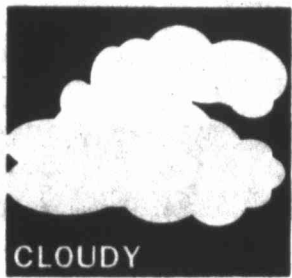


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This edition of the *Big Spring Herald* features our annual Progress Edition — four-sections we've entitled "Heroes and Characters of the Crossroads."

It features dozens of articles and photos of people who have made a difference in Big Spring and the surrounding communities. Some are deceased; some have moved on to other places; many are still here, still making a difference in their day-to-day lives.

In compiling these stories, the intent was not to try and include all of the "heroes and characters" in the Crossroads Area — that would be impossible. We all have our own heroes, and we all know a lot of characters. Rather, it is a sampling of various individuals and their families from all walks of life. Some of them you know or knew well; others you'll learn about.

We hope you enjoy reading these articles as much as we have enjoyed putting them together for you.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

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

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

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

Senior Circle Big Spring Mall walkers meet 9:15 a.m. in front of movie theater box office.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

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

THURSDAY

Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Hermans, 7 a.m.

Big Spring Senior Citizens Center Art Classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

Kiwanis Club, noon.

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Drawing for trustee election
on Howard College agendaBy GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

Upcoming trustee elections will be among the topics at the Howard College board of trustees meeting Monday. The meeting is set for 12:30 p.m. in the board room inside the Student Union Building.

Two incumbents are running for re-election to their slots on the board — Harold Davis, in the District 3 seat and Don

McKinney, in the District 4 seat. Both are unopposed.

In the at-large race, John Freeman, owner of Freeman, and Michael R. Niklasch, owner of A&M Composites, have filed hoping to fill the seat currently held by Sue Partee.

Freeman is a former chairman of the industrial education program at Howard College. Niklasch came to Big Spring six

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Ken Darnell from Georgia gives the audience a chance to see a rattlesnake being milked of its venom at this year's annual AMBUCS Rattlesnake Roundup. The roundup continues today from noon until 4 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Grounds. Awards will be presented at 5 p.m. An associated arts and crafts show is also going on at the site until 6 p.m.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham

Search continues for missing Elbow Elementary student

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Search and Rescue operations continued into a third day Saturday for six-year old Dalton Lee Harbour of Lomax.

Harbour, his 18-month-old sister and his mother were swept away by flood waters early Thursday morning in rain-swollen Mustang Draw, about 16 miles southwest of Big Spring.

The mother, Cindy Harbour, managed to free herself from the surging waters about a half-mile downstream, then broke into an unoccupied farmhouse and called for help. The body of the infant, Peyton Renee, was discovered Thursday evening.

According to Department of Public Safety officials, Cindy Harbour was taking Dalton to Elbow Elementary early Thursday morning when she attempted to drive through water which was over the road. A series of thunderstorms had dumped up to seven inches of rainfall in the area the night before.

She later told officials the vehicle began to be pushed by the swift-moving water. She advised the children to stay in the car and she exited it to seek help. However, before she could get help, she was swept away by the water, she told authorities.

Following a day-long search, Peyton's body was discovered by Randy Pierce and Wesley Boren, relatives, who were searching the creek in a canoe.

The search for Dalton resumed on Friday with cadaver dogs from the Erath County Sheriff's Department joining the Texas Department of Public Service Dive Team, Texas Department of Criminal Justice correctional officers from the Wallace Unit in Colorado City, inmates from the Wilderness Camp in Big Spring, Howard County Sheriff's Office personnel, search helicopters and planes as well as many other volunteers on foot, horseback and in all-terrain vehicles.

According to DPS public information officer John Barton, the group was joined

early Saturday morning by the Thunderstorm Canine Search and Rescue team from Abilene in the joint effort to find Harbour, who is presumed drowned.

Lynn Dixon, one of the 12 divers deployed by DPS out of Austin, said the ordeal might



last a while. "Our intention is to stay here

till the boy is found," said Dixon. "Hopefully we will be able to find him today but if not

Above, far left, Department of Public Safety information officer John Barton stands stoically outside the command center near where Cindy Harbour and children Peyton and Dalton were washed off the road Thursday after a series of thunderstorms dumped up to seven inches of rain. Above, a DPS helicopter out of Midland is set to take off again in the search for 6-year-old Dalton, who is still missing. At left, DPS Diver Lynn Dixon of Austin gives the news media an update on how search and rescue efforts are going. Additional drain-off Friday night hampered efforts on Saturday. The search will continue at daybreak today.

HERALD photos/Carl Graham

I would assume we will be back out tomorrow (Sunday)." DPS Sgt. Carey Matthews said

the tragedy yanks at the heart. "This type of incident tears at your insides because most of us have children of our own," said Matthews. "The first 24 hours we had hope of finding the boy alive but at this point we are just trying to recover the body. I would like to say that the people we have are doing a good concerted effort. The support has just been tremendous."

Food and beverages have been donated from numerous sources, including Bargain Mart, Wal-Mart, Butcher Block, HEB, Sonic Drive-Inn, Kent-

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Benefit account
set up for family

A benefit account has been established at First Bank of West Texas for Chad and Cindy Harbour.

Donations to the account, which will help pay for medical and funeral expenses, can be made at the Big Spring, Coahoma or Lorraine branches of the bank.

Senate State Affairs Committee to convene Monday on Port-to-Plains

By GINA GARZA
Staff Writer

The Senate State Affairs Committee will meet Monday at 10 a.m. at the Texas Tech International Cultural Center, 601 Indiana Ave., Lubbock, to discuss several items including the Ports-to-Plains issue.

The meeting is expected to last until about 1 p.m.

Ports-to-Plains Trade Corridor is an alliance to open trade routes — specifically along U.S. 87/I-27/U.S. 277 — between Denver and the Canadian and Mexican borders.

The route goes directly through Big Spring along U.S. Highway 87.

More than 45 cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development groups and businesses along the route have

come together to financially support the coalition.

The plan has been listed as a "high priority corridor" under the Transportation Equity Act for the 21st Century (TEA-21), making it eligible for federal funding.

Portions of the corridor are listed in the Texas Department of Transportation's Trunk System, meaning they are scheduled for improvements in

coming years.

The route originated along the Texas-Mexico border between Brownsville and Del Rio and proceeded through San Angelo, Big Spring, Lubbock, Amarillo and on to Denver.

The corridor ties together the Pacific Northwest, Canada, Mexico, Denver and West Texas.

It is also aligned with the Texas Agri-Tech Corridor,

which promotes the trade of raw materials and creates value-added industry opportunities throughout West Texas.

"Ports-to-Plains and the Agri-Tech Corridor are issues vital to West Texas," said State Sen. Robert Duncan (R-Lubbock). "Both of these trade corridors will open so many doors to the region, allowing us to take care of our location and natural resources."

Five Big Spring students advance to regional academic contest

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Big Spring High School will be sending five individuals in six events to regional competition following their successful showing in the University Interscholastic League District 4-5A Academic Meet, which concluded Friday at Howard College.

Big Spring High's April Ward placed first in news writing and second in feature writing to earn two spots at the regional level. Students who placed first

through third advanced, as did first place teams.

Also advancing from Big Spring High were Nathan Smith, who placed first in spelling and vocabulary; Sara Smith, who placed first in poetry interpretation; Devin Collier, who was first in prose interpretation; and Taryn Haynes, who was second in prose interpretation.

Ward placed fourth in editorial writing and fifth in headline writing and will serve as first and second alternate, respectively, in those competitions at region. Annette Richardson was

fourth in ready writing, and will serve as first alternate to region. Others include Melissa Shedy, fifth in literary criticism; Nathan Smith, sixth in mathematics; and Hamilton Hartfield, sixth in current issues and events.

Andrews High School won the district title with 352 points. Snyder was second with 332, followed by San Angelo Lake View with 184, Fort Stockton with 170, Big Spring with 152 and Sweetwater with 113.

Earlier in the week, Big Spring High School's one-act play production of "And They

Danced Real Slow in Jackson" advanced to area competition from the district meet. Also advancing was Snyder High School.

First through third place individuals and first place teams in the academic meet were as follows:

Accounting: 1. Cara Best, Snyder; 2. Amber Haurmeyer, Snyder; 3. D'Ann Hager, Snyder. Accounting Team: 1. Snyder (Cara Best, Amber Haurmeyer, D'Ann Hager).

Calculator Applications: 1. Joseph Ferguson, Andrews; 2. Aaron Rogers, Andrews; 3.

Bonnie Roll, Andrews.

Calculator Team: 1. Andrews (Joseph Ferguson, Aaron Rogers, Bonnie Roll).

Computer Applications: 1. Jennifer Bell, Snyder; 2. David Graham, Lake View; 3. Kaycee Marricle, Snyder.

Computer Science: 1. Trey Gorman, Snyder; 2. Mark May, Sweetwater; 3. Kathy Franco, Fort Stockton.

Computer Science Team: 1. Fort Stockton (names unavailable).

Current Issues and Events: 1.

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OBITUARIES

Bull Daylong

Bull Daylong, 85, of Big Spring, died at 7 a.m. Saturday, March 23, 2000, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness.

Graveside services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Herb McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating.

Mr. Daylong was born July 18, 1914, in Davis, Okla. He was the son of Stella Theresa Pearson Daylong and David Webster Daylong. The family came to Big Spring in 1914 and Mr. Daylong was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He married Ester Lovell May 16, 1936, in Big Spring. He worked a number of years as a truck driver for Steere Tank Lines and later was truck pusher for Earthco. He also operated several service stations in Big Spring. He was a member of the First Assembly of God Church. He was very loved by his family and friends.

He is survived by his wife, Ester Daylong of Big Spring; three daughters, Wanda Speaker (and her husband Barry), of Lake Jackson, Jody Washington of Odessa and Donna Daylong of Big Spring; one son, Preston Daylong (and his wife Janet) of Big Spring; one sister, Cozie Draper of Abilene; two brothers, Jim Daylong of Eastland and Andy Daylong of Orlando, Calif.; 18 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandson; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Albert Paul Daylong Jr. and one brother, Johnny Daylong.

Pallbearers will be Preston Daylong, Paul McEvers, Shawn Coker, Donna Daylong, Donnie Jones and Abel Carrillo.

The family will be at 1317 Park. The arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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David Henkell

Services for David Henkell, 84, of Big Spring, will be 11 a.m. Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Doug Shelley, pastor of Eastside Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in the Peyton Cemetery at Hermleigh.

Mr. Henkell

died at 8:27 p.m. Friday, March 24, 2000, at Mountain View Lodge following a long illness.

He was born Dec. 1, 1915, in Hermleigh. He married Billie Jean Raley June 13, 1942, in Snyder. They came to Big Spring 35 years ago. She preceded him in death Jan. 23, 2000. Mr. Henkell had worked for Big Spring Independent School District before retiring in 1978 due to ill health.

He is survived by two sons, Clarence Henkell of Big Spring and Carl Henkell of Sweetwater; four sisters, Maggie Gilliam of Sanger, Calif., Mary Alice Cajanek of Rockwall, Bert Williams of Roscoe and Dorothy Peterson of Hermleigh; four grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 1608 Canary.

Arrangements are by Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Dalton Lee Harbour
Peyton Renee Harbour

Dalton Lee and Peyton Renee "Peyt-Peyt" Harbour, of Lomax, died on Thursday, March 23, 2000. Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 28, 2000, at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring with Rev. Jesse Colegrove, pastor of Birdwell Lane Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Dalton was born on Dec. 31, 1993, in Odessa, Texas, and Peyton on Aug. 4, 1998, in Odessa.

Dalton loved his little sister and was her protector. He loved John Deere tractors, remote control vehicles and being outside. He was a great little worker and loved helping out. Dalton was also attending Elbow Elementary as a kindergarten student.

Peyt-Peyt was always happy and loved life. She also loved Winnie the Pooh or "Pooh" as she called him and always carried her little pony "sassy" everywhere with her. Peyton loved to play with her big brother, older cousins and friends at daycare.

Both children were also actively involved in the children's church at Birdwell Lane Baptist.

Survivors include their parents, Chad and Cindy Harbour of Lomax, maternal grandparents Carl Clifton and Bonnie Smith of Antlers, Okla.; paternal grandfather Jerry Harbour of Big Spring; paternal grandparents, Pat and Lea Gray of Big Spring; maternal great-grandmother Opal Lemons of Marietta, Okla.; maternal great-grandparents Robert and Dee Harbour of Comanche; two uncles and aunts, Tony and Dianne Clifton of Colorado City and Bryan and Sheryl Harbour of Big Spring; and numerous cousins and other loving family members.

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Howard College Cactus Room.

FRIDAY

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ AMBUCS, noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

Members and guests welcome.

□ Big Spring Squares, call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

Lawmaker:
Census question
needs clearing
up by 2001
redistricting

NEW BRAUNFELS (AP) — A federal court ruling is needed to clarify which set of census numbers should be used in state legislative reapportionment, the chairman of the Texas House Redistricting Committee said Friday.

If the matter isn't cleared up, a legal challenge to the Texas Legislature's redistricting plan next year is likely, said state Rep. Delwin Jones, R-Lubbock.

The 2000 census will produce an actual count and a population tally based on statistical sampling adjusted to include people who may have been missed by the traditional counting method. The 1990 census missed an estimated 4 million Americans.

Although the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled statistical sampling counts cannot be used in congressional reapportionment, it has not been specified whether sampling should be used in state redistricting.

"Do you use the adjusted count or do you use exact?" Jones said. "So if you use either of those for drawing the districts the other side is going to file suit to contest it."

Democrats have been advocates of sampling because many of those who were undercounted in the last census were minorities who tend to vote Democrat. Many Republicans have said they prefer the actual count.

"I'm advocating that we get a court ruling prior to the process being done stating which set of figures to use, and that would eliminate one possibility of a lawsuit," Jones said.

A congressional directive also might settle the matter, said Jones, speaking to the New Braunfels Chamber of Commerce's annual Texas Legislative Conference.

Redistricting is the redrawing of geographic boundaries used in electing legislative, congressional and other representative officials. It is done every 10 years using the population count of the most recent census.

Each redistricting plan in Texas dating back to 1971 has been the subject of a lawsuit.

The Census Bureau has until April 1, 2001, to deliver the 2000 census data. The state would probably need to begin seeking a federal court opinion by the end of this year to have the matter settled in time for redistricting, Jones said.

About 17 million people were counted in Texas in the 1990 census.

It is estimated the state's population since then has grown more than 20 percent to more

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than 20 million, said Alan Ware, redistricting program director for the Texas Legislative Council, a non-partisan state agency.

"The problem is, that growth has not been uniform throughout the state," Ware said. "If a district has grown, but not by 20 percent, it's really losing ground to the rest of the districts in the state."

Ware urged Texans to voice their opinions on redistricting at public hearings being held around the state this year by Texas House and Senate committees.

To ensure an accurate census count, Jones said, all Texans should be sure to fill out their census forms.

"Get it back in," he said, "because that is critical in your representation."

NAACP says
Confederate flag
image should be
removed from
Texas building

FORT WORTH (AP) — The NAACP is calling on Gov. George W. Bush to remove an image of the Confederate flag from the Texas Supreme Court building.

NAACP President Kweisi Mfume said Bush should push for the removal because it's the morally right thing to do — not because the civil rights group may organize a tourism boycott on Texas similar to one in South Carolina.

"I would hope the governor does not need the NAACP to appeal to him, but that his heart would appeal to him," Mfume said. "The intolerance the flag represents should not be condoned in any public building."

Mfume spoke Friday at a regional conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People in Fort Worth.

Gary Bledsoe, president of the Texas chapter of the NAACP, on Friday reissued his call for Bush to remove the Texas plaque, calling it "a symbol of racism, division and hatred."

Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, has said he is studying the request. When asked in South Carolina about that state's flying of the Confederate flag from the state Capitol, Bush said voters should decide the issue.

A spokeswoman for Bush's office did not return messages seeking comment Friday.

Intel moving
chip design plant
to downtown Austin

AUSTIN (AP) — Intel Corp. intends to build a chip design campus in downtown Austin that could employ as many as 2,000 workers during the next 10 years.

The Austin American-Statesman reported Saturday that Intel, the largest chip maker in the world, will spend \$100 million to build and equip the first phase of the proposed 600,000 square-foot complex.

The company already employs about 250 people in another design center located on the west side of town.

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Intel workers may move downtown as early as the summer of 2001 if the project moves ahead quickly.

Austin Mayor Kirk Watson and other city leaders have urged Intel to move into the city's core rather than build in environmentally sensitive areas west of the city.

Typically the company chooses sites in suburban locations, but after several months of study, company officials decided that a downtown campus would help attract chip designers and other employees. Advantages of downtown include its central location near Town Lake and its proximity to Warehouse District restaurants and bars.

Intel will handle a lack of adequate parking by building a parking garage on part of the site.

Mark McDermott, director of one of Intel's design teams in Austin, told the Statesman that they studied 15 sites in the Austin area, some as far away as Round Rock, a suburb 20 miles north of Austin.

"We have been agonizing over this for four months," McDermott said.

The downtown site stretches over four city blocks. The company is still negotiating for city incentives.

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 (page no.).

MONDAY

• TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., College Heights Christian church, 21st and Goliad.

• 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.

• Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

• Encourager's Support Group (for widows and widowers) will meet Monday, March 20, 6 p.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, 7th and Rannels (enter through north door). Bring a covered dish and enjoy the fellowship and good food. Call 398-5522.

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

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

• Greater West Texas Chapter of the Alzheimer's Association, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 Lancaster, Topic: suggestions for coping with grief issues. For more information call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271.

• Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 6:30 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo build-

ing. 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 Rannels, Clyde Alsop Building. AMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

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

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Friday through noon Saturday:

• KRISTINA HEMBREE, 26, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

• JAVIER PAYEN, 39, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

• HECTOR CANO, 22, was arrested on a charge of driving while license was suspended.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 2600 block of Apache and in the 2400 block of Merrily.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 1200 block of 11th Place and in the 400 block of E. 4th Street.

• CLASS C ASSAULT was reported in the 1300 block of E. 11th Place and in the 1400 block of Princeton.

• THEFT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 5th, in the 400 block of Birdwell, in the 300 block of Owens, in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa and in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

MEETINGS

HOWARD COUNTY
COMMISSIONERS
COURT
10 a.m. Monday,
Howard County
Courthouse

Items on the agenda include:

• Proposal from Allison and Associates for county redistricting.

• Appointment to executive volunteer fire department board for commissioner and member.

• Grant application for victim witness coordinator.

• Board appointment for Crossroads Housing Development Corp.

• Pipeline crossings.

• Downtown park and parking area.

• Courthouse/library renovations.

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Gladys Caster
Barbara Morrow & Children
Tammy Caster & Children
Carrie Arnold & Children

Our special thanks to all of our dear friends and loving family for the delicious food, beautiful flowers, memorials, phone calls, visits, cards & comforting words during the loss of our beloved husband, brother, brother-in-law, uncle and nephew, Joel K. (Flannel) Carter, Jr. A very special thanks to the VA Medical Center, Dr. Rheman & Staff, Myers & Smith Funeral Home, the ladies of the First Presbyterian Church who served the wonderful lunch, Rev. Dianne Brown for the touching service and Rev. Flynn Long for playing the Bagpipes so beautifully.
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ucky Fried Chicken, Salvation Army, Pizza Hut, Furr's Cafeteria and Elbow Elementary.

DPS diver Lynn Dixon was proud of the West Texas hospitality.

"I have been sent out on a lot of these but I will say this, the efforts of this community have just amazed me," said Dixon. "This is something you would not find in Austin or Houston."

Parents of the children, Chad and Cindy Harbour, have set a memorial service for 4 p.m. Tuesday at the First Baptist Church of Big Spring.

Mustang Draw, some 16 miles southwest of Big Spring, is the scene of a rescue operation by state and local officials.

HERALD photo/Carl Graham



Attorney general ready to argue Santa Fe ISD case

AUSTIN (AP) — Attorney General John Cornyn said Friday he's ready to argue the case supporting voluntary, student-led prayers before high school football games in Texas.

Cornyn will argue for the Santa Fe Independent School District before the U.S. Supreme Court next week, a case that has drawn the support of Texas Gov. George W. Bush.

The Republican attorney general said he became personally involved because he believes school officials are in a tough spot.

"The law in this area is exceedingly murky," Cornyn said in a telephone interview from Washington.

"On one hand, if they deny students' free speech rights, they can be sued. On the other hand, if they promote or otherwise endorse religion, they can be sued as well."

"Since the state of Texas spends the largest percentage of

our state budget on education, we ought to spend as much as possible on education instead of litigation," he said.

The case arose when four students and their parents sued the Santa Fe district in 1995, seeking to end student-led prayers over the public-address system at home football games in the Galveston County town.

The district's policy allows students to give an "invocation" or "message." A judge said student-led prayers at games would be OK if students were told to keep them "nonsectarian and non-proselytizing."

A three-judge panel of the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals, voting 2-1, reversed that decision and said student-led prayers at high school football games are always out of bounds.

The school district's appeal got support from a friend-of-the-court brief submitted by nine states — Texas, Alabama, Colorado, Kansas, Louisiana,

Mississippi, Nebraska, South Carolina and Tennessee.

In last week's Texas GOP primary, 94 percent of voters approved a nonbinding resolution backing the prayers. And Bush, the presumptive Republican presidential nominee, "strongly supports the school district," campaign spokesman Scott McClellan said Friday.

Opponents argue that allowing the prayers to be said at officially sponsored school events violates the constitutional separation of church and state.

"The school's giving you the microphone; it will sound like an officially sanctioned religious statement, and that's what has no place at a high school football game," the Rev. Barry Lynn of Americans United for Separation of Church and State said when the Supreme Court agreed to hear the Texas case.

Cornyn said the Santa Fe pol-

icy is neutral towards religion. "It neither encourages nor discourages a prayer but merely allows that as one possible outcome," he said. Students could choose to "extol the virtues of good sportsmanship, read an inspirational poem or say something that would set the proper atmosphere."

Last November, Cornyn became the first Texas attorney general in 23 years to argue before Supreme Court when he defended the constitutionality of a sex-crimes law.

Cornyn said he has devoted some time every day for the past month getting ready for the school prayer arguments.

"It's hard to do this and deal with the other administrative responsibilities I have," Cornyn said.

"But I think it's important for the attorney general to be a real lawyer and represent the state before the highest court in the land."

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years ago and opened a manufacturing plant on the Snyder Highway.

Pardee had indicated she will not seek re-election.

The drawing of place on ballot for candidates for the at-large position will be discussed at Monday's meeting as well. The elections are slated to take place on May 6.

Other business to be discussed at the board meeting includes:

- District dean's and director's contracts.
- Employee and board handbook changes.
- Usage of SWCID reserve for activity center expenditure.
- Bids/renewal for: Bleachers for SWCID, Computers for Title V, Property casualty insurance renewal, Microsoft license.
- Consideration of athletic policy and procedures manual.
- Performance measures/outcomes.
- Visioning/future directions

Repair bill to renovate prisons at least \$1 billion

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — More than two dozen old Texas prisons are in need of repair, renovation or replacement soon at a cost of at least \$1 billion, Texas Department of Criminal Justice officials said Friday.

Estimates of the price tag and the time frame varied, with one Texas Board of Criminal Justice member, John David Franz, putting the figure at \$3 billion stretched over the next three legislative sessions.

That would be nearly double the cost of the building program during the early 1990s that by

1995 added 94,000 beds to what has become the nation's second-largest penitentiary system.

"We've got this problem coming up the pipe," Franz said at a prison board meeting in Huntsville.

The board Friday accepted a report from the department that estimated the "sticker shock" at more than \$1 billion for repairs. The cost to replace the aging prisons would be \$2.4 billion.

Wayne Scott, the agency's executive director, said he did not expect to get that kind of money from the Legislature

when it convenes next year.

"I wouldn't go in and ask for that much," he said. "First of all, I wouldn't get it."

"It's going to be highly unlikely to get a large, large appropriation for this right up front," he added.

"The reason we're doing condition assessment survey is so we can build a documentation base so we can go and present credible evidence to the committees and then they'll prioritize that with the other priorities they have and give us what they can."

Drinking Mountain Dew does not prevent pregnancy

DEAR ABBY: I am a Planned Parenthood speaker with a serious problem. I am writing in the hope that you can help me dispel the myth that Mountain Dew soft drinks prevent pregnancy. I have been working to dispel this myth for about two years — and it seems I'm paddling upstream.

When I first realized that many students from fifth grade through college fervently believe that drinking Mountain Dew reduces the sperm count, I prayed that this was a local issue. I now know that this myth has circulated and is believed nationwide.

During my years as a volunteer with Planned Parenthood, I have encountered several myths, but none as potentially dangerous or difficult to dispel as the myth associated with this popular soft drink. Young people continue to obtain information largely from their peers — a very unreliable source.

You have often reminded your readers about birth-control education presented by Planned Parenthood. Please take this opportunity to issue that reminder again and to alert parents and teens that Mountain Dew, while tasty, does not prevent pregnancy. — MARJORIE SALTZMAN, PORTLAND, ORE.

DEAR MARJORIE: Your letter is a first! Years ago a rumor

circulated that douching with Coca-Cola after sex would prevent pregnancy. That, too, was a myth — as many gullible "premature parents" discovered to their dismay.

Let me go on record as stating that Mountain Dew — although a refreshing and enjoyable beverage — is NOT A CONTRACEPTIVE. It may give the drinker a "buzz" because of its sugar and caffeine content, but it will do NOTHING to lower the sperm count. And to allege that it will be incorrect and irresponsible.

Young adults with computer access can find reliable information regarding reproductive health issues by visiting www.teenwire.com, a 24-hour, fully confidential Web site sponsored by Planned Parenthood. There they can find answers to questions they may feel uncomfortable asking parents, doctors — or even their peers. It includes a FAQs (frequently asked questions) section and a "Yikes!" page for teens with urgent issues.

Now I have a riddle for you: What do you call young men who drink Mountain Dew because they think it's a contraceptive?

Answer: (All together now) FATHERS!

DEAR ABBY: In a reply to a recent letter about the devastating effects of smoking, you pledge to continue your campaign to discourage young people from starting to smoke.

Here's some help: Some 50 years ago, my scoutmaster demonstrated what happens when you blow smoke through a white handkerchief. I'll never forget the ugly brown stain from just one strong puff.

If everyone who comes in

contact with young people performed this demonstration, perhaps some of them would think twice before beginning or continuing to smoke. — JOHN F. GLASS, STUDIO CITY, CALIF.

DEAR JOHN: Thanks for the help. I remember seeing a similar demonstration many years ago. It was targeted at young people who had not yet started to smoke, and one look was a convincing deterrent because of the amount of tar that appeared on the handkerchief. It took no imagination to see what smoking does to the bronchial tubes and lungs.

DEAR ABBY: I have been in a long-distance relationship with a man for a year and a half, but he lives with a 55-year-old jealous female housemate. He tells me she's jealous of all of his friends.

He has proposed marriage to me and said he would move to my state, but there has always been some delay. Now he has moved out of their house and into his own place — but he moved his female housemate in with him because she suffered a heart attack. Where does that leave me? — WONDERING IN MARYLAND

DEAR WONDERING: It leaves you on the outside looking in. There's another hen in the nest. Face it, whether he's married, or the same as married — he's unavailable.

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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."

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OUR VIEWS

We're all heroes and characters of the Crossroads

Ask just about anyone why they like living here in the Crossroads Area, and chances are the response will in some way revolve around the people who live here.

It is, after all, the people we call our friends and neighbors that make Big Spring, Howard County and the entire Crossroads what many of us believe is the best place to work, play and raise our families.

And that's why our Progress Edition in today's *Herald* is entitled "Heroes and Characters of the Crossroads."

While it would clearly be impossible to feature every "hero" or "character" from the area, we believe this year's edition compiles a representative cross section of those who helped build our communities, those who make them thrive today and those who'll make them an even better home in the future.

Each of us, however, is an important facet of the Crossroads' human mosaic.

So, while a number of individuals are featured in the special edition, we here at the *Herald* want to take this opportunity to make sure each and every one of our neighbors knows just how important we believe they are.

We all are the Crossroads, and in that sense, each of us is a hero and/or character.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I am a Captain with the Texas Department of Criminal Justice Division, assigned to the Big Spring Wilderness Camp in Big Spring. My main unit of assignment is the Wallace Unit in Colorado City.

Each year TDCJ pulls out all stops in an effort of raising money for Special Olympics. Our goal, as a unit, is to branch out and come up with as many projects as we can. These projects can involve a few people or a large group of people, with the same goal in mind to raise money for Special Olympics.

On March 18, the employees of the Wilderness Camp sponsored a Fajita sale held at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Big Spring and had a good turnout of employees who volunteered a Saturday of work for Special Olympics. A special recognition and thank you goes out to Anthony and Michelle Vrangas for all the hard work in preparing the chicken and beef fajitas. All of this could not be possible without Darrell Holly and the wonderful employees at Wal-Mart. A heartfelt thank you goes out to each and everyone of those employees who attended to our needs during the project. Darrell and his crew of assistant managers were very professional and helpful throughout the sale. Wal-Mart matched the funds raised by us on the day of the sale. I know every penny is valued by Special Olympics.

Proctor & Gamble was also very generous and has agreed to match the same funds. All the hard work, planning, and organization would not have been enough, it took the public

to dig deep into its pockets and say yes, we support Special Olympics. I want to personally thank each one of the patrons who donated money, brought fajitas or bought a T-shirt. You are very special people.

And thank you, *Big Spring Herald* and KBST for coverage during the sale.

EDWARD J. PETTY
CAPTAIN W4 WORKCAMP

TO THE EDITOR:

To whom it may concern, if you used Wal-Mart one hour on Sunday, March 19 at 3:30 p.m. or after, please look to see if you have my priceless reprints, three strips of negatives and one roll of Advantix film.

They are pictures of my husband and his brother and me and his brother. They mean so much to me because my brother-in-law died on Feb. 25 and those pictures are happy memories to me.

Please take them back to Wal-Mart. They had someone's wedding picture negatives in my envelope and they have them there at the photo lab.

SHARON ADAMS
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

Thank you Big Spring for coming to our third annual "Chili Supper."

The proceeds will be used to fund the World War II Memorial in Washington, D.C.; Fourth of July Fireworks, Salvation Army, Savings Bonds for Essay Contests and Area Veterans Benefits.

Thank you *Big Spring Herald* for the publicity.

LEO WELCH AND THE MEMBERS OF VFW POST NO. 2013

It's time to discourage hotheads from Beijing

In the recent election on Taiwan (a.k.a. the Republic of China), the opposition party won for the first time, defeating the candidate of the Nationalist Party, which has governed since 1949.

The Nationalist Party, formerly known as the Kuomintang (KMT), came across the Taiwan Strait with the defeated army of Chiang Kai-shek in 1949, established a military government under Chiang and effectively made Taiwan a Chinese colony, the ethnic Taiwanese locals having no role in the Chinese government.

Gradually, Taiwan has moved toward genuine representative government, now including indigenous non-Chinese ethnics in the democratic process. But the Nationalist leader who brought this about, Lee Teng-hui, has led his party to defeat in the election and seen the triumph of the Democratic Progressive Party candidate Chen Shui-bian, who in the past has followed public opinion by signaling his preference for independence from mainland China. In this he has been little different from the Nationalist Party leader, Lee. Chen won the election mainly on the issue of cronyism and corruption in the long-governing Nationalist party.

Chen, the new president, has said that there is no need for a declaration of independence by the Republic of China on Taiwan. But if that sounded conciliatory, he also has said that there is no need for a declaration because the ROC is sovereign anyway. Which, de facto, it is, having its own armed forces, its own free economy, its own currency and its own democratic system of government.

Editorial writers routinely refer to Taiwan as a "province of China" and to a "reunification" of China and Taiwan. This is the Beijing line. But, in fact, the governments on the mainland have seldom governed the island. For centuries under the emperors, they expressed little interest in Taiwan.

Beginning in the 17th century, the most important of Taiwan's relations were commercial relations with the Portuguese, then later with the British.

There were few ethnic Chinese there. Then an expansionist Japan colonized the island and ruled it as Formosa until 1945. In 1949, the Chinese forces of Chiang Kai-shek took it over, the first Chinese government the island has really had.

Today, ironically, Beijing is asserting its sovereignty based — hold your breath — on the military conquest of the island by Chiang. That is, now there are Chinese there. The position of Beijing seems to be that Chiang conquered the island for China!

Into this mess comes the "One China" policy agreed to by Richard Nixon and Mao Tse-tung.

In its ideal form, the "One China" policy meant something like this: At present, the two polities are separate. But in time, perhaps a very long time, the system on the mainland would evolve in such a way — toward representative government, free markets and a comparable standard of living —

that the ROC might well be attracted to unification or, if not that, toward some sort of federalism. Or maybe just toward much closer cultural and economic relations.

In any case, as between Nixon and Mao, this amounted to a diplomatic fig leaf, a decision to accept the status quo and hope for the best. But today Beijing knows that time is not on its side. As Taiwan grows more and more successful economically, and as its democratic and social institutions become more entrenched, there is, de facto, less and less likelihood that public opinion in the ROC will permit any voluntary reunification. The realities of the ROC are with the Pacific Rim nations, including Japan which far outstrips mainland China in economic power.

And so we have rocket-rattling from Beijing.

Of course, Beijing has no capability of launching a seaborne invasion across the 100-mile Taiwan Strait. But it could blockade Taiwan with intermittent rocket attacks. Wild-card military spokesmen in Beijing have even said publicly that the United States would not "risk Los Angeles for Taiwan."

In public, the United States should maintain the polite fiction of the "One China" policy. It has worked. But the important diplomacy with Beijing should be both subtle and blunt. Of course, it should be made clear that any nuclear attack on an American city would be met with a response of biblical proportions. The Chinese delivery capacity against the United States is primitive. Our ICBMs and our nuclear-powered submarines deliver H-bombs.

In the event of a non-nuclear rocket blockade of Taiwan from rocket launchers on the

east China coast, we have the capacity to "suppress" such launchers without using nuclear weapons. We would use the rationale of "freedom of movement in international waters." China cannot win a war in the Taiwan Strait, and it had better cool it.

Sometimes it is best to be civil and blunt in these matters.

I will conclude with an anecdote. During Nixon's second term, I occasionally dropped in on him when he was at his "summer White House" in San Clemente, Calif. On this particular occasion he had just had a visit from Leonid Brezhnev.

Nixon enjoyed telling about the blonde "masseuse" Brezhnev had along, and of drunken revels in the guest rooms, but said that Brezhnev arrived in Nixon's office the next morning sober and ready for business.

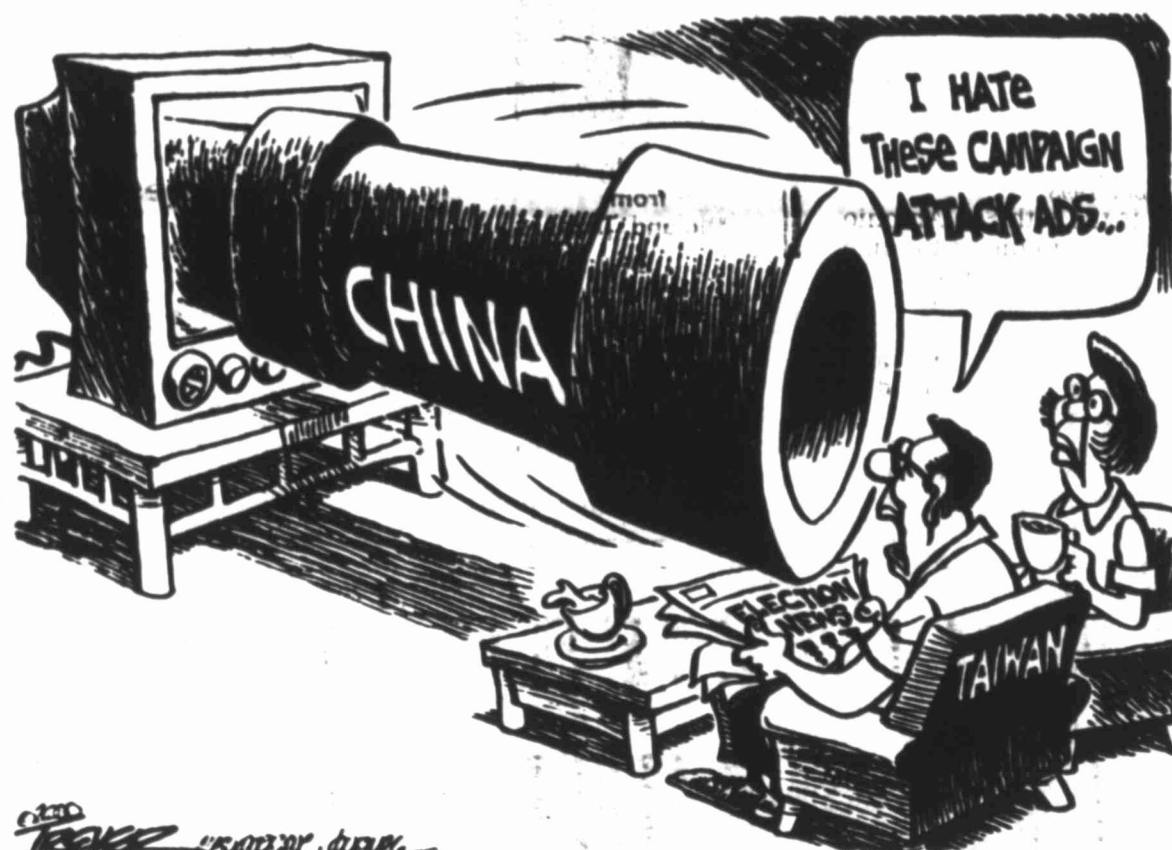
Nixon said that, after pouring some coffee, he told Brezhnev that before they got to other things, "I had something to say first. That is, that a Russian tank attack across West Germany would be answered with nuclear weapons automatically."

Nixon did not mean ICBMs against Russian cities, but battlefield nukes fired from howitzers. In that case, the Russian tank masses would be incinerated.

Brezhnev, Nixon said, did not bat an eye. He was silent for a moment and then said, "Mr. President, I am glad you spoke so clearly. I will tell Moscow what you have said."

Nixon meant that what he said to Brezhnev would serve to discourage hotheads and adventurers back in Moscow.

It is now time for a quiet conference along those lines between an American president and sober representatives from Beijing.



Brokerage community's turn to shudder

W recently reported that the Russian mafia is under investigation by the FBI for manipulating and laundering money through the U.S. stock markets. The problem is to separate criminal activity from legitimate business.

Capital flight from Russia is quite common. Since the fall of the Soviet Union, \$350 billion has left the country. Much of this comes from legitimate companies looking to preserve their assets against the unpredictability of the Russian economy. According to estimates from Russia's national police agency, about \$9 bil-

lion of the \$350 billion was "dirty money" — and this is a very conservative estimate.

The most spectacular case to date concerned the alleged link between the Russian mafia and the Bank of New York. The FBI claims that the Russian mafia has used accounts with BNY to launder billions of dollars from Russia. In the summer of 1998, British officials notified U.S. officials about the link between YBM Magnex, which is a front company for the Russian mafia, and Benex, a company owned by Peter Berlin, whose wife, Lucy Edwards, is a vice president of BNY. Almost \$10 billion has passed through the Benex accounts.

Edwards, who worked in the London branch, was actually fired due to "alleged gross misconduct, violations of the bank's internal policies, falsification of bank records, and failure to cooperate." She and Berlin are both under investigation.

Appearing before a Manhattan court, Edwards stated that she was approached by Russian bankers in 1995, who asked her to open accounts at BNY under Berlin's company's name in order to obtain software that would allow them to bank illegally. In return, she and Berlin would receive a percentage of the money, totalling more than 1 million pounds.

The other BNY employee under investigation is Natasha Gurkinfel Kagalovsky, who is senior vice president of the New York branch and who supervises dealings with Eastern Europe. Her husband, Konstantin, is also under investigation. He was the Russian representative to the International Monetary Fund from 1992 to 1995. Later, he was the senior executive of Menetap, a Russian bank. He is currently vice president at Yukos, the Russian oil giant.

Now it is the brokerage community's turn to shudder.



JACK ANDERSON

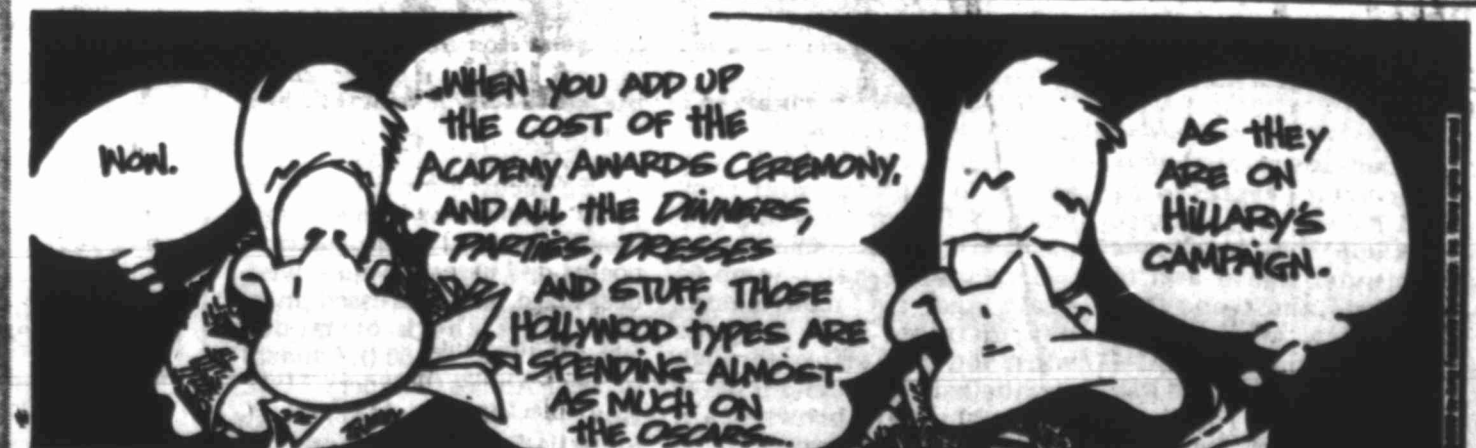
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United States officials are proposing new timetable in Elian court battle

MIAMI (AP) — Relatives of Elian Gonzalez who want to keep the 6-year-old boy from being returned to Cuba are facing mounting pressure from the U.S. government to put their case before an appeals court.

The Justice Department late Friday told the relatives that they have until noon Monday to agree to a speedy appeal or the boy will be swiftly returned to his father, according to family spokesman Armando Gutierrez.

In Washington, a federal official close to the case confirmed

that the Justice Department plans to give the family's lawyers one week after that agreement deadline to file the expedited appeal. The deadline for filing the appeal would be April 3.

If the relatives do not agree, the government will begin the process of returning Elian to his father in Cuba next Thursday, according to the federal official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

Attorney General Janet Reno confirmed the Monday deadline

in a statement Friday night but offered no details. She reiterated her statement that the goal is to "reunite Elian with his father in a fair, prompt and orderly manner."

If the family loses its appeal and the U.S. Supreme Court fails to step in, the boy must be turned over to federal officials within three days of the court's decision, The Miami Herald reported in today's papers.

The developments cap a week filled with legal maneuvering in the custody war over the little

boy. Elian was found clinging to an inner tube off Florida on Nov. 25 after his mother and 10 other people drowned when their boat capsized during an attempt to reach the United States.

The case quickly became a fight between the U.S. and Cuban governments and U.S. family members who oppose the island nation's Communist ideology and want to raise the boy.

The Immigration and Naturalization Service, in a January ruling supported by

Reno, said the boy must be returned to his father. That led to a lawsuit and a judge's ruling on Tuesday that upheld the INS decision.

That ruling is the subject of the appeal to the 11th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Atlanta and the Justice Department deadlines to speed up the case. The first deadline for the family's appeal was March 31.

The agency is closely watching the family's response to the latest letter, as are members of

Miami's large Cuban exile community who have threatened to protest if the government moves to send the boy back to Cuba.

"We will certainly make the administration pay a dear price for such an arbitrary decision," said Ninoska Perez, a spokesman for the Cuban American National Foundation. Gutierrez said family members will meet with their lawyers over the weekend to discuss the case. Beyond that, Gutierrez said: "We will not comment right now."

House, Senate eye tax breaks to counter rising oil prices

WASHINGTON (AP) — Tax breaks are still on the minds of congressional leaders trying to find a political solution to rising oil prices, but the House and Senate are approaching the question in much different ways.

Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., introduced a pair of gas-tax bills this week. One would roll back until January the 4.3-cents-a-gallon increase imposed in 1993. The other would enact a temporary "tax holiday" and suspend the 18.4-cents-per-gallon federal gas tax if pump prices top \$2 a gallon this year.

House Republicans, meanwhile, already have backed away from plans to reduce gas taxes as a quick way of easing the price crunch. GOP opponents said there were no guarantees the meager relief would be passed on to customers, and eliminating the tax would take billions of dollars from critical road and bridge projects.

Rep. J.C. Watts of Oklahoma,

the fourth-ranking House Republican, outlined the new House approach in a speech Friday: attack the Clinton administration's policies as incapable of reducing U.S. dependency on foreign oil and pass a package of tax breaks and other legislation to increase domestic oil production.

"When America looks outside our borders for more and more of the energy it needs, when we become more and more dependent on foreign product, we slowly weaken our national security here at home," Watts said.

The House GOP plan described by Watts would:

—Enact tax credits for marginal or low-producing oil wells, permit producers to expense geological costs and rental payments on tax returns and allow independent producers five years to "carry back" past losses on their current tax returns. Other tax proposals would modify the way oil production is treated by the alternative mini-

mum tax and scrap limits on net taxable income.

—Open more federal lands to oil production in an environmentally responsible way, explore the potential of the vast Arctic National Wildlife Refuge in Alaska and reduce royalties where federal mineral holdings are expensive.

—Require the Energy Department to report to Congress and President Clinton by July 4 on recommendations to enhance domestic oil production.

In the Senate, Lott's proposed gas-tax rollbacks already have encountered significant opposition from Democrats and Republicans, even though revenue for highway projects would be replaced by transferring cash from the projected budget surplus. Sens. John Warner, R-Va., George Voinovich, R-Ohio, and Max Baucus, D-Mont., are among those opposing the legislation.

"It's going to shortchange the American public, and it's short-

sighted," Baucus said.

The 4.3-cent rollback has political appeal for Republicans because Vice President Al Gore cast the tie-breaking vote that allowed the increase to pass the Senate seven years ago. Lott would probably need to get 60 votes to overcome parliamentary roadblocks in the Senate, however, and that always is difficult to achieve.

"I'm very skeptical," said Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, D-S.D. "I wonder where the money comes from."

Meanwhile, the Clinton administration insists that Congress, at administration urging, already passed sufficient tax relief for domestic oil producers when coupled with the opening of more areas to production, such as the deeper waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Also, the administration hopes the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting this week in Vienna, Austria, will increase production by 2 million barrels a day.

Drug suspect, officer dead following shootout at motel

SAN ANTONIO — A police officer was gunned down Friday while attempting to arrest a suspected drug fugitive at a San Antonio motel, officials said.

Immediately after patrolman Oscar Perez, 31, was shot, a second police officer fired on the suspect, killing the 20-year-old man from Potosi.

The suspect's identity wasn't immediately released.

The shootings took place about 8:40 p.m. just outside the door of a room at the Budget Inn Motel in the city's South Side neighborhood.

Perez and another officers went to the hotel around 6:30 p.m. to serve a warrant on the man, who police said was a registered sex offender from Corpus Christi who was wanted on drug charges.

The officers knocked on the hotel door, but did not receive an answer. They then got the room key from the front desk and returned to the room. When one of the officers opened the door, he began struggling with the suspect.

"At that point the suspect apparently grabbed a weapon and shots were fired at the officers, striking one of the officers," according to Sgt. Gabriel Trevino, of the San Antonio police department.

"Shots were returned from the cover officer, the second officer that entered, and that struck the suspect. The suspect is now deceased here at the scene," Trevino said.

The 6 1/2-year veteran officer, who was married with two young children, died a couple of hours later of a single gunshot wound to the head, Police Chief Al Philippus said.

"We're trying to ... come to terms with losing a very fine officer," Philippus said after comforting the officer's pregnant widow at the hospital.

"All of us feel like our hearts have been ripped out," he told the San Antonio Express-News.

As news of the shootings spread through the Police Department, dozens of stunned

and grieving officers gathered throughout the night outside the University Hospital emergency room, where the fallen officer's body lay.

"I loved him like a brother," said patrolman Ernest Trevino, who graduated with Perez from the police academy in September 1993.

Perez is the fourth San Antonio police officer to die in the line of duty since 1980. The last two officers were killed in 1995, when Fabian Dominguez, 29, was shot by burglars and Michael C. McInnis, 25, died in a traffic accident.

On Jan. 31, officer Edward Vargas was shot and wounded outside a Southwest Side home while trying to arrest a suspect.



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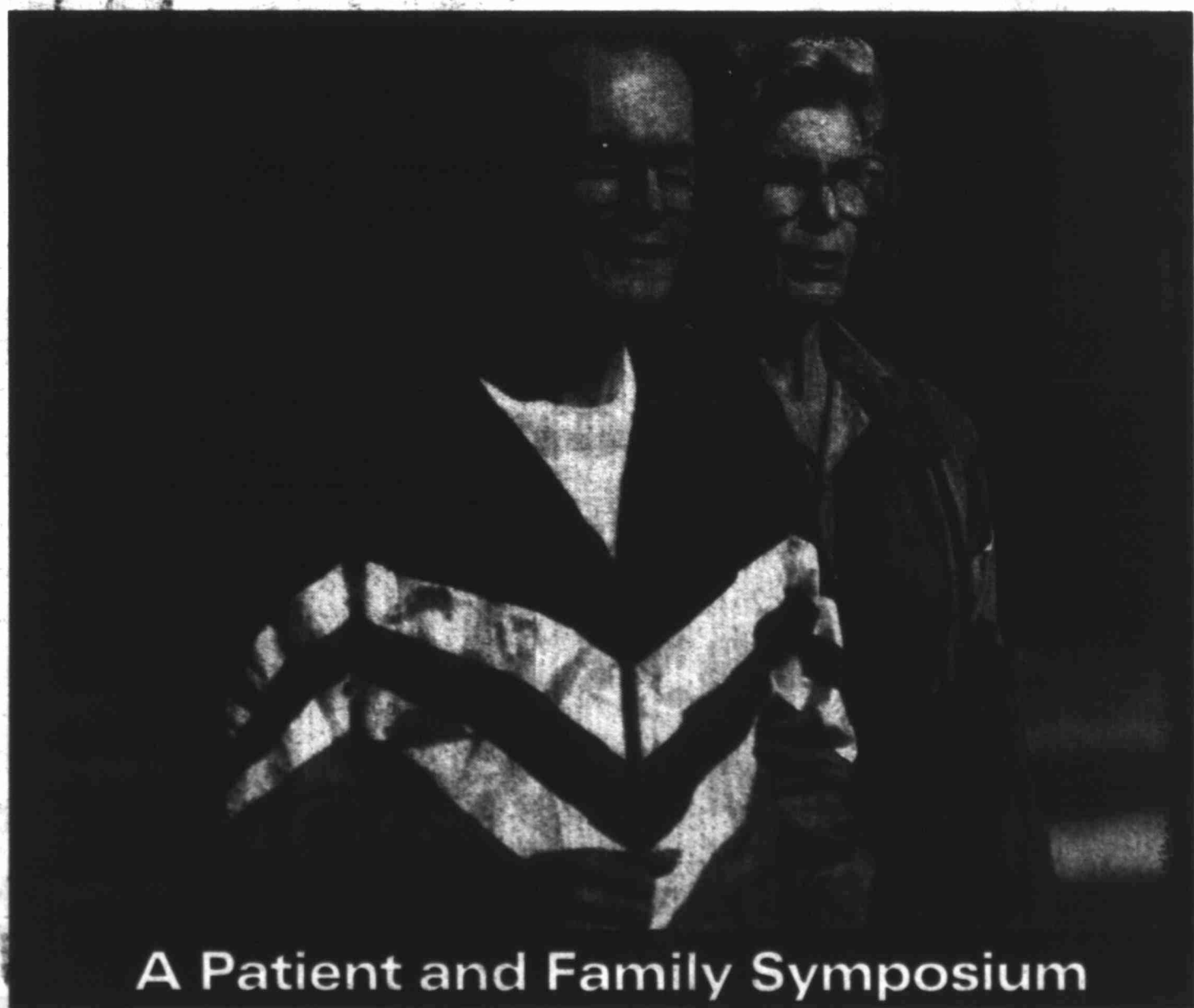
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Those registered for the Symposium are invited to attend an evening of fun, food and fellowship at our annual Shake, Rattle & Roll party on Friday evening, April 7, from 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. at the Holiday Inn Civic Center. Plenty of play money for you to enjoy bingo, black jack, roulette and dice tables. Special prizes will be awarded and snacks will be provided. Reservations are required. For more information or to make reservations, please call 806-796-2647.

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Working seniors will get refunds after Social Security legislation becomes law

WASHINGTON (AP) — For thousands of senior citizens who work, the check will be in the mail soon after legislation lifting the Social Security earnings limit becomes law, as expected this spring.

"We are working hard to ensure that Social Security beneficiaries who are affected by the new law will have money in their pockets quickly," Social Security Commissioner Kenneth Apfel said Friday.

The legislation, scheduled for final passage in the Republican-led House on Tuesday, will repeal a Depression-era law that would reduce Social Security payments by \$1 for every \$3 a beneficiary between the ages of 65 and 69 earns in wages over \$17,000. President Clinton said he will sign the bill into law.

Because the repeal is retroactive to Jan. 1, about 415,000 working seniors or dependents will get refunds for the money

already deducted this year from their Social Security checks — a total of \$1.4 billion or an average of \$3,500 per person.

If Clinton signs the bill by mid-April, Apfel said the checks should be sent by early May and monthly benefits adjusted by June.

The repeal directly affects 800,000 Social Security recipients who are working this year and another 100,000 who haven't sought benefits because they have jobs. With the earnings test eliminated, Apfel said each of these people could receive an additional \$6,700 in Social Security this year.

In addition, 7.5 million people between the ages of 62 and 70 who receive Medicare, Social Security or both will get notices from the Social Security Administration describing the new law and how it could affect them.

A spokesman for House Ways

and Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas, said Archer is "glad the SSA is moving quickly to make seniors whole."

Archer first introduced a bill to repeal the limit in 1970 and the concept has always had broad support, but until this year it was always used as a "sweetener" added to more controversial legislation that failed to pass. This year, Democrats and Republicans alike found the measure irresistible as both parties court the elderly vote for the November elections.

Employers facing a tight job market are also clamoring for more workers and there are many jobs in retail and services that are a perfect fit for people over age 65.

"The earnings test is counterproductive in an economy in which employers want and need the skills and talents of older workers," Apfel said.

Ministers accused of fleecing followers

COLUMBIA, S.C. (AP) — Two ministers have been charged with money laundering and fraud, accused of taking more than \$7 million from their followers in an investment scheme with links overseas.

The Rev. Johnny William "Bill" Cabe, 40, and the Rev. Shelton Joel Shirley, 48, each face 16 counts of money laundering and nine counts of wire fraud.

If convicted, the men could face up to 225 years in prison and millions of dollars in fines, along with repayment of the \$7 million.

