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Big Spring firefighters shoot water from one of the city's new trucks during a combination rookie training session-equipment test on the old K-Mart parking lot Friday morning.



◀ Grand opening

Carol Speaker plants flowers in front of the Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse's local office which will have an open house from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. today .

Helping hand ▶



Donya Brewer gets a helping hand from Teresa Gaskins as she sews clothing at the 4-H Clothing Jam-Bo-Ree Saturday morning at the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring.

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Boris Yeltsin, fighting off attempts to drive him from power, offered a new political compromise to foes in Russia's Communist-dominated Congress. See page 7A.

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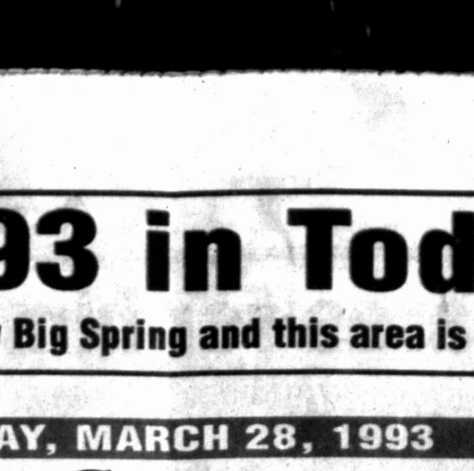
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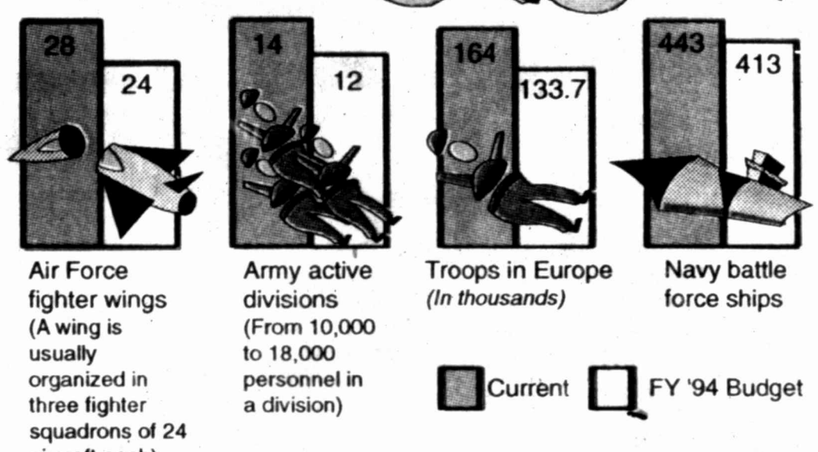
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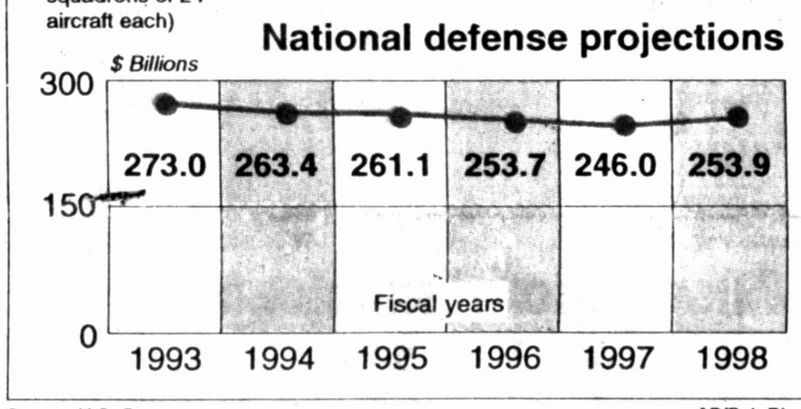
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Defense cutbacks

President Clinton's defense budget for 1994 fiscal calls for $263.4 billion in spending and the reduction of troops in Europe from 164,000 to 133,700 by the end of the fiscal year.







Source: U.S. Congress — AP/Bob Bianchini

Byrd prodding economic plan

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

RELATED STORY — 5A

WASHINGTON — President Clinton's jobs bill seemed well protected in the Senate Friday, in the hands of a self-described "rustic boob from West Virginia," Robert C. Byrd.

In a day of colorful rhetoric but little action, the appropriations committee chairman taunted his colleagues, Republicans and conservative fellow Democrats, who criticized the president's package but haven't found the votes to change it.

"Emerson said that God does not manifest himself to cowards," Byrd said, daring them to offer their amendments.

The jobs bill includes $16.3 billion for summer youth jobs, unemployment insurance, highway projects, and various other civic improvements. The president is selling it as a tonic for the economy at a time when the strength of the recovery is uncertain.

Leon Panetta, the president's budget chief, told a National Press Club luncheon the jobs bill was "absolutely essential" to keeping the economic recovery moving.

"The chance is too great that it will remain weak and that it could fall back into a recession" without the added push provided by the jobs bill, Panetta said.

Herald staffers take five awards in APME contest

The Big Spring Herald garnered two first-place awards, two second places and one honorable mention in Class A — circulations under 10,000 — in the 1992 Associated Press Managing Editors Contest.

Sports Editor Mike Butts won first place in spot sports and former Managing Editor John Walker won first in editorial writing. Staff writer Patrick Driscoll won second in spot news and staff writer Connie Swinney won second in business reporting. Staff writers Martha Flores and Driscoll won honorable mention in feature series.

Butts won for his story, "Steers, 'Stangs battle to standoff," a baseball game between Big Spring High School and the Sweetwater High School Mustangs.

Walker won with an editorial about the rescinding of the planned closing of the state park in Big Spring, called "It took too long on 'right thing.' "

Driscoll won on a story about a mix-up on a wrongly dispatched address on a 911 call that involved the death of an 87-year-year old woman. Swinney won for three stories on the Texas Lottery.

Flores and Driscoll won with the series, "Behind the Badge," which took a look at local police from inside and outside the department.

Residents to fight Wal-Mart location

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Wal-Mart Stores Inc. faces a zoning battle on a proposed $40 million Supercenter it plans to build near a residential area on Wasson Road and open by Thanksgiving this year.

Residents of Coronado Hills and other nearby neighborhoods are concerned about traffic, noise, lights and drainage from the five-acre store and 20-acre parking lot.

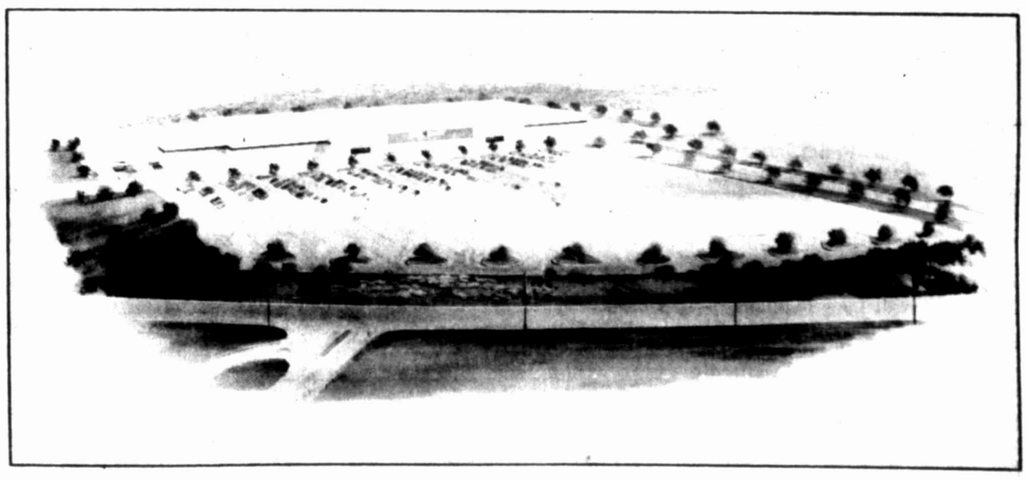
According to Wal-Mart estimates, the store would draw 951 vehicles an hour during peaks, employ 500, be open 24 hours a day and be serviced by half a dozen trucks from 6-10 a.m.

About 50 residents met two weeks ago and formed a homeowners committee that met three times last week, including a meeting with Wal-Mart officials.

"I think we all want the Supercenter to be in Big Spring but we don't want it to be there (on Wasson Road)," said committee member Brenda Brooks of Coronado Hills. "We want it to be in a non-residential area."

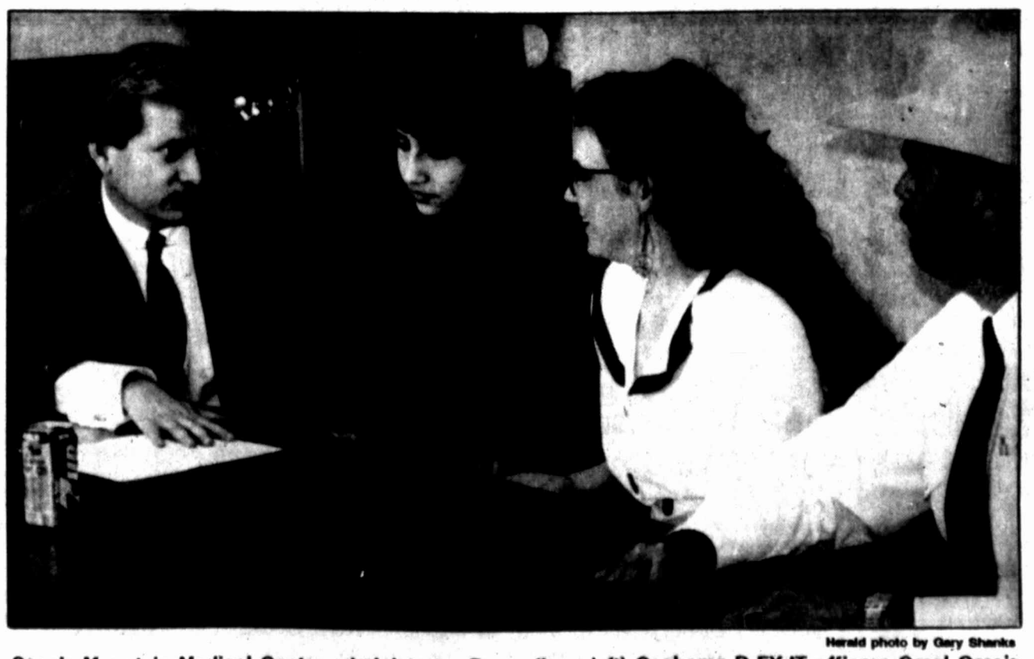
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Courtesy photo

An artist's conception of the proposed Wal-Mart Supercenter at the old Jet Drive In location. Some area residents say it would be too close to residential areas and plan to fight rezoning of a residential zone. Wasson is in the foreground.



Herald photo by Gary Shanks

Scenic Mountain Medical Center administrator David Wiley (left) explains annual budget figures to (from left) Coahoma D-FY-IT officers Carol Garcia and Jerrianne Mitchell and advisor Woodie Howell.

SMMC changes policy on tests for D-FY-IT club

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Coahoma's Drug Free Youth In Texas (D-FY-IT) chapter will be growing and adding members, following an agreement between student officers and David Wiley, administrator of Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Wiley, realizing the fledgling group's financial dilemma, announced Friday that SMMC will provide free drug testing for the organization's members. Drug testing is a prerequisite for membership in the organization which has clubs across Texas.

With the agreement, Scenic Mountain Medical Center increases its out of pocket expenditures for D-FY-IT by about 30 percent.

Wiley met with Coahoma D-FY-IT officials Jerriann Mitchell and Carol Garcia before announcing

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FBI: Koresh only cares for himself

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO, Texas — A man who left the Branch Davidian sect earlier this week said from jail Friday that cult members are waiting for God to avenge the Feb. 28 weapons raid by federal agents.

Livingston Fagan, a 33-year-old Briton who spent 11 months inside the group, also likened the four-week standoff to the "little season" that precedes Armageddon in the biblical Book of Revelation.

He declined to say when the siege might end.

"Time is the will of God. God's will is to extend mercy at this point," Fagan said. "At the moment the ATF officers, in doing what they're doing, are pushing God's mercy."

He said he had "no knowledge" of how many cult members died in the Feb. 28 gunfight but called estimates of 20 victims "ludicrous."

Fagan declined to say how much food and water the 96 people inside the cult have, saying, "For logistic reasons, it would not be good to disclose." Living conditions inside the cult "have not changed much," though, he said.

"The individuals are very positive in their spirits because what they are seeing in front of them are the prophecies being worked out," Fagan said.

He made the remarks from the McLennan County Jail in a phone call to The Associated Press. Authorities consider the 14 adults who have left the cult to be material witnesses to the gun battle that killed four ATF agents and at least two cultists.

Fagan spent nearly all of the 35-minute conversation trying to impart cult leader David Koresh's doomsday preachings, which he said have been lost in the news coverage of the gun battle.

He acknowledged that cult members have a cache of weapons but said Koresh had disclosed that to the sheriff's department recently. And he chided an ATF official who, in news briefing early in the standoff, displayed a .50-caliber bullet to demonstrate the group's firepower.

"No .50-caliber round was fired," Fagan said. "That's utter nonsense."

Government agents are "endangering not only their lives but their souls" in the continuing siege, Fagan said.

In interpreting the standoff with Koresh's teachings, Fagan said it had reached a point before the sixth of seven seals described in the Book of Revelation. The opening of the seals by a divine figure precede the end of the world.

When the fifth seal was opened, the Book of Revelation says slain men and women asked for vengeance from God. When the sixth seal was opened, there was an earthquake and other destruction.

"He will avenge us. God's mercy is greater than his vengeance. But believe me man he's not" a wimp, Fagan said, using a vulgar word. "People cannot trample on his grace forever."



Associated Press photo

Max Bell of Prescott Valley, Ariz., sits with his son, Alex, and dog, Bandit, on a hillside near the Branch Davidian compound Saturday morning. The month-long standoff between the cult and federal agents has so far cost taxpayers more than $5 million.

Davidian says God will provide cult's revenge on agents

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WACO, Texas — Authorities said Saturday they believe cult leader David Koresh only cares about himself and would consider it a "marvelous achievement" if his followers were killed by federal agents.

FBI agent Bob Ricks said authorities are "extremely worried" the month-long standoff with the Branch Davidian sect will end violently, fulfilling Koresh's apocalyptic prophecy.

"We believe that for him, it would be a marvelous achievement if he could have a substantial number of his people killed," Ricks said. "We believe, though, in the end, he is going to protect himself.

"He looks for the lonely, the lost, the unloved, the innocent. These are the people he has brought into his fold, who will do anything that he orders them to do."

The stalemate began Feb. 28 after U.S. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents tried to arrest Koresh and search the group's rural compound for illegal firearms. A gun battle ensued, and four ATF agents and at least two cults members died.

David Troy, intelligence chief for the ATF, Saturday confirmed reports that authorities suspected the cult had a methamphetamine lab. Evidence of the drug activity surfaced late in the ATF's investigation of the cult's gun dealings, he said.

Because of the drug suspicion, the ATF asked the Texas National Guard to assist in the Feb. 28 raid. Three Guard helicopters were fired on as they approached the 77-acre compound.

Since the ill-fated raid, 35 people have left the complex, including 21 children. Koresh and 94 followers remained holed up.

They were joined Wednesday night by a Houston man, Louis Alaniz, who sneaked past a cordon of agents and knocked on the door.

Another person may have scampered up to the cult Friday evening but Ricks said authorities were unsure because there was telephone trouble Saturday.

Week two of Railey trial promises more shockers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SAN ANTONIO — Walker Railey's attempted murder trial ended its first week with testimony about profanity-laced letters, a mysterious phone call and a moaning and writhing Peggy Railey.

Week Two promises more intrigue, with the former minister's lover, Lucy Papillon, expected to take the witness stand.

Prosecutors are trying to prove Railey devised an elaborate plan to divert suspicion from himself and kill his wife. Railey faces up to 20 years in prison if convicted.

"Our theory," said prosecutor Cecil Emerson, "is that Walker Railey abandoned his children and it was all part of a scheme to dispose of his wife and move to California with Lucy Papillon."

Days after the attack, Railey locked himself in a hospital suite, scribbled out a bizarre suicide note and overdosed on tranquilizers. State District Judge Pat McDowell has ruled evidence about the suicide attempt can be used.

After recovering, Railey resigned his church post, gave up custody of his two young children, fled to California with Ms. Papillon and tried unsuccessfully to divorce his wife.

The state's largely circumstantial case relies on the threatening letters, mobile phone records and answering machine messages left the night of the attack.

Mrs. Railey was found April 22, 1987, choked and left for dead in the garage of the couple's home. She was foaming at the mouth and moaning and moving from side to side.

At the time, Railey was pastor of First United Methodist Church, one of the biggest churches in Dallas with 6,000 members. His trial was moved to San Antonio because of enormous publicity.

Railey had preached against racism, and that apparently is what a least one of the threatening letters allude to.

Railey told authorities he received the letters in late March. He took them to the FBI in early April, saying he didn't know who might have written them, FBI agent Leland Giannini testified.

One letter said: "Just because people come down on Sunday don't mean your something. Dallas don't need any goddamned communists like you. The only good communist is a dead communist. Better start looking around the corner, you son of a bitch. I'm on your tale. How do you like that."

A third letter talked about Railey's house and asked, "Did you know that wood roofs burn?"

A letter Railey received Easter Sunday, April 19, 1987, said, "Easter is the day when Jesus got up. Well big man, you're going down."

Prosecutors plan to use DNA test results on blood and saliva samples from Railey to show he may have licked the envelopes that contained the letters.

Capping the first week of trial was testimony from paramedic Blair Bardwell, who treated Mrs. Railey after the attack. Ms. Bardwell said she received a call at home the next evening from someone who said, "You got in the way. You went between the reverend and me."

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Federal probe coming in Brosky case

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

FORT WORTH, Texas — The U.S. Justice Department is reviewing whether to launch an investigation into possible federal civil rights violations by a white supremacist convicted in the murder of a black man.

An investigation was requested by several Texas lawmakers incensed that Christopher William Brosky was sentenced to probation for his part in the slaying of 32-year-old Donald Thomas of Arlington.

"We have received a request for an investigation and the matter has been referred to the Civil Rights Division," Justice Department spokeswoman Obern Rainey said Friday.

"We are looking at all the available information to determine if it does fall under federal civil rights statutes," she said.

Attorneys in the criminal section of the Civil Rights Division will review the trial transcript and other records, Ms. Rainey said. "This is the first step and we are reviewing everything."

On Monday, an all-white jury convicted 18-year-old Brosky in the murder of Thomas. A day later, Brosky was given 10 years' probation for his part in planning the June 1991 drive-by shooting.

Prosecutors say Brosky and two other white supremacists picked Thomas as a random victim because he was a black man socializing with white friends.

The jury's decision sparked outcry from Tarrant County residents and officials statewide.

Sen. Bob Krueger, D-Texas, and several Dallas-area lawmakers wrote to U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno Thursday and asked that a full investigation be conducted. Also sending letters were Reps. Martin Frost, D-Dallas, and Pete Geren, D-Fort Worth.

"I have just gotten word from the attorney general that she has referred it to the civil rights division and there will be a full review in this case," Krueger said Friday.

"I think like a lot of people that there are some real questions over whether justice was done.

"I'm extremely pleased that the attorney general has responded with such speed to what I think is a real concern in this community."

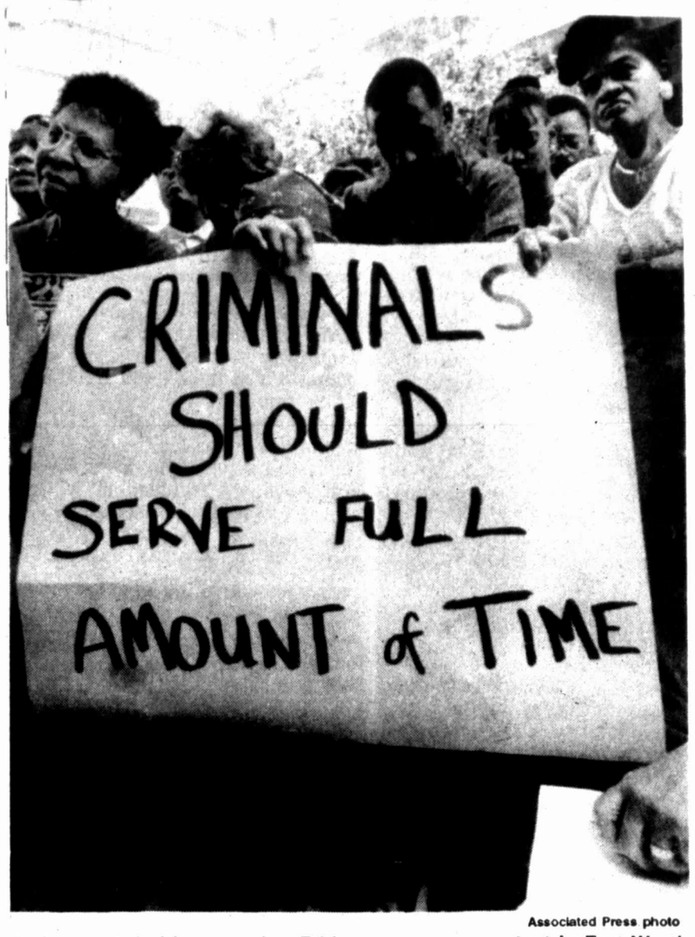
Some members of the jury said they meant to sentence Brosky to five years in state prison plus 10 years' probation but were confused by the legal wording in the sentencing form.

The form jurors filled out gave Brosky 10 years' probation. He faced up to life in prison.

Texas Attorney General Dan Morales said the law should be made clearer for jurors.

"What they were attempting to do was send this individual to prison, and once he served his time in prison they wanted him in addition to that to serve a term of probation," Morales said.

"Anyone who knows how to read English would come to that conclusion. It needs to be made much clearer ... so that we don't have these sorts of mistakes that lead to this sort of injustice."



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A supporter holds up a sign Friday at a prayer protest in Fort Worth over a jury's decision Monday that gave skinhead Christopher William Brosky 10 years' probation for his part in planning the June 1991 drive-by shooting of 32-year-old Donald Thomas.

Consumer groups protesting utility tax bills

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AUSTIN — Consumer groups charged Friday that proposed legislation would raise the cost of electric, telephone and gas service to Texans by nearly $1 billion by not including federal tax breaks in calculating rates.

The groups said one measure would mean more than $880 million in costs to telephone and electric utility customers, and other legislation would cost gas customers several million dollars. That would assume retroactive payments from consumers to utilities for cases that are several years old.

Supporters, however, disputed those contentions. They said the legislation is fair because it would give the tax breaks to those who pay for the programs that yield the deductions.

They said Texas consumers should not get the tax benefit of, for example, losses from a natural gas vehicle venture paid for by shareholders, or from a Texas telephone company's sister utility in another state. The parent company in such cases files a consolidated tax return taking into account losses and gains in various subsidiaries.

For gas company customers, they said, the increased cost under the bill would be pennies a month in just a handful of cities.

Consumers Union, Texas Citizen Action and Public Citizen are targeting bills by Sen. O.H. "Ike" Harris, R-Dallas, and Rep. Mark Stiles, D-Beaumont, regarding gas utilities, and a measure affecting electric and telephone companies by Rep. Curtis Seidlits, D-Sherman.

"Why should consumers reimburse utilities for taxes they never pay to the government?" asked Tom Smith, director of Public Citizen's Texas office.

Tim Curtis, director of Texas Citizen Action, called the proposals "welfare for the wealthy."

John Hildreth, director of Consumers Union, said, "The principle is that ratepayers should not be paying for taxes which are calculated in the rates and then never paid. It becomes, in essence, a windfall for the utility."

Don Leverty of Southern Union Gas said customers in just a few cities would see an increase of no more than 5 cents a month under the gas legislation. He said in most cities his company serves, taxes have been calculated as advocated by the utility.

But without the legislation, he said, it would be more costly for gas companies to make charitable contributions or launch new business ventures. He said since ratepayers don't pay for those contributions or ventures, they should not get resulting tax breaks.

"If you apply this consistently, it would be to the detriment of the consumer," Leverty added, because the company owes taxes when a venture starts making money.

Michael Bauer, attorney for Southwestern Bell, said, "If a Texas utility's sister company in Alaska has a loss or profit, the existence of that loss or profit shouldn't affect how much people pay for utility service in Texas."

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Awareness key to fight against drugs

Drugs, unfortunately, seems to have become a mainstay in American society. And, despite the efforts of law enforcement agencies to stem the flowing tide.

Education of younger children to the dangers of drugs, including alcohol, is a key element in the fight against drugs. And, it may be th' only answer to diminishing the demand for drugs. Once the demand is gone, the market is gone. That is a truism for any business, including the drug trade.

Awareness of the problem is another key and programs such as Red Ribbon Campaign and Inhalants and Poisons Awareness Week offer information to help people become more informed on drugs and its effects on the human body.

Programs such as Drug Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-IT) are another way to bring home the message drugs are not good for you. These programs always need the support of the community and volunteers.

Because it is our youth being lost to drugs and our future and theirs.

Other views

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Here are excerpts from recent editorials in newspapers in the United States and abroad.

March 18

The Daily News, Longview, Wash., on motor-voter:

Senate Republicans made a determined stand against passage of a national motor-voter bill. They filibustered for days, until the Democrats finally modified their proposal to ease GOP anxiety over the prospect of large numbers of low-income or no-income voters. (T)he bill was stripped ... a provision allowing voter registration at welfare and unemployment offices.

This "victory" does not flatter the Republican lawmakers. Their stalling tactic delayed action on more important issues. And we suspect few people in this democracy sympathized with their cause.

Republican lawmakers have been stubbornly opposed to the notion of making it easier to register to vote. They clearly believe that more people voting means more people voting Democrat. This would surely be the case, they supposed, if citizens were allowed to register to vote when they registered for welfare or unemployment. ...

The Republicans have been fighting a reasonable effort to increase participation in this country. It's been the wrong fight.

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March 21

The Greenville (S.C.) News on health care:

Here's something else for Bill Clinton's health care task force to chew on: The cost of the Medicaid health care program for the poor rose by an astonishing 25 percent last year.

According to the federal statistics, Medicaid spending went from $94 billion in fiscal year 1991 to $118 billion the last fiscal year. The state-federal program is the fastest-growing item in state budgets.

This is a worrisome development for Clinton's health care reformers. Medicaid costs are widening the federal budget deficit as the president searches for ways to reduce it. And he's trying to figure out how to pay for an overhaul of the health care system which would increase access to medical care, much as Medicaid has expanded access in recent years to include millions of new clients.

Over the past five years, Medicaid has provided incentives for all parts of the health care constituency — patients, doctors, hospitals, state governments — to use it freely at public expense. But, clearly, this open access comes at a cost, and cost is the dragon Clinton's medical crusaders will have to slay to achieve reform.

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March 22

Tulsa (Okla) World on Americans working overtime:

American workers are getting more overtime and the bigger checks that go with it. But if this sounds like good news on the employment front, forget it. Overtime, once considered a sort of emergency expense for an employer, has become a substitute for hiring new workers.

It isn't that the companies don't have work available. It's just that they would rather not hire any new permanent help. Moreover, more, employers see new workers as liabilities rather than assets. One reason is the growing list of benefits and privileges — many of them required by federal law — that employers must take on when they add anyone to a permanent payroll. Fringe benefits — not affected by overtime and not usually paid to temporary workers — now account for 40 percent of labor costs. ...

An AFL-CIO economist says if industry could go back to the amount of overtime worked in 1982, it would create three million new jobs without increasing the federal deficit. Although the economy created 380,000 new jobs in February, cutting the unemployment rate to 7 percent, lowest in 15 months, 348,000 of the new slots went to temporary or part-time employees.

The problem may get worse before it gets better. The Clinton administration, even more than its predecessors, is pushing for more required benefits and employment costs. These will make it even less attractive for a company to increase its payroll.

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March 22

The Advocate, Baton Rouge, La., on military spending:

The Cold War era and the period of massive military buildup during the administration of former President Ronald Reagan were good times for the cities and states that the military-industrial complex called home. ...

Many of those cities and parts of those states lived by the sword, so to speak, and they lived well. Now a lot of them are fearful that they might wither or die without it. ...

Last week, mayors and members of Congress were gnashing their teeth on national television, crying about the cuts and how much they're going to hurt their cities, their districts and their states.

Well, that's true. A lot of people are going to lose jobs. ... Military bases are not entitlements. The taxpayers don't owe any city, any state or any public official a military base for economic reasons. ...

Some communities and states are going to undergo real economic pain in this process, but it won't be the end of the world. ... This country has had — to one degree or another — a wartime government and a wartime economy for most of of the years since Dec. 7, 1941. Now we just might have a chance to change that.

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March 21

Hattiesburg (Miss.) American on the budget deficit:

Communities' struggle to save their military bases from closure shows the plight of communities dependent on government dollars for economic sustenance, which is to say, all communities.

It also underscores the plight of Bill Clinton and everyone who shares his struggle to balance the federal budget.

Youth culture drives old fogey crazy



Leonard Larsen

WASHINGTON — It's time for another old fogey attack on America's youth-crazed culture, and my contribution is to say it's true: They're taking us to hell in a handbasket.

An apology should be submitted here. I've neglected my old fogey duties, but the tides of the times are lapping up to civilization's doorstep and something stern must be said.

Those of us who bear worldly burdens have been distracted, keeping tabs on that Bosnian thing and that Russian thing and the domestic economy thing and the thing about President Clinton's relations with Congress and the gridlock thing.

But that's only an explanation and no excuse for failure to confront daily deliveries of cultural craziness thriving among the young and threatening to drive the rest of us cuckoo.

There's a grim harvest in only a few days of watching the newspapers and television, poses and portrayals of an assortment of sullen-faced youngsters who are obviously in need of what Spencer Tracy did to Mickey Rooney back in the good old days.

There was, for one instance, a half-page ad in several of the nation's largest newspapers picturing three young men wearing outfits that made them look like they got dressed out of an old clothes bin in the alley behind the Salvation Army.

The cultural shock of the ad was in the prices for those clothes: torn up pants, faded denim shirts, one rumpled sport coat, a leather jacket, something called a leather motorcycle vest and a pair of sweatpants.

All of it priced out at a total of $1,924 to dress up three young punks to look like they'd just left the boys' gym without showering.

In the same appeal to cultural craziness there was a separate newspaper promotion for similar sloppy clothes for young women and one price said it all: A charge of $52 for "faded bell-bottom blue jeans" that already had a hole torn out of one knee.

I must assume that if big chain stores advertise this stuff, young crazies must be buying it. And there's no comfort realizing that the youth culture must be bossing around the parents who pay for it.

If the young people and their dumbbell parents are enriching merchants who peddle rags as clothes, other money-grubbers are also profiting from a form of youthful tastelessness in ceaseless obscenity that's sold as entertainment and said to be all right because it has a "message."

A recent article in a national publication told of one "recording artist" in "sexual rap" whose latest work is intended as a cultural invasion of "white suburbia." It's an album of foul, racist language that will, the artists said, counter white parental racism in the suburbs.

And he'll make more millions of dollars off a youth-crazed culture of grownups and kids who'll think it's their duty to pay him.

Another piece of recent damnfoolery was a news report from York, Pa., that someone for some reason — I missed part of this — was urging the entire town to abstain from sex a whole day.

What struck me as another sad sign of the rising tide was a schoolyard TV interview with a teen-age boy, uniformed appropriately with his hat on backwards, who said the idea was OK with him because his girlfriend was away for the day.

He should have been slapped silly, but he managed that same sullen look of the young clothes models and the rap "artist," that double-dare-you sneer of youthful offensiveness that's used nowadays as communication among the young.

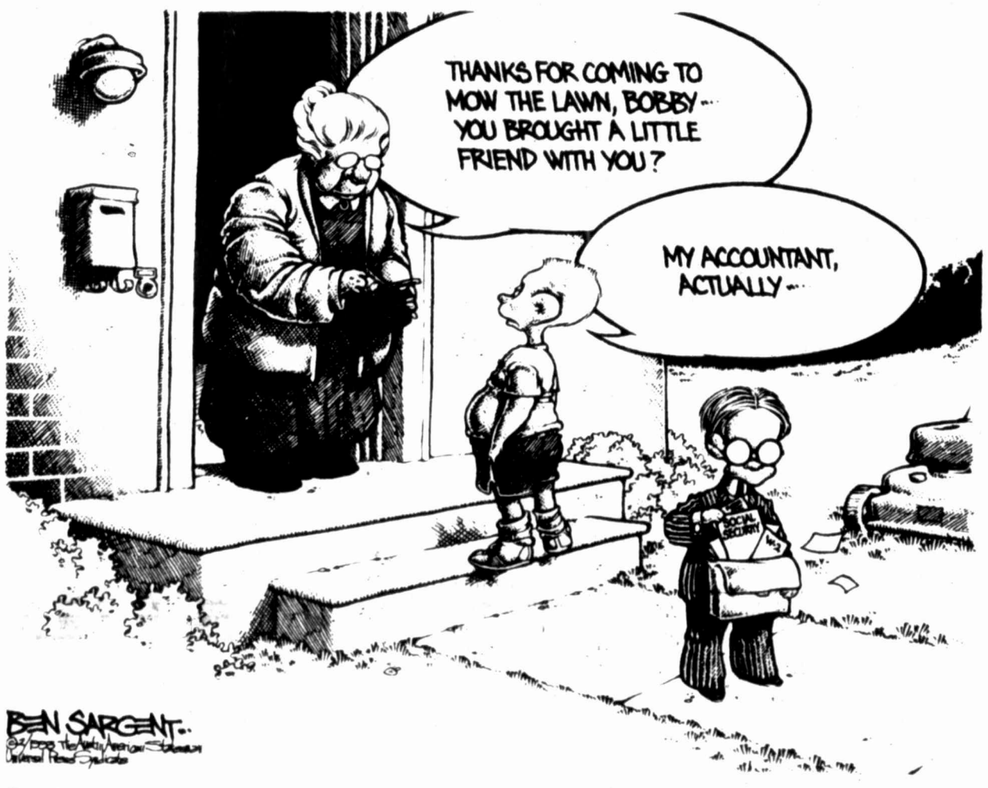
Which reminded me: They couldn't have got away with any of that with Spencer Tracy when he played the movie version of Father Flanagan in "Boys Town" and he was confronted by Mickey Rooney, an insolent, snot-nosed punk.

So quick you could hardly follow it, Spencer Tracy knocked the hat off Rooney's head, his feet off the table and the cigarette out of his mouth.

Sure, it was tough treatment, but it was good for Mickey Rooney and good for Boys Town, too. And it was good for me. Never in my life after that did I sit with my hat on, a cigarette in my mouth and my feet on the dining room table when a priest came in the room.

We've got to get back to the old days. Can't anyone except us old fogies understand that?

Leonard E. Larsen writes commentaries twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.



Oh, those wonderful books



DD Turner

Books, books, books, books, books! If there is one thing in life I can't do without it books.

I have lost count of the number of books I own, but it is never enough. My Father told me if I didn't get rid of some of them, he would never help me move again. Oh, well, there's always brother.

But, I guess the worst thing was Mom telling me I should get rid of my paperbacks. I tried to tell her if I could afford hard bound books that is what I would prefer to buy. But, until such time as the money wagon rolls in, paperbacks it will be.

In her mind, a bookshelf full of paperbacks was tacky. Such is life.

What was also hard to explain to her was most of the authors I enjoy reading just are not printed in hard bound copies.

I can think of three of the Star Trek books that have been published in hardback, and I will get copies of those. I have found few Agatha Christi or Rex Stout in hard back but no P.D. James. Martha Grimes or Georges Simenon.

Actually, finding any book store that sold Simenon in any form was difficult.

I really would like to have nothing but hard bound books. These last longer than paperbacks.

What I really like is old books, ones that were published long ago. That's my goal, to have a collection of rare, but beautiful, books.

But, Mom finally learned how expensive even a paperback can be.

She had been going to college and college books are major league expensive, especially the books for the courses she was taking. But, she didn't buy books for pleasure reading so she still had no comprehension.

So, how did she learn about the cost of books?

It started with a simple request of what I wanted for Christmas. I wanted the uncut, hard bound version of Stephen King's *The Stand*. I knew how much it cost and that was all I intended to ask for as a Christmas gift.

Mom thought that was too little so she insisted I give her something else to buy.

As I had just finished an exciting series by Piers Anthony entitled *Incarnations of Immortality* I asked for the whole series in paperback. This series ran about seven books. I told her the series and the King novel would be enough.

So Mom when merrily shopping along. She bought *The Stand* and she purchased the entire Anthony series. But, she purchased the series piecemeal.

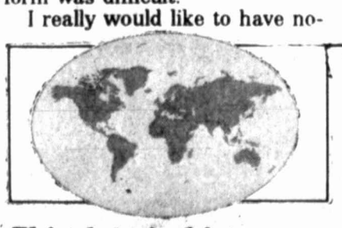
When she finally put calculator to book costs, she realized how much she had spent on buying that paperback series.

So I get this call from her. She tells me now she understands why I hung on to all my paperbacks. They were expensive! She truly had never realized the cost of reading.

The cost of reading. Yeah, it's expensive, but not nearly so expensive as some other hobbies.

So anyway, Mom has left off complaining about the number of paperbacks. And, that suits me just fine.

Now, if only I can convince Dad the books are really not as heavy as he thinks.



This date in history

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Today is Sunday, March 28, the 87th day of 1993. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 28, 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit 2 reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa., as a series of human and mechanical failures caused the cooling system to malfunction, resulting in damage to the reactor's core and leakage of radioactivity.

On this date:

In 1797, Nathaniel Briggs of New Hampshire patented a washing machine.

In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Andrew Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1939, the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire.

In 1943, 50 years ago, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1953, athlete Jim Thorpe died in Lomita, Calif.

In 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington at age 78.

Today's Birthdays: Former Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie is 79. Former White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski is 65. Senator Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, is 60. ABC news correspondent Bill Greenwood is 51. Actor Ken Howard is 49. Actress Dianne Wiest is 45. Country singer Reba McEntire is 38.

Thought for Today: "Millions long for immortality who do not know what to do with themselves on a rainy Sunday afternoon." — Susan Ertz, American author (1894-1985).

We asked:

What changes would you like to see in Big Spring?

"I'd like to have more businesses here. And I'd like someone to get the old Furrs store on 11th Place, since I live over there. I miss that store. We need people to put stores in town, not way out."

Lala Richard

"I'd like there to be better streets and to see a cleaner town. They need to clean up these vacant lots — it's terrible. Thats about the most important thing in town to try and bring in more businesses."

Roger Miller

"I would say more recreational places to start with, since there are no places to go to on Saturdays. Besides recreational areas, I think that would be it. Or like discos, everybody has to drive to Midland right now."

Juan Figueroa

"I think it would be kind of nice to have a center for the youths. Because kids are really confused today with drugs and all that peer pressure. They need a fun place. A place kind of like home for them, a caring atmosphere."

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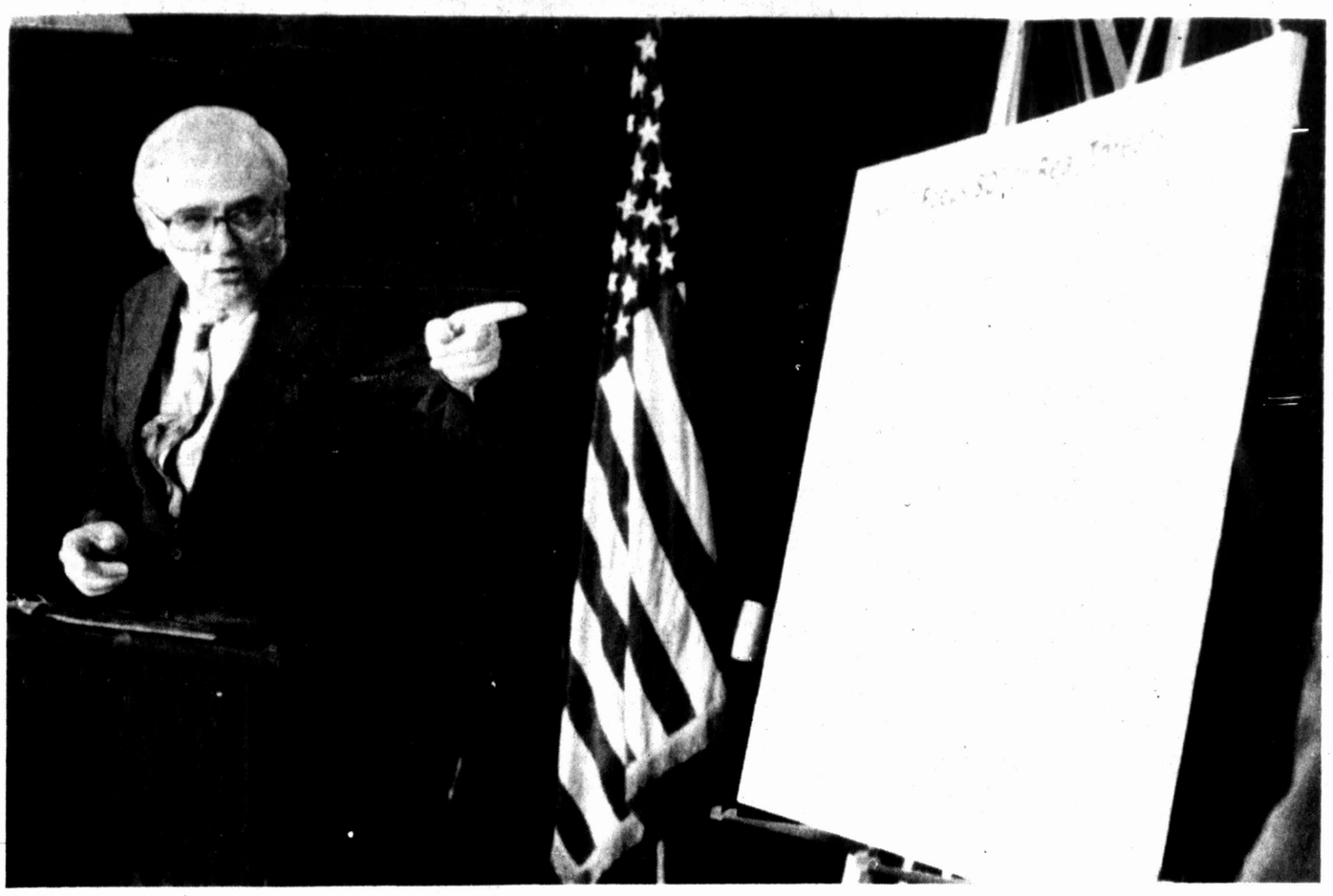
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Defense Secretary Les Aspin outlines cuts in the defense budget during a news conference at the Pentagon Saturday morning. President Clinton wants to cut overall military spending with a pay freeze, troop reductions and changes in the Star Wars program.

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Aspin unveils Clinton defense budget

'Cautious' blueprint preserves many Reagan-Bush era systems

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WASHINGTON — Defense Secretary Les Aspin unveiled President Clinton's slimmed-down, $263.4 billion military budget Saturday, portraying it as a "very cautious" blueprint that preserves many Reagan-Bush era weapons systems.

Reductions of 108,000 in active duty military, a pay freeze and modest cuts in the Strategic Defense Initiative account for much of Clinton's defense cuts in the spending plan for the fiscal year beginning Oct. 1.

But the overall fiscal 1994 budget is about $10 billion less than this year's level — and some $12 billion short of what former President Bush envisioned for the post-Cold War era.

Over a four-year period, Clinton plans to cut defense spending by $88 billion, an increase from the $60 billion reduction he pledged during the presidential campaign.

Left unanswered was the fate of most major weapons programs, including future development of tactical aircraft for the Air Force and Navy, a light helicopter for the Army and an attack submarine.

Aspin is reserving judgment on those programs, as well as scores of others, pending the results of a major review slated for this summer. The defense secretary acknowledged that the budget basically is a standpat plan.

"This is a cautious budget on the weapons side. Very cautious," Aspin told reporters at a Pentagon briefing. "We are maintaining a lot of options ... treading water on two accounts — research and development and procurement."

Among the services, the Navy will see its total of battle force ships drop from 443 to 413. The number of aircraft carriers will decline from 14 to 12. And the Air Force will lose four of its 28 fighter wings.

The number of U.S. troops in Europe will fall to 133,700, down from 304,000 in fiscal 1990.

While the number of uniformed forces drops, the budget would increase spending for training, upkeep of weapons and ships and flying time, from $86.4 billion in fiscal 1993 to $89.5 billion for next year.

"We're cutting force structure and protecting the operation and maintenance," Aspin said. "In a few sentences, that's the summary of the '94 budget."

Members of Congress reacted favorably to the plan, including the chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, who has suggested that Clinton's defense cuts may have gone too deep.

"I think Secretary Aspin did the prudent thing in waiting until he goes through his major procurement review and then making the changes later on this year," Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., said in an interview on CNN's "Newsmaker Saturday."

"We haven't seen the five-year defense plan," Nunn said. "We have been dealing with numbers grabbed out of the air. No one knows where all these cuts are going to come from."

Rep. Ike Skelton, D-Mo., who heads the House Armed Services subcommittee on personnel, said he was "impressed and actually pleased" that the readiness level would be increased.

But both Nunn and Skelton expressed concerns about future budgets. Aspin indicated that additional cuts are possible in coming years as the military draws down.

Clinton foresees a total number of troops of roughly 1.4 million toward the end of the decade, some 200,000 less than the Bush administration projected.

"If we get our military force down too small, we'll be penny wise and pound foolish," Skelton said.

Reflecting the wait-and-see approach, the budget would have the Pentagon purchase six new C-17 transport planes at a cost of $2.6 billion, despite recent reports of cost overruns and design flaws.

Failed rocket launch has General Dynamics ordering investigation

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CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — General Dynamics Corp., already shrunken as a result of reduced defense spending, struggled Friday to overcome the latest setback in one of its three surviving businesses: space.

A malfunction by a General Dynamics rocket Thursday left a Navy satellite orbiting 5,000 miles too low. It was the company's third failure in eight launches.

Company officials offered no excuses and promised to solve the problem and get on with launching Atlas rockets. They said the same thing the last time one of their rockets failed, in August, and the previous time, in April 1991.

The way some analysts see it, time is running out.

"There's a lot of technical risk" in launching rockets, said Kent Newcomb, a defense industry analyst for A.G. Edwards in St. Louis. "On the other hand, they're supposed to work right. You only get one shot at it."

But another industry analyst, Wolfgang Demisch of UBS Securities Inc. in New York, said the financial impact of the failed launch should be relatively minor.

Michael Wynne, president of General Dynamics' San Diego-based Space Systems Division, said Thursday's failure was a setback, but the company would move ferward.

"It's a disappointment, but we have contractual launches out through 1997, which we intend to meet," Wynne said.

Atlas flights, however, are on hold until the company can determine why the first-stage booster didn't provide enough thrust Thursday. The next launch is scheduled for May.

Repercussions even were felt by competing rocket maker McDonnell Douglas. Late Friday afternoon, the Air Force delayed its planned launch of a McDonnell Douglas Delta rocket from Saturday to Sunday so program managers could review engine data from the failed Atlas launch. The engines in both rockets, while different, are made by the same company — Rocketdyne.

General Dynamics' last investigation into a failed launch lasted seven months. Both the 1991 and 1992 failures were traced to stuck engine valves, which worked this time.

In those launches, the rockets had to be blown up over the Atlantic along with their payloads, multimillion-dollar communications satellites. This time, the satellite reached space.

On-board thrusters may be able to boost the satellite to make the spacecraft some use to the Navy, said Ron Swanson, general manager of satellite maker Hughes Space and Communications Co. But there isn't enough fuel to put the satellite where it was supposed to be, preventing its full use, he said.

Child custody complaints range from sneakers to sexual abuse

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In the throes of anger and hurt, Cynthia Creem's client's come up with all manner of reasons why former spouses shouldn't get custody or visitation of a child.

"They'll say, 'They don't use the seat belt. They take them to McDonald's too much. They take them to the wrong temple or church,' " said Creem, a Boston divorce lawyer for 25 years.

The very public fight between Woody Allen and Mia Farrow has focused attention on the raw emotions surrounding child custody cases. But the issues are nothing new to the lawyers doing daily battle in the trenches of matrimonial law.

"It's probably the most gut-wrenching part of divorce and the hardest thing for a child to go through," said Elliot Samuelson, a New York divorce lawyer and author.

Samuelson and other divorce attorneys tell story after story of the excesses divorcing parents commit in the fight for child custody. Some challenge the other parent's lifestyle, religious practices, even what clothes they give their children.

Creem tells of one case where a parent complained the child was wearing sneakers too much. In another, a father broke into the home and snapped pictures to support claims his former spouse was a lousy housekeeper.

Lawyers also say there has been an explosion in sexual abuse allegations in custody cases. Part of the increase is attributed to greater public awareness and a willingness to come forward.

But there are times when the charges reflect something else.

"A lot of it is caused by failure of communication," said Joan Patsy Ostroy, who heads the family law section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association.

"A child will come home and say, 'Daddy touched my pee-pee.' If it were an intact marriage they would discuss it and understand it was nothing," she said. "But when you have the anxiety-driven situation of divorce, things can get out of hand."

Some attorneys say such charges, whether believed or not, are used as leverage in acrimonious bargaining.

In some divorces, the issues are more on the surface.

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Clinton, Kohl back Russia's 'crusade'

Meet briefly with Bosnian president Alija Izetbegovic

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton and German Chancellor Helmut Kohl pledged vigorous Western support Friday for Russia's struggling democracy movement, calling it vital to the "great crusade" for freedom around the globe.

"These are critical days, for the actions we take together now will help to determine the fate of democracy, the prosperity of our people and the peace of the world," Clinton said after an Oval Office meeting with Kohl.

The president said he was still working on details of the U.S. aid package he will present to Russian President Boris Yeltsin next week in Vancouver, but that he and Kohl were "in general agreement on the ... approach."

Added Kohl: "Both of us are aware of the fact that any type of setback will in the end turn out to be much more expensive than any type of assistance we have the intention of granting right now."

The two world leaders also met briefly with Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovic, who a day earlier signed a U.N. peace plan for wartorn Bosnia-Herzegovina. The plan previously was endorsed by the Croats.

At a question-and-answer session with Kohl, Clinton said the United States would make "a full-court press" to push Serbia to sign the plan and left open the possibility of relaxing an embargo on weapons for the Bosnian muslims.

"They will be in the wrong if they do not sign this agreement," Clinton said, adding that he would give the Serbs a few days to sign on before deciding whether to "up the ante."

Behind the scenes, Clinton continued working to build congressional support for his Russian aid package. After bringing House members to the White House on Thursday to discuss the plan, Clinton was holding a similar dinner session with senators Friday night.

His aid package is expected to stress cooperation in energy exploration and development and easing Moscow's debt burden. Officials say the plan could include housing subsidies for demobilized Russian troops, eased restrictions for international bank loans and attempts to stabilize the ruble.

Germany has been the largest single donor of assistance to Russia, with much of that aid coming in the form of help resettling Russian troops after the unification with East Germany.

Taking note of Germany's close proximity to Russia, Kohl said that "the threat, if there was a relapse to form a dictator structure, would affect us first and foremost."

Clinton said he was heartened by the latest developments in Russia, where efforts to impeach Yeltsin faltered Friday. But he cautioned, "It's difficult to know what's going to happen from day to day now."

He affirmed his intention to find ways the United States and other Western nations can offer short- and long-term help in "promoting democracy and market economics and in improving a difficult economic situation."

"A paramount challenge for the West in our generation is helping to ensure the survival of democracy and economic reform in Russia and the other republics of the former Soviet Union," Clinton said.

He said that together with Germany, "we must be leaders in the great crusade ... to foster liberty, democracy, human rights and free-market economics throughout the world."

Kohl praised Clinton's resolve in supporting Yeltsin and said the Western allies "have to see to it that the spirit of reform, the willingness to establish democratic structures and a pluralist society, market economic structures in Russia and the CIS (Commonwealth of Independent States) is continuing."



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President Clinton calls on a reporter as German Chancellor Helmut Kohl looks on during their joint news conference in the East Room of the White House Friday. The two men agreed that the West's "paramount challenge" in the post-Cold War era is to support the democratic and political reforms in Russia.

President regarded as a hands-on type with team concept

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Thirty minutes before show time, President Clinton ordered another rewrite of the most important speech of his life. His aides were mortified, stunned into nervous silence. Then the boss broke into song.

Standing at the front of the White House theater, the president did his best Shirley Temple impersonation. Singing off key and waving his hands, he warbled the speech's serious text to the tune of a 1970s pop melody.

It worked.

"He knew we were tight. He knew we had to make a lot of changes that he had just ordered. Instead of barking at us, he cracked us all up," said political consultant Paul Begala, who helped write the Feb. 17 economic speech to Congress.

"We felt that if the boss was confident, maybe things would be OK," he said.

Clinton's offbeat sense of humor is one of the more colorful aspects of his management of the White House. His hands-on style is reminiscent of President Carter, who was criticized for trying to do too much. So far, Clinton has not fallen into the traps of micro management: trying to do too much and accomplishing little as a result.

Still, 54 percent of Americans in a Harris Poll published Saturday agreed that Clinton "tries to do too many things at once." But 67 percent think he is a strong leader and 84 percent "a tough fighter for what he believes in." The poll of 1,255 adults March 4-10 has a 3-point margin of sampling error.

His larger goal is to foster informal free-flowing debate, seek opinions from anyone who might know anything about the subject at hand, and avoid infighting.

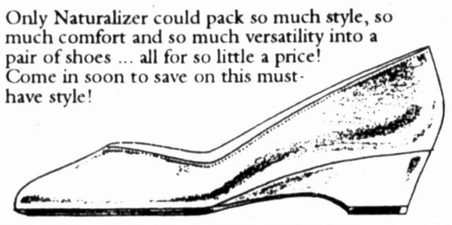
James Pfiffner, professor of government and public policy at George Mason University, said Clinton "likes the details. He has an in-depth understanding. The temptation for him is going to be to get too much into the details ... and get bogged down. But I don't see him doing that yet."

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WASHINGTON — President Clinton dominated the Senate last week as no Democrat has since Lyndon Johnson, and apparently weathered Boris Yeltsin's crisis in Russia, too. Only that messy issue, gays in the military, stood in the way of a week of solid success.

Clinton underwent his first full-fledged news conference in the ninth week of his presidency. At the end, he said he had enjoyed the experience, and would do it again sometime. He had been under press pleadings to do it earlier and often.

But it was at the East Room news conference that Clinton got into some hot water and had to backtrack.

He has insisted the military must drop its ban on homosexuals, but in reply to a question, he seemed to suggest that he might agree to a compromise under which gays would be barred from certain jobs.

If it is constitutional to discriminate against gays in the service, he said, then it would be constitutional to "make appropriate distinctions on duty assignments once they're in."

Later, he said he wouldn't rule out restricting homosexuals' assignments "depending on what the grounds and the arguments were."

That was about all he said, but it antagonized people on both sides of the issue.

Opponents of the ban said denying some service personnel some jobs — presumably close-quarter assignments — would be just as discriminatory. Supporters of the ban said reserving some jobs for homosexuals would be unfair to heterosexuals who wanted those assignments.

Segregating homosexuals and heterosexuals would require quizzing service people about their sexual orientation — an activity Clinton has objected to and pledged during his campaign to end.

In the days following Clinton's comments, his spokesmen played down his remarks, saying he would merely explore such a recommendation if it came to him from the Pentagon.

Clinton's promise to end the homosexual ban has been a sensitive subject since the first days of his presidency and for awhile derailed his intention to concentrate on the economy.

With the Pentagon brass and Sen. Sam Nunn, D-Ga., chairman of the Senate Armed Services Committee, staunchly opposed, Clinton postponed action until this summer. On Monday, Nunn opens Senate hearings which will keep the issue prominent.

On the economy, Clinton prevailed in the Senate. He lost the votes of only two Democrats in winning approval for his plan to raise taxes, cut the deficit and redirect defense spending.

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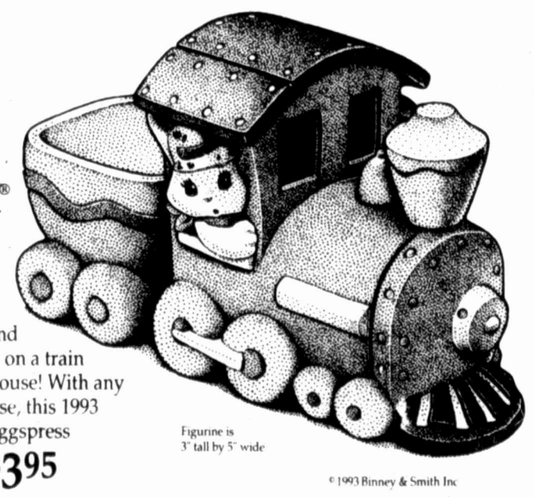


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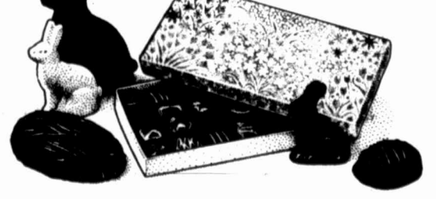


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Muslim extremists step up terror campaign in Cairo

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CAIRO, Egypt — Muslim extremists stepped up their campaign of terror in the heart of the capital Saturday, killing a police officer with a bomb in another blow to efforts to calm fearful residents and visitors.

Extremist violence spread to Cairo in January from Assiut, the southern stronghold of militant Muslims who want to overthrow the secular government. Saturday's explosion was the third in Cairo in a month and brought to 54 the number killed this year by militant-sponsored violence.

The shift of extremist attacks to Cairo has unsettled many Egyptians, who refer to the capital of 15 million people as "Misr," Arabic for "Egypt." It also strikes at the core of Egypt's vital tourism industry, which has already suffered because of attacks in the south.

"The extremists are starting a new phase of challenge and terror ... in Cairo," said Mursi Saad Eddin, who was government spokesman under former President Anwar Sadat.

"Police have now arrested many of them in southern Egypt," he said. "They're under a lot of pressure and can no longer move freely there. So they've moved to Cairo, which is big and crowded. They can hide easier after their attacks."

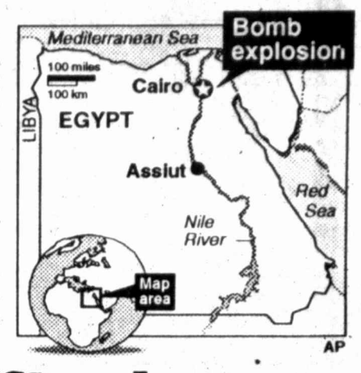
The Islamic Group said Saturday it staged an attack in Cairo, apparently referring to the bomb placed near a parked police car off busy Ataba Square. At least one policeman was killed and eight people were wounded when the bomb exploded as officers were trying to dismantle it in a nearby civil defense building.

"Police have been targeted by the Islamic Group since last year," Hisham Mubarak, a lawyer who defends extremist clients. "The only change now is that they have moved their attacks to Cairo.

"By moving to Cairo, they escape the strong grip of security forces in the south and confuse the government," he said. "They also highlight the fact that the government is unable to protect the police and tourists."

On Feb. 26, a bomb went off in a coffee shop, killing a Swede, a Turk and an Egyptian and injuring more than 15 people. A March 16 explosion beneath a bus outside the Egyptian National Museum on damaged six buses but caused no injuries.

"This is also an escalation of the violence," Mubarak said. "I think there will be a new phase with the attacks on investors, as the Islamic Group has threatened."



Mafia probe eyes former Italian leader

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ROME — Former Premier Giulio Andreotti revealed Saturday he is under investigation for suspected Mafia activity, but dismissed the allegations as untrue, news reports said.

Andreotti, who served as premier seven times between 1972 and 1992, is the latest high-level politician touched by anti-corruption probes that have gathered steam throughout Italy.

Details of the investigation were not immediately clear and it was not known whether it was linked to a nationwide inquest into alleged kickbacks.

The news agencies AGI and ANSA reported Andreotti said Palermo magistrates had given him formal notice of the investigation. ANSA said a spokesman, Stefano Andreani, quoted Andreotti as calling the allegations "slanderous."

Neither the spokesman nor Andreotti could be reached for comment.

Andreotti, as a senator-for-life, enjoys parliamentary immunity from prosecution unless it is lifted by legislators.

In Naples, meanwhile, a former mayor was among a dozen people jailed Saturday as Italy's corruption scandal spread south.

In addition to the arrests of political and business figures, Italian news reports said authorities notified 26 other people they were under investigation.

They included a former top crimefighter, Vincenzo Scotti, who was interior minister under Andreotti. A few hours after the reports, Scotti resigned as a member of parliament's anti-Mafia commission, Italian news agencies said.

The scandals center on payoffs, some for millions of dollars, in return for public works contracts.



Israeli unrest

Associated Press photo

An Israeli border policeman fires rubber bullets at fleeing Palestinian youngsters in the Shuafat refugee camp in East Jerusalem Saturday. The clash started when Palestinians blocked the entrance to the camp with burning tires and threw stones at the border police.

Yeltsin softening; Russian lawmakers backing referendum

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOSCOW — President Boris Yeltsin, fighting off attempts to drive him from power, offered a new political compromise Saturday to his foes in Russia's Communist-dominated Congress.

In a rambling speech to the Congress of People's Deputies, Yeltsin proposed new negotiations with his main rival, parliament speaker Ruslan Khasbulatov, and Prime Minister Viktor Chernomyrdin and chief justice Valery Zorkin.

He predicted they should work out a solution to the power struggle within a week. But Yeltsin did not offer details about what compromise he would be willing to make.

The lawmakers plan to reconvene Sunday to take up the political impasse and debate a proposed referendum on whether the president or lawmakers should rule the nation.

"We have convened to find accord," Yeltsin said. "If we disperse in disagreement, the Russian people, our voters, will not understand."

The president made the unexpected appeal on the second day of an emergency session of the Congress, dominated by former Communist officials and factory directors opposed to Yeltsin's market reforms and foreign policy.

After his speech, he left the Kremlin to walk along Moscow's central Tverskaya Street — a characteristic gesture for the president, who turns to the people at difficult moments.

Accompanied by Mayor Yuri Luzhkov and surrounded by bodyguards, Yeltsin shook the hands of shoppers.

"Our society needs accord," he said. "Otherwise, we may tear Russia apart."

Earlier Saturday, the Congress voted 621-23 to give initial approval to holding a national referendum on April 25.

But hard-liners sought to turn it to their advantage by asking about support for Yeltsin's painful economic reforms, not about who should govern Russia — the president or the legislature, as the president originally proposed.

Hard-liners in the parliament failed to call a vote on removing Yeltsin for violating the constitution — the initial reason for convening the Congress in the Grand Kremlin Palace.

But they went on to press for a resolution that would charge the president with "personal responsibility" for the political war and that would urge both Yeltsin and Khasbulatov to resign voluntarily.

"I, as president, do not agree with this draft resolution," Yeltsin said, mixing angry and conciliatory notes in an impromptu speech.

Yeltsin acknowledged he violated the constitution, but charged that lawmakers themselves had breached it 300 times. He offered to make changes in the Cabinet, but rejected lawmakers' demand for a coalition government.

Pro-Yeltsin legislators called the speech a "last attempt" for compromise with the Congress and voiced fears that hard-liners would try again to remove the president.

Hard-liner Mikhail Chelnokov summed up the reaction of Yeltsin's foes, saying he was "in principle against any accord with all those, including the president, who violate the constitution and betray their motherland."

The president, looking weary and unkempt, spoke loudly but paused often, and his face appeared bloated. Pro-Communist legislators immediately alleged that he had been drinking.

A spokesman for Yeltsin denied the allegations. Yeltsin himself told reporters he was grieving for his mother, Klavdia, who died last week at 85.

Yeltsin's speech was the climax of a tumultuous afternoon session in which lawmakers intensely debated the questions to be put to the nation in the April referendum.

Convoy stalled, U.N. criticizes Bosnian Serbs

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia — A top U.N. relief official on Saturday accused Bosnian Serbs of breaking promises made just a day earlier by blocking an aid convoy for trapped Muslims in eastern Bosnia.

The harsh comments by Jose Maria Mendiluce in Belgrade reflected the growing frustration of U.N. officials with a Serb offensive against the last Muslim enclaves in the area.

He warned that the failure of the aid convoy could force a halt to U.N. relief work.

"We have already lost a day, and God knows how many lives," said Mendiluce, the coordinator of relief efforts in the former Yugoslavia for the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees. "I denounce the hypocritical attitude of those who give guarantees and don't respect them."

In more than five hours of meetings in Belgrade on Friday, Bosnian Serb military commander Gen. Ratko Mladic agreed to a cease-fire throughout Bosnia beginning at noon Sunday. Dozens of previous cease-fires have failed almost as soon as they started.

U.N. officials said Mladic had agreed to allow a relief convoy to reach besieged Srebrenica.

But the trucks of food and medicine — with the U.N.'s military commander for Bosnia, Gen. Philippe Morillon, out front — barely got under way Saturday from Mali Zvornik just inside the Serbian republic before it was turned back.

Morillon reportedly continued to Srebrenica, where he has made his base in recent weeks in an effort to protect the population.

Mendiluce said the Serbs gave no reason for turning back the convoy, but that it would try again on Sunday. If it failed, he indicated the U.N. refugee agency might suspend its relief efforts.

"Our chances of negotiations are, in my view, exhausted," he said.

U.N. officials in Bosnia have been trying for more than a week to get more help for Srebrenica. Without the convoys, the only food provided Srebrenica comes from U.S. airdrops.

A convoy was permitted in a week ago, but an operation to evacuate sick and wounded by helicopter fell apart on Wednesday when Serbs shelled the landing pad.

A senior U.N. official in the former Balkan federation, Cedric Thornberry, said Thursday that Srebrenica could fall to advancing Serb forces in 15 to 20 days.

Diplomatic pressure has increased on Serbs since the Bosnian president, Alija Izetbegovic, signed a U.N. peace plan for his republic, leaving the Serbs as the only holdout.

Serbs have captured 70 percent of Bosnia, and millions of people have lost their homes in fighting that began last April. The international peace plan would give the Serbs 43 percent of Bosnia, which they say is unfair.



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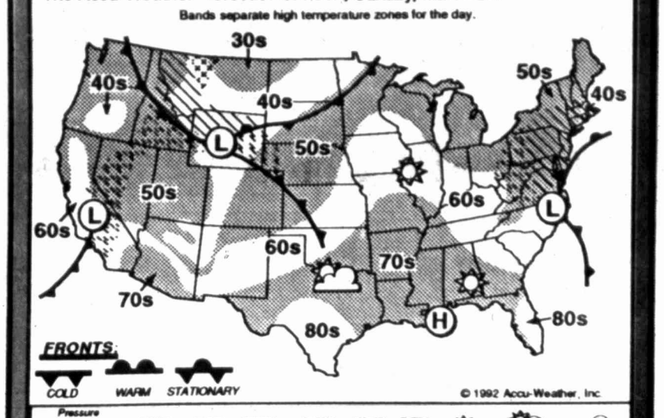
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Monday: Partly cloudy with a chance of showers and thunderstorms. Low in the 40s. High int he upper 60s.

Tuesday: Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Low in the 40s. High in the mid 70s.

Wednesday: Mostly fair and cool. Low around 40. High in the 60s.

Walton requested Supercenter for Big Spring before his death

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Many have wondered why Wal-Mart Stores Inc. would want to build a Supercenter in Big Spring, which would be nearly three times the size of the 69,985-square-foot store at Wasson and FM 700.

Wal-Mart founder Sam Walton, who died last year, personally said he wanted Big Spring to get either a distribution center or a Supercenter, company Vice President Tom McCalib said Friday in Big Spring.

"They said that before he died that he wanted a Wal-Mart — left it in writing, expressing it — that he wanted something done for Big Spring," said Big Spring City Manager Lanny Lambert, who on Friday attended a meeting between McCalib and local residents.

The meeting was held so Wal-Mart officials could answer concerns of residents in Coronado Hills and other nearby neighborhoods. Company officials are offering ways to control traffic, capture water runoff and shield noise and light. But homeowners still oppose locating the store near their neighborhoods.

"They're proposing that this be the best and the biggest Superstore that they build," Lambert said.

The store would be 199,000 square feet, about five acres, and would be accompanied by 20 acres of parking. There are only 30 Supercenters out of the 1,880 Wal-Mart stores across the nation, including 228 in Texas. The store most similar to that proposed for Big Spring is the recently finished Supercenter in Tulsa, Okla.

Walton was apparently fond of Big Spring because he had a friend in Howard County and the two hunted quail here, according to a December 1989 Big Spring Herald report. On occasion, Walton dropped by unannounced at the present Wal-Mart to say "hi" and "do a little shopping himself." It was reported then that he planned to expand the store, which opened in 1983.

Wal-Mart is among the nation's fastest growing retail chains, with $43.9 billion in net sales last year compared to $32.6 billion the year before and $15.9 billion in 1988. Net income last year was $1.61 billion.

The company works to lower prices by buying merchandise in bulk and moving it from stockrooms to store floors with no extra processing or holding time. All products have a "satisfaction guaranteed" return policy.

Wal-Mart

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gineer met with the committee Friday at city hall in an effort to assuage fears with proposals to control traffic, capture water runoff and shield lights and noise. Committee members remain unconvinced.

"I don't understand why they would want to put a store like that in the middle of a residential area," Brooks said. "I think they should be in a more visible area."

Mccalib could not be reached for comment but a spokesman at Wal-Mart headquarters in Bentonville, Ark., said, "We feel like the overall reward for it's going to be worth it. It's going to be a terrific economic impact."

The store is designed to attract shoppers regionwide.

The disagreement will be brought before the Big Spring Zoning and Planning Commission April 5 because about half the proposed site, outside the old Jet Drive-In, is zoned residential. Brooks said committee members will attend the meeting.

The zoning board will make a recommendation for consideration April 13 by the Big Spring City Council, which is reportedly split on the issue. McCalib had planned to meet individually with council members last week, as well.

Among Wal-Mart proposals:

- Expand Thorpe Street from two lanes to three. Put a turn lane on Wasson Road. Reroute traffic to make it difficult to get to the store by driving through Coronado neighborhoods. Recommend the state put in traffic lights at Wasson and FM 700 and at Wasson and Thorpe. One report indicates it could take up to six months after the store opens to get traffic lights in.
- Put in a 60- to 75-foot greenway to separate the parking lot from Wasson Road.
- Install shields on lamps to direct light downward, away from homes and traffic.
- Build three on-site ponds to catch water and prevent runoff into the Coronado Hills area.

Committee members had another idea: Locate the store at U.S. 87 and Interstate 20.

That site was considered during a two-year planning period, Wal-Mart officials said after a February release announcing the Supercenter mistakenly listed I-20 and U.S. 87 as the site. But it had been rejected in favor of the presently proposed site.

"We were really curious as to why they picked that particular site," Brooks said. "You know, they wouldn't tell us. They said that was the only site they would consider building it on."

SMMC

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the hospital's change in policy.

Of any business, individual or organization in Howard County, SMMC is the largest contributor to D-FY-IT. The hospital's out-of-pocket expenses (for materials, personnel and equipment) for drug testing all D-FY-IT members in Howard County exceeds even the $17,000 donation of Big Spring's Stan Partee of Big Spring.

Partee's contribution was used to purchase a van for the Big Spring club.

Full-market value for drug screens performed by SMMC, including 100 new members to be tested for Coahoma, exceeds $100,000. SMMC performed the 350-test initial screening for Coahoma initiates and more than 1,000 for the Big Spring program.

Organizers were relieved by SMMC's decision, because many were concerned about the organization's future, fearing the $15 per test charge the hospital had suggested early in the week would cripple the club only a year after its strong beginning. "They got such as good start last year," Coahoma Principal Larry Hudson said of the 45-percent student turnout in the first year.

"We have made a commitment to provide these services to Howard County," Wiley said, noting the hospital will be reviewing annual expenses, however, to ensure the cost doesn't become prohibitive. The hospital budgets for an annual charity/uncollectable debt amount near $2 million, according to hospital official Morgan Wise.

"We can't be all things to all people," Wiley said. "But we are committed to serving the county. How many businesses give away eight to 10 percent of their business?"

D-FY-IT officers agreed to attend free anti-drug abuse programs provided by SMMC, as well. Big Spring and Coahoma D-FY-IT organizations are the only ones in Texas supported by free drug testing," said Dan Wise, an administrator and social worker at SMMC.

The hospital will perform about 125 random and initiations drug tests for the Coahoma program and about 400 for the Big Spring program, according to Deputy Woodie Howell, who, along with several parents and school officials, serve in an advisory capacity to the student-run organization.

Howell praised the efforts of SMMC at the meeting. "I can't tell you how much the kids and the rest of us appreciate your helping us out," he said. "My son was born up here night before last and the treatment was fantastic."

In Big Spring, students carrying D-FY-IT cards are eligible for discounts at 25 area merchants.

Mitchell expressed her appreciation to SMMC. "Everybody wants a card so bad — (the students) that didn't get to get in last year."

Lotto

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Deaths

Patsy Greer

Patsy T. Greer, 42, Lithonia, Ga. died Saturday, March 27, 1993.

Memorial services will be held Monday, March 29, 1993 at 2 p.m. at First Baptist Church, Snellville, Ga. with Dr. James G. Merritt officiating. Interment of cremains will be at Eternal Hills Memory Gardens. Tom M. Wages Funeral Service Inc., Snellville.

She was a 1968 graduate of Big Spring High. She was a homemaker and member of First Baptist Church, Snellville.

Survivors include her husband, Randy Greer; one daughter, Sarah Greer; one son, Matthew Greer, all of Lithonia; her parents: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Thomas, Big Spring; two sisters: Nina Thomas, Abilene, and Elaine Wagner, Rockwall; one brother, Roy Thomas, Midland; and her paternal grandmother, Mrs. M.A. Thomas, Big Spring.

Carrie Mims

Carrie Mims, 90, Stanton, died Saturday, March 27, 1993 at Martin County Hospital.

Services will be 2 p.m., Monday at Stanton Church of Christ with Ellmore Johnson, Lubbock, and James Johnson, Stanton officiating. Burial will be in Evergreen Cemetery, Stanton under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born May 16, 1902 in Oklahoma. She married Ernest Mims on Nov. 27, 1920 in Abilene. He preceded her in death on Dec. 12, 1989. She moved to Stanton in 1930 from Jones County. She was a member of Stanton Church of Christ.

Survivors include one son, Billy Mims, Stanton; one daughter, Maxine Howard, Stanton; one daughter-in-law, Margaret Mims, Lubbock; four sisters: Ruby Vinson, Irene Reynolds, Wanda Lee McClure and Eloise Winn, all of Abilene; nine grandchildren, and 24 great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by one son.

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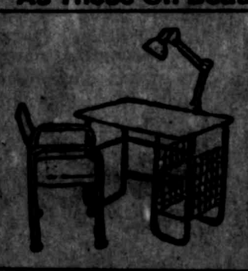
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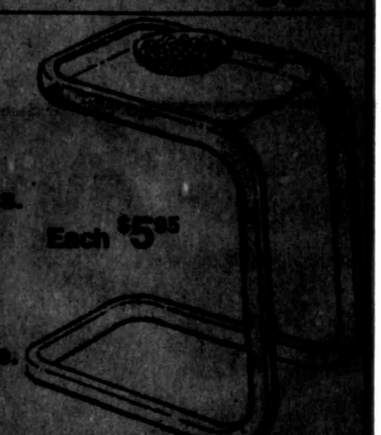
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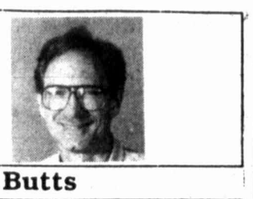
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Section B

Big Spring Herald

Steers' Doe no stat nerd



Mike Butts

The major league baseball season hasn't even started yet. And already I'm tired of bow-tied, would-be poets spouting silliness about how they get goose pimples from the first sound of bat on ball.

What is it about this sport that makes everybody writing about it want to be Shakespeare and everybody talking about it want to be Mark Twain? What is it that inspires so many attempts at eloquence and so much philosophizing?

Maybe it's the pace of the game. Baseball games contain so many dead spots, spectators have more than enough time to come up with words that rhyme with "suicide squeeze." Or meter that reflects the rhythm of a hit-and-run. And what better to do when waiting for the count to fill than contemplate the Zen symbolism of the term "sacrifice fly."

"But," as those rambling folks who call radio talk shows like to say, "that's not why I called."

There's something about baseball that bothers me even more than the intellectuals trying to make it into some kind of metaphor for the life experience or profound spiritual lesson. Namely, the stat nerds.

Moreso than other team sports, baseball brings out the fans with photographic memories and calculator brains. The ones who can tell you which ticket-taker worked turnstyle 17 in game five of the '55 World Series. Or how many pick-off attempts Whitey Ford made in May of '61 in cities located on tributaries of the Mississippi.

That's what makes Big Spring Steer baseball coach Bobby Doe somewhat of an anamoly.

The second-year Steer coach couldn't be any more steeped in the game of baseball. He says he grew up in a "baseball family." His father Huck played Triple A ball for the Cincinnati Reds organization. Bobby played well enough in college to make all-conference teams at both Lubbock Christian and Hardin-Simmons Universities. He now mans the mound for a fast-pitch softball team.

But he's on the opposite end of the spectrum from a stat nerd. The only numbers he cares about are the runs scored in the Steers' last game.

Doe doesn't keep stats of any kind on the Steers. He'll tell you their won-loss record if you give him a couple of seconds to think of it. But don't bother asking about batting averages or ERAs.

At Big Spring's district opener Tuesday, I noticed the radio guys reading from a list of Steer batting averages and ERAs. The next day I asked coach Doe if he had any team stats. Never know when they might come in handy, me being a sportswriter and all.

No, he said. The broadcasters' notes were just "guestimates."

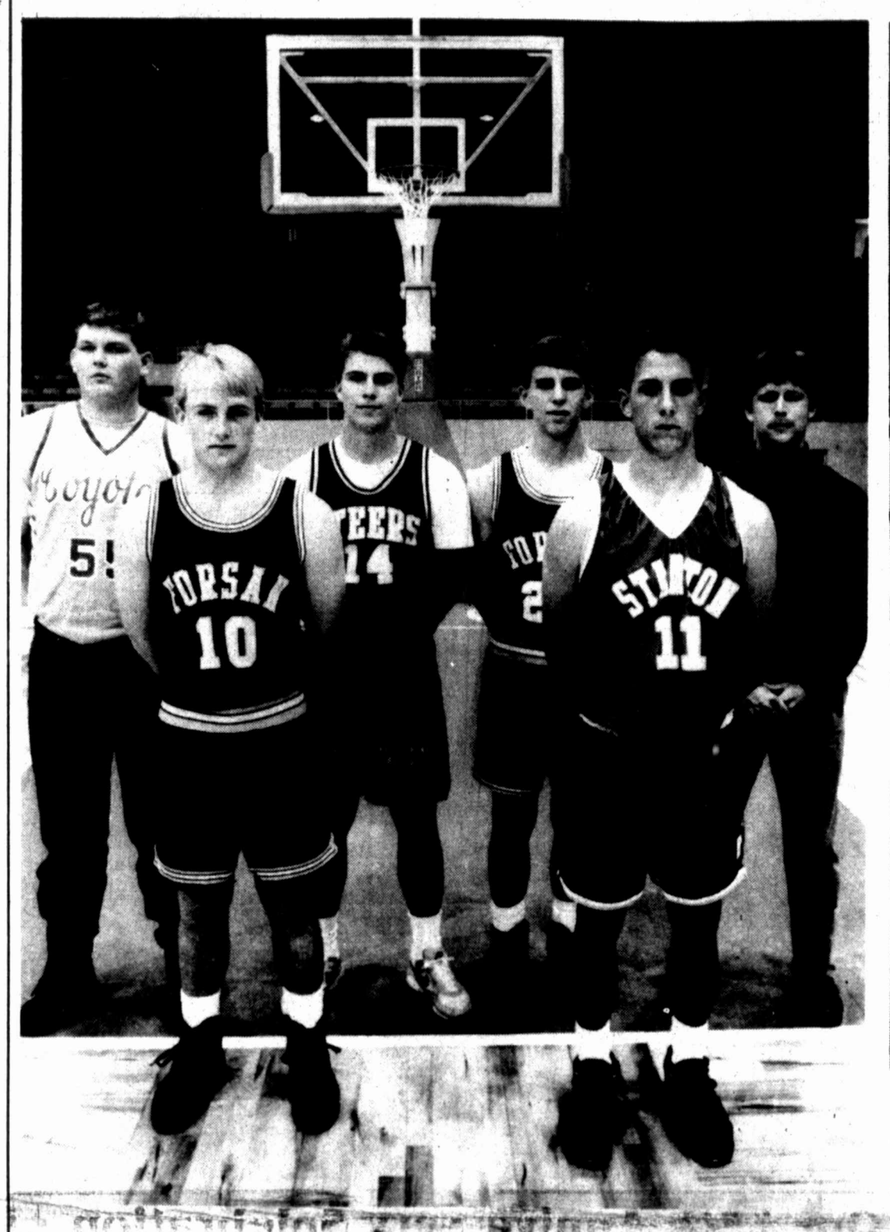
Last season the Steers kept winning in the playoffs and media types kept wanting statistics. They'd call the Herald and inquire of so-and-so's RBI's. They'd call Doe and ask of somebody's strikeout total. "Let's see," would be a likely answer, "he's 5-3. Or is it 5-2?"

