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BUSINESS

Fluency in the Spanish language has become a wanted skill for StarTek — a skill that allows the service call center to reach out to what may be the next major economic factor of the future.

Plus, Bob Brock Ford is continuing a tradition of supporting area youth by sponsoring \$4,000 in scholarships to local FFA members.

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COMING TUESDAY



YEAR IN REVIEW

Remember waking up to snow on New Year's Day. Did you forget about the truck-load of tomatoes dumped in a church parking lot? From laughter to tears, success to tragedy, we recap 2002 in Tuesday's edition of the Herald.

BRIEFLY

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS

Take note: The Festival of Lights at Comanche Trail Park will run just three more evenings — tonight, Monday and Tuesday. It is open from 6 p.m. until 10 p.m.

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Dog bite lawsuit names city, animal control as defendants

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring and Big Spring Animal Control have been named in a lawsuit seeking damages for a pit bull dog attack earlier this year.

Big Spring resident Mary Churchwell was attacked by a pit bull named Fatboy in January. Churchwell, along with her husband David, has filed a lawsuit

against the city and Animal Control as well as against the dog's owner, Boe Payne of Big Spring.

The city and Animal Control are named in the suit because plaintiffs allege the city should have known of Fatboy's vicious tendencies — noting that the dog attacked an infant shortly before the attack on Churchwell. Instead of euthanizing the dog, Animal Control

"I don't think we have any liability. That doesn't stop them from filing a suit."

Gene Shotts,
city attorney

released it back to Payne. Although Big Spring officials have not yet been served with the suit, Big

Spring City Attorney Jean Shotts said he doesn't believe the city is liable for the attack.

"I don't think we have any liability," Shotts said. "That doesn't stop them from filing a suit. Cities have governmental immunity from suit, except to the extent that it's been waived by the Tort Claims Act. The Tort Claims Act is a limited waiver. Unless they can

show that this occurred through our negligent use of motorized equipment, they're going to have a hard time trying to make a case against us."

Shotts added that euthanizing Fatboy for the infant attack wasn't within the city's jurisdiction because the attack occurred on personal property within the ani-

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Shopping season gets mixed reviews

Some merchants says sales were better this year

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Although holiday sales figures were predicted to be dismal this year, area retail businesses are reporting mixed results.

"We had an increase in sales," said Julian Carrillo, Wal-Mart assistant store manager.

According to Carrillo, Wal-Mart sales stayed steady throughout the season and after Christmas mark-down specials have produced 35 to 40 percent increases each day.

"Even with all the exchanges and returns it's an improvement from last year," he said.

Bealls, located inside the Big Spring Mall, saw a decline in holiday sales from last year.

"Sales weren't what we



Delma Patino of El Paso views a necklace marked down during a Dunlap's sale Saturday. Area stores are reporting mixed holiday sales this year.

expected but we did all right," said Margrete Cortez, area manager.

"They weren't what we

did last year but we did OK."

After-Christmas sales may help boost the store's end of the month figures.

"We've got some excellent sales right now," Cortez said. "Customers are in shopping and it looks good."

Sales continue through today.

Penny Binion, manger for the Clinique stand at Dunlap's, said that overall the store held the line in sales from last year although sales are down for the Clinique stand.

Janet Kilgore, manager of Koshmore's Kasual's, 700 N. Lancaster, reported that sales were about even compared to last year.

"Steady" was how it went at On Cue.

"Our December sales were up in the double digits from last year, the best December since 1994."



Greg Brooks,
Blum's Jewelry

"Sales were down a little for the month but we held pretty steady each day," said Melanie McLaughlin, On Cue assistant manager, a music, book and gaming store in the Big Spring

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Janet Kilgore, Koshmore Kasual manager, arranges a shelf of goods at the end of a long Saturday. Koshmore was one of the area business that reported no increases in holiday sales this year.

Hungry Big Springers flock to Wendy's store on opening day Friday

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Wendy may have stormy eyes, but here in Big Spring it's her hot burgers and fries have been on area residents' minds since news was released in September that a branch of the restaurant chain was opening in town.

Wendy's Restaurant, 2311 S. Gregg St., opened Friday in the building most-recently inhabited by Taco Bell. Big Springers have been watching with interest since then the gradual transformation from Mexican villa decor to Wendy's signature awnings and pictures of the restaurant's smiling,

"Oh, my gosh, you wouldn't believe. It's phenomenal. I'm so ecstatic about it. I'm excited."

Diane Seville,
district manager

pigtailed namesake.

"We opened at 10 o'clock this morning," general manager April Henderson of San Angelo said Friday. "We've been training our employees, letting them go to Midland and other stores so that they could get

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Customers pack into Big Spring's new Wendy's Restaurant, located at 2311 S. Gregg St., on its first day of business Friday. Wendy's offers burgers and fries, salads, chili, baked potatoes and other specialty items.

Hot!

Winter plans heat up with annual chili cookoff event

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

How does a nice, steaming bowl of homemade chili sound?

Chances are it sounds pretty good, but unless you make it yourself, you'll have to wait until next month.

That doesn't mean that area chili cooking teams can't start perfecting their recipes for the 14th annual Boss HOG Chili Cookoff set for Jan. 18 and sponsored by the Harley-Davidson Shop of Big Spring.

"I think that we recommend no beans, but the rest of it is open," said Mirajo Walker of the Harley-Davidson Shop. "We're not going under CASI rules, just cook a good pot of chili. But I don't think we want any beans in it. That's the national chili cookers. There are strict rules on that."

Walker said the contest is not adhering to guidelines published by the

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Boss HOG
Chili
Cookoff,
Saturday,
Jan. 18 at
the Harley
Shop,
908 W.
Third

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

W.J. Kizer

W.J. Kizer, 82, of Big Spring, died at 4:19 p.m. Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.



Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Dec. 30, at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Dwayne Wheat, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on April 14, 1920, at Coleman. He was a member of the East Fourth Baptist Church. Mr. Kizer began work for Reef Gasoline Corporation. The company was later sold to Skelly Oil Company, Getty Oil Company and eventually Texaco. He retired after 33 years with the company.

He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pauline Kizer of Big Spring; one son, Bobby Kizer of Odessa; one daughter, Sherry Everett and her husband, Bill, of Big Spring; one sister, Mable Fletcher of Hansford, Calif.; two brothers, Charles Kizer and his wife, Charlie Mae, of Brownwood and Fred Kizer of Midland; three grandsons, Tanner Kizer and his wife, Leslie, Brad Everett and Jaylan Everett; and one great-granddaughter, Tyler Kizer.

Pallbearers will be Tanner Kizer, Brad Everett, Jaylan Everett, Richard Read, Roy Hester and Bo Anderson.

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

Paid obituary

Barbara Darrow Harmon

Graveside services for Barbara Darrow Harmon, 65, of Ore City, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Randy Cotton, officiating.

Mrs. Harmon died on Friday, Dec. 27, in Longview. Born on July 20, 1937, she lived most of her life in Coahoma and Big Spring, moving to the Lake of the Pines, near Ore City in 1972. She was a homemaker and a retired convenience store clerk. She was a member of the Baptist Church.

She is survived by one son, Terry Meeks of Big Spring; one daughter, Debbie Minor of Hughes Springs; one brother, C.E. Woodson of Era; one sister, Sandra Underhill of Rotan; five grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

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

J.D. Stiehl

Funeral services for J.D. Stiehl, 83, of Big Spring, will be at 4 p.m. Monday, Dec. 30, 2002, at Myers and Smith Chapel with the Rev. Randy Cotton officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.



Mr. Stiehl died on Friday, Dec. 27, at the VA Medical Center following a sudden illness.

Born on Sept. 23, 1919, in Healdton, Okla., He married Bonnie Slate on Feb. 2, 1947, in Big Spring. He had been a resident of Big Spring since 1947. He was a member of the Trinity Baptist Church.

He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the U.S. Army in the Pacific Theater. He was a 50-year Mason and a Shriner.

He had been a driller for Robinson drilling, retiring in 1985. After retirement, he worked part-time for Sharp Image and WesTex Energy.

He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Stiehl of Big Spring; one son, Freddie Stiehl of Venezuela; one daughter, Jimmie Stiehl of Big Spring; one sister, Helen Wright of Coleman; five grand-children; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Essie C. Burchett

Essie C. Burchett passed away Friday, Dec. 27, 2002 in Stanton.



She was born Aug. 16, 1903, in Red Boiling Springs, Tenn., to C.F. and Matilda Canada. Essie moved to Midland County in 1955, moving to Martin County in 1987. She was a Sunday school teacher at Lakeview Baptist Church.

Prior to her retirement, Essie worked for Fisherman's, Anthony's and Career Girl retail stores in Big Spring and Midland.

She is preceded in death by her parents, husband H.T. Burchett, a son, two grandsons, two brothers and three sisters.

Essie is survived by her children, Dorothy Wyatt of Rusk and Mary Frances Martin of Tarzan; a brother, Carrel Canada of Gunter; two sisters, Eula Boiswell of Waxahachie and Edith Keller of Whitesboro; four grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and six great-great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be held today, Dec. 29, 2002, at Ellis Funeral Home between the hours of 4 p.m. and 6 p.m.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday Dec. 30, 2002, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Harp of the First Baptist Church in Stanton officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

Louie Mendoza Rodriguez

Funeral services for Louie Mendoza Rodriguez, 84, of Rapid City, S.D., were Friday, Dec. 27, 2002, at 11 a.m. at Behrens Mortuary. Burial was held at Mountain View Cemetery.

Mr. Rodriguez, died on Sunday, Dec. 22, at Black Hills Retirement Center.

He is survived by his wife, Jose Rodriguez of Rapid City, S.D.; four sons, Ruben Rodriguez of Denver, Colo., Paul Rodriguez of Denver, Colo., Thomas Rodriguez, of Philip, S.D., and Joe Rodriguez of Dallas; three daughters, Stella Corbin of Las Vegas, Nev., Teresa Vasquez of Rapid City, S.D., and Faye Horned Antelope of Rapid City, S.D.; one sister, Flora Loya of Big Spring; one brother, Johnny Rodriguez of Big Spring; 18 grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

• **RENE ANGEL VALDEZ**, 41, of 401 Westover was arrested on local warrants.

• **SHAJARKEI SHAMAINE HAMMOCK**, 25, of 1511 Sycamore was arrested on a charge of driving while license suspended and on a Travis County warrant.

• **LARRY ALLEN FONDA JR.**, 19, of 802 E. 12th St., was arrested on two local warrants.

• **JOHNNY DE LA CRUZ**, 22, of 609 Holbert was arrested on a charge of public intoxication and on a local warrant.

• **JAMES DEWAYNE HEADRICK**, 30, of 1311 Madison was arrested on Howard County warrants.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover, the 1300 block of Madison Street and the 2600 block of Wasson Road.

• **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 800 block of West Eighth Street.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF**, more than \$50 but less than \$500 was reported:

— in the 1900 block of South Main where a 1993 white Chevrolet received \$125 in alleged damages.

— in the 2000 block of Virginia where someone allegedly used a blunt object to inflict \$400 in damage

at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TUESDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

WEDNESDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

□ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

□ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

SATURDAY

□ Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 p.m. to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night No Smoking meeting last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

TODAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum located on the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

MONDAY

Sr. Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Seniors 50 years and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Citizen's Center, Industrial Park.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 0-1-0

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Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 26-04-22-03. Bonus Ball: 29. Number matching four of four, plus Bonus Ball: none.

Number matching four of four: 45. Prize: \$1,170.

Number matching three of four, plus Bonus Ball: 53. Prize: \$41.

Number matching three of four: 1,425. Prize: \$21.

Number matching two of four, plus Bonus Ball: 901. Prize: \$22.

Number matching one of four, plus Bonus Ball: 5,676. Prize: \$7.

Number matching Bonus Ball alone: 9,622. Prize: \$5.

Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$250,000.

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Results of the Cash Five drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 7-31-23-10-2.

Number matching five of five: none.

Matching four of five: 220. Prize: \$365.

Matching three of five: 6,323. Prize: \$9.

Matching two of five: 61,342. Price: \$2.

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The winning Texas Two Step numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 3-4-22-26

Bonus number 29

Estimated jackpot: \$200,000

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 5-7-8

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 7-8-6

Weather

Sunday... Mostly sunny and breezy. Highs in the upper 60s. South winds 15 to 25 mph.

Sunday night... Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of rain after midnight. Lows in the upper 40s.

Monday... Mostly cloudy in the morning then clearing. Highs in the upper 50s.

Tuesday... Clear. Lows in the upper 20s. Highs in the mid 50s.

New Years Day... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the mid 50s.

Thursday and Friday... Mostly clear. Lows in the lower 30s. Highs in the upper 50s.

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SUNDAY

□ Narcotics Anonymous meets at 8 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

MONDAY

□ TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

□ New Voice Club support group for laryngotomees and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

□ Encourager's Support Group, all widows and widowers are invited, meets 6 p.m. at Santa Fe Sandwich Shop in the Big Spring Mall. More more information call, 398-5522

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

□ Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

□ Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m.

