38; 2. Jason Sepeda, Sweetwater, 49.4; 3. Chris Nunez, Andrews, 52.57; 4. Mark Flores, Lake View, 53.32; 5. Rodney Thompson, Snyder, 53.35; 6. Alan Ruth, Andrews, 53.80.

300 HURDLES — 1. Willie Amos, Sweetwater, 37.9; 2. Derek Carr, Sweetwater, 39.6; 3. Josh Hadley, Andrews, 39.97; 4. Jason Trevino, Lake View, 40.38; 5. Heber Tavarez, Fort Stockton, 41.66; **6. Arthur Gonzales, Big Spring, 42.53.**

200 — 1. Tory Mitchell, Big Spring, 20.5 (meet record); 2. Rashad Chance, Lake View, 21.91; 3. Saidric Williams, Lake View, 22.34; 4. Jaime Bueno, Andrews, 22.90; 5. Eric Jackson, Snyder, 23.44; **6. Jason Woodruff, Big Spring, 23.53.**

1,600 — 1. Rudy Martinez, Snyder, 4:40.97; 2. Ruben Solis, Lake View, 4:41.87; 3. Eddy Rodriguez, Fort Stockton, 4:43.34; 4. Rolando Elmiliano, Andrews, 4:46.0; 5. Louis Molly, Lake View, 4:46.84; 6. David Rivas, Andrews, 4:46.88.

1,600 RELAY — 1. Lake View, 3:24.84; 2. Sweetwater, 3:25.37; 3. Andrews, 3:35.13; 4. Snyder, 3:36.28; **5. Big Spring, 3:39.0;** 6. Fort Stockton, 3:40.47.

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GIRLS DIVISION

TEAM TOTALS — 1. Lake View 199; **2. Big Spring 157;** 3. Andrews 118; 4. Sweetwater 46; 5. Fort Stockton 38; 6. Snyder 22.

HIGH JUMP — 1. Alexis Casillas, Big Spring, 5-2; 2. Elisa Espino, Lake View, 4-10; 3. Jessie Mathews, Andrews, 4-10; 4. Judy Delhierro, Andrews, 4-8; 5. Bianca Olivas, Fort Stockton, 4-6; **6. Latricia Rollins, Big Spring, 4-6.**

LONG JUMP — 1. Angelica Hinojos, Big Spring, 17-111/4; 2. Shawna Harding, Lake View, 17-23/4; 3. Zorada Galindo, Fort Stockton, 16-9; 4. Jennifer Hill, Lake View, 16-03/4; 5. Tera Reisner, Lake View, 16-0; **6. April McGee, Big Spring, 15-9.**

TRIPLE JUMP — 1. Shawna Harding, Lake View, 34-61/4; 2. Jennifer Hill, Lake View, 33-101/2; **3. April McGee, Big Spring, 33-8;** 4. Shiela Medina, Andrews, 33-51/4; **5. Latricia Rollins, Big Spring, 33-0;** 6. Zorada Galindo, Fort Stockton, 32-7.

DISCUS — 1. Amy Brooks, Snyder, 112-7; 2. Martha Castillo, Sweetwater, 104-9; **3. Amber Mayes, Big Spring, 97-1;** 4. Corina Daniels, Lake View, 97-0; **5. Dena Cook, Big Spring, 94-6;** 6. Melissa Tarango, Andrews, 93-0.

SHOT PUT — 1. Jessica Sisk, Andrews, 34-11/4; 2. Amy Brooks, Snyder, 33-0; 3. Angela Kennedy, Andrews, 32-9; 4. Martha Castillo, Sweetwater, 32-71/4; **5. Leandra Williams, Big Spring, 30-81/2;** 6. Corina Daniels, Lake View, 30-81/4.

3,200 — 1. Brandie Powell, Lake View, 12:56.97; 2. Dianna Wachsmann, Lake View, 13:09.75; **3. Ashley Larson, Big Spring, 13:18.78;** 4. Sharla Leifeste, Lake View, 13:33.25; **5. Jennifer Tubbs, Big Spring, 14:16.09;** 6. Corina Quinones, Andrews, 14:21.25.

400 RELAY — 1. Big Spring, 49.72; 2. Lake View, 51.97; 3. Andrews, 52.43; 4. Fort Stockton, 52.81; 5. Snyder, 59.28.

800 — 1. Chonna Wright, Lake View, 2:27.19; 2. Cynthia Alvarez, Sweetwater, 2:28.72; 3. Ashlie Lashbrook, Andrews, 2:29.25; 4. Amy Mobly, Andrews, 2:45.16; 5. Jessica Garcia, Fort Stockton, 2:49.6; **6. Taylor Kennedy, Big Spring, 2:49.62.**

100 HURDLES — 1. Jessie Mathews, Andrews, 15.25; 2. Elisa Espino, Lake View, 16.22; 3. Jalyn Mathews, Andrews, 16.62; 4. Amanda Phillips, Lake View, 16.66; **5. Chelsea Churchwell, Big Spring, 17.16; 6. Lisa Rocha, Big Spring, 17.5.**

100 — 1. Janie Ford, Lake View, 12.41; **2. April McGee, Big Spring, 12.61; 3. Angelica Hinojos, Big Spring, 12.63;** 4. Sharon Ballenger, Sweetwater, 13.03; 5. Jessica Perser, Andrews, 13.16; **6. Kourtnee Rushin, Big Spring, 13.17.**

800 RELAY — 1. Big Spring, 1:48.03; 2. Lake View, 1:48.56; 3. Sweetwater, 1:52.28; 4. Fort Stockton, 1:52.53.

400 — 1. Chonna Wright, Lake View, 58.72; **2. Chanta Farr, Big Spring, 58.75;** 3. Zorada Galindo, Fort Stockton, 61.69; 4. Annie Madrid, Andrews, 64.09; 5. Cynthia Alverez, Sweetwater, 64.22; 6. Ashlie Lashbrook, Andrews, 66.06.

300 HURDLES — 1. Jalyn Mathews, Andrews, 48.54; 2. Liz Kessler, Andrews, 48.62; 3. Jessie Mathews, Andrews, 49.46; 4. Miranda Gutierrez, Lake View, 50.34; **5. Lisa Roacha, Big Spring, 50.81; 6. Britania Perez, Big Spring, 51.03.**

1,600 — 1. Brandie Powell, Lake View, 5:54.68; 2. Dianna Wachsmann, Lake View, 5:57.97; **3. Ashley Larson, Big Spring, 6:16.12;** 4. Corina Quinones, Andrews, 6:23.31; 5. Paige Blanek, Lake View, 6:37.69; **6. Kate Leannah, Big Spring, 6:40.28.**

1,600 RELAY — 1. Lake View, 4:06.0; **2. Big Spring, 4:10.10;** 3. Andrews, 4:19.37; 4. Sweetwater, 4:25.50; 5. Fort Stockton, 4:42.29.

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of. The effort ... it was there. This was the best meet we've had all year.

"Unfortunately, their (Lake View's) effort was their best of the year, too," he added, noting that the Lady Steers only real chance of upset the Maidens evaporated when Fort Stockton and Sweetwater were unable to help cut away any of Lake View's points. "We've won a couple of district championships in the past because other people fell apart. Lake View didn't fall apart ... they competed like champions. They deserved it this year."

The Lady Steers scored 157 points behind wins in the 400- and 800-meter relays and a second-place clocking in the 1,600-meter relay.

In addition, Big Spring got a win in the high jump from Alexis Casillas and the long jump from Angelica Hinojos.

Hinojos also qualified for regional meet berths in the sprint relays and the 200 meters, while April McGee qualified in the two sprint relays and in the 100 meters.

The Lady Steers' other qualifier was Chanta Farr, who finished second in the 400 meters with a 59.75 clocking behind Lake View's Chonna Wright.