The UIL needed stats for printing their state finals program in Austin. So Doe just improvised. And the numbers looked very convincing in the program. I think they were pretty accurate, considering.

So if you're one of those baseball fans who likes to recite the on-base percentage of your team's leadoff hitter against left-handers from schools with winning records in two or more of the last five years, you might get a bit frustrated following the Steers. Unless, of course, you're partial to a team that wins.

Mike Butts is sports editor of the Big Spring Herald. His column appears Sundays.

Crossroads Country Honor Roll



The *Big Spring Herald's* Boys Crossroads Country Honor Roll basketball team, form left to right: Borden County's Richard Buchanan, Forsan's Chris Evans, Big Spring's Wes Hughes, Forsan's Jacoby Hopper, MVP Jeremy Stallings of Stanton and coach of the year Terry McDonald of Forsan. (Not pictured, Coahoma's Bryan Sledge.)



Herald photos by Tim Appel

The *Big Spring Herald's* Girls Crossroads Country Honor Roll basketball team, from left to right: Sands' Courtney Fryar, Stanton's Laura Herm, MVP Jenny Conaway of Forsan, Klondike's Cheri Franklin, Big Spring's Amy Earnst, Big Spring's Casey Cook and coach of the year Ron Taylor of Big Spring.

Stallings' 'hobby' gets him MVP

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Writer

Jeremy Stallings may consider basketball little more than a hobby, but it is one he's very good at.

Stallings, a 5-foot-11 senior, puts most of his efforts into track, as evidenced by his University of Florida track scholarship and state 800 meter record.

But this past basketball season he plied his trade well enough to be named Most Valuable Player of the *Big Spring Herald's* 1993 Crossroads Country Honor Roll.

The Stanton High School guard averaged 23 points per game and scored more than 30 points 10 times last season. In addition he averaged five rebounds, 5.8 steals and 3.6 assists per game and was an all-District 6-2A selection.

"Everybody geared up to stop him," Stanton coach Doug Gordon said. "I think he was the best player in the district. He's definitely the best athlete.

"Every district game, teams used gimmick defenses to stop Jeremy," Gordon added. "I think that shows a lot of respect, when every team in the district changes its defense to stop you."

Naming the Coach of the Year for the Honor Roll was fairly easy this year. Earlier in the season, Forsan's Terry McDonald couldn't tell you the last time the Buffaloes made the playoffs, but everyone knows now.

In his first year at Forsan, McDonald led the Buffs to a 19-11 record and a berth in the state playoffs, where they lost to Anton in bi-district action.

"I don't know what turned it around," McDonald said of Forsan's year. "Around mid-season, the kids started understanding what we were trying to do. Everything kind of fit in after that."

Helping McDonald turn the Buffs around were two members of the Honor Roll, Jacoby Hopper and Chris Evans.

Hopper, a two-year starter at point guard for the Buffaloes, averaged 10 points, eight assists and three steals per game. He was a first team all-District 6-A

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Conaway posts top girls honor

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Writer

It was definitely the year of the post player in area girls' basketball play.

Local teams seemed blessed with big, inside players this season, and none were better than Jenny Conaway, the *Big Spring Herald's* 1993 Crossroads Country Honor Roll Most Valuable Player.

Conaway, Forsan's 6-foot junior post, helped lead the Buffalo-Queens to a 20-11 record and a berth in the regional tournament. In addition, she was named most valuable player of District 6-A.

For the season, Conaway averaged 20 points and 12 rebounds a game and had 57 blocked shots and 177 steals.

Forsan coach Johnny Schafer said his star has just gotten better and better the three years she's started for the Queens.

"She's improved every year," Schafer said. "She's gotten more agressive and developed her shot further from the basket. She plays basketball all through the summer and that helps her continue to improve. She wants to be even better and all that is to her benefit."

Giving Conaway a run for MVP honors was Big Spring post Amy Earnst, a 5-11 junior. Earnst came out of nowhere this year to become MVP of District 3-4A. The first-year starter averaged 16.3 points, 5.8 rebounds and three blocks per game.

"She's just one of those kids that decided that (basketball) was what she wanted to do," Big Spring coach Ron Taylor said. "She directed all her effort to basketbal. She lifted weights ... (and) went to summer camp. She has the size, she just needed the skills. She's developed them and become a force for us."

Earnst has familiar company on the Honor Roll, starting with Taylor, the Coach of the Year.

Taylor came to Big Spring from Reagan County High School two seasons ago and has had nothing but success since then. He led the Lady Steers to consecutive District 3-4A titles and won district coach of the year honors both years. This season, Big

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Kansas ousts Indiana

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

ST. LOUIS — Kansas, the quiet No. 2 seed in the Midwest Regional, knocked off No. 1 Indiana and is headed for the Final Four.

The Jayhawks continued their hot shooting and used a 10-0 run midway through the second half to take the lead for good Saturday and earn their second trip to the national semifinals in three years with an 83-77 victory over Indiana.

For top-ranked Indiana, the game not only meant not returning to the Final Four, but it meant the end of the college career of All-America Calbert Cheaney, who finished with 22 points.

Kansas (29-6), which finished at 60 percent (31 for 52) from the field, will meet the winner of the East Regional championship between top-seeded North Carolina and second-seeded Cincinnati next Saturday in the Final Four.

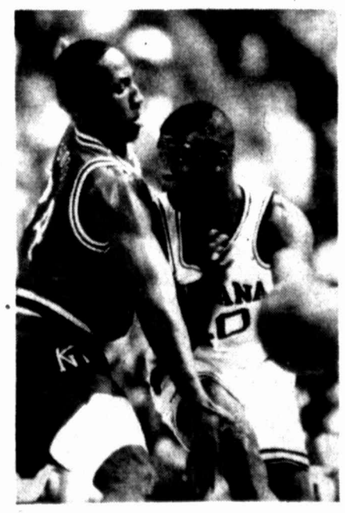
Coach Roy Williams had said all week that his team was just moving along unnoticed, but everyone had to pay attention Saturday as the Jayhawks handed Indiana coach Bob Knight just his third loss in eight regional championship games. The last time the Final Four was held in New Orleans was 1987, the last of Knight's three national championships.

Williams becomes the first coach outside the Big Ten to ever beat an Indiana team coached by Knight twice in a season. The Jayhawks beat the Hoosiers 74-69 in December.

Indiana (31-4) trailed 42-34 early in the second half, but a wild shot by Greg Graham, who finished with 23 points, put the Hoosiers in front 50-48 with 12:52 to play.

Kansas, the Big Eight regular-season champions, then went on the deciding 10-0 run as Indiana turned the ball over on three straight possessions. Eric Pauley started the run with a baseline move and Steve Woodberry and Rex Walters sandwiched 3-pointers around a turnover by Matt Nover. Calvin Rayford, the smallest player in the game at 5-foot-6, capped the run for the Jayhawks by stealing the ball from Damon Bailey just across midcourt and going in for a layup, his only points of the game.

Kansas was able to stretch the lead to 68-59 with 6:40 left on a turnaround by Woodberry. The Hoosiers weren't done, however. They got within 76-73 with 1:26 left on a drive by Graham. But Adonis Jordan went the length of the floor to score for Kansas eight seconds later.



Kansas forward Richard Scott, left, plays defense on Indiana forward Calbert Cheaney during the first half of Saturday's region championship in St. Louis.

Indiana's final chance came when the Hoosiers couldn't convert three shots down low, the last a rebound by Cheaney that was blocked by Pauley. Kansas made 5 of 6 free throws in the final 51 seconds to clinch the victory.

Richard Scott led Kansas with 16 points, while Pauley had 13 and Darrin Hancock had 12.

Cheaney had averaged 28 points in the first three tournament games.

HC takes 2 of 3 from OC

ODESSA — Howard College's baseball team may have had to start from scratch this year. But by winning two out of three games from Odessa College over the weekend, they have scratched out a solid spot in second place in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

Down to their last strike Saturday at Odessa's American Legion Field, the Hawks rallied for four runs in the top of the seventh to win 6-5. The win gave them a split for the day's doubleheader and tied them in the loss column with Odessa in the conference standings. Howard is now 6-3 in loop play and 24-8 overall. Odessa remains in first place at 9-3, 27-10.

"Nobody expected us to go to Odessa and win two out of three games," said Howard Coach Brian Roper. "Things looked pretty bleak today and they fought and battled hard and it showed me these kids have a lot of guts."

The Hawks won Friday's game 8-3 and lost the first contest Saturday 9-2.

Sophomore Chad Dunavon had two home runs and five RBIs in Saturday's second game. His three-run shot provided the winning margin in the last inning of the nightcap.

Howard was behind 5-2 with two out, nobody on and two strikes on outfielder Troy May. May singled, Sergio Martinez doubled, and Brian Shaver hit a two-strike ground-ball single to score May and make it 5-3.

Dunavon then hit his second homer of the game and tenth of the year for the final score.

"I really think the team learned a lot about themselves this weekend," Roper said. "They are some kind of battlers. They keep learning different things and keep learning new ways to win."

Ryan Roberts got the win for Howard in the second game.

In Saturday's first game Hawks pitcher Matt Higgs got his first loss of the year against seven wins. Odessa had 10 hits including three doubles, a triple and a home run. Odessa right-hander Jamie Emiliano went the distance on a three-hitter for his seventh win of the year.

FRIDAY'S GAME

Martinez second-inning grand slam put the game away for the Hawks. Howard trailed 3-2 at the time and ended the inning with a 7-3 advantage.

May and Dunavon had solo homers in the first. Odessa's George Kellert's bases-loaded

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Johnson enjoying busy off-season

By DENNE H. FREEMAN
AP Sports Writer

IRVING, Texas (AP) — Jimmy Johnson was beaming and relaxed the other day.

It was the day Charles Haley signed and thanked Johnson for showing him "respect," which is something the star defensive end felt he never got at San Francisco.

Johnson joked with Haley about the Dallas Cowboys coach getting his hair messed up in the Super Bowl celebration. Haley and running back Emmitt Smith were the big culprits. Johnson told Haley the only time you can mess with his hair is after Super Bowl triumphs.

Johnson also took some time to chat about his dizzying off-season which, includes writing a book and hosting a golf tournament and being the subject of an upcoming roast.

"It's been something," Johnson said. "I guess this is what happens when you win a Super Bowl."

Like a big fat contract for an autobiography which will be coming soon to your local book stores.

Johnson will talk into a recorder about his experiences growing up in Port Arthur, playing football at Arkansas, and following the coaching sun which led him to the Dallas Cowboys. Johnson wants the sporting public to understand him and what it is that makes him tick.

When will the book come out?

"Who knows," Johnson said. "Eventually, I guess."

"In time for Christmas sales?" Johnson was asked.

He laughed. He knows he has been painted in some stories as not enjoying the Christmas season.

Yes, he does like Christmas. And, yes, he does love his family.

"I decided to do the book before all those unauthorized books come out," he said. "I kind of wanted to set the record straight."

For example, Johnson said he thinks Christmas can be too commercialized, which is why he likes to give presents when the mood strikes him and not just because it's Christmas Day.

"I don't like to get caught up in the frenzy of who gives the most presents," Johnson said. "In some stories written about me that has put me in a bad light."

Johnson also wanted to show he cared about people, which is why he started the Jimmy Johnson Foundation for Children's Charities. It's a non-profit organization to directly provide for disadvantaged dependent children in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Johnson decided to have his own golf tournament in May.



Associated Press photo

Dallas Cowboy coach Jimmy Johnson has plenty to smile about these days with an NFL championship under his belt, a fat contract for an autobiography and a big pay raise that makes him a million-dollar-a-year coach.

"I decided after winning the Super Bowl it was the right time to do something for charity," Johnson said. "I wanted to help kids. They look for role models."

Johnson's tournament is already a sellout.

"It's amazing how fast all the foursomes filled," Johnson said. "We're going to make a lot of money for charity."

Johnson has numerous NFL coaches playing in the tournament as celebrities.

Johnson has been to New York for the ESPN "Espy" awards in which he won "Coach of the Year" laurels.

"It was a fun trip," he said. "But boy is that program long."

The NFL draft is on the horizon on April 25 and then the Cowboys begin their mini-camps.

Oh, by the way Johnson got a raise from owner Jerry Jones that makes him a $1 million a year coach for the remaining six years on his original 10-year contract.

Steers top Pecos for district lead

HERALD STAFF REPORT

PECOS — Junior Luis Bustamante tossed a six-hit shutout to lead the Big Spring Steers to a 3-0 District 3-4A win over the Pecos Eagles Friday in Pecos. The win gives Big Spring sole possession of first place in the district with a 2-0 mark. It plays at second-place Andrews (1-0) Tuesday.

The Eagles (0-2 in district, 5-8 overall) left 13 runners on base and had runners on in all but one inning. But the Steers (7-6) turned two double plays and, coach Bobby Doe said, played good defense with men on base.

The Steers had only three singles in the contest. They scored their runs in the top of the fourth on one hit. Two walks, two stolen bases, an error and a wild pitch led to the runs.

"It's early but we're happy to have two wins, especially going into the game against Andrews Tuesday," Doe said.

Bustamente, a relief pitcher for the Steers last season, went to 2-2 with the win.

"Luis is a starter as well as a closer for us," Doe said. "We needed a good game out of him to get his confidence back."

Pecos pitcher Herb Hinojos walked Pat Martinez to begin the fourth inning. Mike Ross reached on an error and Todd Parrish walked to load the bases. John Kennedy singled home Martinez, Ross scored on Ricky Gonzales's fielder's choice and Parrish came home on a wild pitch.

The game was the second district shutout for Big Spring in the team's two district games. The Steers defeated Lake View Tuesday in Big Spring 10-0.

After the Andrews game, scheduled for 5 p.m. Tuesday, the Steers play at home against Fort Stockton at 1 p.m. Saturday.

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LOB — Big Spring 4, Pecos 13; Errors — Big Spring (Ross 2), Pecos (Magana, Levario).
WP — Bustamante (2-2) LP — Hinojos.

DISTRICT STANDINGS

Big Spring	2-0, 7-6
Andrews	1-0, 12-5
Monahans	1-1, 8-3
Fort Stockton	0-1, 6-5
Sweetwater	1-1, 8-8
Pecos	0-2, 5-8
Lake View	1-1, 2-11

Friday's game
Big Spring 3, Pecos 0.
Saturday's games
Sweetwater 15, Monahans 5; Lake View 7, Fort Stockton 2.
Tuesday's games
Big Spring at Andrews, Lake View at Sweetwater, Pecos at Fort Stockton.

Paralyzed ex-TCU player awarded workman's comp

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

DALLAS (AP) — People who think college football isn't what it used to be can count the Texas Workers' Compensation Commission among their ranks.

In a ruling that could change college athletics, the commission has ruled that Kent Waldrep was an employee of Texas Christian University in 1974 when he was paralyzed while playing football.

The commission found that the former running back therefore is entitled to worker's compensation and reimbursement for medical costs.

Waldrep, who estimates that medical costs incurred to date range anywhere from $250,000 to $500,000, said he's not pursuing the matter for money.

"Money is not an issue in this case," Waldrep said Friday. "We're most interested in establishing that an athlete is an employee of the university and is due the benefits any other employee is due."

And he anticipates criticism from people who want to protect the current system of college athletics, which allows no payment for athletes who make millions of dollars for their schools.

"People will say the ruling will bankrupt college athletics," Waldrep said. "A lot of changes need to be made to protect the college athletes and college athletics. People are tired of the scandals. People are tired of the cheating."

Waldrep, 39, was paralyed from the neck down when three vertebrae were crushed during a Oct. 26, 1974 game against Alabama. He has regained use of his arms but remains confined to a wheelchair and requires an attendant for bathing and dressing.

Frank Hernandez, Waldrep's attorney, said the case could have far-reaching effects.

"Every football player since 1971 that has received any injury that caused him to miss more than a week of work is entitled to benefits," Hernandez said.

girls honor

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district coach of the year honors both years. This season, Big Spring went 24-6 and trailed eventual state finalist Levelland by only four points late in their area playoff game before bowing.

Joining Taylor and Earnst on the Honor Roll for Big Spring is point guard Casey Cook, a 5-5 senior. Cook, a two-time all-district selection in 3-4A, averaged nine points, 3.6 assists, 2.8 steals and four rebounds per game. In addition, she shot 71 percent from the foul line.

"She's what I call the true definition of a point guard," Taylor said. "She knows her roll — the quarterback on the floor. For us to have any offense, she has to start it off. She's a very good point guard and may be college material."

The Honor Roll's off guard is Stanton's Laura Herm, a 5-4 sophomore. Herm, a first-year starter, averaged 12 points and 10 assists per game and was named to the all-District 6-2A team.

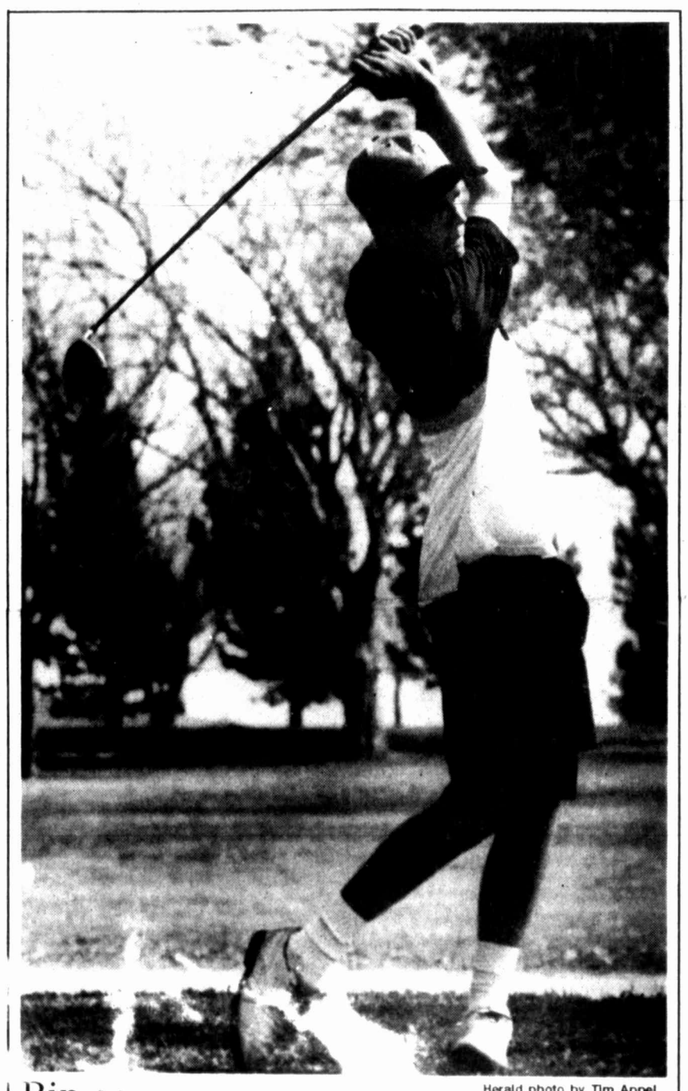
The two forwards come from Class A schools. Cheri Franklin, a 5-7 junior from Klondike High School, was an all-district selection for the district 16-A and averaged 16.1 points, 8.5 rebounds four steals and 3.8 assists per game. She is a three-time selection to the Honor Roll.

The other Honor Roll forward is Sands' Courtney Fryar, a 5-11 junior. The all-District 16-A selection averaged 16.7 points, 10.6 rebounds, four assists and three steals a game for the Lady Mustangs, who advanced to the area round of the playoffs before losing to state semi-finalist Nazareth.

FIRST TEAM
Guards — Casey Cook, Big Spring, and Laura Herm, Stanton.
Forwards — Cheri Franklin, Klondike, and Courtney Fryar, Sands.
Post — Amy Earnst, Big Spring.
MVP — Jenny Conaway, Forsan.
Coach of the year — Ron Taylor, Big Spring.

SECOND TEAM
Guards — Mandy Hodnett, Sands, and Leslie Fryar, Big Spring.
Forwards — Angela Crippen, Coahoma, and Stacey Tollison, Stanton.
Post — Channa Cope, Klondike.

HONORABLE MENTION
Guards — Bernie Valles, Big Spring, and LeeAnn Reid, Coahoma.
Forwards — Marilyn Franklin, Klondike, and Jamie Glass, Garden City.
Post — Brooke Eoff, Garden City.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring Steer golfer Cody Simmons drives the ball at the Steers first district match of the year Friday at Big Spring County Club. (Results this page.)

Briefs

Steer golfers 4th in district match

The Big Spring Steers opened District 3-4A golf competition Friday in Big Spring with a fourth-place team finish. The Steers shot 336 in the team standings. They placed behind Andrews (309), Monahans (313) and Andrews B (314).

The Steers second-round district match is Saturday in Pecos. The third and final district match comes Saturday, April 17, in Andrews.

Here are Big Spring's individual scores and district standings:
15th — Jimmy Cox 81.
16th — Kyle Plumlee 82.
26th — Ryan Williams 86.
27th — Pat Carter 87.
36th (tie) — Cody Simmons and Derek Hicks 92.
37th — Mike Balderach 93.
47th — Jake McCullough 97.

American LL teens need coaches

The American Little League's Teenage League needs coaches and coordinators. Call Robby Wegner at 267-1440.

Step aerobics at 1st Baptist Center

Step aerobic classes are now open for enrollment at the First Baptist Church Family Center. Morning classes meet on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 9 a.m. and the two evening classes meet on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday at 5 and 6 p.m. Child care is provided for all three courses.

For information regarding fees for membership, course and child care please contact the First Baptist Church Family Life Center at 267-3633 or Bill Banks, Minister of Recreation, at home (264-9608).

Figure Seven site of tennis camp

Certified instructors Luis Valdez, Jon Lanier and Mark Slate will conduct a tennis camp at the Figure Seven Tennis Complex beginning in April. A regular schedule will be determined after a free clinic on April 4 at the complex.

The clinic schedule is: advanced 1:30-3 p.m., intermediate 3-4 p.m., beginners (ages seven and up) 4-5 p.m.; ages 5-7, 5-6 p.m.

Call Mark (267-8100) or Luis (683-5360) for more information

Church softball meeting April 5

An orginizational meeting for the Slow-pitch Church Softball League will be held at 7 p.m. April 5 at the First Baptist Church Family Life Center.

The league is open to any area church interested in fielding a softball team. For more information, contact Bill Banks at 267-8223.

Third annual bass tourney nears

The Big Spring Bass Club will sponsor their Third Annual Open Bass Tournament April 24 from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Lake Colorado City and/or Lake Champion. Entry fee is $35, and includes big bass. Headquarters will be at the Sportsman Club, Lake Colorado City. First place is $1,000; second place $500. A free stew supper is served on Friday night at headquarters. Call Gary Burt, president at 915-263-2338, or Mike Shults, vice-president at 915-267-4808, for more information.

Boys

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selection.

"Jacoby did a super job for us," McDonald said. "His quickness was one thing that kept people from pressuring us. He also sees the floor well and is a great passer."

Evans, a 5-11 sophomore guard, averaged 17 points, six rebounds, five assists and three steals a game for the Buffs and shot 36 percent from three-point range. He also was a first team all-District 6-A selection.

"Chris did a great job shooting the ball this year," McDonald said. "He knows the game well and is a smart player ... Chris and Jacoby play well together. They played on the varsity last year, and that probably helped them this year."

Another Honor Roll member not averse to shooting the ball is Big Spring's Wes Hughes, a 6-foot junior who averaged 13.4 points on 47 percent shooting and collected 3.5 rebounds and 2.3 assists per game.

"I think the best thing Wes does is shoot the ball," Big Spring coach Gary Tipton said. "Our philosophy is to get the ball to whoever is open, but we certainly expected Wes to put the ball up when he was open."

The Honor Roll's second wing player is Coahoma's Bryan Sledge, a 6-foot senior. He averaged 13.1 points on 53.8 percent shooting per game and dished out five assists per contest for the Bulldogs. He was named to the District 6-2A first team and was a academic all-district selection.

Borden County's Richard Buchanan is the Honor Roll's post player. The 6-2 senior was an all-District 16-A selection and averaged 14 points and 12 rebounds per game.

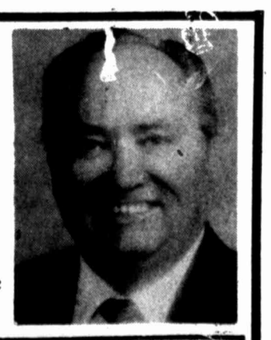
FIRST TEAM
Guards — Jacoby Hopper and Chris Evans, Forsan.
Forwards — Wes Hughes, Big Spring, and Bryan Sledge, Coahoma.
Post — Richard Buchanan, Borden County.
Most Valuable Player — Jeremy Stallings, Stanton.
Coach of the Year — Terry McDonald, Forsan.

SECOND TEAM
Guards — Grant Gooch, Sands, and Robin Barnes, Stanton.
Forwards — Kirby Brown, Coahoma, and Joe Acosta, Borden County.
Post — J.C. Odom, Grady.



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Kentucky rolls on, 106-81 over Fla. St.

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CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kentucky made sure a last-second shot wouldn't stop its run to the Final Four this time.

The Wildcats, getting 22 points and 11 rebounds from unlikely star Jared Prickett, defeated Florida State 106-81 Saturday in the Southeast Regional final.

Kentucky's fourth consecutive blowout, by an average margin of 31 points, moved the Wildcats into next Saturday's NCAA semifinal in New Orleans against the winner of the Michigan-Temple game.

The win helped erase bitter memories of last year's East Regional final loss to Duke on Christian Laettner's miracle shot at the overtime buzzer.

The Wildcats (30-3) are going to the Final Four for the 10th time and the first time since losing to Georgetown in the 1984 semifinals. Kentucky has won five NCAA national championships, tied with Indiana for second to UCLA's 10.

It will be the second Final Four for Kentucky coach Rick Pitino, who took Providence to the national semifinals in 1987, the last time the Final Four was in New Orleans.

Like Kentucky's three previous tournament games, this one was over long before the final buzzer. The Wildcats, who averaged 97 points in roaring through the Southeast Regional as the No. 1 seed, took an eight-point halftime lead, then broke it open with an 11-0 run in the second half.

By the end of the game, Kentucky fans who followed their team to Charlotte was chanting "Final Four, Final Four!" They also chanted "SEC! SEC!" to show their pride in the Southeastern Conference in the heart of Atlantic Coast Conference country.

Prickett, a freshman averaging only 4.9 points per game, replaced Rodrick Rhodes in Kentucky's starting lineup and started both games in Charlotte. He got 13 points and nine rebounds in the first half against the Seminoles, whose attention was focused on Travis Ford and Jamal Mashburn.

Dale Brown also helped keep the Seminoles at bay in the first half with three 3-pointers and 10 points. He finished with 12 points, while Ford had 19.

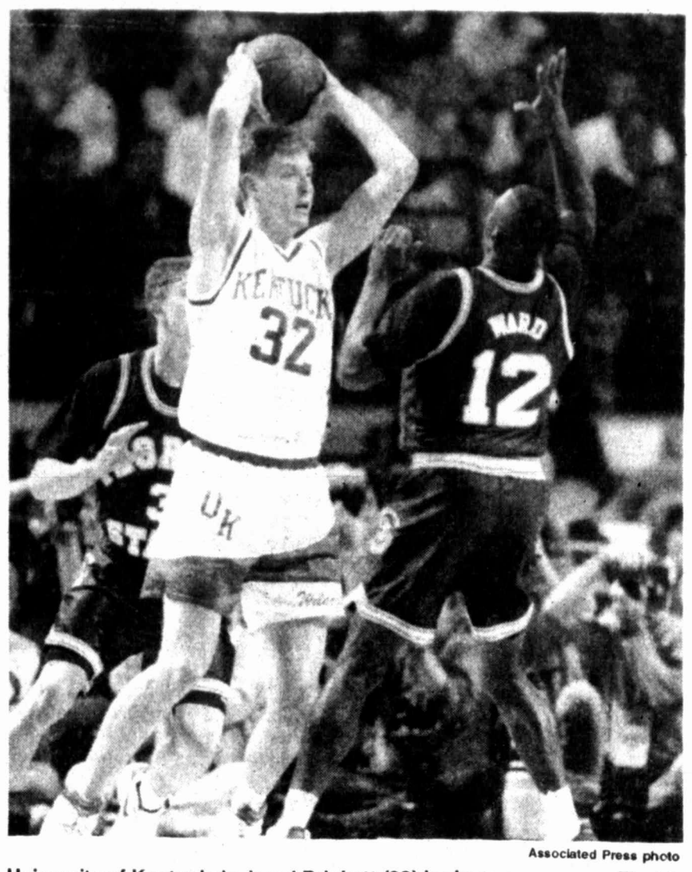
Mashburn, the Kentucky junior All-American who has already announced he is going to the NBA next season, scored only 12 points on 5-of-13 shooting. But he got nine rebounds, seven assists and plenty of support from his teammates.

Florida State (25-10) kept pace with Kentucky for the first 18 minutes, mainly by keeping Mashburn in control and beating the Wildcats' pressure with long passes that turned into easy layups.

In the second half, however, the Seminoles fell apart. They made only four baskets in the first 10 minutes and watched hopes for a first Final Four appearance since 1972 disappear beneath Kentucky's relentless press.

Bob Sura led Florida State with 17 points, while Sam Cassell and Rodney Dobard had 16 apiece.

Florida State found the cure for Kentucky's full-court press in the early stages. The Seminoles g their first three baskets, two Sura, by sending the sophom guard on football-style fly patt s down the sideline for eas baskets.



Associated Press photo

University of Kentucky's Jared Prickett (32) looks to pass over a Florida State defender in the first half of the teams' NCAA Southeast region championship Saturday at the Charlotte Coliseum. Kentucky won 106-81.

Tech reaches final four, 79-54

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MISSOULA, Mont. — West Regional MVP Sheryl Swoopes scored 36 points, including 15-of-16 from the free throw line, as Texas Tech outclassed Colorado 79-59 Saturday night to advance to the women's Final Four in Atlanta.

Texas Tech (29-3) meets Vanderbilt (30-2) in a semifinal game April 3.

The lopsided contest was played before 7,131 fans in Dahlberg Arena, an NCAA record for a West Regional held at a neutral site.

Colorado's Shelley Sheetz, who was averaging 16 points a game, was held to just six in the contest.

The Lady Raiders did not allow Colorado (27-4) to get into the game, as Tech jumped out to a 12-0 lead. The Lady Buffs' first points came five minutes into the game when Sherrice King hit a layup.

Texas Tech held a 40-21 halftime lead, thanks to Swoopes' 17 first-half points.

The Lady Raiders pulled out to a 65-35 lead on a Swoopes basket with 8:42 left to play.

Amy Mathern scored all six of her points in a 10-0 Colorado run that pulled the Lady Buffs to within 65-45 with 4:47 to play. But it was too little, too late.

Krista Kirkland scored 12 points for Texas Tech, all on 3-pointers.

Jamillah Lang was the only Colorado player in double figures with 14.

Swoopes had 10 rebounds, making this her 13th double-double of the year. Her 15-of-16 effort from the free throw line was a West Regional record, both for free throws attempted and made.

Kirkland, Sheetz, Texas Tech's Noel Johnson and Stanford's Val Whiting were named to the all-tournament team .

La. Tech falls to Vandy

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NACOGDOCHES — Vanderbilt's Mara Cunningham scored 10 straight points in the closing minutes charge that rallied the No. 1 ranked Commodores to a 58-53 victory over Louisiana Tech in the women's NCAA Midwest Regional finals Saturday night.

Louisiana Tech (26-6), seeking its eighth trip to the Final Four, led 46-43 with 7:13 to play and after two free throws by Vanderbilt's Misty Lamb, Cunningham hit the next 10 points and finished with 22 for the game.

Cunningham's charge gave the Commodores (30-2) a 53-48 lead with 1:37 to play but the Techsters had one more charge on two free throws and a 3-point basket by Amy Brown, cutting the Vanderbilt lead to 55-53 with 52 seconds left.

Ginger Jared hit a free throw with 20 seconds to go and Cunningham hit two more free throws for the final points of the game, earning Vanderbilt their first ever Final Four berth.

Louisiana Tech's aggressive defensive took its toll in the closing minutes when LaShawn Brown fouled out with 4:13 to play and Racquel Spurlock followed with 2:54 to play.

Denielle Whitehurst, voted the tournament's most valuable player, led Louisiana Tech with 16 points and Pam Thomas scored 13.

Louisiana Tech scored the first seven points of the game and the Commodores came back with the next 11 points and fought to a 24-21 halftime lead.

Vanderbilt center Heidi Gillingham drew two fouls in the first four minutes and sat out the rest of the first half. She finished with five points.

Webber tired of doubters

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

SEATTLE — Chris Webber is tired of all the questions about what's wrong with Michigan. He's sick of the critics who say the Wolverines' "Fab Five" is playing far below its capabilities.

"When you have all the basketball gurus in the room say we're the most underachieving team ever to be seen and things like that, you're not just talking about Chris Webber the basketball player, you're talking about Chris Webber the person and Chris Webber's character," he said.

West Regional Final

After all, Webber said, Michigan is one of just eight teams still alive in the hunt for the NCAA championship. The Wolverines (29-4) play Temple (20-12) on Sunday for the championship of the West Regional.

Winning doesn't seem to be enough for the critics, Webber said.

"We're put on a pedestal so much that we aren't respected anymore as individuals," Webber said at the team's news conference Saturday. "When you're looked at as a novelty act or a traveling side show, it sort of gets to you."

What brought about Webber's defensive attitude was the struggles of the top-seeded Wolverines in their their last two tournament games. They needed overtime to beat UCLA last weekend in the second round, then had a sloppy, sputtering effort in a 72-64 win over 12th-seeded George Washington in the semifinals Friday night.

"It seems like everything is critical, even when we're winning," Webber said. "You get a little tired of that."

The pressure is not only coming from the outside.

"We're putting so much pressure on ourselves, we're our biggest enemy," Webber said.

The strain is definitely showing on the five talented sophomores who start for coach Steve Fisher's Wolverines.

"Last year we were the fun-lovin' new kids on the block," Jalen Rose said. "Everybody wanted to see the Fab Five do well. This year, maybe the Fab Five thing is getting old as far as the media is concerned. They kind of want to see the Fab Five go out and play like supermen, dominate every team by 20-30 points, dunk every time down the court and play a total game with no turnovers.

"Most of the time that won't happen."

The Wolverines are well aware of the way they looked against George Washington. Webber said he watched a videotape of the game Friday night.

"We looked like a bunch of junior high kids compared to the old Michigan that the five of us are used to playing," he said.

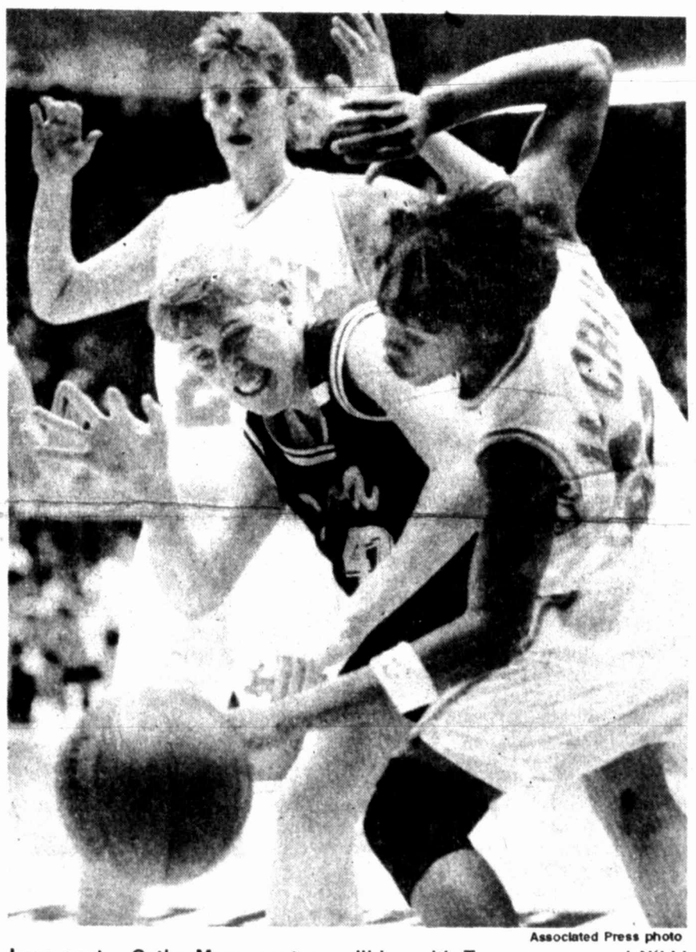
Webber had 14 points and 9 rebounds against George Washington and it's obvious he is unhappy with his play. When asked if he was planning to return to college next season or join the NBA, he said, "The way Chris Webber has been playing I don't think he even deserves that option."

The other four starters said they would be back next season.

Temple was as loose as Michigan was uptight at its Saturday news conference.

Owls' coach John Chaney understands the pressure the Wolverines feel and said it's affecting their play.

"They're at a point that they're aiming their shots and not shooting them," he said.



Associated Press photo

Iowa center Cathy Marx, center, collides with Tennessee guard Nikki McCray while battling for a rebound in their NCAA Midwest regional final game Saturday in Iowa City, Iowa.

Ohio St. tops No. 7 Virginia

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

RICHMOND — Audrey Burcy scored 20 points, including a layup with 3:18 remaining that gave No. 3 Ohio State a 6-point lead, and the Buckeyes held on to defeat No. 9 Virginia 75-73 in the NCAA East Region championship Saturday.

The Buckeyes (27-3) will take a 13-game winning streak against the winner of the Iowa-Tennessee game in Friday's Final Four semifinal game.

Virginia finished 26-6.

The Buckeyes had a 19-7 spurt late in the first half to move to a 40-27 lead with 2:40 remaining. Burcy scored 8 and Averrill Roberts 7 in the spurt.

But the Cavaliers scored the last 7 points of the half and trailed 40-34 at intermission.

Virginia's surge continued early in the second half, powered by Heather Burge's quick 9 points that gave Virginia a 47-45 lead with 15:51 remaining. Burge scored 22 of her 30 points in the second half.

There were six ties and nine lead changes in the game, with a final lead change coming when Katie Smith's 3-point goal gave the Buckeyes a 62-59 lead with 8:24 remaining.

The Cavaliers tied the score at 62 on a Burge free throw with 7:22 remaining. Ohio State moved to a 6-point lead with 3:18 remaining on Burcy's steal and layup. The Cavaliers could get no closer than two the rest of the way.

Smith missed the front end of three 1-and-1's in the final 31.5 seconds. But the Cavaliers had two turnovers and Jenny Boucek hit one of two free-throws with 9.3 seconds remaining. Smith got the rebound and the Buckeyes held the Cavaliers off.

Roberts led the Buckeyes with 25 and Burcy had 20. Smith added 14 and Nikki Keyton 11.

Iowa women in 1st final four

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IOWA CITY, Iowa — The Iowa women's basketball team is going where it's never gone before. The Hawkeyes are finally in the Final Four.

Iowa used a fast start, Tia Jackson's second-half scoring and Laurie Aaron's leadership to beat Tennessee 72-56 Saturday for the NCAA Mideast Regional championship.

The victory sends the Hawkeyes (27-3) into the national semifinals in Atlanta next Saturday against Big Ten rival Ohio State, which shared the conference title with Iowa this season. They split their two regular-season games.

"It's a special moment in Iowa history and a moment I'll never forget," Iowa coach Vivian Stringer said.

Also an emotional one. Stringer's husband, Bill, died of a heart attack on Thanksgiving Day and the Iowa coach took five weeks off to tend to family matters and her three children.

Bill Stringer was an exercise physiologist at the university and well liked and respected by the Iowa players. Tears ran down Stringer's face while her players celebrated the victory and she spoke in little more than a whisper at the postgame news conference.

"This is different, I'm sure, than any feeling that any coach could ever feel for a team that will go to the Final Four," Stringer said. "They said they could do it and they did."

The Hawkeyes did it by harassing Tennessee (29-3) into 30 percent shooting and containing the Volunteers' strong inside game. Iowa won the rebounding battle 45-39, denied Tennessee an eighth Final Four appearance and kept coach Pat Summitt from winning her 500th game.

"I thought they disrupted us much more than we disrupted them," Summitt said.

Trap vs. trap with S.C., Cincy

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — The NCAA East Regional final is going to be a trapping clinic of sorts.

On one side, there is brash second-seeded Cincinnati (27-4) looking to parlay its "helter skelter" unrelenting pressure trap into a second straight trip to the Final Four.

East Region Final

On the other side stands traditional and top-seeded North Carolina (31-4), which for decades has used what Dean Smith likes to call the surprise trap, a double trap as effective as any in the country in causing turnovers.

To the better trapper in Sunday's 1:37 p.m. contest at the Meadowlands Arena goes a trip to New Orleans for the Final Four.

"Handling Cincinnati's press will obviously be an important factor," said Smith, who will be looking for his ninth trip to the Final Four. "We are going to throw the ball away a few times."

The key will be for the Tar Heels of the Atlantic Coast Conference to play like they did in the second half of Friday night's semifinal win over Arkansas, 80-74.

In the final 20 minutes against the Razorbacks' full-court pressure, North Carolina had three turnovers. Smith also thinks playing another pressing team might be an advantage for his club, which has won 15 of its last 16 games.

"Arkansas does a good job of trapping, but ours is more helter skelter trapping," Bearcats senior forward Terry Nelson said. "We trap everywhere.

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Politics behind Davis Cup team?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MELBOURNE, Australia — The United States sent a junior varsity Davis Cup team Down Under and it paid the penalty. Now, captain Tom Gorman is left wondering whether he, too, may pay a penalty.

Australia took an unbeatable 3-0 lead in the first-round match Saturday at Kooyong when Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge beat Jim Grabb and Richey Reneberg in doubles, 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 3-6, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4.

"You have to congratulate the Americans," French Davis Cup player Guy Forget said in Vienna. "They did everything to lose and they succeeded. It's perhaps some poltics to push out Gorman."

The top-seeded Americans went into the contest without big guns Jim Courier, Andre Agassi, Pete Sampras and John McEnroe, who would like to replace Gorman as U.S. Davis Cup coach.

It was, indeed, a day of ignominy for the Americans, the first defending champions in 10 years to lose in the first round. The United States beat Switzerland 3-1 in the 1992 final in Fort Worth, Texas, in December.

Australia led 2-0 after Friday's singles, in which Wally Masur beat Brad Gilbert and Woodforde downed David Wheaton.

Australian captain Neale Fraser said the Americans had underestimated his team.

"We didn't get seeded in the tournament and that was a bit rude," Fraser said. "I believe they underestimated us down here on grass."

McEnroe has been chasing Gorman's position as captain, and Fraser was critical of Gorman's powers of persuasion.

"I find it hard to believe that of Jim Courier, Pete Sampras, Andre Agassi, Michael Chang, Ivan Lendl and MaliVai Washington, not one of them could come down here," Fraser said.

"Maybe Gorman is not such a good salesman, but there is something wrong if those players don't want to be part of the Davis Cup."

Gorman said his team had fought hard.

"The guys are very proud of what they did because they went down to the last point fighting," Gorman said.

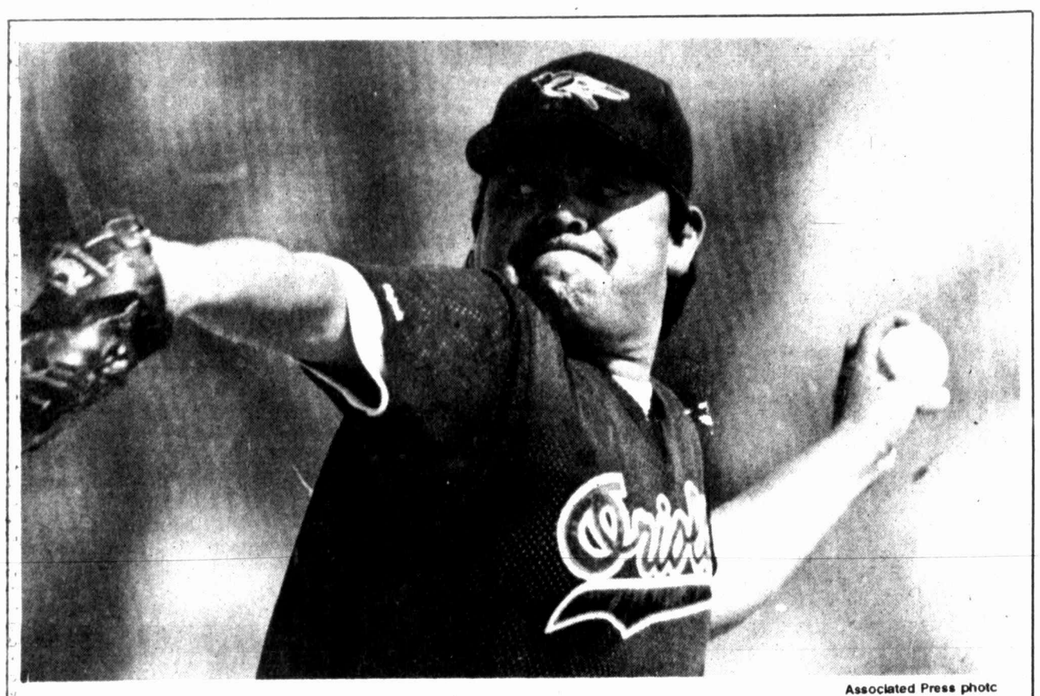
He said he wanted to continue as captain.

"I have no idea whether there is a question mark over my future," he said. "It is not an issue in my mind. I'm just proud that I was reappointed for this year and I hope I'm a contender for 1994."



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American Davis Cup team captain Tom Gorman gets on his knees as he talks with doubles partners Richey Reneberg of Phoenix, left, and Jim Grabb of Tucson near the end of their Davis Cup match against Australia in Melbourne Saturday. The Australian team eliminated the American team from further play by taking a 3-0 match lead.



Associated Press photo

Baltimore Orioles' Fernando Valenzuela pitches against the St. Louis Cardinals Saturday in St. Petersburgh, Fla. Valenzuela pitched two innings of shutout ball to continue his streak, now at 14 innings, without giving up a run this spring.

At threshold of last season, here are numbers on Nolan

By BEN WALKER
AP Baseball Writer

After 5,668 strikeouts, seven no-hitters, 319 wins and more memories than anyone can count, Nolan Ryan heads into his final season at age 46. A look at Nolan, by the numbers, as he approaches the last windup:

0 — Cy Young Awards he's won. In 1987, he became the only NL pitcher to lead the league in ERA (2.76) and strikeouts (270) and not win the award, mostly because poor run support left him 8-16. Ryan's wife, Ruth, was among those who complained in 1973 after Ryan finished second to Jim Palmer despite going 21-16 with a 2.87 ERA and a major league record 383 strikeouts.

1 — World Series games he's pitched. His only appearance came in relief during Game 3 in 1969 against Baltimore, and he earned a save for the New York Mets. Ryan pitched in three more playoffs, but never made it back to the World Series.

2 — Home runs he's hit. Though he connected off Don Sutton and Charlie Puleo, Ryan never was a good hitter. In 1988, he set an Astros' record by going hitless in 42 straight at-bats.

3 — Times he struck out Pat Jarvis. The former Atlanta pitcher was Ryan's first strikeout victim, on Sept. 11, 1966.

4 — Players, including Ryan, that California got from the Mets for Jim Fregosi in one of the most lopsided trades in baseball history. Ryan, pitcher Don Rose, catcher Francisco Estrada and outfielder Leroy Stanton went to the Angels in the deal Dec. 10, 1971.

5 — No-hitters he's lost in the ninth inning. All five were broken up with one out, and Mike Schmidt, Reggie Jackson, Dick Allen, Nelson Liriano and Dave Bergman got the hits. In those five games, Ryan wound up with just three victories, one loss and one no-decision.

6 — Seasons he's led the majors in wild pitches. He has thrown 274 wild pitches, one of the 52 major league records he owns or shares.

7 — Old ballparks, no longer used, where he won games. Ryan won at Connie Mack Stadium, Jarry Park, Crosley Field, Metropolitan Stadium, Memorial Stadium, Exhibition Stadium and the old Comiskey Park. He also pitched at Forbes Field and Kansas City's Municipal Stadium, but did not win. Overall, he has victories at 31 stadiums.

8 — Grand slams he's given up. The record is nine, held by Jerry Reuss, Milt Pappas and Ned Garver.

9 — Pitches needed to strike out all three batters in an inning. Ryan has accomplished the feat twice.

10 — Most walks he's allowed in a game. He did it on April 5, 1974, against the Chicago White Sox, but won, 8-2.

11 — Times he pitched a complete game and won 1-0. On Aug. 27, 1972, he went 12 innings and beat Cleveland 1-0.

12 — Sets of brothers he has struck out. The list includes Felipe, Matty and Jesus Alou, Carlos and Lee May and George and Ken Brett. Ryan also has fanned seven father-and-son combinations, including Maury and Bump Wills, 21 Hall of Famers, including Eddie Mathews and Roberto Clemente, and 47 Most Valuable Player winners, including Roger Maris.

13 — Times on the disabled list. Ryan might've needed more early in his career, but he discovered that dipping his pitching hand in pickle brine helped heal bad blisters.

14 — Seasons with more than 200 strikeouts. He had more than 300 in six seasons.

15 — Estimated number of current and former teammates who have named their children after Ryan.

16 — Times he struck out Robin Yount, Pedro Guerrero, Bert Campaneris, George Scott, Gene Tenace and Alex Johnson, among others. Ryan's top victim is Claudell Washington, who fanned 39 times.

17 — Most strikeouts he's had in a no-hitter. He fanned 17 Detroit Tigers on July 15, 1973, and was so overpowering that Norm Cash walked to the plate in the ninth inning with a thick, wooden table leg instead of a bat.

18 — Most losses he's had in one season. Ryan led the league in defeats when he went 17-18 for California in 1976.

19 — Most strikeouts he's had in a game. He did it four times, three in 1974 and once in 1977. He shared the major league record until Roger Clemens fanned 20.

20 — Games he won in the minor leagues. He could've had another for Williamsport in 1966, but he was called up to the majors in the middle of the game. Ryan immediately left the ballpark in the sixth inning — with a no-hitter in progress.

Price shoots 71 to lead Players Championships

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PONTE VEDRA, Fla. — Nick Price battled some putting problems but finished with a hard-earned 71 that left him with a one-stroke lead Saturday after the third round of the $2 million Players Championship.

While the man from Zimbabwe remained in front, his uncooperative putter opened the way for a host of challengers in Sunday's final round of the chase for a $360,000 first prize.

"I was disappointed with my putting on the back nine," Price said after missing 4-footers for birdies on the 12th and 16th.

"I could have played the back a couple of shots better. But I didn't hurt myself," he said.

That, however, remained to be seen.

The misses enabled the international trio of Greg Norman, Bernhard Langer and Mark O'Meara to move to within a single stroke of Price's 13-under-par 203 total.

All three did it in spectacular fashion.

O'Meara holed a 40-foot chip shot for an eagle-3 on the 16th as the highlight of a 6-under-par 66 that matched the best score of the breezy day.

Langer, a former Masters champ from Germany, came within inches of a hole in one on the island green of the 17th, the signature hole on the TPC at Sawgrass, the home course of the PGA Tour and the permanent site of the annual championship of golf's touring pros.

He had a 70, despite a water ball on the 11th. "Pretty stupid," Langer said.

Only moments after his near-ace on the 17th, Norman's 47-yard third shot to the 18th hit the green and spun back toward the hole, coming to rest on the lip of the cup.

Norman, a winner at Doral earlier this month, had a 68 and shared second with O'Meara and Langer at 204.

Paul Azinger was next at 68-205. Payne Stewart and Ken Green followed at 206, placing seven men within three strokes going into the final 18 holes of the tournament that ranks in stature just below golf's Big Four events.

Stewart, on the rebound from a slump that has plagued him since his 1991 U.S. Open triumph, was seven under par for the day until he missed the green and bogeyed the final hole.

"It's one of those days I've been waiting for, and I've been waiting for it for a long time, too," Stewart said after a 66 in the 15-25 mile per hour winds.

Two share lead at Texas Seniors

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

KINGWOOD, Texas — Walt Zembriski shot a 4-under 68 and Bob Charles a 2-under 70 on Saturday to share a one-stroke lead at 139 after two rounds of the Senior PGA Doug Sanders Kingwood Celebrity Classic.

Bob Murphy, Kermit Zarley, Bobby Nichols, Harold Henning and first-round leader Jim Albus all were just one stroke back at 4-under 140 going into Sunday's final round.

Zembriski, looking for his first Senior Tour win since 1989, had seven birdies and three bogeys for his 68, low round of the day. Charles, a winner twice last year, had five birdies, a bogey and a double bogey for his 70.

"My 68 could have been a 64," Zembriski said. "I'm hotter than a pot bellied stove. I missed a lot of makeable putts."

"My swing was pretty good," Charles said. "I've got a few things to work on. The key (to winning) will be the person who doesn't make any mistakes."

Albus, whose 6-under-par 66 on Friday gave him a two-shot lead going into play Saturday, got to 8-under before a double-bogey on No. 13 and a bogey on No. 14 pulled him back to the field. He finished the day with a 2-over 74.

"I stunk," Albus said. "About the only good thing is I'm still in the hunt. It's nice to screw up and play sloppy and still have a chance."

Rocky Thompson and Jim Ferree were two strokes out of the lead at 141, 3-under par, with Dick Rhyan, DeWitt Weaver one more back at 142.

Two-time defending champion Mike Hill had a 73 for the day, leaving him in a group at 143, 1-under par.

The 52-man field is contending for a $500,000 purse, including $75,000 to the winner, on the 6,747-yard, par-72 Deerwood Club course in suburban Houston.

The tournament format had professionals the first two days playing with amateurs and celebrities. Sunday's round was for pros only.

King in position to win 3rd Dinah Shore

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Betsy King, shooting for her third Dinah Shore victory, had a 5-under-par 67 Saturday to surge into a three-way tie for the lead.

King, the only one of the leaders to break par for the third round, moved to 4-under-par 212 after three rounds.

Both Dawn Coe-Jones of Canada and Helen Alfredsson of Sweden shot 72 over the Mission Hills Country Club course to tie for the lead.

Going into the final round of the tournament, 13 players are bunched within four shots of each other at the top.

The 37-year-old King, a winner of 28 LPGA events, was the champion of the Dinah Shore, one of the LPGA's majors, in 1987 and 1990.

She said she hoped her putting would be as good for the final round as it was Saturday, and that her shots would be more accurate.

"The key to my round was putting," King said. "I need to hit the ball better on Sunday, but I would love to putt the way I did today. If I do, I think I can win."

Coe-Jones, a winner just once since joining the tour in 1983, led for much of the third round, but slipped on the back nine after making the turn at 6-under for the tournament. She three-putted No. 17 to drop to 4-under.

"The last putt was about 18 inches, and I just didn't hit it very well," she said. "I'm pleased with my position (going into the final day). I feel like I have nothing to lose."

Alfredsson, the LPGA's rookie of the year in 1992, hit a sand wedge within three feet of the pin on No. 18, then rolled in the putt for a birdie and a share of the lead.

Hawks

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double off Hawk starter Kelly Jones put the Wranglers up 3-2.

Jones got his fifth win despite giving up six hits and walking four in seven innings. Odessa had the bases loaded in the seventh, but Kris Slivocka hit into a double play to end the threat.

Howard's next plays at Vernon Junior College in a three-game set Tuesday and Wednesday. Their next conference games come against New Mexico Military Institute Friday at 1 p.m. and Saturday in a 12 noon doubleheader in Big Spring.

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Rutgers 80, Vermont 74
Miami 61, St. Peter's 44
Georgetown 76, Northern I
Florida 69, Bowling Green
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
Georgetown 68, Penn State
Western Kentucky 78, Miam
Sunday, March 21
Ohio State 91, Rutgers 60
Virginia 69, Florida 55
Regional Semifinals
At Richmond, Va.
Thursday, March 25
Ohio State 86, Western Ke
Virginia 77, Georgetown 57
Regional Championship
At Richmond, Va.
Saturday, March 27
Ohio State 75, Virginia 73

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Northwestern 90, Georgia T
Second Round
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Iowa 82, Old Dominion 56
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North Carolina 74, Alabama
Auburn 66, Louisville 61
Regional Semifinals
At Iowa City, Iowa
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Iowa 63, Auburn 50
Regional Championship
At Iowa City, Iowa
Saturday, March 27
Iowa 72, Tennessee 56

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Wednesday, March 17
Clemson 70, Xavier, Ohio 6
Louisiana Tech 70, DePaul
Southwest Missouri State
State 71
California 62, Kansas 47
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
Vanderbilt 82, California 63
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Vanderbilt (30-2) vs. Texas
or 3 p.m.
Championship
Sunday, April 4
Semifinal winners, 4 p.m.

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Atlantic Division	W
New York	46
Boston	39
New Jersey	40
Orlando	32
Miami	30
Philadelphia	21
Washington	19
Central Division	
x-Chicago	48
Cleveland	43
Atlanta	36
Charlotte	35
Indiana	33
Detroit	30
Milwaukee	25
WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Midwest Division	W
x-Houston	44
San Antonio	41
Utah	40
Denver	27
Minnesota	15
Dallas	7
Pacific Division	
x-Phoenix	
x-Seattle	
Portland	
LA Lakers	33
LA Clippers	33
Golden State	28
Sacramento	21

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Friday's Games
Boston 106, Dallas 97
Cleveland 103, Philadelphia
Houston 90, Washington 6
Miami 110, New Jersey 100
Detroit 115, Charlotte 107
Golden State 94, Minnesota
Chicago 107, Orlando 86
Utah 104, San Antonio 98
Phoenix 109, Milwaukee 10
New York 105, LA Lakers
Portland 122, LA Clippers
Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Orlando 98, New Jersey 84
Atlanta 118, Miami 106
Indiana at Denver, (n)
LA CLippers at Seattle, (n)
Milwaukee at Sacramento,
Sunday's Games
Phoenix at Philadelphia, no
Portland at Charlotte, noon
Washington vs. Boston at
Cleveland at Detroit, 3:30 p
Houston at Minnesota, 3:3
San Antonio at Dallas, 8 p
New York at Golden State,
Indiana at LA Lakers, 10:3
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Sacramento at Boston, 7:3
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p

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Atlantic Division

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New York	46	20	.697	—
Boston	39	28	.582	7½
New Jersey	40	29	.580	7½
Orlando	32	34	.485	14
Miami	30	37	.448	16½
Philadelphia	21	45	.318	25
Washington	19	47	.288	27
Central Division				
x-Chicago	48	20	.706	—
Cleveland	43	24	.642	4½
Atlanta	36	32	.529	12
Charlotte	35	33	.515	13
Indiana	33	33	.500	14
Detroit	30	36	.455	17
Milwaukee	25	42	.373	22½
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
x-Houston	44	24	.647	—
San Antonio	41	25	.621	2
Utah	40	29	.580	4½
Denver	27	40	.403	16½
Minnesota	15	51	.227	28
Dallas	7	60	.104	36½
Pacific Division				
x-Phoenix			.773	—
x-Seattle			.676	6
Portland			.615	10½
LA Lakers	33	33	.500	18
LA Clippers	33	35	.485	19
Golden State	28	39	.418	23½
Sacramento	21	45	.318	30

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Washington vs. Boston at Hartford, 2:30 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 3:30 p.m.
Houston at Minnesota, 3:30 p.m.
San Antonio at Dallas, 8 p.m.
New York at Golden State, 8 p.m.
Indiana at LA Lakers, 10:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
Sacramento at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Atlanta, 7:30 p.m.
Washington at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Denver at Utah, 9 p.m.

NCAA Men

All Times EST
EAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At L.B. Joel Memorial Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
St. John's 85, Texas Tech 67
Arkansas 94, Holy Cross 64
Rhode Island 74, Purdue 68
North Carolina 85, East Carolina 65
Friday, March 19
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Massachusetts 54, Pennsylvania 50
Virginia 78, Manhattan 66
New Mexico State 93, Nebraska 79
Cincinnati 93, Coppin State 66
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At L.B. Joel Memorial Coliseum
Winston-Salem, N.C.
North Carolina 112, Rhode Island 67
Arkansas 80, St. John's 74
Sunday, March 21
At The Carrier Dome
Syracuse, N.Y.
Virginia 71, Massachusetts 56
Cincinnati 92, New Mexico State 55
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 26
At The Meadowlands
East Rutherford, N.J.
Cincinnati 71, Virginia 54
North Carolina 80, Arkansas 74
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 28
At The Meadowlands
East Rutherford, N.J.
North Carolina (31-4) vs. Cincinnati (27-4), 1:38 p.m.

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Florida State 82, Evansville 70
Tulane 55, Kansas State 53
Western Kentucky 55, Memphis State 52
Seton Hall 81, Tennessee State 59
Friday, March 19
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Wake Forest 81, Tennessee-Chattanooga 58
Iowa 82, Northeast Louisiana 69
Kentucky 96, Rider 52
Utah 86, Pittsburgh 65
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At Orlando Arena
Orlando, Fla.
Florida State 94, Tulane 63
Western Kentucky 72, Seton Hall 68
Sunday, March 21
At Memorial Gymnasium
Nashville, Tenn.
Wake Forest 84, Iowa 78
Kentucky 83, Utah 62
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 25
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Florida State 81, Western Kentucky 78, OT
Kentucky 103, Wake Forest 69
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 27
At Charlotte Coliseum
Charlotte, N.C.
Kentucky 106, Florida State 81

MIDWEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At The Horizon
Rosemont, Ill.
Kansas 94, Ball State 72
Brigham Young 80, Southern Methodist 71
Duke 105, Southern Illinois 70
California 66, Louisiana State 64
Friday, March 19
At The Hoosier Dome
Indianapolis
Oklahoma State 74, Marquette 62
Louisville 76, Delaware 70
Xavier, Ohio 73, New Orleans 55
Indiana 97, Wright State 54
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At The Horizon
Rosemont, Ill.
Kansas 90, Brigham Young 76
California 82, Duke 77
Sunday, March 21
At The Hoosier Dome
Indianapolis
Indiana 73, Xavier, Ohio 70
Louisville 78, Oklahoma State 63
Regional Semifinals
Thursday, March 25
At St. Louis Arena
Indiana 82, Louisville 69
Kansas 93, California 76
Regional Championship
Saturday, March 27
At St. Louis Arena
Kansas 83, Indiana 77

WEST REGIONAL
First Round
Thursday, March 18
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Illinois 75, Long Beach State 72
Vanderbilt 92, Boise State 72
Santa Clara 64, Arizona 61
Temple 75, Missouri 61
Friday, March 19
At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.
George Washington 82, New Mexico 68
Southern University 93, Georgia Tech 78
Michigan 84, Coastal Carolina 53
UCLA 81, Iowa State 70
Second Round
Saturday, March 20
At The Jon M. Huntsman Center
Salt Lake City
Vanderbilt 85, Illinois 68
Temple 68, Santa Clara 57
Sunday, March 21
At The McKale Center
Tucson, Ariz.
George Washington 90, Southern University 80
Michigan 86, UCLA 84, OT
Regional Semifinals
Friday, March 26
At The Kingdome
Seattle
Michigan 72, George Washington 64
Temple 67, Vanderbilt 59
Regional Championship
Sunday, March 28
At The Kingdome
Seattle
Temple (20-12) vs. Michigan (29-4), 4 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR
At The Superdome
New Orleans
Semifinals
Saturday, April 3
First game starts at 5:42 p.m.
Kentucky (30-3) vs. West champion, TBA
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Exhibition

Milwaukee 5, San Diego 1
Colorado 6, Seattle 1
Chicago Cubs 5, San Francisco 3
Kansas City 5, Houston 2
Atlanta 5, New York Yankees 3
Oakland (ss) vs. California at Tempe, Ariz. (n)
Sunday's Games
New York Mets vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia vs. St. Louis at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Cleveland at Winter Haven, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. Los Angeles Ddogers at Vero Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Kansas City vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh vs. Chicago White Sox at Sarasota, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
New York Yankees vs. Florida at Cocoa, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore vs. Texas at Port Charlotte, Fla., 1:35 p.m.
Detroit vs. Toronto at Dunedin, Fla., 1:35 p.m.
Colorado vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
California (ss) vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
California (ss) vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Phoenix, 8:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
Toronto vs. Kansas City at Haines City, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Los Angeles vs. Atlanta at West Palm Beach, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Texas vs. Baltimore at St. Petersburg, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Florida vs. New York Yankees at Fort Lauderdale, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Boston vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
St. Louis vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Cleveland vs. Houston at Kissimmee, Fla., 1:05 p.m.
Montreal vs. New York Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 1:10 p.m.
Oakland vs. Milwaukee at Chandler, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Seattle vs. San Diego at Yuma, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
California vs. Chicago Cubs at Mesa, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
San Francisco vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., 3:05 p.m.
Detroit vs. Cincinnati at Plant City, Fla., 7:35 p.m.

All Times EST
AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
New York	16	9	.640
Baltimore	12	7	.632
Milwaukee	14	9	.609
Chicago	15	10	.600
Minnesota	13	10	.565
California	11	10	.524
Texas	12	12	.500
Cleveland	9	9	.500
Oakland	12	14	.462
Kansas City	10	13	.435
Boston	9	15	.375
Seattle	8	14	.364
Toronto	7	15	.318
Detroit	4	18	.182

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.
Cincinnati	14	6	.700
Philadelphia	12	7	.632
Chicago	15	11	.577
Atlanta	12	9	.571
Montreal	10	8	.556
Colorado	13	11	.542
Pittsburgh	11	11	.500
San Diego	11	11	.500
Houston	10	10	.500
Los Angeles	10	10	.500
Florida	11	12	.478

NOTE: Split-squad games count in standings, ties or college games do not
Friday's Games
Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3
Baltimore 5, Texas 4
Chicago White Sox 4, Boston 3, 11 innings
Cleveland 6, Florida 5
Detroit 8, St. Louis 2
Cincinnati 8, Kansas City 6
New York Mets (ss) 10, Houston 1, 6 innings
Los Angeles 0, Atlanta 0, tie, 6 innings
Toronto 9, Minnesota 1
Chicago Cubs 3, Oakland (ss) 0, 5 innings
New York Yankees 7, Montreal 4
New York Mets (ss) 4, Oakland (ss) 2
San Diego 4, Milwaukee 2
California vs. San Francisco at Scottsdale, Ariz., ccd. rain
Seattle vs. Colorado at Tucson, Ariz., ccd. rain
Saturday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Minnesota 9, Boston 4
Montreal 3, Florida 2
Philadelphia 1, Toronto 0
Chicago White Sox 9, Texas 1
Cincinnati 14, Detroit 2
Cleveland 4, Pittsburgh 3
Baltimore 4, St. Louis 1
Los Angeles 6, New York Mets (ss) 3
New York Mets (ss) 4, Oakland 0
asota, Fla., 7:35 p.m.

TENNIS

Davis Cup

WORLD GROUP
First Round
At Kooyong, Australia
Australia 4, United States 0
Friday
Singles
Wally Masur, Australia, def. Brad Gilbe[rt], Oakland, 6-3, 6-7 (6-8), 6-4, 6-2.
Mark Woodforde, A[ustralia], def. Jon, Dar[ren] Stru[ff], 6-4, 6-4, 6-4.
Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge, Aust[ralia], def. Jim Grabb, Tucson, Ariz., and Richey Reneberg, Palm Desert, Calif., 7-6 (7-5), 6-2, 3-6, 6-7 (3-7), 6-4.
Sunday
Reverse Singles
Mark Woodforde, Australia, def. Brad Gilbert, Oakland, 5-7, 6-1, 6-4.

At Calcutta, India
India 2, Switzerland 1
Friday
Singles
Leander Paes, India, def. Jakob Hlasek, Switzerland, 7-5, 6-1, 6-2.
Marc Rosset, Switzerland, def. Ramesh Krishnan, India, 7-6 (7-3), 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).
Saturday
Doubles
Leander Paes and Ramesh Krishnan, India, def. Marc Rosset and Jakob Hlasek, Switzerland, 6-7 (4-7), 7-6 (10-12), 7-5, 2-6, 6-3.

At Vienna, Austria
France 3, Austria 0
Friday
Singles
Arnaud Boetsch, France, def. Horst Skoff, Austria, 6-2, 7-6 (7-5), 6-1.
Guy Forget, France, def. Alex Antonitsch, Austria, 6-4, 6-2, 6-3.
Saturday
Doubles
Guy Forget and Henri Leconte, France, def. Horst Skoff and Alex Antonitsch, Austria, 7-5, 6-4, 7-5.

At Barcelona, Spain
Spain 2, Netherlands 1
Friday
Singles
Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, def. Sergi Bruguera, Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 4-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Carlos Costa, Spain, def. Mark Koevermans, Netherlands, 5-7, 6-3, 6-1, 6-1.
Saturday
Doubles
Emilio Sanchez Vicario and Sergio Casal, Spain, def. Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, the Netherlands, 6-3, 6-4, 5-7, 7-5.

At Copenhagen, Denmark
Czech Republic 3, Denmark 0
Friday
Singles
Karel Novacek, Czech Republic, def. Kenneth Carlsen, Denmark, 7-6 (9-7), 6-4, 6-1.
Petr Korda, Czech Republic, def. Frederik Fetterlein, Denmark, 6-4, 6-3, 6-2.
Saturday
Doubles
Cyril Suk and Petr Korda, Czechoslovakia def. Kenneth Carlsen and Morten Christensen 4-6, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2, 6-2.

At Kalmar, Sweden
Sweden 3, Cuba 0
Friday
Singles
Stefan Edberg, Sweden, def. Juan Antonio Pino, Cuba, 6-2, 6-2, 6-2.
Nicklas Kulti, Sweden, def. Mario Tabares, Cuba, 6-3, 6-0, 4-6, 6-3.
Saturday
Doubles
Anders Jarryd and Henrik Holm, Sweden, def. Mario Tabares and Juan Pino, Cuba, 6-3, 6-2, 6-4.

At Modena, Italy
Italy 3, Brazil 0
Friday
Singles
Diego Nargiso, Italy, def. Jaime Oncins, Brazil, 7-5, 6-2, 6-3.
Omar Camporese, Italy, def. Luiz Mattar, Brazil, 7-6 (7-4), 4-6, 6-2, 6-1.
Saturday
Doubles
Omar Camporese and Diego Nargiso, Italy, def. Cassio Motta and Fernando Roese, Brazil, 7-6 , 3-6, 4-6, 6-3, 10-8.

At Moscow
Germany 3, Russia 0
Friday
Singles
Carl-Uwe Steeb, Germany, def. Andrei Cherkasov, Russia, 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6), 6-4.
Michael Stich, Germany, def. Andrei Olhovskiy, Russia, 7-5, 6-1, 1-6, 7-5.
Saturday
Doubles
Patric Kuhnen and Michael Stich, Germany, def. Andrei Cherkasov and Andrei Olkhovskiy, Russia, 6-4, 6-2, 6-2.

EURO-AFRICAN ZONE
Group One
Zone A
First Round
Kenya 1, Luxembourg 1
Friday
Singles
Johnny Goudenbour, Luxembourg, def. Eno Polo, Kenya, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (8-6).
Paul Wekesa, Kenya, def. Serge Bruck, Luzembourg, 6-4, 7-5, 3-6, 2-6, 6-3.

Zone B
At Budapest, Hungary
Hungary 2, Finland 1
Friday
Singles
Sandor Noszaly, Hungary, def. Toumas Ketola, Finland, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4.
Olli Rahnasto, Finland, def. Jozsef Krocsko, Hungary, 1-6, 6-4, 7-5, 6-3.
Saturday
Doubles
Laszlo Markovits and Andas Lanyi, Hungary, def. Olli Rahnasto and Alexander Lindholm, Finland, 6-4, 6-3, 7-6 (7-5).

At Oslo, Norway
Zimbabwe 2, Norway 1
Friday
Singles
Bent Ove Pedersen, Norway, def. Byron Black, Zimbabwe, 6-7, 0-6, 6-4, 6-3, 6-4.
Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, def. Christian Ruud, Norway, 2-6, 7-5, 3-6, 6-3, 6-2.
Saturday
Doubles
Byron Black and Wayne Black, Zimbabwe, def. Bent Ove Pedersen and Christian Ruud, Norway, 6-3, 2-6, 3-6, 6-7.

ASIA-OCEANIA ZONE
Group One
Second Ro[und]
At Hon[g Kong]
Japa[n] [vs.] Hong Kong 0
[Sin]gles
Shuzo Matsuoka, Japan, def. Colin Grant, Hong Kong, 6-4, 6-2, 7-6 (7-0).
Yasufumi Yamamoto, Japan, def. Michael Walker, Hong Kong, 6-1, 6-3, 6-2.
Saturday
Doubles
Gouichi Motomura and Daijiro Furusho, Japan, def. Michael Walker and Colin Grant, Hong Kong, 6-4, 6-4, 7-6 (9-7).

AMERICAN ZONE
Group One
Second Round
At Buenos Aires, Argentina
Argentina 2, Mexico 1
Friday
Singles
Alberto Mancini, Argentina, def. Oliver Fernandez, Mexico, 6-7, 6-1, 6-1, 6-0.
Luis Herrera, Mexico, def. Guillermo Perez Roldan, Argentina, 6-3, 6-3, 1-6, 6-2.
Saturday

At Nassau, Bahamas
Bahamas 1, Uruguay 0
Friday
Singles
Roger Smith, Bahamas, def. Diego Perez, Uruguay, 6-2, 6-1, 6-2.
Mark Knowles, Bahamas, led Marcello Filippini, Uruguay, 7-6, 2-6, 6-2, susp., rain.

On the air

Radio
Greenwood at Coahoma, 8 p.m., KKKK (99.1 FM).
Big Spring at Levelland, 7:30 p.m., KBST (1490 AM), KBYG (1400 AM).
Television
U.S. Open tennis, 10 a.m.- 3 p.m., 6:30-10:00 p.m., USA (21).
Phillies at Braves, 6:30 p.m., WTBS (11).
Twins at Blue Jays, 6:30 p.m., ESPN (30).
Orioles at Angels, 9:30 p.m., ESPN (30).

BOWLING

GUYS & DOLLS
Photo Magic Studio over 2 Mini Acres, 8-0; Quail Run over J&D Garage, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration tied Fifth Wheels, 4-4; Rocky's tied Coahoma Beauty Center, 4-4.
Hi. sc. ind. game Tom Daily, 234; Janie Ringener, 192; hi. sc. ind. series Tom Daily, 582; Inez Bearden, 531; hi. hdcp ind. game Tom Daily, 250; Faye Hobbs, 233; hi. hdcp ind. series Jack Griffin, Sr., 637; Inez Bearden, 657; hi. sc. team game Rocky's, 668; hdcp Photo Magic Studio, 824; hi. sc. team series Rocky's, 1909; hdcp Photo Magic Studio, 2426.
STANDINGS — Rocky's, 145-79; Photo Magic Studio, 132-92; Arrow Refrigeration, 116-108; Quail Run, 110-114; J&D Garage, 108-116; Coahoma Beauty Center, 98-126; 2 Mini Acres, 97-126; and Fifth Wheels, 90-134.

CAPROCK
Fred's Septic Service split Tough As Nails, 4-4; Two Ballers over Bojangles, 8-0; Pin Breakers over Trio Fuels, 6-2; Bob Brock Ford over Just Showing Up, 6-2; Coors over Burgess Automotive, 6-2.
Hi. sc. ind. game Terry White, 228; hi. sc. ind. series Terry White, 615; hi. hdcp ind. game Doug Spurlock, 250; hi. hdcp ind. series Virgil Moreland, 693; hi. sc. team game Coors, 776; hdcp Tough As Nails, 889; and hi. sc. team series Coors, 2146; hdcp Two Ballers, 2510.
STANDINGS — Tough As Nails, 64-24; Trio Fuels, 52-36; Fred's Septic Service, 52-36; Bojangles, 52-36; Two Ballers, ,52-36; Coors, 40-48; Burgess Automotive, 34-54; Pin Breakers, 34-54; Bob Brock Ford, 34-54; and Just Showing Up, 26-62.

MENS MAJOR
Big Spring Herald over Bob Brock Ford, 8-0; O'Daniel Trucking over Pollard Chevrolet, 6-2; B.S.I. over Western Container, 6-2; Hagen TV Repair over Walker L.P. Gas, 6-2; Parks Conv. Center over 1st Nat. Bank, 6-2; and Fina Engineers split Rocky's, 4-4.
High single game Tom Cruz (perfect game), 300; high total series Tom Cruz, 731; high team game Big Spring Herald, 1163; and high team series Big Spring Herald, 3210.
STANDINGS — Walker L.P. Gas, 138-78; O'Daniel Trucking, 133-75; Big Spring Herald, 131-85; Parks Conv. Center, 113-103; Fina Engineers, 111-105; Hagen T.V. Repair, 103-113; B.S.I., 102-114; Rocky's, 100-116; Bob Brock Ford, 96-120; Western Container, 91-117; 1st Nat. Bank, 86-130; and Pollard Chevrolet, 84-132.

MENS MAJOR
B.S.I. over Pollard Chevrolet, 8-0; Parks Conv. Center over Fina Engineers, 8:0; Big Spring Herald over Hagen TV Repair, 6-2; Rocky's over O'Daniel Trucking, 6-2; 1st Nat. Bank split Bob Brock Ford, 4-4; and Walker LP Gas split Western Container, 4-4.
High single game Tom Cruz, 277; high total series Ray Kennedy, 710; high team game O'Daniel Trucking, 1065; and high team series Parks Conv. Center, 3045.
STANDINGS — Walker L.P. Gas, 142-82; O'Daniel Trucking, 135-81; Big Spring Herald, 137-87; Parks Conv. Center, 121-103; Fina Engineers, 111-113; BSI, 109-115; Rocky's, 106-118; Hagen TV Repair, 105-119; Bob Brock Ford, 100-124; Western Container, 95-121; 1st Nat. Bank, 90-134; and Pollard Chevrolet, 85-139.

LADIES CLASSIC
The PJ's over Pretty Things, 6-2; The Dream Team over Bits & Pieces, 6-2; and Shock Wave over L&M Properties, 6-2.
Hi. sc. series ind. Renae Carr, 576; team Pretty Things, 1841; hi. sc. game ind. Renae Carr, 226; team Pretty Things, 688; hi. hdcp series ind. Renae Carr, 636; team The Dream Team, 2345; hi. hdcp game ind. Renae Carr, 246; and team The Dream Team, 833.
STANDINGS — Pretty Things, 121-79; L&M Properties, 119-89; Shock Wave, 108-100; Bits & Pieces, 96-112; The Dream Team, 96-112; and The PJ's, 76-124.

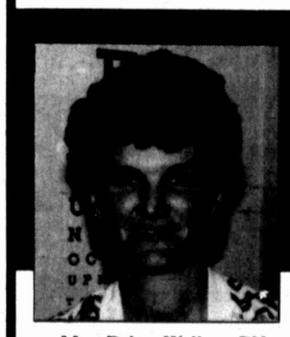
STERLING CITY TRAVELERS
Well Tech over Fifth Wheels, 8-0; Permian Research and Millers, 4-4; Nitty Gritty and Moms & Dads, 0-0; Crazy Eights and Bowl-A-Rama, 0-0.
Hi. sc. series team Permian Research, 1873; Chris Jones, 604; and Sheri Van Wey, 438; hi. sc. game team Permian Research, 668; Chris Jones, 245; Karen Henderson, 163; hi. hdcp series team Well Tech, 2394; Chris Jones, 676; Mary Lou Saldana, 635; hi. hdcp game team Millers, 859; Chris Jones, 269; and Mary Lou Saldana, 231.
STANDINGS — Nitty Gritty, 143-81; Well Tech, 131-101; Permian Research, 116-116; Moms & Dads, 112-104; Fifth Wheels, 107-117; Crazy Eights, 106-118; Bowl-A-Rama, 104-120; and Millers, 85-147.

LADIES MAJOR
La Contesa Cutters over Frame Busters, 8-0; Miss Royale over Sassie Ladies, 6-2; Hall's Air Cooled Engine over Tom Boy Shop, 6-2; EP Driver Ins. over KC Kids, 6-2; Vanessa's over S&H Floor Covering, 6-2; Barber Glass & Mirror over Team Hughes, 6-2; Pretty Things over Rocky's, 6-2; and Campbell Concrete over Arrow Refrigeration, 8-0.
Hi. sc. series ind. Gwen Smith, 583; team Campbell Concrete, 1896; hi. sc. game ind. Gwen Smith, 234; team Campbell Concrete, 664; hi. hdcp series ind. Gwen Smith, 667; team Campbell Concrete, 2403; hi. hdcp game ind. Gwen Smith, 262; and team KC Kids, 848.
STANDINGS — Arrow Refrigeration, 136-88; Campbell Concrete, 130-94; Hall's Aircooled Engine, 130-94; Miss Royale, 126-98; La Contesa Cutters, 123-101; KC Kids, 122-102; Pretty Things, 117-107; Sassie Ladies, 116-108; EP Driver Ins., 116-108; Barber Glass & Mirror, 114-110; S&H Floor Covering, 110-114; Frame Busters, 108-116; Tom Boy, 100-124; Team Hughes, 96-128; Rocky's, 84-140; and Vanessa's, 64-160.

