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PRIZE POULTRY

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Chickens and owners line up for the judges at the Howard County Livestock Show. A list of the show's winners and additional photos are on page 7A.

Accident at FM 700 and Goliad follows long string of incidents

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Thursday's car accident at FM 700 and Goliad, in which a 74-year-old Big Spring woman was killed, is the 12th accident at that site since March 1995.

Big Spring Police officer Capt. Lonnie Smith said he requested files on accidents at FM 700 and Goliad for the last several months or so to determine what may contribute to the rate of accidents in that area. Accidents around 5 p.m. at the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad seem to be increasing, he added.

Already in 1996 there have been two accidents at the intersection.

In 1995, two accidents occurred in December, and one accident happened in November, October, September, May and April. Three of the accidents happened in March of last year.

Smith said the majority of the accidents dating back to to last March happened during the day.

Two were at night and 10 were during the day, with the majority of those occurring between the hours of 2:30 p.m. and 5 p.m.. This is an especially hazardous time for westbound drivers because of the setting sun.

Smith added the weather reports during most of the accidents indicate the weather was clear.

In four of the accidents another vehicle was struck from behind, one car hit the guardrail to avoid hitting another car, one driver ran a red light and three of the accidents occurred when drivers failed to yield the right-of-way on a left turn.

Whether or not something needs to be done about the traffic signals and signs at the intersection of FM 700 and Goliad will be up to the traffic commission, Smith said.

The traffic commission would have to determine there is a problem at the intersection and make a recommendation for change to the Big Spring City Council.

School board extends McQueary's contract for three more years

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Bill McQueary has been superintendent of Big Spring Independent School District since 1987 and will remain in that capacity at least three more years.

McQUEARY

Board members unanimously approved a motion to extend McQueary's contract until the end of the 1998-99 school year. Trustees met in executive session to discuss the matter then came out into an open meeting and voted on the measure.

McQueary said he was pleased with the decision, especially since it was a 7-0 vote.

Every January, school boards across Texas evaluate their superintendents and decide whether or not to extend their contract. Local policy dictates trustees can offer the person a contract for a maximum of three years at a time.

McQueary first came to BSISD as principal of Big Spring High School in 1980. He moved into administration in 1985 when he was selected as assistant superintendent for personnel and instruction. Two years later, he was named as superintendent.

Trustees are asking the Department of Justice to approve a resolution to establish a central polling place.

The district has had two polling places in each of its four voting districts for the last several years. They want to have one polling place to be located at the Big Spring High School.

The board is hoping for a quick approval because two trustee spots are up for election in May.

The proposal is also being supported by Howard College and the city of Big Spring to also move their polling places to the high school as well. This would be more convenient as the other two entities also have elections the same time of the year.

Officials with all three groups hope this move would not only be more convenient but also increase voter turnout so people would not have to drive to three different places to vote on the same day.

The board of trustees also conducted the following business during the meeting:

•Approved the resignations of Phyllis Burton, Anderson Kindergarten teacher; Viena Pope, fourth-grade teacher at Marcy Elementary; Sandra Maxwell-Bender, Title I teacher at Bauer Magnet Elementary School and Jeanette Harris, fifth-grade teacher at Marcy Elementary School.

•Approved the employments of Tammi Mason, fourth-grade teacher at Marcy Elementary and Elfi Perez Tucker, third-grade teacher at Bauer Magnet Elementary School.

•Approved an agreement with Region 17 Education Service Center to develop a cooperative purchasing program. This will allow the district to purchase paper products as well as office and teaching supplies at the lowest bid by going in with other districts to purchase the items.

•Approved bids to purchase cafeteria food and fresh produce.

Building may be finished by next fall

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School students may get to enjoy a new multi-purpose athletic facility by this fall.

School board members tentatively approved an agreement with Hunter Corral Associates Inc. of Odessa as the architect to handle the design and construction of the facility.

Architect Monte Hunter was at Thursday night's board meeting to discuss the agreement and answer any questions trustees might have.

Glynna Mouton, board vice president, suggested the board have an attorney look over the contract and to also get the deed for the land from the city before the agreement is signed.

Larry McLellan made a motion for the board to approve the agreement pending the approval of the contract and upon the deed transfer. The motion passed 7-0.

The facility will be about 33,000 square feet with two locker rooms, offices, storage area, weight room, training room and multi-purpose room. The price tag is estimated at $1 million with the architect's fee to be 7 percent of the cost.

More than $600,000 has been donated to the fund from the Dora Roberts Foundation. The school district has also set aside

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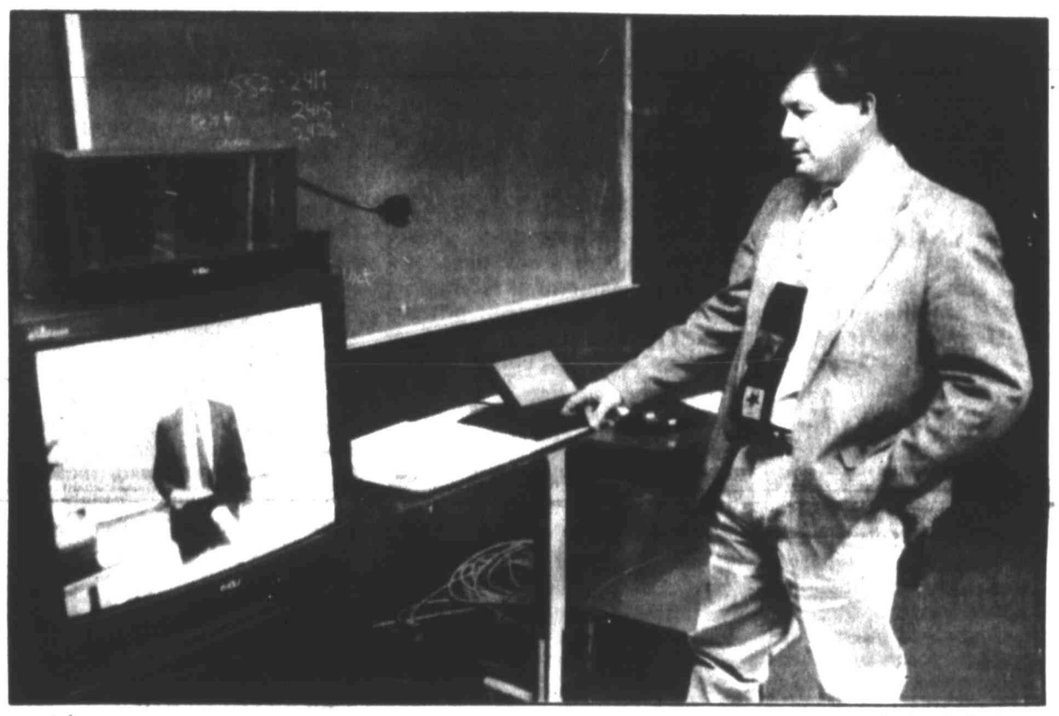
MTV - that's Math Television



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Dusty Johnston, vice president for student and instructional services at Howard College, discusses the Calculus III course offered by satellite from University of Texas-Permian Basin.

By KELLIE JONES
Staff Writer

Howard College students can now take a math course via satellite.

The Calculus III class is the first offered through the Regional Electronic Academic Community Highway (REACH) for West Texas project. The first day of class was Wednesday and the first few minutes of the pilot project were used to work out the kinks in the system.

Professor Charles Wakefield at the University of Texas of the Permian Basin teaches the class at the Odessa campus, while students at Odessa College, Midland College and Howard College watch on a television.

Right now, no one is signed up to take the course at Howard College, but Dr. Dusty Johnston, vice president for student and instructional services, said he hope sthat will change in the next few days.

"We've had students in the past who needed or wanted this course but out of the six potential students this semester, no one wanted to take it. We hope to sign up at least one or two during late registration," Johnston said.

A class assistant can operate the keyboard next to the television. The microphone and system is also voice-activated.

As students watch, the camera switches back and forth between the instructor and whichever campus is asking questions.

Johnston added college officials hope to gain additional grant money from the state to expand the distance-learning project and eventually install it into 17 high schools in West Texas.

The system would allow satellite courses to be offered between high schools or between a college and high school. This would come in handy when some students want to take a foreign language class but there isn't a teacher available at the campus.

Johnston also said the high school students could also take classes to earn credit at both the high school and college levels.

Stanton National Bank to be purchased by Midland American Bank

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Midland American Bank President John E. Grist and Stanton National Bank President Joe Hodges recently announced the signing of an agreement for Midland American Bancshares Inc., to acquire Stanton National Bank.

Midland American Bancshares Inc. is the parent holding company of Midland American Bank.

In announcing Midland American's first banking venture outside of Midland, Grist said, "We are pleased that our initial acquisition, Stanton National Bank, is well managed and will complement our banking services base."

The acquisition has been approved by both boards of directors and is still subject to final approval by the shareholders of Stanton National Bank and the proper bank regulatory agencies. Approval of the acquisition is expected to be finalized near the end of the first fiscal quarter of 1996. "Our primary emphasis will continue to be handling the agricultural financial needs of the producers in this area of West Texas," Hodges said. All Stanton National Bank employees will be retained, including Hodges, who will remain in his current management position.

U.S. Trivia

When and where did the original Pledge of Allegiance first appear?

The Sept. 8, 1892 issue of Youth's Companion magazine

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WORLD/NATION

World: Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians turned out to vote Saturday in a festive first election, solidly endorsing Yasser Arafat and his peace policies. See page 6A.

Nation: After years of poking fun at his age in the spotlight, George Burns spent his 100th birthday Saturday at home with a private audience — his family. See page 5A.

STATE

Service for Jordan

Speaking before hundreds of mourners, President Clinton said the life and public service of Barbara Jordan were symbolized by "the poetry of her words and the power of her voice." See page 3A.

Mother wants tougher laws

After seeing her child's body for the first time since the 9-year-old Girl Scout was dragged screaming off a bicycle last week, Amber Hagerman's mother is calling for tougher laws governing sex offenders. See page 3A.

TONIGHT'S WEATHER

Today

65 ▲ Highs / Lows ▼ 35

Mostly clear

Partly cloudy. High in the mid 60s. South to southwest wind 5-15 mph early, increasing to 10-20 mph and gusty in the afternoon. Low in the mid 30s.

Tonight

Permian Basin Forecast

Monday: Mostly sunny. High near 65. Lows in the 30s.

Tuesday: Mostly sunny. High 60 to 65. Lows in the 30s.

Wednesday: High near 60.

OBITUARIES

Eugene Smith

Funeral services for Eugene Thomas "Tom" Smith, 85, of Loraine, formerly of Stanton, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 1996, in the Kiker-Seale Funeral home Chapel with Mr. Elmore Johnson officiating. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Smith died Friday, Jan. 19, 1996, in a Sweetwater care facility.

He was born Nov. 16, 1910 in Mitchell County. He moved to Stanton in 1947 where he farmed for many years. He married Irene Yarbrough on Nov. 16, 1930 in Mitchell County. She preceded him in death on Jan. 8, 1993.

Smith is survived by two sons: Gene and wife Pearl Smith of Loraine; and Gerald and wife Barbara Smith of Plainview; three daughters: Maxine Hanson of Bellvue, Glenda and husband Darrell Quaid of Stanton and Carol and husband Bill Micheletti of Ramona, Calif.; two sisters: Annie Mae Lee and Jewell Frances both of Colorado City; 20 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren; and eight great-great grandchildren.

The family request contributions to your favorite charity in lieu of flowers.

E.S. Murphy

Funeral services for E.S. "Pat" Murphy, 94, of Abilene, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. today at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Big Spring, officiating. A private interment will be at Trinity Mausoleum.

Murphy died Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996 at a local nursing home.

Murphy was born July 30, 1901 in Hubbard City. He married Marguerite Watts on Dec. 23, 1922 in Abilene.

He had lived in Big Spring since 1937, moving here from Abilene. He returned to Abilene in December 1995. He graduated from Abilene high School and attended McMurray University where he received a bachelor of science degree. While in Big Spring he coached football for Big Spring High School from 1937 to 1941 and returned in 1947 to coach another year. He was with Texas High School Systems for a total of 39 years.

Murphy was a member of the First Baptist Church in Abilene and was a member of the Teachers Retirement System and the Big Spring AARP.

He is survived by his wife: Marguerite Murphy of Abilene; one son: Robert E. Murphy of Mexico; two grandchildren; two great-grandsons and several nieces and nephews.

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

Mammie Graham

Funeral services for Mammie Graham, 41, of Big Spring will be 2:30 p.m. today in the Loraine First Baptist Church with Reverends David McNary and Bill Tipton officiating. Burial will follow in the Loraine Cemetery.

Graham was born April 13, 1954 in Lubbock and had been a resident of Big Spring since 1994. She was a member of the Assembly of God and a former member of the Loraine First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her husband: Carl Graham of Big Spring; one daughter: Chrystal Brown of Holden, Mo.; one son: Brent Graham of Big Spring; her mother: Annie Bell Bardeleben of Austin; her father: Loudo Earl Johnson of Seminole; four sisters: Janice Gardener of Midland, Linda Johnson of Roundrock, Leema Graham of Roundrock and Nancy Bardeleben of Austin; two step sisters: Edith Young of Austin and Karen Pavlik of Garland; two step brothers: Joe Bardeleben and Robert Bardeleben, both of Austin; one half sister: Armanda Johnson of Seminole, Okla.; one adoptive sister: Tawana Johnson of Seminole, Okla.; one adoptive brother; Albert Johnson of Seminole, Okla. and one grandchild.

R.Z. Smith

R.Z. Smith, 84, died Saturday, Jan. 20, 1996 in Longview. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Jesse W. Archer

Funeral services for Jesse W. (Jack) Archer, 81, of Ackerly, will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 1996, at First Baptist Church in Ackerly with Rev. Robert Moore, pastor, and Rev. Jim Mosley, pastor of First Baptist Church in Westbrook, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

ARCHER

Archer died Saturday, Jan. 20, 1996, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on June 28, 1914 in Stamford and married Ruth Evelyn Aycock on Dec. 23, 1938 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Jan. 16, 1992.

He came to Ackerly in 1924 with his parents, Jesse and Lula Brunson Archer, who were pioneer settlers in Dawson County. He farmed in Dawson County for 36 years, retiring in 1981 and had served as mayor of Ackerly at one time.

Archer had been a member of First Baptist Church in Ackerly since 1926 and had taught the men's Sunday School class. He was a charter member of the Lions Club in Ackerly and served in the Army Air Corp during World War II.

Survivors include a daughter: Linda Kay Shoffner of Fredericksburg; two sisters: Evlyn Coker of Big Spring and Geraldine Smith of Lamesa; and two grandsons.

He was also preceded in death by his parents, two brothers and two sisters.

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

Harriett Sims

Funeral services for Harriett Montgomery Sowers Morman Sims, 86, of Roswell, NM., will be 10 a.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 1996, at the First Baptist Church of Roswell with Rev. Sammy Sims of Crestview Baptist Church in Big Spring, officiating and Dr. Bobby Renfro of the First Baptist Church of Roswell will assist. Interment will follow at South Park Cemetery. Sims died Thursday, Jan. 18, in Roswell.

Survivors include five sons: O.D. Morman and wife Bonita of Beaumont, Rev. Sammy Sims and his wife Voncille of Big Spring, Phillip Don Sims and his wife Lori of Irving, David Paul Sims and his wife June of Roswell and Robert Lee Sims of Roswell; one daughter: Mary Beckham and her husband John P. of Roswell; 11 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. Other survivors include brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law and numerous nieces and nephews.

Arrangements are under the direction of LaGrone Funeral Chapel.

Ella Ruth Morton

Funeral services for Ella Ruth Morton, 74, of Big Spring will be 2 p.m. Monday, Jan. 22, 1996, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Robert Lacey, pastor of Hillcrest Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Morton died Thursday, Jan. 18, 1996, in a local hospital.

MORTON

She was born on April 2, 1921 in Callahan County and married Pershing Morton on Dec. 16, 1939 in Stanton.

She came to Big Spring as a child with her parents, Mack and Emma Thomas, and had lived in Big Spring most of her life. She had worked for the U.S. Postal Service for 15 years as a rural mail carrier and was working at the time of her death. She was a very active member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was involved in their Nursing Home Ministry. She was a lifetime member of the Elbow FCE Club.

Survivors include her husband: Pershing Morton of Big Spring; two sons: Jeff C. Morton of Big Spring and David M. Morton of Springfield, Mo.; one daughter: Kathleen "Kaki" Morton of Big Spring; one brother: Alden Thomas of Big Spring; two sisters: Cleo Walker of Big Spring and Vada Johnson of Aurora; six grandchildren; one great-grandson and numerous other family and friends.

The family suggests memorials to: Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 2231, Big Spring, Texas 79721-2231.

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

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL
24th & Johnson 267-8288

E. S. (Pat) Murphy, 94, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 P.M., Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel.

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home and Rosewood Chapel
906 GREGG
267-6331

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Building

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$125,000 for the last three years and with interest, there is a balance of nearly $930,000 in the fund.

Hunter also told trustees two additional locker rooms could be added at a later date if the need is there. The building will be metal but there will be some type of masonry six to eight feet from the ground up on the outside so it will match other campus buildings.

Superintendent Bill McQueary said he expects approval of the contract within three to five days and the city council will address the deed transfer at their Jan. 23 meeting.

If all goes according to plan, construction will begin shortly, and the building should be ready to use by the start of the 1996-97 school year this fall.

lifel Section Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department.

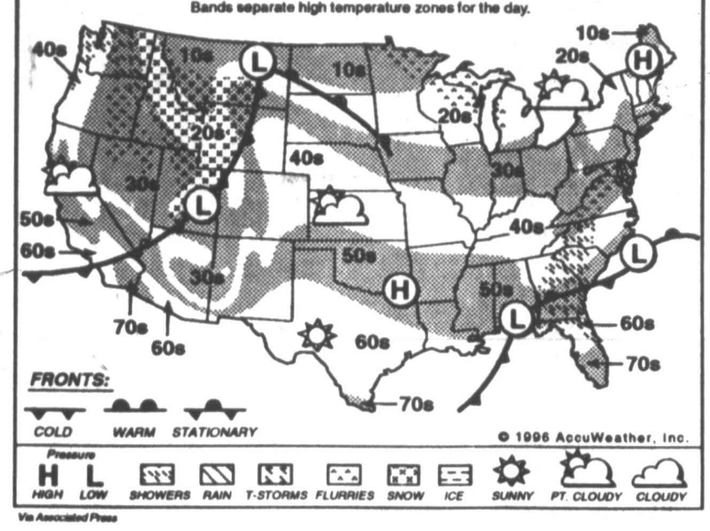
Big Spring ON THE RUN

DID YOU WIN?
LOTTO: 8,10,12,13,25,28
PICK 3: 4,6,1
CASH 5: 5,7,10,11,34

NATIONAL Weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Sunday, Jan. 21.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Via Associated Press

NATIONAL SUMMARY:
Showers will dampen the Southeast tomorrow. As some of the moisture is drawn northward it will fall as flurries and some snow in the mid-Atlantic states. The West will remain unsettled with a showery rain along the Northwest coast and snow in the Rocky Mountains. Flurries will streak across the Upper Midwest.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•**ENRIQUE SABADRA**, 26, 1208 Presidio, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

•**NANCY PEREZ**, 19, 703 E. 13th, was arrested on local warrants.

•**WAYNE JOSEPH KOESMAR**, 29, 1505 E. 6th, was arrested for disobeying a police officer.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1000 block of N. Main.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 1200 block of E. 6th.

•**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 2300 block of Daphne.

•**ASSAULT** in the 1500 block of Scurry.

•**ASSAULT** in the 100 block of NW 4th.

•**BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** in the 1600 block of Lark.

•**DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** in the 1000 block of E. 11th Place.

•**THEFT** in the 300 block of Gregg.

•**THEFT** in the 2500 block of Wasson.

•**THEFT** in the 3200 block of Marcy.

•**THEFT** in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa.

•**THEFT** in the 800 block of Marcy.

•**THEFT** in the 900 block of Lancaster.

•**THEFT** in the 1600 block of Donley.

•**THEFT** in the 1800 block of Gregg.

•**THEFT** in the 900 block of Willia.

•**THEFT** in the 1200 block of Settles.

•**THEFT** in the 400 block of Birdwell.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following arrested between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•**FRANK SALAS CHAVARRIA**, 35, 1409 Runnels, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**BROOKE BODIN KERR**, 39, 709 E. 1st, was arrested for public intoxication.

•**FREDDIE EUGENE PUGA**, 52, 1215 Lindburgh, was arrested on a motion to revoke probation warrant for driving while intoxicated and released on a $2,500.

IN BRIEF

Howard College board to meet Monday

The Howard County Junior College District Board of Trustees will approve or discuss the following items during their regular meeting Monday at 12:30 p.m. in the board room at Howard College:

•Bid on dental chair

•Audit report for fiscal year 1994-95

•Southern Associations of Colleges and Schools self-study report

•Resolution for Dora Roberts Foundation

•Consideration of enrollment report

•Texas Tech symposium

Water lines to be replaced

The Distribution and collection Department, Utilities Division of the City of Big Spring, will replace two main line valves. The following areas will experience no water or low water pressure:

1600 block of Bluebird Ave., 1600 block of Oriole, 1600 block of Robin St., and the 1600 block of Wren St.

Date of interruption of service is Tuesday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Point of contact: Rick E. Boiles, D&C Supervisor, Phone 264-2395 or 264-2392.

SPRINGBOARD

To submit an item to Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79720; or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry. For more information, contact Gina Garza, 263-7331, between 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

TODAY

•St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo 6:30 p.m. at the Lions Club. Lic. #3-00-786055-1.

•American Legion Howard County #355, 3:30 p.m., Post Home.

•Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show, judging begins at 8 a.m., Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Free admission.

•Microchip Clinic for dogs, 9 a.m. to noon and 2 to 4 p.m. at dog show. Pet dogs to be microchipped should enter northeast door at coliseum. Dogs must be 6 months or older and of AKC registrable breeds.

•The Annual Mexican-American Senior Class Dance will have an organizational meeting, 4 p.m., the Burrito Express, 3101 W. Hwy 80. All interested students and their parents should attend.

•Good Shepherd Fellowship, 610 Abrams, has services at 6 p.m. Everyone is welcome to come.

•Incipient Shire of Crossroads, local branch of the Society of Creative Anachronism, weekly fighter practice, 2 p.m., Comanche Trail Park. Call Robert Black, 393-5438 or A.J. Hashem, 267-5825.

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

MONDAY

•Tops Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 6 p.m. Weigh-in, 5:30 p.m., College Heights Christian Church, 21st and Goliad. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•"Welcome Home" Alcoholics Anonymous NON-SMOKING meeting, 6 to 7 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church located at 10th and Goliad.

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

•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•Singles, single again have been changed to the Eagles Lodge. Contact Keith or Debbie Whiteside at 263-8868 for more information.

•Alcoholics Anonymous noon open meeting, 615 Settles.

TUESDAY

•High Adventure Explorers Post 519, 7 p.m., VA Medical Center room 212, ages 14-20.

•The Class of 1971 Reunion metting will be 7 p.m. at the Howard College Fireplace Room.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Voices support group, 3:45 p.m. Call Rape Crisis/Victim Services, 263-3312.

•Spring City Senior Citizen Center, ceramics classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

•Pastoral counseling by Samaritan Counseling Center, First Christian Church, 10th and Goliad. For appointment call 1-800-329-4144.

•Comanche Lake Duplicate Weekly, Dora Roberts Civic Center, 1 p.m. Come early at 12:15 for mini-lessons.

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President says Jordan stirred national conscience

Former governor Richards tells filled church that loss of Barbara Jordan was "personal, profound"

HOUSTON (AP) — President Clinton and former Texas Gov. Ann Richards today remembered former Congresswoman Barbara Jordan as a strong and thoughtful leader.

"Our loss today is personal, it is profound," Richards told more than 1,000 mourners at funeral services in an inner-city church.

Clinton said the former U.S. representative "jolted her nation's attention" with her eloquent arguments.

Other reflections were delivered by U.S. Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, and Houston Mayor Bob Lanier.

Also in attendance were former President Jimmy Carter and a number of present and former congressmen.

Burial was set for this afternoon at the State Cemetery in Austin.

Hundreds of mourners paid their respects Friday to Jordan, who was lying in state. The ceremony followed a similar public viewing in Austin, where Jordan died Wednesday of pneumonia at the age of 59.

One of the wooden pews in Houston's Good Hope Missionary Baptist Church carries a small gold nameplate dedicated to Jordan's late father, the Rev. B.M. Jordan, who once was an associate minister there.

And although she lived in Austin in recent years, her trips to Houston routinely took her to the church.

"It was very special to her," Naomi McQueen, a church staffer and Jordan friend, said Friday.

Jordan's body, in a mahogany casket, arrived late Friday afternoon and was taken inside by a police honor guard.

"She felt she was a person God had uniquely gifted and uniquely placed in a specific period in time," D.Z. Cofield, the church pastor, said.

Jordan gave the keynote address during the 1992 Democratic National Convention where Clinton was nominated for president. In 1993, he named her to head the Commission on Immigration Reform.

Jordan was the first black woman elected to Congress from the South and the first black woman ever elected to the Texas Legislature.

She joined the faculty at the University of Texas LBJ School of Public Affairs in 1979 and was respected by Democrat and Republican alike.

Slain girl's mother calls for tougher laws

ARLINGTON (AP) — After seeing her child's body for the first time since the 9-year-old Girl Scout was dragged screaming off a bicycle last week, Amber Hagerman's mother is calling for tougher laws governing sex offenders.

"They either need to be locked up for life or be killed," Donna Whitson said Friday when reached at her parents' home in the neighborhood where Amber was abducted.

"She was our baby. It's hard for us right now."

Investigators are pursuing leads from the area near the creekbed where Amber's body was recovered late Wednesday.

They are looking for a man in a black pickup truck who a witness said grabbed the child Saturday as she rode her bike in the parking lot of an abandoned grocery store.

A provisional autopsy ruling indicates Amber died of cut wounds to the neck, said J.R. Helm, investigator with the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office. The case has been ruled a homicide.

Officials said Friday they are still analyzing evidence collected from Amber's body, which was released Thursday night to an Arlington funeral home, said Jimmy McDonald, investigator with the medical examiner's office.

Officials still do not know when Amber died or whether she was sexually assaulted, said Dee Anderson, a spokesman with the Arlington police department.

No new information was produced by an interview with a second witness who said he had seen someone driving a black pickup in the neighborhood shortly before Amber disappeared, Anderson said.

"We couldn't ever determine that the person he saw is in fact the suspect," Anderson said. "He was there 30 or 45 minutes before the abduction. There's no way we can make that leap."

Amber's parents did not have to see their daughter, who was identified through fingerprints. But they wanted to, said Jimmie Whitson, Amber's grandfather.

"Donna got to hold her hand and kiss her on the face and brush her hair," said Whitson, speaking of his daughter. "She was a whole lot better after that."

The funeral was Saturday at an Arlington funeral home.

A man walking his dog found Amber's nude body outside an apartment complex about eight miles north of where she was abducted.

Investigators believe the body was dumped upstream and washed north by strong thunderstorms.

Investigators slowly combed the creek and the neighborhoods in the area near where she was found. They were especially trying to find the girl's missing clothing: a T-shirt from "Camp Heart," pink pants and brown suede shoes.

Associated Press photo

Amber Hagerman's parents, Donna Whitson and Richard Hagerman, take part in a candlelight vigil during the search for the 9-year-old. Her body was found in a creek and her funeral was held Saturday in Arlington.

Questions continue over Garcia Abrego deportation to United States

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Some of Mexico's supreme court justices and politicians are expressing irritation at the government's decision to deport Juan Garcia Abrego rather than put him on trial in Mexico.

Mexico's judicial system "is perfectly capable" of providing a fair trial for the reputed drug lord, said Justice Salvador Aguierre Anguiano in comments quoted Friday by the daily El Financiero.

Garcia Abrego, alleged leader of the Matamoros-based Gulf cartel, was arrested Sunday and expelled to the United States the next day. The government argued he was a U.S. citizen and Mexico's constitution lets the president order the expulsion of undesirable foreigners.

Legislators who met with President Ernesto Zedillo this week said the president told them he felt the power of the drug cartel would make it difficult to handle the Garcia Abrego case here. The president's office issued a semi-denial, saying the president had not made any formal statement.

Sen. Alfredo Ling Altamirano, an opposition party member of a senate committee overseeing some justice affairs, termed the expulsion "a little hurried."

Much of the debate has been over Garcia Abrego's confused citizenship.

There was concern he might have been a Mexican citizen unconstitutionally expelled.

Texas briefs

Sematech funding may be restored

AUSTIN — U.S. Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison said Friday she has assurances that millions of dollars in federal funding will be restored for the Sematech semiconductor research consortium — maybe.

"I went to bat and said, look, we had a deal," Mrs. Hutchison told the Greater Austin Chamber of Commerce. "And in Texas, you know, a deal is a deal."

But she said she wasn't promising the money since "things change in Congress."

Mrs. Hutchison said she received commitments from Rep. Bill Young, R-Fla., chairman of the House National Security Appropriations Subcommittee; and Sen. Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, chairman of the Senate Defense Appropriations Subcommittee.

Corpus Christi ISD replying to Title IX charges

CORPUS CHRISTI — Corpus Christi school district officials are preparing a report to describe how and when they will correct inequities in girls athletics.

An investigation last year by the U.S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights concluded there are inequities in the district's baseball and softball facilities that discriminate against female players.

The school district was found in violation of Title IX, which outlaws gender-based discrimination in athletic programs at schools receiving federal money.

Investigators gave district officials until Feb. 1 to submit a report describing how they plan to correct the problems.

Lubbock cops' survey depicts lousy workplace

LUBBOCK — Lubbock police released a survey Friday that depicts their workplace as a scene of lousy communication and teamwork.

The group that took the survey billed the 50-question mailout as the most comprehensive police-job survey of its kind in the last five years.

Two hundred of the department's 299 police officers responded, including 50 who did not belong to the association.

