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## WEATHER

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## Rylander plans Hangar 25 visit on Wednesday

State Comptroller Carole Keeton Rylander will be State Sen. Troy Duncan's guest at Hangar 25 Air Museum from 2 until 3:30 p.m. Wednesday.

The public is invited to meet Rylander as well as visit with Sen. Duncan. The meeting will be informal.

## Howard College hosts speaker for observance

Howard College will observe Hispanic Heritage month with a guest speaker, Dr. Anna Leon-Murray, on Wednesday at noon in the Tumbleweed Room.

Leon-Murray, assistant professor of language at the University of Texas at the Permian Basin, will tell a tale outlining how Stephen F. Austin influenced the Spanish language.

Everyone is invited to bring a lunch for the program. For information, call 264-5028.

## WHAT'S UP...

### MONDAY

Senior Circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 50 or above are welcome. For more information call 268-4721.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 East Third, call Janis Dean 267-3068.

BS Comandery No. 31, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner.

BS Assembly No. 211, Social Order of the Beauceant, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple 221 1/2 Main, 6:30 p.m. dinner. Big Spring Amateur Radio Club, 7 p.m.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m. Senior Citizens Center, call 267-1628.

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

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## Assault allegations filed against Howard County sheriff

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A complaint has been filed in Municipal Court alleging that Howard County Sheriff Bill Jennings assaulted a juvenile during a conversation at the Howard County Courthouse on Sept. 28.



JENNINGS

"The allegations are simply not true and did not happen as has been claimed," said Jennings in response to a complaint filed on Thursday by Sussie Albaraco on behalf of her 12-year-old son. "I did put my hand on his arm but that was it."

The complaint alleges that Jennings physically assaulted the boy, who was reportedly transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for treatment of a bruise and contusions.

According to the police department report, the complainant advised that Jennings "intentionally and knowingly caused physical contact with another when the actor (Jennings) should have reasonably known that the other would consider the act as offensive or provocative."

Jennings, who is running for a second term as sheriff on the Republican ticket, said the complaint may be politically motivated.

"I believe it to be political-

ly motivated considering the timing of the occurrence and the lapse in filing a report," he stated.

The case was referred to Municipal Court, but if the juvenile was indeed injured, it has been filed in the wrong jurisdiction according to city attorney Jean Shotts.

"I will look at this case like any other case that is filed," said Shotts. "Some one has made a report, but that doesn't mean we have a case. At this point, all we

have is a statement from an individual who states that an assault occurred.

"If bodily injury did in fact happen, the case is not in my jurisdiction. The incident would have to be filed in district court if that is the case."

Assistant District Attorney Robin Orr said Friday he was unaware of the allegations that have been made. County Attorney Mike Thomas said a complaint had not been filed with his office.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Despite temperatures in the low 40s Saturday morning, Wal-Mart employees Cynthia Watkins and Debbie Williams sell 13-year-old Mark Sanchez a pie. The employees held a bake sale to raise funds for an associate's husband diagnosed with cancer. Inside, SmartStyle held a Clip for Cure event with the proceeds going to benefit the Regis Foundation for Breast Cancer Research.

## Local business owner serving up more than fries with new addition

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Sonic Drive-In owner Mike Abusaab is about to serve up more than burgers and fries — he's going to build Parkland Estates, a mid to upscale housing and commercial addition in the southwest portion of Big Spring.

"We're really excited

about it. It's a big development for Big Spring," said Abusaab. "We believe in this town. It's our hometown. We'd like to help the community and bring people to Big Spring."

Site for the development is a 55-acre tract of land along Wasson Road and Thorpe Street.

"The reason we named it Parkland Estates is because it is between two parks —

the state park on one side and the city park (Comanche Trail) on the other," said Abusaab. "We thought that name fit."

Plans are to develop the property into a subdivision with about 63 residential lots and 11 commercial lots. The Planning and Zoning Commission has already approved the addition.

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## Spook house organizational meeting planned at Settles

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

An organizational meeting for volunteers wanting to help with the Settles' spook house is set for 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Settles building.



CHURCHWELL

"We are asking anyone who wants to participate to come to the meeting," said Tommy Churchwell of Friends of the Settles. "We are looking for groups to man a room inside the spook house and scare people."

The spook house is sponsored by the Friends of the Settles and the money raised will be used to help renovate the Settles.

"The group can come up with its own theme and dec-

## TO VOLUNTEER

Attend the organizational meeting at 5 p.m. Wednesday in the Settles building, or call Tommy Churchwell at 267-3857.

orate the room," Churchwell said. "We will have a competition for the spookiest spook house."

Churchwell said organizers hope to have several

groups volunteer to man rooms in the spook house and create a unique, scary atmosphere for their particular room.

"We hope to add to the props we have, but we have quite a few props from last year that will be available for the groups to use in decoration," he said.

Cosden Credit Union, the Lions Noon Club and American State Bank have already signed up for a room. Churchwell men-

tioned. "I think a couple of rooms will be very unique," he said.

Individuals are encouraged to participate even if they are not a part of a group. Churchwell said.

"This is the first organizational meeting so bring questions and if you don't have any ideas we can help," he said. "We don't want anyone not to participate"

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## 'Best Little Christmas' auditions set Oct. 15-16 at the Big Spring Mall

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Auditions have been set for the second community Christmas production of "Best Little Christmas Pageant Ever."

according to Howard College theater instructor and play director Clay Grizzle.

The auditions will take place at the Big Spring Mall on Oct. 15 and Oct. 16. Auditions for children and teenagers are set for Sunday, Oct. 15, at 1:30 p.m.



GRIZZLE

while the auditions for adults will be at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16.

Grizzle is looking forward to the presentation and the opportunity to present it to the public.

"We are really excited about it," said Grizzle. "I believe we will have a much larger attendance than we've had in past years because we will be presenting it on three different nights."

Grizzle welcomes anyone would like to help with stage set-up, costuming or any other behind-the-scenes work.

"I can always use help in moving stage settings.

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## City pool

Repairs, renovations expected to be done by next Memorial Day

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Those still wondering whether they'll have a city pool to swim in next summer shouldn't worry.

"We'll be presenting options to the city council in the next few weeks. We have set the deadline to be open by Memorial Day," said Emma Bogard, assistant city manager.

There is some \$130,000 in the budget for repair and renovation of the Comanche Trail Park pool. That's on top of an operating budget of about \$35,000.

Last spring, the Big Spring City Council was told that despite numerous attempts to repair it, the old pool constantly leaks water. That caused not only higher water usage, but the necessity to continually add chemicals to keep the water clear.

Concerned over safety and growing repair bills, the city council made the deter-

mination to close the pool last summer. However, the decision to shut down the facility was never intended to be long term.

It still hasn't been determined what method will be used to repair the pool. Options include a new cement bottom, which would make the pool more shallow, or to use some type of liner. However, those details are being worked out now, Bogard said.

"We're going to address the leakage at the pool. That's going to be the top priority. And we'll address some equipment needs as well," she said. "Beyond that, we want to add some amenities to the pool, something that will be fun for kids. Things like slides, jets of water — just any kind of aquatic device to give them some activities."

Bogard said city staff is currently visiting with a swimming pool consultant, who is preparing some options for the council to review.

"Hopefully we will have some conceptual drawings by the end of next week," said Bogard.

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Trudy Smith has her blood pressure checked by Veterans Administration Medical Center nurse Evelyn Dawson at the Canterbury Health Fair on Saturday. Several hundred seniors attended the health fair for free medical screenings and health information.

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**OBITUARIES**

**Leona Hughes**

Funeral service for Leona Hughes, 90, of Big Spring is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Hughes died on Saturday, Oct. 7, at her residence.

**Geraldine (Jean) Murphey**

Geraldine (Jean) Murphey, 71, of Big Spring died at 12:15 p.m. Friday, Oct. 6, 2000, at Mountain View Lodge.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday, Oct. 9, 2000, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Michael King, pastor of Baker's Chapel, A.M.E.

She was born on July 14, 1929, in Steger, Ill. She was the daughter of Anna Margaret Berchem Jurgenson and Charlsa Jurgenson. She had been a resident of Big Spring since 1965, coming from California. She had been a telephone operator for Bell Telephone in Illinois.

After coming to Big Spring, she was a medication aide at Mountain View Lodge for 10 years, and then at the Big Spring State Hospital for 10 years. Her hobbies were painting, crafts and gardening. She had been active in the N.C.O.A. Wives Club at Webb Air Force Base.

She is survived by: one daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Bud Hunt of Big Spring; one grandson, J.J. Hunt of Big Spring; one sister, Mary Ellen Jankel of Deming, N.M.; and several nieces and nephews.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by one brother, Gerald Jurgenson.

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

*Paid obituary*

**AUDITIONS**

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prompters and other things associated with putting on a production such as this," said Grizzle. "If they are interested, they can show up at the auditions and let me know or can call me at the college."

Auditions are open to the public. Theater experience is not required.

"Anyone is welcome to come and try out for a part," said Grizzle. "Any experience would be beneficial but not at all necessary. We are looking for children and teen-agers in particular."

**MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL**

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Geraldine (Jean) Muphey, 71, died Friday. Memorial services will be 1:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel.

**NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home**

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HERALD photo/Jim Fierro  
**Amy Smith is escorted by Tim Helmstetter following her coronation as the 2000 homecoming queen at Forsan High School during ceremonies at halftime of the Forsan-Grape Creek football game Friday night.**

Grizzle said the production is a traditional Christmas play.

"This play is your traditional Christmas story that has roles for about 20 children and about 10 adults," said Grizzle. "It will be lots of fun and a special gift for our community."

The production is scheduled for the Municipal Auditorium on Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Dec. 14, 15 and 16. The production is set to start each night at 8.

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because they are unsure of what to do.

"It's going to be fun," he said. "It has been fun for the last couple of years."

The spook house will be held on Oct. 27 and 28 from 6 p.m. until midnight. For more information about volunteering, call Churchwell at 267-3857.

**PARKLAND**

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Abusaab is waiting approval from Big Spring City Council.

"We have engineers working on the streets, water sewer - all of that. And attorney is working out deed restrictions. All of the paperwork should be finished hopefully by the end of the month," Abusaab said. "Once we get it all approved, we'll start construction."

The engineer and attorney are local firms, and Abusaab said it will be his intent to use local people in the construction of the addition, too.

A few spec homes will be constructed, but Abusaab said the developer - Abusaab Realty - will primarily handle the lots and allow people to build their own homes.

"We're across from the golf course and I think that should be a selling point to golf enthusiasts," said Abusaab. "They'll be able to ride their golf cart over to the course. We are also within walking distance of the tennis courts, the spring and the community center."

Parkland Estates will be medium to upscale housing, similar to the Coronado Addition, which is across the road.

"Hopefully the community will respond positively to this," said Abusaab. "We're going to make it an A-1, class development. There is a need for some nice more homes in Big Spring. And this also gives people an opportunity to build their

home the way they want to."

**CITY POOL**

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"We don't want to just go back to the plain old swimming pool, we want to make it better if we can. We want it to be a place for family-oriented activity."

That entails making the facility more user-friendly.

"One thing we are pretty sure we are going to do is move surrounding fence line back. That will open all the trees and yard area where we can put picnic tables and barbecue pits. That would give parents a chance to sit under shade of trees and have picnics.

"We also want to promote birthday or other party-type activities," said Bogard.

With all of that in mind the council may have to consider a two-year project, with completion of the pool renovation in time for next summer, and additional features added the following year.

"The trend these days are the water parks with slides, tunnels and things like that," said Bogard. "We're not sure what all can be accomplished, but we do plan to have the pool open for Memorial Day. What we can do on top of that, we'll have to look at."

**Cooking school tickets available at the chamber**

Tickets for the Taste of Home Cooking School are on sale.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, the *Big Spring Herald* and KBST, the show will be Thursday at the Municipal Auditorium.

Doors will open at 5:30 p.m. and the show will begin at 6:30. Only 1,300 tickets will be sold. Tickets may be obtained at the chamber for \$7 each.

For more information, call the chamber at 263-7641.

**Columbus Day prompts some holiday closings**

Federal and county offices will be closed on Monday for Columbus Day.

The Howard County Courthouse offices will be closed on Monday.

City of Big Spring offices will continue to be open during the Columbus holiday.