PINPOPPERS
Tret-O-Lite over Calvert's Liquor Store, 8-0; Health Food Center over Holland Cottonseed, 8-0; Hair Clinic over Yates Cattle Co., 5-3; Kimella's Cafe over Kuykendall Inc., 6-2; Steve Smith Agency over Short Sircuit, 6-2; and Casual Shoppe and A&B Farms, 6-2.
Hi. sc. series ind. Bernadine Sealy, 574; team Health Food Center, 2010; hi. sc. game ind. Bernadine Sealy, 220; team Health Food Center, 677; hi. hdcp series ind. Rene Cave, 676; team Health Food Center, 2454; hi. hdcp game ind. Rene Cave, 248; and team Kimella's Cafe, 831.
STANDINGS — Health Food Center, 164-68; Kimella's Cafe, 144-88; Hair Clinic, 140-92; Kuykendall, Inc., 132-100; Casual Shoppe, 130-102; Tret-O-Lite, 126-106; A&B Farms, 104-128; Short Sircuit, 103-129; Calvert's Liquor Store, 99-133; Steve Smith Agency, 95-137; Yates Cattle Co., 86-146; and Holland Cottonseed, 69-163.

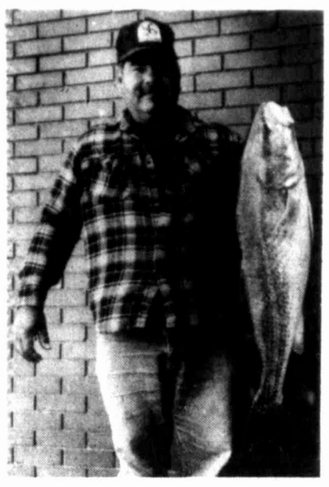
WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO
Newman Outdoor Advertising over NAPA Slingers, 8-0; Security State Bank over Alley Cats, 8-0; Fast Stop Exxon (unopposed), 8-0; We Are Family over Fly By Night, 6-2; Loan Stars over Neal's Sporting Goods, 6-2; Timeless Design over First National Bank, 6-2; Fifth Wheels over Slow Starters, 6-2; Rascals split with Saunders Company, 4-4; Arrow Refrigeration split with Big Spring Music, 4-4; and S.A.W. split with Copy Cats, 4-4.
Hi. sc. game Jackie LeCroy, 245; Pat Harbuck, 213; hi. sc. series Jackie LeCroy, 610; Joycee Davis, 565; hi. hdcp game Jackie LeCroy, 266; Sadie Wallace, 249; hi. hdcp series Jackie LeCroy, 673; Sharon Little, 669; hi. sc. team game Security State BAnk, 577; hdcp Security State Bank, 684; hi. sc. team series Security State Bank, 1654; hdcp Security State Bank, 1972.
STANDINGS — Security State Bank, 134-84; We Are Family, 132-90; Big Spring Music, 129-95; Fifth Wheels, 128-96; Arrow Refrigeration, 126-90; S.A.W., 123-101; Newman Outdoor Advertising, 119-97; Fly By Night, 117-107; Saunders Company, 117-107; Copy Cats, 115-109; Loan Stars, 114-110; Rascals, 113-107; Timeless Design, 110-114; Slow Starters, 109-113; Neal's Sporting Goods, 109-113; Fast Stop Exxon, 104-116; Alley Cats (postponed), 99-121; First National Bank, 97-123; and NAPA Slingers (unopposed), 93-123.

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Big Spring resident Joe Del Bosque nabbed this 16-pound, 37-inch redfish Thursday at Colorado City State Park.

Thomas yeilds good catches for bass club

Big Spring Bass Club, fishing out of Lake J.B. Thomas last week, didn't catch many bass, but quality made up for lack of quantity.

Randy Klaus was the winner of the March tournament with an 8.6-pound black bass, second went to Marty Whetsel with one at 4 ½ pounds, third to Ike Rupard with 3.7 pounds, fourth to Jim Darling's 2.15 pounds. Water temperature continued at 32 degrees, and outside of a few crappie being caught in 5-10 feet of water, and channel catfish taking liver in deep water, fishing was fair at best.

Lake E.V. Spence turned up some red-hot black bass fishing, and Dale Mullis of Odessa, fishing out of Wildcat Marina with R.L. Flanagan, reeled in a 20½ pound striped bass. Troy Freeman, Odessa, caught three channel catfish up to 3½ pounds; G. Aguilar, Seagraves, had four crappie aggregating 15 pounds; Alvin Harper, Robert Lee, caught a 5-pound black bass with minnows.

Fishing out of Paint Creek Marina, Gary Lee Payne, Willie and Daniel Justis, San Angelo, caught eight black bass aggregating 20 pounds 14 ounces; Eric Sanchez, Stanton, had a 4¾ -pound bass using a spinner bait; Steve Ramos used a black jig to catch a 4-pound, 6-ounce black bass; and Allen Harrison, Odessa reeled in a 2½ -pound black bass. Water temperature rose to 56 degrees and better fishing appeared on its way.



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Afternoon bow practice

Two Mississippi State University students get in a little bow-hunting practice just before sundown recently at the university's South Farm in Starksville. The two were shooting at plastic bottles to sharpen their aim in time for the March 20 start of turkey season.

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ATTENTION CALENDAR USERS: Support groups will be listed regularly in Thursday's life! section.

Calendar

Today

• Bingo is offered at the Lions Building, Monday and Tuesday, 6 p.m.; and by Christmas in April on Wednesdays at 6 p.m.; Double session Lions & Harc on Saturday at 6 p.m. Lion's Lic. #12372690748, HARC Lic. #30008084854, CIA Lic. #17521878011.

• St. Thomas Catholic Church offers bingo at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday and Sunday. Lic. #3-00-786055-1.

• Bingo at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, 1009 Hearn, Fridays and Saturdays beginning at 6:30 p.m. Lic. #1751274202. Maximum payout.

• Sacred Heart Church Youth Center, 509 Aylford will have bingo on Sundays from 7-10 p.m. Lic. #BL17561723804.

• American Legion Post #506, will at a Shuffle Board Tournament at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Entry fee is $2.00. Draw for partners. Pot paid to winning partners. 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

• Coahoma Senior Center Project needs items donated for its giant garage sale Saturday. Bring items to the store next to the Little Sooper Market, 1-4 p.m.

• 31st Rattlesnake Roundup continues, Howard County Fairbarns, noon-6 p.m.

• Permian Basin Regional Council on Alcohol and Drug Abuse will have its grand opening of the Big Spring Outreach Office from 1-3 p.m. Ribbon Cutting at 2 p.m. 905 N. Benton. Public invited.

Monday

• There will be gospel singing at the Kentwood Center on Lynn Dr., at 7 p.m. For information call 393-5709.

• Christian Home Schoolers will meet at noon at Comanche Trail Park. For information call Donna at 267-8851.

Tuesday

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St, has free bread and whatever else is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Big Spring Senior Center ceramics class from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

• Christian Home Schoolers Korean Family Night will be at 7 p.m. For information call Tina at 263-6840.

• Brown-bag luncheon workshop from noon to 1 p.m., Howard College, Tumbleweed Room of the Dora Roberts Student Union building. Subject will be The Power of Positive Thinking.

Thursday

• Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St., has free bread and whatever is available for area needy from 10 a.m. to noon.

• Big Spring Senior Center will have art classes from 9:30-11:30 a.m. 55 and older invited.

• The Genealogical Society will meet at 7:15 p.m. in the Howard County library conference room. Visitors welcome. Enter through west entrance. Doors must be locked after meeting begins.

• LULAC #4375 will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Courthouse. For information call Nina at 267-2740.

• Masonic Lodge #1340 will meet at 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

Friday

• Friday night games of Dominoes, Forty-two, Bridge and Chickentrack from 5-8 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn Dr. Public invited.

• Spring City Senior Center: Fashion painting classes, 9:30-11:30 a.m. Free. Ages 55 and older. Country/Western dance today from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Public invited.

• Spring City Senior Center will have a County/Western Dance from 7:30-10:30 p.m. Public invited.

Saturday

• American Legion Post #506 will have a shuffle board tournament at 2 p.m. Draw partners. 3203 W. Hwy. 80.

• Howard County Youth Horsemen will have a Kenneth Williams Memorial Cook-Off. There will be a drawing. For more information call Canzada at 263-7934 or Diane at 267-6251.

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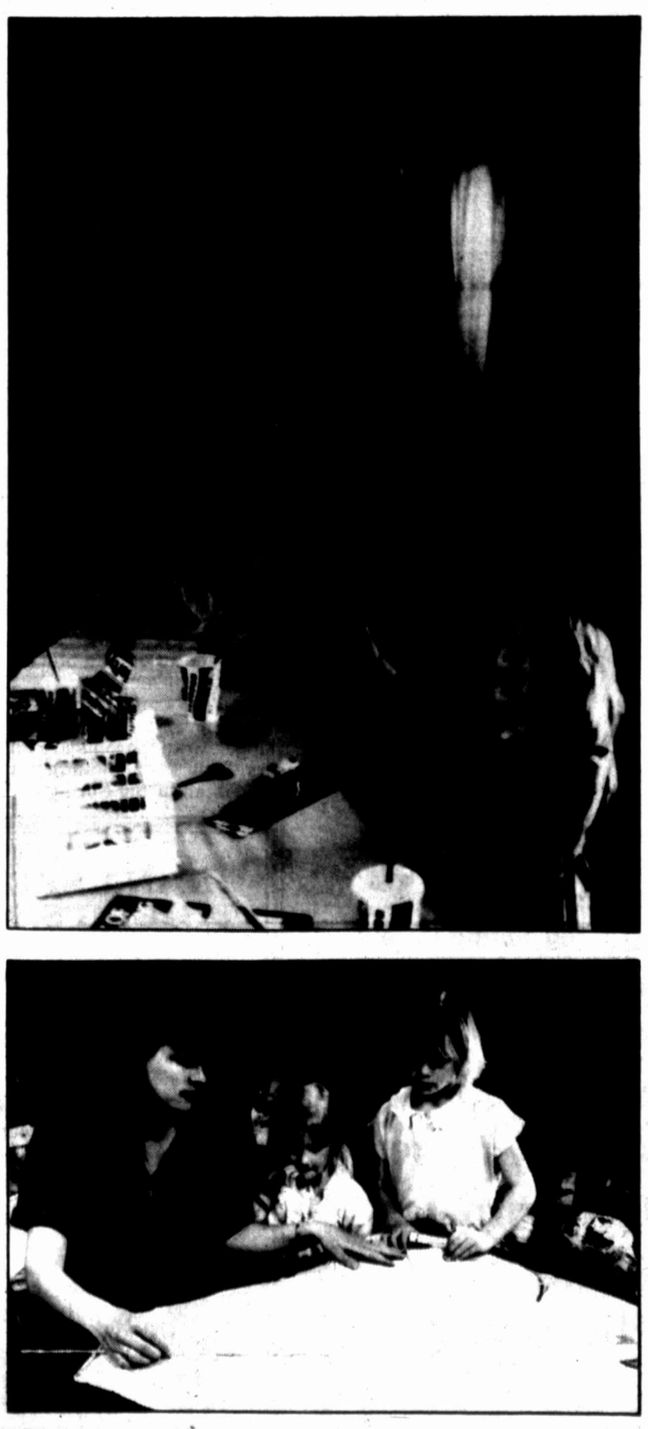
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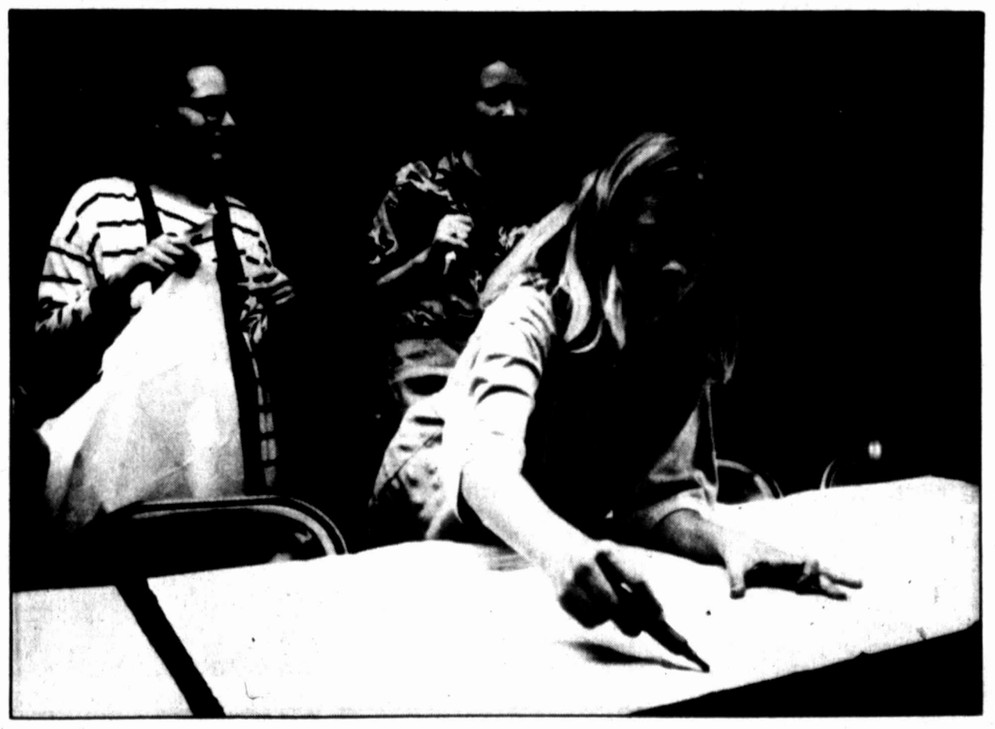
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Flying kites

Once a week, the children and parents of the local Christian Home Schooler's Group meet for fellowship and arts and crafts. Last week, the group met at Midway Baptist Church to make springtime kites. The students also decorated their kites with Korean symbols they have learned in recent studies.











Clockwise, from top left: Chase Carroll attempts to get his kite airborne after constructing it; floor space was at a premium to build the large kites; Michelle Froman cuts a garbage sack that will become the fabric of her kite; Samantha Blankenship traces the outline of her kite as Amanda Kime and Shannon Coyle watch; Timothy Harris gets his kite flying; Samantha Blankenship decorates her kite; Deann Lester helps daughters Hannah and Allison with the frame; Kristin Hirene holds her frame aloft.

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Weddings

Vasquez-Rodriquez

Melissa Vasquez and Johnny Rodriquez, both of Big Spring, exchanged weddings vows on March 20, 1993, at the American Legion. China Long, Justice of the Peace, officiated.

Parents of the bride are Jesse and Gloria Vasquez of Big Spring. Parents of the groom are Alfonso and Rosalinda Rodriquez of Big Spring.

The couple stood before an altar decorated with peach and white streamers and balloons.

Music was supplied by a chorus.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an almond white wedding gown made by her mother. Her veil went halfway down her back.

She carried a bouquet of peach and white flowers with a long streamer.

Maid of honor was Diane Reece, sister of the bride from South Carolina.

Best man was Earnest Rodriquez, brother of the groom, from Big Spring.

Ringbearers were John Marcus, nephew of the bride, and Jobeth Miranda.

A reception followed the ceremony.

The bride's table held a three-layer cake with a water fountain. It sat on a white satin tablecloth.

The bride is a graduate of Spur High School.

The groom is a graduate of Big Spring High School.

The couple will make their home in Big Spring.

Wedding bells mean wedding bills



Naomi Hunt

With the romance, excitement and nervousness of spring fancies and June brides, a couple can easily lose track of the financial aspect of a wedding. An average formal wedding costs more than $13,000 and may run two to three times that amount. Even a small, informal wedding runs up bills quickly.

For spring or summer weddings, planning has already begun. But it's not too late to get control of spending associated with the big day. Start your budget by writing down the expected cost of items already planned. Add any other anticipated expenses and expect unplanned costs to occur.

For those just beginning to plan, set a tentative budget for the wedding before talking to wedding consultants and service providers. You need to decide what you can spend, not what other people think you should spend. The tentative budget may need adjusting, but your original estimate will help you stay on target by reminding you to trim expenses wherever you can.

In setting a budget, consider whether to include these items:

- Invitations, announcements and postage
- Engagement and wedding rings
- Blood tests
- Marriage certificate
- Fees for the ceremony (music, clergy)
- Rental cost for facility (ceremony, reception and rehearsal)
- Bride and groom's attire
- Attendants' attire
- Transportation to ceremony
- Flowers (including ceremony, reception, bouquets, corsages)
- Photographs (engagement photos, wedding photos, portraits)
- Video recording
- Wedding cake
- Reception food and drink, decorations and entertainment
- Gifts for attendants, family, wedding guests
- Meals for guests or attendants (rehearsal dinner, seated or buffet reception, out-of-town guests)
- Lodging and transportation for out-of-town guests
- Wedding coordinator
- Honeymoon trip

Decide who will pay for what. Traditionally, the bride's family has shouldered most of the wedding cost. That trend is changing. Many couples today pay for their own weddings or share costs equally between families. Be sure to include everyone who is paying in the budget discussions. One person, for example, may be planning on simple floral greenery, while another anticipates elaborate decorations. Discussing it beforehand eases tensions later.

Smaller weddings generally cost less than those with more guests. For example, most bakers charge for the wedding cake by number of guests. Larger weddings will require a larger facility, which will increase rental charges. Larger weddings usually have more attendants, increasing the costs associated with attendants' food, clothing, gifts and transportation.

Allowing plenty of time can save money and tempers. Printers are likely to charge extra for "rush" orders on invitations or announcements. Low-cost facilities or service providers may be booked up for your wedding date if you wait too late to schedule. Starting early allows you to buy the bride's, groom's, and attendants' attire on lay-a-way, budgeting your money as you go.

Be sure to get all arrangements in writing. While you may view your wedding with romantic illusion, it is business to service providers. Make sure you know your obligation in case of changes or cancellations, get written quotes on costs and keep receipts for any deposits or early payments.

After setting up your budget, review it regularly. Look at it weekly at first and daily as the wedding date nears. As expenses mount, see if you can anticipate and prevent unexpected expenses or compensate for them by cutting down somewhere else. Evaluate whether you can pay some costs ahead of time to save finance charges or reduce the lump sum which will need to be paid later. If expenses are getting out of hand, discuss whether some items can be cut from the budget to save money.

As your wedding nears, you can relax and enjoy it, knowing that you are in control of your finances. Extra expenses will doubtless crop up, but you will not be staggered by the overall total you owe as you start your life together.

Naomi Hunt is Howard County Extension Agent — Home Economics.

life! Deadlines

Deadlines for submissions to the Sunday *life!* section are as follows:

Weddings, engagements, anniversaries: Wednesday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Must be printed on Herald's form, available at the office, 710 Scurry, or by mail to out-of-town residents by calling 915/263-7331, ext.116.

Stork Club — Thursday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Published as space allows, using information on Herald form.

Military — Thursday at noon prior to Sunday of desired publication. Accepted in writing from family members as well as the branch of service.

Engaged



DATE SET — Gena Renae Dodson and Robert Michael Dixon, both of Stephenville, will exchange wedding vows on June 26, 1993 at the Lutheran Church in Hamilton. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Allen Dodson, Hamilton. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. Kirke McKenzie, Big Spring.



WEDDING DATE — Brenda Scott of Odessa and Puncher Henley of Stanton will exchange wedding vows on May 8, 1993, at the home of the groom's parents. Her parents are Larry and Bobbie Nix, Big Spring. His parents are Harold and Joan Henley, Stanton. Justice of the Peace William H. Shankles will perform the ceremony.



TO WED — LoBerta Carol Jesse of Big Spring and Charles Wayne Davis of Austin will exchange wedding vows on June 12, 1993, at East Fourth Street Baptist Church, Big Spring. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Jesse, Fresno, Calif. His mother is Mrs. E.L. (Dick) Davis, Big Spring. The Rev. Travis Ellis of Post will perform the ceremony.



MARRIAGE PLANS — Lisa Marie White and James Craig Norman of Kermit will exchange wedding vows on April 9, 1993, at College Baptist Church, Big Spring. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. Tommy White, Coahoma. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. James M. Norman, Big Spring. Ken McMeans, pastor of College Baptist Church, will perform the ceremony.



DATE SET — Shawna Marie Clark and Christopher Allen Barnhill, both of Stanton, will exchange wedding vows on June 26, 1993, at First Baptist Church, Stanton. Her parents are John and Joyce Inman Clark, Stanton. His parents are Jimmy Don and Mary Wilson Barnhill, Stanton.



TO MARRY — Kendra Madry of Big Spring and Bradley Knott of London, England, will exchange wedding vows on May 1, 1993, at First Baptist Church, Big Spring. Her parents are Jimmy and Karen Madry, Big Spring. His parents are Peter and Pat Bliss. Dr. Kenneth Patrick, pastor, will perform the ceremony.



TO WED — Dawn Garrett and Andrez Sosa Dominguez, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on May 29, 1993, at Wesley United Methodist Church, Big Spring. Her parents are Richard and Ann Garrett, Alamogordo, N.M. His parents are Felipe and the late Vidala Dominguez, Big Spring. The Rev. David C. Bonnell, Lordsburg, N.M., will perform the ceremony.

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Shane Edward Howell, March 25, 1993, 4:05 a.m.; parents are Deputy Woody and Noel Howell. Grandparents are Mary Maddy, Elkview, W.Va., and Nelta Howell, Big Spring.

Lloyd Tyler Holsenbeck, March 22, 1993; parents are Donald and Karie Holsenbeck, Stanton. Grandparents are Leon & Charlene Holsenbeck; Sue Henson; and Leon & Julie Henson, all of Big Spring.

Aaron Arnold Solis, March 24, 1993, 12:25 a.m.; parents are Arnold Solis and Leticia Reyna. Grandparents are Vicente & Maria Solis; and Ellena & Tony Villarreal.

Norma Jean, March 24, 1993, 5:10 p.m.; parents are Donald and Sandra Crockett. Grandparents are Don & Norma Crockett, Marble Falls, and W.R. & Jean Gleason, Big Spring.

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Taylor Michelle Watson, March 16, 1993, 5:24 a.m; mother is Shelly (Griffin) Watson. Grandparents are Carlyon and Ray Bluhm, Big Spring, Ken Griffin, San Angelo, and Bob and Shirley Watson, Hutchinson, Kan.

Michael Keith Rangel, Feb. 8, 1993; parents are Tim and Ione Rangel. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Crane, and M. and D. Rangel, all of Big Spring.

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Couple will marry six decades after they met

By CARL E. FEATHER
Thomson News Service

Dora and Joseph Vogt go back a long way.

They grew up in Glenmoor, a section of East Liverpool, Ohio, during the 1930s and early 1940s. They went to the same schools, from first grade right through high school.

In their third grade (1933) class photo, they stood next to each other, third row, last two students on the right. Their families knew each other, and Joseph did chores for Dora's grandfather.

"We go back so far, its unreal," Dora said.

Still, it took the couple six decades before their paths crossed in marriage.

"I didn't think I met up to her standards," Joseph said, explaining why he never approached Dora for a date in his adolescent years. "I didn't think I stood a chance."

Dora said she had no romantic interest in Joseph as a teen, and so, after graduation, the two classmates parted ways.

Joseph's path took him into World War II as a pilot and flight instructor. He married in 1945, settled in Trumbull, Ohio, worked in construction for 32 years and had five children. His second wife died in 1976. With a 5-year-old son and 32 acres to take care of, Joseph had little time to look for another mate.

After retiring eight years ago, Joseph turned his attention to his part-time nursery business and hobbies of collecting antique engines and flying.

Dora eventually moved to the Midland, Pa., area and worked as a bookkeeper, retiring from Colt Industries in 1982. She married twice, but when it came time for the 1992 Glenmoor School Reunion, both Dora and Joseph were single again.

Glenmoor School reunions had been held since the mid-1970s, and Dora seldom missed them. Joseph seldom attended, and the one year he did attend, Dora didn't.

The reunion on July 5, 1992, was the exception.

"He wandered in, he was by himself," Dora said. "I asked him if he brought any food, and he said 'No.' So I asked him if he wanted to join my aunt and me at our table."

Joseph agreed to eat with Dora and her aunt, Gladys Rice, who had taught at the school in the 1920s. After all, in his younger years Joseph had "taken a shine" to Gladys Rice's daughter. To his disappointment, she didn't recognize Joseph when he sneaked up behind her and asked, "Guess who?"

Dora capitalized on the situation and boldly asked Joseph if he had any commitments for after the reunion.

He didn't.

"So I asked him over to my place," Dora said. "We talked a while, then I asked him if he wanted to go over and see the rest of my family."

Joseph obliged, and after visiting with them, the couple took a ride along the Ohio River and went out to eat. Back at Dora's house, Joseph told her it was time for him to be heading back to Trumbull.

"He said he had lost a hubcap on the way down and had a good idea of where he lost it," Dora said. "But he said he needed a flashlight to help him look for it."

Dora's mind went to work.

"I said, 'Here, take this one. You can bring it back,'" she said.

"I said, 'No, I'll ship it UPS,'" Joseph recalled.

"And I was very emphatic," Dora said. "I said, 'No, you will bring it back!'"

Dora won out. Joseph took the flashlight home with him and agreed to bring it back. And he left her with a little something to think about.

"When he left that evening, he reached up and kissed me," she said "It wasn't anything smart, it was very unplanned. It just kind of stuck in my mind."

A couple weeks later, Joseph returned to East Liverpool with the borrowed flashlight. Dora's plan worked.

"We just started dating each other," Dora said.

Neither Dora or Joseph can remember when he proposed to her, but it was within a couple months of their school reunion.

"I forget when she asked me to marry her," Joseph said laughing.

At 4 p.m. Jan. 2, Dora Lyle Noble and Joseph Lawrence Vogt were united in a small ceremony at the Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, Cleveland Heights. One of Joseph's sons, Joseph A., and Dora's sister, Lorian Thomas, served as attendants. Rev. Clarence Thomas, Joseph's brother-in-law, officiated.

Dora is still transferring belongings from East Liverpool to Trumbull, where the couple has decided to live for the time being. Joseph recognizes that he wont be able to forever take care of the 32-acres of land, 100 or so antique engines and other rolling stock, so they are keeping Dora's house as a second retirement home.

That means both of them can look forward to a very busy summer as they try to stay on top of the yard work and maintenance of two homes which are 120 miles apart.

But most of all, will couple spend their future catching up on the six decades which filled the years between posing together for a third-grade class photo and posing for a wedding picture.

"I did not realize we were standing next to each other in that picture until we started dating," Dora said. "I said, 'I can't believe this, it just must have been meant to be."

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JOHN AND ALVETA SZITAR, MAY 1943

John and Alveta Szitar will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on April 4, 1993, at Mineola Federal Savings & Loan. Hosts will be their children, children's spouses, and grandchildren.

He was born in Carteret, N.J. and she in Polar, Texas. She is the former Alveta Clayton.

They met in January 1943 while John was stationed at Webb Air Force Base and Alveta worked at Walgreen Drug Store in Big Spring. They married on April 1, 1943 at the Howard County Courthouse. Walter Grice performed the ceremony.

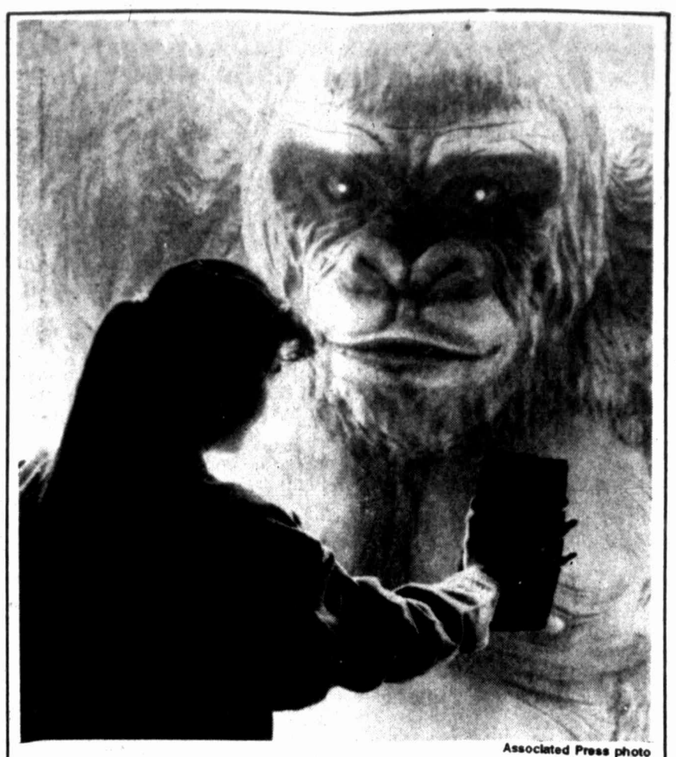
Their children are Sue Steen, Brenda Cook, Ted Szitar, Debby Blalock and Sherry Brown, all of Mineola; and John Szitar of Leslie, Ark.

They have 16 grandchildren.

They lived mostly in the Big Spring area until moving to Mineola in 1961. They are semi-retired now. Previous employers were Vaughn & Meads Bakeries & Borden Milk Co. in Big Spring. John was self-employed.

They are members of the Trinity Fellowship Church in Lindale where their son-in-law, Ben Steen, is a pastor. They are also members of Autumn Trails Model A Club.

Alveta's hobbies are ceramics, porcelain dolls and her yard. John's hobbies are gardening and a 1928 Model A car. They both have the "Nintendo habit."



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Face to face

A giant gorilla, with glittering glass eyes, stares at a Japanese woman cleaning a window at the Hard Rock Cafe in Tokyo. The 10-foot-tall fiberglass gorilla was placed outside the restaurant as an eye-catching advertisement.

Woman trying to block play production

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

GALVESTON — A Galveston woman has gained support from a state lawmaker as she attempts to block the musical "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas" from a scheduled summer run at Galveston Island State Park.

Julia Koen says the R-rated musical about the closing of a Texas bordello should not be performed at the Mary Moody Northern Amphitheater at the state park, since the park is public land and the theater is funded by local, state and federal money.

"Personally, I don't find the play offensive," Ms. Koen said. "I do find it offensive at this facility and at this time. A state park in Texas is not the appropriate place to show R-rated material."

The theater is managed by the Texas Lone Star Performing Arts Association, which contracts with the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. The Parks and Wildlife Commission has the final say on the group's choice of productions.

The award-winning musical is a satire of the early 1970s scandal about La Grange's Chicken Ranch, a notorious bordello. Media scrutiny eventually pressured politicians into shutting down the ranch.

Ms. Koen has spent the last month writing and calling state officials, asking them to pull the plug on the musical's performance.

"I think this play is out of style for today's viewing audience," Ms. Koen told The Galveston Daily News in Tuesday's editions. "When this play was written and first produced, we didn't have AIDS. Since this play has come out, we have an AIDS epidemic. We are trying to promote safe sex and trying to instill family values."

The Galveston Island Outdoor Musicals production of the musical is scheduled to open June 17 at the amphitheater. The other productions on the Galveston Island Outdoor Musicals summer schedule are "Ain't Misbehavin'" and "My Fair Lady."

Denton Yockey, executive director of the Lone Star Performing Arts Association, said he does not believe the show will be canceled.

Jacqueline Bigar

FOR TODAY, MARCH 28, 1993

ARIES (March 21-April 19): You are bound and determined to explain to another where you are coming from. You clear up a misunderstanding. Be careful though — there could be some residual sore feelings. A soft approach works wonders. Tonight: Be lovey-dovey. *****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Be careful with funds today. You might be wanting to please a loved one, but you could go overboard. Be willing to express your caring directly rather than with material items. Tonight: Order Chinese food. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20): Be more in touch with your needs today. Don't forget an important household project. A friend has great news for you. Make time to join in a friendly get-together. Let your personality glow. Tonight: Let it all hang out with another. *****

CANCER (June 21-July 22): You might be more high-strung than you realize. Listen to a loved one who really cares and views you far more positively than you do. Take some time off to yourself to recharge your batteries and handle certain personal matters. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow. ***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22): Start smiling now. Make plans to be with friends and really enjoy yourself. You get great news from another who lives at a distance. Express your higher self and be more loving. A sense of perspective recharges your interest. Tonight: Get together with the gang. *****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): You might need to evaluate what is making you so jittery. Be more direct with a boss, parent or friend you've put on a pedestal. One-to-one relating proves fruitful. Express your deeper sense of caring. Tonight: Go for a close encounter. ***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): You are generating applause. Be aware of how many choices you have. There is no reason to limit your options right now. Mate really does need space. Be careful how you use an important friendship. Tonight: Do something you enjoy. *****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): Make the most of your free time and spend it with a friend. Be sensitive to how much difference your nurturing makes. Spend the day exploring a new area of town. Try out a new restaurant. Tonight: Head home early. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): Others seek you out without any effort on your part. You might be enamored with another right now. Be firm in saying no to a relative; try to reach a compromise. Tonight: Be indulged. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Review the importance of a key project. You might want to get a head start on work. Think twice before accepting another responsibility, as pleasant as it might seem. Get the house in norder, as you might have some unexpected company. Tonight: Go with the flow. ***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): Despite a minor dispute with a partner, your willingness to play and lighten up saves the day. Another joins in. Sensitive talks reveal another perspective. Take a gigantic leap of faith. Tonight: Be close to a favorite person. *****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20): A loving gesture toward a friend who may be in the dumps can make a big difference in your day. Be positive about an offer that can help you financially. Tonight: Entertain at home. ****

IF MARCH 28 IS YOUR BIRTHDAY: Others will seek you out this year, and if you play your cards right, you will have many fine choices. If married, there will be a newfound softness between the two of you. If single, you might open a Pandora's box. You'll let go of some of your bellicose ways and approach life more gently and more optimistically. You can improve your financial situation if you are careful with investments and a partnership. Cut back on extravagance, and watch your sweet tooth. GEMINI brings out your talkative side.

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CAF Museum brings back memories for many



Tumbleweed Smith

For some, a visit to the Confederate Air Force Museum in Midland is an emotional experience.

"Men walk up to the old planes and pet them like they would their wives or dogs and just cry like babies. They really do."

Tami O'Bannion, museum director, helped move the museum from Harlingen to Midland in 1991. "In the course of about eight months, we managed to move several offices, 70,000 artifacts and open a museum. It was quite an undertaking."

The museum, adjacent to the Midland airport, opened on December 7, 1991, as the American Airpower Heritage Museum.

It is now a successful business, earning 100 percent of its operating budget. Funds come from admission fees, gift shop sales, co-pilot memberships, grants and unsolicited gifts from individuals and corporations.

The gift shop is the museum's main profit center, with aviation books and videos among the most popular items.

The museum has exceeded its expectations. Board members hoped to have 45,000 visitors during its first year of business. But 57,000 people came through the doors to look at the exhibits, watch some videos and explore the old planes in the giant hangar on the museum complex. About half the 150 daily visitors come from outside Texas.

The museum has a unique "Footlocker" outreach program. Tapes and artifacts are taken to area schools in footlockers to teach youngsters about American Airpower during World War II.

Seminars on various military topics take place regularly at the museum. The Freshman Class of the Air Force Academy comes down for an entire day to learn about the big war and take a ride in an old plane. World War II Veterans who had anything to do with aviation are interviewed in an active oral history program.

The museum is on a 65 acre tract of land which houses the museum's main building, the big hangar and the Confederate Air Force Headquarters.

"There's only two dozen or so aircraft on display at a time," says Tami. "There's not a facility large enough to take care of a fleet of 140 aircraft at one time. Not the World War Two types that we fly, anyway. So what we do is delegate the maintenance responsibilities among the CAF membership. Their 8,000 members worldwide are divided into wings and squadrons, so they take care of the aircraft we assign them, then fly them here for the big airshow in the fall."

The annual airshow, held in October, attracts thousands of visitors from all over the globe. Some air battle scenes are re-created, complete with explosions.

Tami says there's no other museum like hers.

"We want to be the Mecca for warbird research and excitement."

Bob Lewis of Big Spring, also known as Tumbleweed Smith, is a speaker, broadcaster and journalist who produces literary sketches of people and places in Texas.

History buffs working to restore Mexican ghost town

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

GUERRERO VIEJO, Mexico — This Mexican ghost town came to life again last weekend as about 150 international history buffs labored to reclaim the crumbling sandstone walls and Spanish arches that were abandoned 40 years ago to mesquite, chaparral and the rising waters of Falcon Lake.

The ghost town has been named one of the most significant sites along Los Caminos del Rio, the 200-mile bi-national heritage corridor between Laredo-Nuevo Laredo and Brownsville-Matamoros.

"This is only one town we are trying to restore," said cleanup coordinator Enrique Ayala, a professor of architecture and urban studies at the Universidad Metropolitana in Mexico City.

"We want to discover how it was so we can create a city that is a museum in itself," he said.

The completion of Falcon Dam in 1954 was the end of the line for this city of 15,000 people that was built in the 18th century on the banks of the Rio Grande, said Eulogio Medeles Hernandez, one of the city's few remaining inhabitants.

One-third of its land area, including its church, are under water now.

"Maybe 20 families stayed after the flood but, one by one, they left," Medeles said.

Ciudad Guerrero, or Guerrero Nuevo to locals, lies about 20 miles south on Mexico 2, at the foot of Falcon Dam.

"We replaced a very distinctive city with a modern border town. That's called "progress,"' Ayala said.

Medeles was one of the few Guerrero Viejo residents who hung on; he stopped herding goats and doing odd jobs and became a fisherman, earning a living pulling carp and catfish from the lake.

On an early Sunday morning, the sounds of Guerrero Viejo run to the bellchains of feeding goats, a barking dog, or the occasional outboard motor on Falcon Lake.

Medeles watched from his doorstep as, once again, traffic filled the streets and schoolchildren bused in for the day ran through arched doorways.

"I think that it's good that they're here," he said.

For some of the clean-up volunteers, the streets were pathways to personal memories: Many were born and raised here.

"This is my home. I love this land," said Margarita Gonzalez Salinas de Garza, who left in 1954 for Nuevo Laredo at age 16.

Gonzalez said her great-grandparents owned one of the city's largest stores in the 19th century, before the Mexican Revolution.

"They sold everything from groceries to European fashions brought up from the port of Veracruz. When the revolutionaries passed through (during the decade of 1910-1920), they sacked the store," she said.

When she left Guerrero, she said, "I cried for the life we left behind."

Searching the yard of the now-ruined house that she and her two sisters grew up in, she found a broken metate the family had used to grind cornmeal for tortillas.

But she couldn't take it home with her now it is a historical artifact and the property of the Mexican nation, a field worker from the national Secretariat of Tourism reminded her.

Dan and Virginia Veck, a couple from Zapata County across the river, said that, while they only recently came to know Guerrero Viejo, they were impressed with its beauty and tranquility.

"We came (today) to visit an old man we had met, but they told us he died 10 days ago," Virginia Veck said.

"He lived here a long time. Once he went to live in the big city (of Nuevo Laredo, Mexico), but he came back. He couldn't stand the civilization," she said.

Los Caminos del Rio will rehabilitate historical sites in Ciudad Mier, Miguel Aleman, Diaz Ordaz, as well as others on the United States' side of the border, Ayala said.

But Guerrero Viejo is unique: "This is the only abandoned site," he said.

Company seeking oldest pair of Levi jeans

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Levi Strauss & Co. is looking for the oldest pair of Levi's 501 button-fly jeans in the United States.

"Even though we've been making 501 jeans for more than 120 years, the oldest pair we own only dates back to 1900," says Lynn Downey, historian for the San Francisco-based company.

They don't expect to unearth an 1873 original, but the oldest 25 pairs will be considered for the permanent Levi's collection of historic jeans. The deadline for digging out old denims and submitting photos of them is April 16.

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Rite of passage: What's it all about?



Christina Ferchalk

He's not quite 12 years old. He's had the same circle of friends since training-pants days. The other boys in his gang have already turned 13.

The age difference was never a big problem, except that in his younger days he got pushed around a lot. He accepted the rough treatment, assuming that as the youngest and the smallest he was forever slated to be low man on the totem pole.

Fortunately, this was to change.

Although he would always be the youngest, it was not his destiny to remain the smallest. Between his ninth and 10th year, he started to grow. Almost overnight he became the biggest fella in the group.

After his sudden growth spurt, no one messed with him anymore. Finally, he had the respect of his peers.

He could hang out with his friends without fear of being victimized. He spent every free minute in the company of his buddies.

They played baseball, basketball, football, soccer and even tried fooling around with their daddies' golf clubs (which got the whole rat pack grounded for a week).

They went sledding, bike riding, trekked through the woods, caught fish together, had cookouts and camped overnight in their backyards.

Life was excellent!

Then, once again, everything changed.

He doesn't know exactly when the change first occurred. But if he had to pinpoint a date he'd say it all came to a head the night of his sister's 13th birthday party.

His friends would be coming to the party. He and his siblings always invited each other's pals to their birthday get-togethers. The more the merrier, especially on gift-giving occasions.

That night his house was filled with giddy, giggling girls. He could hardly wait for his friends to get there. Antagonizing females was one of their all-time favorite sports; not that there was much challenge to it.

All a guy had to do was tell a gross joke about vomiting or make a disgusting bodily noise and the girls would freak.

What fun! This was the way it had always been and he felt assured this was the way it would always be.

The poor little guy, not quite 12 years old, never saw it comi When he told his first vomit joke the evening his comrades-i.. mischief told him to shut up and give his mouth a rest.

This was unusual.

When he noticed his friend, Jay, paying a lot of attention to one of his sister's friends, he razzed, "Hey, Jay, I think you like Betsy." He knew what would follow.

Jay's ears would turn bright red (a phenomenon that always appeared when Jay become emotional, then Jay would spit and sputter, "No way, man."

Jay's ears did turn red, but all he said was, "Yeah, I like her, man. So what of it?" The other boys nodded affirmation.

Incredibly, the male support was behind Jay. To add to the horror, he realized his best buddy and lifelong pal was making goofy eyes at the birthday girl.

His best friend and his sister! Surely the sky was falling!

After the party, life went downhill. His buddies called girls on the phone. Not to harass them but to actually discuss stuff. They wasted precious hours canvassing the neighborhood in search of the opposite sex.

And he, lost lamb that he is, followed the boys who followed the girls, trying to figure out what went wrong with his world.

He doesn't know it but his mother is aware of his predicament. She realizes he has a problem that only time will solve.

Probably this time next spring, when he's not quite 13 years old, it will begin to come together for him, and he'll have a clue as to what the fuss is all about.

Christina Ferchalk is a columnist for Thomson News Service.



Dog visit

Heather Sprague, 14, gets a visit Wednesday from Lacy, a Yorkshire terrier, in the pediatric unit at St. Mary's Medical Center in Racine, Wisc. The dog was brought to the hospital as part of a program there that brings pets to visit hospitalized children.

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Food allergies can occur in hands, too

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Food can be hazardous to the hands. Skip wearing rubber gloves once to chop a single jalapeno and you can learn firsthand how the oils from hot chilies linger on the skin and burn. The effect can last for hours, through multiple hand-washings.

Another type of irritation is an itchy, burning, reddening of the skin, an allergic reaction some experience after handling certain foods, such as raw potatoes or pineapple. This is called contact dermatitis.

Dermatologists Susanne Freeman and Robert Rosen say the biggest offender is seafood. They were recently quoted in Eating Well magazine, describing 14 severe cases of allergic contact dermatitis in chefs, food-handlers and home cooks.

"Besides seafood, some meats have been implicated, along with semolina flour, potato, onion, pumpkin, tomato, cucumber, lettuce and a host of other foods," the magazine said.

"The first symptom is usually an irritation or tingling after touching the food. The symptoms may escalate into a redness, rash or hive-like swelling.

Tu bans for patients became big business

The ASSOCIATE PRESS

ENID, Okla. — What started as a gift for a cancer patient is leading to a successful business venture for an Enid woman.

JoAnn Rambo says she had no plans to start her own business when her daughter, a nurse in Kansas, asked her last summer to make a comfortable and colorful turban for one of her patients.

But now the Enid woman, mother of four grown children, says it might be soon that she will have to hire some people to keep up with the demand for her turbans, caps and hats for women and children who have lost their hair because of medical treatments.

They come in all colors and and a variety of fabrics, including denim. One turban is made of sweatshirt material, while another material gives a silky appearance for more formal occasions. Her sleep caps fit snugly to keep the head warm and so that the cap will stay on while sleeping.

Her products are being sold at specialty stores and hospitals in Oklahoma City and Tulsa as well as hospital gift shops in Enid, Houston, Wichita, Kan., and Lake Charles, La.

Her turbans, caps and hats will be included in a fashion show scheduled for May 20 at Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City.

Since last fall, more than 500 turbans or caps have been sold, Ms. Rambo said.

A color brochure showing the various styles and fabrics is being prepared and will be mailed to hospital gift shops and specialty stores for cancer patients throughout the country, she said.

Ms. Rambo sews all of her products in a converted bedroom in her house. This week she plans to get a computer to help with billing and orders and a facsimile machine.

So far, she is able to get most of her fabrics from local fabric stores but as demand grows she soon might have to buy from distributors.

"I see this business growing," Ms. Rambo said. "We have not had a negative response anywhere we've gone with these.

"It is just not to market and sell turbans just to sell a turban. This has a definite purpose. I want them to be sold in businesses where people are very sensitive to the needs of these women and children."

Ms. Rambo, who has sewn as a hobby for years, said she was surprised to find a lack of variety of turbans and caps for women who have lost their hair permanently or temporarily because of radiation and other treatments for cancer and different diseases.

"Just wearing a wig is not satisfactory," Ms. Rambo said. "Almost all of the women wear a wig for part of the time but they don't want to wear a wig all of the time. Some find them uncomfortable and there are a few women who even prefer just to wear turbans if there was one available."

She came up with a turban and sleep cap that fit snugly and were comfortable. To add style, Ms. Rambo added two or three sashes to the turban.

"I literally made the pattern and took fabric and wrapped it around my head and thought a long time about what would I want to wear if I lost my hair," Ms. Rambo said.

She put linings inside the turban and cap so there would be no raw seams to rub the head. She put a knitted band around the turban so it would fit snugly.

"There are quite a few of them out there that are some kind of a big scarf-type thing that ties around your head and you can twist it and tie it," she said. "You can make them look pretty but they're not really that secure."

When Ms. Rambo finished, she thought she was through with that type of sewing.

"I still wasn't thinking about doing this any further than just to provide a service for that woman who was very unhappy," she said.

The woman liked the turban and the cap so much she showed other patients, who then wanted to ask where they could buy one for themselves. Soon, doctors and nurses were asking about the coverings for their patients.

Ms. Rambo's daughter, Jonell Sirois, told her mother to keep sewing and from that J&J Designs was formed. The name Turbanas is used for her line of turbans, hats and caps.

"I was reluctant," Ms. Rambo said. "It was really kind of a challenge and I had no earthly idea that it would even begin to evolve into what's happened."

Ms. Rambo began sewing and by August was showing samples in Wichita, where a hospital and a hospitality house for cancer patients bought a supply for their gift shops.

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Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: About six months ago, I answered a personal ad in my local newspaper. It was placed by a 54-year-old female ("very slim") from Bolivia in South America. (I am a 53-year-old bachelor.)

We met, and I found her to be very warm and charming, but after six months of talking on the telephone and dating, she still refuses to give me her home address or telephone number. She calls me twice a week without fail. We meet in a public parking lot because that's the way she wants it. She claims she has no family and I am the only man in her life.

I really want to believe her, but I think she must be hiding something. I have fallen in love with this lady, and she says she loves me, too.

Abby, all this mystery has given me a very negative gut feeling about this lady. Please give me your thoughts on this. -- CALIFORNIA ROMEO

DEAR ROMEO: Don't hang around her balcony -- this lady is no naive "Juliet." Since she still refuses to give you her home address or telephone number after you've been dating her for six months, I advise you to follow your negative gut feeling and not place too much trust in her.

I also have a "negative gut feeling" -- that there's another man in her life, possibly a husband.

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DEAR ABBY: This is very late, but I want to thank you for some advice I read in your column many years ago.

A man wrote asking if he should go back to college, saying he would be in his 40s by the time he finished. Your answer was wonderful; it was the common sense I needed at the time, so I applied it to my own situation and it has made a tremendous difference in my life.

If you can find that column, please run it again. It could do for others what it did for me. -- VIRGINIA VERNON, BERKELEY, CALIF.

DEAR VIRGINIA: I found it.

DEAR ABBY: My son, who has a wife and two children, just received his law degree at age 31. Our whole family is tremendously proud of him, and we have you to thank for it. He said a letter in your column inspired him to return to college and become a lawyer. He shared that letter with us, and I had it framed and presented it to him at his graduation.

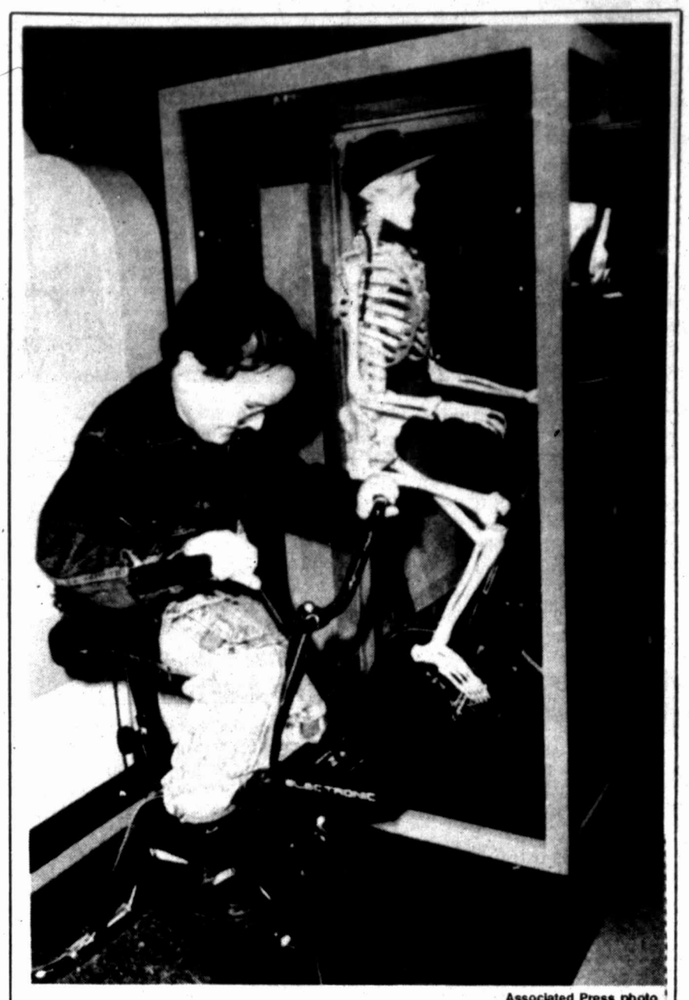
Please run it again, Abby. It may inspire others who think it's too late to go back to school, to realize that it's not too late at all. -- A FRIEND IN SAN FRANCISCO

DEAR FRIEND: What an upper your letter was! Here's the piece with special congratulations to your son, the lawyer!

DEAR ABBY: I am a 36-year-old college dropout whose lifelong ambition was to be a physician. I have a very good job selling pharmaceutical supplies, but my heart is still in the practice of medicine. I do volunteer work at the local hospital on my time off, and people tell me I would have been a wonderful doctor.

If I go back to college and get my degree, then go to medical school, do my internship and finally get into the practice of medicine, it will take me seven years. But Abby, in seven years I will be 43 years old! What do you think? --UNFULFILLED IN PHILLY

DEAR UNFULFILLED: And how old will you be in seven years if you don't do it?



Associated Press photo

Racing bones

Seven-year-old Adam Houk of Fort Worth races a skeleton at an exhibit, Kidtown Hospital, at Children's Museum in Seminole, Okla. It is a hands-on museum where kids can play with the exhibits.

Experts give tips on protection against crime

By ROBERT KERR
Scripps Howard News Service

If you haven't given thought to making yourself less vulnerable to robbery or other street crime, police say you should.

But only because it's a sensible precaution. Not because anyone can make themselves robbery proof. And not because everyone is going to be robbed sooner or later, though it may seem that way to those who've been victimized.

"It was startling how, after I was robbed, friends and acquaintances would tell me their story about how they were robbed, or their aunt or somebody else was robbed," said Libby Carr, a Memphis real estate agent.

"It's incredible how many people today have been in an armed robbery. Nowl feel like I was in the minority before."

Obviously, numbers are little comfort to a crime victim. But police maintain robbery remains a statistically rare event in most cities.

"I don't think it is a common occurrence. It's sporadic," said 20 year Memphis policeman John Dwyer.

Regardless how one interprets the numbers, police are not discouraging anyone from taking precautionary measures. They say crime can no longer be considered something that happens at night or in "bad" neighborhoods.

"You could be robbed anywhere today. It's all a matter of becoming a target of opportunity," Dwyer said. "If you present someone with the opportunity, someone will be there waiting to take advantage of it."

"Crime is like a ripple on the water when you throw a stone in. It doesn't just affect where the stone hit," Lt. Ida Upchurch of the Unnivesity of Tennessee-Memphis campus police department said at a recent crime prevention seminar.

"When you hear about an assault, just because it didn't happen to you or someone in your home today, don't think it can't happen to you. Crime can happen to you any time."

Williamson and Green's comments concerning robberies break down to some basic advice:

— Avoid potentially dangerous situations when possible.

— If you're being robbed, give the robber what he wants.

— Run if possible.

— Fight only if there is no other choice.

Be aware of your surroundings at all times. If an area or situation looks dangerous, get an escort if possible. Watch for suspicious activity as you approach your car, and for vehicles following you while you are driving. Move about in a confident manner.

"A criminal works off your fear. The more you show, the more confident they are you will not provide any resistance," five-year police veteran Larry Williamson said.

Still, if one is confronted by a robber, Williamson counseled against resisting any demands for money, jewelry or other material items.

"When should you run and when should you fight? Run any time you can before fighting," he said.

"Give a robber anything material that they ask for. I don't care if it is an $80,000 Mercedes. Give them anything but yourself. If they don't say anything, ask them what they want. Hand them your purse, your billfold, your jewelry, whatever you have."

However, robbery victims must always draw the line at further demands.

"If they tell you to get in a car with them, don't do it," Williamson said.

Crime and kids

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Here are some crime prevention tips that parents can teach their children.

— Memorize your name, city and state, and phone number, with area code.

— Learn to use both push button and dial telephones to reach an operator and to make emergency, local and long-distance calls.

— Check in with a parent or neighbor immediately after arriving home.

— Never enter the home alone if a door is ajar or a window broken.

— Learn how to get out of the home quickly in case of fire.

— Learn how to answer the doorbell and telephone if home alone.

— Run to the nearest neighbor's house or public place if you feel you are being followed.

Newcomers

Roger Salinas, Arlington. He does air condition and plumbing work.

Cary and Dana Lloyd, Houston. He works for the Texas Department of Transportation.

Victor and Tomasa Garcia, daughter, Jessica, and son, Victor Jr., Odessa. He works for Big Spring Chrysler.

Allan and Kathie Rieser, Houston. He works at R & H Well Service.

Rick Turner, Irving. He works at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Beverly Adams, North Bay, Ontario, Canada. She works at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Angela Andrianakis, Montreal, Quebec, Canada. She works at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Jerry and Lynda Pippins, San Angelo. He is a cook and a metal buyer. She works at Comanche Trail Nursing Center.

David and Yolanda Booth, son, Michael, and daughter, Leslie, Sweetwater. He does computer maintenance work.

Bret and Dana Allen, Topeka, Kan. He works at Brown's Shoe Fit Co. and she works at the Big Spring Herald.

Paul and Nancy George, and daughters: Kiersten and Autumn, Nocona. He works at Conoco.

Military

Marine Pfc. Richardo Morales, son of Ramona Morales of Garden City recently completed the School of Infantry.

He is a 1992 graduate of Glasscock County High.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kelly D. Parks, son of Doyle W. and Mary J. Parks of Big Spring was recently promoted to his present rank and reported for duty at Naval Security Group Activity, Schofield Barracks, Hawaii.

The 1988 graduate of Big Spring High joined the Navy in Feb. 1991.

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Marine Cpl. Ronald E. Petit, son of Jeanne Y. Batteas of Sterling City recently participatefd with 3rd Battalion, 2nd Marines, 2nd Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Lejeune, N.C. in exercise Forest Light at Camp Takada, Japan.

The 1989 graduate of Sterling City High joined the Marine Corps in Oct. 1989.

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Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Gabriel Morales recently returned with Fighter Squadron One, Naval Air Station Miramar, San Diego from a six-month deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean.

The 1986 graduate of Coahoma High joined the Navy in Aug. 1987.

Comic strip launches openly gay character

By TOM ZUCCO
St. Petersburg Times

The setup in Friday's strip began with Mike and Lawrence, a couple of 17-year-old high school classmates, ambling down a sidewalk. Their hands are jammed into their pockets to ward off the cold.

By accident more than anything, Lawrence remarks that he's never going to get married and never going to have children. "Ever."

In Saturday's strip, he explained why.

"It's not a decision I've consciously made," Lawrence says. "It's just the way I am."

"I don't get what you're saying, man," Mike says. "What if you, you know — fall in love?"

"I have fallen in love," Lawrence says.

In the strip's final panel, Lawrence turns to Mike and says, "But it's not with a girl."

Mike looks at him, astonished.

And so readers of the "For Better or for Worse" comic strip met one of the few openly gay characters to appear in a nationally syndicated comic strip. (The first, and perhaps most famous, gay comic strip character, Andy Lippincott of "Doonesbury," was introduced in 1977 and died of AIDS 13 years later.)

Lynn Johnston, who has been drawing "For Better or for Worse" since she created the strip in 1979, said she planned years ago to introduce Lawrence as a gay character. She was simply waiting for the right time to do it.

"Lawrence, being 17, I felt it's time now for him to say something about how he feels," Johnston, a 46-year-old mother of two, said last week from her home in North Bay, Ontario. "He has always been a little different, and I've always known he's gay.

"Now, at age 17, he's ready to tell someone. And he's chosen Mike."

Johnston, who based the character on several friends who are gay, including her brother-in-law, said she knows there will be criticism from those who say the comics are no place for homosexuality.

"I'm expecting that," Johnston said. "I can't change people's minds, and I'm not trying to change anybody's mind. I'm just showing a young man people have known for 13 years who happens to be a little different from his friends."

Lee Salem, editorial director for Universal Press Syndicate, which distributes "For Better or for Worse" to more than 1,400 newspapers in North America, said four or five newspapers have asked for substitute strips, and two have canceled the strip entirely. "They are mostly papers with very small circulations," he said.

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Brown recognized for rescue efforts

Former Big Spring resident Jessie Brown was recently lauded for his efforts to save a police officer killed in Garden Grove, Calif.

Brown, son of Gertrude Nettles of Big Spring and a 1969 graduate of Big Spring High School, was named in a Los Angeles Times story after he tried to save the life of the officer, shot in Brown's neighborhood. Brown ran to the scene after hearing shots, and called on officer Howard E. Dallies' radio for help. The officer died from his wounds, however.

Brown was a U.S. Marine from 1969-90 and is now in training to become a police officer.



JESSIE BROWN

Parents invited to video program

Parents are invited to attend a video presentation on school involvement, April 6, 7-8 p.m. at College Heights Elementary School Library.

The presentation is designed give parents the tools they need to: Help children with study skills, think and feel better about themselves and children, raise children's test scores, motivate their interests and improve attendance.

Contact Rudy Gutierrez, parental involvement coordinator, for more information, 264-4144.

Dental training gets donation

The Dental Lab Technician program at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf was recently given a $1,000 donation from the Permian Basin District Dental Society. The money will be used to purchase new equipment.

The donation was made possible through the efforts of Rep. David Counts and Sally Hanners of the Texas Dental Society. The dental lab tech program is under the direction of Dick Covell, instructor. About 50 students at SWCID have completed the program since its beginnings in 1980.

HC library can do medical searches

Howard College's Anthony Hunt Library and Learning Resource Center recently got the capability to do online searches of MEDLARS (Medical Literature Analysis and Retrieval System) from the National Library of Medicine.

Documents are retrieved from databses that include biomedical journals, clinical alerts, audiovisual materials for health professionals, medical journals and AIDS-related clinical trials and other information.

A fee is required for the search time and retrieval. The average search costs $2-$4, and the average retrieval is $2-$5.

Contact David Drake at the library, 264-5092, for more information.

Label saving benefits children

Labels from Heinz Baby Food are a year-round fundraiser for the Children's Miracle Network. The company will donate 6 cents for each label collected to the group.

Forward labels to: Children's Miracle Network, P.O. Drawer 7239, Odessa, 79760.

New additions to VBS clinic

The Big Spring-Lamesa Baptist Association announces several new conferences at the annual vacation Bible school clinic, set for April 5 at First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

A new conference for special education will be offered this year, with literature specially developed to meet the needs of this group of people.

In addition, Mission VBS/Backyard Bible Clubs will be offered. It will help churches who want to do outreach for apartment complexes, special neighborhoods and mission trips.

A third new addition is an expanded conference, with a separate meeting for pastors. It will be designed to address the pastor's role in vacation Bible school.

For an information packet, contact Brenda Banks at 264-9608, or the Big Spring-Lamesa Baptist Association at 263-1673. Child care will be provided.

Unlikely couple says fate played a hand

By JACK HICKS
Scripps Howard News Service

FORT MITCHELL, Ky. — Sherry Flairty and Bob Wilder aren't about to invite Saddam Hussein to their wedding.

But without the bad guy from Baghdad, there probably wouldn't be a wedding.

Wilder would have gone right on piloting Delta jets on international flights. Ms. Flairty would have gone right on writing reservations at Delta's downtown Cincinnati office.

But fate sometimes works in strange ways.

A lieutenant colonel in the Air Force Reserve, Wilder was called to duty flying cargo missions into the war zone.

Because Delta had a number of people called to military duty, management asked employees to volunteer to write letters. A patriotic sort, Ms. Flairty already had written to 20 men and women in the service from a list published in The Kentucky Post.

"I had 10 note cards left," Ms. Flairty recalled. So she took the first 10 names on the Delta list.

Again, fate stepped in.

Had the names been alphabetical, Wilder would have been at the bottom with the other W's. As it was, his was among the first 10.

Ms. Flairty's letters pretty much followed form, just wishing the recipients well and telling them they were in everyone's prayers back home. Most of the letters she wrote went unanswered. But Wilder replied.

At first, it was just friendly letters between strangers.

"We just exchanged information about ourselves, and his letters were so intelligent," Ms. Flairty said.

When Wilder came home, he called for a dinner date. Reluctant at first, Ms. Flairty decided meeting once in a restaurant wouldn't hurt anything. Besides, it was her 40th birthday.

They met at the Montgomery Inn.

"He just took my breath away," she said.

"It was pretty much the same for me," said Wilder.

There was a small faux pas. As Ms. Flairty got out of her car, a button popped off her slacks and rolled along the parking lot. The embarrassment passed, and it's been all uphill since.

That first meeting was in June 1991. The engagement came last fall and the wedding is set for April 3. They'll honeymoon in Europe, with time in London and a train trip to Vienna on the Orient Express.

"I just think it's all fate," said Ms. Flairty.

Said Wilder, "She is just so much fun to be around. She has such a positive attitude. I tell her she is like Odie in the comic strip Garfield, always up."

The couple-to-be bought a home in Fort Mitchell. Ms. Flairty's daughter from a previous marriage, Alyson, 10, will live wth them. Wilder, a 44-year-old native of Oklahoma City, has an 18-year-old son who attends prep school in New England.

Ms. Flairty and Wilder plan to stay with Delta. He commutes to Atlanta to pilot overseas flights but hopes to transfer here soon.

The world being what it is, he's afraid he might also find himself distanced again by military duty. So he's planning to retire from the Air Force Reserve later this year.

Growing problem

Migrant workers face low pay, long hours

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

KENNETT SQUARE, Pa. — At the end of a long work day, Martin Sabala, 24, relaxes for the first time since 5 a.m. and talks about his 11-year career as a mushroom-picker in rural southeastern Pennsylvania.

"The hours are long and there is nothing to do at night, but economically for me, this is the No. 1 place to make money for my family," says Sabala, whose stonewashed jeans and long hair make him look more like a high school student than a husband and father.

With tales of good wages, abundant work and "tranquilidad" spinning in his head, at age 13 Sabala followed his own father here from Moroleon, Mexico. His brothers, a cousin and an uncle soon followed him.

More than 80 percent of the Chester County, Pa., mushroom industry's 10,000 workers are Mexican; many come from Moroleon, a town of fewer than 50,000 people in the mountains of central Mexico.

Since the early 1970s, Moroleon men have left their wives and children behind to work almost nonstop for six or seven months at a time in the mushroom camps of Pennsylvania.

Recently, however, the 2,000-mile commutes have begun to ebb. Motivated by loneliness and a 1986 change in U.S. immigration laws, thousands of laborers are bringing their kin north permanently.

Many favor the farms of Pennsylvania, because mushrooms are grown indoors and offer year-round employment. The state produces almost half the nation's mushrooms.

Migrant workers are nothing unusual in Chester County. At the turn of the century, Quaker mushroom-growers employed Italians, who then began to buy their own farms and hire black laborers, who in turn were followed by white Tennesseans and later Puerto Ricans.

In the 1970s, as Puerto Rican workers moved on to other areas and higher-paying jobs, the young men of central Mexico began to replace them.

But the recent settling-in of these Mexican immigrants has created some unexpected problems in this small community 30 miles southwest of Philadelphia.

La Comunidad Hispana, a local service organization, estimates that more than 200 Mexican families have moved to Chester County in the past year.

In one school district last September, about 40 Hispanic children, few of whom spoke English, showed up unexpectedly for classes. And workers at Project Salud, a health clinic, are seeing an average of two to three new families every week.

Lack of affordable housing in Chester County has caused some Mexican workers to commute from neighboring Delaware. Families double up in trailers and apartments to save money on rent. Single men live in one-story dormitories on the mushroom farms or cram into apartments with as many as a dozen other workers.

"It's a type of homelessness," Sheila Druley, executive director of La Comunidad Hispana, tells National Geographic.

Most of the mushroom-pickers earn the minimum wage — $4.25 an hour — or about $1.10 a basket. Bonus pay for every pound picked and 60-hour work weeks help pickers afford cars for themselves and clothing and other goods for relatives in Mexico.

The growing presence of the low-income immigrants has erected an invisible wall between them and many natives of predominantly white Chester County.

"This tends to be a conservative area," says Druley. "There is some discomfort at guys standing around on a corner, seeming to do nothing. Some locals don't understand that many of the workers come from small villages, where they have a kind of plaza to go to congregate and socialize."

But, in a county whose economy depends on mushrooms, everyone agrees that sensitivity toward the Hispanics has grown in the past year.

Two bilingual police officers and a Spanish-speaking dispatcher have been added to the state police force in nearby Avondale. Several local churches have migrant-ministry programs. A task force of mushroom-growers and community leaders is exploring possibilities for more low-income housing.

Kennett Square, population 5,210, at first glance seems like any other small town in rural Pennsylvania, except that the Hispanic influence is evident: rows of tortillas, jalapeno peppers and sliced mango at the local supermarket, "leche" and "cafe" on the McDonald's menu.

At Kennett Middle School, teacher Palmira Matos helps newly arrived Mexican students make the transition to American classrooms. Matos herself is a picker's daughter who came to Chester County from Puerto Rico when she was 13.

"I know what my students are going through," she says. "They are battling two evils: not knowing English and the everyday difficulties of school." Matos says county schools need more bilingual teachers. The migrant workers are no longer as transitory as they once were. "Parents dream about going back to Mexico," she says, "but the reality is different."

Mushroom-picker Martin Sabala now faces that reality. He longs to be back in Mexico with his wife and year-old son, whom he last saw four months ago. Instead, he says, he will soon start the legal procedure to bring them to the United States. Then he'll be able to work year-round.



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Hector Bedolla, 31, cuts the stems off mushrooms at his job in Kennett Square, Pa. He is part of a growing migrant population there.

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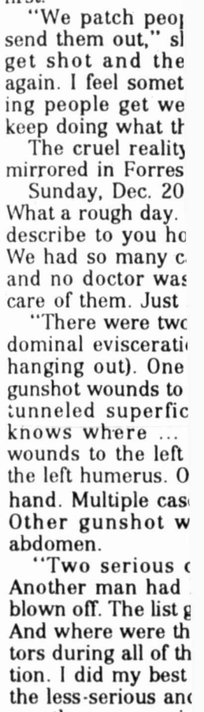
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Nurse's log tells of heartbreak in Somalia

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

MOGADISHU, Somalia — Death surrounds Carol Forrest, taunting and challenging her in the casualty ward of a blood-splattered Somali hospital halfway around the world from the comforts of America.

A 3-year-old girl shot in the head; a little boy dead on arrival; a starving woman found unconscious on the side of a road, so thin she was thought to be a child.

Who will care for the victims in this lawless, anarchic nation on the Horn of Africa, where 350,000 Somalis died last year? For Forrest, a physician's assistant from Baltimore, it is God's calling.

She toils to save Somalis consumed by their own society run amok with guns, clan fighting, crime, famine, and a lack of native doctors, medical equipment and personnel. She holds God's proxy, deciding who will be cared for first.

"We patch people up and we send them out," she says. "They get shot and they come back again. I feel sometimes I'm helping people get well so they can keep doing what they're doing."

The cruel reality of Somalia is mirrored in Forrest's log.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 1992: "Wow. What a rough day. I can't begin to describe to you how I'm feeling. We had so many casualties today and no doctor was there to take care of them. Just me.

"There were two men with abdominal eviscerations (intestines hanging out). One man had two gunshot wounds to the side which tunneled superficially yet who knows where ... Two gunshot wounds to the left femur. One to the right humerus. One to the right hand. Multiple cases of shrapnel. Other gunshot wounds to the abdomen.

"Two serious car accidents. Another man had half of his feet blown off. The list goes on and on. And where were the (Somali) doctors during all of this? Good question. I did my best to triage. I left the less-serious and tried to manage the more-serious. It is absolute bedlam and utter chaos."

Each dawn brings a new onrush of victims who line the corridors of Digfer Hospital, a hellhole of human misery — 74 casualties alone on Sunday, Jan. 10.

"There was a lot of clan fighting which apparently the Marines broke up," Forrest wrote in a letter Jan. 15 to her parents, Bobby and Doris Forrest, who live in Kansas City, where she was born. "We had 74 casualties, 54 gunshot wounds. Eleven of those people needed operations to explore their abdomens.

"It was absolutely insane. There were bodies lying everywhere. You just had to leave the less-serious and some of them laid around for hours waiting for us to get to them. Amazingly enough, there was only one death in the emergency room, although about four died either in surgery or just after surgery. I was wiped out for two days after that. I need to care more about the Somali people."

And who will keep Forrest herself from death's grip, at the age of 38. Her sanctuary is a house with walls and steel gates manned by bodyguards with rifles. There's a hole in the wall of one of the rooms. A gunman took a shot at her boss but missed.

Bandits roam the streets and highways plundering and murdering the very relief workers who are trying to save their country.

"I think my religious background has given me the foundation and the strength to be able to come here," says Forrest, a devout Mormon. "I sometimes feel like a Mormon Mother Teresa. "I feel very strongly that I was supposed to come here for a reason."

She awakens about 7:30 each morning and reads her scriptures for half an hour, either the Bible or the Book of Mormon. She prays.

She came to this land of little from the comforts of teaching French and German in Maryland schools. Her father was manager of one of the largest motorcycle dealerships in the country, but she never rode a motorcycle.

"They didn't want me to because they're dangerous," Forrest recalls.

Until last November, Forrest had served for 18 months in the Central African Republic as medical officer for the Peace Corps and the U.S. Embassy.

Troy Now!

Dallas Cowboy quarterback and Superbowl star Troy Aikman, left, appeared with guest host Hank Williams Jr. on the cable TV program, "Nashville Now!" Troy declined an invitation to sing, however, saying, "I do okay throwing the football, but when it comes to music, I don't do too well."



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Volunteers search for treasure in N.M. desert

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WHITE SANDS MISSILE RANGE, N.M. — The New Mexico sun begins its dip into the desert, signaling the end of a day's work. The workers return to camp dusty, tired, bruised and scraped.

The day has been long and hard, but as the dusk fades into night, the workers know rest is near.

They return each night to a circle of recreational vehicles and campers that makes up the home they call Camp Soledad. This "solitary place" is the base camp for the men and women who are volunteers searching for the legendary cache of gold bars Milton "Doc" Noss said he found in Victorio Peak in 1937.

Volunteers are quick to say they are not searching for Noss' "alleged" treasure. They are beyond questioning whether the treasure exists.

Instead, they say the question is whether they can find the treasure before time and money run out.

"I know it's there," Mike Levine said. "This whole story is so proven and so factual. We're not questioning whether it's there. It's just so fantastic that most people dismiss it."

"And that's okay," interjected David "Indiana" Black. Although his nickname stems from his home state, he wears a fedora and a few days-old beard, similar to another, fictional Indiana.

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Mike Levine, treasure hunter

In the real world, Black is a commercial real estate agent who contacts his office in Indiana and helps solve problems there even as he searches for treasure and something a little less tangible — history.

"This is not just about gold bars," Levine said. "This is all about history."

"If the treasure is found, it will write a new chapter for the American Southwest," expedition director Bob Young said. "It could be very significant if these things are here."

Because the story of treasure dates back so far, escaping the feeling of past history and the history explorers now are making is almost impossible, Black said.

"I don't consider myself a treasure hunter," Levine said. "I am more interested in the history of Victorio Peak. I have always been interested in a good story and this is the greatest land treasure story ever. In the eyes of my friends and families, I could be a genius if we find it or a fool if we don't. I will never have any regrets. I've won just by being a part of it."

"How many times have you heard, 'What if,'" added Nancy Bicket, who came to the camp from Canada with her husband and 4-year-old daughter.

Bicket said her faith in the treasure comes from a reliable friend and because "the information just makes so much sense."

Retired school teacher Pat Heydt, who serves as the camp's chronologer and resident chef, has been involved in the search since the 1950s, but became convinced of the validity of the story after meeting with descendants of Doc Noss.

The Noss story has prompted unsuccessful treasure hunts in the past, including an organized search by Noss family claimants in 1977.

"After the 1977 search, we took a whole bunch of slides over to the family," Heydt said. "They went through them and their reactions were not, 'Do you remember if this is where we put the tent up?'

"They said things like, 'This is where we put the tent up,' and someone else would say, 'No, it was on the other side,'" Heydt said. "They were just real people."

"I don't know that I was 100 percent sure of the reality," said Gene Klier, a carpenter from Seattle, Wash. "I came for the adventure and to see what was going on. When we got to Doc's shoring (in a fissure) and we found he had left us a sign, I guess that's when I really started having few doubts."

The partnership's contract with the government to explore the peak, which is now part of the restricted White Sands Missile Range, expires in mid-May. But the workers feel confident they will beat the deadline.

"The deadline is to try to find some sort of evidence of some sort of treasure," Young said. "We want to verify (Noss') story."

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General anniversary

The rich and powerful Quartermaine clan is a key element in the ongoing success of the ABC soap opera, "General Hospital." Clockwise from top left are: Sean Kanan, Stuart Burton, Jane Elliot, Anna Lee, David Lewis and Leslie Charleson. The drama will celebrate its 30th anniversary Thursday.

Americans reducing waste

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — Americans threw away 144 pounds per person of packaging from grocery store products in 1990, 18 percent less than a decade earlier, according to a report released recently and financed by three food groups.

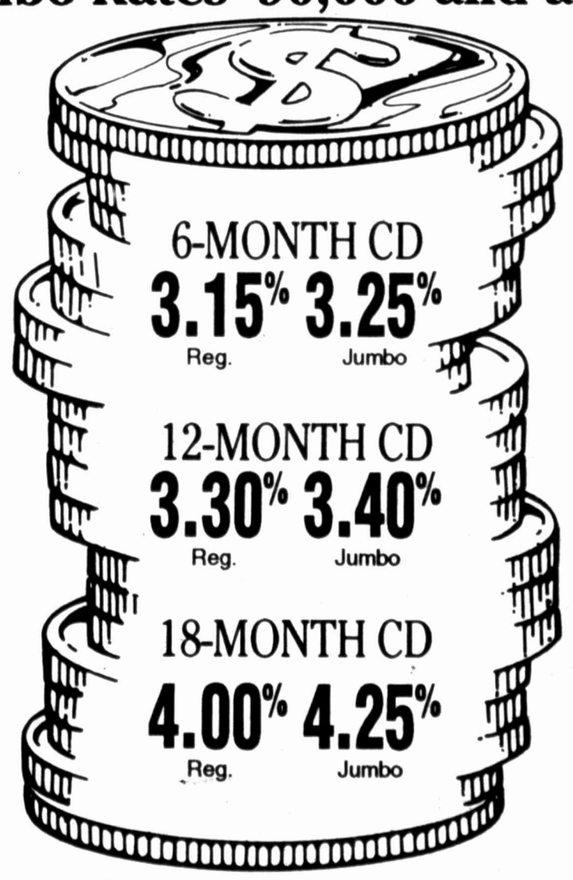
In 1980, the per capita total was 175 pounds; in 1970, it was 150 pounds, said the report, prepared by Franklin Associates Ltd., an independent consulting firm in Prairie Village, Kan.

In 1990, 24.5 million tons of grocery packaging — paper, plastic, steel, aluminum, glass and wood — was generated, a 6 percent increase over 1980. The report notes that the population increased 10 percent over the same period.

Of those totals, some packaging was reused or recycled. So in 1990, 18 million tons was discarded, compared with 20 million tons in 1980 and 15.3 million tons in 1970, the report said.

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Touchy face

Jordon Brodie, 1, gets a close look and touch of a life mask exhibit in Albuquerque, N.M. recently. The children's museum had an exhibit of famous faces, among them broadcaster Hugh Downs, whose mask Jordon touches.

Comic books for adults: Real literature?

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW ORLEANS — To a lot of people, it's as unthinkable as Archie graduating from college. But believe it or not, comic books have grown up into real literature.

Some of them, at least.

Superheroes still account for the bulk of comic book store sales. But "Maus," which won a Pulitzer Prize for Art Spiegelman, isn't the isolated phenomenon that some may assume.

Indeed, comic books aimed at intelligent adults were widely featured at a recent New Orleans convention of comic book distributors called the International Association for Direct Distributors.

"Recently, several people have thoroughly demonstrated that they can write comic books — graphic novels — primarily for adults, works which a child cannot begin to understand and works which are in their own way as complex as James Joyce's and William Faulkner's novels," says M. Thomas Inge, a humanities professor at Randolph-Macon College and a Fulbright lecturer with doctorates in English and American literature.

For example, Inge points out that Spiegelman's work dealt with the Holocaust, "clearly the most disturbing event of the 20th century. If you can take an event of that kind and treat it in a comic book, it says a lot about what comic book is capable of expressing.

'It's a medium with a tremendous amount of potential, but most of that potential is wasted on power fantasy for adolescent boys, which is something that holds no interest to anybody except adolescent boys and people who haven't grown up yet.'

Neil Gaiman, comic creator

"There's little you can't express in comic-book form, if you move away from the idea that they're only supposed to be for children, or only supposed to be entertaining."

Thoughtful, intelligent, well-written comic books that — like "Maus" — sell for $15 or more as trade paperbacks and in hard cover, have been around for some time.

"V for Vendetta," written by Alan Moore, drawn by David Lloyd and originally published in 1983 as a British serial, is as serious and dark an exploration of that country's future as George Orwell's "1984."

Will Eisner, who created "The Spirit" in the 1940s and hired the young Jules Feiffer, now is writing, drawing and publishing a series of autobiographical books. His latest, "To The Heart of the Storm," looks at how America, even as it was getting ready to enter World War II, was infected with the prejudice exploited by Hitler.

In a magazine article about Sylvie Rancourt's autobiographical "Melody, the True Story of a Nude Dancer," Ann Diamond, a Canadian journalist and poet, wrote:

"Like strip-tease, comics are a medium of exposure. The medium is perfectly suited to social criticism. Words and images can be molded to a personal vision in which rhetoric and euphemisms have no place.

"Each episode explores various themes: the generation gap, loyalty versus competition between women, the difficulty of keeping sex alive in marriage, the effects of modern mater alism on rural life, family breakdown, rural poverty, depression, alcoholism," Diamond wrote. "Rancourt's belief in openness is more than a call for physical nudity, but for greater honesty in all areas of life."

Even superhero books aren't necessarily mindless chase sequences. One of John Ostrander's "Batman" stories recently created a furor in Virginia by mentioning Virginia Beach as the source for illegal guns.

Menus

BIG SPRING
SENIOR CITIZENS

MONDA ' — Country fried steak; white sauce; mashed potatoes; carrots; fruit; rolls; milk.

