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Chamber banquet to feature awards, local entertainment

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's banquet, themed "Rise and Shine in '99," is set for Friday evening in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and will feature as entertainment the city's own Tumbleweed Smith.

Tickets are \$15 each and available at the chamber office.

The banquet will begin at 7 p.m.

Man and Woman of the Year will be announced at the banquet and outgoing board members and new board members will be recognized.

In addition to honoring some of Big Spring's hard-working citizens, the annual banquet is an opportunity for community members to socialize and enjoy each other's company.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Rackley-Swords Chp. 379 Vietnam Veterans of America 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

□ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

□ Eagles Lodge pot luck supper, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

□ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.

□ Big Spring Squares call 267-7034 or 263-6305 for more information.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. A one-time admission fee of \$2 for adults and \$1 for children and senior citizen is encouraged.

□ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1-5 p.m.

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Noyes stepping aside as president of Christmas in April after 12 years

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

After 12 years with the agency, Bob Noyes is leaving someone else in charge of Christmas in April.

Noyes announced earlier this month that he would retire from his position as president of the non-profit agency's board.

Don Riley, a longtime first vice president, is now acting president and should be elected into the top position next month.

"I have been disappointed the community's not supporting it more," Noyes said. "I'm going to back out, and hope that some new blood might make it better. It was my recommendation that new people try to promote it and work it."

Much has changed in CIA's 12-year history, Noyes said. In its early years, the program, which uses community volunteers to perform housing repairs for the poor and elderly, was supported by a number of large businesses in town.

But recently, many of those

businesses have cut back their local workforce, or even closed their local office.

Last year, some churches and businesses that participated in the program were asked to fund their own projects by buying their own materials for the home repairs.

Riley said the agency faces many challenges in the months, and years, ahead. The next workday is set for April 24.

"This is very much a needed thing in our community," he said. In more than a decade of working with CIA, he added, "I

have seen the need."

After all this time, workers still encounter elderly people living without heat or even hot water.

"A lot of them are widows, and they have no resources except Christmas in April," he said. "I think most people aren't aware of some of these things."

Due to funding shortages, CIA has cut back on the size of projects it tackles.

"When we have funds available, we don't limit our work to just one day," Riley said. "We continue to do projects year-

round to help the local elderly with their housing. We have helped a lot of folks."

Noyes' commitment to the program will be missed, he added.

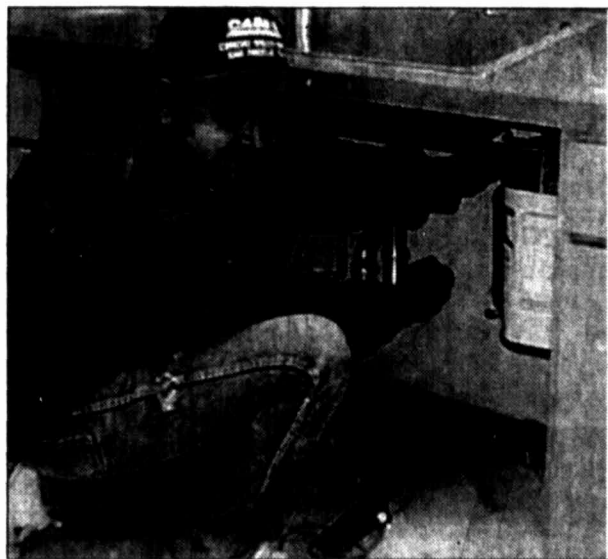
"I know he'll still work with us, but he's given this a lot of years and he thinks it's time to focus on other projects," Riley said.

CIA, meanwhile, will look toward a future in Big Spring.

"We know we've got some needs," Riley said. "We're going to reach out see what we can do about them."



HERALD photos/Marsha Sturdivant
Projected completion for Big Spring Junior High School is April. Above, Luther Chavez, left, along with Daniel Byars and Michael Perkins of Stallford Flooring, install maple flooring in the east gymnasium. At right, Doug Tatum smooths wet cement onto the stage area floor with the assistance of David Villareal of Monterey Construction. And below, Stephen Burton, of Stover Electric, checks the installation of a two-and-a-half-gallon water heater under a sink in the work area off the library.