The pastors, operating under the missionary program Hisway Ministries, took money from investors from January to

August 1998, offering returns of up to 500 percent in three months, according to the indictment.

One investor said he had forgiven the ministers, he still wanted to see them punished.

"I feel bad for them, but at the same time I want to see justice served," Don Calhoun said. "I want my money back."

Calhoun said he and his wife invested \$30,000 with Cabe and Shirley, hoping to pay off their debts quickly.

Other investors lived in Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Michigan and Washington D.C., according to the indictment.

Thinking their money would be used for missionary work

and in investments to make a profit, churchgoers gave \$3.6 million to Cabe and Shirley, Assistant U.S. Attorney Dean Eichelberger said. Other investors added more than \$4 million.

Cabe, who was arrested by federal agents in York on Friday morning, appeared in court a few hours later.

After hearing the charges against him and his partner, Cabe motioned toward prosecutors and said, "I want to help them. We're not the bad guys."

Also indicted was a London antiques dealer, Terrence Stanley Victor Wingrove, 58. He is charged with 17 counts of wire fraud and 14 counts of money laundering.

Putin appears headed for victory

MOSCOW (AP) — Weary of chaos and government corruption, Russians are expected to give Vladimir Putin a victory in presidential elections Sunday, hoping the ex-KGB spy can clean up the country and restore it as a world power without rolling back democratic reforms.

"I'm tired of all this disorder," said Vladimir Prishchev, a pensioner casting his ballot for Putin in Russia's Pacific port city of Vladivostok, where graft is rampant and electricity is unreliable. "When Putin takes charge of something, he takes it to the end."

With a Putin presidency seen as inevitable by most Russians, the question is what he plans for the world's largest country in land mass. Putin has given few firm commitments beyond saying that restoring strong government is his top goal — a jarring idea in a nation that has endured centuries of dictatorship.

"From the very start Russia was created as a supercentralized state. This is part of its genetic code, traditions and people's mentality," Putin said.

Putin spent Saturday evening at a soccer match. Campaigning was forbidden on election eve, and workers pasted over campaign posters with new advertisements.

Troops also fanned out to polling stations around the country, guarding against possible Chechen terror attacks.

Opinion polls show Putin with about 50 percent of voters backing him, with Communist leader Gennady Zyuganov far behind with about 20 percent. The 10 other candidates are mostly unknown, with only nationalist Vladimir Zhirinovskiy and liberal Grigory Yavlinsky likely to get more than a handful of votes.

The only worry for Putin was whether voter apathy would keep turnout low. That would likely deny him the 50-percent

plus vote he needs to avoid an April 16 runoff against the next-highest vote winner. Such a runoff would probably be against Zyuganov, with Putin virtually guaranteed victory.

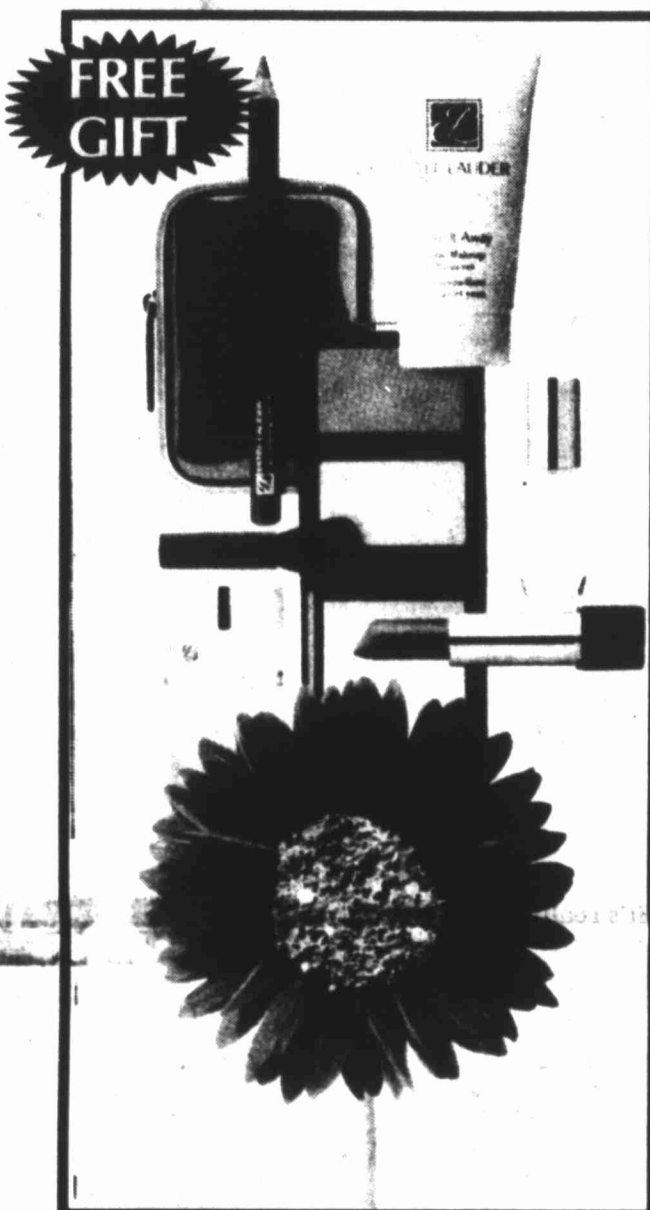
The campaign has devoid of suspense because everyone assumes that Putin will win and most of the candidates have stayed home. But while the campaigning has been bland, few have been nostalgic for the character assassination and dirty tricks that normally besmirch Russian elections.

Many Russians hope Putin is going to clear up the corruption and deceit that swamped the final years of former president Boris Yeltsin's administration. He is the most popular leader in recent Russian history, polls show.

Others, mainly liberals and intellectuals, worry that the ex-member of the KGB will bring back the iron controls of the Communist era and crush any dissent.

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Microsoft offer doesn't impress government

WASHINGTON (AP) — Skeptical government lawyers consider an 11th-hour offer from the Microsoft Corp. to settle its antitrust trial so inadequate in important areas that there were no immediate plans to resume negotiations in Chicago, people close to the case said Saturday.

These sources did not rule out the possibility of talks resuming, and the government continued to evaluate the proposal by Microsoft to end the case before Tuesday, when the trial judge has threatened to announce his verdict.

U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson, who has hinted he will rule strongly against Microsoft, has told lawyers in a private meeting that he will deliver his ruling that day unless there is progress in settlement talks being organized by U.S. Circuit Judge Richard Posner in Chicago.

The government on Saturday again reviewed Microsoft's latest offer, which published reports said included promises to separate the company's Internet browser software from its dominant Windows operating system. The proposal, faxed on Friday, was sufficiently complex that some of the Justice Department's top technical experts were evaluating it.

But there were new signs suggesting no deal would be struck before Jackson's deadline.

Lawyers on all sides had no immediate plans to fly to Chicago for lengthy negotiations, and Microsoft already is considering its witnesses for the next stage of the trial — after the verdict when Jackson decides the company's punishment.

"I was pessimistic a while back, and I remain skeptical," said Robert Litan, a former senior Justice official who negotiated with Microsoft in an all-night session in a related 1994 case.

The Justice Department has backed off proposals to break up Microsoft to restrain what the judge has characterized as the company's abuse of its monopoly power over the technology industry.

But it was expected to demand some limits on what features Microsoft can add to Windows, out of fear the company could overwhelm smaller rivals offering some fledgling technology

that threatens Microsoft's lucrative flagship Windows software.

"If they're going to be hung up on anything, it will be that tying issue," Litan said. "If Justice is insisting on some sort of future judicial determination whether a new (Windows) product includes an unlawful tie, I can't see Microsoft going for

that."

The government also is restrained in seeking a negotiated settlement by expectations of a favorable ruling from Jackson. He issued the first phase of his verdict in November with blistering findings that accepted nearly all the allegations against Microsoft.

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IN BRIEF

Castillo pockets \$3,300 at Alabama PRCA event

Chad Castillo, a member of the Howard College rodeo team, returned from Alabama last week after a PRCA-sanctioned rodeo where he won the bull riding competition. The victory provided Castillo with \$3,300 in earnings.

Castillo, a sophomore, stood 10th in the PRCA bull riding standings last year when he was seriously injured at a rodeo in Tucson, Ariz.

Those injuries robbed him of not only a chance to reach the National Collegiate Finals Rodeo, but also the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.

HC rodeo team members stumble at Odessa rodeo

After a strong start at Thursday's opening round of the Odessa College Rodeo, with four performances that figured to qualify for Saturday night's short go-round, Howard College riders suffered a little hard luck during Friday's events.

Matt Burrow failed to qualify for the short round in the bareback competition when he posted a 63-point ride Friday night.

Bull riders Jeremy Hughes and Shawn Patrick would have the same luck. Patrick managed a 64-point ride, while Hughes received just 58 points for his eight-second effort.

Lady Hawks drop two to Midland in twinbill

Midland College's Lady Chaparrals maintained their lead in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) softball standings Saturday with 11-2 and 4-3 wins over Howard College's Lady Hawks.

With the win, Midland improved to 5-1 in conference play, while the Lady Hawks dropped to 22-19 overall and 0-6 in WJCAC play.

The Lady Hawks and Lady Chaps will play another conference doubleheader at 1 p.m. today at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex.

Coahoma UGSA begins registration on Monday

The United Girls Softball Association of Coahoma will hold registration from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Friday at the Coahoma Community Center.

Fees are \$20 per player and a birth certificate is required.

For more information, call Candy Parrish at 270-2034.

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• Midland College Lady Chaparrals at Howard College Lady Hawks (DH).

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AUTO RACING
10:30 a.m. — FIA Formula One Brazilian Grand Prix, FOX, Ch. 29.
11 a.m. — ASA AC Delco Challenge Series, TNN, Ch. 35.
Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup Food City 500, ESPN, Ch. 30.
3:30 p.m. — CART FedEx Championship Series Grand Prix of Miami, ESPN, Ch. 30.
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
Men
1:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, East Regional championship, Tulsa vs. North Carolina, CBS, Ch. 7.
3:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, South Regional championship, Florida vs. Oklahoma State, CBS, Ch. 7.
NBA
11:30 a.m. — Philadelphia 76ers at Indiana Pacers, NBC, Ch. 9.
5:30 p.m. — L.A. Lakers at Sacramento Kings, NBC, Ch. 9.
GOLF
2 p.m. — PGA The Players Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.
3 p.m. — PGA The Players Championship, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.
NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE
Noon — Colorado Avalanche at Dallas Stars, ABC, Ch. 2.
7 p.m. — Phoenix Coyotes at Anaheim Mighty Ducks, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Errors prove costly in Lady Steers' 1-0 loss to Snyder



A Snyder base runner knocks third base loose, as Big Spring's Amy Jackson tags her out in the top of the fifth inning, as Lady Tigers coach Rob Dickenson looks on and the Lady Steers' Vanessa Rodriguez (8) backs up the play. Snyder took a 1-0 win to pull into a first-place tie with Big Spring in the District 5-4A softball standings.

By VALERIE AVERY
Herald Correspondent

Big Spring's Lady Steers played a near-flawless game, but consecutive errors in the top of the fourth inning allowed Snyder's Lady Tigers to eke out a 1-0 win Friday afternoon in District 5-4A softball play.

The Lady Steers' first district loss left them tied atop the district standings with Snyder, both teams owning 3-1 loop records.

With the loss, the Lady Steers saw their season record dip to 18-4, while the Lady Tigers improved to 15-12.

Freshman Christina Gwyn's 60 mph fastballs and baffling change ups combined with a stellar defensive supporting cast kept Snyder at bay for three innings, but the Lady Tigers' luck would change in the fourth inning.

With two outs, shortstop Shelley Fisk reached base after Lady Steers catcher Lindsey Marino dropped the ball on a called third strike and first baseman Leticia Hernandez was out of position to catch a throw. Seconds later, Kira Diaz

grounded to third, but the throw to first for what should have been the third out of the inning sailed over Hernandez's head, allowing Fisk to score what proved to be the game's only run.

Gwyn took control to stop the bleeding, striking out Jennifer Newman to end the inning.

"Small mistakes count big in big games," a clearly dejected Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista said following his team's fourth-inning mental lapse.

Big Spring's defense retired the Lady Tigers in order the rest of the way, allowing just nine batters to come to the plate over the final three innings — five of them becoming Gwyn strikeout victims.

The Lady Steers appeared as if they were going to mount a rally in the bottom of the seventh when Vanessa Rodriguez led off the inning with a single to center field.

When Snyder catcher Chaelyn Robinson tried to pick Rodriguez off first a few seconds later, her throw was wild and the Lady Steers suddenly had a

See LADY STEERS, page 8A

Late rallies give OC sweep over Hawks

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

Howard College's Hawks all but saw their hopes of claiming the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) baseball championship go by the wayside Friday and Saturday, as Odessa College's Wranglers swept a three-game league series.

Odessa set the tone for the weekend with a 3-2 win Friday and then took 8-7 and 9-5 wins in Saturday's doubleheader.

"I know it's really frustrating to be saying this, but they (Wranglers) pretty much won the conference championship today," Hawks head coach Justin Hays said following Saturday's heart-breaking losses.

"They're 12-3 in the conference right now ... that puts them in pretty good shape," Hays added. "We've not got to battle it out with El Paso and New Mexico Junior College for second and third."

In fact, Hays says he believes the Hawks are almost in the position of having to win the rest of their WJCAC games if they want to finish second in the league.

"We can't afford to lose very many and hope to finish third," the Hawks diamond boss added, stressing the importance of finishing in the conference's top three and thereby qualify for the Region V tournament in May.

The Hawks, now 7-3 in WJCAC action and 21-17 overall, will try to get back on track this coming weekend when they travel to Borger for a series with Frank Phillips College's Plainsmen.

Perhaps most frustrating for Hays and his team was their inability to maintain a lead in the Odessa series.

The Wranglers managed to do most of their damage in the final two innings of all three games.

It looked as if the Hawks would make Odessa pay for its come-from-behind win on



Howard College pitcher Danny McMurry makes a diving tag to put out Odessa College runner Eric Neatherlin following a wild pitch in the fourth inning of Friday's Western Junior College Athletic Conference game at Jack Barber Field. Odessa rallied for a 3-2 win and swept a doubleheader on Saturday to take a commanding lead in the conference baseball standings.

Friday in Saturday's opener when they took a comfortable lead in the bottom of the third inning.

Zack Matthews led off the inning by reaching base on an error and Kennard Bibbs drew a walk. Danny McMurry followed with a sacrifice fly to plate Matthews and Jay Alsop followed with a double.

Caleb Reger singled to load the bases, setting the stage for a grand slam home run by Andy Harrington.

The Wranglers managed to chip away at the lead and took a 6-5 margin in the top of the sixth when catcher Elton Emiliano hit a two-run homer.

First baseman Humberto Aguilar then made it 8-5 in the top of the seventh with a two-run blast of his own.

Howard did its best to retaliate in the bottom of the inning. Matthews drew a lead-off walk and Bibbs reached base on a fielder's choice play. McMurry added another RBI when Matthews scored on a ground-out and Bibbs scored to trim the lead to 8-7 when he scored on an Alsop single.

As is quite often the case in a pitchers' duel, Friday's opening game of the series came down to which team made the fewest mistakes.

Saturday's nightcap saw the

Hawks tied the game at 5-5 in the bottom of the eighth inning, only to have Emiliano again spark a Wranglers rally with another two-run home run.

The Wranglers claimed Friday's win with a pair of unearned runs in the seventh inning and then added the game winner against McMurry, Howard's starter and loser, with three singles in the eighth.

For six innings, McMurry had tossed a two-hit shutout, thanks in no small part to a pair of close plays at the plate in which the Wranglers came up empty.

The first of those plays at the plate came in the fourth inning

when Wranglers third baseman Eric Neatherlin tried to score from third on a wild pitch.

Luckily for McMurry, the ball bounced hard off the base of the backstop and directly to the Hawks pitcher at the plate, allowing him to make a diving tag and foil Neatherlin.

The bottom of of the fifth inning ended in virtually the same fashion, as Hawks catcher Jason Jurgens tracked down a passed ball and fired to McMurry covering the plate in time to tag out Odessa's Aguilar.

The Hawks' luck would not

See HAWKS, page 8A

Simmons grabs medalist lead in District 5-4A girls' tournament

HERALD Staff Reports

SWEETWATER — Two-time defending champion Ashlie Simmons opened defense of her medalist status Saturday in impressive fashion, posting a 77 on the Sweetwater Country Club layout to take a one-stroke lead over Snyder's Randi Reed in the opening round of the District 5-4A girls' golf tournament.

Simmons' 77 helped lead Big Spring's Lady Steers to only their second sub-400 round of the season, but the 398 total was only good enough to leave them sixth in the team standings.

Conversely, Reed's 78 helped lead the Lady Tigers to a 328 total and a four-stroke lead over Fort Stockton's Prowlers.

Andrews' Lady Mustangs were third in the team standings with a 334 total, while the Andrews No. 2 squad was fourth at 362 and Snyder's No. 2 team was fifth at 365.

The Lady Mustangs' Rachel Robb stood

third in the medalist standings following the first 18 holes, having posted a 79.

Big Spring managed its second-best round of the season as Heather Gibbs posted a 100 during Saturday's play, while Heather Harris carded a 108, Sarah Anthony added a 113 and Brittany Griffith chipped in a 119.

Big Spring's No. 2 team was led by Amanda Sheedy's 118, while Leslie Hicks and Rebecca Fuqua both carded rounds of 134. Lindsey Gaston rounded out the second unit's scores with a 139.

The Lady Steers will now host the second round of district tournament play this Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club.

Steers linksters seventh in district boys' tourney

SAN ANGELO — Andrews' Mustangs jumped out to a comfortable 14-stroke lead during the opening round of the

District 5-4A golf tournament at the Riverside Golf Course on Friday.

The Mustangs posted a round of 285 to take the lead, while Sweetwater was second with a 299 team score. Andrews' No. 2 team held the third spot in the team standings with a 312 total, while Snyder was fourth at 315 and San Angelo Lake View was fifth at 319.

Big Spring, led by sophomore Jerrod Simmons' round of 79, managed a 332 total to enter the second round of play with a 332 total, seven strokes behind Fort Stockton's sixth-place team.

That second round is scheduled for Saturday, April 1, at the Western Texas College course in Snyder.

Zac Hall added an 83 for the Steers, while Richard Gaitan had an 84 and Jamie Womble carded an 86. Clayton Weaver rounded out the Big Spring No. 1 scoring with a 90.

The Steers' No. 2 team, which currently stands 11th in the 12-team field, posted a 356 total. Will Conley led the way

for that Big Spring squad, posting a round of 77, while Isaac Willborn carded an 82. Richard Key added a score of 98 and Jacob Garcia finished with a tour of 99. Chris Bravo capped that team's scores with a 102.

Three other Big Spring players were entered in medalist competition only. Lance Brock posted a 98, while Coby Green and Rudy Garcia both finished with rounds of 108.

Bulldogettes rip Wall; second game doused

WALL — What was supposed to be a District 2-2A doubleheader between Coahoma's Bulldogettes and Wall's Lady Hawks never reached conclusion Friday night, as a thunderstorm rained out the second game.

The Bulldogettes were still able to ride home with a smile, however, after hav-

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American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Reassigned

RHP Brett Hinchcliffe, RHP Greg Kneib,

RHP Steve Lirio and INF Keith Lueda

to their minor league camps. Options C

Bret Hemphill to Edmonton of the PCL.

MINNESOTA TWINS—Options OF

Brian Buchanan and C Javier Valentin to

Salt Lake of the PCL.

NEW YORK YANKEES—Agreed to

terms with INF Carlos Garcia on a

minor-league contract.

OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Traded 1B

David McCarty to the Kansas City

Royals for cash.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Sent OF

Shane Monahan and LHP Brian Frier

outright to Tacoma of the PCL.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

CHICAGO CUBS—Placed INF Willie

Greene on the 15-day disabled list,

retroactive to March 23. Recalled INF

Cole Lincecum.

CINCINNATI REDS—Assigned OF

Brooks Kirschner to Louisville of the

International League.

COLORADO ROCKIES—Announced

OF Derrick Gibson has been claimed off

waivers by the Florida Marlins.

Announced OF Chris Latham has

been claimed off waivers and has been sent

outright to Colorado Springs of the PCL.

Optioned LHP Rigo Beltran to Colorado

Springs. Released C Raul Casanova.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Options

INF Alex Cora and OF Tony Mota to

Albuquerque of the PCL.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Options

RHP Jeff D'Amico to Indianapolis of the

International League.

NATIONAL BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION

LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Named

Rob Brown assistant director of com-

munications.

PHILADELPHIA 76ERS—Reassigned

Larry Brown, coach, to a multiyear con-

tract. Placed F George Lynch on the

injured list. Signed F Antonio Lang to a

10-day contract.

FOOTBALL

NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE

ATLANTA FALCONS—Waived PK Clay

Rush.

HOUSTON—Named George Sames

national scout.

KANSAS CITY CHIEFS—Signed DE

Duane Clemons.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANERS—Signed

P Mark Rypka to a three-year con-

tract.

HOCKEY

NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE

ATLANTA THRASHERS—Agreed to

terms with F J.P. Vigier and assigned

him to Orlando of the IHL.

CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled D

Lance Sornborger and F Sergei Varlamov

from Saint John of the AHL.

PHOENIX COYOTES—Recalled RW

Trent Hansen from Springfield of the

AHL.

WASHINGTON CAPITALS—Signed D

Michael Farrel.

HORSE RACING

MOUNTAIN PARK—Named Sean P.

Greely racing secretary for Mountain

Park and the Meadowslands.

LACROSSE

PHILADELPHIA WINGS—Acquired D

Hamilton Pollard from Albany.

PITTSBURGH CRUSHERS—Placed

F William Ruhl on injured reserve.

Signed F Jamie Batley.

SYRACUSE SMASH—Assigned F

Bill Edell to the practice squad. Signed F

Brent Ruffalo.

COLLEGE

NCAA—Reduced Murray

State basketball coaching staff's

allowance of coaches who can scout

prospective players off campus during

the 2000-2001 school year after find-

ing the school received four sec-

ondary violations of its rules.

ALBANY STATE, GA.—Announced

the resignation of Oliver Jones, men's

basketball coach. Named Anthony

Webb interim head coach.

JACKSONVILLE—Named Hugh

Durham interim director of athletics.

SIEIRA—Named Jeff Todei football

coach.

NCAA - MEN

EAST REGIONAL

At The Carrier Dome

Syracuse, N.Y.

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 24

Florida 87, Duke 78

Oklahoma State 68, Seton Hall 66

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 26

Florida 127-71 vs. Oklahoma State

(27-6), 4 p.m.

SOUTH REGIONAL

At Frank Erwin Center

Austin, Texas

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 24

Tulsa 80, Miami 71

North Carolina 74, Tennessee 69

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 26

Tulsa 124-41 vs. North Carolina (21-

13), 1:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

At The Palace of Auburn Hills

Auburn Hills, Mich.

Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 23

Michigan State 75, Syracuse 58

Iowa State 80, UCLA 56

Regional Championship

Saturday, March 25

Michigan State 75, Iowa State 64

(27-6), 4 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL

At Portland, Ore. Regional Semifinals

Saturday, March 25

Georgia (31-3) vs. North Carolina

(20-12), late

Rutgers (24-7) vs. Alabama

Birmingham (21-12), late

Regional Championship

Monday, March 27

Semifinal winners

THE FINAL FOUR

At First Union Center

Philadelphia

National Semifinals

Friday, March 31

Midwest champion vs. West champ

National Championship

Sunday, April 2

Semifinal winners

NBA STANDINGS

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Roy Boone scored 12 points for Wisconsin, twice his season average, six of them in the final 2:45. The reserve guard's short jumper put the Badgers up 56-53 with 2:45 remaining, then he made two free throws with 1:08 to play to make it 60-53 and two more to boost the lead to 63-57.

Notre Dame didn't get much

Asjha Jones and Tamika

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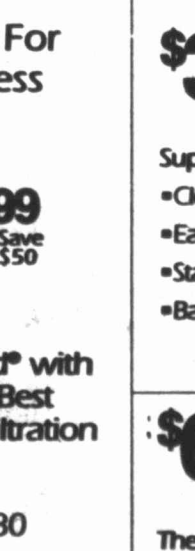
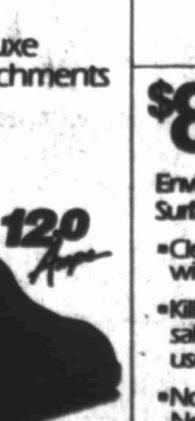
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QUICK TRIVIA

◆Miami, the most southerly major city on the continental U.S., sits two degrees north of the Tropic of Cancer.

◆The population in Denver, Colo. is among the youngest in the country.

Got an item?

Do you have a story idea for the life! section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 236.

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Big Spring Herald

Sunday, March 26, 2000

Getting into the GARDEN

Got spring fever? An itch to get your hands dirty? Go ahead, experts say now is the time to get into the garden.

"You could get out there and till, mix some compost with your soil and get the ground ready," said Gary Simer, owner of Ponderosa Nursery.

But local experts said the smart gardener will wait a week and a half to do most of their spring planting.

"I would recommend waiting until April 5 or after to plant anything but the woody species," said David Kight, Howard County Extension Agent. He said April 5 is the area's last average day for a frost.

"Use common sense," Kight said. "We could receive a freeze between now and then."

Kight said it is still a good time to plant trees, which can usually withstand temperature changes better than the more delicate plants.

Cullifer's Colors, a greenhouse three miles east of Ira, had its first day of business Saturday, but owner Peggy Cullifer is warning customers not to plant some flowers without shielding them from the weather.

"Get the weeds pulled out now, and go ahead and get the soil ready," she said. "If you want to plant some flowers, put them in pots so they can be moved back in if we have a freeze. Wait on (planting) your beds if you can."

For your lawn, Simer recommends putting on a "weed and feed" product now. He also suggests homeowners consider a sprinkler system this year.

"Most people think a sprinkler system will waste water, but actually the opposite is true," he said.

"This actually should drop your water bill because it is designed to put set amounts of water on the lawn at set times."

All three professionals said the recent rain will be a boon to home gardeners.

"It helped us all, although I wish it had come over several days instead of all at once," Simer said. "But we will take it."

"With these warmer temperatures, and when the wind's not blowing, I know people are ready to start working in the yard," Cullifer said. "You just don't want to get ahead of yourself."

She said in the next few weeks, people will start looking at their vegetable gardens. Tomatoes and peppers, which usually take from 60-90 days to produce, can be planted soon. But the ground temperature should warm a bit before the seeds go in, including squash, okra and cucumbers, she said.

Kight said if you plant your peppers and tomatoes now, keep them in protected areas.



Can we predict when a cold snap might hit?

"If it thunders in February, it will freeze in April."

Peggy Cullifer of greenhouse Cullifer's Colors in Ira has heard all the old wives' tales about predicting the weather. But this one, she said, has been true more often than not.

"And it did thunder in February this year, around the 20th or so," she said. "I don't know what to expect."

Could that mean it will freeze around April 20?

Probably not, said David Kight, Howard County Extension Agent, but the area's average last freeze day, over 40 years, has been April 5.

For a century and more, people who depend on the weather have devised ways, true or not, to predict it. Farmers and ranchers, along with home gardeners, have their own set of rules. For instance, the sight of scissor-tail birds is said to be a sure sign of spring.



Above, left, customer Raymond Montez leaves Ponderosa Nursery with some plants. Above, employees Wilbert Estep, front, and "Dude" Clayton plant some cactus plants at the nursery. At left, flowers are waiting in the greenhouse as protection from a frost. Below, Gary Simer, owner of Ponderosa Nursery, stands behind a bunch of plants in one of his greenhouses.



Above, a tiny seedling waits to be transplanted to a larger pot at Ponderosa nursery. The plants are seeded and grown at the nursery, and will be ready for planting in your yard or garden soon. At right, a pepper plant in one of the greenhouses at Ponderosa. Experts say in just over a week, about April 5, peppers and tomatoes will be ready to go in.



And then there is the commonly held belief that once a mesquite tree buds, the frost has ended for the year. "With all of these, there is technically no validity to them," said Kight. "But with the mesquites, there may actually be something to it, with some of the older mesquites that have been around a while."

Story and photos by
Debbie L. Jensen



Warning: Parenting advice can be hazardous to your health

How am I going to explain this one to my toddler? A new report that came out last week says kids shouldn't watch the Teletubbies because it will make them fat.

Now, in case you don't watch this public television show, (and I can only assume most of you don't because it is almost unbearable to those over age 3), you need to know that they are rather large, pear-shaped creatures. Every time they fall down, which is frequently while dancing, jumping and such, you hear a kind of honking noise. It is sort of funny.

On their large, round bellies, each one has a television

screen.

But it isn't the shape of the Teletubbies that sets a bad example for kids, apparently. It's supposed to be their promotional tie-ins with fast-food restaurants that are the culprit.

Kids see Tinky Winky, Dipsy, La La and Po are available at Burger King, for example, and they want to eat at Burger King. A group of doctors and nutritionists says that's a bad deal.

And, they remind us, another group of experts has already said kids under age 2 shouldn't watch TV at all, anyway.

Just what parents need, more advice about how to raise their

children. Thanks, experts, we were all just waiting for you to tell us what to do!

Really, though, I do read this kind of advice all the time. I enjoy seeing what the "experts" have to say. But then I go and do what I think is right, anyway; or sometimes, I just do what is easiest.



DEBBIE L. JENSEN

OK, you can take back my "mother of the year" award.

I'm sure every parent, not to mention every person, gets a bucketful of advice every day. When you have kids, between eating, potty training, illness and tantrums, there are so many issues to deal with that at times you seek out others for help.

Of course, much the advice you receive is conflicting. Occasionally I have come across advice in books and magazines I knew was just plain wrong.

Sometimes the worst source for help is other parents. They can tell you how little Jimmy

potty trained himself in two days at age 2, and how little Jennifer chooses her own healthy meals and eats them, every bite.

And then you end up feeling guilty because when you say, "dinner time!" your kids run to the car. And your only quiet time at home is when the TV is on and the kids sit, transfixed, while pudgy creatures jump around, shout unintelligible phrases and repeat themselves over and over again.

The fact is, none of us is the perfect parent. And while I don't want to teach my kids that they should eat only fast food, it's a fact of life that most

of us eat at those restaurants from time to time.

There's something to be said for teaching your kids moderation in many areas of their lives.

And the Teletubbies, overweight though they may be, are no worse examples of health for my daughter than most of today's anorexic supermodels.

I even get some of my parenting advice straight from the show. Maybe you've seen it — it's the part where Tinky Winky, La La, Dipsy and Po all get together and say, "Biiiiiing Huuuuuuuug!"

Debbie L. Jensen is features editor of the Herald.

ANNIVERSARIES

Reid

Clay and Velma Reid of Coahoma celebrated their 60th Anniversary on March 25, 2000, with a family dinner at KC's Steakhouse in Big Spring hosted by their children.

Clay Reid was born in R-Bar Community, and his future wife, Velma Ray, was born in Coleman. The couple met in the fall of 1939 at a county party in R-Bar Community. They were married March 23, 1940 at Baptist Preacher's home in Big Spring.

Mr. and Mrs. Reid have three children, Randall Reid and Travis Reid, both of Coahoma, and Donnie Reid of Big Spring, nine grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

They have lived in Coahoma since 1947.

They were farmers until they retired, and are members of the Church of Christ.



CLAY AND VELMA REID

The couple enjoy games, fishing, visiting with people, and reading.

Their comments about their 60 years of marriage: "A lot of good and bad times, most of the bad times were even good."

HUMANE SOCIETY

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

Wendy — Black and tan Dachsund mix female, 3 months old.

Speckled Pus — Black and white Heeler mix female, 12 weeks old.

Mariah — Black Chow pup female, 12 weeks old, very sweet.

Billy — Brown and black

Collie mix male, 12 weeks old.

Beth — Black and white Lab mix female, 12 weeks old.

Banner — Black and tan Rott/Basset female, 3 to 4 months old.

Barney — Black Chow mix male, 8 weeks old.

Yoki — Black Chow mix male, 8 weeks old.

Rachel — Black and tan Border Collie mix female, 8 weeks old.

DL — Golden brown Retriever/Cocker female, 4 months old.

Malachi — Pictured, black Chow pup male, 12 weeks old.

Barney — Black Chow pup male, 12 weeks old.

Yoki — Black Chow pup male, 12 weeks old.

Banner — Black and tan Rottie mix female, 4 month old.

Beth — Black with white spotted feet Lab mix female, 14 weeks old.

Billy — Brown and black Collie/Shepherd mix male, 14 weeks old.

D.L. — Golden brown Retriever/Collie mix female, 4 months old.

Shamu — Black with white Austrian Shepherd male, 7 months old.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption.

Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60 and cats are \$50. Includes spaying or neutering, shots.

Pets come with a two-week trial. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.



Pictured: Spot — Black and white cocker/heeler mix female, 7 weeks old, loves children.

ODDS-N-ENDS

NEW YORK (AP) — A judge has cleaned up the act of an X-rated movie star, ruling that jurors in an insider trading case will learn only that she is a dancer, model and actress whose stage name was "Marilyn Star."

Wood rejected attempts by prosecutors to expose more about Kathryn Gannon, a fugitive in a case whose primary defendant is James McDermott Jr., a former top Wall Street executive.

Thursday about what evidence will be admitted at a trial scheduled to start April 10. Prosecutors had wanted at least to refer to Gannon as an "exotic" dancer and as an "adult" film actress. But Wood ruled that neither of the words would be used in front of the jury.

Lawyers for McDermott had successfully argued to the judge that Gannon's career was largely irrelevant to whether she conspired with McDermott and a co-defendant to cheat in the stock market.

WHO'S WHO

Kelly Harrell, a 1996 graduate of Stanton High School, was recently inducted into the Golden Key National Honor Society.

Golden Key, founded in 1977, recognizes the top 15 percent of juniors and seniors in all fields of study at 285 leading universities throughout the United States, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Australia, Canada, Malaysia and New Zealand.

Harrell was inducted into the society during a special ceremony on Nov. 10, 1999, at the Texas Tech University Center Ballroom.

Harrell was notified recently that she had been chosen by the College of Business Administration for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

To be eligible for consideration, applicants must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative grade point average.

They must meet the stated criteria and demonstrate outstanding achievement in each of the areas of scholarship, academic achievement, campus leadership and community service.

Harrell is employed with the Center for Professional Development in Lubbock and will graduate this May with a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance.

Chelsea Schwartz, 15, was recently named as "Miss Teen Abilene" in a preliminary to the "Miss Teen Texas America" pageant to be held in July in conjunction with the Miss Texas pageant.

Contestants are judged on personal interview-platform issues, swimsuit, talent and evening gown competitions.

As Miss Teen Abilene, Chelsea received a savings bond, competition wardrobe allowance, official preliminary crown, roses, Texas entry fees and many gifts and services to help prepare her for the next stop of competition in Fort Worth.

Schwartz is a freshman at Garden City High School and the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence. She is the granddaughter of Emma Doe of Big Spring.



SCHWARTZ

Mr. Albert 'Blair' Nutting of Big Spring, a student at Big Spring High School, attended the National Youth Leadership Forum on Defense, Intelligence and Diplomacy (NYLF/DID) from Feb. 15-20, in Washington, D.C.

Having demonstrated a academic achievement and an interest in a career related to national security, Nutting joined more than 350 outstanding high school juniors and seniors from across America at the conference. Students learned first-hand about national security, diplomacy and global defense systems.

NYLF/DID is a nonpartisan, nonprofit educational organization that sponsors highly specialized career-oriented programs for outstanding high school students who demonstrate leadership potential.

Blair was nominated and elected to serve as Secretary of Defense during the simulation.

Blair is most appreciative of the local support he received from the Kiwanis, Lions, Greater Rotary and Downtown

Rotary Clubs.

Southern Illinois University Carbondale will recognize during Honors Day ceremonies Sunday, April 9, more than 1,700 undergraduate students who have achieved academic excellence over the course of their college careers.

These students attend classes full time, earning a cumulative grade-point averages of 3.5 or better (on a 4.0 scale).

Monica Marie Villarreal, a sophomore from Big Spring, will be honored and has an overall grade point average of 3.75.

Lisa Foster of Big Spring was one of 40 Hardin-Simmons University students who traveled to Austin for a Spring mission trip, March 11-18. Theme of the week was "Austin 2000...a capital investment."

While in the state capital, the students will conduct Backyard Bible Clubs in apartment complexes and conduct an apartment outreach program with the Jesus video.

Michael Hall of Big Spring earned a place on the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall quarter at Texas State Technical College (TSTC) in Waco.

Hall, a student in the Integrated Digital Image



NUTTING

NEWCOMERS

New residents of Big Spring welcomed recently by Joy Fortenberry and the Newcomer Greeting Service include:

David and Leta Ract, Yreka, Calif. He is currently working at Spencer Coating.

Perfecto Caudello, Midland. He is employed by Hobby Lobby in Midland.

Carlos and Billie Lomas, son, Darek, daughter, Samantha, Sweetwater. He is employed by Sierra Service Wells.

Jessie and Maria Robledo, twins Joe and Maria, sons, Felix and Domingo, daughters Rosa and Iris, Lubbock.

Larry A. and Susan Bryant, son, Taylor, Midland. He is the pro-golf manager for the Big Spring Country Club.

J.D. and Denise Householder, daughter, Cissley, son, Josh, Sweetwater. He is an engineer for U & P Railroad.

Kim and Misty Brown, Leveland, Colo. He is currently working for Rainbo International Carpet.

Robbin and Kaye Orr, Bay City. His currently working as the Assistant District Attorney.

Raymond and Gwendillyd Waight, daughter, Rayla, son Michael, Kileen. He is the foreman for Commercial Cabinet Company.

Arnold and Rebecca Terry,

son, John, Albuquerque, N.M. He is a Truck Driver and she works for Herman's Restaurant.

Chris and Tiffany Smirl, Borger. He is the Youth Pastor at College Park Church of God and works part time at Wal-Mart Super Center.

Niguel and Cecele Martinez, children, Pedro and Stallon, Snyder. He is a truck driver for Coca Cola Enterprises.

Kenneth and Patsy Steen, Abilene. He is a retired truck driver.

Christina Bradburn, Wichita, Kan. She is currently employed at Scenic Mountain Medical Center as a surgery nurse.

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Heidi Pelzel and Heidi Haigood, both of Lubbock, were united in marriage on March 24, 2000, in Lubbock.

Rev. Curtis Halfman, Neumann Catholic Church, officiating.

She is the daughter and Mrs. Steve Pelzel of City.

He is the son of Mr. O.G. Haigood of Ster

STORK CLUB

Lindsey Monique, Feb. 23, 2000, 11:41 pounds 13 1/2 ounces inches long; parents and Maribel Arista.

Cassie Jane Grant, Feb. 28, 2000, 8:15 a.m., six ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Jeremy and Grant. Grandparents and LaDonna Hude Spring, and Gary Coahoma.

Nicholas Lane Lov, Feb. 29, 2000, 10:46 pounds five ounces and 18 inches long; parents are Nancy Loveless. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Riley Parker Sr. Geraldine Parker, Loveless and Robert Loveless Sr.

Noah Kiaran Wright, Feb. 29, 2000, 10:32 pounds 12 ounces and 18 inches long; parents are and Jessica Wington. Grandparents are Carla Wington and Carla Wington and Ofelia Peacock Ackerly.

Jacob Nathaniel, Feb. 29, 2000, 9:33 a.m., pounds 6 1/2 ounces inches long; parents are Puga and Rodriguez. Grandparents are Maria Puga and Fel

Aubrey Lane Wright, March 5, 2000, 4:53 pounds 15 ounces inches long; parents are Samantha Land and Wright. Grandparents are Michael Robins Wright, Jeff and Land, and the late D. all of Big Spring.

Ally Paige Bur, March 7, 2000, 9:08 pounds nine ounces inches long; parents are and Tisha Burnett. Grandparents are Debra Hillger of Big Bill and Nelda L. Coahoma and Bett New Mexico.

Patrick Ray Rodriguez Jr., boy, 2000, 11:21 a.m., six ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Susan Salazar. Grandparents are Pete and Cathy Francis and Matilda all of Big Spring.

Aracela Marissa, girl, Feb. 28, 3:15 pounds and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Naomi L. Adam Valen. Grandparents are Guadalupe Liedeker Rudy Carpen Magdalena and Ad all of Big Spring.

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Heidi Pelzel and Wesley Haigood, both of Lubbock, will be united in marriage on June 24, 2000, in Lubbock, with the Rev. Curtis Halfman of St. John Neumann Catholic Church officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Pelzel of Garden City.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. O.G. Haigood of Sterling City.



Tresa Stabeno and Danny Hull Jr., both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on July 8, 2000, at the Treasure Island Wedding Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. with Dr. Dan Newborn officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Don Stabeno of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Helen Caudill and the late Elvis Caudill. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Danny Hull Sr. of Big Spring and Mary Hull of Panama City, Fla., and the grandson of Margaret Hull and the late Ted Hull of Big Spring.



Amanda (Mandi) Renee Herring and Joe Campbell, both of Lubbock, will be united in marriage on April 8, 2000, at Gardendale Christian Fellowship in Gardendale with Trey Meyers officiating.

She is the daughter of Mike Herring of Ira and Beverly Herring of Coahoma.

He is the son of Charles and Bonnie Campbell of Gardendale.



Jennifer Mauldin of Abilene and Jeff Skelton of Bryan, will be united in marriage on May 6, 2000, at Jackson Avenue Baptist in Lovington, N.M.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Mauldin of Lovington, N.M.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lanny Skelton of Big Spring, and the grandson of the late Mr. Clifford Skelton.



Lauren Melisa Ware and Drew Christian McEwen will exchange wedding vows in late May at Princeville Resort in Kauai, Hawaii.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Ware of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. A.N. Standard of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Russ McEwen of Big Spring.

IN THE MILITARY

Army Pvt. Justin E. Williams has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training.

Williams is the son of Cindy and Landon Sturdivant of Big Spring. He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Air Force Airman Kristina E. Mereness has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Mereness is the Daughter of Don X. and Kristi R. Mereness of Forsan.

The airman is a 1998 graduate of Forsan High School.

Air Force Airman Landon G. Wegner has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Wegner is the son of Tommy S. and Sara Wegner of Big Spring.

He is a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.



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Noah Kiaran Wigington, boy, Feb. 29, 2000, 10:32 a.m., eight pounds 1/2 ounces and 21 inches long; parents are Michael and Jessica Wigington.

Grandparents are Bobby and Carla Wigington and Ronnie and Ofelia Peacock, all of Ackerly.

Jacob Nathaniel Puga, boy, Feb. 29, 2000, 9:33 a.m., seven pounds 6 1/2 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long; parents are Brenda Puga and David Rodriguez. Grandparents are Maria Puga and Felipe Puga.

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Grandparents are Kathy and Michael Robinson, David Wright, Jeff and Charlene Land, and the late Donna Land, all of Big Spring.

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THURSDAY-Stew, broccoli, salad, cornbread, milk, fruit.

FRIDAY-Pork roast, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

SANDS SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Bar-be-que on a bun, tator tots, ranch style beans, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak, whole new potatoes, blackeye peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupas, salad, corn, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Fried chicken w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, jelly, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, pork & beans, fruit, milk.

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MONDAY-Taco salad (burritos/fries), peach cobbler, milk.

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WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers.

spicy fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, milk.

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FRIDAY-Nacho grande, salad, fruit mix, milk.

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TUESDAY-Fish, macaroni & cheese, peas, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, green beans, peaches, hot roll/milk.

THURSDAY-Hot dog/chili, chips, vegetables, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Corn chip pie, beans, salad, milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Pizza, baked potato, mixed vegetables, tossed salad, peaches, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti and meat sauce (chicken patty/gravy), green beans, tossed salad, cobbles, Italian bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef taco/shell, flour tortilla, pinto beans, tossed salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers (chicken, nuggets), mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas & carrots, peaches, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-BBQ beef on a roll (toasted cheese sandwich), potato puffs, beans, plain vegetables, pears, brownies, milk, fruit drink.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
MONDAY-Corndog (beef stroganoff), waffle fries, carrot

STORK CLUB

Logan Lane Green, boy, Feb. 25, 6:35 p.m., six pounds 15 1/2 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are William and Laurie Green.

Grandparents are Kay Court and Glenn Riddle, both of Big Spring, Mathel Green of Jal, N.M., and Judy Green of Sante Fe, N.M. Great-grandparents are James and Mary Wells of Big Spring.

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IN THE MILITARY

Air Force Airman Jennifer J. Mata has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

Mata is the daughter of Fernando F. and Mary A. Mata of Big Spring. She is a 1997 graduate of BSHS.



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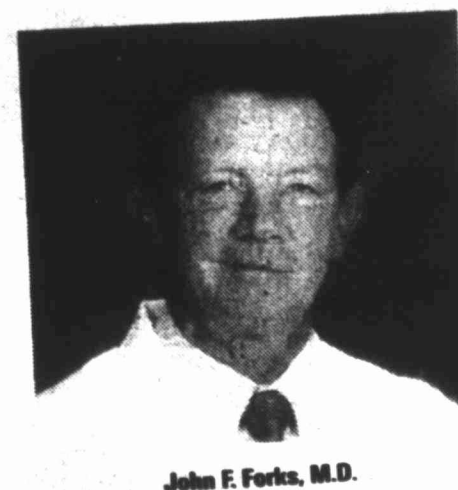


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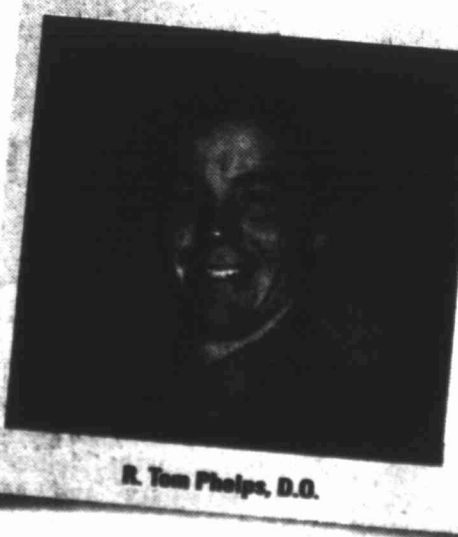
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Senate approves sharp decrease in crop insurance premiums

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hoping to induce more farmers to buy federally subsidized crop insurance, the Senate overwhelmingly agreed Thursday to sharply reduce premiums and cover new commodities. The changes would cost taxpayers \$1.5 billion a year.

In addition to cutting premiums by as much as half on some policies, legislation that passed 95-5 would offer insurance for the first time to livestock producers and expand coverage for fruit and vegetable growers. A House-Senate conference committee will work out differences between this bill and a similar measure that passed the House last year.

The Agriculture Department says the legislation could pay for itself by making farmers less

dependent on federal disaster assistance and other programs.

"Under this legislation, there will be enough incentives for farmers to participate at high levels that in a future disaster the need for disaster aid will drop significantly," said Ken Ackerman of USDA's Risk Management Agency.

Congress has approved \$15 billion in emergency aid over the past two years to compensate growers for weather-related crop losses and a slump in commodity prices.

The government already spends \$2 billion a year on the insurance program, which has tripled in size since the early 1990s. But many farmers, especially in the South and East, say the coverage isn't worth the cost of the premiums at current

subsidy levels. Premiums average \$7 an acre nationwide but vary depending on the crop, location and deductible. About two-thirds of the eligible acreage nationwide was insured last year.

The policies, which are sold through private companies, can be purchased to protect farmers from weather-related losses as well as drops in commodity prices.

"Crop insurance is obviously an extremely vital part not only of a safety net to guarantee income, but also as part of an overall marketing strategy" for farmers, said Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Richard Lugar, R-Ind.

The government now pays 13 percent to 57 percent of a farmer's premium, depending on the level of coverage. Under the Senate bill, the gov-

ernment's share on most policies would range from 45 percent to 60 percent. The House bill would have the government pay 31 to 67 percent.

Both bills provide improved coverage for farmers who have reported a series of crop losses.

A key sticking point in upcoming House-Senate negotiations could be a \$500 million pilot project in the Senate bill that would let some farmers get a cash payment from the government in lieu of the subsidized insurance.

Agriculture Secretary Dan Glickman said the bill "represents real progress" but raised several concerns about the measure, including a provision that would reduce USDA's role on a board that oversees the program. Under the legislation, the chairman must be from the private sector.

Propagating pecans through grafting or patch budding

Pecan trees are unique to the fact that they are one of a few trees that can be grafted.

Magic, thrills, suspense and gratification always go hand-in-hand when pecans are grafted. The old time grafters did not want others to learn their tricks on grafting.

Grafting is no trick today. It takes some skill and some care. West Texas presents even more of a challenge due to low humidity. All hybrid trees have to be grafted or budded due to the fact that pecan seed is not true to type. This means that if one seed of a plant is planted, the tree that developed will be different.

All native pecan trees are different with no two trees being the same. Therefore, grafting can be a useful tool in propagating many trees of one variety.

Patch budding in West Texas has been somewhat successful due to the drier climatic conditions.

The patch bud is used in July or August at the end of the second year of growth. The graft will grow the third year, producing a desirable growth. The patch bud may be used for top working mature trees, but is not very practical. Small trees with a diameter of less than one inch can be grafted with a four flap graft in April or May, when the bark slips easily.

More people know how to graft in Texas than in any other state.

If you would like to learn more about grafting and the techniques for grafting pecans, call the County Extension office to sign up for information and a possible workshop.

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



DAVID KIGHT



Rigo Moran and Gene Rodriguez were kept busy Saturday checking tires, oil, washing windshields and pumping gas at Franco's Fina's open house. Franco's Fina has added a drive-thru for the purchase of beer and soft drinks. Saturday they were giving away hot dogs and cokes. Gas was going for a "cheap" \$1.39 a gallon.

Exxon Mobil reaches agreement to sell about 430 Mobil stations

DALLAS (AP) — Exxon Mobil Corp. said Thursday it has agreed to sell about 430 Mobil stations in Texas, a divestiture required as part of last year's merger of Exxon and Mobil.

Terms were not disclosed. Despite the sales, Exxon Mobil will retain about 1,500 Exxon stations and 200 Mobil stations in the state.

"We still have a significant marketing presence in Texas, with about 13 percent of the market," said Tom Cirigliano, an Exxon Mobil spokesman.

Cirigliano said the divestitures would have "a minor earnings impact," but the company declined to provide specific figures. In December, Exxon Mobil chairman Lee R. Raymond said the sale of 2,400 stations, a refinery and other facilities would reduce the company's 2000 earnings by \$1.2 billion but would be reversed with a \$1.5 billion gain in 2001 due to cost savings from the \$85 billion merger.

Exxon Mobil, based in Irving, has already sold about 1,700 stations in the Northeast and Mid-

The Irving-based corporation has already sold about 1,700 stations in the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states.

Atlantic states. The combined company is still awaiting regulatory approval for sale of its Benicia, Calif., refinery and 340 service stations in California to San Antonio-based Valero Energy Corp. for \$895 million.

In addition, the company is still trying to sell a fuel terminal and seven service stations in Guam and one of two pipelines used to ship fuel from the Gulf Coast eastward, Cirigliano said. Exxon owns 48 percent of the Plantation pipeline, which supplies Mid-Atlantic states with gasoline, diesel and heating oil from the Gulf Coast, and Exxon owns an

11.5 percent stake in the Colonial pipeline serving the Northeast states.

The Irving-based oil giant said Thursday it will sell Mobil's 49 percent stake in about 318 stations in Austin, Dallas and San Antonio to Tetco Inc., which operated the stations in a joint venture with Mobil. Tetco, based in San Antonio, will also get the contracts to supply the stations.

In addition, Exxon Mobil will sell 10 Mobil stations in the Dallas-Fort Worth area to Dallas-based 7-Eleven Inc., which was already helping to operate the stations, and will sell the contracts to supply about 102 Mobil stations in Houston and Bryan-College Station to Petroleum Wholesale Inc., based in Houston.

The divestitures were required by the Federal Trade Commission and the Texas Attorney General's office.

Station operators will have the right to keep the Mobil name and receive Mobil gasoline for at least 10 years, Exxon Mobil said.

Tax exempt

Consumers to get a break on non-prescription aids to treat illnesses, injuries

By BILL MCCLELLAN
News Editor

Starting April 1, Crossroads Area consumers will no longer have to pay sales tax on most non-prescription pills, potions and ointments used to treat minor illnesses and injuries.

"It's going to be kind of confusing for a while to check people out if you aren't computerized, but I think it should give the consumer a boost because those things add up," said Jimmy Anderson, pharmacist with Professional Pharmacy.

"There are many products people take day in and day out it should help them," he said.

In fact, the State Comptroller's Office expects that the measure will save Texas families about \$160 million in state and local sales taxes during its first full year, 2001.

"Exempting over-the-counter medicines from the sales tax is long overdue," Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander said. "Prescription drugs have been tax exempt since the state sales tax was enacted in 1961.

"The tax burden on working Texas families is too high," she added. "This new tax exemption on over-the-counter medicines is a way to ease the tax burden and help families stretch their budgets a little farther."

According to the comptroller's office, a product eligible for tax exemption must be a drug or medicine. It must be intended for use in the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment or prevention of disease of suffering. It must be intended for human use and must have a National Drug Code number issued pursuant to U.S. Food and Drug Administration regulations.

Some 100,000 products qualify for the sales tax exemption. They include allergy treatment products, analgesics, antacids, anti-diarrhea and anti-nausea products, anti-rheumatic products, blood fortifiers, bronchodilator and anti-asthmatic products, cold remedies and cough suppressants.

Others are dandruff products, medicated dental products, ear and eye care products, hemor-

EXEMPT

The following are examples of product categories that will be exempt from sales tax beginning April 1.

- Allergy treatments
- Analgesics
- Antacids
- Anti-diarrhea, anti-nausea products
- Antiperspirants
- Anti-vomiting products
- Blood fortifiers
- Bronchodilator and anti-asthmatic products
- Cold remedies
- Cough suppressants
- Dandruff products
- Ear care products
- Eye care products
- Hemorrhoid products
- Insecticides
- Lubricants
- Sedatives and sleep aids
- Sunburn prevention and treatment
- Vitamins
- Wound care dressings

rhoid products, laxatives, prophyllactics, sedatives and sleep aids, stimulants, sunburn prevention and treatment products, vitamins and minerals and wound care dressings and supplies.

There will no doubt be some confusion as to what is tax exempt until business owners and consumers learn the law. For instance, the exemption does not apply to medical equipment, appliances and devices such as thermometers, heating pads, toothbrushes and dental floss. It does include antiperspirants, however.

The legislature voted specifically to apply the next sales tax exemption to blood glucose monitoring strips.

Previous law exempts orthopedic braces, crutches, wheelchairs, hearing aids and their batteries, hypodermic needles and syringes.

Stanton youths make a big hit at Houston Livestock Show

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

Dexter Allred, a 13 year old 4-H member from Stanton, recently showed his Poland China Barrow at the Houston

Livestock Show and Rodeo held on Feb. 29 and came away with the Grand Championship.

Allred named his 264-pound barrow "Watch Out" because he knew when it was born that it would be a champion one

day. This was Allred's third Houston Show and his first win. He collected \$20,000 for his efforts.