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HERALD file photo
Mando Mireles, left, and Marcus Fernandez stir a batch of "Border Mex Mix" at the 2002 Boss Hogg Chili Cookoff in Big Spring. The 2003 event is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 18 at the Harley-Davidson Shop, 908 W. Third. Entry fee is \$20 per team. For more information, call the Harley-Davidson dealership at 263-2322.

COOKOFF

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Chili Appreciation Society International, a group which administers chili cooking contests worldwide.

"I believe they'll start probably cooking around 9 o'clock," she said. "Before they start cooking they'll have a short cooks' meeting. Probably at 1 o'clock they'll start having the tasting of it to see who's going to be the winner and everything. Then if they have a tie they'll have a run-off."

After the judging begins, regular folks can come on in and get a bowl of chili, Walker said. The cost to eat is \$5. While you're eating, you can enjoy the cooking style and decorations of the various teams, she added.

"They decorate that up and see who can outdo the other one and all this. It's a pretty big do," she said.

Plus, the whole event goes to fund the charitable work of the Harley Owners' Group for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, she added.

"This is actually not a

HOG deal. This is something the shop is putting on," Walker said. "But we'll put the money in our HOG account to get ready for our MDA deal in April or May. It's not going to the shop, let's put it that way."

The event will also include live music by local bands, she added.

The entry fee is \$20 per team. For more information call the Harley-Davidson dealership at 263-2322.

Contact Staff Writer Roger Cline at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

SUIT

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mal's enclosure.

"I've defended things like this, and as you can tell I'm not getting too worked up about it," he said. "It will be interesting to see whether they can get anything out of us. I wouldn't be betting on it."

Churchwell's lawyer, William Ucherek of Sweetwater's Frank Conard Law Firm, declined to comment on the case, citing a desire not to try the issue in the press.

The suit filed by Ucherek says Big Spring and Animal Control were "negligent in failing to keep Fatboy confined in a safe place after the first attack on the infant, in failing to euthanize Fatboy after the first attack on the infant and in releasing Fatboy from the Animal Control facility to Boe Payne after the first attack on the infant."

The suit further calls Fatboy a "dangerous, vicious dog" and claims that Big Spring and Big Spring Animal control "breached their duty" to make the condition posed

by the presence of the animal in the community "reasonably safe."

Payne pleaded guilty in August to "Attack by a Dangerous Dog" and was sentenced to the maximum sentence, six months in prison, which he is serving concurrently with another sentence in Denton County.

Fatboy was later euthanized.

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WENDY'S

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some training in. Just gathering everything, getting our inventory in, putting things up, making sure everything will pass inspections and evaluations."

The restaurant is part of a franchise including stores in Midland, San Angelo and Abilene.

"Number 1, we noticed we didn't have much to choose from here, restaurant-wise," Henderson said. "And unemployment I saw was really low."

The low jobless rate didn't hamper the restaurant in hiring staff, she was quick to add.

"Oh, no," she said. "I went through hundreds and hundreds of applicants."

The store, noted for its

famous square burger patties — a symbol that the Wendy's staff members "don't cut any corners" — is open from 10 a.m. to midnight, she said.

District Manager Diane Seville of Abilene said business was booming on the store's opening day.

"Oh, my gosh, you wouldn't believe. It's phenomenal. I'm so ecstatic about it. I'm excited," Seville exclaimed. "I haven't had one complaint, so we're doing OK."

Wendy's offers several

specialty sandwiches and other items, and a special menu of 99-cent items.

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Former Big Spring woman killed in accident near Tucson Monday

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A one-vehicle accident near Tucson, Ariz., on Monday left a 34-year-old former Big Spring resident dead and caused serious injuries to her husband.

Delia Hoyte of Washington, whose maiden name was Delia Ortiz, died of massive blunt force trauma when she was ejected from her 1997 red Explorer, according to Paul Castellano, Arizona Department of Public Safety public information officer with the Tucson office.

Her body is currently at the Tucson medical examiner's office pending an autopsy.

Delia's husband, Thain, was admitted to Tucson Medical Center with a broken spine and remains there, Castellano said.

"The vehicle lost control for an unknown reason and rolled twice, exiting the deceased," Castellano said.

The accident occurred mid-day on Interstate 10 at mile post 321.1.

Passengers Diana Baraza, 14, and Jesus Valdez, 19, were treated and released from Tucson Medical Center.

Castellano said at this time it is unknown if Delia was wearing a seat belt.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

Region 18 Education films

HERALD Staff Report

Video and audio-visual materials available to schools through Region 18 Education Service Center may be requested for preview by parents and other interested adults during a one-day review session.

The session is scheduled from 8 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. on Jan. 30 at the center, 2811 LaForce Blvd. at Midland international Airport.

Parents and other citizens interested in requesting preview of particular films from the collection should notify the center at least five days in advance. This allows staff time to check on availability of the items and set up preview rooms.

In the event a film is not available on the date requested, the person

making the request will be given a date on which it may be seen.

Persons wishing to request preview of the films may call Pam Winn, media supervisor, at 567-3260.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

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Barbara Darrow Harmon, 65, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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RSVP TRAVELERS 2003 SHOWCASE

Sunday, January 5
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OUR VIEWS

New Year's:
Enjoy it, but
do so safely

Crossroads area law enforcement officers have a message for would-be partygoers as we close 2002 out and welcome in 2003: Don't drink and drive. Anyone who has been drinking and takes the chance of getting behind the wheel runs a better than usual chance of getting stopped because extra law officers will be on the street.

That's true for both the city and state as both Big Spring Police Department and the Department of Public Safety are taking advantage of grant money to pay overtime for peace officers to be on patrol.

But we're not asking that you don't drink and drive so that you won't wind up in jail. No, there's a lot more to it than that.

We all enjoy celebrations and the end of a year has always been an acceptable cause to celebrate. But it's not reason enough to endanger lives, and that's the point. If your driving is impaired, the chances of your having an accident are greater — that's a fact. While you may be able to keep a vehicle "between the lines" so to speak, your ability to react to sudden changes is diminished. Your defensive driving skills aren't what they should be.

It's not worth it. It's not worth the embarrassment; it's not worth the fine and jail time; it's not worth a chance having it on your record; it's not worth the chance of endangering your life, the lives of those with you or the lives of other motorists or pedestrians.

If you are planning on drinking and being out, appoint a designated driver.

Make sure you are around to celebrate again next year.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I just wanted to take moment to bring to the attention of certain citizens of Big Spring, and surrounding areas the anger I feel when I pass a home day after day and see an animal tied to a branch high in a tree.

What angers me even more so is the fact that the chain is near the size of a logging chain that the poor dog must drag around. My anger intensifies even more when I see these animals left out in the cold without anything to get under, and that they have dug a hole to lay in just to stay warm.

Why do people have animals — or better yet, why are they even allowed to have animals — if they cannot, or will not, supply them their

basic needs like food, shelter and love?

Surely there have to be laws in place to protect these innocent creatures just like laws that protect people.

I hope that those guilty of this horrible injustice read this and do something about it. If you cannot take care of your animals and love them; then give them to someone who will and get yourself a stuffed animal to abuse. You have no business owning any animal if you cannot take care of it. Most of the time the Big Spring Humane Society will take your animal with a small donation and find them a home that will give them the love and care they need.

SHEILA JOHNSON
BIG SPRING

A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

May we experience pleasure in every area of our lives, Lord, through you and your word.

Amen

'Ms.' features notable Women of the Year

By MARTHA BURK

For years, ABC news had a "Man of the Week." It briefly changed to "Person of the Week" before its demise as a regular feature. "Time" magazine started its "Man of the Year" in 1927, always to great speculation about who the guy would be. It could be someone as reprehensible as Hitler or as upstanding as Nelson Mandela. But it was always a man. "Ms." magazine decided to change that in 1982, when it inaugurated its "WOMEN of the Year" issue — featuring more than one woman and no scoundrels. This year's crop is better than ever, providing some welcome good news in a sea of coverage of corporate scandals, terrorism scares, and bad economic news from the government. Some of the standouts:

Lisa Leslie — two-time Olympic gold medalist and leader of the champion L.A. Sparks basketball team — slam-dunked it for the first time in Women's National Basketball Association history this year. This year's honor is an exclamation point to her already outstanding career, including too many individual honors to count.

Terry Greenblatt and Maha Abu-Dayyeh Shamas — Two women who are trying to reach across the vast divide in the Middle East and find common ground to solve the conflict. Shamas, a Palestinian,

and Greenblatt, an Israeli, addressed the U.N. Security Council on the role of women in bringing peace. They have formed an alliance to involve women in the process, urging the United Nations to honor its resolution number 1325, stating that females should be part of any negotiations.

Ruth Simmons — first woman president of Brown University, and first African American to head an Ivy League school. Simmons instituted a need-blind admissions policy and added 100 new faculty members in her first year. Coming from Smith, where she created the first engineering program at a women's college, she nearly doubled enrollment of black first-year students by recruiting in high schools in the nation's poorest communities.

Jill June — When police in Storm Lake, Iowa, were confronted with the death of a newborn whose body was found in a garbage heap, they had a draconian response — round up all the women who had had pregnancy tests 7 to 9 months earlier. June, the director of the local Planned Parenthood, stood alone among her colleagues in other clinics in refusing to turn over medical records: A judge threatened to send her to jail for protecting her patient's civil rights, but she stood firm. Thanks to her courage, all

subpoenas were withdrawn, and the privacy of her patients stayed put.

Nancy Pelosi — U.S. Representative Pelosi (D-Calif.), came up the ranks in Congress to become the first woman of either party to achieve a top job. She became Minority Whip in October 2001, mobilizing her side of the aisle to back her party's agenda. Pelosi, who was also ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence Committee, bucked men in the party to back a proposal this fall calling on President Bush to first exhaust all diplomatic efforts before invading Iraq. Seventy percent of her party stood with her; she was subsequently voted Minority Leader by an overwhelming majority.

These are just a few of the Women of the Year that "Ms." Magazine has featured. Honoring these women provides a great ending to a trying twelve months. We salute them, one and all.

Martha Burk is a political psychologist who heads the Center for Advancement of Public Policy in Washington, D.C., a think tank focusing on the wisdom of providing for more equal treatment of women in society.



CAUTION: PRESIDENT AT WORK

Give us Willie instead of Ridge

Is it possible that Tom Ridge doesn't actually exist, that he's really just an actor from "Saturday Night Live" doing a parody of himself, or that maybe he's even a computerized animatron created by Disney?

Real or not, Ridge is our current Homeland Security Czar, and it's a hoot to watch him furrow his brow, purse his lips and, in a deep and solemn voice, make absolutely silly pronouncements about how his agency is Johnnie-on-the-spot to alert us to any terrorist threat and to make us safe from al Qaeda evil-doers. Who does he think he's kidding?

Maybe Congress, which is putting up a \$37 billion-a-year facade

called the Department of Homeland Security. The main security that it provides is for politicians so they can pretend that they've done something to protect us. The core of DHS's terrorism warning system, however, is nothing more than a kindergarten-level, color-coded threat barometer. At present, says Ridge with a straight face, we're at yellow. But, he explains, still deadpan: There are yellows and there are yellows: "We are at the upper end of that [yellow] range. Depending on the information we have available we could, down the road, raise it to orange."

There. Feel safe? What the hell is he talking about? Do we hide under the bed, get in the closet, flee to the woods ... what? We're the richest, most-powerful, most technologically-advanced nation on Earth, and all we get is this dour-faced caricature of a Homeland Czar occasionally popping out like some bird

from a cuckoo clock, saying: Warning citizens, it's a mauve Monday.

How about something a bit more descriptive? Willie Nelson says he once went to a doctor to get his thumb treated, and as the procedure began, the doc warned that there'd be some pain. Wait, said Willie, is this going to be "grit-your-teeth" pain, or "wet-your-pants" pain?

Let's boot Ridge and hire Willie! I believe he'd take the job for less than \$37 billion ... and he might even sing the warnings to us.

Radio talk-show host and author Jim Hightower is a former agricultural commissioner of Texas. His latest book, "If The Gods Had Meant Us To Vote, They Would Have Given Us Candidates" (Harper-Collins), has just been released in a fully revised and updated paperback edition.

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On cue employees Jon Green, left, and Melanie McLaughlin, assistant manager, help Karl Burton with his questions about a CD repair product. On Cue was among area businesses reporting a decrease in holiday sales.

SALES

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Mall. McLaughlin added that business has increased after Christmas as many customers are taking advantage of several store promotions. For small business manager Greg Brooks of Blum's Jewelry in the Big Spring Mall, holiday sales spiked the last three to four days before

Christmas, producing a strong month.

"Our December sales were up in the double digits from last year, the best December since 1994," Brooks said.

The jewelry store started the year strong but slow November and early December sales had Brooks worried.

"The last week, even the last three or four

days, made the month for us," he said. "Our year ended up in double digits as well."

Nationwide, economists were predicting the 2002 holiday sale season to be the worst in the past 30 years.

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Tammy Schrecengost, curator, left; Nancy Raney, museum director; Katie Cathey; JoAnn Forrest, project chairman; and Nila Allen were among a number of people who attended the Heritage Museum's Red Dress Tea, held during the holidays at the Pottou House.

BRIEFLY

Howard County and surrounding counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers of the children in the community who have been abused and neglected.

For more information on becoming a foster/adoptive family, call Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669 or 1-800-233-3405.