TUESDAY — Beef stew; macaroni and cheese; turnip greens; corn bread; fruited gelatin; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Enchiladas; okra; pinto beans; corn bread; peaches; milk.

THURSDAY — Country fried steak; white sauce; mashed potatoes; carrots; fruit; rolls; milk.

FRIDAY — Baked chicken; mashed potatoes; green beans; salad; brownies; rolls; milk.

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FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage and eggs; biscuits; jelly; butter; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Muffins; butter; juice; milk.

THURSDAY — Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; milk; toast; juice.

FORSAN LUNCH

MONDAY — Pizza; corn on the cob; salad; chocolate cake; applesauce; milk.

TUESDAY — Corn dogs; pinto beans; spinach; corn bread; peaches and creme; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers; french fries; salad; pickles; onions; cookies and creme; milk.

THURSDAY — Hot dogs with chili; potato chips; relish; onions; ranch style beans; fresh apple; milk.

FRIDAY — Braised beef; green beans; rice; hot rolls; butter; fruit salad; milk.

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WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY — No school.

TUESDAY — Breakfast burritos; orange juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; juice.

THURSDAY — Biscuits; bacon; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Hot pockets; juice; milk.

WESTBROOK LUNCH

TUESDAY — Corn dog; mustard; potato wedge; english peas; peaches; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Oven fried chicken; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; butter; syrup; honey; milk.

THURSDAY — Taco salad; cheese; pinto beans; corn bread; plum cobbler; milk.

FRIDAY — Catfish fingers; french fries; tossed salad; cookies; milk.

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GARDEN CITY LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken nuggets; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; honey; syrup; milk.

TUESDAY — Green enchiladas; pinto beans; tossed salad; crackers; peanut butter bars; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Burritos with chili and cheese; scalloped potatoes; carrot sticks; chilled peaches; milk.

THURSDAY — German sausage; ranch style beans; cole slaw; hot rolls; cake; milk.

FRIDAY — Sandwiches (tuna, peanut butter; and pimento cheese); tater tots; baked beans; apple; milk.

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SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Hot cakes; syrup; sausage; milk; juice.

TUESDAY — Muffin; milk; cinnamon applesauce.

WEDNESDAY — Scrambled eggs; toast; sausage; juice; milk.

THURSDAY — Donuts; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Hot cakes; syrup; sausage; milk; juice.

SANDS LUNCH

MONDAY — Beef and vegetable soup; grilled cheese sandwiches; potato chips; cookies; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY — Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; gravy; green beans; hot rolls; jello; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Beef and bean chalupas; buttered corn; salad; pudding; milk.

THURSDAY — Baked ham; sweet potatoes; salad; sliced pineapple; hot rolls; milk.

FRIDAY — Burritos; pork and beans; wacky cake; and milk.

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STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Hash browns; toast; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; sausage; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pancakes; syrup; juice; milk.

THURSDAY — Peanut butter; syrup; biscuit; juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Texas toast; jelly; milk; juice.

STANTON LUNCH

MONDAY — Tuna casserole; pickled beets; okra; applesauce; corn bread; milk.

TUESDAY — Beef and cheese pizza; buttered corn; English peas; lime jello; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Beef taco with taco sauce; pinto beans; salad; fruit cobbler; corn bread; milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken fried steak; gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; fruit; hot rolls; milk.

FRIDAY — Corn dog; mustard; whole potatoes with sauce; ranch style beans; cake with pink icing; milk.

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COAHOMA BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; fruit; toast; milk.

TUESDAY — Pancakes on a stick; syrup; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Peanut butter bar; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY — Biscuits with ham; honey; fruit; milk.

FRIDAY — Cinnamon toast; sausage; juice; milk.

COAHOMA LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken fried steak; gravy; blackeyed peas; macaroni and cheese; finger rolls; fruit; milk.

TUESDAY — Barbecue smoked sausage; potato salad; ranch style beans; light bread; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Baked cheese sandwiches; stew; corn; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY — Tacos with cheese; red beans; salad; corn bread; apricot cobbler; milk.

FRIDAY — Canoe dog with chili; french fries; pork and beans; milk.

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ELBOW BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Pancakes; sausage; juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Cherry fruit pie; little smokies; juice; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; toast; fruit.

THURSDAY — Biscuits; chicken nuggets; milk; juice.

FRIDAY — Breakfast burritos; milk; juice.

ELBOW LUNCH

MONDAY — Cowboy stew; new potatoes; fruit; corn bread; milk.

TUESDAY — Sloppy Joes; curly fries; pickle; salad; fruit; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Tacos; sauce; salad; pinto beans; cheese; fruit; milk.

THURSDAY — Stromboli; carrot and celery sticks; applesauce; milk.

FRIDAY — Western casserole; salad; cheese; crackers; peaches; milk.

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BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Donut; orange wedge; cereal; milk.

TUESDAY — Waffles; syrup; butter; sausage patty; apple wedge; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin; fruit punch; cereal; milk.

THURSDAY — Sausage and biscuit; grape juice; milk.

FRIDAY — Cereal; milk; fruit bar; apple juice.

BIG SPRING ELEMENTARY LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken pattie; mashed potatoes; gravy; spinach; hot rolls; chilled pink applesauce; milk.

TUESDAY — Corn chip pie; buttered corn; english peas; hot rolls; banana pudding; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Barbecue weiners; steamed rice; green beans; hot rolls; peach cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY — Chicken fried steak with gravy; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin; milk.

FRIDAY — Hamburger; french fries with catsup; pinto beans; peanut butter cookie; milk.

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BIG SPRING SECONDARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal; milk; orange wedge; donut.

TUESDAY — Sausage pattie; waffles; syrup; butter; milk; apple wedge.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal; milk; blueberry muffin; fruit punch.

THURSDAY — Biscuit with sausage; milk; grape juice.

FRIDAY — Fruit bar; cereal; milk; apple juice.

BIG SPRING SECONDARY LUNCH

MONDAY — Stew; OR chicken pattie; mashed potatoes with gravy; spinach; hot rolls; chilled pink applesauce; milk.

TUESDAY — Salisbury steak; OR corn chip pie; buttered corn; English peas; carrot sticks; hot rolls; banana pudding; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Meat loaf; OR barbecue weiners; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; celery sticks; hot rolls; peach cobbler; milk.

THURSDAY — Stuffed peppers; OR chicken fried steak with gravy; whipped potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin; milk.

FRIDAY — Fish fillet; OR hamburger; french fries; catsup; pinto bean; lettuce and tomato salad; corn bread; peanut butter cookie; milk.

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To submit an item to Fast Track, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Fast Track, Big Spring Herald, P. O. Box 1431, Big Spring, TX 79721 or bring it by the office, 710 Scurry.



Construction of an automatic teller drive-through for First National Bank of big Spring is underway at 702 E. Marcy. Operation is expected to begin in May.

Sherry Wegner does excellent

The IGF Insurance Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, awarded the Sherry Wegner Agency of Big Spring the President's Award for Excellence in Service.

The award is given to the top 5 percent of all crop insurance agents in the nation. It recognizes superior knowledge and expertise.

Sherry Wegner provides crop insurance in 28 counties in West and Southwest Texas.

Hepner gets promotion

Cindy Hepner was promoted to composing room coordinator for the Big Spring Herald two weeks ago.



CINDY HEPNER

Hepner has worked in Herald composing 15 years full time and part time, except for 1984 when she worked in composing for the Augusta Chronicle in Augusta, Ga. She's been employee of the month for February and October in the Herald's year old recognition program.

McLaughlin elected president

Scott McLaughlin, president of Saunders Co., was elected president of the Wholesale Distributors Associatison at its recent annual convention in Dallas. The association is made up of wholesalers from Texas, Louisiana, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Colorado and New Mexico.

McLaughlin, a graduate of the University of Texas, serves on the board of the American Supply Association and is a director of McLaughlin Bancshares. Saunders Co. is a distributor of plumbing and water well supplies for customers throughout West Texas and Eastern New Mexico.

Former local gets top award



ANGELA SOLIS

The American Pharmaceutical Association last week at its annual convention, in Dallas, presented one of its top national awards to Angela Hodnett Solis, formerly of Big Spring.

The recognition is for being outstanding chapter advisor, which goes to one faculty member in the nation who works with pharmacy students in a major pharmaceutical college.

Solis is an administrator in the University of Texas College of Pharmacy in Austin and a member of the faculty. At the convention, she will lead a three-hour seminar for pharmacists on communication skills and will present "The History of Pharmacy in Texas" in another program.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Hodnett.

Bradbury gets Centurion Award

Sue Bradbury of Century 21 McDonald Realty earned the Centurion Award, the highest level of annual recognition given to top-producing sales associates in the Century 21 system, for outstanding production in 1992.

Big Spring Mall moves office

Bramalea Centers Inc., owners and management company of Big Spring Mall, relocated the shopping center's management office. It was moved to the far west end in front of Santa Fe Sandwiches to better accommodate tenants, prospective tenants, and the general public.

Shopping connections

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

One of the primary reasons Big Spring business sales can be considered a success is the strategic arrangement of businesses in clusters — Big Spring Mall, Highland Mall, College Park Shopping Center and the Gregg Street business district.

"Big Spring has done as good as any town its size to keep its businesses concentrated in four or five areas," said Linda Roger, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. "Big Spring's (economy) is on an upswing."

Citing statistics showing more than 27,000 cars travel along FM 700 and U.S. Highway 87 beside the Highland Mall area, mall manager Bettye Gossett said the mall has the most traffic, which translates into more potential customers.

"For people coming in on Highway 87, we're the first place they see," Gossett said. "They see Furr's (Cafeteria), stop and eat, and then they shop."

Along with Furr's, the mall has stores that sell sporting goods, books, shoes, jewelry, clothing and a major department store.

Traveling east away from the Highland Mall on FM 700, shoppers come upon the Big Spring Mall, also providing access from Interstate 20 onto FM 700 traveling west.

"We have very easy access, right off the farm road and interstate," said Big Spring Mall manager Tammy Watt. "We are also strategically placed between two residential areas."



Herald photo by Tim Appel

This booming retail area of Gregg and 20th streets is one of several interlocking areas along major thoroughfares in Big Spring.

Since the mall was opened in 1982, other businesses like the Do It Center and Burger King have located across from the mall, taking advantage of its drawing power.

Watt added, "It's pretty interesting how the shopping areas are laid out in Big Spring; how they are connected."

From the Big Spring Mall, the second side of the square of business clusters follows a route north down Birdwell Lane, a block west of the mall, to the College Park Shopping Center.

"We have easy accessibility; a grocery store, good tenants (variety, clothing, sewing stores)," said Steven Krieger, the center's property manager. "People can see us from the (Interstate 20) and we're directly behind a residential area."

The third side of the square connects the College Park Shopping Center with downtown Big Spring, if a person travels west on Third Street to the Main Street area. In the early 1980s, a major push to revitalize deteriorating buildings and attract businesses was kicked off by city officials and other residents.

"It is damaging to all cities to take businesses from the downtown," Roger said. "It dilutes the businesses in one area, (weakening their drawing power)."

The final side of the business square takes shoppers south down Gregg Street, through the business district and back to Highland Mall.

Businesses like H-E-B, Hallmark, Kentucky Fried Chicken, Baskin Robbins, Parks Convenience Store and two 7-Eleven

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Environment funding way up in Texas

HERALD STAFF REPORT

AUSTIN — Funding of environmental programs for the Texas Railroad Commission grew nearly 600 percent the past 13 years.

At the same time the number of oil and gas producing wells in the state increased by 20 percent, according to a study by the Interstate Oil and Gas Compact Commission.



JAMES NUGENT

"This new and independent study documents what we've been saying for a long time," said Railroad Commission Chairman James E. "Jim" Nugent. "The Railroad Commission has put more funds and personnel to work protecting and conserving Texas' natural resources in the last decade than any other oil and gas producing state.

"Equally important has been our fight to stabilize and strengthen the Texas energy industry," he said. "The oil and gas industry employes tens of thousands of Texans, generates a vast amount of income for the state, and helps pay for public education. It is an industry we cannot afford to lose."

The study, touted by Gas Compact officials as the first documentation of commitment of oil and gas producing states to protect the environment while encouraging hydrocarbon production, reviewed 17 oil and gas producing states covering a period between 1979 and 1992.

Texas funding grew from $2.6 million in 1979 to over $15.1 million in 1992. That's about double the 321 percent total increase for all 17 states, from $23.9 million to $77.1 million. Staffing for all Railroad Commission programs related to the environment increased from 129 to 266.

The number of producing wells in Texas increased from 204,363 to 246,117 during that period.

Variable annuities being pushed to capitalize on Clinton's plan

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NEW YORK — While municipal bonds have received most of the publicity, marketers of other types of tax-favored investments also are seeking to capitalize on President Clinton's economic plan.

Case in point: Sponsors of variable annuities, which combine some of the features of insurance products, mutual funds, and tax-deferred retirement savings programs.

According to some published estimates, sales of variable annuities increased more than 50 percent last year.

Many analysts figure the business will get a further boost from Clinton's proposed increases in tax rates for upper-income Americans, since annuities allow for tax deferral on all investment earnings until the money is withdrawn from the account.

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Michael Kiley
Vice President Guardian Life Insurance Co.

"Variable annuities will become a mainstream financial product in the 1990s, just like mutual funds exploded in the '80s," contends Michael Kiley, vice president of asset management at Guardian Life Insurance Co.

Perhaps so, financial advisers say, but the two categories of investment products should not be confused. Variable annuities' greatest appeal tends to occur in more specialized circumstances than the broad uses to which modern mutual funds can be applied.

Annuities are contracts, written by insurance companies, that provide for a stream of income to the investor, typically in retirement.

With an immediate annuity, the investor puts up a lump sum and starts receiving periodic payments right away. In a deferred annuity, by contrast, the investor's capital is invested for a time, allowing it to accumulate additional money before payments begin.

Within the category of deferred annuities, many contracts have traditionally been "fixed" according to a set schedule of interest payments. These days, buyers are more and more likely to opt instead for a variable annuity in which the capital is invested in, say, mutual funds that own stocks, bonds or both.

In fact, it's common these days to encounter variable annuity offerings that amount to a family of mutual funds wrapped inside the structure of an annuity.

Because of that packaging, no current taxes must be paid on dividends or capital gains distributions earned. Just as in an individual retirement account, Keogh plan or 401(k) retirement plan, these earnings can compound tax-free until withdrawals begin from the account.

What's more, annuities aren't subject to the annual contribution limits that govern IRAs, Keoghs and 401(k)s.

But they do have their significant drawbacks and limitations. For one thing, annuities generally come with redemption charges in their early years, on top of a tax penalty for withdrawals before you reach age 59½, that make them poor choices for assets you want to keep within easy reach.

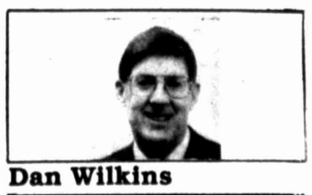
Secondly, variable annuities come with an extra layer of fees, over and above what investment managers collect, that can significantly diminish the edge they derive from tax deferral.

"Variable" means subject to market declines as well as gains. Poor investment results can significantly diminish your returns.

Furthermore, "annuities aren't insured by an agency of the federal government, as bank deposits are," notes the newsletter Personal Finance in Alexandria, Va. "Your annuity is only as safe as the issuing firm."

With all those caveats, however, analysts say the subject of annuities is worth study for a variety of potential purposes.

Common stocks have been best in long term



Dan Wilkins

"Own part of America" has long been the slogan of investors who put their money into common stocks. Their money, combined with that of thousands of other investors, furnishes the capital for private enterprise. Common stock ownership makes shareholders part owners and, therefore, participants in the company's gains or losses.

Historically, owners of common stock have fared better over the long haul than owners of bonds or savings vehicles. Long-term periods are typically used when comparing common stock to other investments because, longer periods tend to be a better indicator of an investment's overall performance. For example, based on total returns of the S&P 500 Composite Index during 65 one-year holding periods ending Dec. 31, 1991, your odds of a positive return in any holding period were 70 percent. Increase your holding period to 15 years, and your odds of a positive return were 100 percent. Past performance is no gaurantee of the future, but most investment advisers stress a long-term strategy when recommending common stocks or stock mutual funds to their clients.

In spite of the historical returns, U.S. business often focuses on "short-term results rather than long-term growth," according to a recent article in the Miami Herald. For example, institutional investors, who own about 60 percent of all stock in U.S. companies, are required to spread their investment risk, according to professor Michael Porter of the Harvard Business School. Therefore, they typically hold their stock ownership in any company to no more than 1 percent and usually hold their investments an average of 1.9 years. This forces companies to focus on short-term results.

Porter's solution to this is to allow institutions to "buy large stakes in corporations and sit on their boards." He claims this would encourage institutions to become long-term owners rather than short-term investors.

There is strong opposition to this suggestion, writes Bradlee Perry, in The Babson Staff Letter. It is argued that under Porter's proposal, institutions would command unfair voting advantage on corporate boards. Although mutual funds are considered institutional investors, the Federal Reserve Board classifies them as individual owners for statistical purposes. As a result, $12.1 trillion, or 70 percent, of the $17.3 trillion in total financial assets in their country are classified as belonging to individuals, which may be misleading.

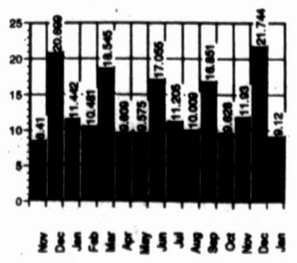
Regardless of whether Porter's suggestion for effecting a longer term view of stock ownership among institutional investors becomes reality, common stocks have proved to be one of the better long-term investments for individual investors.

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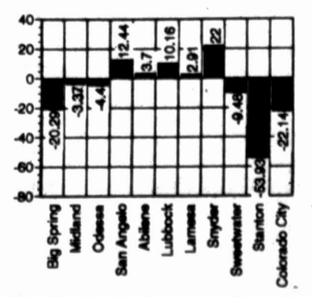
Eye on the economy



Retail sales take nose dive



While Christmas retail sales in Big Spring, shown in millions of dollars, were up 5 percent in December over the year before, post-Christmas sales plummeted 20 percent.



Big Spring's January drop in retail sales compared to January 1992, shown by percentage, was accompanied by drops in several area cities.

SOURCE: STATE COMPTROLLER

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Griffin employees go 507 days without injuries

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Rip Griffin Truck Stop shop employees celebrated a first with their company's owner Wednesday, as Rip Griffin presented the group of nine with the Rip Griffin Excellence Award.

The ceremony, recognizing shop employees for having worked 507 days without a lost-time injury, took place during a dinner held in their honor.

"This is a first for us," Griffin told approximately 30 people attending the dinner. "We call this the 'Eagle Award,' and we've given it to a number of individuals ... several of them sitting here in this room. But this is the first time that an entire department has been recognized.

"But you're all deserving of the recognition and I want to salute you," he continued. "This 507 days without an injury is unheard of, especially in this age of backaches, slips, falls and burns."

In paying tribute to his Big Spring staff, Griffin said his tour of the truck stop's shop revealed more than just an outstanding safety record.

"This is particularly commendable, because there's no romance in safety," he said. "But there are other things all of you do well. The way you deal with the public and each other and your housekeeping ... they're excellent. It's a sign of professional people that like what they're doing."

Griffin also presented an individual "Eagle Award" to shop manager Mark Thompson.

The dinner came to a close as company officials presented "Eagle Award" jackets to mechanics Carl Parker, George Zeigler, Bobby Brumley, Jack Birdwell and Chuck Kennedy; clerks Don Warman and Jeff Williams; secretary-bookkeeper Jacki Gutierrez; and Thompson.



Herald photo by John Mosely

Rip Griffin, owner of Big Spring's Rip Griffin Truck Stop, presented awards to employees of the company's shop last week. Those presented with the "Eagle Award" and pictured from left, are: Carl Parker, George Zeigler, Mark Thompson, Bobby Brumley, Don Warman, Jacki Gutierrez, Jack Birdwell, Griffin, Jeff Williams and Chuck Kennedy.

Labor secretary calls for workplace cooperation

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

WASHINGTON — Labor Secretary Robert B. Reich called for an end to labor-management distrust and hostility and urged creation of a "new era" of cooperation marked by a workplace partnership.

Reich told the National Association of Manufacturers that recent labor-management history has been written in two chapters, including one prior to 1981 when, he said, employers did not consider replacing striking workers.

"Since then," he added, "labor-management relations in America have been marked by growing distrust, increasing hostility and mounting litigation. It's time to end this second chapter and move on to a new one based on teamwork and mutual respect."

Then-President Reagan replaced 11,400 air traffic controllers in 1981 after firing them when they went on strike in violation of federal law.

Reich's pitch was the same he made recently to the annual conference of the United Automobile Workers.

In both speeches, Reich renewed the Clinton administration's support for legislation banning permanent replacements for striking workers that he said is needed for a "new partnership based on mutual gains."

"Good relations between workers and employers makes good business sense," he told the manufacturers. "The most profitable companies over the long term are those which regard their employees as key assets to be developed, rather than as costs to be cut."

Reich noted a number of companies have set up worker participation programs in recent years to help solve quality and production problems and cited two reasons why such are prospering.

First, he said, a company's competitive advantage depends increasingly on the skills and motivations of its work force.

"Almost any competitor can get access to the same machines, can 'reverse engineer' around the same patents, or can reduce payrolls by automating or moving to another country with low wages," he explained. "A dedicated and innovative work force is far more difficult to replicate."

Reich also said front-line workers are closest to the information needed for quick response and high quality and thus "can discover countless ways to improve product and process and to better meet customers' needs."

Reich repeated to the manufacturers what he had told the UAW earlier, that the "new partnership between management and the work force demands trust and responsibility.".

But he acknowledged the difficulty of eliminating a "legacy of distrust."

"It will not be easy," he said, "but I'm confident we can build a new era."

Reich and Commerce Secretary Ronald Brown are expected to announce next week the membership and charter of a national commission to devise ways to better labor-management cooperation.

Handbook released on county ag demonsrations



Don Richardson

The 1992 Handbook of Agricultural Result Demonstrations has been completed and is now available at the Howard County Extension Office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service in Big Spring. These handbooks reflect the results of agricultural demonstrations conducted in 1992 in the county.

These demonstrations show the results of the performances of over 20 varieties of cotton as grown under Howard County conditions in 1992 on the farms of Larry Shaw, Kent Robinson and John and Harry Middleton. A very interesting demonstration that once more shows the importance of the early boll set of cotton from blooms formed prior to Sept. 1.

In the bloom tagging demonstration, 200 blooms were tagged every four days in repetitions of four rows of 50 blooms each. At harvest time all bolls that were formed on that date were picked and counted and the length of row measured for each date. The harvested bolls were then weighed and prepared for ginning at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in Lubbock. Charles Stichler, extension agronomist then obtained the data from all this process and graphically displayed the results that dramatically saw the production of quality cotton increase with each tagging date after Sept. 3, 1993. This same pattern was repeated on three other farms over the county for the past three years. All this data and other information is included in the demonstration on this program in the handbook. We would especially like to express our appreciation to the Gaskins family near Knott for their cooperation in working with us on this demonstration.

The use of harvest-aid chemicals to keep the growth of cotton under control for better harvesting by our stripping methods has been under study this past year in two demonstrations on the farms of Billy Bryant and Boyce Sneed. In the case of Bryant's dry-land farm, the untreated rows outyielded the treated rows (PIX was used in this demonstration) and equality was not affected. In the irrigated field of Sneed's yield figured almost 200 pounds more per acre in the treated areas over the control rows. No significant difference was noted in quality in this demonstration as well. The main point learned in both demonstrations is that this particular product was effective in limiting size of plants in both fields, thus making mechanical harvesting of the crop somewhat easier.

Our cotton varietal demonstrations suffered like all the rest of the cotton crop in the county did from the inclement weather experienced last spring. Many of the varieties were lost due to hail, high wind and heavy rain. Nonetheless, thanks to Larry Shaw, Kent Robinson and Harry and John Middleton enough of these varieties were salvaged and harvested to enable us to gather some data to evaluate the performance of many of these varieties in 1992.

In chemical brush control we had excellent control of mesquite and salt cedar on the Wolf Ranch north of Big Spring and on the Harmonson Ranch (Pleasure Lake area). Plots were treated at different rates by the IPT (Individual Plant Treatment) method using various chemicals. Salt Cedar is an ever increasing threat to much of our land in Howard County and is a most difficult plant to control. In 1991 we treated plots in the same area on the Harmonson property and little lasting kill effects. A new chemical came on the market and Dr. Allan McGinty, extension range specialists, from Ft. Stockton, assisted us in applying these new treatments in 1992, with what appears to be much more success.

Result demonstrations are the oldest and still most effective teaching tool utilized by Extension workers. Information gained from research at state experiment stations by Texas A&M University can be directly applied in local situations by Extension staff workers for producers to observe and evaluate for themselves before adopting any practice that could be beneficial in their own programs.

In the demonstrations conducted in Howard County this past year, producers are reminded that the responses from the various cotton varieties and treatments of plants by the various methods discussed in this article were from growing conditions experienced in Howard County in 1992 and for complete evaluations such demonstrations should be evaluated over a period of seasons under varied conditions before basing a sound decision on adaptation of any such practice.

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Oil prices go up, rig count goes down

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oil prices rose on Thursday as the market showed some anxiety about the political troubles in Russia and weekly inventory figures that showed a sharp drop in crude inventories.

Light sweet crude oil for delivery in May settled at $20.41 per barrel, up 17 cents, at the New York Mercantile Exchange.

The Department of Energy's weekly supply figures late Wednesday largely confirmed numbers released by the American Petroleum Institute on Tuesday. The figures showed a sharp reduction in crude stocks last week.

"That may have been storm related," Andrew Lebow, senior broker and analyst at E.D.&F. Man International Futures Inc., said referring to the blizzard that snowed in much of the East Coast. He added that there was concern in the market over Russia, but that crude exports from the country have not been affected.

Also, weekly estimates show the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries is reducing production, but many analysts say they won't be convinced until they see figures for all of March.

The market paid little attention to a barge wreck that closed the Houston Ship Channel Wednesday night, Lebow said. The channel, a major passageway for tanker traffic, reopened Thursday afternoon on a limited basis.

Unleaded gasoline for delivery in April settled at 58.72 cents a gallon, up 0.78 cent. Home heating oil for delivery next month settled at 58.22 cents a gallon, up 0.08 cent.

Natural gas prices were mixed. Contracts for delivery in May settled down 2.7 cents per 1,000 cubic feet at $2.023. More distant delivery months were higher.

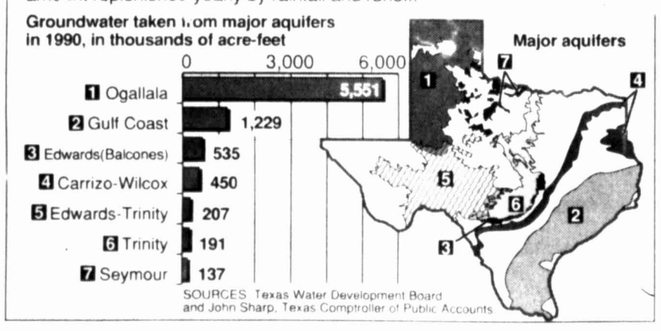
In London, North Sea Brent Blend crude oil for delivery in May settled at $18.77 per barrel, up 14 cents, at the International Petroleum Exchange.

Meanwhile, the number of working rigs in the United States fell by four to 610 compared with a week ago. It was 639 a year ago.

Keeping an eye on Texas

Water: A geyser of public interest

Most of the water used in Texas comes from underground aquifers. Groundwater is used by cities, farmers, mining and manufacturing interests, beloved by the person who owns the land above and has the right of capture. It is not like surface water, which is owned and managed by the state for the public good. Texans withdrew about 8.9 million acre feet of groundwater in 1990, about 3.5 million acre-feet more than the estimated amount replenished yearly by rainfall and runoff.



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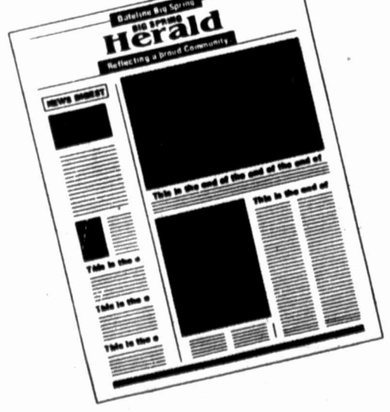
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3. Laredo Times	106.5	104.7	106.2
4. Huntsville Item	104.8	108.9	105.5
5. Fort Worth Star Telegram	104.9	104.8	104.9
6. Marshall News Messenger	104.0	103.5	103.9
7. Houston Chronicle	103.7	100.8	103.3
8. Texarkana Gazette	103.2	102.3	103.1
9. Houston Post	103.3	101.6	103.1
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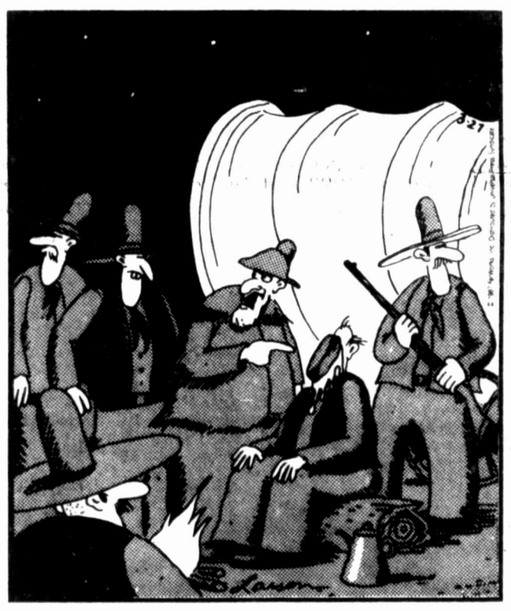
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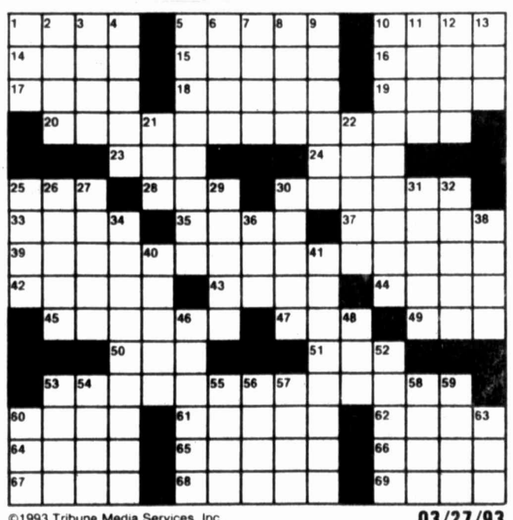
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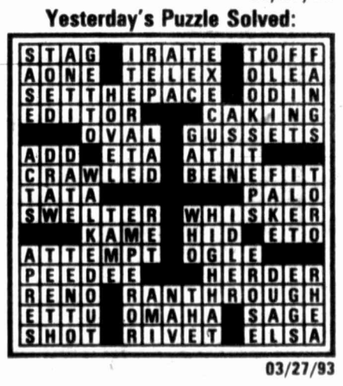
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ADOPTION IS AN ACT OF LOVE. Warm loving couple would make sure your baby has the best life has to offer. A large comfortable city home, weekends at the beach, an extended family of relatives and friends a great little dog and red cat and the best education and culture available. Let us help each other. Legal and medical expenses paid. Call Valerie or Stanley **1-800-452-5418.**



Adoption
A wonderful life for your baby. Imagine your child with laughter and kisses at family gatherings. Puppet shows from a mom who was a puppeteer and a dad who can build the stage. Expenses paid. Call Edna and Georgie anytime 1-800-572-6094.

ADOPTION
PHYSICIAN/NURSE couple want to adopt newborn. Happiness, security, dedication promised. Legal/Confidential. Call Suzanne & Andrew collect. 212-988-5126.

A HOME FILLED with love, laughter, gentle puppy, an doting Mom & Dad all await your newborn. Summers at the beach holidays celebrated with warm family gathering. Expenses paid. Call Debbie or Russell. 1-800-982-7598.

ATTENTION CLASSIFIED CUSTOMERS
IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL OR MAKE CHANGES IN YOUR AD, PLEASE CALL BY 8:00 AM THE DAY THE CHANGE IS TO OCCUR.

Lodges 025

STATED MEETING, Big Spring Lodge #1340, AF & AM. 1st and 3rd Thursday, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster, Chuck Condray, W.M.; Carl Condray, Sec.

STATED MEETING Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 every 2nd and 4th Thursday, 7:30. 219 Main, Larry Williams, W.M.; T.R. Morris, Sec.

BUSINESS

Business Opp. 050

$1000 A WEEK POTENTIAL. Local pay phone route. Low cost, call 1-800-226-9999.

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Hot Health Aide Product. Investment Secured By Equipment & Merdhandise.
Call 1-800-727-3055 24 Hrs.

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TRUCK DRIVER TRAINING. Job Placement Assistance, Financial Aid, if qualified. Tuition Protection Policy. Call 1-800-725-6465, Rt.3, Box 41, Merkel, Tx. 79536.

LOCAL VENDING ROUTE: $4000.00 a month potential. Must sell. 1-800-653-8363.

LOCAL VENDING ROUTE: $1200.00 a week potential. Must sell. 1-800-653-VEND.

MAKE APPROXIMATELY $200/DAY . Need club/ civic group, or person 21 or older to operate a family fireworks center, June 24- July 4. Call 1-800-442-7711.

Instruction 060

PRIVATE PIANO LESSONS. Beginners thru advanced. Classical, Popular, Sacred Music. 2607 Rebecca. 263-3367.

TENNIS, TENNIS, TENNIS
TENNIS CLINICS, camps, & lessons will be conducted and organized by Luis Valdez & Jon Lanier in Big Spring, Texas at Figure 7 Tennis Complex. We will provide certified instructors such as Mark Slate (a resident of Big Spring) to conduct these Tennis activities on a regular schedule that will be made public. We will be holding a Tennis Clinic on April 4th from 1:00 to 6:00 to answer any questions about these Tennis Activities. Advanced, Intermediates, Beginners (ages7-up), Pee-Wee (ages 5-7). For information call: Mark Slate 267-8100 or Luis Valdez 683-5360.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted 085

ATTENTION BIG SPRING
"POSTAL JOBS"
$11.41/HOUR to start, plus benefits. Postal carrier, sorters, clerks, maintainers. For applications and exam information call 1-219-736-4715, ext. P8032, 8am-8pm, 7 days.

COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER is accepting applicants for RN coverage for weekends. Call 263-4041 or Fax resume to 263-4067, or apply at 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, Tx. EOE.

RNs...CMSI pays up to $52,000 and free housing. FT hosp. positions nationwide. RNs with 1 yr. of exp. (800) 423-1739.

BIG SPRING EMPLOYMENT AGENCY
Ruby Taroni*Owner
110 West Marcy 267-2535
OFFICE MANAGER Previous insurance background, bookkeeping and payroll experience. All office skills. OPEN.
PURCHASING AGENT Accounting experience, previous office skills, supply background. OPEN
STAFF ACCOUNTANT Degree, management and municipal background. EXCELLENT.
SECRETARY/RECEPTIONIST Accounting background, all office skills. OPEN.
SECRETARY/BOOKKEEPER All general office skills required, computer, bookkeeping experience needed. OPEN.
Equal Opportunity Employer

COMANCHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER is accepting applicants for L.V.N.'s for evenings. Also needed CNA's. If you give your patients top quality care and extra TLC, we want to talk to you. Call 263-4041 or Fax resume to 263-4067, or apply at 3200 Parkway, Big Spring, Tx. EOE.

CONTRACT WORK for Junior Achievement of Big Spring. (Part-time). Recruit and coordinate volunteer work with school district on Junior Achievement expansion; attend advisory board meetings, take minutes, send meeting reminders, etc: coordinate committee meetings; et al. Minimum requirement college degree. Send current resume and salary requirements to D. Tune, #4 glenwick Cove. Big Spring, Texas 79720.

DISTRICT SALES MANAGER needed in the Big Spring area. You must have management experience along with basic accounting, be able to get along well with people, have good verbal and written communications skills, an automobile with insurance and the desire to make your district prosper. Full time position with paid vacations, sick leave, insurance and other company benefits. Send resume to Big Spring Herald, 710 Scurry, Box 1850, Big Spring, Texas, 79721. EOE.

Help Wanted 085

NO EXPERIENCE!
$500 TO $900 WEEKLY/POTENTIAL processing FHA mortgage refunds. Own hours. 1-501-646-0503 Ext. 148. 24 hours.

NOW HIRING experienced cook. Hourly wage commensurate with experience. Apply in person at Days Inn, 300 Tulane, Monday - Friday, 8-5. No phone calls, please.

POSITION OPEN for sales associate. Retail experience required. Apply 2-5pm, Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday, at Premiere Video, 1915 S. Gregg.

READERS BEWARE
Be very careful to get complete details and information when calling advertisers out of state or with toll-free numbers. Remember this rule: If it sounds too good to be true, it likely is. Be sure that you have the facts and are not being misled. Should you have questions pertaining to a particular advertisment contact, The Better Business Bureau, Midland 1-800-592-4433.

IMMEDIATE OPENING
IN Cardiology Department at Malone and Hogan Clinic for an Echocardiogram Technician. Contact Linda Baker for more information. 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

LICENSED COSMETOLOGISTS, following not necessary. Call 267-5707 for interview.

LOSERS WANTED: Lose 30 pounds in 30 days for $30. All natural, burns fat, speeds up metabolism, increases energy, curbs the appetite, controls stress. Nancy Alexander, Big Spring, 267-4347.

L.V.N. needed: Full time position, will work two days 7-3 shift two days 3-11 shift. Excellent salary and benefits. Contact: Jo Ann Merket, R.N., D.O.N., Mon/Fri., 7-3 at Mitchell County Hospital (915) 728-3431.

BEVERLY

R.N., DIRECTOR OF NURSING SERVICE SIGN ON BONUS!

Beverly Enterprises, the nation's largest long-term health care provider, seeks a Director of Nursing Service for its Lamesa Nursing Center, Lamesa, Texas. As part of a major corporation Lamesa Nursing Center offers an excellent nursing team and the support of senior nurse consultants. This allows you the time to focus on quality care and leadership of your team.

Our Company offers an impressive salary, sign-on bonus and benefits package including relocation assistance, tuition reimbursement, stock options, retirement plan and other generous benefits. If you are an R.N. who is ready to assume greater responsibilities we invite you to send your resume or apply to: Emma Aguilar, Administrator, Lamesa Nursing Center, 1818 North 7th, Lamesa, Texas 79331 or call 806/872-8351.
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NEED APPLIANCE & electronics sales person. Experience and resume required. Contact Steve at Harris Lumber & Hardware, 1515 E. FM 700.

NEEDED 100 people to lose weight now. No Willpower. 100% Natural. 100% Guaranteed. Dr. Recommended. 303-973-3598 after 4:00pm.

NEEDED SALAD MAKER at Big Spring Country Club. Must apply in person. No phone calls. Closed on Monday's.

NEED PART-TIME clean up man for laundromat. Saturday & Sunday nights. 9:00pm-1:00am. Dependable with references. Retired in good health OK. $5.00 per hour. 267-3014 after 5:00pm.

MAINTENANCE MECHANIC
Big Spring Manufacturing Plant
Our company produces PET Beverage Bottles and requires a reliable, hard working mechanic for overall maintenance responsibilities. Qualified candidates must have experience or training in mechanical, electrical, refrigeration, welding and pneumatics. Experience on high-speed equipment lines helpful, but not necessary.
Salary is commensurate with experience, ranging from $9.24-$11.85/hour, plus an excellent benefits package. Please apply in person at:
Texas Employment Commission
310 Owen Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Help Wanted 085

EXPERIENCED CONCRETE finisher both wet and dry needed immediately. Apply in person at Lake Alan Henry Dam, Justinburg, Tx., Granite Construction Co. P.O. Box 549, Post, Tx. 79356. EOE. 806=629-4461.

FULL OR PART-TIME drivers. Supplement your income. Great Part-time jobs. Domino's Pizza, 267-4111.

HELP WANTED all shifts. Apply at Burger King between 8-4, 2000 E. FM 700.

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IMMEDIATE OPENING for R.N. in out patient surgery center. Contact Linda Baker at Malone and Hogan Clinic, 1501 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas.

HIRING EXPERIENCE wait staff and cooks. Apply at 1710 E. 3rd. No phone calls please.

REGISTERED NURSE to assume duties of Assistant Director of Nursing. Applicant must work well with nursing staff and business office. This position will require familiarity with Administrative documentation. A 30 hour work week, excellent pay, group insurance offered. Contact Ron Alderton, Administrator, Big Spring Care Center, 263-7633.

RELIABLE SITTER with references. Must have transportation and work flexible hours. Call 264-6413.

RN & LVN positions available at Brownfield Regional Medical Center. Flexible hours, weekday & weekends, benefits, paid vacation & holidays, salary negotiable. Call Jeannie at 1-806-637-3551.

R.N. needed for 11-7 shift. Excellent salary and benefits. Contact: Jo Ann Merket, R.N., D.O.N., Mon/Fri. 7-3 at Mitchell Country Hospital (915) 728-3431.

THE BIG SPRING HERALD
Has newspaper carrier routes open in various areas of the city. Interested in earning some extra cash? do you believe in providing top quality service? Will you pledge to do your best in delivering Big Spring's quality news source? If so, apply in person at the Big Spring Herald Circulation Department, 710 Scurry, Mon.-Fri. 10:00am-5:30pm.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING is accepting applications for the position of City Engineer. To provide professional engineering work for environmental, water, sewer, streets and other community development projects. Must be registered as a Professional Engineer. To apply and to obtain further details contact City Hall Personnel, P.O. Box 3190, Big Spring, Texas 79721-3190 or call 915-263-8311. Applications will be accepted until 5:00pm. April 16th, 1993. The City Of Big Spring is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

VENDORS NEEDED-ArtFest 93-Big Spring, Texas. 4-17 & 18. Outdoors, Antiques & Collectibles, Arts & Crafts, Food, City Wide Garage Sale. Information: Conventions & Visitors Bureau, P.O. Box 1391, Big Spring, Texas 79721- (915)263-7641.

WANTED EXPERIENCED truck drivers. Must be 21 yrs. old, have Texas CDL w/tanker, hazmal endorsements, be able to pass DOT physical & drug screen. Call 1-800-366-3045.

WANTED- FULL-TIME shampoo tech or cosmetologist. Call 267-8310 between 10am-5pm.

WE ARE seeking a team member for our progressive dental office. We value superior organizational skills with focus on warmth, caring and expert communication with our patients. Dental experience and/or secretarial skills desired. Should be career minded, personally stable, non-smoker and health centered in their lifestyle. Please bring your resume to Dr. Stanley, 307-D W. 16th. No calls, please!

WE'LL PAY YOU to type names and addresses from home, $500.00 per 1000. Call 1-900-896-1666. ($1.49 min/18yrs.+) or Write: PASSE-807F, 161 S. Lincolnway, N. Aurora, Il. 60542.

Jobs Wanted 090

CLEAN YARDS and alleys, haul trash, pruning, trim trees, remove stumps. Painting, odd jobs. Call 267-6541.

FARMER'S COLUMN

Farm Equipment 150

1-IH 7 row Lister, 1-JD 12 row planter, 1-12 row knifer. Call 394-4374.

4020 JOHN DEERE diesel. $6000.00. Call 399-4795 after 6pm.

Horses 230

STANDING: IMPRESSIVE SALT
Sire: Impressive Dandy (World Champion.)
Dam: Gold Salt(Superior halter,ROM Arena, Dam of ROM arena)
H.Y.P.P. neg., Neg. coggins req.
Cole Wulfjen, Colorado City, Texas 1-915-728-2149.

Livestock For Sale 270

GOATS FOR SALE, 2 Billy's, 1 Nanny, $35.00 each. Call after 5:00pm, 267-7115.

GOATS FOR SAL. Pregnant nannies, no horns. Call 263-8557.

263-TIPS
CRIMESTOPPERS

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Auctions 325

AUCTIONS

April 3rd. Estate & Real Estate. Two bedroom, two bath, mobile home, 2 acres, Tubbs Addition. For viewing and more information, Ron Howard, Real Estate & Auctioneer, 2114 W. 3rd, 263-1536. List your Real Estate to be auctioned. TX 9928.

SPRING CITY AUCTION-Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

FIVE YEAR old full blood unregistered tri color male Basset Hound, very good with small children. Nominal fee to good home with children. Call 267-1953 or 263-8348.

FOR SALE registered Lhasa Apsos, grizzle color, very loveable. Call 263-8040.

FREE KENNEL CLUB breeder referral service. Quality dogs/breeders. Ask about purebred rescues, too. 263-3404.

Garage Sale 380

GARAGE SALE 1104 Lloyd. Friday thru Sunday. Girl & adult clothes, furniture, television, lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE. 4017 Vicky. Saturday & Sunday. 8-5pm. Speakers, double bed, clothes, chairs. lots of miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE. 8:00-? Tuesday. 2505 Ent. Waterbed, bed, household goods, clothing, and lots of miscellaneous.

YARD SALE: 1314 Harding, Saturday, March 27, 8:00am till 3:00pm and Sunday March 28 8:00am till 2:00pm. Electric stove, Realistic CB, Realistic Equalizer/Booster, clothes all sizes, curtains, misc. and homemade breakfast burritos.

Household Goods 390

FLEXSTEEL COUCH in excellent condition. Floral design in mostly shades of cream & a little peach. $350.00. Call 263-6638.

GE BUILT IN dishwasher like new. $150.00. GE Self-Cleaning range $250:00. Kenmore microwave, $50.00. 264-6636.

PANASONIC PRINTER, two rolling chairs, small orange table, baby play pen, school desks, size 7 prom dresses. Call 394-4040 after 5pm.

QUEEN SIZE Black Lacquer waterbed, matching dresser with mirror and nightstand. Water mattress 60% waveless. Heater and liner included. Very good condition. 1 year old. Paid $1500. will take $700.00. 267-4017 after 4pm. Charlie.

SOFA & LOVESEAT, beige plaid, wood trim. Very good condition. $250.00. 263-1636.

USED QUEEN mattress and box spring sets. $89.00 per set. Visa and Mastercard accepted. Branham Furniture, 2004 W. 4th.

WHITE HOT-POINT gas dryer. Great condition. $150.00/OBO. 9-6:00pm. 263-4709 after 6:00. 264-7514.

Miscellaneous 395

4X5 WHITE PICTURE window. Clear insulated glass. White bars. Like New. 263-2562 after 5pm.

BLEM. SPA, 1 only. Regular $3178.00 1st $1895.00 buys it! Cover included. 1-563-1860.

Miscellaneous 395

AUTHENTIC MEXICAN blankets, unique pottery, coyotes, cactus, pueblos, horned cow skulls, southwest colors. 600 W. 3rd. **"MY INHERITANCE", Coates Furniture.**

DEMO 5 PERSON spa w/Gazebo. Save $2837.00. Financing available. 1-563-1860.

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SPA SALE. Beautiful 400 Daytona, 6 jets only $2995.00 warranty,cover. 1-563-1860.

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FOR SALE: $200.00 FIT ONE SKIER EXERCISER. Call 399-4416 after 6:00pm.

FOR USED CHEVROLET pick-up wheels and tires. Good condition. Call 264-9216.

FURNITURE STRIPPING & refinishing. New Southwest colors, traditional stains, pickup & delivery 267-2137 or 263-2656.

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LADIES HANDMADE wraparound robes pastel colors with matching lace and ribbons and bows. $20.00 each. GREAT GIFTS! 263-7093.

MOVIES, MOVIES, MOVIES For Sale, regular $8.00, adult $20.00. Ultra Video 1009 11th Place, 267-4627.

WANTED MESQUITE thicket for wood. Phone 267-1141 after 5pm.

WASHING MACHINE $85.00, Magnavox VCR $75.00, lawn mower $35.00, mini bike $100.00. Call 263-5456.

Want To Buy 503

WANT TO BUY sleeper sofa or complete double bed. Must be nice. 263-1636.

REAL ESTATE

Business Property 508

OFFICE FOR lease, well suited for beauty salon, $200.00 monthly. Call 267-7661.

RETAIL & OFFICE SPACE for lease. Prime Gregg St. location. Want last long. Contact at 267-4021 leave name & message.

Houses for Sale 513

NEW 1993 16X80
$19,995
$168.00 MONTHLY buys new 3 bedroom, 2 bath Mobile Home. Refrigerator and range included. 10% down, 9.50 APR, 240 months. Why wait call 915-561-5850.

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Call 264-6424

1-8X36 Park Model, 1 bedroom $3,000.00. Clean. 1-14X80 3 bedroom, 2 bath Chickasha. Clean $11,000.00. Terms available. Call 263-7982 for more information.

1990 REDMAN built mobile-home. 16X40. 1 bedroom/1bath, total electric and extras. $12,000.00. 209 E. 4th (Forsan). Evelyn Cowley, 1-457-2250.

Jack Shaffer APPRAISALS
and
Real Estate Sales
2000 Birdwell
Office — 263-8251
MLS Home — 267-5149 R

RENT-TO-OWN- nothing down, 4 bedroom, 2 bath, $300.00/month. Three bedroom, 1 bath, carport, $220.00/month, one bedroom, $100.00/month. 264-0510.

FIRST 1ST REALTY
710 E. 4TH 263-1223

TUBBS ADDITION - 3 or 4 bedroom, brick on approx. 7 acres, double garage, 24X40 workshop, fenced. Owner has priced to sell. $100's.
WEST 13TH - 2 bedroom, living, dining, double garage, GOOD LOCATION, won't last. $20's.
EAST 18TH - 3 bedroom brick, den with fireplace, owner very anxious. $20's.
EAST 23RD - 3 bedroom, 2 bath, brick, den. H/A, close to schools, owner ready to deal. $40's.
SUBURBAN - 4-3-3 on two acres, executive place. This is for the hard to please family. $100's.
SUBURBAN - 4-2 on 6-1/2 acres. $90's.

Don Yates 263-2373
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Lots For Sale 515

5 LOTS OF LAND on 700 block N. Gregg, 4 lots on San Antonio St. MUST GO! Call 214-394-9594.

THREE BEDROOM, 2 bath brick just outside city limits. Workshop, double garage, fruit trees and self contained apartment. Great deal for a veteran! 50's. Call Becky Knight at 263-8540 or South Mountain Agency, 263-8419.

$ $ $
TOP DOLLAR for your pre owned Mobile Home any make and size. Call 915-563-5850.

$212.00 MONTHLY buys 3 bedroom, 2 bath, new '93 doublewide mobile. Free delivery and set at your location. 10% down, 9.50 APR, 300 months. Nationwide mobile home. Midland Texas. 1-800-456-8944 or 915-561-5850.

BY OWNER, 2 BEDROOM, 1-bath, 2 living areas. Double garage. Fenced yard. $12,500. Cash! 1506 Sunset. Call 214-391-3078.

RENTALS

Business Buildings 520

1 ACRE fenced land with office building. $150.00 per month plus deposit. Gatesville Road. Call 263-5000.

FOR RENT: Country store or bait store on Synder highway with walk in cooler. $150.00/month, $100.00/deposit. Call 263-5000.

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Furnished Apts. 521

$99. Move In Plus Deposit. Nice 1,2,3 bedrooms. Electric, water paid. HUD accepted. Some furnished. Limited offer, 263-7811.

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Furnished Houses 522

ONE BEDROOM house furnished, carpeted, draped, and tub/shower. Adults preferred. NO PETS. Inquire at 802 Andre.

VERY NICE 2 bedroom, 1½ bath, carpet, small fenced yard. References and deposit required. NO PETS. Call 263-7259.

Housing Wanted 523

WILL TRADE $29,000.00 two-bedroom Houston, Texas condo for like amount two-bedroom house in Big Spring. Call (713)977-9021.

Office Space 525

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1815 25th St. (North Side of Square) SNYDER, TEXAS
OLDEST BUSINESS IN SNYDER (STINSON DRUG OPENED IN 1916 BY ANDERSON-ECHOLS) WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTIAL LISTING

Art Deco Backbar complete w/pair of pewter Ladies leading dogs, 3 Mirrors & 2 cone shaped lights, all marble counter w/7 stools 7 foot rail, Many OAK BACKBAR displays, 1930's Art Deco Lighted Beauty Bar, 1950's Charles of the Ritz Beauty Counter w/stools, Slant front Candy Case, Many, Many Glass front showcases, Section of Restaurant Booths, 1940's Coca Cola fountain drink dispenser,1940's Coca Cola drinks box, 3 Green porcelain Malt Mixers, old drugstore scales, Approx. 250 old, old medicine bottles many w/orig. labels & lithograph boxes, old Esterbrook Pens & Display Cabinet, 6 ft. Stainless Steel fountain w/triple sinks cooler box & 9 old syrup crock w/dispensers, old Vet. Tools, Metal Lite Savers display, Office furniture and supplies, Floor and table top displays, lots of good inventory, Quality cosmetics such as Liz Clairborne, Krystle, Charles of the Ritz, Enjoli, Scoundrel, Revlon, & ETC., ETC., ETC.. 100's & 100's of items.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR SALE BILL CALL 1-915-728-8292
Auctioneer: Grady W. Morris Txs 6785

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American Legion
Hwy. 87 S. & Driver Rd.
Big Spring

1903 Merry Oldsmobile, runs & good shape, 1946 Renault, runs & good shape, Pop-up Camper, Antiques, Collectibles, Glastron Boat w/trailer, 115 Evinrude Camping Equipment, Fishing Tackle, Old Fishing Lures (wooden), Cage Traps, Knives, Guns, Pistols, Rifles, Shotgun, Ammunition, Catalogs, Books, Magazines, Hand Shop Power Tools, Electric Appliances, Glassware, Princess House Crystal Ivory Statutes, Railroad Light, Telescope & Extra Lens, Black Cast Iron Nut Cracker, Cookware, Stainless Steel Bowls, Kettles, Butter Churn, Base Ball Cards. Real Estate to be auctioned. 2 acres-Tubbs Addition, Jeffery Rd. Mobile Home w/2 bd/2ba, furnished, 2 storage buildings, 2 water wells, trees, fruit.
NOTE: This is only a partial listing, we have too many items to list, with much more arriving daily.
Terms: Cash, cashier check, check with bank letter of guaranty, payment in full at conclusion of sale.

Ron Howard Real Estate & Auction
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TXS 9928

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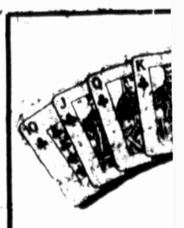
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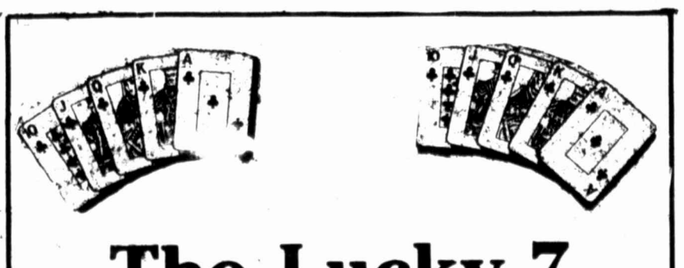
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BID 93-299
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Specifications may be obtained from Terry Hansen, Vice-President for Administrative Services, Howard County Junior College District, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas 79720, (915) 264-5175. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on April 21, 1993 at which time they will be opened in the office of the Vice-President for Administrative Services (Room E-3 of the Administration Building) and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting.
Questions should be directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, (915) 264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids.
8252 March 28, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

CAUSE NO. 11,638
IN RE: ESTATE OF PEDRO PAREDEZ, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
NOTICE OF ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF PEDRO PAREDEZ
NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT EXECUTRIX
Notice is hereby given that on March 24, 1993, Letters of Testamentary as Independent Executrix upon the Estate of Pedro Paredez, Deceased, with Will annexed, were issued to Mary Roman Paredez, Big Spring, Howard County, Texas, by the Honorable Howard County Court acting as Probate Court of Howard County, Texas, in Cause No. 11,638 pending upon the Probate Docket of said Court.
All persons having claims against said Estate being administered are hereby required to present the same within the time prescribed by law.
Mary Roman Paredez
8253 March 28, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Board of Trustees of the Grady I.S.D. will receive sealed bids for the purchase of a new or low mileage program 15 passenger van. Bid specifications are as follows:
V8 Engine (must specify)
Dual Air and Heat
Automatic Transmission
Heavy Duty Cooling Package
AM/FM Stereo Radio
Bidder must consider trade-in.
For more information, contact the business office, Grady ISD, HCR 72 Box 4, Lenorah, Texas, (915) 459-2444. Sealed bids will be opened at the Grady School Board Room at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12, 1993. Grady ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids.
Johnny Tubb
Business Manager
8246 March 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26 & 28, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, March 23, 1993, the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas passed approved on regular reading an ordinance as described as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING AMENDING CHAPTER 6 OF THE BIG SPRING CODE ENTITLED CEMETERIES, PARKS AND RECREATION BY AMENDING DIVISION FOUR, MISCELLANEOUS REGULATIONS BY REPEALING ARTICLE 7, COMANCHE TRAIL GOLF COURSE, SECTIONS 6-146 THROUGH 6-155 INCLUSIVE AND ARTICLE 8, FIGURE SEVEN TENNIS CENTER, SECTION 6-156 THROUGH 6-170 INCLUSIVE, AND ADOPTING A NEW ARTICLE 7, COMANCHE TRAIL GOLF COURSE, SECTIONS 6-146 THROUGH 6-155 CONTAINING A SAVINGS AND SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR A PENALTY OR FINE NOT TO EXCEED $500.00 FOR EACH DAY OF VIOLATION, AND PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION.
Maurine Pittman
City Secretary
8251 March 26 & 28, 1993

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF SALE
STATE OF TEXAS
HOWARD COUNTY
BY VIRTUE OF AN ORDER OF SALE
DATED MARCH 4, 1993
and issued pursuant to judgment decree(s) of the District Court of Howard County, Texas, by the Clerk of said Court on said date, in the hereinafter numbered and styled suits and to me directed and delivered as Sheriff of said County, I have on March 4, 1993, seized, levied upon, and will, on the first Tuesday in April, 1993, the same being the 6th day of said month, at the North Door of the Courthouse of said County, in the City of Big Spring, Texas, between the hours of 10 o'clock a.m. and 4 o'clock p.m. on said day, beginning at 3:00 P.M., proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder all the right, title, and interest of the defendants in such suits in and to the following described real estate levied upon as the property of said defendants, the same lying and being situated in the County of Howard and the State of Texas, to-wit: SUIT NO. STYLE OF SUIT AND PROPERTY DESCRIPTION
#92-04-03927 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Selso Nuncio
1.32 Acres, Section 45, Block 31, Township 1 North, Howard County, Texas. (Account #51045-0157-000).
#T-3889 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Ida Echols Greer, Formerly Known As Ida Echols
Lot 27, Block 21, Original Townsite of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, being more particularly described in a deed of record in Volume 26, Page 174, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860-0249-00).
#91-05-03880 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Nella Mae Stephens, et al
360.7 feet by 200 feet, out of the Northwest quarter of Section 34, Block 32, Township 1 North, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed of record in Volume 459, Page 619, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #51434-0037-00).
#91-05-03878 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Joe Rodriguez, et al
Lots 21 and 22, Block 5, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed of record in Volume 572, Page 684, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860-0072-00).
#91-05-03876 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Richard Rich, et al
11.56 Acres, more or less, out of the South Part of Section 46, Block 31, Township 1 North, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed of record in Volume 570, Page 25, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #51046-0007-13).
#91-05-03875 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Paul Cooper Martinez
Lots 15 and 16, Block 4, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed of record in Volume 594, Page 549 Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Accounts #C4860-0048-00; #C4860-0049-00 and #C4860-0050-00).
#91-05-03873 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Robert L. Howland, et al
7.73 Acres, out of the West part of Section 43, Block 31, Township 1 North, T&P RR Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas, more particularly described in a deed of record in Volume 486, Page 171, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #51043-0027-00).
#T-3705 - Coahoma Independent School District vs Maria M. De La Cruz, et al
All of Lot Twenty (20), Block Eight (8), Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, as described in Volume 416, Page 494, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860-0117-00).
#90-08-03807 - Coahoma Independent School District Ramona Mendez
Lot 19, Block 8, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas, as described in Volume 416, Page 494, Deed Records of Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860-0116-00).
#90-08-03806 - Coahoma Independent School District vs. Joe Ruiz, et al
Lots 5 and 8, Block 8, Original Town of Coahoma, Howard County, Texas. (Account #C4860-0103-00).
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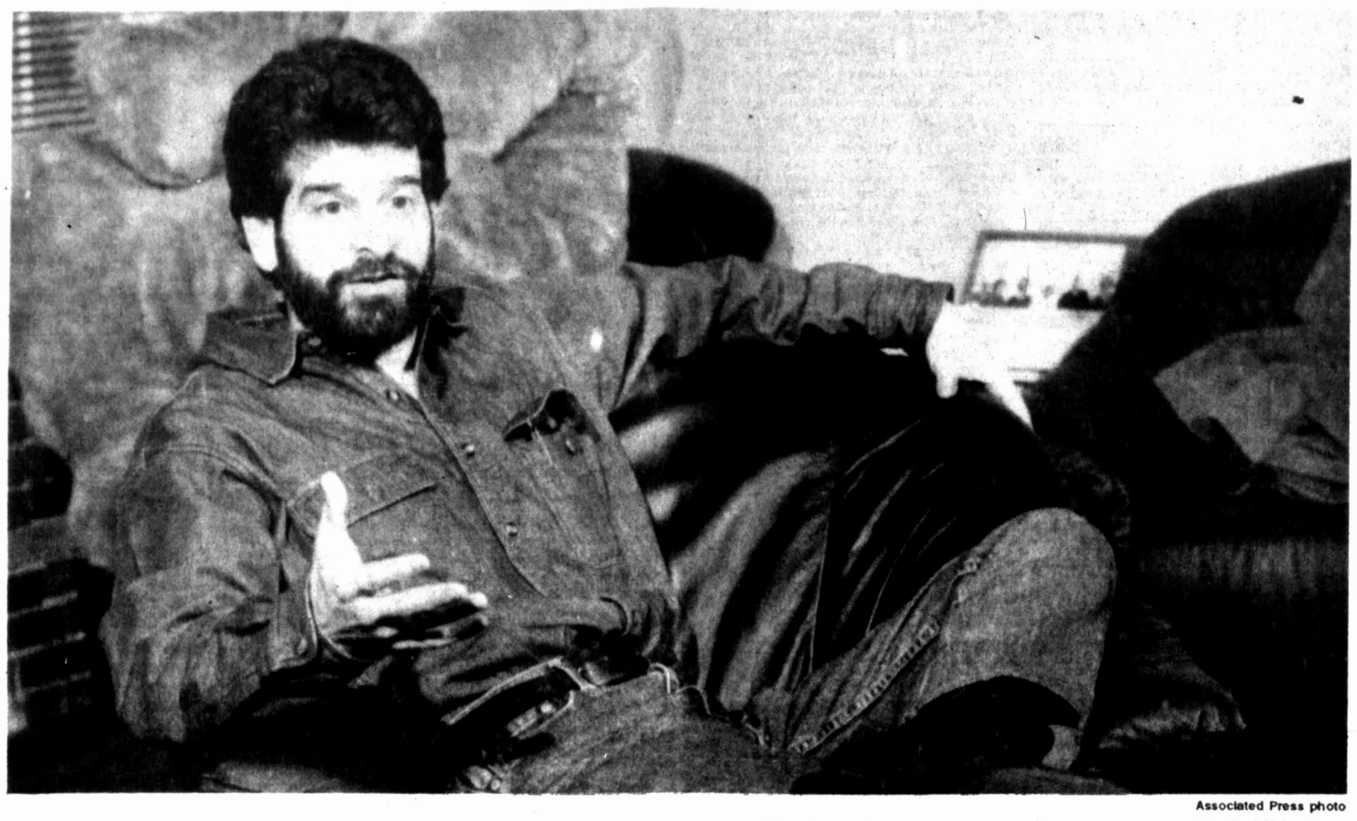
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Self-made millionaire pushes science for children

By FRANK BAKER
Associated Press



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Entrepreneur Dean Kamen, 41, sits in his Manchester, N.H., office last month. Kamen, who made tens of millions of dollars from his inventions and business interests, wants to get American school children excited about science and technology.

MANCHESTER, N.H. — Even at an early age, Dean Kamen thought big.

As a teen-ager, the future inventor-scientist-businessman sent his parents on a two-week vacation with money earned from an electronics machine he built, put their Rockville Centre, N.Y., home on stilts, hired a construction crew and enlarged the basement so he could build his inventions better.

When he grew older and moved to New Hampshire, Kamen refurbished an old building in Manchester's Amoskeag mill section. He now owns most of what in the 1800s was the largest textile mill complex in the world.

He likes to fly, so Kamen bought a helicopter, then a helicopter company. He files to work each day from his Bedford home.

He owns an island off the Connecticut coast, declared it a country and sent "foreign aid" to the United States to promote science.

"To me, being a spectator at almost anything is dull compared to being a participant," said Kamen, a short, bearded man who prefers jeans and flannel shirts to a suit and tie.

Now, Kamen (pronounced KAY-men) has perhaps his most ambitious goal. He wants to get American schoolchildren excited about science and technology.

Kamen, who has made tens of millions of dollars from his inventions and business interests, said children don't understand that they live in the most technologically exciting time in history. He said they idolize rock stars and athletes when they should be turned on by scientists and engineers.

"One morning I was talking to a group of kids and I asked them to give me the name of a living scientist or engineer who is famous. There was silence," Kamen said. "But they all could come up with the name of a football or basketball player.

"My God, those people don't improve the quality of life. Unless you're one of about 500,000 people who grow up and play sports, you're not going to make a lot of money that way. But if you work hard you can become a professional engineer or scientist, make money and improve people's lives."

Kamen, who looks much younger than his 41 years, said children need role models who are scientists and engineers so they can see such people "aren't the antisocial nerds society makes them out to be."

To foster that idea, Kamen built a science center in Manchester. So far, more than 200,000 children have toured it. He also wants to establish a Science Hall of Fame in the city. He already has the building for it, and is getting corporate sponsors.

But Kamen's biggest endeavor in his effort to excite kids about science came in 1989 when he founded U.S. First, a national, nonprofit organization dedicated to developing science and technology programs for children.

Kamen believes to reach the most children, science needs to be marketed the same way as a soft drink or athletic competition. So, he has enlisted big business in his effort.

Last year, the organization held its first national competition, pairing high school pupils from various cities nationwide with engineers at firms like Boeing Co. and American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and universities like the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and Worcester Polytechnic Institute.

This year's competition attracted an equal number of teams, which each received $5,000 worth of materials and six weeks to build a robot. The robots competed in timed events during the three-day event last month, with winners receiving various prizes.

"Competition works in sports and it can work in academia," Kamen said.

It's somewhat ironic that Kamen is championing education. He struggled through high school and flunked out of Worcester Polytechnic Institute. But his troubles were due mainly to a lack of motivation, not smarts.

"Dean was one of those rare kids who really wants to understand and get to the bottom of things," said Harold Hilsinger, a physics professor at Worcester Poly Tech. "He was in my office every day for as many hours as I could stand. He has a great excitement about life and his passion is his work."

Kamen said he was uncomfortable in a traditional school.

"I would always question what the teachers said. They used to get furious with me," he said. "But I was very frustrated and became pretty belligerent."

Kamen said his parents — his mother was an accounting teacher, his father an illustrator for Mad magazine and other publications — were understanding, even when their house was up on stilts. They provided great role models, he said

"My father was the hardest-working guy I've ever met," Kamen said. His mother still does his accounting.

Kamen said he still carries with him the advice his father gave him as a teen-ager when Kamen asked why he worked so hard.

"He said, 'Yeah, I work hard, but I like what I do. I don't care what you do with your life ... the most important thing to do is to make sure that you like what you do for work. You'll spend more time at that than anything else you ever do, and you won't be happy with anything else you do, and you won't be able to make other people happy unless you like what you do,'" Kamen recalled.

"After that, I realized I'd never work for anyone."

Kamen got his first big break when he was about 20. His older brother, who was a guest resident at Harvard Medical School, asked him to build an infusion pump. The pump was a smash, and Kamen soon was employing his younger brother and his friends to help build them.

Soon, he moved his fledgling business out of his parents' home. His company continued to grow, and Kamen eventually moved to New Hampshire around 1981.

Kamen invented a series of infusion devices, and eventually sold his company, Autosyringe, to Baxter Healthcare Corp. for several million dollars, and he was off.

Kamen now owns several companies, including DEKA, a medical instruments research and development company; Teletrol, which makes computerized devices to control heating and cooling systems, and a real estate firm.

By all accounts, Kamen, who has never been married, is a workaholic.

"If I'm awake, I'm working," he said. "I can't say I like that, but what keeps me going is thinking that so many people must go to a job just because they have to ... I can't afford to give up eight hours of may day for something I don't like.

"I never get vacations, I never get a day off ... but at least I'm doing something that's mine, that I chose to do."

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Curtis Lewis Doucet, 24, Buna & Rynla Sue Jeans, 22, same.

John Anthony Vasquez, 22, 1109 Lancaster & Dawn De Los Santos, 26, same.

Cary Miles White, 28, Rt. 3 Box 341 & Anna Marie Roy, 29, HC 76 Box 157E.

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Rodney Feaster; deferred adjudication.

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William T. Hogan; no drivers license, $75. fine, $98. court cost.

William T. Hogan; no or expired motor vehicle inspection certificate, $75. fine, $98. court cost.

Terry William Sawyer; driving with license suspended, $300. fine, 6 mos. probation, 10 days jail, $137. court cost.

Hermenejildo Orosco III; DWI 2nd, $300. fine, 60 days jail, $164.50 court cost.

Theodore Diaz; interferring with Police Officer duties, 10 days jail, $167. court cost.

Isidro J. Rodriguez; assault, 1 yr. probation, $132. court cost, 15 days jail, $100. fine.

Darrin Tucker; assault, 6 mos. probation, $100. fine, $167. court cost.

Randy Joe Hurrington; theft $200./$750., 180 days jail, $202. court cost.

Randy Joe Hurrington; theft $20./$200., 180 days jail, $202. court cost.

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Charles Dewey Fulesday; DWI, $450. fine, 2 yrs. probation, $202. court cost.

Delphin Gonzales; sale of alcohol beverage to minor, $100. fine, $167. court cost.

Fred Turner; criminal mischief $200./$750., $200. fine,. 6 mos. probation, $200. restitution, $167. court cost.

Ray Gibson; order deferred adjudication.

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Cecil Ray Patton; order deferred adjudication.

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NO. 11,697

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Various institutions provide area health care

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Howard County health care is based on a multiplicity of institutions and services, working in union to serve the needs of area residents.

The backbone of local health care is comprised of two hospitals, Scenic Mountain Medical Center and, for veterans, the Department of Veteran's Affairs' Veterans Administration Medical Center.

Most area physicians find facilities in the Big Spring area adequate, but some would like to see more diagnostic facilities and equipment.

Each hospital has beds for a variety of medical needs, such as intensive care areas and post-operative areas, where specially-trained staff and equipment are required. Each hospital has surgery facilities and various diagnostic capabilities, such as laboratories and a complex array of X-ray equipment.

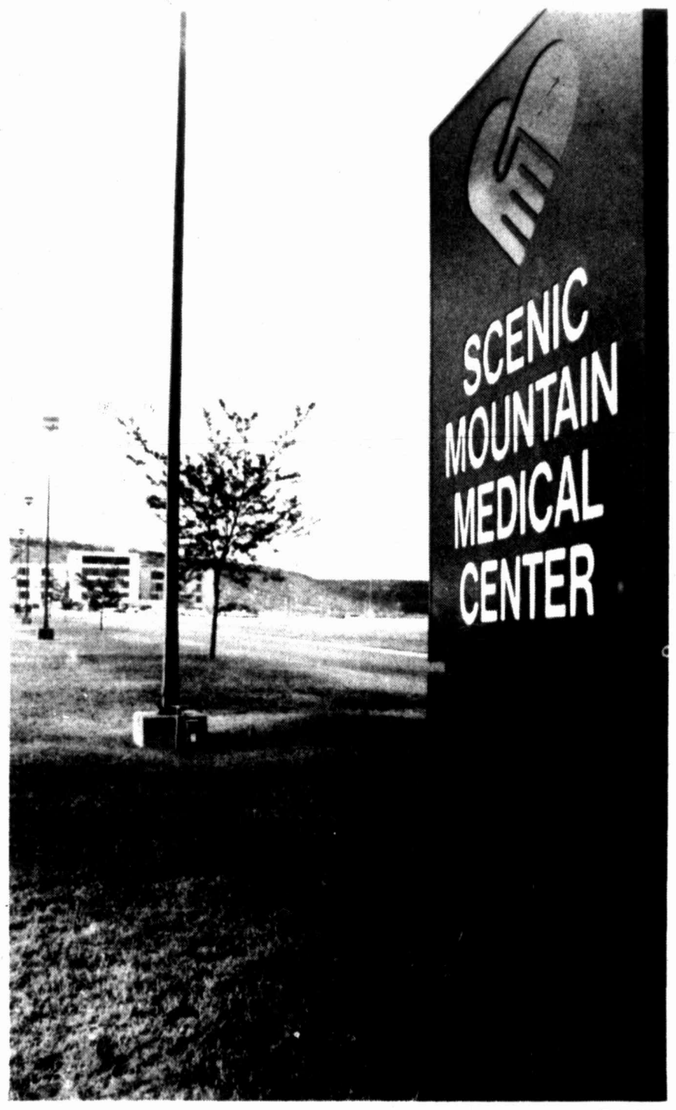
Clinics, where physicians see patients on a non-emergency basis, include Malone Hogan Clinic (adjacent to SMMC), Hall-Bennet Memorial Clinic, Medical Arts clinic and numerous private offices in Big Spring.

Both SMMC and VAMC have 24-hour emergency services for acute injuries and illness. These are linked by American Medical Transport, an ambulance company contracted to serve all of Howard County.

AMT ambulances carry paramedics with advanced cardiac and trauma life support systems.

There are some conditions, requiring medical specialties not available in Big Spring, which require patients to be transferred to larger metropolitan areas, such as Lubbock, San Angelo, Abilene or Scott and White Medical Center

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File photo

SMMC staffs 30 physicians with specialties ranging from general surgery, family practice, urology, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, internal medicine, nephrology, psychiatry, radiology and gynecology.

Clinic founded in 1937

By GARY SHANKS and PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writers

For 55 years, Malone & Hogan Clinic has been a major source of health care in Howard County.

Doctors John Hogan and P.W. Malone began their association in 1937, said Dixie Hogan, widow of John Hogan.

The original Malone & Hogan Clinic had bed space for only eight people. Over the years, however, this structure had two major additions constructed, Hogan said.

In 1976, the new Malone & Hogan Hospital and Clinic was built on FM 700. The hospital was later sold and is now the 150-bed Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Currently, the clinic is wholly owned by its nine partner physicians. This professional association also hires physicians to expand the level of expertise available at the clinic, said Penny Phillips, clinic director.

By April, doctors on staff numbered 13, with two more planned to be added by the fall 1993 and summer of 1994.

Dr. Manish Shroff joined the center in April to head a new cardiology and catherization lab program. Joining the center next summer will be Dr. Debra Jajousky, a obstetrician and gynecologist who will work with Dr. Mel Porter and Dr. Dana Phillips.

In addition, another internist, specializing in internal medicine, will be hired by fall, Penny Phillips

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With 30 physicians SMMC has range of specialities

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The bulk of Big Spring's in-house medical services are provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, a 150-bed, corporate-owned facility.

SMMC staffs 30 physicians with specialties ranging from general surgery, family practice, urology, orthopedic surgery, ophthalmology, internal medicine, nephrology, psychiatry, radiology and gynecology.

The hospital, currently, is undergoing remodeling of some rooms, replacing wall and floor coverings with more easily cleaned materials.

A newly remodeled endoscopy room offers allows physicians to diagnose conditions of the digestive tract and other internal organs.

X-ray equipment at the hospital includes CAT scans and other advanced imaging processes.

A new carbon dioxide laser allows physicians to rid patients of abnormal tissue problems like uterine and cervical growths, endometriosis, benign skin tumors and other tissue abnormalities.

Of great benefit in gynecological procedures, the new laser is often used by Dana Phillips, who joined the SMMC team about a year ago. Phillips specializes in obstetrics and gynecology.

Another new physician, Dr. Paul Webb, an orthopedic surgeon from Dallas, specializes in

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County officials maintain progressive stance, despite budget crunch

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Although in the midst of a budget crunch, Howard County officials are continuing to ensure the area remains progressive.

In 1992, Howard County Commissioners secured the purchase of the Bluebonnet Savings Building. The larger structure will be the new Howard County Library, housing two floors of literature.

Bluebonnet has more than a year remaining on their lease with the county, and a year extension is optional if Bluebonnet officials have not secured another building in time.

Bluebonnet lease money is being kept in a separate account to remodel the building once the library is moved.

Because of budgetary constraints, commissioners voted to remove the U.S. Highway 87 south expansion project, where the county is purchasing right-of-way for the Texas Department of Transportation's construction, from the general fund.

Over the next few years, several million dollars will be needed for these land purchases.

It has been suggested this project be funded through bonds, setting up a separate tax fund for the project. The county's enthusiasm for the project is important as Texas inspectors decide on the future track of Interstate 27 south from Lubbock.

Big Spring is on one of three possible routes for this highway's course.

At the Howard County office of the Texas Agricultural Extension Service, personnel continue a long-range program of seminars, expositions and other educational programs, according to Don Richardson, extension agent.

Topics for these programs cover such diverse topics as boll weevil protection, agricultural diversification, diabetic food plans and customer service.

In addition, the service sponsors a great many programs for the 4-H Club.

At the Howard County Sheriff's office, new programs are augmenting the sleek new appearance of deputy's patrol cars. The cars' decals improve the county's appearance. They are specifically designed for police use, making them better patrol vehicles, and their lower cost helps county tax payers, according to department personnel.

This is the first year Howard County has been able to purchase police vehicles on the state-fleet program.

A new pre-sentencing drug-treatment plan is being implemented. This offers alternative sentencing for non-violent drug offenders, keeping some offenders from repeating their crimes, as well as freeing space in the already strapped county jail.

Although the jail was recently reaccredited by the Texas Jail Standards Commission, the facility remains in compliance only through diligent efforts on the part of sheriff's department personnel. This is primarily due to overcrowding at state prisons, which only accept on or two prisoners per month, according to Sheriff A.N. Standard.

A jail committee is exploring possibilities for future expansion of county jail capabilities. Meanwhile, the county has collected more than $100,000 in state payments for housing state prisoners awaiting transfer, Standard said.

Other sheriff's office programs include upgrading the computer system, indexing county residents so deputies can respond more rapidly in an emergency.

A new, more powerful and more modern emergency generator has been installed at the courthouse, ensuring electrical power to the jail and offices in the department.

Added expenditures for the county, coupled with a drop in county property values, required a tax increase from the 1991-92 fiscal year (35.936 cents per $100 valuation) to the present fiscal year (38.15 cents per $100 valuation).

New representative serving Howard County; area newcomers, incumbents running in May election

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

New representatives serving Howard County this year include a state representative and at least one Big Spring City Council member and one area school board member.

Two council seats up for election May 1 were both contested, including District 3 in which the incumbent declined to run. No incumbents filed for the two seats up for election on the Coahoma Independent School District. Both seats up on the Forsan ISD had incumbents filed as well as newcomers.

Several local races in area counties were also contested.

Several representatives serving Howard County returned. A state senator and congressman were both re-elected in November 1992. Three seats up for election in May on the Big Spring Independent School District were all uncontested. No seats were up for election on the Howard College board of trustees.

State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City, took over as representative in January when new districts drawn by the Texas Legislature took effect. He ran unopposed in November 1992 and is now in his fourth two-year term. He chairs the House Budget and Oversight subcommittee and is vice chairman of the Worker's Compensation Legislative Oversight Committee.

He grew up in Rule and lived in Knox City more than three decades. He's owned Counts Insurance and Real Estate Co. 32 years in Knox City. In addition, he is secretary/treasurer and director of Rolling Plains Well Service, an oil field service company, and owns farms in Knox and Haskell counties where cotton, milo and wheat are grown.

Re-elected to two-year terms in November were U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, and Texas Sen. John Montford, D-Lubbock.

Contested races in May:

• District 3 on the city council, located on the city's southwest side.

Running: Charles "Chuck" Cawthon, 60, owner of Chuck's Surplus; George "Dub" Clifton Clinton Jr., 44, owner of CAT Construction; Vicki Cole, 40, administrator of Mountain View Lodge; Annie "Kathy" Vanslyke, 34, owner of the Green House Restaurant; and Stacy Rawls, 29, a cosmetologist who works at Highland Barber and teaches part-time at Howard College.

• District 1 on the council, located on the northwest side. It's one of two minority districts in a six single-member district plan that took effect this year.

Running: incumbent Pat DeAnda, a teacher at College Heights Elementary seeking her third term; and Stephanie Horton, a nurse at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.