Allred plans on saving the money for college. He has plans to attend the University of Texas in Austin. Dexter is the son of Rusty and Melinda Allred of Stanton.

The Poland China resulted from the crossing and re-crossing of many breeds. A black hog with white snout and feet, the Poland China is known for its quiet disposition and rugged constitution.

Another Stanton youth, 9-year old Dakota Newman, also showed her Hereford steer to championship honors. The steer, named Seymour, captured the Champion Hereford title in the Junior Market Steer Show on March 1 at this year's Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo.

Dakota is the daughter of Mandy and Keven Newman. This is the fourth-grader's sec-

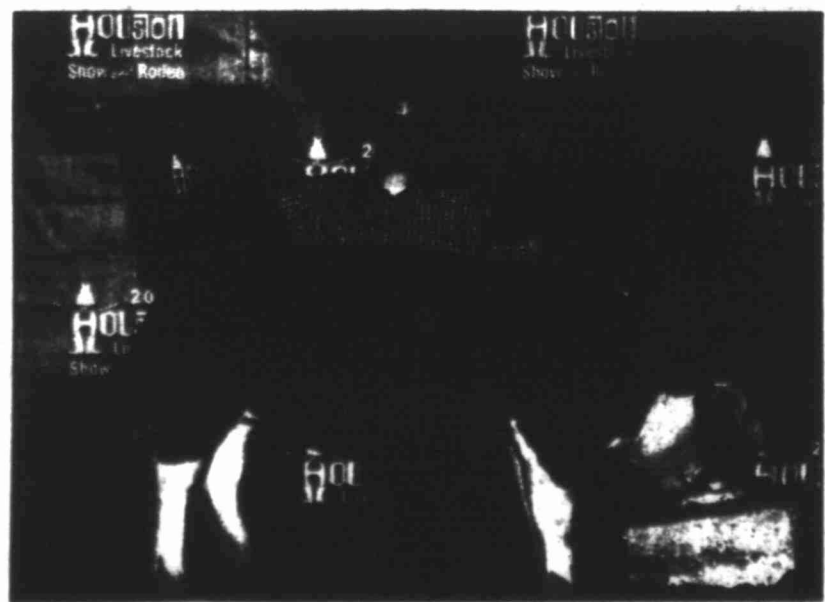
ond Houston Show, and her first win.

Dakota plans on making a return visit next year.

"I love coming to Houston," said the Martin County 4-H'er. "It's a lot of fun."

The 1,274-pound Seymour also won first in the heavy weight class. Dakota pocketed \$45,000 in prize money for her efforts.

The Hereford breed was developed near Hereford, England, three centuries ago.



Dex Allred's Poland China took championship honors in the Junior Market Barrow Show at Houston.



Seymour, a Hereford steer owned by Dakota Newman, pictured with Flint Newman, grabbed championship honors in Houston.

IN THE NEWS

ELISE KAIL was one of 12 people honored by the Permian Basin Girl Scout Council as "Women of Distinction" on March 18. KAIL, coach of the Midland Lee girls basketball team, is a native of Big Spring. She graduated from Big Spring High School in 1982 and magna cum laude from Angelo State University in 1986. She received her master's degree in 1988 from the University of Southern Mississippi. KAIL was named District 45A Coach of the Year this past season. She is the daughter of Frances Wheat and the late Walter Wheat.

Dallas City Council has appointed LAWRENCE R. "LARRY" WHEAT to the Dallas City Plan Commission. WHEAT is a senior project manager for Humphreys & Partners Architects and also serves as Dallas County election judge and as a precinct chair. He previously served two terms on the Community

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CompUSA chief executive steps down

DALLAS (AP) — CompUSA Inc. chief executive James F. Halpin stepped down Friday, nearly five months after saying he should be fired if a company restructuring didn't improve financial results.

Halpin, 48, was replaced by Harold F. Compton, 52, who had been chief operating officer, said the company, the nation's largest computer store chain.

Dallas-based CompUSA, which operates 218 U.S. stores, also said it was realigning several senior management positions to focus on service to customers and vendors.

The shakeup came just weeks after Mexican retail holding company Grupo Sanborns SA completed its roughly \$800 million tender-offer purchase of the company. Sanborns plans to keep a 51 percent controlling interest and sell a 49 percent stake to Telefonos de Mexico SA, Microsoft Corp. and SBC

Communications Inc. Earlier this week, the company closed its online retailer, cozone.com.

The company had reported disappointing sales at the site and decided to shift its functions to compusa.com, which it believes will benefit from the more familiar name, spokeswoman Suzanne Shelton said Friday.

Halpin joined CompUSA in 1993 during a period of rapid growth and changes. The former president of HomeBase, Halpin made staff cuts and centralized buying to improve the company's results and oversaw the 1998 purchase of the Computer City chain from Tandy Corp.

The chain has struggled in the past two years — its shares slumped from \$30 to under \$6 in 18 months — as the company was hit by competition from direct sellers of personal com-

puters and by falling PC prices. Last year the company closed several stores, invested heavily in the now-failed Internet business and shifted its focus from PCs to other kinds of electronics gadgets that it hopes will generate higher margins.

At a shareholders' meeting in early November, Halpin was barraged with questions from anxious investors. As a major stockholder himself, Halpin vowed to improve the company's performance.

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Development Commission which allocates federal housing, public services, economic development and public improvement dollars to the city of Dallas. WHEAT is the son of Frances Wheat and the late Walter Wheat.

Prudential opening major center

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — A new Prudential center initially will employ 600 people and is expected to have about 2,500 workers within a couple of years, economic officials say.

Officials said Friday that within the next few months, Prudential Real Estate and Relocation Services will begin construction on a major operations center in northeast Phoenix across from Scottsdale Airport.

Valerie Brown, corporate locations director for the Greater Phoenix Economic Council, said pay will average more than \$40,000, she said.

Both the council and the Arizona Department of Commerce also project the number of jobs to reach 2,500 workers by 2003.

Kevin Heine, Prudential's corporate spokesman, said the

employee numbers may be a little high.

"Those are not our numbers, and we haven't made any decisions regarding expansion at that location," Heine said. "We haven't said anything about the expansion out there and how many people there are going to be."

Brown told the Tribune, a newspaper serving suburban Phoenix, that Prudential also may build a mutual funds marketing center, which would start with 500 workers and possibly increase to 2,000. She said Salem, Ore., and Spokane, Wash., also are competing for that center.

The company already has one building on the site, where it employs about 800.

Bob Wojtan, Phoenix's economic development administrator, said having a large employer such as Prudential in

northeast Phoenix will help cut down on congestion and traffic because fewer people who live in that area of Scottsdale and Phoenix will drive to central Phoenix for work.

"That's a big goal of the city," he said.

With more than 30 million customers and more than \$360 billion in assets, Prudential is one of the nation's largest life insurance companies and one of the world's largest financial institutions.

The Tribune said Prudential Real Estate and Relocation Services' headquarters will remain in Irvine, Calif., but most other functions that run the division will relocate.

The division assists companies and employees nationwide in relocation, and now employs about 1,600 people. It is undetermined how many existing workers will relocate.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace

Bennie Green

Practicing 1, Place 1

The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please call 264-2226.

Anderson, Michelle, 7105 East County Rd., Midland
Barrera, Alicia, 1501 Wood, Big Spring
Batchelor, Dana, 2300 South 8 No. 24, Lamesa

Beck, Linda, 1713 Worley Rd., Banner Elk, N.C.

Bullard, James, 202 Fourth, Palestine
Bustamante, Lucia, 603 Northeast Eighth, Big Spring
Bustamante, Vincente A., 603 Northeast Eighth Street, Big Spring
Cox, Donna Lynn, 1607 State, Big Spring
Davis, Bobby Harold, 1211 East 17, Big Spring
Evans, W. Carol, 809 East 33, Plainview
Hodnett, Haril Joe, 1307 Mt. Vernon, Big Spring
Hoffman, Donald Robert, 4108 Parkway, Big Spring
Latheres, Glen, 2074 Lcr 252, Colorado City
Mims, Carol L., 4005 Connally, Big Spring
Moore, Gary, 817 West 26, Odessa
Nail, Jessica, P.O. Box 1934, Big Spring

O'Bannon, Eddie, Rt.1, Box 50, Ackerly
Orozco, Juana, P.O. Box 186, Idalou
Ovalle, Ninfa Gonzales, 3801 East Highway 90 No. 34, Midland

Rodriguez, Jesse, 6318 Opel Lane, Big Spring
Salgado, Andrea, 508 Grace, Stanton
Tyron, Evangeline, 406 East Cedar, Midland
Vasquez, Judy, 1907 North 7, Lamesa

Villafraza, Felisa, 301 East Peck, Midland

Howard County Clerk's Office:

Marriage Licenses:

Steven Ray Croft, 21, and Alyha Dawn Blevins, 20.

William Dean Woodard, 30, and Dorothy Michelle Viasana, 28.

Rudy Ortega Jr., 19, and Monica Leigh Lopez, 24.

Jody Leon Whitley, 24, and Christina Theresa Cervantes, 23.

Court Records:

Probated Judgment DWI: Armando S. DeLeon, \$1,500 fine, 249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Marvin Doyle Boyles, \$750 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Jack Wilson Birdwell, \$1,000 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Jonetta F. Tate, \$1,500 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Alta Loftin Rhoades, \$750.00 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Jose Aguinaga, \$500 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Karen Barber, \$1,000 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Wayne Robert Gorton, \$1,500 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Susan M. Overton, \$1,500 fine, \$275.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Freddie R. Leonard, \$1,500, \$249.25 court cost, 365 days jail; Estanislao Solis, \$2,000 fine, 264.25 court cost, 365 days in jail.

Probated Judgment DWI, 2nd offense: Anette Garcia Hilario, \$2,500 fine, \$264.25 fine, 365 days in jail.

Probated judgment DWI: Sandra Ramirez, \$250 fine, \$264.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Edward Downing Jr., \$250 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Clint Rankin Elliott, \$400 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 60 days in jail; Nacomas Eugene Sauls, \$250 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Johnny Lopez, \$250

fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Jesus Javier Mier, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Possession of Marijuana, less than two ounces: Donald Wilcher, \$250.00 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Richard Wayne Roberts, \$500 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Evading Arrest: Richard Wayne Roberts, \$500.00 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Terroristic Threat: Jessie Reed, \$250.00 fine, \$284.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment DWLS: Joaquin Dueñez, \$300 fine, \$234.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Earl Hanke, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Mely R. Delagaza, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Burglary of Vehicle: Rebecca Rivas, \$250.00 fine, \$269.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Make Alcoholic Beverages Available to Minor: Nacomas Eugene Sauls, \$250 fine, \$249.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Sale of Alcoholic Beverages to a Minor: Yolanda M. Martinez, \$250 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 180 days jail; Ray Uribe, \$250 fine, \$310.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Judgment and Sentence Theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500: Miguel Losoya, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 30 days jail.

Probated Judgment Theft, more than \$50 but less than \$500: Monica R. Anguiano, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Unlawful Carrying a Weapon: Caroline Salazar, \$250 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Probated Judgment Deadly Conduct: Billy Hallford, \$500 fine, \$260.25 court cost, 180 days jail.

Deeds:

Warranty Deed: grantor: Harold Harry Harvey Jr. grantee: Jim Bob Coates and spouse, Lisa Coates

property: All of lots 1 and 2 and the North 10 feet of Lot 1, in Subdivision B, blk. 4, amended plat of the beautiful Fairview Heights addition. filed: March 13, 2000

grantor: Johnny Franco grantee: Virginia Franco

property: Lot 9, blk. 2, Stanford Park Addition filed: March 14, 2000

grantor: Kathleen Fay Runyan Burleson

grantee: John J. Oliver and Kareri D. Oliver

property: Lot 2, blk. 9, Cole and Strayhorn. filed: March 15, 2000

grantor: Rayda Jane Ramsey grantee: Larry R. Bridges and spouse, Kimberly D. Bridges

property: South 21.3 feet of lot 8, all of lot 9 and the North 15 feet of lot 10, blk. 13, Saunders Addition. filed: March 15, 2000

grantor: Patricia M. Hunt grantee: Calvin D. Hamilton and spouse, Hazel J. Hamilton

property: All of lot 1, blk. 2, of replat of Wasson Place Addition. filed: March 16, 2000

grantor: Catharine McKenney Williams grantee: Nancy Twining, Josh D. Twining and Hillary Twining

property: Lot 11, blk. 5, Central Park Addition. filed: March 17, 2000

grantor: Gary Matthews grantee: Michael Runion

property: All grantor's undivided interest in Lot 16, blk. 6, Original Town of Big Spring. filed: March 17, 2000

grantor: Denise H. Ross, d/b/a Ross Construction joined by her husband, John Ross

grantee: Ross Builders, Inc. property: Lot 7, blk. 4, replat of lots 2 to 9, blk. 4, and replat of all of blk. 5 of the amended plat of Muir Heights addition. filed: March 17, 2000

grantor: Ross Builders, Inc. grantee: Gary Mayes and spouse, Deborah Mayes

property: Lot 7, blk. 4, replat of lots 2 to 9, blk. 4, and replat of all of blk. 5 of the amended plat of Muir Heights addition. filed: March 17, 2000

grantor: D.E. Kirkham and M. Marie Kirkham

grantee: James Billingsley and Tommie Billingsley

property: A 1.07 acre tract of land out of and a part of a 3 acre tract out of and part of the South 1/2 of section 31, blk. 32. filed: March 17, 2000

Warranty deed with vendor's lien: grantor: Ronald R. Sayles and Joanne Sayles

grantee: Terry D. McDonald and spouse, Glenda A. McDonald

property: A 1.07 acre tract of land out of and a part of a 3 acre tract out of and part of the South 1/2 of section 31, blk. 32. filed: March 17, 2000

grantor: American State Bank grantee: Mike Runion

property: Tract no. 24, being a 1.003

acre tract of land in Section 33, blk. 32. filed: March 17, 2000

grantor: Paul Eugene Payne grantee: Michael L. Wolever

property: A .193 acre tract out of a 3 acre tract out of section 5, blk. 32. filed: March 17, 2000

118th District Court:

Filings:

Divorces:

Mozelle Osborne vs. James M. Osborne

Shella Brewer Jimenez vs. Leonso Hernandez Jimenez

Joe Soliz vs. Andrea Soliz

Sandra Joyce Smith vs. Todd Ray Smith

Michael Steven Calvio vs. Debra Jean Calvio

Jason Henley Moore vs. Kimberly Lynn Moore

Larry Knight vs. Linda Faye Knight

Jo Ann Broussard, Mears vs. Donald Richard Baker

Donna Palmer vs. Johnny Palmer

Family: Ennett Puentes vs. Devon V. Swafford

Terry Scrogam vs. Stanley L. Gregory

Maria Cantu vs. Jorge A. Escalada

Margarita Muniz vs. Roy Cervantes

Kimberly Ann Noble vs. Rocyce W. Noble

Victoria Gale Golleher vs. Thomas D. Dunnam

Injuries and Damages: Teri L. Nail vs. Gloria Alexander

Motor Vehicle: James Soliz vs. Lang Tire and Appliance, Inc.

Other: Sue Carter vs. Linda Berry

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2685 March 21, 2000

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2659 March 12, 19 & 26, 2000

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will come to fruition before the
year is over. Unexpected
insights lead you to the e win-
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Difficult

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anything from a game of
Scrabble to a movie. A friend
motivates you if you let him.
Tonight: Whatever makes you
smile.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

**** A boss or parent has a
design or idea. You might not
want to act on it, although a
partner is receptive. Get together
and chat with others. Spend
quality time with a family
member. Use your instincts.
Tonight: Enjoy loved ones in
your life.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

**** You might not always
agree with a friend at a dis-
tance, but right now you see
eye to eye. Listen to others who
are full of suggestions. Don't be
a slave to tradition. Try some-
thing different. Others talk; you
should listen. Popularity soars.
Tonight: Accept an invitation.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

*** Slow down, take your
time and relax. You might be
overwhelmed by what is going
on with a partner. Run an
important errand. Do your best.
Laugh and lighten up the
mood. A partner appreciates
you more than you know.
Tonight: Get a good night's
sleep.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

**** Let others know exactly
where you are coming from.
Your perceptions might be
vague, but you are delighted
with what you see. Allow spon-
taneity to become a bigger part
of your life. Another needs
more control. Tonight:
Whooping it up.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

*** Stay secure. Know what is
important for you. Pace your-
self, realizing that your energy
isn't unlimited. Work with an
idea that a partner helps you
develop. It might add a lot to
your professional and personal

lives. Change plans if you want
to stay h ome. Tonight: Order
in.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** A dream might linger
into your waking hours. Why
not follow through on this?
Share it with a partner. Reveal
where you are coming from.
You find a child unpredictable.
If single, an attraction could
take an odd turn. Tonight: Visit
with a friend over a leisurely
meal.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

**** Another's idea of a good
investment appeals to you. Talk
about your long-term security
needs and what you want from
your home life. A family mem-
ber reacts in an odd way. Give
him the space to process an
idea. Don't get possessive; let
go. Tonight: Yo ur treat.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

**** Beam in what you often
wish could happen. Your
dreams and fantasies provide
tremendous inspiration. Share
your thoughts more often with
loved ones. You might not
always be as open as this.
Others clearly respond to you,
for better or for worse. Ton-
ight: Whatever pleases you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

*** Take a back seat. Don't feel
as if you must participate in
today's happenings. You might
need and want some daydream-
ing time. You could hatch some
interesting ideas that add to
your security and well-being.
Tonight: Catch up on some
reading.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

**** Talk about dreams and
long-term plans. Your quirky
ways add to the excitement of
the moment. Gather friends
together; have fun just being.
Others find your energy and
enthusiasm irresistible. Share
more of yourself. Tonight: So
what if it is Sunday night?

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

*** Stay in the limelight.
Know what is important to you.
A lot floats through your mind.
Simply note ideas; don't air
them out just yet. A dream
could have more significance
than you think. Make a call to
an older relative. Tonight:
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Dr. P.W. Malone changed the future of education and medicine in Howard County



DR. P.W. MALONE

The future of education and medicine within Howard County was forever altered in 1930 when Dr. P.W. Malone stepped off a Texas and Pacific train into downtown Big Spring.

With just \$2.54 in his pocket, a recent diploma from the University of Tennessee School of Medicine and an eagerness to work, Malone became one of the most influential and dedicated men who ever called Big Spring home.

"I had to pay \$3 for a room at the old Crawford Hotel. I managed to eat something on credit," Malone was fond of remembering.

And before his legacy was complete, he had helped found Howard College, the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Malone-Hogan Clinic and Hospital.

Born in 1903 in Tennessee, Malone lived in Big Spring for nearly 68 years before his death in 1998 at age 94.

His wife Inez, who was forced to remain in Tennessee for a few months while her husband

earned the money for her train ticket, preceded him in death in 1986.

"My mom and dad would have been married 71 years if she had lived till the next weekend. That next Sunday was their 71st anniversary," said his daughter, Mary Frances Malone, who remains active within the Big Spring community.

His dedication and work continue today, with a recent scholarship program at Howard College created with remaining funds from the Malone Foundation.

And his awards and accomplishments are many. In 1997, he was named Western United States Trustee of the Year, an award he received before his death in January 1998.

He was also named 1995 Permian Pioneer, and received that award from the Permian Historical Society.

He served as a trustee for Howard College more than 51 years, as chairman for nine years, and also secretary and vice chairman.

Indeed, Malone's work helped

create Howard College. He was working with the U.S. Air Force to establish a pilot training program in Big Spring.

That work led to the creation of Howard College through a bond election in 1947. Malone had a seat on the board of trustees throughout his life.

His work also helped create SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in 1979. His efforts were instrumental in the passage of legislation that created SWCID, and in 1951 he drafted the policy that opened the doors of Howard College to all persons, regardless of race, creed or color.

Malone obtained approval from the Texas Education Agency to create a license vocational nursing program at the college, and also received approval for a physicians assistant program and an associate degree nursing program in 1972.

In 1938, Malone and Dr. John E. Hogan established Malone-Hogan Clinic and Hospital, renowned for its reputation as a premier medical facility within West Texas.

In 1974 that clinic became the current 60,000 square foot structure near Scenic Mountain.

Malone's community involvement also shines as a beacon for Howard County. He was founding member of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, as well as the Downtown Lions Club.

He was named Man of the Year by the chamber, and served as president in 1938.

He was founding president of the West Texas Memorial Museum, and preserved H.W. Caylor oil paintings that remain with the successor, Heritage Museum.

He was a senior deacon of First Baptist Church, and served as chairman for two building fund committees. He was a Sunday school teacher and served as budget and finance chairman for the church.

Malone was also a staunch supporter of the Big Spring Concert Association and the Big Spring Symphony.

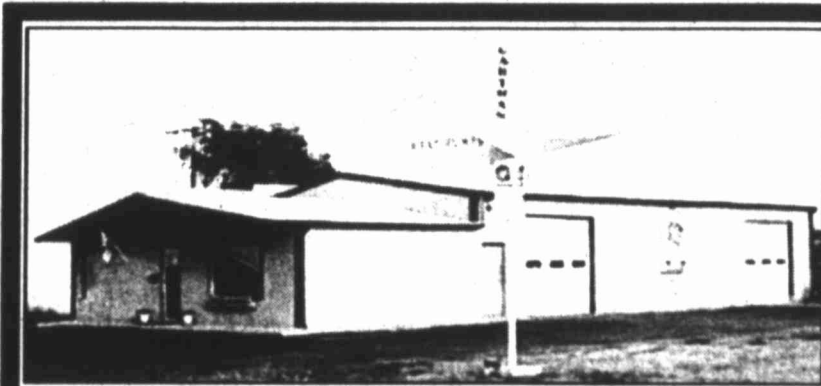
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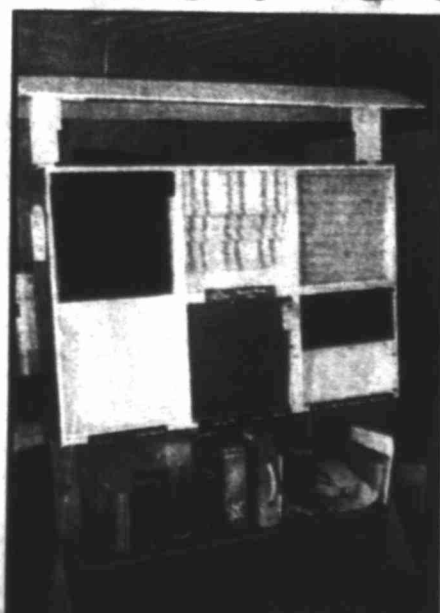
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Lana Anguino reaches out to help the animals

Because she can't speak, Lana Anguino often shares her feelings with her eyes. When she visits the animals at the Big Spring Humane Society, many times those eyes are full with tears.

Anguino, who lost her voice to throat cancer five years ago, said she has a special relationship with animals.

"Like me, they can't ask for what they want," she said, writing her thoughts on a notepad. "Like me, they've been hurt, and I think they know I just want to love them."

Her hurt includes being one of seven family members stricken with cancer, and the only one

who has survived. She grew up and lived in Abilene for many years, moving to Big Spring after a divorce.

"I wanted a new start," she said. She and her son, 15-year-old Phillip, now call the community home.

Anguino has been a special volunteer for the Humane Society for nearly a decade, since before she battled cancer and it took her voice. When the organization, which relies on donations, announced in the summer of 1999 that it hoped to buy two swamp coolers for its indoor cat shelter, Anguino went into action.

She walked door to door, car-

rying a note, asking for donations for the project.

"Some people slammed the door in my face," Anguino said. "Some were very kind." One woman gave her a \$100 bill. And all that money went directly to the shelter, which was surprised and grateful for Anguino's help.

"There aren't too many people who will go door-to-door asking for money — it's difficult," said Margaret Lloyd, board member of the shelter. "For Lana to do this even though she is unable to speak, it was unbelievable for us. She is a very special person."

For Anguino, it was, a natur-

al response to the shelter's need.

And she continued her one-woman fundraising drive throughout the end of 1999. The money will be used to help pay for the spaying and neutering of the shelter's animals.

Anguino said she hopes more people will see her point of view and support the group that cares for the community's unwanted pets.

"These dogs and cats can't get welfare," she said. "They don't have food stamps. And if we don't help them, who will?"

— Debbie L. Jensen



Lana Anguino's love of animals is a blessing to the Big Spring Humane Society.

Prison ministry life-long dream for Whittens

Never did Big Spring residents Joe and Virginia Whitten imagine, when they felt the call to start a prison ministry, that it would grow into a nationwide effort.

In 1973, while Joe was at the First Baptist Church, he and his wife began a summer prison ministry program because there wasn't one in the nation and, Joe said, the need was great.

It finally grew to the point it needed to become full-time; in November of 1984, they headed out to do just that.

The Joe Whitten Prison Ministry is a non-profit organization funded on mostly private donations. Some churches do help on a regular basis as well as taking up love offerings.

Each year, Whitten must audition young college students willing to give up a year of their life to travel.

These students do this on a volunteer basis and are not paid for their work.

The group of singers consists of eight to 10 college students selected from Texas and New Mexico.

"I usually call up Texas and New Mexico high school and church choir leaders to get names of prospects," Joe said.

Joe Whitten credits his wife as a strong force of the ministry.

"It's through her testimony that inmates really start to listen because she has walked where they have walked," he said. Her theme is, "God expects you flawed, regardless of what you've done and who you are."

Whitten also said his wife believes everyone has the right to be introduced to the Lord.



Virginia Whitten speaks at Tennessee State Women's Prison.

The group of young singers are also very important to this ministry.

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H.W. Caylor was commissioned to paint for the wealthy cattle barons of the area

Harvey Wallace (H.W.) Caylor was born Feb. 20, 1867, in Noblesville, Ind. He began sketching in early childhood, according to the book, "H.W. Caylor: Frontier Artist" published for the Heritage Museum.

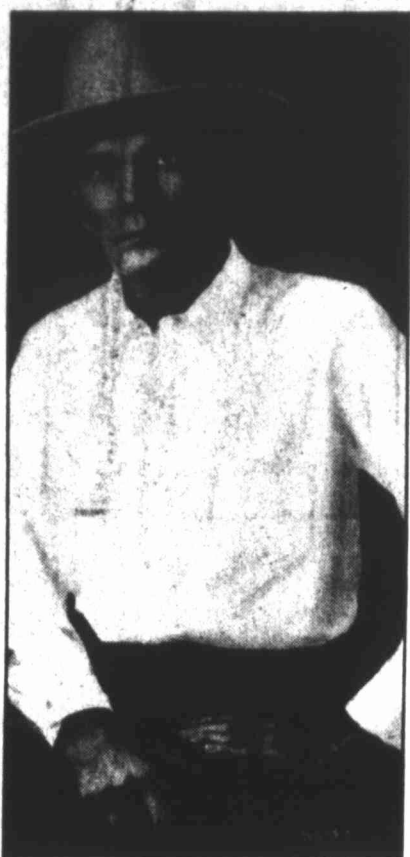
His first real "job" was as a cowboy, and he left home at age 16 to work cattle and paint portraits.

All the while, he kept extensive sketchbooks that became legendary for their quality and detail.

Caylor found his future wife, Florence Nephler, when he painted a portrait of her family. They were married within a few weeks of their first meeting and traveled together throughout the Plains and the West. It is not known for certain why the Caylor family settled in Big Spring, but it was at the time the home of H.W.'s sister and her husband, who worked as an engineer with the Texas and Pacific Railroad.

From a home base here, Caylor would travel to sites where he could see and sketch the scenery, animals and working people of the Southwest.

There are stories about a house at 600 Main that the Caylor family bought from a former sheriff for \$2,500, where they would live until the end of



H.W. CAYLOR

World War I.

In that house, it is said, many neighbors — some of them children — watched him paint in an upstairs studio.

Later the Caylor family would buy land and run a farm that would be the envy of others all over

the area.

Caylor won prizes for his art at shows all over the state. He was commissioned to paint for wealthy and powerful cattle barons of the area, including C.C. Slaughter, Christian and John Scharbauer and George Reynolds.

As is often the case, though, Caylor's fame grew after his death on Christmas Eve 1932.

He was honored by J. Frank Dobie, Texas folklorist, in his *Dallas Morning News* column.

Caylor is known as one of few who documented the Southwest's transition from open range to fenced pastures.

Caylor's paintings and other works are part of the collections of many local families. The book, "H.W. Caylor, Frontier Artist," includes 55 color plates that show the credit of pieces borrowed from many local people, as well as collectors from all over the country.

The Heritage Museum has an extensive collection of his work.

Buried in Mt. Olive cemetery in north Big Spring, Caylor's final resting place is marked with the simple epitaph, "Harvey Wallace Caylor, 'The Artist.'"

— Debbie L. Jensen



"The Trail Ride" was one of H.W. Caylor's best-known paintings. His fame grew after his death on Christmas Eve, 1932. Heritage Museum has an extensive collection of his work.

Green served as Harley-riding mayor

Former mayor of Big Spring Max Green remains a colorful and exciting character in town, and continues to hold the title of the only mayor to serve from 1989-92 astride a Harley Davidson motorcycle.

"I decided I wanted to be mayor, and I was elected, and I stayed in trouble the whole three years. I have trouble being politically correct," Green said.

Born in Ballinger May 3, 1930, Green and his wife and historian Neva Joyce Biddy Green arrived in Big Spring in 1961. He works as a certified public accountant and also operates a gun shop.

"My first love is public accounting, and that has a lot of demands. But another thing I have always enjoyed is trap and skeet and sporting clays and at one time I really enjoyed hunting. I realized gunshops didn't carry shotguns and that's the reason for my gun shop. I'm trying to develop that market," Green said.

While mayor of Big Spring, Green was involved in the charter of Moore Development for Big Spring, and also participated in the American Business Club.

"In spite of all of it, I believe it was quite an honor being mayor of Big Spring. We accomplished more things then and changes were made that are still alive today," Green said.

Other accomplishments of Green's include past president of the Ambassadors Club, serving on the Permian Basin chapter of CPAs, and secretary-treasurer of the Big Spring Area

Chamber of Commerce.

He currently serves on the Moore Development for Big Spring board of directors.

Along with shotguns and motorcycles, Green also lists fiddle playing as one of his favorite things to do.

— Marsha Jones

Former Mayor Max Green enjoys public accounting, shotguns, motorcycles and playing the fiddle.



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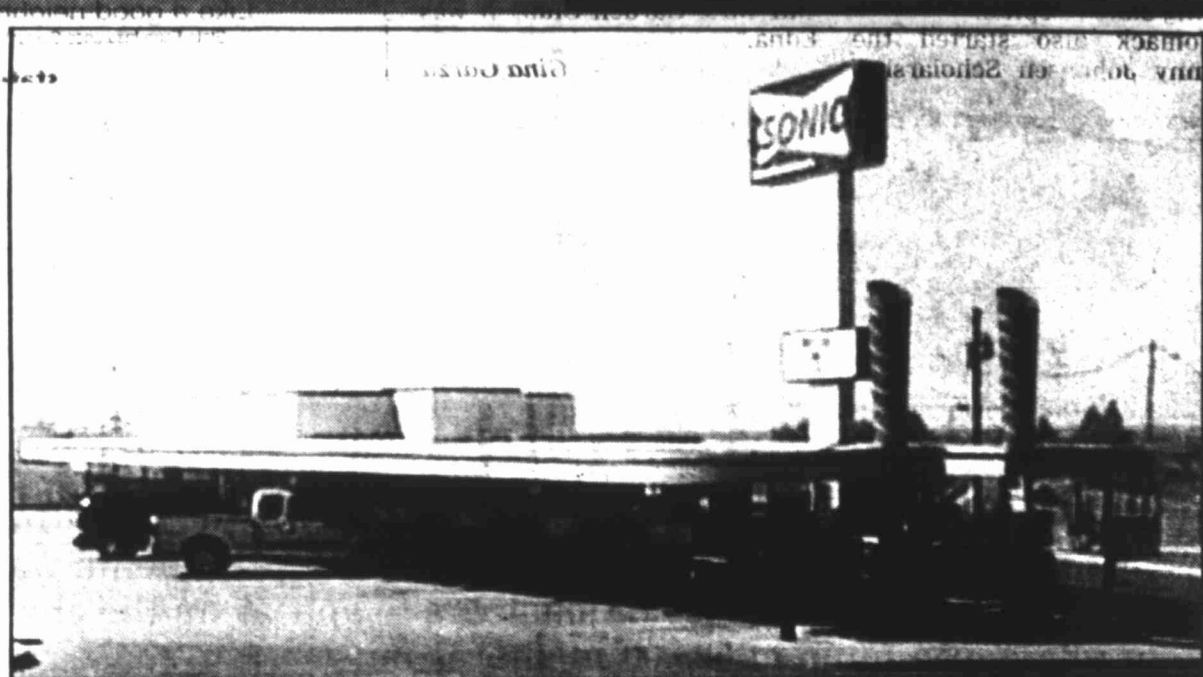
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Tumbleweed was 'looking for someplace' when his vehicle broke down in Big Spring

When Bob Lewis, better known these days as Tumbleweed Smith, arrived in Big Spring, it was 1960.

The young man's car broke down during his first week here, and a local couple picked him up. Soon they had extended their offer to driving him anywhere he needed to go.

That was a shock to the system to Lewis, who had lived in big cities all over the U.S. and Europe. It was probably one of the reasons he decided to settle here — although it surely was not the only one.

Also during his first week in Big Spring, Lewis met his future wife, Susan Zack. Soon he made the decision that he was home.



LEWIS

"I found a whole city full of wonderful characters," he said in a 1999 interview. "You know that feeling that you are always looking for someplace and never knew what you were looking for? Well, I found it."

Since then, Big Spring has served as a kind of base for the busy broadcaster, teacher, actor and columnist. He and Susan run an advertising agency, Multimedia, which works in billboards, magazines, radio, television advertising.

His specialty is collecting the voices and unique character of Texans, and the material is broadcast on radios, printed in newspapers and becomes part of the speeches he gives regularly at events all over the state.

His columns appear in 27 newspapers, including the Big Spring Herald. His broadcast program, "The Sound of Texas," is heard on about 40 radio stations all over the state. He also has a one-man show that is part

of the Texas Commission on the Performing Arts, which he performs several times a year.

In January 1999, Lewis was the keynote speaker for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

He estimates his total speaking engagements at 500 to 600 over a 30-year career.

Lewis said his legendary humor is based on the element of surprise.

"You never know what you are going to hear," he said. "I try to build a tapestry of funny things."

Mostly, though, Lewis said his goal is having fun.

"I have fun traveling down the lanes and roads that other people pass by."

— Debbie L. Jensen

Bob Lewis as Tumbleweed Smith during his one-man show



Womack was a longtime community leader, gardener

Edna Womack was a longtime Big Spring community and civic leader before her death in 1998.

She was active in community affairs for many years and was named Woman of the Year in 1983.

Mrs. Womack was an avid gardener and was involved in many beautification projects throughout the community over the years.

In addition to her love for gardening, Mrs. Womack helped start the annual Christmas decorating contest that is still conducted by the Big Spring Council of Garden Clubs and the chamber.

She was a board member of the Big Spring YMCA and was a 10-year volunteer at the Big Spring State Hospital. Womack also started the Johnny Johansen Scholarship

at Howard College.

"She started that scholarship so that students who wanted to study horticulture, but might not be able to afford it, would have a way to go to college," said Terri Johansen.

Mrs. Womack was a Master Judge of flower shows of the National Council of Garden Clubs, Inc. She had held offices at the local, district and state level for the Texas Council of Garden Clubs.

She was also a member of the Spade and Hoe Garden Club and a member of the Advance Study Clubs.

"Edna was wonderful," said Johansen, who was active in Spade and Hoe Garden Club with Mrs. Womack. "If there was anybody in town you could call 'Mrs. Garden Club,' it was Edna."

— Gina Garza

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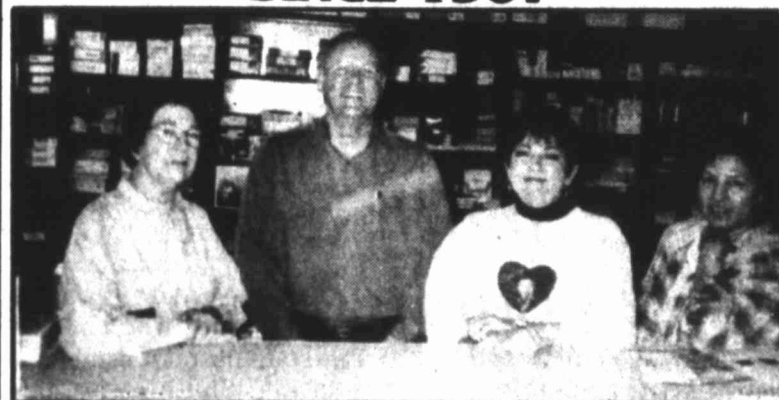
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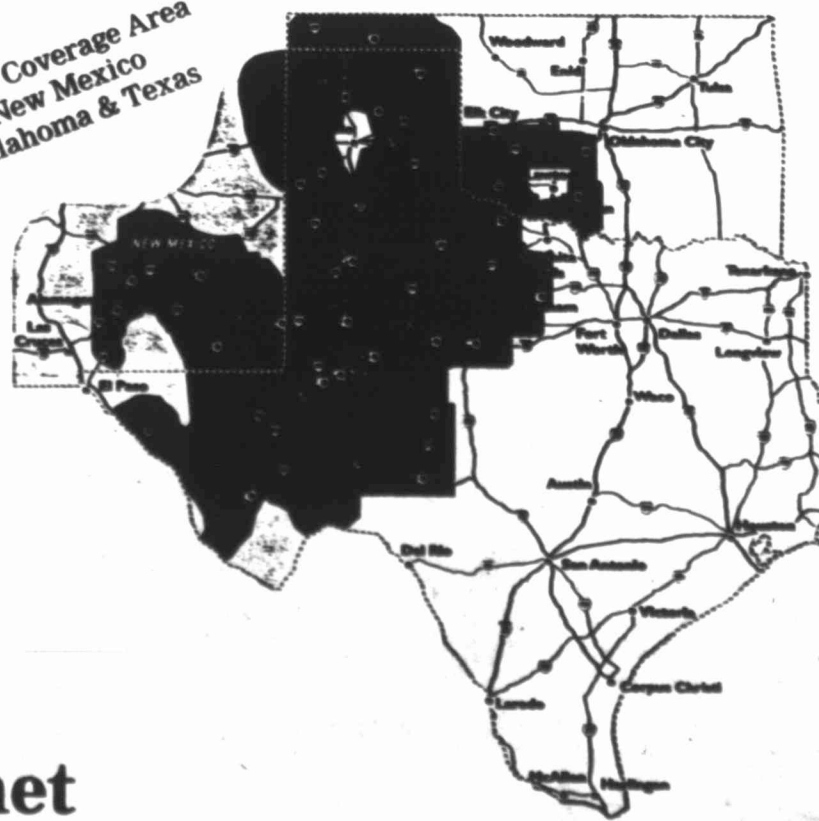
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While 'clowning around,' Quail became one of rodeo's most respected talents

Quail Dobbs has been clowning around for years — literally. For 40-plus years Marvin

"Quail" Dobbs has been clowning around and loving every minute of it.

Quail didn't exactly aspire to be a rodeo clown. The fact is, he started out in the junior rodeo circuit as a bullrider and a bare bronc rider.

"Junior rodeos and high school rodeos were getting to be pretty popular back then and I couldn't play football — my hip pockets were too close together, so I tried my hand at riding bulls," said Quail.

Quail was raised in Mitchell County, attending school in Colorado City and graduating in the late 50s.

"Old Jim and Buck Spivey were partly responsible for me initially getting started doing the junior rodeo circuit," Dobbs said. "It just sort of took off from there I guess."

According to Quail, getting into the clowning aspect was purely by accident.

"It was one of those nights that they were short a barrel man and I just sort of volunteered to give it a try," said Quail. "I guess I did OK because

I'm still at it after all these years. I just slowed down a bit that's all."

And performance after performance worked the rodeo crowds to a frenzy with his funny antics and entertainment that kept everyone in stitches.

The car act he still does gives some children in the audience a chance to help out Dobbs by picking up the pieces after he "blows up" his car that he lovingly refers to as the space shuttle.

"It's pretty neat really," Dobbs said. "The lights are turned off and it's a typical clown act with slapstick comedy. It's popular with all ages of folks."

Wrangler and Coors have made bullfighters and barrel men into highly specialized personnel through the "Wrangler Bullfights" and the "Coors Man in the Can" programs.

After a number of years, Quail left the cowboy-saving chores to the younger bullfighters. He worked the barrel and performed the car and clown acts.

"The kids seem to enjoy my trained dog act as well," Quail said.

Though Quail is considered a hero to many kids, he doesn't look at himself as one by any sense of the word.

"Now I've had heroes and I don't consider myself to be

one," said Quail. "I guess I could say the late Caddo Mathews was one of my many heroes. He was one of my coaches at Colorado City and he was a big inspiration in my life. They have just been too many to name them all but they have all have a special place in my heart."

When asked about the changes he has seen in the rodeo business over the past years he was right to the point.

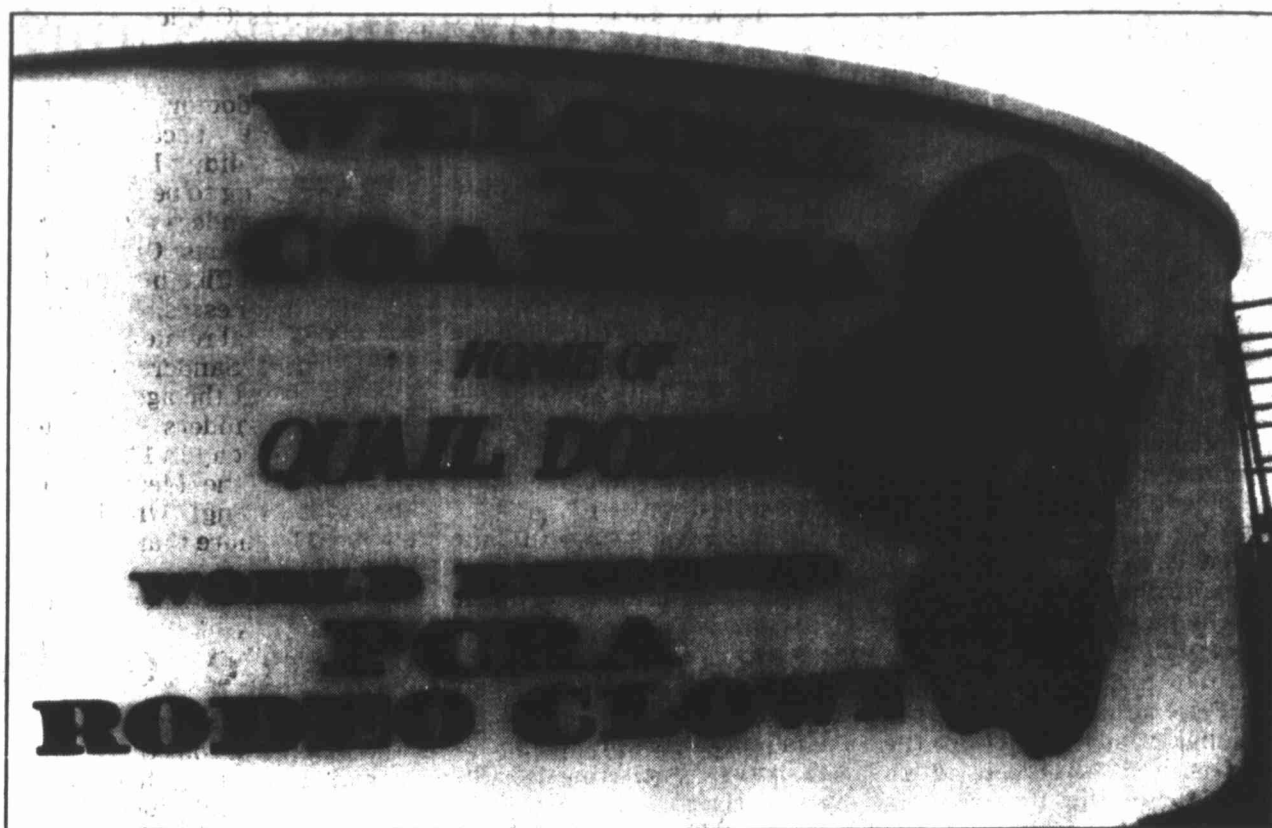
"One of the biggest things I have seen is the amount of purse money out there now," Dobbs said. "Bull riders are hauling in some pretty good cash now but believe me, they earn every bit of it."

Quail says he has witnessed a lot of terrible accidents over the years but the worst of it is seeing a bull rider killed.

"I guess the hardest thing for me to witness was when bullrider Lane Frost was killed," Quail said. "I don't think you can ever get over it."

The 5-foot, 4-inch clown said he has already accomplished most of the goals he set early in life and the accolades are still coming.

"Well, I made four appearances at the National Finals Rodeo and I earned the PRCA Clown of the Year award in 1978 and again in 1988 and I am one of only three men to work NFR as both a barrelman and as a



Coahoma kindergarten teacher Kathy Nichols painted Quail Dobbs' likeness on a water tank that rests just off Interstate 20 outside Coahoma. Dobbs said it is the greatest tribute anyone could have given him.

bullfighter."

Recently Quail was honored by Coahoma kindergarten teacher Kathy Nichols who painted Quail's likeness on a water tank that rests just off Interstate 20. Quail says that was the greatest tribute anyone could have given him.

The Coahoma Masonic Lodge

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honored him for his contribu-

tions to the community as well.

Quail began his second year as Justice of the Peace on Jan. 1 and hangs his shingle at his office in Coahoma. Because the job takes up so much of his time, he has cut out most of his rodeo appearances but will still

make his annual appearance in Big Spring.

"I may not be as young as I was once but as long as I will continue making the local rodeo and as time allows visiting nursing homes and I have a special place in my heart for the veterans," Quail said.

— Carl Graham

Jack Y. Smith was a 'prince of a fella' whose volunteer work set standards

As Big Spring State Hospital's new director of community relations in 1982, Kathy Johnson's first responsibility was fundraising.

That first call on a business appeared daunting to Johnson, so she enlisted the help of long-time hospital volunteer Jack Y. Smith, who organized the Volunteer Services Council in 1967.

"He gave me the perspective on how to ask for donations," she remembered. "I told him I hated to go in there with my hand out, and he told me that I wasn't asking for me. I was asking for the patients. He told me 'Don't you ever feel bad because you are asking for people who cannot help themselves.'"

There isn't a day that goes by, especially when she enters a business asking for donations, that Johnson isn't buoyed by remembering Smith's words.

Smith became involved in the field of mental illness, long before many others volunteered to help those with the misunderstood illness, said his wife of 54 years, Edna Faye Smith.

"He was a people-oriented person, and he loved people and was always willing to get involved where there was a need," she said.

Smith was the council's first chairman and served many offices in the state organization. He was honored many times by governors and state legislators for his contributions in the field of mental illness.

He was instrumental in building the hospital's chapel, the Dorothy Garrett Natatorium, gazebo and mini-park to benefit clients at the the hospital.

"Such words as 'appreciation' and 'thank you' are so consistently used that they seem inappropriate when applied to the services of a man who has woven the mental health cause into his life — a man who has risen above all the adversities that have beset the movement over the years — and who has time and again given renewed inspiration to all of us who attempt to follow his example," said Mary Holdsworth Butt, wife of H.E. Butt of the HEB Grocery Chain.

The state hospital established the Jack Y. Smith Award to be given to an outstanding volunteer each year. It is presented by a member of the Smith family.

Big Spring State Hospital was one of his major passions, but he carried his outgoing personality with him as director of industrial relations for Cosden Oil and Chemical for 41 years.

He also served as a Big Spring

city councilman and mayor pro tem.

Other civic duties includes past-president of the Lion's Club, member of the Girl Scout Council, chairman of the United Way and president of the Big Spring Country Club.

When he died in 1986, one of his co-workers told Mrs. Smith, "He was a prince of a fella."

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Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital born from Sanders' desire to help people

Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital would not exist today if Dr. Virgil and Dr. Nell Sanders hadn't had a desire to help people.

Dr. Virgil came to Howard County by covered wagon in 1915.

A 1932 graduate of Big Spring High School, Sanders pursued his education at Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy (now the University of Texas at El Paso). He graduated in 1937.

Sanders met his wife, Nell, while attending college. They were married in 1942.

Virgil interned at Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio. He served as traumatic surgeon for Bethlehem Steel in Baltimore

while his wife did post-graduate work.

The physician couple returned to Big Spring in 1945 and practiced for only one year at Malone-Hogan Clinic and Hospital before opening a practice in Stanton.

On Feb. 1, 1949, Dr. Virgil, Dr. Nell and Dr. Preston Sanders (Virgil's brother), opened the Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital in the 700 block of Gregg Street. This 25-bed hospital was built at a cost of about \$150,000.

Medical Arts and its physicians served the community for nearly 31 years before the hospital's closing on Dec. 1, 1979. The Drs. Sanders maintained

Medical Arts Clinic until they retired from active practice in 1993.

Neither doctor accepted appointments because they believed you didn't know when you were going to be sick.

Since the Sanders retirement, the Medical Arts Clinic now serves as an office building for various businesses, including several medical-related.

Dr. Virgil Sanders died on Feb. 5, 1998, at the age of 84.

Dr. Nell Sanders celebrated her 90th birthday in 1999 with a reception at the Medical Arts Office Building, which was attended by more than 200 well-wishers.

"It's simply wonderful," Dr.



Drs. Nell and Virgil Sanders opened the Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital in 1949.

Nell said, "It brings back lots of memories. But how could I miss

it with so many old friends and patients here."

— Gina Garza

Earnest S. Morgan dedicated his life to education, community interests in Big Spring

Earnest S. "Steve" Morgan was born in 1920 in Gilmer, where he graduated from high school. He began his college education at Texas College in Tyler, earning bachelor's and master's degrees there. He then earned a Ph.D. in education from East Texas State University in Commerce.

Morgan came to Big Spring in 1959 with his wife, Lottie, and began work as principal of what was then Lake View School.

He was also director of Big Spring's kindergarten and Head Start programs.

A busy educator, Morgan also worked as an instructor at Howard College.

He was named Texas Classroom Teachers Association Administrator of the Year in 1978 and 1979.

In addition to his work, Morgan also had numerous civic pursuits, including Sunday school teacher at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, serving on the Salvation Army advisory board, parks and recreation board and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Morgan retired from the Big

Spring Independent School District in 1986, then retired from the Head Start program in 1988.

He died May 29, 1990, at the age of 69.

In 1994, Big Spring City Council member Stephanie

Horton began a campaign to create a park on the town's north side, bearing the name of the longtime local educator. The city was notified in September of 1995 that a Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission matching grant had been approved. In

May of 1997, Earnest S. Morgan Park was officially opened in the 900 block of Father Delaney Street.

The park, which includes playground equipment, a basketball court, picnic tables and walkway, is near the Lake View

School building, which now is home to the Lakeview Head Start program, an expansion of the program over which Morgan once presided.

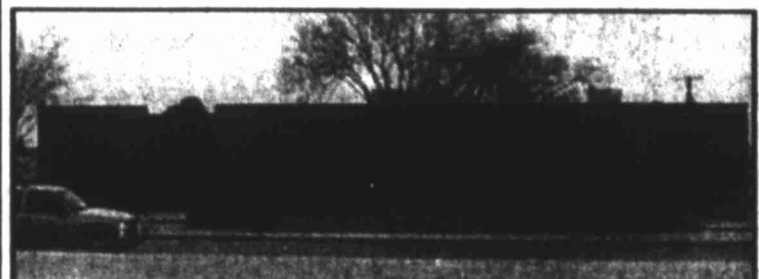
More than 200 people attended the dedication ceremony for the park May 23, 1997, which

included a barbecue and hot dog luncheon. It was attended by city officials, well-wishers and Lottie Morgan, and a tribute to Dr. Morgan was read by Horton.

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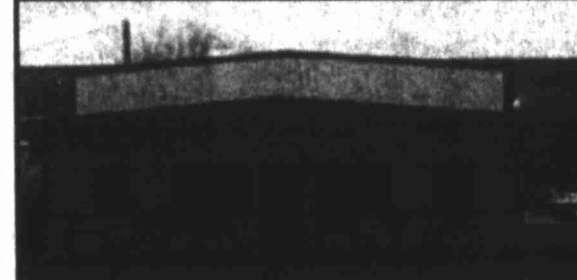
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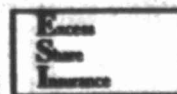
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Hoyle Nix played throughout the area and in Big Spring, including dances at his own Stampede, which he built in 1954, and the Howard County Fair.

Jody Nix keeps the tradition alive

When Hoyle Nix died on Aug. 21, 1985, son Jody Nix picked up the torch and began to carry on the legacy.

Jody doesn't do the grueling schedule he once did when his dad was alive, playing five nights a week, but he does continue to make personal appearances, mostly in West Texas.

He plays at fairs, rodeos, clubs, dancehalls, reunions, and anywhere else he may be invited.

"I don't play at the Stampede as often as we used to but we usually stay booked up on our weekends," Nix said.

The Stampede opened its doors on May 8, 1954 with his dad Hoyle, uncle Ben and the West Texas Cowboys playing to more than 1,000 people that night.

"The only thing different is the makeup of the band and we mix in a lot of the newer songs with the old standards," Nix said. "The old folks still like to hear the old ones like 'Big Balls in Cowtown,' a song dad wrote in the late 40s, and of course the young crowd wants to hear the newer songs and we try to accommodate them."

Though Jody doesn't like to bring attention to himself, he has an impressive resume.

When George Bush was inaugurated as the president of the United States in 1989, Jody was invited to play at the Texas State Society Black Tie and Boot Ball. The ball was sold out of the 3,000 tickets offered in 12 hours which caused organizers to acquire another ballroom to make room for an additional 2,500 guests.

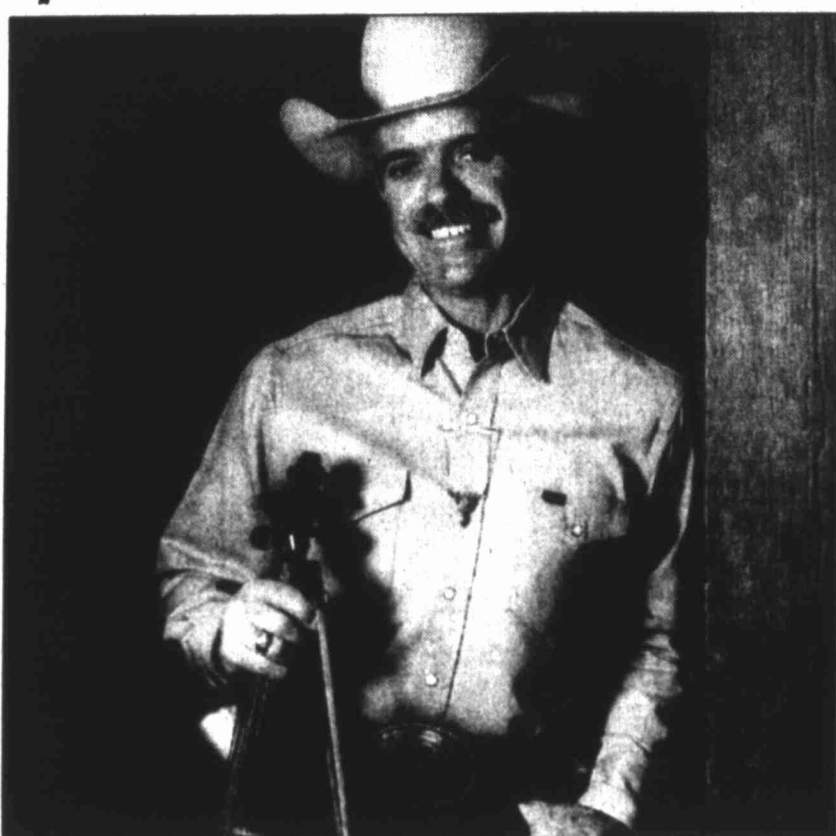
However, impressive all that sounds, Jody would just as soon talk about the good old days at the Stampede.