Kennedy heaped his highest praise on the 800-meter relay foursome of Amanda Rubio, Angela McGee, Kourtnee Rushin and Latrisha Rollins.

"We (Lady Steers coaches) really hadn't expected to win the 800 relay," he explained. "We'd taken Angelica and April off the relay and they're our two fastest sprinters."

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the Very essence of a Volunteer



Viola Merritt, left, does volunteer work every week for her church, Baker's Chapel AME. In fact, she has been Sunday school superintendent there for at least a decade. She arrives early every Sunday morning and gets materials ready for classes. She says adults should volunteer not just for the good it does, but also as an example for their children.

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

This week, people throughout the country will be honored for a gift they give agencies, organizations, hospitals and schools — their time. It's National Volunteer Week.

"It's lovely to have donations and money coming in," said Angie Way curator of the Heritage Museum. "But we also appreciate very much the time given to us by so many quality people."

Too often, we think of volunteerism as something for retirees or housewives. We excuse ourselves by saying there's just no time. These days, volunteers come in all ages, with all kinds of lifestyles, and they often find an hour or two, or more, every week to give to a cause that is important to them.

Viola Merritt does the majority of her volunteer work on Sunday mornings. As Sunday School Superintendent for Baker's Chapel AME church, she has spent more than a decade serving others.

"I sure do enjoy it," the retired teacher said. "Church is very important to me."

Each Sunday morning, she arrives early to open the building, get materials set up and welcome others. In her spare time, she orders new materials as they are needed. She said volunteering takes only as much time as you have to give, but it does require something else — the desire to help.

"It takes some initiative on your part," she said. "You have to want to do it." And seeing their parents dedicated to church work, she added, has an added benefit for the next generation.

"It makes young people want to follow in that," Merritt said. "It comes down from one generation to another."

If your time is short normally, consider volunteering to coordinate just one special event or project. Lucy Clinton and Melissa Tarbet gave their time recently to help get the "Master the Mountain" fun run/walk going at Big Spring State Park. A short-term project might require quite a bit of work while it's going on, but the commitment is often for one month overall, or even less depending on what your job is.

Do you have an unusual skill that you could share with others? P.J. Heckler, an accomplished singer and registered massage therapist, volunteers at local nursing homes, entertaining with her music. She hopes to begin giving massages to home residents soon as well.

Heckler's volunteer work is part of the Area Agency on Aging's ombudsman program, which uses volunteers to visit and advocate for the rights of nursing home patients. Others in this program have organized quilting groups and a family council.

If you feel strongly about a certain cause, or want to help guide an agency you care about, consider joining its board of directors. At the Heritage Museum, an entire board of directors is made up of volunteers, as it is for most other non-profit groups in the community.

"Our board members pretty much expect to be called on to help out (at special events)," Way said. For example, besides attending meetings where they make decisions about museum policies and plans, board members were among those serving at the February food festival "Around the World in 80 Bites."

Many local non-profit agencies seek new board members each year. If you have an interest in the group's mission, the board of directors might have a spot for you.

At the Big Spring Family YMCA, volunteers are the backbone of many youth sports programs — as coaches for the boys and girls teams.

"You just have to want to help out the kids," said Cindy Kincaid, program director for the Y. "It wouldn't be necessary to have taught the sport before."

The YMCA conducts training sessions for its coaches, who are both men and women of various ages. A volunteer coach's commitment is about two hours a week and an hour each weekend during the season, but it varies.

"We have a lot of coaches that come back year after year and say they really enjoy it," Kincaid said.

Don't have many evenings free? What about lunch hours? Andre Clark, principal of Bauer Elementary School, said several parents give up one lunch hour a month to volunteer in school programs.

"We have a volunteer sheet that is part of the packet when they sign their kids up for school," Clark said. Parent volunteer duties include the annual hamburger cookout, reading in classes, serving treats to students, tutoring those who need extra help, assisting a teacher with special projects, and running a carnival that raises money for the PTA.

"We have a lot of things for parents to do," Clark said. Elementary schools are free to use parent volunteers any way they can, and volunteer duties vary from school to school. Call your child's school to find out if, and how, they need volunteer help.

In fact, if you want to volunteer in any capacity for any group, the best way to start is a phone call.

Find out what needs to be done and what you could do to help. Fit it in to your schedule, and — voila! You're a volunteer.

Here are some other tips for volunteering success:

- Make yourself available — free some time in your schedule. Volunteers are no help if they don't have time.
- Let it be known that you are available, when and for how long. If you must, be specific about your limits.
- Make it clear that want to contribute to a good cause, and are willing to work. Few agencies have "puff" jobs that don't require actual labor.
- Don't wait for the organization, church or group to call you back with an assignment; these people are usually taxed to the limit. Check back with them, several times if you need to.
- Remember — you may not get a thank-you, and don't expect one. Once again, time often limits what can be done to recognize those who help out. But do give yourself a pat on the back — you deserve it!





Above, left, P.J. Heckler sings for senior citizens at Big Spring Care Center. She volunteers her time as an ombudsman, visiting and advocating for the rights of nursing home residents. Above, Lucy Clinton and Melissa Tarbet helped to coordinate the "Master the Mountain" fun run and walk that took place Saturday at Big Spring State Park. Short-term volunteer jobs like theirs abound in the community.

Trip through diamond mine would be a real gem of a vacation



MYRTLE GRIFFITH

Many people have heard of or have visited the Crater of Diamonds State Park near Murfreesboro, Ark. Many fine diamonds, some quite large, have been located there. Sorry to say my trip there was a waterhaul; I failed to find even a suitable agate or even a bit of quartz.

It was mined commercially for a time, but disasters and scarcity of diamonds put an end to that years ago. Most diamonds have been found by amateurs. Most have flaws in them, but some have been found to be clear, first-class diamonds. In 1990, a three-carat stone was found and was cut into a perfect 1.09 carat stone, appraised value was $34,000. Erosion is mainly responsible for the revelation of the diamonds. They are heavy and tend to remain when wind and water carries away the top soil (kimberlite).

The discovery of the Crater of Diamonds was in 1906 and some 70,000 stones have been found there since. Two of the larger ones were the Star of Arkansas that produced a cut stone of 8.27 carats, and Uncle Sam, a rose-color 40.23 carats cut into a 12.42 carat gem. Priceless!

It is widely believed that this is the only U.S. diamond location, but this is not true. Near Searcy, Ark., Alice Taylor found a 27-carat stone on her family farm in 1929, while hoeing cotton. There is Kelsey Lake Mine in Colorado, near the Wyoming border.

Nearest town of any size is Laramie, Wyo. Diamonds are being mined there and are offered for sale at the present time. Full production began in 1996. The largest diamond was mined in 1997, weighing 28.2 carats. There may have been some larger ones in 1998 or 1999, but I've no information on that.

Diamonds have also been found in Montana and several other states.

It is believed that diamonds formed millions of years ago. There is also a productive diamond mine in Canada. About 1,000 kimberlite pipes have been located there but not all are diamond-bearing ones. The Dia-Met Company owns a mine north of Great Slohe Lake only 125 miles from the Arctic Circle.

They plan on mining 3.5 million carats per year. Money wise, at present prices, that would be $4-5 million yearly, but remember the temperatures that far north can be as low as 90 degrees below zero. Mining would be cool, wouldn't it?

So to sum up this article, let's just say diamonds, like gold, are where you find them. The above mentioned mine will be North America's largest producer, or about 6 percent of world production. How important to the industry it will be remains a speculation of the future.

Incidentally, two little girls, age 8 and 11, from Conway, Ark. found sizable diamonds at Crater of Diamonds in August of 1996. Both diamonds were over one carat.

— A part of the above information came from an article by Bob Jones in the April 1999 Rock and Gem Magazine.