Child's voice

CASA volunteers needed as liaison between court system and young children

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

It's not one of the easiest volunteer jobs, and may at times be very difficult.

But working for Court

Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) can also be one of the most rewarding unpaid positions, said the program's director.

"You do this if you want to help children," said Lisa Gandy, CASA program director. "This is some of the most in-depth volunteering you will ever do."

CASA, or Voices for Children, as it is known in the Midland area, works with the court system on behalf of children who have been removed from their homes because of abuse or other problems. The non-profit agency serves as "guardian ad litem" for the children, meaning it is a liaison between the child and the court system.

Volunteers are currently needed for the agency's advocate program. They will work varied hours, gathering information about a case, and make a report to 118th District Judge Robert Moore about what decision they believe is in the best interest of the child involved.

"There are so many children dragged into the court system because of the behavior of adults," said Gandy. "That's why this is necessary."

Volunteers are the "eyes and ears of the judge," Gandy said.



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and they try to give an objective view. She assigns each volunteer only one case at a time, and asks for a one-year commitment.

"You do get emotionally involved," she said. "But you make recommendations based on the facts."

Volunteers gather information from family members, teachers and counselors, as well as the children themselves in some cases. Gandy likes the volunteers to visit the child in foster care at least every two weeks, to see how the situation is going.

Time needed for the work varies greatly, averaging about 20 hours for the first month of a case, and less as the case goes on. Volunteers are asked to appear in court, and testify in some cases.

For those interested in the program, an interview will be arranged with Gandy to go over details. Then volunteers will undergo 40 hours of training in such issues as child development, legal issues and chemical dependency.

Gandy said more than 90 percent of the agency's cases involve some form of chemical dependency problem.

Although the volunteer advocates will have contact with the child's family, they are never responsible for removing a child from the home. Gandy said CASA only gets involved in a case when the child has already been removed.

Situations vary, as do ages of the children. Currently about two-thirds of the children the agency deals with are between 6-11 years old, while those

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Citizen response to literacy program good; students sought

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Literacy volunteers in Howard County will soon attend their first workshop, as county literacy coordinator Lorraine Redman continues reorganizing the program.

"I was amazed, we had 30 people come to the first meeting to

volunteer to be teachers. Now that we need are students," Redman said.

The county literacy program, which became nearly inactive in the latter part of 1998, has received new inspiration.

Redman was appointed by the county commissioners as the county literacy coordinator, and she immediately began calling for volunteers.

The first organization meeting, seeking volunteers, was at the Howard County library Jan. 15. And residents continue to offer to help, she said.

"I've been busy all day. People are still coming in to volunteer," she said.

Now the target is to reach out those county residents who want to learn to read, she said.

"This is strictly confidential, and no one's names are ever used. We need referrals from loved ones, family members, those who know someone who cannot read."

"A person who cannot read, cannot read this newspaper story, so we need referrals from people who can," Redman commented.

Redman also said the national and state statistics for illiteracy, provided by the National Literacy Association, show Texas has a 44 percent illiteracy rate.

And the national rate is 55 percent. Literacy is defined by one's ability to read this newspaper, she said.

Benefits for a student who learns to read are broad and encompass every aspect of their lives, she said.

"When they learn to read, they have the skills to succeed in work, at home and in their com-

munity. They can receive better quality jobs when they learn to read, and they are better able to understand the world around them," she said.

Redman said the program now has 36 volunteers prepared to teach, and she is planning to have training meetings for teachers every three months.

"We want to keep the enthusiasm and excitement going," she said.

The literacy program uses the Laubach Reading program, and all materials are provided free to student and teacher.

Enrollment at Howard College springs up this semester

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Spring semester enrollment at Howard College reflects an increase in students continuing to reach toward a community college to fulfill educational and occupational dreams.

"We're tickled. This is wonderful, good news," said Linda Conway, Howard College's vice

president for institutional advancement.

Enrollment this spring totals 2,025 students for all campuses and outreach credit classes, an increase from the fall semester, in which 2,005 were enrolled.