The Mobile Meals program, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals.

If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you.

About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

Humane Society food drive continues; KBST accepting donations, 608 Johnson

HERALD Staff Report

KBST and the Big Spring Herald continue to accept donations of bags and cans of food, kitty litter and more for the Howard County Humane Society.

Donations can be dropped off at KBST's office, 608 Johnson St. Each person who makes a donation will receive a free CD from the radio station's collection.

The annual drive began several years ago to help the replenish the food stock of the Humane Society, which takes care of hundreds of unwanted dogs and cats each year.

During each drive, the KBST office is loaded down with piles of dog food and cat food bags along with special treats from the community to give to the society's animals looking for a home.

And this year is no different. KBST and the Big Spring Herald are hoping to take four truck loads of food to the shelter.

Now in its fourth year, this drive holds special meaning for the KBST family as a memorial to

friend and dedicated Humane Society volunteer Margaret Lloyd.

Before her death in April, Lloyd was a dedi-

cated volunteer for the Humane Society and one of the driving forces in the establishment of the no-kill shelter.

NOTICE OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN SERVICE CHARGES

On December 6, 2002 Atmos Energy filed a Statement of Intent to change its service charges with the Railroad Commission of Texas and each incorporated city listed below. The proposed changes will take effect no sooner than 35 days after filing. The proposed increase will not effect the Company's other gas rate schedules. The change will apply to Residential, Commercial, Small Industrial, and Public Authority customers. The Company proposes the following increased service charges:

	During Business Hours	After Hours
Turn on new service with meter set	\$32.00	\$48.00
Turn on service (shut-in test required)	\$23.00	\$35.25
Turn on service (meter read only required)	\$15.00	\$22.50
Reconnect delinquent service or service temporarily off at customer's request	\$37.00	\$56.25
Miscellaneous service calls	\$11.25	\$16.88

The proposed service charge changes are expected to increase the Company's annual revenues by approximately 4% and therefore do not constitute a "major change". The proposed changes could affect approximately 215,000 gas customers in the following communities and surrounding rural areas:

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Crosbyton	Muleshoe	Springlake
Dimmitt	Nazareth	Stanton
Earth	New Deal	Sudan
Edmonson	New Home	Tahoka
Floydada	Odessa	Timbercreek
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Friona	Olton	Tulia
Hale Center	Opdyke West	Turkey
Happy	Pallsades	Vega
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Copies of the filing are available at the Atmos Energy Office at 5110 80th, Lubbock, TX 79408-1121 or a local Atmos Energy Office nearest to you. Affected persons whose gas rates are subject to the original jurisdiction of the Railroad Commission may file in writing comments or a protest concerning the proposed changes with the Docket Services Section of the Legal Division, Railroad Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 12967, Capitol Station, Austin, Texas 78711-2967, at any time within 30 days following the date on which the change would or has become effective.

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State and national news
at a glance

Mother sustains another loss

HOUSTON (AP) — A mother who was holding her 8-month-old daughter on Christmas Day when her common-law husband allegedly shot and killed the baby has sustained another loss.

The same day authorities captured her common-law husband of two years in Lubbock, the grieving mother returned to her home Friday to find it had been burglarized and that a pair of earrings intended as a gift for her slain daughter was among the items stolen.

"They took my baby's earrings," the child's mother, Alma Mosqueda, 32, said in Saturday's Houston Chronicle. "I just wanted my baby's earrings. I don't care about nothing else."

A television set and other jewelry were also stolen.

The burglary came as Edalio Camacho Navarro, 38, was arrested on a capital murder warrant as he slept shortly after midnight. He was arrested by a Lubbock police SWAT team, acting on a tip, with assistance by Houston police and Texas Rangers.

"At about 12:30, they forced entry into a residence and found the suspect asleep," Lubbock police Sgt. Jeff Davis said. "He was taken into custody without further incident."

A judge in Lubbock denied bond Friday and ordered Camacho Navarro returned to Houston. The Harris County Sheriff's Department tentatively expected to bring him back this weekend.

According to Mosqueda, Camacho Navarro was drunk and toting a loaded .38-caliber revolver just before dawn Wednesday when he accused her of cheating on him.

"I said, 'I'm going to take our daughter and leave,' and he said, 'I'll kill you first,'" Mosqueda said.

Mosqueda said she had their 8-month-old daughter, Nayeli Navarro, clutched to her chest when Camacho Navarro pulled his gun and charged. The woman tried to shield the girl, she said, but a single gunshot killed the child.

Women file civil rights lawsuits

HALTOM CITY (AP) — Four women who say they were sexually harassed while serving time in the Haltom City Jail have filed federal civil rights lawsuits against the city, bringing to 17 the number of women alleging abuse ranging from verbal harassment to rape.

Three of the women who filed the latest lawsuits name Clint Wade Weaver as the jailer who harassed them. He is also named in several of the previously filed lawsuits.

Weaver, of Azle, pleaded guilty in March to a misdemeanor charge of official oppression after a woman said she was forced to have sex in exchange for early release from the jail.

He was sentenced to two years' probation. He was indicted in October on one count of sexual assault and

two counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody in connection with treatment of female inmates.

Haltom City officials maintain that Weaver is the only jailer who abused inmates.

The city's attorney, Jim Jeffrey, has asked U.S. District Judge Terry Means to dismiss the first eight lawsuits.

Jeffrey was unavailable to comment Friday on the most recent lawsuits, and city officials said they had not seen them.

According to allegations in the latest lawsuits, a woman who was 17 at the time was forced to strip in front of a male guard. Like other female inmates, she had to wear a one-piece jumpsuit without underwear. Because of the jumpsuit's design, her breasts were exposed when she used the toilet.

71-vehicle pile-up blamed on fog

HOUSTON (AP) — Dense fog claimed 71 vehicles in a pileup on both sides of a southwest Houston freeway overpass Saturday, police said, although there were no deaths or life-threatening injuries in the metallic carnage.

Cars, pickups, sport-utility vehicles, vans and commercial trucks began smacking into one another shortly before 7 a.m. on the south leg of the Sam Houston Tollway as it passes over U.S. 90.

"It was kind of a wall of fog," said Mike Young, 45, who was on his way to work for FedEx. As many as 30 drivers or passengers were taken to area hospitals.

Young's Jeep Grand Cherokee was among the first vehicles to converge on the westbound side. He said he climbed out, shimmied along the outside guardrail to safety in front of the pileup, all along hearing crash after crash.

"When everyone was getting out, you could smell the gas and knew there would be a problem," Young said.

That problem began when, according to fellow victim Kenneth Fontenot, 45, a Hyundai next to his Isuzu Rodeo caught fire. Soon, nine cars were engulfed, including the SUVs belonging to Young and Fontenot.

"We had to stand there and watch it," Fontenot said. "The fire trucks couldn't get here because (the road) was blocked at both ends."

Troops, ships head to Persian Gulf

WASHINGTON (AP) — Thousands of American troops and dozens of warships will head to Persian Gulf in the coming weeks as the Pentagon puts forces in place to make war on Iraq, defense officials say.

Since Christmas, the Pentagon has begun alerting units around the United States and overseas to prepare for deployment. The Navy has been ordered to prepare two aircraft carrier battle groups and two amphibious assault groups — which carry thousands of Marines — to be ready to head to the region sometime in January, officials said Friday.

Air Force combat aircraft wings and Army units also are receiving orders to deploy, officials said. Military

personnel will go to Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain, among other locations, reinforcing the 50,000 U.S. military personnel already in the region.

The fresh troops are intended to coerce Iraqi President Saddam Hussein into disclosing and abandoning his efforts to acquire chemical, biological and nuclear weapons, military officials said. No decision to go to war has been made.

N. Korea orders inspectors to leave

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — North Korea ordered the expulsion Friday of U.N. nuclear inspectors and announced it will reactivate a laboratory able to produce weapons-grade plutonium. The U.N. nuclear agency said its investigators were "staying put" for now.

The White House denounced Pyongyang's moves, and U.S. officials said an envoy — perhaps Assistant Secretary of State James Kelly — would likely be sent to the region next month to confer with allies.

The North Korean move heightened tensions over its plan to unfreeze nuclear facilities shut down since 1994. The inspectors were the last means that the International Atomic Energy Agency had to monitor whether the nuclear complex at Yongbyon is being used for weapons projects.



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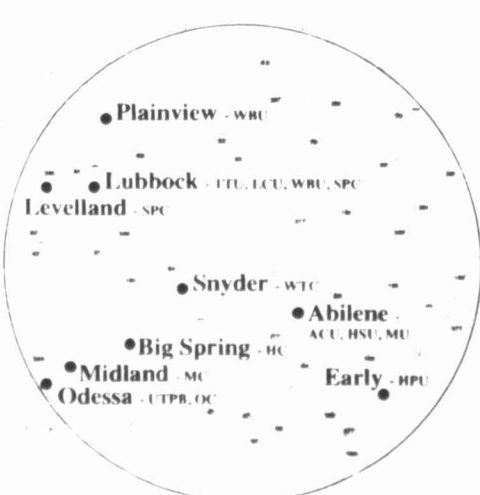
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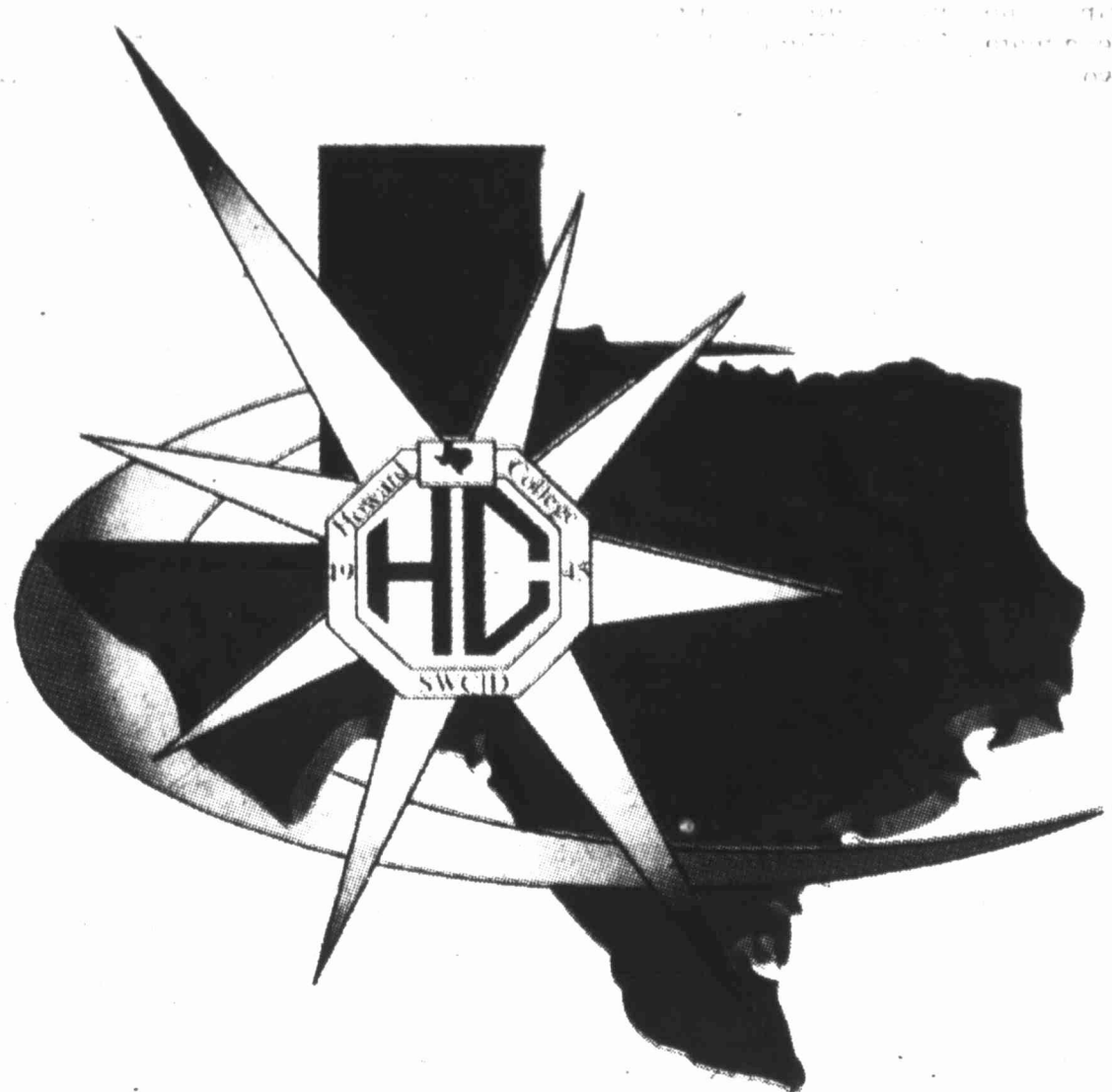
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Niehues lifts Lady Kats' by Ozona

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

STERLING CITY — When the Garden City Lady Kats needed her most, Megan Niehues was at her best.

Niehues poured in a game-high 19 points Friday and helped lead the No. 8-ranked Lady Kats to a 56-52 win over Ozona in the first round of the Sterling City Invitational Basketball Tournament.