"Communication between the upper management and the rank and-file has always been a concern," said Sgt. Ronnie Sowell, president of the police group.

"Unfortunately, it seems that most of the officers are feeling at this point in time that there is a greater gap in that communication," Sowell said. "They never learn what's happening in the department until it actually confronts them."

Round Rock ISD rejects book banning proposal

ROUND ROCK — On a 4-2 vote, the Round Rock School Board has rejected a move to dump a dozen books from its high schools' reading lists.

The board for the district just north of Austin met nearly seven hours before casting its vote early Friday.

Trustee Nelda Click, who proposed the ban, said the books, including Maya Angelou's "I Know Why the Caged Bird Sings," contain sex and violence. She called the books inappropriate for young readers.

The books are on an elective reading list for two of the district's high schools, McNeil and Westwood, and are not required in either curriculum. The third high school, Round Rock, does not include the books in its curriculum.

—THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tattoos reach to the extremes at 20th Houston convention

HOUSTON (AP) — Dennis Rodman, perhaps more famous for his appearance than his prowess on the basketball court, would be conservative here.

At the 20th Anniversary Reunion and Tattoo Convention, women in bikinis and high heels model their head-to-toe tattoos. Bare-chested men tug at the backs of their trousers to display tattoos that extend from their necks to their seats.

"I'm an ink-aholic," says 36-year-old Frans Van Dorse. "I think I'm not handsome for myself so I make my body more beautiful."

The Dutchman points to his latest additions — a 1950's Elvis tattooed on his thigh and Woody Harrelson's character from the movie "Natural Born Killers" on his calf.

Dave Yurkew, who says his meeting of 135 tattoo artists in Houston two decades ago was the first such event, expects more than 1,500 people to attend this weekend's gathering.

Some 200 of them got it started Thursday with a convention-opening beauty contest for categories like "Best Overall Body Tattoo," "Best Back Piece" and "Best Black and White."

Many of the participants work in tattoo parlors and travel from convention to convention to compete.

"We're like a great big family," said John Poteet, 45, a tattoo artist from Dallas and ordained minister who goes by "Reverend John."

His most striking piece is the Alamo battle scene — pricked into his back. For the contest, though, Poteet pulled down his Long Johns to expose a buxom cartoon woman on his thigh.

John Fairey's students would gasp if they knew what was under his clothes. The botany professor from South Carolina has flowers tattooed from shoulder to shin.

But at the beauty contest, where only the judges were fully clothed, Fairey, 55, walked around without concern in leopard-skin bikini briefs. His chest is tattooed in the shape of a V-neck shirt.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"An idea is a feat of association."

Robert Frost

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Welcome to Big Spring, dog show exhibitors and others, as well

The value of events being held in our community is, to a degree, immeasurable. There are, however, some benchmarks we can use when seeking to place a dollar value on a visitor.

Statistically, it is felt that the average tourist spends between $42 and $70 per day when in a community. Those amounts depend on whether you're talking to the United States Chamber of Commerce or other tracking organizations.

For the purpose of speculation, let's say that 500 exhibitors are in town with 900 dogs. Multiply 500 times $42 and the cash registers in town begin to have the happy jingles.

Motels are full. Restaurants stay busy. Gasoline and diesel fuel are purchased. During lulls in the program, there are opportunities to visit retail outlets.

While the opportunity at hand is with the Big Spring Kennel Club's annual show, this is an opportunity that exists numerous times every year.

We should never take for granted those people who come to our community for athletic events, recreational sport tournaments, the Pow-Wow, Cranefest, the rodeo and the dozens of other activities we host annually.

Always remember that *YOU* are an ambassador for our community.

And always remember that it could very well be the pleasant — or unpleasant — experience our visitors have with you that will help them form a lasting opinion about Big Spring.

To our Kennel Club visitors ... *a hearty welcome!*

Your views

Reader questions gas prices found at Big Spring pumps

To the editor:

Gas prices in Big Spring are horrible. Have been for several years. Last September I took a 3,000 mile road trip, and there were only a handful of places that equaled Big Spring in price. Most of those miles were within Texas where the gasoline tax is the same. Volume sales is not the explanation because much smaller towns regularly have lower prices.

Big Spring gas distributors owe the citizens an explanation.

Sincerely,
Wayne Burns
Big Spring

Good samaritan upset after aiding fallen feline

To the editor:

I just did something for the second time and that is get an animal off the street that had been hit and was still alive!

I always try and get dead animals off by the side of the road just out of respect for them. I am a devoted animal lover.

I saw cars ahead of me swerve to miss this little cat and then I saw him move. It makes me physically sick to think of a live cat being hit again!

This happened about 12:00 Tuesday. If anyone on West 4th or in that area is missing a white cat with a spot on his back, I want to let them know, I got it and had it put to sleep and buried it. At least it didn't have to get hit again while still alive. I wonder how many times does that happen?

Thank you,
Sharon Osburn
Big Spring

BSISD attendance program does well despite flu bug

To the editor:

The Big Spring Independent School District's attendance program (K-5) continues to do well even though sickness has been a big factor in lowering the average daily attendance during the third six weeks of school.

We thank all of our parents who continue to support their children and the schools by seeing that their children attend school on a regular basis.

Every elementary campus has a district-wide attendance letter for their parents with information on school attendance. If you are not aware of this letter, please request a copy from your principal.

Number five of the letter has a three part requirement for our parents: 1) parents call their child's school office on the day of the absence if possible, 2) send a note dated and signed with the child when he/she returns to school with the reason(s) as to why the child was absent, and 3) if a doctor's visit was made, send verification of that visit to the school office.

As the attendance officer, I am responsible and obligated to confirm all of the three requirements on number five of the attendance letter.

A tribute is in order and way over due to a large group of wonderful adn excellent citizens and professionals who work in all areas of the medical community. All receptionists, secretaries, nurses, technicians, medical assistants, and doctors are to be recognized for all of their hard and professional work and many of the little extra special things and services they are doing for our children, schools, and the attendance office.

I frequently call to many of these medical offices to confirm appointments, and then I call after the appointment to confirm if an appointment was kept or not. The cooperation I receive is greatly appreciated.

Rudy Gutierrez
Big Spring

Former students remember Reta Weeg with fondness

To the editor:

Reta Weeg died Jan.12. She was loved and respected by hundreds of Big Spring High School pupils. (The Class of '57 dedicated its annual to her.) She was a strict, exacting and thorough teacher. She cared about the subjects of Latin and English — and we all learned that she also cared about us, her students. We could see that her insistence on excellence began with herself and, though her methods may have riled us, we somehow knew that it was to our benefit to listen. In the finest sense, Mrs. Weeg, was a lady and a true teacher. She came from a distinguished local family and loved Big Spring.

To her husband, Charles, we send our deepest sympathy. Words are too small to express our fondness for her great influence.

Coincidentally, a few weeks ago we were looking through a collection of the Big Spring Daily Herald, 1929. The long headline on April 14: "Big Spring Latin Scholars Win Reta Debenport and Charles Weeg Victors; Second Victory in as Many Years Comes to Local High School; Mostellar Given Credit For Advancement. The crack Latin team representing the third year course offered in the Big Spring High School which is composed of Reta and Charles won its second victory in two years Friday in Abilene."

Sincerely,
Doyle Phillips
Frances Wheat
Big Spring

OTHER VIEWS

Barbara Jordan will be missed

One of the great voices of American public life has been stilled.

Barbara Jordan was a master orator and a master politician, in the best sense of that word. Few who witnessed the impeachment hearings of President Nixon will forget her forceful affirmation of the rule of law:

"My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total, and I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution."

During her too-short career, Jordan picked up the more or less permanent description of "the first black woman" — the first to be elected to the Texas Senate, the first to be elected to Congress from the South since Reconstruction, the first to keynote two Democratic conventions, and it went on and on.

Despite her Olympian rhetoric and formidable integrity, Jordan was anything but an isolated and ineffectual idealist. She was an able lawmaker who relished the daily rough-and-tumble of legislative life. She rose to be president pro tem of the good-ol'-boy Texas Senate and, after three terms in Congress, seemed headed for the inner circle of leadership there.

But illness intervened, halting a national career that might well have seen her become a Supreme Court justice or the Democratic vice presidential candidate.

She returned to her native state to teach at the University of Texas and to stay active in public life as she was able. At the time of her death, she was chairman of the U.S. Commission on Immigration Reform, a panel that distinguished itself by making tough and practical recommendations.

Jordan was 59. The echoes of that great voice will stay with us.

—SCRIPPS HOWARD

THADEUS & WEEZ by Charles Pugsley Fincher

Lack of reader comments on miscue offers cause for editor's concern

Something happened at the Herald last week that really disturbed me.

In our Thursday edition, we failed to continue a story from page one to page two.

As a newspaper editor, that in itself bothered me, although not as much as the person who forgot the last part of the story.

The thing that disturbed me is the fact we got no calls from people calling us stupid or idiots or asking if there's not someone who reads our pages before we go to the press.

Believe me ... as an editor who has lost a jump before, you feel stupid as well as feeling like an idiot and yes, we have people who check the pages before they go to press. In fact, my initials were on top of page two that day. I just hadn't checked to see if there was anything being continued from page one.

But the thing that stuck in my craw was the lack of calls.

What that told me was that no one either reads the newspaper or that those who read the newspaper have come to expect us to make that kind of mistake and feel it is pointless to bring it to our attention again.

And neither option is a good one.

I understand that my view is only my perception, but I also realize that perception is reality!

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So, what needs to be done?

Perhaps assurances and reassurances.

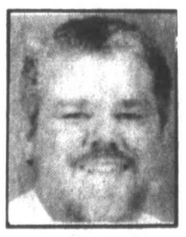
Perhaps promises and more promises.

What about putting our money where our mouth is?

I can tell the readers of the Big Spring Herald that in the week I've been back at the helm of the editorial part of this ship I've determined that every person in my department is committed to producing the best possible product every day of the week.

I can tell you that we want, and that we intend, to be the local news and information source for Big Spring and Howard County as well as the readership area we serve.

I can guarantee you that when you come to the Herald news room, you'll be served. You'll be treated as if you are a vital cog in our machinery,



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

because you are. There may be instances when we need to schedule a time so as to have enough time to sit down and talk, but there will never be a time when we don't have enough time for you, our reader.

And I will bet my job on our ability to get your news, whether it is from your civic club, church, sports team, bowling league or whatever, into the Herald in a timely manner.

Yes, money talks and all else walks, to clean up a rather common saying, so we'll put our "money" where our mouths are and deliver a product you'll look forward to reading.

We'll give you a reason other than obituaries or public records.

I'll commit to you a newspaper you'll forward to. I ask that you commit to me your feedback.

Tell me what you like and what you don't like ... what you want more of and less of ... and yes, let me know when we trip over our own feet, as we did with the disappearing story.

Gail Earls has already made that promise to me and I know she'll keep it.

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Now, to address some housecleaning issues ...

The most common question I've gotten this week has been wanting to know what happened to Dennis the Menace and Christina Ferchalk.

• Dennis, Peanuts and the Quigmans, whoever they might be, were victims of budget cuts.

In a survey published in the Herald on December 3, our readers were asked to rate our comics from 1-13. More than 50 readers responded to the poll and rated the comics in this order, 1. Family Circus, 2. Dennis the Menace, 3. Hi and Lois, 4. Peanuts, 5. Blondie, 6. Snuffy Smith, 7. Beetle Bailey, 8. B.C., 9. Hagar the Horrible, 10. Gasoline Alley, 11. The Wizard of Id, 12. Geech, and 13. Quigmans.

The decision was made based on at least two factors — 1. reader preference and 2. cost. I say at least two because I know when I've made decisions like this, my personal preferences have also carried more weight than they probably should have.

As I've promised the more than a dozen folks who have called about Dennis, Im looking into the possibility of reinstating the strip. Keep in mind, however, that Dennis' reinstatement comes at the expense of some other strip.

• Ferchalk is a columnist for a Thomson newspaper in Pennsylvania. Thomson, as you may know, is the former parent company of the Herald. When the Herald was sold, we retained access to a number of features for a specified time. That period has now passed and we no longer have access to Ferchalk's column.

For those who have made the request, the best address I can give you is to write to Ferchalk in care of Thomson Newspapers, 65 Queen St. W., Toronto, Ontario, Canada m5H 2M8. Sorry, but I couldn't come up with the Pennsylvania address.

• Another question has been regarding the newspaper's policy of not taking photos of an organization making a check presentation for one purpose or another.

That policy no longer exists ... *with qualifications.* My goal is to get as many local names and local faces as possible into the local newspaper. To that end, we want to make the public aware of your good work.

Here's the qualifying part — we can't do it for donations less than $100 and we might have to ask you to provide us with a photo if we are shorthanded. To ease that burden, we'll supply you with a roll of 35mm black and white film and we'll even process it whenever we have to ask you to take the photo.

We want your news!

John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response to this column may be sent in care of this newspaper.

GOP seeks interval between Clinton's State of Union and response

NEW YORK (AP) — For the first time ever, Republican leaders are asking the networks to let them wait 24 hours to respond to President Clinton's State of the Union speech.

Friday's request complicated plans for television coverage of Tuesday's 8 p.m. CST speech, which by tradition is followed immediately by a response from leaders of the party not in the White House.

ABC, CBS, CNN, C-SPAN, NBC and the Fox Broadcasting Co. all plan live coverage of Clinton's speech and the Republican response.

CNN spokesman David Talley said that network would air the GOP response on Wednesday. ABC rejected the unprecedented request for a prime-time slot the next day.

"We feel strongly that our audience is best served by hearing the Republicans' response to the address immediately following the State of the Union as has always been the practice," said ABC spokeswoman Eileen Murphy.

NBC, CBS and Fox news executives were still considering the request. C-SPAN didn't immediately return phone calls. Cable's Comedy Central also plans live coverage.

"We're going to rethink it and decide on Monday," said Lane Venardos, CBS' vice president for hard news and special events.

In a letter to the networks, Sen. Majority Leader Bob Dole, R-Kan., and House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. asked for an 8 p.m. CST Wednesday time slot to respond to the speech.

"Allowing 24 hours to pass between the President's address and the Republican response will enable us to best contribute to the national dialogue, and to most appropriately respond to the President's message," the letter said.

"We also assure you that the Republican presentation will not be of undue length," it said.

GOP officials said the party spokesman was likely to be Dole, the front-runner of Clinton's potential adversaries in November.

Clarkson Hine, press aide to the senator, did not return calls seeking comment, and there was no immediate comment from the White House.

Last year, Gingrich chose New Jersey Gov. Christie Whitman to respond to the State of the Union.

Sherri Bebitch Jeffe, a professor at the Claremont Graduate School's Center for Politics and Policy, noted that the televised partisan response is a recent phenomenon.

"This is Bob Dole being presidential, this is not Bob Dole being the loyal opposition," she said. "It is part of the positioning of Bob Dole as the presidential actor of the Republican party."

The Republicans, recalling how Clinton's last State of the Union speech ran 81 minutes, may want a chance to review the speech overnight, address it point by point, and in more than 10 minutes, Ms. Jeffe said.

"Even given this strategy, I'm wondering whether it is the right strategy," she said. "If there is an audience for the president, will that audience tune in the following evening? ... That's a two-evening commitment."

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While last summer's sunflowers droop in the midst of winter, 11-year-old Lacey Meyer works at finishing what she calls her alien snowmen near her Rockbridge, Ohio home. Snows swept across the west and midwest while flooding hit the Appalachian region as Old Man Winter vented his fury last week.

Snow hits west, midwest as flooding swamps Appalachians

The Associated Press

Locally heavy snow fell across the mountains of the West on Saturday, with nearly 2 feet in parts of Utah, and temperatures fell to 57 below zero in Minnesota. Flooding forced evacuations along rivers in the Appalachians.

Snow fell overnight across northwestern Washington, with up to a foot in the Cascades and 7 inches reported on the ground at Port Angeles.

Up to one-half inch of rain was common along the Washington coast, with slightly higher amounts along the northern Oregon coast.

Further inland, snow fell across parts of Idaho into southwestern Montana, western Wyoming, northern Utah and northern Colorado.

Fifteen to 20 inches fell overnight at Utah's Alta and Snowbird ski resorts, and Steamboat Springs, Colo., received 15 inches.

Over the past three to four days, as much as 7 feet of snow had piled up in the Wasatch Mountains of northern Utah.

High wind was reported along the Oregon Coast, with gusts as high as 60 mph at Sea Lion Caves and 76 mph at Cape Blanco. Gusts up to 50 mph were measured in Wyoming at Rock Springs, Rawlins, Laramie and Cheyenne.

Arctic air covered the central and eastern states, squeezing out the last bits of Friday's record warmth.

Early Saturday, Caribou, Maine, topped out at a record 50 degrees, but within an hour the temperature fell into the 20s.

In northern Minnesota, Saturday morning's low at Tower and Embarrass was 57 below zero, just two degrees away from the state's all-time record, a reading of 59 below in 1899.

International Falls, Minn., posted a record low of 42 below zero and Duluth hit a record low of 35 below.

Flooding caused by last week's heavy rain and rapid snow melt continued in the central Appalachians, forcing thousands from their homes in West Virginia, Pennsylvania and upstate New York.

Saturday's heaviest flooding was along the Susquehanna, Delaware, Monongahela, Allegheny and Ohio rivers.

Saturday's temperature extremes ranged from the morning low of 57 below at Tower and Embarrass to an early afternoon reading of 76 at Homestead, Fla. The lowest wind chill, the rating based on temperature and wind speed, was 66 below zero at Hallock, Minn.

New revelations damage Clintons' credibility

WASHINGTON (AP) — After months of intense Republican attacks on Whitewater and the travel office firings, the Clintons' credibility was stung by unlikely sources last week: two longtime supporters who followed them from Arkansas to Washington.

One was a personal assistant who for years has handled Hillary Rodham Clinton's paperwork when she was a lawyer in Arkansas and now as first lady.

Candid and genteel, presidential assistant Carolyn Huber testified Thursday how Mrs. Clinton's Whitewater-related billing records — sought by investigators for two years — suddenly appeared in a room only the president, his wife and close aides had access to.

Someone, Huber told the Senate Whitewater Committee, deliberately put them on a table in plain view. The Clintons, who originally claimed the records couldn't be found, say they don't know who.

A day earlier, it was an adviser who worked for years with then-Gov. Clinton in Arkansas and left the White House under an ethical cloud who delivered the blow.

Former White House chief of administration David Watkins testified he believed Mrs. Clinton was behind the pressure to fire the travel office workers, although he never got the word directly from the first lady.

Three handwritten memos supported his testimony. Mrs. Clinton says it happened a different way: She only expressed concern about possible financial mismanagement in the office but never ordered the firings.

"Few Americans are following the intricate details, but when you're talking about files that all of a sudden turn up, those are the kind of things that people can say 'Isn't that a little funny?'" said Karlyn Bowman, a fellow at the American Enterprise Institute, a public policy think tank.

Nation briefs

Man arrested for fatal parking lot shooting

TAYLORS, S.C. — A suspect arrested in Florida has been charged with fatally shooting a man in his van as his wife watched.

Daniel Vinson Staggs, 22, was arrested at a motel in Lake Wales, Fla. He and another suspect still being sought are accused of driving a pickup beside Danny Greer's van in a parking lot in Taylors and shooting Greers.

Police knew of no motive for the killing. Greer, 34, was black and married to a white woman. And while the suspects are white, police said nothing indicated race was a factor in the slaying.

Mrs. Greer's stepfather, Freddie Davenport, said he believes the incident was racially motivated.

Heating oil barge spill not as bad as first feared

SOUTH KINGSTOWN, R.I. (AP) — A barge carrying 4 million gallons of heating oil leaked a small amount Saturday, a day after it ran aground in a storm. Officials believed an environmental disaster had been averted.

Aided by clear skies and weakened winds, the Coast Guard prepared to pump oil from the 340-foot barge and refloat it Sunday. A sheen of oil about 3 miles long and several hundred yards wide was moving southeast from Rhode Island's southern coast into the Atlantic Ocean.

The oil was too thin to be skimmed or dispersed with chemicals, so officials planned to let it evaporate and the Coast Guard placed booms to keep it off the beach. It was not known exactly how much had seeped out.

The barge stopped just off Trustom Pond National Wildlife Refuge, midway along eight saltwater ponds that are breeding grounds for fish and migration stops for millions of water fowl.

Some birds could be seen crawling ashore with oil on their wings, but the exact environmental impact was not expected to be known for some time, state officials said.

En route from New York's Staten Island to Providence, the barge ran aground Friday night after its tugboat caught on fire and the six-member crew evacuated in 60 mph winds, 15-mile waves and driving rain. The Coast Guard rescued them.

FAA details efforts to fix air traffic control system

WASHINGTON — Officials in charge of the nation's air traffic control system insist they are on track toward correcting problems that caused a dismaying series of outages last year.

But even as new power systems and technicians are on the scene, and other changes are under way, the most troublesome computers are only getting older and frailer, a senior official of the Federal Aviation Administration acknowledged.

FAA Associate Administrator Monte Belger reported that an independent panel studying the air traffic control system generally has endorsed the agency's corrective efforts.

He insisted the complex system to handle the 39 million flights per year works 99.4 percent of the time. But at least in 1995, that 0.6 percent focused a lot of attention on the FAA: Air traffic control centers went out of service at least 23 times.

The FAA will spend $65 million to upgrade the computers in Chicago, Dallas-Fort Worth, Washington, Cleveland and New York.

Explorer plans to mine gold from sunken Japanese sub

CENTREVILLE, Va. — The huge Japanese submarine dived, struggling for cover in the Atlantic depths as an American torpedo bomber wheeled above and locked in for the kill. The bomber pilot heard an explosion and then the sound of air rushing out of the doomed ship.

The I-52 sank on June 23, 1944, with 109 sailors and two tons of gold Japan planned to use to pay war debts.

Paul Tidwell plans to salvage the gold along with artifacts from the ship, and may try to raise the submarine itself. The gold ingots are worth about $24 million as gold.

Endeavour returns home from "fantastic" mission

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — After a busy nine-day flight spent fetching satellites and walking in space, Endeavour's astronauts returned home with a rare nighttime landing early Saturday.

"It was just one fantastic mission," said Brian Duffy, commander of the six-member crew.

Duffy fired the braking engines an hour before touchdown, dropping Endeavour out of orbit on an irreversible course toward Florida. The shuttle landed at 2:42 a.m.

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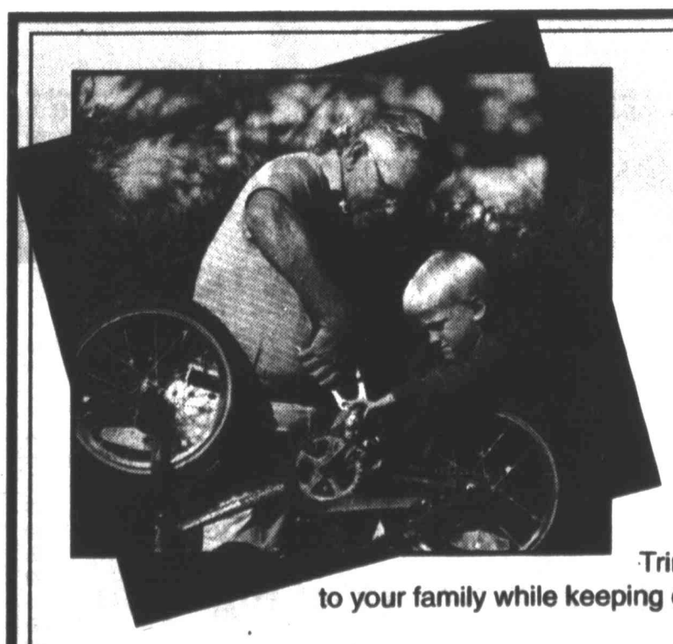

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Yasser Arafat, shown in this photo from a past session of the Palestine National Council, may well adopt the same pose now. Initial returns from Palestine's first presidential election show him overwhelmingly defeating his only challenger, Samiha Khalil.

Thousands turn out for Palestinian election; Arafat defeats challenger

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Hundreds of thousands of Palestinians turned out to vote Saturday in a festive first election, solidly endorsing Yasser Arafat and his peace policies.

Undeterred by an Islamic militant boycott, voter turnout was projected at 90 percent in the Gaza Strip and 85 percent in the West Bank, according to the Palestinian election commission.

"I couldn't sleep at night, I was so excited," said Abu Hamda, an 18-year-old student who was first in line to vote at a school in the Shati refugee camp in Gaza City on Saturday, the first sunny day in a week of stormy weather.

More than 1 million Palestinians were registered to vote in the elections for a president and 88-seat legislative council. Initial returns showed Arafat overwhelmingly defeating his only challenger for the presidency, 72-year-old social worker Samiha Khalil.

Arafat had his kaffiyeh headdress knocked askew as he made his way through the crowd at a packed polling station in Gaza City.

"This is the first legislative election for Palestinians, and this is a foundation for a Palestinian state," Arafat said as he voted at the Anas Ibn Malik high school.

Turnout was far lower in Jerusalem, where Palestinian leaders and international monitors complained that voters were scared off by 4,000 Israeli police called out to enforce security. As of mid-afternoon, only 30 percent of Jerusalem voters had gone to the polls.

"I don't think there is any doubt they are doing everything they can to intimidate the voters," said former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, head of a team of election observers.

Leaders of the militant Islamic group Hamas, which boycotted the elections, had said they would claim victory if turnout was below 50 percent.

Under Arafat's leadership, most Palestinian towns and cities in the West Bank and Gaza gained autonomy over the past two years, ending more than a quarter-century of Israeli occupation.

On Saturday, red, white, black and green Palestinian flags fluttered in central squares in the West Bank and Gaza. There was a holiday mood at polling places, where each voter dropped two ballots — red for president and white for the council — into cardboard boxes.

"The era of Israel is gone — the era of occupation is gone," exulted Hanineh Kehwani, a 60-year-old blind woman casting her vote in Abu Dis, a village outside Jerusalem. "We are starting a new era of democracy."

The final borders and status of the Palestinian entity — as well as such explosive issues as the future of Jerusalem and the rights of Palestinian refugees — are supposed to be decided in talks with Israel starting in May.

NATO troops ordered to protect suspected graves

SARAJEVO, Bosnia-Herzegovina (AP) — In a significant expansion of the NATO-led peace mission in Bosnia, NATO soldiers will guard two suspected mass graves where Bosnian Serbs are accused of burying thousands of bodies.

The move could place the mission in a direct confrontation with Bosnian Serbs, who have blocked investigators from visiting the sites — Bratunac near Srebrenica in the east and an abandoned mine near Prijedor in the northwest.

Some human rights groups believe up to 8,000 Muslims and Bosnian Croats were killed or dumped in the Prijedor mine, but Bosnian government sources believe the figure is lower.

The sources estimate more than 100 people were buried in Bratunac after being killed in nearby Kravice.

The Yugoslav war crimes tribunal and other investigators worry that evidence of graves and possible war crimes could be tampered with the longer the sites are left outside international control.

The tribunal, a U.N.-appointed court based in The Hague, the Netherlands, had been losing hope that forces would help secure mass grave sites and arrest indicted war criminals.

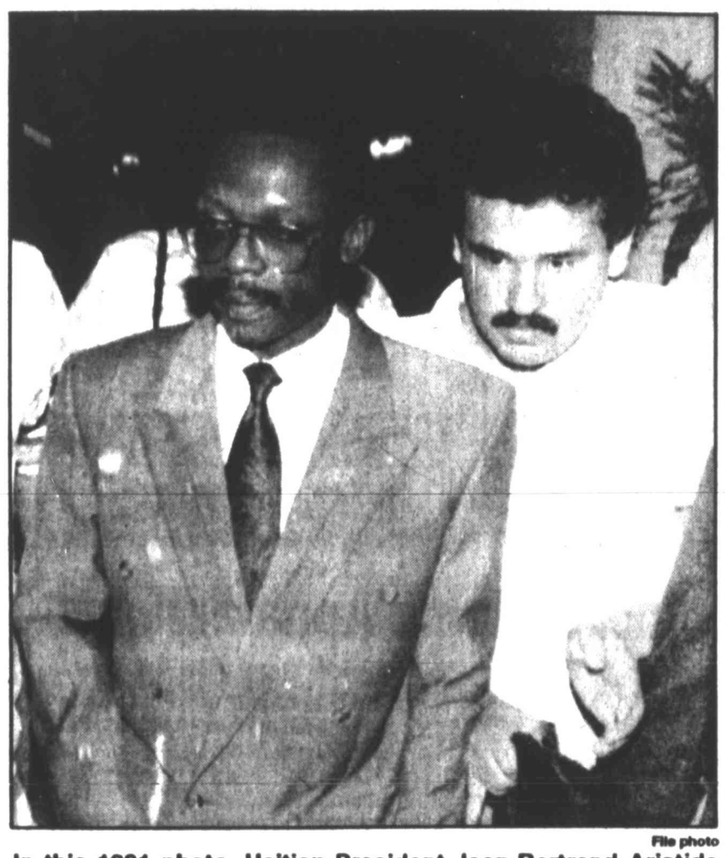
But Maj. William Pijpers, a Dutch spokesman for the NATO-led force, said Saturday that NATO troops could surround the Bratunac and Prijedor sites early next week.

The commander of the NATO mission, U.S. Adm. Leighton Smith, said he had a request to create a "safe environment" for war crimes investigators, but declined to give details.

It would mark NATO's first steps outside a purely military role in Bosnia. For the past month, its soldiers had overseen the creation of 2.4-mile-wide buffer zones along former front lines. The zones were to be completed Friday.

The British head of NATO ground forces in Bosnia, Lt. Gen. Sir Michael Walker, said there was 95 percent compliance with the deadline by all sides in the 3 1/2-year war — Bosnian Serbs, Bosnian Croats and Muslim-led government. Fewer than 35 pieces of heavy weaponry remained in the zones, he said.

The success of the withdrawal contrasted sharply with a stalled attempt to free 900 prisoners of war. Fewer than a third of the total registered by the Red Cross were let go by Friday, the date for all to go free.