Conway said efforts to fulfill community needs, as well as specific efforts targeted to meet individual needs, have made a difference in enrollment.

"Any time you try to make a presence in a community, that effort pays off," she said.

And this spring those efforts have paid off with more students than were enrolled in the fall.

"Traditionally, we always have lower enrollment in the spring than in the fall, but in the fall we were at 2,005, so we feel like we're doing very well," Conway said.

On the local campus, 968 students are enrolled this semester, she said.

That's an increase of 88 students, compared to the spring 1998 semester. In the fall there were 966 students enrolled, she said.

On the Lamesa campus, 97 students have enrolled in classes, an increase for both the fall semester of 82 students, and spring 1998 of 79.

"Our distance learning classes on the Lamesa campus are really making a difference," Conway said.

In San Angelo, 833 students are enrolled in classes, compared to 816 in the fall. In the spring of 1998, 1,016 students were enrolled.

"Of course, we changed our focus on that campus last year. Now we're seeing enrollment increase in San Angelo again," she said.

Enrollment at the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf topped at 103 students for the spring semester.

And there are 24 inmates in a

local prison facility enrolled in credit courses through Howard College, Conway said.

And while students may be enrolled in some of the upper level classes offered though the University of the Permian Basin or Texas Tech University, their numbers do not count toward Howard College enrollment figures, she said.

"We offer those classes as a service to the community," Conway said.

She added that official enrollment results should be available at the next Howard College board of trustees meeting, Monday, Jan. 25.

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OBITUARIES

A. Floyd Anderson

A. Floyd Anderson, 90, Big Spring, died on Monday, Jan. 18, 1999, in a local hospital. Service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 23, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Eddie Tubbs, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on June 17, 1908, in Howard County, and married Goldie Ellis on Jan. 8, 1949, in Stanton.

Mr. Anderson was a lifetime resident of Howard County, his parents were Frank and Stella Anderson, a pioneer farming family. He attended Centerpoint, Moore and Knott schools. During the Depression he worked and helped build the Hoover Dam. He had worked for Cosden Oil and Chemical Refinery for 30 years and had operated the BTX Unit until retiring on June 1, 1973. He had also farmed in Howard and Martin Counties from 1959 to 1992.

He was a member of College Baptist Church and a member of Cosden 25 Year Club.

Survivors include: his wife, Goldie Anderson of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Janice and Wayne Stroup of Big Spring; three sons and daughters-in-law, Ronnie and Ellen Anderson and Donald and June Anderson, all of Hawley, and Billy and Faye Anderson of Klamath Falls, Ore.; 11 grandchildren, Amber and Kevin Rich of Big Spring, Stacy and Ronnie Stokes of Lubbock, Stephanie and Darryl Hammonds of Fredericksburg, Va., Elizabeth Anderson of Hawley, Carri Godwin of Denver, Colo., Neal Anderson of Big Spring, Brett Anderson of Nacogdoches, Jason Anderson of Hawley, Kayne Stroup of Big Spring, Billy Godwin of Denver, Colo., and Shane Anderson of Seattle, Wash.; one brother, Ben Anderson of Council Bluffs, Iowa; one niece, Wanda Anderson of Big Spring; and one nephew, Bennie Lee A. Jerson of San Angelo.

He was preceded in death by one grandson, Michael Anderson, three brothers, Robert Anderson, Clovis Anderson and Altie Anderson, and one sister, Ruthie Anderson.

Pallbearers will be grandsons and grandsons-in-law.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity.

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& CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-8288

C. C. Grigg, 85, died Tuesday. Services are 10:00 AM, Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

Alice Bodman, 87, died Tuesday. Private family services are Thursday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Visitation will be until 10:00 PM today.

NALLEY-PICKLE
& WELCH
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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St.
(915) 267-6331

Woodrow Jones, 83, died Monday. Services will be at 2:00 PM Thursday at Midway Baptist Church. Graveside service will be at 10:00 AM Friday at Gooseneck Cemetery, Graham, Texas.