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WEDDINGS

Newell-Saint



MR. AND MRS. RICHARD SAINT

Heather Newell and Richard Saint, both of Florence, Colo., exchanged wedding vows on Nov. 21, 1998, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring, with Rev. John Doll officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kerry Newell of Florence, Colo., and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Newell of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. J.C. Woods of Guymon, Okla., formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Westbrook of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Saint of Florence, Colo., and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Cauble and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Westbrook, all of Big Spring.

Pianist was Betty Downey, and soloist was Jose Gonzales, both of Big Spring.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a white gown of matte satin with an off-the-shoulder neckline, fitted bodice and a basque waistline covered with French re-embroidered lace and accented with sequins and seed pearls. The chapel length train was edged in French re-embroidered lace and sequins and seed pearls. She wore a hat covered with lace and edged with pearls with a shoulder-length veil.

The bride carried a cascading bouquet of irises, roses, stephanotis and lilies tied with a satin ribbon.

Maid of honor was Kris Smith of Florence, Colo.

Kayli Newell, bride's cousin of Big Spring, was the flower girl.

Steve Westbrook, groom's stepfather, served as best man.

Serving as ushers were Marine Corporal James Saint, brother of the groom of Cahu, Hawaii, and Trey Cauble, cousin of the groom of Midland.

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

The brides cake was a four tiered white cake with different shades of blue flowers decorating it.

The groom's cake was chocolate with chocolate icing in the shape of a fish with a hook in its mouth.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Florence High School, Florence, Colo. She is employed by Daylight Donuts in Florence.

The groom is employed by Husker Erectors in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Following a delayed wedding trip to New England, the couple will make their home in Florence, Colo.

GETTING ENGAGED



Sheila Hale of Westbrook and Jay D. Holt will exchange wedding vows on June 12, 1999, at the First Baptist Church in Westbrook with Bro. Jim Mosley officiating.

She is the daughter of Donnie and Judy Hale of Westbrook.

He is the son of Jay and Theo Holt of Big Lake, and John and Barbara Berry of Phoenix, Ariz.



Teresa Lee and Kyle Coker, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on June 12, 1999, at the First Church of the Nazarene, Big Spring, with John Doll, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jimmy and Donna Lee of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Elizabeth Pearson, Mr. and Mrs. Levi Pearson and Mr. and Mrs. H.O. Lee.

He is the son of Ron and Glenda Coker of Big Spring.



Susan Ashley Miller of Stanton, and Trenton Kendrick of Dallas, will be united in marriage on June 5, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Stanton with Rev. Mike Harris, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Marion M. and Bobbie J. Miller of Stanton, and the granddaughter of Mervyn and Nettie Miller, deceased, of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mrs. Alana Kendrick of Dallas and Gerald Kendrick of Lufkin.



Hilary Oliver, Big Spring, and Todd Lindley, Clarendon, will unite in marriage on July 10, 1999, at the 14th and Main Church of Christ with Rick Cunningham, minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Bob and Sharon Tarbet of Big Spring.

He is the son of Kelly and Linda Hill of Clarendon, and Tommy and Cynthia Lindley of Amarillo.

Adoption challenges

Some parents resort to returning kids who don't work out as they planned

PHOENIX (AP) — Eight-year-old Randy Hood was adopted when he was 6, only to be returned six months later to the custody of the state with a bruise in the shape of a hand splayed across his face.

Adoption workers statewide are worried that too many children like Randy are being returned to foster care, their belongings neatly packed and their hopes for a real mom and dad shattered.

But no law keeps adoptive parents from returning their charges to foster care if things don't work out the way they had hoped, much like returning a puppy to the pound.

"We get a lot of returns after six months," says Chris Fickas, director of the East Valley Child Crisis Center in Mesa where Randy lives, though not many come back with bruises.

Far more often, they are returned because of behavioral problems — tantrums, destroying property, wetting their pants — that don't crop up until the honeymoon period, typically about six months, is over.

State child welfare officials call them "failed adoptions," and as many as a quarter of adoptions end that way.

"These children learn from their own experience that it's not smart to trust, especially someone who says they are going to be their new mom or dad," says Rachel Oesterle, director of Aid to the Adoption of Special Children, a non-profit agency that recruits and trains adoptive parents.

Oesterle estimates 12 percent of adoptions end this way. As many as 25 percent, she says, end before the paperwork is completed.

"It's truly terrible," says Mary Ault, an administrator with state Child Protective Services. "We have no choice but to take them back. We can't place the child in jeopardy."

At the same time, state child welfare officials are working harder than ever to place more children up for adoption to meet the Adoption 2002 initiative launched by President Clinton in November 1997. The goal is to double the number of foster children being adopted.

Randy has been available for adoption for about two years. His only adoption so far ended with the injury to his face. Randy was brought back to the Mesa shelter by police.

"I got slapped silly because they thought I was crazy," he says.

But Randy's problems started long before he was adopted.

He was abandoned by his mother, along with two older siblings, when he was 5 months old. His father was in prison, and his mother, a drug addict, was known to CPS for neglect.

In the state-licensed foster homes, Randy was dealt worse than that. He has been beaten, his leg broken and his tongue burned.

So what Randy knows of families and moms and dads is that they can pass you along to the next set of foster parents, send you back to the shelter or even physically hurt you.

After six months of idyllic family life, the child's radical behavior change comes as a shock to adoptive parents.

"Most of their behavior is a survival instinct," Oesterle says. "The family wants to take care of the child and be nurturing, but you have to win the child over. Sometimes, that can take a long time."

While prospective adoptive parents are warned that these are difficult children, Ault says, child advocates agree that adoption workers — both state and private — need to do a better job of matching adoptive parents and children, and providing them services.

This 'just for fun' novel has tightly woven story

"Crystal Clear." Jane Heller. Kensington Publishing Corporation, New York, New York. February, 1999. 380 pages. $5.99.

In her mid-40s, Crystal Goldstein, a C.P.A., has succeeded in becoming an integral part of a prestigious firm in New York. Since an early marriage dissolved in divorce, her entire existence has been wrapped up in her career.



PAT WILLIAMS

Crystal's personal assistant, Rona, is a firm believer in mystical healings and cleansings, and frequently offers suggestions to help unleash Crystal from her earthly burdens. On a day when everything seemed to go wrong, Crystal finds Rona's suggestion of going to another place to think about "enlightening" things very intriguing.

Before she has time to change her mind, Crystal reserves a room at Tranquility, a luxurious resort in Sedona, Arizona. After her arrival, she takes part in many of the opportunities offered by the locals. She even signs up for a five-day "Sacred Earth Jeep Tour" which advertises travel to various energy spots, as well as an opportunity to enjoy the beautiful vistas available in that area.

The tour produces many surprises: a well-known heiress, her mismatched entourage, Crystal's ex-husband, and an Indian guide that is soon charged with the murder of the heiress. From this point on, Crystal's search for pyramids and metaphysical wonders disappears as he joins her ex-husband in proving the Indian's innocence.

Jane Heller, the author of "Crystal Clear," manages to write a tightly woven story with a clever and unique story line. She keeps the reader turning the pages to see what will happen next; she also offers a few wonderfully funny moments sneaked in between an otherwise straightforward tale. The suspense is not the most intense, but that doesn't detract from the pleasure of the story.

The characters in "Crystal Clear" remain true to themselves no matter what environment the story may find them, and Crystal's character is so carefully crafted that she becomes someone with whom almost everyone can identify. Next time Crystal goes on a search to find that positive energy, her readers will want to join her. This book is just for fun.

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WEDNESDAY-Chicken, rice, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

THURSDAY-Charbroiled steak, new potatoes, broccoli, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Cattleman franks (chicken strips), macaroni & cheese, celery w/peanut butter, mixed fruit, hot roll, milk.

TUEDAY-Chicken fried steak (BBQ on bun), mashed potatoes, english peas, pear halves, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY- Chicken fajita (chef salad), spanish rice, border beans, apple, milk.