• Two at-large seats on the Coahoma ISD. Running: Loy Hahn, R.N. Sanders, Leroy Walker, and Tracy Frazier.

• Two at-large seats on the Forsan ISD. Running: newcomers Don Riley, Mike Tredway, Bonnie Proctor Miller, Gary Tabor, Galynn Gamble and incumbents Lee George, trustee for six years, Dale Humphreys, serving since January, and Bill Mims, trustee for 23 years.

• With three at-large seats open for the Forsan City Council, four residents are running: newcomers Loren Wilson and Fred Holguin and incumbents Mary Gressett and Clarence Williams.

• Colorado City races include three council seats, mayor's office and hospital board seats. Newcomers Frank Earl Biggers, Walter Staats and J. "Lucky" Beason are seeking the District 2 seat vacated by Rex Thackerson. Incumbents for the other council seats are unopposed.

Six candidates filed in late March for the four open seats on the Mitchell County Hospital Board. Incumbents Marion Bassham, Jay Craddock and Sybil Stevens are running for reelection. Dale Geiger, Kenneth Rodgers and Shirley Clifton are challenging. Filing deadline is April 6.

• In Colorado City Independent School District, Augustin Rubio Alvarado and Tony Turner of Westbrook are vying for a seat vacated by Dr. Bill Bruce Bridgeford, who served 14 years.

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The graduate

More than 1,400 students attend Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf with about 200 graduating each May. Howard was established 1945. SWCID was established 1981. See story Page 7E.

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Notable facets of SMMC include considerable equipment upgrades in the labor and delivery portion of the hospital. New ambulatory monitoring devices allow medical staff to monitor an unborn child's vital signs without confining the mother to a bed. This department also offers the "Special Moments" program, above, for a family-centered birthing experience. The unit has two labor and delivery rooms — functional hospital rooms with a more homelike decor — two delivery rooms and a 16-bed nursery.

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treating back problems.

Services not available at SMMC include dermatology, pediatric intensive care and other neonatology. Heart diagnostic procedures such as angiography also are unavailable.

For a short time, the hospital used a portable magnetic resonance imaging (MRI) machine, but currently does not offer this advanced machine for imaging internal organs.

SMMC administrators are hoping to enlist a cardiologist to serve the hospital's catchment area, according to SMMC administrator David Wiley.

If a cardiologist agrees to take up practice at SMMC, the hospital is prepared to build a cardiology lab for about $1 million. Specialized personnel will be needed to staff the lab.

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Upgrades in the Emergency Department include contracting, through a private company, for 24-hour coverage by specially-trained emergency physicians.

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said. Another recent hire is Dr. Paul Webb, an orthopedic surgeon who joined the center in January.

Malone & Hogan offers medical specialties such as urology, pediatrics, ear-nose, throat and nephrology as well as obstetrics, gynecology and podiatry.

The clinic has its own physical therapy department, dialysis unit and Texas Surgery. Texas Surgery is a day surgery center where patients have minor surgery and are home the same day, Phillips said.

The center has about 100 of these surgeries a month, Phillips said. "There is a huge number of procedures we can do in Texas Surgery." About 80 percent of all surgeries can be done in this manner, she said.

Commonly performed at the center are cataract surgeries, laprosopic surgeries, such as tubal ligations and arthroscopic surgeries.

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in Temple.

The VA hospital system separates, to degree, its specialties. Cancer and heart patients are often transferred to VA hospitals in Dallas, San Antonio or Albuquerque.

Types of care unavailable in Big Spring include neurosurgery, heart surgery, pediatric intensive care, and certain types of diagnostic equipment. Magnetic resonance imaging (MRI), for instance, is not available in Big Spring. Special X-rays for diagnosing coronary artery disease also are unavailable locally.

Long-term care of elderly and disabled patients is available at Mountain View Lodge, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, Big Spring Care Center, and the VAMC has reopened its long-term care center for veterans.

Rehabilitation, following injuries resulting from accidents or strokes and degenerative diseases, is available on an "ability to pay" basis at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Some out-of-town physicians have clinics in Big Spring where they see scheduled patients for gynecological, obstetrical and ear-nose-and-throat conditions.

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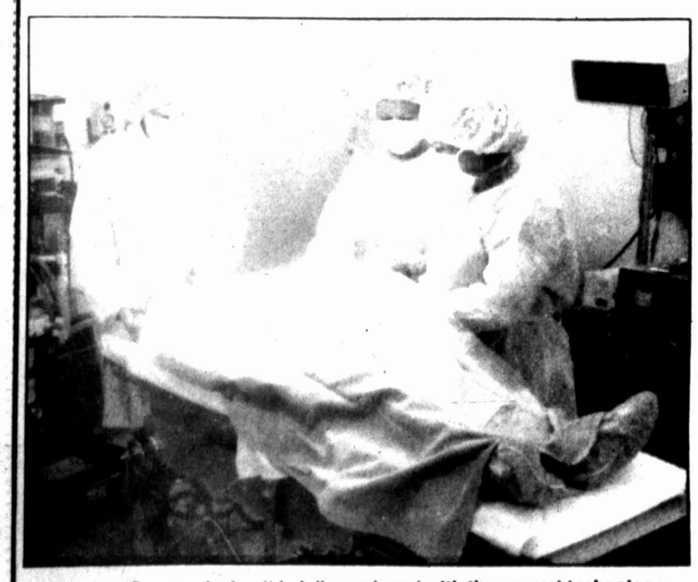
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Big Spring Speciality Clinic staffs physicians specializing in many areas

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

The Odessa Women and Children's hospital has a branch facility, the Big Spring Specialty Clinic, providing obstetrics, gynecology, neurology as well as ear, nose, throat and ear services from area physicians.

"We've gotten more patients (in the last year) because we are getting more referrals about our low-cost services," said Laurie Burks, the clinic office manager.

Last year, the clinic began offering the Norplant system, a new form of contraception.

The newly arrived contraceptive allows women to avoid pregnancy for about five years, with tiny rods implanted under the skin on the arm.

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Also, an audiologist's (one who tests hearing) hours had been extended in January, expanding access for residents in groups like the Big Spring Independent School District and the Big Spring Correctional Center.

The clinic also schedules:

- Appointments for a breast cancer screening mobile unit.
- Out-of-town doctors to come in to provide services like prepared childbirth classes.

All major surgeries are referred to Odessa physicians. The clinic conducts pregnancy testing and accepts Medicaid as well.

The clinic has been located in Big Spring for more than five years.



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Community support

The Corral, Big Spring State Hospital's community support center, has been providing social activities as well as vocational training for current and former mental patients since 1987. The center offers independent living instruction, bingo games, shuffle board, birthday parties and holiday celebrations. Training residents receive includes clerical skills, custodial work, lawn maintenance and life skills.

VA Center abreast medical technology

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

For more than 40 years, the Veterans Administration Medical Center has been serving the health care needs of West Texas veterans.

VAMC has a catchment area of 47 counties, primarily in West Texas, with one being in southern New Mexico. The area of West Texas served by the facility is larger than 35 states, according to Conrad Alexander, director of the Big Spring veterans hospital.

The Big Spring facility was dedicated in 1950 and provides space for about 250 patients.

Following recent renovation, the 40-bed nursing home on the sixth floor is back in operation, according to Patient Representative Pat Atkins.

Working closely with the community, the center has a large number of volunteers and supporters. A recent addition to SMMC services includes a house donated by Paul and Leona Hood of Big Spring. This structure has become Haven House of Big Spring and houses relatives of long-term VAMC patients.

Keeping the facility abreast with medical technology, the Department of Veterans Affairs supplies funds for upgrading equipment. A new CAT scanner provides the latest in X-ray technology to VA physicians.

Chosen as a test bed for a new management experiment, the VAMC is initiating a new management style based on the "Demming" method. This calls for unlimited communication across all departments and all echelons of management within the facility.

In this approach, multidimensional teams identify and correct problems, collecting data and building models of how systems work within the given structure. Proponents of the method expect services at the VA to be more simple and accessible as the years progress.

In addition, more and more areas of the facility are being computerized, assisting in handling the bureaucratic network inherent in any government facility of this size.

Other VA improvements include the Kiddie Corral, where children can be entertained while family and friends visit hospitalized veterans.

The hospital may also be the recipient of more than $500,000 under President Bill Clinton's reinvestment plans. The funds are to be used for minor construction, maintenance and repair of the facility. VAMC administrators have a plan of improvements and upgrades prepared, in anticipation of the funds.

Acquisitions enhance care at Dora Roberts Center

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

With recent acquisitions of equipment, new levels of care are being realized at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

A massive new piece of equipment called a Zuni™, completes a three-year series of purchases and training, allowing the center to become an "unloading center," said John Yater, center director. The Zuni alone costs the Dora Roberts Foundation $15,000.

Unloading — is a new philosophy in physical therapy, Yater said. With elaborate equipment, weight is removed from a patient while therapists lead him or her through full-motion exercises to return use to effected limbs.

Over a period of time, the equipment allows therapists to add more and more of the patient's weight until full use of limbs is recovered. The unloading technique reduces convalescent times for injured patients, Yater said.

With therapists fully trained on the use of the new equipment, Dora Roberts will be certified as an unloading center — a title of distinction among rehabilitation centers, he said.

The cardiac rehabilitation program, through the purchase of $40,000 worth of additional equipment, has been expanded. The program now can accept more patients.

Another $5,000 worth of equipment allows the center to offer pre-employment screenings, ensuring an employee can perform the work for which he is hired, Yater said.

A new hyperbaric oxygen chamber is used in the healing of wounds. Especially in areas of poor circulation tissues in wounds can be starved for oxygen, inhibiting the body's normal healing process.

Tissues of limbs placed in this chamber are saturated with oxygen, speeding the healing process. Wounds with certain kinds of bacterial infections can be healed in this manner, as well.

The center now is certified for accepting Medicaid patients, Yater said. A Medicare provider for some years, the center has not, in the past, accepted Medicaid payments.

The center employs 18 personnel in specialities including physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech pathology and audiology. Dr. E.W. Stokes coordinates the cardiac rehabilitation with registered nurses on staff assisting.

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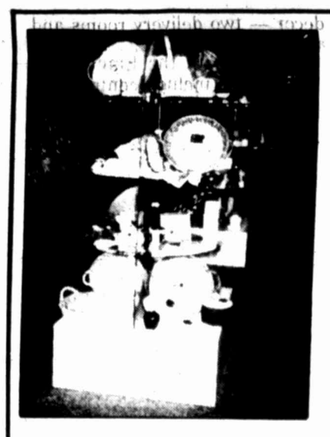


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Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation are embracing a new community-based philosophy, keeping those in need of treatment in their own communities unless long-term hospitalization is needed. In the new system, state hospitals will be moved into the background as more funding and responsibility is pushed toward community-based mental-health services.

MHMR embracing community-based philosophy

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital employees continue to adapt with changes in the philosophy of mental health care and serve the needs of a 23-county area in West Texas as they have for the last 55 years.

For the first time, the facility is facing severe cutbacks as Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation embrace a new community-based philosophy, keeping those in need of treatment in their own communities unless long-term hospitalization is needed.

In the new system, state hospitals will be moved into the background as more funding and responsibility is pushed toward community-based mental-health services, according to Steven Shon, deputy commissioner for TMHMR.

Caps on BSSH census restrict the number of patents the facility can accept. Each community in the 23-county catchment area is allotted a specific number of bed spaces at the hospital, Shon said.

The role of the hospital will be changed, providing a backup to community services, providing trained mental health workers for this system of services and providing a center for research and training, Shon said.

Life goes on at the hospital, however, with the focus on patient care. A new building for activities, therapies and rehabilitation is now in use. An outdoor playground area for patient's children is in use and new outdoor furniture supplied.

Reverse osmosis water has improved the taste of food and beverages. Patient areas have been carpeted, with much of the building's area converted to single-patient rooms.

Volunteer services at the hospital remain one of the facility's greatest assets.

In anticipation of these cutbacks, Robert von Rosenburg, hospital administrator, closed the substance abuse center. The center was not funded under TMHMR.

This caused problems in the surrounding area, as entities accustomed to sending people to BSSH for drug treatment were forced to find alternative treatment.

As many communities have no mental health services in place, these same kinds of problems may arise in greater numbers as TMHMR forces communities to provide their own mental health care.

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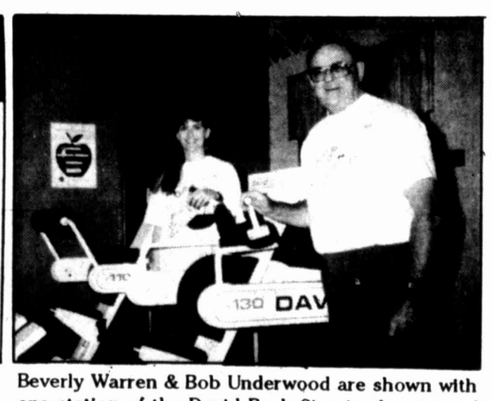
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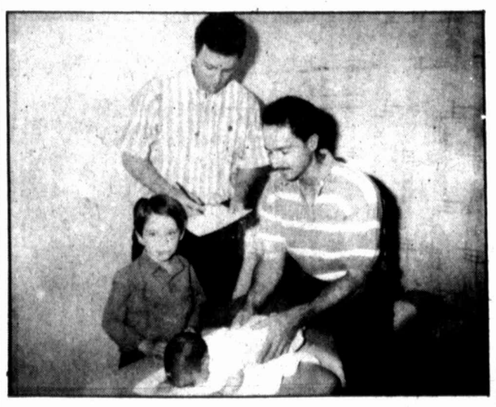
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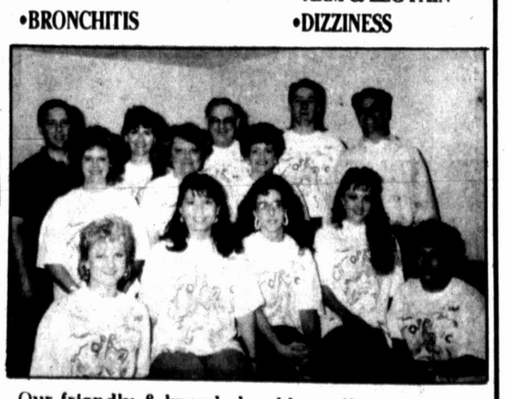
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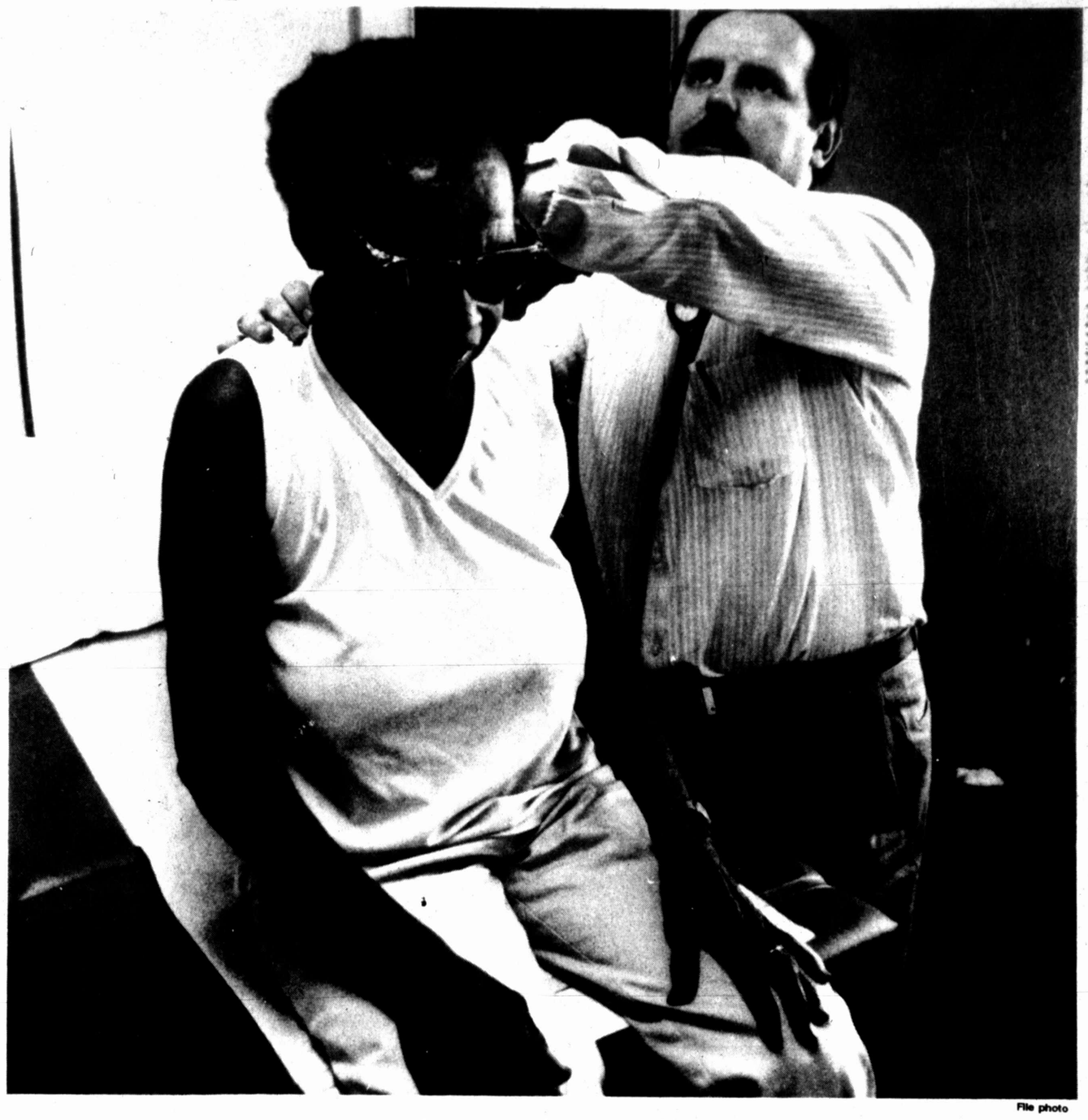
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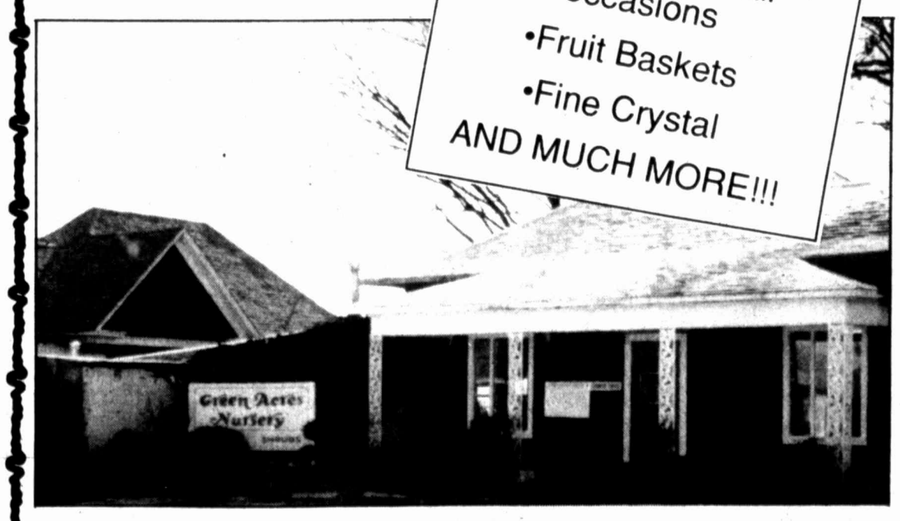
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Local, state policy changes impact public schools

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Big Spring and area schools had a busy year in 1992, in which there were many changes in local and state policies, impacting the area into the next century.

Events included plans for a new teen center and a packed school board meeting, with educators concerned about skyrocketing employee health insurance.

A number of local and area administrators and school board members retired, resigned or relocated, changing the face of West Texas leaders in education.

An unresolved school finance issue loomed over local public schools, while BSISD benefited generously from the current County Education District (CED) system.

The Parental Involvement Program started another school year with workshops aimed at educating parents on maintaining good study habits for their children.

The program's coordinator Rudy Gutierrez conducted a series of workshops in the fall and in the beginning of 1993.

Workshops focused on areas including helping children become motivated, knowing your child's homework and encouraging regular reading.

Bauer Magnet School students designed, wrote, cut and pasted, as well as laid out their first newspaper in 1992.

The fifth graders took over the newsletter, originally put together by the principal and teachers.

Activities to develop the paper included interviewing sources, gathering research, writing at the computer and sketching cartoons.

Other schools in which students are publishing their own newspapers include Kentwood Elementary School and Moss Elementary School.

Highlights of the 1992 school year included:

• Jan. 16 — Surrounding school administrators and other educators argue the 1991-92 CEDs, clusters of school districts pooling funds for redistribution, are consolidated districts, collecting, in effect, a state income tax to fund education.

BSISD set its rate at $1.23 per $100 valuation, 79 cents required for the CED. They gained the most, 57 percent; Forsan and Glasscock schools gained the least at 13 percent each and Coahoma gained 15 percent of the pooled funds.

• Jan. 31 — Big Spring High School band director Eddie Gellner stepped down amid controversy including criticism from parents of band members for his methods of teaching; Steven Hankins started the 1992-93 year as the new director.

• Feb. 2 — BSISD, Borden, Coahoma, Forsan, Klondike and Sands schools climbed above the state averages for reading, writing and math in Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) testing.

Coahoma Independent School District had the most dramatic increases, in the 90 percentile slots for all three subjects while state average hovered around 80 (reading), 61 (writing), and 84 (math) percentile points.

Glasscock, Grady, Stanton and Westbrook school pinpointed some areas of weakness and targeted students for remediation.

• March 24 — Coahoma ISD school trustees accepted the resignation of Superintendent Gary Rotan, leaving to work for another school district; L.D. Monroe was hired to start the 1992-93 school year.

• August 11 — BSISD Board President Ford Farris resigns for career reasons; later the board appoints Trustee Don Baker as the new president.

• Sept. 11 — BSISD trustees appoint Larry Hollar to fill vacancy left by Farris' resignation.

• Sept. 20 — Local and surrounding school districts fare well on TAAS testing.

• Oct. 14 — Drug Free Youth in Texas (D-FY-lt) in Big Spring land a place to gather with a teen club scheduled to be located in the Highland Mall.

• Nov. 13 — About 40 educators and support staff packed a BSISD school board meeting to protest dramatic increases in employee health insurance; for single employees, the rates more than doubled, and for employee and family, the rates were up about 40 percent.

• Nov. 29 — Forsan Principal George White begins working with resigned Superintendent J.F. Poynor to take over the superintendent spot for the 1993-94 school year.

• Dec. 8 — BSISD trustees uphold the expulsion of three students accused of assaulting and physically threatening an assistant principal.

• Dec. 11 — BSISD trustees appoint Larry McLellan to fill the seat of John Arrick, who resigned in November to pursue career interests.



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NIE joins battle against illiteracy

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

The Newspaper in Education (NIE) program rejoined the battle against illiteracy by promoting the desire in youths to read while providing innovative teaching tools for educators, according to the Big Spring Herald NIE coordinator.

The program supports activities such as making free newspapers available to classrooms, paid for by sponsors in the business community; printing yearly curriculum guides for educators with tips on fighting illiteracy and publishing a weekly Mini Page in the Herald with activities targeting youth readers.

NIE kicked off its second year adding more schools in the Big Spring Independent School District, as well as Stanton, Forsan, Grady, Coahoma and Glasscock schools increasing the total use of the program to more than 4,800 students.

"The newspaper fits in very well with (the text and other study tools," said Beccie Helsley, a Washington Elementary School teacher. "Some of the current events topics in the newspaper relate to topics of study in the classroom.

"A lot of children are not getting to read papers at home," she added. "(NIE) provides the only chance for some of these kids to have a newspaper at home."

Principal Robert Kelson, of the elementary school for Garden City said the program is beneficial to teachers and students participating in NIE activities.

"It assists kids in several areas," he said. "If you read a newspaper, you have to be able to understand it.

"(NIE) gives them insight on how to write better," he added.

Fifth-grade Elbow Elementary School teacher Connie Eggleston added students become better informed and better readers.

"They become familiar with the different sections and find out what all they can find in it," Eggleston said. "They get useful information and strengthen skills like spelling, grammar and summarization."



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Other activities in which NIE has been responsible included:

• Creating a one-time school newspaper with Coahoma Elementary School's third graders allowing them to be involved in every aspect of newspaper production.

• Publishing student essays and stories in the weekly Mini Page section, printed each Thursday, in the local newspaper.

• Making available newspaper employees to visit classrooms and discuss every aspect of newspaper publication.

• Providing information sessions for teachers and students demonstrating tips for promoting consistent reading habits.

• Providing a monthly calendar to educators with innovative ideas in using the newspaper as a teaching tool.

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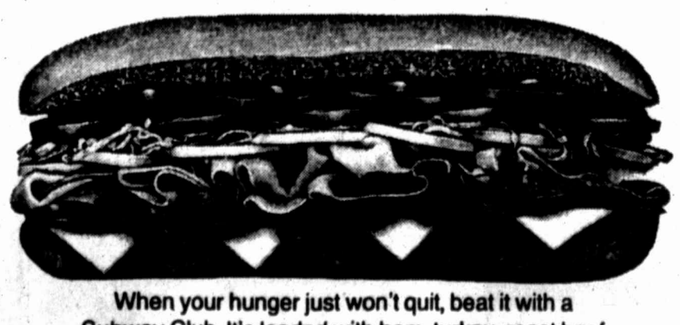
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Programs implemented meet more needs of students, faculty and community

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

The most significant event for 1992 on the Howard College and the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campuses was the appointment of Dr. Cheri Sparks as president.

On Aug. 3, Sparks was named the first woman president in the college's 47 year history. She is one of a handful of women presidents at the 60 public community colleges throughout the state.

With the college 16 years, Sparks served as coordinator of the Adult and Continuing Education Program, vice president of student life and assistant director of Adult Education. In 1991, she was named vice president of institutional advancement and assistant to the president.

After her appointment, Sparks said her vision for the college is to be the best community college of its size.

The Howard College Board of Trustees renewed her contract for another year in January.

During the early months of her presidency, Sparks implemented initiatives encouraging input from all college employees. One such program is the Continuous Quality Improvement system.

"CQI allows and encourages the input of all those that work at the college," she said. "It also includes input from our students and community.

"From my personal standpoint, it takes every one of us to make this institution what it is. Input from our employees is important to the daily operations."

During recent years, enrollment at the college and institute has grown to more than 1,300 stu-

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dents registering each semester. "A year ago, we had the largest enrollment growth in the state with a 34 percent increase," said Linda Conway, assistant to the president. "We have been real fortunate the past few years. This year we have leveled off and maintained the enrollment."

Implementing various programs, the college and SWCID meet the needs of non-traditional students and special populations.

The college coordinates a series of lunchtime workshops, aimed at students who receive child care assistance. The one-hour informational sessions are free and also open to the public.

Topics include basic first aid; coping with stress; study skills; divorce and family law; quick, nutritional meals and writing a resume.

English as a Second Language classes assist students, whose native tongue is something other than English, with idiomatic speech. ESL classes are conducted in English covering particular grammar issues, vocabulary, verb conjugation and reading lessons. Vocabulary and grammar drills are available to students at the computer lab.

Classes are offered as a Developmental Studies credit course and as Adult Basic Education non-credit course. Federal assistance is available to students who have received their Graduation Equivalence Diploma. Other assistance includes child care funding.

SWCID, founded in 1982, is one of three colleges in the United States for the deaf with the others located on the East Coast. The institute offers its students associate degree programs.

In August, the SWCID advisory committee was reinstated after a seven-year hiatus. The seven committee appointees are leaders in the deaf community from a geographic cross-section of the southwest.

Its purpose is to advise SWCID's associate vice president on matters pertaining to policy and issues related to the general direction for program planning, development and implementation. It shall serve as a forum for an open exchange of ideas and shall serve as a sounding board for issues brought to its attention by the associate vice president and dean of students.

The college also has satellite campuses in Del Rio, Lamesa and San Angelo.



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Howard College's Dorothy Garrett Coliseum features a new parquet wooden portable playing floor and NBA style Porter basketball goals. Dorothy Garrett seats over 4,000 and is home to the Howard College mens and womens basketball teams as well as numerous other college and community functions.

Freethrows, roping, homeruns...
Area provides opportunities for athletes, spectators

By MIKE BUTTS
Sports Editor

Howard College and Big Spring High School both compete in a variety of sports throughout the school year.

Howard's basketball and baseball programs have had particular success lately. Howard, a junior college, has regularly had basketball players go on to play at four-year colleges and baseball players sign professional contracts.

Howard's baseball team won the national junior college championship in '91. The program has not had a losing season in its 10-year history. Former head coach Bill Griffin got Howard baseball underway in 1983. The dean of junior college baseball coaches won the 2,000th game of his 30-plus year career last year with the Hawks.

First-year coach Brian Roper leads Howard baseball this year. The Hawks play their home games at Jack Barber Field on the Howard campus.

Lady Hawks basketball coach Royce Chadwick has led Howard to seasons of at least 26 wins in his four years with the school. In 1992-93 the team finished the season undefeated and ranked number one in the country among Division I junior colleges. This year was the second time a Lady Hawk team reached the national junior college championship tournament.

The Lady Hawks and Hawks play home basketball games in one of the best sports arena in West Texas. The 4,000-seat plus Dorothy Garrett Coliseum is located on the Howard campus on the east side of Big Spring. The coliseum features a new parquet wooden playing floor, meeting rooms, offices and handball and racquetball courts.

Howard's mens basketball team has won or tied for conference championships 16 times since 1950. It has been to the national finals tournament four times.

Thirty-year-old Jeff Kidder is the Hawks' current basketball coach. He has compiled a 47-13 record in three years and took Howard to the Region V playoffs this season.

Big Spring High School athletes participate in a total of eight sports. Sporting events for the Class 4A high school begin before classes start and sometimes end after the school year is over.

Howard also has a rodeo team. This year's squad totals over 40 cowboys and cowgirls, making it the largest athletic program on campus.

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As is the case with most Texas high schools, the big sport for Big Spring is football. The Steers have a grand tradition on the gridiron. At one time they had the distinction of having placed more players in the National Football League than any other high school in the nation.

The Steers won District 3-4A in 1989 and went all the way to the state semifinals. Under current head coach Dwight Butler, also the school's athletic director, Big Spring has gone 13-6-1 in the past two years.

The Steers play on Friday nights in the fall at Memorial Stadium on the Howard campus. The games are some of the most colorful and well-attended events that take place in Big Spring.

Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers basketball teams play at Steer Gym on the high school campus. Under head coach Ron Taylor the Lady Steers have won district the last two seasons. In that span they have won 23 district games and lost only one. Taylor was named district coach of the year both seasons.

The Steer basketball team is coached by Gary Tipton. He lead Big Spring to a 15-14 record this year.

Bobby Doe guided the Steers to the state 4A semifinals in baseball in his first year as head coach last season. The Steers '92 postseason run marked the first time a Big Spring baseball team had advanced in the state playoffs.

Big Spring also fields teams in track, volleyball, tennis, golf and swimming.

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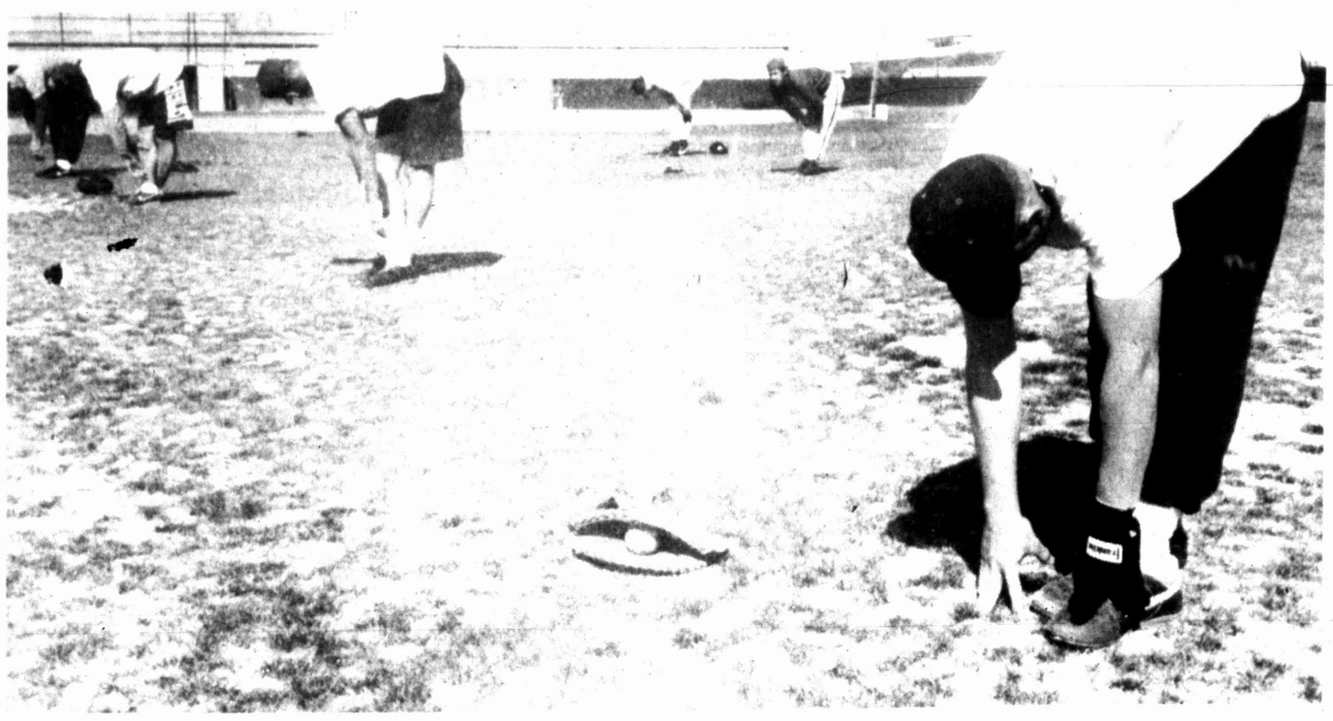
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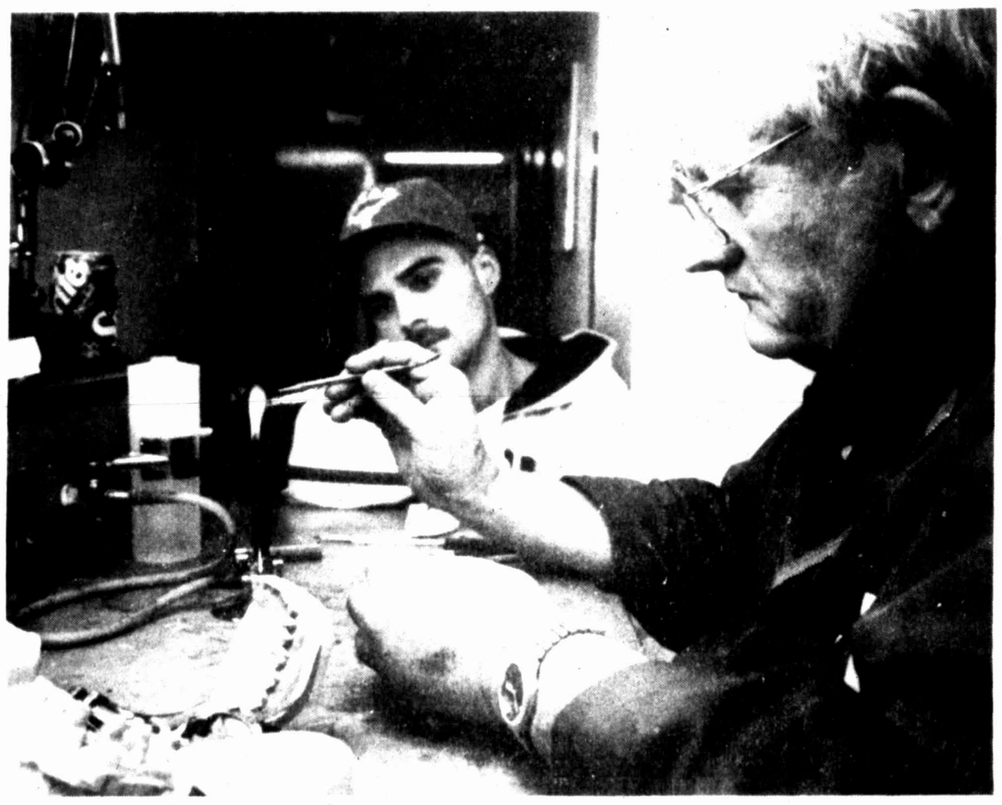
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Since 1945, Howard College has been a vital force in education in Howard County. The baseball program, top, was established in 1983. Dr. Cheri Sparks, center right, was named the first woman president in the college's 47 year history. She is one of a handful of women presidents at the 60 public community colleges throughout the state. Sparks heads the Howard, SWCID and other satellite campuses throughout Texas. SWCID, center right, was founded in 1982. It is one of three colleges in the United States for the deaf with the others located on the East Coast. Student enrollment is about 100. The Howard College Lady Hawks,right, have a winning attitude and team. The team had first place ranking nationally in 1992.

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New phone numbers issued to some city personnel

Mayor, council among others still reached at 263-8311

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The city of Big Spring began using new phone numbers in February.

Departments outside city hall now have individual numbers but can still be reached through the central number, 263-8311. However, callers are urged to call individual numbers when possible.

"We would appreciate people trying to dial directly," said Personnel Director Emma Bogart. "It would save some time."

Call the central numbers:

• To reach Mayor Tim Blackshear and all city council members. The council, prior to May 1, included Ladd Smith; Corky Harris; John Coffee; Pat DeAnda; Mark Sheedy and Charles Beil. Police Chief Joe Cook and City Manager Lanny Lambert may also be contacted through the number.

• To rent city park facilities such as the amphitheatre, Old Settlers Pavilion at Comanche Trail Park, municipal auditorium or the Dora Roberts Community Center. Ask for Jana Smith, extension 206.

• For inquiries about water bills. Ask for Alice Ewing, extension 625, 626 or 627. The water payment office is located at municipal annex at 305 Johnson St, west of the municipal auditorium. The Municipal Court is also located at the annex building.

The police department is located at Fourth and Nolan streets, across the street from City Hall. Sixty-three civilians and sworn officers work out of that location.

Other departments and the person to call for information:

• Street repairs — Jesse Baker, 264-2377.

• Sanitation and landfill — Benito Rubio, 264-2378.

• Water quality or leaks — Rick Boiles, 264-2395.

• Fire hazards — Burr Lea Settles, central number, extension 112.

• Building inspection (plumbing and electricity) — Todd Darden, central number, extension 211.

• Municipal judge (spending, misdemeanors) — Marshall Arnold, central number, extension 631.

• Housing assistance payment program — Boyd Carson, central number, extension 641.

• Retired Senior Volunteer Program — Mary Gardner, 264-2397.

• Industrial Park leasing — John Ramey, 264-2362.

• Permits — Jana Smith, central number, extension 206.

• Code enforcement (weedy lots, abandoned cars, junk) Susan Paynem, central number, extension 203.

• City employment — Emma Bogard, central number, extension 101.

• Animal control, 264-2372.

• Crime prevention — Stan Parker, central number, extension 432.

The city cemetery and city parks and recreation areas have separate numbers. They are:

• Mount Olive Cemetery — Lesa Gamble, 264-2385;

• City parks (Comanche Trail and various pocket parks around town) including city swimming pools and city tennis center — Lesa Gamble, 264-2385;

• Comanche Trail Golf Course — Al Patterson, 264-2366;

• Moss Creek Lake — Floyd Earls, 393-5246.

The Health Department, headed by Robert Piper, is located at 201 Lancaster St. The phone number is 264-2370 or 264-2371.

The department has a part-time medical director, full-time sanitarian, part-time prenatal clinic registered nurse, full-time and part-time licensed vocational nurse and a nurse practitioner.

Services provided on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday include blood pressure checks; diabetic screening; financial screening for Evening Lions to obtain glasses; dental services for low income families with children (ages 6-16 years old in school and can not be pregnant); Crippled Children Services: congenital; abnormalities and financial screening; sexually transmitted diseases; AIDS screening-draw blood, monthly well child clinic and pregnancy verifications.

On Tuesdays, the department's immunization program takes place from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It is on a first come, first serve basis. Clients need to bring shot records.

There may be a nominal fee for some services.



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New City Manager Lanny Lambert was hired in August. Lambert may be contacted at 263-3811.

West Texas sprinkled with communities dating back to 1800s

HERALD STAFF REPORT

West Texas is sprinkled with small communities most dating back to before the turn of the century.

Glasscock County residents will celebrate the county's centennial the weekend of June 11-12.

Arriving at an area without water wells or neighbors, L.S. McDowell was the first to settle in what is now known as Glasscock County before the turn of the century.

Water was hauled from Big Spring to the settlement.

At the time, the area was considered part of Concho County, encompassing land from the Concho River to the Pecos River.

In 1887, an unorganized Glasscock County was created, but was joined with Martin and Howard counties. It was not until 1893 that the county was organized as an entity of its own.

Within the last 100 years, the county's population has grown from a handful of cotton farmers, sheep herders and ranchers to a population of more than 1,400.

Garden City, Glasscock's county seat, is about 27 miles from Big Spring on Farm Markets 33 and 158. Population of Garden City is about 285. There is one restaurant and one convenience store. Sterling City National Bank recently opened a branch office there.

• Coahoma is located in Howard County, approximately 12 miles east of Big Spring on Interstate 20. The population is approximately 1,200 people. Coahoma has one bank, Coahoma State Bank, and one motel.

• Colorado City is located in Mitchell County, approximately 35 miles east of Big Spring off Interstate 20.

The population of Colorado City is approximately 5,150 people in town and a total of 8,480 in the county. The town has two banks, one savings and loan and one credit union.

Colorado City is served by the Mitchell County Hospital. There are three doctors who practice medicine and two nursing homes. Emergency transportation is provided by Mitchell County Ambulance Service.

• Stanton is located in Martin County, approximately 21 miles west of Big Spring south of Interstate 20.

The population of Stanton is 2,300 people, and there is a total population of 4,641 people in Martin County. Stanton has two banks and one savings and loan.

Stanton is served by the Martin County Hospital District. There are three doctors and emergency transportation is provided by Martin County Ambulance Service.

• Ackerly is located in Martin and Dawson counties about 25 miles northwest of Big Spring off U.S. Highway 87. The population is about 320 people. Martin County has a population of 4,641 and Dawson, 15,295.

• Forsan is located in Howard County about 15 miles south of Big Spring just off of Highway 87. The population is about 290. There is one cafe-grocery.

• Gail is located in Borden County, about 43 miles from Big Spring at highways 669 and 180. The population of Gail is about 200 and the county's is 812. There is one restaurant, one convenience store and a trading post. There are no banks or hotels.



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County officials

Howard County Commissioners Bobby Cathey, left foreground Judge Ben Lockhart, Bill Crooker and John Stanley twice a month on the second and fourth Monday. Not pictured is Precinct 1 Commissioner Louis Brown.

County officials can help with a variety of situations - including birth, death, taxes

Howard County officials can help with a variety of problems, including the three inevitables of life: birth, death and taxes.

Following is a list of some important county offices in the courthouse and the new courthouse annex, located directly east of the courthouse square:

• County Tax Assessor-Collector Kathy Sayles's office handles voter registrations, car title transfers and tax rolls. Her office is located in the new courthouse annex on the northeast corner of Main and Fourth streets. The phone number is 264-2234.

• County Clerk Margaret Ray's office is in charge of election procedures in the county. Her office also records county court criminal and civil proceedings, birth and death certificates, as well as property and oil and gas deeds. Plat records also are kept in this office located on the first floor of the county courthouse. The phone number is 264-2213 or 264-2214.

• The county attorney, Hardy Wilkerson, prosecutes misdemeanor criminal charges in the county court. He also provides legal advice in the governing county body and to the county commissioners. A clerk in his office runs the hot check collection division. The office is located on the second floor of the courthouse and can be reached by phone at 264-2205.

• County Judge Ben Lockhart presides over county commissioners' meetings scheduled at 9 a.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the courthouse. Lockhart also judges misdemeanor offenses and probate matters. His office is on the second floor of the courthouse and can be reached by phoning 264-2202.

• The county has four commissioners on the court with Lockhart. Precinct 1 Commissioner O.L. "Louis" Brown can be reached at 267-2649. Precinct 2 Commissioner John R. Stanley can be reached at 267-7237. Precinct 3 Commissioner W.B. "Bill" Crooker can be reached at 263-2566. Precinct 4 Commissioner Bobby Cathey can be reached at 399-4372.

Together, commissioners determine the county budget, county road improvements and maintenance, county salaries, services and policies. Each is responsible for maintenance of roads in their precinct.

• County Engineer Bill Mims manages the operation of the road and bridge department, county garage (for the government's vehicles) and county buildings such as the fairgrounds. His office is on the second floor of the county courthouse and can be reached by phone at 264-2208.

• County Auditor Jackie Olson is responsible for auditing county finances and expenditures. She also is in charge of accepting bids for the county. Her office is located on the second floor of the courthouse and can be reached by phoning 264-2210.

• County Treasurer Bonnie Franklin handles payroll for all county employees and pays bills for the county. She is the person to contact if you are trying to locate a county employee, or if you have questions about county spending. Her number is 264-2218.

• County Sheriff A.N. Standard's office is responsible for investigation of crimes occurring within county limits, for delivering subpoenas and civil court papers, and for maintaining the jail. Telephone number is 264-2244, 264-2244, 264-2231, 264-2242 or 264-2243.

• The county welfare office can provide temporary financial help in emergency cases to county residents and also disburses funds to persons who qualify for indigent health care. Irene Rodriquez directs the office located at room 310 in the courthouse. The phone number is 264-2219.

• District Judge Bob Moore presides over the 118th District Court located on the third floor of the courthouse. He can be reached through the district clerk's office at 264-2225. Divorces, civil suits and proceedings, and felony criminal cases are tried in the court.

• Rick Hamby is the District Attorney. His office is on the second floor of the courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2220.

• Justices of the Peace include China Long, 264-2226; Bill Shankles, 264-2228; and, in Coahoma, Willie Grant, 394-4000.

Jo Ann Beach is County Clerk for Mitchell County. Ray Mayo, 728-8439 is County Judge. Patrick Toombs, 728-5261, serves as County Sheriff.

The county has four commissioners. They are Carl Guelker, Ed Roach, Bill Preston, and Buddy Hertenberger.

Virginia James is County Clerk for Martin County, 756-3412. Bob Deavenport serves as County Judge, 756-2231. Dan Saunder is County Sheriff, 765-3336.

The county has four commissioners. They are James Biggs, Donald Tollison, Ronnie Deatherage, and Charles McKaskle.

ELECTIONS

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• In Westbrook, incumbent board members Walter Smith Jr., Elton Carlile and Clyde Gregory filed for re-election. Challenging is Scott Martin.

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Bond passed for flood control and street paving

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

City voters late last year gave the go-ahead, by margins of more than 2-1, to issue $2.5 million in bonds for flood control and street paving.

Of 16,636 voters, 1,221 voted for and 503 against $1.4 million in bonds to control flooding along Beal's Creek up to magnitudes that occur an average once every 10 years. On $1.1 million for paving of 2 to 4 percent of city streets next year, 1,207 voted for and 405 against.

Sixteen percent of eligible voters cast ballots, an average turnout based on recent municipal elections.

Westside areas directly affected by flood control include Fourth Street on the south to First Street on the north and from Valley Street on the west to Goliad Street on the east. It will not affect the water level or wildlife habitat of One-Mile Lake. With $3.2 million in federal help to add a drainage channel and widen Beal's Creek, the work is expected to be completed by 1995.

Opponents, who were not organized, criticized it because it will not prevent larger floods and the homes and businesses it will protect are valued at less than $800,000. It will require an estimated property tax increase of 5 cents per $100 of taxable valuation to pay off the debt in 17 or 18 years. Each cent amounts to $1 in taxes per $10,000 valuation. The 1992-93 city tax rate is 66.09 cents.

Proponents said the bonds are less expensive than flood damages and that home and business values were probably deflated due to past flooding. Improvements will benefit economic development; eliminate an eyesore, help alleviate bug and varmint breeding and the influx of matching federal money will boost the economy.

There was no apparent public opposition to the street bonds. Paving under the bonds will be spread throughout the city.

It will not include many unpaved streets on the Westside because those streets — from Fourth to 11th and Abrams to Sunset — were scheduled to be paved this spring as part of the West End Project. Unpaved streets in Jones Valley north of Fourth Street are not be paved because they are in a 100-year flood zone, which would ruin them.

It will require a property tax increase of 4 cents per $100 of valuation to pay of a 17 or 18-year bond debt for the paving bonds. Voters authorized the street bond issue 12 years ago but it was never used and therefore was up for reauthorization.

More employment result of BSCC's growth

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Many area residents are productively employed, as a result of the growth of the Big Spring Correctional Centers prisons over the last few years.

The Big Spring Correctional Centers began with one unit, employing only 40 personnel, said BSCC official Johnny Rutherford. "By the end of the fiscal year, we expect to have over 150 city employees," he said, speaking of both the Interstate Unit and the Airpark Unit.

Those working for the management company, Mid-Tex Detentions, have grown from four to eleven, since the first center's inception about five years ago.

Although the city spends about $800,000 annually on the two centers, $250,000 is returned for keeping between 700 and 750 federal prisoners, and the prisons one day will be wholly owned by the city.

The Interstate Unit will be paid for in 1995, Rutherford said. The city will be paying on the Airpark Unit for about another 10 years, he said.

The prisons provide other assistance to the city, however, as the welding trades class maintains the city's garbage dumpsters. While learning welding trades, inmates replace broken or rusted parts, sandblast and repaint the dumpsters, he said.

The new lawn and wood waste composting project, currently in its initial stages, will save as much as a third on space in the city's landfill. In its later stages, the project will provide landscaping mulch and a saleable compost fertilizer, as well as teaching a rare technology to inmates.

As well as providing a stable job base, the prisons, when paid for, will provide funds directly to the city of Big Spring's general fund.

BSCC, the largest operation of its kind in the state, houses primarily illegal aliens for the federal government. Currently there are inmates from 48 different countries, Rutherford said.

BSCC provides education, vocational and drug-abuse counseling for its inmates and saves the government money for their incarceration, he said. The facilities are expected to be viable centers for private incarceration for decades.

BSCC, at its Airpark Unit, has created a courtroom that serves as a kind of circuit court for the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Judges and attorneys try immigration cases on a regular basis in the courtroom. The Federal Correctional Institution also uses this courtroom for its inmates, who require a legal determination of resident status.

Construction continues at federal prision

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

From its beginning, about a decade ago, the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution has greatly expanded and construction continues at its location near the McMahon-Wrinkle Industrial Park.

In addition to the main institution, a minimum-security satellite camp is now in place, its inmates providing work cadres for other government installations and volunteer work within the surrounding area, according to FCI officials.

Housing those convicted on federal criminal charges, the institution, working closely with Howard College, provides educational and vocational training to its inmates, reducing recidivism rates after their release into society, according James R. Schluter, administrato the satellite camp.

FCI sends men to do landsca[illegible] and other work at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, Howard College, the National Guard Armory, the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center and other places in the Big Spring area.

When FCI first opened its doors as the Big Spring Federal Prison Camp, it employed 140 people, with a capacity of only 200 beds.

After years of almost continuous growth, the institution employs about 275 personnel in government positions. The combined secure facility and minimum-security camp now house a total of 1,273 inmates, Schluter said.

FCI has vocational trades programs such as building trades, electrical, commercial housekeeping, heating/air conditioning, landscaping, masonry, plumbing, real estate, principles of business and cable fabrication.

FCI also has its Unicor manufacturing plant where wiring harnesses and other electrical components are produced for government use.

FCI provides the Big Spring area with a sound, well-paying job base, as well as integrating itself with other area agencies to their mutual benefit, according to Schluter.

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New face about town

City Manager Lanny Lambert meets Big Spring residents in October 1992 shortly after joining the city. Lambert, former city manager of Terrell, is a native of Abilene. He was hired in August after Big Spring City Council members sifted through over 100 applications. Lambert making his bed at the fire station at 11th and Birdwell, where he stayed for a few weeks while looking for a house. His wife and children stayed in Terrell until a house was purchased. While at the station, Lambert joined firefighters on a few runs.

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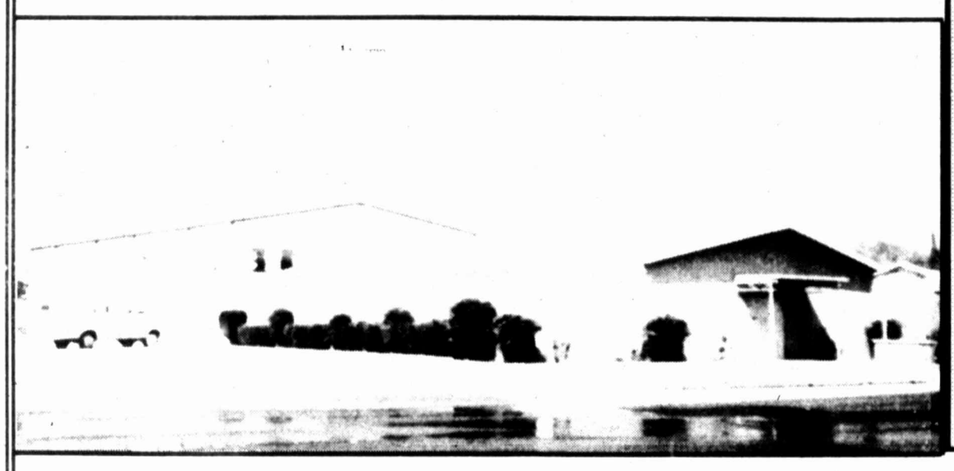
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A Rich History of Serving West Texas

By David Wiley

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has a rich history of serving West Texas with quality health care services. Since its beginning in 1938, SMMC has provided the people of this region with the latest technology in healthcare while maintaining the comfortable surroundings of a community hospital.

Meeting the community's healthcare needs and developing new services continue to be a priority at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Over the past serveral months, the hospital's focus has been one of remodeling the Physical Plant and rebuilding its service base through the recuitment of new physicians and implementation of new programs.

The first project undertaken was that of remodeling. New carpet for the hallways, new airconditoning and heating systems for each patient's room, fresh paint and new tile for all rooms on the third floor make the positive changes at SMMC quite visible. Additionally, all areas of the hospital were refurnished to improve the physical image of the facility for patients and visitors, as well as for the community's healthcare professionals.

In rebuilding Scenic Mountain Medical Center's service base, many new physicians have relocated to Big Spring. Dr. Dana Phillips, OB/GYN, and Dr. Paul Webb, Orthopedic Surgery, joined Malone and Hogan Clinic and the hospital in August '92 and January '93. Respectively, Dr. Robbie Cooksey, Family Medicine, joined Hall-Bennett Clinic and the hospital in August '92 and Dr. Earnesto Fernandez, Psychiatry, joined SMMC in March '93. Dr. Manish Shroff, Cardiology, is another physician new to Big Spring who will begin seeing patients the first week in April. These new physicians are part of the growth at our hospital as SMMC builds to become a medical referral center.

Having a Cardiologist on staff now affords the hospital the opportunity to provide a service never before available in Big Spring. With this in mind, Scenic Mountain recently began constructing a site for a Mobile Cardiac Catheterization Lab gives the hospital the ability to perform diagnostic procedures needed to identify and help treat patients with cardiovascular disease. This procedure, an angiogram of the heart vessels, allows the doctor to look for blockage of the arteries and other possible cardiovascular problems. Recruiting a cardiologist to Big Spring as well as adding a catheterization lab will certainly enhance the availability of quality care at our facility, as cardiac patients will no longer need to travel out of town for certain types of heart care.

Finally, another project currently in progress is that of converting several hospital beds into "Swing Beds," a transitional move for eligible patients between acute care and home. Allowing for a skilled nursing care unit will provide access to services not currently available in Howard County. For example, a hospital patient may require an I.V. antibiotic for a period of days exceeding the amount of time he needs to be hospitalized. The solution would be to move that patient to a "Swing" Bed or "Skilled Nursing" Bed to complete his I.V. treatment. This transition is beneficial to the family as it reduces the expense of the hospital stay and allows the patient to receive proper care given in a local setting.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center continues to invest in the future of Big Spring through our $500,000 per year of new equipment and renovations in order to meet the ever-changing healthcare needs of our community. SMMC anticipates the challenges of 1993 and is building a solid team of professionals committed to providing the highest quality healthcare services in West Texas.



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Police Chief Joe Cook, top, engages in conversation with an elementary school students, while participating in the Adopt-A-Cop program. The Big Spring Police Department has implemented several pro-active programs, helping reduce the crime rate. Big Spring Fire Department, center right, will be moving into a new fire station at McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The Howard County Sheriff's Department, center bottom, acquired six new vehicles from the state fleet program. The vehicles are specially-equipped to serve as police vehicle. American Medical Transport personnel, bottom left, assist local law enforcement agencies during crises. Howard County Volunteer Fire Department, center left, unvieled its Rescue 10 vehicle recently. The vehicle with added training for the volunteers enhances their ability to intervene during trauma.

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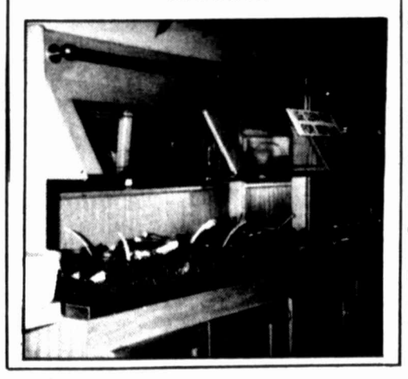
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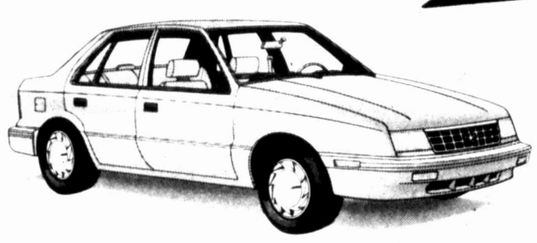
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Fina's local history: The refinery east of the city, now known as Fina Oil & Chemical, has been a part of the local history and industry since 1928. Today, the plant produces about 60,000 barrels of gasoline a day. See story Pages 4F, 5F.

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Richards signs bill: A statewide boll weevil eradication law will allow cotton farmers to vote on creating a cotton foundation administering eradication programs. See story Page 9F.

Cotton's popular: Last year, cotton accounted for 55 percent of retail apparel and home fabric sales - excluding carpet. That is an increase of 2 percent over 1991. See story Page 9F.

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Clean sweep: The Clean Committee, an arm of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is assisting the city enforce safety codes regarding overgrown lots and dilapidated structures. See story Page 7F.

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Power base: Two electric companies - TU Electric and Cap Rock Electric - make electric power available to all parts of Howard County and other parts of rural West Texas. See story Page 6F.

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Big Spring in center of 'Golden Circle'

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Big Spring, known as the Crossroads of West Texas, is being pushed as an area distribution point and a potential manufacturing point using local raw products like cotton.

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and other leaders base strategy on:

- Big Spring sits in the center of the "Golden Circle," an area encompassing a 100 mile radius that includes more than 1 million people, including cities of Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. That's why Blue Bell Creameries Inc. of Brenham located a distribution center (34 employees) here in 1989.
- The community is at the crossroads of major transportation systems — Interstate 20, U.S. Highway 87 and a railroad system. Local officials are lobbying for the extension of Interstate 27, bringing it down from Lubbock along U.S. Highway 87 through Big Spring and San Angelo. Competing for the extension along other routes are cities of Abilene, Midland, Odessa and Sweetwater.
- Raw products are produced in large quantities but shipped elsewhere for processing. Refineries were established long ago to take advantage of petroleum, with the Fina Inc. plant (260 employees) remaining. Agriculture processing is sought, like the $5 million natural-fiber textile mill built here by Wright Fibers Inc. of Decatur, expected to open by April (100 jobs).

The state leads the nation in production of cotton, wool, mohair and cattle beef, according to the Texas Department of Agriculture. The world's largest cotton producing area is the 25 counties surrounding Lubbock. The world's largest mohair producing area surrounds San Angelo. Wright plans to spin a recently developed cotton-wool blend.

A 5 percent increase in agriculture processing, called value-added, would increase annual agricultural economic impact in the state by 7.5 percent — $2.5 billion, according to the State Agricultural Department. The agriculture department along with local help backed loans for Wright. The annual economic impact of agriculture in Howard County is nearly $400 million.

Another strategy involves identifying products used in bulk here but imported.

Fraser Industries Inc. (30 employees) was formed in 1967 to build pal-

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Fraser Industries Inc. was formed in 1967 to build pallets being imported from East Texas for use by Fina Oil & Chemical Inc. refinery. Its Big Spring location is gives the company an transportation advantage. The community is at the crossroads of major transportation systems — Interstate 20, U.S. Highway 87 and a railroad system.

Crop destruction yields alternative crops for farmers

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Widespread cotton crop destruction in the last two years has encouraged many area farmers to experiment with alternative crops.

Many area farmers qualify for the Farmer's Home Administration disaster list, because of widespread damage from flooding.

As Howard County farmers ready for May planting, the thought of this kind of devastation still looms in the minds of many, according to Howard County Agriculture Extension Service agent Don Richardson.

Last year, with about half of the county's 84,000 acres of cotton washed out, some of those farmers chose to experiment with alternative crops that take less time to mature.

Some of the alternative crops in this region include grain sorghum, pinto beans, peas and sesame, according to Bill Fryrear of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Station.

Among the more popular alternative crops are black-eyed peas and grain sorghum. The sorghum is a popular livestock feed with a readily available market, Fryrear said.

The beans and peas, however, must be shipped to sale, most often in the south part of the state. Farmers should be aware of this added expense when calculating the profitability of these crops, he said.

Sunflowers grow well in Howard County, but it is unwise to plant this crop without a contract in hand, according to Charles Allen of the Fort Stockton extension office. "You need to lock in a price that you know you can produce it for."

Other alternate crops that grow well in area soils include broom corn and brown and green colored cotton. Used to make clothing without dyes, colored cotton sells for $1.35 to $5 per pound, compared to white cotton's 30 cents to 60 cents per pound price.

Colored cotton, however, has a much lower yield and cannot be allowed to cross-pollinate with neighboring crops.

There were 15,000 to 30,000 acres of grain sorghum planted in Howard County in 1992, compared to the average of 200 acres. 5,000 to 10,000 acres of black-eyed peas were planted, compared to about 100 normally.

Harvesting expense was a major factor for these alternate crops, as area farmers do not have proper equipment, said Rick Liles of the Howard County Soil Conservation Service. This expense ran as much as $18 per acre for some crops.



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Cotton was good despite heavy May and June rains that washed out more than half the county's 84,000 planted acres, causing many farmers to replant not only once but twice. A lot of second and third plantings involved alternative crops.

Harvest's value more in 1992, despite heavy rains

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Regional Editor

Cotton in Howard County managed to bring in $17.2 million in 1992, average for the past five years, more than three times better than 1991.

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"It was a good year actually," said Rick Liles, director of the Howard County office of the U.S. Agricultural Stabilization Service.

It would have been worse for farmers without alternative crops, which brought in record sales for some, he said. "We had very good yields on our alternative crops."

Cotton was good despite heavy May and June rains that washed out more than half the county's 84,000 planted acres, causing many farmers to replant not only once but twice. A lot of second and third plantings involved alternative crops.

Only 40,000 cotton acres were harvested, according to figures compiled by Texas Utilities Electric, but warm weather in September and October boosted quality. Price per pound ranged from 40-60 cents, Liles said. Average price was 42 cents, TU Electric numbers show.

"They say it's the best quality cotton overall that they've seen," Liles said of comments he heard from many farmers.

It was a banner year for alternative crops, in which farmers experimented with such crops as grain sorghum, black-eyed peas, peas, sesame and pinto beans.

County sales of $7.5 million is better than cotton sales in 1991 and 1989, which suffered from dry spells or spotted rains. It's more than twice the $3.8 million for alternative crops in 1988, the next highest sales year for alternative crops out of the past five.

The biggest sales came from grain sorghum, which brought in $3.5 million from 27,000 acres harvested. No acres of sorghum were even planted during the preceding four years.

"We had some of the highest yields you could expect for grain sorghum," Liles said.

Alternative crop sales got proportionately more attention in the county last year than in recent years, accounting for a third of total crop sales of $22.4 million compared to 10 to 30 percent the previous four years. There was a lots of optimism for diversification.

"Alternate crops may be the future of our local producers, "

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Chamber accents business comunity assets, attributes

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce had an active year in 1992 with programs and projects, focusing on stimulating the local business climate.

Major activities include: gaining 52 members, spearheading an effort to keep the Big Spring State Park open and coordinating the first agricultural showcasing event in Big Spring.

With more than 130 members, the chamber was able to fulfill goals in areas such as industrial development, governmental affairs, inter-governmental affairs, health, small business, cultural affairs and transportation.

"This has been a great year for the chamber of commerce," said James Welch, outgoing president. "We set some pretty lofty goals for ourselves (in 1992), and I am proud to tell you that we met or exceeded our most demanding objectives."

Welch added 1992 became the year, the chamber gained strong financial footing and become the most stable, surpassing previous years.

"(We gained) new committees, expanded services from existing committees, (fostered) major involvement in several community issues, and rekindled community pride," he said.

Specific efforts reported by the chamber include:

Agricultural, Bruce Griffith —

- The first Ag Expo was conducted, featuring up-to-date technological advances in equipment and supplies in the agricultural industry.

Athletic, Jennie Lawson —

- Seven play-off games were hosted in Howard County, bringing about 4,000 out-of-town residents into Big Spring; scheduling began for hosting a Triatholon in 1993.

Clean Big Spring, Beverly McMahon —

- Major cleanup projects were implemented on the north and west sides of the city, working with the city, the county and Texas Highway Department.

Community Luncheons, Jim Weaver —

- A new format was implemented, focusing on segments of the economic base, including small businesses, governmental entities, area schools, city and county employees.

Conventions & Visitors Bureau, Clyde McMahon, Jr. —

- Supported the efforts of thirty-two local events, which brought tourists into Howard County
- Encouraged local motels to spend about $300,000 in facilities remodeling and upgrading.
- Formed a subcommittee to raise funds to revitalize the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.
- Gathered 13,000 signatures to save the Big Spring State Park (Scenic Mountain) from closure; a committee was formed to expand the park.

Cultural Affairs, Gloria Hopkins —

- The second Fourth of July celebration was conducted, attracting more than 10,000 people; funding was routed to the Youth Art Show, Big Spring Symphony and the West Texas Center for the Arts.

Education, Cheri Sparks —

- Meetings were conducted to establish goals for America 2000, with an eye on assisting the education process of local youth.

Governmental Affairs, John Toone, —

- Disseminated information, updating legislative action that effects local business costs of operation.

Health, Alice Haynes —

- The Health Fair was reenacted, educating the public about health issues; a reception was conducted for all new health professionals in Howard County.

Industrial Development, Steve Fraser —

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• The school district, city and county adopted a new tax abatement policy in which the chamber coauthored with the county.

• Officials finalized Beals Creek improvements after years of discussions cooperatively with the city's Moore Development Board.

• Members sparked discussions on potential local commercial services to improve McMahon-Wrinkle Air Park facilities.

Senior council, Roberta Shive —

• Two fashion shows were conducted at the Senior Citizen Center, featuring the latest styles for the elderly.

Small Business Council, Cliff Attaway —

• Twelve Best of Big Spring Awards were presented to outstanding business employees.

• Fourteen seminars were conducted to educate local employees and employers.

½ The minority and small business breakfast were launched.

• The "Big Spring is Better" campaign was conducted, promoting local goods and services buying.

Transportation, Hooper Sanders —

• Landscape funding was finalized for the U.S. Highway 80 entrance; more than $200,000 of highway improvements have been approved and started.

• The Interstate 27 Coalition was formed to support expansion efforts of the road.

Leadership Big Spring, John Yater and Doug Morris —

• Members conducted the eighth year of educating youth on becoming future community leaders.

Incoming President Ben Bancroft said major projects and activities for 1993 include continued support for Interstate 27, increased participation in chamber activities and assistance to city, county and school entities.

"We are initiating at least two new programs this year," he said. "An advisory board and a smaller task force have been formed to develop a strategic plan, promoting Big Spring as a tourist destination."

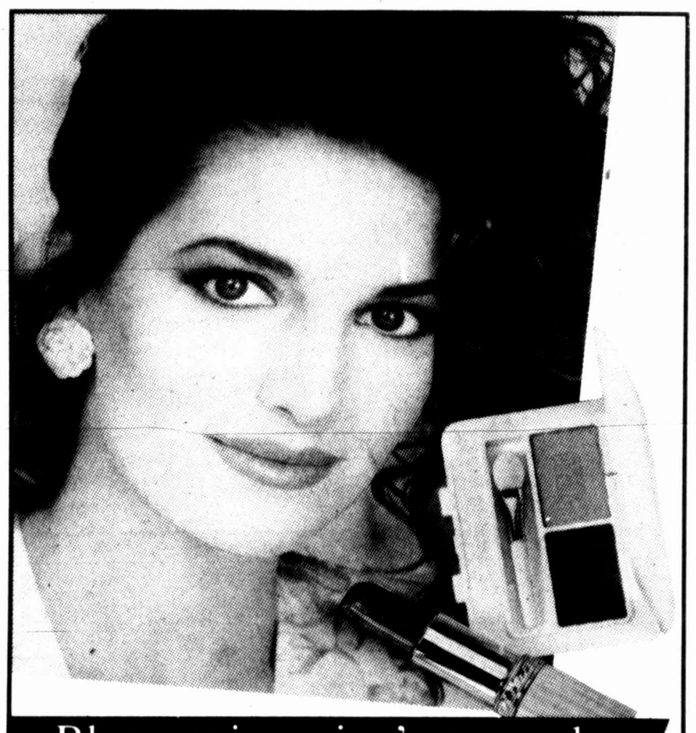
The administrators for the 1993 Chamber are: Bancroft;**** Terry Burns, executive vice president; Eddie Cole, economic development vice president; Frances Wheat, organizational vice president; Cherry Furqueron, treasurer; Jeff Morris, first vice president; Kent Newsom, president-elect; Joyce Crooker, convention and visitors bureau vice president; Lee George, community development vice president; and Jim Weaver, public affairs vice president.

The committee chairpersons are: Gibson Feagin, agricultural; Pat Atkins and Lanelle Witt, leadership; Steve Fraser, industrial development; Kay Bancroft, annual meeting; Jim Bill Little, transportation; Pam Welch, membership relations; Tammy Watts, business council; Morris, tourism development; Newsom, minority involvement; Gloria Hopkins, cultural affairs; Ray Kennedy, athletics; Clyde and Beverly McMahon, Dora Roberts Community Center; Terri Blackshear, clean committee; John Yater, community luncheon; Roberta Shive, senior council; Murray Murphy, education; Pat Morgan, governmental affairs; Beth Boone, health.



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce emphasized the assets of the local business community. Quarterly luncheons, top left, take place to recognize segments of the economic base. The chamber was also instrumental in keeping the Big Spring State Park open. Outgoing President James Welch and Executive Vice President Linda Roger Walker, top right, are surrounded by 13,000 signatures on petitions to keep the park open. The Health Fair, above, is sponsored and coordinated by the chamber. It educates the public about health issues; a reception was conducted for all new health professionals in Howard County.



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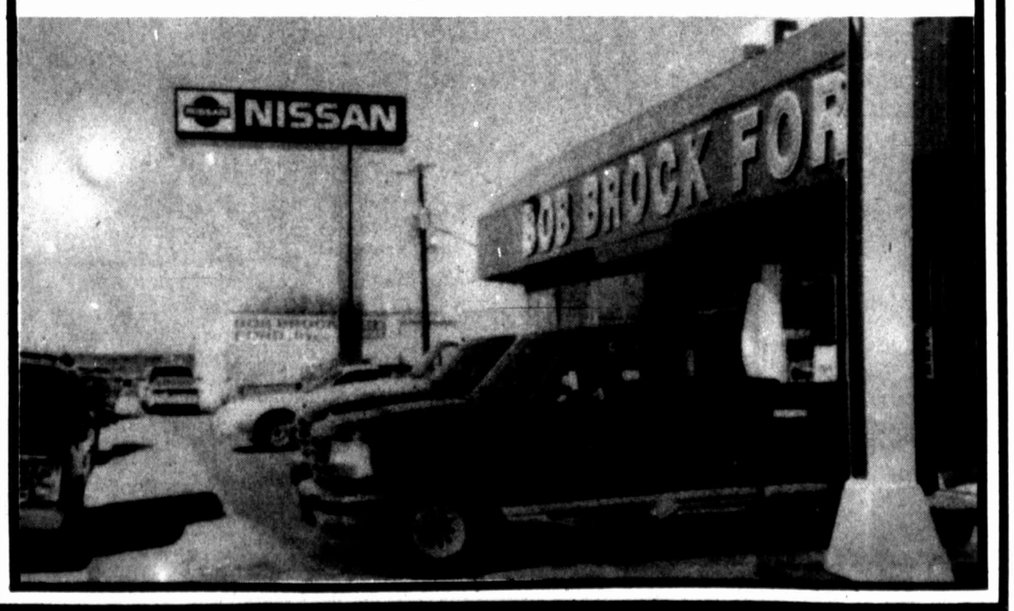
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Sixteen months of negotiation for a natural-fiber textile plant came to fruition when company officials and Moore Development board members signed documents in January. Herb Wright signs on the dotted line with Moore Development Executive Director Ted St. Clair and Moore President O.H. Ivie look on.

Wright Fibers will produce cotton bale bags and at least 100 new jobs

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

As many as 100 local jobs are expected to be created by April as a result of an agreement between Wright Fibers Inc. of Decatur and Moore development for Big Spring Inc.

Sixteen months of negotiation for a natural-fiber textile plant came to fruition when company officials and Moore Development board members signed documents in January.

"There's no doubt ... the industry will be a success," said Moore President Owen Ivie. "I don't think it's being too optimistic to say that in three years we can have 300 employees working in this industry."

"We're going to be an asset to this community," said Herb Wright of Wright Fibers. "Until I came here, it looked like I was the only one who believed in this project."

It's the biggest plum yet for Moore Development, created in October 1990, which draws in more than $750,000 annually from a one-half cent city sales tax for economic development.

Moore Development backed an $800,000 loan to Wright Fibers for equipment and a $550,000 loan for the facility, the former Cameo Homes building at FM 700 and 11th Place Extension. Interest on the facility loan will drop 1 percent from the prime rate per every 25 employed each quarter.

The Texas Department of Agriculture backed another $1.4 million loans. Wright put up $750,000.

In other Moore Development efforts the past fiscal year ending Sept. 30, $344,050 was invested with five other companies and the Howard College Business Development Center to create 49 jobs. Money given totalled $85,550 while the rest was to guarantee loans. No jobs were created the first year.

Wright plans to make cotton bale bags made of cotton using a patented warp knitting process instead of the loom process. Because cotton bags are cleaner than polypropylene, they can reduce cotton-cleaning costs when parts of bags are accidentally shredded in processing and caught in bales.

He also wants to use the 27 knitting machines to make cotton and cotton-wool blends for pants and shirts. It would be a relatively new market, he said. Loom-knitted cotton-wool blends developed at Texas Tech University are not yet widely marketed.

"Nobody's doing this in volume," he said. "I'm talking millions of yards."

And demand is increasing for natural-fiber fabrics.

"Consumption's increasing every year because of environmental problems with synthetics," Wright said. "More people are going to natural fiber products, more promotion money's being spent."

Among several Texas Tech developments that Wright will use is a cleaning process to retrieve cotton lint left in cotton ginning waste. That cotton will be used for the bale bags.

Wright also said the knitting machines to be used are older, slower models that will not damage cotton strength as do newer, faster machines. The older machines cost less, as well.

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Local quarry fills orders sold around the nation

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

American Limestone Co.'s Big Spring facility quarries, cuts and fills orders for limestone sold around the nation, and orders are growing after only a few months of operation.

The company consists of a central office and sales staff in Dallas, with the Big Spring cutting facility and limestone quarries at the Edwards Ranch near Garden City and another near Lueders, near Abilene.

Limestone deposits used by the company are exceptionally large, containing several million cubic feet of usable limestone, an American Limestone official said. Deposits in West Texas are considered among the largest in the country.

General Manager Terry Lankford, of Big Spring, who oversees the quarrying of limestone blocks, measuring roughly 8½ -feet by 4½ -feet. Lankford also manages the facility at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark where the stone is cut into slabs for floor tile, wall veneer or other uses.

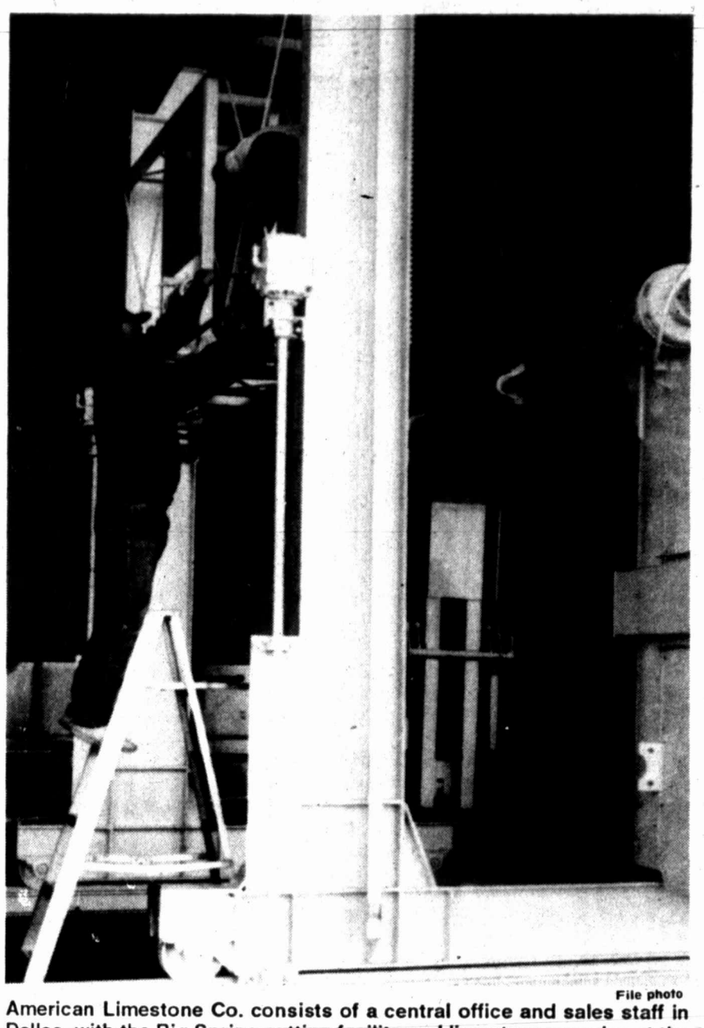
The Big Spring facility is regularly inspected by buyers from around the country, said Lynn L. Northrup, Jr., Dallas company chairman.

To date, one of the largest orders for limestone is blocks and slabs to build a 200-foot wide building in New Mexico. Big Spring is supplying $92,860 worth of limestone from the Garden City quarry for this project. Several other large orders have been obtained or are in negotiation, Northrup said.

The company is getting good response on a new product, the natural face or split face parts of the large blocks. These provide unique, rustic veneers for buildings, Northrup said.

In addition, these techniques cost much less than common rock-wall techniques, he said.

The 2,500-pound raw quarry blocks are transported to Big Spring where they are processed with a diamond saw unlike any other in the state, Lankford said.



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American Limestone Co. consists of a central office and sales staff in Dallas, with the Big Spring cutting facility and limestone quarries at the Edwards Ranch near Garden City and another near Lueders, near Abilene.

The saw uses a diamond-encrusted belt to slice the stone into computer-controlled thicknesses. "The ones we've cut so far are perfect," Lankford said. "We can make tile with a lot less equipment than it took previously."

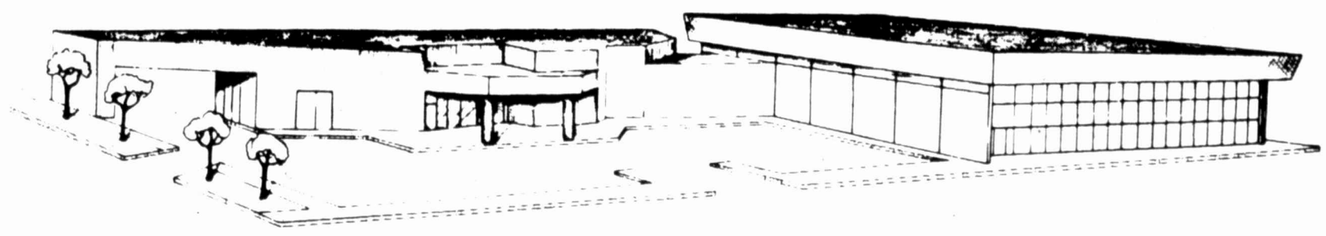
The new saw can slice through the raw blocks in just a few minutes. "It used to take five hours for the saws before this to get through the block, Lankford said.