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Paid obituary

C.C. Grigg

C.C. Grigg, 85, Big Spring, passed away on Tuesday, Jan. 19, 1999, at his home following a short illness.

Service will be 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born to Pink Jackson Grigg and Della Mae Roberts Grigg on Jan. 20, 1913, in Beville, La.

He married Rosamond Cottrell on Jan. 16, 1932, in Westbrook, and she preceded him in death on Aug. 5, 1997. He moved to Big Spring in 1980 from Ackerly. Mr. Grigg farmed at Ackerly from 1934 to 1980. He was a member of the Baptist faith.

He is survived by: four sons, Pete Grigg and his wife, Nelda, Dub Grigg, Pat Grigg and his wife, Patsy, all of Big Spring, and Buster Grigg and his wife, Judy, of Diboll; a daughter-in-law, Joyce Grigg of Big Spring; one brother, Donald Grigg of San Angelo; three sisters, Lee Bellomy of Grand Saline, Willie Hargrove of Odessa, and Ruth Van Zandt of Sundown; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren.

He was preceded in death by one son, Billy F. Grigg on Aug. 12, 1994.

Grandsons and grandsons-in-law will be pallbearers: Robyn Grigg, Kelly Grigg, Rocky Grigg, Theron Grigg, Jason Grigg, Casey Grigg, Floyce Phillips and Gary Holley.

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Paid obituary

Alice B. Bodman

Private family services for Alice B. Bodman, 87, Big Spring, will be Thursday, Jan. 21, 1999, at Myers & Smith Funeral Chapel with Chaplain Maura Garry, of Family Hospice, officiating.

Mrs. Bodman died Tuesday, Jan. 19, at her home following a short illness.

She was born on June 8, 1911, in Los Angeles, Calif. She married Robert David Bodman on Aug. 12, 1933, and he preceded her in death. She had been a resident of Big Spring for nine years, moving here from Los Angeles. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include: one daughter, Joan Garver of Big Spring; two grandsons; one granddaughter; eight great-grandchildren; and three nephews.

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CASA

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remaining are mostly infants to 5 years old.

Local volunteers would work only with children in Howard, Glasscock or Martin counties.

In July, seven volunteers were sworn in for the program, but not all of them are still active, Gandy said. She added program volunteers range from professionals to retirees to housewives.

"What they have in common," Gandy said, "is that they all love children."

For information, call Gandy in the Midland office of Voices for Children at 570-1084.

New drug helped obese lose weight, keep it off.

CHICAGO (AP) — An experimental diet drug that scientists hope is safer than the ill-fated Redux and fen-phen helped

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obese people shed pounds and keep them off in a two-year study, researchers say.

Orlistat, trade-named Xenical, has been judged safe and effective enough for the U.S. market by an advisory panel to the Food and Drug Administration. The FDA usually follows advisers' recommendations, and the drug's manufacturer, Hoffman LaRoche Inc., expects a decision soon.

Redux and Pondimin — which is generically named fenfluramine and was paired with phentermine in "fen-phen" — were recalled in 1997 over concerns that they caused heart-valve damage. The only prescription weight-loss drugs left on the U.S. market are sibutramine, sold as Meridia, and phentermine. They regulate brain chemicals affecting appetite.

Orlistat works differently. It blocks absorption of about one-third of fat that people consume, said one of the study's authors, Dr. Steven B. Heymsfield of St. Luke's-Roosevelt Hospital in New York.

Four out of every five people report such side effects as intestinal cramping, gas and oily or loose stools, but the problems usually subside, Heymsfield said.

In addition, some patients need vitamin supplements because orlistat also blocks some absorption of fat-soluble vitamins D, E and beta carotene, he said.

A report on his 1992-95 study, part of the data being considered by the FDA, is published in Wednesday's Journal of the American Medical Association.

In the study of 892 obese adults, all were put on weight-loss diets, counseled about exercise and assigned to one of two groups for a year. The group given orlistat lost an average of 19 pounds, compared with about 12 pounds among those given dummy pills.

Foes argue
WIPP site
should not
be opened

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. (AP) — The federal government shouldn't be allowed to open its radioactive waste storage site in southeastern New Mexico without a state permit — and if it does, the state should shut it down, opponents argue.