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In this 1991 photo, Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide leaves talks with his congressional opponents in Cartagena, Colombia. Aristide, a former priest, married Mildred Trouillot in a ceremony Saturday evening.

Aristide puts career on the line for love

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Jean-Bertrand Aristide risked his life and his priesthood fighting for Haiti. Now he is putting his political career and his nation's affection on the line — all for love.

But not all Haitians celebrated yesterday's wedding of the priest-turned-president. Many who welcomed Jean-Bertrand Aristide as a fellow product of the abused peasant class are unhappy their hero married a woman from the lighter-skinned upper class they distrust.

Aristide's bride, Mildred Trouillot, was born 33 years ago in New York City to Haitian professionals. She was raised in the United States and studied there to become a lawyer.

Trouillot was never a political creature, but in 1993 was hired as an adviser to Aristide's government-in-exile in Washington at a salary of $10,000 a month — more than the average Haitian earns in a lifetime.

Aristide, 42, anticipated negative reaction to his wedding plans. On state radio Thursday, when he belatedly announced the impending marriage, he tried to reassure Haitians. "Our relationship of fidelity and commitment cannot change if there is someone who shares my life with me," he said. "She has agreed to participate in the struggle with me."

Aristide's bride will be Haiti's first lady only until Feb. 7, when Aristide hands power to President-elect Rene Preval. The constitution prevented Aristide from running for consecutive terms. Already, Haitians consider him a candidate for the 2000 election, but much may depend on the marriage. "We're resigned to his getting married," said Jean-Claude Leveque, a 33-year-old night watchman. "But he'd better not forget he's our husband, too."

Turks nab five more hijackers from ferry

ISTANBUL, Turkey (AP) — Turkish police said Saturday they had captured five more hijackers after a night of interrogations aboard a Black Sea ferry that had been seized by pro-Chechen gunmen.

Nine hijackers are now in custody, all with links to the restive Caucasus region in Russia. Four surrendered peacefully Friday night, ending a four-day hostage crisis aboard the Avrasya-Eurasia ferry, which had anchored close to the entrance to the Bosporus straits.

The 255 hostages, most of them Russians, were safe, though many were growing increasingly restless by the time the ferry finally docked Saturday afternoon in Eregli, about 125 miles east of Istanbul.

"Let us out. Since 1 a.m. there has been no heat. We're freezing. They are only feeding us rice and beans," Rifat Coban, a Turkish passenger, shouted from the deck of the ferry.

Shortly afterward, the passengers were taken by bus to a cafeteria at a nearby steel plant. It was not immediately clear whether the passengers would remain ashore or get back on the ferry.

There was a large contingent of police and army commandos aboard the ferry, and officials said they were continuing to question passengers, who said they had been well treated by the hijackers.

Before their capture, the hijackers said they had nothing against Turkey, and their action was aimed at Russia and its war against Chechen separatists in southern Russia.

But Russian forces wiped out a group of Chechen fighters in Pervomayskaya, Russia, in a four-day assault that ended Thursday, leaving the hijackers with little reason to continue holding hostages.

Police arrest Lebanese resident in fatal fire

LUEBECK, Germany (AP) — Police said Saturday they arrested a 21-year-old Lebanese man as a suspect in the fire that killed 10 immigrants at a shelter for asylum-seekers. They said the suspect lived at the shelter.

Police spokesman Detlef Hardt gave no additional details, but a local newspaper said the man and two of his brothers were arrested on Friday.

The brothers were released after questioning and the suspect was to have gone before a judge on Saturday, the Luebecker Nachrichten reported.

Police initially suspected right-wingers deliberately set Thursday's fire that killed six children and four adults in this Baltic seaport of 210,000. Three suspects — one of them a skinhead — were arrested but released Friday after police said they had an alibi.

Earlier Saturday, about 3,000 demonstrators gathered in the city's main square to remember the victims of the fire. Many said they still believed the fire was deliberately set by right-wingers who don't like foreigners.

On Friday, three suspects were freed after police said they had evidence to support their alibi.

State prosecutors said a police car spotted the men at a gas station far from the house 20 minutes before the fire broke out. The police had followed the car until being called to the fire.

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Livestock winners announced

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Results from competition at the Howard County Junior Livestock Show are as follows:

Division: Lambs

Class 1 - Southdown Light Weight

1. Chance O'Daniel, 2. Kelli O'Daniel, 3. Caleb Hollingshead

Class 2 - Southdown Medium Weight

1. Jason Key, 2. Jason Key

Class 3 - Southdown Heavy Weight

1. Kami Hambrick, 2. Chance O'Daniel

Southdown Champion: Kami Hambrick

Reserve Champion: Chance O'Daniel

Class 4 - Finewool Light Weight

1. Cade Bowlin, 2. Landon Wegner, 3. Chance O'Daniel

Class 5 - Finewool Medium Weight

1. Tory Borchardt, 2. Luke Brown, 3. Kristen Wegner, 4. Christie Welch

Class 6 - Finewool Heavy Weight

1. Justin Hambrick, 2. David Buckner, 3. Porsha Yarbar

Finewool Champion: Justin Hambrick

Finewool Reserve Champion: Tori Borchardt

Class 7 - Finewool Cross Light Weight

1. Kyle Long, 2. Brad Long, 3. Kami Hambrick, 4. Kyland Wegner, 5. Landon Wegner, 6. Nathan Sellers

Class 8 - Finewool Cross Medium Weight

1. Amber Johnson, 2. Luke Bowlin, 3. Mandi Hanslik, 4. Luke Bowlin, 5. Christie Welch, 6. Cindy Welch, 7. Brock Carter

Class 9 - Finewool Cross Light Heavy Weight

1. Mandi Hanslik, 2. Amber Johnson, 3, Christie Welch, 4. Justin Hambrick, 5. Cade Bowlin, 6. Brad Long, 7. Matt Woodall, 8. Jason Wood

Class 10 - Finewool Cross Heavy Weight

1. Kyle Long, 2. Vanessa Adams, 3. Crystal Atkinson, 4. Taylor Sheppart, 5. Cindy Welch, 6. Trisha Nichols, 7. Porsha Yarbar, 8. Stephanie Reddi

Cross Champion: Mandi Hanslik

Reserve Cross Champion: Amber Johnson

Class 11 - MW Light Weight

1. Michael Brooks, 2. Jason Laster, 3. Brock Carter, 4. Donna Quinn, 5. Kelli O'Daniel, 6. Taylor Sheppard, 7. Stephanie Reddin, 8. Dondi Brewer

Class 12 - MW Medium Weight

1. Brad Long, 2. Luke Bowlin, 3. David Parrish, 4. Matt Woodall, 5. Chance O'Daniel, 6. Jason Key, 7. Randall Rich, 8. Walker Avants

Class 13 - MW Light Heavy Weight

1. Kami Hambrick, 2. Lauren Middleton, 3. Clint Bamert, 4. Tony Wyrick, 5. Mandi Hanslik, 6. Michael Brooks, 7. Christie Welch, 8. Lauren Middleton, 9. Crystal Atkinson, 10. Vanessa Adams, 11. Bryce Carter

Class 14 - MW Heavy Weight

1. Mandi Hanslik, 2. Tori Borchardt, 3. Tori Borchardt, 4. Justin Hambrick, 5. Justin Hambrick, 6. Tori Borchardt, 7. Clint Bamert, 8. Trisha Nichols, 9. Dondi Brewer, 10. Stephanie Reddin, 11. Ray Avants, 12. Walker Avants

MW Champion: Mandi Hanslik

MW Reserve Champion: Kami Hambrick

Overall Grand Champion:

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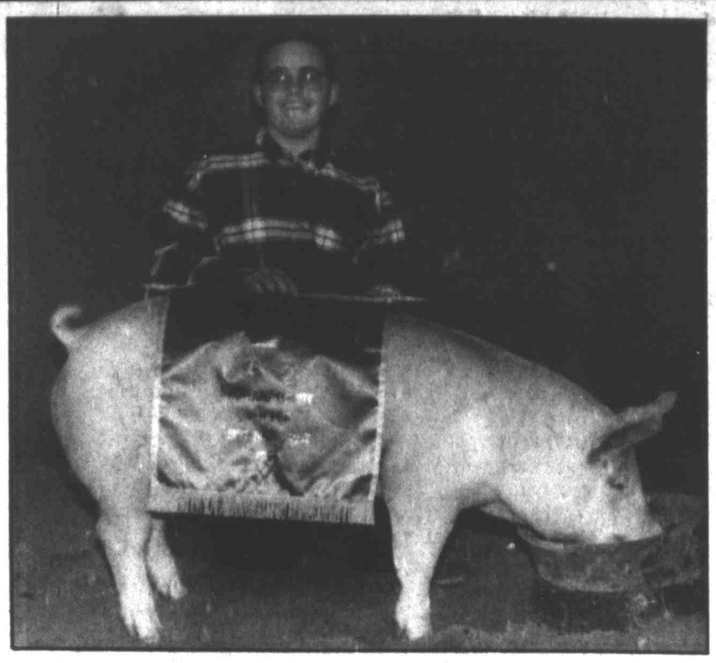
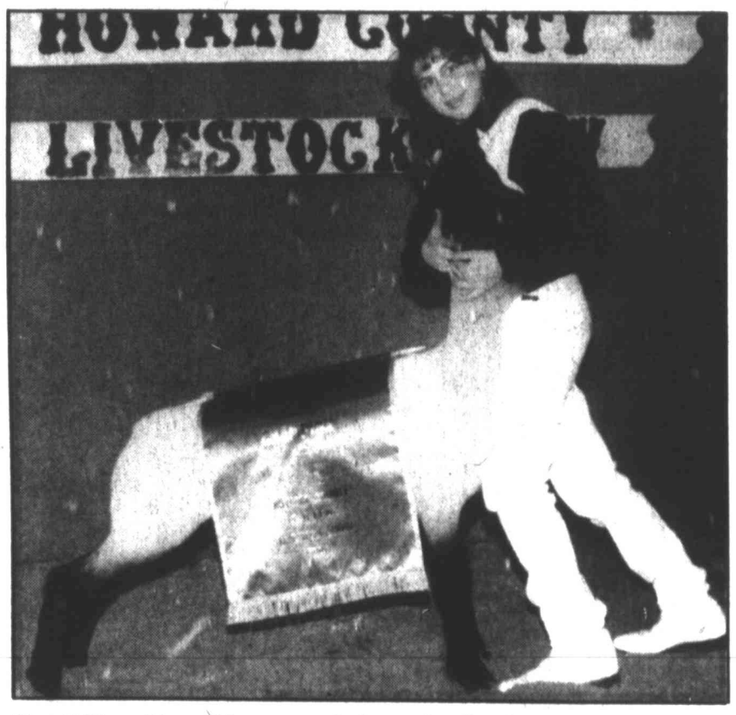
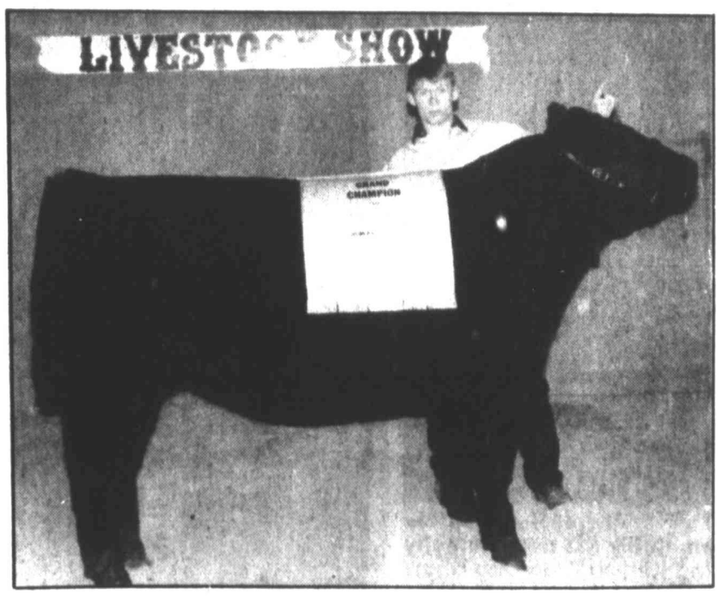


Michael Brooks and his grand champion pig.

Natalie Nichols and her grand champion steer.



Mandi Hanslik and her grand champion lamb.



Bucky Crenshaw and his reserve grand champion steer.

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Kami Hambrick and her reserve grand champion lamb.

Amanda McCluskey and her reserve grand champion capon.

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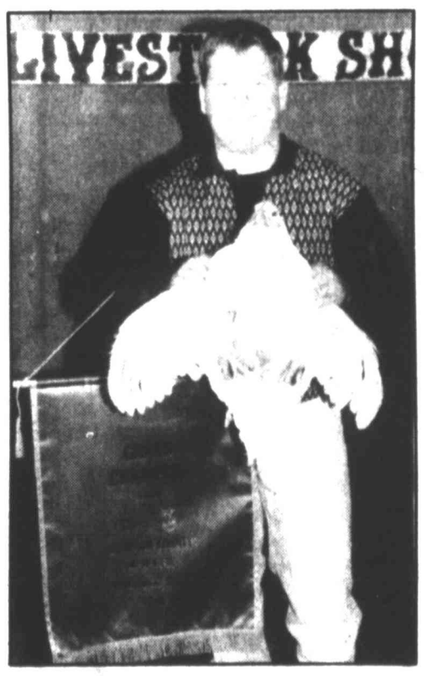
Mandi Walling and her reserve grand champion pig.



Jeremy Collier and his grand champion capon.

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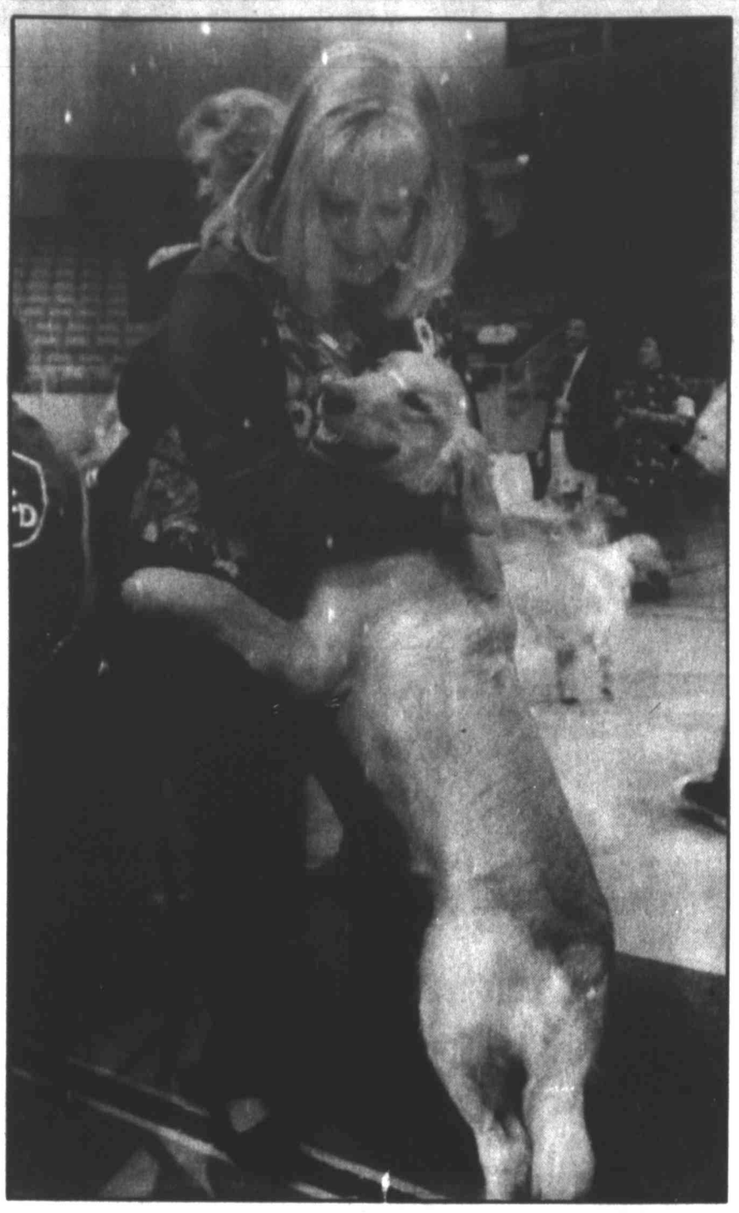

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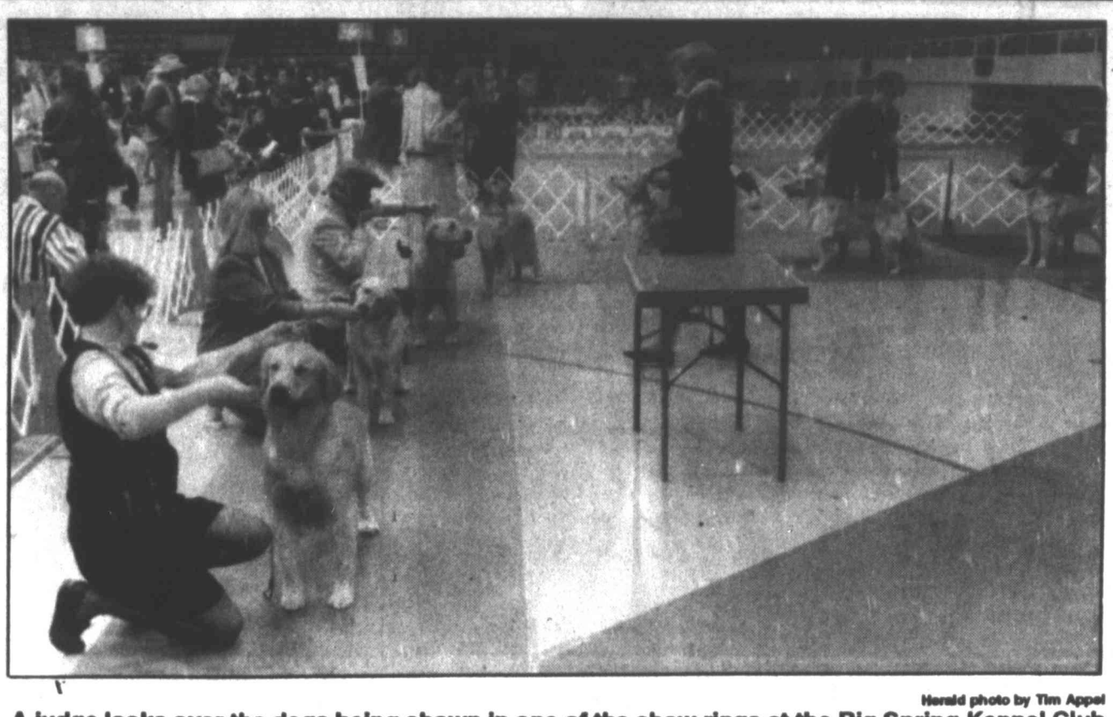
Diane Linhart gets a friendly hug from Chilly the dog, formerly from Big Spring, during the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday.



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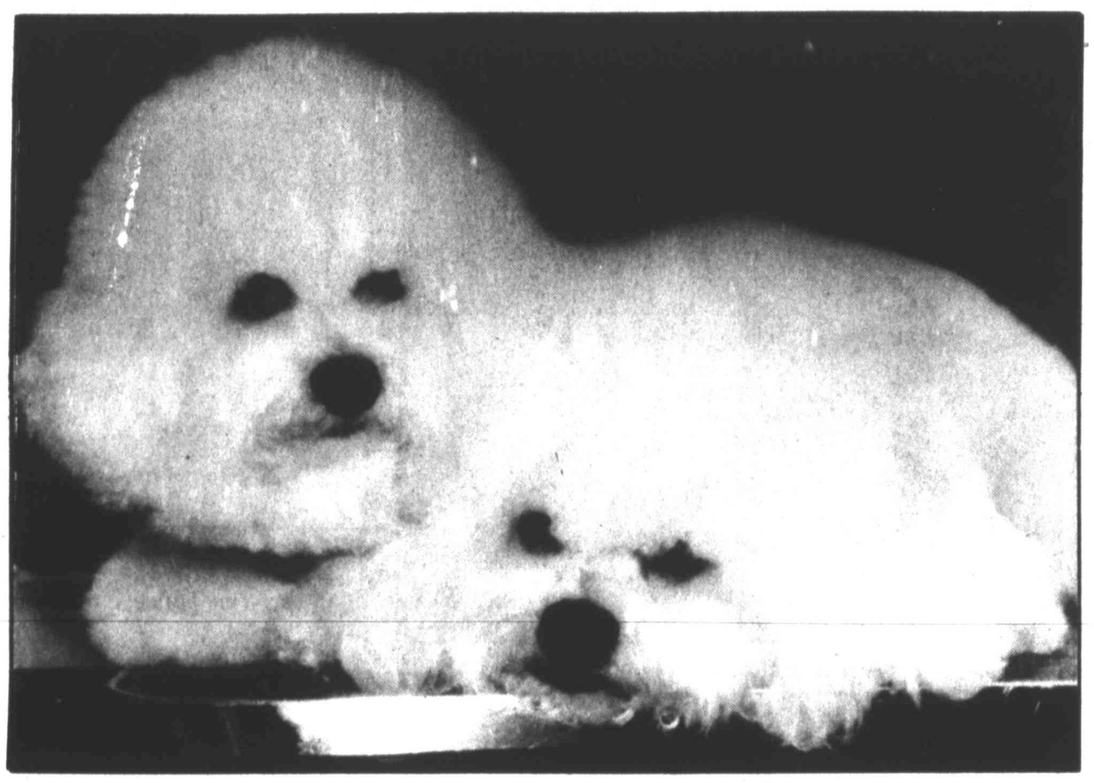
A judge looks over the dogs being shown in one of the show rings at the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday afternoon.



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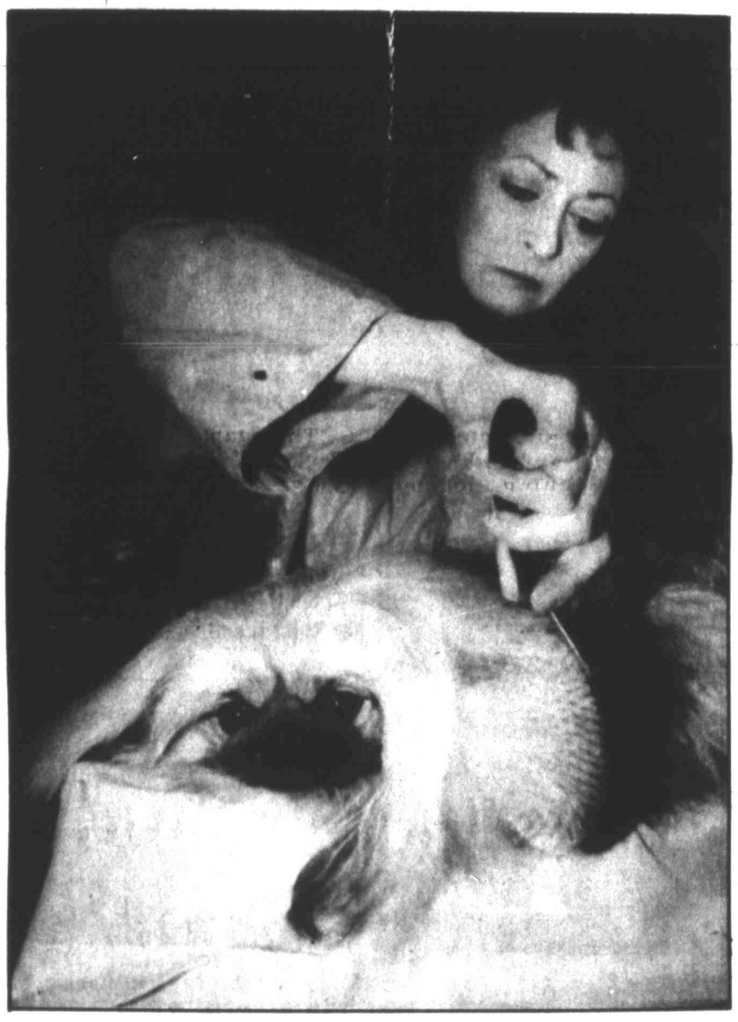
Two Bichon Frise dogs, tired from a long day of being groomed and shown, rest on a platform during the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. The show continues Sunday.



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Cheryl Weaver combs out her Pekingese, D.J., at the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. The show continues Sunday.

Coliseum goes to the dogs

Special to the Herald

The first day of the Big Spring Kennel Club dog shows at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum was completed Saturday.

Judges looked at 851 dogs from 30 states and one foreign country.

In the area around Texas, there were 23 dogs entered from Oklahoma, 43 from Colorado, 100 from New Mexico and 614 dogs entered from the Lone Star State.

Winners from Saturday's show included:

Best in Show:

Pointer - Champion Rose Creek Whippoorwill, owned by Ann Ramsbottom and Debbie Smith, Richmond.

Best Junior Handler:

Ragan Rea of Andrews, showing long-haired dachshund Champion Barkerville Fire Storm.

High-Scoring Obedience Dog in Regular Classes:

Shetland Sheepdog Champion Classic's Forever Franky UD, with a score of 197.5 out of 200 in Utility B. Owned by Tomas and Alane Gomez, Pipe Creek.

Highest Combined Obedience Score in Open B and Utility Classes:

Border Collie - OTCH Heelalong Jalapena UDX with a score of 391 out of 400. Owned by Sandra Davis, El Paso.

Group 1 Sporting Group:

Pointer - Champion Rose Creek Whippoorwill, owned by Ann Ramsbottom and Debbie Smith, Richmond.

Group 1 Hound Group:

Champion Yaupon Row Bayou Oaks Cocoa, owned by Alyce and Richard Gilmore, Lake Charles, La.

Group 1 Working Group:

Akita - Champion Asa Taiyo's Lone Star Lawman, owned by Russell and Jill Drennan, Marvel.

Group 1 Terrier Group:

Kerry Blue Terrier - Champion Melbee's Double Jeopardy, owned by Melbee Kennels, Shawnee Mission, Kansas.

Group 1 Toy Group:

Pekinese - Rebel O'Honeybear, owned by Annette L. Borders, Abilene.

Group 1 Non-Sporting Group:

German Shepherd - Champion Kaimacha Keystone Caicos, owned by Mary Tripp, Leander.

Canine events continue at coliseum

Special to the Herald

Big Spring Kennel Club show schedule for today:

8 a.m. - Boston Terriers, Bulldogs, Chinese Shar-Pei, Boxers, Mastiffs, Great Danes, American Staffordshire Terriers, Miniature Pinschers, Bouviers des Flandres, Pembroke Welsh Corgis, Long Coat and Smooth Coat Chihuahuas, Brittanys, English Springer Spaniels, Affenpinschers, 13-inch and 15-inch Beagles, Basset Hounds, Besenjis, Bloodhounds, Longhaired Dachshunds, Utility A and B Obedience.

9 a.m. - Alaskan Malamutes, Akitas, Doberman Pinschers, Ascob American Cocker Spaniels, English Cocker Spaniels, Weimaraners, Clumber Spaniels, Chinese Cresteds.

9:15 a.m. - Australian Cattle Dogs, Toy Poodles, Cardigan Welsh Corgis, Shetland Sheepdogs, Rhodesian Ridgebacks, Chesapeake Bay Retrievers, Golden Retrievers.

9:45 a.m. - French Bulldogs, Miniature Poodles, American Eskimo Dogs, Bichons Frises.

10 a.m. - Bernese Mountain Dogs, Bullmastiffs, Great Pyrenees, Samoyeds, Siberian Huskies, Maltese, Pugs, Papillons, Open B Obedience.

10:15 a.m. - German Shepherd Dogs.

10:30 a.m. - Afghan Hounds, Smooth Dachshunds.

11 a.m. - Chow Chows, Pointers, German Shorthaired Pointers, Irish Setters, Vizslas, Komondorok, Newfoundlands, Rottweilers, Parti-Color American Cocker Spaniels, Silky Terriers, Japanese Chin, Yorkshire Terriers.

11:10 a.m. - Novice B Obedience.

11:15 p.m. - Rough Collies, Belgian Tervuren, Border Collies, Smooth Collies.

Show

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Mandi Hanslik

Reserve Grand Champion: Kami Hambrick

Division - Heifers

Class 1 - 17.99 Months and Younger

1. James Newman, 2. Jeff Denton, 3. Cody McCann, 4. Delynn Reed

Class 2 - 18 Months and Older

1. Cody McCann, 2. Cody McCann, 3. John Paul Nichols, 4. Marc Baker

Champion: Cody McCann

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BSHS swimmers capture title at local meet

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Although it wasn't a major priority, the Big Spring boys' swim team did want to win its half of the Big Spring Invitational.

Winning big was just an extra bonus.

The BSHS boys' ran wild through a 16 team, winning their division going away Saturday at the Garrett Natatorium.

Big Spring scored 459 points, 179 points better than runner-up Fort Stockton. Carlbad was third with 235 points, followed by Abilene High and San Angelo Central.

Monahans won the girls' division with 472 points, while Abilene Cooper was third and Central fourth. Big Spring finished 13th.

With the meet happening so late in the swim season, BSHS coach Harlan Smith was more interested with how his swimmer performed tired than whether they won.

Needless to say, he was pleased with Saturday's domination.

"It feels good to win by that much, but just a win feels nice," Smith said. "Winning has helped this team so much this year."

The win marks the third meet championship for the Steers this season.

The Steers won their share of first place medals, but where they really dominated was in racking up points in the middle places.

"That's how you win meets," Smith said. "First places are good, but the other places are just as important. The kids who are winning meets for us are the ones who are getting the fifths and eighths and 12ths – and that's why everything has been coming together for us this year, because we're getting that."

Big Spring's boys won two relays – the 200-yard medley and the 200 freestyle. Individual gold medals were won by Eric Smith (200 freestyle) and Alex Padilla (50 freestyle). In addition, Padilla and Manual Arriaga did a 1-2 sweep of the 100 butterfly.

Individual second-place finishers for Big Spring were: Stephen Smith (200 butterfly), Eric Smith (100 freestyle) and Slate Broyles (100 backstroke). Big Spring also finished second in the 400 freestyle relay.