The Big Spring facility is growing in employees as well as orders. Up to 25 may be working in Big Spring and at the quarries by the end of the year.

Limestone blocks from the Big Spring operation have been used to construct a "Romanesque" stone church near Dallas. Using ancient techniques, the church is constructed using 427 limestone load-bearing blocks.

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In the late 1920s when oil tycoon Joshua S. Cosden built the local refinery there were three others within miles of each other in Howard County alone. Today, it is the only refinery in the county. It is also one of a dying breed. Within the last 20 years, the number of refineries has decreased from more than 400 nationwide to less than 190. Refinery Manager Jeff Morris says it will drop to 125-100 by the turn of the century.

Since 1928, plant has been vital part of local history and economy

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Fina Chemical & Oil, east of Big Spring, is returning to its roots — using a local material, turning it into a fuel use locally.

"We started like that in 1929 and the idea is still the same," said Plant Manager Jeff Morris. "The future of the Big Spring plant is to become a very efficient West Texas refinery. We will continue to get better at serving the West Texas market."

Since 1973 the number of refineries has decreased from 400 to less than 190. Morris says it will drop to 125-100 by the turn of the century

Morris added half of the refineries produce 90 percent of the gasoline, leaving the other half — the category the local refinery falls into — to produce the other 10 percent.

"The Big Spring refinery will be one of the few in the United States producing 50,000 to 60,000 barrels a day," he said. "There will be less than 10 of these in the states."

In the late 1920s when oil tycoon Joshua S. Cosden built the local refinery there were three others within miles of each other in Howard County alone.

A self-made man, Cosden rose from a $20-a-week drugstore job to a $50 million oil empire in Oklahoma before coming to West Texas.

Attempting a comeback after losing the Oklahoma refinery, Cosden saw the barren West Texas land rich in oil as his destiny. He purchased oil leases in Howard County, 480 acres on the Dora Roberts Ranch and 1,327 acres on the Clayton Steward Ranch. Cosden reportedly paid the highest price for acreage in Howard County with the purchase of 160 acres from Roberts for $1.2 million.

After acquiring the money to build the plant, Cosden looked to T&P to purchase his product. T&P contracted Cosden to supply the fuel oil for the line at market value. Also built by T&P were 12, 80,000-barrel storage tanks to store the fuel oil.

The refinery opened the following year in March with a crude unit and combination warehouse and laboratory. In its modest beginnings, the refinery produced about 7,500 barrels gasoline and distillate (diesel).

Among the first of about 50 employed was a Colorado City native, E.W. Richardson. Richardson had been employed by ColTex Refinery in Colorado City when contacted by Cosden and Company.

"I went to work at the refinery while they were still building it," said the 85-year-old refinery pioneer. "I did crude analysis at Coltex and Cosden wanted crude analysis on all the crude of the Howard and Mitchell Counties." The analysis determines the percentage of gasoline, diesel and other products in the crude.

In his early 20s with a high school diploma, Richardson was hired as assistant chemist and in 1931 was promoted to chief chemist. "I had a good chemistry teacher in high school," he said. He worked in the lab until he was promoted to assistant superintendent in 1943 and superintendent in 1957. He retired in 1970 after 40 years of employment.

At the beginning of his career, Richardson made $120 a month and purchased a car for $550. Crude oil sold between $1.50 and $2 a barrel.

In the 1930s, the refinery did not escape the heavy blows of the Great Depression. "If Josh Cosden had known what would take place in the next few years, I don't think he would built the refinery," Richardson said.

Barrel prices plummeted to 5 cents a barrel, Richardson said. In the 1930s, the refinery was placed in receivership twice with the final receivership stripping Cosden of his claim to it.

But it was the only one of the four established during the same time period in Howard County to survive the economic chaos of the Great Depression.

It's survival is attributed to the contract Cosden made early on with T&P. "The railroad paid us 50 cents a barrel for the fuel after the prices had hit bottom," Richardson said. "They were obligated because of all the storage tanks they built. They were obligated to keep Cosden going so they could continue to ship gasoline out.

"We had an awful time in the 1930s and on up into the 1940s,"

In 1937, Henry Zweifel, longtime friend and attorney to Cosden, reorganized the company as director and vice-president of the refinery, at the time known as Cosden Petroleum Corporation. A year later he assumed the position of refinery president.

With the Depression behind and new petrochemical production on the horizon, Zweifel hired Raymond L. Tollet as secretary-treasurer. He became executive vice president, assuming the presidency when Zweifel returned to his law practice.

The path Tollet travelled to reach the refinery presidency was a colorful one. Raised north of Wichita Falls, he left school at the age of 12 to work as a messenger for Western Union. He returned a year later to graduate valedictorian. Tollet became first acquainted with the oil industry as a clerk in the accounting department of Panhandle Oil & Gas Co. He received his law degree through correspondence courses and also became a certified public accountant.

Tollet had a brief stint with the Federal Bureau of Investigations as head of the New Orleans office. In 1935, he left the FBI. He worked for Wrightsman Oil Co. before joining Cosden in 1939.

Under Tollet's direction, the refinery experienced its greatest growth.

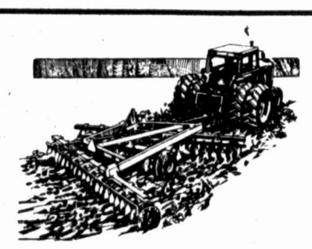
Between the late 1940s into the 1960s, the refinery constructed more than 20 units for petrochemical production beginning in 1949 with the "cat cracker," increasing the retrieval of gasoline from crude oil from 30 percent to 50 percent. The unit allowed an intensive breakdown of heavy gas oil. With the smaller molecular breakdown, the number products increased.

In the 1950s, emphasis was on production of aromatics, characterized by the presence of at least one benzene ring.

"The technology to produce aromatics was developed at the refinery," said Knox Chadd, who was the chief chemist from 1941 to 1971. "The new units upgraded the products we made and it allowed us to make more."

Chadd was employed by the refinery in 1936, working under Ri-

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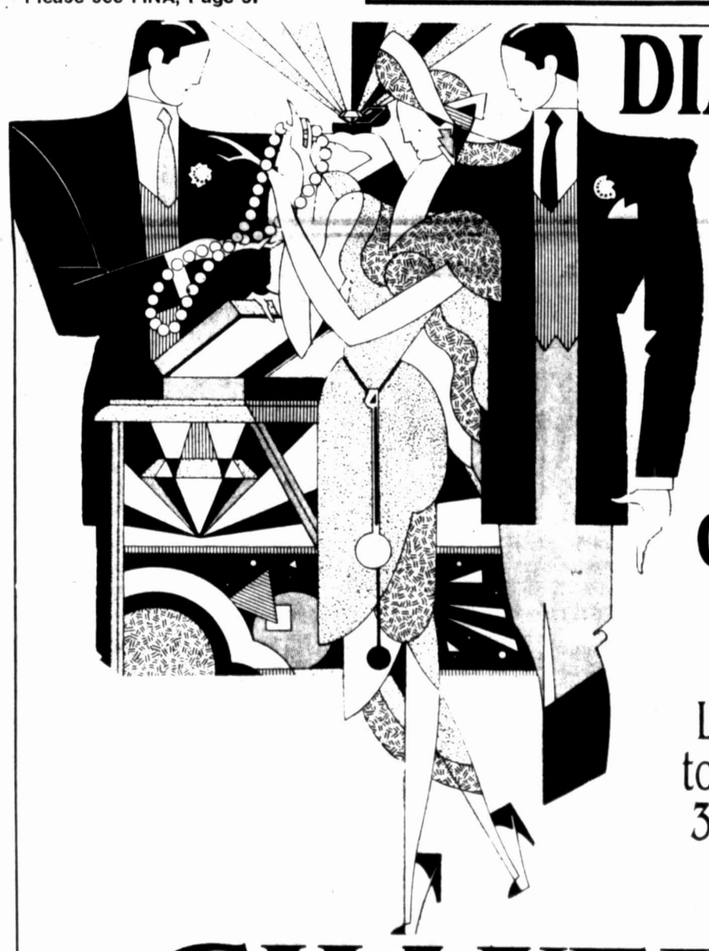


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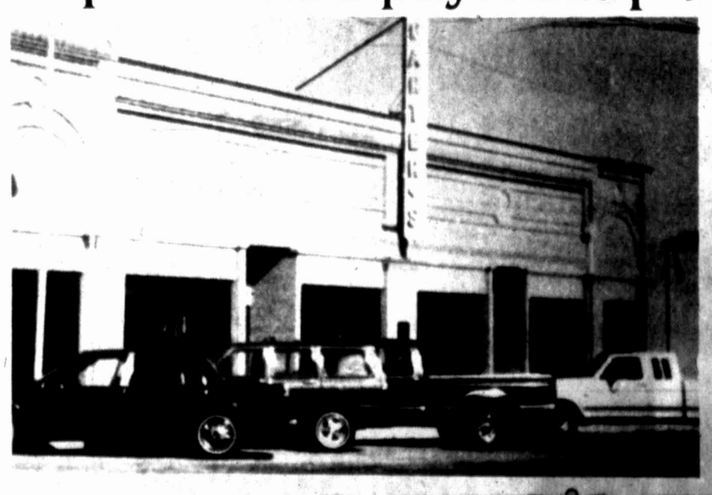
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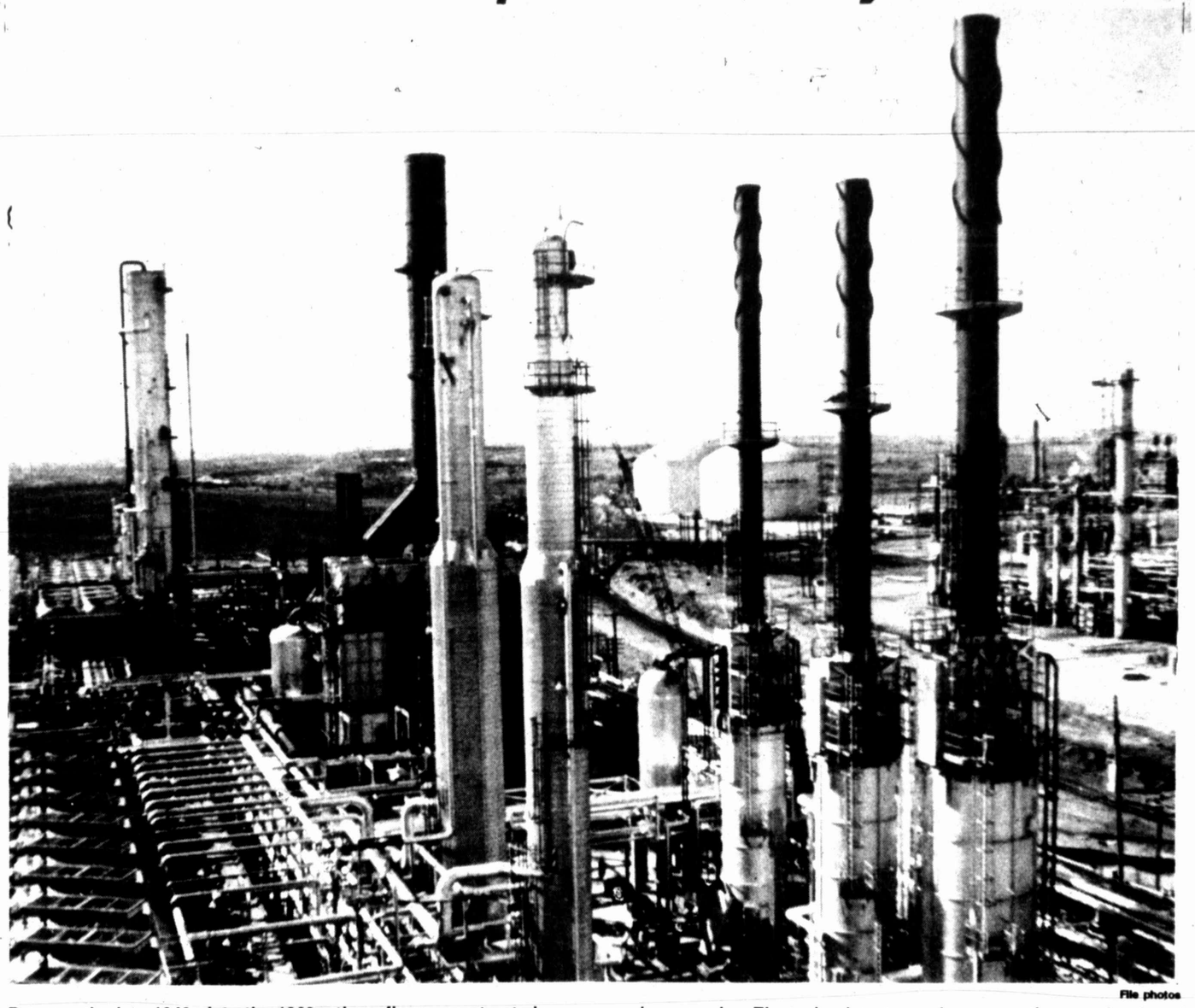
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Technology to produce aromatics developed at refinery in 1950s



The Fina refinery east of the city produces about 50,000 to 60,000 barrels of gasoline a day. It is returning to its founder's philosophy — using a local material, turning it into a product used locally.



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Between the late 1940s into the 1960s, the refinery constructed more than 20 units for petrochemical production. In the 1950s, emphasis was on production of aromatics, characterized by the presence of at least one benzene ring. The technology to produce aromatics was developed at the refinery. Of the units built during 1945 to 1971, 15 were used in the production of chemicals.

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chardson. He was also the superintendent of products quality control, director of quality control for the Fina Inc., after they purchased the refinery. After retiring, Chadd served as a consultant. He also developed and taught new employee orientation classes until 1992.

While Chadd was employed as chief chemist, the plant constructed the unisol unit in 1945, cat cracker unit(1949), asphalt plant(1949), crude unit #2(1951), BTX unit(1952), paraxylene unit(1953), alkalation unit(1954), unifiner unit #1(1954), polybutane unit(1956), rexformer(1956), styrene monomer(1957), polysterene/plastics unit(1957), metaxylene unit(1958), orthoxylene(1958), unifiner unit #2(1959), alkar unit(1961), heptane unit(1961), Grace ammonia plant(1962), hydeal unit(1965), cyclohexane unit(1965), dripolyne unit(1966) new gasoline dock(1968), crude unit(1969) and reformer unit(1971).

Of the 22 units built during 1945 to 1971, 15 were used in the production of chemicals. The crude unit built in 1969 replaced the original built by Cosden in 1928.

The refinery supplied jet fuel for Webb and Dyess Air Force Base. It also made 12 different grades of gasoline. Cosden custom-refined for Exxon and other corporations, Chadd said. "We were given the specifications for products and would produce them in separate tanks," he said.

The production of asphalt, which ceased in 1938, began again in 1950.

Other technology developed at the refinery was chromatography. The procedure separates different components of aromatics and is able to identify trace amounts.

The refinery obtained patents on its developments and other refinery teams came to the plant to study them.

Continuing the high production of chemicals W.R. Grace purchased the plant, building the ammonia plant in 1957. A few years later in 1963, Fina Inc. purchased the plant.

But with the years, other corporations gained on the chemicals production forerunner. Corporations located near water with better transportation began to take the lead in the industry.

"Our competitors learned to do the same things we did," Morris said. "They also had a location advantage by being closer to the marketplace or having access to less expensive transportation."

Morris began his career with Fina in 1974 in the plastics plant. He relocated within Fina in 1985 and returned as plant manager in 1989.

After Fina acquired control of the plant, chemical production began to decrease, as did unit construction. After the reformer unit was built in 1971, construction was in hiatus until recently when a sour water stripper was built in 1992.

Today, the abundance of units built in the height of the petrochemical production have been demolished, will be demolished or sit dormant with a few converted to meet other needs, Morris said.

"In the 1950's and 1960s it was a chemical plants complex," Morris said. "Beginning in the 1970s, the plant became non-competitive. Many of the units were shutdown between 1978 and 1982 letting them deteriorate until they could be demolished."

The plant consolidated during the past two decades with the demolition and conversion of many of the units. "The plant was built up in the 1940s and 1950s, peaking in the 1970s with no units built throughout the 1970s and 1980s," Morris said.

Beginning in the 1990s with the sour water stripper, new construction was seen at the refinery. Also in 1992, a propylene recovery unit was built. A low sulfer diesel unit is under construction at this time.

With the bleak projections for mid-size refineries over the next 10 years, Morris says consolidation and change will be imperative to the plant's survival.

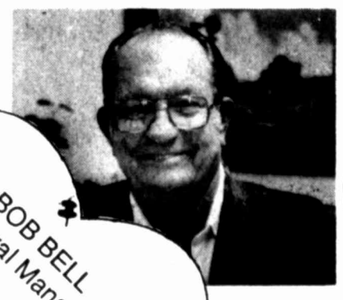
"We will only get there if we are willing and able to change, he said. "Howard County Commissioners did not choose to help us through this difficult period.

"We will go forward on our own and be in that last quarter of refineries without their help."

In the fall, commissioners approved 17 percent the refinery's request of the $38.1 million with 100 percent tax abatement for the first five years and 50 percent abatement for the next three years.

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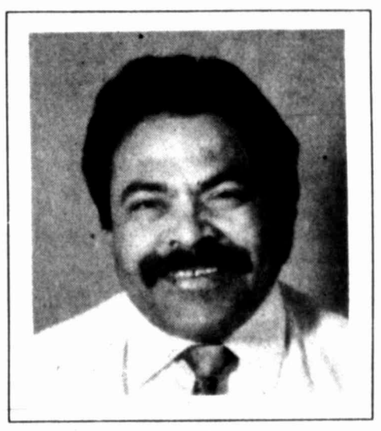
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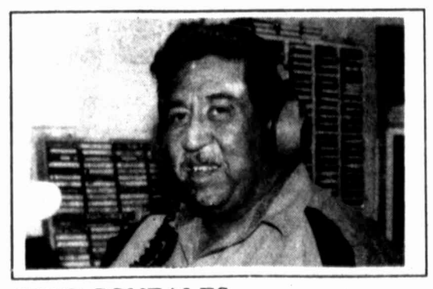
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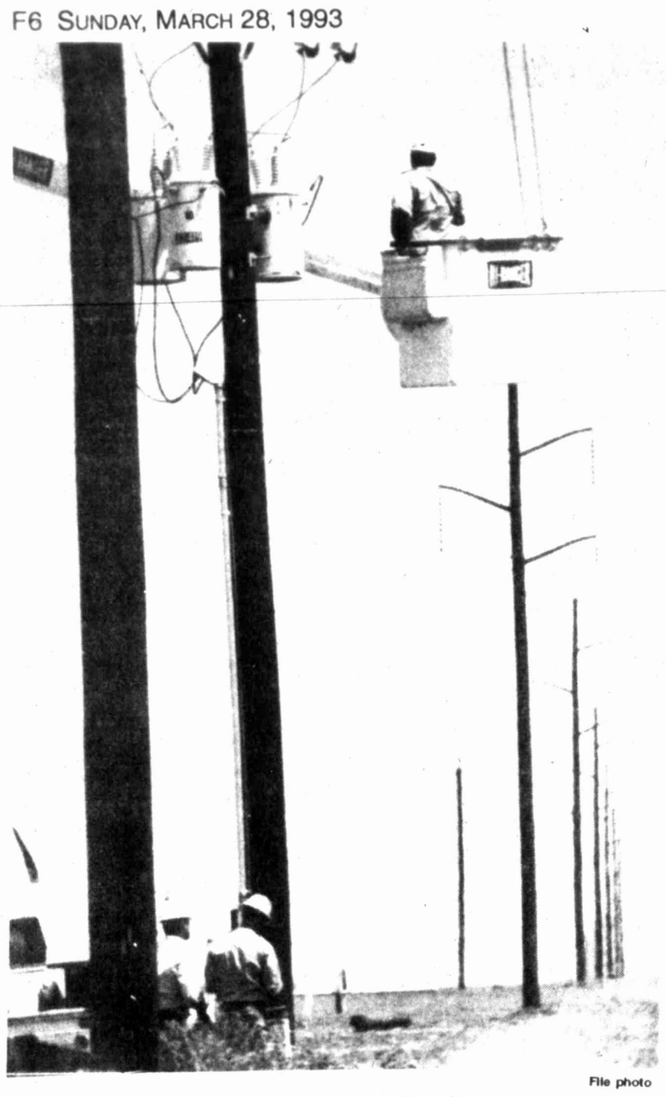
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Cap Rock recently merged with a smaller East Texas cooperative, adding 2,500 electric customers to its 22,000 customers in a number of counties in West Texas.

Sometime at odds, Caprock, TU bring power to rural areas

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Two electric companies — TU Electric and the Cap Rock Electric cooperative — make electric power available to all parts of Howard County and other parts of rural West Texas, although the two competitors are sometimes at odds.

A failed lawsuit, filed by Cap Rock, requested TU "wheel" electricity (transfer power purchased from a third party, along existing TU electric lines) into the Cap Rock grid of power lines. At least for the next few years, Cap Rock will have to purchase its power from TU for sale to Cap Rock customers.

Cap Rock and other cooperatives are non-profit organizations, established under federal guidelines to bring electric power to rural parts of the U.S.

TU is a for-profit corporation, providing power to cities across the state. TU services about a third of the state.

Both utilities, currently, are seeking rate increases.

TU is asking the Texas Public Utilities Commission for a rate increase of 15.3 percent. The PUC's hearing process likely will not allow fo. a final decision until 1994, but the utility may elect to institute the rate increases in July, keeping a bond sufficient to refund all or part of the increase if the PUC denies the rate hike, according to a PUC spokesperson.

Cap Rock is requesting a 5 percent rate increase, the largest amount that can be requested under the PUC's abbreviated acceptance process for cooperative utilities. Another rate-increase request could come in 1995, according to members of a Cap Rock Rate Advisory Committee.

Both utilities would apply the rate increase disproportionately across rate classes, charging more to those kinds of electrical customers that are more expensive to serve.

As an example, rural irrigation wells require more equipment and expense (per kilowatt/hour) than does a business or residence near primary transmission lines, according to Cap Rock information.

Cap Rock recently merged with a smaller East Texas cooperative, adding 2,500 electric customers to its 22,000 customers in a number of counties in West Texas.

Absorbing the small Hunt-Collins cooperative, diversified Cap Rock, providing added stability, as the smaller cooperative is in a region unrelated to the economic factors of West Texas, according to Cap Rock officials.

Both utility companies are involved in community service in their service area. Stanton/Midland-based Cap Rock offers scholarships and other community assistance programs. TU is involved in sponsoring economic growth and donating funds to some agencies.

Energas emphasizes enviromentally-safe service

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Energas Company of Big Spring promoted the use of natural gas in 1992, enhancing environmentally-safe service.

The company also made investments to upgrade equipment, officials said.

Energas provided natural gas services to 10,105 accounts in Big Spring last year, increasing from 10,037 the previous year.

With recent national energy legislations and public concern about the environment, more attention has been focused on natural gas as the energy source of the future, a local Energas official said.

"We believe the future for natural gas and our company is very bright," said Mike Mancil, Big Spring Energas district manager. "Natural gas has always been a good value for the consumer."

Natural gas services were added to three newly-built homes in 1991 as well as 1992.

"Now, (natural gas) is gaining even more recognition because it is domestically produced and so clean-burning," he added. "It can help reduce air pollution."

The company also made $350,000 in capital improvements, including natural gas equipment, in the Big Spring area, corporate officials reported.

The office serves Big Spring, Coahoma, Forsan, Tarzan, Knott and Lenorah.

The Big Spring office has 21 employees, with an annual payroll of $520,000.

Energas is a division of Atmos Energy Corporation of Dallas, providing natural gas service to more than 307,000 customers in West Texas.

Manufacturers utilize Union Pacific railway

HERALD STAFF REPORT

West Texas residents for years looked for the Texas & Pacific (T&P) locomotive huffing and puffing down the track.

In the 1950s, the old steamers moved aside for the diesel electric engines. Later, the T&P became Missouri Pacific (MoPac).

By the 1980s, the blue MoPac locomotives started disappearing following a takeover by Omaha-based Union Pacific.

Occasionally, a yellow and armour gray locomotive will roll through Big Spring labeled Missouri Pacific but, more often, the big units carry the moniker Union Pacific.

UP's east-west line runs from El Paso to Fort Worth via Big Spring.

The rail line also provides for connecting service with Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Burlington Northern at various points along the line.

Short line railroads participate, such as the Pecos Valley Southern, Texas and New Mexico as well as Texas and Oklahoma.

UP reported an increase in traffic on the line through Big Spring in 1992.

Beginning in 1990, the company started a reorganization, making it easier to communicate within the company.

Car tracking is done through a computerized system that makes it easier for a customer to know the location of a shipment at any time of the day or night.

As UP's awareness of the need for better customer service increased, so did railroad carloadings.

More cars are going through Big Spring on a daily basis than in the past.

Local trains operate out of Big Spring to both Odessa and Abilene while thru-freights, east out of El Paso, and west, from Fort Worth, roll through the yards daily.

The primary local customers include Fina, Sid Richardson and Western Container. Its newest client for 1993 could be Wright Fibers Inc.

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lets being imported from East Texas for use by Fina Oil & Chemical Inc. refinery. Western Container Corp. (110 employees) was established in 1979 to make plastic coke bottles for area distribution. Western container in March planned an expansion expected to add 20 jobs.

Local leaders also seek government services, which account for some of the largest employers here.

Announcement was expected by the Texas Department of Criminal Justice in mid-March to award contracts for four privately-run 500-bed prisons, which would create up to 200 jobs each. RECOR Inc. of Austin proposed building one in Big Spring. Competing were 29 other communities with 33 proposals by nine vendors.

Government services here include the Big Spring State Hospital (1,061 employees), the county's largest employer, Veterans Affairs Medical Center (402 employees), two federal prisons (275 employees), and a city-owned private-run prison (140 employees) holds federal prisoners.

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County Extension Agent Don Richardson said in October. Richardson could not be reached for comment last week.

"We'll be looking at that, probably looking at growing both," said Earl Shaw, who planted 400 acres of sesame after losing 400 acres of cotton in the Knott areas.

"We're looking at it pretty hard," said Bob Nichols, who planted 1,350 acres of black-eyed peas after losing all 800 acres of his cotton just north of Big Spring.

However, Liles said, "A vast majority of farmers say there's no way it could take the place of cotton as the cash crop." Although, he said, there are reports that some farmers may honor black-eyed pea contracts this year.

With nearly $6 million in livestock products for the county last year, up about 50 percent from 1991, and over $5 million in government agriculture payments, more than double the year before, agriculture income totalled $33.4 million, up from $10.7 million.

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Texas communities with his ideas before a local cotton ginner recommended he talk to one of Big Spring's banks. The bank referred him to then city manager Hal Boyd, who in turn referred him to Moore Development Director Ted St. Clair.

Four months later, in December 1991, a tentative agreement was reached with Moore Development. The Texas Agriculture Finance Authority in April 1992 rejected a request to back $2 million in loans, but in June agreed to back $1.4 million. A $500,000 loan/grant from the Texas Department of Commerce was turned down because Wright did not want to put up his land as collateral.

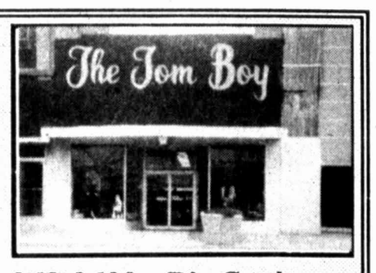
Department of Agriculture Financial Analyst David Luttrell of Austin applauded local efforts. "We don't usually find that many small communities that are progressive like this one," he said.

Mayor Tim Blackshear, a councilman when voters approved funding Moore Development and when negotiations started with Wright, said, "It was a dream of mine to see something like this come through."

Plant manager is Ike Jones, from Brenham. Ronnie Roessner of Sand Springs will be the knit department manager and Tom Johnston from Midland will be office and financial manager.

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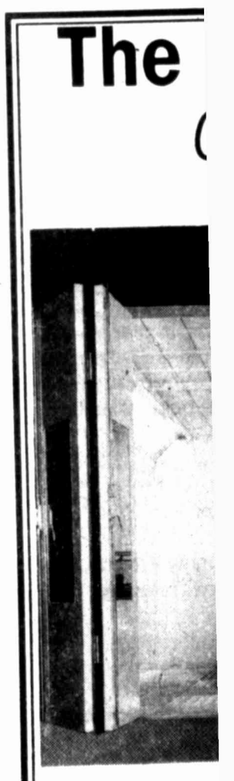
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Clean up campaign committed to making city more attractive

Volunteer efforts target private and public property

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Volunteers are committed to cleaning up both public and private property, making Big Spring more attractive and appealing to visitors.

Big Spring and Howard County volunteers have mounted cleanup campaigns around the city, with the largest of these being in the once-overgrown Banks Addition.

As the largest numbers of volunteers to date joined for the Banks cleanup, coordinator Stephanie Horton said, "This is just wonderful," as she viewed the efforts of 105 area citizens.

"This easily matches even the city-wide cleanups," Clean Committee official Beverly McMahon said during the September project.

Horton and her husband, Danny, spent months marshalling the neighbors and other volunteers who complimented heavy equipment and volunteer operators from the city and county.

Residents in the area had been plagued with rattlesnakes, skunks and other potentially harmful animals. These animals entered the neighborhood from acres of dense undergrowth stretching from the Banks Addition to One-Mile Lake.

Populations of these animals had become so large, they were taking up residence in overgrown vacant lots in the neighborhood, Horton said.

The Clean Committee, an arm of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is assisting the city of Big Spring to help enforce city safety codes regarding overgrown lots and dilapidated structures.

City and county departments have coordinated in the demolition of several structures within city limits.

Owners of unoccupied business sites in the city have been contacted by members of the Clean Committee. When city codes regarding weed overgrowth were brought to their attention, owners had crews out cleaning and maintaining the sites.

In terms of area, the April, 1992 city-wide cleanup was more extensive than even the Banks Addition cleanup.

Groups of workers cleaned areas such as Comanche Trail Lake, along FM 700, Gregg Street from 1st Street to Interstate 20 and much of 3rd, 4th, Scurry and Main streets.

About 100 men, women and children were involved in the cleanup. The Boy's Club of Big Spring and other area youth, 26 in all, assisted in the cleanup. Because of their work, the became charter member of CUBS (Clean Up Big Spring), an organization that sponsors its own cleanup projects throughout the city, according to coordinator Mamie Lee Dodds.

Again city of Big Spring volunteers joined in with seven members of the public works department operating dump trucks, loaders and mowers.

The Peredez family worked late into the day, cleaning alongside Sergeant Peredez Street, named after their brother who was killed in action in Vietnam.

Other volunteer groups came from Howard College, the Corral, the Veterans Administration Medical Center, the Heart of the City Committee, the St. Vincent de Paul Society, the Herald, KBST, and several families.



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Moore Development has vital role in economic future

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. the past fiscal year committed more than $1 million to six companies to create 150 jobs, according to a year-end report.

"This demonstrates the vital role Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. plays in Big Spring's economic future," said Moore Development President Owen Ivie in the report for fiscal year ending Sept. 30.

The group, funded by a half-cent city sales tax, was created in 1990 following approval by voters.

Year-ending balance in September was $1 million, up from $486,712 last year. Tax revenue was $768,110 and interest $32,214. Expenses, including salaries for a director and secretary, were $272,577.

Commitments increased substantially. The first year was spent sitting board members, hiring a director and making contacts. One commitment was made that year: a $30,000 direct loan to Freecom Inc. of Big Spring to purchase equipment and retain four jobs.

The second year Moore Development was in contact with 40 companies in various industries. Commitments:

• $800,000 guaranteed loan to Wright Fibers Inc. of Decatur and a $550,000 loan for a lease-purchase agreement on the facility, the old Cameo Homes building at FM 700 and 11th Place. The mill will produce cotton-bale bags made of cotton, later a cotton-wool fabric and will employ 100 now, more later.

• $150,000 guaranteed three-year loan ot Tomcor of San Antonio. Local manufacturing of communication products will employ about 14.

• $45,000 three-year subsidy to Enviro-Vat Inc. of Big Spring for rent. Manufacturer of environmental oil field equipment employs seven.

• $40,550 to purchase and install 10-ton crane for use by American Limestone Co. of Dallas. The stone-cutting operation employs five and is expected to employ more than 25 by the end of the year.

• $37,000 guaranteed loan to Spencer's Coating Specialists of Big Spring to purchase equipment a employ six more.

• $21,500 guaranteed loan Andy's Bullets to buy equipment employ three more.

Also, Moore Development gave $50,000 to the Howard College Business Development Center and agreed to give $69,600 this year. The center employs two and assisted Moore Development in creating or retaining 41 jobs.

Wall's manufactures garments sold nationwide

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

A manufacturing industry and employer in Big Spring since 1973, Walls Industries Inc. sells work and sport garments to companies across the country.

The local factory, employing about 100 area people, sprang from a Dallas company started by George Wall in 1943.

Factory workers produce about 8,000 suits a week, enabling the local facility to accumulate $90 million in annual sales.

Annual fashion changes are made in the clothing and, according to Plant Manager Jack Letts, the company is always looking for ways to improve its product and lower their costs.

In the last few years, the Big Spring facility replaced about 75 percent of its machines, Letts said.

One of eight Walls manufacturers in the state, the local factory is the largest sewing facilities making non-insulated work and sports coveralls.

Using an assembly-line system, 86 sewing-machine operators sew about 50 different styles of coveralls. The coverall material is cut in the Walls Sweetwater facility and sent to the local factory for assembly. "All they do here is sew," Letts said in a November interview.

The average suit takes about 26 minutes to make. This same suit would require two hours of production if made by only one person, Lett said.

The Big Spring facility maintains a fairly stable work flow from year-to-year, according to Lett. "The business fluctuates quite a bit, but when business is slow, they (the main office) keep the plant busy," he said.

Walls Industries coveralls are sold to numerous stores, including Kmart, J.C. Penney, Montgomery Wards, Sears and several sporting goods stores.

Operators at the factory are paid on a "piece-rate" system, with earnings based on the number of pieces they sew. Employees earn from minimum wage up to $10 per hour, with the average being about $5.35, he said. Benefits include holidays, two-weeks vacation, group health insurance and profit sharing.

Walls officials say they should benefit in the event of a free-trade agreement, as the company already owns facilities in Mexico.

Walls also operates an outlet store near the factory near its factory location on U.S. Highway 350.

Although work at the factory is sometimes grueling, a core group of workers have been employed for more than 15 years, and three have been at the factory for 20 years, almost since its inception.

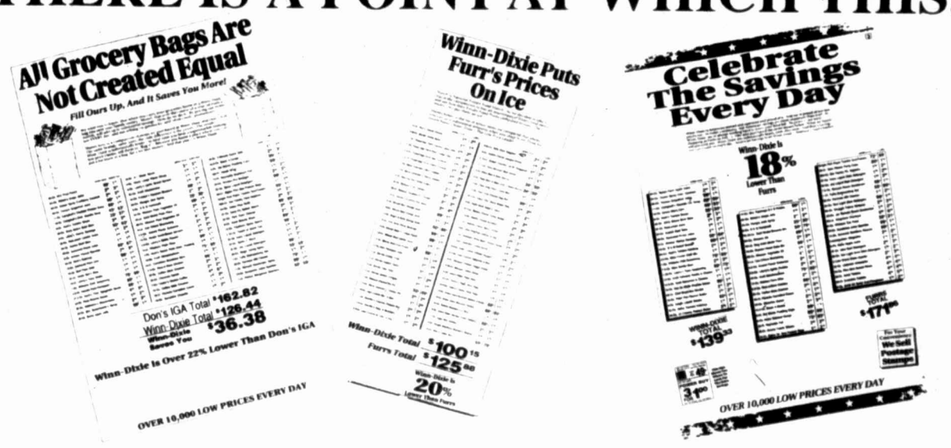
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Pipeline will supply more water to more cities



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File photo

Unexpected rainfall brings Lake O.H. Ivie to all-but-full capacity

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

The construction of a 158-mile pipeline and O.H. Ivie lake's all-but-full capacity are two things the Colorado River Municipal Water District can boast about for 1992.

The pipeline consisting of three segments will bring water from Ivie Reservoir, 35 miles southeast of Ballinger, to San Angelo, Midland and Odessa. An additional pipeline connecting Big Spring to the pipeline at a going southwest of Garden City is planned.

The pipeline contract was awarded to Stephens' Stone Mountain, Ga. Firm in April 1992. The firm submitted the low bid of $75.9 million for all three segments of the project. The bid proposed a July 1, 1993 completion date for the 48.3 mile Ivie-San Angelo segment and Feb. 1, 1995 completion dates for the 54-mile section from San Angelo to the Big Spring junction as well as the 54-mile section from the Big Spring junction to the CRMWD terminal located northwest of Midland International Airport.

Gifford Hill American laid down the first pipe July 21 and by the year's end 13 miles to the Concho River had been completed, according to the CRMWD Windmill publication.

The $115 million bonds for the project were sold August 1991 and construction began when Lake O.H. Ivie overflowed its 554,335 acre-feet capacity, the publication states.

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As a result, abundant municipal water became available ahead of a 1995 schedule to be pumped to San Angelo, Odessa and Midland and Big Spring.

The unprecedented rainfall on Lake Ivies shed, J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence resulted in a net gain of 353,000 acre-feet into Lake Ivie, according to "Windmill."

Not only is Lake Ivie's cool 436,900 acre-feet of water covering 25.6 square miles the answer to water quality problems in West Texas, it also is some of the area's best fishing.

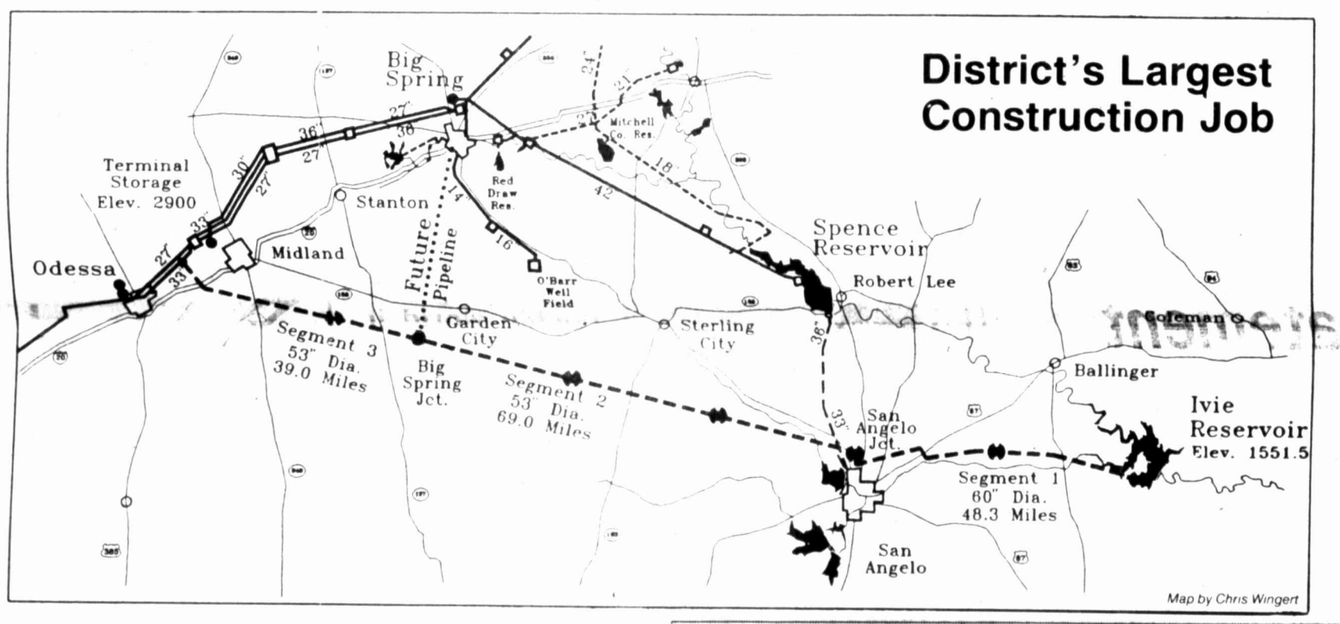
Other 1992 CRMWD developments according to the "Windmill" include:

• CRMWD authorized construction of two upstream relief or buffer reservoirs, Sulpher Springs Draw and Red Lake. Together, they will hold 18,000 acre-feet.

• For the second consecutive year water deliveries dropped. The 15.7 billion gallons was 773 million gallons under the previous year.

• Mitchell County reservoir was completed in December of 1991. It has 28,000 acre-feet capacity for surplus non-potable water.

• Weather modification program was suspended before the Texas Water Commission issued a permit. The district has operated the program for more than 20 years.



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District's Largest Construction Job

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Cash & Money Market	2,378.61
U.S. Government Bonds	108,129.99
Common Trust Funds	70,401.41
Corporate Bonds	25,267.24
Total Property Trust Fund	**206,177.25**
Bronze Maintenance Trust Fund	
Cash & Money Market	3,814.76
U.S. Government Bonds	79,506.25
Collective Funds	38,550.20
Total Bronze Trust Fund	**121,871.21**
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By PATRICK DRIS
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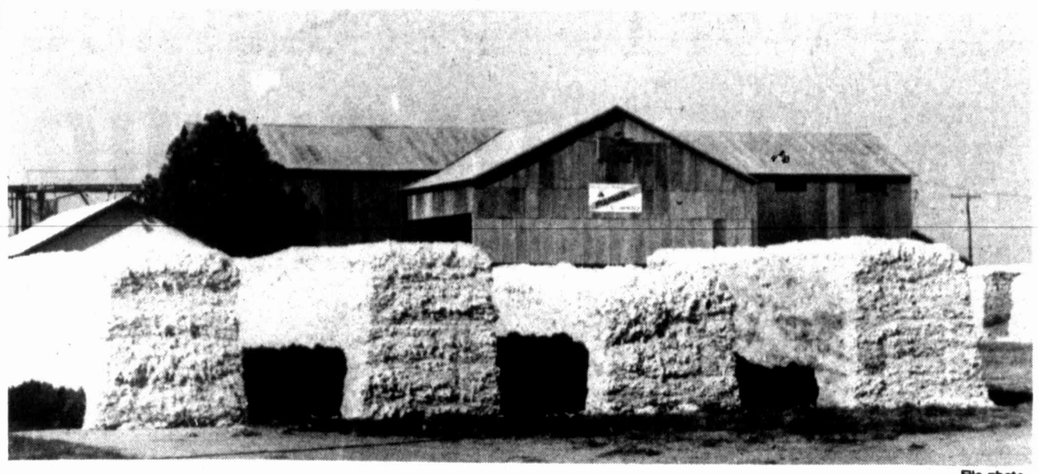
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Cotton sells well and getting more popular

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Business Editor

Cotton fabrics keep getting more popular.

Last year, cotton accounted for 55 percent of retail apparel and home fabric sales — excluding carpet, according to a study commissioned by Cotton Inc. That's an increase of 2 percent over 1991.

Cotton content in retail goods has also been shown to have a direct correlation with fabric sales from 1986-91.

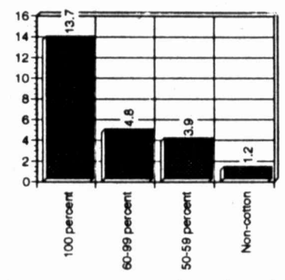
"The greater the cotton content, the faster the sales growth," says Ira Livingston, vice president of U.S. marketing for Cotton Inc.

Sales of 100 percent apparel and home fashion textiles grew an average 13.7 percent a year compared to less than 6 perecent for apparel made from 60-99 percent cotton, analysis shows. Sales of products made of 50-99 percent cotton grew an average 3.9 percent annually. Non-cotton grew an average 1.2 percent.

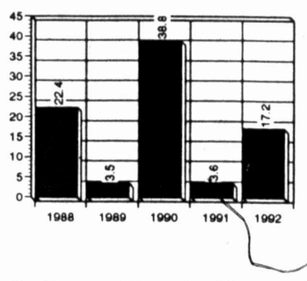
Data came from the National Purchase Diary's 16,000-member consumer panel. The survey on last year's sales was conducted by Kurt Salmon Associates. All apparel and home furnishing purchases by the panel was broke down according to fiber weight.

Livingston credits increasing consumer preference for cotton products, a weak dollar and better inventory management for increases. During previous recession periods such as 1973-75 and 1980-82, cotton consumption fell 16 percent and 20 pecent, respectively.

Cotton Inc. also claims increased consumer awareness of cotton, from 18 percent in 1973 to 73 percent last year, with credit given to the Seal of Cotton marketing program implemented in 1974. Over 800 manufacturers are licensed to use the seal on 100 percent cotton products or the Natural Blend trademark on products using 60 percent or more cotton.



Average annual sales increases of cotton and cotton blend apparels from 1986-91.



Cotton sales in Howard County, shown in millions of dollars, the past five years.

SOURCE: COTTON INC.
HERALD GRAPHIC

Richards signs boll weevil bill

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

A statewide boll weevil eradication bill was signed into law in March by Gov. Ann Richards.

"The cotton industry, environmental and consumer groups worked with my office to come up with a bill that is the best boll weevil eradication bill in the country," Richards said at a bill signing ceremony in Austin. "This kind of cooperation does not happen enough, but when it does, Texas is the big winner."

"This is a great day for Texas agriculture because we strengthen the cotton industry while protecting the environment," said State Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry, who attended the ceremony along with representatives of several cotton groups.

"Passage of this 'enabling' legislation in Texas gives growers here the opportunity to see this pest beaten back to Brownsville and beyond where it came into the United States 100 years ago," said Roger Haldenby of Plains Cotton Growers Inc. shortly after the bill's passage by the Legislature in February. Haldenby was also at the signing ceremony.

The law will allow cotton farmers to vote on creating a cotton foundation that would administer eradication programs in six zones. Two-thirds approval by voters is needed. Producers in each zone would select board members.

Funding for eradication over five to seven years would include $45 million federal money, 30 percent of cost, with the rest from producer checkoff dollars. Pesticide use is expected to decrease up to 70 percent.

It will not affect the 25 counties in the Plains Cotton Growers boll-weevil containment area, including Howard and Borden counties. That 30-year program, monitoring a half million cotton acres along the Caprock, prevents boll weevils from migrating past Howard and Dawson counties.

Two years ago, Richards vetoed an eradication bill, saying she wanted better definitions on producers who would vote for approval and other language changes to ensure such things as limited government rights to enter private property and destroy crops. She said Wednesday she worked closely with various groups to formulate the bill.

"Gov. Richards listened carefully to the comments of hundreds of cotton growers across Texas," Haldenby said. "Representatives from grower organizations, including PCG, met many times with politicians and environmental groups to reach agreement on the bill's wording."



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City council established committee to study property tax abatement

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

A committee to study the city's property tax abatement policy — designed to induce economic development — was expected to be appointed in March by Mayor Tim Blackshear.

The policy was approved by the Big Spring City Council in February with an 120-day expiration date pending further study. Several council members complained it is not "aggressive" enough because it does not allow enough abatement.

"We felt like we should increase the percentages on the lower levels," Blackshear said.

Elected officials with Howard County, Big Spring Independent School District and Howard College adopted the policy without the four-month expiration date. For tax abatements within city limits, the county and school districts must accept or reject exactly what the city approves, according to state law. The county is the lead agency outside city limits.

Blackshear in March said he will appoint about six to a committee to study the policy. "Just to see if we could come up with a more aggressive policy."

County officials are willing to discuss any proposals from the city, said Precinct 3 Commissioner Bill Crooker. "We're pretty open minded on the whole policy."

The policy was developed by county commissioners and members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce after the old policy, enacted in 1990, expired early last year. Commissioners adopted it in November 1992 and were the first to do so.

It lowered the minimum allowed construction project from $500,000 to $100,000 to help smaller businesses. But projects under the old minimum must also create up to four new jobs as well. Projects that will create more than four jobs or at least $500,000 in valuation need only meet requirements for construction or new jobs created, not both.

It also tapered off the percentage of allowable abatement — 100 percent to 60 percent in five years — for projects over $10 million.

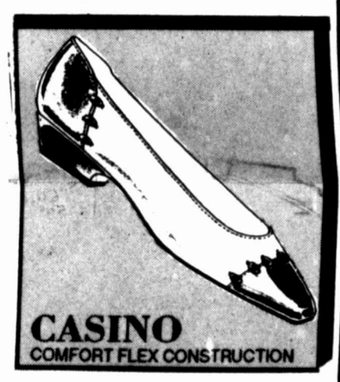
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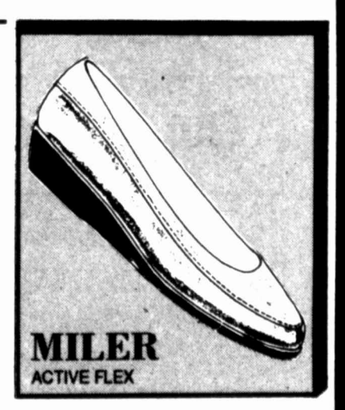
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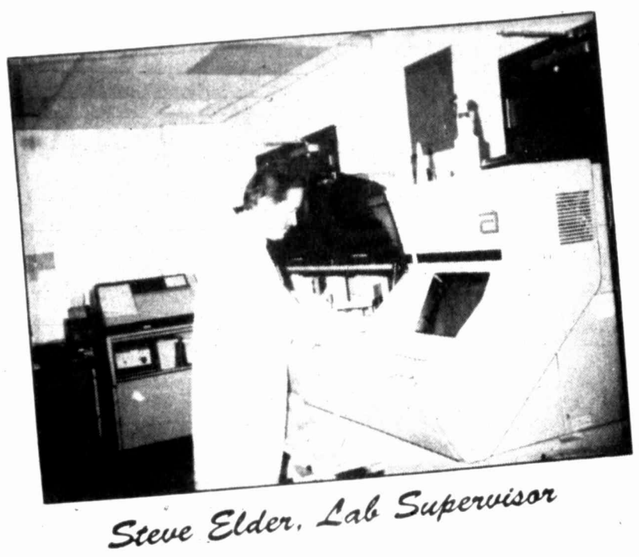
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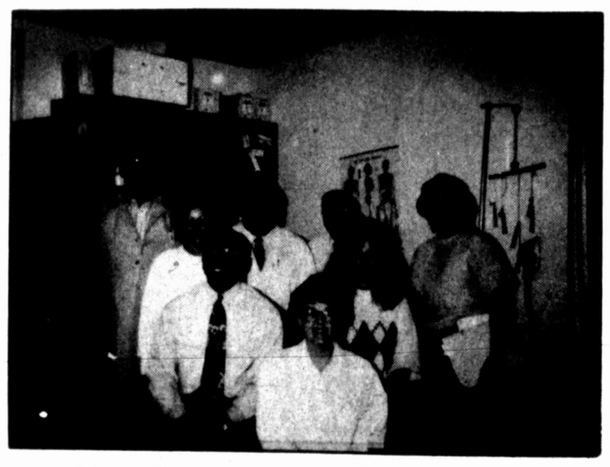
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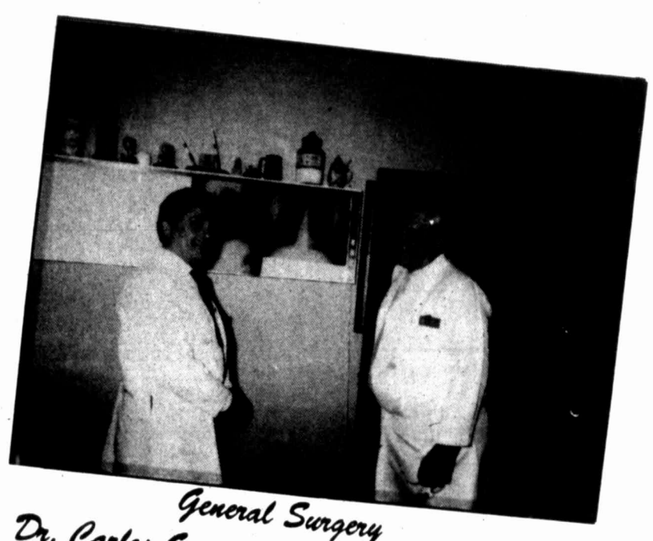
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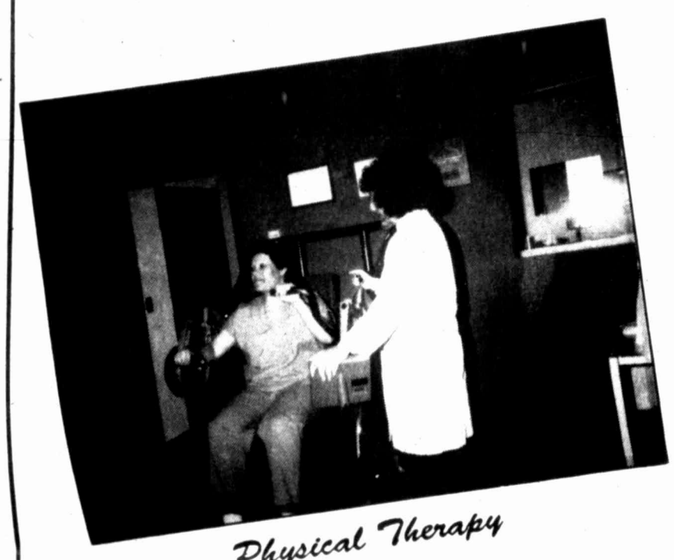
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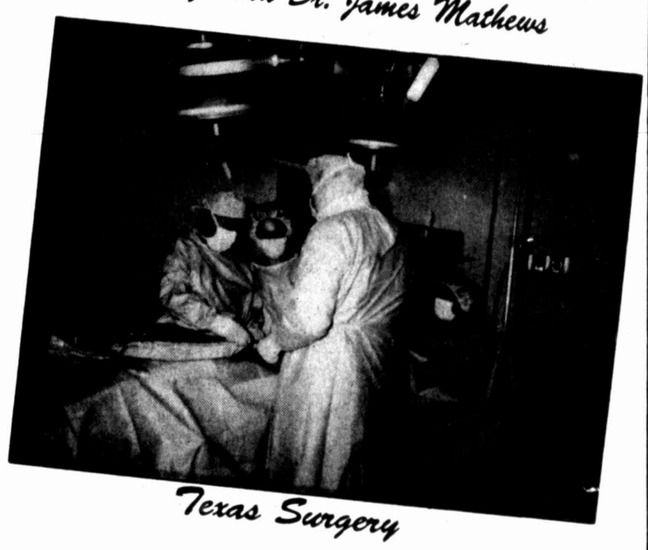
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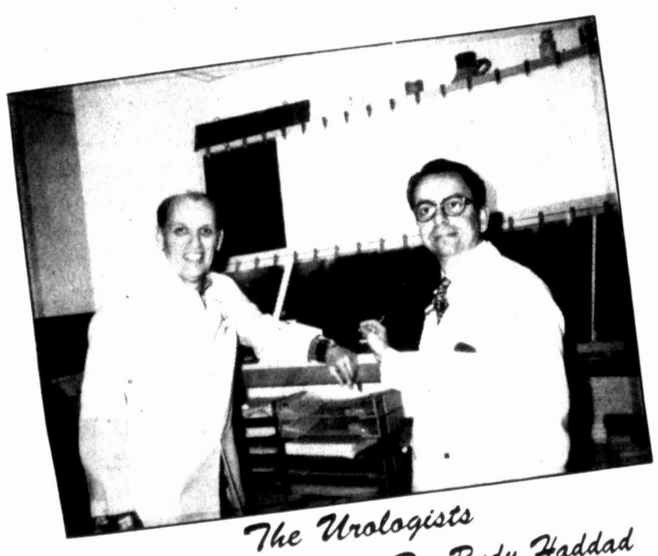
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The San Antonio-based grocery store expanded to West Texas by opening a store locally. It employs at least 100 people. See story page 3G.

Economical cable:
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Downtown improvements:
Big Spring Main Street Inc. began Feb. 1, 1988, with a mission to revitalize and inject growth into the city's downtown area. It has taken a number of tasks beautifying the downtown area, bringing in new business and attracting more shoppers to the area. See story Page 4G.

Banking

Local banking:
Beginning more than a century ago, Big Spring banking has grown from transactions handled from a cast-iron strongbox to four institutions with deposits totaling more than $3.6 million. This figure does not include the savings and loan transactions from the eight local credit unions. See story Page 6G.

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Leaders laud last year's improvements

Job and sales increases indicate economic upswing

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

The local economy last year improved over the year before, indicate increases in sales and jobs.

Local business leaders laud the improvement while being somewhat cautious, but express optimism for the future.

"I was very surprised, pleasantly surprised," said Big Spring City Manager Lanny Lambert, who joined the city in October. "I had been hoping that our economy had bottomed out and that a rebound was on the way. This is an indication that it may be."

"I'd feel a lot better if those numbers were way up but as long as we keep the economy going up we're doing good," said Ted St. Clair, director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., a city economic development group funded by a city half-cent sales tax.

The numbers:

• December employment for Howard County was 14,395, an increase of 371, 2.6 percent, from December 1991. Job increases steadily increased since 1989 when number of jobs bottomed for the decade. Annual average the past four years is 13,322. The high for the decade was 1982 with 15,723 jobs.

"It's nice knowing that it's not going the other direction," said Jim Purcell, president of State National Bank and a board member of Moore Development.

"Three hundred and seventy people, that's quite a bit of an increase in labor," said Linda Roger, executive director of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Unemployment numbers fluctuated more the past few years, but rose consistently since 1990. The annual average in 1989 was 6.9 percent. That dropped to 5 percent in 1990, then rose to 5.2 percent in 1991 and to 5.4 percent last year.

In December, 964 were unemployed, 185 more than December 1991. that left an unemployment rate of 6.4 percent for December, compared to 5.3 percent a year ago.

Joe Wallace of the Texas Employment Commission office in Big Spring pointed out that weekly unemployment claims for last year nearly doubled, to 16,581, compared to 8,907 the year before and 7,122 in 1990.

• Retail sales in Big Spring from November 1991 through October increased 2.7 percent over the year before, totalling $154 million. It's the highest since 1982, inflation not accounted for, when there were $175 million retail sales. But the increases have not been consistent and last year's increase is not considered significant.

"It's not bad, it's not good," St. Clair said.

"I think holding your own is good," Purcell said.

• New and used vehicle sales decreased 3.9 percent the past year, to about $32 million.

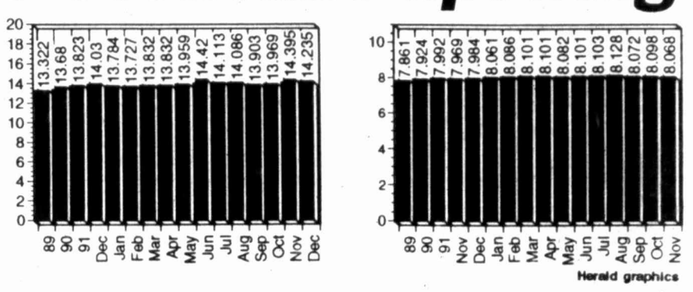
That's not much to worry about, Roger said. "I think several of the car dealers think the last two to three months have been good for them."

• Bank deposits in December were $373 million, 1.1 percent more than the year before. That's not significant either, Purcell said.

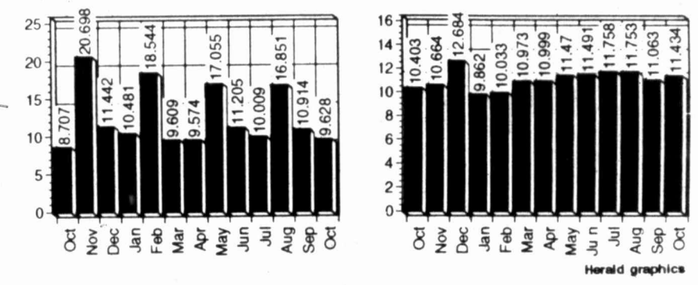
• Telephone line connections, an indicator of population and business activity, increased 240 the past year, to 13,848 in December, a 1.8 percent increase.

• Real estate residential sales totalled $10.6 million for the year, 22.1 percent more than the past year. Figures on number of homes

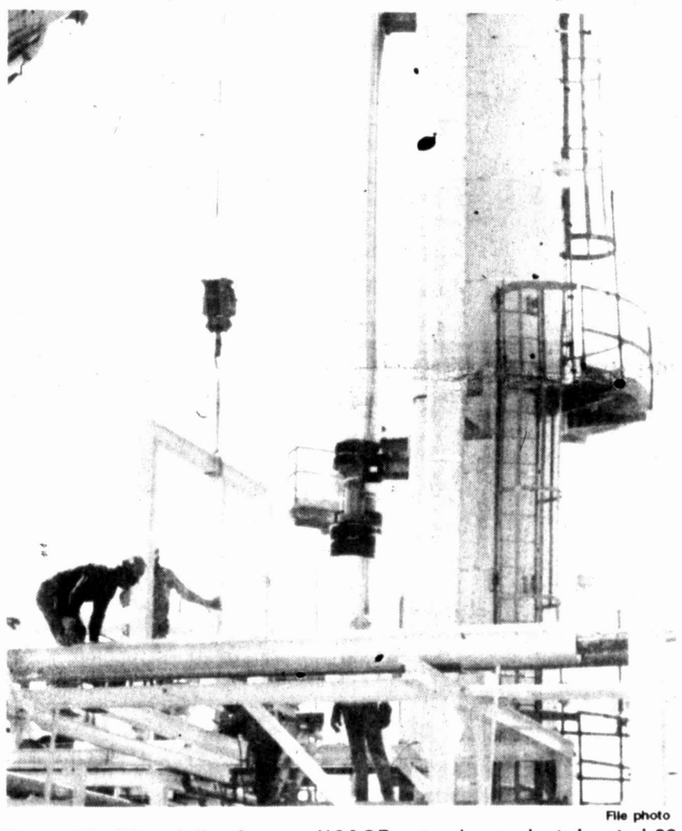
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EMPLOYMENT: Howard County employment, in thousands, on left, and state employment on right, in millions. Years shown are averaged. State numbers are seasonly adjusted.



RETAIL SALES: City of Big Spring retail sales, in millions of dollars, on left, and state retail sales, in billions of dollars.



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The multi-million dollar Conoco NG&GP natural gas plant, located 23 miles southeast of Big Spring, began operation in April with 11 employees from the area. The business, lauded for its environmentally friendly technology, is at the terminus of about 30 miles of new pipeline, which draws from large fields of gas wells to the south.

Enviromentally-friendly manufacturers to clothiers opened locally in 1992

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Big Spring chalked up a slew of businesses in 1992 from environmentally-friendly manufacturers and services to food and clothing.

Otto Meyer opened Big Spring Plymouth, Dodge, Jeep, Eagle Inc. at 502 E. FM 700 in October 1992. The dealership sells the entire line of Chrysler products, selling new and used cars.

He hired about 12 employees, including mechanics and sales personnel.

Subway Sandwich Shop opened its doors in March of 1992, offering area residents a variety of deli sandwiches. More than 6,000 franchises exist statewide.

Entrepreneur Robin Long of Lubbock opened Mediwaste Disposal Services Inc. in the fall of 1992, to fill a gap created by state and federal regulation regarding the disposal of medical wastes.

Long's company picks up medical waste in Big Spring and much of West Texas and eastern New Mexico. Mediwaste has seven employees and five trucks.

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Nails By Diane opened in September, adding nail care services for area residents reaching as far as Midland. Owner Diane Roach provides manicures, pedicures and nail beauty products.

HwyCom Inc., owned by John Freeman and Stan Partee, put a new product on the market for Texas Highways in 1992. The business spent the last few years gaining state approval for their Fiber-Lite sign posts.

Taking its fiberglass posts to Texas A & M University's Texas Transportation Institute for testing, HwyCom was able to prove their posts safer and lower in maintenance than the 2½ -inch galvanized steel sign posts used now on highway signs.

Opened in October 1992, American Limestone Company, is a thriving business in demand across the nation.

Consisting of a central office and sales staff in Dallas, the Big Spring cutting company is one of two area facilities with limestone quarries in Lueders, near Abilene.

The limestone deposits used by the company, operated by Terry Lankford, are large, containing millions of cubic feet of usable limestone.

Located at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, the facility is used to cut into slabs for materials like floor tile and wall veneer.

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Plant manager Marshall Honeyman said expandability is built into the facility, therefore officials expect to employ more workers in the long and short term.

The business, lauded for its environmentally friendly technology, is at the terminus of about 30 miles of new pipeline, which draws from large fields of gas wells to the south.

The new plant is an addition to the collection and distribution of the Conoco system, with three natural gas processing plants in the Concho Valley.

In May, Wright Fibers Inc. was given the green light from state officials to locate a mill in Big Spring.

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Minority business-owners increasing presence

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

Howard College's Small and Minority Business Breakfast and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Minority Involvement Committee are opening doors and bridging gaps in the business community.

The breakfast, begun in November, is an opportunity for owners of small and minority-owned businesses to make contact with larger businesses in need of services provided locally.

Coordinated by the college's Business Development Center, it brings together purchasing agents from TU Electric, Fina Oil & Chemical, Big Spring State Hospital and other corporations with small businesses such as Jimmy Marin's Exxon, MG's Auto Clinic, Big Spring Skin Care, Places and Pleasures Travel Agency and others.

Jimmy Marin, owner of Jimmy Marin's Exxon at 320 E. 4th St., received a contract with TU Electric providing preventive maintenance and other services on company vehicles. Marin says his monthly income increased an average $1,000 with the contract.

Marin is one of two local contractors providing the service for TU.

TU Electric Superintendent Gilbert Rascon attends all breakfasts, as does Fina plant manager Jeff Morris.

The breakfast is held every second Tuesday of the month in the Tumbleweed Room of the college's Student Union Building. For more information contact Dannette Toone or Delia Barraza at 264-5164.

The chamber's administration established its Minority Involvement Committee in January.

Spearheaded by chamber President-elect Kent Newsom, the committee's purpose is devising a long-term plan to increase the involvement of minority business owners and professionals in chamber activities.

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The committee's preliminary objectives are to assist existing minority-owned businesses, to increase the number of minority business owners involved in community affairs and to identify and develop minority leaders to assume positions of leadership.

As determined by the chamber's 1992 mailing list of its 577 members, 148 could be considered minority-owned. Of those, 136 are run by women and 12 members are Hispanic, African-American, Asian or other ethnicities. The total minority make-up is calculated at 25.65 percent, but when the women's membership is excluded it is 2 percent.

Members include Yolanda Rascon, Big Spring Independent School District teacher; Tommy Brooks, Conoco field operations supervisor; Rudy Gutierrez, BSISD parent involvement coordinator; Viola Barraza, BSISD board member; Debbye Valverde, chamber employee; Gary Larcenaire, BSSH case manager; Albert Alvarez, Social Security claims representative; Arnold Uribe, chamber board member; Mary Lou Salazar,

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Raul Marquez, left, Ben Bancroft and Jeff Morris attend Minority and Small Business Breakfast sponsored by Howard College's Small Business Development Center. The breakfast meets the second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 a.m. in the Tumbleweed Room of the college's Student Union Building.

Sellers have upperhand in real estate market

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

After more than a two-year upswing in home sales, area real estate brokers are happy with the market's rebound, but are running out of some kinds of housing to sell.

"Inventory has been getting low now for a while," said Kay Moore of Home Realtors.

The market has changed such, the buyer's market of the past is lessening, Moore said. "It's getting more toward a seller's market."

The most recent assessment of Howard County properties has put the number of properties for sale at well under 200, said Geneva Dunagen of the South Mountain Agency. This number dropped from more than 400 properties in 1990, Moore said.

"We saw, in about October of 1990, things started changing . . . it started getting better," said Bobby McDonald of Century 21-McDonald Real Estate.

During this same period, from late 1990 to the present, HUD and other government-owned homes decreased across West Texas, Moore said.

Whereas, two years ago, real estate agencies had a good selection in every category of housing, some kinds of house are getting quite rare, McDonald said.

His agency has seen a drop in the "typical Kentwood (addition) $40,000 to $50,000 home. Moore's agency has a shortage of upper-middle class, $70,000-plus homes.

Although many are looking into investing in rental properties, Dunagen said, there are very few to be found. Assumable loans are becoming scarce as well, she said.

Interestingly, there are very few home repossessions in Big Spring, compared to the Midland-Odessa market, which usually mirrors Big Spring, McDonald said.

"I find it's very exciting right now," Dunagen said of the Big Spring real estate business.

As contractors are "cranking up," beginning construction on more homes in the Midland-Odessa area, McDonald said, some believe this bodes well for Howard County's ailing home construction industry.

The Howard County real estate business has had three major recessions. One in 1962-68 was bad but did not appear to have outward detrimental effects on the economy as a whole, McDonald said.

The closing of Webb Air Force Base in 1976 effected the housing market, but government shoring kept the market from failing all together, Moore said.

The most recent slump, which seems to have ended in 1990, was caused when the oil boom ended in about 1983, she said.

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Wal-Mart expansion





A Wal-Mart Supercenter expected to open here by spring next year will be nearly three times the size of the Wal-Mart store at 2600 S. Gregg. It will offer a full-line of grocery products complete with meat counter, produce and frozen foods, stated a release from the corporation's headquarter's in Bentonville, Ark. It will also have a garden center, pharmacy and tire battery and auto service center as well as general merchandise. Hours will be expanded to 24 hours, seven days a week, for the grocery and general merchandise areas.

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Construction starts in fall for center threes times size of present store

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

A Wal-Mart Supercenter expected to open here by spring next year will be nearly three times the size of the Wal-Mart store at 2600 S. Gregg.

"It's just going to be great to have a great new facility for the customers of Big Spring," said Don Sanford, local Wal-Mart manager. "They've been wanting and needing it for a long time."

The 69,985-square-foot store will be relocated to the 199,000-square-foot store to be built on Wasson Road, location of the old Jet Drive-In. Construction is expected to start this fall, Sanford said. The new store will employ 400 to 500 people compared to 185 at the present store.

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Hours will be expanded to 24 hours, seven days a week, for the grocery and general merchandise areas.

The store is designed to attract shoppers from the region. There are only 30 Wal-Mart Supercenters across the nation out of 1,880 stores, including 228 in Texas. Of those, 256 are Sam's Clubs and four are Hypermart USAs.

Wal-Mart is among the nation's fastest growing retail chains, with $43.9 billion in net sales last year compared to $32.6 billion the year before and $15.9 billion in 1988. Net income last year was $1.61 billion.

The store in Big Spring opened in 1983 and has been successful, company officials said. Local sales or customer information wasn't available.

"Wal-Mart has been growing with Big Spring for almost 10 years and in order to continue meeting the needs of the community and surrounding areas, Wal-Mart has decided to open a Supercenter to accomplish this goal," said David Glass, Wal-Mart president and chief executive officer.

The company works to lower prices by buying merchandise in bulk and moving it from stockrooms to store floors with no extra processing or holding time. All products have a "satisfaction guaranteed" return policy.

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sold were not available at press time.

• Construction permits issued last year totalled 268 for $11.2 million. Figures for 1991 were unavailable.

Of those permits, 15 were for new commercial buildings valued at $3.2 million, including H-E-B. Food Stores' new store at South Gregg and 20th streets. New residential permits were 49 for $475,017. Other permits totalled 204 for $7.5 million.

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BSISD teacher; Ester Lopez, Howard College staff member; Carmen Brooks, BSISD employee; and Matt Savage, Chimney Cricket Chimney Sweeps owner.

Big Spring City Councilwoman Pat DeAnda and minority business-owner and community leader Raul Marquez serve as advisors.

BUSINESS

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Expected to create about 100 jobs in a year and 500 in five years, the business gained much support from Moore Development.

Herb Wright of Decatur participated in about a year of negotiations.

Contract agreements included a three-year lease purchase of the Cameo Homes buildings on FM 700 in Big Spring, $1.4 million of loan guarantees by the Texas Department of Agriculture and $800,000 worth of loans, guaranteed by Moore Development.

The mainstay of the operation, initially, was to be the production of cotton bale bags, replacing the environmentally harmful polypropylene and burlap bags.

Beth Ann's, a designer clothing store for women and girls, opened a holiday shop near Christmas in the Big Spring Mall.

Owners Ann Bingham and Rhonda deHoyos started operating a Coahoma store in 1989.

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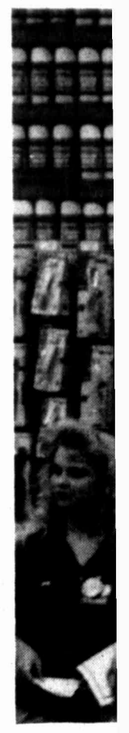
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H-E-B opened its doors in Big Spring

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

A sign was erected in February 1992 to advertise the largest supermarket to open in Big Spring.

H-E-B Grocery Store, a nationwide chain, had construction well under way by May, laying the foundation for a 42,000-plus square-foot structure.

Expected to employ about 100 area residents, the 12th largest supermarket chain scooped up a number of lots locally to request changes in areas from parking zones to retail sales zones.

Plans for the direction of the looming building, located on Gregg Street, had changed to face north with an adjacent parking lot.

Officials watched the building progression and slated an opening for October 1992.

By September, three local business leaders had agreed to close their doors and join the H-E-B administrative team.

Neal Roberts, former owner of Neal's Pharmacy; Bob Peercy, former owner of Bob's Pharmacy; and Gale Pittman, former owner of Gale's Bakery all cited a lagging economy as reason to operate H-E-B's pharmacy and bakery.

As scheduled, the store opened in October marked by skydivers, a car and appliance giveaway sign up and 100s of area residents packing the store aisles.

The expanded variety of products offered in the store included 17 producers of frozen dinners, 16 brands of liquid laundry detergents and 13 types of motor oils.

According to officials, the Big Spring store was the last of three, expanding west for the chain, based in San Antonio. There are stores in San Angelo and Abilene.

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Cable service remains among most econmical

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Big Spring Cable TV increased rates for basic service 7.95 percent in February.

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"In the past year we have worked very hard to provide improved customer service. This includes a stringent electronic maintenance program to keep good pictures coming into the home and a new after-hour response system to provide the speediest possible service when customers have a problem," he said.

With the increase, Big Spring residents will pay an average monthly price of 56 cents per channel for the 32-channel full basic service.

The Big Spring average currently is 52 cents per channel — the same as Lubbock and lower than eight of 11 West Texas communities. Only Odessa, at 49 cents per channel, currently has an average lower than Big Spring and Lubbock.

Lloyd said the monthly rate for the first outlet of limited basic service will be $11.95 within the city limits, effective Feb. 1.

"Our full basic service includes some channels, such as ESPN, at no additional cost while other communities charge extra for the channels we take for granted," Lloyd explained.

The highest monthly average per channel is $1.20 in Lamesa, where a 25-channel package costs $30.12 per month.

Other West Texas rates and averages include: $20.50 per month, or 71 cents per channel, for 31 channels in Sweetwater; $20.22, 67 cents, for 30 channels in both Stanton and Colorado City; $19.20, 67 cents, for 30 channels in Abilene and $20.50, 66 cents, for 31 channels in Andrews.

Also, $20.75, 65 cents, for 32 channels in San Angelo; $18.95, 56 cents, for 34 channels in Midland; $18.05, 52 cents, for 35 channels in Lubbock and $19.95, 49 cents, for 41 channels in Odessa.

Lloyd said operating costs increased because of inflation.

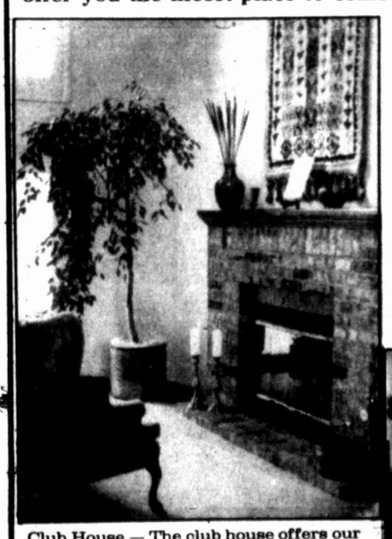
"For the past 16 months we have been able to hold our basic rates at a level consistently below inflationary levels due to an aggressive cost containment program," he said. "However, because of inflationary increases in general operating costs, it has become an economic necessity to adjust our monthly rates for service."

Fuel, insurance, pole rental for cable attachment and postage were cited.

"I believe cable television continues to be a good value. For about 60 cents a day your entire family can be informed and entertained by our basic service," Lloyd said. "Compare that to the cost of tickets to a movie or a month's worth of video rentals and cable is still a very economical means of family entertainment."

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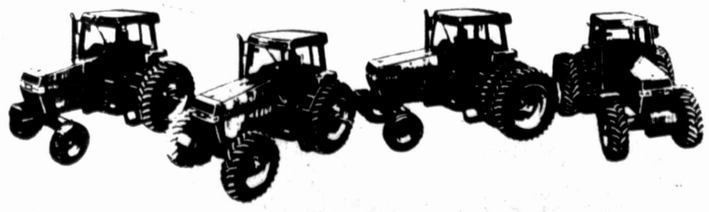
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Main Street Inc. revitalizing, injecting growth to downtown

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Big Spring Main Street Inc. began Feb. 1, 1988, with a mission to revitalize and inject growth into the city's downtown area.

An evolution of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's Downtown Steering Committee, Main Street Inc. celebrated its fifth anniversary last month. The nonprofit organization has taken on a number of tasks beautifying the downtown area, bringing in new business and attracting more shoppers to the area.

The downtown steering committee was in existence about 1½ years prior to Main Street's incorporation, said Richard Atkins, president of Main Street's board of directors.

Notable accomplishments in the organization's history include the Railroad Plaza with the Box Car Cafe at the beginning of Main Street, an "anchor" to attract people to the area, Atkins said.

Removing a burned out building in the 300 block of Main street, the corporation directed construction of the Pocket Park, opened in 1987.

Following this move, Howard County Commissioners announced the remodeling of what is now the Courthouse Annex, adjacent to the Pocket Park, Atkins said. These two projects greatly improved the appearance of the courthouse area.

Because of cooperation between Main Street, the county, city and Larry Moffett of Moffett Carpets, the demolition of two more burned-out buildings in the downtown area was accomplished in 1990.

Many of the downtown shops, including Atkin's own Big Spring Hardware, have new facades. In addition, volunteer workers have covered the faces of old buildings in plywood, painted with 1920s-era scenes.

Main Street received control of three additional buildings in the downtown area.

The West Texas Center for the Arts, opened last summer, uses one. The center's displays, events and art classes are added attractions to the downtown area.

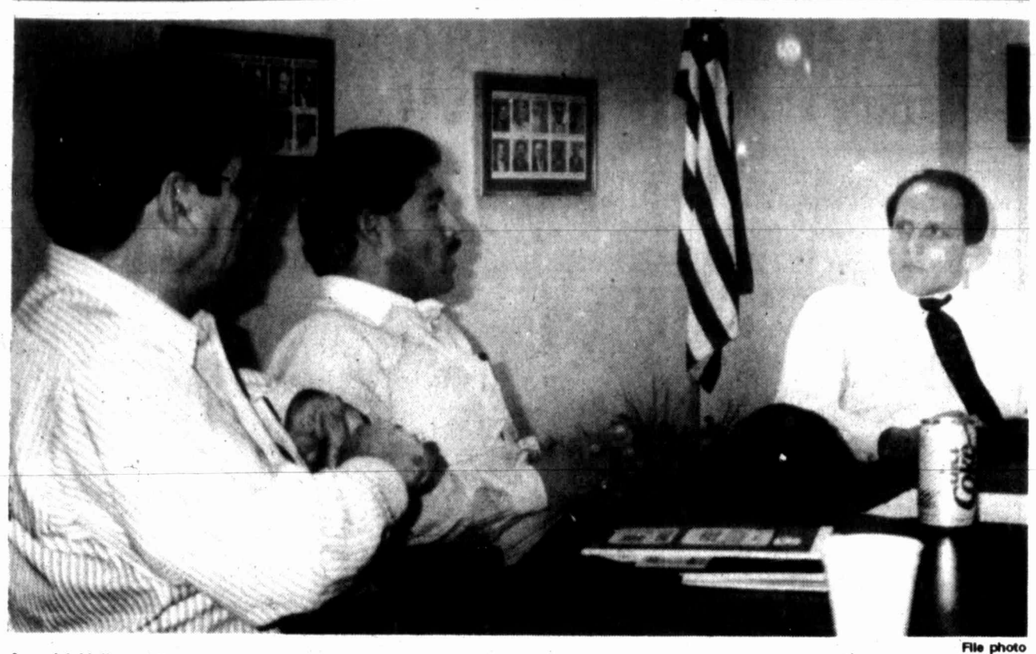
Another of these buildings, the Petroleum Building, will have much emphasis in the future. One of Main Street's primary goals is to "get the Petroleum Building up and running," Atkins said.

"There will be quite a bit of money brought to bear," Atkins said. The building will be refurbished, providing rental office space.

Another building houses Smallwoods Western Wear and Barnett's Isshinryu Karate School, which opened, respectively, in 1990 and last yea

Each addition to the downtown area serves other businesses, Atkins explained. Future traffic to Petroleum Building offices will bring added business to downtown shops.