The U.S. Department of Energy contends it can ship purely radioactive waste to the Waste Isolation Pilot Plant before it receives a state permit to bury mixed waste — which contains hazardous chemicals as well as radioactive elements.

WIPP opponents disagree. "You put any waste into WIPP, and the permit is over," said Don Hancock of the Southwest Research and Information Center.

His Albuquerque-based group and the Santa Fe-based Concerned Citizens for Nuclear Safety filed comments on the state's draft permit Tuesday, the last day for written comments to be filed.

The groups argue that any permit issued after waste has been shipped to WIPP would be invalid because the presence of the waste would hamper the state's ability to regulate it.

DOE spokeswoman Anne

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Elliott in Washington, D.C., said the department doesn't agree.

"The shipment would have no impact on (WIPP) or the permit," she said.

The state has jurisdiction over mixed waste, but not over waste that contains no hazardous chemicals.

The DOE wants to ship a limited number of drums of waste from Los Alamos National Laboratory to the \$2 billion repository near Carlsbad as soon as a federal judge lifts an order that has prevented waste from going to WIPP.

No court date has been set, but the DOE hopes to get the order lifted next month.

The state Environmental Department plans to issue the mixed waste permit between July and September.

Hancock said the final state permit should prohibit disposal in WIPP's Panel 1, a complex of seven football-field size rooms excavated in a vast salt bed 2,150 feet underground.

SUPPORT GROUPS

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

THURSDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

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

MARKETS

March cotton 58.60 cents, down 31 points; Feb. crude 12.02, down 6 points; Cash hogs \$2 lower at 29; cash steers steady at 62 even; Feb. lean hog futures 40.82, up 200 points; Feb. live cattle futures 63.40, up 42 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co. Index 9382.00

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Europacific	29.49-31.29
Prime Rate	7.75%
Gold	286.00-286.50
Silver	5.14-5.16

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

TUESDAY

2:22 a.m. — 400 block Gregg, trauma call, patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

9:12 a.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

3:05 p.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to VA Medical Center.

4:53 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

5:59 p.m. — 1500 block Wood, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

7:31 p.m. — 900 block NW Second, medical call, patient transported to SMMC.

9:52 p.m. — 800 block Creighton, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

• CLASS A THEFT was reported in the 500 block of West Fourth.

• THEFT was reported at Third and Owens.

• GARY CHRISTENSEN, 23, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• SANTOS MENDOZA, 26, was arrested for public intoxication.

• MAURICIO HERNANDEZ, 23, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• FABIOLA OCHOA, 22, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• ASSAULT was reported in the 400 block of Gregg and at 400 E. Fourth.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported at Comanche

Trail Park.

• FORGERY was reported at 400 E. Fourth.

• KENNETH KERR, 46, was arrested for fictitious motor vehicle registration.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 1700 block of East 11th Place.

• JUVENILE PROBLEM was reported in the 900 block of East Marcy.

• DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported twice in the 1300 block of East 11th.

• DISORDERLY CONDUCT/LANGUAGE was reported in the 1300 block of East 11th Place.

JOSEPH JERWASKI, 47, was arrested for public intoxication.

• MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 800 block of FM 700.

• ANTHONY MUNOZ, 40, was arrested for theft of service.

The Big Spring Police Department submitted a week-end summary that reflects one aggravated robbery, and one aggravated assault/family violence.

Also, three burglary, one burglary of a vehicle, four criminal mischief and three driving while intoxicated reports.

And five driving while license suspended or invalid, two forgery, three runaway and six theft reports. Also, four convenience store theft, one unattended death, one unauthorized use of a vehicle, seven minor accidents and three major accidents were reported.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. today:

• DENNIS GLENN HEFFINGTON, 33, was arrested for motion picture to revoke probation/burglary of a building.

• MONICA POLK, 24, was arrested for credit card abuse and fugitive from justice/possession of a controlled substance.

• WILLIAM LEROY DAVIS, 22 was arrested for speeding.