"I still enjoy playing there when we can," said Nix. "It's a place that you can carry the whole family and have a good time. We do not sell any alcohol, but people can bring in their own. All we sell is cokes, candy, and bottled water plus ice for set-ups."

Nix attributes the legacy of this family dance hall to the support from the local people.

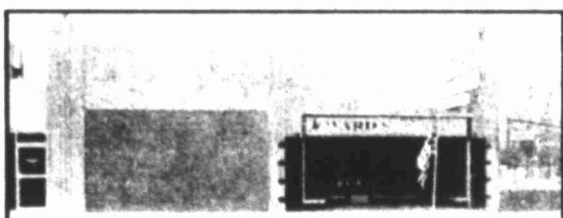
"The only reason we have lasted as long as we have is because of our loyal supporters who come out to dance with us each time we are open," said Nix. "People come from everywhere to dance."

— Carl Graham



Jody Nix keeps the swing in Big Spring.

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Hoyle Nix, local 'King of Swing,' respected for his contributions to country music field

More than 50 years ago — Nov. 11, 1946, in fact, Hoyle and Ben Nix took the stage with their band, the West Texas Cowboys, for the first of many memorable performances.

Hoyle, dubbed as the local "King of Swing" was born March 22, 1918, in Azle. He died on Aug. 21, 1985, less than a year after being inducted into the Nebraska Cowboy Hall of Fame.

In addition to that honor he was also inducted into the Colorado Country Music Hall of Fame in May 1985 and in 1975 was awarded the Wrangler Award from the National Cowboy Hall of Fame in Oklahoma.

In 1980, Hoyle was presented a golden fiddle at the Howard County Fair from his fans and friends for his contributions to country music and his 35 years in the business.

In 1954, Hoyle built the

Hoyle's "Big Balls in Cowtown" is a country music classic.

Stampede, a country and western dance hall that still stands at its original location on the Snyder Highway.

In addition to playing the "Stomp" every Saturday, Hoyle and his West Texas Cowboys would travel around the West Texas area playing at the Brownfield American Legion on Tuesday, the Dixie Club in San Angelo on Wednesday, the Sweetwater VFW on Thursday and the Key City Sportatorium in Abilene on Friday. It was not unusual for his fans to drive hundreds of miles to hear him play.

Hoyle's brother Ben was not only his business partner but

was also a member of the West Texas Cowboys.

Hoyle said once his greatest thrill was being featured on the Bob Wills' "Last Time Album." Wills was sick and unable to perform so he asked Hoyle to fill in for him. Nix said later "I thought this was the greatest thing in the world to be able to play with this old boy."

And Hoyle got to play with Wills many, many times.

The Stampede hosted an occasional "battle dance" which would feature Hoyle and his West Texas Cowboys and Bob Wills and his Playboys.

Hoyle's band had the opportunity to play with several big name groups other than Wills. He also played background music for Ernest Tubbs, Marty Robbins and Merle Haggard as

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Former judge Bob Deavenport is dedicated to Martin County and its people

At 71 years old, Bob Deavenport may term himself as a character and not a hero, but his dedication to Martin County and his quiet charitable work to help some of the coun-

ty's residents may prove him both a hero and a character. "Martin County has wonderful and basically industrious people," said Deavenport, former Martin County judge.

Born in 1928, Deavenport and his family moved to Stanton in 1938 where he has continued to live in Martin County.

Graduating high school at the young age of 15, he contributes his spurred education to both good grades and to a keen interest by the principal.

"I once hit the principal in the face with an eraser," Deavenport said. "He then arranged to accelerate my course of studies."

After graduating from school, Deavenport spent a year and a half at Texas Tech University and served in the U.S. Air Force at the tail end of World War II.

Returning to Stanton after his term of service, Deavenport took notice of a girl named Dorothy Renfro.

"I saw this cute girl working in the post office," Deavenport said. "The first date I took her on was to see the old pro Big Spring baseball team called the Broncs. That first night I knew I was going to marry her. She didn't know it, but I did. That was the best selling job I ever did."

Deavenport and his wife, who have been married for 50 years, ran Davenports, a clothing store, for 30 years before they decided to sell it in 1974. When a vacancy arose for the position of Martin County judge, Deavenport applied after being encouraged by his wife. He was elected in 1981.

"I have a real affection for Martin County," he said. "The community was always good to trade with us. I thought public service was a way to pay the community back."

For Deavenport, the most trying and rewarding time of the 18 years he served as a county judge were the two years of 1986 and 1987. During those years, extreme rainfall continually washed out county roads.

"Some parts of (Martin) county received up to 60 inches of rain that year, and it was very trying to keep the roads open," Deavenport said. "Those same

two years were the most exciting for me because it restored my faith in county government to see the county commissioners work together the way they did."

"I have always been interested in the law," Deavenport continued. "I enjoyed the courses I had in constitutional law more than anything else. I differ to what the (U.S.) Supreme Court has done to the Constitution over the years. I would be more of a strict contractionist. Since the 1900s, the Supreme Courts have tended to be more liberal."

Deavenport retired from public service as the Martin County judge at the end of 1998.

For the past 30 years, he and his wife have quietly helped some residents of the county by providing a food program with financial help from some of their friends.

"Being around the community, we knew the people who had problems," he said. "We wanted to help a little in a quiet way."

After retiring from the county judge, Deavenport expanded his efforts to help people to provide food for their family by becoming more involved with the

Martin County Community Fund — a non-profit organization.

"We have greatly expanded our operation during the 1999 year," he said. "We served at various times over 200 different families of Martin and Glasscock counties."

The average monthly earning of the families they serve runs from \$550 to \$750.

The Martin County Community Fund is a subsidiary fund of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, which gave the initial funding. During the past year, the Community Fund has also received funding from the Connell Family Fund, Abell Hangar Fund, and the Scarbauer-Lineberry Foundation.

"The Big Spring warehouse for the West Texas Food Bank has been a tremendous help to us," Deavenport said.

Around eight volunteers donate their time to the Community Fund, and Deavenport has decided to slow down a little; he only works about 50 hours a week.

"Anybody gets a good feeling in helping someone," he said.

"Everybody is that way."

—Lyndel Moody

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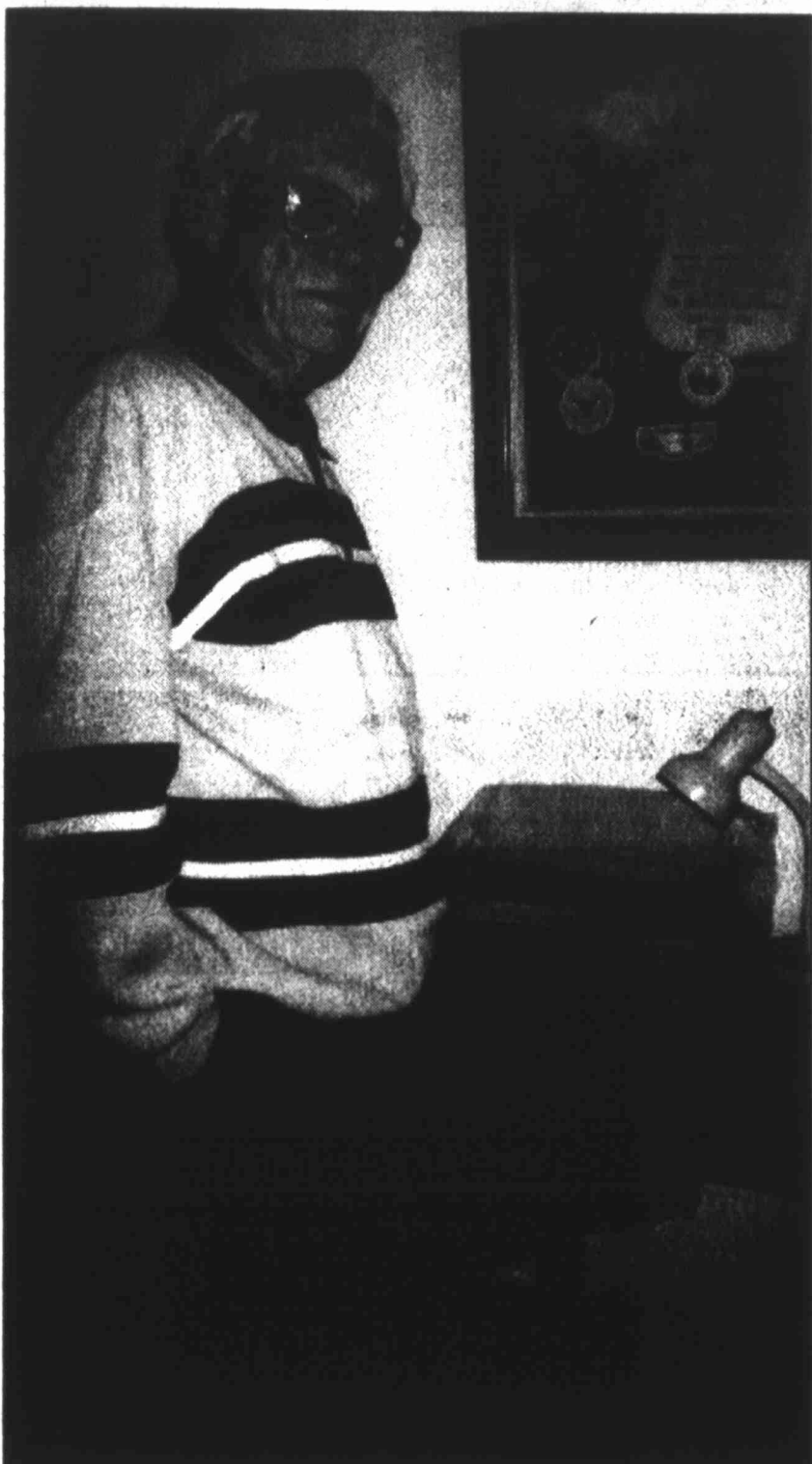
well as opening for Robbins in a concert in Albuquerque, N.M., and for Haggard in Fort Worth.

"Big Balls in Cowtown" was penned by Hoyle in the 1940s, and it was recorded for the first time in 1949. George Strait recorded the tune with Asleep at the Wheel on their tribute album to Wills. Hoyle's son Jody also performed on that album and has done other tributes.

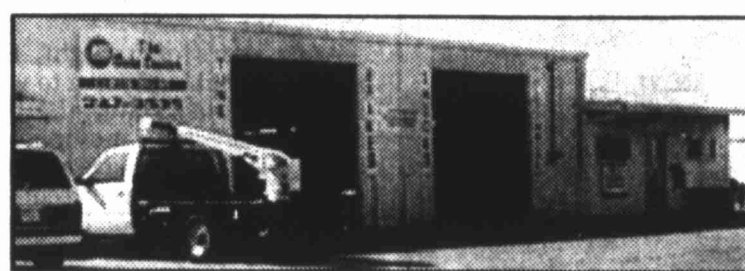
In November 1996, Jody began an annual tribute to his dad and the West Texas Cowboys, by inviting all the surviving members of Hoyle's band for a concert at the Stampede. This event attracts people from all parts of the United States and gets larger every year.

It's another way to keep Hoyle's music alive and well.

—Carl Graham



Bob Deavenport and his wife ran a clothing store for 30 years before they sold it. He then served as county judge from 1981 until 1998 and continues to be active in efforts to help people in Martin County.



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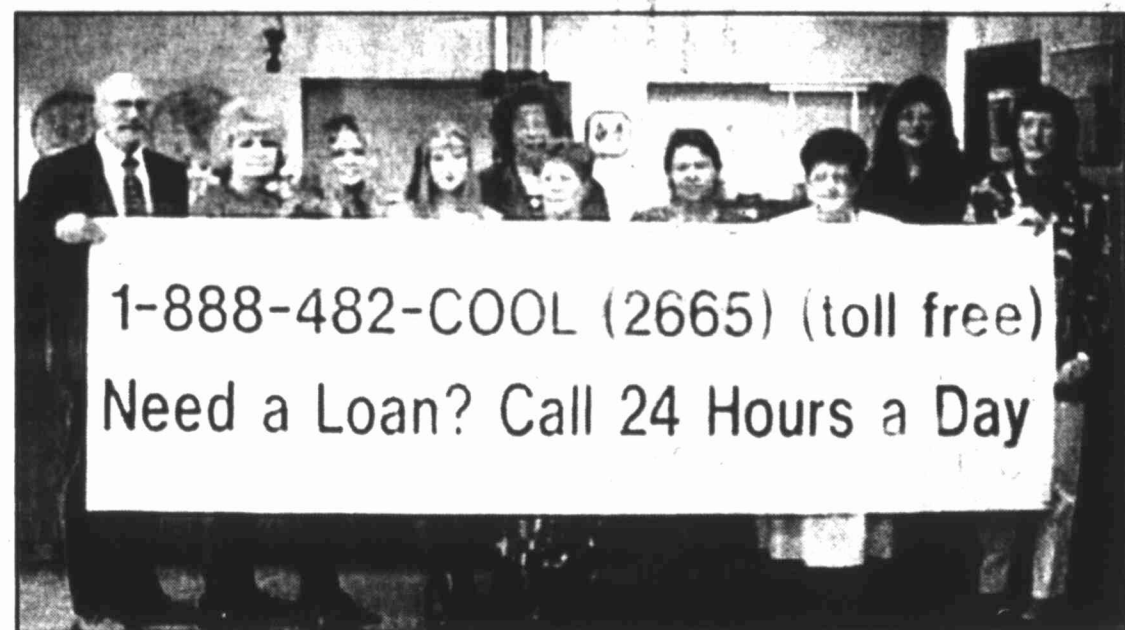


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Settles brothers came West with a spirit of adventure

Brothers William Rowan "W.R." and Burr Harrison "B.H." Settles came to Texas from Bardstown, Ken., when they were young men. They both worked on ranches around the area, including the R.L. Slaughter Cattle Co., one of the largest ranches in the area at the time.

Eventually, both Settles brothers were able to buy several sections of land and began raising

Hereford cattle. Most of their land was 25-30 miles south of Big Spring in Howard and Glasscock counties.

Burr Lea Settles, Big Spring Fire Marshall and grandson of B.H., said the young men were, like many at the time, looking for a better way of life than they found in the eastern states.

"They came out to what was the 'wild west,'" he said.

In 1891, W.R. returned briefly

to his home and married Lillie Greer, bringing her back to his ranch. They lived on the land until the 1920s, when they moved into a two-story house in town.

Oil was discovered on their ranch land March 5, 1927; W.R. was 69 years old at the time.

"From what I've heard in the family," Settles said, "he was a quiet man, and they were philanthropic." His wife was probably the driving force behind construction the Settles Hotel, according to family stories.

Unfortunately, the beautiful, renowned hotel would be the couple's financial ruin. Before the \$500,000 building was complete, it had wrought bankruptcy on W.R. and Lillie Settles. A corrupt business manager was blamed for poor financial advice, including signing off all of their property as collateral.

Also their timing was poor; the country was in the throes of the Great Depression.

Some of the legacies of W.R. Settles include gifts made to First Presbyterian Church, and Settles Street, on which sits the historic home once occupied by the family.

B.H. Settles, meanwhile, had also moved into town so his eight children could attend school. Another child had died in infancy.

After years of drought, B.H. sold his ranch and went to work for the county, later the city, and then opened a moving company that would sustain him into retirement. He retired after the sudden death of his oldest son, William Rowan Settles II. In his mid-30s at the time, the younger W.R. Settles died shortly after election to the office of sheriff.

Burr Lea Settles said the first names of both his grandfather and great-uncle were probably taken from the last names of the doctors who delivered them, a custom at the time.

And those names live on in the family, as William Rowan Settles III is Burr Lea Settles' brother. Burr Lea himself is named after his father, and has a son carrying his name on into the next generation.

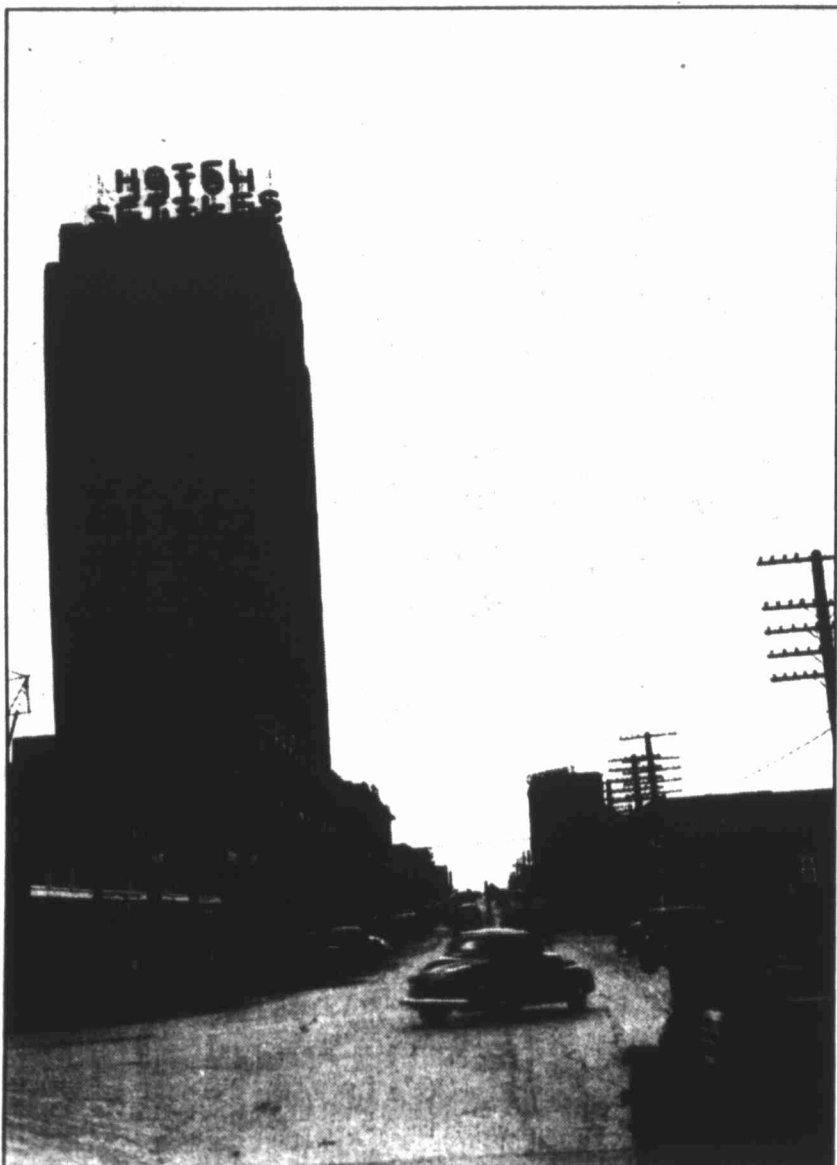
—Debbie L. Jensen



B.H. SETTLES



W.R. AND LILLIE SETTLES



W.R. and Lillie Settles built the renowned Settles Hotel, but it brought them financial ruin before it could be completed.

Polly Mays was a historian, community leader, volunteer

Polly Mays served the city of Big Spring in many ways. She was a community leader, historian and a civic volunteer.

Mays lost her life after a two-year battle with cancer in July of 1997.

Polly and her twin brother were born in a large two-story house built by their grandfather in the German community of Holton, Kansas.

She met Floyd Mays, who had just returned from overseas after serving five years as a doctor with the Marines, in New York. They were married in Holton in 1947 and came to Texas the following year, settling in Big Spring.

In 1973, Mays decided to run for city council. She was the

first woman to seek the post and was elected and served six years, four as mayor pro tem.

"She was always available, never said no," said Wade Choate, former city councilman.

She had served more than 20 years as chair of the Howard County Historical Commission. She also headed the Potton House preservation project and later support the transfer of its control to the Heritage Museum.

"She was the kind of person whose actions spoke for themselves," said Angie Way, Heritage Museum curator. "She was a very good friend to the museum, but she was a friend to so many parts of our community."

Due to her love for animals, Mays became one of the

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Collie's always said his priorities were God first, friendship second

While he was alive, World War I veteran John Harmon Collie traveled daily in his wheelchair down the halls of the VA Medical Center and out the front door. His latest cap on his head and bread secreted in the folds of his lap blanket, he navigated into position to feed "his" birds and ground squirrels.

He had become a traveling man in World War I.

Born in Marfa on Aug. 21, 1896, he was the son of George William Collie, a telegraph operator, and Lula Farmer Collie, housewife. Enlisting in the U.S. Army on July 3, 1917, in El Paso, his occupation was a truck driver.

After having been sent overseas and attached to the Infantry Field Hospital in France, he saw service in Tonlan Troynn, Chateau Fliorry and Venne Argonne.

Working and driving on the front lines of battle in the war earned him the Bronze Victory Medal.

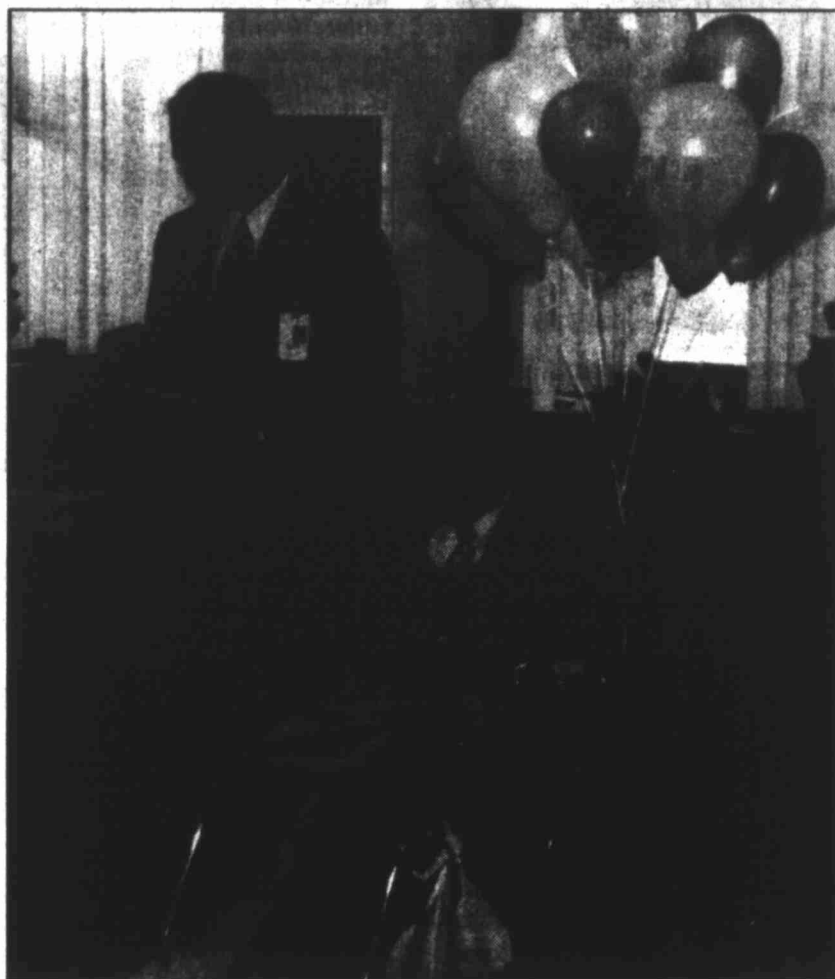
Collie said his most famous passengers included Eisenhower when he was a lieutenant, and he once took Pershing to the front lines in Argonne, France.

Collie remained single and came 10 years ago to the VA Medical Center Nursing Home unit.

On Sept. 11, 1998, for his 103rd birthday, Director Cary Brown was the master of ceremonies for a gala party honoring Collie, who was then one of the oldest living World War I veterans in Texas.

Collie always enjoyed all activities and did as much to care for himself as he could. He said his priorities were, one, God, and two, friendship.

When asked once if he felt life had treated him fairly, he replied, "Never, it is a waste of time to worry about bad things or worryin' about my health ...



John Harmon Collie is pictured at his 102nd birthday party at the Veterans Administration Medical Center with CEO Cary Brown. Collie died in 1998 at the age of 103.

Yeah, I'm at peace with myself." Collie died Oct. 18, 1998, at the nursing home unit, where he is missed.

— Bennie Barbara Dahlquist

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founders of the Big Spring Humane Society. Her patriotism led her to help organize the Highland South Fourth of July Parade.

In 1996, Mays donated money to restart the Howard-Glasscock Old Settlers Reunion,

a gathering for hundreds of current and former residents of the area that continues to draw crowds each year.

She had worked on many Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce projects, including the Cranefest event spotlighting the nesting of sandhill cranes in the area.

She also served as a patient advocate volunteer for the Big Spring State Hospital.

She was named Woman of the Year in 1976 by the chamber, and in 1984, the Big Spring Evening Lions Club named her Citizen of the Year.

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'Lady Bullfighter' lived dream despite injuries, others' fears

From an early age, Patricia McCormick had a dream of becoming a matadora. She chased that dream throughout Mexico and South America to finally win acclaim as the first professional woman bullfighter from North America.

McCormick, a 1948 Big Spring High School graduate, saw her first bullfight in Mexico City when she was 7.

"I went to the University of Texas and became very fascinated with it there," she said in a 1986 article for the Big Spring Herald.

She transferred to West Texas University in El Paso and "Right across the border was Juarez, and I just become obsessed with the idea," McCormick said.

"I wanted to fight bulls, and I thought the only way I could do it would be to fight professionally," she continued.

McCormick abandoned her art courses and set off after her dreams. After a year of making contacts and hanging around stockyards, she found Alejandro de Hierro.

Del Hierro was professional working then as a banderillero, a member of a team of bullfighters under the command of the matador.

"We were horrified," said Patricia's former piano teacher, Ann Gibson Houser in a 1982 article for the Big Spring Herald. "Everything was against it. She loved animals...She was too smart and kind to be a bullfighter."

"She was a lovely girl, tall, beautiful, a graceful swimmer," a girlhood friend, Gloria Strom said in the 1982 article. "She was always a very deep thinker. Not a flitty-type person. Gracious, soft-spoken, charming, witty. She was more of a ballerina than a bullfighter."

'Follow your goals and passions. Don't be afraid to make mistakes.'

Patricia McCormick,
professional bullfighter

In 1954, McCormick wrote "Lady Bullfighter," the story of her life and pursuit of her unusual career. According to her autobiography, del Hierro demanded she not drink, dance or smoke.

She recounts her debut bullfight, in which she dedicated the first bull to the audience. It was a difficult kill, and a disappointment to McCormick.

In her second fight, the bull was dedicated to her mother, who watched from the audience.

"It goes for thee, Mother," she said. "I hope this one may be better."

"I have all the confidence in the world in you," her mother responded. The fight went well.

McCormick said it takes at least a year to groom a bullfighter, and she spent 10 years as a professional.

During those years, she was tossed about the ring and was even gored six times.

"In 1954 in Villa Acuna, I received the last rites of the Catholic Church," McCormick said in the 1986 article. "I was in intensive care for one week, and six months to recuperate (at her parents' home in Big Spring)."

"The bull caught me and impaled me by the horns and they couldn't get me off the horns," she continued.

McCormick did not let that experience deter her from returning to the ring.

"I had three more since that one. I had one in Venezuela

from the left thigh into the middle of the back," she said.

According to the 1982 Herald article, in 1963 "Sports Illustrated" praised her by saying she "may well be the greatest woman bullfighter who has ever lived."

Carlos Arruza, one of the greatest Mexican matadors, also was quoted in that same article and said, "She fights larger bulls than any other women, and I understand she kills well...Her defect is that she is a woman."

"I'll say one thing, she's not cowardly," said her father, E. B. McCormick who was an engineer for Cosden for 25 years.

E. B. McCormick never saw

his daughter fight in the bull ring and he reasoned in the 1982 article, "why would I want to see that? How could a father watch a bull's horns come so close?"

"Follow your goals and passions," McCormick said in the 1986 article. "Don't be afraid to make mistakes."

—Lyndel Moody



McCormick wrote this book in 1954 about her experiences.

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A bust of Dora Roberts is displayed at the Howard County Library, which is named in her honor.

Dora Roberts: Pioneer, pacesetter, philanthropist

Dora Roberts died in 1953 at the age of 90, after a lifetime of service and gifts to the community.

She was born on April 23, 1863, as Dora Ann Nunn, in Alabama. Her parents were Elizabeth Patricia and Eliza Hope Nunn.

When she was a teen, she met a curly, red-headed young man by the name of Andy Griffin, whose family lived in

Brown County. They were married in 1883 and settled in Howard County. They had two daughters. After only 18 years of marriage, Andy lost his life while breaking a bronc.

Dora became very good with a .22 rifle and often killed a snake or rabbit without stopping the buggy. She also

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Dorothy Garrett will always be Big Spring's 'first lady'

Through her continued generosity for the community, Dorothy Garrett continues to live on in the hearts and minds of people she touched. Even after her death on Aug. 6, 1998, she continues to be the first lady of Big Spring.

"She was a very dedicated individual to the community," said Wade Choate, former mayor, in reaction to her death in 1998. "It was her desire over the years that the community grow and prosper."

Garrett was born on May 8, 1916, in Midland, and her family moved to Big Spring in 1922, when she was just 6 years old. The family decided to move when drought threatened their ranch located north and west of Odessa.

In the history book "Howard County 1882-1892," she wrote, "the family was not immediately accepted in the neighborhood, because everybody thought we were non-union railroad scabs."

Garrett continued to live in Big Spring and literally married the "boy next door," William Horace Garrett, grandson of Dora Roberts, in 1941.

Before her marriage, she contracted polio, and after living in an iron lung for three years, she walked down the aisle with the help of braces to become Horace's bride.

After her husband died in 1967, Garrett took over his post as chairman of the board of directors of the Dora Roberts Foundation and became the youngest member of the board.

In a 1994 interview for the *Big Spring Herald*, Garrett credited Roberts with having foresight in establishing the foundation to help the community.

"Back then, who had really heard of such a thing, except for the Ford Foundation?" she said.

Joining the Foundation changed her life, and Garrett continued to carry out the mis-



Dorothy Garrett gave of herself and her wealth unconditionally. She always wanted to see Big Spring grow, but retain its small community appeal.

sion of the foundation after Robert's death by continuing to contribute to the community.

"She was just the most outstanding community member...so gracious, I guess, because of her love of people. What was most impressive for me was that she gave herself and her money unconditionally. She has so much love. Where would we be as a community without her and without all of the things she did?" said Frances Wheat in reaction to Garrett's death in 1998.

Garrett was always there to help the community over the years, including helping the Big Spring Humane Society add

additional pens when it was overcrowded, to construction of the current shelter.

Concerned about illiteracy, she participated from the beginning in the *Herald's* Newspapers in Education program, to promote reading.

"I first met Dorothy working with the Big Spring chapter of the American Cancer Society. When (we) were trying to get the mammography program started, we approached the Dora Roberts Foundation and asked for \$12,500.

"They doubled it and gave us \$25,000 to start," said Lisa Brooks in 1998.

One of Garrett's favorite con-

tributions to the city is the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum at Howard College. It was said that she was honored to have her name attached to the facility. It is now affectionately known by many as "The Dorothy."

Garrett believed in and loved Big Spring and hoped the city would continue to grow, but retain its small community appeal.

"I love Big Spring," she said. "It is still small enough that if someone is sick or somebody dies, neighbors are there with a bowl of soup."

In 1994, the community held a

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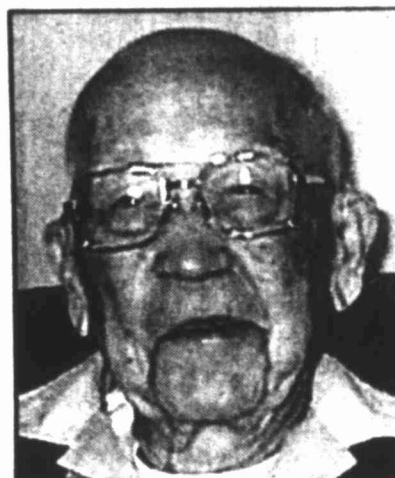
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Horace Tubb came to Howard County in 1928 and never considered leaving

Horace E. Tubb came to Howard County from Hope, Ark., in 1928.

He says they dug wells there just about anywhere, but the water ran through the horse lot so it wasn't very healthful.

His wife of 50 years, Jewel, now deceased, was from Eureka Springs — "the prettiest girl from the prettiest place in the world."

He says when they married, money was tight and they had to go to his in-laws' house sometimes to get enough to eat.

He remembers that sometimes his family didn't have much in goods. However, he stresses, "We always raised our food and worked together. We went to church and took the kids; we had a good life."

After 30 years as a cotton

farmer, Tubb concluded that there wasn't much profit in dry-land farming so he began to trade and borrow money to buy land.

He tried many different crops and recently has been recognized as the biggest vegetable farmer in Howard County, with 1,500 acres in onions and watermelons as well as many acres in pecan trees.

Tubb also owns the Tubb Addition south of Big Spring and some housing land near Coahoma.

He says he has done well selling land. He enjoys selling young people land on credit and financing it, giving them a chance to own a home. The streets in his addition are named for his children and grandchildren.

Tubb confesses that he has "gone from rags to riches," and he is justifiably proud of his family, the awards won on his vegetables, and his home that, in his words, "has the best view in the county."

His breakfast room overlooks a green lawn sloping down to a tree-bordered creek populated by ducks and fat catfish.

When asked if, when he became prosperous, he ever thought of moving back to Arkansas, Tubb looks out his back window.

"I never even considered it."

— Nancy Koger

Horace Tubb sits behind his house on U.S. Highway 87 south of Big Spring. He claims to have the best view in the county.



Margaret Lloyd has spent her life serving others

Margaret Lloyd has spent her life serving those who otherwise couldn't help themselves, especially children and animals.

When she came to Big Spring 35 years ago, it was as an executive for Girl Scouts. She was working at that job when she met her future husband, Larson Lloyd.

After their marriage, Margaret spent time working as a teacher and diagnostician for the local schools. She also held

the job of volunteer coordinator for the Big Spring State Hospital.

Margaret and Larson had three children, Larson Jr., Lisa and Les.

Larson Sr. died a decade ago, one of the earliest victims of Alzheimer's Disease.

"We didn't know what was wrong with him," Margaret explained. "Here was this very capable person who all of a sudden started to do things that didn't fit."

It was nearly 20 years ago when Margaret's love for animals led her to another effort.

She and a group of other local women, seeing deplorable conditions at the city dog pound, began efforts to see a new one built.

"It was Dorothy Garrett that really made that happen," said

Lloyd of her longtime friend. "We kept going to the city council about it, making pests of ourselves. But Dorothy gave the money to have it done and then it got done."

Soon, however, it was realized there were far too many stray dogs and cats for even the new pound to handle. Some of the same women began efforts to fund and build a humane society shelter.

"We were keeping the other dogs in our backyards," said Lloyd. "That had to change."

That led to the creation of the Big Spring Humane Society. Its most recent shelter, on West I-20 just outside Big Spring, is Lloyd's pride and joy, once again thanks to the generosity of Dorothy Garrett.

In 1995, Lloyd's longtime interest and dedication was

rewarded as she took the title of Woman of the Year for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"I tell everyone I was nominated by a cocker spaniel and a German shepherd," she said.

But seriously, Lloyd said the work with animals is her most important civic endeavor.

"It's where my heart is," she said.

— Debbie L. Jensen

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and First Methodist Churches.

— Gina Garza

showed unusual strength in her business judgment and ability.

After about five years of being a widow, John Roberts came into Dora's life. They were married, but tragedy struck again. After only 10 years of marriage, John died on Sept. 28, 1909, after being mortally injured when a horse fell on him.

In the 1920s, Dora began leasing a portion of her land. She reserved the remainder for a few cattle she kept. In the late 1920s, oil was found on part of the Roberts ranch.

Like the family that would follow her, Dora Roberts shared her wealth with others. Several churches and colleges were recipients of her early gifts, but later gifts were able to be larger to such places as McMurtry College and SMU.

In 1946, a foundation was set up through which her money was disbursed to various agencies.

Among the vast number of edifices and funds that are memorials to Dora Roberts' love for West Texas and West Texans are: the Howard County Library, originally housed in Dora Roberts' townhouse; the Howard College Student Union Building; the college loan fund; the Salvation Army Citadel; the YMCA; the rehabilitation center that bears her name; and the Cosden Club, Wesley Methodist



ROBERTS

GARRETT

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"Dorothy Garrett Appreciation Day" which more than 900 people attended.

"I haven't done more than anybody else," Garrett said in an interview about the reception.

In reaction to her death in 1998, minister Ed Williamson said, "The loss is a major shock to Big Spring. Dorothy Garrett was most certainly the first lady of Big Spring in the minds and hearts of everyone. She had an outstanding influence on our city as well as the outlying areas. This is truly the end of an era."

— Lyndel Moody



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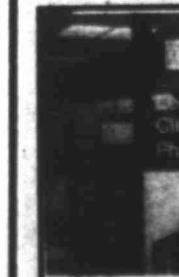
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Area rancher Leland Wallace has been raising Hereford cattle for 59 years

His accomplishments in the Hereford cattle breeding world and in breeding and raising cutting horses are many and impressive, but nowadays Leland Wallace is often best known as the "rain rock man."

"I like to see people laugh," he admits, "and I just started handing out little rocks I found in the pastures and telling folks to keep them in their pockets, and it would rain."

He adds that there's a three-year period on the effectiveness of the rocks.

Wallace credits his wife, the former Gerald Marie Buchanan, with starting him in the Hereford business.

"She had raised a dogie Hereford calf whose mother had been killed by lightning and another calf; and when I got her as a wife, I got them, too. I won some prizes on the calves at a 4-H show, took the winnings, and bought Hereford heifers."

Their home in the R Bar Community of Howard County is a museum of paintings, photos, statues, and awards from the stocky, red, white-faced cattle.

"That bull, in the painting, the Texas Hereford Association found for me."

"We used him as a sire for nine years, and he produced a lot of fine calves," says Wallace. "I thought he deserved to be commemorated some way, so I had Coy McCann make a bronze of him, and I gave it to the Howard County Museum."

Presently convalescing from a third hip replacement — "riding cutting horses is hard on hips," he says — Wallace is not as active in the Hereford world as he formerly was, but that world has grown smaller today.

He is still president of the Anxiety IV Hereford Association and a director of the Texas Hereford Association.

The Wallaces have provided calves for 4-H and FFA exhibitors over the 59 years they've raised Herefords.

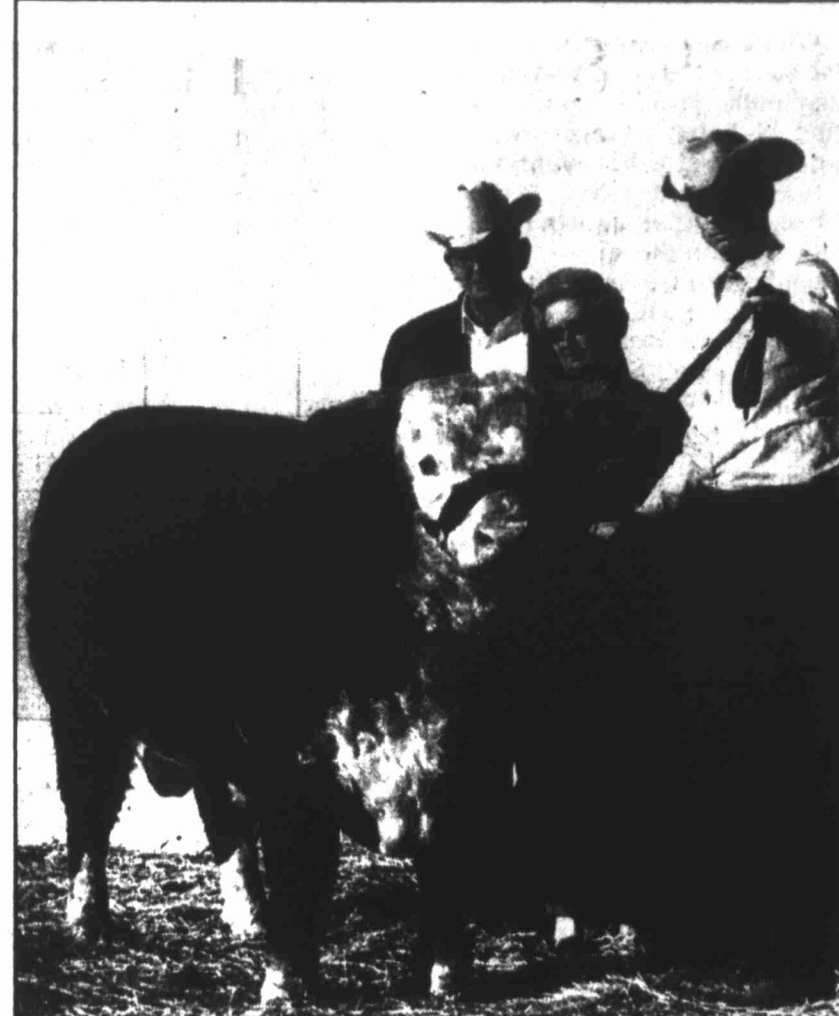
They have shared in the joy and pride the youngsters have felt when their animal won a prize.

They were elated to hear that one of their heifers, bought and shown by Shawn Ellis of Odessa, had just won Reserve

Champion in the Intermediate Heifer Class at the 2000 San Antonio Stock Show.

— Nancy Koger

Some Leland Wallace memories, clockwise from right. Leland Wallace uses the microphone at one of the auctions he used to hold at his ranch; he holds a lead on the champion bull he has just sold in Waco in the mid-1970s; a Morgan School class picture in 1929. Wallace is in the center, on the second row from the top.



Howard and Marijo Walker have owned the Harley-Davidson Shop since 1985. Marijo is the daughter of Cecil and Ora Thixton, who opened the first motorcycle dealership in Big Spring in 1926.

Walker followed a motorcycle-riding girl home one day and ended up marrying her

It was a 1957 Hydra-Glide that Marijo Thixton was driving in May of 1959 on Third Street near the Howard Courthouse that riveted Howard Walker's attention.

"I always wanted a motorcycle," he said. "I never could afford one of those crazy things."

But Marijo left a bigger impression on him that day.

"There goes a Harley Davidson. I got closer and I said, that's a girl riding that thing. I then followed her to her daddy's shop. He tried to sell me one," Walker said.

Walker proposed to Marijo on the runway where planes landed at Webb Air Force Base.

"We were supposed to wait until she got out of high school before we married. Our plans changed when I got laid off of work and was going to move home. Marijo told me to marry her now because if I went back to my hometown, she was afraid she'd never see me again," he said.

They were married in November of that year.

"It was hard to keep it a secret and I ended up telling her daddy about 10 days later,"

said Walker.

Shortly after their marriage, Walker enlisted in the Air Force and was transferred to Spain in 1962.

"My father-in-law asked me what I was going to do after I got out of the military. He asked me to come and work for him. I went to work just as soon as I got out and have been here ever since."

The Harley-Davidson Shop opened its doors in September 1926, under the ownership of Cecil and Ora Thixton.

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Local educator Sam Dawson left an impression on the lives of students

Erastus Sam (E.S.) Dawson was born in 1932 in Clarksville, Tenn., to a family of educators. His grandmother had been a teacher for 45 years.

"Sam" as he was known, grew up in Abilene and Sweetwater, finishing high school in Lubbock. He then earned his bachelor's and master's degrees at Prairie View College.

After serving a tour of duty in the U.S. Army, Dawson came to Big Spring and taught in the local educational system for 29 years.

Dawson was head of the primarily black Lakeview YMCA for more than 20 years. When

he arrived in Big Spring in the mid-1950s, Lakeview was still known as "the Negro school," before the local school system was integrated.

Some of Dawson's priorities were teaching all children to swim and coaching them in sports, such as basketball. While serving as assistant coach, Dawson took young people on out-of-town trips to compete in sporting events.

When some of his students could not afford their meals, Dawson is said to have paid for them. Many recall the deep



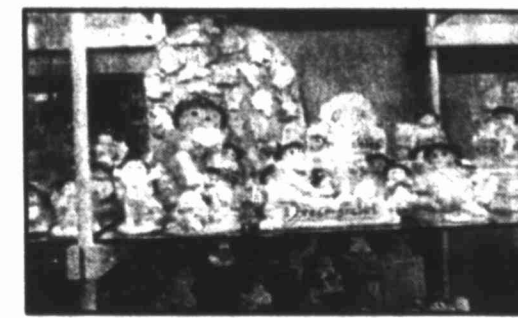
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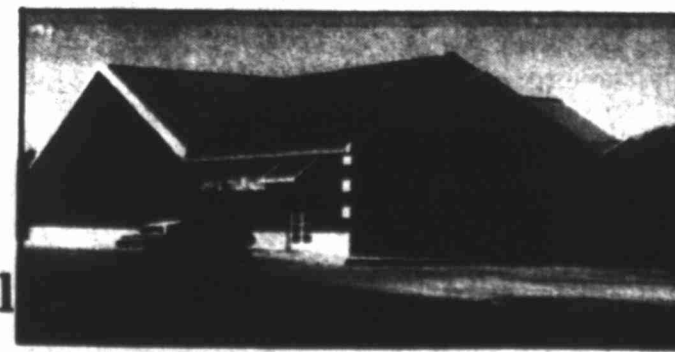
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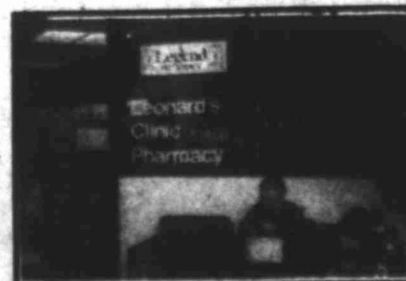


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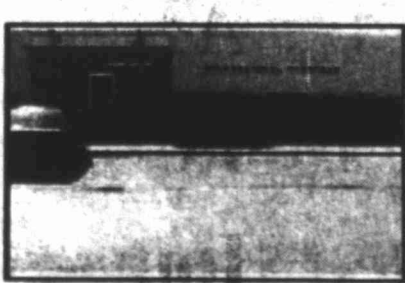


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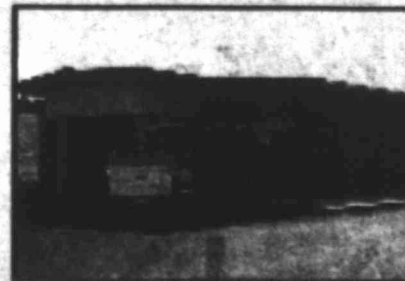


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Sgt. Paredex wanted to serve his country, not become a 'hero'

When Sgt. Agustin Chavez Paredex left to go to Vietnam in September 1965 he had no intention of being a hero. He just wanted to serve his country.

According to his brother Guadalupe, their father tried to talk Agustin out of re-enlisting after his first tour of duty was up.

"When he returned from Germany, he told my dad he was planning on re-enlisting so he could go to Vietnam," said Guadalupe. "My dad said son, you don't want to go over there; it's going to get real dangerous."

Sgt. Paredex had already made up his mind however. Just two months after arriving in that country, Sgt. Paredex was killed during hostile ground action when a metal fragment lodged in his upper back.

Sgt. Paredex was the first Howard County resident to lose his life in the Vietnam War. He



At left, Agustin Paredex in his military uniform. He was the first county resident to lose his life in the Vietnam War, and now a street is named in his honor. At right, 12 year old Agustin Paredex in a school photo taken at Kate Morrison, during the school year of 1953-54.

was only 24 years old.

"It was a very emotional time for all of us, but especially for our dad because he had tried to



talk him out of going," said Guadalupe.

Born in 1941 to Benito and Antolina Paredex, Agustin was

one of seven children. His mother still lives in the 700 block of Sgt. Paredex Street and the family cleans the vacant lots along the street at least once a year.

"Our whole family takes a lot of pride in our street and we try to help keep it neat and clean," said Paredex. "I was very proud when the street was renamed in his honor."

According to Paredex, a son, born just four months after his brother's death was named after Agustin in his honor.

"Me and my wife Santiga just thought it was the right thing to do," Guadalupe said. "This was our way of keeping part of him

"Our whole family takes a lot of pride in our street and we try to help keep it neat and clean. I was very proud when the street was renamed in his honor."

Guadalupe Paredex

alive."

Former Big Spring city council member Pat DeAnda played a big part in getting Northwest Fourth Street renamed Sgt. Paredex Street.

When she was elected to the city council in 1987, her first priority project was the renaming of the street to honor the fallen soldier.

"I felt we needed to do something to help recognize the

Hispanics and their achievements," DeAnda said. "It was not only the right thing to do, it was something we had to do. A lot of people don't realize that hispanics have the highest number of medal of honor recipients."

According to DeAnda, the move to get the street renamed was not an easy task.

"There was a lot of dissension from other council members when I first started trying to get the name change through," said DeAnda.

"They wanted me to back off or to pick another, lesser-traveled street. But the street where he grew up was the only logical choice."

Perseverance paid off for DeAnda and the street that once was Northwest Fourth Street is now Sgt. Paredex in honor of this Vietnam War hero.

— Carl Graham

Longest serving commissioner, Crooker nearly lost first election

Bill Crooker has served Howard County as a commissioner for more than 28 years, longer than any other commissioner to date.

Crooker will be the first to tell you though, getting elected to his first term was the hardest.

Crooker ran the first time in 1969 on the Republican ticket. He lost that November but because of an impropriety in the absentee voting, Crooker requested a recount. When the recount was complete, he had in fact won the election.

"I've had some close elections since then but getting through that first one was the most difficult I guess," Crooker said. "I guess I've been lucky but when I complete my current term I will have been in office 30 years."

Crooker was born in White Plains, N.Y., and after high school entered the United States Army Air Corps and volunteered for the Cadet Corps.

He went to the University of Arkansas and then to San Antonio, where he was selected to go to bombardier training at Big Spring's Webb Air Force Base as a part of Class 44-8.

After receiving his wings, he left for Charleston AFB, S.C., for further training before being sent overseas.

Crooker's plane was shot down on Dec. 6, 1944. He became a prisoner of war in a German POW camp called Luft-Stallig I in Northern Germany.

The Russians freed him in May of 1945 and he was shipped back to the United States. In October of 1945 he received his honorable discharge from the Army Air Corps (US Air Force).

Upon his return to the states, he once again returned to Big Spring where he married his sweetheart, Joyce Glenn. They returned to Pennsylvania where he received his degree, and in January of 1954, returned once again to Big Spring.

His wife's father worked for the Cosden Oil Refinery and he helped Crooker land a job there



Bill Crooker, above, in the Commissioner's Court, where he has served 28 years. At left, a young Crooker is shown during his time in the U.S. Army Air Corps.

proudest of is our library," said Crooker. "It is now in its fourth home since I started my term as commissioner. The volume has increased and we are now into the computer age. Computers are important to me because they are such an important learning tool."

Crooker says there are still some long-term goals he would like to see before he bows out of office.

"Beside the new district courthouse being constructed and wanting to see how it goes is the need to address the problem of our overcrowded jail facilities," said Crooker.

"We really need to look at the reality of building a new jail, because if we don't address the situation, someone else will address it for us."

as personnel manager. He stayed there until he ran for the commissioner job in 1969.

According to Crooker, the county has seen a lot of changes since he first took office.

"One of the things I am the

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Howard and Marijo, daughter of the Thixtons, have owned the shop since 1985. It is the oldest Harley-Davidson Shop in the state.

"I do business with people in New Mexico, Oklahoma, Louisiana and all over Texas. I even have some clientele from foreign countries," Walker said. "People come off the interstate just to buy a (Harley) T-shirt."

The original location of the shop was on 15th Street where the family chicken farm was also located. In the 1930s, it was moved to near where the Bob Brock Ford car dealership is now.

In 1946, it was moved to the present location on West Third in Jones Valley, once a main thoroughfare in Big Spring and still a major road.

The name of the shop also changed over the years; from Harley-Davidson Sales Service Bicycle Repairs and later Thixton Motorcycle & Bicycle Shop.

"It's an established location. Everybody knows where it's at," Walker said. "I've had a lot of support from the citizens of Big Spring."

Cecil and Ora Thixton not only sold and worked on motorcycles, they lived with them,

riding them to shows and conventions across the country. They raised one son and five daughters together.

In September of 1999, the Harley-Davidson Shop celebrated its 70th anniversary and is in the process of possibly expand-

ing to 14,000 square feet.

In October of 1999, just after his 61st birthday, Walker decided to ride a motorcycle 1,000 miles in less than 20 hours.

He rode 19 hours and 45 minutes.

— Gina Garza



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impression that this teacher's caring left on their lives.

Several of his students were said to go on to professional sports careers. Dawson was a coach for Charlie West, who went on to play football for the Minnesota Vikings.

Dawson's civic service also extended to membership in the local Lion's Club, and he enjoyed playing the organ, piano and saxophone. He played with two bands in the community, where he earned the nickname, "Fats Domino."

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Most people don't recognize Big John Price without his overalls

Located about four blocks west of Gregg Street on west-bound Third Street, Big John's Barbecue appears to be a makeshift shack with an addition in the back.

John Price bought the front part of the place in 1970 from a man named Travis O'Dell. Price says his motivation for going into the barbecue business was provided by his getting fired as a car salesman from Pollard Chevrolet.

Price said O'Dell's enterprise was one of the first Underwood's Barbecue stands in Texas. In fact, Big John's water bill is still in Underwood's name. On the wall at the café he has a refund check from the City of Big Spring to James Underwood for the original deposit on the water bill.

Big John's nickname describes him well, and he is always "in uniform," blue denim overalls. In fact, he says most people don't recognize him without the overalls. Many folks who eat there often don't know his last name.

Most customers come in the back door. The waitresses don't write down the orders. Upon leaving, diners go through the



kitchen to the front door. As they pass by the register, Big John asks what they had and tells them what they owe.

Asked if he thinks he's lost

some money that way, he admits, "Probably, but we've had people come back because they like it."

The most interesting experi-

ence he remembers occurred during the oil boom days. A couple drove up in a big, fancy RV, got some barbecue and ate it. When the couple left, some-



At left, Big John Price has some interesting stories to tell about his years as proprietor of Big John's Feed Lot. Above, the building, with its trademark appearance, has changed little over the years.

one asked John if they'd paid him. He thought they'd paid the waitress.

A local DPS officer and a Texas Ranger heard the discussion when they were at the register, and the Ranger said, "If we pay, everybody pays."

The two lawmen departed, returning quickly with the man from the RV. John recalls, "He was the most sheepish-look-

ing man I've ever seen."

The Abilene native sums up his life with wife Beatrice, an RN who teaches nursing at Midland College three days a week, as "a simple life; we work and that's about it," quietly adding, "People here have been great."

— Nancy Koger

Luther Kelley has nostalgia radio down to an art

The great George Burns, when he received his Oscar for "The Sunshine Boys", remarked that, "If you waited long enough in this crazy business, the old stuff becomes new again."