The Main Street board of directors meet each Wednesday, 52 weeks a year, Atkins said. Regular meetings keep the organization heading in the right direction.



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Arnold Uribe, Albert Alvarez and Kent Newsom are members of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Minority Involvement Committee. Newsom is the chairman of the committee and Uribe is a chamber board member. The committee was formed in January. Committee members have canvassed minority business-owners and will formulate a three-year plan to increase involvement in civic and chamber activities.



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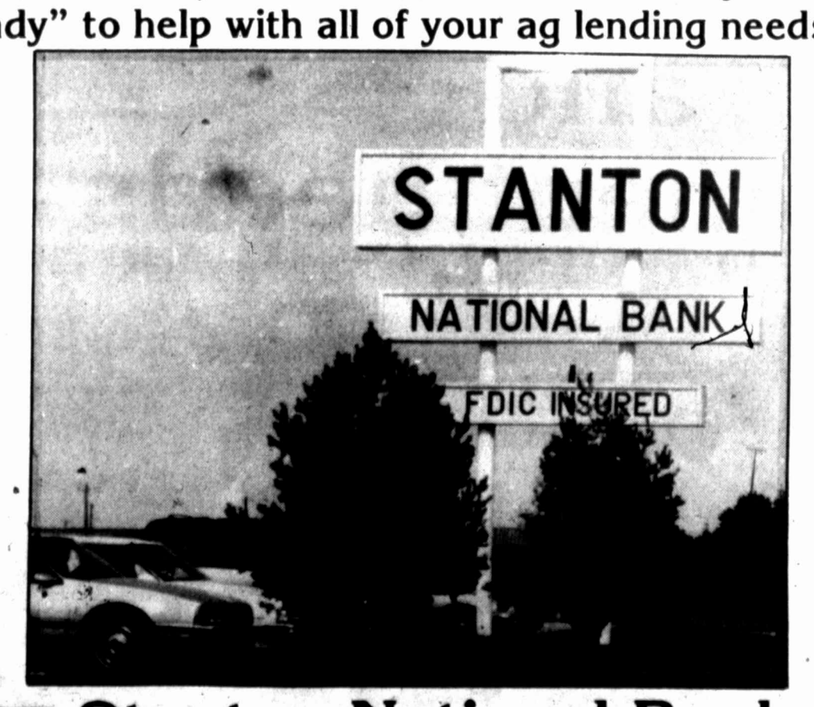
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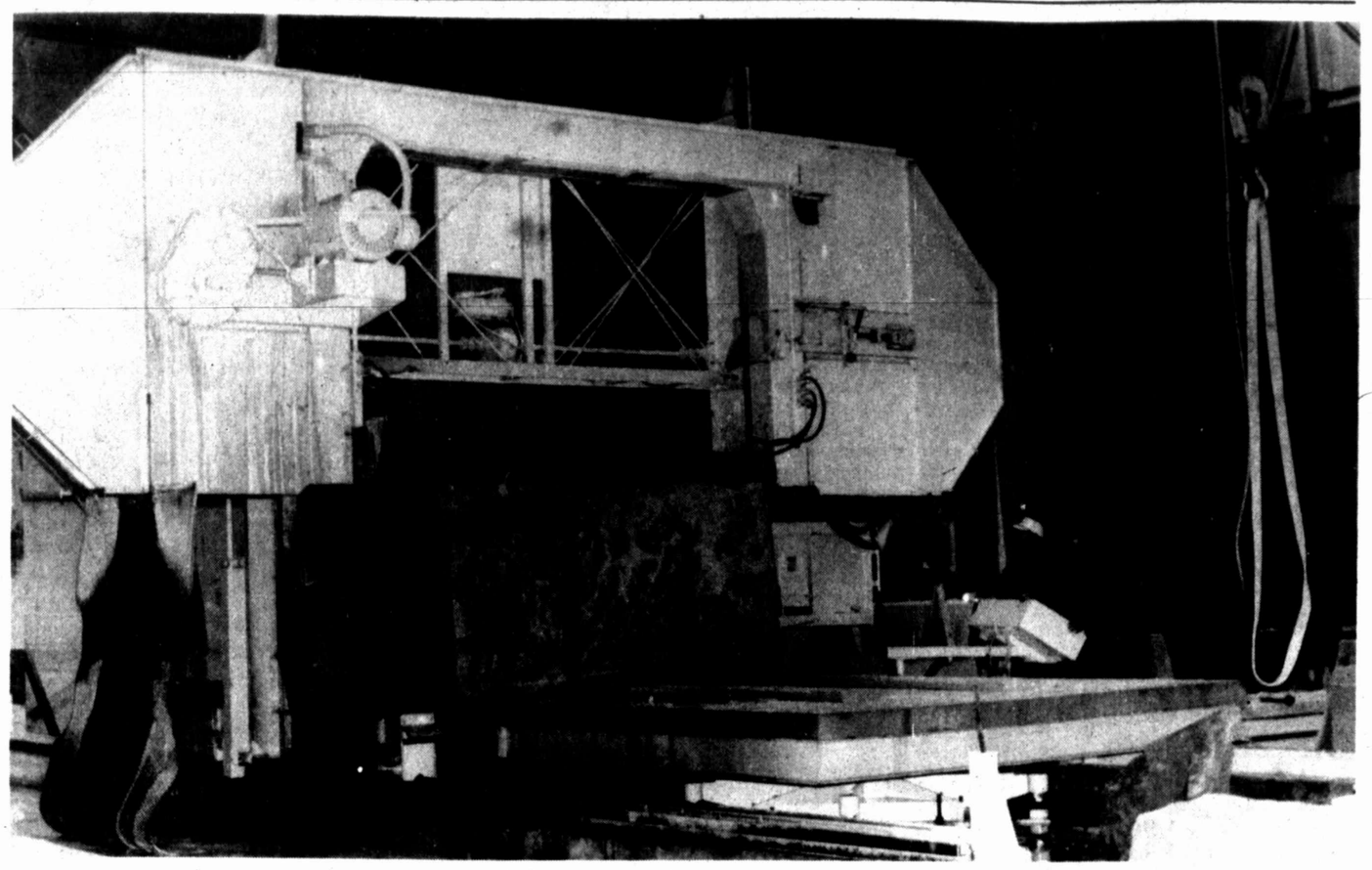
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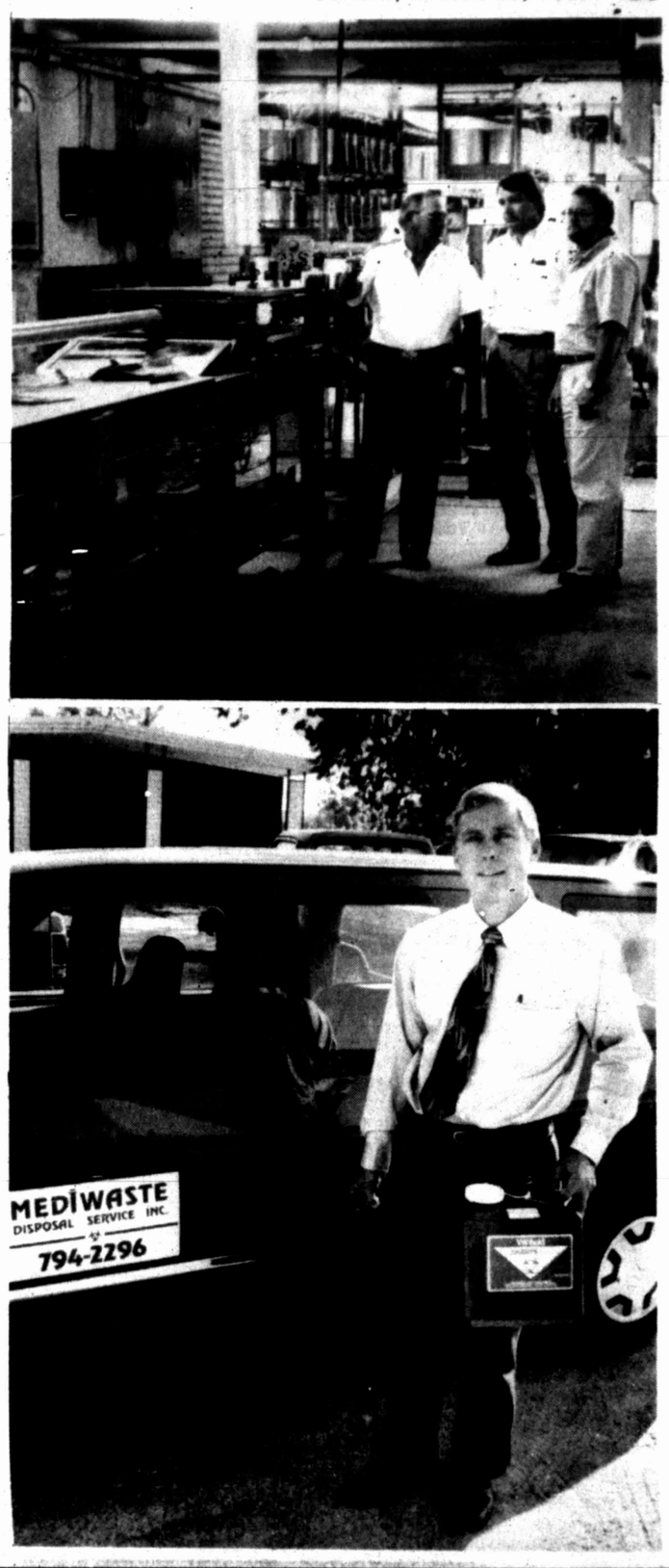






Opened in October 1992, American Limestone Company, above, is a thriving business in demand across the nation. HwyCom Inc., top right, owned by John Freeman and Stan Partee, put a new product on the market for Texas highways in 1992. Entrepreneur Robin Long, lower right, of Lubbock opened Mediwaste Disposal Services Inc. in the fall of 1992, to fill a gap created by state and federal regulation regarding the disposal of medical wastes. Beth Ann's, right, a designer clothing store for women and girls, opened a holiday shop near Christmas in the Big Spring Mall. Nails By Diane, left, opened in September, adding nail care services for area residents reaching as far as Midland. Owner Diane Roach provides manicures, pedicures and nail beauty products.

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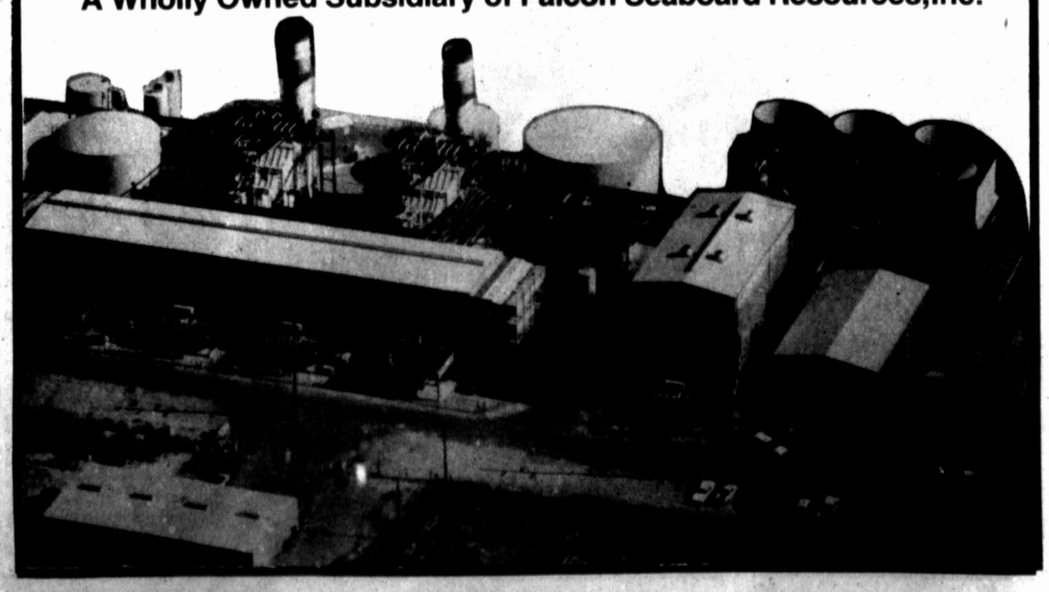
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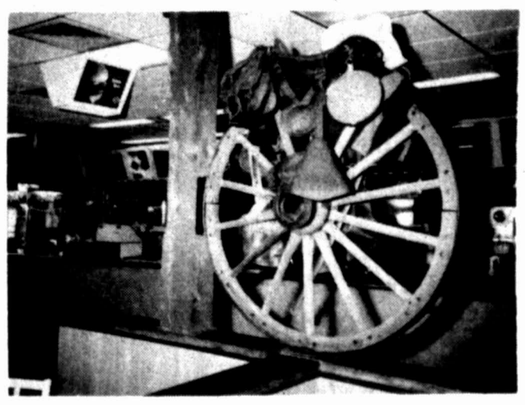
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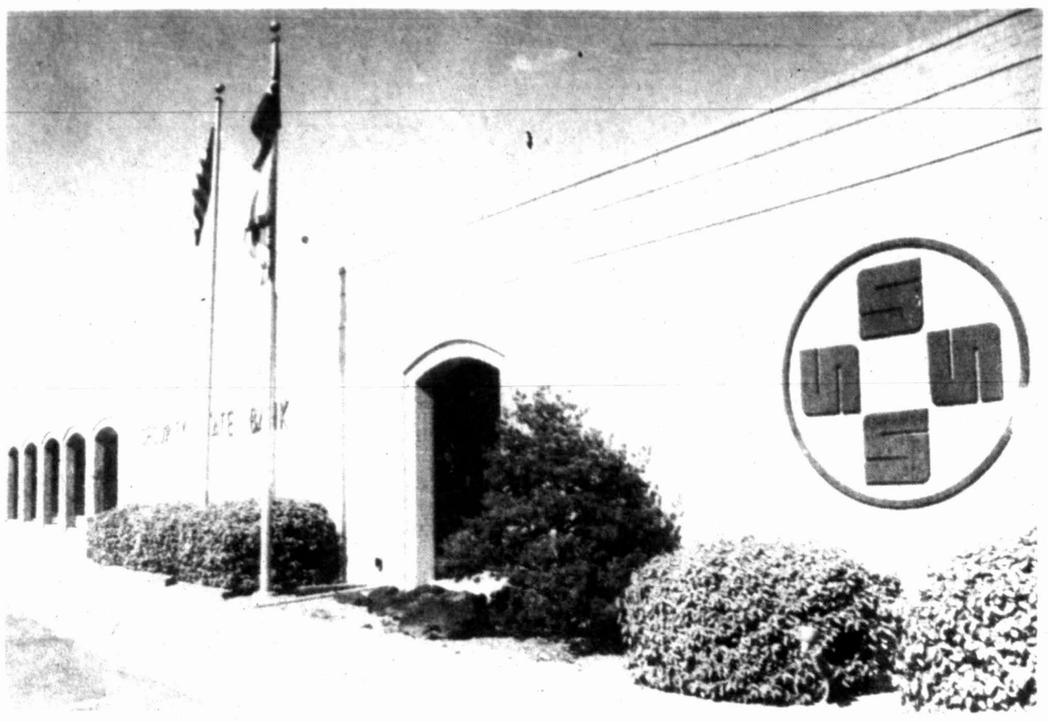
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Banking grown from cast-iron strong box to four institutions



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Bearing the brunt of the area's financial transactions are the First National Bank of Big Spring, Security State Bank, above, State National Bank and the Coahoma State Bank, each institution maintaining a nationally-recognized level of stability, according to Herald reports.

Bank deposits increased in 1992

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Beginning more than a century ago, Big Spring banking has grown from transactions handled from a cast-iron strongbox at the local mercantile store to four institutions with deposits totaling more than $3.6 million.

This figure does not include the savings and loan transactions from Big Spring's eight credit unions. Representing bank deposits from January, this figure is up 1.6 percent from January of 1992, according to information compiled by the Big Spring area Chamber of Commerce.

According to research performed for the Howard County Historical Commission, a small group of Big Spring men chartered the First National Bank of Big Spring in April of 1890. Total assets for the bank totaled $50,000.

Sketches from the period show a two-story brick building at the northwest corner of 2nd and Clinton streets. Clinton was later renamed Main Street.

The old First National Bank building at this address was later renovated and bears a stone marker above the door with the date 1909.

Although still called the First National Bank, the current FNB at the corner of 4th and Main streets was rechartered in 1934, merging with another bank, according to bank officials. In essence, this produced a new institution, but the city has not been without a bank of that name since 1890.

Other banks have prospered and yet have ceased to exist in this 100-year span. But banking officials say Big Spring banks are strong and secure, unlike those in other parts of the country.

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FNB received an award in 1992 from a private bank analysis system, one of five banks in the state to receive the award.

In granting this award, the agency looked at the quality of the bank's overall portfolio, return of assets and personnel from the board of directors to clerks.

Given their strong capital position, Big Spring bankers are optimistic about the future. State National Bank President Jim Purcell, has instituted electronic banking procedures that have been modeled in other areas of the country.

In a 1991 interview, Purcell said, "We are an industry leader in innovative data processing and networking of computers."

"Most of the problems in the banking industry are not found in Big Spring, because of the strong banks here," he said.

First National Bank oldest in county

Editor's Note: This article is based on research done for the Howard County Historical Commission by the late Joyce Ellis.

The first financial transactions in Howard County were often handled out of a cast iron strongbox in the vault at the J&W Fisher Company, a legendary mercantile store in Big Spring.

The newly arrived Texas & Pacific railroad stowed its payroll there, and early workers stood in line to cash their checks. Pioneer ranchers stashed their cash in the strongbox — money from cattle sales that was usually spent at the store for feed, lanterns, hats, ope and other frontier supplies.

But the growing prosperity of the area, flamed by the coming of the iron horse, soon made such financial dealings inadequate.

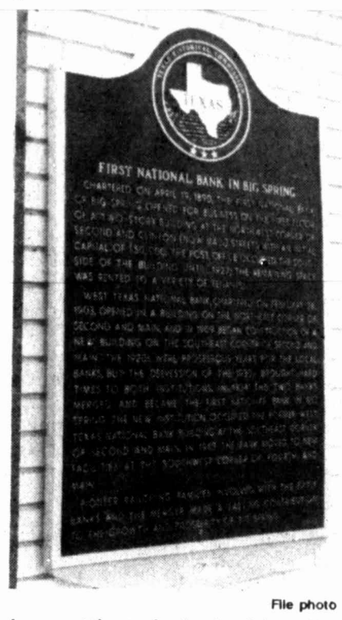
In 1890, a small group of Big Spring men met to talk over ideas for a bona fide banking institution. The list of those who had a hand in founding the city's first bank reads like a who's who of Howard County pioneers — names still remembered and revered today.

In a setting of plank sidewalks, dirt streets, and patent medicine broadsides painted on wood buildings, the oldest banking institution in Howard County opened its doors for business in May of 1890.

The First National Bank of Big Spring was chartered April 19 of that year with capital stock of $50,000. The site for the building was the northwest corner of Second Street and Clinton Street, which later was renamed Main Street. A round horse watering trough marked the south end of the street.

When the lot was purchased on March 6, 1890, the deed stated "grantee herein contemplates the erection of a building of stone or brick on said lot." No mechanics lien exists today, but early sketches showed a two-story brick building, 25'x140' in size, with stone outlining the roof's edge.

Some sources say F.W. James of Abilene actually organized the bank, as he had a hand in organizing many early financial institutions and businesses in West Texas. Col. James is listed as one of the first directors, along with



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In a setting of plank sidewalks, dirt streets, and patent medicine broadsides painted on wood buildings, the oldest banking institution in Howard County, First National Bank of Big Spring, opened its doors for business in May of 1890. In 1992, it was designated a historical monument by the Texas Historical Commission.

Joseph Fisher, J.I. McDowell, Lorin S. McDowell, Henry Pfaff, R.C. Sanderson, J.M. Walker, W.H. Gilliland, of Baird, was chosen to be the first president.

Two years later, a statement of condition, dated Dec. 9, 1892, listed E.C. Price as president. Total resources at that time were listed at $158,388.

The lower floor of the building was occupied by the bank, while the second story offices were rented to various businesses. In 1906, sixteen years after the bank opened, the U.S. govenrment entered into a contract with the bank to house the city's first post office in the south side of the building.

For a yearly rental fee, the bank assumed the responsibility to "fit and supply complete equipment of boxes, fixtures and furniture, including city and rural delivery, together with heat and light, fire and burglar proof safe, use of a bank vault, water closets, urinals, water and ways of egress and ingress" — all for the princely sum of $420.

The original bank building, which stands empty today, bears a stone marker above the front door with the date 1909. No mechanics lien exists for the renovation of the building, but this date coincides with the year a competitor, the West Texas National Bank, announced the beginning of operations.

Early pictures show First National's roof edge was enhanced and the front entrance redesigned. Interior renovations included marble teller cages edged in brass.

The West Texas National Bank was chartered Feb. 28, 1903. J.M. Cunningham was chosen president, S.W. Moore, vice-president and R.D. Matthews, cashier. These three men, with G.L. (Bud) Brown, Will P. Edwards, W.R. Cole and Binie Jones made up the first board of directors.

In October, 1903, Cunningham sold his stock and W.B. Eddleman was elected president. Since Eddleman was not a resident of Big Spring, Moore served as president until Edwards was elected to the position in January, 1905.

Brown was elected to the presidency in 1908 and served until January, 1914, when Edwards was again chosen. Succeeding Edwards in 1924 was B. Reagan, who held the position through the changes that were to come for the two banks.

The West Texas National Bank began business in the Stulting Building on the northeast corner of Main and Second Streets, directly east of First National. The bank prospered from the first, declaring its first dividend of 7 percent on Dec. 31, 1903.

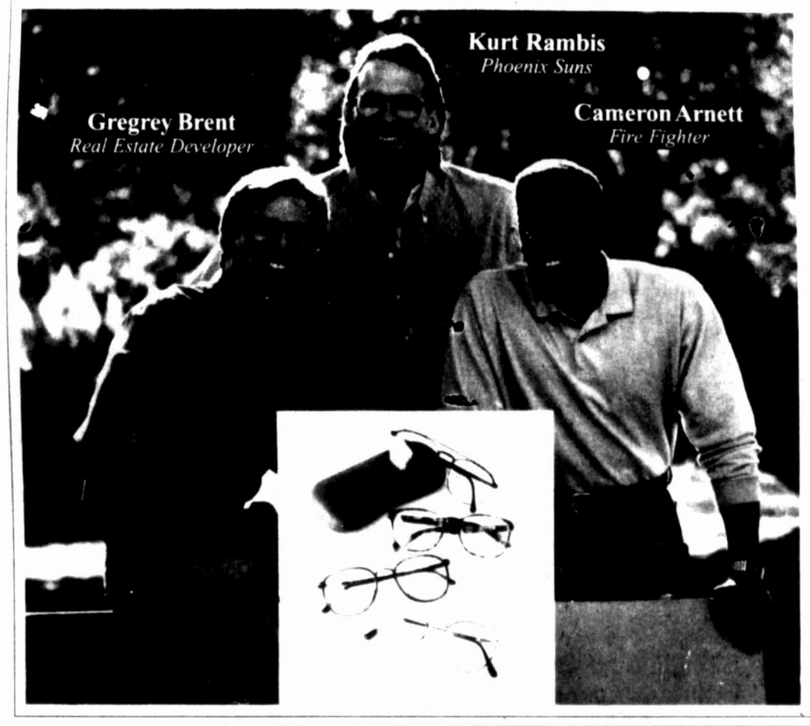
In 1908, lots were purchased for a permanent home for the bank, directly south across the dirt street from the Stulting Building, and diagonally across Main from First National's building. Completed in 1910, it had a 50-foot frontage on Main Street and 140-foot on second street, "having ample room for a big bank, even if Big Spring should become a city several times its present size."

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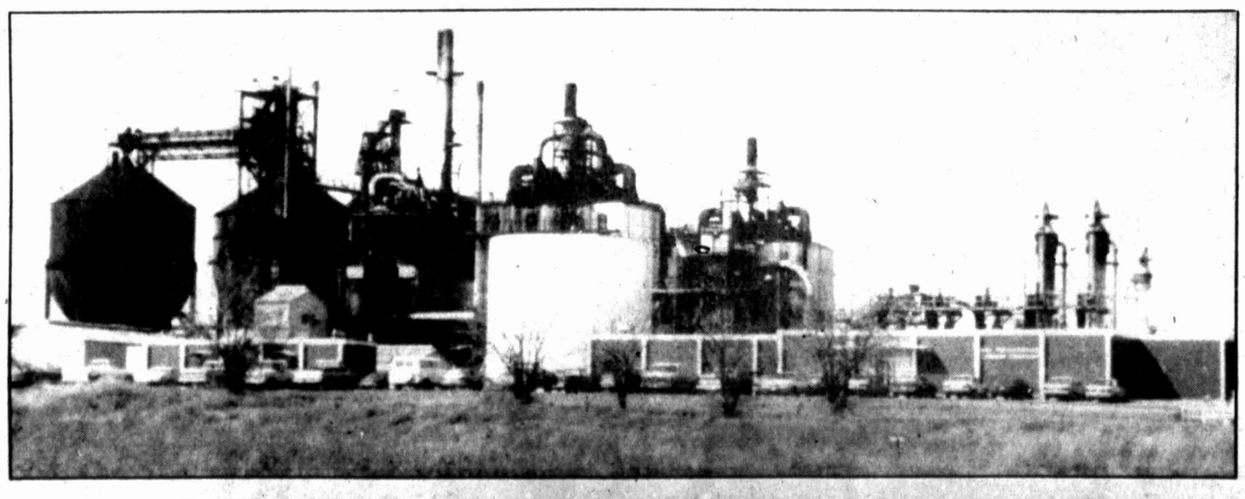
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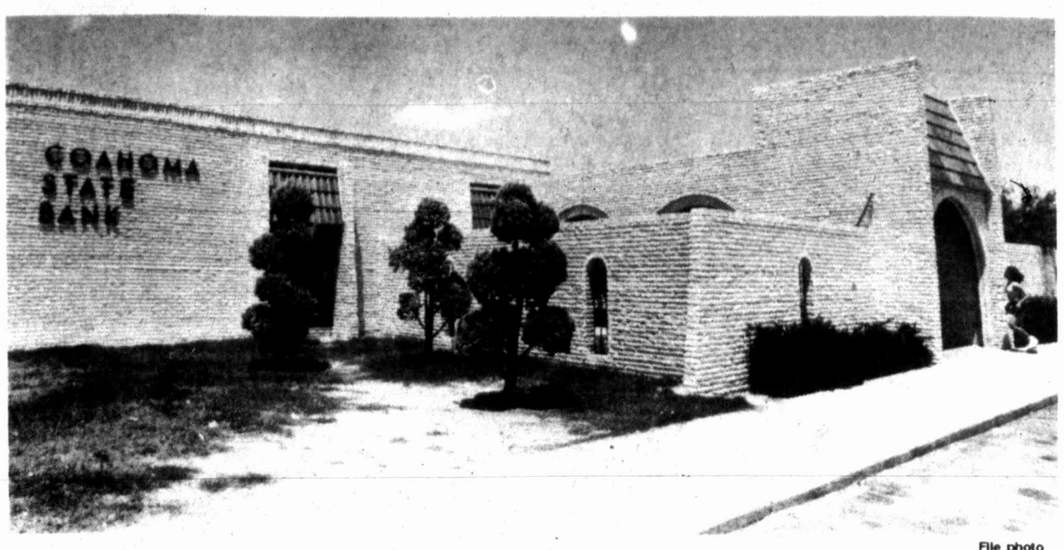
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Growth and expansion during 1992 was experienced by at least two rural banks. Coahoma State Bank, 11 miles east of Big Spring, expanded into the city last year and is expanding to Loraine, 40 miles east of Howard County, by the summer. The bank recently purchased the First State Bank of Lorraine and is waiting for banking authorities to finalize the transaction. Like the Coahoma bank, the First National Bank of Sterling City also weathered the economic storms of the 1980s to expand in the 1990s. It opened a branch office in Garden City in September.

Rural financial institutions experiencing growth period

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

As the economy slowly recovers, area banks are finding opportunities to expand and prosper.

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Coahoma State Bank, 11 miles east of Big Spring, expanded into the city last year and is expanding to Loraine, 40 miles east of Howard County, by the summer.

Chartered in 1961, the bank weathered the tempestuous economic times of the middle to late 1980s. Last October, it opened the Big Spring branch office with full-banking services on FM 700.

The bank recently purchased the First State Bank of Lorraine and is waiting for banking authorities to finalize the transaction.

"We are pleased with the Big Spring branch and looking forward to expanding into Loraine," bank vice president Bill Reed said. "We have been real profitable the last six years. One reason why we were able to absorb the Loraine purchase."

In a January, evaluation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the bank received a "number one rating."

"The rating means we are a top banking institution," Reed said.

FDIC evaluators examine capitol, assets, manament, equity and liquidity.

Like the Coahoma bank, the First National Bank of Sterling City also weathered the economic storms of the 1980s to expand in the 1990s. It opened a branch office in Garden City in September.

Both bank presidents attribute the banks' success, stability and expansion to conservative banking practices.

"We had our problems in the 1980s like other banks back then," Reed said. "But being conservative is what has helped us overcome the tough times."

First National Bank of Sterling City president Roger Williams says "A very conservative way of doing business has always been what we do.

"We do not want to be the biggest, just the best."

The bank was named as one of the 88 Texas Fortress Banks of 1991. It met the following criteria:

- Adjusted equity-to-assets in excess of 10 percent.
- Return on average assets in excess of 1.2 percent.
- Total assets in excess of $15 million.

The expansion trend seen in small community banks attests to their financial stability, said Texas Banking Commission deputy commissioner Randall James.

"Within the last few years we have seen more acquisitions and purchases by small community banks," James said. "Branch sites may be what use to be savings and loan offices.

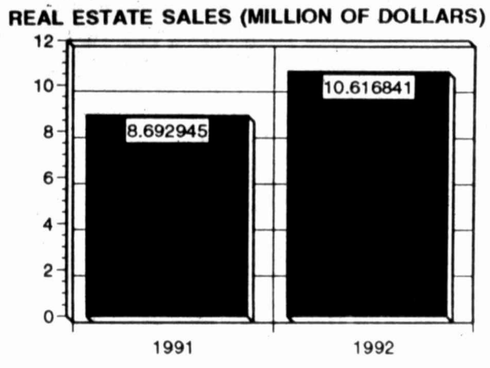
"They have seen an opportunity for expansion and the capacity to make money by profiting through loans. Banks who are out there have survived because they were tough even through easy times."

First National Bank of Stanton President Paul Crosthway says a good rule of thumb for survival in any business is "to never spend more than you make."

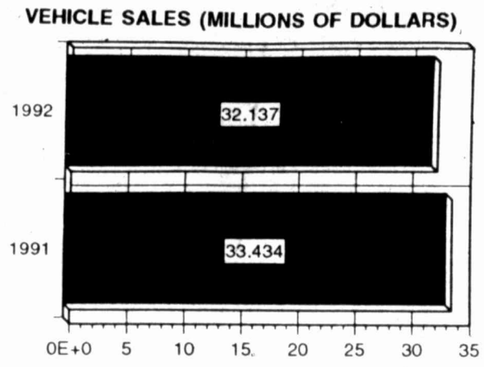
Chartered in 1906, the bank has kept a conservative attitude as the base of its philosophy. During the spend-free 1980s, the bank continued a cautious hold on its purse strings.

"In the 86 years we have been opened, conservative lending practices have always been implemented," Crosthway said. "Even when money was flowing pretty freely, we did not have liberal loan practices. After the bust in the 1980s, we tightened the belt more to survive."

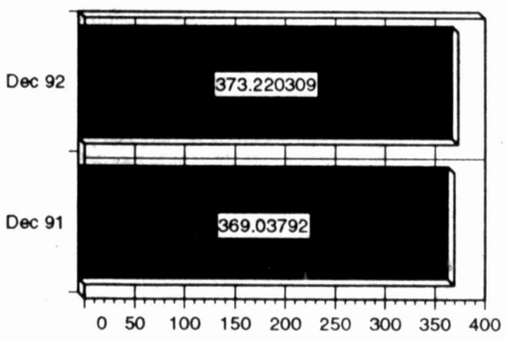
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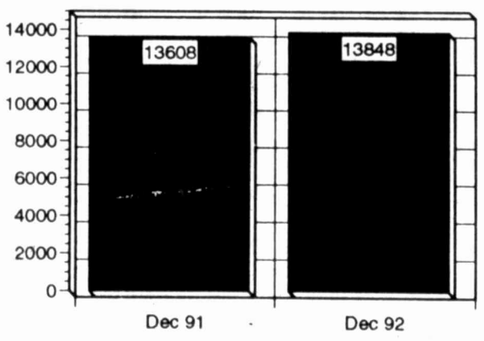
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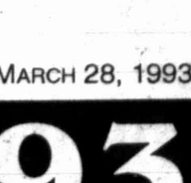
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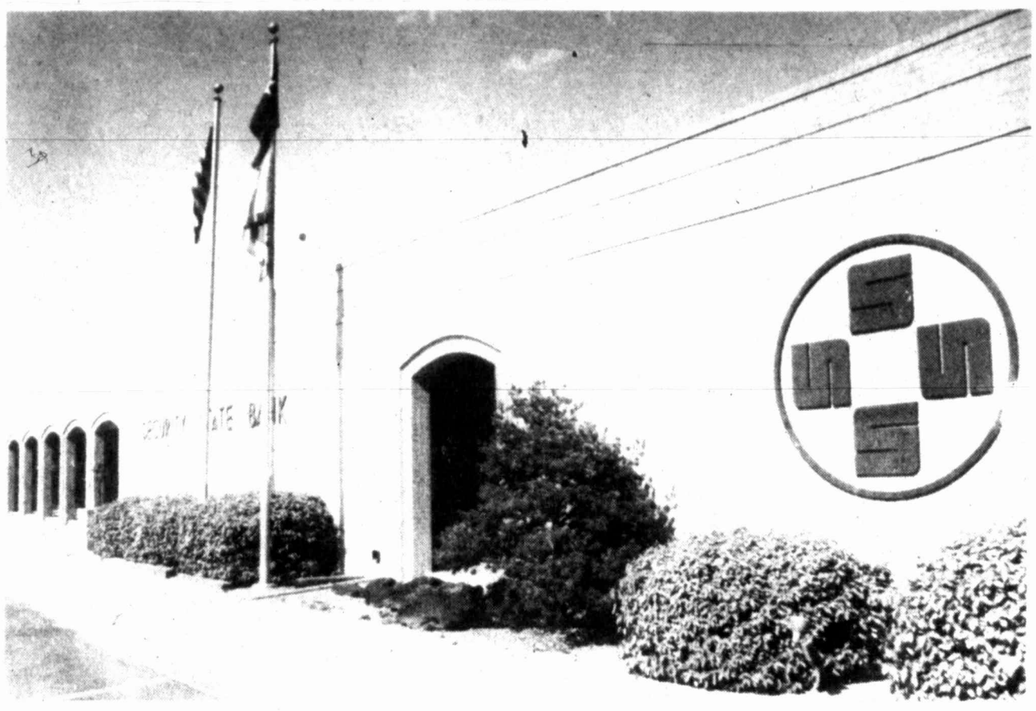
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Banking grown from cast-iron strong box to four institutions



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Bearing the brunt of the area's financial transactions are the First National Bank of Big Spring, Security State Bank, above, State National Bank and the Coahoma State Bank, each institution maintaining a nationally-recognized level of stability, according to Herald reports.

Bank deposits increased in 1992

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Beginning more than a century ago, Big Spring banking has grown from transactions handled from a cast-iron strongbox at the local mercantile store to four institutions with deposits totaling more than $3.6 million.

This figure does not include the savings and loan transactions from Big Spring's eight credit unions. Representing bank deposits from January, this figure is up 1.6 percent from January of 1992, according to information compiled by the Big Spring area Chamber of Commerce.

According to research performed for the Howard County Historical Commission, a small group of Big Spring men chartered the First National Bank of Big Spring in April of 1890. Total assets for the bank totaled $50,000.

Sketches from the period show a two-story brick building at the northwest corner of 2nd and Clinton streets. Clinton was later renamed Main Street.

The old First National Bank building at this address was later renovated and bears a stone marker above the door with the date 1909.

Although still called the First National Bank, the current FNB at the corner of 4th and Main streets was rechartered in 1934, merging with another bank, according to bank officials. In essence, this produced a new institution, but the city has not been without a bank of that name since 1890.

Other banks have prospered and yet have ceased to exist in this 100-year span. But banking officials say Big Spring banks are strong and secure, unlike those in other parts of the country.

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FNB received an award in 1992 from a private bank analysis system, one of five banks in the state to receive the award.

In granting this award, the agency looked at the quality of the bank's overall portfolio, return of assets and personnel from the board of directors to clerks.

Given their strong capital position, Big Spring bankers are optimistic about the future. State National Bank President Jim Purcell, has instituted electronic banking procedures that have been modeled in other areas of the country.

In a 1991 interview, Purcell said, "We are an industry leader in innovative data processing and networking of computers."

"Most of the problems in the banking industry are not found in Big Spring, because of the strong banks here," he said.

First National Bank oldest in county

Editor's Note: This article is based on research done for the Howard County Historical Commission by the late Joyce Ellis.

The first financial transactions in Howard County were often handled out of a cast iron strongbox in the vault at the J&W Fisher Company, a legendary mercantile store in Big Spring.

The newly arrived Texas & Pacific railroad stowed its payroll there, and early workers stood in line to cash their checks. Pioneer ranchers stashed their cash in the strongbox — money from cattle sales that was usually spent at the store for feed, lanterns, hats, ope and other frontier supplies.

But the growing prosperity of the area, flamed by the coming of the iron horse, soon made such financial dealings inadequate.

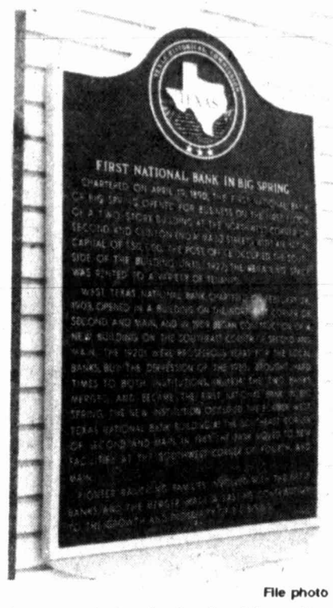
In 1890, a small group of Big Spring men met to talk over ideas for a bona fide banking institution. The list of those who had a hand in founding the city's first bank reads like a who's who of Howard County pioneers — names still remembered and revered today.

In a setting of plank sidewalks, dirt streets, and patent medicine broadsides painted on wood buildings, the oldest banking institution in Howard County opened its doors for business in May of 1890.

The First National Bank of Big Spring was chartered April 19 of that year with capital stock of $50,000. The site for the building was the northwest corner of Second Street and Clinton Street, which later was renamed Main Street. A round horse watering trough marked the south end of the street.

When the lot was purchased on March 6, 1890, the deed stated "grantee herein contemplates the erection of a building of stone or brick on said lot." No mechanics lien exists today, but early sketches showed a two-story brick building, 25'x140' in size, with stone outlining the roof's edge.

Some sources say F.W. James of Abilene actually organized the bank, as he had a hand in organizing many early financial institutions and businesses in West Texas. Col. James is listed as one of the first directors, along with



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Joseph Fisher, J.I. McDowell, Lorin S. McDowell, Henry Pfaff, R.C. Sanderson, J.M. Walker, W.H. Gilliland, of Baird, was chosen to be the first president.

Two years later, a statement of condition, dated Dec. 9, 1892, listed E.C. Price as president. Total resources at that time were listed at $158,388.

The lower floor of the building was occupied by the bank, while the second story offices were rented to various businesses. In 1906, sixteen years after the bank opened, the U.S. govenrment entered into a contract with the bank to house the city's first post office in the south side of the building.

For a yearly rental fee, the bank assumed the responsibility to "fit and supply complete equipment of boxes, fixtures and furniture, including city and rural delivery, together with heat and light, fire and burglar proof safe, use of a bank vault, water closets, urinals, water and ways of egress and ingress" — all for the princely sum of $420.

The original bank building, which stands empty today, bears a stone marker above the front door with the date 1909. No mechanics lien exists for the renovation of the building, but this date coincides with the year a competitor, the West Texas National Bank, announced the beginning of operations.

Early pictures show First National's roof edge was enhanced and the front entrance redesigned. Interior renovations included marble teller cages edged in brass.

The West Texas National Bank was chartered Feb. 28, 1903. J.M. Cunningham was chosen president, S.W. Moore, vice-president and R.D. Matthews, cashier. These three men, with G.L. (Bud) Brown, Will P. Edwards, W.R. Cole and Binie Jones made up the first board of directors.

In October, 1903, Cunningham sold his stock and W.B. Eddleman was elected president. Since Eddleman was not a resident of Big Spring, Moore served as president until Edwards was elected to the position in January, 1905.

Brown was elected to the presidency in 1908 and served until January, 1914, when Edwards was again chosen. Succeeding Edwards in 1924 was B. Reagan, who held the position through the changes that were to come for the two banks.

The West Texas National Bank began business in the Stulting Building on the northeast corner of Main and Second Streets, directly east of First National. The bank prospered from the first, declaring its first dividend of 7 percent on Dec. 31, 1903.

In 1908, lots were purchased for a permanent home for the bank, directly south across the dirt street from the Stulting Building, and diagonally across Main from First National's building. Completed in 1910, it had a 50-foot frontage on Main Street and 140-foot on second street, "having ample room for a big bank, even if Big Spring should become a city several times its present size."

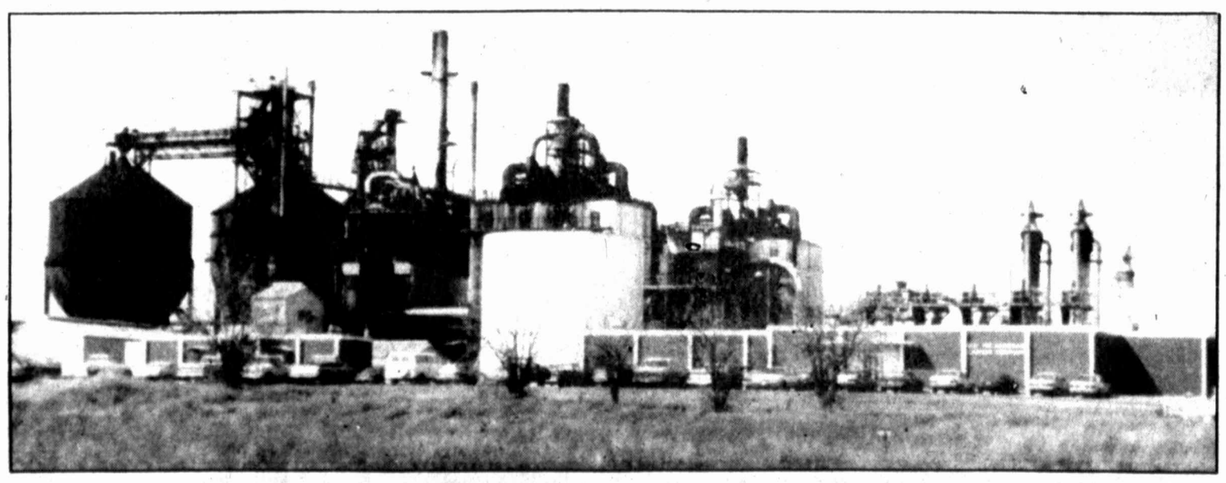
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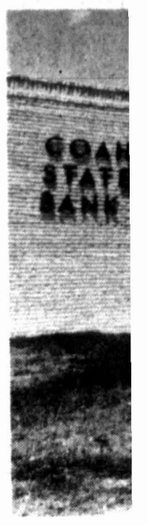
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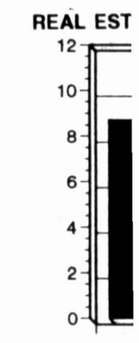
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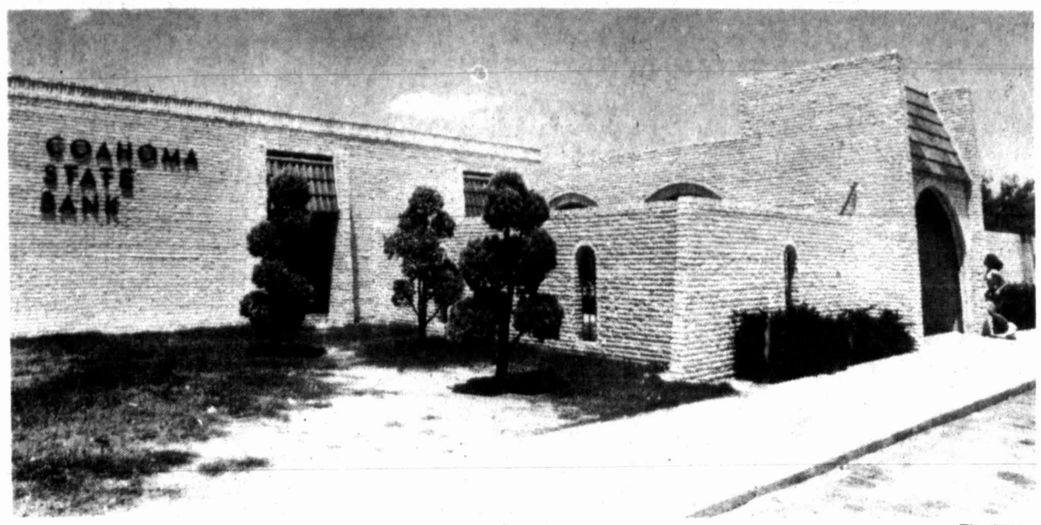


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Rural financial institutions experiencing growth period

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

As the economy slowly recovers, area banks are finding opportunities to expand and prosper.

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Coahoma State Bank, 11 miles east of Big Spring, expanded into the city last year and is expanding to Loraine, 40 miles east of Howard County, by the summer.

Chartered in 1961, the bank weathered the tempestuous economic times of the middle to late 1980s. Last October, it opened the Big Spring branch office with full-banking services on FM 700.

The bank recently purchased the First State Bank of Lorraine and is waiting for banking authorities to finalize the transaction.

"We are pleased with the Big Spring branch and looking forward to expanding into Loraine," bank vice president Bill Reed said. "We have been real profitable the last six years. One reason why we were able to absorb the Loraine purchase."

In a January, evaluation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the bank received a "number one rating."

"The rating means we are a top banking institution," Reed said.

FDIC evaluators examine capitol, assets, manament, equity and liquidity.

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Both bank presidents attribute the banks' success, stability and expansion to conservative banking practices.

"We had our problems in the 1980s like other banks back then," Reed said. "But being conservative is what has helped us overcome the tough times."

First National Bank of Sterling City president Roger Williams says "A very conservative way of doing business has always been what we do.

"We do not want to be the biggest, just the best."

The bank was named as one of the 88 Texas Fortress Banks of 1991. It met the following criteria:

- Adjusted equity-to-assets in excess of 10 percent.
- Return on average assets in excess of 1.2 percent.
- Total assets in excess of $15 million.

The expansion trend seen in small community banks attests to their financial stability, said Texas Banking Commission deputy commissioner Randall James.

"Within the last few years we have seen more acquisitions and purchases by small community banks," James said. "Branch sites may be what use to be savings and loan offices.

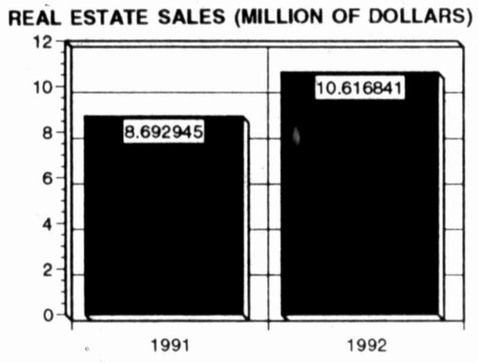
"They have seen an opportunity for expansion and the capacity to make money by profiting through loans. Banks who are out there have survived because they were tough even through easy times."

First National Bank of Stanton President Paul Crosthway says a good rule of thumb for survival in any business is "to never spend more than you make."

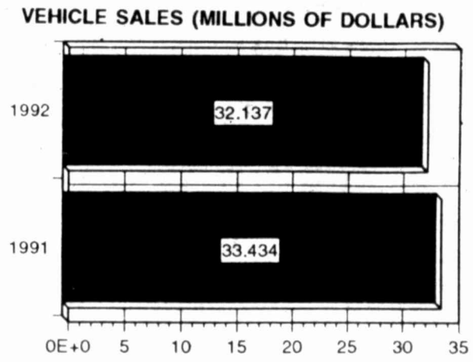
Chartered in 1906, the bank has kept a conservative attitude as the base of its philosophy. During the spend-free 1980s, the bank continued a cautious hold on its purse strings.

"In the 86 years we have been opened, conservative lending practices have always been implemented," Crosthway said. "Even when money was flowing pretty freely, we did not have liberal loan practices. After the bust in the 1980s, we tightened the belt more to survive."

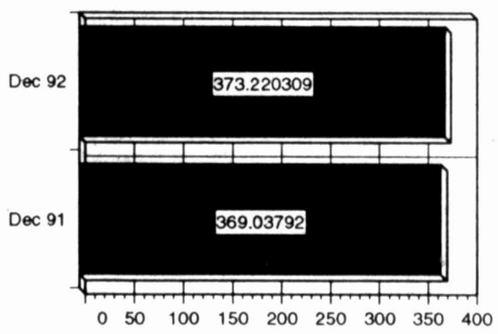
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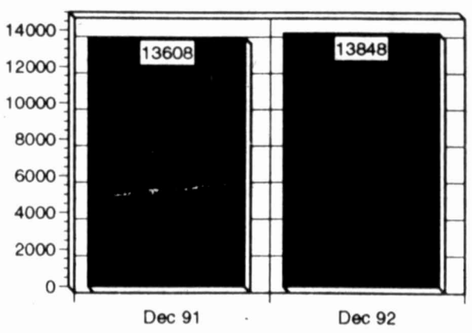
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Big Spring State Hospital, 267-8216, P.O. Box 231, Lamesa Hwy. 79721-0231, Robert von Rosenberg, superintendent; (Medical), State. 1061 employees.

Blue Bell Creameries, Inc., 263-8500, P.O. Box 1783, 401 E. IH-20, 79721-1783, (Ice Cream), Regional. 34 employees.

Bluebonnet Savings & Loan, 267-1651, 500 Main St., P.O. Box 3250, 79721-3250, Jerry Williams, branch manager; (Finance). 14 employees.

Bob Brock Ford-Lincoln-Mercury-Nissan, 267-7424, 500 W. 4th, 79720, (New and Used Car Dealership), Local. 38 employees.

Bob's Custom Woodwork, Inc., 267-5811, 613 N. Warehouse Rd., Robert Noyes, owner/operator, (Custom cabinets, etc.), Local. 8 employees.

Brandin' Iron Inn, 267-7661, HC 77 Box 219, Mike and R.L. Parker, (Restaurant), Local. 25 employees.

Burleson Machine & Welding Shop, 267-2701, P.O. Box 255, 1102 W. 3rd. 79721-0255, Ronnie Burleson, owner; SIC 3599 (General Machining & Welding Shop), Local. 4 employees.

Cain Electric Supply Corp., 263-8421, 204 Johnson, 79720, P.O. Box 2158, Tom Ross, president. 20 employees.

Cactus Paint Mfg. Co. Inc., 267-8293, P.O. Box 1047, E. Hwy. 80, 79721-1047, Gene Campbell, president; SIC 2851, National. 8 employees.

Citizens Federal Credit Union, 267-6373, P.O. Box 425, 701 E. FM 700, 79721-0425, Jim T. Weaver, president; (Finance), Local. 26 employees.

City of Big Spring, 263-8311, 4th & Nolan, P.O. Box 3190, 79721-3190, Lanny Lambert, city manager (Government), Local. 365 employees.

Coahoma Independent School District, 394-4290, High School Drive, P.O. Box 110, 79511, L.D. Monroe, superintendent (Education). 128 employees.

Co-Ex Pipe Co., 263-0206, 714 Anna, 79720, Danny Murley, manager, (Manufacturing Plastic Pipe), SIC 3079, National. 15 employees.

Colorado River Municipal Water District — CRMWD, 267-6341, 400 E. 24th, P.O. Box 869, 79721-0869, O.H. Ivie, general manager (Government — Water). 19 employees.

Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 263-4041, 3200 Parkway, 79720, Paula Harrison, administrator (Care Center), Regional. 90 employees.

Conoco Inc., 263-1227, Box 688, Forsan, Tx., Gary Lovette, production foreman (Oil Production), National. 22 employees.

Continental Water Systems, 267-6812, 503 Benton, P.O. Box 283, 79721-0283, Mike Steward, president; SIC 3589, (Reverse Osmosis & Deionization Water Treatment), Local. 3 employees.

Cosden Pipe Line, Co., 264-5400, 111 E. 7th, 79720. 89 employees.

Culligan Water Conditioning, 263-8781, 503 E. 6th, 79720, Richard Wright, owner; (Water Treatment), Local. 6 employees.

Custom Builders & Woodworks, 263-7894, 1600 W. 4th, 79720, David Rhoton, owner; SIC 2434 (Custom Cabinets), Local. 2 employees.

Delta Lightning Arrestors, Inc., 267-1000, 3204 E. Int. 20, P.O. Box 1084, 79721-1084, Mike Craddock, president; SIC 3643 (Lighting Arrestors), National. 12 employees.

Doris Letter Shop 263-7432, 705 Tulsa, P.O. Box 989, 79721-0989, Paul & Doris Guy, partners; SIC 2751 (Commercial Printing), Local. 2 employees.

Duncan Drilling Co., 263-7721, 402 E. FM 700, 79720, James Duncan, owner (Oil Production), Regional. 14 employees.

Feagins Implement, 263-8348, P.O. Box 2354, 79721-2354, (Farm Equipment) Local. 25 employees.

Fiberflex Products, Inc., 267-1661, Industrial Park, P.O. Box 6044, 79721-6044, Jerry Lysaght, commanding executive officer; SIC 3079 (Fiberglass Sucker Rods and Structural Products) International. 75 employees.

Fiberglass Systems, Inc., 263-1291, N. Lamesa Hwy., P.O. Box 1831, 79721-1831, Wayne Johnke, superintendent; SIC 3079 (Fiberglass Fittings), National. 7 employees.

Fina Oil & Chemical Co. (subsidiary of America Petrofina, Inc.) 263-7661, Interstate 20 E., P.O. Box 1311, 79721-1311; Jeff Morris, plant manager, Ron Haddock, chief executive officer; SIC 2821, 2865, 2911, (Polystyrene, gaso-

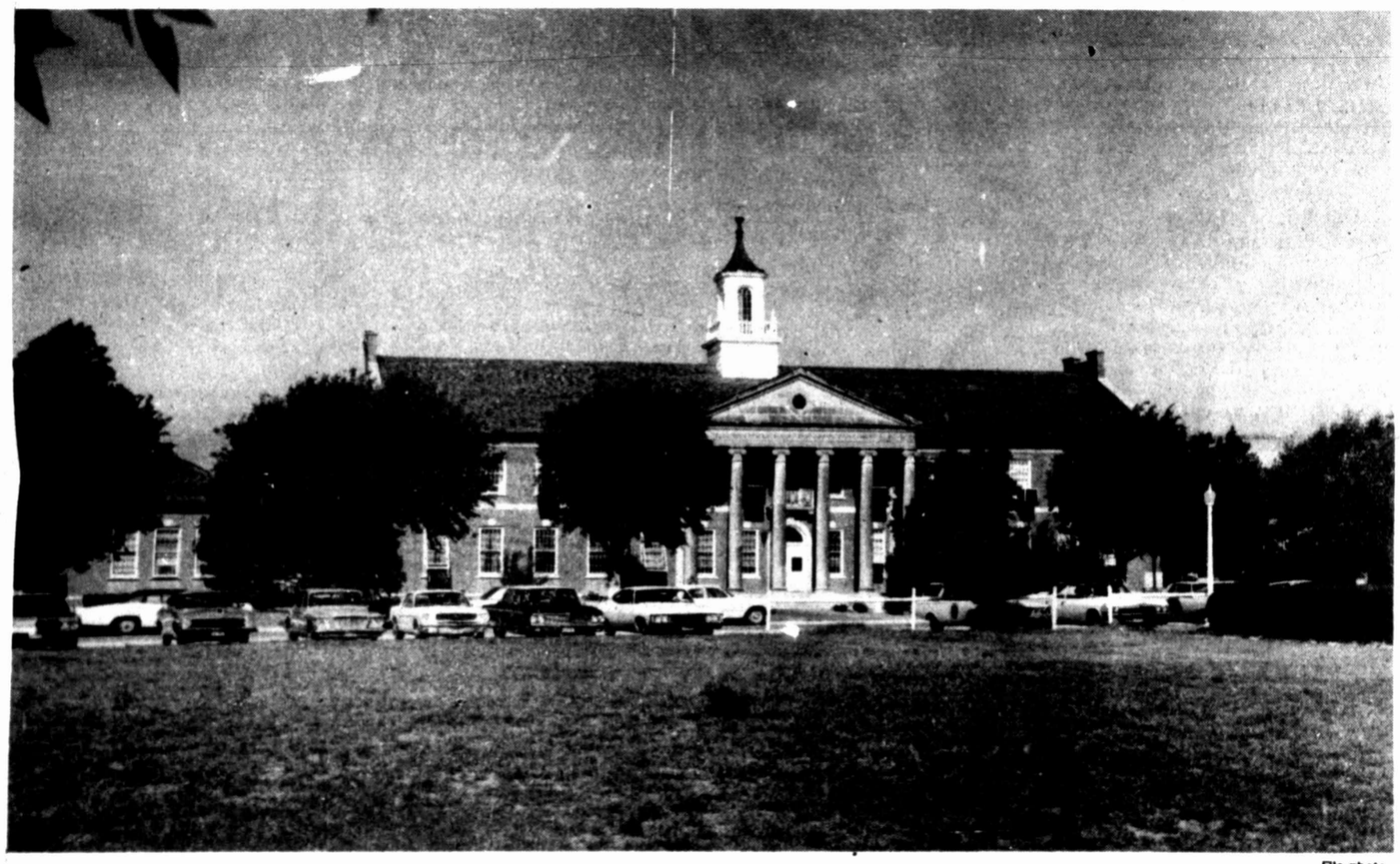
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The local Sears Roebuck and Co. at the Big Spring Mall has a variety of major appliances including, televsion sets, washers and dryers.



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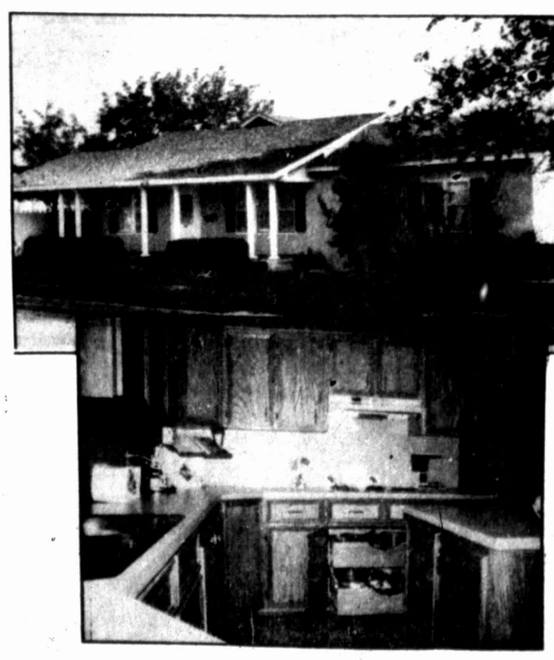
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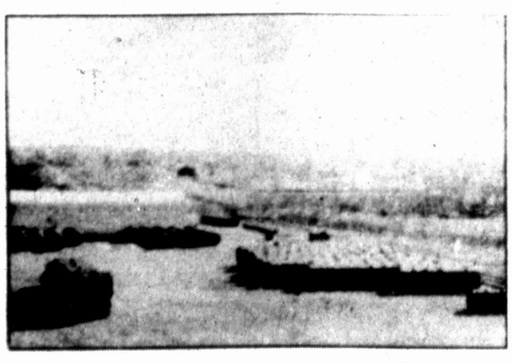
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line, propane and related petroleum products) National. 260 employees.

First National Bank, 267-5513, 400 Main St., P.O. Box 1351, 79721-1351, J.T. Taylor, president; (Finance). 50 employees.

Forsan Independent School District, 267-2790, P.O. Drawer A, Forsan, Texas 79733, J. F. Poyner, superintendent; (Education). 74 employees.

Fraser Industries, Inc., 263-1307, Big Spring Industrial Park, Bldg. #615, 208 W. 3rd, 79720, Troy Fraser, president; Steve Fraser vice-president; SIC 2448 (Wooden Pallets) National. 30 employees.

Freecom, 263-8497, Big Spring Industrial Park Bldg. #1103, P.O. Box 2119, 79721-2119, John Freeman, owner; SIC 3479 (Ceramic Coating) International. 23 employees.

FTI, 267-5501, 100 Runnels, 79720, Tom Rutledge, CEO; Russ Rutledge, president; (Fiberglass Sucker Rod New and Re-Condition) Regional. 15 employees.

Furr's Store Inc., 263-8461, College Park Shopping Center - Frank Brooks, manager; (Retail Groceries) Regional. 72 employees.

Gamco Industries Inc., 267-6327, Texas Highway 350, P.O. Box 1911 79721-1911, Auriel LaFond, president; Judith Rickey, vice-president (Includes Subs; Creative Visuals, Mathmaster Labs) SIC 2531, 2782, 3652, 3861, 3999, (Teaching Aids) (Parent Co. Siboney Corp.) National. 23 employees.

Big Spring Care Center, 263-7633, 901 Goliad St., 79720, Gary Thomas, administrator; (Medical). 145 employees.

A.K. Guthrie Operating Co., 263-8481, 611 Main, 79720, A.K. Guthrie, owner; (Oil Production). 14 employees.

Hall and Bennett Clinic, 267-7411, 411 E. 9th, P.O. Box 2071 79721-2071, Joe Bowman, administrator; (Medical). 21 employees.

Herman's Restaurant, Inc., 267-3281, 1601 Gregg, 79720 Homer Wilkerson, owner, (Restaurant) Local. 35 employees.

Hester's Mechanical & Associates, Inc., 263-8342, N. Birdwell Lane, P.O. Box 669, 79721-0669, Terry Kessler, president; Jim Buske, vice-president; SIC 3585 (Heating and Air Conditioning, Residential & Commercial Plumbing, Sheetmetal Fab) Local. 4 employees.

Home Community Service, 263-8123, 1602 Cole, 79720 David Feemster, program director, (Human Services) Local. 65 employees.

Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, 264-5000 and 264-3700, 1001 Birdwell Lane & Industrial Park, 79720, Cheri Sparks, president; (Education). 260 employees.

Howard County, various numbers for all offices - 300 Main. 150 employees.

Hubbard Packing Co., 267-7781, N. Birdwell, P.O. Box 687, 79721-0687, Tommy C. Hubbard, owner, Domingo Rocha, manager; SIC 2011 (Meat Processing and Packaging) Local. 3 employees.

Karns & Sons Machine Shop, 263-2065, R.R. 1, Box 774, 79720-0921, D.W. Karns, owner; Grace Karns, office manager; SIC 3599 (Machine Parts) Regional. 4 employees.

Leonard's Pharmacy, Inc. 263-7344, Box 671, 79721-0671 Edward E. Corson, (Pharmacy/Drug) Local. 25 employees.

Liberty Machine & Fabrication, 263-7703, P.O. Box 2287, Industrial Park Bldg. #14, D. Bagnail and D. Jones, owners; SIC 3599 (Machine Shop) Local. 3 employees.

Lobes of Fun, 263-2898, HC 76 Box 41, (915) 267-5629, 814 W. 17th; Paula Talbot and Cinda Stanley owners 79720; (Earrings and Accessories) National. 2 employees.

M & M General Contractors, 267-2595, N. Hwy. 87, 79720, James Massengill, owner; (General Construction). 25 employees.

Malone & Hogan Clinic, 267-6361, 1501 W. 11th Place, 79720, Penny Phillips, administrator; (Medical). 93 employees.

McMahon Concrete Co., 267-6348, 605 N. Benton, P.O. Drawer 2378, 79721, Clyde McMahon Jr., president; SIC 3272, 3273 (Precast Concrete Products, Ready Mixed Concrete) Local. 25 employees.

McMillian Printing and Office Supply, 267-7471, 1712 Gregg, P.O. Box 1768, 79721-1768, H.L. McMillan, owner; SIC 2751 (Commercial Printing and Typesetting and Office Supply and Furniture) Local. 6 employees.

Meridian Oil, Inc., 263-8346, 4010 U.S. Highway 87, 79720, Bret Herring, production foreman, (Oil Production) National. 7 employees.

Mountain View Lodge, Inc. 263-1271, 2009 Virginia, 79720, Vicky Cole, administrator; (Medical). 72 employees.

Newsom's-Don's IGA, 267-5533, 1300 S. Gregg, Don Newsom, owner, (Retail). 100 employees.

Partee Enterprises, 263-0640, 110 W. 22nd; 79720; (Oil Production) Regional. 15 employees.

Permian Research Corp., 267-4105, 3400 W. 7th, 79720; Roy Cerpa, president; (Research in the manufacture of plastic & equipment used in manufacturing of plastic products), SIC 7391 International. 19 employees.

Phillips Machine Shop, 267-7141, 1318 3rd., P.O. Box 469, 79721-0469, Raymond Phillips, owner; SIC 3599 (General Machining Job Shop) Local. 2 employees.

Pollard Chevrolet-Buick-Cadillac, 267-7421, 1501 E. 4th, 79720 Bill Pollard, owner; (New and Used Car Dealership) Local. 40 employees.

Pool Well Services, 263-8444, U.S. Highway 87 North, P.O. Box 1071, 79721-1071, James Grimsley, manager; (Oilfield). 60 employees.

United States Post Office, 263-7391, Federal Building, 79720, Mike Glenn, officer in charge (Government). 59 employees.

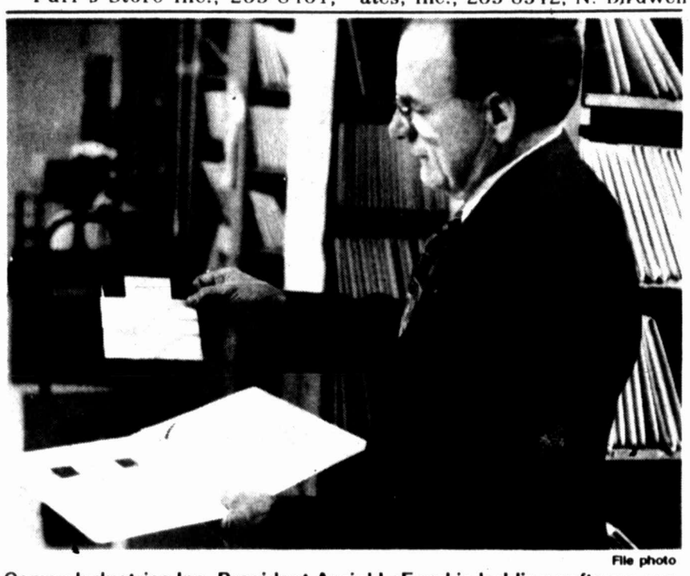
Power Resources, Inc., 263-3940, P.O. Box 2700, E. I-20 & North Service Road, David Dewhurst, president; Ken Hamby, plant manager; SIC 4911 (Congeneration of electricity & steam) Local. 37 employees.

Price Construction, 267-1691, Snyder Hwy., P.O. Box 1029, 79721-1029, A.A. Price, President; (Highway Construction). 150 employees.

Richardson, (SID) Carbon & Gasoline Co., 263-7389, N. Midway Road, P.O. Box 470, 79721-0470, John M. Hogg, president; Larry Locke, plant manager; SIC 2895, (Carbon Black) International. 66 employees.

Riley Drilling Co., 267-5635,

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Gamco Industries Inc. President Auriel LaFond is holding software produced at Gamco. Products include creative visuals, Mathmaster labs and other teaching aids. It is located north of the city on Texas Highway 350. It has 23 employees.



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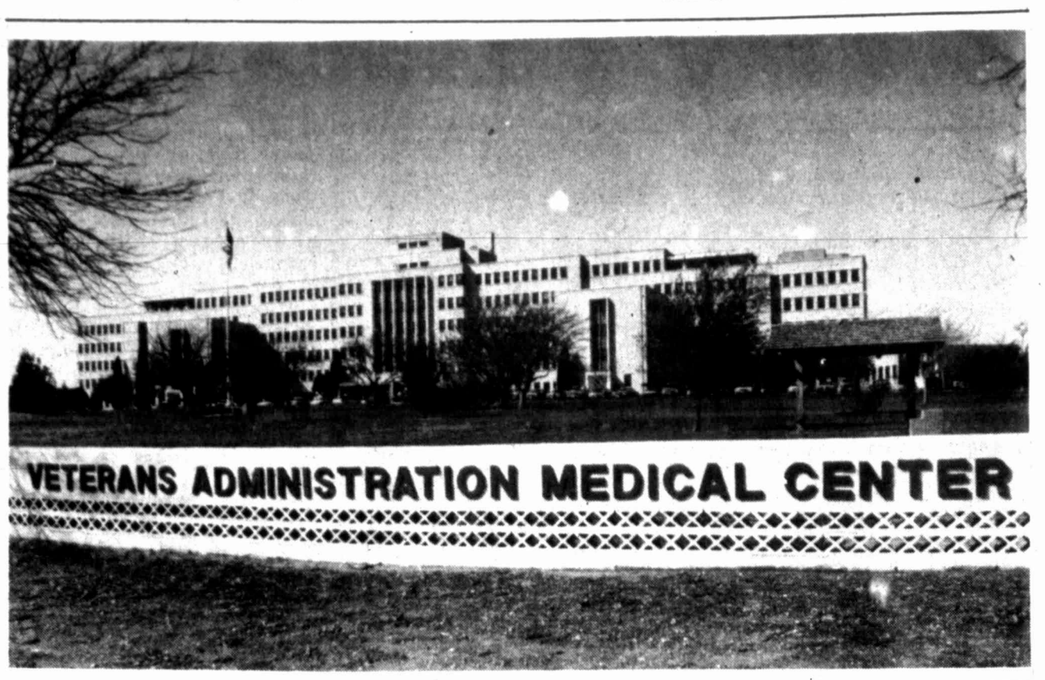
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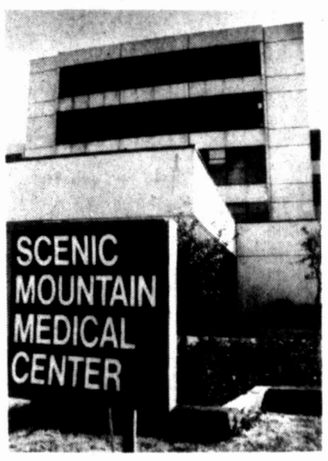
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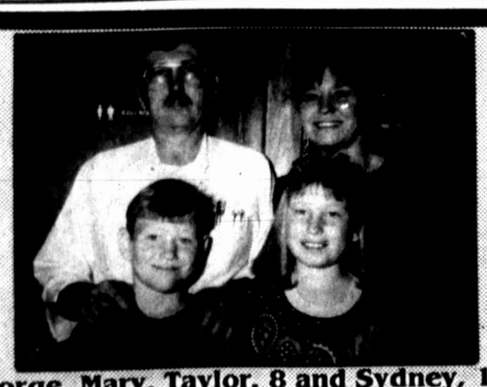
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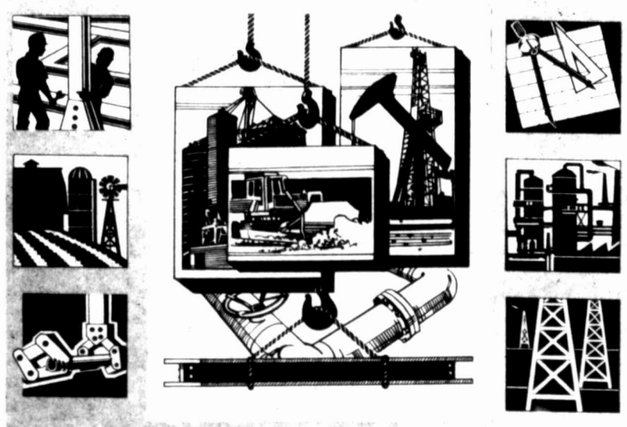
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1101 S. Main, P.O. Box 1308, 79721-1308, Betty L. Williams, president; (Oil Production) Regional. 5 employees.

Rip Griffin Truck Service Center, Inc., 264-4444, Interstate-20 & U.S Highway 87, P.O. Box 1654, Wayne Farrington, Complex Manager; Restaurant, (Retail, Service Station). 95 employees.

Robinson Drilling of Texas, 267-5277, 607 Main, 79720, Myra Robinson, owner; Ray Alexander, office manager; (Oil Production) Regional. 25 employees.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 263-1211, 1501 W. 11th Place 79720, David Wiley, administrator; (Medical). 300 employees.

Security State Bank, 267-5555, 1411 S. Gregg Street, 79720, (Finance). 27 employees.

Southland Corporation, (7-11); 264-6806, 401 Birdwell Lane, Leonard Norman, Field Manager; (Convenient Store). 63 employees.

Star Com Distributing, 263-7512; 511 S. Gregg St., 79720, Cleo Carlile, Owner (Satellite Communications) National. 12 employees.

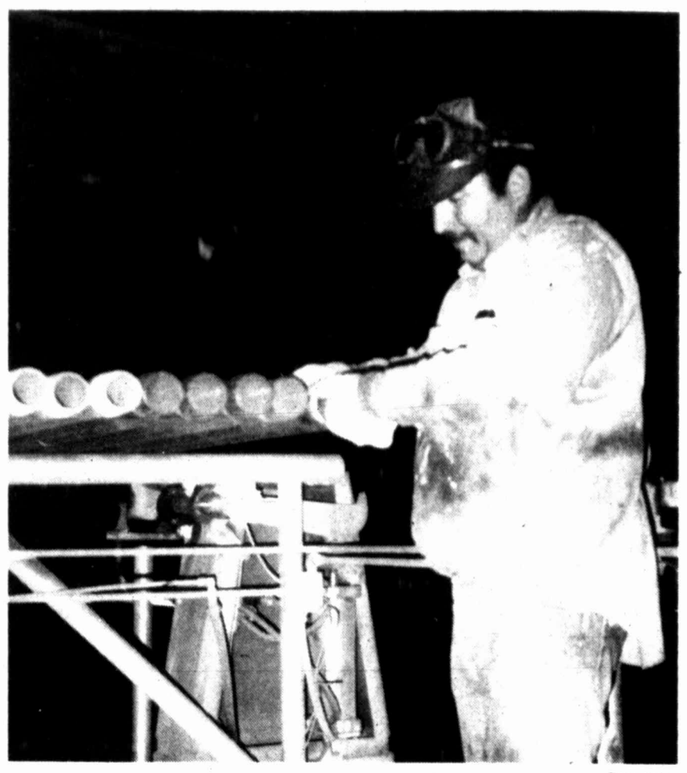
State National Bank, 267-2531, 901 Main, 79720, Jim Purcell, President, (Finance). 40 employees.

Southwest Tool Co., 267-7612, 901 E. 2nd, P.O. Box 1007, 79721-1007, James L. Johnson Jr., President; Jimmy Johnson, Plant Manager; (Welding & Machine Shop-Steel Supply) Local. 12 employees.

Texaco Exploration & Production, 263-5411, P.O. Box 3310 79720, Jacke E. Weber, area manager. (Oil & Gas Exploration). 49 employees.

Texaco Oil Co., 399-4575, Vincent Rt., HC 71 Box 132, Coahoma, Texas, 79511, John Truhe, plant superintendent; SIC 2999 (Gas and Oil) National. 62 employees.

Tu Electric, 267-6383, P.O. Box 871, 409 Runnels, 79721-0871, John Toone, district manager; (Electricity). 72 employees.



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Freecom manufactures a ceramic coating sold nationwide and internationally. It has 23 employees.

Tex-Pure Drinking Water Systems, 263-4932, 801 Highland, (Water Treatment) Local. 6 employees.

United States Justice Department (Bureau of Prison), 263-8304, Industrial Park, P.O. Box 6085, Federal Prison Camp, 79721-6085, Michael Fitzpatrick, warden; Government. 275 employees.

Valero Hydrocarbons Co., Garden City Plant, P.O. Box 249, Garden City, TX 79729-0249, Tommy Moore, plant superintendent; SIC 2869 (LPG Products) National. 12 employees.

Veterans Administration Hospital, 263-7361, 2400 Gregg St., 79720, Conrad Alexander, medical center director; (Medical) Government. 402 employees.

Walls Industries, 263-0581, 1303 Snyder Hwy., P.O. Box 3248, 79721-1567, John Farrell, president; Jack Letts, plant manager, SIC 2328 (Clothing Retail) National. 100 employees.

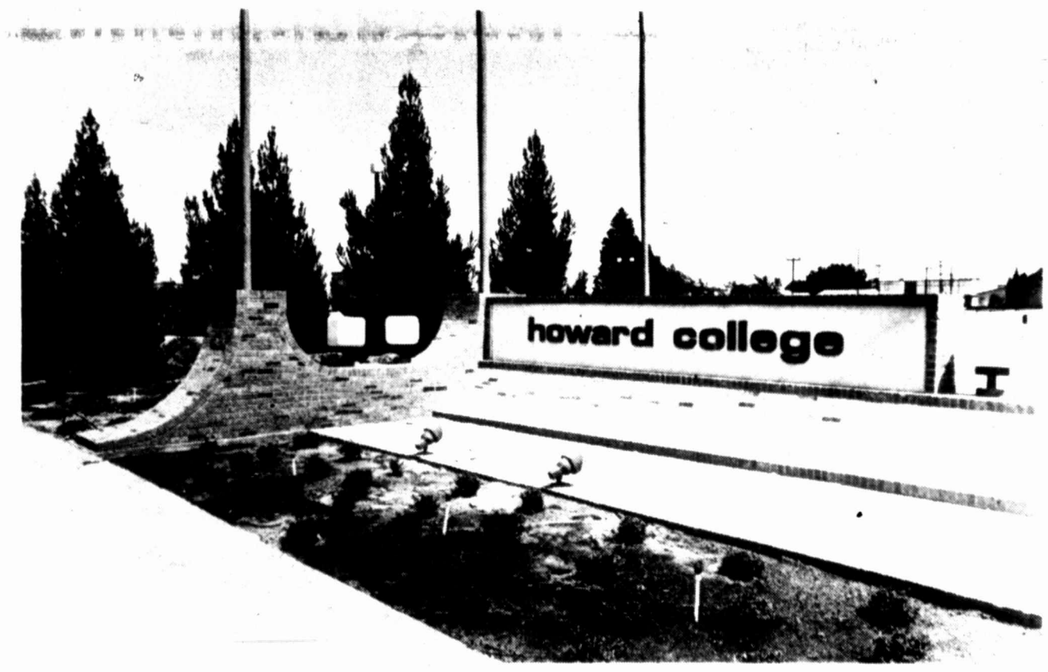
Wal-Mart, 267-4531, 2600 S. Gregg St., Coronado Plaza, 79720 Don Samford, general manager; (Retail). 181 employees.

Western Container, 263-8361, Industrial Park, 1600 1st. Ave. 79721-6089, Bob Jackson, chairman; Ed Jaster, director of plant operation; SIC 3079 (Manufactures 16 oz., 2 Liter, and 3 Liter Plastic Bottles for Coca Cola) National. 110 employees.

Westex Printing Inc., 263-2111, 111 Main St., 79720, A. J. Atkins, president; SIC 2751 (Commercial Printing) Local. 1 employee.

Williams Industrial Fabricators, Inc., 267-6791, 811 N. Benton, 79720, Ronnie Burleson, president; SIC 3446 (Industrial Iron Fabrication) Regional. 4 employees.

Winn Dixie, 267-3431, 2602 S. Gregg St., Coronado Plaza, 79720 Mike Seitz, manager; (Retail Grocery. 90 employees.



Howard College and SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf provide employment for 260. The college was founded in 1945 and the institute was founded in 1982. In recent years, enrollment has significantly grown, topping more than 1,000. The college also has satellite campuses in San Angelo, Del Rio, Lamesa and other communities throughout Texas.