The win over Ozona enabled Garden City to move into the tournament semifinals Saturday to meet another Crossroads power, the Klondike Lady Cougars. The winner was slated to face either Miles or Sterling City in the finals.

The Lady Kats iced the win over Ozona with a stellar effort from the free throw line in the final eight minutes. Garden City shot a perfect 9-of-9 in the fourth quarter.

Jessica Hoch powered Garden City's run down the stretch. She converted 10 of her 11 free throw opportunities in the contest.

Hoch finished the contest with 16 points.

Leslie Jansa and Amanda Henson helped the Garden City offense hit on all cylinders. The two combined for 15 points in the affair. Jansa, a senior guard, scored nine points, while Henson added six.

Dendra Maxie also scored in the win, netting four points. Teammate Morgan Kight tallied two.

Klondike moved into the semifinals courtesy of a 52-48 win over Robert Lee.

The Garden City boys also advanced in the tournament. The Bearkats thumped the Sterling City junior varsity, 74-49. The win earned the GCHS squad a second-round matchup with the Sterling City varsity.

The Forsan Buffaloes didn't have an enjoyable first day. Despite 19 points from Brent Huff, the Buffaloes suffered an 80-67 loss at the hands of Ozona in the first round.

The Forsan Lady Buffs dropped a 60-29 decision to the Sterling City Lady Eagles.

Stop the Presses!

Steers show
life as 4-4A
action nears

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

LAMESA, — Santa Claus was really nice to Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear this season. He brought the veteran basketball coach something he had been looking for all year: Santa brought game.

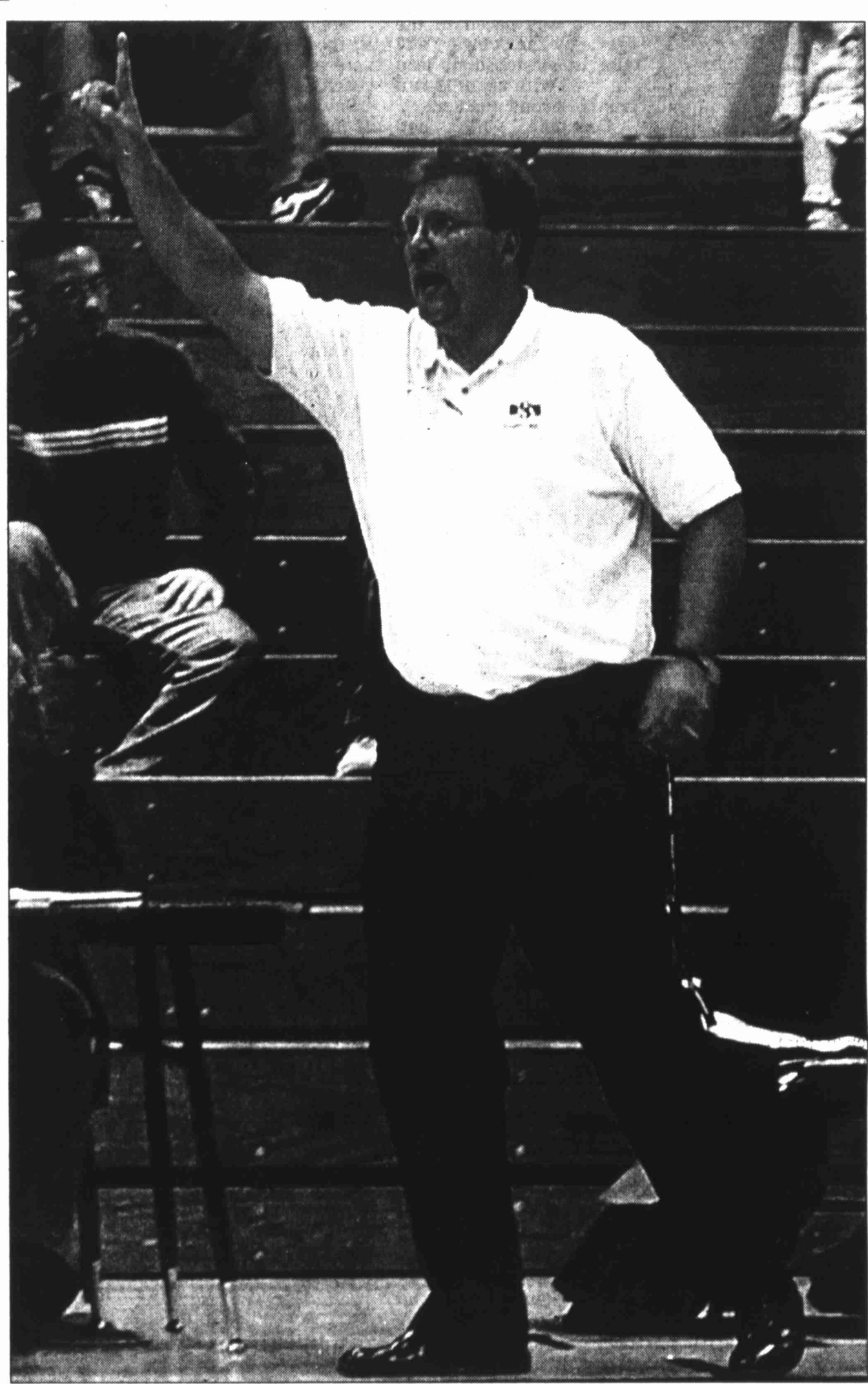
The Steers turned in one of their better showings of the season this past weekend. En route to advancing to the third-place game of the annual O.W. Follis Basketball Tournament, Big Spring thumped Brownfield and then stood toe-to-toe with heavily-favored Lamesa for three quarters.

Kinnear, who had seen his team struggle through a 1-16 start, wasn't the only one surprised. "You had better get your heads into this," said Lamesa head coach Gene Brown to his players during a second-half timeout. "They're not going to roll over."

Indeed, they didn't. Big Spring, which had lost to the Golden Tornadoes earlier in the year by 20, held a slim lead late in the third quarter and threatened to stun Kinnear's former charges in front of a small crowd in the finals of the Pool B bracket. Lamesa won, 58-47, thanks to a 16-7 fourth-quarter run that was aided as two BSHS starters fouled out.

Brown and Kinnear served as assistants under former Lamesa head coach Wayne Roberts for several years, before Kinnear left to take over the head coaching duties at Klondike.

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Big Spring head coach Jim Kinnear calls a play during the third quarter of the Steers' 57-48 loss to Lamesa Friday night. Despite the loss, Big Spring advanced to the championship bracket of the O.W. Follis Tournament Saturday.

Lady Buffaloes reach Alleyhoops finals

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes did just what they had set out to do Thursday — they made it to the finals.

Stanton dispatched the Greenwood Rangerettes by a 44-40 margin Friday in the Iraan Alleyhoops Invitational and moved into the finals of the annual event. The Lady Buffs were slated to meet either McCamey or Iraan in the championship round.

Lady Steers open Abilene tourney with big victory

The Big Spring Lady Steers picked up 11 points from Krystle Long and eight more from LaKenya Wrightsil Friday and rolled to an easy 49-35 win over the Abilene High School JV.

Big Spring sealed the Lady Eagles' fate early. The BSHS girls outscored Abilene by a 15-3 clip in the first quarter and never looked back.

In all, eight different Big Spring players scored in the game, including six from Shannon Higgins.

With the win, the Lady Steers moved into a semifinal bout against Cooper.

The win was double sweet for Stanton. It avenged the Lady Buffs' only loss this season and helped the team extend its recent win streak to 14 games. Overall, the Lady Buffs are 17-1 on the year.

Ashley Newell, Kayla Cook and Belinda Maldonado also played well in the win.

Junior Kristi Bridges led Stanton offensively. She scored a team-high 16 points.

In other second-round girls' games, Alpine defeated Sonora,

43-36; McCamey edged Christoval, 45-44; and Iraan routed Presidio, 66-15.

The Stanton boys didn't do as well in their efforts to reach the final round. Stanton dropped a 74-45 decision to the Fort Hancock Mustangs in Friday's semifinal round play.

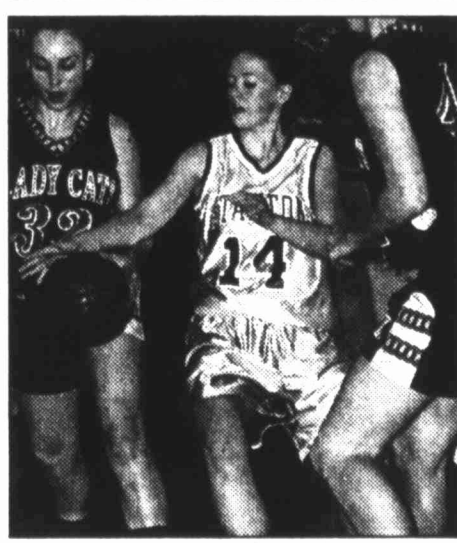
Tullie Louder led all Stanton scorers in the game. He torched the Mustang defense for 25 points.

The loss gave the Buffaloes a 2-1 record during the event,

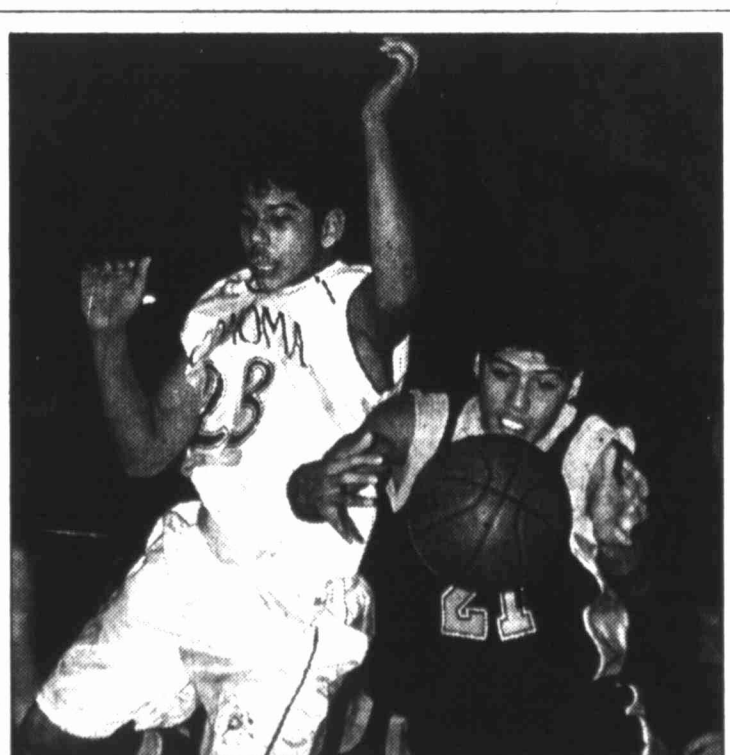
which concluded Saturday. Stanton had opened the Alleyhoops tournament by downing Eldorado, 51-50, and Harper, 34-30, on Thursday.

With the loss, the Buffs fell into the consolation semifinals.

The Stanton Lady Buffs are scheduled to close out their non-district schedule Monday evening with games against Sands in Ackerly. They begin District 3-3A play on Jan. 3 with a road swing to Colorado City.



Merrida Koonce and the Stanton Lady Buffs won Friday.



Adrian Abrego battles for a rebound in recent Coahoma basketball action. The Bulldogs suffered a 75-65 loss to Midland Christian Friday in the Reagan Co. Invitational.

Woods leads Oklahoma State to 33-23 win over Southern Miss in Houston Bowl

HOUSTON (AP) — Oklahoma State is thinking big after capping a dramatic turnaround season with a Houston Bowl victory.

Rashaun Woods caught nine passes for 164 yards and one touchdown, and Tatum Bell made a late contribution that carried the Cowboys to a 33-23 victory over Southern Mississippi on Friday.

"This continues where we wanted to go with this program," tight end Billy Bajema said. "The end of the year has been a great run for us. We won a bunch of games, Oklahoma, Texas A&M and Nebraska.

"Our maturity level has really grown over this season. Next year we plan on winning a championship and going to a bigger bowl game."

The comments weren't quite as positive after the Cowboys started the season 2-4 in their second season under coach Les Miles. But they won six of their last seven games, including their first bowl victory since 1988.

"This football team came out here to have a good time, see the sites of Houston and enjoy the whole bowl atmosphere," Miles said.

Woods, selected the game's most valuable

player, might not be around long enough to enjoy the resurgent Cowboys. He's considering an early jump to the NFL.

Woods highlighted his performance with a 51-yard touchdown catch from Josh Fields with 1:38 left in the second quarter.

Woods was double-covered on the play, but the defenders collided, allowing Woods to sprint into the end zone.

Woods had his ninth 100-yard receiving game of the season and joined former Cowboys receiver Hart Lee Dykes as the only receivers to surpass 3,000 career yards.

Slow start helps Mustangs take 75-65 win over 'Dogs

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Midland Christian Mustangs probably went into the locker room following Friday's win over the Coahoma Bulldogs and rubbed all their lucky charms.

The Mustangs took advantage of a slow start by the Bulldogs to build a huge lead and then hang on furiously to take a 75-65 win in the second round of the Reagan Co. Invitational Tournament.