That is local radio personality Luther Kelley to a tee. Many years back when Luther held forth at KBYG Radio, along with Jim Baum and the late "Farmer Fred" Davis, Luther played all the great "Big Band" stuff.

Back then, this mutual admiration surfaced. I listened to KBYG and Luther listened to me on KHEM radio. To myself, Luther is "L.K. the D.J." and to Luther I, Al Scott, am simply "Uncle Al".

I remember the time that a new management took over at KBYG. They insisted that he play their kind of music. To

which Luther said "Thanks, but no thanks" and quit.

Luther I just gotta tell you. I have always admired you and respected you for that.

Luther went to work, would you believe, selling shoes at Hemphill Wells.

And anyone would expect a defeated, dejected man in a senseless job. Not so with Luther. I suspect that Luther's fans and listeners spent a good amount of money in that store.

I would always make it a point to go in and visit with him. He was the same, friendly guy that all of his friends and fans knew so well.

So it was on a happy day, 20 years back, when Winston Wrinkle called Luther and gave him a job. Doing what? Playing all of the great nostalgia stuff, the Big Band hits that we all

love so well.

The details on Luther Warren Kelley's age are sketchy to say the least, cause I couldn't pin him down. The closest he would get to exact dates was "Just a long time ago."

Luther came to Big Spring some 49 years ago from Abilene. Said he was born in Knox City, where he spend his teen years. He graduated from Rule, High School, and still attends his high school reunions there.

Luther terms himself, not as a "DeeJay" but as a "Radio Personality" or better still, a "Musicologist".

Whatever term, Luther continues to "his thing" and that thing is what he does best.

Luther married Florine Dennison 59 years ago. He has one daughter, Sara, and a son,

Warren, who lives and works in Abilene.

Hey Luther, for the past 12 years or so, I have had this secret ambition. I want to get on your show with you and help you DeeJay.

How about us playing Butch Stones's and Les Brown's number "A Good Man Is Hard To Find" or Sinatra's "Lady Is A Tramp" or Voug'n Monroe's "Dance Ballerina Dance" or Dino's "That's Amore"?

Luther Kelley has legions of steadfast fans. He may not be that comfortable with all the

newly required computer stuff that is now part of the radio business. In fact, his office at the radio station is probably the only place there you can find an old-style turntable for playing albums.

Hey Luther, your old friend "Uncle Al" has a request for you. Please play "I Did It My Way".

Because that is exactly what you did and we all love you for it.

— Al Scott

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Luther Kelley always did it "his way" in the radio business, and he still does it that way today.

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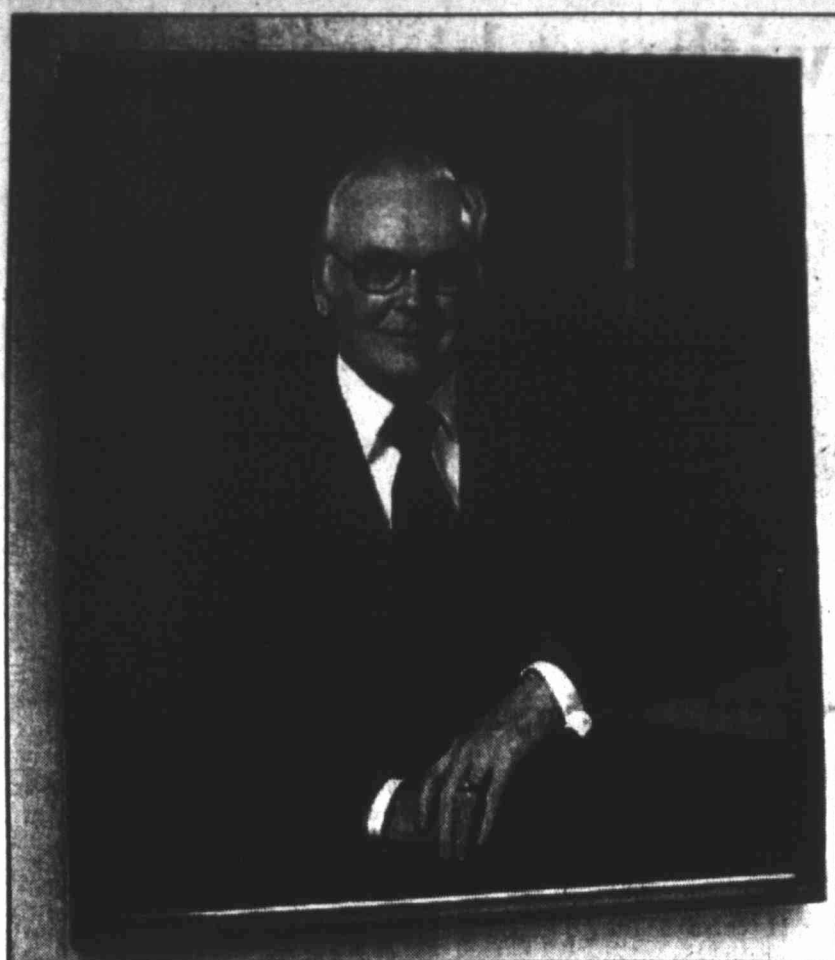
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This portrait of Dr. John Hogan hangs in the lobby of Covenant Malone Hogan Clinic, which he founded with P.W. Malone in 1938.

Dr. John Hogan helped shape future of medical care in Crossroads area

A Howard County hero who died at the relatively young age of 66, Dr. John E. Hogan came to the area in 1936 as an associate to Dr. Charles K. Bivens.

He had completed residency at Jeff Davis Hospital, following graduation from Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and internship at Southern Pacific Hospital, and welcomed a chance to be on his own in a place with a future.

Hogan and his medical and hospital partner, P. W. Malone, helped to shape that future of Big Spring and Howard County. He and Malone borrowed money to buy the former Bivens and Barcus Hospital, located at 811 Main Street, in 1938.

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Malone won the toss, so his name got first placement. To the nine-bed hospital they acquired in 1938, the medical partnership of Hogan and

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Venora Williams was dedicated to education

Venora Williams was born in Willow Spring Community, Lavaca County, on April 8, 1910. Her parents were James Arthur and Ethel L. Flowers.

After her high school graduation at age 17, Williams attended college for two years and then responded to the great demand for teachers at the time. She began teaching elementary school in Matagorda County, and worked 15 years before earning her bachelor's degree.

Williams arrived in Big Spring in 1947 to begin teaching school at Lakeview during the 1947-48 term. Lakeview was the school all black students had to attend until integration in 1962.

In the late 1940s, there were three teachers, and principal E.M. Watson, who did double-duty as a teacher also at Lakeview. The school included 133 elementary students and four high school students, all in the ninth grade.

In later years, Williams recalled her years teaching in "Lakeview as I Knew It," a history of the school. In it she recalled that students had no recess equipment except a couple and jump ropes and softballs. She organized basketball teams for both boys and girls, and recalls the children being very eager to participate.

She recalls that, as the years passed, students at Lakeview were given authority to make more and more out-of-town trips to participate in athletic events, making six such trips in 1954.

When integration came to the school system, Williams was moved to Moss Elementary to finish her career.



WILLIAMS

During her years teaching, Williams continued to attend college and received her master's degree in education in 1957. In all, Williams taught in Big Spring schools for 25 years, with 40 years of teaching experience overall. She retired in 1973 and began working with senior citizens to improve their lives.

In the 1990s, former students of Lakeview School began gathering every few years for a

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'Am I ready yet?'

Mike White sought advice from his rodeo coach on the way to championship

When Mike White enrolled at Howard College in the fall of 1995 he could not have imagined that one day he would be the World Champion Bullrider for the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association (PRCA).

That dream became a reality on Dec. 12, 1999 when he took that top prize in the PRCA finals at Las Vegas, Nevada.

Mike was born and raised in Lake Charles, La. and qualified for the National High School Rodeo Association Final as a senior before he first stepped foot at Howard.

While attending Howard, Mike won the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association's Southwest Region bullriding title and qualified for the College National Finals Rodeo.

Mike returned to Howard for the fall semester of his sophomore year but did not return for the spring semester in order to fully dedicate himself to rodeoing professionally.

He has never looked back.

By the end of the 1997 season, Mike had won the Rookie of the Year award, qualified for his first National Finals Rodeo (NFR) and won over \$50,000 at the finals.

In 1998, White had already qualified for his second NFR in the second position but had less success at the finals in his second time around.

The 1999 season didn't start off exceptionally well for him, but after winning the bullriding event at the Salinas, Calif. rodeo, Mike got pretty hot and qualified for his third NFR.

Unlike 1998, this time Mike qualified in the 13th position and was at best a longshot to win the world title. Mike



Pictured is PRCA World Champion Bullrider Mike White after winning the championship title at the PRCA finals in Las Vegas. Pictured with Mike are his wife, the former Hannah Laws, left, and her sister Bonnie Laws.

placed no worse than third in six of the 10 go-rounds at the finals. In the second go-round Mike rode the 1999 bucking bull of the year to a NFR record-tying 95 points and a first place victory.

According to former Howard Coach Mike Yeater, it was no surprise to see the success Mike has achieved.

"Mike wanted to quit college and hit road full-time after his first semester, but I was able to convince him that he was not quite ready," said Yeater. "Then after his second semester and

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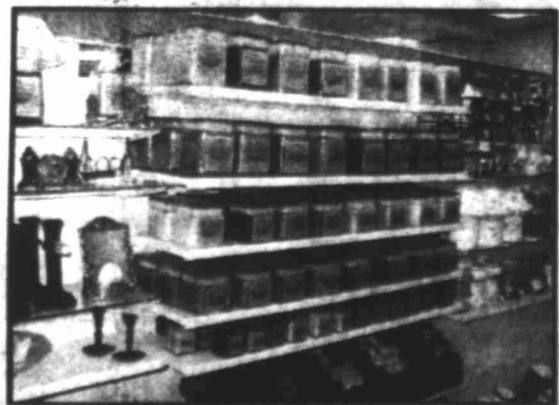
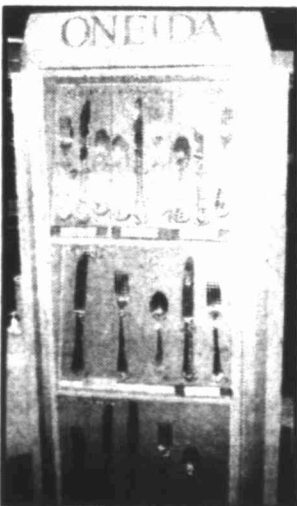
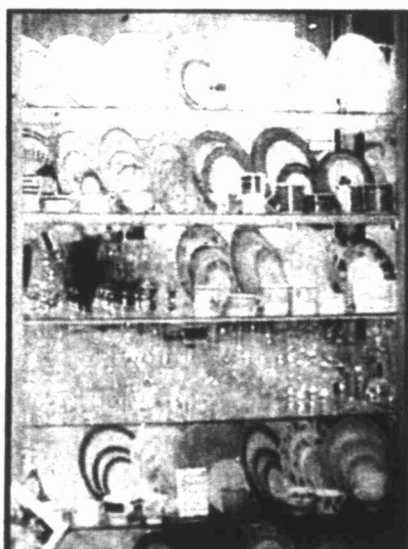
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Venora Williams, left, longtime teacher at Lakeview School, looks at pictures during the 1997 reunion for former students of the mostly black school. Williams was remembered as a dedicated teacher who worked to improve the lives of her students.

WILLIAMS

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reunion, when they visited with classmates and former teachers of the school, which is now used to house the Head Start program.

In 1997, those gathered to remember Lakeview paid tribute to Williams. She was remembered as the one who organized the first boys and girls basketball teams, and successfully lobbied the Big Spring ISD to buy the school a bus.

"I didn't let a child leave my classroom without learning,"

said Williams in a 1997 Herald story about the reunion. "I always wanted to help people, so I got into teaching."

"I also would not teach a child without knowing his or her parents," she continued. "You have to have a relationship with the parents."

Williams said in her classes, students always prayed, learning the Lord's prayer and making faith part of their lessons.

Williams died Sept. 2, 1998.

—Debbie L. Jensen

Johansen was hero to gardeners

Johnnie Johansen was a first-generation American whose mother had come from Norway to be a nanny for another family's children. He was a proud American, proud to have served his country in World War II, and proud to be a graduate of Texas A&M.

After he could no longer run the family nursery due to blindness and emphysema, he told son Carl, who, with his wife Terri, operates Johansen Nursery, "You are living out my dream, this nursery."

When asked if his father was a hero or a character, Carl quickly replied, "Definitely a character."

Johnnie Johansen's family came to expect a joke from him in the annual Christmas letter and expected him to try out his jokes on them throughout the year.

However, Carl and Terri agree that he was a hero, too. "He beautified Big Spring," said Terri. "People used to come from all over the state to see our parks when he was parks superintendent; they were a shining example of parks in this part of Texas."

"He loved being a hero to the garden clubs and horticulturists. What they wanted — programs, advice, help — he loved to do," Carl said.



Johnnie Johansen worked for years to beautify Big Spring, and then he gave future generations of the family a legacy, "mud in their blood."

The Garden Clubs of Big Spring set up the Johnnie Johansen Scholarships at Howard College to honor him and his contributions to the city.

His wife Elizabeth, known by most Howard Countians as teacher of Bible classes at Big Spring High School, shared in Johansen's love of gardening. She had a special touch for growing African violets.

When the Johansens built their "dream house," next door

to the nursery where the Carl Johansens now live, Johnnie insisted on having an atrium "to grow plants indoors." His family still enjoys that luxury.

Johansen's legacy to the town was beautiful parks and many trees, but his greatest gift was his knowledge and love of plants that he bequeathed his children and grandchildren. His daughter-in-law says, "He put mud in our blood."

—Nancy Koger

HOGAN

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Malone made an addition in 1940 and another during the war.

However, realizing that the medical needs of the community were outstripping their financial ability to meet those needs, the two doctors divested themselves of financial interest in the hospital in 1951.

John Hogan, who came to West Texas from Nacogdoches, made a place for himself in Big

Spring by becoming involved in his new community. He served as president of the Downtown Lions Club, the Chamber of Commerce, and headed the United Fund in 1951.

Friends remember him as "down-to-earth, not outspoken, not a typical surgeon."

One person said that Hogan was "a Christian man, strong in faith." He was a member of the

First Baptist Church.

Many saw him as a dedicated family man; he and wife Dixie had two daughters, Peggy and Janet.

A distinguished-looking man who exemplified community spirit, Dr. Hogan was heroic in his profession and his humanity.

—Nancy Koger

WHITE

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the college finals, Mike came to me again and wanted to go professional full-time. This time I told him that he could win the Rookie of the Year title in 1997 if he would just hold off for another five months."

Just like NBA stars get a little better treatment from the referees, the judges in rodeo tend to score the roughstock riders whose names they recognize a little better.

Just after Christmas, Mike came back through Big Spring to see his former rodeo coach Yeater and ask him a question.

"He asked me, Coach, am I ready yet?" said Yeater. "I nearly laughed when I told him, Yes Mike, you are ready now!"

Yeater said he knew Mike would win the rookie title, but was thrilled that he qualified for the NFR his first year.

Then last year when he saw how well he was riding at the PBR finals, he just had a feeling he was going to win the PRCA World Title no matter what position he was in when the finals started.

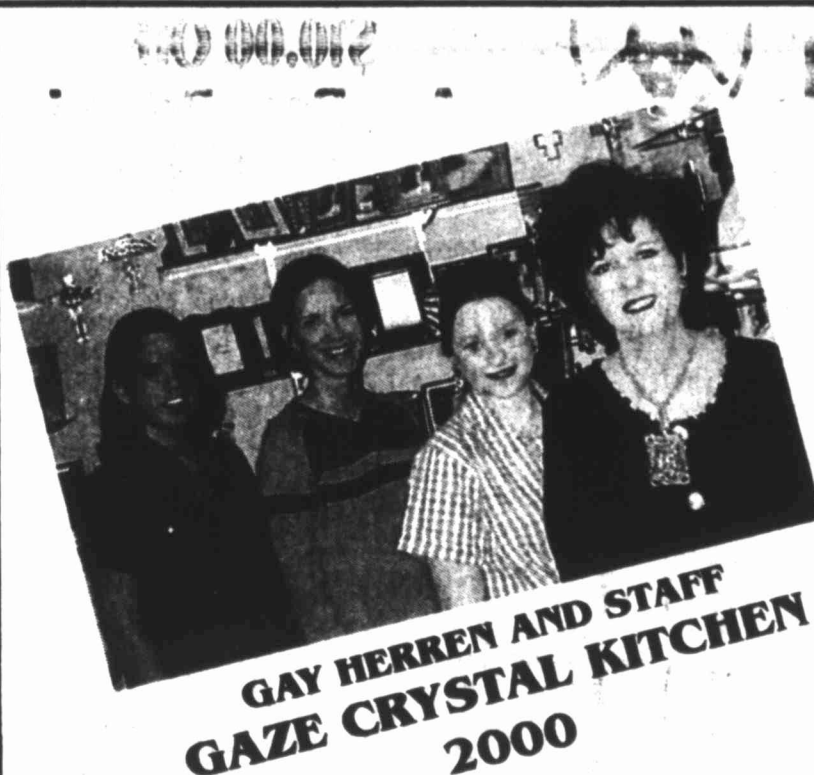
This past year, Mike married former Howard College barrel racer and rodeo performer Hannah Laws. Mike and his wife recently moved from Lake Charles to Dekalb in Northeast Texas.

There, they plan on raising roughstock for the rodeo circuit.

Mike was not the first Howard College rodeo alumni to qualify for the NFR or even to win a world championship.

Former Howard College cowboys to qualify for the NFR include Jack Himes, Cody Lambert, Mack Altizer, Raymond Hollabaugh, Wayne Folmer, and Byron Walker who won a world championship in the steer wrestling.

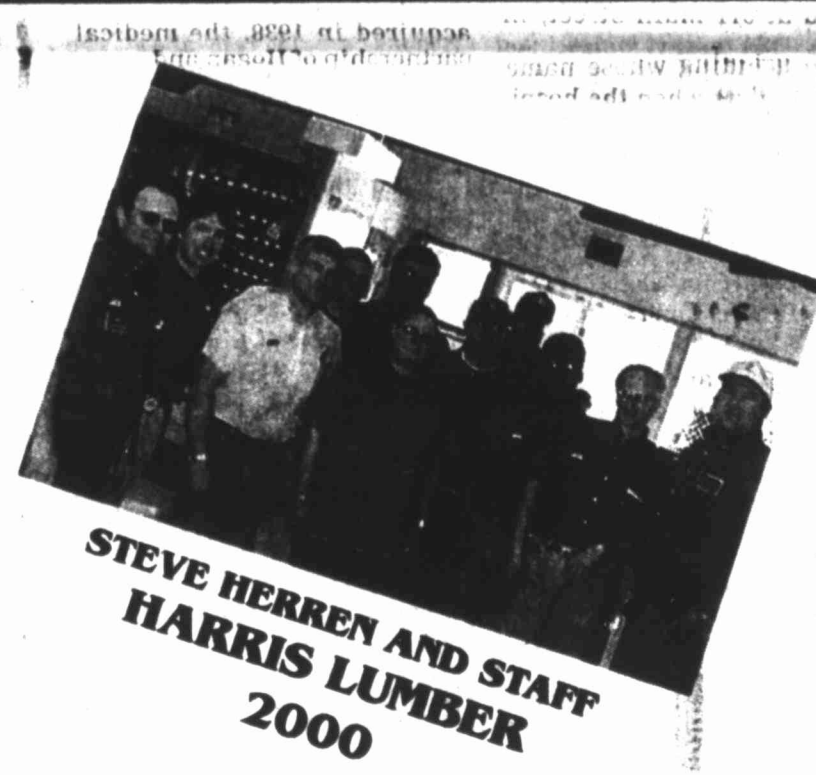
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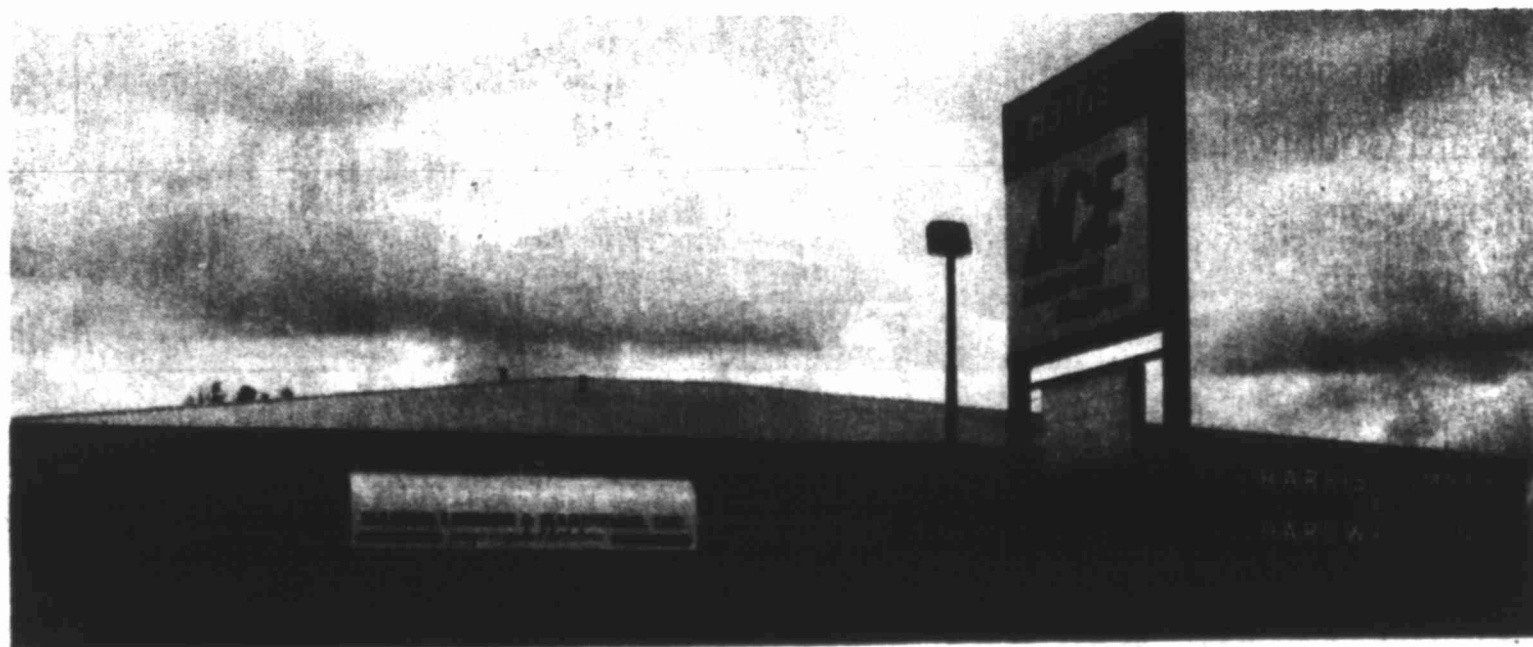


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Daddy Don Brooks was the "coffee slurper" at KHEM radio for years and years. He was known for his colorful commentary and off-the-cuff remarks on the air. He also served in North Africa under Gen. George Patton during World War II.

Daddy Don Brooks, voice of KHEM, was known for colorful commentary

For almost two decades, area residents would drive to work listening to the coffee slurping sounds of Daddy Don Brooks booming over their radios.

"He was the coffee slurper for KHEM for years," said Al Scott, former co-worker at KHEM. "He worked the morning shift while people drove to work and slurped coffee loudly on the air. There were comments galore for and against his coffee slurping."

A colorful character who broadcasted the morning show for KHEM in the 1960s and 1970s, Ronald Brooks had people all over the city buzzing about his show.

"He had the gift of gab," said Jim Baum, former manager for KBYG. "So many times, you would go about the workday and hear things Daddy Don Brooks said on his morning show. He didn't hold back his feelings. He was very colorful."

"He could talk the horns off a brass billy goat," said Rocky Brooks, his son.

What Baum remembers most about Brooks was his big heart and the dedication he had for his work.

"He was the epitome of what a good small town radio station needs," Baum said. "He was very thought-provoking even if you disagreed with him. His commentary was very interesting and at times very controversial, plus he played that good old country music."

"He interviewed Loretta Lynn and Willie Nelson," said Scott. "Anyone who came through, he would get them on the air."

Brooks, whose career in radio lasted for about four decades, worked for Big Spring's KHEM in the 1960s and 1970s. Along with Daddy Don Brooks, Uncle Al and Mr. Sunshine, who played gospel music, would help keep area residents entertained.

"They had a real good staff," Baum said.

Brooks started work for KHEM when the station was broadcasting from the basement of the Settles Hotel.

He was known for his colorful commentary and off-the-cuff remarks on the air.

"He would ad lib a lot of his commercials," Baum said. "Whatever he said about the advertiser, he said it with colorful commentary. He lived life to the fullest."

According to Scott, Brooks did not like pretaping his commercials. He was used to broadcasting live on the air and if he

tried to pretape commercial spots, he would usually run out of tape before he finished.

"We ran a program together called Diamond Bill and most of the time we didn't know what we were going to talk about," said Bill Birrell, former co-worker at KHEM. "If he said white, I said black."

Brooks was born in Woodall, N.Y. on July 5, 1918, and joined the U. S. Army in 1935, when he was just 16.

A veteran of World War II, Brooks served in North Africa under Gen. George Patton. Shot during the war, he almost lost the use of his hand, according to Rocky Brooks, his son. He received a Purple Heart.

Birrell recalls a story that Brooks would tell about the time he drove for Patton.

"One time he (Brooks) went to headquarters to pick up Patton," Birrell recalls. "He opened the back door to the command jeep, but Patton jumped in the front seat. Patton said 'Sergeant, let's go,' but he (Brooks) said 'Sir, I am not a sergeant' Patton said 'Son, as of now you are.'"

He was very active in the community, including being involved with the American Business Club and the VFW. He was also known by his friends as a compassionate man.

"One time, when we were still working in the Settles, a kid came down trying to sell something," Birrell said. "He (Brooks) said 'son, you can't sell anything looking like you do. Go down town and buy a suit and jacket and get a haircut. You can charge it to me.' He was that kind of person."

"His favorite thing to do after he retired was to deliver Meals on Wheels," said Rocky Brooks. "The day he got sick and had to go into the hospital, he was out delivering Meals on Wheels."

Brooks left radio in the early 1980s and worked as a car salesman but returned to radio for a short time before he retired, according to Rocky Brooks.

He died on April 15, 1996.

"People that I haven't seen in a while still ask me about Daddy Don Brooks," Birrell said.

— Lyndel Moody

Wayne Moore was a catalyst for local economic development

Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. is the leading force behind bringing new business and assisting established businesses in Big Spring. That's common knowledge, but people who have moved to the area during the past 10 years might not know that Moore Development was named for Wayne R. Moore.

Moore did not live in Big Spring long; he moved to the city from Hunt in 1988 and died in 1990 at the age of 51. But his vision for Big Spring and Howard County was strong, and he played a vital role in forming the economic development board that exists today.

Moore was born on June 2, 1939, in St. Louis, Mo. He served as a lieutenant in the Air Force, studied architectural engineering at George Tech and received a bachelor's degree in business administration from North

Texas University.

He did post graduate studies at the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institutes for Organization Management at the University of Houston, Texas Christian University, Syracuse University, the University of Oklahoma Industrial Development Institute and the University of Texas Institute of Economics.

Moore served as chairman of the board of regents and the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institute at Southern Methodist University. He also taught at several U.S. Chamber of Commerce Institutes, including at the University of Santa Clara, University of Georgia, University of Colorado and Syracuse University.

He was president of the Texas Association of Camp Owners, and director of the Kerrville Chamber of Commerce.

Moore held numerous positions across the country during his life, almost all of which were associated with chambers of commerce and parks and recreation.

He was the industrial development manager for the Kansas City Chamber of Commerce and finance and membership vice president of the Denver Chamber of Commerce.

He had been district manager for the Chamber of Commerce of the United States of South Dakota, Minnesota, Nebraska and Pennsylvania. He served as chief executive officer for the Beaumont Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Foundation.

He was past president and owner of Bob/Kat Inc., a private recreational, camping and conference operation, and former

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Wayne Moore discusses plans for an economic development corporation during a meeting of citizens at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in June of 1990. Less than two months later, Moore died and the corporation was named in his honor.

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Tory Mitchell tore up local, regional and state record books in high school

In May of 1999 Tory Mitchell stepped onto the track at the University of Texas' Mike A. Myers Stadium and promptly made history.

Heralded by many as the greatest high school sprinter West Texas had ever produced, Mitchell did what no one had done in the UIL's top two classifications in 20 years — winning the 100 meters and 200 meters double at the state track meet in two successive years.

Mitchell, who now attends the University of Miami on a football and track scholarship, was unbeaten in the 100 and 200 events for his final two years in high school. He'd finished in third-place in both the 100 and 200 at the 1997 state meet as a sophomore.

Although Mitchell created somewhat of a stir when he left Miami prior to the start of two-a-day football workouts last fall and didn't enroll at the university until January, his school-boy accomplishments clearly

make him one of the most storied athletes to ever attend Big Spring High School.

All told, Mitchell won seven regional championships — three in the 100, three more in the 200 and one in the long jump.

As a high school freshman, Mitchell won the District 4-4A championship in the 100 and 200, and advanced to the state meet as the runner-up in both races. He wound up finishing third in both at Austin.

The next season he again blazed to the 4-4A title and chalked up his first regional titles, only to be frustrated by again finishing third in the 100 and 200 at the state meet.

Redemption came in May of 1998 when he shrugged off also-ran status and then capped an extended season in July when he repeated his 100-200 state meet double at the United States Junior Nationals, posting times of 10.12 seconds in the 100 and 20.59 in the 200.

To date, those are still his personal bests.

At least they're his best fully-automatic timed (FAT) races. During his career, Mitchell was hand-timed under 10 seconds in the 100 seven times.

But Mitchell doesn't talk about times. His focus has always been on being first to get to the finish line.

"I don't think about times, really," he said. "The times are going to take care of themselves. I just have to concentrate on running each phase of the race the way I'm supposed to."

That does not mean Mitchell is ambivalent about the times he posts.

"He cares ... he's just not going to say anything about it before a race," Big Spring track coach Randy Britton said of the most spectacular runner he's ever coached. "He doesn't want to be thinking about what he'll

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Whether carrying the baton in the 400 meter relay or defying gravity in the long jump, Big Spring High School athlete Tory Mitchell was outstanding. Mitchell won seven regional championships — three in the 100, three more in the 200 and one in the long jump. He also made history by winning the 100 and the 200 meters two consecutive years at the Class 4A State Track Meet.



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owner of Camp Heart O' The Hills in Hunt.

He was a registered Texas Chamber of Commerce executive and a director of the Chamber of Commerce Executives of West Texas.

Moore moved to Big Spring in 1988 and was the chief executive officer of economic and commu-

nity development operations of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and an advisory director of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce. He was also a member of the Big Spring Rotary Club and the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

In his short time in Big Spring, he helped push passage of the one-half cent sales tax for economic development. He

helped coordinate the location for the Blue Bell Creameries distribution center and worked closely with local businesses, hospitals and organizations. He developed many job incentive and tax abatement programs, and served on several task forces designed to bring jobs to Big Spring.

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Former football coach Carl Coleman says his players were his inspiration

More than 40 years after leaving the head football coach's job at Big Spring High School to enter private business, Carl Coleman stepped back into the sports highlight in 1998 as an inductee into the Abilene Christian University Sports Hall of Fame.

Coleman, a guard on Abilene Christian's football teams from 1934 through 1938, while admitting being very honored by his induction, says he still wonders why Coach A.B. (Bugs) Morris was ever interested in signing him to a scholarship.

"I don't know why he ever wanted me ... most I ever weighed was 158 pounds," Coleman said of Morris after he and his wife, Maxine, took part in the ACU Hall of Fame activities.

"I'd been out of school for a year, but I wanted to go to school," Coleman recalled, noting that the nation was in the depth of the Great Depression, and as the son of a Roscoe cotton farmer, the only way he was able to attend college was on a scholarship. "I'd gone to talk with coach Morris, but he didn't sign me right away."

"Then one Monday morning, I'd been picking cotton and I went up to my father and told him that I was going to school somewhere," he continued. "He wished me luck and said maybe he could send me \$10 a month or so."

Believing Morris wasn't interested in him, Coleman went to visit several Roscoe players who were playing for McMurry College across town.

"I talked to the head coach there and he said he wanted me to play for them, but they didn't have any place for me to sleep — all the dorm rooms were taken," Coleman said. "They told me to come back the next day and they'd try to have a place for me by then."

"I didn't have anywhere to stay so I went back across town to the Abilene Christian campus and one of the first people I ran into was Coach Morris. He said he'd spent the whole day trying to find somebody who could drive over to Roscoe and tell me he wanted me to come



Carl Coleman played guard for Abilene Christian for four years and was head coach at Big Spring High School from 1949-1955. In 1998, he was inducted into the Abilene Christian University Sports Hall of Fame.



play for him."

So started what the 86-year-old Coleman admits has been a lifelong love of his alma mater and the building of friendships that have lasted a lifetime.

"That was the greatest time to go to school ... middle of the Depression and nobody had any money, but we had a great time," he recalled. "I don't think there were but two guys on the whole campus that owned cars."

"We really didn't do all that much, really, we'd just all get together ... sit around and talk ... play mumbly-peg ... whatever we felt like doing at the time," Coleman added. "But we had a lot of fun together ... still do. Those of us that are still around get together several times each year."

After graduating from college,

Coleman found his first coaching job in Big Spring as an assistant to Pat Murphy and spent 1 1/2 years before moving to Andrews — an assistant coaching stint that lasted just 4 1/2 months before he moved to a job in McCamey that lasted one year.

He left McCamey to become the head football coach at Pecos High School and spent five years at the Eagles helm before moving to Stamford for a couple of years.

In 1949 he returned to Big Spring as the head coach and held the Steers reins through the 1955 season.

He ended his coaching career in the summer of 1956 and went into business, founding the Smith & Coleman Oil Company which he operated until selling

the it in 1982.

He did not retire, however, having purchased several acres of farm land he still farms today.

While Coleman admits having enjoyed his coaching career and still reaps rewards from the relationships he built during those years, he admits it wasn't difficult to leave the profession.

"I knew that no more than I was making, I'd never be able to send my daughters through college," he noted. "My daughter (Kay Wilson) teaches at the high school now and makes five times as much money as I did back then ... maybe more than

that."

It was a clean break, too.

"I've watched just one work-out since I left the job," he said, saying he never wanted for his successors to ever feel he was wanting to meddle. "But we're still big fans ... still have 14 reserved seats for all the games."

While many coaches are remembered for the impact their players say were made on their lives, and Coleman is no different, he maintains his players were perhaps more of an inspiration for him than he was for them.

"I've coached some great players ... players who went on to play professional football," he explained, "but I think the one's I'm the proudest of are the ones that made successes of themselves outside of sports."

"One year at Pecos I had a backfield of four guys ... none of them weighed more than 140 or 145 pounds," Coleman recalled. "The quarterback went on to become a lawyer, my running back became a dentist, the blocking back is a CPA and the wingback became an engineer. And the center on that team became a doctor."

"I can think of at least five of my players who've gone into the ministry and one's a well-known heart surgeon," he added. "I didn't have anything to do with that. Seeing what they did with their lives inspired me."

Perhaps the most famous of the players Coleman coached was Charley Johnson who quarterbacked the National Football League's St. Louis Cardinals, Houston Oilers and Denver Broncos.

"Charlie was just 16 years old when he graduated, so I didn't recommend him to the big college programs and encouraged him to go to a junior college," Coleman remembers. "He went to Schreiner College, but they dropped the program after his first year and he was playing on the basketball team. They were

in town playing in a tournament at Howard College.

"Some coaches from New Mexico were here and contacted me, saying they were looking for a quarterback. I told them about Charley ... that he could throw the ball, but we hadn't thrown the ball much because I'd never had anyone who could catch it. They wound up signing him and he went on from there."

"I think he (Johnson) always felt bad toward me because I didn't recommend him to some of the bigger schools because he was so young," Coleman admitted, "but I probably did him a favor he doesn't know about."

While Coleman says he doesn't hear from former players and students all the time, Maxine contends there's almost constant contact.

Perhaps none more telling than a note he received in early January of 1998 from Bill Birdwell and his wife, Novie. Birdwell, who'd played on Coleman's team as a senior in 1949, now lives in Whitefish, Mont.

His letter said volumes about the way he remembers his coach:

"I am sorry this letter comes after the holidays ... but I could not allow the season to pass without passing to you our wishes for you and yours, continued health and happiness," the note read.

"Without modesty," it continued, "I want you always to know that we consider you a gem among gems. May your memories always be pleasant ones. Few men live a lifetime and retain such an emotional grip on the heart of an entire community as you have done."

It's a grip that Coleman figures to continue for some time.

"I'm not in too bad a shape," he offers. "I guess the only thing wrong with me is that my knees are wearing out. But I'm still getting around everywhere I want to go."

— John Moseley

MITCHELL

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run during a race. He's concentrating on being as technically strong as he can be."

It is that ability to concentrate on the task at hand, Britton says, and an excellent work ethic — not to mention a healthy dose of heredity — that make Mitchell special.

"Tory has a great God-given talent ... his genes have a lot to do with what he can do, there's no question about it," Britton explained. "But his desire to be good and improve goes beyond what you see in the 'good' athlete."

"Other kids have similar talent ... maybe not as much, but close ... they just don't push themselves like he does," he added. "He's naturally fast, but you don't get to where he does ... run the times he's run ... without making a lot of sacrifices."

"What he has to do to be ready to compete that that level isn't

easy," Britton added. "You have to have something inside ... character and a lot of desire. That's what makes him great."

But it is Mitchell's quiet, unassuming nature that impressed Britton and others who came in contact with the star sprinter the most.

"I think people that don't know him, but have heard about what he's done expect him to be cocky," Britton explained. "Instead, he's a very quiet person. He stays within himself. He doesn't do a lot of bragging, he does his talking on the track."

Mitchell has, to some extent, adjusted to his celebrity status.

"He had to, because it's not going to go away," Britton added. "People want to meet him, they want his autograph and want to have their picture taken with him. Everywhere we went, the crowds were on their feet long before his races started."

"They even had to delay the

start of the 200 at the regional meet in 1999, because people had crowded too close to the finish line."

Mitchell, admittedly still uncomfortable with the adulation, said enduring the football recruiting process his senior year helped him handle being the focus of all that attention.

"I guess you could say I'm getting used to it," he explained. "The experience of dealing with all those recruiters helped. Believe me, if you can make it through that, anything else is just a breeze."

What Mitchell has learned since that time, however, is that stepping up to the collegiate level put more of a spotlight on him than he could ever imagine.

The question now, is how he'll adapt to expectations an even larger public places on him.

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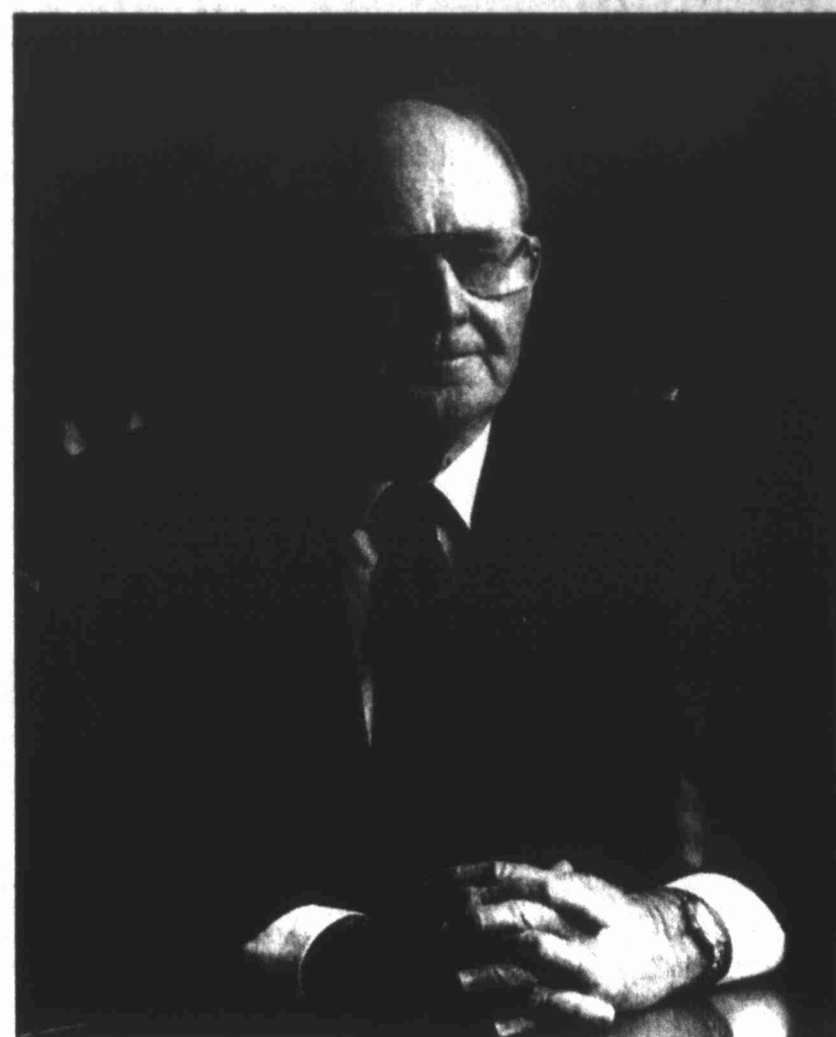
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Thomas, Spence and Ivie made sure West Texas would have water

In West Texas, we know the lakes in our regions by their names, but few realize the contributions J.B. Thomas, Col. E.V. Spence and Owen H. Ivie made. Each time we turn on a tap, and water flows out, it is due in part to the contributions of these men and others in the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

In 1913, as a new engineer with Texas Power and Light Company, Julian B. Thomas was sent to Big Spring by J.W. Carpenter, president of TP&L, to see if the company's planned investment in the area was sound. Without water, the company knew, the development of an electric service system to serve the area was not secure.

"If you are going to be responsible for investment of money in an area," Thomas said, "you must at the time know that it has food, water and transportation available so that people can come there and live there, and hopefully, flourish."

Thomas, a graduate of Texas A&M, had worked in the water department for the City of Greenville. Upon arrival in Big Spring, he found an old, broken-down Fairbanks Morse engine pumping water from the town's only well, which was nearly dry.

The area was able to rely on wells for many years, but World War II generated economic pressures. The extent of the oil reserves in the area as well as economic boost it would provide the area were just being realized in the 1940s. TP&L had dissolved into three companies, and Thomas became chief engineer (and later chief executive officer) of the West Texas section known as Texas Electric Service Company. Demands for expansion were everywhere, but Thomas knew that without new sources of potable water on a renewable basis, the area could not support the economic growth to come.

On Dec. 1, 1945, Thomas wrote a friend, Col. Eugene V. Spence, who was a member of the State Board of Water Engineers of Texas. He asked Spence if anything had ever been initiated in his Austin office concerning a

water supply for West Texas from "say Big Spring to Pecos."

Spence was doubtful, but open minded, as he responded, noting high production costs of water, scarcity of rainfall and salt and gypsum contamination of surface water. He had a keen grip on the area's problems, for he had been a former city manager of Big Spring and San Angelo.

Spence had been involved in the development and engineering of existing water supply systems for Big Spring, and during World War II, for Camp Swift when he was the post engineer with the rank of major (and later colonel).

A series of letters ensued as the two men corresponded about U.S. geological surveys, possible dams on the Colorado or Guadalupe rivers, pipelines and sources as far away as Carlsbad Caverns, Barton Spring and San Marcos Spring.

Spence suggested Thomas contact Simon W. Freese and Marvin C. Nichols of the engineering firm Freese and Nichols. Spence knew Freese had worked on water surveys, production and distribution work in West Texas.

Thomas asked Spence to work with the firm to explore all possible sources of water within any feasible economic distance of the Big Spring-Odessa area, or up to 200 miles in any direction. His instructions read "We have to have water in that country or it is going to dry up. I want you to go crazy looking for it. I want you to go out to West Texas and find me some water."

Freese and Spence made surveys from the Delaware Mountains (past the Pecos River), into the canyons of the Davis Mountains and all across the region. Spence began to lean heavily toward the Colorado River, and after testing, Spence and Freese agreed a dam somewhere within 20 miles of Colorado City could impound high quality water without the naturally-occurring salt and gypsum contamination that plagued much of the region.

They concluded that the location was close enough to the area to counter the fact that

water would have to be pumped about 600 feet uphill through a 90-mile pipeline to Odessa. Water was available, but it would not be cheap.

Thomas did not believe a single city could come up with the funds for the project, which he believed to be essential to the continued survival and growth of West Texas. He asked Freese to come up with a plan and the data and, using the respect he had earned among the communities of the area, asked representatives of Odessa, Midland, Big Spring, Colorado City and Snyder to a meeting June 20, 1946, at the Settles Hotel in Big Spring.

Thomas, well-prepared, opened the meeting with the fact that an adequate water supply was essential for growth and even survival of the cities. He called on Freese to explain the proposal to dam the Colorado River and create a reservoir which would trap runoff and be a renewable water source which they believed would yield 26 million gallons per day (over 2 1/2 times the available water from existing lakes and wells, most of which were not renewable.) The reservoir, and 100 miles of pipelines to serve the five cities were estimated at \$10 million, a breathtaking challenge for individuals whose towns had never carried a bond issue of as much as \$1 million.

Thomas called on a Dallas bond attorney to explain the process of financing the project, and made sure the area leaders realized the current water shortages were not something a little rainfall would solve. The region had its "back against the wall," as water cutoffs for several hours each day were common to replenish the water storage in several of the communities. Water, at whatever price, was a requirement for survival and continued economic growth.

The meeting resulted in the formation of the Colorado River Municipal Water Association. A great deal of work in West Texas, and political work in Austin by Thomas and community leaders of several of the cities led to the eventual forma-

tion of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. The legal entity was finally created by the Texas Legislature to develop water for the region. While other areas turned to the federal government for funding and development, the West Texas group, would "row its own boat," as envisioned by Thomas.

The district selected E.V. Spence, the former Texas Water Engineer board member, as its first general manager. They set about the enormous task of planning, financing and building of the proposed dam on the Colorado River, developing groundwater supplies and constructing pipelines to the three cities that decided to participate — Big Spring, Odessa and Snyder. The project was visionary, and it's timing fortuitous

for the region. By the time the dam on the Colorado River near Snyder was complete, the region was in the grip of a seven-year drought, and CRMWD supplies were critical to West Texas.

In honor of his far-sighted dream, and his contributions to the development of a water system for West Texas, the CRMWD wanted to name the district's first lake for Thomas. At first, he declined, saying the lake should be named for someone from the area. In the end, he reluctantly agreed, but, at the lake's dedication, called himself "selfish," since adequate water supplies were essential for his company to prosper in West Texas.

Humility aside, without Thomas' dedication, commitment and skills, this region of

West Texas would probably have withered on the vine without water. Industry, oil and people could not have prospered without it.

As Spence took the helm of the newly formed CRMWD, he worked unceasingly toward the first goals, but didn't stop there. As visionary and economically staggering as the plan of Thomas and Freese had been, it soon became obvious that West Texas population and industry would outgrow its water supply. In 1956, Spence suggested that the CRMWD board again hire Freese and Nichols to look for what he called the "next phase of development of future water supply."

Spence applied himself unceasingly to the project, as

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Freese and Nichols looked at, first a lake site in Mitchell County, and, later what they believed to be a better site, near Robert Lee. No newcomer to state water politics, Spence's experience and dedication were vital as the district fended off challenges from the Lower Colorado River Authority, downstream industries and other groups who opposed the CRMWD's permit for its second dam and lake. The engineer marshaled data, facts, people and funds to show West Texas had a need for and a right to the water, as well as the best location and ability to develop the water source. He negotiated key agreements that led to the Texas Water Commission's granting the permit for the dam and reservoir at Robert Lee, but never saw the dream realized.

Spence contracted a severe cold at a December 1964 TWC permit hearing, but insisted on continuing. He testified, then endured literally days of rigorous and aggressive cross-examination from opponents to the project, keeping his wits and his concentration to present and defend the CRMWD's proposal.

Following the hearing, he was hospitalized for several days. Although his physical condition weakened over the next several months, he continued to monitor developments and participate as much as he could in the process. Finally, on April 4, 1965, his heart failed.

Joe Pickle, long-time CRMWD secretary as well as editor of the Big Spring Herald, wrote of Spence, "The grand old gentleman, who had given more than 14 years of his life to the district, and most of his professional career to securing water for West Texas, died."

The CRMWD board adopted a resolution honoring Spence which stated "the shadow of E.V. Spence shall lay across the district so long as it shall exist."

The permit he worked so hard for was granted, and the CRMWD board honored the dis-

trict's first general manager further, naming the E.V. Spence Reservoir in his honor. Spence had trained his assistant, Owen H. Ivie, well, and the board named Ivie to succeed him.

Ivie picked up the gauntlet from Spence, and saw the permit come to fruition. He oversaw the construction of the lake and 120 miles of pipeline, and the district's region grew. By then, CRMWD was a regional water supplier, with Midland, San Angelo and various small communities, oil companies and industries relying on the district for water.

Under the leadership of a working board of directors and a dedicated manager, CRMWD saw that again, current supplies were not enough. The district applied for a permit to impound its third lake in third lake in Concho County near the community of Stacy.

Ivie, like Spence, fought a heated and long battle against other regions for the permit to create the new reservoir. Complex negotiations with other water authorities, and even the federal government would be necessary. A snake had to be studied and its habitat preserved as the Concho Water Snake, native to the area, was added to the endangered species list.

Finally, the permit was granted, and the project begun to build the district's largest reservoir and a massive, 156-mile pipeline capable of moving 90 million gallons of water daily to West Texas users. The CRMWD board named the O.H. Ivie Reservoir in honor of its retiring general manager, who fought to secure water for West Texas well into the 21st century.

In West Texas, we associate the names Thomas, Spence and Ivie with fun and recreation on the lakes, but we owe them much more.

Our water supply and a large part of our economic prosperity of our region is due to the vision and leadership of the Colorado River Municipal Water District and the men whose legacy is our water.

—Carla Harrold

Clyde Thomas was a doctor who loved Scouting

Clyde E. Thomas Jr. served the Big Spring community for many years.

He was born the second child of Clyde E. Thomas Sr. and Reba Coffee Thomas on Nov. 1, 1913, in San Benito. He and his family moved to Big Spring in 1919.

Thomas went to work for Dr. Bennett and Dr. Hall on Aug. 1, 1930, as an office boy. He ran errands for the doctors and kept the office open until 10 p.m. when he wasn't in school. He graduated from the University of Texas Medical School in Galveston in 1937, at 23 years old; he was the youngest doctor to graduate in Texas at that time.

He began practicing with Hall and Bennett in 1940 until May of 1943. At this time he joined the 127th General Hospital organized by the Medical Branch of the University of Texas in Galveston during World War II. He spent two years overseas and returned to his practice in Big Spring in 1945.

In 1942, he was elected president of the Six County Medical Society which included Midland, Odessa and Big Spring. He was the first president of the Permian Basin Medical Society and served

another presidency of the Permian Basin Medical Society at a later date.

He was one of the charter members of the Singleton Surgical Society and in 1957-58, was president.

Thomas was also a member of the Development Board of the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston and received all the honors the Boy Scouts can give.

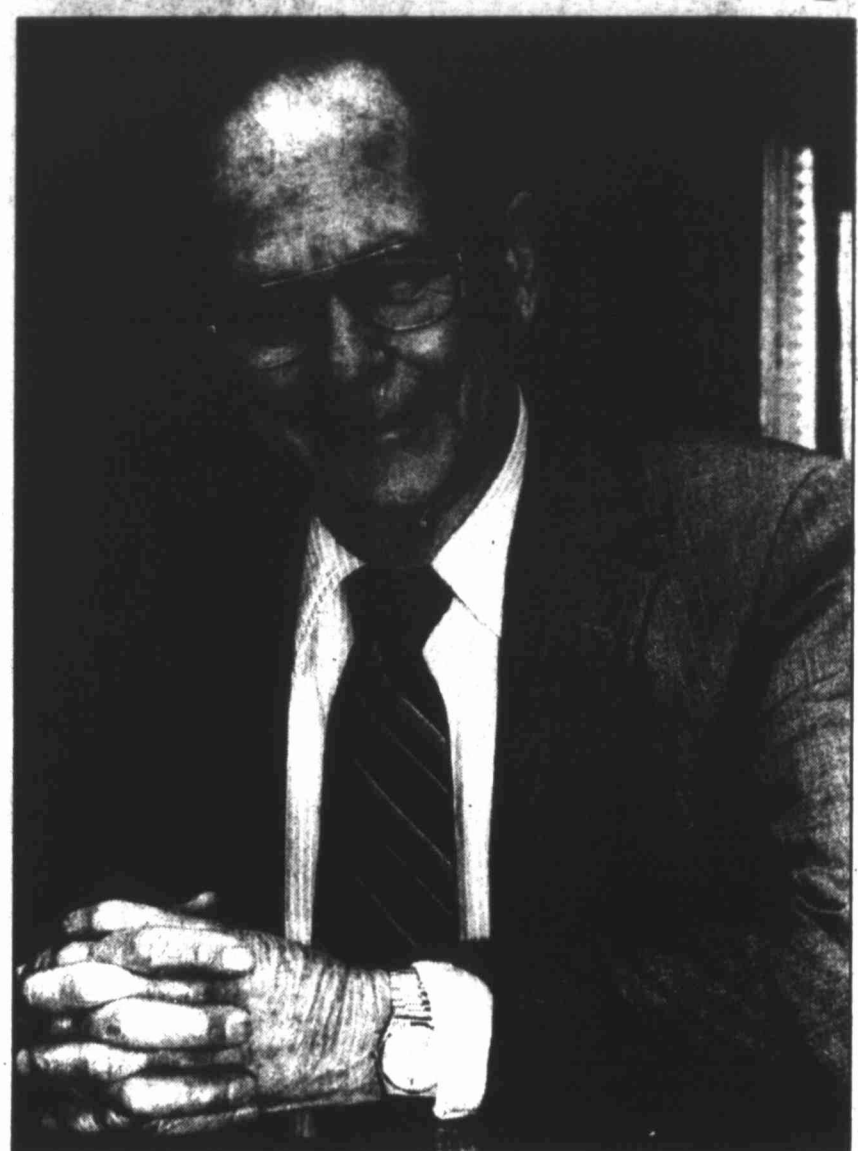
He received the Silver Beaver in 1971 and the Distinguished Eagle Scout Award in 1985.

He was also named Man of the Year by the chamber in 1985 and Distinguished Citizen in May 1992.

He lost his battle against a long illness on May 14, 1992. He was 78.

—Gina Garza

In 1937, at 23 years old, Clyde Thomas was the youngest doctor to have graduated in Texas. In 1942, he was elected president of the Six County Medical Society. He was Man of the Year in 1985 and Distinguished Citizen in 1992.



Jane Thomas was named Woman of the Year in 1983



Jane Thomas was born Jane Lucas on March 11, 1919, in Fort Worth. She grew up and attended school in Houston. She graduated with an RN degree from John Sealy Hospital School of Nursing in Galveston in 1940.

She married Dr. Clyde E. Thomas Jr. on May 2, 1940, in Houston. He preceded her in death on May 14, 1992.