• JOSE ULATE, 29, was arrested for public intoxication and evading arrest and detention.

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Starting second term as Texas governor, Bush says character counts

AUSTIN (AP) — Newly inaugurated Gov. George W. Bush capped off his evening in style as he "Waltzed Across Texas" with his wife Laura and twin daughters Barbara and Jenna at the first of four inaugural balls.

A sharply dressed crowd of more than 2,100 at the Austin Convention Center gave the first Texas governor ever to be inaugurated for back-to-back, four-year terms an almost deafening round of applause as he entered the stage.

"He's just great, and I know he's going to the White House," said Mary Black, a Filipina who came to America some 20 years ago and is now a beautician in Granbury.

Decked out in an ankle-length gown of red satin and rhinestones, Ms. Black seemed to echo the speculation of many guests. Bush has not even announced an intent to run for the Oval Office in 2000, but his supporters have already taken to calling him President.

Earlier Tuesday, Bush called for a Texas that is open, diverse, educated and places a high value on moral character.

"We must be willing to draw a clear line between right and wrong," the Republican governor said in a speech delivered at the same time Tuesday afternoon that President Clinton's defense lawyers were making arguments in his impeachment trial.

Bush made no mention of Clinton, but he did add that it is important to teach Texas children values along with academic skills.

"We must teach them that there are right choices in life and wrong choices in life. Some people think it's inappropriate to make moral judgments anymore. Not me," Bush said, drawing a cheer from onlookers.

"Because for our children to have the kind of life we want for them, they must learn to say yes to responsibility, yes to family, yes to honesty and work, and no to drugs, no to violence, no to promiscuity or having

babies out of wedlock," the governor said.

The character theme was echoed by the new lieutenant governor, Rick Perry, who said Bush leads by example.

"You see, George W. Bush is a man of character. The type of person that we can point out to our children and say, 'I want you to grow up and be like him,'" Perry said.

Perry, a one-time Democrat, took his oath first and became what historical records indicate is the first Republican inaugurated as lieutenant governor.

The governor, whose inaugural theme — displayed in English and Spanish — was "together we can," voiced his

hope that the state will unify and celebrate its diverse cultures.

"Our diversity gives Texas new life, new energy, new blood and we should not fear it but welcome it," he said.

Bush didn't mention his campaign call for \$2.7 billion in tax cuts. But Perry, who will preside over the Senate, did discuss priorities for the legislative session that opened a week ago.

"Once our basic education, criminal justice and infrastructure and human service priorities are met, we should give the people of Texas some of their money back in the form of tax cuts," Perry said.

He and Bush began the big day with a prayer service at Austin's First United Methodist Church, just west of the Capitol.

Entering for the service, Bush said he was going to pray for peace, strength and guidance, adding that he hoped to be less emotional than during his first inaugural ceremony in 1995.

"I feel great," Bush said. "I'm going to try to pay attention to it this time."

There was a lot to remember. Barbecue — including 850 briskets, 2,000 pounds of sausage, 2,000 pounds of turkey breast, 1,000 pounds of ham and 150 gallons of sauce — was served under two huge tents on the Capitol lawn.

Speech moves Clinton closer to GOP on Social Security, but fights loom

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton is making dramatic concessions to Republicans on revamping Social Security, but the spotty GOP response to his State of the Union address shows that bitter fights lie ahead on the retirement program, tax cuts and plans for higher spending.

Barely six hours after the Senate ended another day in Clinton's impeachment trial, the president strode into the House chamber and delivered a 77-minute speech laden with proposals ranging from more defense spending to helping communities fight pollution.

Clinton also announced the Justice Department would sue the tobacco industry, and that he would again seek a tax increase on cigarettes, this time 55 cents a pack. It drew an icy response from Republicans, as

it did last year.

Many Republicans said they sensed chances for accommodation this year on Social Security, defense, education and patients' rights. Still, GOP leaders emphasized the differences that remained — including Clinton's omission of tax cuts as a way to use federal surpluses projected to total an enormous \$4.4 trillion over the next 15 years.

"A \$4 trillion surplus, and not a penny for tax cuts?" House Majority Leader Dick Armey, R-Texas, said.