With the win, Midland Christian improved to 12-5 on the year and advanced to the tournament finals against Dallas Faith Academy. Coahoma, now 8-5 overall, slipped into the third-place game against Colorado City.

Midland Christian hit on all cylinders in the

early minutes. The Mustangs poured in 22 points in the initial eight minutes of play and took a 22-14 lead into the second period.

Midland Christian, which was paced in the game by Zac Schwarz's 27 points, stretched its lead to 40-25 with an 18-11 run in the second quarter.

Coahoma, which had eight players score in the game, got its game untracked in the third. The Bulldogs rode the hot hands of Chase Davis and Kelby Kemper to 20 third-quarter points and went into the final frame trailing by a 60-45 margin.

Davis, who knocked down seven of 10 attempts from behind the 3-point arc, helped Coahoma whittle away at the Mustangs' lead in the fourth. He keyed a 20-15 spree in the stanza that

enabled the CHS cagers to pull to within 10.

Overall, the Bulldogs outscored Midland Christian by a 40-35 clip in the final 16 minutes of the contest.

"We played much better in the second half," said veteran Coahoma head coach Kim Nichols.

Davis finished the game as the Bulldogs' top offensive performer, netting 27 points.

Kemper finished the game with 14, while Cory Mulkey and Toby Jackson each contributed six. Sam Tindol netted five.

The Bulldogs will make their final non-district tune-ups Tuesday when they host Garden City. The CHS girls will begin play at 1 p.m., while the Coahoma boys will take to the court at approximately 2:30 p.m.

Borden girls gun for third at Post

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Borden Co. Lady Coyotes continued to turn heads this past weekend when they advanced to the third-place game at the Bold Gold Basketball Tournament in Post.

The Lady Coyotes posted a 1-1 record in the first

two days of the event. Their only setback came Friday at the hands of Class 3A Snyder.

Borden Co. opened the tournament with a bang, downing the Brownfield Lady Cubs, 75-43.

The Lady Coyotes rolled to a 34-17 halftime lead and never looked back.

Micah Hensley and Carolina Arellanos led the BC scoring effort with 22 and 10, respectively.

Snyder downed Borden Co. by a 44-18 clip in the second round, forcing the Lady Coyotes into a third-place showdown with Petersburg.

The Borden Co. boys moved into the consolation finals Friday by downing Post, 60-26, in second-round play.

The Coyotes were slated to play Petersburg for fourth-place honors.

The Sands Lady Mustangs advanced to the seventh-place game. The SHS girls dropped their first-round game to Post, 53-29, and then fell to Lubbock Christian, 59-30.

T'Auna Reed led all Sands' scorers with 15 points.

Hughes scores 12 in JV's 67-54 loss to Roosevelt

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

Brandon Hughes scored 12 points and Shamar Myles and Justin Watson each added nine points Friday afternoon and keyed a solid performance by the Big Spring Steers junior varsity squad against Lubbock Roosevelt at the O.W. Folliis Invitational Tournament in Lamesa.

The Steers posted a 1-3 mark at the tournament. Their lone win came in the second round when they downed Kermit by a 56-49 clip.

With their showing at the tournament, the Steers improved to 5-12 on the year.

Roosevelt dominated the first eight minutes of the tournament's final JV game. The Eagles reeled off a 30-15 margin in the first quarter and then

slipped into cruise control for the next two quarters.

Roosevelt outscored Big Spring by a 27-17 clip in the second and third quarters and took a 57-32 lead into the fourth.

The Steers, behind five points apiece from Myles and Erin Partee, hit stride in the final frame. They pounded out 22 points in the final stanza and pulled to within 13 at the final buzzer.

Partee and Brandon Boling each finished with six points.

Big Spring opened the tournament on a sour note. They dropped their first-round game against Trinity Christian by a 67-43 score.

After a win over Kermit, the Steers suffered a tough 51-30 setback to Lamesa before drawing Roosevelt in the finale.

STEERS

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The Steers opened the tournament on a high note. Big Spring ousted Brownfield in the first round of pool play on Thursday. They downed the Cubs by a 61-54 margin.

Brownfield didn't make the win easy, however. The Cubs outscored the Steers in each of the first two quarters of play and took a 23-19 lead into the half.

Big Spring, sparked by double-digit performances from Alvin Russell, Wesley Smith and Jordan Cobb, came back in the third quarter. The Steers reeled off a 22-11 spree in the frame and went into the final eight minutes holding a 39-34 advantage.

Big Spring closed out its second win of the year with a 22-20 run in the fourth quarter. The Steers' only other win this fall came against Sundown in the Brownfield Invitational Basketball Tournament.

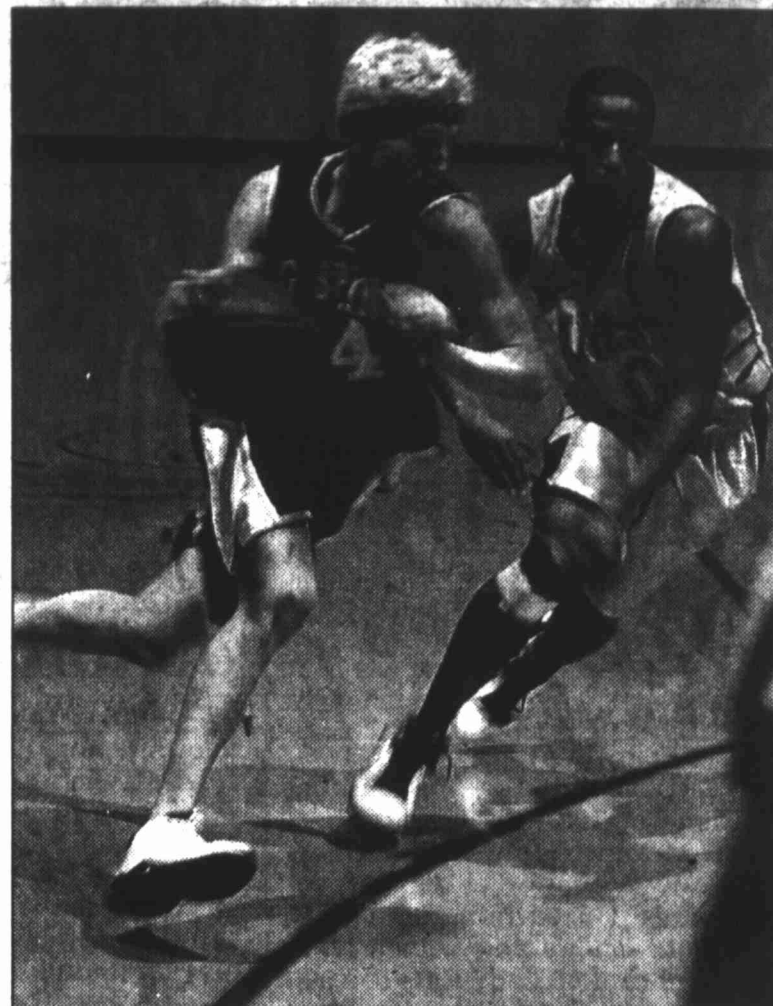
Russell lead all BSHS scorers with 14 points. Smith and Cobb each added 12.

The win over the Cubs sent Big Spring into the Pool B finals against Lamesa, which had dismantled Slaton, 51-38, in the bracket's other first-round matchup.

After playing a scoreless chess match during the first 1:57 of the contest, Smith put the Steers on top. He put back an offensive rebound from inside the lane for a 2-0 lead at the 6:03 mark.

Lamesa answered back, however. The Tors nailed a 3-pointer and a short 6-footer to take a 5-4 lead before the BSHS offense hit stride.

Smith gave Big Spring the lead again at the 4:22 mark by pulling up for a 12-footer from the left wing. The second of three first-quarter buckets for



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

Big Spring junior Wesley Smith attempts to drive past a Lamesa defender during the fourth quarter Friday night. Smith finished the game with a team-high 12 points.

the junior post gave the Steers a 8-5 lead.

He followed that shot with a layup off a steal just 13 seconds later, giving Big Spring a 5-point lead.

Cobb capped a 9-2 run seconds later with a 3-pointer from the left wing that inflated the Steer lead to 17-7.

Lamesa hit 5-of-6 free throw attempts in the final 44 seconds of the first to pull to within 17-12.

The Tors outscored Big Spring by a 15-10 margin in the second quarter and sent the game into the half knotted at 27-27.

Big Spring, which had double-digit efforts from Smith, Russell and Josh Pedigo, regained the upper hand late in the third. The held a slim 2-point lead with less than three minutes to play before Lamesa hit stride.

The Tors, sparked by a

several late baskets, outscored Big Spring by a 14-12 clip in the third and held a shaky 41-39 lead at the start of the fourth.

Big Spring refused to buckle under. The Steers fought their way to within 52-48 with 1:07 before foul trouble began taking its toll.

Lamesa hit 5-of-8 attempts from the charity stripe in the final 59 seconds to seal the contest.

Smith led all BSHS scorers in the game with 12 points. Russell and Pedigo each added 10.

With the loss to Lamesa, the Steers moved into the championship bracket as the No. 2 seed from Pool B. They faced the Merkel Badgers in the semifinals Saturday morning.

The Steers, who also had a strong effort from point guard Michael Ornales, will host Abilene Wylie Tuesday.

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COWBOY POET VISITS THE CITY



Texas graduate, has lived in Manhattan for about eight years. She has just finished a year as wardrobe supervisor on the Broadway show "Urinetown, the Musical" and is now working on a new production, "Movin' Out," that opened in October. Her resume includes serving as wardrobe supervisor for the touring company of "Hello, Dolly!" with Carol Channing. Her West Texas upbringing came in handy during "Dolly!" when she informed the property master that the harness on the trolley horse was on backwards.

When he asked how she'd known, she respond, "my dad has a Belgian mare and wagon with a harness like that."

Several years ago my husband, local cowboy poet Tom Koger composed a poem about our drama major daughter, Shannon when I had gone to New York to visit her. He titled the poem "Please Pass the Crow."

At that time, our daughter Shannon had commented, "Dad, I don't want to hurt your feelings, but I think we'd all have a better time if you stayed in Big Spring."

Knowing how he hated crowds, hurrying, and flying, he agreed with her.

But finally, after a knee replacement and surviving all the foreigners while visiting a friend in France, Tom decided it was time to call on his big city daughter.

Our daughter, Shannon Koger, a Big Spring High and University of

Please Pass the Crow by Tom Koger

My wife's in New York I'm proud to say

To visit our daughter who's now on Broadway.

Her daddy had argued to no avail
To get a real job or wind up in jail.

But she knew what she wanted and stayed to the hunt

While Pappa was crying, "It's now time to punt."

In Missouri and Alabama and Florida and Illinois

She wouldn't listen to the old man making his noise.

She's seen a lot of the world doing as she pleased,

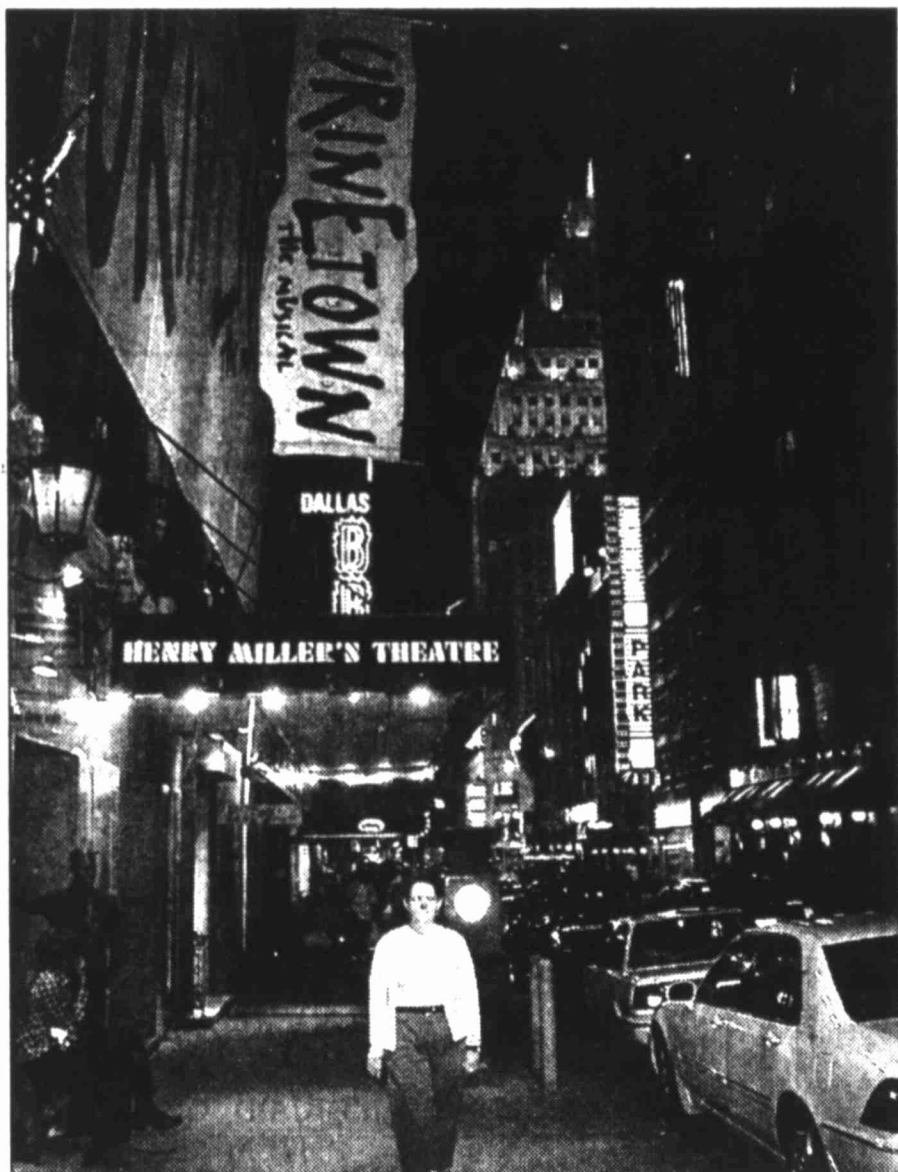
And she brought that old fool down to his knees.