Administrative offices for the West Texas VA Health Care System will be closed on Monday except for

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patient care and urgent patient care. The post office will be closed during the holiday although mail will be delivered to the boxes in the inside lobby. Big Spring Independent School District, Coahoma ISD, Forsan ISD, Sands ISD and St. Mary's Episcopal School will not have classes on Monday but all other area schools will have their regular class session. Howard College will be open for classes on Monday.

**MEETINGS**

**GLASSCOCK COUNTY ISD 7 p.m. Monday, Administration Board Room**

Items on the agenda include:

- Campus reports
- Budget amendments
- Financial report, bills
- Approval of 1999-2000 audit report
- Discuss TASB policy changes
- Consider electricity service contracts
- Consider CEI lab
- Consider purchasing agreement for the Stone house
- Consider election judges and clerks for the Nov. 7, 2000, rollback election

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

Items on the agenda include:

- Personnel considerations
- Cafeteria plan MRP maximum
- Payroll considerations
- Payroll report
- Present continuing education hours
- Designate regular court meetings for next fiscal year
- Order temporary branch location for early voting in general location
- Courthouse/library renovations

**STANTON CITY COUNCIL 7 p.m. Monday, Council Chambers**

Items on the agenda include:

- Consider resolution approving a contract for grant management services and for designating a project soft cost service provider for the home owner occupied program year for 2000, 2001 and 2003.
- Consider approving program guidelines, general construction specifications and affirmative marketing plan for the 2000 home owner occupied program.
- Consider Wheeler Addition, Plat A, 10-acre tract of land located in the southwest part of Section 14, Block 36.
- Consider Permian Basin

**Regional Planning Commission annual general membership meeting.**

• Consider bills and previous minutes.

**BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL 5:30 p.m. Monday, City Council Chambers**

Items on the agenda include:

- Public hearing regarding issuance of a specific use permit for park and sell car lot at 2509 Wason Road
- Final reading authorizing city to apply for local law enforcement block grant
- Final reading authorizing police department to apply for Safe and Sober Wave Grant
- Ordinance approving final plat of Parkland Estates subdivision
- Ordinance for final replat of Block 16, Brennand Addition for retirement homes
- Ordinance for amendment to the zoning ordinance for planned development in Block 16 of Brennand Addition for retirement homes
- Ordinance providing for issuance of a specific use permit located at 2509 Wason Road for the operation of a park and sell car lot
- Resolution authorizing city manager to execute an interlocal agreement with the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission for an award from the regional solid waste grant program
- Resolution for TxDOT agreement for street closure during dedication of Heart of the City Park
- Board and committee minutes
- Discuss 10-foot easement alongside 4033 Alma Circle and 4031 Alma Circle
- Discuss temporary skate board project
- City manager's report

**HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT**

**5:15 p.m. Wednesday, Howard County Courthouse Annex**

Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of previous minutes, September bills, financial report, travel expense
- Take action on bids concerning vehicle purchase; award bid, disapprove bids, authorize re-bidding
- Appoint appraisal review board members
- Authorize chief appraiser to obtain depository bids

**POLICE**

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

- **MANUEL SOSA**, 58, no address given, was arrested on Ector County warrants.
- **JAMES COGBURN**, 23, no address given, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- **FLOYD PHILLIPS**, 40, no address given, was arrested for local warrants.
- **ERICA OCHOO**, 20, no address given, was arrested on local warrants.
- **NANCY DIAZ**, 30, no address given, was arrested on a charge of resisting arrest.
- **RECOVERED UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported at the police department.
- **INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 500 block of Gregg.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1700 block of Wason and the 1500 block of E. Fourth.
- **THEFT LESS THAN \$50** was reported in the 400 block of Birdwell.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy, the 1500 block of Bluebird, the 3300 block of E. Marcy, the 1700 block of E. Marcy, at the police department, the 400 block Johnson, 2300 block of Wason.
- **DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported at the police department.

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## RV owners can vote in upcoming election

BEAUMONT (AP) — A federal judge on Friday reaffirmed his order barring Polk County from notifying about 9,000 recreational vehicle owners of a challenge to their voting rights, clearing the way for them to participate unencumbered in the upcoming election.

U.S. District Judge Howell Cobb continued the temporary restraining order he issued Wednesday pending a hearing by the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The federal courts are studying the issue based on the U.S. Voting Rights Act. The three Polk County residents challenging the largely Republican RV owners claim they negate the county's minority vote.

"We have native Americans, African-Americans and Hispanics, and their 7,000 votes are canceled out by these 9,000,"

said Jerry Marsh, one of the Polk County citizens who are challenging the validity of the RV owners' voting registrations.

Larry York, an attorney for some of the RV owners, countered that some of them are minorities, meaning their voting rights would be unfairly compromised by the challenge.

Marsh said he votes a split ticket, but the RV owners consider the challenge a Democratic-backed effort to retain power in the region, where 9,000 votes can swing elections from the local level up to the state Senate.

By preventing Polk County Tax Assessor-Collector Maribn Smith from issuing the notifications, Cobb's ruling all but assured the RV owners of being able to vote Nov. 7 without having to meet additional requirements.

The notices required the RV owners, known as the Escapes, either to respond within 30 days or be placed on a "suspense list," meaning they would have to fill out special paperwork to vote in the upcoming election.

Any more rulings would come within 30 days of Nov. 7, meaning notifications sent after that time would not apply to Election Day.

Marsh and two others filed their challenge Sept. 11, claiming the Escapes are not county residents because they spend most of the year traveling and have their mail forwarded to out-of-county addresses.

York said his clients' situation is no different than that of soldiers and college students who vote as absentees while away from home.

"What I'm hearing today is that these people should-

n't be allowed to vote at all," York said Friday. "Where are they supposed to vote, at a roadside park in Kentucky?"

The decision by Cobb, appointed by Republican President Ronald Reagan, superseded one by the 9th Texas Court of Appeals, which had allowed the challenge to move forward.

An appeal to the 9th Court ruling is sitting before the Texas Supreme Court, which must decide whether the three challengers have standing to challenge such a large list of voters.

In the federal case, a lawyer for Smith entered into evidence a document called, "How to be a Texan," which showed out-of-state citizens how they could declare Texas residency and avoid income taxes and more expensive vehicle registration.

## Judge upholds jury ruling; Mount Carmel still in limbo

WACO (AP) — A state district judge has decided that neither the surviving followers of David Koresh nor the widow of another former Branch Davidian leader are legitimate trustees of the Branch Davidian church.

Friday's ruling by Judge Alan Mayfield of the 74th State District Court in Waco affirms a decision reached by a McLennan County jury in May.

It leaves ownership of the 77 acres near Waco known as Mount Carmel in limbo.

Plaintiffs including Clive Doyle, who survived the Branch Davidians' standoff with the federal government in which Koresh and about 80 of his followers died in 1993, brought the lawsuit in hopes of winning control of the land.

Amo Bishop Roden, the widow of former Davidian leader George Roden, also sought the property.

"After reviewing the evidence and arguments in support of each of the parties' positions, the court is of the opinion that the verdict of the jury is in accordance with the evidence submitted and should be upheld," Mayfield wrote.

Both sides have 30 days to ask Mayfield to reconsider.

"What he decided is basically trying to relieve himself of any responsibility," Doyle said Saturday.

Doyle, who lives on the property with his mother, said the judgment would not charge his living arrangements or how his group cares for the property.

## High winter heating bills expected

AUSTIN (AP) — Texans should brace themselves for higher gas and propane bills this winter because of record summer temperatures and tight energy supplies.

Natural gas and propane suppliers warn that the cost of heating homes this winter could be 50 percent higher in some places than last winter, which was unseasonably warm, the Austin American-Statesman reported in its Saturday editions.

The increases should be much less drastic for people whose homes are heated by electricity.

The early cold snap causing temperatures to plummet this weekend is expected to trigger the first heavy drain on energy supplies and on Texans' pocketbooks.

"The weather normally has the largest impact on bills," said Larry Graham, spokesman for Austin-based Southern Union Gas. "But

the wholesale price of natural gas is almost twice what it was last October — \$6.14 cents per 1,000 cubic feet versus \$3.10."

If this winter is as warm as last year's, the higher natural gas prices would cause heating bills to climb 50 percent.

However, if Texas experiences normal winter temperatures, the gas heating bills could be 77 percent higher between November and March.

## Wife sues husband over motorcycle accident

BRYAN (AP) — Wathene Adams puzzled over how to get her insurance company to pay her medical bills after she was injured in a 1997 traffic accident.

Her answer, finally, was to sue the man driving the Harley Davidson on which she was a passenger.

That was her husband, to whom she is happily married.

After a four-day trial that ended late Thursday, a Brazos County jury decided the Progressive Insurance Co. owed Mrs. Adams about \$22,000, slightly more than

the \$20,000 policy her husband owned, the Bryan-College Station Eagle reported in its Saturday editions.

Initially, Wathene Adams received \$2,500 from the insurance company for her injuries.

That wasn't enough to pay her \$6,000 in medical bills, and she had no health insurance to make up the difference.


"We couldn't resolve this case through mediation because, the company did not make any offers. Instead, they said they'd require her to sue her hus-

band in order to establish legal responsibility under the contract," said her attorney, Steven Steele.

The 49-year-old Navasota woman, who cares for senior citizens in their homes, was reluctant at first.

"Mrs. Adams loves this guy. It's her husband of many, many years," Steele said. "But the company gave us no choice."




Her husband, Steven, understood the legal strategy and thought it was the right thing to do, Steele said.





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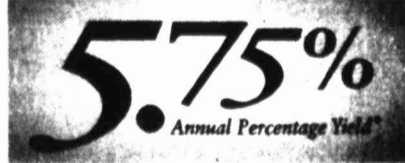
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OUR VIEWS

Time is short to register to cast your vote

Time is almost up to register to vote in the Nov. 7 general election. The deadline is 5 p.m. Tuesday at the County Annex building, east of Howard County Courthouse.

The right to vote gives us the opportunity to choose who we want to serve as our voice in the local, state and federal levels of government. In addition to the presidential and U.S. representative races that will impact Crossroads Area residents, we will also be selecting a sheriff. That race features Republican incumbent Bill Jennings and Democratic challenger Dale Walker.

Voter registration is simple and free. It takes only a couple of minutes.

To be eligible to vote, residents must be 18 years of age and a U.S. citizen. You do not need to have resided in Howard County for a specific length of time before registering here.

Anyone who has moved since they last obtained a voter registration card should also register.

One misconception some people have is that because they did not vote in a March primary, they are ineligible to vote in November. That is not the case. It doesn't matter whether you voted, or for whom you may have voted. The only thing that matters is that you have a valid voter registration card.

Please, take the time to register to vote. Today, you might have no interest in the election; you may have no desire to vote. But something may happen that causes you to decide to exercise your right. If you haven't registered, it will be too late.

From our point of view, voting is an important process in which all U.S. citizens should participate. It's their voice. The Herald encourages you to register if you haven't, study the candidates and their platforms, and vote.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I would like to thank the golfers that played in the Big Spring Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association Golf Tournament held on Sept. 30.

The golfers that participated were: Joe Beall, Rene' Beall, Leah Hughes, Ricky Hughes, Johnny Ramirez, Mike Ramirez, Manuel Jara, Raymond Ontiverous, Rusty Henderson, Deborah Light, Aaron Henderson, Danny Wilson, Lee Everett, Leslie Hooper, James Collinsworth, David Barbee, Coy Ellison, Randy Peel, Don Ellison and Randal Ellison. These folks not only made the tournament successful but fun.

A special thanks goes out to all the business owners that graciously donated

some very nice door prizes and food times.

Thank you to Linda Summersell and Jack Birdwell at the Comanche Trail Golf Course pro shop for their professional help with the tournament. Since I know nothing about golf, they kept me informed.

Words can not express the gratitude for two special people in The Big Spring Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, Steve Smith and Linn Hughes for going out and getting all the door prizes for the tournament.

It is people like these that make Big Spring such a great place to live and raise families.

WAYNE JONES  
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Defending traditional American society

Traditional American society is being systematically deconstructed. The question is, do traditional Americans have the grit to defend it?



CHARLEY REESE

The traditional family has been under fire for some decades by feminists and homosexual activists, not to mention the government, which penalizes families with its tax code. Now the traditional family is being battered by the entertainment industry and public education. Yes, public education will undermine the religious faith of your children, not to mention making it clear to children that they should not pay too much attention to their superstitious and out-of-date parents.

Families in the prime of their lives are forced not only to pay for their own children's education and

health care but are also taxed to provide education and health care for the poor and health care for the elderly.