"I didn't work this hard to get a balanced budget to ... spend it all on new programs," said the Senate Budget Committee chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M.

House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., said today that Clinton "has stepped out

smartly with a very, very creative, and I think, a sound, plan" to safeguard Social Security. Gephardt said he expects the president to flesh out his proposal in the next few weeks and called on House and Republican leaders to schedule hearings as soon as possible so the problem can be resolved this year.

Clinton's audience on the House floor reacted throughout as if listening to two different speeches. Democrats lustily cheered his entrance, and led the way in interrupting his address 95 times with applause.

Republicans were unusually quiet, with many often not responding to what might normally be GOP applause lines, like Clinton's prediction of budget surpluses for the next 25 years. Small numbers of them didn't attend, and many who

did conceded that it felt eerie listening to a president whom their party has pushed to the brink of removal from office.

"Of course it was awkward," Sen. John Ashcroft, R-Mo., said. "But does that mean it shouldn't have happened? Not necessarily."

As Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott left the chamber, photographers overheard him asking a companion whether Clinton had "no shame."

Clinton made no mention of the sex and cover-up case that led to his impeachment and imperils his presidency.

Armey and House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Texas, sat side by side looking pained and bored, applauding only for spectators whom Clinton introduced, such as civil rights figure Rosa Parks and Chicago Cubs slugger Sammy Sosa.

Clinton proposes using budget surpluses to preserve Social Security

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton wants to use more than 60 percent of any budget surpluses to shore up Social Security and ensure the retirement system can pay promised benefits. He also would create separate 401(k)-style accounts for most working Americans, and for the first time invest some of the system's cash in the stock market.

"I propose that we make the historic decision to invest the surplus — to save Social Security," Clinton said Tuesday in his State of the Union address.

The president's proposal to have the government invest some Social Security money on Wall Street immediately generated controversy.

"No, no. A thousand times no," said House Ways and

Means Committee Chairman Bill Archer, R-Texas. "It will open the doors to all kinds of mischief involving government dictates, favoritism and cronyism."

Nevertheless, the overall plan was judged by Clinton to be most likely to satisfy both Democrats and Republicans, aides say.

The proposals, included in his State of the Union address, are part of Clinton's blueprint for using about \$4.4 trillion in government surpluses now expected over the next 15 years. In the speech, he proposed adding about 60 percent — which his aides clarified as closer to 62 percent — directly to Social Security's cash reserves. Another 11 percent would go to the new retirement accounts. Another 15 percent would be

earmarked for Medicare, the health insurance program for the elderly and disabled that, like Social Security, is expected to be financially burdened by the nation's huge, aging baby boom generation.

Clinton proposed that the remaining \$500 billion or so in surpluses go to military and other domestic programs, angering many Republicans who want an across-the-board income tax cut.

Administration officials estimate the cash infusions Clinton is proposing will keep Social Security financially sound until 2055 — more than 20 years longer than now expected. Medicare's crisis date would be postponed from 2008 to 2020.

Other priorities Clinton outlined include:

- Lifting penalties that now

mean smaller Social Security checks for senior citizens who continue to work. Aides said the penalties would probably be phased out slowly, but beginning soon.

—Adding a prescription drug benefit to Medicare.

—Providing extra financial help to single elderly women, now the poorest retirees.

Under Clinton's proposal, the biggest portion of the expected surplus would be added to Social Security's cash reserves. Out of that, he is suggesting about a quarter be invested, in bulk, in the stock market in hopes of increasing its value.

The remainder of the surplus going to Social Security would be kept — as the program's cash reserves have been traditionally — in safer, but historically lower-yielding, U.S. Treasury

bonds.

Many Republicans strongly disapprove of government participation in private financial markets, preferring to see Social Security money diverted into personal accounts that Americans would control. But Clinton has sided with Democrats who say that would expose individuals to too much financial risk.

Clinton will ask lawmakers to help devise a way that bulk investment decisions could be made by an independent board, insulated from politics and limited to neutral options.