Mrs. Thomas had resided in Big Spring since 1941, becoming very involved in the community. She was a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ. She was past president of the Westside Community Center and had served on the board of directors for many years. She also served as chairperson for the local chapter of the American Cancer Society and was on the boards of the YMCA and the Heritage Museum.

She was active with the Girl Scouts, the Republican Women, the Howard County Medical Auxiliary, Rosebud Garden Club and the Potpourri Study Club.

She was also named Woman of the Year in 1983.

"She was involved in everything that was good," said Margaret Lloyd, a longtime friend of Thomas. "She was one of these delightful people who was never a martyr. She did everything with such a light, pleasant touch."

Joe Pickle, civic leader and long time friend, said, "She was a grand lady; a real community leader. She always added a little brightness to whatever she was involved in."

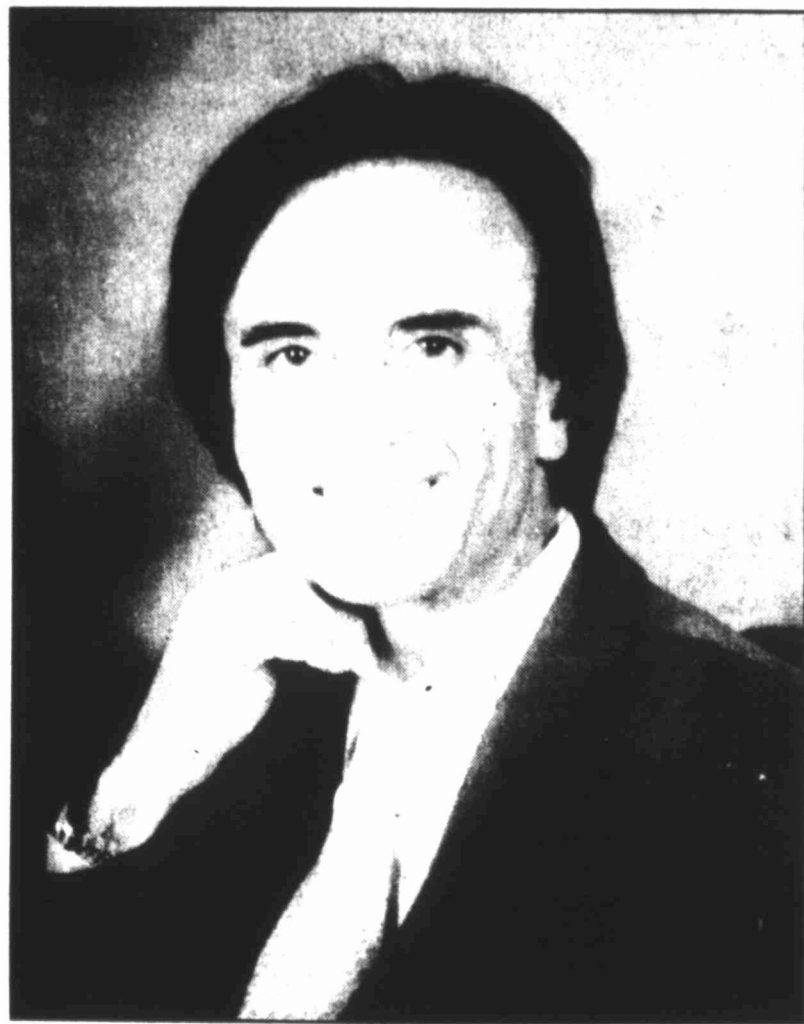
She died June 21, 1993, at the age of 74.

—Gina Garza

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"I have truly enjoyed my long-lasting association with Cheri as we have been co-workers and friends for many years here at Howard College. As my immediate boss, I have found her judgment wise, fair and compassionate," said Linda Conway, vice president for instruction for Howard College.

"Her direction and vision for Howard College reach such heights that we are achieving goals on an accelerating pace, and creating a lasting foundation of educational excellence that will carry us through this millennium," she said.

Dr. Sparks was born and raised in Big Spring. A graduate of Big Spring High School, she attended the University of El Paso for two years, while taking courses at Howard College in the summer.

She graduated from Texas Tech University with bachelor's and master's degrees, married and returned to Big Spring with her husband. He established a business here and she became a part-time teacher at Howard College.

She returned to Texas Tech to earn her doctorate in higher education, and her son was born soon after. Sparks said she continues to earn her credentials in motherhood.

Sparks has dedicated 24 years of her life to Howard College. She has served as teacher coordinator of adult education, assistant director of adult basic education and continuing education and director of adult and continuing education.

She has also served as dean of students, vice-president for student services, vice president for institutional advancement and assistant to the president. She became president of Howard College in 1992.

Sparks is an active member of the Big Spring community, and has served on numerous boards and projects. She has been active in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, coordinating the development of the Partnership 2000 educational goals of the community and has taught leadership skills for



Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks presents a diploma to Sandra Gonzalez during 1997 graduation ceremonies. Dr. Sparks is a Big Spring native who has dedicated 24 years of her life to Howard College.

Leadership Big Spring program. She is a past president of the Big Spring Rotary Club, the United Way, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and YMCA. She is currently chair of the board of directors for Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and has served on the Master Plan for Big Spring committee.

She was Woman of the Year for 1992.

Sparks led young girls in the Girls Camp Rotary Youth Leadership Awards, and currently serves on committees with Moore Development for Big Spring and for Big Spring Main Street Inc.

Sparks' vision for her community and for Howard College turns her attention to state and

national events, and she has served with many different organizations in both areas.

She has served on the boards of the Texas Association of Community College Trustees and Administrators, and the Association of Texas Colleges and Universities, and the Review Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board.

She has served as president of the Texas Association of Junior Colleges and the chairman of the Formula Advisory Committee of the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. Currently, she is serving on the Executive and Legislative

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Pat Stasey's Big Spring Broncs had the crowd cheering in the 1940s and '50s

Few people will admit that if given the opportunity to live their lives over, they wouldn't change a thing.

But that's exactly what minor league baseball legend Pat Stasey told his audience in Arlington on Nov. 4, 1998, when he was inducted into the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame.

"I don't have many regrets," Stasey said during a visit to Big Spring where he spent time reminiscing with former play-

ers Al Valdes and Tito Arencibia. "You really can say I lived the American dream."

Stasey, a strong-armed outfielder who batted .300 or better in 12 of the 16 seasons he played professional baseball, was virtually a household word in West Texas and eastern New Mexico during the decade immediately following World War II.

One of the founders of the old Longhorn League in 1947, Stasey was owner, manager and

right fielder for the Big Spring Broncs — a team many considered the Yankees of their class.

In the 10 years Stasey served as player-manager for teams in Big Spring, Roswell and Hobbs, they finished in the league's second division just twice. The Broncs won the championship three times, finished third once and second once.

To Valdes, who played catcher for Stasey's Broncs in 1948 and

1949, and then again in 1952, it was Big Spring's run to the championship in 1949 that was the absolute best of times.

"We won the pennant by 24 1/2 games that year ... the people here were just crazy about us," Valdes recalled. "You hit a home run ... people would put money in the fence. Sometimes there'd be \$100 or more stuck in the backstop. Let me tell you, a \$100 in 1949 looked like \$1 million does today."

It was that kind of support, Stasey said, that even years following his move to San Angelo, the Big Spring community is special to him.

As a result, Stasey made a special trip following his induction into the Hall of Fame to thank a number of old friends for the role they played in his baseball career.

"I just want the people of Big Spring to know how much I appreciate the start I got here,"

Stasey explained, recalling his first start with the Big Spring team in the old West Texas-New Mexico League in 1938 and 1939. "Of course, a lot of the people who were so important when I first started playing professional ball are dead now, but I've always felt everyone in this community made a difference in my success."

When Stasey arrived in Big Spring to know how much I appreciate the start I got here,"

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Cyclist Richard Cypert is setting his sights on Sydney, Australia

After turning in strong performances at the International Paralympic Committee's European Cycling Championships for the Disabled last year, Big Spring's Richard Cypert is clearly setting his sights on a trip to Sydney, Australia, for the 2000 Paralympics.

But before he can make reservations in Australia this fall, Cypert must earn a spot on the United States Paralympic Team during trials set for July 25-30.

And with those two goals in mind, Cypert says he's not only increasing his training schedule — riding regularly with a Midland-based cycling club and spending countless hours lifting weights — but has bought a new \$1,800 bicycle made possible by donations from local contributors.

In fact, Cypert says his training regimen will move a notch up this week — riding 30 miles or more four days a week and then kicking it up to more than 100 on the weekends.

"If anything, I'm more excited about competing in Sydney than I was after coming back from the world championships in Colorado Springs," Cypert said of his 11-day stay in Blouise, France, where he and the rest of the American team took part in the European championships during July.

"We weren't competing for medals, but were there as a courtesy," he explained, "but it was a great experience. I think all of us (American team members) had a lot of fun. I know I did."

Cypert, who stepped onto the international stage with a sixth-place finish in the 5,000-meter time trial for athletes with cerebral palsy at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona,



Richard Cypert is hoping to earn a spot on the United States Paralympic Team during trials set for July 25-30. He stepped into the international stage with a sixth-place finish in the 5,000-meter time trial for athletes with cerebral palsy at the 1992 Paralympics in Barcelona, Spain.

Spain, did admit having to deal with several frustrations during his most recent trip to Europe.

Not the least of them was discovering that one of the races in which he was entered, originally scheduled as a 5,000-meter event (3.1 miles) had been changed to a much longer distance of 17 kilometers.

"That changed everything for

me," he explained. "I'd trained for a 5K race and really felt like I'd finish in the top three ... maybe even win it."

Instead, Cypert finished fifth with a time of 41 minutes.

"It was kind of frustrating ... not just because my time was pretty slow, but because I was basically riding blind," Cypert noted. "I hadn't even ridden the

whole course because we'd planned on a much shorter race. You wind up having to change your strategy. And since I wasn't prepared, all of a sudden my goal was simply to finish the thing."

Cypert's second event was a road race that covered two laps of a six-mile course.

"Actually, I was pretty

pleased with that race," he admitted. "It was the first time I'd ever entered a road race and wound up finishing sixth. That wasn't bad at all."

Perhaps the biggest challenge for the 30-year-old athlete, however, was missing comforts most Americans take for granted.

"It's hard to adapt to the differences in culture," Cypert explained. "We had nice accommodations while we were over there, but the hotel rooms weren't air conditioned. And believe me, it gets just as hot there as it does here in July."

"You'd go out there and sweat your guts out on a training ride, all the while thinking like you would if you were home," he added. "I'd catch myself thinking that as soon as I got through, I'd get to go back and relax in a nice air-conditioned room. Instead, you go to your room and sweat a little more. I was probably drinking one or two gallons of water a day just trying to stay hydrated."

There was one advantage to competing in France that only an avid cyclist could truly

appreciate.

"We were there at the same time the Tour de France was going on," Cypert explained. "As a matter of fact, they were just a few miles away several of the days we were there."

"But the neat thing is that they have a television channel that had nothing but the Tour de France," he added. "So every day, we'd finish our training rides or our competitions and get to come back and watch the entire race from the Tour that day."

The trip to France came on the heels of a satisfactory finish at the World Cycling Championships for the Disabled staged earlier in the year at Colorado Springs, Colo.

Despite a delay at the start of his 5,000 meters time trial that cost him an estimated 25 seconds Saturday, Cypert was the fastest American competitor and finished 15th overall in his division.

"That was just one of those days when everything that could go wrong did," Cypert

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Affairs Committees of the Texas Association of Community Colleges.

Sparks is also active in her church. She is a teacher, a Vacation Bible School worker and youth supporter at 14th and Main Church of Christ. She and her husband are active in the new junior high school parent group and she is an avid supporter of her family's activities.

"I believe in this community and I know we have an outstanding place for a family to live and work and play," Sparks said.

— Marsha Jones

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Spring in 1938, he pitched and played outfield, appearing in 78 games and hitting .322.

"The next year, I just played in the outfield ... had a tremendous year," he said of the 1939 season when he batted .344 in 138 games.

"After that, the owner of the team, Tony Rigo, sold me, Billy Capps (now a scout for the Chicago Cubs) and Jody Marek to Tulsa," Stasey added. "I wound up in Moline (Ill.) in the American Association for a couple of years and they optioned me to Jersey City in the

International League."

After 14 games with Jersey City and a 19-game stint with Knoxville in the Southern Association, Stasey — like so many other players of his day wound up called for duty in World War II.

Possessed of one of the strongest throwing arms in all of baseball, many say Stasey was on the verge of moving up to the major leagues when inducted into the service.

"I decided I'd get out of baseball and wound up coming back here to Big Spring and going to work for the Cosden Petroleum Co. in 1946," he explained. "Then when the Longhorn League was organized in '47, I wound up getting talked into owning a part of the club, managing the team and playing."

Following the 1952 season, he sold the team to Raymond Tolett and Bill Frank then moved to Roswell for two seasons there before closing out his time in the Longhorn League in 1955 at Hobbs.

"I guess my most impressive ability was hitting and throwing ... that and the fact that I operated 10 years in the league without going broke," Stasey said, only half joking. "We had a lot of fine players come through here and in Roswell, too. There were a lot of Cuban and other Latin American players in the league."

Stasey was himself the Longhorn League's batting champion twice, but didn't win

the crown in 1947 when he hit .416 — the best average of his career.

One of his best Big Spring pitchers was Camilio Pascual, who would later win 174 games in the majors.

Stasey says both Valdes and Arencibia were instrumental in the success the Broncs enjoyed under his leadership.

Both men say their former skipper and teammate adopted a somewhat low key style of managing the team.

"He wouldn't get mad at anybody," Valdes said. "You talk about a good coach ... he knows baseball. And on our team, he was the only one that spoke English."

"Pat was just a great hitter ... left-handed and could find the hole in any defense the other team tried to use against him," Valdes added. "He had a major league arm, too."

"But the best thing was the way he handled us as players," Valdes continued. "I remember one time I was in a bad hitting slump and was sitting there looking at my bat. He came up and asked me what was wrong and I told him the bat was no good."

"He took that bat, went up to the plate and hit a triple with it. When he came back to the dugout, he just looked at me and said, 'It's not the bat.' That's all he said."

"Believe me," Valdes concluded, "If anybody deserved to be put in the Hall of Fame, it's

him. He was a great player, a great coach and a great guy."

— John A. Moseley

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Col. C.C. Slaughter was a major entrepreneur, not only in Howard County, but across Texas

One of the greatest influences on Howard County and the Crossroads area was Christopher Columbus Slaughter. The oldest of 11 children, he was born in Sabine County, Texas, in 1837, the son of a rancher, farmer, medical practitioner, and circuit-riding Baptist preacher.

After the family had moved to Palo Pinto County, Lum, as the boy came to be called, bought merchandise in Dallas, transported and sold it for a profit. He also worked as a hand on his dad's ranch and took his wages in cows and heifers.

Slaughter was once drafted to head a party of cowmen in pursuit of some raiding Comanches. One man, shooting an antelope in defiance of Slaughter's instruction not to fire until the Indians were trapped, incurred Slaughter's anger and was bound and gagged.

When he got loose, he shot at Slaughter with a buffalo gun.

The rancher carried the bullet in his leg and limped for the rest of his life.

Slaughter moved farther west and bought land near the Howard-Borden County line. Before long, his Long S Ranch, which he had added to with railroad lands, covered a large part of Howard, Dawson, Borden, and Martin counties.

By 1890, C.C. Slaughter owned over a million acres of land and grazed much more on leased and free lands.

At that time, he was believed to be the largest individual taxpayer in Texas.

Slaughter's contribution to the cattle industry included breeding experiments, notably with Shorthorn cows and Hereford bulls. He introduced innovations in the management of his extensive holdings, such as special-built car-load wagons pulled by oxen trains to transport supplies from railheads to camps and using windmills to water distant pastures.

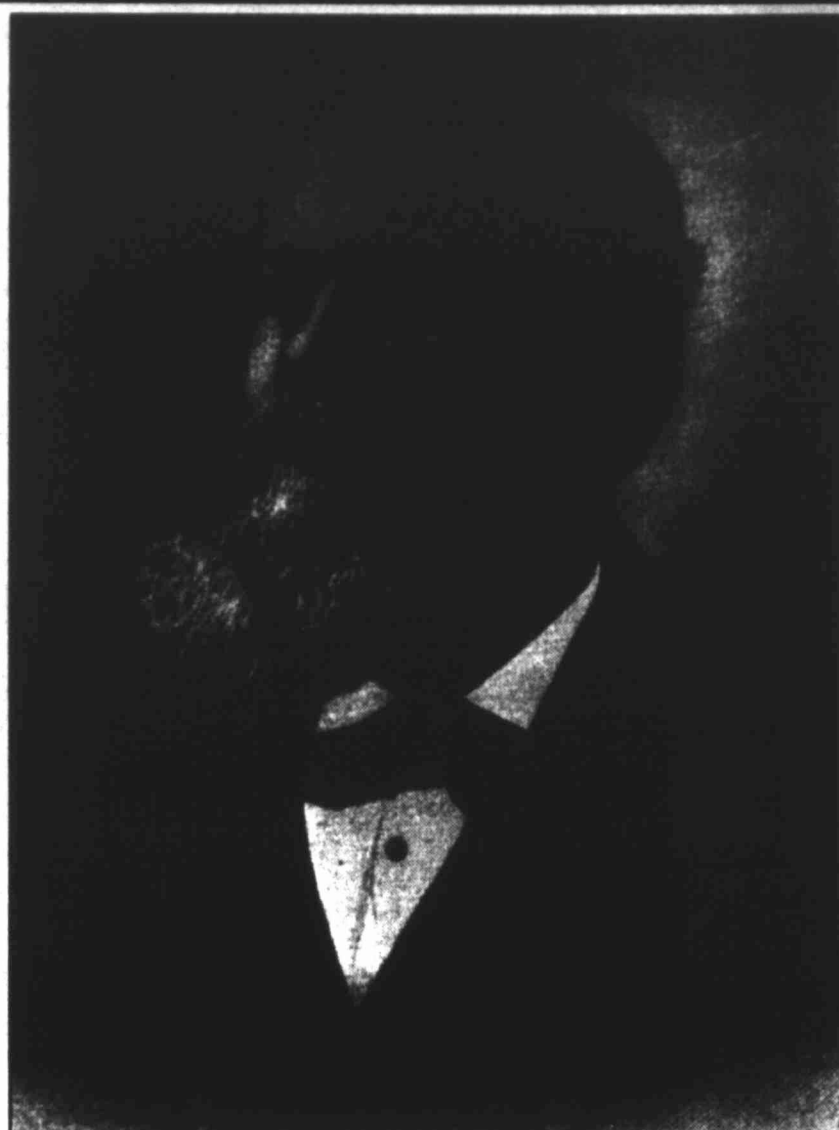
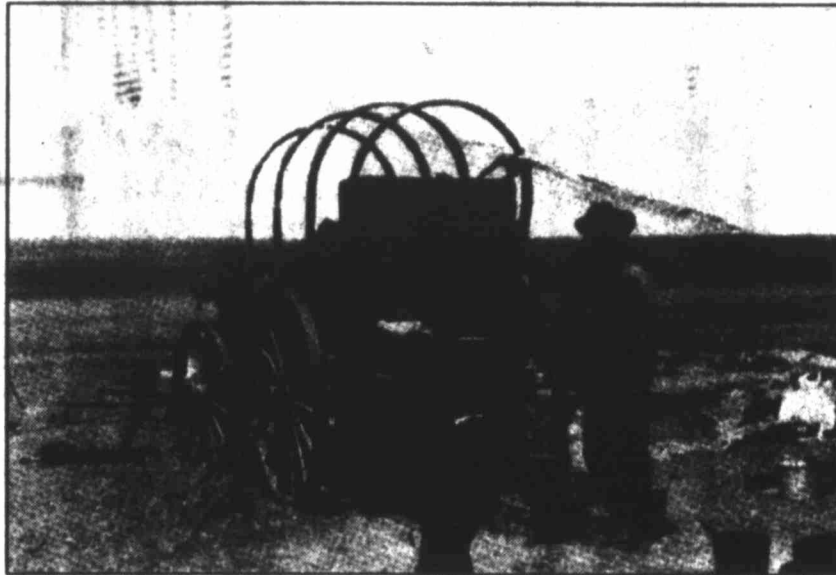
When Texas school land was opened for people to file claims on it, the wily Slaughter had his cowhands file on the legal four sections and later, for a bonus, turn the filing over to him.

With the coming of barbed wire and squatters, Slaughter moved back to Dallas to become a successful banker, widely known for his philanthropic

works, especially his gifts to the Baptist church.

— Nancy Koger

By 1890, C.C. Slaughter owned more than a million acres of land. At one time, he was considered the largest individual taxpayer in the state.



George Sparenburg was a Republican and postmaster

Republican influence cropped up in 1900 in Howard County in the form of George Henry Sparenberg, who was appointed the fourth postmaster of Howard County by three Republican presidents.

George Sparenberg moved to Big Spring from Wheeling, W. Va., when he was 19.

He was listed as "painter and glazier" in a listing of early Big Spring businesses in Joe Pickle's book, "Gettin' Started."

He was a long-time member of the Republican State Executive Committee, when it was considered sinful, or criminal, to be a Republican in Texas. A benefit of his loyalty was his appointment as postmaster, a post he held for 17 years.

During his tenure, many of the small post offices in outlying communities came into being.

Postmaster Sparenberg

Sparenberg did have a post office named after him, but the Sparenberg building in downtown Big Spring was actually named for a brother or nephew.

helped W. H. Gartin, a Dawson county farmer, to get a post office in a store on his farm 14 miles southeast of Lamesa.

The naming of the post office there as Sparenberg has more than one version.

According to Russell Sparenberg, G.H.'s nephew, in "History of Howard County, 1882-1982," grateful residents, "in appreciation of his efforts to establish an official post office there and a star mail route from Big Spring, named their little town Sparenberg."

Gettin' Started: When the name patrons had sent in to

the postal department had already been assigned to a Texas post office, Sparenberg solved the problem by sending in his own name for the southern Dawson County office.

However its name came about, the post office was in service from the early 1900s until 1954.

Sparenberg was civic-minded, helping start the Big Spring YMCA and being named chairman when the organization was chartered in 1908.

He was a Mason, Knight Templar, and an elder and Sunday school teacher and superintendent of the First Presbyterian Church.

Born June 30, 1865, he married Caroline "Carrie" Cornelia Russell on Jan. 15, 1903. She was a Sunday school teacher, played the piano and sang soprano.

The recently renovated town Big Spring was not



GEORGE H. SPARENBURG

named for George Sparenberg, but for a brother or nephew who built the building now on

— Nancy Koger

CYPERT

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said of the mix-up in which race officials held him at the start line for almost half a minute while the clock was running. "It probably cost me 25 seconds or so, but I still had a good race."

Cypert said the race conditions, coupled with a tough course, were more responsible for his official clocking of 9:40.70 that was well off the winning time of 8:03.02 registered by Japan's Shojiro Maeda.

Great Britain's Thomas Evans finished second with an 8:04.72 clocking, while Thomas Beer of Germany was timed at 8:08.64 in finishing third.

Cypert's teammate, Ken Hammer of Strongsville, Ohio, finished 17th in the field with a time of 10:58.38.

"None of the times were close to what I had at the Paralympics in Barcelona, but a lot depends on the course and the weather conditions and we certainly didn't have good

weather," Cypert explained. "You know, I had a wonderful



Cypert is pictured in Blouse, France, where he and the rest of the American team participated in the European championships.

week of training before the race ... just great sunny and mild days. Then, the day of the race, we wind up with these high winds that just took it out of everyone."

Those experiences, however, have Cypert nothing short of enthusiastic about his chances of qualifying for the U.S. Paralympic Team.

"With the way everything happened, I'm pleased with how I did," he explained. "I know I can do better ... know I can beat those times. What's more, I know I can win against this competition."

"It was the best competition I've ever seen and it's getting tougher and tougher all the time," Cypert added. "But after last year, I know I'm capable of winning. It just makes me want to work harder, spend more time training to get ready. More than anything, this whole thing has just given me more goals to shoot for."

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Harold Davis has been a leader for both his community and nation

Harold Davis exemplifies hero in Big Spring, as he has proven his bravery to his country while serving in World War II and his dedication to Big Spring as one of her strongest community leaders.



DAVIS

"Mr. Davis has been a solid asset to our community and to Howard College for some time, a true hero of our community. His association with the college has formed lasting improvements, and his dedication to the community has expanded several programs and he continues to make an important contribution to Big Spring," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

When barely 21 years old, Davis received the Silver Star for his gallantry in Iwo Jima during World War II.

"For conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity as a commanding officer of Company E, Second Battalion, Fourth Marine Division, during action against enemy Japanese forces on Iwo Jima," states Davis' Silver Star certificate.

"His aggressive fighting spirit and courage and devotion to duty were in keeping with the highest tradition of U.S. Naval Service," states the award.

Davis was honored for seeing wounded American soldiers under his command carried to safety during an onslaught by Japanese troops that resulted in a 50 percent casualty rate.

In spite of his own serious wounds, he personally removed the wounded, and later mounted a defensive that annihilated 75 enemy soldiers, the plaque reads.

Davis said he remembers the incident that earned him the second highest honor available for America's soldiers.

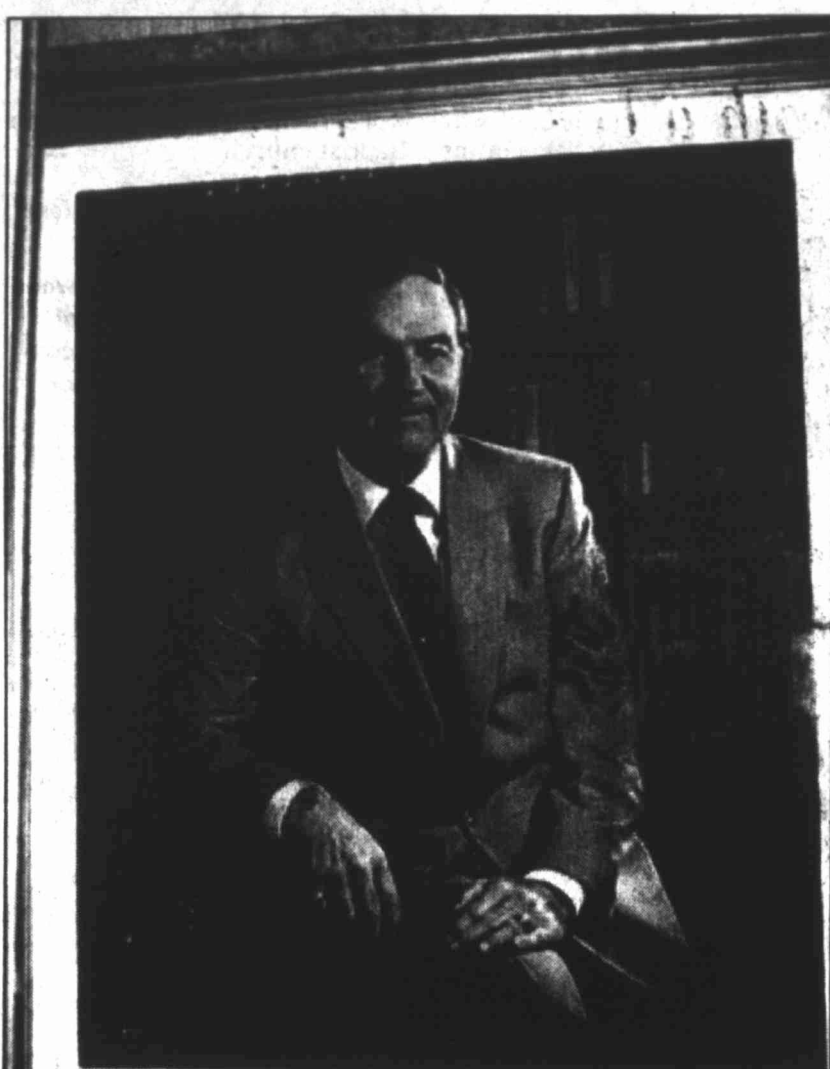
"I turned 21 two days before we landed, and I remember thinking I was glad I have made it to 21," Davis said.

Davis also served his country during the Korean Conflict. He retired as a colonel in 1977.

Davis and his wife Janell came to Big Spring in 1947, when he accepted a position as the first full-time basketball coach and athletic director for Howard College.

He was also dean of students and an instructor in the business department for Howard College. After 10 winning seasons in a row, Davis accepted a position as head basketball coach and associate professor at the University of Texas El Paso.

He later returned to Big Spring to join Gamco Industries in its initial stages. Davis is the retired chairman and chief executive officer of Gamco Industries and executive vice president and chief operating



This portrait of Harold Davis, trustee and former coach at Howard College, hangs in the fitness center that is named in his honor. A display case there also has trophies, a letter sweater and other memorabilia from Davis' career and time of service to the college.

officer of Siboney Corp., the parent company. Besides Gamco, he has served on the

board of directors of five other companies as well as a director of Security State Bank.

Davis' civic contributions are diverse and prolific. He has served as chairman or as a director of the United Way, West Texas Boy Scouts, Big Spring Country Club, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

He has also been a director or chairman of the Big Spring Industrial Foundation, Howard County Hospital Authority, Medical Center Memorial Hospital, YMCA, Howard County Tax Appraisal Board, Big Spring Educational Employees Federal Credit Union and Big Spring City Parks and Recreation. He was named Man of the Year in 1997.

As a trustee, Davis has had a wide-ranging influence on Howard College.

He was the primary driving force which led to the construction of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and the men's and

women's dormitories.

He pushed to remove the "junior" from the Howard College name, and at the same time recommended that the college's mascot be shortened from Jayhawks to Hawks. He also designed the logo that the college has used for many years.

"I have been a part of this community for many years and it has given me the opportunity to watch it grow. I have been a part of Howard College for many years as well, and I have watched it grow.

"We came from one building at the former bombardier school to an outstanding facility now. Plus, we have expanded and grown into the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf and Howard College at San Angelo," said Davis, who has served on the board of trustees for Howard College since 1971.

— Marsha Jones

Doris Huibregtse has been an educator and realtor

Doris Huibregtse spent more than 35 years in the education field before retiring at Howard College in May of 1996. Thirty-one of those 35 were at Howard College.

Doris, as she likes to be called, began her Big Spring teaching career at Goliad, teaching typing in the spring of 1962 to ninth grade students. In the fall of 1962 she transferred to Big Spring High School where she she taught typing and shorthand. She also took over the Vocational Office Education Program (VOC) until she left in the fall of 1965 to teach at Howard College.

While at Howard she taught typing, accounting, business law and various courses in business development and business management development.

Several of her students in management development went on to be highly successful in their respective fields. Doris always took pride in her work at the college and always looked forward to hearing success stories of former students.

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan considered Doris to be a role model.

"She is the reason I have achieved what success I have," said Reagan. "She has been a real role model for me and given me the confidence I needed to get into the business management career. She give me this advice: 'do the very best you can each day and you won't ever have to look back.'"

Carol Morehead, resource manager for Wal-Mart, worked for Doris while she was the program chair of the Business Development Program and she said Doris was an excellent



Doris Huibregtse spent more than 35 years as an educator — most of it in Big Spring — and is now a realtor with Home Realtors.

supervisor.

"I really respect her and admire her," said Morehead. "She sets her standards high and expects the same from others. She is just a super woman."

Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president only had praise for her former employer.

"Doris was a professional to the 'T,'" said Sparks. "She was loyal to the college and every time I turned around she was there giving support to our programs. She was an excellent professor."

Doris got her real estate license in 1977 and worked on a part-time basis while working at Howard. After retirement from the college she began to devote her time to the real estate business that has been good to her. She is currently employed with Home Realtors and has been with the company longer than anyone else.

When not busy showing homes Doris can be found at home with her husband Harlan, a retired principal, and her son Kenneth, an employee of Howard College. Another son, Robert, was killed in an automobile accident in 1982, just a month before he was to graduate from the University of Houston. He graduated posthumously.

Doris headed up the real estate program at Howard College when that program was in effect. She still keeps busy with such activities as being the chairman of the volunteer program at the Big Spring State Hospital, an active member of the Howard County Retired Teachers Association, chairman of SALT (Senior and Law Enforcement Together), past officer of the Hyperium Club, director of Friends of the Library and on the administration board of the First United Methodist Church.

Doris enjoys playing bridge in her spare time but with her

busy schedule it is not that often.

When she was asked if there was a goal that she may not have achieved, she said she once wanted get her law degree but it's not a goal of hers any longer. With the schedule she keeps, it would probably be hard to fit the time in anyway.

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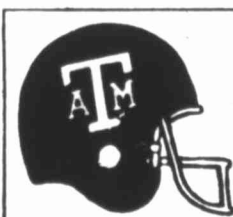
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He's 'on the air'

Jim Baum had aspirations as both a baseball player and a congressman

Although Jim Baum moved away from Big Spring almost 20 years ago, many people remember the former KBYG radio personality and station manager.

Jim didn't really have any intention of getting into the radio business. His heart was set on playing professional baseball until he was able to retire and live comfortably.

He did play professionally for two years in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm club. He was a catcher with a pretty good arm and could on occasion swat the ball over the fence or at least rattle it some.

But for Jim Baum, it was divine intervention that got him into the broadcast business and though he sometimes wonders "what if," he admits he loves coming to work each day at KVMC/KAUM in Colorado City.

"I don't think I could have had a better life than what I've had," said Baum. "I look forward each day to heading out to work and seeing what will happen today."

In 1980, after being in Big Spring for 16 years, Jim had the opportunity to buy his own radio station. Drew Ballard, who still owns several radio stations around Texas, offered Jim a chance to buy KVMC. After discussing the matter over with his wife Margaret, the deal was struck and he has been calling Colorado City home since then.

Ask Jim about his days in the "Spring City" though and he will quickly tell you Big Spring had plenty of leadership from all facets of the community.

"Big Spring had great leadership in the city, community, Webb Air Force Base, Cosden Refinery — you name it, there was great leadership," said Baum. "There were folks like Adolph Swartz, Clyde McMahon and elected officials in whom people had confidence like Judge Porter, Commissioner Bill Crocker and others too



Former KBYG radio personality and station manager Jim Baum left Big Spring 20 years ago to buy KVMC in Colorado City. He played professional baseball for two years in the Pittsburgh Pirates farm club. He also ran for Congress in 1978, losing to Charlie Stenholm. He says it was a wonderful opportunity for him.

numerous to name."

He said the city council and mayor were the force behind the community.

"We had some great city officials while I was there, folks like Arnold Marshall and George Zachariah," Baum said. "They were the backbone of the community."

The relationship the community had with Webb Air Force

Base was said to be one of the best anywhere.

"Oh we had a great relationship with Webb, even as far as having a base-community relations committee," Baum explained.

"Officials from other bases said the Air Training Command (ATC) of which Webb was a part of had a better relationship with Big Spring than any other ATC

bases."

Baum says the town was proud of Cosden and TU Electric also for the leadership that they brought to the city.

"Most of us were proud we had the refinery — good, bright, young engineers who were leaders, men like Paul Meek who was the president of Cosden," said Baum.

"TU Electric provided leader-

ship with its employees as well with good leadership at the top with Don Womack."

What sticks out as one of the highlights of his days in Big Spring is the time he had the opportunity to visit and tour Cape Canaveral, Fla.

"It was a joint venture with the community and the base and I was one of about 25 or 30 from Big Spring that went," said Baum. "What made it so special is that Apollo 8 was on the launching pad and the day after we left we got to witness the launching at home on television and say, 'man we were right there.' That was just a fantastic feeling."

Other highlights in his life was getting to play baseball again after coming to Big Spring.

Baum played with a team sponsored by Gage Oil company called the Gage Oilers. The team sported five or six ex-professional baseball players.

"We had a pretty fair little baseball team and we got to travel a little," said Baum. "It was a lot of fun."

Another proud moment in his life was when he ran for Congress in 1978.

"I ran on the Democratic ticket against the current holder of that position which is none other than Congressman Charlie Stenholm," Baum said. "I placed third out of a field of eight and considering that I spent less in the campaign than anybody else, I came away with a lot of pride and accomplishment. It was a wonderful opportunity for me."

Jim's first wife, Margaret, died in 1990 after a year-long bout with leukemia.

He married his current wife, Linda, in 1992 after she accepted his on-air proposal at KVMC.

Jim and Margaret raised four

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Margaret Ann and Tempest Currie moved from Wisconsin to Texas, where he helped establish State National Bank.

Tempest Currie was early banker in Big Spring

Tempest Slinger Currie, known as Mr. Temp or Uncle Tom, and his brother, John Andrew Currie, moved to Texas in 1900 from Columbia County, Wis.

They came because other family members had written them encouraging letters about the wide open West Texas area.

The brothers bought the Mulberry Ranch near Water Valley and lived there until 1905 when they moved to Big Spring.

In November of 1903, Tempest returned to Wisconsin to marry Margaret Ann Stevenson, returning to Texas by train via Chicago and San Angelo, arriving at the ranch on Thanksgiving Day.

The Curries had three children — Robert William, Agnes and Temp Jr.

From 1904 to 1952, Mr. Currie was in the banking business. He was one of the incorporators and the first

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Nat Shick was a colorful character

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In almost everything written about Nat Shick, his name is preceded by the adjective "colorful." His wife, Holly, in the Howard County History Book calls him "a dashing blade" who swept her off her feet despite her brother's objections.

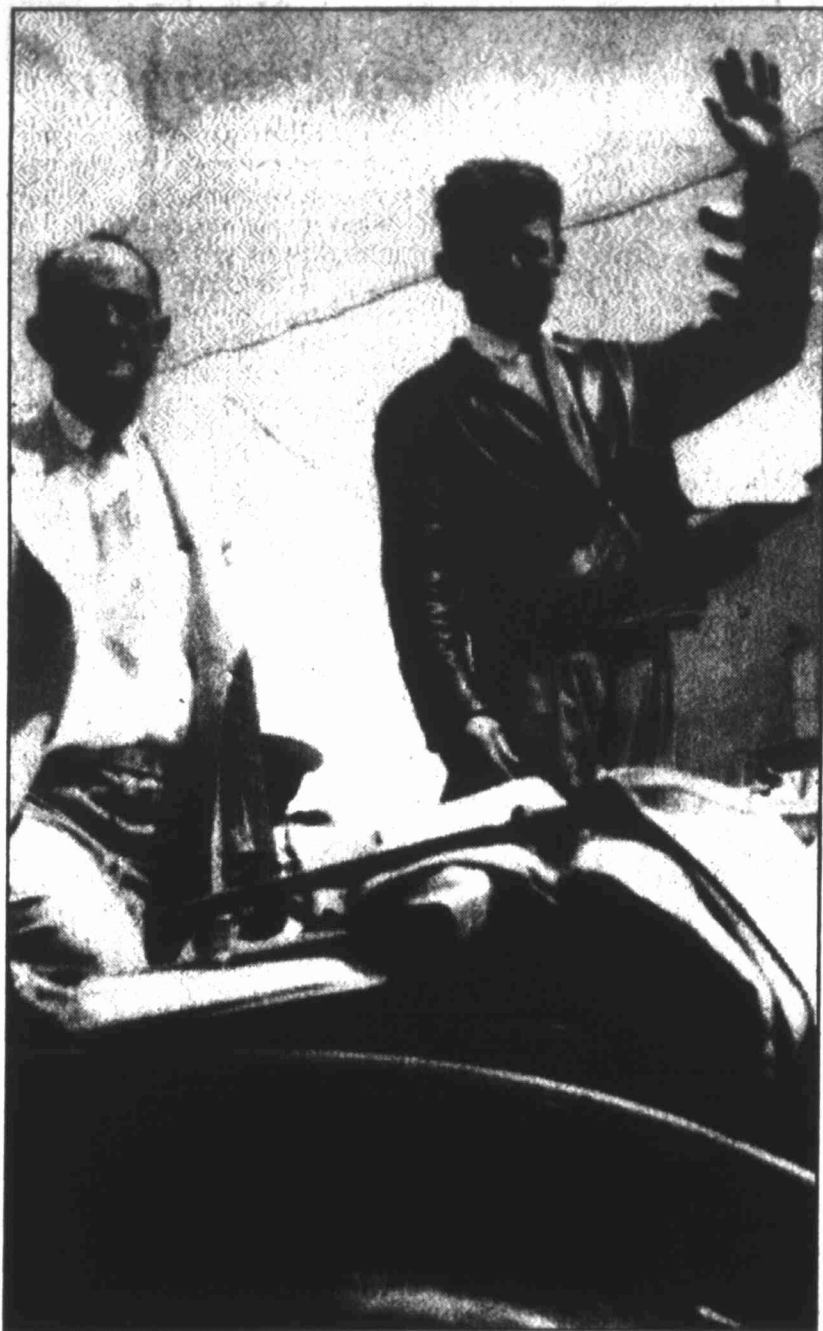
Nat Shick had come to Big Spring in 1907; he was born and raised in Weatherford. He and Holly had one child, Lillian Dorothy.

Shick is most often remembered as a former postmaster, a job he took in 1933 and kept more than 20 years. He had also worked for Pacific Express Company, First National Bank, as a land man for an oil company, and in the motor car business in a long and varied career life.

Mr. and Mrs. Shick were both involved in numerous civic and community-improvement activities. Nat is credited with beautifying Comanche Trail Park, including placement there of a totem pole he had carved from the town's first telephone pole. He also contributed to the construction of a wading pool for kids at the park. For the latter project, he is listed along with the Lions Club and pictured with Kiwanis Club members.

He is credited with getting a \$100,000 federal building built in downtown Big Spring, which housed the post office, later the county library and now is a courthouse annex.

It was Shick's penchant for the unusual that gained him fame, including strange window displays at the post office. In 1938, he sent a horned toad, "Big Jim," on an 8,250 mile trip by air with 14 stops in 14 states. This stunt was all to advertise National Airmail Week.



Nat Shick, postmaster, was among the dignitaries pictured with pilot "Wrong Way" Carrington, who visited Big Spring. This photo was part of the scrapbook collection of Pearl Bradshaw, now at the Heritage Museum.

One of the most popular stories about Shick is the flower he sent to minister P.D. O'Brien every Sunday for nearly 20 years, anonymously. Shick, senior deacon at the First Baptist Church, found out that his pastor liked red roses, and arranged for him to have one, along with an encouraging note, each week, no matter where either traveled. This brought a national spotlight to Big Spring when it was carried on Paul Harvey's radio program.

Shick was also a Boy Scout leader, earning the highest honor for adults, the Silver Beaver.

He was called "instrumental" in placing the replica of the Statue of Liberty at the Municipal Auditorium, which a local family gave in memory of their son.

Shick died Aug. 19, 1973.

Debbie L. Jensen

'Make full proof of the ministry' were words Burel Perkins lived by

Elder Burel Perkins, a native of Louisiana, came to Big Spring in 1934 as an evangelist. He married Addie Byrd and became a traveling minister, serving churches in Big Spring, Colorado City and Midland.

At the same time, Perkins operated a junk and salvage business and sold fruit and vegetables. In the 1930s and 1940s, he also found work in the cotton fields and brought others to Big Spring to do similar work.

In 1945, Mr. and Mrs. Perkins adopted a son, Milton.

Burel Perkins like to quote scripture, especially, "Do the work of an evangelist. Make full proof of the ministry." He often built his churches from the ground up, adding his own labor and using his own money to buy supplies.

"I don't know how many miles I've driven an old truck, how many vegetables and fruits I've sold, how many sermons I've preached, how many hymns I've sung, or how many nails I've driven in while building church buildings," he is quoted as saying in the book, "Howard County 1882-1982." "But I've always been trying."

When he died, Jan. 2, 1978, he was remembered for many things, including his honesty as a businessman.

"People knew him as a very honest man," said Marj Carpenter, Herald columnist at the time. "One of his customers said, 'He was so honest. And so apologetic if somebody sold him a wholesale product that was not particularly good.'"

It was also noted that Perkins made no apology for being black, nor was he arrogant about his race. "He met each man on a one-to-one basis," his son remembered.

In a later Herald article, Milton remembered his father

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cashier of the First State Bank (204 Main). In 1924, the bank was "nationalized" and became known as State National Bank.

Later, in 1934, the bank acquired the building at 124 Main Street, and then in 1979, it moved to its present location, 901 Main Street.

For more than 40 years, Mr. Currie was involved in every major development of the bank.

He was also active in the YMCA (Railroad Y), chamber of commerce, Kiwanis Club and the Masonic Lodge. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church.

In 1951, T.S. Currie relinquished the reins to his son, Robert W. Currie, as president. Robert served as president until 1974 when he retired. His son, John Currie, assumed presidency at that time.

Tempest Currie died in 1952, and Mrs. Currie in 1969.

— Gina Garza

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children, all of whom are successful. They are a son, Doug, who once played for country and western artist Trace Adkins until recently getting into the camel business. He is now the proprietor of Texas Camel Corps which raises camels in Texas. Daughter Laura is a physical therapist in Albuquerque, N.M. The other boys are Bill, who is with ABC radio in Dallas, and Jim, an oil-field worker who resides in Coahoma.

The leadership that he saw while in Big Spring apparently rubbed off on Jim. He has been the mayor of Colorado City for

16 years and has no plans in the works for retirement.

— Carl Graham

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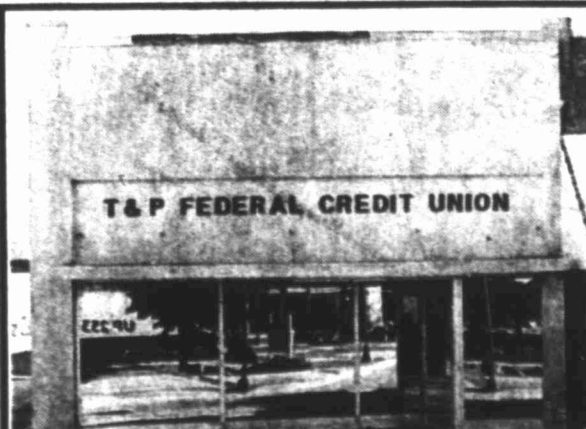
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Frances Wheat and her husband Walter operated Wheat's Furniture from the late 1960s until his death in 1994. She continued to run the store until 1997. She is district office director for State Sen. Robert Duncan and very active in the community.

Frances Wheat can trace three generations of her family to the community

Frances Wheat keeps her life busy by staying involved in the Big Spring community.

Presently, she is the district office director for State Sen. Robert Duncan, whose office is located at Citizens Federal Credit Union.

"I represent him when he is unable to attend an event in any one of his seven counties he represents," said Wheat.

She also tries to answer questions regarding the Constitution, laws, etc.

"After I closed Wheat's Furniture in 1997, I really wasn't looking for another job. I was asked to come in for an interview. Well, here I am," she said.

Wheat grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. She then attended

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as someone who was not afraid of hard work and instilled in his son the value of a good day's work.

His widow, Addie Perkins Peterson, said her former husband was always helping others.

"He would bend over backwards for people," she said, adding that her husband got into the real estate business for a time so he could help others get decent housing.

Most important, said Burel Perkins' son, were the values he passed on to the next generation.

"My father taught me to be my own person," said Milton, who works for the Howard County Library.

— Debbie L. Jensen

Baylor University and graduated with a degree in Home Economics.

"My grandfather, B. Reagan, came here in the late 1800s. I'm the third generation to live here," she said.

She met her husband when he came to visit family in Big Spring.

They were married in 1958. They had two children, Larry, an architect from Dallas, and Elise, the varsity basketball coach at Lee High School in Midland, who is married to

Wheat and her husband operated Wheat's Furniture from the late 60s until her husband's death in 1994, at which time she continued to operate it until three years ago.

"We bought his parent's furniture store in the late 1960s," Wheat said.

The store was started in 1947 during the oil boom by Wheat's father-in-law, J.F. Wheat.

She has been president of the chamber of commerce.

"I was chamber president 70 years after my grandfather was," she added.

Wheat has also been president of the Heritage Museum board and the Dora Roberts board. She is currently on the Scenic Mountain Medical Center board, chairing the Convention Visitors Bureau and was named Woman of the Year in 1986.

"I am a Rotarian. In fact, I am a member of the same Rotary Club my grandfather chartered," she said.

Wheat is also a member of the First Baptist Church, serving on the finance committee as well as being on the pastor search committee.

— Gina Garza

You name it, Mamie Lee Dodds has done it

Mamie Lee Dodds has done it all.

"You name it, I've done it," said Dodds, community volunteer.

She began her community involvement when her children were young.

"I was a Girl Scout leader, Sunday School teacher, 4-H sponsors and Cub Scout Den Mother," she said.

She also sang in the choir at the First United Methodist Church and played the piano for the VAMC.

Dodds became the coordinator of the first Christmas parade as well as many other things.

"During Johnson's presidency, Reader's Digest published an article from the President who wanted to know something new about the Fourth of July. Johnson was told about the significance of the bells — all bells should ring at the exact moment of the signing of the Declaration of Independence," she said.

Dodds added, "A friend of mine told me to do it — organize a bell ringing, and when I went looking around Big Spring, I discovered there

weren't many bells."

The Big Spring High School Victory Bell was rang at the courthouse monument that year and thus evolved the "Let Freedom Ring" pageant.

"I did the July pageant for 13 years. I wrote it, wrote music for it, directed it, made the costumes and taught the dances to it," said Dodds.

In 1976, the Bicentennial Fourth of July Pageant was bigger than ever.

"There were 56 men, the same amount who had signed the Declaration of Independence. Each of them were assigned one of the original signers. We called out each name and had each one sign a copy of the Declaration," she said.

She has been a lay speaker in

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Between bell-ringing pageants, a lay speaker for the church, chamber volunteer and 30 years as an educator, Mamie Lee Dodds has been on the move for more than half a century.



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Lee Franklin Porter was born in Big Spring in 1905. His parents were Mary Frost Porter and John Porter. His father died when he was only a year old, but his mother died on May 21, 1971, at the age of 102.

Porter was one of four children born to the couple. He had a sister, Martha Susan, and twin sisters Athal Ashley and Ethal May. All graduated from Big Spring High School.

Porter played football and baseball during his high school years as well as participating in other school functions.

After high school, Porter went to work for the Southern Ice Co., making and delivering ice. He then went to work in the bookkeeping department of the State National Bank for T.S. Currie, who had a great influence on his life.

He met his wife, the former Louise Lewis, when she began work at Hall-Bennett Hospital in July 1923. They were married in Big Spring on Sept. 23, 1933.

The couple had two sons, Dean Franklin and Lewis Ashley. Dean graduated from Texas A&M while Lewis graduated from Texas Tech.

Porter accepted a job as deputy tax collector for Howard County in 1935 and held that position for four years.

He was then elected county clerk for Howard County in 1939 and served there until 1953 when he was appointed county auditor in which he served until 1962.

He was elected county judge in 1962 and served in that position until he retired at the end of 1970.

Former KBYG radio personality Jim Baum remembers Judge Porter as a leader of the community.

"Judge Porter was one of our leaders of the community during the early 60s," said Baum. "We had great leadership during those trying years and Judge Porter was one of the backbones of the community."



Lee Porter and mother Mollie and pictured with (standing, from left), sisters Susan Corcoran and Ethel May and brother Athal A. Porter.

He agreed to be my campaign manager when I ran for Congress in 1978 and did a great job."

Baum said Porter was a person who always had time for people and took a real interest in his community.

According to accounts from others, Judge Porter was not

only a leader in the political arena, but a leader in the church he attended which was First Presbyterian — as well as the many civic organization he was a member of.

Judge Porter died in 1985 at the age of 80.

— Carl Graham

Gaskins were among early settlers in Knott community

Heroic is a mild description for a pioneer couple that moves with 16 children, including three sets of twins, in the month of January to an unseen farm with no housing on it.

T. A. and Martha Gaskins did just that in 1905, living in a tent near what would become the Knott community and establishing their family farm. One of their sons, Oscar, married Nora Smith and continued the farming tradition in Knott.

The Oscar Gaskins had one son, Joe Mac, generally known as Pat, who helped his dad farm and worked at the Knott Co-op Gin as a youth, later becoming manager. He lettered in football and basketball at Knott High School and participated in FFA before assuming responsibility for the family farm.

He married Laverne Martin

from the Sparenberg community in 1949.

Pat and Laverne produced two sons, Kelly and Van, and a daughter, Kayla. They were active in community affairs, serving as 4-H leaders and leaders in the Ackerly United Methodist Church. Their children graduated from Sands High School at Ackerly, participating in UIL athletic and academic events and in 4-H. Both sons are graduates of Texas A&M University who farm in the Knott area; and their daughter, now Mrs. Tom Donnell, is a home economics teacher in San Antonio.

"We were complimented when the boys chose to follow a career in farming and to rear their children here," says Laverne.

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T.A. and Martha Gaskins were married in 1876. They moved to Howard County in 1905, and drove on to Knott in two wagons.

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the Methodist churches, was nominated Woman of the Year in 1993, and for eight years volunteered at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

"At the chamber, I answered letters, got tourist packets ready, and did what ever was needed. I even helped one lady find her birth mother," said Dodds.

She was a teacher for 30 years, retiring in 1984. She had taught all elementary grades for pre-first grade for non-English speaking children to sixth grade, with the exception of fourth.

She is a 1937 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1954 graduate of Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

"I have been treasurer and president of the Big Spring Classroom Teacher's Association and a delegate to the National Education Association. I also received the Outstanding President in District 18 award."

She said that many of her ex-students have written her letters bringing her to tears.

"This past Christmas, I

received a card from a former student who was what you called somewhat 'troubled.' In his letter to me, he said she had influenced him so much that he chose education as his career. He is now superintendent for the Kingsville School District," she said.

"Teaching is pushing each child to reach his/her potential even if he/she doesn't think they have one," added Dodds.

Dodds still finds time to make arts and crafts for her own pleasure as well as for others.

"I've just finished up making Easter bunnies for two of my great-grandchildren," she said.

Dodds has one son, six grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

She lost a daughter several years ago and still finds it difficult to talk about.

"Sometimes I wonder why God does what he does, but then I remember — He works in mysterious ways," she said.

— Gina Garza

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Brown, a native of Cameron, came to Big Spring with his wife, Viola, in 1953, from Lovington, N.M. He worked at Lakeview, which was at the time the school for black students, until he died suddenly of a heart attack in 1960.

"All the students like him very much," said his former wife, now Viola Brown Merritt. "And he loved his job. He loved coaching all sports."

The 1954 yearbook shows Brown pictured with both boys' and girls' basketball teams.

Brown had earned his college degree in physical education, but due to a shortage of teach-



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Van and Chris two sons, Clay Logan Gaskins Sands schools in 4-H.

Clay is trying the Olympic Team. Kayla and Tom

Tom Rutledge says he has been blessed to live the American Dream



Tom Rutledge was a "terrible student" in his youth but not only has he become a successful businessman, he also teaches at Howard College. "I have been extremely blessed to have lived the American Dream," Rutledge says.

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taught science and math. He coached students in football and basketball, often accompanying them on out-of-town trips.

Merritt said Brown may have been the first "real coach" those students had.

Due to segregation, black students and white students attended separate schools and did not compete against each other in sports.

In the 1980s, during Black History Month (February), leaders named the northside YMCA and boxing club, former site of Lakeview Elementary School, in Brown's honor.

"I said didn't they want to choose someone else, I was surprised," said Merritt. "But the former students said they wanted to remember him."

That YMCA building was torn down a decade later.