How do you suppose, for example, that Al Gore plans to finance his \$240 billion prescription plan? It will come directly out of the paychecks of young and middle-age working men and women.

Now the attacks have been extended to the children. American children are bombarded with inducements to early and promiscuous sex by the entertainment and clothing industries and even some sex-education courses. They are bombarded with advertisements designed to make them mindless consumers of overpriced junk.

Now that the homosexual lobby feels that it has won its battle, there is apparently a move underfoot to sell the public on the idea that pedophilia — sex with children — is OK, too. In a pig's eye it is, but pseudo-scientific articles that support that notion are already appearing in academic journals devoted to homosexuality.

Another component of traditional America — its history — is being rewritten to conform to current prejudices and myths that accompany the egalitarian philosophy. The Clinton administration recently instructed the National Park Service that the lectures and presentations at Civil War battle sites are to emphasize that the war was about slavery. Legitimate historians know that is not the truth. But history as propaganda is the order of the day.

If Americans wish to preserve a country that they will recognize, then the first step is to recognize the enemy. Public education is the enemy. The entertainment industry is the enemy. The corporate culture is the enemy. The advertising industry is the enemy.

And most of the politicians in both parties are the enemy. An enemy is defined as anybody or any organization that is attacking the traditional beliefs of Americans.

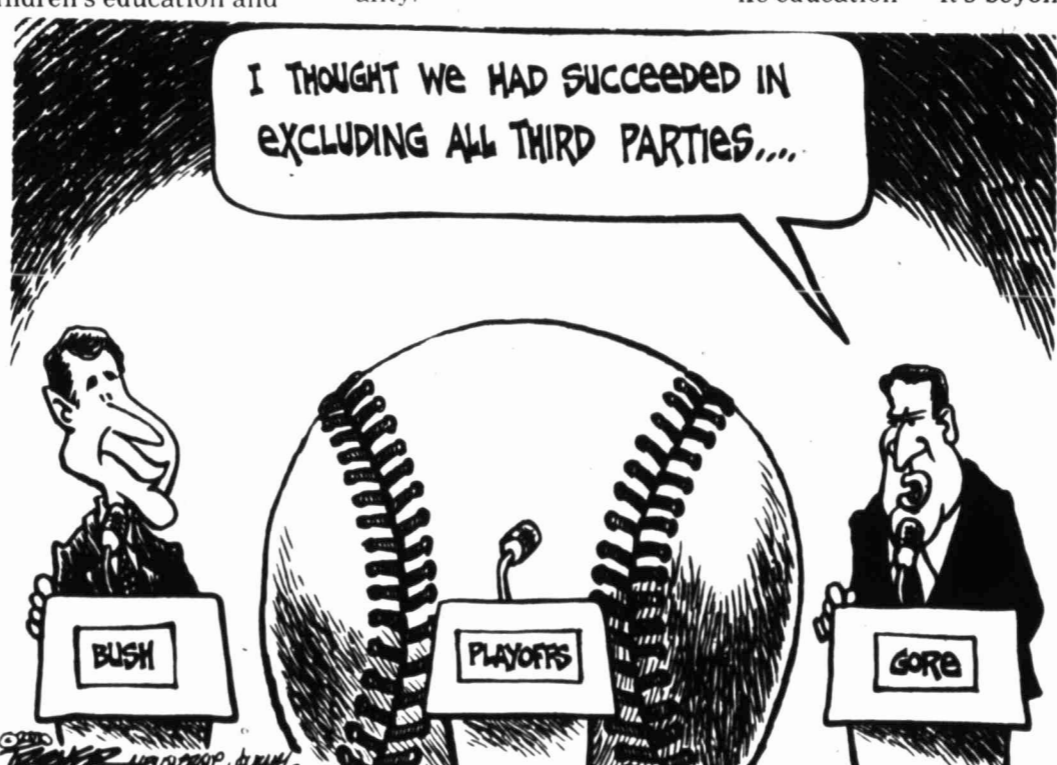
Withdraw your support. Take your kids out of public education — it's beyond

reform. Let it collapse for want of public support. Get real tough on the kind of entertainment you allow into your home. Trash TV and movies are not produced by inanimate forces. They are produced and distributed because particular human beings make particular decisions. These people are slimeballs, and it's time to call them what they are.

Charlton Heston stopped Time Warner from distributing a cop-killer CD by some trashy rapper by standing up at a Time Warner stockholders meeting and reading the obscene lyrics, thus exposing the shabby morals of the corporate leaders who clearly were willing to sell anything, no matter how vulgar or vicious, if there were a buck to be made.

Americans who want to preserve their traditions will have to emulate Heston's courage. And it did take courage. Silence in the presence of an attack is consent. So speak up. Take action.

As Stonewall Jackson said, "Fear God and no one else."



This old house as a certain power

Not only can you come home again, you can stay so long, you start to think.

I tossed about in the old bookcase bed, Reader's Digest Condensed Books at my head.

When I was a girl, I figured by this point in my life to have a good, long story shrunk down to size in every one of these collections. A good story with an ironic or bitter-sweet ending.

A good story with an ironic or bitter-sweet ending that had been wildly popular and on the best-seller list for 14 months.

This night Mister Sandman was out dusting other crops, so I pulled out a book at random: "Too Late the Phalarope." The phalarope is a South African water bird, the introduction said, and the book "a tale crying out a gospel of love and forgiveness. When the best sellers of today are forgotten, people will still read and talk about it."

Well, forgive me. Never heard of it.

People are not unlike books. So many rushed into print. So many flare briefly. So few remembered.

This old house makes me talk like that. Whenever I

stay here overnight, it's like being on a psychiatrist's couch. A psychiatrist who makes you do all the talking.

I don't think about international affairs, or whether the Atlanta mayor knows his way around the blackjack table, or the job the drought is doing on the water table and just how low it can go.

I think of where I started, where I've been and — mostly — how I haven't arrived.

This old house has that kind of power. It has these worn books and bedspreads and black-and-white pictures. It has a coffee mug that says Kwik Chek, with my father's name and a fish. It has the old Crosley radio cabinet with a fabric front that my parents bought to start housekeeping.

There are more shabby album shucks around this old house than there are board planks in the ceiling. I inherited a love of music like I did blue eyes and big feet. How can anybody face the daily grind that provides the daily bread without music?

My father cut meat in a market all day, but at day's end he wanted to hear Billy Vaughn's orchestra play "Girl of My Dreams."

One of the old records he played a lot was "This Old House" by Tennessee Ernie Ford. I remember crying at the words, not the grammar: "Ain't a gonna need this house no more."

Such a fast, peppy little song to be about death.

I guess my folks, starting out, working hard to furnish their first home, found "This Old House" oddly amusing, or relevant only to their own parents. But I was a high-strung child. Always worrying about who was going to die and when. I never was a happily-after kind of child.

And they certainly didn't spare children, the master music-makers. There was that one about the old man with his grandfather clock that "Stopped. Short. Never to go again, when the old man ... died." They played that in kindergarten.

Heavy-handed but effective. It gave me nightmares.

I still love a sad song. I don't trust a man who can listen to Tom T. Hall's "The Year Clayton DeLaney Died" without crying. The man who doesn't cry probably doesn't care whether I trust him or not, but that figures.

Life looms large when you're little, and daily, gradually, you whittle it down to size. By the time you reach middle age, you can hold it in your hands and ponder it, like some small hand-hewn figure from wood. You roll it over and over and examine the flaws. There's less material left to work with — the shavings litter the ground — but if you have any sense at all, you're better at your craft.

Deep thought wasn't getting me to deep sleep. So I cranked up "Girl of My Dreams" and let the sweet, immortal music do its job.

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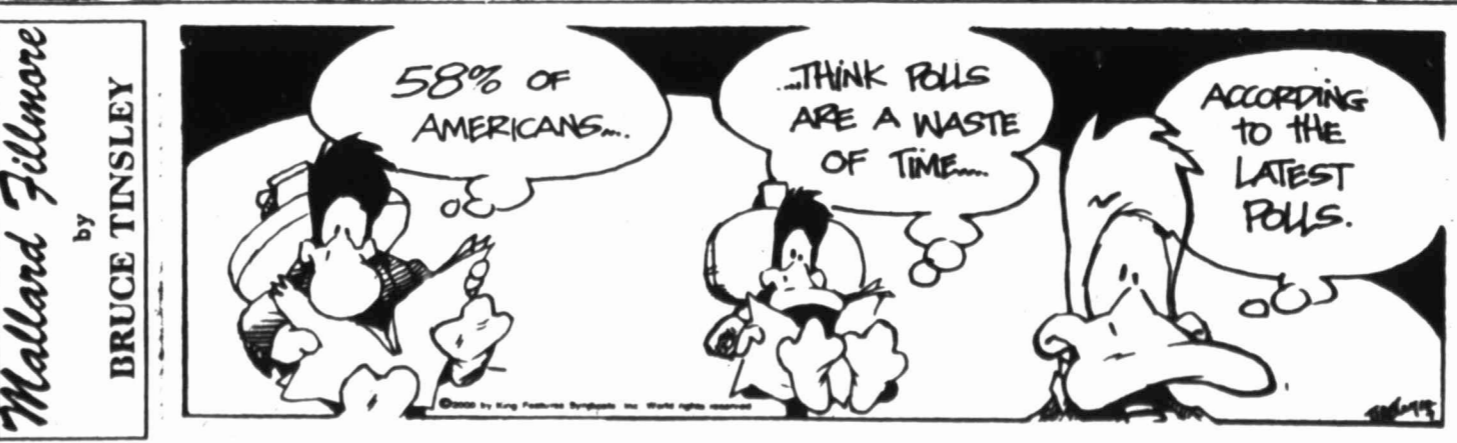
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# Congress lauded over drunken-driving standard

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is congratulating Congress for sending him legislation that would set a national standard for drunken driving.

The provision was tucked into a compromise \$58 billion transportation spending bill for the new fiscal year that sailed through Congress on Friday. The bill, approved 344-50 by the House and 78-10 by the Senate, also is loaded with pre-election highway, mass transit and aviation projects for every state.

Beginning in 2004, the legislation would gradually withhold up to 8 percent of federal highway funds from states that failed to drop their drunken driving standard to 0.08 percent blood

alcohol content.

Clinton has stated that the lower limit would save 500 lives of the 15,000 highway deaths each year linked to alcohol.

"This groundbreaking measure, which I have long advocated, will save hundreds of lives a year and represents a major victory for public safety and American families all across the country," he said.

The transportation bill is the fifth spending bill to clear Congress of the 13 required for the 2001 fiscal year, which began Oct. 1. Clinton on Friday signed a bill keeping federal agencies open through Oct. 14 so budget negotiators can keep working without fear of a

government shutdown.

Opponents of the 0.08 standard, including the restaurant and alcohol industries, say the measure would penalize social drinkers while ignoring the bigger problem of repeat offenders who drink heavily.

Eighteen states and the District of Columbia already have 0.08 laws, and in Massachusetts a level of 0.08 is considered evidence but not proof of impairment. Thirty-one states define drunken driving as 0.10 percent blood alcohol content.

The transportation bill's overwhelming passage was fueled by its scores of road, mass transit and aviation projects worth hundreds of millions of dollars for districts from coast to coast.

To accommodate that, the measure was \$7.3 billion higher than last year's level, \$3.3 billion more than Clinton requested and nearly \$3 billion larger than earlier versions passed by the House and Senate.

That made room for \$1.97 billion for specific highway projects that neither the Senate or House had approved earlier, including \$600 million for a federally owned Potomac River bridge outside Washington, D.C.