He's proud as a peacock to shout her acclaim;

She's really brought honor to his sorry old name.

So listen real close, 'cause I want you to know

I say loud and proud: "Please pass the crow."



As in any tale worth repeating over a dark campfire on a starry night, the journey must have a challenge, an obstacle that takes heroic efforts to overcome.

Tom's was metal detectors.

One reason Tom dislikes flying and airports is metal, the metal on his belt buckle, the metal on his suspenders, hatband, and money clip. He always sets off the security detectors and has to almost "undress" to get through the checkpoint.

Nowadays, with heightened security, even his titanium knee sets off the alarms.

While preparing for the trip, the Tom debated about whether to wear his hat and boots, finally deciding to wear the hat and pack the boots.

When he saw airport security make another cowboy remove his boots to be scanned at the Dallas-Fort Worth Airport, he decided he'd chosen wisely.

While in New York, Tom bought a "Ben Hogan style" cap, which he wore most of the time in the city because he discovered "there just aren't many hat racks in places you go up there."

Since Shannon lives uptown in the Washington Heights area, Tom and I learned to use the subway system.

"You can buy a week pass from a machine in the station; then you just swipe it through the slot and get on the train," Tom

exclaimed.

He noted that most subway occupants read, "some newspapers or magazines, but most are reading books...and not any light stuff either."

The first evening of their stay, the we accompanied Shannon to a one-year-on-Broadway anniversary party for the cast and crew of "Urinetown," many of whom were several home-grown Texans.

"They were pretty ordinary folks, just a little faster talking than we're used to," Tom remarked.

As we walk around the city, Tom was worried that his boots and cowboy hat would make him too conspicuous, but a visit to Times Square cured him of his concerns.

"This guy was on a traffic island in the middle of Times Square in a pretty good-looking hat, boots with some nice spurs, and his underwear with 'Naked Cowboy' written on the seat, playing his guitar; and nobody but us was even looking at him," Tom mused of a Times Square regular.

Tom even got to show off a little of his artistic ability to a small New York crowd.

While waiting in a restaurant for Shannon, Tom overheard a conversation by a group of women and one man discussing poetry and teaching and talking about publishing a book on the subject.

When we got up to leave, Tom stopped at the nearby table and mentioned that we were retired teachers and had enjoyed their discussion. He also mentioned he wrote poetry.

The man asked if Tom would recite one of his poems and he obliged.

He recited his "Cowboys Don't Cry," and the group, who call themselves "The Galaxy Group" (after the restaurant where they meet) asked if he'd give them permission to use his poem in their book.

They have since been in contact by e-mail and plan to communicate on the progress of the publishing project.

"We saw a lot of parks in the city; maybe that was Shannon's plan to keep me happy," Tom noted.

After his trip to the Big Apple, Tom had this to say to summed up his experience.

"We had a great time and enjoyed everything we did, but we may have stayed a day too long," opined the local bard. "I sure was glad to get back home where you don't have to be in such a hurry. It's an interesting place to visit, but I'm sure glad I don't have to live there."

From clockwise on top, Tom Koger, Big Spring cowboy poet, and his daughter Shannon pause for a picture from inside the Empire State Building during Tom's visit to New York. Tom his wife, Nancy and Shannon enjoy a carriage ride in Central Park. Tom pauses for a minute to pounder while standing near the Metropolitan Museum of Art. Shannon, a Big Spring High School graduate, stands under the marquee of "Urinetown, the Musical," where she served as wardrobe supervisor until this fall.



Story by Nancy Koger

Photos courtesy of Nancy and Shannon Koger

WEDDING



Coates-Peckham

Cheryl Coates and Ryan Peckham, both of College Station, exchanged wedding vows on Dec. 28, 2002, at First United Methodist Church with Jim Wright, minister of music, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Daryle Coates of Coahoma and Cathy New of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Don and Shirley Brashears and the late James and Roselle Coates of Coahoma.

The groom is the son of Russel Erwin and Shelly Smith of Coahoma and Gary and Deborah Peckham of Midland and the grandson of Darrell and Donna Smith of Midland, Von and the late Sandra Plummer of Missouri and Jo Erwin of Colorado City.

The organist was Noreen Bales. Vocalists were Gayla Jackson, Melissa McCullough and Annette Roberts.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Daryle Coates, and wore a beaded bodice and satin ribbon hem. She carried a bouquet of hand-tied white roses.

Maid of honor was Cassie Coates. Bridesmaids were Mysti Mansfield and Lynsey Bunn.

The flower girl was Savannah Neff. Ring bearer was Mason Moore.

Best man was David White. Groomsmen were Keith Vest and Brad Evans.

Ushers were Blake Coates, Ralston Coates, Steven Prater and Kyle Wyatt.

A reception was held at Garrett Hall. The bride's cake was an elegant three-tiered white wedding cake with fresh

white roses. The groom's cake was a two-tiered chocolate cake topped with fresh fruit.

The bride is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School and 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University.

The groom is a 1999 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. He is currently employed by TAC Americas.

Following a wedding trip to Santa Fe, N.M., the couple will make their home in Fairbanks, Alaska.

Towers book has some wonderful recipes

WILTON, Conn. (AP) — The following are from "Jeremiah Tower Cooks" (Stewart, Tabori & Chang, \$35).

Tower, who was one of the first American "star" chefs, was originally chef at Alice Waters' renowned restaurant Chez Panisse, in Berkeley, Calif., in the '70s.

Cowboy-Style**Fire-Roasted Onions**

4 large red onions, peeled
4 bay leaves
1 dried chipotle chili, quartered, seeded
4 sprigs fresh thyme
1 tablespoon cumin seeds
8 slices smoked bacon
1 cup mild hot sauce, such as Pickapeppa sauce (see note)
Freshly chopped Italian parsley
Salt

Preheat the oven to 375 F.

Dig out 2 teaspoons of the center of each onion with a small spoon or a grapefruit knife. Reserve the scooped-out onion pieces.

Put a bay leaf, a piece of chipotle, a thyme sprig, and some cumin seeds in each of the cavities. Wrap each onion in two slices of bacon. Put each onion in a piece of foil large enough to wrap it, and spoon 1/4 cup mild hot sauce over each. Put the scooped-out onion on top. Season.

Wrap each onion and cook in the embers of a cooling wood (or charcoal) fire, in a wood oven, or in a skillet covered with aluminum foil in a regular home oven. If cooked the last way you can omit the step of wrap-

ping each onion individually.

Cook for 60 minutes, or until the onion is very tender. Unwrap, remove the bay leaf, chili and thyme, and continue with whatever the onion is to be used for. Just before serving the onions, sprinkle with the parsley. Makes 4 servings.

Grilled Bacon-Wrapped**Salmon With Basil Mashed Potatoes and Sweet Red Onion Sauce**

Four 6-ounce pieces salmon fillets, boneless, skinless
1 bunch fresh basil, stemmed, stems saved, leaves washed
2 tablespoons olive oil
8 slices apple-wood smoked bacon, 1/8-inch thick
2 large red onions, peeled, cored, finely chopped
1 spring fresh thyme
8 tablespoons butter, cut into 8 equal pieces
1/2 cup fish or shellfish stock
6 medium boiling potatoes, peeled, quartered
1 cup milk, or more if needed
1/4 cup heavy cream
4 drops sesame oil
1 tablespoon freshly squeezed lemon juice
1/2 cup mixed fresh herb leaves (Italian parsley, chervil, tarragon)
Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Chop the basil stems, and moisten them with 1 tablespoon of the olive oil. Put the salmon pieces in a shallow dish or bowl and pack the oiled basil stems around them. Marinate in the refrigerator for 2 hours.

Take the salmon out of

the dish and wipe off the basil stems, saving them to put on the fire when you are grilling the salmon. Flatten the pieces of salmon slightly with the palm of your hand, and then with your hands form a 3-inch circle with each of the salmon pieces, the side of the salmon that held the skin on the inside of the circle. When the salmon has taken on a "medallion" shape, wrap 2 slices of bacon around the outside edges of each salmon medallion, securing them with wooden toothpicks.

Put the onions in a saucepan with the thyme and 1 tablespoon of the butter. Add 2 tablespoons water, cover, and sweat 5 minutes over low heat. Remove the thyme sprig, add the stock, and simmer until reduced by half.

Blanch the basil leaves in boiling water for 1 minute, pushing the leaves under the water surface so that they do not blacken. Drain and refresh under cold water for a few seconds, and then puree immediately in a small blender with a tablespoon of the blanching water. Add 2 tablespoons of butter and blend until a smooth green. Remove the basil butter and put in the refrigerator.

Cook the potatoes and mash them through a ricer or food mill into a saucepan. Add the milk and beat it into the pota-

toes until just incorporated. Then whip the cream and fold it into the potatoes, and keep warm over a double boiler, for no longer than the time it takes to cook the salmon.

Grill or broil the salmon, turning once, for 3 to 4 minutes each side. Heat the onion sauce and whisk in the remaining 5 tablespoons of butter. Season and keep warm. Whisk the basil butter into the potatoes, season them, and put a bed of the potatoes on each of the four warm plates, the salmon on top and the onion sauce over the fish.

Mix the oil and lemon juice together and add the herbs. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon the herb mixture over the salmon.

Makes 4 servings.

Elizabeth David's Syllabus

1/2 cup Manzanilla sherry
2 tablespoons brandy
1 lemon, finely zested, juiced
1/4 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups Double Cream (recipe follows)
Pinch freshly grated nutmeg
Pinch salt

Put the sherry, brandy and lemon zest and juice in a bowl and let sit overnight. Strain, saving the liquid only.

Put the sugar in a non-reactive bowl with the strained sherry, and stir

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STORKS

Kendalyne Dawn Warren Boling of Arlington. Uncle is **Timothy Duffey** and cousin is **Stormie Malynn Reed**, both of Big Spring. **Isaak Ray Cisneros**, boy, was born at 8:10 a.m. Dec. 20, 2002, 8 pounds, 5.5 ounces, 20.5 inches long. Parents are Roman and

Rebecca Cisneros of Big Spring. Grandparents are **Porfirio Rios** and **Carmelia Martinez** of **Bastrop and Mario and Rita Deleon** of **Ackerly**. Great-grandparents are **Joe and Delia Ybarra** of Big Spring. Uncle and aunt **David and Rose Ybarra**, **Robin and Laura Cisneros**, uncles **Robert Cisneros**, **Marc Deleon** and **Ruben Cisneros**.

Karla Secilia Contreras, girl, born 6:17 p.m., Dec. 21, 2002, 8 pounds, 4 ounces, 19.5 inches. Parent is **Drucila Presas**.

Adam Daniel Miramontes, boy, born 9:41 a.m., Dec. 20, 2002, 5 pounds, 8 ounces, 18.5 inches. Parents are **Lena Flores** and **David Miramontes Jr.** of Big

Spring. Grandparents are **David and Cruz Miramontes** of Big Spring and **Esequiel and Christina Flores** of Midland.

Kosha Upadhyaya, girl, born 5:06 p.m., Dec. 20, 2002, 7 pounds, 3 ounces, 20 inches long. Parents are **Jayendra and Jayna Upadhyaya** of Big Spring. Grandparents are

Harshadrat Upadhyaya and **Vanilla Upadhyaya**.

Angelica Y. Rodriguez, girl, born 7:20 a.m., 6 pounds, 13 ounces, 19 inches long. Parent is **Heidi Rodriguez** of Big Spring. Grandparents are **Anna and Santos** of Big Spring and **Maria and Jose** of Lamesa.

WHO'S WHO

Kayle Denyce Hindman, of Coahoma, a bachelor of science in Bible and Ministry major and a December 2002 LCU graduate, was selected by the dean of Lubbock Christian University's J.E. and Eileen Hancock College of Liberal Arts as winner of the Dean's Award.

Dean's awards are presented each year to the students with the highest GPA in each college. Hindman was honored at the December graduation on Saturday, Dec. 7. She graduated Summa Cum Laude.

Amy Dawn Miller gradu-

ated from the University of Texas Health Science Center on May 11, 2002.

She received her bachelor of science degree from the UT School of Nursing in Houston. She actively served as an officer of the Student Nurses Association in addition to serving with the student government.