THURSDAY- Spaghetti w/meat sauce (ham & cheese sandwich), glazed carrots, green beans, peaches, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Grilled chicken sandwich (salmon pattie), french fries, salad, pickle spear, cherry cobbler, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fresh fruit, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers or baked fish, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Chili fries or baked potato, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pears, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Soft burrito or burrito/chili, buttered corn, carrot/celery sticks, peanut butter bar, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Sloppy joes or grill cheese, potato rounds, fruit cup, cookie, milk, fruit drink.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-BBQ chicken (sloppy joes), macaroni, corn, bread, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Hamburgers, chips, lettuce, tomato, pickles, fruit, milk, chocolate chip cookies.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corn dogs), cornbread, ranch beans, spanish rice, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti (baked cheese sandwiches), peas, fruit, bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger pockets (burritos), fries, fresh fruit, milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Burritoes, salad, corn, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Country fried steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, jello, hot rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Pigs in the blanket, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, whole new potatoes, cookies or fruit, milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, sald, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-German sausage, pinto beans, potato salad, hot roll, fruit/milk.

WEDNESDAY-Tuna sandwich, chips, veggies, apple, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken jambayla, green beans, salad, fruit/milk.

FRIDAY-Stew, corn, salad, cornbread, fruit/milk.

FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Steak fingers and gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Bean chalupas, corn, salad, brownies and applesauce, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, cookies and fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Spaghetti and meat sauce, black-eye peas, salad, garlic bread, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY- Turkey and gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Ruby," Border Collie mix female, 2 years old, spayed.

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"Max" Small Terrier mix, 2 years old plus, male.

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Caterer says stars have to eat too — and do they ever!

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL
Associated Press Writer

Nick Grippo is a familiar face on the Hollywood party circuit. He's at star-studded wrap parties, celebrity birthdays, Beverly Hills society events and Oscar night galas.

Seeing celebrities in their homes gives Grippo a glimpse into their personal lives.

"They do a lot of normal stuff. They have real lives, with families and kids. And they have to eat, just like everyone else," he said.

Now Grippo is offering a glimpse into the kitchens and dining rooms of his celebrity clients with "Hollywood Dish! Recipes, Tips & Tales of a Hollywood Caterer" (Angel City Press, $29.95).

"People will probably buy my book because of the stories," Grippo acknowledged. "But the recipes really are good. I tried to pick recipes that are not complicated or intimidating.

"A lot of the recipes are 'comfort food.' Celebrities eat that kind of food too."

Grippo's only formal culinary training came when he was 11 and worked in his father's Chicago sandwich shop.

So most of his recipes have evolved over the years, with Grippo learning on the job.

Elizabeth Taylor, who wrote the book's foreword, particularly likes Grippo's Caesar salad with Parmesan croutons.

"Rodeo Drive ribs", and "haute dogs" were served at her Fourth of July barbecue.

At Barry Manilow's Thanksgiving dinner, the menu featured turkey and cornbread, sausage and mushroom stuffing, served with a cranberry, shallot and dried-cherry compote. For Harrison Ford's birthday party, the menu included poached salmon with dill sauce and coconut angel food cake.

Grippo also counts Patrick Swayze and Carrie Fisher among his clients.

Twenty-three years ago, Grippo left his home in Chicago and headed for Hollywood, hoping to see his face on the big screen. He enrolled in acting classes at Los Angeles City College and graduated from UCLA.

He got acting jobs in a series of "forgettable movies."

His apartment was often filled with friends from his acting classes, who enjoyed the recipes his mother taught him because she was worried that he would starve, living so far away from his big Italian family.

Those friends included Ted Danson, Michelle Pfeiffer and Cindy Williams.

Many of Grippo's clients favor relatively simple but flavorful foods that take advantage of the fresh fruits and vegetables that Southern California has to offer.

The food he serves is not the low-fat, low-flavor cuisine that one might imagine.

"Years ago, everyone thought Los Angeles' food was only for dieters — fruit salad with a little Mexican food on the side," Grippo said. "But 'California cuisine' now offers excellent dining."

WHO'S WHO

The Admissions and Records Office of Texas State Technical College at Sweetwater just released the President's Honor Roll for the Winter 1999 Quarter. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be recognized on the President's Honor Roll. Local students include:

Matt Crawford, Jason McVean, and Patrick North, all of Big Spring.

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Charles Clark from Coahoma High School has been awarded a Carr Academic Scholarship at Angelo State University for 1999-2000.

Carr Academic Scholarships are being awarded for 1999-2000, ranging in value from $1,500 to $6,000, to qualified undergraduates. During the current year over 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries, are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

NEWCOMERS

Newcomers welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

Lisa Kennedy and children Breamme and Michael, Lubbock. She is a legal assistance secretary.

Willie and Maxine Brown. He does missionary work.

Dianne Bray, Irving. She is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Art and Kelly Barrow and daughters Brittney and Danielle, Buda. He works for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Ann McKnight, Charlotte, N.M. She is employed by the VA Medical Center.

Dick and Patti Hooper, Nacogdoches. He is employed by Malone & Hogan Clinic.

John Henson, Lubbock. He works for Western Container.

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Adrianna Marisella Garcia, girl, April 2, 1999, 6:28 p.m., eight pounds and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Mr. and Mrs. Lorenzo Garcia.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Enrique Garcia, Jr. and Juan T. Moreno, all of Big Spring.

Photos submitted for Sunday life! should be picked up no later than 30 days after publication.

HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 18, 1999:

Make the most of the camaraderie and good will that surrounds you this year. Others go out of their way for you. You are unusually bright, verbal and clear. You'll get something you have always wanted or dreamed of. Learn to see your immediate universe differently. Travel and education open new doors. If you are single, you might have to pinch yourself! Expect to meet someone very wonderful. If attached, your relationship will become even more special and significant.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

**** Dreams knock on your door. News makes you feel ecstatic. Reach out for others. Make plans to get together with a loved one. Push comes to shove with someone at distance. Why be sour? Look at the positives. A friend has only good tidings. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

*** Deal with financial matters, but plan on taking responsibility. Your sense of well-being comes out with others. Examine long-term goals. Think about what you want, but do not count on a partner. A gift or purchase will help your work and is really a plus. Tonight: Indulge.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

***** Your smile wins you friends and support. Understand more of what you want. A long-distance call makes all the difference to a relative. Make that extra effort. Know that you will be appreciated. Tonight: Let it all happen.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

** You have pushed to your limit. Don't take on any new projects. Stay in tune with what you want. Take some time to yourself, and perhaps for a special loved one. Togetherness breeds closeness and caring. Make calls. Tonight: Get some extra zzz's.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

*** Bring friends together and socialize. A friendship could develop into more. A partner adds a dreamlike quality to your life. Think about long-term interests. Don't get caught up in a power struggle with a child or loved one. It simply isn't worth it! Refuse to play games. Tonight: Out with the boys (or girls).

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Be careful when balancing your public life with your personal, intimate life. Right now, you cannot mix them. Another becomes jealous. Allow greater ingenuity and creativity into your daily life. Someone wants to confer a special honor on you. Tonight: Accept praise.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

***** Take off for a day trip and do your own thing. Invite a friend along, or visit a loved one at a distance. You feel more connected and cared about than you have in a long time. Be careful with a sensitive co[illegible]rsation; it could ruin an otherwise special time with a loved one. Tonight: Take an overview.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

***** One-to-one relating brings you a great deal of satisfaction. Think about what is important to you. A money matter needs to be handled cautiously, or it could blow up in your face. Follow your intuition with a loved one or a key partner. Share a favorite pastime. Tonight: A cozy night at home.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Others seem to smile whenever you are around. Caring comes out, no matter how defensive you choose to be. Use your intuition to nail what another wants for you. Creativity and fun mix. Don't make your will the only way. Allow others to have more say. Tonight: Made for two.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** You might need to work on some long-overdue project. Others want you to understand where they are coming from. They pitch in and help wherever they can. This might be a great time for a family talk. Discuss each person's priorities. Tonight: Take a break and relax.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

***** Your ideas create more fun than had already existed. When you get together with a certain loved one, you naturally have a good time. Visit over an extended lunch. A friend could be quite twisted about his priorities. You won't have much luck changing them, either. Tonight: Quality time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

**** You have a solid point of view. Don't let another push you in his attempt to make you do something you don't want to do! Lounge around the house, visit with family and indulge a loved one. Seriously consider a purchase for your home. Tonight: Stick around.