"They did extremely well," Smith said of his boys' team. "There's not a whole lot more I can say to praise them ... They've an outstanding group of young men."

Big Spring's girls did not

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Steers cruise past out-manned Pecos

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Steers built their confidence, record and averages to new levels Friday night at Pecos' expense.

The Steers welcomed the Eagles to be slaughtered in Big Spring, 88-48.

Friday night had the makings of a competitive game in the first quarter. The teams spent most of the quarter getting into the flow of the game. The Eagles took an early lead of 4-0 in the first quarter.

That covered Pecos' highlights.

The Eagles hurled numerous three-point attempts in hopes of taking a big lead, but three straight steals from Steers' point guard John Smith began what was to be an old-fashioned thrashing.

"I feel pretty good about the win," said Smith. "I just hope we win the next one."

The problem that faced the Eagles was their all-or-nothing game plan. Pecos rarely worked its inside game. The Eagles spent most the game firing three-point shots.

There three-point attempts increased as the point gap widened. The Eagles hit three out of 28 three-point attempts. Also, with the Steers' rebounding, Pecos only had one chance per possession most of the time.

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>
> **Gary Tipton**

"They've got a good inside game, and they are good shooters," said BSHS coach Gary Tipton. "They just had an off night. Hopefully, it's because of something we did.

"We did a good job at rebounding – something we didn't do well at Andrews."

Friday marked Big Spring's first win in District 4-4A play. "We're going to enjoy this win [against Pecos]," said Tipton.

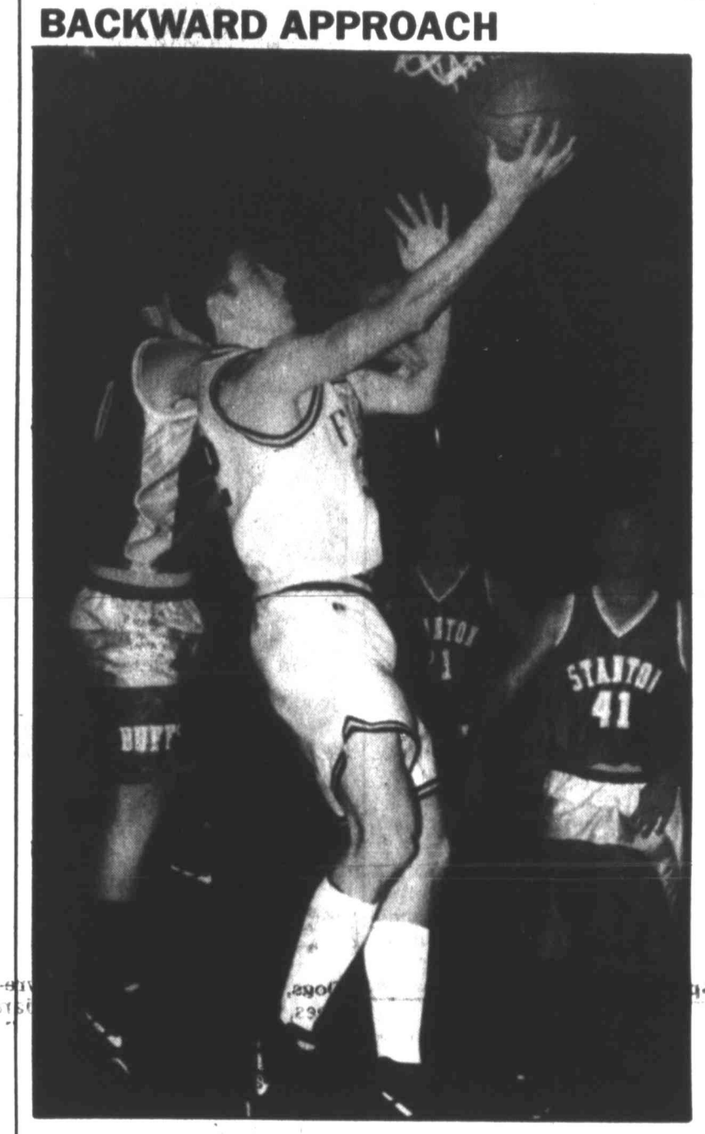
The Steers host San Angelo Lake View at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym.

BIG SPRING (88) – Franks 11 0 22, Warren 5 0 10, Smith 3 2 8, Simpson 7 0 14, Meyers 5 0 13, Purcell 4 0 8, Fernau 2 1 3, Massingill 1 0 3, total 38 3 88.

PECOS (48) – Adane 5 0 11, Ephiran 5 3 14, Matthews 1 2 4, E. Abila 1 1 4, Hinojos 3 4 11, J. Ablia 2 0 4, totals 17 10 48.

Three-point goals – Big Spring, Meyers 3, Massingill 1; Pecos, Adane 1, Ephiran 1, E. Abila 1. Total fouls: Big Spring 14, Pecos 7.

BACKWARD APPROACH



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Forsan's Josh Gaston shoots a reverse layup during the second half of the Buffaloes' game with Stanton Friday. For more information, please see page 10A.

Sluggish Lady Steers dismiss Pecos Friday

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

The Big Spring Lady Steers played against two teams Friday night, according to their coach Ron Taylor: the Pecos Lady Eagles and themselves.

Big Spring defeated Pecos 61-54, but the game was not as close as the score says.

The teams played equally impressive in the first quarter. Both teams had no problem putting points on the board. Big Spring had their way in the paint as Lady Steers' post Robin Wise scored eight points in the first quarter. The score after the first quarter was 17-14 Big Spring leading.

Major problems hit both teams however. The Lady Eagles dominated the boards – especially offensive rebounds – but made no use of them. Despite an average three chances at scoring, Pecos couldn't covert.

The Lady Steers' problem was getting past Pecos' full-court press. The defense confused the Lady Steers, and in haste to make something happen, turnovers piled to Big Spring's side.

"Pecos wasn't the problem. We gave ourselves our problem," said Taylor. "We played against the press before. We were just misreading [Pecos], and passing to the wrong person."

Big Spring were able to outscore Pecos despite their problems. At halftime, Big Spring led 36-25.

The Lady Steers controlled the third quarter. The closest Pecos got to Big Spring was within six points. That gave the Lady Steers a chance to work more on other things in their plan.

"We were never in danger of losing," said Taylor. "We did some things we needed to work on. It turns out that we really needed to work on them."

Big Spring still had problems going into the fourth quarter, but they weren't enough to allow the Lady Eagles back into the lead.

"We were just flat as a pancake [Friday night]," said Taylor. "We had poor execution in everything we did."

The Lady Steers face San Angelo Lake View at 6 p.m. Tuesday in Steer Gym. According to Taylor, the Lady Steers will be prepared.

"This game is over," said Taylor. "We'll be ready for Lake View."

BIG SPRING (61) – Wise 11 6 28, Anderson 5 1 14, Haddad 1 0 2, Hughes 3 0 8, Smith 2 0 4, Lott 1 0 2, Cole 1 1 3, totals 25 8 61.

PECOS (54) – Marquez 8 3 19, Marisal Arenivos 2 1 6, Matta 2 0 4, Martinson 1 0 2, Gardner 4 3 13, Marivel Arenivos 3 0 6, Oliver 1 0 2, Carrasco 1 0 2.

Three point goals – Big Spring, Hughes 2. Total fouls: Big Spring 17, Pecos 17.

Super Bowl: Why so many NFC blowouts?

Four times over the last 11 seasons, the San Francisco 49ers have won the Super Bowl. The Dallas Cowboys are expected to win their third in four years next Sunday.

When it's not the 49ers or the Cowboys, it's the 1985 Bears, perhaps the greatest defensive team in modern NFL history.

Or the 1986 Giants, whose defense rivaled the Bears. Or Joe Gibbs' Washington Redskins, who won three titles with three different quarterbacks and one of the best offensive lines ever.

They all have one thing in common.

They all play in the NFC.

It's been assumed during the 11 straight seasons that the NFC team won the Super Bowl that it's simply cyclical, a swing of the pendulum following a decade when AFC teams won eight of nine.

It's hard to call it cyclical any longer.

In the last 11 Super Bowls, the NFC teams have outscored the AFC 428-181, or 38.9 points to 16.4. That's approximately the score of the first game of the streak — San Francisco 38, Miami 16, at Stanford Stadium Jan. 20, 1985, Dan Marino's only Super Bowl appearance and Don Shula's last.

Almost nobody expects the Pittsburgh Steelers to beat the Dallas Cowboys next Sunday. They only question if the Steelers can keep it close.

Even Steelers fans.

"Of course I'm glad they got there, but I don't have much hope," said Adam Wolfson, a New York insurance broker and a longtime Steeler fan. "In fact, sometimes I wonder if it would be better if they'd lost to Indianapolis on a 'Hail Mary' than to have them win then get embarrassed by Dallas."

If that's a Pittsburgh fan, what does the rest of the world think?

The world according to Las Vegas, has been raising the line since it opened at 11 1/2 right after the Cowboys' 38-27 win over Green Bay that set up Sunday's game. It jumped a point in the next three hours, meaning a lot of heavy money came down *kerplunk* on the Cowboys.

But that's been the trend.

This will be the third straight game in which the line will be double figures — Dallas was favored by 10 over Buffalo two years ago and San Francisco by 19 over San Diego last season.

Both covered.

In the last 12 years, the NFC team has been favored by a touchdown or more nine times and the AFC team has been favored just twice — Denver by three over Washington in 1988 and Buffalo by six over the Giants in 1991.

Only two of the last 11 games

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Don't let Cowboys lose, and please don't make me snooze

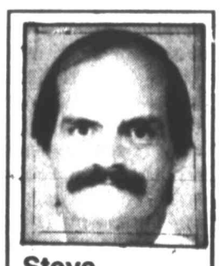
So, the Dallas Cowboys are once again in a Super Bowl. Gee, who would've ever thought they'd have gotten this far?

Next week's game against Pittsburgh will mark the eighth time Your Heroes have advanced this far. This is easily the best mark among National Football League teams.

I could sit here all day and type heaps and heaps of praises upon the Cowboys.

I could tell you how fervently I hope they kick the livin' daylights out of the Steelers, a team I compare unfavorably to several communicable diseases.

I could go out on a limb and give you a predicted final score (By the way, did you happen to notice that I got the Dallas-Green Bay score right on the nose? I'm not one to gloat, BUT ...).



Steve Reagan
Sports Editor

What I'm going to do, however, is issue a not-so-silent plea that this Super Bowl finally be competitive.

For something that has "super" attached to the title, the world championship of the NFL has been anything but. It seems that there hasn't been a truly competitive game since great-granny wore hoop skirts.

Untold thousands of trees have died just so you could be bombarded with writers' opinions on why Super Bowls are usually so one-sided, so don't look for any earth-shattering new theories from this corner.

NFC teams have won the last – what is it? – 20 or so Super Bowls, and most of those affairs have been won by at least a thousand or so points.

Which means that the NFL's ultimate game and showcase has, more often than not, been about as thrilling and pleasing as scraping ice off your windshield.

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BOTTOM of the ORDER

ON TAP

Monday

Basketball

Odessa College at Howard College (men/women), 5:50/7:50

Tuesday

Basketball

Lake View at Big Spring (B/G), 6/7:30
Coahoma at Stanton (B/G), 6:30/8
Forsan at Wall (B/G), 6:30/8
Sanderson at Garden City (B/G), 6:30/8
Sands at Borden Co. (B/G), 6:30/8
Klondike at Grady (B/G), 6:30/8

STATE/NATION

Aikman to miss Pro Bowl

IRVING (AP) — Dallas Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman faces possible elbow surgery after the Super Bowl and will miss the Pro Bowl scheduled for Feb. 4 in Hawaii, the club said Saturday.

"This is something that, in no way, has hindered my ability to throw the football," Aikman said.

"It is, however, an injury that causes me discomfort and pain. It's something I want to address after the season, and I don't want to run the risk of making the situation worse."

Cowboys owner Jerry Jones noted that Aikman has suffered several nagging injuries this season.

"He has experienced soreness in his (right) elbow throughout the year. Our medical staff is aware of his elbow problem, and ... they have recommended a possible surgical procedure following the Super Bowl," Jones said.

Sheehan leads by two

LAKE BUENA VISTA, Fla. (AP) — Patty Sheehan had hand-warmers in her pockets and Kristi Albers had them taped to her back.

The contenders in the LPGA HealthSouth Inaugural each had their own way of coping with Central Florida's chilly weather on Saturday.

Sheehan posted a second-round 71 to retain the lead in the $450,000 tournament at Walt Disney World. Albers and Jane Geddes each shot 67 to trail the Hall of Famer by two strokes.

The temperature rose from an early-morning low of 40 to the upper 50s before dropping again by the time Sheehan completed her round just before nightfall.

The leader with a 36-hole total of 7-under-par 137 said the weather affected her more than darkness.

ON THE AIR

Basketball

College
Penn State at Michigan, noon, CBS (ch. 7).
Syracuse at Connecticut, 2 p.m., CBS.

NBA
Orlando at Houston, 1:30 p.m., NBC (ch. 9).

Golf

PGA
Bob Hope Classic, 4:30 p.m., NBC.

Guards key rally as Queens put an end to losing streak

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

FORSAN – After starting District 6-2A play with three straight defeats, the Forsan Queens apparently decided it was time for a change.

Spurred by guards Deborah Light and Amie Evans, who combined for 34 points, the Queens rallied from a halftime deficit to defeat Stanton 55-46 at Forsan High School Friday night.

Stanton, also winless in district play, surprised the Queens with steady inside play during the first half, which ended with the Lady Buffaloes holding a 25-24 lead.

That's when the Queens in general – and Light and Evans in particular – decided that enough was enough.

"We played three good teams in a row, and had been beaten by four points or less every times. We could have won every one of those games," Light said. "It was nice, for once, not getting beat at the buzzer."

Forsan grabbed the lead for good on a pair of Light free throws with four minutes remaining in the third quarter, then the Queens expanded that lead to six at the end of the quarter. Stanton never got any closer than that.

Forsan coach Johnny Schafer said the major difference in the second half was improved play by the Queens' interior personnel.

"We did a better job of rebounding, and keeping them out of the middle of the lane," Schafer said. "They were doing a good job of penetrating the lane in the first half."

The Queens improve to 13-13 overall, and 1-3 in district play, while Stanton, paced by Randi Simer's 10 points, falls to 3-16, 0-4.

Schafer, who admitted that thoughts of another close loss crossed his mind during the first half, said the victory was a great relief to him and his team.

"The shots have been there for us," he said. "The major difference is this time, we did a better job of rebounding in the second half."

"We just told each other we needed to quit getting out ahead and then losing," Light said. "We've been coming out hot at first, then we'd relax. We knew we couldn't keep doing that."

The Queens return to action Tuesday at Wall, while Stanton host Coahoma. Game time for both contests is 6:30 p.m.

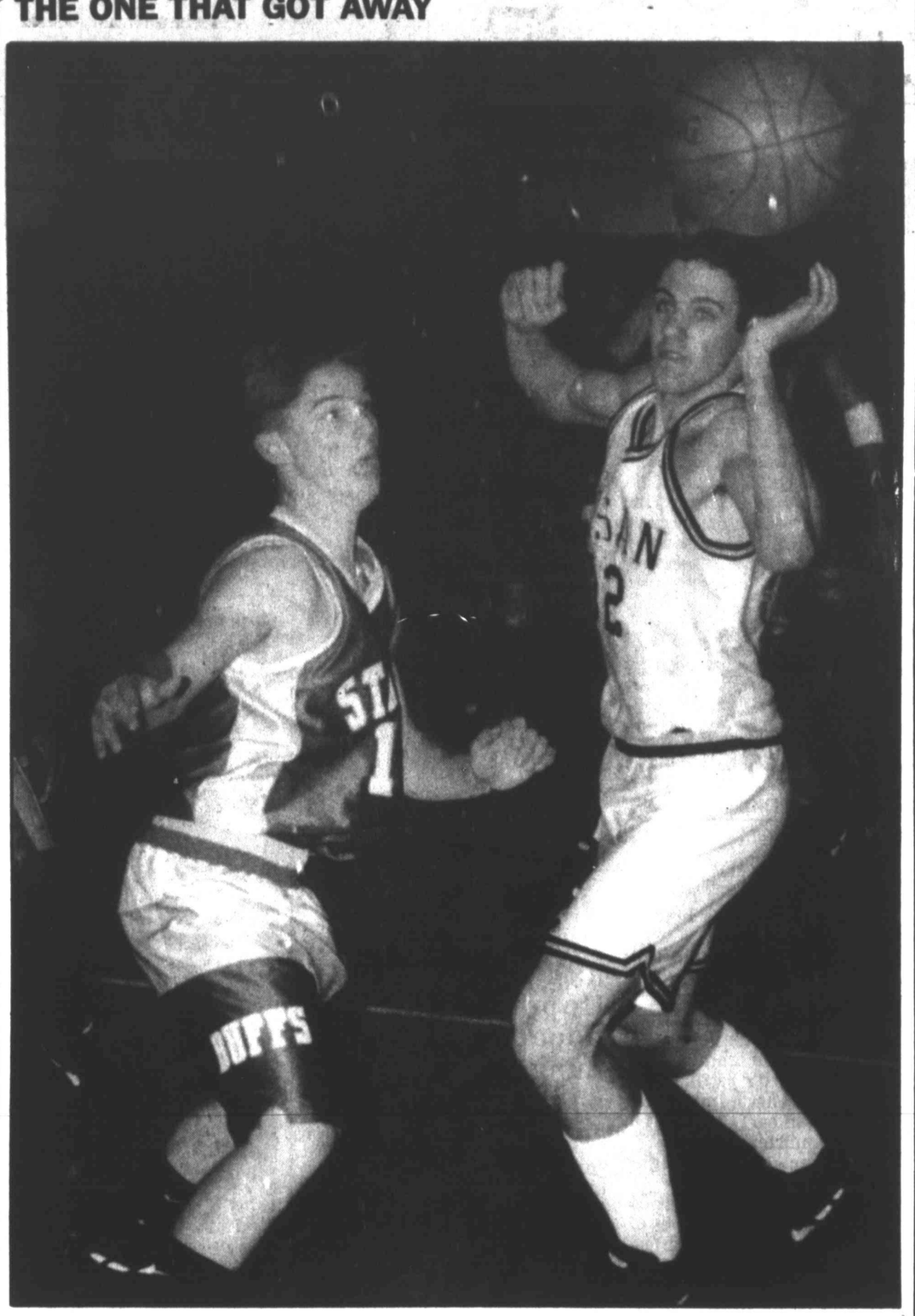
STANTON (46) – Adams 1 0 2; J. Chandler 1 0 2; L. Chandler 1 4 6; Graves 2 0 6; DeLeon 2 0 4; Holland 3 0 6; Burns 2 0 4; Simer 6 0 12; Harrell 2 0 4; totals 20 4-7 46.

FORSAN (55) – Lepard 1 0 2; Bedwell 2 0 4; Hughes 1 0 3; D. Light 8 2 19; Evans 6 0 15; M Light 1 0 2; Johnson 5 0 10; totals 24 2-6 55.

Stanton	17	8	13	8 – 46
Forsan	13	11	20	11 – 55

Three-point goals – Graves 2, Hughes, D Light, Evans 3; Totals fouls – Stanton 9, Forsan 10; Fouled out – None.

THE ONE THAT GOT AWAY



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Stanton's Jerrod Stallings, left, and Forsan's Josh Gaston watch the ball go out of bounds during their game in Forsan Friday.

Stanton sets up Coahoma showdown with Friday win

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

FORSAN – The Stanton Buffaloes are rather big on taking care of business, and because of that, they have a rather big piece of business coming up next week.

The Buffaloes (3-1 in league play) set up a District 6-2A showdown with co-leader Coahoma with a 77-65 win over Forsan Friday night at Forsan High School.

Stanton's players may be excused if they were looking just a bit past Forsan, which is winless in district play, but they insist that was not the case.

"After we played Jim Ned (a loss last week), we made up our minds not to overlook anybody," said Jason Hopper, who led Stanton 19 points. "We just need to play our game and not look ahead. That can get you knocked out of the playoffs."

Friday's game was basically decided during a four-minute stretch of the second quarter. After ending the first quarter in a 21-21 tie, Stanton scorched the nets to open the next eight minutes. By the time Leo McCalister scored off an alley-oop pass from Taylor Looney, the Buffs had built a 40-25 lead.

Forsan (0-4 in district play) cut the lead to 11 at halftime, but was never able to make a serious run at the Buffs after that.

Joining Hopper in double figures for Stanton were Looney with 17 points, McCalister with 13 and Kyle Herm with 10. Rusty Baker led all scorers with 28 points, while Josh Gaston added 10 for Forsan.

A big key for Stanton's future success this year will be how well the Buffaloes shoot from the perimeter. They passed the test Friday, scoring 33 of their points from three-point range.

"We have six guys – plus two off the bench – who are excellent outside shooters," Stanton coach Doug Gordon said. "They have to be – we really don't have a true post player."

Gordon and his players can now turn their full attention to arch-rival Coahoma. They say the Tuesday game, set for 8 p.m. in Stanton, should be interesting.

"It's going to be a fun game," Gordon said. "I'm sure all of Coahoma and all of Stanton's going to be there. That's one thing about this rivalry: There's never been any problem with showing class by either side. It should be a a good game for people to enjoy."

"We feel that if we can win the game Tuesday, we have a good shot at the playoffs," Looney said. "It'll probably be a very fun game."

STANTON (77) – Hull 1 0 2; Herm 2 5 10; Stallings 4 0 8; Cadenhead 0 2 2; Roger 1 0 3; Looney 6 0 17; McCalister 5 2 13; Davis 1 1 3; Hopper 8 0 19; totals 28 10-13 77.

FORSAN (65) – Lentz 4 0 8; Crow 1 1 4; Gaston 5 0 10; Hilger 2 1 5; Baker 9 6 28; Bristow 2 1 5; Epley 2 0 5; totals 25 9-14 65.

Stanton	21	19	23	14 – 77
Forsan	21	8	17	19 – 65

Three-point goals – Herm, Roger, Looney 5, McCalister, Hopper 3, Crow, Baker 4, Epley; Total fouls – Stanton 16, Forsan 16; Fouled out – none.

Snooze

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This must stop. Why, if the Super Bowl doesn't really, truly become Super, then who knows what dire events will transpire? Who knows? Maybe the Democrats will regain control of Congress.

We can't let that happen.

So please, football gods – let the Cowboys win, but not by too much. Let Pittsburgh – which was a 250-point underdog, last time I checked – put up a good fight before finally bowing out.

Let these things transpire so that the NFL can turn itself to more important issues, like how to keep owners from moving their franchises, or finding a new way to put the screws to Jerry Jones.

Let order return to the universe.

Let goodness and mercy rule the cosmos.

Let the Super Bowl truly be Super.

But most important: Let the Cowboys win.

Hallelujah!

NFC

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have been truly competitive.

The first was in 1989, when Joe Montana led the 49ers on a 92-yard, 11-play drive and hit John Taylor from 10 yards out with 34 seconds left to beat Cincinnati 20-16. That was the third of San Francisco's five Super Bowl wins.

The second was in 1991, when the Giants edged Buffalo 20-19 as the Bills' Scott Norwood was wide right with a 47-yard field goal attempt on the game's next-to-last play.

That may have been the only game in which the AFC team was demonstrably better on paper, but New York won it by holding the ball for 40 minutes and 33 seconds, keeping Buffalo's high-powered, no-huddle offense off the field.

In only two other games did the AFC team even lead at the half.

The most recent was two years ago, when the Bills, in the last of their four straight losses, led the Cowboys 13-6 at intermission. But just 55 seconds into the second half, Leon Lett stripped the ball from Thurman Thomas and James Washington picked up the fumble and returned it 46 yards for a score, irrevocably turning the game.

The other was in 1987, when the Broncos led the Giants 10-9 at intermission and might have been up more had Rich Karlis not missed two short field goals.

In the second half, New York converted a fake punt on the first series, outgained the Broncos 162 yards to 2 over a 20 minute span, scored five straight times to go ahead 39-10 and won 39-20.

The others were monumental blowouts — Chicago's 46-10 rout of New England in 1986; San Francisco 55-10 over Denver in 1990; Dallas' 52-17 win over Buffalo three years ago.

And most often they're over almost before they start, like last year's 49-26 San Francisco win. Take that 55-10 game.

"After the second series, Bill Walsh looked at me and said, 'It's over,'" said Carmen Policy, the 49ers' president, who happened to be sitting with the man who had coached San Francisco's first three victories.

"I said, 'Not so soon.' And he replied: 'There's no way they can stop you.'"

Why such domination by the NFC? Just about every theory has been debunked:

— Styles. The NFC was supposed to be the conference of power and defense, the AFC of finesse. But Dallas and San Francisco, who have won the last three games, have quick-strike offenses that were supposed to be the AFC province.

— Coaches and general managers. Bobby Beathard, who won three Super Bowls in Washington, is now general manager in San Diego and Bill Parcells, who coached the Giants to two, is now in New England. San Diego has made it once but the Pats haven't come close.

The Associated Press

Swim

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have a finish higher than 10th in any event, but Smith still saw reason to smile.

"I'm real pleased with the way they swam," he said. "They dropped their times, and they're starting to do the things they need to do to make themselves faster."

Big Spring has the week off before returning to action at the Fort Stockton Invitational Feb. 3. After that, the next action for the Steers in the District 4-4A meet in Pecos Feb. 17.

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Runnels' eighth-grade girls split games

Runnels Jr High eigth grade girls played a double-header Thursday. Runnels' A-team lost to Abilene Wylie 38-31. Leading scorers for Runnels were Cathy Jaure (10 points), Krystle Martinez (7 points) and Chandra McBee (5 points). Keys players for Runnels were Lindsey Marino and Nina Evans. Runnels' A-team record is 1-6.

The Runnels B-team deafeted Sweetwaters' B-team 45-15. Leading scorers for Runnels were Angie DeLancruc (15 points) and Alexis Casillas (6 points). Key players for Runnels were Heddy Wigington, Tara Cooper and Nicole Peterson. Runnels' B-team record is 6-1.

Lady Steer JV demolishes Pecos

Big Spring Lady Steers' JV team trampled the Pecos Lady Eagles' JV 62-17. Leading scorers for Big Spring are Traci Bellinghauser (23 points), Jessica Cobos (13 points) and Krissi McWhertes (14 points). Big Springs' record is 12-5 overall; they are 5-1 against teams in their district.

YMCA schedules swim, hoop classes

The Big Spring YMCA will have evening adult and youth swim classes beginning Jan. 29.

The classes will be held three times Tuesday and Thursday.

The YMCA also will hold an organizational meeting for its 3-on-3 women's basketball league at 7:30 p.m. Jan. 24.

For more information, contact the YMCA at 267-6234.

Hunter education class offered

A course in hunter education is scheduled from 8 a.m.-5 p.m. beginning Feb. 3 in the Dora Roberts Community Center.

For more information, contact Boyce Hale at 267-6957.

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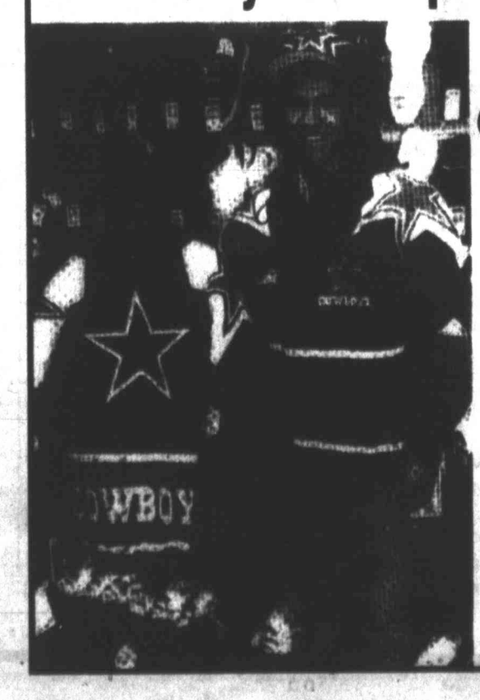


SPORTSEXTRA

BOWLING

Local leagues

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS - Team 2 over Four Stars, 8-0; Spanky's over Strike Force, 8-0; Team 8 over Our TEam, 6-2; Team 1 over Hughes and Sales, 6-2; hi sc. game and series (man) Junior Barber, 245 and 630; hi hdcp game and seires (man) Junior Barber, 249 and 642; hi c. team game and serkes Spanky's, 719 and 2054; hi sc. game and series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 212 and 554; hi hdcp game and seires (woman) Evelyn Williams, 226 and Becky Fields, 620; hi hdcp team game and series Spanky's, 849 and 2444.

STANDINGS - Team 1, 92-52; Team 2, 90-54; Four Stars, 76-68; Hughes Auto Sales, 74-70; Strike Force, 68-68; Spanky's, 62-64; Team 8, 54-90; Our Team, 44-92.

MEN'S CAPROCK

RESULTS - Tough As Nails tied Nasty Boys, 4-4; B.S. auto Electric over Courtyard Apt., 8-0; Spare Time over My-Boys, 8-0; Just Piddlin over Texas Finance, 6-2; Burgess Automotive tied Chili Peppers, 4-4; W.G.A.S. over Bad Comapny, 6-2; Budweiser over Hank & Jans, 6-2; hi game and series Phillip Ringener, 300 and 722; hi hdcp game and series Guy Will Zant, 272 and 938; hi sc. team game Burgess Automotive, 938; hi sc. team series Budweiser, 2496; hi hcp team game Burgess Automotive, 961; hi hdcp team series Budweiser, 2559.

STANDINGS - Budweiser, 104-32; B.S. Auto Electric, 95-41; Burgess Automotive, 92-44; My-Boys, 75-61; Nasty Boys, 74-62; Chili Peppers, 74-62; Tough As Nails, 74-62; Texas Finance, 67-69; Spare Time, 66-70; Bad Company, 53-83; W.G.A.S., 52-84; Hank & Jans, 44-92; Just Piddlin, 42-94; Courtyard Apts., 40-96.

WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - POW MIA over Large Boys, 6-2; Budweiser over Team Three, 6-2; A & J over Joe's Crew, 8-0; Auto Trend over Wrecking Crew, 8-0; hi c. game and series Jeff Dukett, 255 and 693; hi sc. team game and series Budweiser, 1000 and 2973; hi hdcp game Arthur Juarez, 260; hi hdcp series Jim Fann, 708; hi hdcp team game Team Three, 1063; hi hdcp team series Budweiser, 3084.

STANDINGS - Budweiser, 107-37; A & J, 101-43; Auto Trend, 77-67; Large Boys, 76-68; Joe's Crew, 62-82; Wrecking Crew, 56-88; Team Three, ;50-94; POW MIA, 47-97.

Results for Week No. 17 of 35
Ladies Major Bowling League

RESULTS - 2 Pollard Chev., 8-0; 6 KC Kids, 0-8; 15 Big Spring Music Co., 3-5; 18 Chem Cher, 5-3; 7 Cline Constructioin, 6-2; 17 Rent-A-Tire Rollers, 2-6; 4 Barber Glass & Mirror, 6-2; 21 Sherrie's Diner, 2-6; 8 Walmart #513, 8-0; 5 BSCU C. City Branch, 0-8; 20 Campbell Cement Construction, 8-0; 16 Pin Busters, 0-8; 10 Big Spring Tire, 6-2; 22 The Strikers, 2-6; 13 Hal's Air Cooled Engines, 2-6; 11 Pack-N-Sender, 6-2; 19 Day & Day Builders, 8-0; 1 Rocky's, 0-8; 12 Green House Photography, 2-6; 9 E.P. Driver, 6-2; 3 Images, 0-8; 14 Federal Oil, 8-0; hi sc. team game Chem Cher, 727; hi sc. team series, Chem Cher, 20264; hi hdcp team game and series E.P. Driver, 941 and 2710; hi sc. game and series Laurie Wells, 224 and 598; hi hdcp game Beverly Tubb, 271; hi hdcp series Clara Cline,705; hi hdcp game-WBIC, 260; most over avg. (game) Beverly Tubb, 70; most over avg. (series) Masonya White, 112.

Year To Date High Scores

Hi sc. team game and series Chem Cher, 816 and 2291; hi hdcp team game Federal Oil,968; hi hdcp team series, Hall's Air Cooled Engines,2804; hi sc. game-WIBC, Joycee Davis, 265; hi hdcp game-WBIC, Dene Lambright, 307; hi sc. series-WIBC, Laurie Wells, 731; hi hdcp series-WIBC, Mary Ann Herrera, 756.

STANDINGS - Pack-N-Sender, 92-44; Green House Photograph, 84-52; Federal Oil, 79-57; Chem Cher, 79-57; Big Spring Music Co., 78-58; E.P. Driver, 76-60; Barber Glass & Mirror, 76-60; Sherrie's Diner, 71-65; Day & Day Builders, 71-65; Campbell Cement Constr., 71-65; Cline Construction, 68-68; The Strikers, 65-71; Hall's Air Cooled Eng., 64-72; Rocky's, 64-72; Walmart #513, 64-72; Pollard Chev., 63-73; Big Spring Tire, 61-75; KC Kids, 59-77; Pin Busters, 58-78; BSCU C. City Branch, 56-80; Rent-A-Tire Rollers, 52-84; Images, 45-91.

Results for Week No. 18 of 35
Ladies Major Bowling League

RESULTS - Pack-N-Sender, 6-2; Green House Photography, 2-6; Federal Oil, 2-6; Chem Cher, 6-2; Big Spring Music Co., 2-6; E.P. Driver, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror, 4-4; Sherrie's Diner, 4-4; Day & Day Builders, 2-6; Campbell Cement Construction, 6-2; Cline Construction, 4-4; The Strikers, 4-4; Hall's air cooled Engines, 0-0; Rocky's, 0-0; Walmat #513, 2-6; Pollard Chev., 6-2; Big Spring Tire, 4-4; KC Kids, 4-4; Pin Busters, 6-2; BSCU C. City Branch,2-6; Rent-A-Tire Rollers, 6-2; Images, 2-6; hi sc. team game, Cline Construction, 734; hi hdcp team game, Sherrie's Diner, 946; hi sc. team series Chem Cher, 2025; hi hdcp team series, Cline Construction, 2567; hi sc. game and series-WIBC, Gwen Smith, 219 and 579; hi hdcp game-WIBC, Dorothy Sheppard, 274; hi hdcp series-WIBC, Lavonna Brumley, 709; most over avg (game) Dorothy Sheppard,72; most over avg (series) Dorothy Sheppard,101.

STANDINGS - Pack-N-Sender, 98-46; Green House Photogra., 86-58; Chem Cher, 85-59; E.P. Driver, 82-62; Federal Oil, 81-163; Big Spring Music Co., 80-64; Barber Glass & Mirro, 80-64; Campbell Cement Cons.,77-67; Sherrie's Diner, 75-69; Day & Day Builders, 73-71; Cline Construction, 72-72; The Strikers, 69-75; Pollard Chev., 69-75; Walmart #513, 66-78; Big Spring Tire, 65-79; Hall's Air Cooled En., 64-72; Pin Busters, 64-80; Rocky's, 64-72; KC Kids, 63-81; BSCU C. City Branch, 58-86; Rent-A-Tire Rollers, 58-86; Images, 47-97.

MENS MAJOR

RESULTS - Fina Engineers over Fred's Contracting, 6-2; Bob Brock Ford over Bob Brock Body Shop, 6-2; Mason Roofing over O'Daniel Trucking, 8-0; Parks Agency over Frank Hagen T.V., 8-0; Rocky's over Parks Convenience 8-0; Coors over Trio Fuels,6-2; Grady Walker L.P. over B.S.I., 6-2; hi sc. game Gilbert Cisneros, 268; hi sc.s eries Terry Davis, 689; hi sc. team game and series Grady Walker L.P., 1076 and 3053; hi hdcp game Gilbert Cisneros, 302; hi hdcp series Emmitt Bartee II,775; hi hdcp team game and series Fina Engineers, 1248 and 3548.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 94-50; Trio Fuels, 85-59; Grady Walker L.P., 84-60; Fina Engineers, 82-62; Bob Brock Ford, 78-66; Mason Roofing, 78-66; Rocky's, 77-67; Frank Hagen T.V., 72-72; Fred's Contracting, 70-74; O'Daniel Trucking, 67-77; Coors, 66-78; Bob Brock Body Shop, 53-91; Parks Conveneince, 52-92; B.S.I., 50-94.

VA COUPLES

RESULTS - Team Ten tied Team Two, 4-4; Team Five over Team Seven, 6-2; Team Three over Team Eleven, 8-80; Team Twelve over Team Four, 6-2; Team Nine over Team One,8-0; Team Eight over Team Six, 6-2; hi sc. team game and series Team Three, 828 and 2349; hi sc. game and series (men) Junior Barber, 267 and 723; hi sc. game (women) Carolyn Yeager, 221; hi sc. series (women) Karen Albano, 558; hi hdcp team game and series Team Three, 905 and 2580; hi hdcp game and series (men) Junior Barber, 269 and 729; hi hdcp game (women) Carlyn Yeager, 249; hi hdcp series (women) Denise Richard, 652.

STANDINGS - Team Three, 108-36; Team Twelve, 93-51; Team Nine, 86-58; Team One, 83-61; Team Ten, 74-70; Team Five, 74-70; Team Two, 68-76; Team Eight, 66-78; Team Six, 64-80; Team Eleven, 56-88; Team Four, 54-90; Team Seven, 38-106.

PINPOPPERS

RESULTS - Kuykendall over Federal Oil, 8-0; Tailgaters over Casual Shoppe,4-4; Guy's Restaurant over Health Food Center,4-4; Petty Farms over A & B Farms, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Bernadine Sealy, 210 and 542; hi sc. team game and series Casual Shoppe, 726 and 1958; hi hdcp game Pauline Porch, 233; hi hdcp series Vicky Ledesma, 644; hi hdcp team game Casual Shoppe, 852; hi hdcp team series Petty Farms, 2341.

STANDINGS - Casual Shoppe, 112-40; Petty Farms, 86-66; Health Food Center, 78-74; Guy's Restaurant, 78-74; Tailgaters, 71-81; Kuykendall, 68-84; Federal Oil, 60-92; A & B Farms, 55-97.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - White Motor Co. Stanton over Vogue Beauty Salon, 8-0; Arrow Refrigeration Co. over Parks Agency, Inc., 8-80; Fred's Contracting over Rocky's Pin Peppers, 8-0; Spare Tokens over Vacancy, 8-0; Cowboys over Double R Cattle, 8-0; C.E. Rollovers over Easys, 6-2; K.C. Steakhouse over Big Spring Mobile Homes Park,6-2; Big Spring Skipper Travel over Holy Rollers,6-2; A & M Composite Corp. over A Timeless Design, 6-2; The 4 Of Us over Ups & Downs, 6-2; C & T Cleaners tied The Fun Bunch, 4-4; hi sc. game and series (men) Don Ewing, 247 and 671; hi hdcp game and series (men) Don Ewing, 265 and 725; hi sc. game and series (women) Laurie Wells, 243 and 586; hi hdcp game (women) Wakerd Dunlap, 253; hi hdcp series (women) Sonya Lacey, 668; hi sc. team game and series KC Steakhoue, 852 and 2346; hi hdcp team game and series KC Steakhoue, 972 and 2706.

STANDINGS - Fred's Contracting, 97-55; Holy Rollers, 96-56; A & M Composites, 90-62; Easy, 88-64; A Timeless Design, 88-64; C & T Cleaners, 87-65; C.E. Rollovers, 86-66; KC Steakhoue, 84-68; Spare Tokens, 82-70; Parks Agency, Inc., 80-72; White Motor Co. Stanton, 78-74; Double R Cattle Co., 78-74; Rocky's Pin Peppers, 78-74; The Fun Bunch, 78-74; The 4 of Us, 78-74; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 76-76; Arrow Refrigeration Co.,70-82; Cowboy's, 66-86; Ups & downs, 58-94; Big Spring Mobile Homes Park, 58-94; Vogue Beauty Salon, 56-96.

MEN'S CAPROCK

RESULTS - Budweiser over BS Auto Electric, 6-2; Burgess Automotive over My-Boys, 5-3; Nasty Boys tied Chili Peppers, 4-4; Texas Finance over Tough As Nails, 6-2; Bad Company over Spare Time, 6-2; W.G.A.S. over Hank & Jans, 5-3; Courtyard Apts. over Just Piddlin, 6-2; hi c. game Chris Jones, 269; hi sc. series Jeff Dukett, 702; hi hdcp game Chris ones, 279; hi hdcp series Jack Acuff, 742; hi sc. team game Bad Company, 854; hi sc. team series Burgess Automotive, 2366; hi hdcp team game Bad Company, 900; hi hdcp team series Courtyard Apts., 2538.

STANDINGS - Budweiser, 110-34; BS Auto Elecltric, 97-47; Burgess Automotive, 97-47; Nasty Boys, 78-66; Chili Peppers, 78-66; My-Boys, 78-66; Tough As Nails, 76-68; Texas Finance, 73-71; Spare Time, 68-76; Bad Company, 59-85; W.G.A.S., 57-87; Hank & Jans, 47-97; Courtyard Apts., 46-98; Just Piddlin, 44-100.

DOUBLE TROUBLE

RESULTS - Our Team over Strike Force, 8-0; Four Stars over Team 1, 6-2; Hughes Auto Sales over Team 2, 6-2; Spanky's over Team 8, 8-0; hi sc. game and series (man) J.M. Ringener, 244 and 676; hi hdcp game and series (man) Joey Herrea, 233 and 683; hi sc. game and series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 211 and 596; hi hdcp game and series (woman) Evelyn Williams, 225 and 638; hi sc. team game and series Four Stars, 734 and 2139; hi hdcp team game Team 1, 854; hi hdcp team series Four Stars, 2397.

STANDINGS - Team 1, 94-58; Team 2, 92-60; Four Stars, 82-70; Hughes Auto Sales, 80-72; Spanky's, 70-64; Strike Force, 68-76; Team 8, 54-98; Our Team, 52-92.

FOOTBALL

NFL Playoffs

All Times EST
Wild-Card Round
Saturday, Dec. 30
Buffalo 37, Miami 22
Philadelphia 58, Detroit 37
Sunday, Dec. 31
Green Bay 37, Atlanta 20
Indianapolis 35, San Diego 20
Divisional Playoffs
Saturday, Jan. 6
Pittsburgh 40, Buffalo 21
Green Bay 27, San Francisco 17
Sunday, Jan. 7
Dallas 30, Philadelphia 11
Indianapolis 10, Kansas City 7
Conference Championships
Sunday, Jan. 14
Pittsburgh 20, Indianapolis 16
Dallas 38, Green Bay 27
Super Bowl
At Sun Devil Stadium
Tempe, Ariz.
Sunday, Jan. 28
Pittsburgh vs. Dallas, 6:20 p.m.
Sunday, Feb. 4
Pro Bowl at Honolulu

BASKETBALL

College scores

EAST
Bucknell 78, Lehigh 65
Cent. Connecticut St. 106, Troy St. 90
Colgate 89, Navy 67
Dartmouth 72, Lafayette 71
Drexel 67, Boston U. 47
Georgetown 82, Seton Hall 62
Holy Cross 81, Army 66
Massachusetts 93, Duquesne 89
Monmouth, N.J. 71, Long Island U. 55
Rhode Island 68, Fordham 53
Rider 88, St. Francis, Pa. 70
Towson St. 88, Hartford 73
Vermont 67, Delaware 66
Villanova 76, North Carolina 56
Yale 62, Brown 56

SOUTH
Austin Peay 72, E. Kentucky 71
Cent. Florida 95, Georgia St. 75
Davidson at VMI, ppd., illness
Florida 59, Mississippi 55
Georgia Tech 90, Virginia 70
Howard U. 75, Bethune-Cookman 48
James Madison 80, George Mason 72
Manhattan 98, Hampton U. 64
Maryland 77, N. Carolina St. 74, OT
McNeese St. 75, North Texas 63
N.C. Charlotte 89, South Florida 56
N.C.-Asheville 76, Md.-Baltimore County 73
S. Carolina St. 67, Md.-E. Shore 50
Tennessee 67, Georgia 62
Tulane 67, Temple 59
Va. Commonwealth 79, Richmond 51

MIDWEST
Chicago St. 77, Mo.-Kansas City 66
E. Michigan 109, Ball St. 102, OT
Kent 71, W. Michigan 69
Marquette 59, Memphis 55
Miami, Ohio 88, Cent. Michigan 72
Michigan St. 62, Iowa 60
N. Illinois 84, Butler 57
Northwestern 62, Wisconsin 52
Notre Dame 79, Rutgers 67
Ohio U. 81, Akron 60
St. Louis 60, DePaul 59
Tennessee St. 82, SE Missouri 70
Tulsa 75, SW Missouri St. 65
Valparaiso 86, Buffalo 65
W. Illinois 80, NE Illinois 72
Wis.-Green Bay 73, Ill.-Chicago 67

SOUTHWEST
Arkansas 80, Mississippi St. 68
Kansas St. 75, Oklahoma 60
Texas 81, Southern Meth. 63

FAR WEST
Arizona 88, UCLA 79
Cal Poly-SLO 102, Sacramento St. 86
California 97, Oregon 72
Kansas 80, Colorado 78
Southern Cal 80, Arizona St. 67

NBA

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	28	10	.737	—
New York	24	13	.649	3 1/2
Washington	19	19	.500	9
Miami	17	20	.459	10 1/2
New Jersey	15	22	.405	12 1/2
Boston	15	23	.395	13
Philadelphia	7	29	.194	20
Central Division				
Chicago	**33**	**3**	**.917**	—
Indiana	23	14	.622	10 1/2
Cleveland	20	16	.555	13
Atlanta	20	17	.541	13 1/2
Detroit	19	17	.528	14
Charlotte	18	19	.486	15 1/2
Milwaukee	15	22	.405	18 1/2
Toronto	10	28	.263	24
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	25	11	.694	1/2
Houston	27	12	.692	—
Utah	23	13	.639	2 1/2
Denver	16	22	.421	10 1/2
Dallas	12	24	.333	13 1/2
Minnesota	11	26	.297	14 1/2
Vancouver	7	30	.189	19
Pacific Division				
Seattle	**26**	**11**	**.703**	—
Sacramento	21	13	.618	3 1/2
L.A. Lakers	21	17	.553	5 1/2
Portland	19	19	.500	7 1/2
Golden State	16	22	.421	10 1/2
Phoenix	14	21	.400	11
L.A. Clippers	15	23	.395	11 1/2

Friday's Games
Atlanta 82, Philadelphia 77
Washington 93, New Jersey 87
Indiana 89, Detroit 81
Charlotte 114, Miami 106
Minnesota 100, San Antonio 92
Dallas 129, Boston 124
Utah 111, Orlando 99
Portland 101, Phoenix 84
New York 100, Seattle 97, OT
L.A. Lakers 106, L.A. Clippers 100

Saturday's Games
Minnesota at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Charlotte, 7:30 p.m.
Miami at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 9 p.m.
New York at Vancouver, 10 p.m.
Utah at L.A. Clippers at Anaheim, 10:30 p.m.
Cleveland at L.A. Lakers, 10:30 p.m.

Sunday's Games
Boston at Toronto, noon
Chicago at Detroit, noon
Orlando at Houston, 2:30 p.m.
Washington at Indiana, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Philadelphia, 7 p.m.
Dallas at Seattle, 8 p.m.
Sacramento at Phoenix, 9 p.m.
Cleveland at Portland, 9 p.m.

Monday's Games
San Antonio at Miami, 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

All Times EST
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Rangers	28	11	8	64	175	130
Florida	28	12	4	60	158	116
Philadelphia	24	12	9	57	158	114
Washington	21	18	5	47	123	112
Tampa Bay	19	18	7	45	131	150
New Jersey	19	22	4	42	116	115
N.Y. Islanders	12	23	8	32	125	161
Northeast Division						
Pittsburgh	**28**	**14**	**3**	**59**	**218**	**149**
Montreal	21	18	6	48	139	140
Boston	19	17	6	44	149	152
Buffalo	18	23	3	39	129	145
Hartford	17	23	5	39	118	138
Ottawa	8	34	1	17	97	173
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	32	9	3	67	164	95
Chicago	23	15	9	55	156	130
Toronto	22	17	7	51	145	135
St. Louis	18	19	8	44	119	124
Winnipeg	20	22	4	44	164	168
Dallas	11	23	10	32	116	155
Pacific Division						
Colorado	**24**	**14**	**8**	**56**	**179**	**130**
Vancouver	16	17	11	43	163	151
Los Angeles	16	19	11	43	158	155
Calgary	16	22	9	41	138	150
Edmonton	17	23	6	40	126	177
Anaheim	16	26	5	37	133	160
San Jose	10	32	4	24	141	211

Stewart scorches course to grab Hope Classic lead

PALM DESERT, Calif. (AP) — Payne Stewart, trying to regain the form that brought him a PGA Championship, U.S. Open and seven other tour victories, shot a 9-under-par 63 Saturday to move into a share of the lead in the Bob Hope Chrysler Classic.

With most of the players making a mockery of par on the desert courses used for the tournament, Stewart moved to 18-under, tying him at the top of a crowded leaderboard at 270 with Jeff Maggert, John Huston and Mark Brooks.

Maggert shot a 64, Huston had a 65 and Brooks, a first-round co-leader who has stayed in the thick of things, had a 67.

Stewart, Huston and Brooks all played Indian Ridge Country Club, which also will be the site of Sunday's final round. Maggert played at Tamarisk Country Club.

Stewart, who started tinkering with his game after winning the U.S. Open in 1993, has returned to his old form — including a loop in his backswing.

After going winless in 1994, he captured one title last year, the Houston Open.

Twelve players will go into the last day of the five-day, 90-hole Hope Classic bunched within three shots of each other at the top. Another six golfers are within five strokes of the lead.

Fred Couples, who shot a 65 Saturday at Bermuda Dunes, and Nolan Henke, who had a 69 at Indian Ridge, were one shot back of the leading quartet.

At 16 under were third-round leader Brad Bryant, with a 71 on the fourth day; second-round leader Paul Goydos, with a 69; and Jesper Parnevik, with a 67.

In a threesome another shot behind was Tom Kite, who set a 90-hole tour record in the 1993 Hope with a 35-under-par. Fulton Allem and Jim Furyk were tied with Kite at 15-under after four rounds this time.

Four courses are used for the Hope, which features pro-am play the first four days. All the golfers play one day at each of the courses, then the field is cut for the final day at the designated host club, Indian Ridge this year.

Scores are traditionally low; last year's winner, Kenny Perry, finished at 25-under.

Perry, who struggled to an opening 75 this year, has climbed back into the hunt. His fourth-round 65 left him six shots off the pace.

Missing the cut with a 9-over par total was Arnold Palmer, who has played in all 37 of the Hope tournaments. Palmer won the inaugural event in 1960 and also won in 1962, 1968, 1971 and 1973. That last victory was also his last win on the PGA Tour.

'Scud' shoots down Sampras

AUSTRALIAN OPEN

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — As fast as 29 aces flew past a stunned Pete Sampras, that wasn't the only reason for a whipping in the Australian Open Saturday night that cost him the No. 1 ranking.

It was the way Mark Philippoussis, a taller, stronger, younger Aussie-Greek clone of Sampras, never relented in any manner, never gave Sampras a chance to take charge.

In a zone of his own throughout a 6-4, 7-6 (11-9), 7-6 (7-3) third-round victory, the kid called "Scud" produced the most stunning win by an Australian since Pat Cash captured Wimbledon in 1987.

At 19, Philippoussis put on a show of power tennis reminiscent of Sampras when he became the youngest U.S. Open men's champion at the same age in 1990.

"I didn't have a sniff at getting a serve back," said Sampras, who barely beat Philippoussis in four sets at the U.S. Open last September. "When he's serving that big, there's nothing you can do."

Fans gasped and giggled at the speed of Philippoussis' serves, up to 129 mph, and the distinctive thud of his forehand when he'd take a full windup, let out a loud, "AAARGH," and slug it into the corners. No one in tennis hits the ball harder and, on this night, no one could have been more precise.

"I felt like I could just toss it up and ace how I wanted to," Philippoussis said. "It was an unbelievable feeling ... I did feel like I was in the zone."

Philippoussis' biggest struggle was trying to contain his soaring emotions, especially on the fine," he said. "I was just happy to get the serve in."

Sampras netted a backhand on that serve, setting off a throaty roar by the crowd that lasted several minutes as Philippoussis paraded around the court with his arms raised.

They played with the retractable roof closed, though the day's rain had long stopped, and Sampras felt that gave Philippoussis an advantage.

"The fact that it was indoors made his serve that much better," said Sampras, who often stared at the imprint the aces made on the court as if he couldn't believe how they clipped the corners. "It's an outdoor tournament. It would have been nice to have that roof open if it wasn't raining."

But Sampras, who served only five aces, didn't use that as an excuse.

"He was just on today, plain and simple," said Sampras, whose No. 1 ranking will go to either No. 2 Andre Agassi or No. 3 Thomas Muster when the tournament ends. At the moment, with both of them in the fourth round, Muster is in the lead for the top spot.

Sampras, who was seeking his third straight Grand Slam title after winning Wimbledon and the U.S. Open, couldn't capitalize on the solitary break-points he had in each of the first two sets. He won only five points overall on Philippoussis' serve in the third set.

Philippoussis played superbly at the net and from the baseline, mixing up speeds, showing touch as well as strength, beating Sampras at his own serve-and-volley game.

"We both are Greek, that's similar, and we both serve well and go for our shots," Sampras said.

Mayes powers North by South

MOBILE, Ala. (AP) — Notre Dame's Derrick Mayes scored two touchdowns, adding another highlight-reel catch to his spectacular career, as the North beat the South 25-10 in the Senior Bowl on Saturday.

Mayes scored on a 30-yard pass from Ohio State's Bobby Hoying for a 6-3 North lead, then put the North up 15-10 with a brilliant grab with two seconds left in the first half.

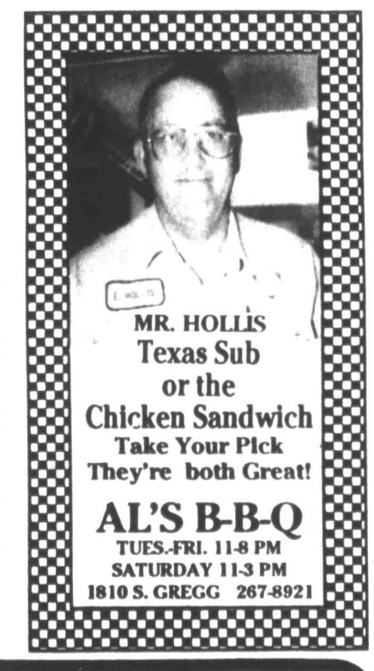
Capping a drive that started at the North 16, Mayes slipped while cutting to the front corner of the end zone, got up to snatch a bullet from Hoying and held it over the end line while falling out of bounds.

Mayes, Notre Dame's career receiving leader, provided one of the most memorable plays of the season with an acrobatic touchdown catch against Florida State in the Orange Bowl.

Hoying's gaudy stats must have overwhelmed Mayes' first-half heroics in voting for the game's MVP award. Hoying won the honor, throwing for 190 yards on 16-of-24 passing.

Mayes and Hoying ruined a brilliant performance by Florida State's Danny Kanell. Dropping back in a pro-set offense after spending four years in Bobby Bowden's shotgun attack with the Seminoles, Kanell completed 15-of-25 for 157 yards and one touchdown.

Mayes caught three passes for 43 yards. Richard Huntley of Winston-Salem rushed for 67 yards for the North.



Late rally saves Jayhawks' skin

Kansas 80, Colorado 78

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Kansas scored the last six points of the game, four by foul-troubled center Scot Pollard, and the fourth-ranked Jayhawks held off Colorado 80-78 Saturday in the head-coaching debut of CU's Ricardo Patton.

The upset-minded Buffaloes had a 62-54 lead with 10:53 left, and Mack Tuck's 3-pointer with 3:57 left gave Colorado a 76-70 lead.

B.J. Williams and Raef LaFrentz hit layups for Kansas, and Colorado's Martice Moore made two free throws with 2:46 left for a 78-74 lead. Colorado, victimized by three turnovers and two missed shots after that, didn't score again.

Villanova 76, N. Carolina 56

POLICE

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Kerry Kittles scored 23 points and held Dante Calabria to seven points as No. 7 Villanova beat No. 10 North Carolina 76-56 Saturday.

Eric Eberz added 21 points for the Wildcats (14-3), while North Carolina (13-4) got 14 points from Serge Zwikker. It was the Tar Heels' second loss this season to the Wildcats, who beat North Carolina 77-75 in the finals of the Maui Invitational on Nov. 22.

The game was played before 18,524, the largest basketball crowd ever in Philadelphia. A game between the 76ers and the Boston Celtics in 1976 drew 18,516, the previous best at the Spectrum, which has a listed capacity of 18,168.

Georgetown 82, Seton Hall 62

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. (AP) — Allen Iverson scored 24 points, and No. 8 Georgetown used suffocating runs at the start of each half for an 82-62 victory over Seton Hall on Saturday.

The Hoyas (16-2, 6-1 Big East) won their third straight and 13th in 14 games on the strength of a 26-6 run over the game's opening 6 1/2 minutes and a 14-4 spurt over the first five minutes of the second half.

Iverson, who had 40 points in the Hoyas' victory over the Pirates earlier in the season, had eight assists and was 4-for-6 from 3-point range.

Who needs soap operas? We've got the Cowboys

IRVING (AP) — With all the distractions and adversity, it's a wonder the Dallas Cowboys ever made it to the Super Bowl.

Quarterback Troy Aikman said: "This 1995 team overcame more than any Super Bowl team I've been on."

Week 1

Dallas owner Jerry Jones, who had already irritated the NFL with a Pepsi Cola deal earlier in the summer that shot a hole in Coca Cola's exclusive league franchise, slapped commissioner Paul Tagliabue and the Giants ownership in the face at halftime.

While the Giants were trying to retire Phil Simms' number, Jones paraded Nike chief Phil Knight and tennis star Monica Seles around the stadium in full view of the fans and the national television cameras.

The NFL later sued Jones over the Nike deal, saying it infringed on property rights agreements.

Week 2

Jones announced he had signed Deion Sanders to a $35 million contract including a $13 million bonus, beating out the San Francisco 49ers, whose club president, Carmen Policy, called the offer "irresponsible."

On the field, the Cowboys beat Denver 31-21.

Week 3

Deion arrives at Valley Ranch, buys a new home and meets his new teammates, who claim they are not bothered by his outlandish salary.

On the field, the Cowboys beat Minnesota 23-17 in overtime on Smith's 31-yard touchdown run.

Week 4

A $300 million suit by the NFL over the Nike and Pepsi deals jars Valley Ranch.

On the field, the Cowboys act like nothing has happened with a 34-20 win over Arizona on Smith's two touchdowns.

Week 5

Sanders has surgery on his left ankle and doctors say it will be several weeks before he can play.

On the field, former Dallas offensive coordinator Norv Turner picks apart the team he knows so well and the Washington Redskins win 27-23.

The game triggers a tempest of finger pointing. Barry Switzer rips Leon Lett, Tony Tolbert and Charles Haley for their play. Later, Switzer apologizes for going public with his comments.

Week 6

On the field, Dallas beats Green Bay 34-24 but a still-irritated Haley threatens to quit.

It's the sixth consecutive loss by the Packers to the Cowboys and the teams are destined to meet again in the NFC championship game.

Week 7

Haley sheepishly admits he was wrong for his outburst and begs the team's forgiveness. He says he will play out the rest of the season.

On the field, Dallas beats San Diego 23-9 as the enraged defense produces six sacks.

Week 8

In a bye week, holdout linebacker Darrin Smith finally signs a contract for $400,000 and joins the team for conditioning work.

Week 9

Sanders bounces back quicker than expected and says he will make his Dallas debut against his former team, the Atlanta Falcons.