She is employed at Houston's Memorial Hermann Children's Hospital in the neonatal intensive care unit. She plans to complete her master's degree as a clinical nurse specialist in neonatology in the near future. She is the daughter of **Tip Miller** and **Deborah Black** of Big Spring.

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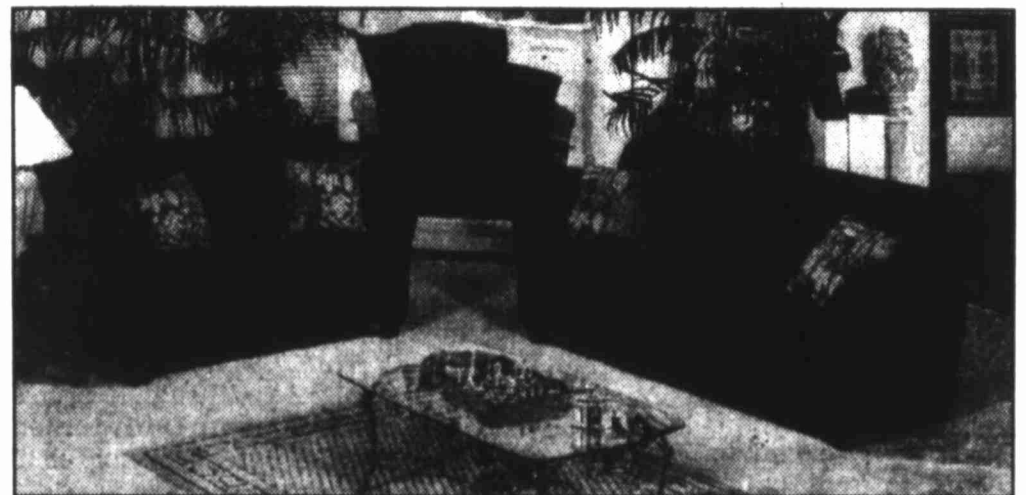
until the sugar is dissolved. Add the cream, nutmeg and salt. Whisk the mixture for 5 minutes, or until it thickens enough to hold a soft peak on the whisk. It can become overbeaten in seconds, so be careful.

Spoon the syllabub into small (4-ounce) glasses, filling them to the top. Refrigerate until needed. Makes 8 servings.

Double Cream
1 cup heavy cream

1/2 cup mascarpone
1/4 cup buttermilk
Mix the ingredients together in a bowl until smooth, and let sit at room temperature for 8 hours. Refrigerate for 24 hours (or up to 3 days) before using. Makes 1 3/4 cups.

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In a second language

StarTek's Spanish-speaking segment growing

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Fluency in the Spanish language has become a wanted skill for StarTek — a skill that allows the service call center to reach out to what may be the next major economic factor of the future.

Sarah Anciso, a StarTek customer representative, answers service calls from Spanish-speaking customers of a major cable company, ranging from billing questions, programing a remote control, trouble shooting for cable or Internet service to sales.

Among the diverse set of problems awaiting Anciso each day is an understanding of a wide range of Spanish dialects.

The center handles calls from customers located on the East Coast and Anciso takes Spanish-speaking calls from customers of a variety of cultures.

One memorable call had Anciso helping a woman who was speaking in both Italian and Spanish.

"There was little difference in pronunciation," Anciso said. "We had to work hard to understand each other but we got through it."

Different cultures can also present a problem.

"I had a situation where I had to tell a customer she was delinquent," said Lisa Cantu, a cue supervisor for a wireless client.



Amie Castillo, StarTek cue supervisor, helps Sarah Anciso, a customer representative, with a Spanish-speaking call. The call center has seen rapid growth in its program that handles service calls from Spanish-speaking customers of a major cable company.

"Our clients have very high expectations of the kind of quality that we give their customers."



"In certain Spanish countries, diligent in Spanish is a bad word. She got offended."

Currently, Anciso, Cantu and other representatives for the Spanish-speaking program are a minority of the Big Spring site workforce, yet their numbers are growing.

"We started on the cable side (in July) with six representatives handling

approximately 3,000 calls a month and we are now (November) up to 38 reps handling 19,000 calls a month with the potential to increase based on ability to hire," said Dennis Edmunds, Big Spring site manager. "We've seen a slight growth in our wireless side."

Edmunds said in an interview about the firming of a number of StarTek employees two

weeks ago that the bilingual program wasn't impacted and has, in fact, actually grown.

Potential bilingual employees go through a stringent process before being hired.

"Our clients have very high expectations of the kind of quality that we give their customers," said Irma Cevallos, one of

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Enron books haven't dominated best seller lists

HOUSTON (AP) — Books chronicling Enron Corp.'s stunning fall more than a year ago have peppered bookstore shelves since summer 2002, but the real battle for readers could heat up in 2003.

That's when Doubleday's "Power Failure," an account by former Enron executive Sherron Watkins — who gained fame for her efforts to warn former

Enron chairman Kenneth Lay that shady accounting put the company on a course for failure — will lead a trio of books from major publishers with its release in March.

Penguin Putnam and HarperCollins will follow the Watkins book with as-yet-untitled accounts by Wall Street Journal reporters John

Emshwiller and Rebecca Smith and Fortune

Magazine reporters Bethany McLean and Peter Elkind, respectively.

But none of the current glut of four major titles released since July have set best seller lists on fire, publishing officials told the Houston Chronicle in Sunday's editions.

"It's fascinating. All these publishers rush in and buy their books," Richard Pine, a literary

agent who has represented authors of business books, told the newspaper.

"The danger that the (unreleased) books will all run is that in 2003, who is going to care about Enron? Will we all be glued to our TV sets, watching the war with Iraq?"

The first book, "What

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Lenarduzzi to serve as interim state veterinarian

Special to the Herald

Texas livestock commissioners have formed a search committee to recruit a new regulatory veterinarian for the state, who also will serve as the executive director for the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the livestock health regulatory agency. The TAHC's 12 governor-appointed commissioners, led by Chairman Richard Traylor, have appointed

Dr. James Lenarduzzi to serve as interim state veterinarian and agency executive director, following Dr. Linda Logan's resignation in early December. The commissioners plan to hire a permanent replacement by late winter 2003.

Since 1986, Dr. Lenarduzzi, a 16-year veteran with the TAHC, has served as director for the agency's Area 5 office, headquartered in Beeville and encompassing 40 counties in South Texas.

A member of the agency's executive management team, Dr. Lenarduzzi also headed the cattle brucellosis-free planning project to tighten management practices for infected cattle herds and develop regulations to enhance eradication efforts for the bacterial disease. In the past 12 months, the TAHC has detected and depopulated three infected cattle herds, a dramatic decrease since the late 1980s, when more than 1,500 cattle herds were

known to be infected.

At the TAHC, Dr. Lenarduzzi has specialized in sheep and goat diseases, and works closely with the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to eradicate scrapie, a brain-wasting disease of sheep, and sometimes, goats. Six infected flocks have been detected in Texas since April 2001, when the nationally revamped disease eradication program was introduced.

Bob Brock Ford scholarship program directed toward FFA

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

A Big Spring business is continuing a tradition of supporting area youth by sponsoring \$4,000 in scholarships to local FFA members.

"Bob Brock Ford is constantly looking for ways to support the local youth," said Randy Gee, Bob Brock Ford sales manager. "Bob Brock has had a policy since 1966 of supporting the area youth and area school districts. This is one of the best ways we found recently to help further someone's education."

Sponsored through Bob Brock Ford and the Ford Company, high school seniors who are

members of the FFA from Big Spring, Coahoma, Sands and Borden County high schools can apply for a \$1,000 scholarship.

The recipients will be determined through a joint effort by the Big Spring business, area FFA sponsors and the national Ford Company, Gee said. The students must be planning to attend college during the 2003-2004 academic year.

Application forms are available at Bob Brock Ford, 500 W. Fourth, or students may also download the applications at www.ffa.org/activities/scholarships

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Randy Gee,
Bob Brock Ford sales manager

scholarships are a few of approximately 400 that will be

awarded by Ford dealers nationwide to FFA members. Local dealers contributed \$500 toward each \$1,000 scholarship and Ford Division and Ford Motor Company Fund matched an additional \$500.

In addition, Ford Trucks sponsors five national scholarships, offering those applicants who do not fall within a participating Ford dealer trade area an opportunity to receive a scholarship.

The scholarships are aimed at supporting an industry that is a large patron of the Ford Company.

"Agriculture has always been a huge part of Ford business

and this is one way that Bob Brock Ford and the Ford Motor Company can give back to the industry," Gee said.

As a special incentive for FFA Chapters and members, Ford Trucks will award a new F150 to the FFA chapter with the most high-scoring applications. For more details, contact the FFA Foundation at (800) 769-3105.

For more information about the application process, contact Gee at 267-7424.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

2002

Layoffs, Enron fallout top Texas business news

The Associated Press

It would take the optimism of Pollyanna and the patience of Job to find much good business news in Texas during 2002.

Some of the state's largest companies announced thousands of layoffs. Two of the three major airlines based in Texas posted big losses.

Enron Corp., which filed for bankruptcy in late 2001, fell even further, into indictments and shareholder lawsuits. Other energy companies struggled too, and their stock prices plunged faster than the mercury on a December evening in Amarillo.

Few areas of the economy were immune to the downturn in the national economy.

Even Irving-based Exxon Mobil Corp. — the world's largest publicly traded oil company — and most profitable corporation based in Texas — saw its profits fall.

But it still earned \$7.37 billion in the first nine months of the year, down from \$12.64 billion a year earlier.

Despite a flat market for personal computers, Dell Computer Corp., based in Round Rock, thrived by taking sales from competitors. By year end, Dell was trying to take its PC strategy — building machines made to order, selling direct to reduce costs, and using upgradable configurations — and use it to sell other gadgets and services.

Downsizing was the watchword at many Texas companies during 2002. The downturn in the state's big travel and technology industries continued at a distressingly strong pace, sending the state's seasonally adjusted unemployment rate to 6.2 percent for November, up from 5.6 percent a year earlier, according to the Texas Workforce Commission.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines, which lost nearly \$3 billion in the first nine months of the year, announced a massive

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restructuring in August that would cut its work force by 7,000 jobs.

Several weeks later, the airline announced it would cut at least another 400 flight attendants, and it asked workers to give up pay raises they are due to receive next year. Airline labor unions fear they'll be asked for bigger concessions.

Houston-based Continental Airlines also was losing money, while Dallas-based Southwest remained the only major U.S. carrier to earn a profit in the first nine months of the year.

The state's telecommunications industry also continued to struggle. Many employees who lost jobs in Dallas' Telecom Corridor in 2001 had little luck finding new work in 2002, contributing to rising rates of home foreclosures in suburban Collin County.

San Antonio-based SBC Communications Inc. said in September it would cut 11,000 jobs, 6 percent of its work force. The company's revenue in the first half of the year fell \$1 billion from the same period in 2001, as consumers dropped second phones lines in favor of cell phones and high-speed Internet connections.

Plano-based Electronic Data Systems Corp., which weathered the sluggish economy in

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PUBLIC RECORDS

District Court Filings

Sandra McHallen vs. Linda Cybert and Michael Lee King, other State of Texas vs. Christopher Michael Sandoval, other Jesus Montez vs. Pedro Rodriguez, Americanos U.S.A. LLC, Grayhound Lines Inc. and Ameri-Mex, injuries and damages — motor vehicle
Elagans Farms Inc. vs. Honea Implement Inc. and Joe Paul Beall individually, other
Antonio Joe Flores vs. Viviana Samiento, divorce
Kimberly Shawn Stillman vs. Jeffrey Hart, family protective order
Jerry Paul Jones vs. Dana Helene Wilks, divorce
Kristin Jade Garcia vs. Jacob Jack Garcia, divorce
Melissa Lou Henry vs. Russell Lee Henry, divorce

In the matter of Jeffery Tyler Denton, ex parte
Jessie Martinez vs. Roberto Cruz Martinez, divorce

Marriage Licenses:
Luis Alberto Martinez Salazar, 23, and Sabrina Jordan Munoz, 27, both of Fort Worth.
John Caldwell, 39, of Farmington, N.M., and Jeanette Thomson, 40, of Flora Vista, N.M.
Ronnie Munoz Ruiz, 31, and Sandra Jane Spindler, 28, both of Big Spring.

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Grantee: Marvin Hanson
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S. T&P RR Co. survey
Date filed: Dec. 18, 2002
Grantor: Roland D. Peveto Jr. and Linda E. Peveto
Grantee: Ronald Boley and Vickie S. Boley
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Grantor: Edward Eugene Jones and Dorothy R. Derr Jones
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Grantee: Theresa Joan Lindsey
Property: Lot 22, Blk. 4, Highland Park Addition
Date filed: Dec. 17, 2002

Grantor: Rodney Sargent
Grantee: Island Mortgage
Property: All of Lot 4 and part of Lot 5, Blk. 7, Washington Place

Date filed: Dec. 17, 2002
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Property: E/50 feet of the N/100 feet of Lot 2, Blk. 89, Original Town of Big Spring
Date filed: Dec. 17, 2002

Grantor: Maria A. Saracho
Grantee: Gary Lee Matthews
Property: A tract in the NW/4 of Sec. 19, conveyed by John Schaffer and Ellen Schaffer to L.I. Stewart, Vol. 103, Page 295, Deed Records of Howard County, except mineral rights and cotton allowance.
Date filed: Dec. 17, 2002

Grantor: Conesco Finance Servicing Corporation
Grantee: Foxwest Properties Inc.