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As gas prices soar, Americans reconsider long drives and big cars

NEW YORK (AP) — Pamela Williams and her husband have been planning a summer vacation drive from their home in Philadelphia to Virginia Beach and New Orleans.

But after watching gas prices soar roughly 25 percent over the past six weeks, they've begun checking out train schedules.

"It's inevitable that (the price) is going to go up. But I didn't think it would go up so fast and so much," she said.

Petroleum industry leaders say prices are merely returning to normal after months of unprecedented lows, but the sharp rise has provoked some Americans to change their gas-guzzling ways.

The latest nationwide review of 10,000 gas stations by the authoritative Lundberg Survey showed the average price was nearly $1.23 a gallon. Three weeks ago, it was $1.09, and in late February a stunningly low 99.8 cents.

California, where heavy demand and extra environmental regulations make gas especially expensive, has experienced the sharpest rise. Premium prices are now flirting with the $2 mark, prompting state Attorney General Bill Lockyer to open an investigation into what he calls price gouging by oil companies.

The big jumps were fueled by a combination of events: OPEC cuts in crude oil production, fires at California refineries and heavy travel during the Easter holiday.

Nell Crawford of Los Angeles drives a Volkswagen, but a few months ago, she and her husband found themselves tempted by trendy sports-utility vehicles.

"My husband said, 'No way. These things are gas guzzlers. What are we going to do when gas prices go up?'" she said. "And sure enough, they did."

Now, she says they'll stick to the Volkswagen — no bargain at the pump, but more efficient than an SUV.

Fernando Mercado of Los Angeles drives a Ford Expedition SUV, but he said his family has curtailed the use of their second, smaller car. Now he, his wife and their three children pile into one car for trips to school and work.

"We have two cars, but now it's like we only have one. Even though it is an Expedition, it is cheaper than filling up another gas tank," said Mercado.

Some drivers say they won't change their behavior unless prices rise much higher. Steven Milaitis, an accountant who works in Manhattan, drives about 20 miles to work nearly every day from his home in northern New Jersey. He said he doesn't want to rely on buses or carpools.

"I have four kids," he said. "If I need to get home quickly for a game or a concert, I like having that freedom."

Modest increases in the price of gas rarely influence commuters to give up their daily drive, said Jean Stimolo, executive director of Rideworks Commuter Transportation Services, a New Haven, Conn. car pool coordinator.

"If it goes up a dollar a gallon, I think we'll see a change," she said. "But it's a good economy. Maybe people are less sensitive to gas prices."

Some industry experts said drivers angered by the recent price increase may have been lulled by the months of ultra-low prices as an oversupply of oil forced refiners and dealers to cut prices.

"For a long time, it looked like prices would just remain low forever," said Roy Littlefield, executive director of the Service Station Dealers of America.

Despite dive, Compaq chief sees no need to alter course

HOUSTON (AP) — Compaq Computer Corp. President and Chief Executive Officer Eckhard Pfeiffer said the world's largest personal computer maker would not change course despite stock prices that tumbled in the wake of an expected first-quarter earnings decline.

"This will not slow us down."
- EckhardPfeiffer

"This will not slow us down," Pfeiffer told about 4,500 customers attending a Compaq-organized trade show. "We will move forward aggressively."

Shares of Compaq dove 22 percent Monday to $24.06□ on the New York Stock Exchange following the company's announcement after stock markets closed last week that its first-quarter earnings per share would amount to just half of what most Wall Street analysts were forecasting. On Tuesday, Compaq fell 18fi cents to $23.87).

"While market conditions will continue to be competitive, we fully intend to extend our business and grow market share and profitability in 1999," Pfeiffer said after emerging from an igloo-like geodesic dome and accompanied by a strobe light introduction on a theater stage at Houston's George R. Brown Convention Center.

At a news conference later, he declined to discuss the financial performance of the Houston-based company.

"We've given a number of comments...," he said. "Until we have final results April 21, the company is in a quiet period and more specific questions we may not be able to answer."

On Monday, Compaq's stock closed down 6 7/8 to 24. Over the past year, the stock had been as high as 51 1/4.

Pfeiffer has blamed decreased demand for business PCs, falling prices and customers choosing less-profitable products for the decline in profits. Analysts had been expecting 32 cents a share on sales topping $9.7 billion for the first quarter.

He sidestepped a question about whether he was selling or buying Compaq shares.

"I am significantly in Compaq stock, believe me," he said. "And if anybody has a key incentive to make Compaq stock move up, it's me."

He also defended Compaq's strategy to offer computers through a wide variety of sources, including retailers, while competitors like Dell and Gateway only make machines to order.

"The customer choice model is clearly superior," he said. "If you're either one or the other, you're limiting yourself in your access and fulfillment to customers.

"The fact we're offering consumer product through retail channels, of which we have 12,000 in the United States, is a convenience to the customer who wants to buy in the retail store."

He also noted that, like its main rivals, Compaq also had the capability to handle specific customer requests from a direct PC web site.

"I hope that clarifies this," he said. "In total, it reaches more customers, is more efficient at no more cost."

"It is clear that the Internet will become the dominant means of doing business worldwide," he said.



COURTESY photo

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ambassadors turned out to welcome new associate member Barbara Brumley, fourth from left, an investment representative with Edward Jones. Other Edward Jones employees pictured are Glenda Wright, left, Dan Wilkins, Silvia Cisneros and Carmen Cisneros.

Technology labor shortage prompts 'Pass it On' program

DALLAS — Maria Isabelle Alvidrez had enough gumption to leave her lifelong home in El Paso two years ago, wheelchair in tow, to seek work in Austin.

So it's not surprising that she's started another adventure. Ms. Alvidrez is one of about 100 people with disabilities nationwide who will learn information technology skills this year through a pilot project called Pass it On. Austin is one of four test sites.

"It'll open a whole lot more doors for me," said the 29-year-old Ms. Alvidrez, who is training at Austin Community College in Web database support.

The Pass it On program is one of many potential solutions to the technology labor shortage that were highlighted and debated during a two-day workforce convocation in Austin this week, sponsored by the 11,000-member Information Technology Association of America and member firms such as Electronic Data Systems Inc., Microsoft and Cisco Systems.

"We have two choices. We can sit back, wring our hands and complain about IT workforce shortages. Or we can do something about it."
-Harris N. Miller, ITAA president

For the past several years, the industry has been sounding alarms about a shortage of trained workers. ITAA's most recent study shows 346,000 positions currently vacant in the core occupations: programmer, systems analyst and computer science. Fifty-three percent of member firms in a recent survey said personnel shortages have severely affected growth.

"We have two choices," ITAA president Harris N. Miller told the gathering of industry, academic and government officials. "We can sit back, wring our hands and complain about IT workforce shortages. Or we can do something about it."

The industry lobbied successfully last year for Congress to raise immigration limits for engineers and other highly skilled workers. That move stirred criticism from organized labor, advocacy groups and others, who accused technology firms of seeking out cheap labor while some U.S. workers went jobless.

It appears the industry took some of the criticism to heart. Today, there are pilot programs up and running on several fronts — all aimed at spurring

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On the phone

Senate passes Telecom bill with little debate; freeze stays until 2005

AUSTIN (AP) — The Texas Senate unanimously passed a telecommunications bill Friday that continues a freeze on the price of basic local phone service until 2005 and gradually reduces the cost of making in-state long distance calls.