There were also separate \$100 million projects for West Virginia, Alabama and Mississippi — home states of two prominent appropriations committee members and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**NOTICE OF GENERAL AND SPECIAL ELECTION (AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL Y ESPECIAL)**

To the Registered Voters of the County of Howard Texas (A los votantes registrados del Condado de Howard, Texas)

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. on November 7, 2000, for voting in a general election for the purpose of electing Presidential Electors, State and District Officers, Members of Congress, Members of the Legislature, county and precinct officers as required by Section 3.003 of the Texas Election Code

(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales listadas abajo se abran desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 7 de Noviembre de 2000, para elegir oficiales del estado, distrito, Electores Presidenciales, Miembros del Congreso, Miembros de la Legislatura, como esta apuntado en el Seccion Numero 3.003 de el Clave de Las Elecciones de Texas)

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302, 301 & 306 - 18TH AND MAIN FIRE STATION  
303 AND 305 - WASSON ROAD FIRE STATION  
304 - ELBOW SCHOOL BUILDING  
402, 401 & 410 - BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY  
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Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at (La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)

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between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. beginning on October 23, 2000 and ending on November 3, 2000 (entre las 8 de la mañana y las 5 de la tarde empezando el dia 23 de Octubre, 2000 y terminando el dia 3 de Noviembre, 2000)

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed

to: (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a) Donna Wright, County Clerk P.O. Box 1468, Big Spring, TX 79721

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 31, 2000 (Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el dia 31 de Octubre, 2000)

**THE COUNTY CLERK'S OFFICE WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28TH BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:00 a.m. AND 2 p.m. FOR EARLY VOTING.** (La Oficina de Condado Escribano va estar abierto Sabado el 28 de Octubre, 2000, entre las 9 de la mañana y las 2 de la tarde para votar temprano.)

Early voting will also take place at the following locations in Big Spring, Texas: **CANTERBURY-NORTH**, 1600 Lancaster, 10-25-00 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. **CANTERBURY-SOUTH**, 1700 Lancaster, 10-24-00 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Issued this 10th day of October, 2000 (Emiteida este dia 10th de Octubre, 2000)

Ben Lockhart, Howard County Judge (Firma del Juez de Condado) 2966 October 8 & 29, 2000

# Officials investigate cause of deadly plane crash

REYNOSA (AP) — Federal investigators and officials from Aeromexico gathered near the Texas-Mexico border Saturday to determine what caused a DC-9 aircraft to skid out of control and slam into houses near the Reynosa, Mexico, airport, killing a mother and her three children.

Investigators were interviewing airplane crew and airport personnel. They also were inspecting the wrecked aircraft and examining weather reports to establish why the jet with 83 passengers and five crew members aboard did not stop Friday after landing

across the border from McAllen.

"We can't speculate on what the cause was yet. It hasn't yet been officially determined," said Javier Quijano, an investigator from Mexico's Civil Aeronautics Agency.

Quijano said specialists were at the site, and the Mexican and local attorneys general are investigating.

He said it could be about 10 days before they have reached a conclusion. Until then, the wrecked plane will remain in the ditch where it crashed, Quijano said.

The plane was en route from Mexico City to

Reynosa when it landed in stormy weather about 5 p.m. Friday and smashed into at least two cars and three homes just beyond the runway.

Airline spokeswoman Alejandra Gonzalez said Friday that the pilot applied the brakes, but the plane didn't stop. In a statement earlier, the airline blamed the rain, saying "the climatic conditions caused the plane not to brake."

Airport manager Silverio Ruiz told the government news agency Notimex that the braking system had failed. Later, he told Notimex that the airport's

short runway could have contributed to the crash, saying it is the shortest in the country. It was also soaked from heavy rains from Hurricane Keith.

Passengers and crew escaped with minor cuts and bruises, but a 40-year-old woman and her three children, ages 1, 3 and 5, were killed when the plane struck their home.

The local attorney general's office on Saturday identified the woman as Yolanda de los Santos, 40; Guadalupe Jasso de los Santos, 5; Artemio Jasso de los Santos, 3; and Antonio Jasso de los Santos, 1.

### PUBLIC NOTICE

**FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURT COUNTY OF CHAVES STATE OF NEW MEXICO**

**AMBER S. EVANS,** Petitioner, v. **ANTHONY L. EVANS,** Respondent

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF DISSOLUTION OF MARRIAGE**

You are hereby notified that a Petition for Dissolution of Marriage has been filed by the Petitioner in this action seeking dissolution of marriage. You are further notified that this matter will be presented to the District Court in Chaves County, New Mexico, thirty (30) days after the last publication of this Notice. The name, address, and telephone number of the Petitioner's attorney is as follows: Sanders, Brun, Coll & Worley, P.A. (Judy A. Pittman), 701 W. County Club, Roswell, New Mexico 88201 and telephone number is (505) 822-5440.

WITNESS my hand and Seal of the District Court of the State of New Mexico (SEAL)

Bee J. Ciem, CLERK OF DISTRICT COURT  
BY: Kelle Adams, Deputy Clerk  
2961 October 1, 8, 15 & 22, 2000

# Couple seeks \$125,000 for pickle burn on chin

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A woman who claims she was permanently scarred after a hot pickle from a McDonald's hamburger fell on her chin is suing the restaurant for more than \$100,000.

Veronica M. Martin claims in a lawsuit filed in Knox County Circuit Court that the burn also caused her physical and mental pain. She is seeking \$110,000. Her husband,

Darrin Martin, is seeking \$15,000, because he "has been deprived of the services and consortium of his wife."

The hamburger "was in a defective condition or unreasonably dangerous to the general consumer and in particular to (Veronica Martin)," according to the two-page lawsuit, which was reported in The Knoxville News-Sentinel on Saturday.

Representatives with Mar Inc., owner of the McDonald's franchise, did not return a telephone call from the newspaper.

The lawsuit says the Martins bought hamburgers at the McDonald's on Oct. 6, 1999.

"While attempting to eat the hamburger, the pickle dropped from the hamburger onto her chin," the lawsuit reads. "The pickle was extremely hot and burned

the chin of (Mrs. Martin)." Mrs. Martin had second-degree burns and is permanently scarred, according to the lawsuit.

In 1994, a New Mexico woman was awarded \$2.7 million after suing McDonald's for burns she suffered when coffee she bought at a drive-through window spilled in her lap.


A judge later lowered the award to just under \$500,000.

The Family of Jose Eloy Arguello would like to thank Home Hospice, Scenic Mountain Med. Ctr., Friends and family for the food and flowers in their time of need.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, Oct. 8:

You learn to deal with the unexpected with great style this year. Those who are close to you are often unpredictable. You also have the ability to harness your imagination and use it to solve problems. You gain through your natural talents. If you are single, romance could easily sweep you off your feet. You might find yourself "in love" more than once. If you are attached, you find your relationship more exciting than ever. Indulge your partner. AQUARIUS adores you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

Unexpected developments might have you regrouping. Make different plans or indulge yourself by doing something you want to do. Bring friends together. You enjoy yourself wherever you are. A loved one appreciates your extra caring. Tonight: Where your friends are.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

You are unusually content with others. Let another make plans. Give in to spontaneity, and romantic feelings will build. If single, someone you meet today could become very special. Trust another to express his needs. Tonight: Out and about.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

You might not be sure what to do with the unexpected. Someone who might be quite different has an interesting way of energizing you. Understand what is important in a relationship. Tonight: Take off.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

Let a loved one or dear friend decide what is suitable. You could be pleasantly surprised by his choice. Allow more feelings to come out. Caring breeds in the present atmosphere of spontaneity. Tonight: Go along with another's wishes.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

Others have strong ideas about what they want. You don't need to do much, but don't be surprised when you have to regroup and change your plans more than once. Believing with a family member whose nerves could be raw. Tonight: Just go along for the ride.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

Get a head start on a project if you can. Consider signing up for a course in yoga or some other subject. Others feel welcomed by you as you roll out the red carpet. Your caring speaks. Tonight: Go with the flow.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

Laugh at another's unpredictability and enjoy him for what he offers. You might opt for a major expenditure or purchase that adds a lot to the moment and, potentially, to your life. You can't seem to avoid a risk. Why fight it? Tonight: Play the night away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

You clearly adore another. You feel as if a loved one might be a bit off-the-wall. You also might wonder how much you contribute to this odd behavior. Lie back and observe rather than playing up to this person. Do something special for an older relative. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

Others surprise you

with their words and actions. Do not take another's behavior personally. Distance yourself and get a perspective. Get feedback from a trusted friend who has insight. Let your sense of humor emerge. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

Your finances could see peaks and valleys if you don't check your spending. You might covet certain items that you feel are important. Only you can make that judgment call. A friend means more to you than you realize. Tonight: Order in or go out.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

Let your personality continue to speak. Don't settle for something you don't want. Others join you with plans, and you have a good time wherever you go. When you appear in public, others know just how happy you are. Go for what you want. Tonight: Just be yourself.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

Sit back and watch. You could be amused by your insights. Maintain a loving stance with someone at a distance. Your caring means a lot to another. Express who you are and what you want. Let another know how you feel. Start discussing the future. Tonight: A good movie.

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Home fire drills guarantee great escape

DEAR ABBY: When I went to the movies with my mother as a young boy, she would sometimes cover my eyes with her hand and ask, "Can you tell me where the exits are?" She made it a game that was fun, but she was serious about teaching the lesson. I've always remembered it, because it's a very important one.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

No matter where people are, everyone needs to know how to escape safely if fire should break out. That's why I've joined the non-profit National Fire Protection Association in its public safety efforts during Fire Prevention Week 2000. NFPA's campaign is called "Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" Its goal is to encourage people everywhere to plan and practice their own fire drills, especially in their homes, where eight out of 10 fire deaths occur.

When was the last time you had a fire drill? Please, take a few minutes to walk through your home with your family and identify at least two escape routes in case a fire blocks one of them. Then practice using them, and choose a specific place outside to assemble and make sure that everyone is safe and wait for the fire department. Also, if you haven't done it lately, test your smoke alarms to be sure they're working.

Abby, I hope your readers will take this message to

heart. Fire is fast — so fast, you may have only a few moments to get out. However, if you react quickly, you can survive a fire. Fire drills really are the "Great Escape."

Planning ahead and practicing carefully are the keys to survival. — SEN. EDWARD M. KENNEDY, NFPA HONORARY CHAIR, FIRE PREVENTION WEEK 2000

DEAR SENATOR KENNEDY: That you are lending your name to this lifesaving effort is terrific. Too often, lessons about fire safety are learned the hard way — in the aftermath of a tragedy. Every year, more than 4,000 people die from fire-related injuries in the United States — the great majority of them in homes. In an effort to combat that loss, the National Fire Prevention Association has spearheaded "Fire Drills: The Great Escape!" — a multiyear public safety campaign to highlight the importance of planning and practicing fire drills.

National Fire Prevention Week runs from Oct. 8 to Oct. 14. Across North America, fire departments will be teaching these important lessons. Please, readers, plan and practice your fire drill today. It shouldn't have to take a tragedy to get people to pay attention.

DEAR ABBY: I recently became engaged and am looking for just the right dress. The issue I am having trouble with is that I have a rather large tattoo of an orchid on my chest. I'm not sure if it would be appropriate to expose the tattoo at the wedding. I also have other tattoos on my wrist and shoulders that

may be exposed. Our families are not formally religious and they have seen the tattoos before, but I'm afraid of looking cheap or tacky with a huge flower climbing out of the bust of my dress.

Any ideas? — NEEDS TO KNOW IN SAN CLEMENTE

DEAR ABBY: The letter from "Happily Married Husband" was on target! As a husband in a marriage of 53 years and the father of three, I would like to add that the children are the husband's children, too. He should be grateful his wife gives time and love to his children. Women carry the children in their bodies. Giving birth is an awesome event in their lives. Nursing, nurturing and attending to children is absorbing. Why wouldn't their relationship with their children be intense?

Today's women often work full time outside the home and do most of the household chores. How much time and energy does a wife have left for a husband? I suggest that instead of pursuing another woman, a husband be understanding of his wife; that he spend more time and love on his children; and that he make time to occasionally get away for brief dates with his wife. Chances are his wife loves him, too. If he sticks with her, he'll have a loving companion for life. Try it! — HAPPILY MARRIED FATHER IN KENOSHA, WIS.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Howard College sets 'Start Smart' series

Howard College has scheduled a Start Smart Sports Development Program for 3-to-5-year-olds and their parents beginning Tuesday at the First United Methodist Church.

The three-week program is free and designed to develop basic motor skills a pre-schooler needs to participate in sports.

Registration on the roster of 20 continues through Tuesday. Sessions are from 6 p.m. to 7 p.m. each Tuesday and Thursday.

Limited space is available in the program, but equipment will be provided.

A parent orientation session is set for 6 p.m. Monday at the church.

To register, call the college's continuing education department at 264-5131.

#### Coahoma team posts Crossroads victory

The Coahoma Bulldogs II improved their record to 2-1 with a 22-14 win over the Big Spring Longhorns in Crossroads Little League Football action.

Down 8-0 early, the Bulldogs got on the scoreboard with a 2-yard run by quarterback Blaine Kerby.