—Debbie L. Jensen

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"In 2005, our family will be recognized by the state of Texas for having farmed the same land continuously for 100 years."

Dustin and Katy Gaskins, children of Kelly and Teresa, are continuing the family tradition by attending Texas A&M. Dustin, a senior, plans to get a master's degree and work elsewhere for at least five years before deciding whether he wants to return to the farm.

Both of these Knott Aggies were active in local 4-H and benefited by their experiences by getting scholarships to college.

Their grandmother feels that the 4-H club has filled a real need and supplemented the schools in the rural community.

"Kids have to be busy; parents must stay on their toes and help provide constructive activities."

Mrs. Gaskins said they always felt that when the children and grandchildren were showing livestock, they were learning about more than agriculture.

"We always said, 'We're raising Grand Champion kids.' How the judge sees your stock is not so important. Life is really about how to be a gracious loser as well as winner."

Van and Chris Gaskins have two sons, Clay Hart, 18, and Logan Gaskins, 9, who attend Sands schools and participate in 4-H.

Clay is trying to qualify for the Olympic Trap Shooting Team.

Kayla and Tom Donnell have

a son, Thomas, 14, and a daughter, Katherine, 10.

Whether or not the next generation of Gaskins will continue the farming tradition depends on a number of variables. Whatever the outcome of their decision, there will likely still be some Gaskins in Knott.

They are a part of the special community spirit there.

"Any time someone in this community has a need, we take care of each other and find a way to have fun while doing it," say the Gaskins.

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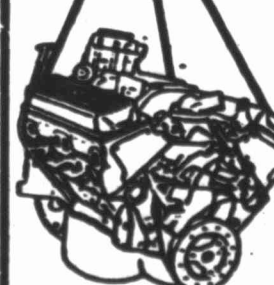
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An example of the American Dream, Tom Rutledge not only has succeeded in business, but loves to teach students how to succeed from his experiences.

Born in Hobbs, N.M., Rutledge grew up around West Texas as an oil patch kid.

"My first job was on an oil rig when I was 15 years old," he said. "You had to be 18 to work, so I was 18 for three years."

Rutledge, who attended Howard College as a young student, was not the most academically inclined.

"I was a terrible student," he said. "In my first two years, I think I only had a mere 22 hours."

He eventually decided that learning was important and graduated from North Texas State University. He returned to Howard College, this time to teach business.

"Some of the ladies that taught me when I was at Howard thought I had woken up from a comma," Rutledge said.

He started teaching at Howard College in 1968 and performed various duties during his first seven years, including teaching business, being the golf coach, and serving as chairman of the Relative Arts Department.

Deciding he needed both more experience in business and to earn more money, Rutledge left teaching in 1975 to return to the oil industry.

"My main impetus for leaving was to find out if the things I was teaching out of the books were true," he said. "I also felt I was not making enough money as I needed because of my education and experience in the oil field."

Rutledge returned to the oil industry as a field salesman and gained promotions quickly. He was hired as the Southern Regional Manager for Fiberglass Pipe Division and in two years doubled the revenues.

V.F. Michael eventually hired him to work for Fiberglass Systems to coordinate with the downtown office in Houston.

"I started out in a relatively poor large family and have been able to experience fantastic things in my personal life and business. I have known wonderful friends, students, and I wouldn't trade a bit of it."

— Tom Rutledge

For the next seven months, Rutledge lived in Houston while his family continued to stay in Midland.

During this time, Rutledge, his brother Russ, who also

worked in the oil industry, and John Freeman, a friend of Rutledge and Howard College teacher, decided to start Fiberflex.

According to Rutledge, businesses in the oil industry had been trying to make fiberglass sucker rods for about 80 years, but none had any success.

The last company to work on fiberglass sucker rods before Fiberflex was Joslyn in which Russ Rutledge was an employee, Tom Rutledge said.

Tom, Russ, and Freeman had been discussing the problems connecting with fiberglass sucker rods production and actual performance in the field. They believed they had come up with a solution, and Russ took their suggestions to Joslyn.

"Joslyn said, in effect, Russ we have Ph.D scientists working on this, and we don't need

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Marie Hall's benevolence encompasses all fields

Big Spring's own modern pioneer woman Marie Hall paved the way in Howard County of educational opportunity for students of all ages and interests.

"I was taught the work ethic from both of my parents, and I have also learned to strive for excellence from their example," said Hall.

The daughter of the late Dr. Granville T. and Florence Hall, she carries on the tradition established by her parents. She exemplifies generosity and community involvement, and she has single-handedly provided numerous scholarship programs at Howard College, as well as other institutions.

Dr. Hall was a co-founder of the Hall-Bennett Hospital and one of the prominent doctors available to Big Spring residents for many years. The structure, now Hall-Bennett Clinic, remains one of the historic buildings in Big Spring.

Through her vision of a brighter future for Big Spring, her benevolence provided two distance learning labs at Howard College designated the Wings Program.

"Marie Hall is the wind beneath our wings, and through her generosity Howard College created and established the distance learning laboratories that brought the world to Big Spring at the touch of a keyboard," said college president Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

"Miss Hall is our angel at Howard College, and her continued support of this institution helps make Howard College a great place for educating students," Sparks said.

Hall serves on the advisory board of the Department of Nursing at Howard College, where she established the Jane Lucas Thomas Endowment for Nursing.

She is on the Board of Governors of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, where she established the Marie Hall



Marie Hall's generosity has embraced education, sports, law, medicine, nursing, research, the arts and rural health care. She says her passions are excellence and innovation.

Scholarship Endowment. This endowment is available for Scholarship applicants attending Howard College, Odessa College, San Angelo State, Sul Ross, Texas Tech and the University of Texas at the Permian Basin.

She established the Jeb Worthy Scholarship Endowment at St. Mary's Episcopal School.

Hall is a member of the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center Permian Basin Advisory Council and established the Marie Hall Chair in Rural Health at the Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center in Lubbock.

She is a member of the College of Fine Arts Advisory Council of the University of Texas at Austin, where she enhanced an endowment established by her mother to the Thelma Hall Centennial Chair in Music.

She established the Gene Edward Mikeska Professorship of Interior Design at the School of Architecture.

She was an active member of the Development Board of the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston for 22 years. She currently serves on the School of Nursing and School of Allied Health Sciences advisory councils and the Open Gates Dyslexia Program Advisory Board.

At UTMB, she and her mother established the Granville T. Hall Chair in General Surgery and the Florence Thelma and the Florence Marie Endowment for Programs of Excellence in Education in the Medical Sciences.

"I believe strongly in an interdisciplinary approach to education, and I support the medical, as well as the nursing and allied health fields," she said.

Hall established at UTMB the Florence Thelma Hall Distinguished Professorship in Nursing and the Florence Marie Hall Visiting Professorship System at the School of Allied Health Sciences. She provided the 4.7 Telsa NMR Chemical

shift Imaging System, and established the F. Marie Hall Magnetic Resonance Laboratory.

After receiving a bachelor of arts degree from Southern Methodist University and a secretarial certificate at Katharine Gibbs Secretarial School in New York City, Hall acquired knowledge of banking and law through her work experience.

She demonstrates her civic involvement in numerous works within the community. She has served as a former director of State National Bank, a past member of the vestry of St. Mary's Episcopal Church, a director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, United Way and the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Hall was named Woman of the Year by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and received the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston Mustard Seed Special Award.

The Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America designated her a James E. West Fellow.

She is a Rotarian.

She sponsored the first pediatric international psychiatry seminar at the Children's Medical Center in Dallas.

Indeed, as a modern pioneer woman for Howard County, Hall's work embraces education, sports, law, medicine, nursing, research, the arts and rural health care.

"My passions are excellence and innovation. The fact that I live in Big Spring reflects how much I care about this community."

"I am involved where my interest take me, and thus far, I have many interests. I believe Howard College is doing a thorough, well-researched job of answering the education needs of our community," Hall said.

— Marsha Jones

RUTLEDGE

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any help from any hillbillies," Rutledge said. "We decided to start out in the business to do it right."

According to Rutledge, they started the business on Oct. 16, 1978, with a \$1,000 check to lease one-half of the Fraser Industries building at the Industrial Park.

Rutledge took the drawing of an end fitting for the sucker rod he had drawn in a Houston bar to patent attorney Guy Matthews, and explained he did not have any money to pay Matthews to research and patent the end fitting, he said. Matthews decided to take his case anyway and eventually filed a patent on the end fitting.

The patent eventually revolutionized the oil industry.

"He made a little over a million dollars on that patent," Rutledge said.

The next step was when Rutledge and his brother, Russ, flew to California with two oil field buddies of their dad to view a \$250,000 machine needed for the business.

During the visit, one of the two men who went with the brothers to view the machine wrote a \$45,000 check on a down payment to the machine.

"We got 10,000 feet over California, and Russ and I both had the same reaction of 'what have we done,'" Rutledge said.

Fiberflex grew into an international company with business dealings in Europe, Canada, South America and Indonesia, employing 300 people and averaging \$15 to \$20 million dollars a year, Rutledge said.

In 1984, the company was very close to going public when a hostile takeover fight took place.

"I could not convince the stock holders to hold out until we went public," Rutledge said. "They traded with (Charles) Chris Christopher

and eventually received nothing."

After a complex dispute in the courts, Tom, Russ, and Freeman sold their share of the company to Christopher.

After selling the company, Rutledge did not work for three years until he received a call from Doris Huijbregtse, Howard College chairman of the Business Division, asking him to teach a business course.

"I taught one course one semester, and the next year I was teaching a full load," Rutledge said.

Although Rutledge and his brother started another company that competed with Fiberflex called Fiberglass Technologies that they eventually sold to Fiberflex, he continued to teach at Howard College.

"I enjoy associating with the students, and I love to see the light come on in their heads when I pass on correct information that I have learned not just with education but also with experience," Rutledge said.

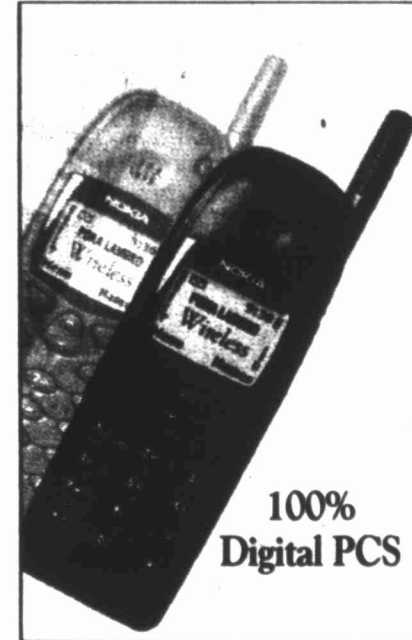
"I have a personal interest in teaching," he continued. "I want my students to succeed, and I learn to care about them."

Rutledge encourages his former students, some of whom have been very successful in the oil industry, to keep in contact with him.

"I have been extremely blessed to have lived the American Dream," Rutledge said. "I started out in a relatively poor large family and have been able to experience fantastic things in my personal life and business. I have known wonderful friends, students, and I wouldn't trade a bit of it."

"I wish I could have kept the company in tact because of all the absolutely fantastic employees who made the company," Rutledge continued. "They made the company, not me. The company was a special experience and my biggest disappointment."

— Lyndel Moody



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HEROES AND CHARACTERS OF THE CROSSROADS

Marj Carpenter can take you across the world without leaving home

Speak with Marj Carpenter for a while and you'll find yourself being taken to another world, and sometimes to another time.

You'll see the beauty of shrimp boats sailing in at sunset in Nassau, feel the desperation of starving mothers and babies at food distribution lines in Ethiopia and experience the rush of adrenalin while chasing leads on the Billy Sol Estes scandal in dusty West Texas.

Carpenter has been to more countries than most people can even name. Her years as a newspaper reporter in Texas and her love for the church helped send her into a career — news director for the Presbyterian Church — that has taken her throughout the world. She retired for a short time, then was elected moderator of the 207th General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church. And then she retired again... well, sort of.

"Last week I was in Pittsburgh, the week before in Oregon... and so it goes," she said from her apartment in Big Spring. "I've been to 547 mission churches in 122 countries. Nobody else in the church has been anywhere close to that. So I get to go around and tell everyone about it."

It's her ability to relate those experiences she has witnessed that keeps her on the go every weekend.

"They pay my expenses, so I go," she said. "It's a real interesting life. In Pittsburgh I was invited to a pub to hear Irish songs... who else gets to do this? I just feel lucky. I go to little churches and big churches, it doesn't matter."

Retirement hasn't stopped her, and neither did falling and breaking her thigh in 1998.

"I fell in the living room after being all these exotic places," she said with a laugh. "I walk a little slower now. But I still get



In her involvement with the Presbyterian Church, Marj Carpenter has been to 547 missions in 122 countries. She retired after serving as national moderator but continues to speak at various churches and functions.

there."

Carpenter's world has always been pretty fast-paced. She was one of the first women sports writers in Texas, and probably in the nation.

"I had some hard times getting into press boxes. They were not going to let me in the press box in San Angelo one time," she recalled. "I was there for a playoff game between Andrews, which I was covering for the Andrews paper, and Brownwood. It was snowing

outside. They finally did let me in and I noticed all the men were passing money back and forth. They had been making bets as to whether I would get in or not."

Carpenter worked just about every newspaper "beat" there is — much of it while raising three kids. Her husband died in the mid-1960s.

She was one of three people nominated for a team Pulitzer on the Billy Sol Estes scandal when she worked for the Pecos

"I said when I left here 'I will be back,' and I'm here. I think people have such a good time here and they care about each other."

— Marj Carpenter

Independent. Her editor won a Pulitzer and she won an Associated Press Community Service Award for follow-up coverage. It was one of more than 100 journalism awards she won — her coverage of the refinery fire at Big Spring being one of them.

One of her most-loved and respected endeavors was a daily column from 1975-78 in the *Big Spring Herald* called "Ridin' Fence."

"Friday was always about some area village like Knott or Center Point. The rest of the time it was just whatever I could think of," she said. "People really liked it."

It was so popular, that when she wanted to take a vacation and visit her daughter in England, she had to write 21 columns in advance just so it wouldn't be missed while she was gone.

Carpenter left the newspaper business on Jan. 1, 1979, to accept a position as national news director for what was then the Southern-based Presbyterian Church U.S. in Atlanta.

Making the transition from a daily newspaper reporter covering courts, police news and other activities was difficult.

"I hated that first month. I just hated it. It was so dull," she said. "But after I got into it and had a chance to go all over the world, I loved it."

Ironically, it was just after she left Big Spring that she was named Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Woman

of the Year.

"I ask them if they gave me that award for leaving," she said with a laugh. "Really, that award is one of the things I am most proud of."

In 1987, she was named manager of the Office of News Services for the Presbyterian Church, USA, in Arlington, Va. She retired in 1994 as mission interpreter for the Worldwide Ministries Division of the Presbyterian Church. Her retirement didn't last long.

In July of 1995, Carpenter was elected national moderator of the Presbyterian Church.

"I'm only the fourth one, since the church was organized in 1983, to win on the first ballot," she said afterward at a victory get-together at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Cincinnati.

Along the way, Carpenter

reached some other impressive achievements. In 1991, she was elected president of the National Federation of Press Women. She had been selected for that organization's Woman of Achievement award in 1984.

She was a member of the First Amendment Congress under presidents George Bush and Bill Clinton.

"I was real pleased to do that," she said.

In 1994, she was the keynote speaker for an Associated Press Managing Editor's annual gathering in Galveston.

"Imagine that! I never even got to go when I worked for them, and here I was addressing them. I told them I thought I would see all these important people but all I saw was just a bunch of worn-out reporters who finally made it to the top," she said.

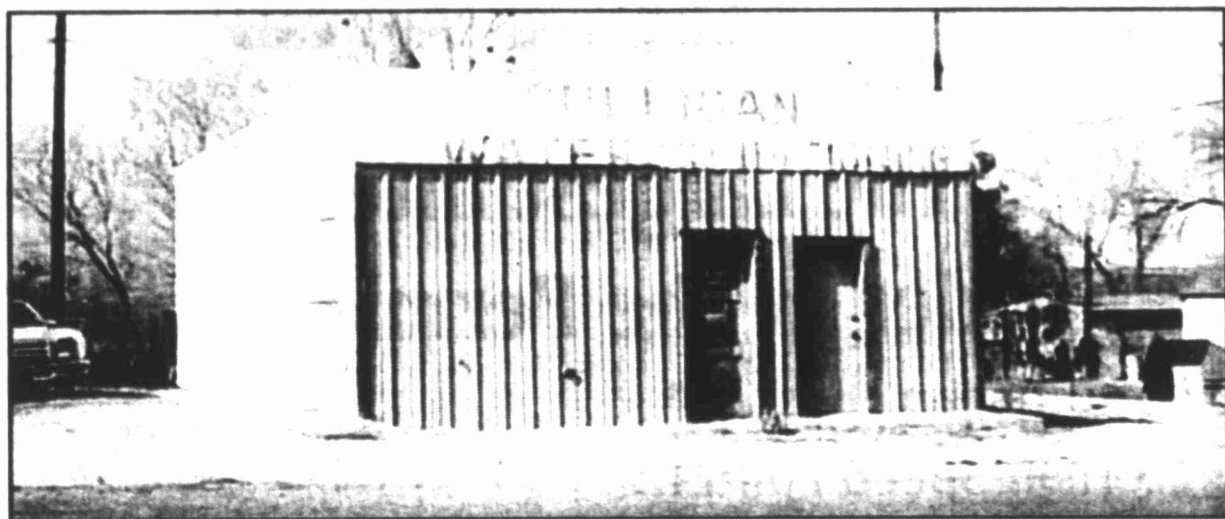
She was also keynote speaker at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet in 1996. Like she had done so many times before, and since, she told the audience about her travels throughout the world. She

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An elated Marj Carpenter raises her hands in victory after being elected as moderator at the 207th Presbyterian Church (USA) General Assembly in Cincinnati in July of 1995.

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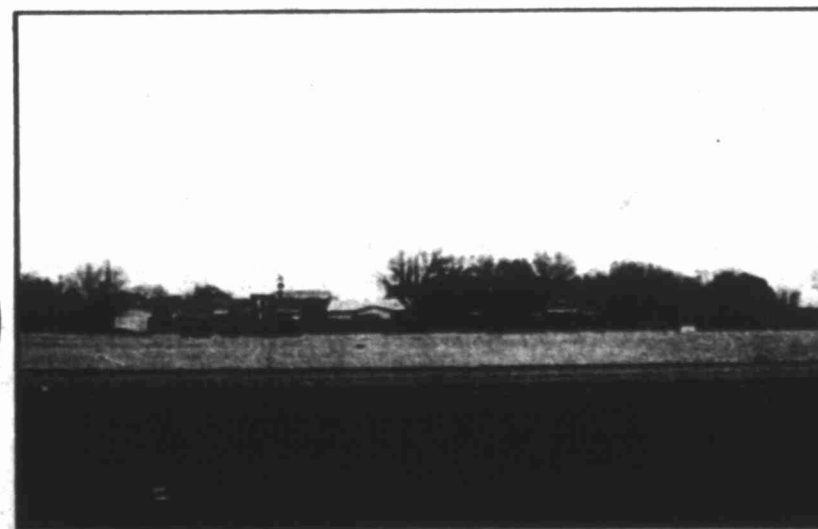
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Mark Shortes traded his Harley for a family car when he got married in 1948, but he never lost the dream. It took 50 years, but he's back on the road again, taking trips all over the Southwest with fellow motorcyclists.

Mark Shortes hasn't let a bad wreck keep him from traveling the country

When he got married in 1948, Big Spring resident Mark Shortes traded his Harley-Davidson motorcycle for a more respectable family car.

It was 50 years before he finally hit the road on a motorcycle again. Now the 79-year-old retired farmer enjoys riding a modified Harley-Davidson all over the Southwest.

"I wish I'd never sold that '48 model," said Shortes recently. "There's just nothing about it I don't like."

In 1941, Shortes lost the use of his right arm after a motorcycle accident.

"After I found out I would never use my arm again, I thought my world had ended," he said. "Then I proved to myself I could ride a bike again and that made all the difference in the world."

In 1947, he bought another Harley, this time with a sidecar. After he traded it in the next year, he never gave up his love for motorcycles.

"Every time I passed one on the road, or just saw one, chills would go up and down my back," Shortes said. But he had a family to support, and focused on farming, which he continued until 1995.

"I learned to do everything with one arm," he explained. "I used all the machinery, just did it naturally different than anyone else."

In 1998, Shortes picked out a new Harley in Big Spring and arranged to have it converted into a "trike," with two wheels on the back for stability. He

also rearranged the throttle as a foot pedal and rerouted other right-hand switches to be controlled from the left.

Soon he was on the road again, taking trips all over the Southwest with fellow motorcyclists. Despite being "closer to

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spoke of waterfalls in Brazil, sunsets in Nassau and anguish of being in a room full of mothers and babies that were too weak to cry during a severe famine in Ethiopia.

"People say we can't feed the whole world," she said back then, "but after what I've witnessed, I know we can't stop trying to feed the whole world."

Though she has spent much of her life in other places, Carpenter calls Big Spring her home.

"I said when I left here 'I will be back,' and I'm here," she said. "I think people have such a good time here and they care about each other."

"My kids thought I was crazy to move back here. Then when I feel and shattered my hip, they came to help me move in a downstairs apartment. Suddenly, all these people showed up to help. I think that was the first time they realized why I moved back to Big Spring. You don't find people like this in the city."

"I come and go a lot. I am glad I can still go, but even if I had to just sit, I'd be sitting in Big Spring."

Despite the awards and recognition, Carpenter is one of those caring Big Spring people herself. She talks with confidence and doesn't pull any punches, but she's warm, friendly and at least a little awed herself by

what she has been able to accomplish.

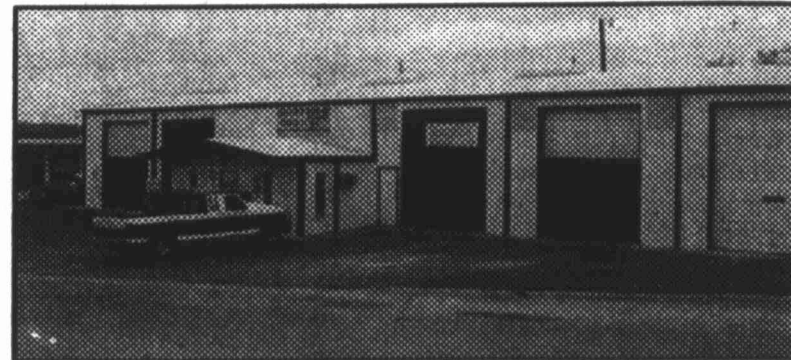
"I've been written up in the New York Times. I never thought I'd get my name in the New York Times unless it was in an obit," she said with a grin.

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Jay Capps was a world-renowned sculptor

Jay Capps, who made Big Spring his home late in life, was known by his friends as the quiet, unassuming "sculptor to the stars."

Capps had a long career as a sculptor that included personal work for many Hollywood film and television stars, sports personalities and musicians. He moved to Big Spring in the mid-1990s to be close to the VA Medical Center for treatment, and died in the hospital in October 1998.

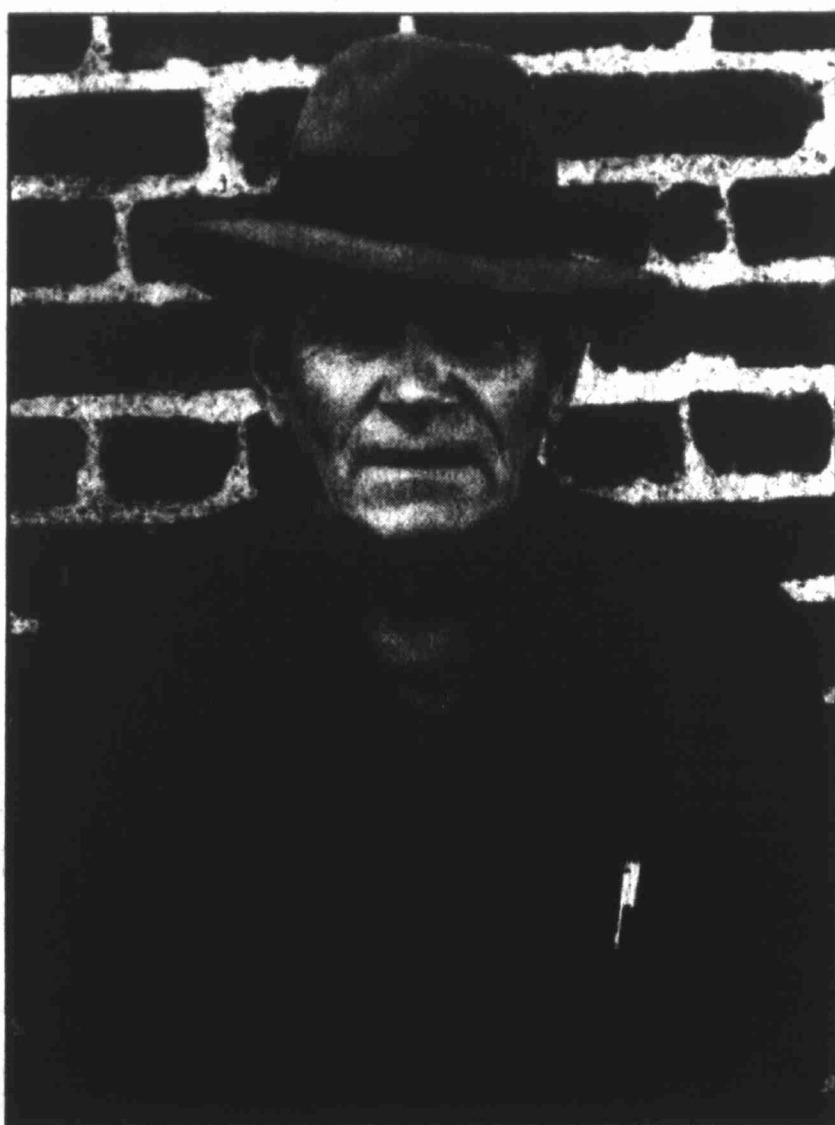
Capps, at his request, had no funeral, memorial service or gravesite.

He had been a longtime friend of Vicki and Tony Dahmer, who renewed their friendship with the sculptor when he moved to Big Spring. After his death, they opened a gallery of his work they hope will serve as a fitting memorial for friends, fans and art lovers.

"He was just such a wonderful person," said Vicki Dahmer. "Not many people knew who he was. He couldn't just die. We wanted some way for people to remember him, and enjoy his work."

The Dahmers have some of Capps' last pieces in bronze, several made while he lived in Big Spring.

They include "To Those Who Served," a tribute to veterans, and "Why?" which depicts the Oklahoma City firefighter that rescued a baby from the bombed remains of the Murrah Federal Building. That image, captured by a photographer at the site, was transmitted



Jay Capps sculpted busts of some of the best-known stars, at their request — Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Elvis, Patsy Cline and Mel Tillis among them. Today some of his work is on display in the Louvre Museum in Paris, France.

around the world and became a symbol of the tragic event.

Capps wanted some proceeds from that sculpture to go to the

widows and children of firefighters hurt or killed in the line of duty. Some proceeds from the sculpture of veterans

will go to the Disabled American Veterans, while another sculpture will benefit the cause of American Indians.

Dahmer said Capps was so modest that few people knew of his celebrity and talent.

"In 1981, he was at his peak," she said. "He was working at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas then, and his hands were insured for \$5 million."

Capps sculpted busts of some of the best-known stars, at their request — Frank Sinatra, Bob Hope, Elvis, Patsy Cline and Mel Tillis among them. He also did similar statues of boxers such as Sugar Ray Leonard, Muhammad Ali and Joe Louis, and country and western singers such as Willie Nelson.

Because of his close relationship to so many stars, Capps appeared in several movies. Today some of his work is on display in the Louvre Museum in Paris, France.

Cancer that started in his kidneys soon spread throughout other vital organs. His eyesight began to fail, but he continued to work. He moved to Sweetwater for a while, to be close to his daughter's home in Roby. Then his daughter moved Capps and his wife, Shelby, to Big Spring so the sculptor could be near the VA Medical Center as his health failed.

He died at age 73.

Dahmer said his friends will miss the sculptor's kindness, his sense of humor, and his interest in other people.

—Debbie L. Jensen

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80 than 79," he still travels somewhere on his modified Harley almost every weekend.

And the senior citizen said he rides without fear, despite the memories of the crash that left him lasting injuries.

"I was riding too fast," he recalled of that Nov. 23, 1941, night. "But I survived," he said. "The good Lord wanted me

around for some purpose. I've never figured out what."

Now Shortes and some fellow motorcycle riders are trying to start a chapter of the Christian Motorcycle Association in the local area.

"I'm still going," he said. "I haven't given up and I don't plan on it."

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William 'Bill' Birrell' got into radio after moving to Big Spring 42 years ago

William G. "Bill" Birrell came to Big Spring from Lubbock 42 years ago. He says he was fortunate to make his home in the Crossroads city. His story goes back a ways.

After he had done his hitch in the United States Army, Bill was discharged and married Zay Harmon. His wife's dad had a farm in Moody and they moved there to help him with it.

From Moody, Bill and his wife moved to Waco, where Bill accepted a job selling insurance with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. Bill was soon promoted and they packed up their belongings and headed to West Texas to Lubbock.

While in Lubbock, Bill had an opportunity to come to Big Spring and work for Joe Pond Insurance Agency in 1958.

Bill's brother was an announcer in Lancaster, Pa. Bill had done a little announcing in junior high and still had an interest in it. When Pond told him that there was an opportunity for him to get into the announcing business again, he thought he would give it a try.

Bill left the security of the insurance business to go to work for Bob Bradbury who was part-owner of KHEM, which broadcast from the basement of the Settles Hotel.

Bill didn't get into the announcing part right away. Because of Bill's background in sales, Bradbury wanted him to sell advertising.

"Bob told me that if I could sell insurance, I could sell advertising," said Birrell. "That was all I needed to hear because I was ready for a change."

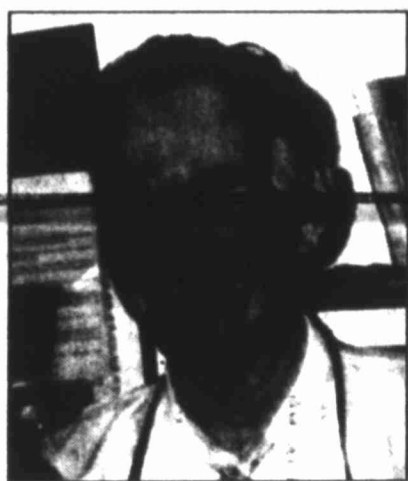
Bradbury got in a bind for a radio announcer and asked Bill if he ever thought about doing radio. That was all the encouragement Bill needed as he accepted the opportunity immediately. He started out doing local news and also had a Saturday evening program playing country and western music.

Then when Horace Krebbs, better known as "Mr. Sunshine," left the station, Bill was asked to take over his program, "The Sunshine Hour."

Evidently Bill liked what he was doing. He stayed on doing the daily gospel music show at KHEM for 20 years. He enjoyed playing gospel records and getting to meet the artists in person when they came to town. Bill retired from the business in 1983.

Bill tells about the time he had the opportunity to report on a big fire one windy March day.

"They had a big fire that had started at the old cattle auction barn," said Bill. "They had to



Bill Birrell enjoyed playing gospel records and getting to meet the artists in person when they came to town.

close off Highway 87 and the wind was blowing hard from the west. Flames were threatening to cross Gregg Street and they would have, if not for the

firemen from Webb Air Force Base. They brought in units, including a snorkel truck, and were able to get it extinguished."

Bill said the city of Big Spring and Webb Air Force Base worked well together, unlike some other bases that had bad relationships. He was proud to have the base here and especially proud when they were able to help Big Spring out of what could have been a devastating experience.

Bill has been heavily involved in the Lions Club since his retirement. He has served as president, zone chairman, and is currently the program director for the club. He is also active in his church, First United Methodist, and sings in the choir there. He has also

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He's made a big showin'

If it's gone on in Big Spring, Hayes Stripling has probably been involved

For as long as he can remember, Hayes Stripling Jr. heeded the words of his dad.

"He'd ask me, 'What did you get done today?' And if I couldn't answer right away or my answer wasn't good enough, he'd say, 'It don't sound like you made much of a showin'.'"

"So that's what I try to do, I like to make a showin'," says Stripling.

Stripling graduated from Big Spring High School in 1942 and from Texas A&M in 1946. He's been a class agent for 50 years, and is regional vice president on the council of former students.

He served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

He and his father had a wholesale grocery on Gregg Street for many years. They sold to the Kimble Grocery Company in 1974. The grocery was located where Autozone is now.

"Since that time, I've done a lot of things," says Stripling.

Name it, and Stripling has probably been involved, from real estate broker, an equity company, water company, farming and ranching and oil interests. He was a personnel recruiter during the oil boom. "That was a fun thing to do," he says.

But it hasn't all been business. "I guess I've done about every job there is out at the Methodist



Hayes Stripling says he used to play golf but doesn't have the time anymore.

Church," Stripling says.

He's president of the Big Spring Rotary Club this year and district financial officer for the Boy Scouts of America.

"The Lord has blessed me so much, I can't believe it's me. I'm afraid sometime He's going to catch on to who it is he has been blessing so much."

At 74 years old, Stripling says his greatest love is his family. He and his wife, Dorothy, have been married 45 years and have two sons - Hayes III and Kyle.

He's always had a love of kids. "I've been lucky enough to have traveled on all the continents. I've visited with the children on all those continents. I love kids," he says.

Last year, Stripling provided entertainment at the Natural Resources Conservation Banquet. And while his wit and jokes had the audience laughing and grinning, a large portion of the show was put on by children - children he pulled from out of the crowd.

"It is my distinct pleasure to say I can take a group of kids aside for a few minutes, and put on a play or a skit, and have them present it in a semi-professional manner," says Hayes.

He doesn't talk much about it, but he also writes poetry, skits and plays.

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The Stripling family were early community leaders

Fox and Fannie Stripling were early community leaders of Big Spring.

Married on May 30, 1887, in Lewisville, they moved to Buffalo Gap a year later. They taught school at Shallowater, Garden City and Sandy Hollow - now called Sand Springs - before setting up residence in Big Spring in 1905.

Though they were both teachers by trade - he in math, her in literature - Fox established a real estate business in Big Spring. Traveling by horse and buggy, he traveled throughout Howard, Glasscock and Dawson counties.

In 1917, he entered the cattle business. It was an ill-fated move though. He sent sons Hayes and Joy to New Mexico with the herd and between a blizzard and the drought, all of the cattle were lost.

Fox turned to real estate again, benefiting first from the cotton boom of the 1920s and then by the oil boom, he did well. Most of the money he put back in real estate in Big

Spring. He developed the Cedar Creek Addition and the Stripling Addition.

In 1938, he teamed with a builder, J.C. Velvin, to open Park Hill Addition. After World War II, he hired dirt moving machines and constructed the North Park Hill Addition.

Fox was a city alderman, and had helped bring about the creation of the city of Big Spring in 1907. He was instrumental in obtaining the U.S. Experiment Farm and the airport. He was active in the Commercial Club and its successor, the chamber of commerce.

He was also a founder and president of the Wednesday Luncheon Club, a service club which met in the basement of the First Methodist Church until the early 1930s.

Fox served on the school board, and interestingly, so did Fannie - something almost unheard of in those days.

They were active in the First Methodist Church, where Fox was on the Board of Stewards and Fannie taught Sunday



Hayes Stripling Day at First Federal was held June 23, 1980. Pictured are Hayes Stripling Sr. holding Wesley and Emily Mouton, and middle row, Leigh Hahn, Glynn Jouton, Sue Stripling and Stephanie Stripling; and back, Kyle and Hayes Stripling Jr.

School. She was involved in the Missionary Society, and honored when one of its circles was

named the Fannie Stripling

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BIRRELL

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sang with a barbershop quartet since being in Big Spring. Bill is a member of the board for Mobile Meals and is involved with the Christmas in April project each year. He is also with the Howard-Glasscock County Cancer Society.

Bill and his wife Zay were married exactly 53 years. They were married on Dec. 24, 1944. She died on Dec. 24, 1997.

They had three children, all boys. Ronald was the first. He is still single. Gregory, 47, was the second and works for Fina and lives in Big Spring. They have three girls.

Gordon, 41, was the baby of

the family. He is married and he and his wife Lisa live in Early and have two girls.

"The Lord has really blessed me and I am just fortunate to still be here and still able to contribute something to Big Spring," said Bill.

— Carl Graham

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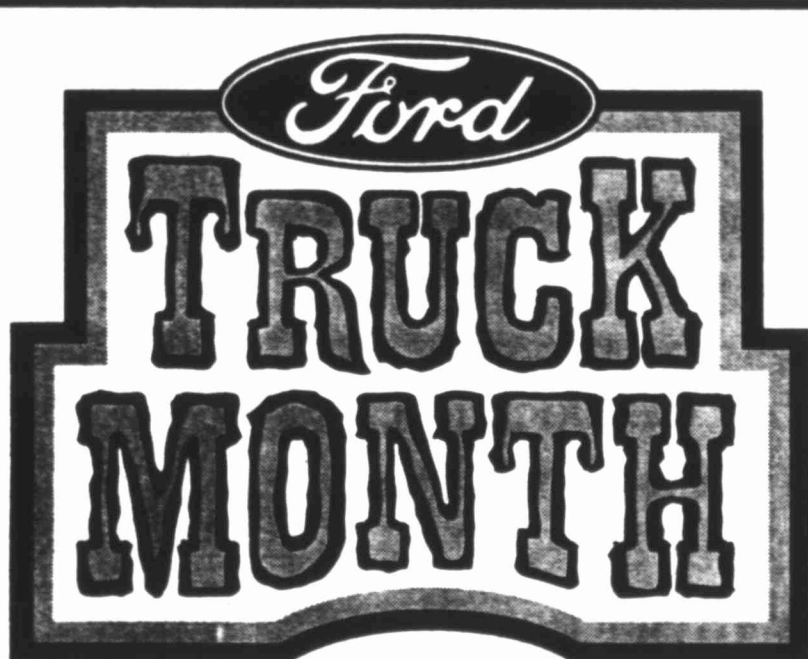
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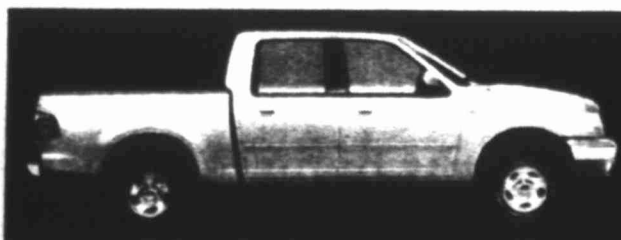
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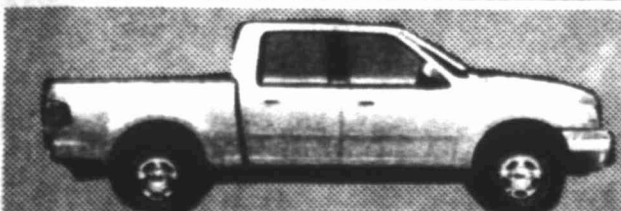
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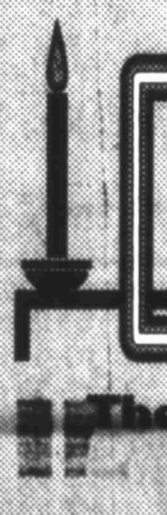
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The Williams have spent countless hours volunteering at BSSH

Despite a full life raising three daughters and caring for the family farm in Ackerly, Covie and Murlie Williams are working at breakneck speed to care for the less fortunate in Howard County.

The couple of 63 years make it a full-time job working for patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

Simply put — they gets things done, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Community Relations Billie Russworm said. "They are workers," Russworm said of the two. "(Mrs. Williams) just spent 225 hours the past few months knitting caps for our patients. She has so much energy."

Big Spring State Hospital has been fortunate to be one of the Williams' main benefactors for more than 30 years. Mrs. Williams was inducted into the Hall of Fame for volunteers at the state level for donating more than 10,000 hours of her time to the facility.

At last count, she has volunteered 18,128 hours since May of 1973. But Mrs. Williams volunteered for the hospital long before they started tracking her hours.

She started driving in from Ackerly more than 30 years ago when a friend told her the state facility needed people to wash, cut and style patients' hair. She was hooked after her first visit and has never stopped giving. She volunteers once at week

at The Chalet — the Volunteer Services Council resale shop at 1007 E. 11th Place. "She treats it like a job," Russworm said of her dedication. "She is a wonderful representative for the hospital and has also brought us more volunteers and others to see our needs. They are very special people."

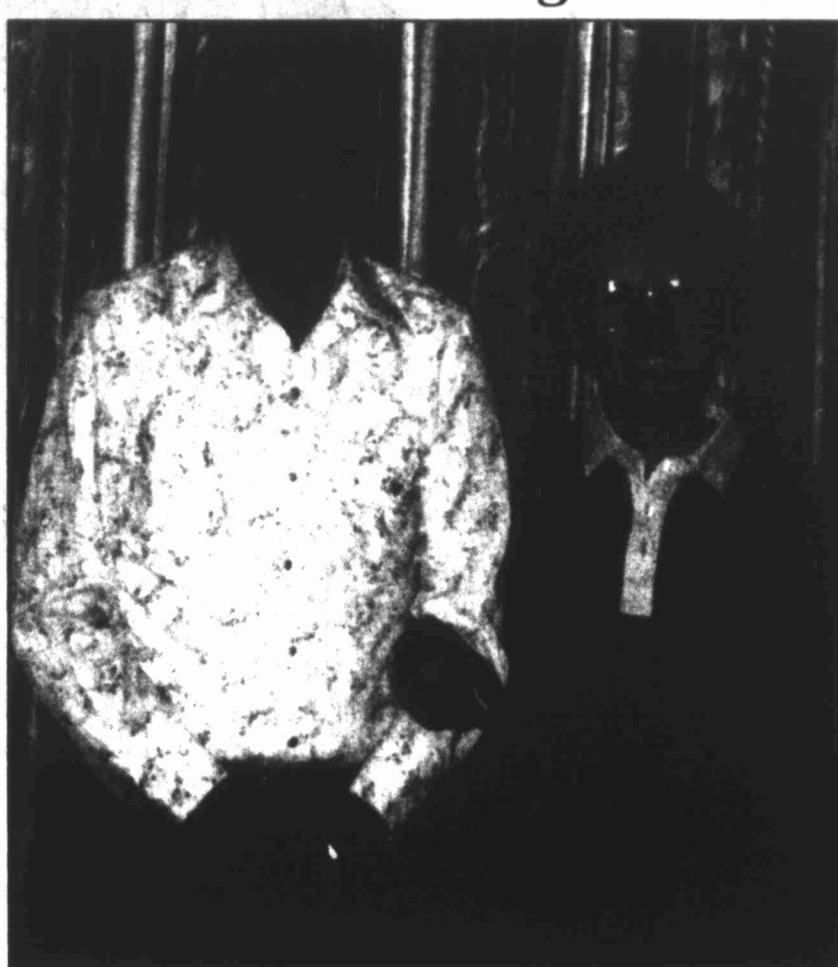
Mr. Williams helps out in the shop, sorting items and getting them ready for sale.

But the couple's main passion — music — is how they give back the most to the patients.

For the past 30 years, the Williams Family has performed at the annual patient Christmas party. Mr. and Mrs. Williams are joined by at least one of their daughters, Shirley Kountze and her husband, Van, of Lubbock; Wanda Chapman of Lamesa; and Dorothy Harry of Bridgeport; and family friend Jim Burchett, at the annual December event.

The two are very active in the Ackerly First Baptist Church, performing almost every duty imaginable. When Mrs. Williams needs something, she tells the congregation what has to be done for the hospital and everyone scurries, friends say.

When the Big Spring State Hospital patient Christmas party needed sandwiches and cakes, Mrs. Williams rounded up enough food to feed an army. The members of their church also work on a quilt during the year that is donated to the hos-



Covie and Murlie Williams have made volunteering at Big Spring State Hospital a full-time endeavor. Whether performing music, working in the shop or baking cakes, they have always found time to help.

pital and raffled off to raise money for the patients.

They've been so active that the two have won several awards, including the Jack Y. Smith Award, which is given

locally to a dedicated volunteer. Last year, the Williams were given the Regional Volunteer of the Year Award.

— Valerie Avery

FAMILY

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Circle. She was also a past matron of the Order of the Eastern Star.

The Striplings had seven children, including Cloe, Hayes and Robert, who remained in Big Spring.

Hayes, who was born in 1900, was a key businessman in Big Spring. In 1919, he went to work at H.D. Wooten Grocery Co. on what he thought would be a temporary basis. Five years later though, he became the manager.

During World War II, Hayes decided to form his own wholesale grocery, called Stripling Supply Co.

After his son, Hayes Jr., graduated from Texas A&M University in 1946, he joined his father in the business. For 29 years, Stripling Supply Company furnished groceries and supplies to merchants in Big Spring and surrounding towns.

Hayes Sr. was honored with Hayes Stripling Day at First

Federal on June 23, 1980.

STRIPLING

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"More than is needed for my own pleasure," he says with a sigh.

Stripling has probably given up more activities than most people ever get involved with.

"I hunt a few quail, but I don't do that much any more. You can't stockpile them," he says with a grin. "I used to play golf, but I just don't have enough time anymore."

He does make time for some things that are special to him. One of those is the Walk to Emmaus.

"I love to work those walks and I like to sponsor people. It's the best venue for changing people's lives that I've seen in a long, long time," says Stripling. "It says in the book that you need to help show people the way. And when you get down to the shorter rows, you start thinking about things like that."

— Bill McClellan

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Ed Moughon has dedicated his life to aiding people with mental illness

Ed Moughon has dedicated his entire life to helping people with mental illness.

He began his career in public service as a social worker for the Tarrant County Mental Health & Mental Retardation Services after graduating from North Texas State University. Since then, he has touched tens of thousands of lives during his long career, including his current position as CEO of Big Spring State Hospital — a position he has held since 1996.

The hospital cares for more than 200 patients and is Big Spring's largest employer with a workforce of 670 and an annual operating budget of \$21 million.

The 50-year-old Moughon's compassion for his employees is evident as he goes beyond the norm to provide extras, such as an on-site day care. His employees know he is investing in them as people, not just as hos-

pital workers.

"Having known Ed for about 27 years, I can characterize him in a couple of ways: he is a die-hard optimist who can always see the silver lining, even if it is pitch black; and he can convey a sense of well-being to superiors, colleagues and his own staff that can make an otherwise harrowing experience seem normal," said Jok Simons, long-time friend and the hospital's director of operations and marketing.

Moughon's personality comes out in everyday contacts with his employees and patients. On the hospital grounds, he talks to each person he passes and strikes up conversation after conversation, often putting him late to his next appointment.

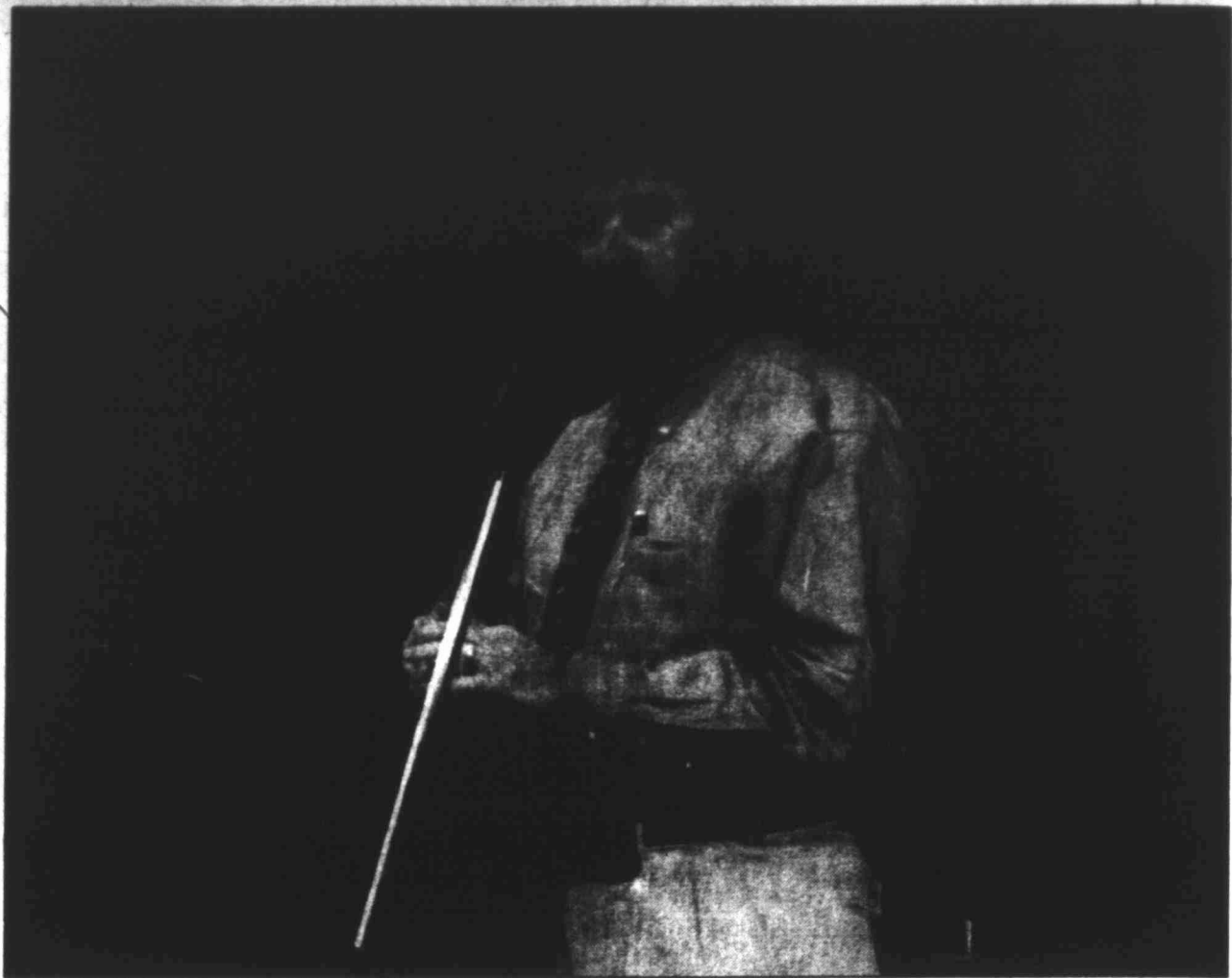
"On the personal side, he is an early riser and loves to talk and drink some strong coffee as he processes the next set of new

ideas or things to be done that day," Simons said. "He is a very task-oriented person and basically has two speeds: working or napping. He has a genuine love of people and is generous with his time and attention, even to a stranger."

That compassion for others is extremely important in treating people with mental illness. That, coupled with his efficient management of the hospital, has earned him accolades from his superiors in Austin.

"He loves animals, too, and especially enjoys the outdoors in the form of backpacking or otherwise hiking into the primitive wilderness areas where it seems that no other humans exist," Simons said.

— Valerie Avery



CLYDE ALSUP

Clyde Alsup was longtime leader in helping those less fortunate

It's difficult for Shelly Smith to talk about Clyde J. Alsup without getting emotional.

The man who became the mentor for Smith — the CEO of West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation — was an amazing person, she said.

"He was the wind beneath our wings," she said. "He was committed to the staff; he was committed to the board. Even when he became very ill, he still worked. He worked when other people wouldn't have."

"He just loved our mission." Alsup, who died in August 1999, was a longtime leader in helping those less fortunate. The name Alsup had become synonymous with mental health after decades of service to the Big Spring community.

He began his career in the area of mental health in 1971 in Amarillo, after giving up a career as a teacher, principal and insurance salesman. In 1974 he began working at the Big Spring State Hospital as an alcoholism counselor, eventually moving up to unit administrator of the Substance Abuse Unit in 1981.

Alsup retired from the hospital in 1990 but joined forces with Smith at West Texas Centers for MHMR as the Associate Chief Executive Officer, a title which he held until his death.

"Clyde was actually one of the founding fathers of this organization," she said.

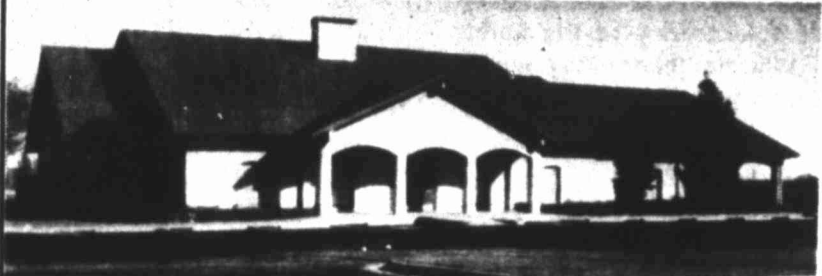
The organization honored Alsup at its April 3, 1998, board meeting by naming the administration building at 409 Runnels St. the "Clyde J. Alsup Building."

"We have a plaque that hangs in front of the building that talks about his importance to this organization. This was such a passion for him. He was just so committed to everything. He was such a great support to everybody."

"He just loved people. He was

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Tennessee coach will always be Big Spring's 'Rose'

A member of the United States' silver medal-winning volleyball team in the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics who spent nine years playing in Japan's professional league, Rose Majers-Powell is perhaps the best female athlete ever produced by Big Spring High School.

Clearly, Majers-Powell, now the coach of Martin Methodist University's volleyball program in Tennessee, has experienced a great many experiences she could only have dreamed about as a 6-foot-2 high school phenom.

But she hasn't forgotten her roots.

That why each summer in late July or early August, you'll find a flock of young volleyball players toiling in the oppressive heat inside Steer Gym, attending one of a handful of camps Majers-Powell conducts each summer.

While she downplays the altruistic nature of her visits each summer, Majers-Powell could obviously come home for "a little home cooking" and not spend the week giving volleyball pointers to a bevy of youngsters.

Then again, maybe she could.



Though she enjoyed other sports, volleyball has always been the one of choice for Rose Majers, left, pictured here with fan Amanda Bradley in 1998.

n't. It simply wouldn't be in her nature.

From November through May, she directs the non-profit Rocket City Volleyball Club, a Junior Olympic program that involves approximately 150 between the ages of 12 and 18 in

Huntsville, Ala.

Huntsville, you see, is where she used to coach the Lee High School volleyball program, and some might say it's where her heart still resides.

It doesn't take long, however, to realize that Majers-Powell's

heart can be found anywhere you find young girls trying to learn more about the game she loves.

That's why her summer camps are an opportunity for youngsters, regardless of their athletic ability, to not only learn lessons about volleyball, but on life in general — things like good nutrition, exercise and handling peer pressure.

"I played many sports as a child, but volleyball had a special place in my heart," Majers-Powell explains, adding that working with youngsters has allowed her to keep the sport as her primary focus since her retirement as a player seven years ago. "The girls' enthusiasm keeps me going. There are always new faces eager to learn about my experiences and how they can get better."

Perhaps no better indication of how important youngsters and volleyball are in Majers-Powell's life was her visit to West Texas in 1998.

Six months pregnant with her second child and advised by her doctors to follow a strict regimen of bed rest, she initially planned to cancel her schedule

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Bubba Franks getting ready for NFL draft

Daniel "Bubba" Franks will soon be joining a rather exclusive club.