On the field, Sanders makes no big impact in a 28-13 victory. He is used on offense and drops a 48-yard pass from Aikman that skips off his fingers in the end zone.

Week 10

The NFL substance-abuse policy hits home as Lett and Clayton Holmes are suspended. Lett gets a four-game suspension, Holmes must sit out the season.

Jones countersues the NFL, asking for $700 million in the battle over sponsorships.

On the field, Dallas cruises to a 34-12 win over Philadelphia on Monday Night Football. Michael Irvin ties an NFL record with his seventh consecutive 100-yard receiving game.

Week 11

Hype galore over the meeting between the 49ers and the Cowboys, who are seeking revenge for a 38-28 loss in the NFC championship game last season. Sanders and Jerry Rice exchange verbal shots.

On the field, San Francisco beats Dallas 38-20 as Rice catches an 81-yard touchdown pass on the second play of the game.

Aikman is knocked out with a bruised tendon in his left knee in the first quarter.

Week 12

Some Cowboys players privately question why Aikman didn't at least return to the sidelines in the second half of the 49ers game.

Most players are in a snit with the media and hide out.

Cornerback Larry Brown's son dies three days before the game.

On the field, Dallas beats Oakland 34-21 as Smith scores three touchdowns and Sanders intercepts his first pass.

Week 13

Haley goes to Los Angeles to have his back checked. Middle linebacker Robert Jones is hospitalized with an ear infection.

On the field, center Ray Donaldson breaks a leg and Emmitt Smith sprains a knee, but the Cowboys win a Thanksgving Day match with Kansas City 24-12.

Week 14

Lett returns from his suspension. Smith recovers from his knee sprain and Jones says something like that won't happen in 1996 because he's going to plant grass in Texas Stadium.

On the field, Smith rushes for 91 yards but Washington shocks the Cowboys again 24-17.

Week 15

Haley, who has a herniated disk, announces his retirement from football for the second time in a year. The next day he changes his mind and says he will return to the Cowboys as soon as possible.

On the field, Switzer's fourth-down gamble on his 29 late in the fourth period makes him the subject of national ridicule. The Cowboys fail twice to make a yard and Philadelphia wins on a field goal 20-17.

The Dallas Morning News headlines it, "Fiasco in Philly."

An eastern newspaper calls Switzer, "Bozo the Coach."

Switzer says: "We're shattered right now."

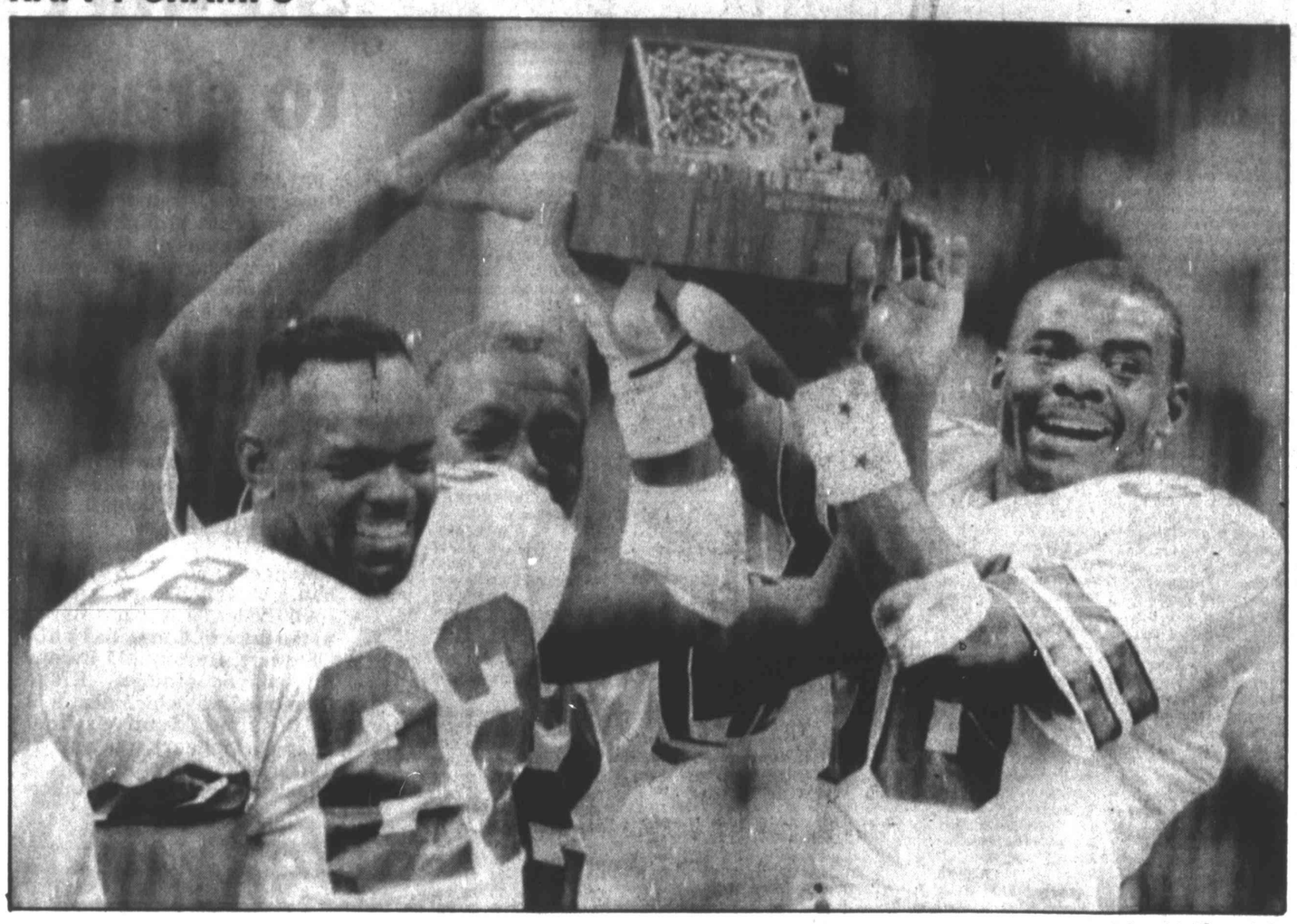
Week 16

Jones backs Switzer, saying he will return as coach. Jones backs his earlier statement that Switzer will be back unless "he is shot or hit by a truck."

Sanders goes on a tirade in the Dallas locker room, saying, "Switzer is doing a good job. Get off his back."

On the field, the struggling Cowboys get lucky, as Chris Boniol makes five field goals, including a 35-yarder with 0:00 on the clock, in a 21-20 win over the Giants.

HAPPY CHAMPS



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Dallas Cowboys Emmitt Smith (22) and Michael Irvin hold the NFC Championship trophy after the Cowboys defeated Green Bay last Sunday in Texas Stadium. The Cowboys meet Pittsburgh in Super Bowl XXX next Sunday in Tempe, Ariz.

There's no known cure for Steelermania

PITTSBURGH (AP) — There is no defense for it, not even the Steel Curtain.

It began in the 1970s as a groundswell of emotion and adulation for a football team that was bad for 40 years but suddenly was a dynasty. It steamrolled its way through four Super Bowls, and the outpouring of passion and commitment grew more intense with every season.

The overflow of affection for the Pittsburgh Steelers during the 1970s never has been rivaled in any other city, with the exception of tiny Green Bay during the 1960s. The pride that Terrible Towel-waving Pittsburghers took in their team carried over to their town, and it forced the entire country to take a second look at what many still perceived to be a smoke-clogged steel city.

Steelermania went into hibernation for about 10 years, as the stars of the '70s retired and the enigmas of the 1980s took their place. The games still sold out and the occasional playoff runs briefly aroused excitement again, but something was missing.

Namely, the Super Bowl.

But as soon as the Colts' Aaron Bailey dropped Immaculate Reception II in the AFC championship game, 16 years of pent-up pandemonium loosened like one of the Monongahela River's infamous ice jams. Bailey's near-miss miracle provided a cathartic release from the depression that gripped Pittsburgh last January after the San Diego Chargers stole away the Steelers' seemingly inevitable fifth trip to the Super Bowl.

"It was great the scene that took place in the stadium, the memories of the 1970s," Steelers coach Bill Cowher said. "The kids of the 1970s now are proud parents, and they had their kids with them. When you come out of the (end-zone) tunnel and see those towels waving, it's a spectacle. It unites everybody. It's like one big happy family."

Now, Steelermania is back, bigger, better and more boisterous than ever. Downtown skyscrapers soon will be draped with huge Steelers signs, and the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette is publishing two pages of nothing but Super Bowl ticket ads daily. Player appearances attract turnaway crowds, such as the 1,500 who unsuccessfully waited hours in line last week for a Greg Lloyd autograph.

"It's unbelievable, it's a really exciting time to be in Pittsburgh," quarterback Neil O'Donnell said. "I left two hours after the (AFC championship) game ended and even I had problems getting out of the stadium. The fans just didn't want to go home."

For merchandise vendors, it's Christmas in January.

"We can't get our hands on enough stuff. Everything we put out sells," said Mike Feinberg, who runs a downtown party supply business. "We sold more Steelers stuff the day after the AFC championship game than we did for the four Super Bowls combined. Anything black and gold is selling."

Steelers executive Joe Gordon said the team's undeniable grip on the city and its psyche is greater than ever because an entire generation of fans have grown up without a Super Bowl. Many college-age students, for example, were in the first grade and have only vague memories of 20,000-plus fans trekking 'cross country for the Steelers-Rams Super Bowl at the Rose Bowl in January 1980.

"I believe there were more Steelers fans in the Rose Bowl than Rams fans," Gordon said.

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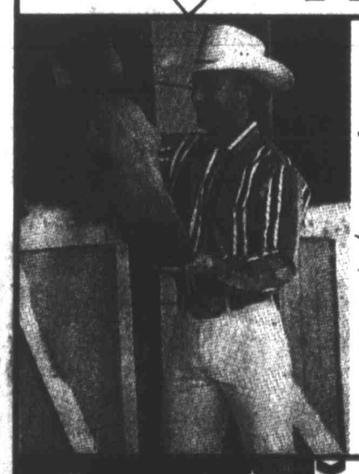

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EMS at your SERVICE

Big Spring's Fire Department takes on the challenge of extra duty as local ambulance and emergency service provider

Story by Carlton Johnson
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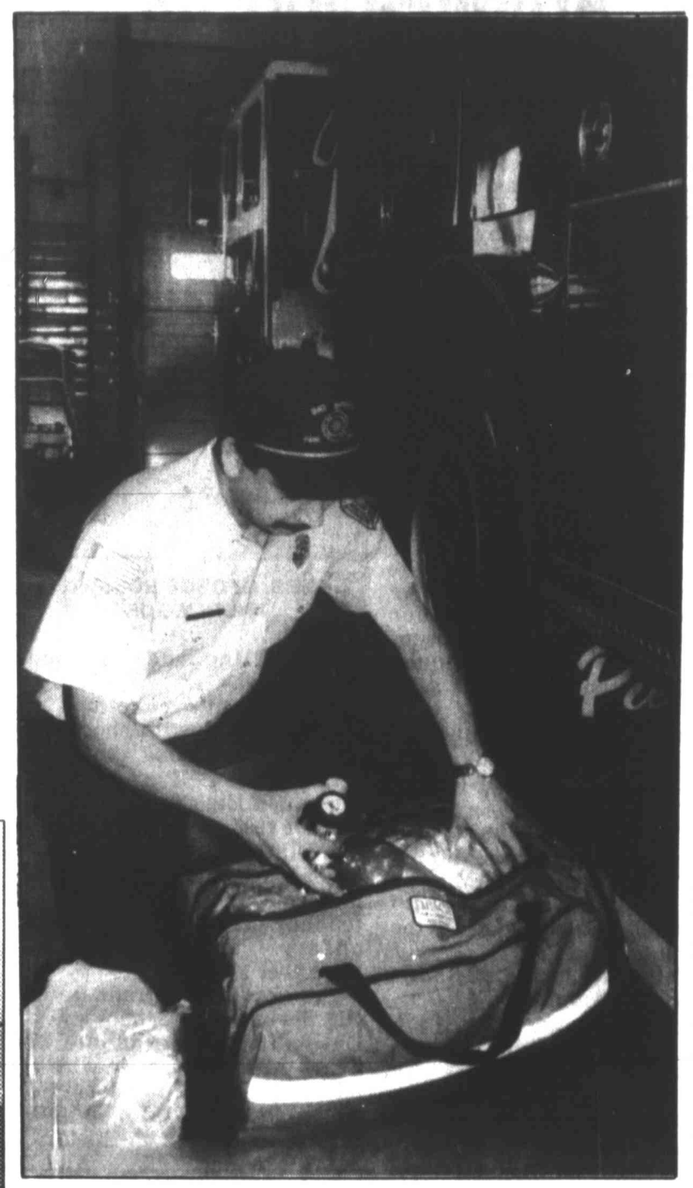
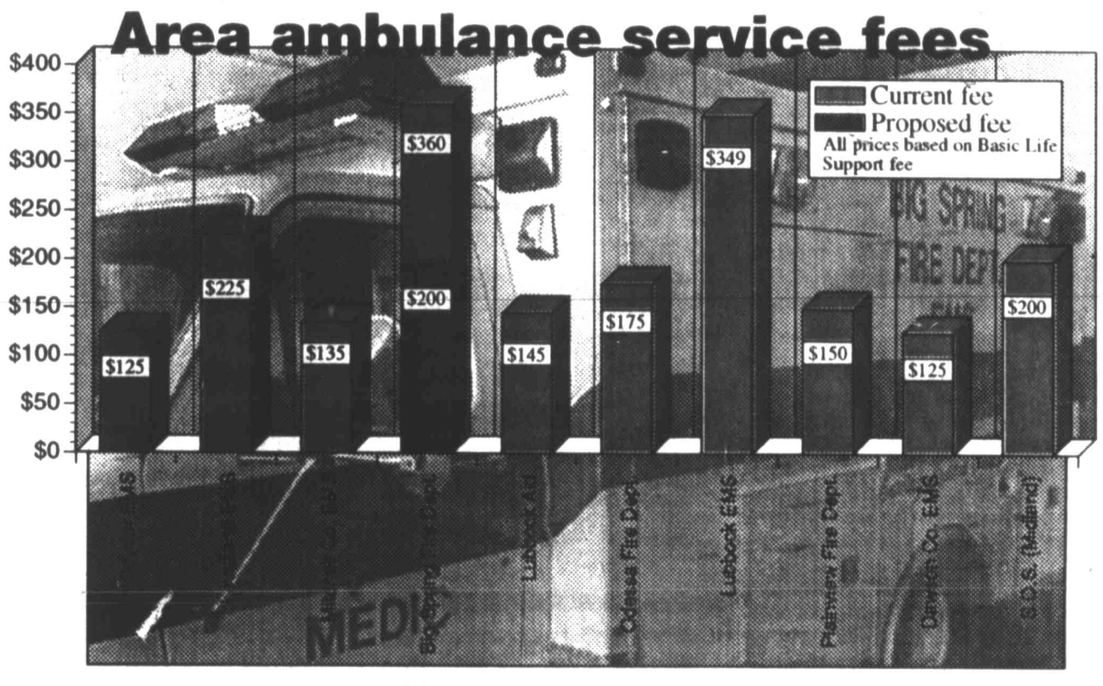


City of Big Spring firefighter Cecil Cevallos kneels next to a fire truck as he looks over the First Response pack. The bag, stocked on the trucks, are used to treat injuries until the ambulances arrive.



The crew at Fire Station 4 at North Eighth and Main Street say being on the front line, and running a new ambulance service, is quite a rush and a real learning experience for everyone involved.

The Big Spring Fire Department has had three months as emergency medical services provider for the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County. So far everything seems to be running according to plan.

Paramedic Brian Jensen said there has been an increase in the normal workload of fire department personnel.

"About 98 percent of our calls are EMS. We've really seen an increase in our workload," Jensen said.

Emergency Medical Technician Dick Dubase said adding the EMS duties to fire fighting duties has been real interesting.

"It has sort of been an eye-opener. It's not the same as seeing a house fire," said Dubase.

Taking over the service was nerve-wracking for the crew as well.

"We made the very first run, which was an assault. It happened about 15 minutes after we took over the service," Jensen said.

EMT Cecil Ceballos said the first couple of runs were full of anxiety.

"It was a little difficult at first because you're on your own and there's no one there to guide you. It was a real learning experience," Jensen added.

Dubase said he thinks the citizens of Big Spring and Howard County are getting about three times the services they were getting before.

As for the type of emergencies encountered with the addition of EMS duties, Dubase said nothing is much worse than pulling a burn victim out of a fire.

"The one difference is every time we respond on an ambulance call we know we're going to be dealing with someone," Dubase said.

One thing helping response and early treatment of people needing the EMS staff is the fire department's first responder operation.

EMS Coordinator Tina Stone said the department is still rolling a fire engine along with the ambulance on major accidents, cardiac patients and certain other situations.

"If you send two people out on an ambulance, one of them has to drive. With the first responder unit, we have more man power," Jensen said.

Stone added the type of response to a call depends on the location the calls originates from.

"If you're in a district where there's not an ambulance, the fire engine will be the first responder to that call," Stone said.

Stone recently submitted her first monthly report on the city's ambulance service to the Big Spring City Council.

During the first month the fire department had the service paramedics and EMT's made 227 runs including multiple transports.

"The largest number of calls were for falls (23) and then cardiac patients (21)," Stone said.

"We do a lot of emergency and non-emergency transfers, including runs to Midland and Odessa, but most are to Lubbock," She added.

One transfer has been as far away as San Antonio, but the majority are local such as the Big Spring Care Center, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Mountain View Lodge and the Veteran's Administration Medical Center.

Paramedics have also responded to calls for various other reasons such as abdominal pain, cardiac arrest, stroke, diabetes overdose, respiratory distress, seizures, fainting, and traumas such as falls, assaults and motor vehicle accidents.

Stone said she is pleased at how the service is operating at this point and response times are well below state average based on figures released by the Texas Department of Health.

Response times average 4.24 minutes. State response times in urban areas average 8.8 minutes and all rural areas average 10.2 minutes.

The ambulance service's response time in the city is 4.01 minutes.

Scene time, from arrival to departure, is 14.57 minutes. The state average in urban areas is 18.1 minutes scene time and 16 minutes in all rural areas.

Each of the ambulances currently has at least one

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City of Big Spring paramedic Brian Jensen checks the supplies in one of the city ambulances recently at the Northside Fire Station. The city fire department took over the ambulance duties last year.

California: It's a whole other world, especially the gas stations

Barbara Morrison
Columnist

There's a whole other world out there. That is, when the individual is myself and never, really been exposed to a whole lot in her life.

My background kind of speaks for itself. I was raised a military brat with a lot of "Midwest" experience, mostly from living in towns across the north comparable in size to that of Big Spring. Yes, I know I'm considered a Yankee, but world-wide traveler, I'm not.

Anyway, throughout my life, I just haven't been a great fan of larger communities otherwise known as cities. So, I suppose that the phrase "country bumpkin" could apply to me on an occasion or two.

For example, my job takes me to California approximately once a month. My friends think it's glamorous for me to fly to areas unknown (and perhaps not understood) like Los Angeles and San Francisco. And I've seen the most fascinating things!

For example, I've never rented a car before. That in itself is an experience. At one particular airport I have to know what kind of national security clearance is in force for the day in order to know where to pick up or drop off the car. If there is some reason our national government is afraid for the day, I have to walk, carrying my bags and briefcase clear across the airport parking lot. That's always fun.

And, once I get to the car, my experiences only increase, or magnify, as Mother used to call the onset of trouble. First of all, I usually get a Ford. Now, before everyone starts writing in, I remind you that Hubby is a master Chevrolet technician. Therefore, it follows that I know absolutely nothing about the other type of vehicle, known affectionately in our family as the "F" word.

So, what happens when I get to the car? Well, I usually can get the door open. That's a relief. But, woe unto me it I need to try and get some air going in the contraption. The cars are always the latest model and have a bunch of newfangled gadgets and gizmos so that even though I am quite mechanically inclined (NOT), I manage to have wiper fluid splashing and wipers flying in high gear as I try to cool off the inside of the vehicle.

And gosh help me if I need to open the trunk or gas tank. There is a lever inside these new automobiles for just about everything. I'm rather surprised that the darn thing doesn't speak to me. If it did, I could hear that one.

"Hey, dummy, that's the blinker!" Oh, yeah, I knew that.

Or, "Gosh, another bumpkin with a heavy foot. Ouch! That brake is only good for another 1,000 stops." You get the picture.

I had a really neat experience at the gas station the first time I tried to fill up. (Rental companies make you do this when you return the car.)

I pull up to a gas station in downtown Oakland, which is not exactly the cushy area of town. Any moment I expect to experience my first mugging, purse snatching or drive by shooting...Yes, I'm paranoid. But remember, I'm from West Texas!

Anyway, getting gas was an experience all to its own. First I had to figure out how the darn thing took my credit card. Then, I had to figure out how to open the gas tank. The exasperated gentleman waiting behind me finally showed me that one. Whew, I was ready to pump.

Whoops, no extension on the nozzle and Fords have their gas tanks in funny spots. I'm cool...I know what I'm doing. I wish the man behind me would stop breathing like that.

Okay, here I go - try again. Gas finally going in the tank. I've got it!

So, I stand there, pumping my gas, watching the tank which shows me a video of how to wash my car - complete with everything but popcorn. A guy and girl with purple and red hair walk past and a bus that says it is carrying the New York Knickerbockers drives past.

Thank goodness, I'm on my way home. I'll feel great as soon as I hear my first "Y'all."

WEDDINGS

Arnold-Andrews

Jennifer Carol Arnold, Austin, and Lt. George Robert Andrews Jr., Big Spring, were united in marriage on Dec. 23, 1995, at the Texas Baptist Children's Home in Round Rock. Mr. Roy Brantley, Brazos Community Evangelical Covenant Church, will perform the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Arnold.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Britton and the late Cpt. George Robert Andrews.

The couple stood before an altar decorated with green ivy and baby's breath. Vocalists were Vashti Mann and Jenny Burgess.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore her mother's wedding gown of white peau de soie appliqued with alencon lace and seed pearls.

She carried a bouquet of jewel tones of burgundy roses, yellow tulips, pink daisies and purple iris.

Maid of honor was Brandi Bailey, Cedar Park.

Bridesmaids were Melody Kaufman, Bryan; and Lori Pavlovsky, Snyder, sister of the groom.

Best man was Lt. Shane Grass, San Antonio.

Groomsmen were Ken Hunt, Big Spring; and Kevin Joyner, Dallas.

Usher was Kyle Britton, brother of the groom, Big Spring.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Caswell House in Austin.

The wedding cake was a white wedding cake with strawberry filling and whipped cream icing.

MRS. GEORGE ROBERT ANDREWS JR.

The groom's cake was a chocolate cake with chocolate whipped cream icing.

The bride is a graduate of Westwood High School and an August 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of science in applied mathematics. She received her teacher certification in secondary mathematics in December 1995.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School and a December 1995 graduate of Texas A&M University with a bachelor of arts in history. He was also commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army.

Following a wedding trip to Eureka Springs, Ark., the couple will make their home in Ft. Knox, Ky.

Schuelke-Gabehart

Luci L. Schuelke, Ackerly, and Greg Gabehart, El Reno, Okla., were united in marriage on Nov. 28, 1995, at the Silver Bell Chapel in Las Vegas, Nev. Rev. J.O. Frehner, Church of God, performed the ceremony.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Mary Schuelke, Ackerly.

The groom is the son of James and Paula Gabehart, Hinton, Okla.

The couple stood before basket sprays of silk cream and red poinsettias.

Given in marriage by her father, she wore a cream crepe mid-calf length slip dress with an over-dress of embroidered tulle, and a brocade jacket embroidered with gold thread.

She carried a bouquet of cream rosebuds with baby's breath, tied with cream ribbon with gold thread.

Matron of honor was Heather Schafer, sister of the bride, San Angelo. Best man was James Gabehart, father of the groom.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the Silver City Casino.

The wedding cake was a one-layer white cake with white icing, decorated with roses and topped with a bride and groom. The table was decorated with a white cloth; the cake was the centerpiece.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Sands High School. She

MRS. GREG GABEHART

attended Howard College and is a senior nursing major at Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Okla.

The groom is a 1990 graduate of Hinton High School, Hinton, Okla., and a 1995 graduate of Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford, Okla., with a bachelor of science in elementary education. He is employed by the Putnam City School District, Putnam City, Okla.

The couple will take a delayed wedding trip in the summer to Cancun. They will make their home in El Reno, Okla.

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GETTING ENGAGED

Renee Wren and Steven Lerner, both of Brooklyn, N.Y., will be united in marriage on May 12, 1996, at The Eagles Nest in Bloomingburg, N.Y.

She is the daughter of Chalmer Wren, Stanton, and the late Kathy Hardison Wren.

He is the son of Anita and Joel Lerner, Monticello, N.Y.

STORK CLUB

Shiheim Lamont Menefield, Jan. 5, 1996, 7:03 a.m.; mother is Josephine Mitchell.

Grandmother is Almonia Mitchell.

Aron Michael Rios, Jan. 5, 1996, 11:25 p.m.; parents are Valerie Rios and Michael Martinez.

Grandparents are Irma Rios and the late Faustino Rios Jr.; and Rudy and Guadalupe Gutierrez.

Richard Hayden Adamson, Jan. 4, 1996, 10:53 p.m.; parents are Richard and Elizabeth Adamson.

Grandparents are Tommy and Lois White, Coahoma; Danny and Sarah Adamson, Midland, and Barbara Adamson, Big Spring.

Rachel Vanette, 4:50 p.m., and Raegan Brooke, 4:55 p.m., Dec. 27, 1995; parents are Vince and Antoinette Haggard, Boerne.

Grandparents are Dick Nichols, Big Spring; Jeanette Snell, M.A. Snell, Vincent C. Haggard, Hanceville, Ala., and Dave and Gail Gilbert, Sayetteville, N.C.

Brooklyn Breann Nichols, Jan. 12, 1996, 1:41 p.m.; parents are Kevin and Tyshawn Nichols, Greenwood.

Grandparents are Max and Jan Nichols, Big Spring, and Robin and Charolotte Barnes, Stanton.

Tavaris Raekwon Walker, Jan. 15, 1996, 2:56 p.m.; parents are Jason and Teresa Walker.

Grandparents are Wilma Pruitt and Leroy Phillips, both of Big Spring; and Earl and Mary Walker, Abilene.

Macie Renee Casillas, Jan. 14, 1996, 10:55; parents are Renee Buckner and Javier Casillas.

Grandparents are Sarah Morrow, David Buckner, Jessie Z. Casillas, and the late Louis Casillas.

Elizabeth Ann Rodriquez, Jan. 12, 1996, 9:40 a.m.; mother is Betty Rodriquez.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. R.N. Del Bosque.

ON THE MENU

SENIOR CITIZENS' CENTER

Monday-Chicken, potatoes, cauliflower,fruit salad, milk/rolls, brownies.

Tuesday-Beef tips, rice, beans, salad, milk/rolls, peaches.

Wednesday-Smothered steak, potatoes, green beans, strawberry gelatin, milk/roll, apple crisp.

Thursday-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, green beans, salad,garlic bread, milk, pudding.

Friday-Turkey and dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
Monday-Cereal choice, graham crackers, fruit juice, whole/low fat milk.
Tuesday-Pancake/sausage on a stick, chilled fruit, whole/low fat milk.
Wednesday-Cereal choice, fruit muffin, fruit juice, whole/low fat milk.
Thursday-Sausage and biscuit, chilled fruit, whole/low fat milk.
Friday-Waffle w/syrup, sausage patty, fruit juice, whole/low fat milk.
LUNCH
Monday-Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, glazed carrots, milk, chocolate pudding and hot rolls.
Tuesday-Crispy chicken sandwich/salad, french fries/catsup, Pickle spears/milk, pineapple tidbits.
Wednesday-Corn chip pie, green beans, apple, Jell-O and milk.
Thursday-Chicken w/noodles, french fries, catsup, peaches hot roll and milk.
Friday-Deep dish pizza, corn, celery sticks, ranch dip, rainbow bar and milk.
SECONDARY 2ND CHOICE
Monday-Baked ham, gravy, whipped, potatoes, glazed carrots,chocolate pudding, hot rolls, and milk.
Tuesday-Pig in a blanket w/Catsup/mustard, french fries, pineapple tidbits, and milk.
Wednesday-Chef salad, crackers, apple and milk.
Thursday-Stromboli, french fries, catsup,peaches, and milk.
Friday-Country sausage, corn, celery sticks, ranch dip, rainbow bar, milk/ hot roll.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
Monday-Cereal w/fruit, toast and milk.
Tuesday-Pancake on stick, syrup, juice and milk.
Wednesday-Cereal, w/fruit, toast, and milk.
Thursday-Biscuit, sausage, fruit, and milk.
Friday-Waffle, syrup, sausage, fruit, and milk.
LUNCH
Monday-Chicken nuggets, w/gravy, spinach, mashed potatoes, rolls, and milk or Burrito, french fries, chilled fruit, and milk.
Tuesday-Stromboli w/ham, cheese, stew, carrot sticks and milk or Corn dog, french fries, carrot sticks, and milk.
Wednesday-Beef and cheese enchiladas, red beans, salad, cornbread, and milk or Pizza, french fries, salad and milk.
Thursday-Steak fingers w/catsup, macaroni and cheese, salad, fruit, bread and milk or Frito pie, chili, french fries, crackers, fruit, and milk .
Friday- Ham and cheese sandwich, french fries salad, and milk or Cheeseburger, french fries, salad, and milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
Monday-Oatmeal, little smokies or assorted cereal buttered toast, fruit juice and milk.
Tuesday-Scrambled egg, sweet bread or assorted cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, and milk.
Wednesday-Biscuit and sausage patty or assorted cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice, and milk.
Thursday-Pancakes or assorted cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice and milk.
Friday-Pizza or assorted cereal, buttered toast, fruit juice and milk.
LUNCH
Monday-Hot dog/chili, grill cheese, tater tots, vegetable soup, applesauce and milk.
Tuesday- Meat loaf or chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes/gravy, English peas, hot roll, cherry cobbler and milk.
Wednesday-Corn dog or enchilada pie, pinto beans, lettuce/tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread and milk.
Thursday-Beef tips or baked chicken, steamed rice, broccoli/cheese, peaches, hot roll, and milk.
Friday- sub sandwich or barbecue riblet/bun, french fries, lettuce/tomato, pears, peanut butter bar, and milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
Monday-Donuts, juice and milk.
Tuesday-Oatmeal, toast, juice and milk.
Wednesday-Cereal, milk, juice.
Thursday-Grilled cheese sandwich, milk, and juice.
Friday-Sausage and egg burrito, milk and juice.
LUNCH
Monday-Hot dogs w/chili, ranch style beans, french fries, cake and milk.
Tuesday-Chicken nuggets, sliced potatoes, June peas and carrots, hot rolls, fruit and milk.
Wednesday-Beef and cheese enchiladas, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, pudding and milk.
Thursday-Fish fingers, scalloped potatoes, salad fruit, batter bread, and milk.
Friday-Fiestadas, salad, corn, fruit, cookies and milk.