The Longhorns would again take the lead, but a 20-yard run by Miguel Juarez tied the game at 14-14.

The Bulldogs then got a safety to take a 16-14 lead and Kerby iced the win away with a 3-yard run in the fourth quarter.

#### Howard booster club sets Lady Hawk event

The Hawk Flight Booster Club will hold a meeting honoring Howard College's Lady Hawks basketball team at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Student Union Building's Tumbleweed Room.

A meal will be served during the meeting for \$4.75 per person.

Meal reservations should be made no later than noon Monday by calling Betty Reed at 264-5040.

For more information concerning the booster club, call Stan Feaster at 264-5045.

#### Quarterback Club to meet Monday

The Big Spring Quarterback Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday at the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

Anyone interested in supporting the Steers football program may attend.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television

##### AUTO RACING

11 a.m. — FIA Formula One Grand Prix of Japan, FXS, Ch. 29.

Noon — NASCAR Winston Cup UAW-GM Quality 500, TBS, Ch. 11.

##### BASEBALL

Noon — National League division series, ESPN, Ch. 30.

3 p.m. — National League division series, ESPN, Ch. 30.

6:30 p.m. — American or National League division series, FOX, Ch. 3.

##### FOOTBALL

Noon — Buffalo Bills at Miami Dolphins, CBS, Ch. 7.

Noon — NFC regional coverage, FOX, Ch. 3.

3 p.m. — Denver Broncos at San Diego Chargers, CBS, Ch. 7.

7:30 p.m. — Baltimore Ravens at Jacksonville Jaguars ESPN, Ch. 30.

##### GOLF

3 p.m. — PGA Michelob Championship, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.

## Bufs take 41-27 homecoming victory over Grape Creek

By EDDIE JOHNSTON  
Herald Correspondent

FORSAN — Sophomore running back Wes Longorio piled up 182 yards on 25 carries Friday night to lead Forsan's Buffaloes to a 41-27 homecoming win over Grape Creek's Eagles.

The Buffs, getting their final tune up before opening District 3-2A play by entertaining arch rival Coahoma, set the tone early by driving 70 yards for the game's first score.

"This was a good win for us," Forsan head coach Roger Hudgins said following the win, adding that the Buffs are getting better with each successive outing.

"We're getting better every game," he added, noting that the Buffs rolled up more than 300 yards of rushing against the Eagles. "We did a good job of moving the football and stopped them when we had to."

"I'm glad to be going into district play with a 3-2 record," he added. "We've got to get ready for Coahoma, though, because we've got to play them next week and that's always a battle."

Buddy Murray capped the first possession with a dive from 3 yards

out. But Grape Creek, perhaps embarrassed after having managed just a safety in a loss to Colorado City the week before, tried to keep pace by scoring a touchdown three minutes later.

Things began to unravel for the Eagles early in the second quarter, however.

Forced to punt into a strong wind from their own 18-yard line, the Eagles saw Buffs return man Andy Neel gather in the ball at the 45, break several tackles and set sail for the end zone.

Neel was stopped short of paydirt, but the Buffs had the ball at the Grape Creek seven and two plays later, Murray had his second touchdown of the night, plunging in from 6 yards out.

The Eagles saw things go from bad to worse moments later when Forsan's defense forced a fumble and Buff linebacker Billy Kinsey recovered at the 42-yard line.

It took the Buffaloes just four plays to score this time. Longorio showed his ability to reverse directions at top speed and outraced the Eagles to the end zone from 20 yards out.

See FORSAN, page 9A



Forsan's Furillo Subia (16) gets a block from teammate Billy Kinsey (61) and picks up big yardage in the Buffs' 41-27 win over Grape Creek's Eagles.

## Steers win battle of big plays

JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

It didn't take long for the Big Spring Steers' showdown with San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs to turn into a track meet Friday night.

In keeping with an age-old adage, however, the race belonged to the steady rather than the fast, as Big Spring claimed its second straight District 4-4A football win with a 39-31 decision.

As a result, the Steers improved to 3-2 on the season, but more importantly improved to 2-0 in district play, sharing the 4-4A lead with state-ranked Frenship and surprising Levelland.

The excitement began on the opening kickoff when Lake View sprinter Demetrick Hallman gathered in the ball at his own 1-yard line, cut to his right and sailed 99 yards to give the Chiefs a 7-0 lead just 17 seconds into the game.

But the Steers retaliated on its next possession, marching 66 yards in methodical fashion to deadlock the game at 7-7. A couple of pass completions from Jason Choate to Clarence Wilkins that provided 38 of those steps provided the highlights and tailback Jaroe Parnell handled the workhorse duties with six solid carries on the eight-play march.

Parnell capped the drive with a 5-yard burst to paydirt with 8:09 showing on the clock, but one minute and 17 seconds later, Lake View reclaimed the lead.

Again it would be Hallman who did the damage, streaking down field to gather in a pass from David Lankford and gaining 70 yards before being run down by Wilkins at the Big Spring 12-yard line.

An offside penalty gave the Chiefs a first-and-goal situation at the seven, and Lake View running back Tyler Green carried it in from there to put the visitors back on top, 13-7.

Big Spring would come back with a lengthy march, but had to settle for a field goal and wouldn't take the lead until the 8:23 mark of the second period when Choate hooked up with a wide open Brandon Mendoza for a 63-yard touchdown strike.

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Big Spring's Brandon Mendoza (45) goes up and wrestles the ball away from a Lake View defender before setting sail to complete a 63-yard scoring play during the second quarter of the Steers' 39-31 win Friday.

## Big win

### Lady Steers rip Andrews in two games

By VALERIE AVERY  
Herald Correspondent

Big Spring's Lady Steers chalked up the biggest win of the year and at least the past six years with a crowd-pleasing and convincing 15-10, 15-12 victory over perennial district front-runner Andrews Saturday in front of a packed home crowd.

The win marks the first time Head Coach Traci Pierce has beaten Andrews (15-12) since she took over as head coach six years ago, but more importantly Saturday's game moves Big Spring (21-7) into second place as the District 5-4A race hits the home stretch.

Big Spring, Andrews and Snyder are locked in a three-way tie for second, while undefeated San Angelo Lake View holds a vice grip on first place with a 10-0 record. The three runners-up stand at 7-3.

"This is the biggest win in the history of the program to this point, but it won't mean anything unless we capitalize on it," Pierce said. "I didn't realize until after the game that this is the first time since 1985, we've had more than 20 wins in one season. In 1985, we had 23 wins. That's a big record, and three of our losses are in our district."

Saturday's in-your-face win against a scrappy Andrews team will give the Lady Steers plenty of confidence as they head into Tuesday's match-up in an always hostile Snyder gym.

The last time the two squads met, the Lady Tigers

See LADY STEERS, page 8A

## Garden City, Sands finish non-district slate with big wins

HERALD Staff Reports

### AREA ROUNDUP

FORT DAVIS — Garden City's Bearkats took no prisoners Friday night en route to a 32-6 non-district football win over Fort Davis' Indians.

The lopsided win was the Bearkats' final tune up for this week's District 9-1A opener that sees state-ranked Rotan's Yellowhammers paying a call on Garden City.

"I wouldn't say we played a great game, but we did all right," Bearkats head coach Wade Wesley said after having watched his team take the methodical win.

Garden City's opened the scoring in the first quarter when Joaquin Mier blocked a Fort Davis punt and recovered it in the Indians' end zone. Pat Randall tacked on the extra-point kick and the rout was on.

Bearkat running back Curtis Eggemeyer, who would finish the night with 109 yards on 21 carries,

### Sands 52, Hermleigh 12

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The Cardinals, who have spent most of the season trying to keep six players in uniform, sent nine onto the field and then put forth a game effort against Sands' high-powered running game.

In fact, the game was still within reach at halftime with the Mustangs holding a 22-6 lead.

But the real damage had been done. Hermleigh's few "good" athletes had simply had no time to rest and the Mustangs ran away to end the game at the end of the third period.

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SPORTS EXTRA

TRANSACTIONS

AUTO RACING TREADWAY RACING—Signed driver Davey Hamilton for the 2001 Indy Racing League season. BASEBALL ANAHEIM ANGELS—Sent LHP Juan Alvarez and OF Jeff DaVanon outright to Salt Lake of the PCL. CLEVELAND INDIANS—Sent RHP Chris Nix and INF OF Chan Perry outright to Buffalo of the International League. NATIONAL LEAGUE COLORADO ROCKIES—Activated RF Larry Walker, RHP John Thomson and LHP Josh Kalkbrenner from the 60-day disabled list. LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Fired Davey Johnson, manager. BASKETBALL National Basketball Association LOS ANGELES LAKERS—Signed G Brian Shaw to a two-year contract. Named Eugenia Chow as director of community relations. NEW JERSEY NETS—Named Travis Hyland video coordinator. FOOTBALL NFL—Fired Minnesota Vikings DE Talance Sawyer \$7,500 for an illegal hit on Detroit Lions quarter back Charlie Batch on 9/30. NATIONAL HOCKEY LEAGUE BUFFALO SABRES—Placed G Dominik Hasek on the injured reserve. Acquired G Peter Skudra off waivers from Boston. CALGARY FLAMES—Signed D Michal Dupont. LOS ANGELES KINGS—Activated F Ziggy Palffy from injured reserve. Assigned F Brad Chartrand to Lowell of the AHL. NEW YORK SHARKS—Re-signed G Steve Shields and RW Todd Harvey. TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Reassigned D Marek Posnyk to Detroit of the AHL. Activated D Bryan Murray, D Paul Mara, D Andrei Zuyev. D Petr Sveda from injured reserve. COLLEGE COASTAL CAROLINA—Named Warren D. Koegele athletic director, effective Jan. 1. INDIANA—Announced junior F Tom Geier has quit the men's basketball team. VALPARAISO—Announced the resignation of Jay Spoonhour, men's assistant basketball coach. He became men's basketball coach at Watash Valley. WASHINGTON & JEFFERSON—Announced the retirement of John Luckhardt, athletic director. Named associate athletic director Dick Soutan interim athletic director.

NFL STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, T, Pct, PF, PA. Includes American Conference and National Conference standings.

MLS PLAYOFFS

Saturday's Games Los Angeles at Buffalo (n) Montreal at Toronto (n) Dallas at Ottawa (n) Boston at Philadelphia (n) Washington at Carolina (n) N.Y. Rangers at Atlanta (n) Chicago at Columbus (n) Colorado at Edmonton (n) Minnesota at Phoenix (n) Nashville vs. Pittsburgh (n) Today's Games St. Louis at Anaheim, 3 p.m. Vancouver at T. Bay, 5 p.m.

Big Spring netters, weather throw shutout at Estacado

HERALD Staff Report Frigid temperatures and Big Spring's talent proved to be more than Lubbock Estacado could handle during a District 4-4A team tennis match Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center. The result was what tennis coaches term a "doughnut," or what most would call a shutout. The Steers walked away with four boys's singles matches, having lost just three games in the bunch and were even more dominant in boys' doubles action. While Big Spring was not quite as overpowering in

girls' singles, they still walked away with three straight wins and three defaulted matches and then won the only girls' doubles match played. In singles matches, Zach Smiley took a 6-1, 6-0 win over Joe Olguin and Jay Shroff blitzed Ismael Olguin with a 6-0, 6-0 victory. Alex Edgemon kept the rout going with a 6-1, 6-1 win over Matthew Gonzales and Michael Roffers added a 6-0, 6-0 win over Wilda Fredo Rivera. April Ward led the way on the girls' side with a 6-2, 6-3 win over Antoinette Nava and Megan Roffers added a 7-5, 6-1 defeat of Kristina

Garcia. Heather Parnell took a 6-3, 6-3 win over Sonya Hereford and Estacado defaulted the final three matches. In boys' doubles, Shroff and Edgemon combined for a 6-1, 6-0 win over the Olguins, while Smiley and Derek DeHoyos rolled to a 6-0, 6-0 win over Gonzales and Rivera. The only girls' doubles match contested saw Ward and Mindy Partee combine for a 6-1, 6-4 win over Nava and Garcia. The Steers netters no get an extended break before traveling to Snyder this coming weekend for another 4-4A match.