After earning second-team All-America honors and his second straight first-team All-Big East Conference honor, Franks announced that he's leaving the University of Miami with one year of eligibility left to enter the National Football League's draft next month.

And with most knowledgeable observers saying he'll be snapped up late in the draft's first round, or early in the second, Franks will soon become the 15th Big Spring Steers star to play professional football.

Those who've gone before him include Melvin "Swede" Pitman, Bob Flowers, Olie Cordill, Harry C. Burrus, Cliff Patton, R.E. "Peppy" Blount, Billy "Chop" Van Pelt, Charles "Charley" Johnson, James E. "Jimmy" Evans, Danny Birdwell, Charley West, Thurman Randle, John Thomas Smith and Kenneth Coffey.

Clearly, Franks has come a long way from his unlikely recruitment by Miami.

It's not that he wasn't being recruited ... just not Miami.

Texas, Texas A&M and TCU all indicated they wanted to sign the big Steers end following the 1995 schoolboy season.

The Aggies and Longhorns, however, made it clear they wanted Franks to play defensive end, but he wanted to play offense.

That's where chance stepped in.

Hurricane national recruiting coordinator Pete Garcia saw Franks in a film of a scrimmage between Big Spring and Midland High while Miami was looking at Midland (and later

Tennessee) punter David Leaverton.

"He (Garcia) called me that very day as he was going to the airport," Big Spring head football coach Dwight Butler recalls. "He asked me to send him some film of Daniel and I did. In fact, the film beat him back to Miami."

The rest, as they say, is history.

While Franks holds a number of Miami's receiving records for tight ends, what is most impressive in his blocking.

"He stays after 'em," Butler said. "He goes full speed from the snap to the whistle."

While Franks admits enjoying the spotlight catching the ball provides, he takes great pride in his blocking ability.

"Sure, I'm like anyone else," Franks explains, "I always would like to have the ball in my hands, but it got to the point where I received a lot of recognition as a good blocker. It really is a big honor, because it's something I've had to do a lot of work on."

While life in Miami is clearly much more fast-paced than what he was used to in Big Spring, and the same figures to hold true in which ever NFL city he winds up, Franks makes it clear he enjoys every chance he gets to come back home.

"It's always nice to slow down for a little while," the somewhat reserved Franks said during a visit with Dwight Butler and other members of his Big Spring coaching staff at the BSHS Athletic Training Center last summer.

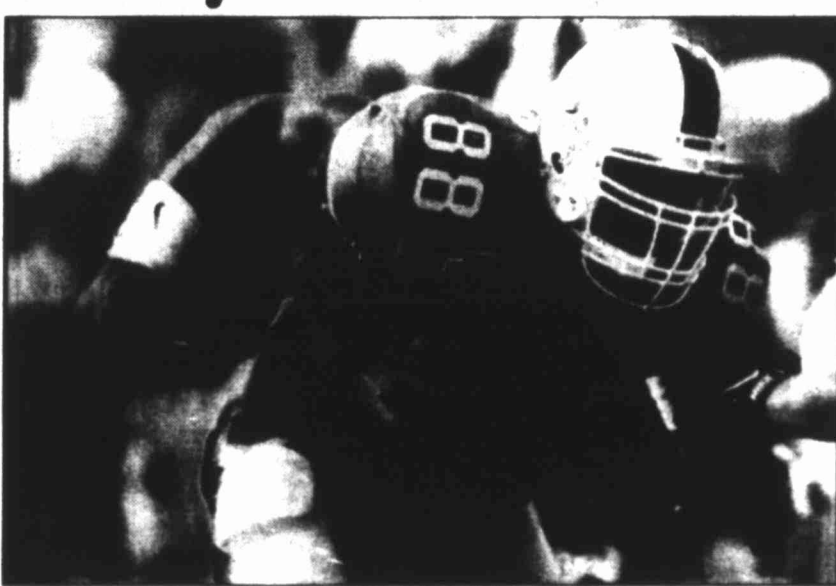
"Miami is not a bad place to be, but it did take me a while to get used to life there," he explained. "Life is so much

you 100 percent."

The more Smith talked about her longtime co-worker, mentor, and friend, she mentioned that a large picture of Alsup remains in her office.

"We worked real close many, many years. I miss him so much. Yeah, I do."

— Valerie Avery



Bubba Franks will be the 15th Big Spring High School star to play professional football.

faster in a big city ... it's just wild sometimes, but I've got the hang of it now. I really love it there, but it's nice to be home and have some time to relax."

Franks, who was red-shirted during his freshman year, does look forward to his junior season of eligibility, admits looking ahead to his first year of NFL experience.

But making the decision to turn professional was not an easy one to make.

It's a jump his former roommate at Miami! Edgerrin James, made the year before.

"I've had a wonderful time here at Miami," Franks said

earlier this year when he announced his decision not to return for his final season with the Hurricane. "But I think it's time to move on. It's not something I was really looking at until after the season. I always said it would take care of itself and it has."

"I did some talking to my mom and some other people and they basically said it was up to me," he added. "It's been a good run here at Miami and now there's a new challenge ahead. I'm looking forward to it."

— John A. Moseley



BENNIE AND BETTY MCCHRISTIAN

McChristians love working in the garden and cooking

Anyone who has lived in Big Spring for any length of time has come across the advertisements for Bennie's Garden — a five-acre spread that Bennie McChristian and his wife, Betty, faithfully tend to, selling everything from pecans to homegrown vegetables.

What started out as a nutritious addition to their table has grown into an elaborate spread that keeps the retired couple extremely busy.

McChristian, who retired after 36 years with Cosden (now Fina Oil and Chemical Company) Refinery, was raised on a farm and now manages his huge garden next to his home in far south Big Spring.

The garden wasn't something he planned; it just happened, he said.

"I was raised during the depression and I've never missed a meal. I just like fresh stuff. I've always had a garden."

Betty McChristian is no slouch herself. She helps out in the garden and also has the

unofficial record for blue ribbons for nearly every category of canned fruits, vegetables, jellies, jams and cookies at the Howard County Fair.

She said she didn't know how to cook when she was first married, but began experimenting by pouring cans of food into a pot and eventually got the hang of it.

"Bennie said he knew how to cook, but he didn't," she said laughingly. "We liked to have starved to death. My grandmother would let me warm stuff up and that's all I knew how to do."

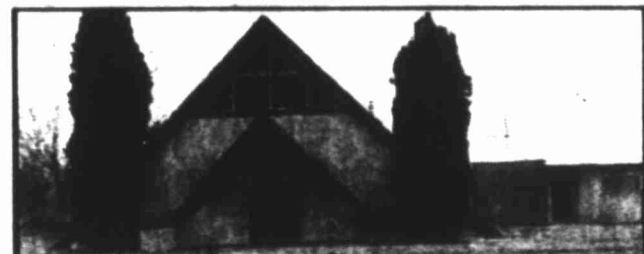
"One time, I made egg custard, and I thought I'd color it with green food coloring. Well, Bennie said he would not eat that. So I learned not to try and beauty anything up."

Nancy Howard, a longtime chairman of the Howard County Fair hobbies and crafts division, said there are many good cooks in Howard County, but Betty McChristian has an edge that she hasn't

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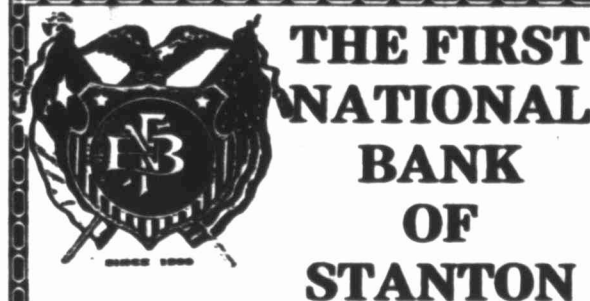
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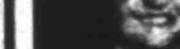
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Charley Johnson had 'something special'

Success ... perhaps no better word describes Charles L. "Charley" Johnson.

Clearly one of the most famous athletes to ever play football at Big Spring High School, few including Johnson could have imagined where his career would take him when he graduated from high school in 1966.

After all, it takes something special to be a two-time honoree as the most valuable player of a college bowl game, spend 15 years as a quarterback in the National Football League and return to his collegiate alma mater as the head of its chemical engineering department.

But that's exactly what Johnson has done.

The "something special" Johnson possessed, according to former high school coach Carl Coleman, was intelligence.

"Charley was an extremely smart kid and he's obviously a smart man," Coleman said recently when recalling the somewhat roundabout way in which Johnson wound up at New Mexico State University where he spent three seasons quarterbacking the Aggies.

Johnson, who won seven varsity letters in four sports at Big

Spring High School, was younger than most of his classmates and Coleman says he recommended that his quarterback go to a smaller school for his first two collegiate seasons.

As a result, Johnson wound up at Schreiner Junior College, which promptly did away with its football program and the former Steers star found himself playing basketball.

That spring Johnson and his Schreiner teammates were playing in a tournament at Howard College when New Mexico State scouts paid a call on Coleman.

They told the Big Spring coach they were looking for a quarterback that could throw the football and Coleman suggested that they take a look at Johnson.

"Charley would probably tell you something different ... I think he always felt like I didn't help him as much as I should have, but that's the way things worked out," Coleman said.

"They wanted to know if we threw the football a lot when he was here. Charley could always throw the football and I told them that ... we just didn't have anybody that could catch it," Coleman now muses.

New Mexico State's coaching staff took a chance on the former Steers star and never once regretted the decision.

Johnson wound up setting several records as New Mexico State's quarterback from 1968 to 1970, leading the Aggies to two straight Sun Bowl wins and is still the only player to ever be named the game's most valuable player in two consecutive years.

A 10th-round draft choice of the St. Louis Cardinals in 1961, Johnson became the Cards' starting quarterback in only his second season and just as quickly began an assault on the team's record book.

In his second year as the Cardinals' top signal caller, Johnson set the Cardinals' single season record for passing yardage in 1963, passing for 3,280 yards in an era when football was still a defense-oriented game featuring offenses that primarily moved overland.

Johnson, who'd pass for more than 12,000 yards and trails only the Cardinals' Jim Hart and Neil Lomax on the team's all-time career passing yardage list, would play two seasons for the Houston Oilers in 1970 and

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been able to put her finger on. "Betty's just a nice, good, sweet Christian woman who can cook up a storm and can can anything that comes out of the garden."

The couple of 53 years enjoys working together and their personalities — she describes herself as always on the go and Bennie as being laid-back — complement each other.

She doesn't know how to sew and doesn't enjoy reading. Working in the kitchen brings her and the people she shares her talents with true joy.

"Bennie's mother taught me how to can in one of those old-timey canners," she said. "I just like to fool with stuff like that. I like to make jellies and jams."

— Valerie Avery

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of camps.

Instead, she conducted three July camps in West Texas, the last in her hometown.

While physically unable to do the running, jumping, diving and rolling she'd normally be doing during the camp, Majers-Powell brought three of her

players from Martin Methodist.

"My doctor was adamant ... I was going to have to cancel my camps," she said at the time. "I contacted the schools where I was scheduled to have camps, but none of them wanted to cancel."

At the time, Majers-Powell had planned on the volleyball coach at the Air Force Academy to help conduct those camps, but she, too, was pregnant and under a doctor's orders not to travel an coach that summer.

"I really didn't know what to do for a while there," she admitted. "My doctor finally said I could do the camps, but I had to spend six weeks in bed before we came. When I got back I had to go back to bed."

That didn't seem to bother Big Spring youngsters, almost 90 signed up for that came. And this past summer, when Majers-Powell was again unable to take active part on the floor, more than 100 youngsters took part in her camp.

"We've really gotten great numbers for our camps ... especially in Big Spring," she noted. "The coaches know what kind of camp I run and they're really pushing. Interest in volleyball is growing in this area, too."

"Of course," she continued, "women's sports is growing overall ... all over the country. With the professional basketball and volleyball leagues forming and having success, women's athletic programs just keep

growing. More and more girls are coming out for all sports."

That increased interest is one of the reasons Majers-Powell believes it's important that she and her players conduct camps.

"I love the kids ... I enjoy them so, so much," she explained. "You have to feel that way to be a coach. The important thing, though, is that we get a chance to talk about things other than just volleyball."

While its been more than 20 years since she and her Lady Steers teammates went to the UIL state volleyball tournament during her senior year in 1978, Majers-Powell remembers the pressures teens face in high school.

"Peer pressure is the toughest," she noted. "Kids have all sorts of issues to deal with ... things like sex and alcohol and drug use ... and the pressure from their peers can be overwhelming."

"I guess I was kind of lucky, because I always stayed pretty much to myself," she admitted. "When it happened to me, I'd just say no thanks and then leave. I knew that wasn't what I wanted."

"I just hope when we have our little 'gossip' sessions during the camps that something I say or that one of my players has said will stick with these kids."

— John A. Moseley



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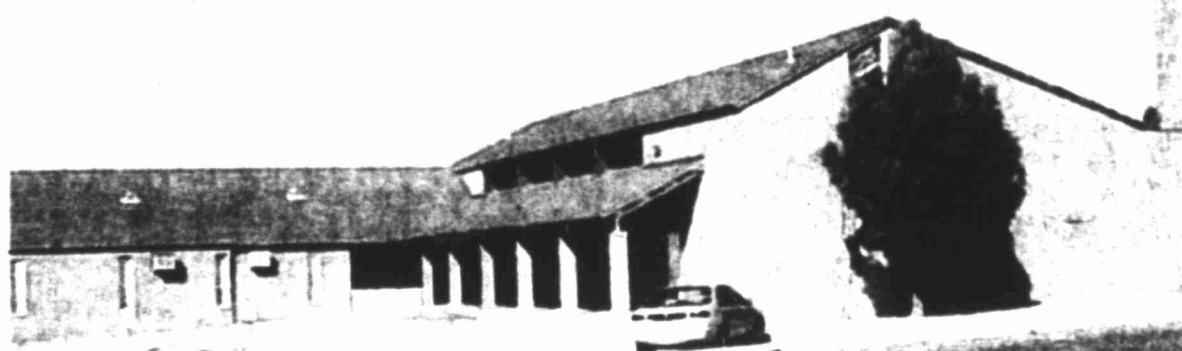
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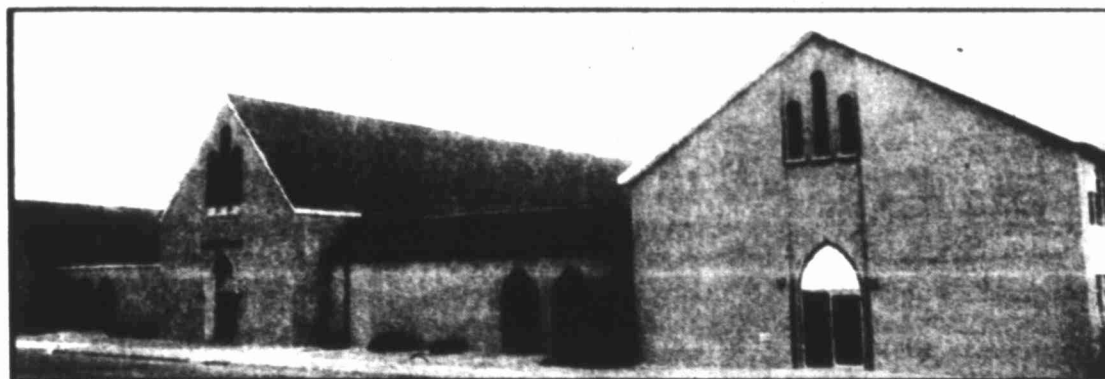
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Patience and persistence paid off for John Taylor

When John Taylor first joined the Colorado Municipal Water District's board of directors, the district's facilities consisted of Lake J.B. Thomas, the Martin County Well Field and slightly more than 200 miles of pipeline. When he retired 31 years later, it had grown to three water supply reservoirs, six well fields, five water quality impoundments, 21 pump stations and some 600 miles of pipeline.

Taylor's dedication and loyalty to the water district — and to many other pursuits — make him a true hero.

A native of Ralls, he grew up in Rotan and graduated from Texas A&M before going to work at Proctor and Gamble. He was called to active military duty and served as a first lieutenant in the United States Army.

After leaving the service, he joined his father's John Deere implement business in Big Spring, selling and servicing tractors. He married Beverly Stulting in 1953 and they would eventually have four children.

He quickly became involved in community affairs. He headed the Jaycees organization in 1955 and was named its Outstanding Young Man of the Year in 1956.

He was a director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce for many years and its president in 1964. Through the years, he was on the Howard-Glasscock County American Red Cross board, vice president of the Rotary Club, a division leader for United Way



JOHN TAYLOR

of Big Spring and Howard County, president of the A&M Club, a director of Fiber Glass Inc. and a member of the First Baptist Church.

Taylor was a city councilman from 1958 to 1961, during which time the city coordinated public works costing more than \$1 million, and the master plan and bond issue were conceived and launched. He was also mayor pro tem.

A former Eagle Scout, Taylor was also involved in youth activities. He worked with the Boy Scouts, 4-H Club and helped form the Howard County Livestock Association.

He headed the Heritage Museum and was instrumental in getting Texas A&M University Press to publish a book on pioneer artist H.W. Taylor.

During this time, he was active in his own business. Taylor bought out his father's interest in 1965 in the imple-

ment dealership and incorporated in 1972.

The city council appointed Taylor to the CRMWD board in 1964. He was elected president of the board on July 12, 1983.

While he was on the board, he was a leader in the Lake E.V. Spence and pipeline projects and in the forefront in the long battle for Lake O.H. Ivie reservoir.

He served as CRMWD's fourth president for 12 years until he retired on July 12, 1995. He had served the last two years of office while battling cancer. Taylor died in August of that year and on Feb. 14, 1996, the CRMWD Central Control Station was officially renamed in his honor.

"As president, John witnessed first-hand the many struggles and eventual triumphs that would come from the construction and completion of the O.H. Ivie Reservoir and pipeline system," read a proclamation which was presented at the dedication service.

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His children — John, Cynthia, Mark and Matthew — sent the

CRMWD board a letter of appreciation after the dedication, noting in part of their father, "His message was far reaching — even beyond the span of his life. He spoke of the impact that the water district's efforts would make on agriculture, industry, economic development and improved quality of life for the citizens of West Texas. Bureaucratic maze work and political wrangling involving water snakes and other such obstacles must not frustrate forward progress along the path-way. The broader view required sure steps: always in the right direction. Patience and persistence had tremendous value."

Taylor had that patience and persistence. West Texas owes a lot to this man who helped ensure they and their future generations will have the water they need.

— Bill McClellan

At 86, Rev. Hosea Banks is still preaching the gospel

Hosea Banks, a native of Austin, came to Big Spring in 1941 from Kennedy. He is said to have had only 50 cents in his pocket and a plan to pick cotton to support himself and his wife, Effie.

But cotton season was over when he arrived, so he worked at an oil mill, for the railroad and as a mechanic at Webb Air Force Base. Later he was self-employed in salvage work, and was able to save money to buy 27 acres of land northwest of town.

From that land he created a housing development, naming the streets himself and putting up money for water, sewer and power. This development was named the Banks Addition.

In the 1950s, he became a Pentecostal minister, building a church, Church of God in Christ No. 2, where he served



HOSEA AND EFFIE BANKS

as assistant pastor. In 1960, he took on a second vocation, hauling barrels, and continued that work for 35 years.

The Rev. and Mrs. had three children, Joe Banks who lives

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JOHNSON

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1971.

Already a member of the Big Spring High School Hall of Fame, he was inducted into the NMSU Athletics Hall of Fame in 1970.

After two seasons with the Oilers, he was traded to the Denver Broncos where he played through the 1975 season. In 1986, he was honored by the Broncos by having his name placed in their ring of honor.

Johnson, who'd earned his bachelor's degree in chemical engineering at NMSU, attended graduate school at Washington University while playing for the Cardinals and received his master's and doctoral degrees.

During that time he also spent two years on active duty in the U.S. Army, assigned to the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Langley Research Center in Virginia.

He continued his NASA research at Monsanto Chemical in St. Louis as his doctoral project.

After retiring from professional football in 1975, Johnson helped start several firms before starting his own Johnson Compression Services in 1981. He consulted in engineering and product and corporate development through 1999.

His career went full circle, so to speak, in February of this year when he was named to head the chemical engineering department at New Mexico State's College of Engineering.

Perhaps no one described Johnson better than NMSU engineering dean Jay Jordan in announcing his selection as the school's chemical engineering head.

"It's extremely rare to find a

person with as many diverse talents as Dr. Charley Johnson," Jordan said. "In addition to being an outstanding athlete, he is an extraordinary engineer and administrator. We're extremely lucky he's returned to NMSU to join our engineering team."

— John A. Moseley

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Shine Philips attracted attention to Big Spring in the early 1940s

In the first half of the century, no one publicized Big Spring better than longtime druggist Shine Philips.

Philips, who penned "Big Spring — The Casual Biography of a Prairie Town," by pecking away on his portable typewriter behind the counter of his drug store in downtown Big Spring, attracted incredible attention to the West Texas town in the early 1940s.

The book was written pieces at a time, anecdote by anecdote of Philips' recollections of the town as it grew.

As the druggist, he had a front-row seat to the growth of the town.

He never intended to publish the history of Big Spring, interspersed with humorous incidents.

It wasn't until he was hospitalized that he propped the typewriter in bed and started threading all of his stories together.

He roughed out a manuscript, but only gave it to friends who were ill and needed something to read during their recovery. Eventually, the copy fell into the hands of a Prentice Hall representative who offered Philips a contract.

When the book debuted Sept. 13, 1942, it was a quick success and went through several printings.

The book made its way around the world, bringing Big Spring international acclaim.

After World War II, U.S. Army Major J.T. McKissick, who was one of 1,500 prisoners at a Japanese prison camp told

Philips the book was the only thing the prisoners had to read in 2 1/2 years at the prison camp.

He told Philips, "It was read and re-read until the pages were nearly worn away," McKissick said.

It took them away from the misery of the moment, others would say later.

Philips, who was known for writing letters, began a correspondence with Frank Grandstaff, a life term in the Tennessee state prison as a habitual criminal. Grandstaff had read Philips' book and composed a cantata in his cell.

When Big Spring celebrated its centennial in 1949, Philips arranged a furlough for Grandstaff so he could hear the performance by the Texas &



SHINE PHILIPS

Pacific male chorus.

Philips, who died in 1968 at the age of 79, was given the nickname "Shine" because he was a shoeshine boy in 1898. When he became prematurely bald, the name stuck.

After earning his pharmacy license at the University of Texas School of Pharmacy in Galveston, he lived in several places until settling in Big Spring and forming the Cunningham & Philips drug store.

He served as a member and president of the State Board of Pharmacy.

He married the former Miss Nan Bell in Baird in 1915 and their many friends chartered two coaches on the Texas & Pacific Railroad.

— Valerie Avery

BANKS

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in Dallas, Christine Butler of San Diego and Holston Banks who lives in Big Spring.

The couple has been married more than 60 years, and although the Rev. Hosea Banks' health is failing, he proudly recites a favorite Bible verse, Psalms 91.

Mrs. Banks said they both "loved helping others" and are very proud of his work in the church.

At 86 now, Rev. Banks is still preaching at Shiloh Church of God in Christ in Big Spring.

— Debbie L. Jensen

W.T. Roberts likely was area's first permanent settler

The local area's first permanent settler is widely accepted to have been William Travis "Uncle Bud" Roberts.

His descendants still living in the area include Wade Choate, who provided extensive information about Roberts to the history book, "Howard County 1882-1982."

It is evident from the stories about him that his life in the area was filled with "firsts."

A young cattleman in 1870 when he headed west from home in Georgetown, Roberts was directed to Moss Springs, about 12 miles southeast of Big Spring, by buffalo hunters. According to another history book, "Howard County in the Making..." he and his wife and children made the spring they found there a home base and determined to stay. But the land was soon purchased by others, and Roberts had to move his family.

He moved up the draw about half a mile and dug a well—the county's first—and set up camp. His family first lived in the wagon and later in a dugout, establishing what would

become the Roberts homestead for years to come.

Their first home, and county's first permanent home, was excavated out of the side of a bank at Moss Creek, with a roof over it to protect them from the weather.

According to the book, "Howard County 1882-1982," the Roberts ranch began with four sections at a cost of \$2.40 per acre.

Later he increased the size of his ranch to 12 sections, stocked with Herefords, Longhorns, and Morgan horses.

The area was not an easy place to live at times, especially when severe drought struck. In his book, "Getting Started," historian Joe Pickle says Roberts managed to "hang on" during the drought of 1886, but was dislodged temporarily later, in 1896, when he drove cattle to Oklahoma (Indian Territory) and left his wife Mary to cling to their holdings on Moss Creek.

The "Howard County" history book says Uncle Bud had only one fight with the Indians in the area, which involved the theft

of his coat, hat, boots and gun.

Not having any more boots, he had to wear old skins and rags on his feet until he could get to town.

Then he had to go to Brownwood to get some more boots, where he bought two pair, saying for the first time in his life, he had more than one pair.

Roberts bought the first wagon sold in the county, a Mitchell Wagon he paid \$85 for. The money he used was said to be from the sale of buffalo bones.

"Uncle Bud" also built the first wire fence in Howard County, in 1882, the same year the town of Big Spring was organized.

The fence was used almost as much to keep other animals out of his area as to keep his animals corralled.

Roberts devoted 63 years to ranching in Howard County. He also took up catching some of the wild horses that roamed the area from his home to San Angelo. When he caught them, Uncle Bud would break the herds himself. Some say he had

a horse saddled at all times, just in case.

Roberts was also known by many as an animal lover. Heritage Museum curator, Angie Way said she has seen many pictures of him and in all of them he shared the frame with an animal, be it horse, dog or other wise.

The "first settler" also served on the board of the West Texas Bank, which later came to be called First National Bank.

When a store finally opened in town — the J.W. Fisher Store — he made sure he was first in line and made the community's first purchase of goods locally.

William Travis Roberts died July 16-1940, at his ranch, at the age of 91.

— Debbie L. Jensen



Pictured front row from left are W.T. Roberts, daughter Leora, wife Mary and back row, from left, son Alex, Etta Lou and son Arthur.

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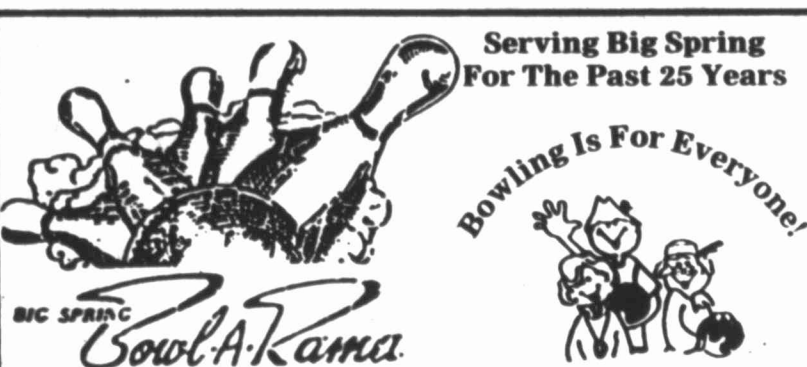
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Our readers remind us heroes, characters are all around us

EDITOR'S NOTE: We received many responses to our request for help in identifying heroes and characters of the Crossroads for this special publication. The letters told stories of devoted friends, quietly prominent citizens and unsung heroes who are our local friends and neighbors. We wanted to share excerpts from some of them with our readers.

To me, my husband, Gary Hale, and his swamper, Billy Walton, are heroes because they are always so helpful if they see someone broken down on the road.

During the summer they were headed back from Midland and saw a couple whose car broke down on the interstate. They stopped to see if they could help.

They couldn't get the car started, but used their mobile phone to call someone to come help. They also pushed the car under a bridge so they could be in the shade until someone got there to help. It was 100 degrees that day.

A month later, they were headed to do a job outside of Stanton and noticed an elderly couple had a flat. They stopped and changed the tire and let the couple use their mobile phone to call their children to let them know why they were running late.

Then in November, on the way down the Snyder Highway, Gary saw a car beside the road; he saw a hand come up and fall. He turned around and found a very sick young lady with her baby niece in the car.

Gary called an ambulance got hold of Billy and with the help of the company's answering service, they called the baby's dad to let him know his sister was on the way to the hospital.

They called the young lady's parents and even called her boss to let her know she wouldn't be at work that day.

They don't know I am writing this, but to me they are the best kind of heroes — the kind that never give it a second thought about helping someone...

Gary stayed with the girl until the ambulance and her parents got there.

It never surprises me when someone stops me in the store and tells me that Gary and Bill helped someone they knew. Or to go to the mailbox and find a thank-you card from someone thanking the guys for changing a tire or for helping them out in some way.

They are also blessed with a boss, Clem McElreath, that is always happy when they stop long enough to help someone. He knows they will make up their time and always get their jobs done.

They don't know I am writing this, but to me they are the best kind of heroes — the kind that never give it a second thought about helping someone and never even think about taking money and feel like they don't even deserve a thank you. I know Gary feels blessed to help someone and thanks God for the blessing.

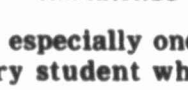
— Delaine Hale

I think Tim Haynes is a hero.

He is the theater director at Big Spring High School.

Mr. Haynes, in the past, has been quite successful in all of the drama events, especially one-act play. Every student who

TIM HAYNES



has him leaves all the better for having experienced his knowledge and insight in drama.

He is extremely involved in what he does and you can tell he has a passion for it, which makes him an extraordinary teacher.

I was quite distraught when he moved to Abilene four years ago after the passing of his wife, Alice B. Haynes, when I was entering high school.

Now, my senior year, thankfully, Mr. Haynes has come back and has turned the theatre department around. In just seven months, he pushed through and achieved the new lighting system that we so desperately needed for years.

His determination is admirable and his wit and

She seemed to touch each life she came into contact with.

kindness is appreciated.

Though we unfortunately lost Alice Haynes to cancer, I also believe she was a hero in our community. She seemed to touch each life she came into contact with.

Everyone remembers her with a loving thought or kind words.

She loved what she did as well, dentistry, and got others to like it too. I remember as a child hating to go to the dentist, but Alice always made me feel better with her kindness and gentleness.

There is even a scholarship named after her at the college for dentistry and a section in the part in tribute to her.

Both of the Haynes are heroes in our community.

— Sarah Smith

As a detective for the Big Spring Police Department, John Leubner consistently works

quietly, behind the scenes, as he has for the past 18-20 years, pouring heart and soul into local area drug interdiction efforts. While out on patrol, he performs in the tradition of former friend and colleague, Troy Hogue, treating all persons he encounters with respect and dignity.

Mr. Leubner has always and continues to make every effort to foster better public relations between the BSPD and the local community by consistently volunteering to participate and instruct in the Citizens Police Academy. He ensures he finds the time to contribute to this important — some say critical — community program.

Mr. Leubner volunteers, nor does he hesitate, to speak at various schools and public functions, educating Big Spring's youth on the dangers of drug use and abuse. When speaking at these engagements, he is well-known for not pulling any punches, or for sugar coating the cold hard facts. It is this author's personal opinion that nobody, but nobody, describes the reality of the drug culture and its pitfalls any better than Mr. Leubner.

As a Deacon at the First Christian Church of Big Spring, he exemplifies Christian leadership and commitment to his strong Christian principles and faith. In the tradition of a famous former Dallas Cowboy coach, Tom Landry, he also doesn't just talk it; he walks it, too. He volun-

I have watched his character, current and future goals, and commitments, to God and community, influenced by that very love and devotion to family...

teers to act as team leader/counselor during annual Christian walks (Emmaus) or faith affirmation retreats.

Even when off-duty, Mr. Leubner, always finds the time for a friendly hello or hug for friends and acquaintances. It's a marvel that he is able to get through any check-out counter, when he and his wife, Ruth, are shopping in town.

Last, but not least, Mr. Leubner is well-known for his deep devotion, love and commitment to his family. I have watched his character, current and future goals, and commitments, to God and community, influenced by that very love and devotion to family: wife Ruth; daughters, Sumner and Katherine.

For the above reasons, and for many more, I nominate Mr. Leubner as a bonafide Crossroads Area hero.

— Lisa Carraher

He was only 10 years old when he was forced to fight the battle of cancer again...

He wasn't ever awarded any medals for what he did but he should have been — for he fought a battle and won it. In winning the battle, he lost the use of his legs. He didn't seem to mind, for he was just content to be alive.

In his mamma's loving arms, he would dream his dreams, a sweet smile on his face.

Riding in his daddy's car, he would get excited when his eyes saw a red car.

He was only 10 years old when he was forced to fight the battle of cancer again — but this time he lost the battle — and whenever I see a red car I think of him. I just know that he's got his own red car in that beautiful place called Heaven.

For all heroes deserve a medal and little Jordan Evans was and will always be a hero.

His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Mike Evans. I never forgot Jordan, and the love and care that his family gave him was truly a beautiful thing. When Jordan died I could not help but cry for the little boy who fought to live and lost the battle. And when ever I see a red car, I remember Jordan.

— Lana Anguiano

Dorothy Kennemur is a very versatile and giving person.

She leads a line dancing class each week at the Senior Citizens Center, and the Spring City Stompers often entertain at nursing homes, hospitals, etc. even out of town and annually participate in a district event.

She generously invites all who wish to join a widow's group, the Encouragers, who meet the first and third Mondays at First Presbyterian Church.

She and her daughter, Nancy Hale, send computer-created birthday cards and provide beautiful name tags to members.

Dorothy brings numerous jokes and wise thoughts to the group, and arranges for the group to attend plays and entertainment events. She sends a letter the first of every month notifying members of coming events.

She even finds time to help people with their income tax at the Senior Citizens Center.

She is also helpful in her church, First Presbyterian.

— Hazel Duggan



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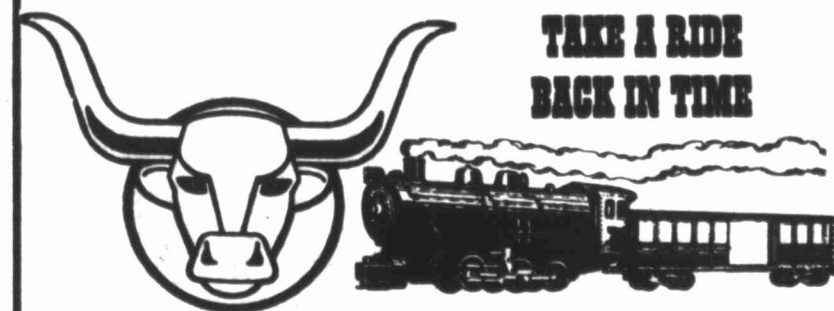
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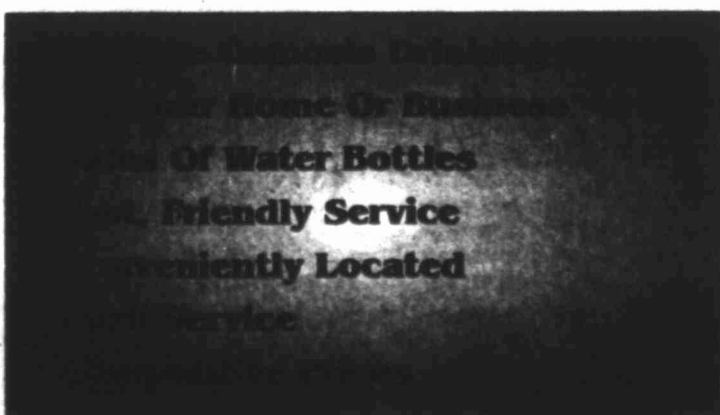
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From our readers... Heroes all around us

I know of one who I feel should be included in your special Progress Edition because she has touched the lives of many with her kindness, wit and her special talent of caring for others.

Her determination to help others is one of her finest traits. She watches over children who often come from broken homes. Some have been abused. And while she has no children of her own, these little ones are like her own — for she worries and cries about them.

She teases the little ones to bring a smile to their sad faces. If a child tells her of a special wish for a pretty dress or a warm coat, then that wish is fulfilled by this very special person.

And while she loves and cares for children, she also extends that kindness to others, be it an elderly person in need of a ride to a doctor's appointment out of town or a knock at her door from someone seeking donations for local charities.

She is there and ready to help.

This dear, kind-hearted person once reached out to me in my time of need. Everyday except weekends for seven weeks, she took me to and from Midland for the radiation treatment I needed. And when I lost my teeth — I felt so ugly — she hugged me and told me how beautiful I was for I was fighting a battle and the scars only made me more beautiful to her.

If she saw tears fill my eyes, she would make a silly face and tell me a corny joke to make me laugh.

Her name is Melinda Hernandez and for over 16 years she has watched over and loved and cared for the children who attend Westside Day Care Center. She may be the director, but she still takes the time from her busy day to speak to each child and give them kind words and hugs and offer a special treat.

— Lana Anguiano

I would like to submit Bill King's name as a Hero of the

Crossroads. Bill is 80 years old and is the top Door Greeter at the Wal-Mart Supercenter in Big Spring.

He works at least 35 hours a week and more if needed. The staff at Wal-Mart knows that a phone call to Bill on his day off and he will immediately come in and work for someone. He is a retired carpenter and has lived with his wife of 53 years, Lucille, here in the Crossroads area for as long as they have been married. Bill never complains about having to work and enjoys the evening shift, working 3 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

His eyesight is better than most teenagers, and his driving record indicates that. Any who shops at Wal-Mart knows Bill with his huge smile and friendly greeting, he particularly enjoys the children and passing out the token Happy Face sticker which enables the kids to a free cookie at the bakery. Bill is also a World War II hero, having served from 1942 until 1946. He was a prisoner of war from 1943-44, he was wounded twice in battle and yet never complains about the stiffness that might be occurring from standing eight hours a day.

Bill would never dream of missing a day of work due to health reasons, unless he was taken away in an ambulance and the 90 plus hours of sick time he has accumulated proves that. Bill is the father of two daughters, a son, nine grandchildren, and a great-grandson. His children are very proud of him and know that if any of them ever needed anything he would unselfishly provide them with what ever the request might be at least find a way to help them.

Bill is a true hero of the Crossroads and proves to us all that age is not a barrier. If the young people of today look at Bill, we would have a world full of healthy, hard-working individuals, looking forward to each new day with a challenge and a big smile on their faces. He is my father, mentor and hero of the world!

— Rose Thomas

Clyde McMahon Sr. helped community grow

A successful businessman and respected community leader, Clyde McMahon Sr. believes in giving back to a community he feels has been good to him.

"I always felt like we owe the community anything we can do for it," McMahon Sr. said of his community involvement in a 1983 Big Spring Herald article. "It's been real good to us and anything we can do to improve the community will certainly improve ourselves."

Clyde McMahon Sr., known by his friends as Mr. Mac, was born on Feb. 21, 1911, in Newport.

Attending college during the Depression, he soon ran out of money and was forced to drop out of Texas Tech for work, but eventually finished his education at Draughtons Business College in Lubbock.

He moved to Big Spring in 1935 to work for a Highway contractor that was helping pave the road from Big Spring to Ackerly.

In 1947, He started his own business producing material for the Texas Highway Department. His business required him to travel extensively around West Texas.

When construction of Howard Junior College began, McMahon produced the construction material for the builders, and in 1953, he went into the ready-mix concrete business.

He was also active with Webb Air Force Base. According to Clyde McMahon Jr., his son, Mr. Mac filled the practice bombs with sand to the exact weight of the real bombs.

"As a kid, I would go over to the top of Signal Mountain and watch the Air Force practice bomb the area that is now the Veterans' Administration Hospital," said McMahon Jr. "Since that was very close to where we were watching, I remember thinking I sure hope they get their aim right."

When Webb Air Force Base closed, McMahon was one of the original people appointed to a nine-member steering committee to acquire the base and bring in industry.

"U.S. survey teams predicted mounting unemployment,



This photo shows Clyde McMahon Sr. filling practice bombs on Webb Air Force Base. He would fill the bombs with sand to the exact weight of a real bomb.

empty houses, and a loss of population," McMahon said in a 1983 Herald Article. "None of those things happened. We got



Clyde McMahon Sr. is known as "Mr. Mac" to his friends.

busy and filled up the base with industry which helped to keep the jobless rate low also." The city named the

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark in part after Clyde McMahon Sr.

"He is an extremely kind person, knowledgeable, and the nicest guy you would want to meet," said Susan Lewis, Hanger 25 museum coordinator who was a next door neighbor to Mr. Mac when she was growing up. "He has the best interest of the city at heart."

He was heavily involved with civic affairs serving on many boards and committees including the YMCA Board of Directors for 20 years, a director of the First National Bank of Big Spring, President of American Business Club in 1957, President of United Fund of Big Spring in 1958 and President of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in 1959.

He received a Distinguished Service Award from the Southwest Area of YMCAs in 1962, an Outstanding Service Award to Community from Big Spring Chamber of Commerce in 1974, an Outstanding Citizenship Award from the Big

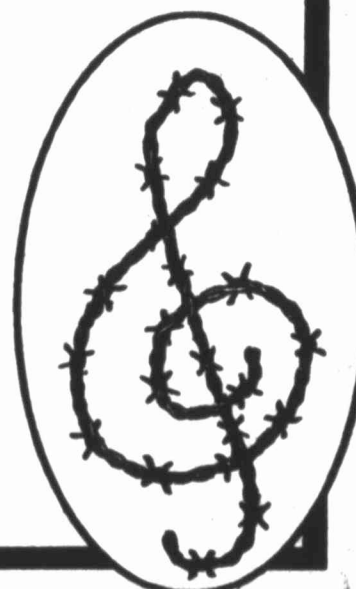
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MCMAHON

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Spring Evening Lions in 1978, was Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year in 1972 plus

numerous other awards.

Besides having a strong head for business, McMahon also enjoys a prank. McMahon Jr. recalls a prank his father pulled on a friend who had

relocated his business by the Snyder Highway.

"He got Joe Pickle, the Big Spring Herald editor at the time, and Tommy Hart, the Herald's sports editor at the

time, to print something that looked like it was cut out of the newspaper."

The article stated that in a surprise action, the city took in 500 feet of land on either side of

the highway by the old Howard County Airport.

"Dub had moved out to the highway in order not to have to pay city taxes," McMahon continued. "He spent all day talk-

ing with lawyers about suing the city to get out of paying city taxes. Dad said that Dub looked like he was going to have a heart attack before dad told him it was a prank."



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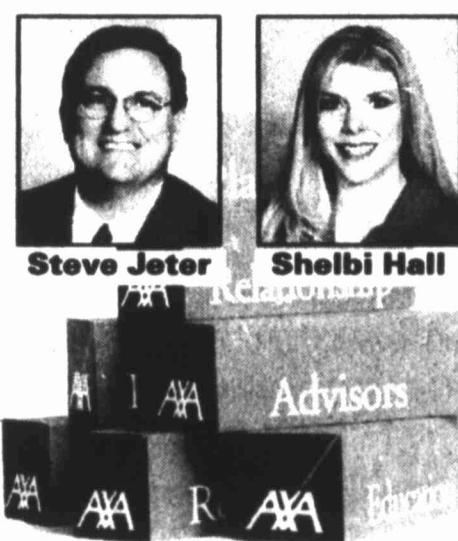
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Cornell Companies, Inc. is the third largest private prison management company in the United States. It was founded in 1990 to take advantage of a national trend toward prison privatization. Cornell contracts with state and federal agencies to house and provide development programs for a growing number of convicted felons and juvenile offenders. In 1994, Cornell incorporated and currently manages three nationwide divisions: Cornell Pre-Release (consisting of halfway houses and other pre-release programs); Cornell-Abxaras (juvenile detention facilities) and Cornell Corrections (the secure institutions division). In addition to the four in Big Spring, Cornell currently manages other secure institutions in California, New Mexico, Oklahoma, Georgia and Rhode Island.

The Big Spring Correctional Center operation is a unique arrangement between the City of Big Spring, the Federal Bureau of Prisons and Cornell. Through an intergovernmental agreement, the City contracts with the Federal Bureau of Prisons to incarcerate federal offenders. The City, in turn, subcontracts with Cornell to manage and operate the facilities. All offenders housed at the Big Spring Correctional Center are illegal aliens; therefore, the Immigration and Naturalization Service also contracts with the City to conduct appropriate investigations and deportation proceedings at the facilities. Deportation hearings are conducted on site or via video teleconferencing by the Executive Offices of Immigration Review in Dallas, Texas.

Johnny Rutherford and Chuck Haugh, founders of MidTex Detentions (a former private prison management company based in Big Spring), first approached the City in 1988 to present the idea of renovating an abandoned hotel into a detention facility and contracting to house approximately 350 inmates. With the financial backing of Entrepreneur Ed Davenport, the project was completed in 1989, and contracts were secured. The combined talents of Rutherford's financial management knowledge and Haugh's prison management experience, from his 25-year tenure with the Federal Bureau of Prisons, made the once new concept a resounding success that has set a template others strive to emulate. With success came expansion, and the operation has grown from one facility with 350 beds to a four-facility complex with 2,600+ total beds. Cornell now has 400 employee positions in Big Spring.

Cornell acquired the Big Spring operation from MidTex in 1996. Rutherford left the business at that time, and Haugh served as Cornell's Vice President of Secure Institutions Division until his retirement in 1999. Since this acquisition, Cornell has more than tripled its size. In 1996, Cornell contracted to operate 20 detention and pre-release facilities with a total bed capacity of 3,349 beds. Today, Cornell contracts to operate over 90 facilities with a total bed capacity of approximately 12,000.

Since inception, the Big Spring Correctional Center operation has contributed positively to the local economy. Aside from the four facilities, Cornell leases other buildings from the City for warehouse operations, executive offices and a staff training center. In 2000, Cornell will pay the City of Big Spring in excess of \$1,000,000 for contract maintenance and lease fees.

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Established in June, 1989, the Interstate Unit is located at Interstate 20 and Highway 176. It provides 386 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 75 employees.

BSCC-Flightline Unit
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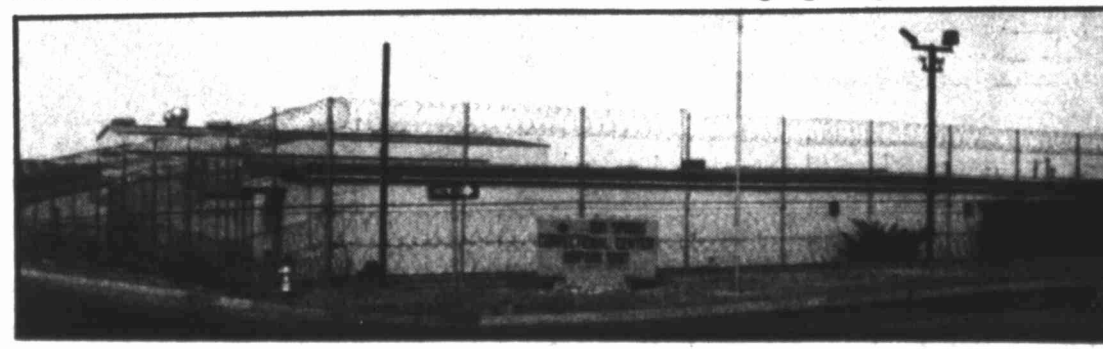
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Established in February, 1995, the Flightline Unit is located on the west side of the McMahon-Wrinkle Air field near the main runway. It provides 712 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 110 employees.

BSCC-Airpark Unit
915-263-8806

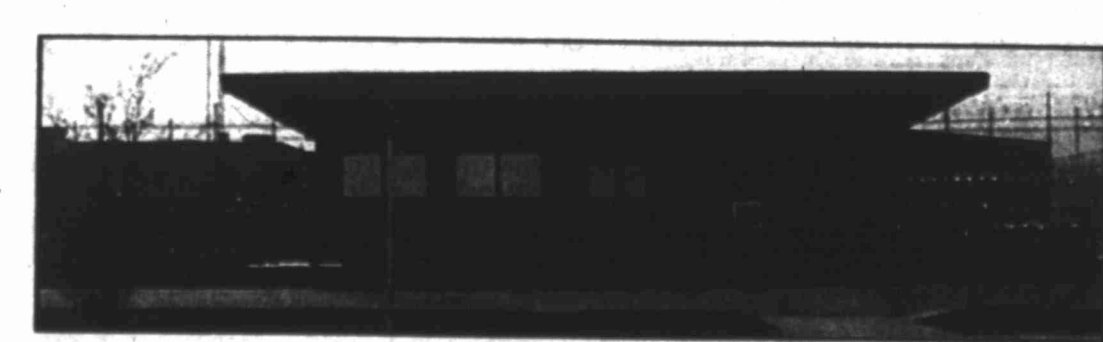
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Established in February, 1991 the Airpark Unit is located near the former Webb AFB housing. It provides 524 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 90 employees.

BSCC-Cedar Hill Unit
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Established in June, 1998, the Cedar Hill Unit is located near the former Webb AFB housing. It provides 946 prisoner beds and is managed by approximately 125 employees.

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Wrinkle believed in improving Big Spring

Winston Wrinkle, a self-proclaimed rural Texas born guy from Springtown, believed in Big Spring and worked to improve the city's industry even though he was hampered by a debilitating disease.



WRINKLE

"I can't say enough about him," Clyde McMahon Sr. responded to Wrinkle's death in a 1984 Big Spring Herald article. "He was one of the greatest guys I've ever known. The community was one of his first loves. He would have done anything for the community. We have no way of knowing how much he put into the community."

Born April 23, 1932, Wrinkle attending both the University of Texas at Arlington and Texas A&M where he was a distinguished student and military cadet.

Graduating from Texas A&M in 1953 with a bachelor of science degree, he enlisted in the U. S. Air Force. During his tour of service, he was diagnosed with kidney disease.

Winston met Betty, who was in the Air Force Nurse Corps, when he was hospitalized at Westover, Air Force Base in Chicopee Falls, Mass. They were later married on March 1, 1954.

After finishing his service in the Air Force, Winston worked for Pfizer Agriculture Division as a salesman. He advanced quickly in the company, but he career required him to move several times.

When another advancement arose that required him to move to New York, Winston turned down the promotion because he desired to move back to Texas.

"I was tired of corporate traveling," he said in a 1983 Herald article "I didn't want to live in New York, so I started looking at opportunities in Texas."

That opportunity came in

1959 when Winston and his family moved to Big Spring, and he purchased KBST from Affiliated Newspapers.

"When we bought KBST, it was in a sad state of affairs. We bought all new equipment and brought in all new people, and hired a full-time local news director," Winston said. "We started with a new transformer, new tower and old studio. We built the business from the ground up."

"Winston demanded the best from all his workers, but he never demanded any more than he would do himself," said China Long, in reaction to his death in a 1984 Herald article.

Long worked for Wrinkle as news director of KBST for several years.

"He was a hard man to work for but you knew he had everyone's best interest at heart," she continued.

Wrinkle was also very active in the community and believed

in being involved with civic affairs.

"I've been active in civic affairs because Big Spring has given a lot to me, and I want to give some of it back," he said in a 1983 Herald article. "I think there is a lot of potential here."

He was president of the Jaycees, a member of the YMCA board of directors, president of the chamber of commerce, along with membership on other board and committees.

In 1977, Wrinkle was honored as the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce Man of the Year.

He was very active in the Republican party and served on committees backing several candidates through the years.

When Webb Air Force base was marked for closure, Wrinkle, who was chairman of the Industrial Development committee at the time, fought to save Webb.

Then he headed up an indus-

trial development foundation which sought out new industry for the former base and the work paid off when Western Container Corp. came to town.

The McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark was named in part after Winston Wrinkle.

Through all his achievements in business and civic work, Wrinkle battled kidney disease for nearly 30 years before he died in 1984.

Wrinkle was hospitalized numerous times because of the disease and eventually leased a dialysis machine, so he could under go four hours of kidney dialysis on the machine every other night.

In a 1982 Herald article, he said, "I believe that by having the disease, I am able to be helpful to other people who have the disease to show them you can still maintain a productive life ... and not have it (the disease) to be the dominant thing in life."

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COMPANY	YEAR OF PROJECT	NEW & RETAINED JOBS	SPECIAL PROJECTS	GRANTS & RENT SUBSIDY	LOANS & LOAN GUARANTEES	BALANCE OWED ON LOANS
Spencer's Coating	1992	12			37,000	0
Tomcor	1992	5			120,000	0
Wright Fibers, Inc.	1992	50			786,667	Write off 582,492
Andy's Bullets	1992	2			10,075	Write off 8,075
Enviro-Vat, Inc.	1992	30		45,000		0
Freecom	1992	10			30,000	0
American Limestone	1993	7		40,550		0
Avantech Corp.	1993	20			50,000	0
City Master Plan	1993	N/A	93,012			0
Lone Star Aviation	1994	7		7,200		0
Mid-Tex Correctional	1994	79			Loan Guaranty 2,000,000	0
A & A Aircraft	1994	15		78,462	6,493	0
Plastic Flamecoat	1994	29		67,000		0
Settles Hotel Study	1994	N/A	21,234			0
Western Container	1995	70		165,500	84,500	61,207
Freecom	1995	37		22,500	199,295	189,769
Nolan Bakery	1995	18		186,000	Loan Guaranty 873,000	0
Fiber Glass Systems	1996	18		50,000		0
Phillips Fabrication	1996	27		22,680	189,000	181,993
Fiber Composite, Inc.	1996	20		20,000		0
Chris Chaney Creations	1996	5		10,000		0
Target Industry Plan	1996	N/A	35,000			0
Signal Homes, Inc.	1997	125	240,000 Bldg Improv.	202,500	75,000	0
State Veterans Home	1998	165		48,123		0
Universal Anchor	1997	6		29,000		0
Spencer's Coating	1997	6		21,000		0
Airpark Master Plan	1997	N/A	32,748			0
Business Dev. Ctr.	91-97	95	361,950			0
Workforce Training	98-2000	N/A	47,500			0
Workforce Survey & Analysis	1998	N/A	7,000			0
Lockheed-Martin	1998	2		3,864		0
Texas Renewable Energy (Capital improvements of \$42,859,000)	98-99	5	Tax Abatement			0
Airpark Railroad Spur	1998	N/A	54,746			0
Hirschfeld Steel	1999	25	3,859	16,800		0
Freecom, Inc.	1999	20			43,487	43,487
A & M Composites	1999	4		17,500		0
Texas Boll Weevil Eradication	1999	40		45,000		0
Integrated Pest Management	99-2000	3		7,765		0
U.S. Flight Academy	1999	4			3,394	0
Permian Building	1999	N/A	50,000			0
Ports-to-Plains Corridor	1999	N/A	17,723			0
West Tx. Centers for MHMR	1999	10		22,500	32,500	32,500
Solitaire Homes	1999	200			750,000	750,000
StarTek, Inc.	1999	600		320,550	2,300,000	2,300,000
Western Container	1999	200			350,000	350,000
Fina Oil & Chemical	1999	200		25,000		
Beacon Homes	1999	2	2,500			
Texas, Mexico & Asian Corridor	2000	N/A	6,600			
Commercial Cabinets	2000	7			15,000	15,000
TOTALS		2180	973,872	1,474,494	7,955,411	3,923,956

The goal for Moore Development for the year 1998-1999 was to define measurable goals, establish clear performance standards and assemble the most attractive and competitive incentive packages available for industries expanding into Big Spring. As demonstrated this past year, Moore Development will maintain its commitment to partner with those agencies and organizations that share a similar desire for Big Spring and Howard County. Most importantly, the people of Big Spring are to thank for the continued growth of our community. (Complete copies of the 1998-1999 Annual Report may be obtained by calling Moore Development).