GARDEN CITY
LUNCH
MONDAY - Fish sticks; au gratin potatoes; black-eyed peas; cornbread; cookie and milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken fajitas; lettuce; tomatoes; cheese; ranch style beans; fresh apples; milk and flour tortillas.
WEDNESDAY - Taco salad; cheese; lettuce; tomato; pinto beans; round tortilla chips; Jell-O with fruit and milk.
THURSDAY - Baked chicken; rice; broccoli; pumpkin pie; hot rolls and milk.
FRIDAY - Chili dogs; french fries; bake beans; buns; cookie and milk.

ELBOW SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Ham and biscuits; juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake; sausage; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Sweet roll; sausage; juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Sausage and biscuits; juice and milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Steak; mashed potatoes; mixed vegetables; hot roll and milk.
TUESDAY - Pizza; new potatoes; fruit and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti and meat sauce; salad; peas; garlic bread and milk.
THURSDAY - German sausage; potato salad; sliced bread; beans; fruit salad and milk.
FRIDAY - Mr. Rib sandwich; fries; salad, fruit and milk.

FORSAN SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice and milk.
TUESDAY - Muffins; butter; juice and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes; sausage; syrup/butter; juice and milk.
THURSDAY - Bacon; biscuits; jelly/butter; juice and milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice and milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Spaghetti/meat sauce; black-eyed peas; salad; crackers; pineapple slices and milk.
TUESDAY - Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; cornbread; peaches/cream and milk.
WEDNESDAY - Barbecue on a bun; potato salad; pork and beans; apple cobbler and milk.
THURSDAY - Chili/beans; corn; salad, crackers; pears; graham crackers and milk.
FRIDAY - Braised beef tips; rice; green beans; hot rolls; fruit salad and milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
Monday - Teacher in-service/no school
Tuesday - Cinnamon toast; grapefruit juice, milk.
Wednesday - Muffins, juice, milk.
Thursday - Oatmeal, toast, half banana, apple juice, milk.
Friday - Cereal, toast, orange juice, milk.
LUNCH
Monday - Teacher in-service/no school
Tuesday - Pepperoni pizza, new potatoes, white corn, pears, milk.
Wednesday - Beefy macaroni, red beans, beets, cherry crunch, sliced bread, milk.
Thursday - Green enchiladas, corn on cob, squash, pineapple tidbits, milk.
Friday - Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, onion, pickles, french fries, Texas sweet orange, milk.

IN THE MILITARY

Army National Guard Pvt. Shawn D. Pilcher has completed basic training at Fort Leonard E. Wood, Waynesville, Mo. Pilcher is the son of Jerry G. and Shella R. Fox, Colorado City. The private is a 1995 graduate of Colorado High School, Colorado City.

Armando J. Paredes has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Enlistment Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Lubbock.

Paredes, a 1989 graduate of Big Spring High School, will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., for military basic training Feb. 1, 1996. He is the son of Aurelia Paredes, Big Spring.

Michael Campos has been specially identified for early promotion to senior airman in the U.S. Air Force. Campos is the son of Maggie Haro and Pete Campos, Sr., both of Big Spring. The airman is a 1991 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Marine Pfc. Matthew Mackey, son of Lyndon P. and Diane L. Mackey, Big Spring, recently completed the Marine Corps Communications Center Operators Course.

The 1995 graduate of Coahoma High School of Coahoma joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

WHO'S WHO

Ackerly senior Dallas Hopper is among 32 students from the 17th Congressional District nominated to the U.S. Service Academies. Hopper was nominated to compete for a slot at the Air Force Academy and at the Military Academy at West Point.

Congressman Charles Stenholm recently made the announcements and the names of the students have been submitted for consideration as members of the academy classes entering in July 1996.

The 32 nominees will now be contacted by the academies with additional information and instructions, and will be scheduled for medical and physical examinations. Each of the academies will make appointment announcements by late spring.

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Ami Vasanawala of Big Spring was named to the Director's Honor Roll at the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science for fall semester 1995. She is the daughter of Shreenivas and Kokila Vasanawala.

The academy, created by the Texas Legislature in 1897, is an early college admissions program at the University of North Texas that gives gifted students a chance to complete their first two years of college while earning a high school diploma. Academy students live in a UNT residence hall and take regular UNT classes taught by full-time faculty.

Vasanawala attended Big Spring High School before entering the academy in August 1994. To be named to the Director's Honor Roll, academy students must complete at least 12 semester hours during the semester with a perfect grade point average of 4.0.

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West Texas A&M University, Canyon, held its commencement ceremonies on Dec. 15, 1995.

Among those graduating from Big Spring were Gregary W. Pierce, bachelor of science in criminal justice, and Adriel E. Saldivar, with a bachelor of arts in radio/television.

Pierce was also named to the university's Dean's List. Students on the Dean's List achieved GPAs of at least 3.25 with a minimum of 12 undergraduate hours.

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EMS

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paramedic and one EMT or a special skills or intermediate EMT aboard.

Those members of the paramedic class who retook the state exam and did not pass will meet with Stone to decide what areas they need to concentrate to pass the test. They will also undergo 80 additional hours of classroom instruction before they can retake the test.

The fire department now has 11 paramedics and 22 EMTs for a total emergency medical staff of 33.

The crew at the North Eighth and Main Street station said they approach each call as it's time to go.

"You have no idea what you have until you get there. An unresponsive person could mean someone won't talk or answer a question," Jensen said.

One of the biggest obstacles for the crew and the entire department is getting the correct information from people who phone in emergencies.

"Everything we do is directed towards one goal: providing the best ambulance service possible in the quickest time possible," Stone said.

The two frontline ambulances are at the North Eighth and Main Street station and Station Five, which is the Wasson Road station.

A third ambulance is on standby at Station Two at the 18th and Main Street station and can be ready for service in a matter of seconds. The other two fully stocked ambulances are at Station One at the airpark and can also be put into service in just a matter of seconds.

What EMS personnel would like is for people to stay calm when phoning in an emergency, which would allow help to arrive that much faster because the proper information has been given to dispatchers.

EMT Daniel Gibbs said, "An emergency situation is in need of time efficiency. It's not a matter of saving money.

One thing Stone and EMS personnel pointed out is when a emergency is called in from a county address it is vital the person making the call know the address of where the emergency is.

The 911 system will automatically flash the address of where the call is coming from, but it only given an address. If a call is being made from a neighbor's house EMS personnel will need to know that and then given the actual address of the emergency.

EMS personnel say the will still need directions to reach a county address. What the 911 system does is get the fire engine and ambulance close, but if the actual house they are looking for is a line and a half off the road, they will need to know this in advance.

Don't wait to tell others what they mean to you

"Some people come into our lives, make footprints on our hearts, and we are never the same again." So it goes with several special people our community has paid respects to in recent months.

This week, we lost, what many of us believe to be, the best school teacher in the world, Rita Weeg. To know Mrs. Weeg was to be in awe of her, and to show respect for her by attempting to achieve the degree of perfection that she expected. She demanded no more of her students than she gave of herself, living her entire life as she graduated from the University of Texas, Summa Cum Laude. She conducted her classes with a firmness that elicited the best you had to give, whether you wanted to or not. There was no choice but to give your best, because we always knew that behind her stern manner, was love and caring for each and every one of her students.

Today, 35 years later, I can still remember the feeling I had when the fourth period bell rang, and she firmly grabbed me by the collar, moved me from the hall into her Latin classroom, and I began that long, usually frightening hour of Latin. I was always petrified that I would draw the short straw and have to go to the board and translate, and you were not allowed to sit back down until it was perfect, and mine was never perfect. It was not an easy time, but in spite of it all, we loved her, and all that she imparted to us. We learned concentration, patience, perseverance, and we knew there were no acceptable excuses, no halfway to do things, only Rita's way, which was always right. True to the way she lived her life, her funeral service, which she composed, was an understatement, with no focus on herself, but on her God. She claimed no glory for herself in life or in death, and though we seldom saw her in the last few years, just knowing that she is gone leaves an emptiness in those whose lives she touched. But, she is one of those rare people that will never be gone, because her spirit lives on in all who were privileged to have passed through her life. What an experience that was.

Kathy Higgins
State Hospital

Another loss we have felt significantly was that of Alice Haynes, whose life was so tragically ended, leaving a big void in the lives of all who knew her. Dr. Haynes stature was small, but there was nothing small about the impact she made on Big Spring, Texas, as was evident in the long lines that formed to pay last respects to her. I met Alice when she first moved here, in 1986, and she immediately volunteered to be chairman of the Howard County Health Fair. It was just beginning and needed many hours of hard work to be successful, and that is what she gave. That was only one of many volunteer projects she became involved in, and gave her best to, while never slighting her work, her family, or her friends. She believed in giving all she had to life, and threw herself into everything with an enthusiasm and energy that seem both tireless and endless. Alice was one of those people that followed every thing through until the end, no matter what. She loved big, she

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FROSTBITE

Associated Press photo

Salim Choueiki, 2, bites the carrot nose of his snow fireman in Gahanna, Ohio. Salim had help from his brother Walid and sister Amira. The children's mother, Julie, said they had gone through a package of carrots because Salim like to "bite his nose off."

South Texas company keeps soldiers fed

By BONNIE PFISTER
The McAllen Monitor

McALLEN, Texas — It's raining lentils from Texas.

Around the world, wherever U.S. soldiers pause during maneuvers for a quick bit of chow, or where isolated Bosnian and Croatian war refugees partake of packaged foods air-dropped by NATO planes, there is a little bit of McAllen in every bite.

Right Away Foods, based on Business Highway 83 and First Street, is one of the top suppliers of field rations to the U.S. military. The company produces and packages foods that are "shelf-stable," designed especially for the needs of soldiers and people whose nutrition is endangered by civil, military or natural disasters.

Right now, in the former Yugoslavia, U.S. soldiers as well as refugees are breaking open polyurethane packages of foodstuffs produced locally.

"It's important," said Benny Diaz, 31, of Palmview, of his role in supplying food to those in need. Diaz is a quality control manager who has worked with the company for 13 years.

"I know that all these people are doing whatever they can to support the U.S. troops," he said.

Founded in 1979, the 180,000-square-foot facility is dedicated to food processing, manufacturing, custom contract assembly, and research and development, said Kathleen Louder, spokesperson for the company.

In October, Right Away received a $32 million contract from the Defense Logistics Agency's Defense Personnel Support Center. The center is an organization that provides food, clothing and medical supplies worldwide for the U.S. Armed Forces and other non-defense customers.

The contract is for Right Away to deliver more than one million cases of meal packets.

Military contracts make up 80 percent of the company's business, Louder said. Right Away also is expanding into other realms, such as providing for nongovernmental organizations that provide nutrition to impoverished countries.

Right Away foods pioneered the modern ration, called Meals, Ready-To-Eat, or MREs, which replaced the C-rations and canned food that nourished soldiers in past wars, Louder said.

An entree, vegetable, crackers and spread, dessert and beverage powder makes up an MRE — a square brick, packed and covered in dark brown or olive drab polyethylene bag, all according to military specs. It fits conveniently into the thigh-pocket of a soldier's standard-issue trousers.

The packages have camouflage markings and are water- and insect-proof. The meals are designed to stay fresh for up to three years.

Inside is a meal of about 1,300 calories. It can be heated or eaten as-is, Louder said. MREs also contain a heating device packed into a slim package in wax-like paper. When water is added, it reacts with the magnesium inside. An entree slipped into the bag can then be heated as if in a microwave.

Right Away also produces Humanitarian Daily Rations, a full day's supply of food, including two entrees and complementary foods designed to meet the special nutritional needs of moderately malnourished people, Louder said.

The foods are ready-to-eat and vegetarian, to be acceptable to persons whose religion and culture forbids the consumption of meat products. The cuisine is a far cry from drab C-rations. No Spam here.

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Chef adds odd culinary twists to food

By TERESA S. JOHNSON
Waco Tribune-Herald

WACO, Texas — Who would think about serving creme brulee in a tostado shell, drizzling red wine sauce over a chicken breast or making chimichangas from mashed potatoes?

Such unusual culinary twists are the brainchild of Kevin Davis and they keep luring customers back to Diamond Back's, where he is chef.

"I start with standard dishes, then add an unusual twist to make it special," Davis said.

Among Davis' "unusual twists" are using a pecan mixture to batter red fish, adding avocado to the restaurant's pico de gallo and pairing medallions of tenderloin with a Southwestern sauce with mashed potato chimichangas for Texas Tournedos.

"It's really simplified foods. They are not as complicated as people think," Davis said. 'It just takes some imagination to make them special."

Davis also uses garnishes to make the dishes look special. For instance, black beans and corn are often used to decorate plates at Diamond Back's. Other out-of-the-ordinary garnishes Diamond Back's diners might see are oriental kale, persimmons, pomegranate seeds and star fruit.

"People are not used to seeing these things and it starts conversations about the restaurant. It stirs up interest," Davis said.

For Chicken Diamond Back, he grills a chicken breast, then tops it with slices of avocado, tomato and monterrey jack cheese, then drizzles it with a red wine sauce.

Even the desserts get Diamond Back's unique stamp.

The most popular is the Creme Brulee Toastado. A fried taco salad shell is streaked with chocolate, then filled with creme brulee. Brown sugar is sprinkled over this, then broiled to caramelize. This is served with a sauce and fresh fruit.

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New hymnals cause a stir

By REBEKAH SCOTT
The Toledo Blade

TOLEDO, Ohio — The people in the pews of Calvin United Church of Christ were just about getting used to copies of the New Century Hymnal the church purchased in September. They found them a little heavy and unwieldy, their pastor said, and some of the songs were unfamiliar. A few old favorites — like "Onward, Christian Soldiers" and "America" — weren't included. But the old Evangelical and Reformed hymnbooks used for years had begun to fall apart.

Then came Christmas.

Someone had changed the lyrics of the carols.

"Hark the Herald Angels Sing" caused a stir this Advent. Those singing from memory found themselves stumbling over "glory to the Christ Child bring" where "glory to the newborn king" used to be.

The people at Faith Community UCC in South Toledo had a similar experience.

"We sing those Christmas hymns from memory, from childhood," said the Rev. Cal Gerber. "Those changes really threw people for a loop. Me included. From the pastor on down, we all had to stumble through it and adjust."

"It's like a lot of things you study and vote upon and accept," said the Rev. Imre Bertalan, pastor at Calvin UCC. "You begin to discover things on down the line you didn't know at first. I'm sure we're just beginning to discover what's in this hymnal. But there's really nothing too radical here. All the changes I've seen made are appropriate. But when you've grown to know and like things a certain way, it can be disconcerting for some people to see them changed."

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life! Section Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

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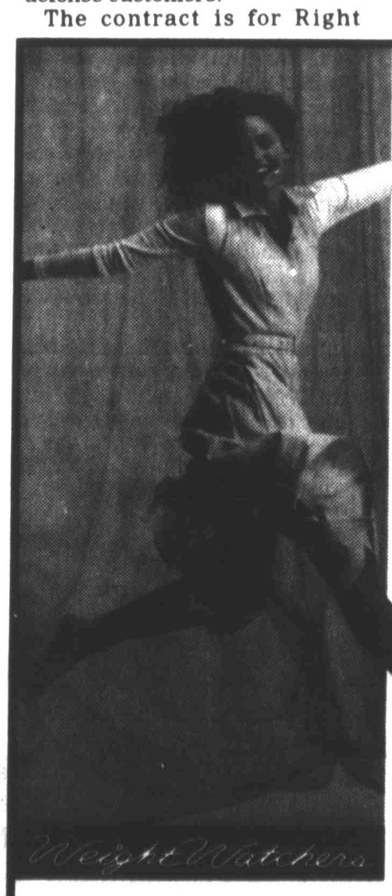

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Nicknames can be nifty, but also confusing

Nicknames are nifty. I'm glad I have one. I consider them terms of endearment. My city is filled with people with nicknames.

Shine. Antkiller. Toots. Sunbeam. Red. Peppy. Toddy. Herbie. Clem. Tiny. Peachy. Fagin. Foul John. Citizen. Smitty. Skipper. Rip. Pep. Guy. Bevo. Putt. Sonny. Quail. Ace. Tooter. Lefty. Stormy. Cotton. Tex. Connie. Brod. Doc. Swatzie. Pat. Judge. Skeeter. Smoky. Booty. Cissy. Rube. Jinx. Son. Shorty. Pepper. Mack. Chief. Poncho. Skeet. Squeaky. Weezy. Champ. Blondie. Bobo. Dooner. Etchie. Hymie. Horseshoe. Dad. Screwball. Hooker. Gunboat. Buttermilk. Patsy. Tanlac. Hungry. Soup. Cap. Hawkshaw. Hoss. Chub. Boomer. Stinky. Icky. Lisle. Grampy. Wiggey. Pinky. Pooch. Flushbottom. Pug. Rusty. Dusty. Nat. Bull. Digger. Blackie. Chap. Frog. Ink. Booger. Sandy. Butch. Punkie.

These are names that three other people and I thought of in just a few hours. Not a single one is made up. They are all legitimate nicknames of people in Big Spring. I know just as soon as I print this, I'll think of more.

The list does not include people in Big Spring with strange real names, like China. Two girls here have China for a real first name. Tito (real name) lives across town. His middle name is Aramis. I know two ladies here named Claudie.

Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

The list does not mention obvious shorter versions of names like Charlie (is that really shorter than Charles?), Bill, Fred, Jim (Billy, Freddy, Jimmy). Those, of course, started out as William, Frederick and James.

I've never understood how Jack got to be the nickname of John. They both have one syllable and the same number of letters. And why do some people spell John without the H? Some people use the name Johnny or Johnnie. Male names ending in "y" sometimes end up as female names ending in "ie."

Then we come to Robert. Shortened, it's Bobby (the name on my birth certificate). When I went away to college I became Bob, which has become a great Texas name. Right about then, my daddy started calling me Robin.

I grew up in Fort Worth working in my family's grocery store. I ran into every type of personality imaginable, but very few nicknames. They were rare. I came west and it seemed like just about everybody had one. I guess they're more prevalent in the wide open spaces. Or maybe they're more common in small towns.

Some people with nicknames are characters, but that is not universally true. I don't consider myself a character, but I hang around with quite a few and I guess some of their character has rubbed off on me.

Nicknames are usually given to an individual by another person. They can be based on a physical characteristic, an incident, work, or a child's attempt to say a name. I got mine because my radio program started with the name "Tumbleweed" and people started calling me that.

Thomas, Tommy, Tom. Richard, Dickie, Dick, Rick. Stanley, Stan. Wesley, Wes. Walter, Wally. Henry, Hank. Benjamin, Benny. Harold, Hal. Kenneth, Ken. Jesse, Jess. Gerald, Jerry. Geraldine, Gerry. Joseph, Joey, Joe, Jo. Franklin, Frank. Martin, Marty. I've gotta stop this. Eugene, Gene. Ronald, Ron. Steven (Stephen), Steve. Edward, Eddy, Ed. David, Dave. Donald, Don. Travis, Trav. Patrick, Pat. Delbert, Del. Curtis, Curt. Russell, Russ. Arthur, Art. Kenneth, Ken. Michael, Mike. Raymond, Ray. Philip, Phil. Bradley, Brad. Somebody Help!

Divorce: Who gets the pets?

By MICHAEL LOLLAR
Scripps Howard News Service

As husband and wife, Dennis Zanone and Cindy Pace had shared some of the duties of his photography business, and, even after their divorce, she continued to help out.

"It's a very amicable divorce," says Zanone.

Most of the details were worked out ahead of time so that Pace, a project coordinator in information and marketing services at International Paper Co. in Memphis, Tenn., was able to act as her own attorney.

The only sticking point came as Pace was ready to leave at the end of the four-year marriage. "Dennis asked me, 'Are you taking Katie?' When I said yes, he said, 'Well, who am I going to talk to all week?'"

Katie, despite her floppy ears and a cute button nose, had no choice in the matter. Under the law, the 14-1/2-year-old Shih-Tzu was little more than "personalty," like a stove or dishwasher. Just one more family asset.

But the dog's fate in the divorce and the family's concerns have become more and more important in modern America, says veterinarian and animal behavior counselor Tammy Wright.

While judges seldom decide pet custody cases, they have been forced to mediate bitter disputes, such as a Pulaski, Tenn., case in which the judge imposed joint custody for a dog that had grown up attending a wife's Bible study classes and riding a husband's motorcycle.

"In today's society, where we are less community-oriented, what's important is our families and pets. Things going on with our pets are much more crucial than 20 years ago. Pets are now a member of the family rather than an appendage," says Wright.

Pace says her former husband jokes that he wanted Katie, the Shih-Tzu, because he really needed "a bossy female around." But both agree that Katie had been like an only child. She was given to Pace by a former roommate before Zanone and she were married.

But, during the marriage, Katie became attached to both. She slept with them, ate with them, rode in the car with them.

"When he goes to the drive-in bank, the tellers are so used to seeing Katie they give her a dog biscuit as Dennis drives away," says Pace.

DUCK DUCK GOOSE

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Hungry waterfowl at Comanche Trail Lake know they don't have far to go to look for a meal. As a passing spectator tosses a few morsels, the birds gather to see what's for dinner.

The eagle has landed, and Hill Country ranchers aren't happy

By RALPH WININGHAM
San Antonio Express-News

SAN ANTONIO — The shot that clipped the wing of a juvenile bald eagle last month could be just the latest volley in a decades-old cross fire pitting environmentalists and Hill Country ranchers.

Middle ground in the conflict that covers thousands and thousands of acres of rugged brush and grass land is hard to find.

On one hand are individuals, backed by federal law, who say that eagle populations must be maintained to preserve the majestic birds of prey.

On the other are the ranchers, who complain they are suffering unacceptable livestock losses from the federally protected aerial predators.

Everyone agrees that the main culprits in the conflict are golden eagles, whose population is estimated at 20,000, and not the bald eagles, which are fish eaters. The bald eagles are bigger birds, but are fewer in number.

Unfortunately, juvenile bald eagles resemble golden eagles until they reach the age of 4 and develop the distinctive, white heads.

"The issue is far from black and white," said Jim Stinebaugh, senior resident agent of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service office in San Antonio. "Part of the problem is that the (golden) eagles don't nest in this part of the country. They are migrating birds.

"If a rancher has cliffs where the eagles like to perch, they can have large populations and that is where there might be some losses.

"Most ranchers probably never lose anything to eagles. One cold norther where the temperature stays in the 20s for a couple of days will kill more lambs than eagles kill in 10 years."

Stinebaugh's comments come as a surprise to Bill Luce, whose family has been in the sheep-raising business in the Rocksprings-Camp Wood-Montel area for nearly a century.

"All my life I've heard people cuss eagles," Luce said as he looked out the kitchen window of his home near Montel. "The rule of thumb by the old-timers is that you can expect to lose about two lambs a day to eagles.

"There are many nesting pairs in this country that never leave. Our problem is that the way the law reads, we can't do anything not even honk a horn or disturb an eagle if it is in the process of eating a lamb.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service does provide estimates. In 1994, Texas lamb losses to eagles were estimated at 16,726. Sheep losses were estimated at 200. Eagles rank second among predators, falling behind coyotes, in both lamb and kid goat kills, according to the department's figures.

Gary Nunley, director of the regional Texas Animal Damage Control office in San Antonio, said there is very little anyone can do with the eagle situation.

"It is possible to get a permit to go out and attempt to trap an eagle that has become a problem, but it is a very costly process," he said. "There are some sheep raisers who know when the eagles move in for the winter and put their lambing season back, but I don't know how successful they have been."

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HUMANE SOCIETY

Pictured: "Jasmine" Part Persian female gray tabby, luxurious soft short-hair coat, green eyes, 14 weeks old, loves to be held and likes to cuddle.

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

"Tiptoe" Young adult female black cat with white on stomach and tips of toes, active and playful.

"Lana" Female short-hair gray tabby, 6 months old, very sweet.

"Madonna" Adult long-hair black and gold calico, very friendly and makes an excellent lap kitty.

"Missy" Very large female with short haired thick coat, white with gray spots; loves attention.

"Miss Ceallie" Six-month-old spayed female, golden/green eyes, very soft orange, gray and white calico coat, four white feet, very alert, affectionate and purrs constantly!

"Marmalade" Neutered male dark orange tabby, 9 months old, energetic and likes to play.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just $45 and cats are $35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

Six young adult cats, will make great mousers; good for outdoors, 263-8904.

Adult male dog, part collie with long hair, reddish coat, neutered, very good watchdog, 267-7053.

Two female dogs, half husky/German shepherd, 9 months old, and black chow/lab mix, 9 months old, both good watchdogs and have shots, 353-4380.

Higgins

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cared deeply, and she did it all with a beautiful, sweet smile that we will all remember. She is a beautiful memory.

On a happier note, in early January, Big Spring honored the living legacies of our town for 1995, Toots Mansfield and Margaret Lloyd.

Toots, the All-American Cowboy, who is known worldwide and hails from Big Spring, Texas. He has been honored around the world, and what could be more fitting than to be the 1995 Big Spring Man of the Year. What little boy didn't want to grow up and be a cowboy like him and what little girl wouldn't want to claim the gentleman of all time for her very own. Each time I see him ride into the rodeo arena and tip his hat to the crowd, in that same way that he saunters across a room, with such elegance, my heart skips a beat. I sit a little taller in my seat because he makes me proud to be an American, and proud to be from a little West Texas town that calls him our very own.

Last, but not least is Margaret Lloyd, another legend in her own time. Margaret is the mother of the homeless, helpless and sick animals in our town. She is another tireless giver who never says no, regardless of the time of day or night. She picks up strays and takes them to the Humane Society, finds a home for them or simply moves them into her own home. None are turned down, and no one is ever in need of her help that doesn't get it. When she comes, she has food, blankets, medicine, or whatever her animals need, but most of all she has the wonderful sense of humor and smile. And as the others we have honored do, she gives so much to her fellow man in an unpretentious and humble way, and much of what she gives is never even known. That is a true gift from the heart.

As we move into 1996, maybe we could each take a little from each of these people and try to emulate them in some small way. If you have a Mrs. Weeg, or an Alice, or Toots, or Margaret in your life, take the time today to appreciate them. Life is wonderful, but it is fleeting, and tomorrow it could be gone. If someone makes a difference in your life, do not wait until they are gone to tell them. Do it today.

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Do you have an interesting item for the Herald Business section? Call Carlton Johnson, 263-7331, Ext. 115.

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Sheep referendum in February

The annual Howard County Junior Livestock Show concluded this weekend and it was accomplished once again by hours of volunteer work handled by members of that event's association. We extend con-

Don Richardson
County Agent

gratulations to all the youngsters who won awards and to those who participated in helping make this one of the largest shows in its history. Cooperation and working together by everyone is the only way such an event can be successfully pulled off.

Special thanks should go to the Howard College's Dr. Dusty Johnston, who serves as president of the association and has the responsibility of coordinating so many of the activities associated with this event. He has done a wonderful job and is a tremendous asset not only to this show but to our entire community.

On the heels of this event many other agricultural events and activities are already in the mill. Monday evening there will be a meeting of the 4H Junior Rodeo Committee at 7 p.m. in the County Extension Office. This group will begin plans for this annual event to be held next July. Tuesday, at 5 p.m. in the Chamber of Commerce Office, a meeting of the West Texas Ag ExPo Committee will be held to begin completion of plans for this event next March. Wednesday, at 8 a.m. in the Dora Roberts Community Center in Comanche Trail Park, the Cotton Marketing Workshop will be conducted. This important activity will be conducted by some of the best economists in the country, Dr. Carl Anderson and Dr. Jackie Smith, both Extension Specialists from Texas A&M. Pre-registration was a requirement for this event but you might can still get registered by giving Dr. Smith a call at his office in Lubbock.

Another important event is coming up that will affect sheep producers. A special sheep referendum will be voted on Feb. 6 to determine if producers are willing to support a program much like the beef cattle checkoff program that was voted on several years ago.

UNDER NEW MANAGEMENT!

Herald photo by Tim Appel

The Dora Roberts Community is now under new management. Kathy Lusk will oversee the management and rental of the community center for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The goal is to allow as many people as possible access to the center.

Eradication no small task, a matter of control

HARLINGEN, Texas (AP) — Supporters of a boll weevil eradication program in South Texas point to other states as testimony that such efforts can eliminate the cotton-killer.

But farmers in at least two other states have begun campaigns similar to the one here to scrap widespread pesticide spraying before it puts them out of business.

"People say they can control the boll weevil a whole lot cheaper than they can control the eradication," said Joe Huerkamp, a cotton grower in Macon, Miss., where farmers have petitioned for an election to kill the eradication program there.

Cotton growers in the Rio Grande Valley voted this week on whether to keep or scrap their eradication program, which began last spring. The results will be announced later this month.

About 1,500 Valley farmers petitioned for the election following one of the worst cotton seasons in the region's history. They contend the pesticide-spraying effort killed beneficial insects that eat boll weevils and other pests, leading to a devastating infestation of beet armyworms.