The bill, by Sens. David Sibley, R-Waco and Troy Fraser, D-Horseshoe Bay, would also ease limits on Southwestern Bell, eventually allowing the state's largest local phone company more flexibility in setting prices for caller identification and call waiting.

"This bill did not come easily. All parties have given some and I'll represent to you all would like a different bill," said Sibley.

Under the bill, the nearly 12 cents-a-minute access fee that Southwestern Bell charges long-distance companies to connect in-state long distance calls would be cut about in half. Long-distance companies tack on the cost of the fee to customer's monthly phone bills.

The bill cuts 3 cents from access charges but the Public Utility Commission plans to move that amount to another fee callers pay.

Another penny would automatically be cut from the access charge in September and an additional 2 cents when Southwestern Bell is allowed to enter the long-distance market, which will ultimately be determined by the Federal Communication Commission. A final half-cent reduction would occur one year after that.

The PUC would ensure that long-distance companies pass on the cut in access fees to its customers, the bill says.

"All consumers will benefit by this legislation," said Sibley. "Those who make in-state long distance calls will see their bill drop significantly."

Janee Briesemeister, a Consumers Union senior policy analyst, said the bill doesn't do enough to ensure that consumers benefit equally from the drop in access fees. The long-distance companies could pass on the most savings to their preferred customers, while others could see less savings, she said.

"It's very disappointing because we know that a lot of residential customers don't make a lot of long-distance calls," Ms. Briesemeister said. They will not being seeing an equal amount of the savings, she said.

The bill also extends a cap lawmakers first set in 1995 on the price of local, basic phone rates charged by Bell and GTE for another six years. That price fluctuates depending on customers locations and provider.

Southwestern Bell also would gain the freedom to sell its services in new ways, including creating new packages that

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Monthly bills may be easier to read now

WASHINGTON (AP) — Americans' monthly telephone bills may become easier to understand because of action taken by federal regulators.

Phone companies generally will have to reorganize bills to spotlight new charges and service providers, give clear descriptions of all charges and explain how to contest them.

The plan, adopted 4-1 by the Federal Communications Commission, could take effect in a few months.

Local telephone and long-distance companies will have to abide by all the provisions, while cellular and other wireless companies must comply with just some. Violations could lead to fines or other penalties.

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Weevil eradication program expected to create jobs across state

HERALD Staff Report

Employment opportunities in West Texas and the Panhandle are anticipated as new boll weevil eradication zones are expected to become active in the coming months, officials with the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, Inc. said Friday.

"Desirable qualifications are knowledge of cotton production, agricultural pest control, computer literacy and excellent public relations skills," said Jean Wagner, foundation human resources director.

"In the current three active zones to date, we've been very fortunate to hire qualified individuals who are carrying out this important farmer-run program and we anticipate the same good fortune and success in the new zones," Wagner added.

The Permian Basin Zone was approved last week, and includes Howard, Dawson, Ector and Martin counties, plus portions of Borden and Midland counties.

The measure passed by more than 70 percent of the vote.

Other zones that have recently passed include the El Paso/Trans Pecos, Northwest Plains and Western High Plains eradication zones.

For more information about the foundation or employment opportunities, contact the foundation at (800) 687-1212.

Email responses concerning employment should be directed to Jean Wagner at : jjw@txbollweevil.org

Stocking rate of native pastures vital consideration now



DAVID KIGHT

The recent rains have been very nice as well as beneficial. Although these rains are a great help, it will take much more time and rainfall to put native pastures and crop producers back on the road to recovery.

When going through a time drought, there are several factors that must be considered. The stocking rate of native pastures during and upon recovery of a drought may be one of the most important decisions made. Ranch forage supplies must be constantly evaluated to match supply and demand. Forage supplies must exceed forage demand over the long haul. Over stocking will eventually contribute to the demise of the operation. Reduction in stocking rates during and upon recovery of a drought pays big dividends in terms of less damage to desirable forage plants. Rapid recovery of range land, less toxic plants, as well as reduced supplemental feeding costs are all advantages of a reduced stocking rate.

Some implications of grazing plants too severely are: increased rainfall runoff; decreased organic matter in the soil; invasion of undesirable plants; decrease in plant survival.

In West Texas 70% of the total earning capacity of the ranch should be the stocking rate. Rotational grazing systems are very beneficial in time of drought. Be attentive to distribution or proper use of all pastures. Salt or mineral placement may be beneficial with this effort. Refrain from fully restocking after a drought until forage is completely recovered. Depending on the severity of over-grazing and rainfall received after a drought, it may take as long as five years to fully recover. With proper management, recovery could occur in as little as one year.

Howard County Extension Service will be sponsoring a Pecan Grafting Seminar on Thursday, April 23rd, 9:30 am at the Tom Roundtree Orchard (located at the intersection of Birdwell Lane and Hwy 350). That same afternoon we will be making home visits to area lawn and gardens. If you have a problem related to home lawns, trees or gardens, give us a call at 264-2236 to schedule a home visit on the afternoon of Thursday, April 23rd.

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interest in technology careers or training underserved populations.

While the new training initiatives won't immediately produce a flood of workers, they provide a vivid illustration of the opportunity in technical fields for job seekers or career changers who want to take advantage of a very tight labor market.

The idea for Pass it On came from a successful 17-year-old program in Denver, operated by Denver Community College with the support of IBM Corp. Three clones, including Austin's, are now up and running, each with a different curriculum geared to local community labor force needs.

Other efforts include:

— RITA, orwhich stands for Recruiting for the Information Technology Age. The program, launched in four cities, trains women who are coming off welfare or returning to the workforce after years at home. Women Works, a Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit organization, is administering the programs under a U.S. Department of Labor grant, with support from ITAA.

— Green Thumb, a Virginia-based nonprofit organization, has expanded a pilot program that trains workers 55 and over for help desk and network administrator jobs. It will soon move training on to the Internet to reach older workers in rural areas. The effort is funded by Microsoft and a federal grant.

— ITAA is joining forces with the National Association of Business to promote technology involvement in "school to work" programs that link businesses with students and teachers.

ITAA will also expand its research on workforce needs. Starting this fall, it will publish a quarterly "snapshot" of the hottest information technology jobs, for instance.

Many of the pilot programs are small, but Miller hopes the successful models will spread.

"We want 1,000 flowers to bloom. We don't think there's a one-size solution to this problem," he said.

The ITAA launched its focus on building U.S. technology skills well before last year's push to raise immigration quotas, he said. "It's only opponents who try to turn this into an either/or proposition." Both sources of labor are needed, he said.

Another option is to move the jobs overseas. But George Newstrom, president of EDS' government industry group, warned his peers not to rely on the "instant gratification" of moving information technology work offshore.

"It's certainly not making us more competitive," he said. "It's those jobs that are the future of our children."

Still, the focus of the meeting was clearly on filling the educational pipeline with youngsters who can be made to see that science and computers are fun. And on finding worker populations — from inner-city dwellers to stay-at-home moms — who can be enticed by and trained for entry-level technology jobs.

Computer training programs for people with disabilities aren't new. El Centro College in Dallas, for example, trains in programming. But the heavy national involvement of the ITAA should give this new version an extra boost, said Michael Morris, senior vice president of Community Options Inc., which is administering the program.

For her part, Ms. Alvidrez is confident that the training will improve her prospects.

Union Pacific moving rest of Dallas holdings to Omaha

OMAHA, Neb. (AP) — Union Pacific Corp. is moving the rest of its Dallas-based holding company functions to Omaha, effective July 1.

Fifteen people work in the corporate offices, and at least one will move to Omaha, one is retiring and one is moving to the Washington office, spokesman Gary Schuster said.