LADY STEERS

Continued from page 7A rolled over Big Spring, 15-1, 15-1. "It's a tough place to play," Pierce said. "But this win gave us confidence in our ability. I don't think Snyder is as good as Andrews, and we'll have something to prove. We're just going to hit at them hard." If Big Spring loads up the same artillery it bombarded Andrews with, the Lady Steers should have no problem with the Lady Tigers. LaTrisha Rollins and Melissa Forth attacked the net and punched high-speed kills at the feet of helpless Andrews players. Big Spring clawed back from a 9-12 deficit in the second game, as Rollins put up a block, a kill and teamed up with junior Meghan Pudliner for a double block as the crowd rose to their feet and the Lady Steers pulled ahead for good. Kristie Gungelman kept the momentum going with a backcourt kill and the Lady Steers didn't allow Andrews to get a pass off in the last play before putting the contest away 15-12. "It was a momentum thing after Pudliner and Rollins came up with that

big block," Pierce said. "We knew when the score was 10-12, we knew we had to break serve. As soon as we got them to break serve, we got to hit at them. And then we took it away from (Karlie Bane, Andrews' go-to player). They tried to make some passes, and they had to backpedal. We were putting backspin on the ball and making it hard for them to hit." Bane was in control early in the first game, powering two back-to-back kills, but Rollins and Melissa Ray countered with kills of their own and Kim Wrightsil hit a perfect dink, outfoxing the Andrews' defenders for a 4-4 deadlock. The freshman Wrightsil teamed with Krystle Long for a block and before Andrews could turn around, the score was 9-6 and the visitors bench called for a timeout. Forth propelled herself for two kills. Gungelman mastered two major saves and Wrightsil scored another kill before the Lady Mustangs called another stoppage to regain their composure. But it was too little too late, as Rollins' dink, block and service ace rounded out

the game. "When we warmed up at the net, I knew we were ready to play. We were down 3-0, before we got on the scoreboard, but (Rollins) stepped in and played really big, and Melissa Forth kept us together as team captain," Pierce noted. "(Wrightsil) did a good job playing the net and (Long) came in and did well. She stepped in and did a lot of things that you don't see a lot of sophomores to do." "Everyone did well. Just when we thought it would hit the floor, someone would come in," Pierce added. "We played a lot of mind games with (Bane). We had to keep it out of her hands. When she did get a hand on it, we got a bunch of big blocks in there." "They were two great games," Pierce said. "I just want to tell the people who came and watched - teachers, students, parents - thanks for coming to watch. They really made a big difference. These girls have worked their tails off and we appreciate the people in the stands." Big Spring made it a clean sweep as the junior varsity won in two games, 15-8, 15-7, and the freshmen won in three 15-9, 7-15 and 15-12.

MLB PLAYOFFS

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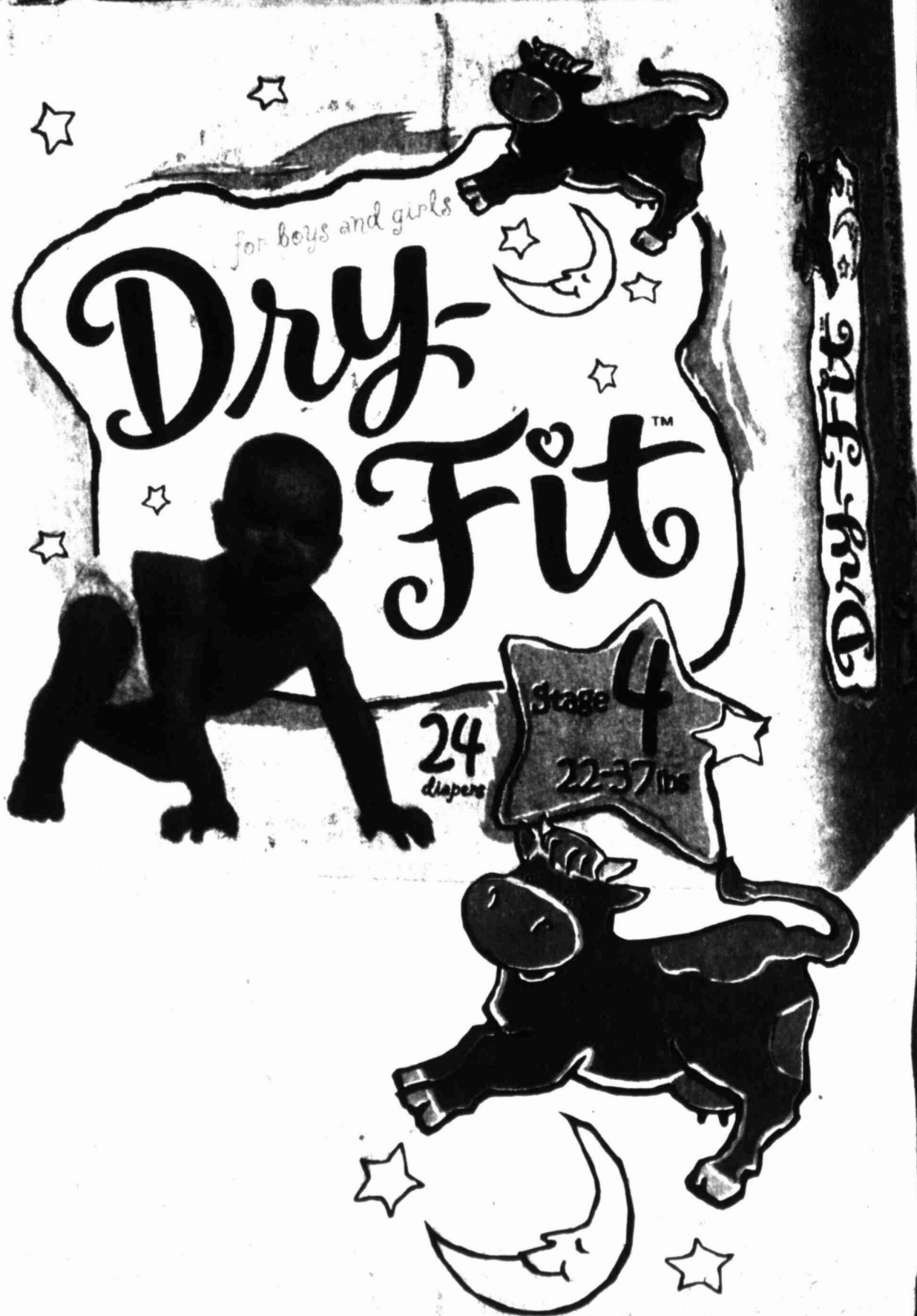
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Why the IOC should listen to me

I am probably the only person in the world when I admit that I have a permanent de-couch where I have been for weeks watching the Olympics.

I have always loved watching Olympic gymnastics, but I have started looking at it in a different way. I think we should skip the formalities and just drop some little girls off a roof and see who can land without breaking an ankle.

Okay, not really. But gymnastics does not do that. It is abusive. All of a sudden, I had something to watch. If you had dozens of regular volleyball games, it makes more sense. In regular volleyball, there are just watching people. They are running into each other, yelling at each other, even shoving each other.

Also, in volleyball, when the ball slides because of sweating profusely, it makes a horrible sound. In beach volleyball, it is painful, but you risk getting burned by the sand down the suits. Then they try to get rid of it in the whole world, and still match with a still trapped in it and stuck to it. It's worth watching.

At first, I was interested in the sport since I used to swim in the water, and showed a sharp interest in it. I really should have more air time. I was disappointed that I was "drafting" on the bike. This means, doing the bike yourself, you can somebody and tag of them. The wind in front of you makes the more of it changes the sport.

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I have always enjoyed watching Olympic gymnastics, but I have started looking at it in a different way. I think we should skip the formalities and just drop some little girls off a roof and see who can land without breaking an ankle, knee or nose.

Okay, not really. I wouldn't do that. But Olympic gymnastics does seem a bit abusive. All of those girls had something wrapped or something wrong, or have had dozens of surgeries. I know it is "the Olympics," but it seems extreme to see these girls killing themselves for a quarter of a point, and then they grow up and get fat like the rest of us.

One exciting thing about the Olympics are all the new events they keep adding. I think beach volleyball is pretty fun to watch. If you compare it to regular volleyball, it really makes more sense.

In regular volleyball, there are just way too many people. They are always running into each other, yelling at each other and even shoving each other out of the way.

Also, in regular volleyball, when the athletes dive for the ball, they either slide because they are sweating profusely, or they make a horrible screeching sound.

In beach volleyball, diving for the ball is not so painful, but the athletes risk getting bucketfuls of sand down their skimpy suits. Then they have to try to get rid of it in front of the whole world, or finish the match with all that sand still trapped in their suits and stuck to them. I hope it's worth what they get paid.

At first, I was excited to see the sport of triathlon, since I used to compete in those types of events. The swim was in really cold water, and they even showed a shark. That was interesting — the networks really should have spent more air time on the shark.

I was disappointed, however, that they allowed "drafting" on the bicycle. This means, instead of doing the bike ride on your own, you can sit behind somebody and take advantage of them breaking the wind in front of you. The closer you sit behind them, the more difference it makes and it totally changes the nature of the sport.

This was mainly done this way in the Olympics because the sponsors get more coverage, and there are more wrecks, which people usually enjoy seeing. Since it rained, and there were some tight turns, there were lots of wrecks.

Two events I thought were really cool were trampolining and synchronized diving.

The trampoline was like gymnastics, except the athletes didn't seem to be so abused and they didn't all cry or try not to cry after each time. They actually seemed happy, as if they were having fun.

As far as synchronized diving goes, we've seen dolphins jump and flip in sync for years at Sea World, it's about time we can see people doing it.

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JILL BRODE

# True west

## No matter what celebrities are wearing, devotees say western clothing is no fad



Above, Bobbie Nix of Big Spring wearing what makes her most comfortable, western clothing. Nix has worn the style since her childhood growing up on a ranch, and continues to prefer it today, as do many in West Texas. Top, right, Madonna is sporting a "western look" for her new CD release, "Music." Trend-watchers say it could spark renewed interest in the style elsewhere.

Story by Debbie L. Jensen

Where Madonna goes, trends often follow. And for her latest CD release, "Music," the singer dons a cowboy hat and western-style shirt to pose for the cover photo.

A trend in the making? Perhaps for the rest of the world, but for people in West Texas, western clothing is no trend: It's a part of life.

"I've been wearing it all my life," said Bobbie Nix, a lifelong West Texan who grew up on a ranch. At home in her youth, her uniform of choice was western jeans, but school rules meant dresses were required.

"But we wore jeans on Fridays in high school, when we would be getting ready for the football games," she said. Like her friends, Nix took on the bobbysoxer style in high school, but didn't abandon her roots in western dressing. "Once you start wearing it, you will never stop," she said. "With some of the styles, like denim, you can dress it up or down; you can wear it almost anywhere. Even a man in a pair of jeans with a sportcoat and a tie is a neat-dressed person."

Bill Ward knows a thing or two about "western" style. He's been in the business, with Ward's Boot, Saddle & Western Wear, for 50 years.

When he started, Ward said, western fashion was in its infancy.

"The manufacturers thought back then they could take a dress shirt and put a yoke and snaps on it and that would be a western shirt," Ward said. But today's clothes come in so much variety, it can be hard to identify them as "western" unless you know what you are looking for.

"You might have a button-down collar," said Ward, indicating a rack of shirts at his store. "You will see a variety of different colors, stripes, plaids and bright, bright colors."

And as with most things, in western wear everything old is new again.

"We've got stuff coming back now that we had years and years ago," said Ward, adding that even that old snap shirt with the western yoke is headed back to the stores.

Connie Newell said she was almost overwhelmed by the choices when she opened her new western store, C Bar G Western Wear.

"There is just so much out there," she said, describing a sky's-the-limit list of colors, styles and designs that fit the label "western."

But that very variety may be the reason the style has endured through the years, despite what New York, Milan and Paris — or even Madonna — were wearing.

"It changes all the time; something new is always coming out," Newell said. "It updates, it changes. Younger kids take to a certain trend and it goes on from there."

Young cowboys these days are buying the brightest-of-the-bright colors in shirts.

"These are high-quality shirts like you would get from (major designers)," Newell said. "Some have the yoke; some just have a pleat."



But Newell, Ward and Nix agree: Once you "go western," you may never go back to your other clothes.

"They are really so comfortable," Nix said. "The blouses fit, they are tailored a little more. And I like that."

"A good pair of jeans that fit, there is nothing like it," Newell said. "If you have the right fit, you will want to wear them all the time."

Ward said the current "business casual" has been reflected in the western wear industry as well.

"You don't see as many men in business suits," he said. "You don't see as many women in dresses. They want to be comfortable."