Eradication supporters say other factors contributed to the problem and note that changes have been made in the spraying program. They also say South Texas isn't alone in experiencing first-year problems with eradication.

"Other places have had similar situations where the farmers suffered crop losses when the program began, but they stayed with the program and they have recouped their losses many times over," said Tim Leifeste, a spokesman for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which oversees eradication programs statewide.

In North Carolina, for example, cotton farmers experienced some problems with the killing of beneficial insects when their program began in 1978. Two years later, the program was declared a success.

"If you can bite the bullet the first year and get beyond that, then you should be on the downhill side," said W.A. Dickerson, North Carolina's administrator for plant protection programs and a member of the board of directors of the Southeastern Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, which oversees eradication programs in eight southern states.

When eradication began in North Carolina, there were 41,000 acres of cotton, Dickerson said. Last year, there were 810,000 acres.

Despite North Carolina's success, efforts to scrap eradication programs have begun in two other states that fall under the Southeastern Eradication Foundation's umbrella: Mississippi and Alabama.

In Huerkamp's cotton district, comprising 29 counties in east Mississippi, 416 farmers have signed a petition to kill their eradication program, which began in the fall of 1994. An election has not yet been scheduled.

Huerkamp said the pesticide spraying caused an outbreak of tobacco budworms and hindered efforts to control other secondary pests.

Usually his district harvests about 700 pounds of cotton annually. This season, he estimates farmers will harvest about 300 pounds and lose some $40 million in sales.

Huerkamp believes farmers should decide on their own how to fight the boll weevil instead of having to participate in a widespread effort.

"It gets down to property rights, personal rights, your farming rights — your right to make a living as you choose," he said. "I don't want to go broke on somebody else's decisions."

In the neighboring state of Alabama, where cotton farmers are entering their third year of eradication, growers have begun collecting signatures to force a recall election, said Tom Vaughan, who farms about 200 acres in Florence, Ala.

"I saw cotton this year that had nothing on it, absolutely nothing. The insects had completely devastated it," said Vaughan, who harvested just 19 bales of cotton compared with his usual 300 bales.

Supporters acknowledge there have been problems with eradication programs but contend they are needed if the cotton industry is to survive.

"If you're going to grow cotton in this country and you've got boll weevils, you've got to figure out a way of dealing with it," said Dickerson. "It is hard to imagine being able to produce cotton long term in this country if you've got the boll weevil to contend with."

GM first to enter electric car market

LOS ANGELES (AP) — General Motors Corp. said Thursday it will begin selling electric cars to the public in California and Arizona this fall, becoming the first of the Big Three automakers to get into the mass market.

"Well, there it is. It's been a long road to getting it here," GM Chairman John Smith Jr. said as the automaker rolled out its nonpolluting electric car — a sporty two-seater called the EV-1 — at the Los Angeles Auto Show.

The EV-1 will cost in the mid-$30,000 range, plus an undisclosed amount to buy or lease a battery charger.

Its top speed is 80 mph. It has a range of about 90 miles between charges, but that can be reduced by such factors as cold weather and heavy traffic. In normal use, it's expected to travel between 60 and 70 miles.

Southern California Edison plans to have 18 recharging stations operating at stores and train stations by August.

Up to now, the market for electric cars has been limited mainly to governments, utilities and other businesses that use fleets of vehicles.

"This is not a concept car and it's not a conversion," Smith said. "This is a passenger car developed specifically as an electric vehicle."

The unveiling of the EV-1 comes even as California prepares to scale back its effort to put nonpolluting cars on the road.

The state's Air Resources Board, struggling to meet federal clean-air standards in the nation's smoggiest region, had ordered that 2 percent of all cars offered for sale by major automakers release zero emissions by 1998.

After GM and other automakers complained, board officials said recently that they will probably vote in March to drop the 2 percent requirement, instead mandating only that 10 percent of cars be zero-emission by 2003.

The EV-1 will be manufactured in Lansing, Mich., and initially will be sold at Saturn dealerships in Los Angeles, San Diego, Phoenix and Tucson, Ariz.

An electric Chevrolet pickup truck will be produced beginning in 1997 at a plant in Shreveport, La., GM said. The truck, a converted model of the S-10, will have a top speed of 70 mph.

GM has spent $350 million on electric car development, more than Chrysler or Ford.

Kenneth Blaschke, an auto analyst for Dean Witter Reynolds, said the technology must improve before automakers will reach the 10 percent goal in California.

"At this point, you're talking about cars that don't go much much more than 50 miles at a stretch," he said. "And most consumers aren't willing to pay a premium for a car that does not perform as well as the car they drive today."

Pilots seeking federal mediation with contract

DALLAS (AP) — The union that represents American Airlines pilots has asked for federal mediation in its contract negotiations with the company.

The Allied Pilots Association, which represents about 9,000 American pilots, and American Airlines have been negotiating the pilots' contract since June of 1994.

"We had decided to file jointly with the APA and they declined to do that," said American Airlines spokesman Tim Doke of the mediation request.

Going to the National Mediation Board means a mediator will evaluate the issues of both sides. If mediated talks fail, or if both sides ask to be released from mediation, the contract can enter binding arbitration. If talks fail and either side does not agree to binding arbitration, a cooling off period is then required before a union may strike.

The last four pilot contracts negotiated went to mediation and two of the contracts required a cooling off period.

"While we have made some progress during the past 18 months, it is far too little and has taken far too long," said James G. Sovich, APA president.

"Quite honestly we haven't been able to get the company to discuss the issues," he said.

In contention are job security, pay and some working conditions, Sovich said.

Sovich said the only issue that has been discussed in great detail is how to handle reserve pilots.

"Which is more of a company issue," he said.

Doke said that there have been agreements made on pensions, alcohol testing, Canadian code-sharing, international code-sharing, commuter airline flying and domestic marketing relations.

Rockwell using global positioning technology in agribusiness applications

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP) — Space-age technology developed for the nation's defense is being converted for use in agribusiness now that the Cold War is over.

Farming applications for a global positioning system were demonstrated during a seminar on new technologies here last week. Rockwell International developed the system for the military but now is using the technology on Midwest farms and hopes to expand to California, perhaps later this year.

The $6,000 system links 24 orbiting satellites with portable computer hardware on tractors to let farmers analyze soil content and distribute fertilizer or pesticides in amounts needed.

"This is the most significant change in agriculture since the development of the hybrid seed," said an enthused Craig Elliott, who is selling the system.

The global positioning system was far from the only "gee whiz" technology featured at the seminar.

There was Melroe Spra Coupe's energized spray process that was shown for the first time publicly. Bob Pettis of Berchtold Equipment Co., the seminar's sponsor, likened that breakthrough to the advent of jetliners.

The system cuts pesticide use in half by giving chemicals a charge that magnetically attracts them to plants. The equipment needed, including a tractor that resembles a big bug with long skinny legs, costs about $79,000, Pettis said.

The Melroe system competed for attention with a new sprayer from Gearmore that shoots air at 200 mph through a Venturi tube into chemicals. The chemicals thus are reduced to little fog-like particles that blast plants with tiny droplets.

Both systems were designed to provide good coverage on both the tops and bottoms of leaves. Since they're so small, the droplets evaporate quickly and prevent dripping that could cause chemical burns on the plants.

The booms required for either the Melroe or Gearmore sprayers cost $13,000 or more.

As if all these new mechanical and electronic wonders weren't enough, farmers got a look at Monsanto's latest version of its weed killer. Called Roundup Ultra, it's supposed to be cheaper per acre to apply while being safer. Workers can reenter fields only four hours after applying the new weed killer, said Steve Murray, a marketing manager for Monsanto.

Murray, speaking in the heart of California's cotton country, hinted that the company's next biotechnology breakthrough may be genetically engineered cotton plants that poison pink bollworm pests.

FAST TRACK

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Driggers to manager Snyder PCA

SAN ANGELO - The San Angelo-based Production Credit Association (PCA) has named Trent Driggers vice president and branch manager of the association's field office in Snyder. The Snyder also office serves Howard and Martin Counties.

Driggers, a native of Spur, was a loan officer for Rolling Plains PCA in Munday from 1992 until his appointment. For 12 years prior to joining PCA, he farmed full-time in his family's cotton operation. He continues to own a small cattle business near Spur.

Driggers graduated cum laude from Texas Tech University in 1988 with a bachelor's degree in agricultural economics. In his final year, he was named Outstanding Senior Student in Agricultural Economics. He also attended Western Texas College for two years.

Texas PCA provides short- and intermediate-term financing to farmers and ranchers in 39 counties of West Texas. The agricultural lending co-op has approximately $25 million in loans outstanding to 241 member-borrowers. TCA is part of the nationwide Farm Credit System.

ODESSA, Texas (AP) — Sixty-four doctors in Odessa and Midland have joined together to form the Midland Odessa Medical Healthcare Partners.

The new partnership will have offices in Midland and Odessa within the next two years.

"We can do a much better job of controlling the escalating costs of medicine as a group today than we can as individuals," said Dr. Shelton Viney of Midland, chairman of the group.

Most group practices amount to no more than four or five doctors, he said.

He added a large group practice should make the doctors more attractive to insurance companies.

JC Penney to sell Business Services

PLANO, Texas (AP) — A New York investment firm plans to buy JCPenney Business Services Inc., an electronic network transaction processing and credit service company.

Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe said the company will be renamed BSI Business Services Inc. and will keep all 1,450 workers currently at the JCPenney subsidiary's two North Dallas locations and field offices in Voorhees, N.J., Mission, Kan., and San Antonio. All offices are expected to remain open, according to Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe.

No purchase price was released and the closing date has not yet been determined.

Welsh Carson Anderson & Stowe, which provides equity capital, manages limited partnerships with resources of about $3.5 billion.

JC Penney is one of the nation's largest retailers, reaching customers through nearly 1,250 department stores and catalog services.

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April L. Newson vs. William H. Carter.
Ronda Carter vs. William H. Carter.
Gloria M. Rodriguez vs. Joe Hernandez Rodriguez.
Susan Gail Thompson vs. Orlando L. Hernandez.
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Bernadette G. Grant vs. Jackie E. Lang.
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Margie Martinez vs. Fidel M. Martinez.
Christina Alvarez vs. Martin S. Rodriguez.
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Jennie J. Lozano vs. Mario R. Ovalle.

Ash addresses 6,500 employees at Mary Kay leadership conference

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Thousands of Mary Kay Inc. sales directors smiled adoringly, snapped photographs and wiped away tears Thursday as founder Mary Kay Ash urged them to "work like crazy" selling cosmetics.

"I'm so proud that you are my daughters. It makes me cry to think about you," Mrs. Ash, 77, told some 6,500 of her top sales women gathered at the Alamodome for an annual leadership conference.

In a faint yet determined voice, Mrs. Ash offered emotional anecdotes of success and said she wants all her company's sales directors to win the trademark Mary Kay pink Cadillac earned by generating a large sales volume.

"Get it done," Mrs. Ash said. "Work like crazy. My mission is to have one-hundred percent of our directors in the pink. One-hundred percent."

This week's conference is for upper-echelon Mary Kay salespeople — or directors — from across the nation. Another annual meeting called "Seminar" is for all ranks of Mary Kay salespeople, or "independent beauty consultants."

The Dallas-based cosmetics company now has more than 400,000 salespeople worldwide. Its 1994 retail sales totaled $1.7 billion.

Thursday's session opened with a stage show featuring entertainers in Mexican costumes dancing to fiesta-type music. Enthusiastic Mary Kay directors stood in the audience, shaking maracas to the beat.

Mrs. Ash, donning a bright pink blazer and black skirt, then took the stage and began her motivational speech with a prayer. She reminded her followers of her philosophy to put God first, followed by family then a career.

However, her address centered around cosmetics sales and making money.

Mrs. Ash told the directors they are the presidents of their own companies and that they have control over their own careers. She noted that among them are doctors, a forest ranger and a former soap opera star.

Halliburton, Fingerhut add 1,369 jobs to Tulsa's workforce

TULSA, Okla. (AP) — Jobhunters are looking at a brighter new year following the announcement of two major expansions that will bring the state more than 1,300 new jobs.

Halliburton announced Tuesday it will add 800 jobs at its Duncan operation, while Fingerhut, one of the nation's largest catalog retailers, is hiring 569 workers in Tulsa for its financial services unit.

"New jobs mean that people in our community have improved their standard of living," said Tulsa Mayor Susan Savage. "That's a good way to start 1996."

Fingerhut Financial Services Corp. plans to hire 569 workers in Tulsa within the next three years and 855 employees within 10 years, state Department of Commerce officials said.

The Tulsa division of the Minnetonka, Minn.-based company will process Fingerhut's two credit cards, said Doug McCoy, Fingerhut's vice president in Tulsa.

"We may be doing some telemarketing work here, but by and large, we're servicing a national portfolio," he said.

About 75 Fingerhut workers are now employed in Tulsa. Another 150 workers will be hired by the year's end, McCoy said.

Like Fingerhut, Dallas-based Halliburton plans to phase in its expansion over the next three years.

CWA inks new contract with GTE Southwest

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Communications Workers of America members have ratified a tentative agreement for a three-year contract reached Dec. 9 by CWA and GTE Southwest Inc., GTE announced Wednesday.

The new contract includes an 11.4 percent compounded wage package for most employees over the three years. The wage changes are retroactive to Aug. 16.

The contract also includes incentive programs for achieving overall performance targets in 1997 and individual incentive plans for those in jobs with unique impacts on revenue generation.

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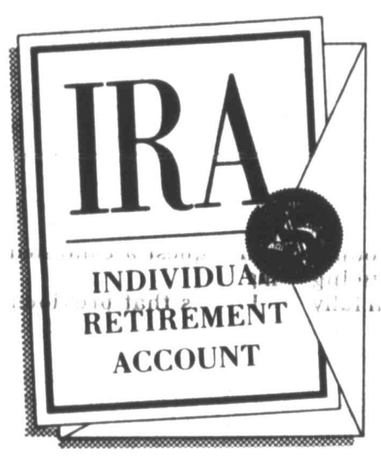

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Chamber sets new direction

Linda Walker
Columnist

During the past year, virtually every area of the Big Spring Area Chamber of commerce has been re-evaluated and priorities established based on the direction and input provided by the Big Spring Comprehensive Plan, the membership survey, from officers and directors and recommendations from the various committees.

The chamber believes that a strong, balanced economy is an essential backbone to the livability of the community. Our program of work charts the way for progressive growth, with emphasis on planned economic growth, quality education, improved transportation facilities, enlightened governmental leader and enhanced community image.

The program of work of the chamber is a continuous one, reviewed annually by the membership, and designed to lead the way toward a better quality of life for all the citizens of Howard County.

With this program of work as the guide, the active membership involvement of all segments of the business, professional and retirement community, and adequate financial support of the chamber budget, the Big Spring Are Chamber of Commerce will continue to be successful in improving the area's economic prosperity and quality of life.

•The board of directors has adopted an Associate Membership plan, designed for the employees of our larger companies, to give the opportunity to become more involved with the progress of our community.

•Frances Wheat and Hooper sanders have been appointed as chamber representatives on the Big Spring Industrial Foundation Board. Cavan McMahon and Curt Mullins have been appointed as Trustees of the Charitable Trust of the chamber.

•The chamber has contracted with the city for the management of the Dora Roberts Community Center. Kathy Lusk has taken over the management and rental at the center, along with operating her catering service. The benefits will be that the center will now have an on-site food service and management team. Now marketing will begin, so that the Convention and Visitors Bureau can bid on conventions and large meetings.

•Carolyn Cawthron has taken the position of Vice President for Retail Development focusing on selling Big Spring businesses with the continuance of the...At Your Service campaign.

•David Wrinkle will continue his leadership in the Membership Development area of the chamber. Under his direction, we will publish a new membership directory, focus on membership retention and look forward to an outstanding membership drive in 1996

Through the unified effort of the city; county and each citizen, we can go forward. It will take each and every one of us to our goals accomplished. We must continue to strive to make a difference.

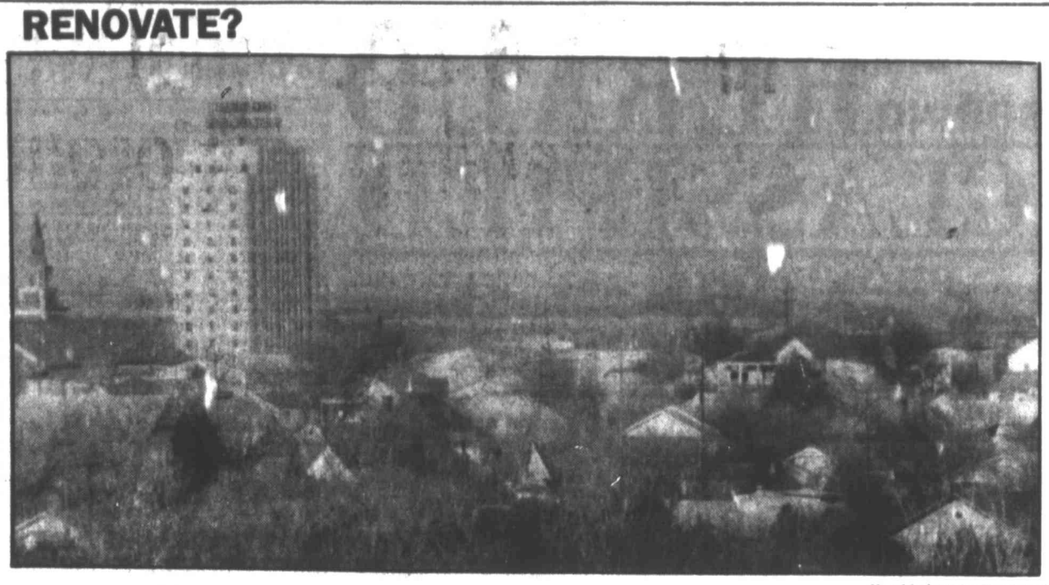
Linda Walker is executive vice president of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. Her column appears the third Sunday of each month.

Luby's to open new restaurants

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Luby's Cafeterias Inc. has announced a joint venture with Waterstreet Inc. to open at least five new seafood restaurants in the next five years.

Ralph "Pete" Erben, president and chief executive officer of Luby's, announced the plan Friday at the company's annual shareholders meeting.

RENOVATE?



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Renovating the Settles Hotel still remains a question for the city of Big Spring. The question now is whether it's more feasible to tear it down or ask for a bond issue on the matter. Voters may get a chance to have the last word on the matter.

Farmers, ranchers challenge state's new private property rights law

AUSTIN (AP) — Panhandle farmers and ranchers who don't want huge hog farms as neighbors are mounting a court challenge to Texas' new private property rights law and to state rules governing hog farms, feedlots and large dairies.

"We were left with no choice but to go to court after the politicians and agribusiness lobbyists completely had their way in rendering landowners powerless to stop these huge hog operations from moving nearby," said Jeanne Gramstorff, a farmer who lives in Ochiltree County and spokeswoman for ACCORD Agriculture Inc.

ACCORD — formed to oppose large, concentrated hog-raising operations seeking to locate in members' Panhandle area — filed a lawsuit against the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission this month in state district court in Travis County.

A company cited in the lawsuit has submitted four applications for a swine production business in Ochiltree County and anticipates producing 540,000 swine a year when fully operational within five years. One of its applications has been approved so far.

TNRCC spokesman Patrick Crimmins defended the agency's rules, saying they were meant to streamline the regulatory process and conform state requirements to federal procedures.

Sen. Teel Bivins, sponsor of the 1995 property rights law, said he believed it would withstand ACCORD's constitutional challenge.

"We spent a good deal of time looking at the Texas and U.S. constitutions in our deliberations before writing the bill, and I believe it rests on a firm constitutional footing," said Bivins, R-Amarillo.

The Panhandle group contends:

— The property rights law, which gives landowners power to sue state and local government over action that devalues their property, is unconstitutional.

The lawsuit says the TNRCC interprets the law to protect only people who apply for permits to conduct an activity on their land to bring action, not adjacent landowners who might be adversely affected. It says this violates the state constitution's guarantee of open and equal access to the courts.

— Another state law unconstitutionally shields large hog farms and other so-called concentrated animal feeding operations from lawsuits that they are a nuisance and to recover damages.

— TNRCC regulations governing the concentrated animal feeding operations violate due process rights of rural residents and landowners by denying them the right to contested case hearings before impartial judges.

The lawsuit says under the rules, only the permit applicant can request a contested hearing.

It says that previous rules allowed adjacent landowners to challenge applicants' ability to comply with state regulations, and that many challenges were successful.

"The state essentially stripped rural landowners of their rights to protect their land from the pollution and severe nuisance conditions that typically occur when a large dairy, hog farm or cattle feedlot moves next door," said Stuart Henry, an Austin lawyer representing ACCORD, which stands for Active Citizens Concerned Over Resource Development.

The lawsuit also contends that the process by which the TNRCC developed the rules, approved last summer, was "industry dominated and secretive."

Crimmins, the TNRCC spokesman, said, "We would disagree strongly with that. The Administrative Procedure Act was followed to the letter. Everyone had notice. Everyone had input. We got a lot of public comment on the rules."

He said the rules would protect the environment.

Under the process being challenged, Crimmins said, the TNRCC's executive director reviews each application for an operation.

If an application meets the requirements set forth in agency rules, the executive director gives the applicant authorization to proceed.

Besides meeting technical requirements, Crimmins said, the applicant must publish notice in the local daily newspaper and make the application available to the public. There also is a period for public comment.

Adjacent landowners have a chance to appeal decisions by the executive director, concerning whether their claims have technical merit, to the commission, Crimmins said.

The new rules were designed so state procedures would be consistent with Environmental Protection Agency permit requirements and because of economic development concerns, he said.

"The permitting process was too lengthy and too burdensome on the industry. There were concerns that some (concentrated animal feeding operations) were going out of state, were not coming to Texas, because Texas' permitting process was considered punitive," Crimmins said.

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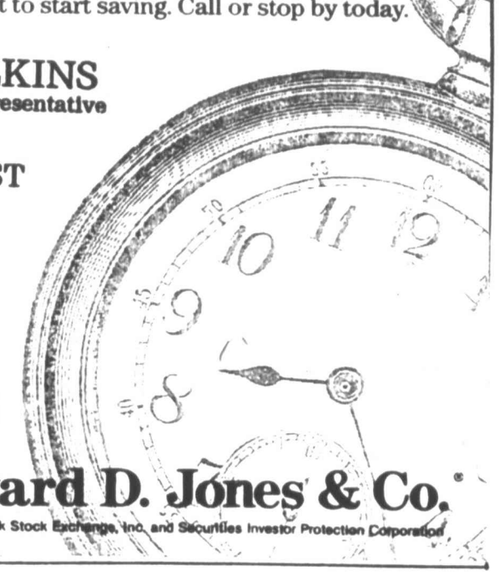

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ARIES (March 21-April 19) The unexpected occurs, and a door opens for you. An authority figure presents you with an opportunity. You are focused on what you are doing. A friendship proves to be provocative. Make the most of the heat and fun. Tonight: Have a good time.*****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unforeseen things happen today. You hear news from a distance that causes celebration and happiness. Work with the unanticipated, and maintain a sense of humor. Others come to you for guidance and advice. Tonight: Make a "must" appearance.****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Surprises pop up where you least expect them. Try to view a change in plans as something positive. Be spontaneous, and have fun. You view life much differently because of what is happening. You see someone in a different way. Tonight: Take off at the drop of a hat.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Getting close holds surprises for you. Unusual things happen with someone. Stay anchored, and be sure of yourself. You listen carefully and are able to respond in a nurturing, caring way. Someone may be putting up obstacles out of fear. Tonight: Do what feels good.*****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Realize your limitations when you deal with someone. A change in pace is important as you interact with friends. You continually are surprised by others now. Be aware of the changes others are going through, and respond to them. Tonight: Get together with the gang.*****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You get a lot accomplished because of your willingness to break through barriers. Be aware that you might be taking on too much. Pace yourself, and find ways to reduce stress. Consider taking a meditation class. Tonight: Get extra sleep.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Be more in touch with your feelings about a loved one who is rebelling in a major way. Listen carefully to someone's feedback; this person needs to talk through a change. Opportunities knock on your door because of your sense of humor. Tonight: Do something wild.*****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You are stunned by what is happening on the home front. Be more aware of your limits as you deal with someone else's tantrum. Fun surrounds you and creates opportunities. Know what you can and cannot do before you have a key discussion. Tonight: Order in.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Communications may set you back. You have a choice: You can decide to take someone's comments personally or you can read in between the lines. Be careful with mechanical and electrical devices. You are more distracted than you know. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do not act out of frustration and go on a wild spending spree. You feel insecure with someone and need to get feedback. The clearer your perceptions are, the better off you will be. Curb your possessiveness. Recognize how much you offer. Tonight; Relax.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Others don't sense your high-voltage energy, and you push someone away inadvertently. Be sensitive; let others express their feelings, and honor them. A soft approach will win you more friends. Deal with a change of heart. Tonight: A grin does it.*****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) If you throw a temper tantrum, you might cause yourself more problems than are necessary. Stay open to your potential, and refuse to get sidetracked. Hone your diplomatic skills, and consider new ways of handling stress. Tonight: Maintain a low profile.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, JAN. 21, 1996: You are changing, and rapidly at that. Have the courage to let go of what doesn't work for you, and be open to your potential. It's possible that you will receive unexpected jolts this year, and they will help you in the long run. Use your creativity, and go with the unusual. If you are single, you might be very fussy about your partners, and you might make quite a few changes. If attached, honor a partner, and let your behavior reflect what this person means to you. AQUARIUS causes an uproar in your life.

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Grandma gets bouquet of thorns for wedding actions

Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: I recently attended a formal wedding where I witnessed something I thought was outrageous. When it came time for the bride to toss her bouquet, the bride's grandmother, who is well into her 70s, shoved the bridesmaids and young cousins of the bride aside and caught the bridal bouquet. Everyone was bewildered!

When it came time for the groom to toss the bride's garter, none of the young men tried to catch it, so it fell to the floor.

One young man was coaxed into picking it up and placing the garter on Grandma's leg. Obviously embarrassed, he put it on up to her knee when Grandma urged him to go higher until it reached her thigh. (Yes, she was sober.)

When one of the bridesmaids reminded Grandma that tossing the bouquet was a ritual intended for the young unmarried girls, Grandma shouted, "Well, I'm single!" Everyone applauded.

Abby, what do you think of Grandma's behavior? — NEW JERSEY READER

DEAR READER: I think it was outrageous and inappropriate, although it did add some unforgettable frivolity to the wedding. (Are you sure Grandma was sober?)

DEAR ABBY: My husband and I were shopping in a small pottery shop in a large city. I selected some merchandise that cost $80. As I stepped up to the counter, I realized I had used my last check. The store didn't accept credit cards, and I didn't have enough cash to cover the purchase. I was very disappointed, because I really wanted to buy the pottery.

Seeing my dismay, the owner suddenly told us to take the pottery and "just send me the money when you get home." I thought he was joking, but he waved off my attempt to give him identification or an IOU. We left the store with the pottery, still owing the money. Of course, the moment I got home I wrote a check and mailed it.

Believe it or not, this happened in the Greenwich Village section of New York City. I am sure people would like to know there are still some trusting people in such a large city. — CINDY CARNEY, DENVILLE, N.J.

DEAR CINDY: Thank you for an upper of a letter. What a positive message with which to begin the new year!

DEAR ABBY: Those letters about cigarettes being thrown from moving vehicles gave me a good laugh recalling other objects thrown from moving cars — such as a soda can that hit the helmet of a motorcycle cop. It was my head inside that helmet.

Although the incident was unintentional and the young man involved was very apologetic, the citation was easy for me to write.

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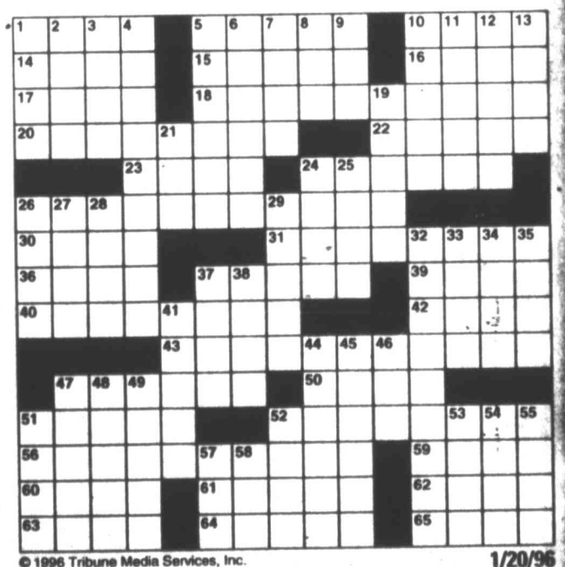

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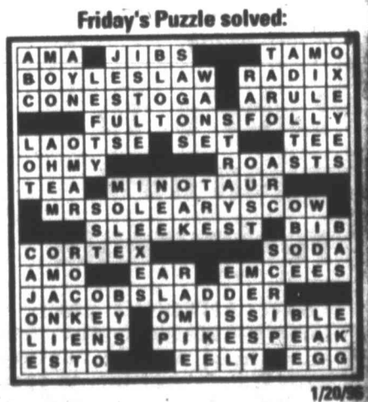

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Help Wanted 085

CLINIC MANAGER

For our Big Spring clinic. College Degree required. Full time. Medical and management background and bilingual ability helpful. Flexibility a must. Good communication skill, both verbally and written. Ability to work under pressure. Good organizational skills. Requires a high degree of integrity to ensure maximum confidentiality. In agreement with PPWT's goals and objectives of Planned Parenthood. Good interpersonal communication skills. Submit resume to 910-B South Grant, Odessa, Tx 79761. Application and job description available at the South Grant location in Odessa and the Big Spring clinic, 618 Gregg Street. Closing date 1-22-96.

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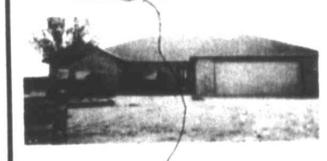

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