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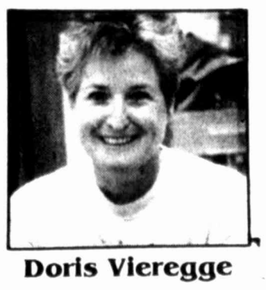


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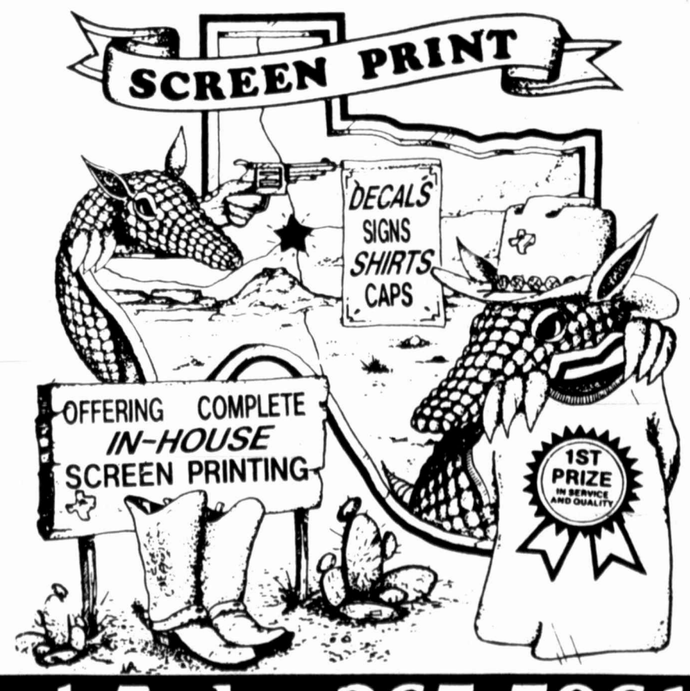
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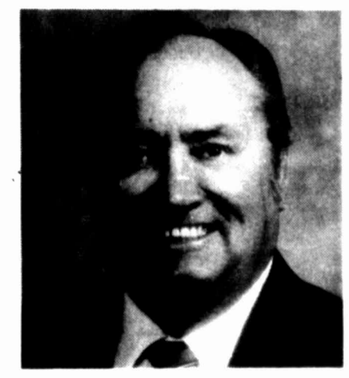
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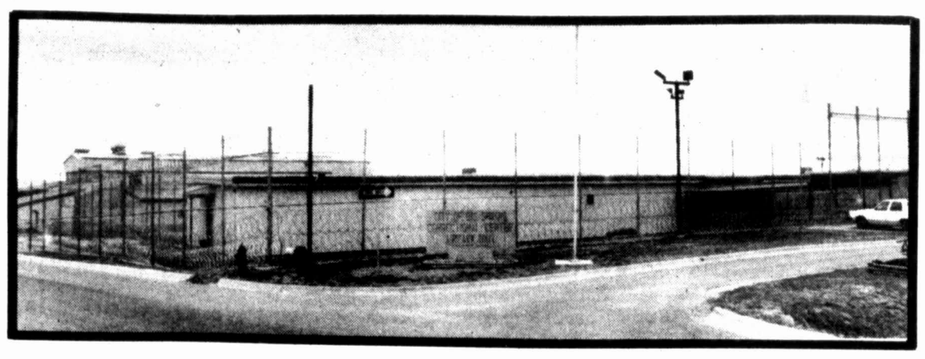
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Tourism boosts local economy

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

With the oil bust in the mid-1980s and other factors slowing the regional economy, West Texas cities began exploring different avenues to increase local revenue.

During the economic doldrums, tourism began to play a bigger role.

In Texas, almost $21 billion was spent by tourists in 1991, six percent of the nation's share. About 410,000 jobs are related to tourism, accounting for 5.8 percent of all jobs. Every $50,246 spent created a job.

In Howard County, $20.33 million was spent that year with 320 jobs and a payroll of $3.73 million tied to tourism.

"There is nothing sluggish about the tourism dollar," Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau director Marae Brooks said. "I have found in all my research and through the materials I receive from the state convention bureau that travel and tourism is the third largest retail industry and is the second largest in terms of employment."

The city could gain an estimated $2 million annually in tourism dollars — enough to pay 100 people $18,000 a year, plus $2,000 in benefits.

The local attractions include the Heritage Museum, historic points of interest, Moss Lake, Comanche Lake, Big Spring State Park, Comanche Trail Park and Municipal Golf Course. Big Spring has nine motels with 585 rooms and more than 50 eating establishments.

Available facilities for conventions and conferences include, United Way office, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and East Room, First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall, chamber's conference room, Days Inn, Great Western Motel, Herman's Restaurant, Canterbury south Retirement Community, VFW Hall, Howard County Fair barns, Big Spring Country Club and Dora Roberts Community Center.

The seating at most facilities ranges from 20 to 75 with the coliseum seating capacity at 4,300 and community center's ballroom at 297.

The city is also centrally located in West Texas with easy access via U.S. Highway 87 and Interstate 20.

Tourism spending in Howard County, most of the area and throughout Texas increased in 1991 over the nation's average.

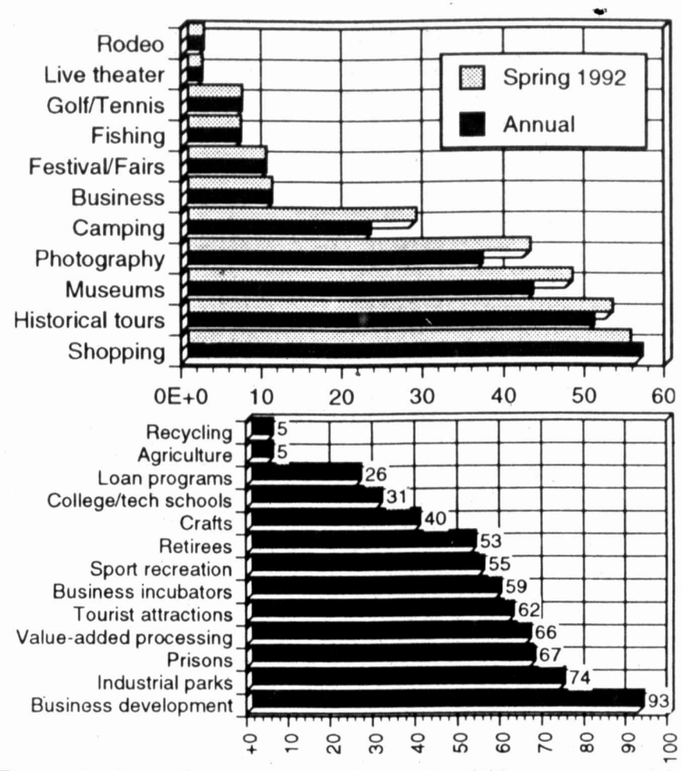
Tourism spending in 1991, including domestic and international, increased 6.4 percent nationwide, according to a Texas Department of Commerce report.

Aggressive marketing is cited as a factor in the increase.

Locally, the chamber established a 25-member committee focused on tourism in January and headed by Fina Oil & Chemical Plant Manager Jeff Morris.

"We believe that Big Spring has the assets to be a real tourist destination," Morris said. "We have a lot of attractions other communities don't have."

As of Sept. 31 of last year, tourism increased 150 percent in Big Spring with 4,021 tourists contributing an estimated $500,000 in revenue to the economy.



Top graph shows the percentages of type of activities groups participated on trips to Texas. The question was asked in a survey by Texas Department of Transportation Travel and Information Division. Bottom graph shows percentage of responses by state rural leaders to development options to be considered the next decades. Poll by Texas Rural Communities.



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The Heritage Museum's "Around the World in 80 Bites" debuted in Feburary of 1993. The event was composed of more than 35 volunteer chefs and about 500 people sampling the food bites from around the world and making up the rich local heritage. Bavlava, German sausage and sauerkraut, Irish lamb stew, chili, empanadas, as well as many other treats from Africa , Italy, the United States, Latin America and Asian countries were available. "Around the World" is one of many annual events local residents partake in.

Chamber developing strategy to attract visitors, conventions

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

Tourism is recognized as a major industry by rural business leaders across the state, including those in Big Spring who are marshalling resources to attract more visitors.

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in December formed a 25-member committee chaired by Jeff Morris, Fina Oil & Chemical plant manager, to develop a plan of strategy by the end of this year.

"We believe that Big Spring has the assets to be a real tourist destination. We have a lot of attractions other communities don't have," said Morris, who during the next month will meet with different groups to lobby efforts.

He added, "Tourism makes good economic sense. It's real hard economic dollars. It's as good an economic development tool as manufacturing or anything else. These are real export dollars."

A study of tourism in Florida communities shows that when a low influx of tourism increases to medium influx:

- Retails sales are boosted by 40 percent, per capita income by 15 percent and effective household buying power by 10 percent.
- Families below poverty level decreases by 25 percent. In Howard County in 1990 26 percent of families lived in poverty, according to the U.S. Census.
- Health, recreation and personal services increase.

Morris said he doesn't have definitive numbers on what low and medium tourism influx is, but said, "My opinion is the tourism in Big Spring is on the low scale and we have the opportunity to move that to medium or high scale."

Last year ending Sept. 31 tourism increased 150 percent in Big Spring, with a total 4,021 tourists or more contributing an estimated $500,000 in revenue to the economy, according to the chamber's Tourist and Information Center. But even that's only one-third of 1 percent of $153 million in retail sales in the city for the year ending Oct. 31.

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Jeff Morris
Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Tourism Committee

Among Big Spring's strong points for tourism development?

For one thing, Morris said, a golf course, lake, jogging trail and tennis court are all in one area on the city's Southside where the city and state parks are.

Natural attractions include the overlook on Scenic Mountain in the state park, the city's designation as a bird sanctuary and winter visits from thousands of sandhill cranes.

Historic attractions include the Big Spring in the city park — a gathering point for native Americans and settlers, the railroad plaza on Main Street and one of the area's first petroleum refineries. The Permian Basin's first oil well was drilled in Mitchell County just east of here.

"We have one of the prettiest locations in West Texas, physically, just because we're on the edge of the Edwards Plateau," Morris said. "With a little polish and the addition of a few amenities we can create a true tourist destination in Big Spring."

Convention, visitors bureau emphasizes local attractions

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Business Editor

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau moved into a new office and is pushing harder than ever to attract tourists to the community.

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Past efforts are working but local business leaders believe there's untapped resources.

A 25-member committee formed by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce to design a strategy by the end of the year to attract tourists is expected to enhance bureau efforts more.

"I see a tremendous push with the entire community of Big Spring to improve all of our facilities so that we can have something to be very proud of," said bureau director Marae Brooks. "The Convention and Visitors Bureau is working very strongly with the tourism committee of the chamber."

Tourism has increased since the bureau — funded by a hotel/motel tax — was created in October 1990, according to figures kept by volunteers. But leaders see room for improvement.

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"We believe that Big Spring has the assets to be a real tourist destination," said Jeff Morris, who chairs the new chamber committee. "We have a lot of (historical, recreational, natural) attractions other communities don't have."

The city's central location in West Texas could be played up as well to attract tournaments like softball competition if fields are fixed up, Brook said.

"We would like to see week-long tournaments come to Big Spring," she said. "With our strategic location we can draw from a vast area of West Texas."

Meanwhile, the new bureau office, in the area of the convenience store at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop at U.S. 87 and Interstate 20, is smaller than the old office but gets more traffic, Brooks said. The old office was also at the truck stop.

"We go through a tremendous amount of brochures," she said.

In another effort to reach tourists, the bureau recently donated a brochure rack, costing about $200, to implement an unmanned information center at the VA Medical Center at U.S. 87 and FM 700.

"We felt like they get a tremendous amount of out-of-town visitors," Brooks said.



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Mamie Lee Dodds and Marae Brooks stock the newly relocated Visitor's Center at Rip Griffin's Truck Terminal. The center distributes literature and brochures to tourists and visitors stopping at the terminal.

Annual events showcase area talent, technology and culture

By CONNIE SWINNEY
Staff Writer

Big Spring area residents enjoy a variety of festivals year around.

From the West Texas Ag Expo to Cranefest, more than 15 private and annual city- or county-sponsored events showcase area talent and technology as well as enhance the culture and aesthetic value of West Texas.

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During the second weekend in January, the agricultural committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conducts the West Texas Ag Expo.

In 1993, local residents conducted their second exposition, targeting the agricultural community statewide.

Thousands of onlookers from as far as Lubbock and Odessa, see about 70 exhibits each year, touting the latest technology, special services, updated farming products and revised ranching techniques.

Featuring speakers and workshops, the expo is conducted in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and is free to the public.

By the fourth weekend in January, area residents have gone to the dogs. The Big Spring Kennel Club hosts the American Kennel Club January Dog Show with nationwide entries.

About 1,000 dogs and 100 breeds from 30 states compete each year when the San Angelo Concho Kennel Club and the local club team up to showcase national champions and dogs working to earn titles.

The show takes place at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Thousands of migrating sandhill cranes make their way to Big Spring's One Mile Lake each year, coming from Alaska, Canada and the Arctic in late October.

Cranefest, sponsored by the Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau, kicked off its first event this year. Future festivals will be held the last weekend in February to coincide with the arrival of the cranes.

The festival package includes a banquet dinner, conservation speakers, tours including Moss Creek Lake, a cultural smorgasbord at the Heritage Museum and a Big Spring Symphony Concert at the Municipal Auditorium.

The month of March sparkles and rattles in Big Spring with the Prospector's Club Gem & Mineral Show and the Big Spring Rattlesnake Round-up.

From diamonds and topaz to turquoise and silver, cut and uncut minerals and stones at the gem show, have dazzled residents for about 25 years with a burst of multicolored stones.

The gem show is held the first weekend in March.

The Rattlesnake Round-up held the last weekend in March, features snake handling, skinning and milking demonstrations, a flea market, arts and crafts show and contests for

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Museum preserves rich local heritage

By MARTHA E. FLORES
Staff Writer

In an effort to preserve the history of Howard County and the surrounding area, the Heritage Museum, 510 S. Scurry St., plans events throughout the year.

In 1992, one of the major focuses for the museum was reaching its younger patrons. More than 6,000 students from [illegible] toured the museum.

Special displays depicting the area's rich history helped students [illegible] understanding of different [illegible] existing within the [illegible] county.

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[illegible] Children's Art show [illegible] in June. The works included [illegible] and watercolor portraits in the [illegible] children between the ages of 5 to 12. The exhibition was sponsored by the Chinese Consulate in Houston. A junior member party [illegible] at the closing of the exhibition.

For children of all ages, the "Marvelous Mechanical Toys" exhibition ran throughout December. More than 1,000 people viewed the display, containing toys which could draw, play instruments and blow bubbles.

Other events staged during the year included the "Greater Tuna" production in June, exhibition of Big Spring native Ron Martinez's artwork and the "Southwestern Tribal Art" collection of Big Spring residents Mary and Adrian Randle.

With sold-out performances, local audiences enjoyed the antics of Big Spring High School director Tim Haynes and District Attorney Rick Hamby portraying the zany "Greater Tuna" characters.

The play, dealing with the goings on in and around Tuna, Texas, required Haynes and Hamby to perform numerous roles, both male and female.

The great success of last year's performances have landed "Greater Tuna" a spot on the museum's 1993 calendar. Hamby and Haynes will repeat their performances in June.

The Martinez exhibition attests to the museum's commitment to recognizing talent in the community.

Martinez's work revolves around a re-interpretation of Pre-Columbian art. Images commonly used by Martinez include Mayan gods, rulers, warriors and the Aztec calendar. He manipulates the ancient artwork by enlarging and colorizing the images on canvas.

Martinez began his renditions of the Pre-Columbian stone-carved art in 1983 while at Big Spring High School. Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and Starhouse, a Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse rehabilitation program, have commissioned Martinez to do poster illustrations.

In August, the Randles brought their artwork collection to the museum to share with their patrons what they have known for 40 years — every people is capable of making intrinsically beautiful things.

Since 1949, the Randles have collected the artwork of the native American groups of the Southwest. The collection encompasses more than 80 pieces of work representing the Navajo, Pima, Apache, Hopi and other Pueblo artists.

Through November, the museum displayed saddle blankets, pottery, baskets, Kachina dolls, silver and turquoise jewelry from the Randle collection.

Another popular event returning this year is "Murder Mystery Night," fundraiser. In October, the museum organized an evening for anyone wishing to test their sleuthing acumen.

The mystery role-playing game allowed 96 participants to act out a murder and solve it.

Murder mystery nights will return in October.

The museum has gone through some major renovations in the last few years. In 1991, museum board members unveiled the museum addition. The two-story structure has two large exhibit rooms, storage space, work room, loading dock and gift shop.

It has been site many of the 1992 fundraising events and exhibitions.

In the large open area downstairs, a salute to the railroad and its influence on local culture is displayed.

The museum's 1993 schedule kicked off with "Around the World in 80 bites" The event is a salute to diverse community making up Big Spring and the surrounding area.

Volunteer cooks prepared food bites representing cuisine from Poland, Ghana, Mexico, Iceland, France, Greece, Norway, China, Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Peru and the United States.



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One of the exhibitions at the Heritage Museum in 1992 was the Adrian and Mary Randle Southwest collection. Since 1949, the Randles have collected the artwork of native American groups of the Southwest. En masse was more than 80 pieces, including saddle blankets, pottery, baskets, Kachina dols, silver and torquoise jewlery.

Annual museum membership dues are as follows: $15, individual; $20, sustaining; $30, sponsor or family; $50, patrons; $100, endowment; $500, benefactor; $1,0000, founder.

Guides offer local history

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

A growing collection of guides, informing visitors of the extensive history of the Big Spring area, have been compiled by members of the Howard County Historical Committee.

Currently, the Historical Committee, working closely with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is compiling a walking tour of the downtown area and has a list that includes about 22 historical sites in the County.

Sites along the downtown walking route include the old Swartz building — once the Cosmopolitan Hotel purchased by the Earl of Aylesford, the first permanent building in Big Spring at 119 S. Main St., the Potton House at 200 S. Gregg St., the Heritage Museum building, the First National Bank, the First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, the old First National Bank building in the 100 block of South Main Street, and other historic buildings near downtown.

Research is currently underway into several other sites of possible historical relevance in the area, said Polly Mays, Historical Committee member.

Markers have been placed at the Old Comanche War Trail at the Big Spring State Park. The route of Capt. Randolph B. Marcy's trail is marked at the Big Spring at Comanche Trail Park, and the first oil well in Howard County is marked 13 miles south of Forsan.

Other markers have been erected over the years, denoting places and events of importance in Howard County history. Some of these are:

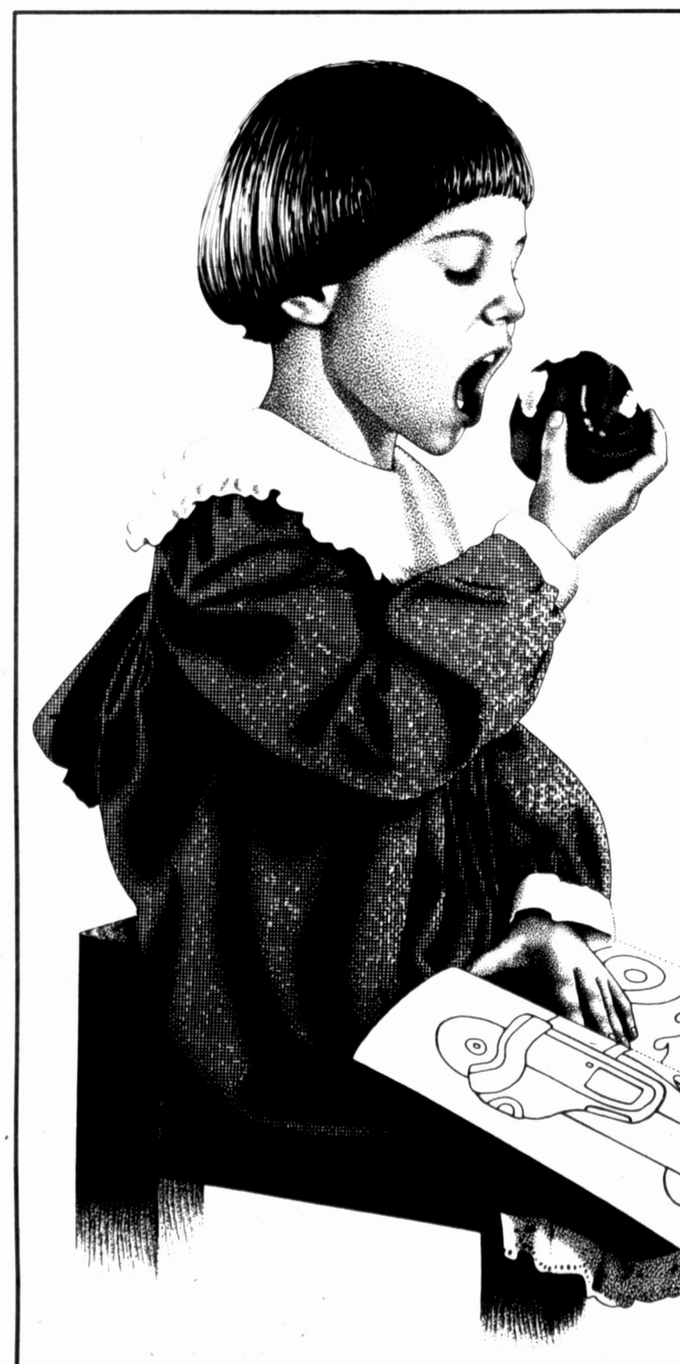
- 1884 — The Howard Courthouse was constructed.
- 1891 — The Coahoma Baptist Church south of the railroad in Coahoma was constructed.
- 1899 — The first telephone company building was erected at 3rd and Runnels streets.
- 1899 — The First Presbyterian Church of Coahoma at 205 N. 1st St. opened its doors.
- 1900 — Big Spring Hardware became an early downtown business at 117 Main Street.
- 1909 — At the northwest corner of Courthouse Square, a marker proclaims the arrival of the first self-propelled fire engine in the state of Texas.
- 1911 — The St. Thomas Catholic Church was christened at 605 N. Main St.
- 1928 — One of the first air conditioned theaters in the area, The Ritz Theater was constructed at 401 S. Main St.
- 1932 — Rare architectural designs were used to create the Municipal Auditorium.



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The Potton House, 200 S. Gregg St., is among the historic downtown buildings disignated to be part of a tour of downtown historic sites. The Historical Committee, working closely with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, is compiling the walking tour of the downtown area, having a list that includes about 22 historical sites in the County.

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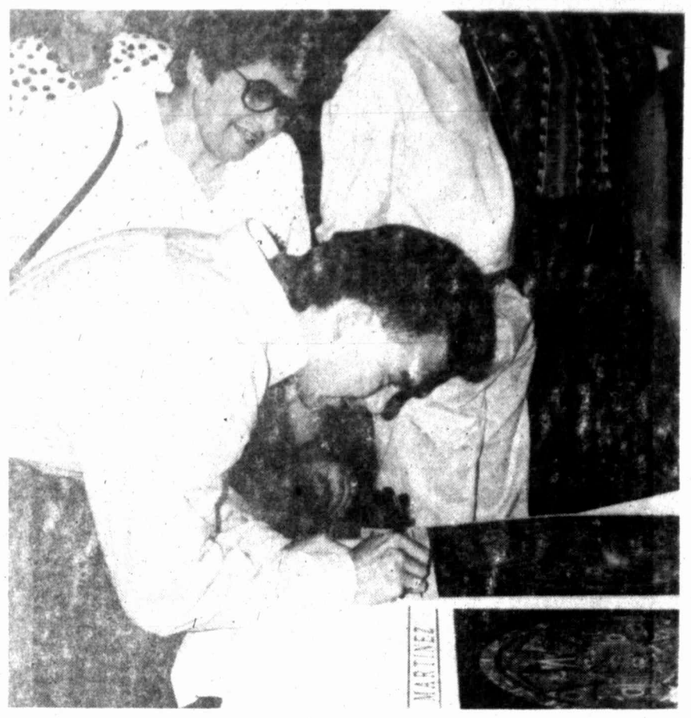
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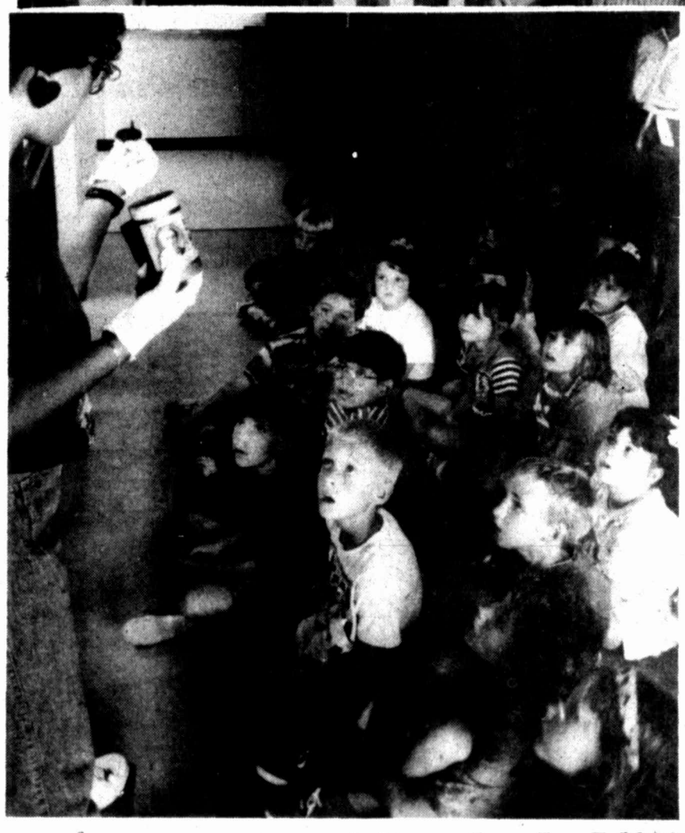
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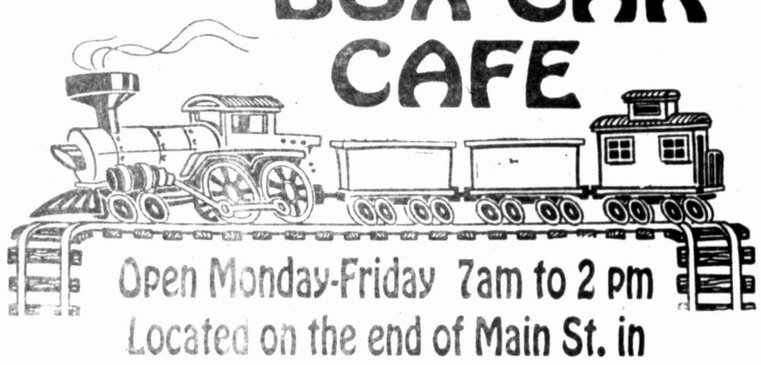
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In 1992, one of the major focuses for the Heritage Museum was reaching its younger patrons. More than 6,000 students from area schools toured the museum. Special displays depicting the area's rich history helped students receive a better understanding of different cultures existing within the community today and yesterday. Musuem events staged during the year included a "Greater Tuna" production in June, exhibition of Big Spring native Ron Martinez's artwork and the "Southwestern Tribal Art" collection of Big Spring residents Mary and Adrian Randle. Museum is dedicated to preserving the history of Howard County and the surrounding area. It has the largest longhorn collection.

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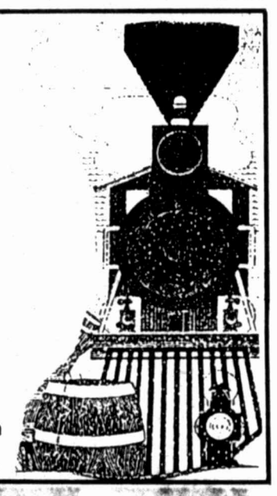


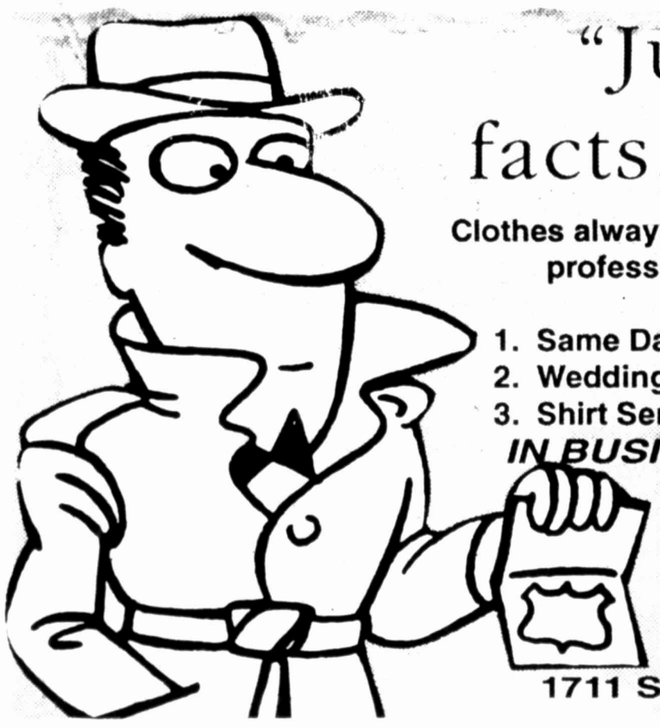


From the West Texas Ag Expo to Cranefest, more than 15 private and annual city- or county-sponsored events showcase area talent and technology as well as enhance the culture and aesthetic value of West Texas. Cranefest, above, sponsored by the Big Spring Conventions and Visitors Bureau, kicked off its first event this year. The festival package includes a banquet dinner, conservation speakers, tours including Moss Creek Lake, a cultural smorgasbord at the Heritage Museum and a Big Spring Symphony Concert at the Municipal Auditorium. The Mexican Declaration of Independence is celebrated in September with a downtown festival and other festivals as seen in the far right photo. The Big Spring Kennel Club, center photo, coordinates the American Kennel Club January Dog Show with nationwide entries. The Boss H. O. G. Chili Cookoff, to the bottom right, stirs the souls of area chili lovers and is conducted yearly and area chili chefs vie for the coveted Best Chili title. The month of March sparkles and rattles in Big Spring with the Prospector's Club Gem & Mineral Show, above photo.



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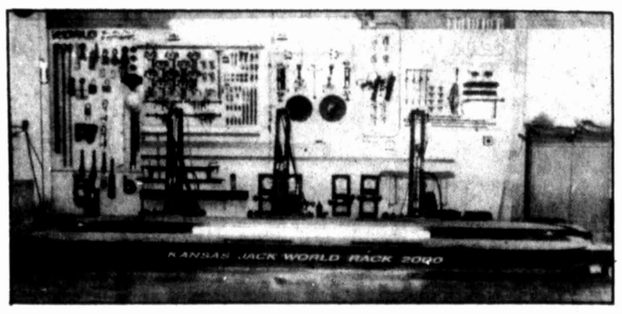


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Jan. 14-16 — Howard County Jr. Livestock Show at Howard County Fairbarn. Contact Don Richardson, 264-2236.

January 23-24 — Kennel Club All Breed Dog Show at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Contact Carole Owen, 9 Coachman Cir., 263-3404.

Feb. 26-27 — Sandhill Crane Festival with guest speakers, tours, and more. Contact Marae Brooks, 263-7641.

Feb. 27 — Big Spring Symphony Orchestra with Guest Artist Winner of 34th Annual Hemphill-Wells Sorantin Scholarship Award. Contact Sandra Waggoner, 264-3602.

March 6-7 — Big Spring Prospector's Gem & Mineral Show with Howard County Fairbarn. Nora Nixon, 3303 E. 11th Place, 915-263-2987.

March 15 — Big Spring Symphony Orchestra with Fort Worth Chamber Orchestra. Contact Sandra Waggoner, 264-3602.

March 27-28 — Big Spring Rattlesnake Round-Up at Howard County Fairbarns. Contact Sherrie Bordofske, P.O. Box 24, 267-5201.

April 1-4 — Howard College Rodeo at Howard County Fairgrounds Rodeo Bowl — Bobby Scott, 1001 Birdwell, 915-264-5111.

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April 30-May 1 — Big Spring Square & Round Dance Festival — Big Spring Squares. Contact Wayne & Lucy Bonner, 518 Scott, 915-263-6305.

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May 1-2 — Area Art Show at Heritage Museum.

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June 23-27 — Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo at the Howard County Fairground Rodeo Bowl. Dance every night after Rodeo. Rodeo Parade — Downtown, 10 a.m., Saturday. Contact Skipper Driver, 263-8484. Cowboy Poets, Saturday, Courthouse Square, Contact Marae Brooks, 263-7641.

June 26 — Highland Mall Bar-B-Que Cook-off, Contact Mall Manager, Bettye Gossett, 263-1132.

July 4 — Fourth of July Free Patriotic Concert by Big Spring Symphony & Chorus Orchestra in historic Comanche Trail Amphitheater with largest firework display in West Texas. Food booths and other entertainment. Comanche Trail Park entrance off U.S. Highway 87. For more information call Big Spring Convention & Visitors' Bureau, 263-7641.

July 8-11 — Big Spring Cross Country Championship & Fun Fly-In, Hang Gliding Competition at McMahon Wrinkle Airpark. For more information contact Marae Brooks, Big Spring Convention & Visitors' Bureau, 263-7641.

July 17-18 — Lone Star State Bar-B-Que Cookoff & Arts & Crafts Festival at McMahon Wrinkle Airpark, (Old Webb Air Base Golf Course Area) Contact Bettie Wilcox, 915-965-3491.

July 17-19 — Dora Roberts Summerfest Pro-Am at Big Spring Country Club. Contact John Yater, 306 W. 3rd, 915-267-3806.

July 22-24 — Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at Howard County Fairground Rodeo Bowl. Contact Don Richardson, 915-267-6671.

July 24-25 — M.S. Bike-A-Thon & Mini-Air Show. Contact Marae Brooks, Convention & Visitors' Bureau, 263-7641.

July 25 — Comanche Trail Triathlon at Comanche Trail Park, Dora Roberts Community Center. For more information call Marae Brooks, 263-7641.

Aug. 6 — Old Settler's Reunion — Howard County Fairbarn. Contact Archie Archibald, Rt. 3 Box 210, 267-5551.

Aug. 7-8 — RDA Boat Races, fun and fast filled weekend at Moss Creek Lake. Contact Robert Sanders, 915-267-1226.

Sept. 6-11 — Howard County Fair at Howard County Fairbarns. Contact Ruth Mitchell, 915-394-4439.

Oct. 16-17 — Arts & Crafts Festival at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum with more than 250 booths. Something for everyone. Do some early Christmas shopping. Contact Mel Prather, Box 3184, 263-7690.

Dec. 4 — Community Christmas Parade going north on Gregg Street to downtown Main Street. Call 263-7641.





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Tourism center

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau moved into a new office and is pushing harder than ever to attract tourists to the community. Debbye Valverde, left, is preparing tourism packets for the office. The new office is in the area of the convenience store at Rip Griffin's Truck Stop at U.S. 87 and Interstate 20.

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area snake hunters.

More than 2,500 people come from miles around to see hundreds of slithering rattlers collected yearly for the Big Spring round-up for about 30 years.

The round-up, is sponsored by the American Business Club (AMBUCS) in Big Spring, and both March events are conducted in the Howard County Fair Barns.

The Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival, dances its way into Big Spring on the last day of April and first day in May.

Sponsored by the Big Spring Squares on Chaperral Road at the Big Spring Squares Dance Center. The center accommodates about 300 onlookers.

The square dance festival, held yearly for almost 70 years, features about 200 regional dancers stepping to time-honored dance calls like dosi-do, relay the duecy, tea cup chaw and grand square.

Arts Fest, aimed at exhibiting area arts and crafts, will begin for the first time in April, sponsored by the cultural affairs committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Officials are accepting free region-wide entries for a daylong displays throughout the Comanche Trail Park on April 17-18.

Area residents' hearts are in Big Spring during the first weekend in June. The Heart of the City Festival, a three-day event sponsored by Main Street Inc., originated eight years ago to promote downtown businesses.

Since its inception 10 years ago, organizers have doubled its participation with about 7,000 in attendance last year.

The festival, packed with games, dances, exhibits, performances, sporting events, cultural demonstrations and pony rides, has attracted fun-seekers statewide and from New Mexico.

In its third year, the Big Spring Cross Country Championship and Fun Fly-In is conducted in July at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The North Texas Hang Gliding Association, attracts as many as 30 flyers from the area, competing to glide to targets in towns like Lamesa, Brownfield, Hobbs or Levelland.

Approaching its fourth annual event, the Boss H. O. G. Chili Cookoff stirs the souls of area chili lovers on .

From "Road Kill Chili" to "Goonie Bird Chili," more than 20 entries each year yield some of the tastiest chili in the region.

The brainchild of former Mayor Max Green, the cook-off is conducted yearly and area chili chefs vie for the coveted Best Chili title.



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Fall festival

St. Lawrence farmers of German-decendent celebrate their fall festival each year to recognize the year's cotton harvest. Residents participate in city-wide events and feast on homemade sausage. More than 2,500 visitors attend the one-day festival, located 35 miles south of Big Spring.



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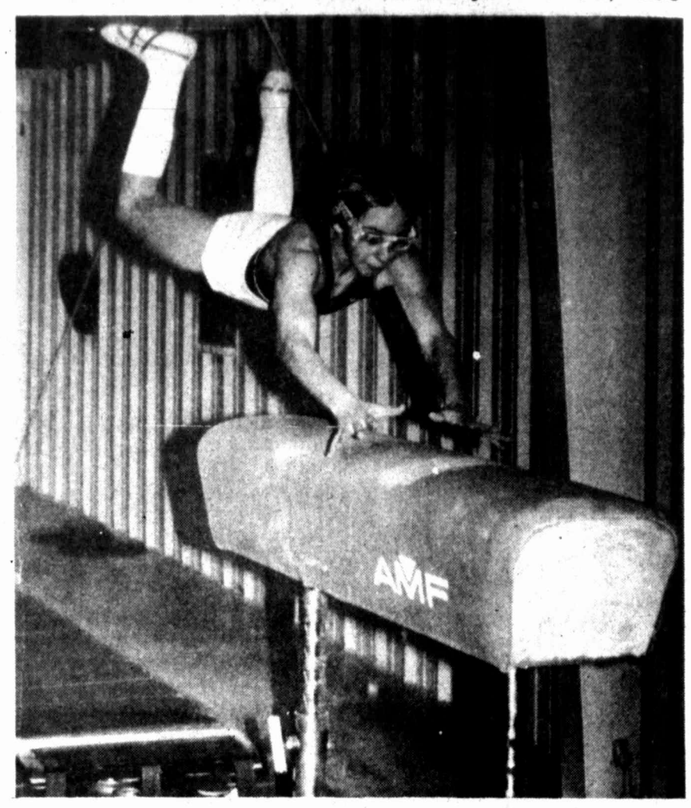
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The YMCA offers a variety of programs and is open every day of the week from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parts of the building can be rented for private functions as well. Gymnastics, aerobics, weight training and intramural sports are available. Children as well senior citizens can find fun at the YMCA. Thelma Schafer, above, works with light weights during the step-aerobics program for senior citizens..

YMCA has fun fitness for everyone

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Currently under construction, the new pool will be 75-feet long and 42-feet wide, usable in all 25-yard swimming events. Completion date is in July.

Big Spring YMCA Director Gary Wollenzien has seen many additions and upgrades to the facility in his five-years at the helm.

The YMCA offers a variety of programs and is open every day of the week from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. Parts of the building can be rented for private functions as well.

Free weights and Nautilus equipment provide exercise and body building. Various aerobics classes help members maintain physical fitness. The board of directors recently voted to purchase two new computerized stair-stepping machines and a television for the aerobics room, Wollenzien said.

Sports include swimming, volleyball, basketball, wallyball, racquetclasses and self-defense classes. Country and western dance lessons also are available.

Child care services are offered for adults who utilize the facility's services.

The fee for an adult member is $20 per month, $5 four youth, $30 a month for a family, and $14 a month for seniors.

Wollenzien says the Dora Roberts Foundation plays a major role in funding the YMCA's upgrades. Over the past few years, the foundation, along with other philanthropic organizations, helped in the replacement of the roof, computer purchases, the replacement of air conditioning and heating units, considerable remodeling and the building of a new pool and natatorium.

Currently under construction, the new pool will be 75-feet long and 42-feet wide, usable in all 25-yard swimming events. Construction of the pool and 115-foot by 72-foot natatorium was contracted for $728,000. Completion date is July 14.

Prior to this construction, the newest addition to the 33-year-old center was the gymnastics center, serving as a place for instruction and housing many kinds of gymnastics equipment.

Following the completion of the pool, the YMCA has received a donation to remodel the boys and girls locker rooms, he said.

The YMCA staff includes 21 part-time employees together with program director Linda Perez, office manager Maggie Gonzales, maintenance supervisor Ramiro Salazar, custodians Jose Gonzales and Jackie Rushing and gymnastics director Russ McEwen,.

The YMCA has 16 members on the board of directors — Robert Crowell, Keith Gibbons, Randy Hillman, Donna Jackson, Omar Jones, Josh Owusu, Dan Wilkins, Cherry Furqueron, Larry McLellan, Gene Piercefield, Mike Thomas, Troyce Wolf, Karen Fraser, Dr. Robert Hays, Tom Henry, Murray Murphy and Richard T. Wright.



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Since the Harold Davis Fitness Center opened in June 1990, the center's membership has grown from about 200 to more than 500. In the past few months, the center has added equipment to its exercise regimen. A cardio-vascular room has increased the excercise circuit from 18 minutes to 20 minutes, while new abdominal excercise machinery also is in place.

Davis Fitness center enjoys steady growth

HERALD STAFF REPORT

The Harold Davis Fitness Center continues to enjoy steady growth as it approaches its third anniversary, Director Roy Green said.

Since its opening in June 1990, the center's membership has grown from about 200 to more than 500, Green said.

"We've been real pleased," Green said. "We keep thinking the membership will level off ... Any time you have over 400, you're doing good, especially for a town this size."

In the past few months, the center has added equipment to its exercise regimen. A cardio-vascular room has increased the excercise circuit from 18 minutes to 20 minutes, while new abdominal excercise machinery also is in place.

What has Green excited the most, however, is a new computerized health-risk profile that the center offers to businesses and individuals.

He said that, with the program, center personnel can conduct analyses of several health factors — including blood pressure and cholesterol and stress levels — make an assessment of those factors and give the individual recommendations for improvement.

Membership to the center costs $84 for the first 16-week period and $74 for subsequent sessions. If persons sign up during regular school registration, they may receive college credit for the sessions, Green said.

Senior citizens (62 and older) can join the center for $55 for the first session and $45 for later sessions. The center is provided as a benefit to Howard College employees, while the cost to spouses is $55 and $45, respectively.

Green directs a staff of 14 at the center, including its wellness consultant, Guy Owens, who has a doctorate in exercise and physiology.

Triathalon heads local athletic events

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

A wide range of athletic events will take place in Howard County and Big Spring within the next 12 months.

The newest of these events will be the Comanche Warrior Triathalon, which will be held July 25 at the Dora Roberts Community Center at Comanche Trail Park.

The event consists of an 800-meter swim in Comanche Trail Lake, a 20-mile bike ride from center to Farm Road 33, Garden City Highway, and back, and a seven-kilometer run from the center to Scenic Mountain and back.

The triathalon is sanctioned by Tri/Fed and is being sponsored by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. For more information, contact Marae Brooks at the chamber, 263-7641.

Other scheduled sporting events include:

- A volleyball tournament is scheduled for March 20 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. For more information, contact Lynn Simpson at 264-5159.
- The Big Spring YMCA will be the site for a United States Gymnastics Federation-sanctioned state gymnastics meet May 20-22. For more information, contact Russ McEwen at 267-1413.
- The 60th Annual Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo will be held June 23-26 at the Rodeo Bowl. Contact Skipper Driver at 263-8484 for more information.
- The fourth annual Hang-gliding Competition and Fun Fly-in will be held July 8-11 at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. The event will consist of the U.S. Hang-gliding Association-sanctioned Region 11 meet and a non-competition fun fly for novices to experience the joy of hang-gliding.

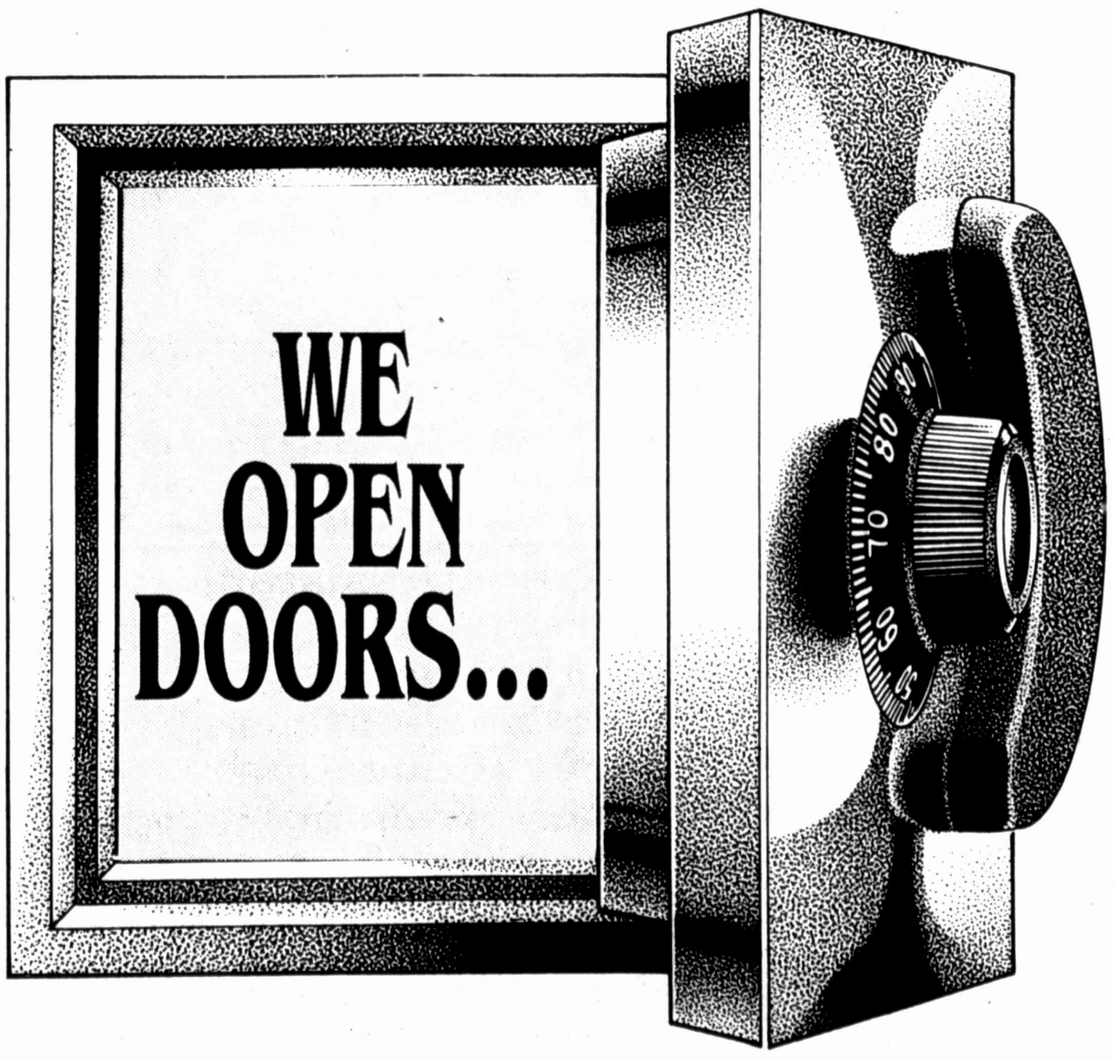
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Big Spring has two 18-hole course to sate the the apetite of golf enthusiasts. The Big Spring Country Club, located on Country Club Road south of Big Spring, offers a 6,900-yard course. Its use, however, is restricted to country club members and their guests. The city's municipal course, Comanche Trails Golf Course, is located at Comanche Trail Park. The course is open to the general public from daylight to dark seven days a week. Fees are $8 on weekdays and $13 on weekends. Monthly and yearly memberships also are available.

Two courses accomodate golf enthusiasts

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Golf is one of the most rapidly expanding sports in the country, and Big Spring has two 18-hole courses to sate the apetite of enthusiasts.

The Big Spring Country Club, located on Country Club Road south of Big Spring, offers a 6,900-yard course. Its use, however, is restricted to country club members and their guests.

Green fees are waved to members, Assistant Golf Professional David Turrentine said. Fees for guests are $10 on weekdays and $15 on weekends. Carts also are available on a rental basis.

The club hosts about 12 tournaments a year, including the annual club championship during the Labor Day weekend. Tournaments are under the auspices of the Men's Golf Association and Women's Golf Association.

The club's biggest tournament, its annual Pro-Am, will be held July 25-26.

For more information, contact club pro Lanny Turrentine or assistants David Turrentine or Paul Berringer at 267-5354.

The city's municipal course, Comanche Trails Golf Course, is located at Comanche Trails Park, said Al Patterson, the course's pro manager for the past 10 years.

The course is open to the general public from daylight to dark seven days a week. Fees are $8 on weekdays and $13 on weekends. Monthly and yearly memberships also are available.

In addition, electric carts are available at $16 for 18 holes.

Several improvements have been made to the course during the past few years, Patterson said. Extensive renovation has improved the once-rocky surface and an automatic irrigation system has been added as well.

The results of the upgrades have been obvious. This past year, more than 32,000 rounds of golf were played at Comanche Trails, Patterson said.

"With the improvements we've made year after year, plus the increasing popularity of golf, it kind of molds into a nice picture," Patterson said.

And no golf course would be complete without a pro shop. Patterson said CTGC's shop offers a wide variety of golf-related supplies.

There also is a "19th Hole" grill at the club house which offers food and refreshments.

Comanche Trails plays host to several tournaments througout the year, Patterson said. The two major events this year are the city championship and the annual Best of the Rest tournament.

The city championship, held in the fall, is a flighted, 36-hole stroke-play tournament. Entrants must be residents of Howard County, Patterson said.

The Best of the Rest Tournament, scheduled for this summer, is a two-person scramble open to all comers. No dates have been set for either tournament, Patterson noted.

The Chicano Golf Association also holds numerous tournaments at the course during the year. The association's main focus is to raise money for scholarships and to help those in need. More than $5,500 was raised last year, CGA official Albert Alvarez said.

"We do get a lot of businesses that come out here for one-day events," he said. "It's kind of like a mini-convention."

For more information on the city golf course, contact Patterson at 264-2366.

Residents, visitors enjoy historic park

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

For decades, area residents and visitors have been enjoying the multitude of facilities and attractions at the historic Comanche Trail Park.

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Public Works employees give the park regular attention, although funds do not permit keeping the park as clean as some would like, according to Herald file stories.

Over recent years, work crews have rebuilt the barbecue pit at the Old Settlers Pavilion. The Big Spring Draw, which runs through the park, has received landscaping and drainage work.

The swimming pool at the park is a well-used facility during summer months. The pool operates at a loss, the one-dollar use fee falling well below the maintenance and operating costs of the facility, according to Public Works Director Tom Decell.

The pool is opened for brief time during the warmest months as a service to local residents and visitors as well.

A large network of jogging and walking trails allows visitors to venture into the wild areas of the park and walk alongside the picturesque Comanche Lake. The lake is becoming a popular fishing area as fish are growing in size and numbers since a break in the dam led to the decimation of fish populations in the mid-1980s, Decell said.

The Old Settlers Pavilion and other covered areas can be leased from the city, providing areas for large social gatherings. Permits for alcohol consumption also can be obtained.

The Comanche Trail Amphitheatre's rustic appearance is derived from its construction of native limestones by work cadres during the Great Depression. The amphitheater provides a low-cost area for concerts.

The Municipal Golf Course is a common gathering place for the area golfers and fans. Often, the grounds and adjoining golf pro-shop are rented by large groups from cities across West Texas.

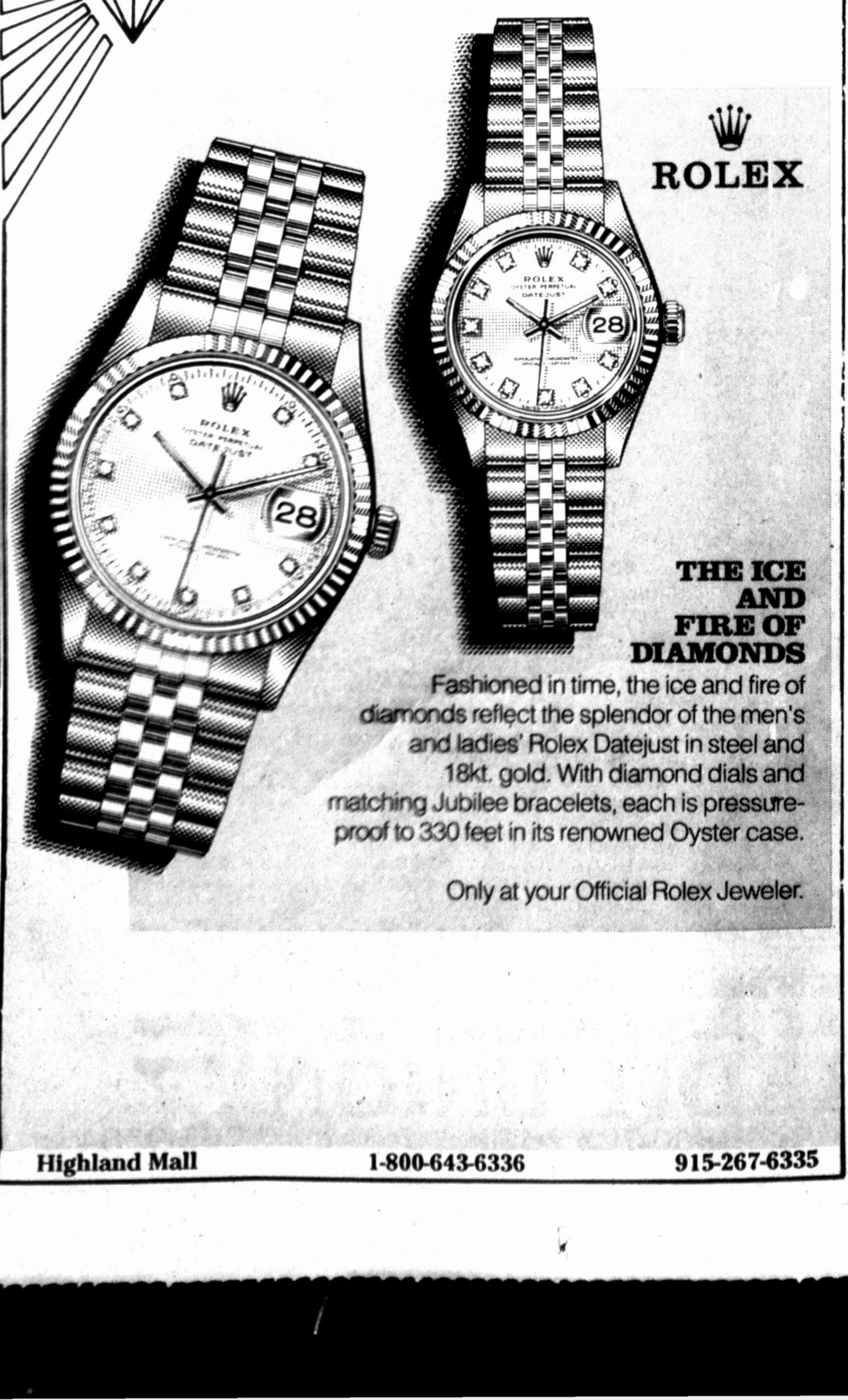
A scenic overlook and historical information adds to the enjoyment of the Big Spring itself. Knowing that the area was a gathering place for indigenous American people and later for the earliest explorers, adds a mystique to the deep pool.

Extensive playground equipment draws parents and children to the park almost daily. The Cotton Mize baseball field is well- maintained with new surfaces applied to the infield within the last two years.

A concerted push continues to repair and maintain the Dora Roberts Community Center, located at the park's center. The building offers a large meeting room and parking area for rent from the city.

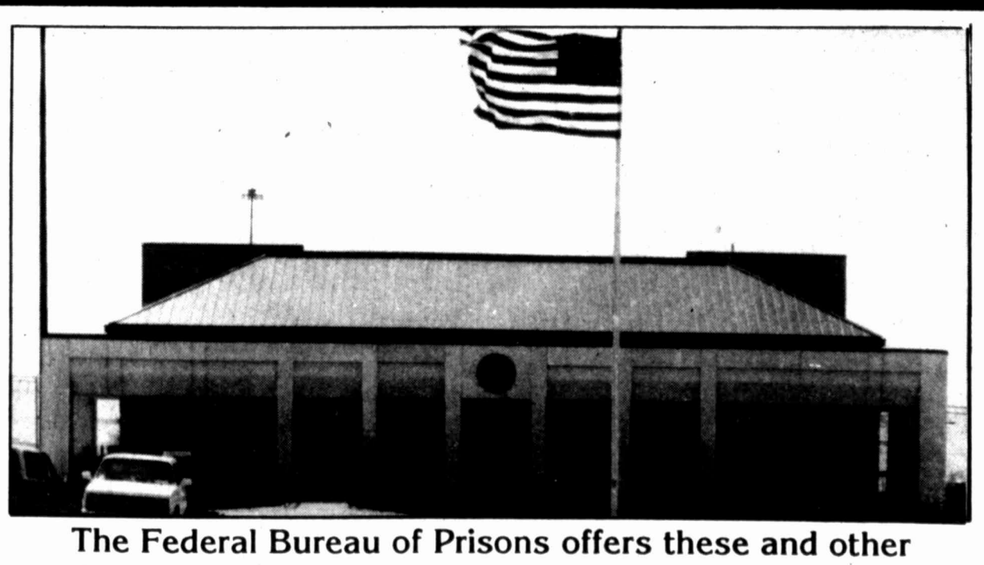
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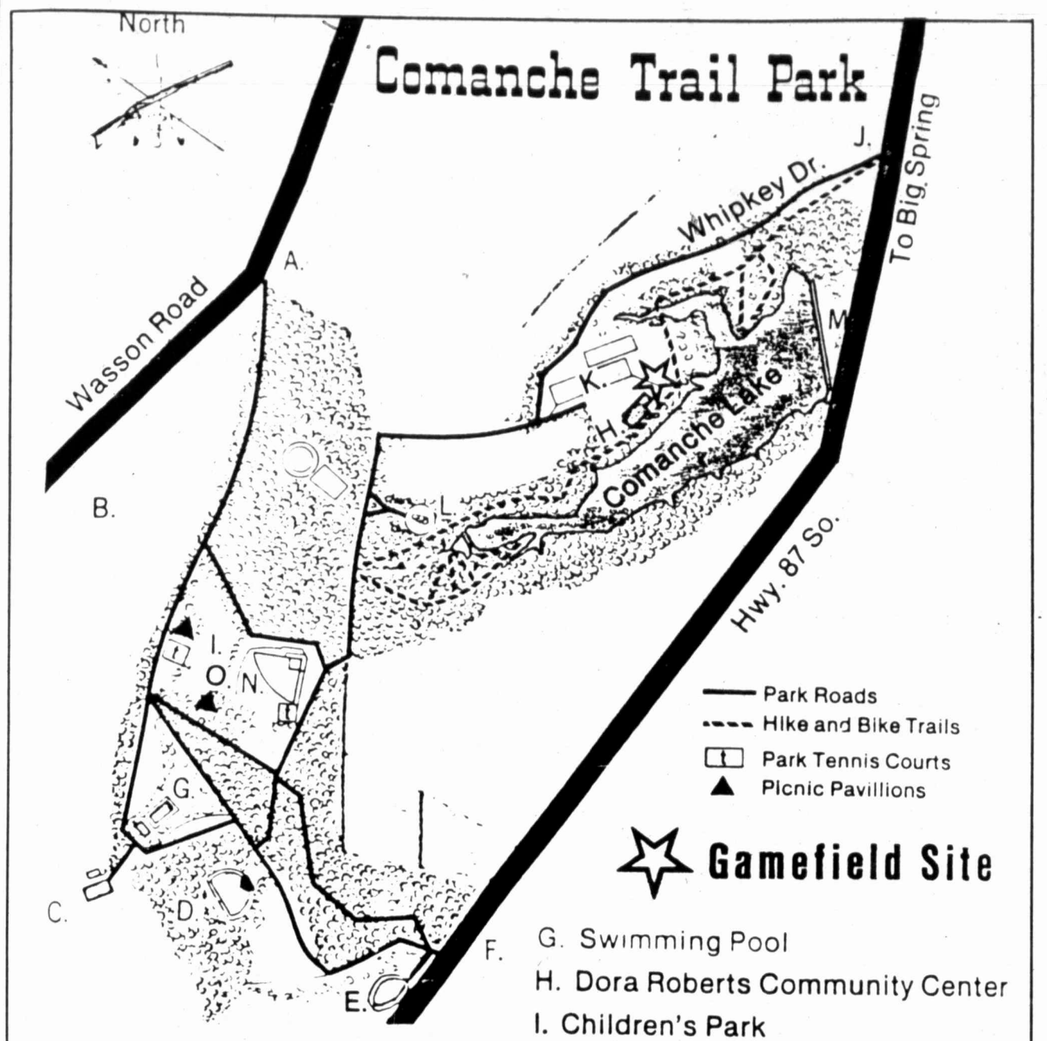


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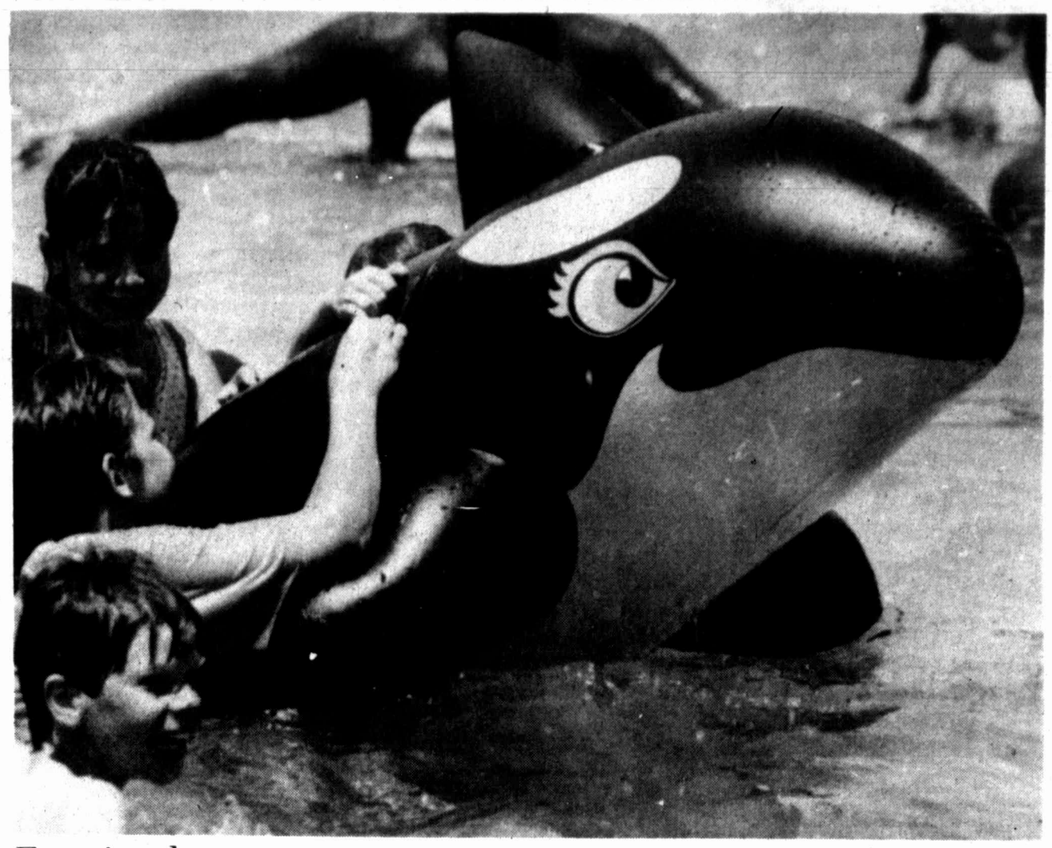
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N. Softball Field
O. Old Settlers Pavillion



Fun in the sun

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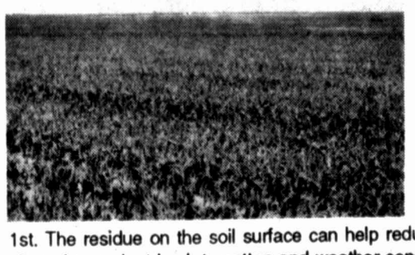
HOWARD SWCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1992

Terraces	65,100 feet
Critical Area Shaping	12 acres
Waterway Shaping	10 acres
Wind Stripcropping	48,700 acres
Conservation Cropping System	52,769 acres
Crop Residue Use	6,720 acres
Deferred Grazing	22,800 acres
Proper Grazing Use	52,200 acres
CRP Contracts Administered	147 no. - 31,183 acres
Food Security Act Plans Developed	49 no. - 18,917 acres
Mini-LTA Contracts Written	2 No. - 510 acres
CRP Contracts Developed	56 no. - 10,743 acres
ACP Contracts Developed	32 no.
GPCP Contracts Administered	27 no. - 10,980 acres



CONSERVATION RESERVE PROGRAM

In the area serviced by the Howard SWCD in Howard, Glasscock and Borden Counties, there are 55,126 acres of land in the CRP Program(CRP). The seeding of land in permanent grass has helped reduce the soil loss by wind and water erosion. CRP participants have planted grass species which are beneficial to wildlife. Wildlife species and numbers have increased since implementation of the CRP program in Howard County. Landowners also have financially benefited from the increase in wildlife on CRP land.



In 1992, due to cotton being destroyed in June by excessive wet weather conditions, some farmers decided to not replant cotton due to late replant date. This picture shows a field replanted to milo. Milo or forage sorghum are classified as high residue crops if sufficient residue is maintained on the soil surface until April 1st. The residue on the soil surface can help reduce wind erosion. Many farmers elected to replant back to cotton and weather conditions during late summer have enhanced the development of cotton. Some cotton land was replanted to peas, beans, and sesame. These crops are not considered as high residue crops. Peas and beans do have the potential of improving the soil fertility by adding nitrogen back to the soil.



Annual vegetated or grassed waterways or critical areas are used to stabilize gullies, provide stable outlet for outside water or stable pop off valve for terraces in case they become overloaded with excessive water. Waterways and critical areas are designed to not change the natural flow of the water but to reduce the harmful effects caused by the outlet of a high volume of water and reduce the area of damage caused by water erosion.

Directors election was held in October. Loyd Underwood was reelected director of Zone 4. Directors for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District are Neil Fryar, Ray Russell, Carroll Choate, Bobby Cathey and Loyd Underwood.

In 1992, the Howard SWCD was recognized by the Goodyear Foundation as an Honor District. This award recognizes Howard SWCD as one of the outstanding districts in the nation in promoting application of conservation on the land and in promoting conservation education.

The District Directors provide for the direction of soil and water conservation through the development and implementation of their program and plan of work in promoting soil and water conservation. The District Directors furnish technical assistance to landowners and operators through the Soil Conservation Service.

The Goals of the District are to protect the soil and water resources within the District.

The District is very active in promoting conservation education, the District Conservation Poster Contest for school children recognizing the Conservation Farmer and Rancher, and the Annual Awards Banquet recognizing conservation accomplishments.



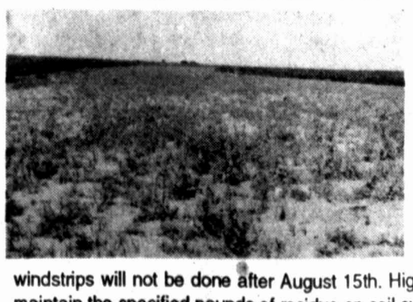
FARMER, RANCHER AND WILDLIFE CONSERVATIONISTS

Conservation Farmer

In 1992 Mr. and Mrs. Larry Fryar were recognized as the Conservation Farmer for Howard County. Fryar was recognized for his many accomplishments in carrying out conservation practices on land he owns and operates in conserving his soil and water resources and aiding in improving his production on his dryland cropland.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES - 1992

	State Fund	Trust Fund
Revenues Collected 1992	$8,705.85	$5,658.68
Expenditures 1992	9,470.04	5,239.93
Balance - Close of 1992 FY	62.14	3,856.51



Small grain planted in early September on terraces to reduce wind erosion and aid in terrace maintenance by maintaining high residue on terrace ridges. All windstrips and high residue crops planted in rotation are to be maintained until April 1st. Windstrips cannot be plowed up until April 1st. Shredding or bailing windstrips will not be done after August 15th. High residue crops in rotation must maintain the specified pounds of residue on soil surface until April 1st.

PLANTING DATES AND SEEDING RATES FOR HIGH RESIDUE CROPS IN ROTATION OR PLANTED FOR WINDSTRIPS

Crop	Planting Rate	Planting Rate Lbs/Ac
Wheat	8/15 - 10/11	40 -50
Oats	8/15 - 10/11	40 - 50
Rye	8/15 - 10/11	40 - 50
Barley	8/15 - 10/11	40 - 50
Grain Sorghum	5/1 - 7/1	2 - 8
Forage Sorghum	5/1 - 7/1	6 - 10
Millet	5/15 - 7/5	4 - 5



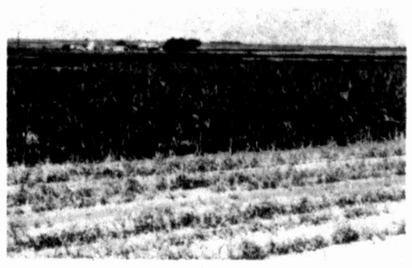
Conservation Rancher

Mr. and Mrs. Randell Sherrod were recognized as the 1992 Conservation Rancher for Howard County. Mr. Sherrod has done an outstanding job of managing his grass which has improved the production and quality of grass grown on rangeland that he operates. Through development of reliable available water properly located on his rangeland, he has been able to improve his grass cover and production and increase the number of animals he can graze on his rangeland and increase their weight gain.



Wildlife Conservationist

The Outstanding Wildlife Conservationist award for the year was presented to Ray Russell. Russell, who has put most of his cropland into the Conservation Reserve Program, has developed and improved wildlife habitat areas on his land by planting trees and shrubs that offer food and cover and by providing watering facilities. These food plots and watering areas have attracted many species which Russell has enjoyed observing and photographing. This has resulted in his developing a conservation education slide program used for both school children and adults.



The picture shows the use of forage sorghum windstrips on terraces aiding in reducing wind erosion and maintaining high residue cover on terrace ridges. The high residue cover aids in maintaining the terrace height in order for the terraces to function properly to control water erosion.

Water erosion is one of the hardest and costliest types of erosion to control. The Food Security Act addresses the need for controlling water erosion. Active, visible water erosion on highly erodible land must be recognized and steps taken to solve the problem by December 31, 1994.

To reduce water erosion on cropland fields, structural practices such as terraces are a means of actively treating the water erosion problems. On some cropland fields with active water erosion, the soil type and the topography of the field restrict the use of structural practices, such as terraces, in reducing water erosion. On these fields, the areas where water erosion is occurring need to be treated by maintaining a continuous high residue cover to reduce water erosion.

Any breaks in terrace ridges or breaks in blocks must be repaired each year in order to maintain actively applying plans. All end blocks that receive damage due to rains must be repaired as soon as possible following rains.
Internal blocks that are damaged when a growing crop is on the field need to be repaired as soon as possible after the crop has been harvested in order to maintain actively applying the plan.





State park has support

HERALD STAFF REPORT

Local citizens repeatedly demonstrated they want to keep and improve the Big Spring State Recreational Area.

A petition drive last year succeeded in getting the park removed from the state's closure list, but — by all accounts — the fight is not over yet.

"We've been funded for one more year," former park superintendent Michael Young said after the park was removed from the list. But, he added, if the state ends up in the same fiscal situation next year, and nothing changes at the park here, the entire ordeal could happen all over again.

The state designed new programs to encourage community involvement in parks — a factor that could weight heavily in the future of state facilities.

"The future and success of a park will depend a lot on the community involvement in it," Young said.

The state planned "Partnerships in Parks" to get people involved. Friends of the Mountain is the local volunteer association, formed by and for people who want to give time and services.

Volunteer opportunities at the park are many and varied, says current park manager Ron Alton. From office work to trail reconstruction, maintenance to photography — there truly is something for every age group and interest.

"What I like about small towns is the support given," Alton said in a previous Big Spring Herald article. "Businesses have donated materials. Friends of the Mountain volunteer a lot of time."

One project underway is the restoration of the old Civilian Conservation Corps trail running parallel to the existing trail.

Volunteers are asked to commit to four hours per month, all at once or over several days. Times are flexible.

But even those who cannot volunteer can do something to support the park. Alton suggests:

• Pay entrance fees. Fees are $1 per person, $3 per vehicle. Revenue generated by fees is one factor used to justify the park's existence.

• Frequent users can buy a Conservation Pass. For $25 per person a year, it's good for any state park by foot or vehicle and allows discounts and access to special events.

• Senior citizens, 65 and older, and those with 60 percent military disability can get a Parkland Passport free. It has the same benefits as the Conservation Pass.

• Leave passports on vehicle seat or in window where they can be seen while at the park. Also, park near the visitor's center before setting out on walks so vehicles can be included in counts.

• Don't enter park after closing or before opening. Hours are 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekdays and 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. weekends until spring when weekday hours will be 8 a.m. to 10 p.m.

• Donate. Materials, labor and cash are all accepted.

• Begin jogging at the top of mountain or drive once around the park before jogging in order to be counted. The state is monitoring the number of visitors to determine the net cost per visitor.



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A petition drive last year succeeded in getting the Big Spring State Park removed from the state's closure list. The state designed new programs to encourage community involvement in parks — a factor that could weight heavily in the future of state facilities. Ground hogs, jogging, swings and picnic tables attract thousands of visitors each year.



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Ag Expo

During the second weekend in January, the agricultural committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce conducts the West Texas Ag Expo. Thousands of onlookers from as far as Lubbock and Odessa, see about 70 exhibits each year, touting the latest technology, special services, updated farming products and revised ranching techniques. Featuring speakers and workshops, the ex o is conducted in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and is free to the public.

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'Friends of the Mountain'



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The state planned "Partnerships in Parks" to get people involved. Friends of the Mountain is the local volunteer association, formed by and for people who want to give time and services. More than 13,000 signatures from local residents removed the opportunities at the park are many and varied, says park manager Ron Alton, lower photo. From office work to trail reconstruction, maintenance to photography — there truly is something for every age group and interest.

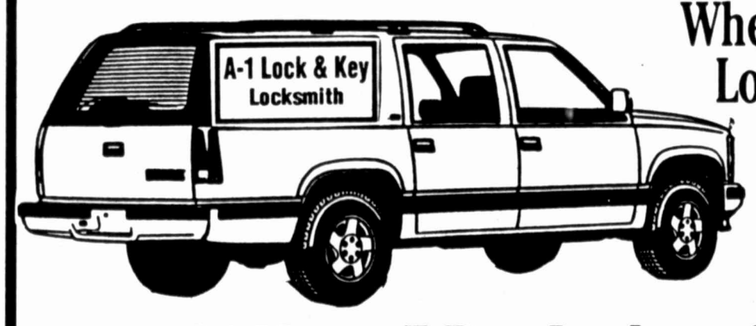
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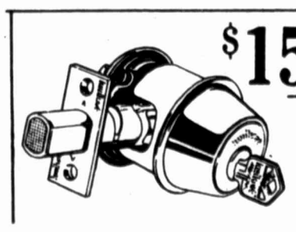
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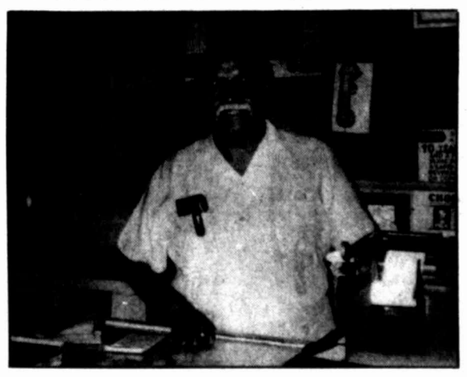
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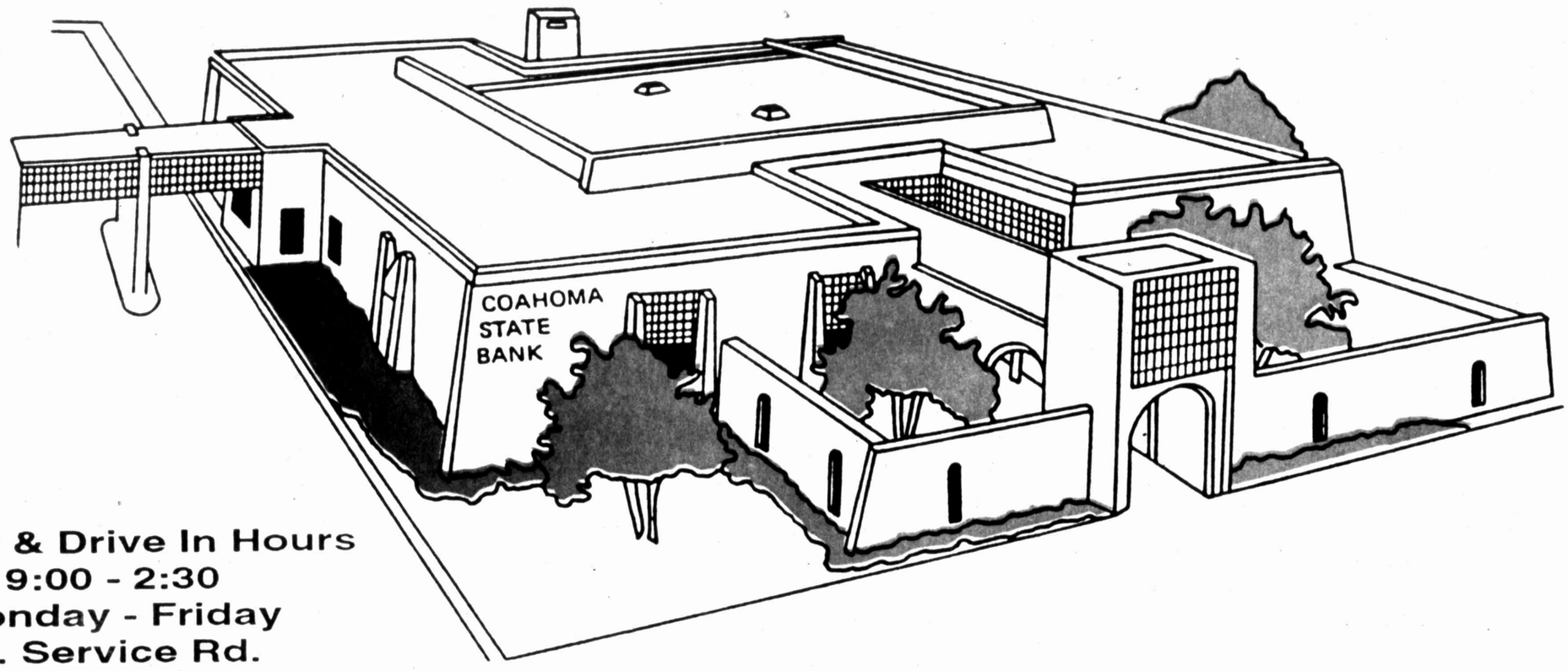
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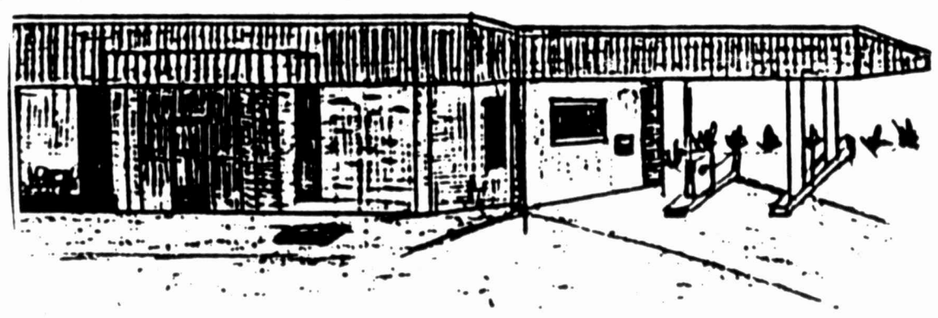
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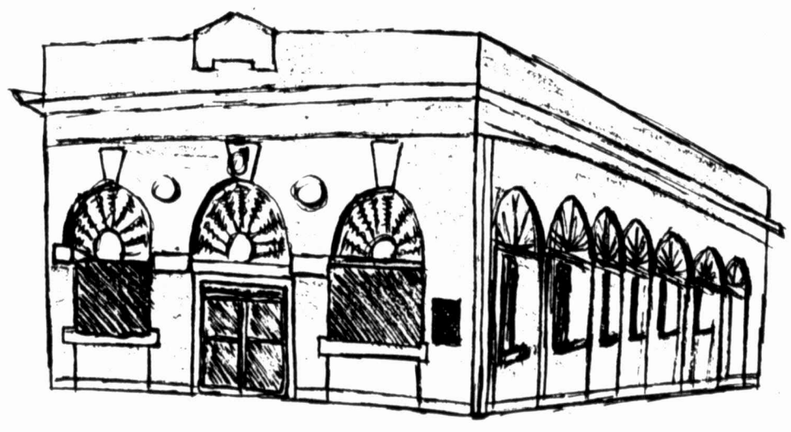
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