Others could apply for United Pacific job openings in Omaha or elect to leave the company, he said.

Chairman Dick Davidson said moving corporate finance people to Omaha last spring proved that corporate offices and the Omaha-based railroad operations need to be closer together.

Davidson said he and other Union Pacific officials will continue to spend a lot of time in Texas.

Last year, Davidson established an office of the chairman to strengthen customer service in the Houston area, at the heart of the railroad's chemical belt.

Texas also was the heart of the railroad's service problems two years ago.

The railroad is getting back up to speed after gridlock hurt its service nationwide.

Schuster said Union Pacific first moved its corporate headquarters to Dallas from Pennsylvania in 1997 to be closer to operations with its Skyway Freight and Overnight Transportation subsidiaries.

However, officials noted that Skyway Freight has been sold and it is apparent that Overnight probably will be.

TELCOM

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bundle caller identification and call waiting with basic local service. That would only come after the Federal Communications Commission determines that the company has lost a significant amount of its local telephone customers to competition.

The bill doesn't have the complete support of the industry.

"There are definitely some areas that need some improvement," said Tom Clarke, GTE's assistant vice president for governmental affairs in Texas.

GTE and Southwestern Bell are both supporting a House bill that would allow them to offer the new bundled services sooner and makes it easier for them to change their prices. The Senate bill now goes to the House for consideration.

"Our response is that we're happy that a bill has passed in the Senate and as we've said all along we support the House bill," said Bill Maddox, Bell spokesman. "We feel that more pricing flexibility is merited in the competitive market place."

AT&T is opposed to the bill in part said spokesman Kerry Hibbs because the reduction in access charges is smaller and it gives Southerwestern Bell more freedom while they continue to have a strong hold on most of the local market.

PHONE BILLS

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Many big phone companies have begun, or plan to make, changes in phone bills to make them easier to understand. Ameritech, BellSouth, AT&T, US West and MCI WorldCom believe their bills meet many of the FCC's requirements.

"We've got to restore Americans' confidence in the charges that they are paying every month," said Bill Kennard, FCC chairman.

The lone dissenter, Harold Furchtgott-Roth, said he believed the agency lacked the authority to take such action. He also wondered how the agency would judge whether companies' descriptions are clear.

FCC officials acknowledged that it would be subjective determination. Also, they could not offer examples of what might constitute a clear description for the line-item charges that have been appearing on some bills, under different names, for the past two years.

Those charges, which some consumers have said are confusing, come from a variety of sources: a FCC overhaul of phone fees; itemized charges for government-ordered subsidies once included in rates; and paying the costs of complying with other government requirements.

Companies can recover these costs however they choose. AT&T, MCI WorldCom, Sprint, the nation's Bell companies and others have decided to do it through line items. The FCC does not force companies to spell out the charges in bills.

Under the FCC's new rules, descriptions of those line-item charges will have to be clear. Eventually, the labels will be standardized, with the wording determined later. If wireless companies include such line-items, they also would be subject to uniform labeling.

"This is a mischievous notion," AT&T said, adding it is concerned the government "would seek to dictate how a company can describe to its own customers those government fees and charges."

Larry Strickling, chief of the FCC's Common Carrier Bureau, said any company that now describes these line-item charges as "federally imposed" or "federally mandated" will have to stop.

FCC officials said they were not acting to avoid being associated with the line-items.

The FCC also will require local and long-distance companies to use clear descriptions about all other charges and provide information on when nonpayment could cause phone service to be cut off.

For now, the FCC will not apply this provision to wireless companies. The FCC does not specify the language for the descriptions but encourages the industry to come up with uniform wording.

Local and long-distance companies also will have to highlight — the FCC does not say how — any new provider or charge not on previous bills.

For example, the bills will have to show when a person's long-distance carrier was switched or the person is charged for calls to a hotline. Consumer advocates say this should make it easier for customers to spot fraudulent charges.

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Christina Padilla vs. Jose Cruz Padilla, Jr.

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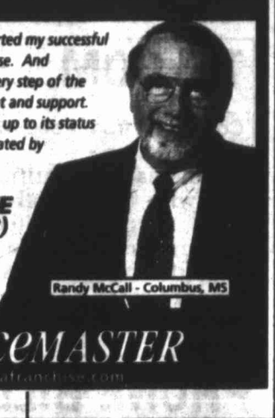
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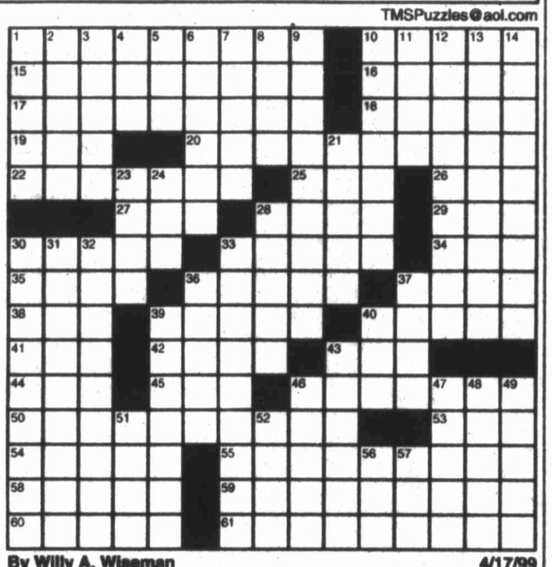
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4/2, 2800 sq. ft., Corner Lot
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NICEST NEST- 1300 Tucson: 2-1-2, squeaky clean;

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For Sale: Kentwood - 2610 Ann Dr. 3/2/2, Fireplace. Recently updated. Call 267-8298 after 5:00pm for appt.

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Financing available. Low monthly payments. Low down payment. 1902 Mittel . Please call 425-9998.

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3 bdr. 1 bath
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267-5444
263-5000

Every child must learn that actions have consequences



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

DEAR ABBY: I would like to comment on the letter from "Victorious in Oregon," the woman whose young daughter and niece made adult entertainment telephone calls amounting to $260. She was fortunate that, by law, she was not obligated to pay for the calls, but there are other issues involved.

The girls were old enough to know they were doing something wrong, and I assume they were punished. But I still think the charges were legitimate. Parents should be financially responsible if their children break the law (i.e. commit vandalism).

Children must be taught that actions have consequences for which they must take responsibility. Years ago, when my daughter was a teen-ager, she was careless about guarding her telephone calling card PIN number, and a friend of hers used the calling card without permission to make $50 worth of calls.

Neither of us knew the source of these charges, and the telephone company was willing to remove them from our bill. When we figured out the identity of the caller, I asked the phone company not to deduct the charges, and my daughter paid them.

It was an expensive lesson for her, but an important one. Today she is a thoughtful, responsible adult — not that she wouldn't have been had I paid the charges or allowed them to be deducted. — LYNN B., FOUNTAIN VALLEY, CALIF.

DEAR LYNN: I agree that children should be taught the consequences of their actions — and I'd be surprised if the children involved in making those phone calls didn't receive a severe lecture and grounding for their mischief. Styles of discipline vary from family to family, and making the girls foot the bill seemed excessively strict to me since it was a first offense.

I am aware that there are more issues involved than whether the parents should have been liable for the phone bill the girls ran up. The children seem to have a lot of unsupervised time on their hands, which in this case they used to satisfy their curiosity about sex. "Victorious" is overdue for a frank discussion with the girls about sex. Now that the hassle with the phone company has been settled, she should turn her attention to enrolling the girls in after-school activities such as music, sports or special-interest clubs, so their minds will be occupied with more wholesome things than X-rated adult entertainment.

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3 bd., 2 bath Mobile Home in Coahoma for rent. $425./mo., $200./dep. 263-4694 after 5:00pm.

3 bdr. 1 1/2 bath, 2 living area, new metal storm doors. $200/dep. $400/mn. 267-2939 after 5:30.