### Toeing the line

Western wear wouldn't be complete without the staple — the cowboy boot.

The boot traces its history to the horsemen of the Mongolian steppes in Asia. It has been adapted over the years, first to meet the needs of the working cowhand, and now to meet the demands of fashion.

Early cowboys wore a low-heel, tall boot with flaps that helped in pulling them on. There was no right or left, and taking off the tight boots could require the work of two men at once.

While many cowboys had their boots custom-made, they were also bought out of a box at the local dry goods store. The granger boot, a popular style, was made of bull leather and cost between \$2 and \$4.

How things have changed. "When I started out in the business 36 years ago," said Billy Joe Wood, owner of Wood's Boots and Western Wear in Colorado City, "there were two boots made. You could have a pointed toe in brown or black calf hide."

A few years later, Wood said, a tan boot was made, still in calfskin.

"But if you showed up in a bar or someplace with a tan boot on, you were going to end up in a fight," he said.

Soon the toes were modified, widened into what would become the wildly popular "roper" style. Nowadays, though, buyers are going back to the pointed toes, Wood said — with a noticeable change.

"Anything that doesn't move fast enough gets caught and made into a boot," he said. That includes snakes, armadillos, ostriches, sea turtles, even a cobra, rattlesnake and stingray, with two eyes still showing on the boot front.

## Hispanic Americans honored for their contributions

### VA VITAL SIGNS

Each month VA Medical Center chief executive officer Cary D. Brown recognizes an "Employee of the Month." These employees are nominated based on their exemplary service to our veterans and fellow coworkers.

August 2000 Employee of the Month: Lucy Brandt, Radiology Service.

"In celebration of this medical center's 50th Anniversary, Ms. Brandt was enthusiastically involved in developing a video of the History of Big Spring VA Medical Center. She developed this video with the assistance of a local electronic company; however, the entire contents of this video was organized and assembled for taping by Ms. Brandt. Lucy expended

many hours of effort after hours and on weekends to accomplish this task. These efforts did not interfere with her duties in Radiology service. In addition to the interest and hours of labor, Lucy is also the narrator of the video. The celebration of "our" birthday would not have been complete without the interest that Lucy invested in completing this video—it was the highlight of the event."

In honor of the many contributions that Hispanic Americans have made and continue to make to our Nation and culture, the Congress, by Public Law

100-402, has authorized and requested the President to issue annually a proclamation designating Sept. 15 through Oct. 15 as "National Hispanic Heritage Month."

In celebration of National Hispanic Heritage Month, the West Texas VA Health Care System was honored to have councilman, Oscar Garcia as guest speaker for the Hispanic Heritage Month program on Sept. 29. He spoke on the importance of Hispanic Heritage and its impact upon our local community.

Additionally, the Hispanic Heritage Committee will sponsor a Hispanic luncheon for all employees on

Oct. 13. This year's theme is "Children: Our Hope for the Future."

Dr. Thomas L. Garthwaite received Senate confirmation as Under Secretary for Health at the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA).

In this capacity, Garthwaite will serve as the chief executive officer for VA's integrated health care system. With a medical care budget of more than \$19 billion and health care staff of 180,000, VA operates the nation's largest health care system, providing care to veterans through hundreds of medical centers.

Garthwaite's VA career included nearly 20 years of experience as a physician and clinical administrator at the Milwaukee VA

Medical Center. He served as the medical center's chief of staff for eight years.

Garthwaite received his undergraduate degree at Cornell University and his medical degree from Temple University. He completed his internship and residency at the Medical College of Wisconsin. Affiliated Hospitals before joining VA in 1976.

Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Michael Allen, medical administration service; William Miller II, police and security; Stephen Oyler, nursing service.

Iva Jo Hanslik is acting community relations coordinator for the VA Medical Center.

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# WEDDINGS

## Allcorn-Glass

Ashley Anne Allcorn of Winters and James Wesley Glass of Garden City exchanged wedding vows on Oct. 7, 2000, in San Angelo with the Rev. Ben Hubert of First Christian Church and the Rev. Jeff Glass, cousin of the groom, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Charles and Jane Allcorn of Winters. The groom is the son of Lynn and Helen Glass of Garden City.

Instrumentalists/vocalists were Lee Puckitt and Corby White.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore a strapless gown of candlelight satin with hand-beaded with pearls. She carried a bouquet of white roses.

Allison Randolph, sister of the bride, was the matron of honor and bridesmaids were Elizabeth Staggs and Jamie Walker, sisters of the groom, Cara Bradshaw, Kim Thompson, Kayla Priddy and Sondra Smith.

Reagan and Rylee Randolph were flower girls and the ringbearer was Shawn Walker.

Michael Jones served as best man and groomsmen were Baylor Walker, brother-in-law of the groom, Trey Sisco, cousin of the groom, Kevin Braden, Garret Robbie, Rob Hamilton and Danny Randolph, brother-in-law of the bride.

Ushers were Tracy Love,



MRS. JAMES WESLEY GLASS

Fred Squire, Keith Braden, Corby White, Eric Seidenberger and Shelby Staggs. Candlelighters were Courtney and Caley Crawford, cousins of the bride.

A reception was held at the Oak Tree at Rio Concho West.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Winters High School and 1998 graduate of Texas Tech University. She is employed by Forsan Independent School System.

The groom is a 1992 graduate of Garden City High School and a 1996 graduate of Texas Tech University. He is employed by J.L. Glass Ranch.

Following a wedding trip to the Caribbean, the couple will make their home on the Glass Ranch in Mitchell County.

## Harland-Weaver

Rachel Harland and Trey Weaver, both of Hurst, exchanged wedding vows on Aug. 19, 2000, at First United Methodist Church in DeLeon with pastor Greg Newton officiating.

She is the daughter of Danny Harland, of Big Spring and LaDeana Harland of Lubbock, and the granddaughter of Nina V. Riddle of Big Spring and Delbert and Dorothy Harland of Georgetown, formerly of Big Spring.

He is the son of Bodie and Glenda Weaver of DeLeon.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Brandi Barton of St. Louis, Mo. served as maid of honor and Brandy Ziegler of Irving, cousin of the bride, served as matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Meredith Crisp of Cleburne, Lesley Laursen of San Antonio and Jodie Johson of DeLeon.

Jonathan Weaver of Lubbock, brother of the groom, and Mark Feist of Lubbock served as best men. Groomsmen were Steven Watkins of Dallas, Shane Patterson of Houston and Jeremy Quinn of Saginaw.

Candlelighters were T'Auna Reed, cousin of the bride, and Aaron Harland, brother of the bride. Aaron Harland, brother of the bride, and Rudy Reyna were



MR. AND MRS. TREY WEAVER

ushers. Following the ceremony, a reception was held at the Par Country Club in Proctor.

The bride's cake was a lemon flavored, four-tiered cake decorated with yellow, pink, purple and orange roses to match the bride's bouquet. The groom's cake was a chocolate cake covered with sliced strawberries and white chocolate-dipped strawberries.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1998 graduate of Texas Tech.

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Following a wedding trip to Las Vegas, Nev., the couple made their home in Hurst.

## Women who share faith, fears undergo kidney surgeries on same day

TYLER (AP) — Fast and faithful friends, Mary Sherman and Velma Willis faced an incredible prospect recently. Each needed a new kidney. Only one was available.

Or so they thought.

The pair struck up a friendship 13 months ago during kidney dialysis in Palestine. For four hours every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning they have shared their faith and fears. Armed with prayer, they have endured disquieting days of tubes, tests and tears — waiting for their names to move up on the organ donor list.

A few weeks ago, they each received "the" call.

"I was at home eating lunch," said 49-year-old Mrs. Sherman. Then on the other end of the line I heard, "This is Billie. I've got something for you. You need to come to Tyler to get a kidney."

Minutes later, East Texas Medical Center Transplant Coordinator Billie Oden was on the line with 61-year-old Ms. Willis.

"I had just gotten home from dialysis and was thinking about taking a nap. After I got the call I just forgot about the nap," she said.

Ms. Willis came quickly from Jacksonville, Mrs. Sherman from Palestine. Each not knowing the other was coming, the friends ran into each other in the hospital's main waiting room. They prayed together, hopeful that one might be a "match" — yet burdened because one of them wouldn't.

"What we didn't know was that they had two kidneys," Ms. Willis said.

The donated organs had been flown in from separate Texas locations Sept. 6, and three transplant candidates had been called in for each organ, said Tiffanie Ingram, transplant unit data coordinator.

After a grueling six-hour wait, blood work confirmed that each woman was the top match for the kidney that corresponded with her blood type.

"You cry when you find out you're going to go on the machine and then you cry when you find out you're going to get a kidney," said Mrs. Sherman, who underwent surgery late Sept. 6 to replace a kidney that had been removed two years earlier due to cancer.

Since the friends had been through so much together, it was only fitting that the same doctor would perform their surgeries.

Dr. Duane Andrews, general surgeon at ETMC, completed Mrs. Sherman's surgery, then turned his attention to Ms. Willis, whose kidney had been weakened by high blood pressure.

"Now I've got a second chance to live," she said.

Holding hands, the women talked about how their problems have shaped their perspectives.

"You think you're really down because you're on a machine. Then you see people without legs. I'm more thankful now for life itself," Ms. Willis said.

Both are humbled — Mrs. Sherman by her church's faithful prayer support and Ms. Willis by the ultimate sacrifice their unknown organ donors made.

"The thought of somebody wanting to donate organs, well, it's just a miracle," Ms. Willis said. "We have suffered so much on the machines taking all those treatments. Then to be set free and have a kidney that's working — in their death they have helped us."

Ms. Willis spoke of a strengthened faith. "I have more faith in God because I know He's always there for me." And if she hadn't got-

ten a kidney? "I would still have faith," she said.

Mrs. Sherman's struggle has also been her faith. Mrs. Sherman said, "The last time I brought us closer and closer to our church."

Ms. Oden said surgery is always — but these faith made it more so.

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## BRODE

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I don't really want to make fun of anybody, or take away from anybody's hard work and effort, but during the synchronized swimming when I heard off to do the dishes or something I'd rather even clean the toilet than watch synchronized swimming.

Maybe if they invented a nose plug that didn't look so dorky, I would be more apt to watch it. I know it wasn't nice, and I'm not proud to admit that as a kid, I made fun of the kids at the pool who wore nose plugs.

If I did synchronized swimming, I would wear one of those swim caps with the fake grass and flowers all over them, like the little old ladies at the pool where I grew up.

I have a few suggestions for other new events that I am thinking about submitting to the International Olympic Committee.

A medal in track and field should be given to the man who can run with the heaviest chain whacking him in the face, and the woman who can start out of the starting blocks with the longest fingernails and finish with them unbroken.

I also think women should have a "best abs" contest. They look more ripped than the men.

Fans should also be included in the medal winning. The fan who manages to escape the longest time sitting in the stands without going to the bathroom would get a medal.

Another suggestion I have for the networks that carry the Olympics is to cut out the sob stories. If they can't make the athlete look like a total humanitarian, then they try to make him or her look like he or she has climbed the highest moun-

tain in the world.

I like to hear some things about these athletes, but I would rather watch fencing or even badminton.

Well it will be four years until another Summer Olympics, so maybe my couch can last until then.

Jill Brode writes a monthly column for the Herald.

## NEWCOMERS

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

Kim Miller, son, Allen, daughter, Shelby, Amarillo. She is a math teacher at Goliad School.

Mario and Judt Grant, Mexico, Mo. He is currently working at Bob's Custom Woodwork and she is the Howard College Food Director for Great Western.

Duane and Brenda Thomas, son, Trev, Midland. He is the president

of American State Bank.

Robin and Kellie Moore, daughters, Kassie and Brittany, Stephenville. He works for Global Marine Deep Water Drilling.

Sherri Belew, daughters, Haylea and Faith, Lamesa. She works for Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Brad Minkina, New Braunfels. He is a lead blaster for Dyno Nobel.

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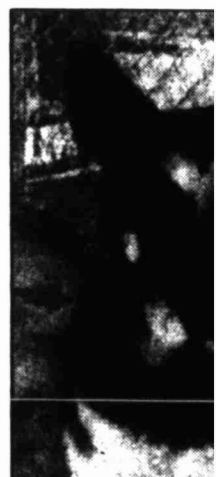
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**WOMEN**

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ten a kidney?

"I would still have more faith," she said.