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Grantor: Ray Kennedy, trustee of the Emerson Irrevocable Trust
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Property: Lot 12, Blk. 11, Washington Place Addition
Date filed: Dec. 18, 2002

Grantor: Universal Fabrication Inc.
Grantee: Jeff Thompson, d/b/a TNT Electric
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Co. survey
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Grantee: Secretary of Veterans Affairs
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Date filed: Dec. 19, 2002

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Date filed: Dec. 16, 2002

STARTEK

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the quality specialists that monitors the Spanish phone calls. "We have to make sure that our reps are at that standard."

As a native of Big Spring, Cevallos is thrilled to be able to use her own bilingual abilities.

"Big Spring has never had an opportunity for someone to take their bilingual skills and actually put them to use on a daily basis. I think it's great."

Edmunds sees great potential in the program to help expand the Big Spring site along with the fast-growing company. StarTek was named 109th on the *Forbes* Magazine's October list of the 200 best small companies.

"I see huge growth opportunities with many of our existing clients to managing their customer care on the Spanish side of their business," Edmunds said. "We're really proud of our representatives. With the skills sets they come to us and the skill sets they leave with, there are many life skills they can attain to higher levels that really add value to them as human beings and very good representatives to this community and surrounding communities."

As for Amie Castillo, Anisco's cue supervisor, Spanish is no longer just what she speaks at grandma's house but a life-long, marketable skill she hopes to pass on to her children.

"I want them to learn," Castillo said. "A lot of jobs require bilingual skills and its one notch in your belt that you can ... provide customer services for both English and Spanish-speaking people."

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2001, was punished by investors when it announced in September that earnings would fall 80 percent short of expectations.

"There is no sugarcoating these results," said the understated chairman and chief executive, Richard Brown. Shortly after that, EDS said it would cut up to 4 percent of its work force, or about 5,500 jobs, and shift other work overseas.

Farmers Insurance stunned state officials and homeowners when it

announced it would stop writing new homeowner policies in Texas.

Farmers, the No. 2 homeowners' insurer in the state with 700,000 customers, cited expenses from covering claims from mold damage and accusations by state officials that it overcharged Texans.

The company relented after reaching a settlement that will cost it \$100 million.

In Houston, Enron Corp.'s troubles didn't end with its December 2001 bankruptcy; they only began.

News slowly leaked out about Byzantine partnerships that enriched company insiders. Longtime chairman and CEO Kenneth Lay resigned in January. The same month, former executive J. Clifford Baxter was found shot to death in an apparent suicide — he had reportedly complained about the company's questionable accounting practices.

A former top Enron finance executive, Michael Kopper, pleaded guilty to money laundering and wire fraud. His boss, former chief financial officer Andrew Fastow, was charged with fraud, money laundering and conspiracy.

A jury found Enron's longtime auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP, guilty of obstruction of justice for shredding Enron-related documents. The company was sentenced to five years' probation, fined \$500,000, and saw clients and partners flee to other auditing firms.

Other energy companies also ran into trouble.

TXU Corp., the Dallas-based utility that developed global ambitions in the 1990s, was forced to sell most of its European operations when poor results threatened the credit ratings of the parent company.

Houston-based Dynegy, which tried to buy Enron the year before, saw chief executive Chuck Watson resign amid an SEC investigation of the company's trading practices. The company's chief financial officer also quit.

Houston-based Reliant Resources Inc. admitted in July that it engaged in trades that earned no profit but inflated its revenues by \$7.8 billion over three years.

Halliburton Co., the oil-field-services giant, moved its headquarters from Dallas to Houston and announced a \$4 billion settlement to about 300,000 asbestos claims. The company hoped the

settlement would lift a cloud over the company's future, but some plaintiff's lawyers said they would try to block the settlement.

Halliburton and EDS were both notified that they were the subject of inquiries by the Securities and Exchange Commission. Halliburton was under review for the way it counted revenue from cost-overrun projects, while the SEC was looking at events leading up to EDS' big earning warning.

There were far fewer big mergers and acquisitions than during the go-go '90s, but a few stood out.

In August, Oklahoma-based Phillips Petroleum Co. and Houston-based Conoco Inc. merged in a \$15.1 billion deal to create ConocoPhillips, with headquarters in Houston.

Among U.S. oil and gas companies, it ranks behind only Irving-based Exxon Mobil Corp. and ChevronTexaco Corp.

Shell Oil in March agreed to pay \$1.8 billion for Pennzoil-Quaker State Co.

In July, Diageo PLC of London announces it will sell Burger King Corp. for \$2.26 billion to a consortium of U.S. venture capital firms led by Texas Pacific Group of Fort Worth. Financial problems at Burger King led to the deal being renegotiated to \$1.5 billion.

BOOKS

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Went Wrong at Enron: Everyone's Guide to the Largest Bankruptcy in U.S. History," remained on the New York Times

business paperback best seller list for four months after its release in July, selling more than 30,000 of the 50,000 copies printed.

"Anatomy of Greed: The Unshredded Truth from an Enron Insider," an account from 30-year-old former Enron trader Brian Cruver, followed in August. "Enron: The Rise and Fall" by former Business 2.0 senior editor Loren Fox and "Pipe Dreams: Greed, Ego and the Death of Enron" by former Austin Chronicle reporter Robert Bryce hit shelves later.

All four rely heavily on news accounts, though Cruver's book offers a view of Enron from a young, ambitious trader and doesn't address the accounting intricacies.

Overall, they haven't approached the success of 1990's "Barbarians at the Gate," about the lever-

aged buyout of RJR/Nabisco, or 1991's "Den of Thieves," about junk-bond financier Michael Milken.

"Due to low sales of Enron titles released so far, Borders' buys on future Enron titles will be cautious," said Rich Delahunty, a national buyer of business books for the Borders chain.

But none involved huge advances, publishers said. Cruver and Fox got advances that were less than six figures, and Bryce received little to no advance, the Chronicle reported.

Doubleday gave Watkins and Mimi Swartz, who has covered Enron for Texas Monthly, a \$500,000 advance for "Power Failure," and Penguin Putnam reportedly put up a \$1.4 million advance for the account by the Fortune reporters.

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cute the contract within ten
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#3745 December 15,
#29, 2002

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Realize more of what you
want this year through
quick and decisive answers.
Opportunity strikes fre-
quently. Be ready to seize
those special offers, yet
quickly discern unworkable
ideas. Emphasize network-
ing and broadening your
horizons. If you do, you will
gain. Carefully consider
your options that surround
your professional and per-
sonal lives. You make deci-
sions this year that will
determine the path you
plan to go on for your life. If
you are single, you will
make new friends, thus pre-
sents different possibili-
ties socially. Realize more
of what you want and desire
through a relationship. You're
likely to meet the perfect,
or close to perfect, person
this year. If you're attached,
your relationship will develop
because of a mutual interest.
SCORPIO proves to be a friend.

The Stars Show the Kind
of Day You'll Have: 5-
Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-
Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult
ARIES (March 21-April
19) ***** Others help you
gain a perspective on
events as they occur and in
the near future. Still, you
might want to spend your
day with one person to
whom you really do enjoy
relating. The two of you
explore options together.

Tonight: Continue the close-
ness.

TAURUS (April 20-May
20) **** Recognize someone
else and what he or she
means to you. You some-
times push his or her but-
tons, or vice versa. Both of
you are more than likely to
hit extremes today. Just
make it happen in a posi-
tive way. Tonight: Where
the action is.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
*** Opportunities strike left
and right. You might not
even be sure of what needs
to happen, but you will tend
to be more spontaneous and
direct. Take off for the day
with a new friend. Chatter
away and get to know each
other. Tonight: Put your
feet up.

CANCER (June 21-July
22) **** Aim for more of
what you want. Put on your
creative hat and find solu-
tions. You could find that a
partner keeps throwing a
snafu in your direction.
Hop over problems. Before
you know it, everyone is on
your team. Tonight: Rev up
for another holiday week-
end.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ****
Others put their best foot
forward — you included.
You might decide that an
associate is overly touchy
and/or difficult. Face facts:
you're not changing this
person. Allow family and
friends to do their thing. Be
open to others. Tonight:
Happy at home.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

**** Make an extra effort
toward a loved one, friend
or new associate. Your addi-
tional efforts might cause a
change in your schedule or
a project. Trust that your
actions are appreciated.
Your instincts direct you
with others. Follow them.
Tonight: Chat over dinner.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

**** Quickly juggle your
checkbook, making sure
everything is under control.
Once you feel secure that
you've made ends meet,
you'll feel free to go off and
enjoy yourself. Make the
most out of a special oppor-
tunity that comes via some-
one's unpredictability.
Tonight: Your treat.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov.
21) ***** Listen well to a
loved one whom you care
about. Your humor helps
you deal with someone
else's unpredictability.
Take a step forward, under-
standing what others don't.
A family member comes
through for you in a big
way. Tonight: As you like
it.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-
Dec. 21) *** Take a break
before the romping begins
all over again. Establish
your own turf, especially as
you might need to find a
corner where you can take
a nap or read a good book.
It is important to realize
when you've had enough.
Tonight: Rest up. Work on
your New Year's resolu-

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-
Jan. 19) **** Others find it
hard to believe how much
you do. Take advantage of a
lull and join friends. Don't
get upset about a friend and
what he or she is up to.
Give up that judgmental
side, and you will have a
great time. Tonight: Party
away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb.
18) *** Whether you realize
it or not, you're acting
rather unpredictably. Take
a walk and attempt to calm
down. Others give you more
than enough space. Visit
with a friend or loved one
who might not be mobile.
Tonight: In the limelight.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March
20) ***** Get together with
others at a distance whom
you sometimes might not
think about. Somehow,
your way of saying thank
you could be quite different
than many others'. Just let
someone know how very
grateful you really are.
Tonight: "Adventuresome"
is the key word.

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† Dear Annie: My 20-year-
old daughter, "Abby,"
recently discovered that she
is infected with the HIV
virus. It happened when
she had a brief affair while
separated from her now ex-
husband, "Russ." She also
ended up pregnant. Russ
was immediately tested for
the disease, but so far, the
results are negative. Abby
is involved with a wonder-
ful support network and is
doing well for the moment.
No one else knows about
her condition.

Abby is not sure if she
should tell her brother



Annie's Mailbox

about her illness. Does he
have the right to know?
When Abby becomes more
seriously ill, how do I
explain why I didn't tell
him earlier? Should we tell
the family now in case the
baby turns out to be HIV-
positive?

I know Abby's brother
can keep his mouth shut,
but his wife is another
story. Abby is afraid they
will never touch her baby if
they know and might possi-
bly stop seeing her altogether.
What should I do? —
Ohio Mom

Dear Ohio: The only peo-
ple Abby is obligated to
inform are those with
whom she has had intimate
contact, and apparently, she
has done that. She does not
have to tell her brother at
this time unless she wishes
to enlist his emotional sup-
port — although it sounds
as if such support may not
be forthcoming.

Abby can live a fairly
healthy life for many years
if she is conscientious
about her medical care. If
the baby is HIV-positive, it
will be necessary to inform
the family, since the infant

will require special han-
dling. Otherwise, allow
your daughter to maintain
as much of her privacy as
she wishes.

Dear Annie: I work in an
office with over 100 employ-
ees, and all smoking is done
outside. One person smokes
the most foul-smelling cig-
ars, and the odor clings to
his clothes and hair. If you
are stuck in the elevator
with him, you can become
sick by the time you reach
your floor. A conversation
face-to-face is almost impos-
sible without choking. I
think you get the picture.

No one wants to offend
this person, but enough is
enough. After being in close
proximity to him, I feel as
though I have smoked a
pack. How can we tell him
about the problem without
making it worse? —
Colorado Springs, Colo.,
Office Staff

Dear Office Staff: This
man may not realize the full
impact of his odor on oth-
ers. You can either tell him,
tactfully, that you can smell
his strong cigars even when
he is inside the office, or
you can simply avoid him
until his clothes have had a
chance to air out a bit. If
possible, put an air filter in
your office, open some win-
dows, ask about installing a
fan, and do whatever else
will help.

Dear Annie: Four days
ago, we laid to rest my won-
derful, vital mother-in-law.
She was hit by a pickup
truck while taking her reg-
ular three-mile walk and
died instantly. We live
nearby but didn't find out
she was gone until 13 hours
later. Why? Because Mom
wasn't carrying any identi-
fication.

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how important it is to carry
a small ID card with emer-
gency numbers whenever
they go out. They can even
put medical information on
the opposite side with their
doctor's name and any med-
ical condition. They can
laminates the card, and keep
it in a pocket or shoe. If
they love their family, they
shouldn't let them go
through the anguish we did.
— CrE. in Redlands, Calif.

Dear C.E.: Thank you for
allowing our readers to ben-
efit from your sad experi-
ence. Everyone should
carry some kind of identi-
fication on his or her person
at all times. You never
know when the unexpected
will happen.

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