3 bdr. 1 bath duplex in Sand Springs area. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

3 bedroom, 1 bath. 501 Johnson. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

PUBLIC NOTICE

CITY OF BIG SPRING

The following address' have gone to the board of Adjustments and Appeals and have been ordered to abate sub-standard structures by demolition.

Raymond Florez, 3520 Angelus Court, Atwater, CA. 95301, LT 6 BK 1 Parker Addition, located at 1217 W. 6th.

Josephine O. Smith, Box 228, Cleveland, NM. 87715, W/90 LT 3 BK 4 McDowell Ht., located at 1205 Lancaster.

Urina Loya, 609 N. Douglas, Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 2 BK 8 Bauer Addition,located at 609 N. Douglas.

Latin American Dist. USA Assemblies Of God. 602e N. Runnels, Big Spring, Tx 79720 SC 42 BK 32 in 100x162.5 TR 42 WM B. Currie, located at 603 N. Runnels, allowed fifteen (15) days to purchase permit.

Juan G. Montelongo, 410 E. 18th, Big Spring, Tx 79720 LT 9 BK 21 Bauer Addition, located a 706 NW 7th.

E.S. Zubiate Box 1803, Big Spring, Tx 79720 E/3" LT 8 and all of LT 9 102 Original Town, located at 407 NW 4th.

Maxine Overman 1403 W 2nd Big Spring, Tx 79720 N/50" E/130" LT 3 BK 18 Ceder Crest Addition, Located at 904 Bell.

Kerry Lee Denson, 617 Colgate Ave. N/50' SW 4 BK 26 College Hts, Addition, Located at 2007 Johnson.

Suzanne and April Irvin 538 Westover, Apt. 118, Big Spring, Tx 79720, LT 18 BK 1 Avion Addition, located at 1600 Avion.

Sara Martinez, 705 N. Douglas, Big Spring, Tx 79720, LT 12 BK 21 Bauer Addition, located at 705 N. Douglas.

Rosenda Robles ET UX 601 N. Lancaster, Big Spring, Tx 7920, S/1089' LT 12 BK 11 Bauer Addition, located at 601 N. Lancaster.

Kenny Davis
Building Official
2283 April 18 & 19, 1999

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

303 East 9th: 1 bd., $425./mo., $75/dep. All bills pd. No Pets. 305 East. 9th. $350/mn. $50/dep. Call 263-4013. No Hud.

4 bedroom, 2 bath 1504 Lincoln. Call 267-3841 or 270-7309.

702 West 18th: 3 bdr. 2 bath C/H/A, den, fenced yard, utility room. $525/mn. $250/dep. 267-7449.

AVAILABLE FOR LEASE - One- 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath and Two- 2 bedroom, 1 bath, Starting at $325.00 monthly plus deposit. Home Realtors 263-1284.

For Rent: 2 bdr. 711 Johnson + dep. Partially furn. No bills paid. Call 425-1800.

FOR RENT: 4 bd., ceiling fans, new carpet, den, fp, covered carport. $400./mo. 1500 Mesa. Call 353-4848.

For rent 2 bdr. 1 bath $325/mn $300/dep. 1208 Main. **ALSO:** 1bdr. 1 bath 1600 Jennings $125/mn. $100/dep. 915-363-8243.

AVAILABLE MAY 1ST. 4 bd., 1 1/2 bath. Fenced, CH/A. No indoor pets! 4220 Hamilton. $495./mo, 1 yr. lease. Owner/Broker. 263-6514.

For rent two 3 br. 2 ba. one with stove & ref. $375/mn. $200/dep. Both new carpet & paint. 267-7245.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 27, 1999, for the purchase of fencing for the Big Spring McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark. Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring City Council Chambers, City Hall, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
2273 April 11 & 18, 1999

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENTS WILL HOLD A MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21, 1999, AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 401 E. 3RD STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A VARIANCE.

Wilda Price, S/15' LT 3 & NE/PT 44.2x134.8 BLK/TRACT 1 Acre Washington Place, Located at 604 George is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Board Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the construction of a front yard carport.

George Lujan, LT 13, BK 2, Wrights Addition, Located at 1301 Mesquite is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Board Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the Construction of a carport.

Eddie Lamb, LT 14, BK 9, Kentwood Addition, Located at 2714 Cindy Is requesting a Variance to the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Big Spring for the encroachment of the side yard setback requirements for the Construction of a carport.
2243 March 28 & April 18, 1999

UNFURNISHED HOUSES

House for rent/lease - 2 bdrm, 2 baths, large outside deck with nice view in prestigious neighborhood. References required, deposit, plus pet deposit. Leave message at 263-0903.

TOO LATES

BY OWNER: 2 bd., 2 lvg. areas, 1 bath. CH/A, sprinkler system, fenced yd., patio, storage. Call 263-6607.

One bd., Stove & fridge furnished. Ref. air. Washer connection. 204 W. 13th (Yellow house) HUD Ok! 915-267-2957.

CLEAN 3Br. 2b , garage, CH/A, sunroom, lg. fenced yard. NO INDOOR PETS! 1906 Hale. $275./dep., $485./mo. 263-4948.

Beautiful Executive 2 story home. Country club rd. Pool, landscaping, acreage, 3-car garage, priced below owners cost. 263-0066 (business), 268-9696 (home).

ACREAGE FOR SALE:

5-10 acre tracts, utilities available-South Moss Lake Road. Call Janell Davis, Coldwell Banker Realtors, 267-3613.

PRICED REDUCED on these 3-bedrooms, 2-bath homes 4044 Vicky, in Coahoma, #23 Meadbrook & 606 Frank Davis. Call for details, Charles Smith-agent 263-1713 or Home Realtors 263-1284.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE

By order, dated April 8, 1999, of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, 118th Judicial District in Cause No. 99-01-40220, entitled Doris Jean McPeek, Plaintiff, vs. Randal Leroy Statham and His Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns and the Unknown Heirs, Successors and Assigns of Carl B. Young, Deceased, Defendants, Lot 3, Block 3, Settles Addition to the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, together with all improvements situated thereon, the same being a residential lot of real estate of less than one acre, together with all improvements thereon, shall be sold, as by execution, by the Sheriff of Howard County, Texas, for cash, on May 4, 1999, on the North steps of the Howard County Courthouse, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, at the place designated by Commissioners' Court for foreclosure sales between the hours of 1:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. on such date.
DATED this 8 day of April, 1999.
W.B. (Bill) Jennings,
Sheriff of Howard County, Texas
By: Colleen Barton, Deputy
2276 April 11, 18 & 25, 1999

HILLSIDE PROPERTIES
Rent or Purchase
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MOVE IN SPECIAL
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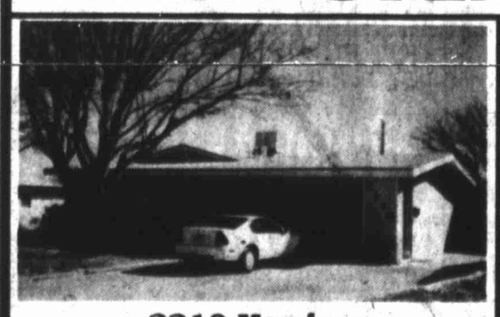
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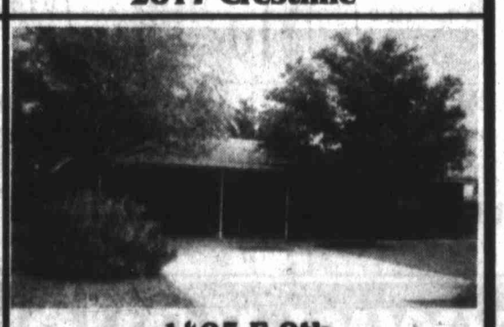

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OPEN HOUSE
APRIL 18TH
2 pm - 4 pm


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