Mrs. Sherman's long struggle has also increased her and her husband Larry's faith. Mustering the words through tears she said, "The last three years brought us closer to each other and closer to God and our church."

Ms. Oden said transplant surgery is always emotional — but these faithful friends made it more so.

"This wasn't just bringing a couple of strangers into the hospital and putting a kidney in them. This was more," she said.

While some might chalk the incredible timing of

their surgeries up to coincidence or good luck, Ms. Willis believes God's providence was at work for the two friends who had suffered so much. "I don't think that this is mere luck because luck sounds like you walked in the store and found a dollar. I feel like this is God and His plan."

A little sore but in good spirits, the women were given their "walking papers" and headed for home. With advanced anti-rejection medication, bi-weekly doctor visits, and each other, both have a renewed hope for the future.

"You have to have faith and hope. God took care of us. He was on our side," Ms. Willis said.

**ON THE MENU**

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

MONDAY-CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Smothered steak, squash, beans, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken, baked potatoes, corn, salad, milk/roll, cobbler.

THURSDAY-Enchiladas, rice, beans, tossed salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

**FORSAN ISD**

MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Chili, beans, corn, salad, crackers, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, salad, pickles/onions, cookies/fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Cheeseburger pocket, chips, salad, pork & beans, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, jello/fruit, milk.

**SANDS CISD**

MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Bar-b-que ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, cobbler, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese enchiladas, salad,

cornbread, pinto beans, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, green beans, mashed potatoes, hot rolls, milk, fruit.

FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, corn, batter bread, fruit, milk.

**STANTON ISD**

MONDAY-Bean burrito (hot dog on a bun), corn, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, pears, fruit drink, milk.

TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce (steak fingers), green beans, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread, fruit drink, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Country fried steak (meatloaf), whole potatoes, spinach, fruit cocktail, hot rolls, fruit drink, milk.

THURSDAY-Nachos w/ground beef (chef salad), refried beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread, fruit drink, milk.

FRIDAY-Corndog (sloppy joe on a bun), potato puffs, beans, apples, fruit drink, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY  
MONDAY-HOLIDAY  
TUESDAY-Corn dog, beans, spinach, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-German sausage, potato salad, pinto beans, fruit, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Stew, corn, fruit, crackers, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, french fries, salad, milk.

Chevalier, sons, Harrison and Judson, Sonora, He is an engineer for Price Construction.

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Pictured is Anastasia — Black and tan female German Shepherd, spayed, 2 years old plus.

D.L. — Golden brown female Retriever/Cocker, spayed, 10 months old.

Al — Cream color male Beagle/Cocker, neutered, 2 years old plus, loving.

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Scout — Black and white male Border Collie, neutered, 9 months old.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just \$60, for purebred dogs \$100 and cats are \$60. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots.

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## Ford says it plans to complete 6.5 million tire recall by November

DETROIT (AP) — The recall of 6.5 million Firestone tires has sped up in the past month and could be completed as early as November, Ford Motor Co. said Friday.

Ford spokesman Mike Vaughn said as of Thursday, 3,708,617 recalled tires had been replaced — 57.1 percent of all those recalled. Bridgestone/Firestone spokeswoman Anne Conrad offered a similar

estimate of recalled tires, and said the companies were replacing more than 79,000 a day.

When the recall of certain 15-inch Firestone ATX, ATX II and Wilderness AT tires was announced in August, the companies had estimated it would take until next summer to complete the recall. But after a public outcry, Ford and Bridgestone/Firestone allowed the use of tires from

other manufacturers, and Ford asked other manufacturers to up their production.

Vaughn and Conrad said production of replacement tires had picked up in recent weeks. Ford gave three tire suppliers — Goodyear, Michelin and Continental — a total of 130 tire molds for the P235/75R15 size tire in September, Vaughn said. Those molds should produce

an extra 300,000 tires a month.

Ford will give those suppliers another 70 molds in October.

Conrad said Bridgestone/Firestone had doubled production of replacement tires, but declined to give specific numbers.

Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. said it had supplied about 1.5 million replacements so far, and was now

producing 1 million replacement tires a month — five times more than it was making before the recall.

The long waiting lists for replacement tires has eased in some locations. Duval Ford in Jacksonville, Fla., once had a waiting list of 250 customers, service employee Tanya Oliver said. Four days ago, they cleared off the list and have tires in stock.

"The calls have slowed

down to a crawl," she said.

Rodger Watson, service manager at one of the three Firestone Tire & Service Centers in Lubbock, Texas, said the center is changing tires on about three to five vehicles daily that are recall-related.

"We have put on about 3,000 tires. Now, we're just taking them as they come in," he said.

"It has slowed down considerably," he said.

## Art gallery, classroom fulfill a dream

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

When Sheree Moates' painting hobby began to take over her home, she moved into a space at West Texas Center for the Arts.

When she outgrew that space, she began looking at constructing a new building to house a gallery, classroom and workspace. But when a former restaurant building on FM-700 became available, Moates rejected the idea at first.

On Monday, the doors open for the first time at her new business, Displays of Splendor Art Gallery, in that building at 700 E. FM-700.

"God just kept leading me back to it," said Moates, whose faith plays an important part in her work. "I never dreamed how far this would all go."

But what began as a hobby and became a career for Moates has now led to a real-life dream come true: Her own gallery, offering the kind of art she wants to sell, where she can teach and educate the public about the craft she loves.

The business reflects Moates' heritage and her journey, with art ranging from religious themes to western, art supplies and artistic toys — along with the gallery owner's original paintings.

Displays of Splendor also carries Ron Lee clowns, a figurine Moates' daughter has collected for years; and David Frickman angels, collectibles she discovered several years ago and has enjoyed.

"These are all signed and numbered," she explained. "They do retire, so buying



Sheree Moates sits in the teaching room of her new art gallery, Displays of Splendor. The business opens Monday with a ribbon cutting and reception at 11 a.m.

one is an investment that can be sold on the secondary market."

The artists represented by the gallery include Dalhart Windberg, with whom Moates has studied for many years.

Because Moates teaches art classes, she also stocks a variety of supplies. She said she will be glad to add to her inventory if there are

items artists want but can't find locally.

Art classes will be conducted in the back room of the gallery, a brightly painted space set up especially for classes.

One of her great loves is introducing art to children, and a whole area of the store is set aside for them. In addition, Moates will be offering art-themed birth-

day parties for kids — with art projects for the guests and a painter's palette cake.

Some of her students will also be represented by the gallery, with contracts similar to the adult artists.

"It's going to be a good experience for the kids, and really, people will be very surprised how good some of

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## Internet

### PC's death premature, say computer makers

AUSTIN (AP) — A slowdown in the growth of personal computer sales is causing major manufacturers — including top computer maker Dell Computer Corp. — to lower third-quarter expectations.

An estimated 52 percent of American households already own a computer; accessing the Internet for those that don't will become easier and cheaper with an onslaught of so-called Internet appliances.

Despite the worrisome news, don't count the PC out, according to industry analysts and computer manufacturers.

"The PC was supposed to be dead 350 million units ago and it doesn't appear to be dead," said Michael Dell at an analysts' conference last week.

Thirty-one million units were sold worldwide last quarter — 16.8 million in the United States, up from 15.5 million in the same quarter a year ago. Global PC sales rose 23 percent last year, according to research firm International Data Corp. The Framingham, Mass.-based company said growth would slow to 19 percent this year.

"That's not dead," said Martin Reynolds, a personal computer analyst for the Stamford, Conn.-based Gartner Group. "In fact, it shows tremendous opportunity just in continuing to service that market. The problem is the best seats are

### COMPUTER SALES

Major computer makers' revenue from U.S. computer sales
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Total revenue/revenue from U.S. computer sales
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1998: \$5.9 billion/\$3.1 billion
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Total revenue/revenue from U.S. computer sales
1997: \$24.6 billion/\$12.8 billion
1998: \$31.2 billion/\$12.4 billion
1999: \$38.5 billion/\$12.8 billion
<b>Dell Computer Corp.</b>
Total revenue/revenue from U.S. computer sales
1997: \$7.8 billion/\$7.1 billion
1998: \$12.3 billion/\$11.3 billion
1999: \$18.2 billion/\$16.1 billion
<b>Gateway Inc.</b>
Total revenue/revenue from U.S. computer sales
1997: \$6.3 billion/\$5.1 billion
1998: \$7.5 billion/\$6 billion
1999: \$8.6 billion/\$6.7 billion

all taken and the industry has got to go to the lower-priced seats and that means figuring out how to deliver lower-cost PCs more effectively."

The average price for a PC seems to have stabilized at about \$1,000, compared with \$1,500 in 1995, according to the Arlington, Va.-based Consumer Electronics Association. The lower prices have pushed the industry to evolve into a so-called "post-PC era," a

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## Clinton signs order assisting small businesses

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Friday signed an executive order that was developed by a Texas congresswoman to help small businesses cope with complex new trade agreements and better respond to workers whose jobs are affected by imports.

Rep. Sheila Jackson Lee, D-Texas, joined Clinton at the White House for the signing of the order, which became effective immediately.

"I was determined to make good on what I think was an important promise to Americans," Lee said.

"When we talk about trade and internationalism, no

one should be left behind," Lee said.

Clinton thanked Lee for "championing efforts to translate our expanding trade and dynamic, new economy into opportunities for small businesses and workers all across America."

The executive order creates a task force with members from several U.S. agencies to give small businesses, particularly those from underserved communities, access to information about export opportunities created by new trade agreements with China, the Caribbean and sub-Saharan Africa.

It also sets up a national

toll free help line that workers faced with layoffs or relocation can call to get immediate response from the Department of Labor.

"This is a year where we had three historic market openings in Africa, China and the Caribbean and Congresswoman Jackson Lee wanted to ensure we were taking all necessary steps to ensure the small businesses would be able to take advantage of these new market opportunities," said Gene Spurling, Clinton's chief economic adviser.

Congress approved the China trade bill in September. Clinton signed the Trade and Development

Act of 2000 in May, opening markets in Africa and the Caribbean.

The task force created by the order will set up regional offices or work through existing offices to explain to small business owners where new market opportunities are, what tariffs have been reduced, the mechanics of the export opportunities and the new laws, Spurling said.

It will use the Internet to get information on trade opportunities to small business and coordinate financing with agencies such as the Small Business Administration to assist businesses.

## Local physician achieves Fellow of AAFP degree

Michael Auringer, M.D. of Big Spring has achieved the degree of Fellow of the American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP), the national medical association representing 89,400 family physicians, residents in family practice and medical students.

The degree was conferred to approximately 500 family physicians during a convocation on Sept. 22 in conjunction with the AAFP's 2000 Annual Scientific Assembly in Dallas.

Established in 1971, the AAFP degree of Fellow rec-

ognizes family physicians who have distinguished themselves through service to family medicine and on going professional development.

Criteria for receiving the AAFP degree of Fellow consists of a minimum of six years of membership in the organization, extensive continuing medical education, participation in public service programs outside their medical practice, conducting original research and serving as a teacher in family medicine.

## Curves for Women reopens at the mall

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Need a place to go on your lunch break and in only 30 minutes get a complete workout?

Well, there is a place in Big Spring and its located at the Big Spring Mall. It's called Curves for Women and there are more 1,200 franchises in 48 states and Canada.

The local franchise is operated by Molly Bright. She moved from Main Street to her present location in March. Bright got interested in opening her own franchise after visiting a Curves for Women facility

in New Mexico, where her mother resides.

"I went with my mother to the facility where she worked out and I just fell in love with it," said Bright. "What I liked about it was a person can work out at their convenience and the whole circuit workout only takes 30 minutes. Almost everyone has 30 minutes a day they can spare to keep in shape."

After her and her husband, who is employed at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, were transferred from Phoenix, Ariz., she

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Patricia Wilson, left, and Ruth Ann McKay work out under the watchful eye of Curves for Women owner Molly Bright. The business, located at Big Spring Mall, features a 30-minute workout that fits almost any work schedule. A one week free membership is now being offered.

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WASHINGTON — The Navy led into a new Information Age by awarding potentially worth \$1 billion to link hundreds of Navy and Marine computer networks into a single, seamless network designed to be able to cyberspace and at sea.

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Keep an eye out for suspicious activity in your neighborhood. If you notice anything unusual, such as strange cars or people roaming the neighborhood, note any license plates and contact the police.

Don't leave ladders, or other tools which could be used to break into a home, lying unsecured on your property.

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