Comcast Corp. sells cellular operations to SBC Communications for \$1.7 billion

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Comcast Corp. announced today that it will sell its cellular operations to SBC Communications of San Antonio for about \$1.7 billion.

"This transaction makes strategic sense for both Comcast and SBC," said Comcast president Brian L. Roberts. He said with the sale, "we acknowledge the trend toward national and global competitors in the wireless industry" and the company would focus on its core cable and content businesses.

The sale, expected to close in the third quarter of 1999, needs the approval of state and federal regulators.

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Bell, one of the seven "Baby Bells" created by the 1984 breakup of AT&T, is one of the largest local phone companies in the country, with 6.5 million cellular subscribers in 16 states and the District of Columbia, and one of the three largest wireless companies.

Comcast added 50,000 cellular subscribers last year for a total of 850,000, but has shown little inclination to build its own national network.

"Unquestionably, we will experience some mixed emotions over this announcement," Comcast Cellular president David N. Watson said in a memo to the company's 1,600 cellular phone workers distributed late Tuesday afternoon.

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OUR VIEWS

We're hoping to see more of that impressive crowd

It seemed to border on the impossible, but it happened. An estimated crowd of 2,500 was on hand Monday night as Howard College's Hawks and Lady Hawks played host to Midland College teams at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

What really seems improbable, however, is that it took free admission to pack "The Dorothy."

For years now, Howard College has put both men's and women's teams on the floor that continually challenge for Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) championships, and much of the time are among the nation's elite.

Given that quality of product, it shouldn't be difficult fill the seats for Howard home games.

But it has.

For whatever the reason for those historically sparse crowds, this is no time to criticize local residents for heretofore lackluster support.

Instead, it's time to offer kudos for Monday's attendance.

While Midland's Chaps and Lady Chaparrals brought a substantial following, clearly four-fifths, around 2,000 of those on hand for the renewal of perhaps the WJCAC's best rivalries were Howard Countians.

They were treated to spectacular performances by both Howard teams.

What's more, there's no question the vocal support local fans offered was in no small measure a part of the Lady Hawks' spectacular comeback before suffering only their second loss of the season to a nationally-ranked team and the Hawks' successful see-saw battle with the Chaparrals.

Simply put, it was nice to see the rest of the community taking advantage of the opportunity to witness what the Hawks and Lady Hawks offer on a weekly basis during the collegiate basketball season.

And now that many of you have gotten a free taste of what's in store for the rest of the season, we hope to see you coming back for more.

OTHER VIEWS

State Rep. Rene Oliveira wants to change the way Spanish is taught in Texas public schools. House Bill 686, filed Thursday by the Brownsville Democrat, would require all school districts to make Spanish part of their core curriculum. It would also mandate that every student receives two years of Spanish-language instruction in high school.

Oliveira told a reporter Thursday that economic development is behind his proposal to have all Texas school children learn Spanish.

We don't doubt that there are many Texans, particularly here in the Rio Grande Valley, who view the bills as a step in the right direction. There is no denying that the ability to speak both English and Spanish is a valuable asset in the border region and local elementary schools would be a fine place to introduce more Spanish instruction. But there are problems with Oliveira's legislation.

He commented Thursday that he didn't anticipate much opposition to the bill, but it clearly will tread on the territory, not to mention the self-determination, of others. Given time, political opposition could

be substantial.

First, there are the teachers who will find their specialties in less demand. High schools typically require two years of foreign-language instruction and offer several languages from which to choose. Making Spanish language a mandate might well eliminate classes in French, German, Latin and other languages, so don't expect teachers in those subjects to be among the bills supporters.

Additionally, parents in other areas of the state also are unlikely to support legislation that limits the choices available to their children. Oliveira insisted Thursday, "This is not a minority issue. This is not an ethnic issue. It's pure and simple good business."

But it doesn't require much imagination to envision residents in North Texas or East Texas viewing this bill as an imposition, if not a threat.

The Spanish mandates potential divisiveness is significant, and it would give fuel to the proponents of English-only laws that have driven a wedge between Hispanics and non-Hispanics in other states.

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Efforts in Iraq are costly, ineffective

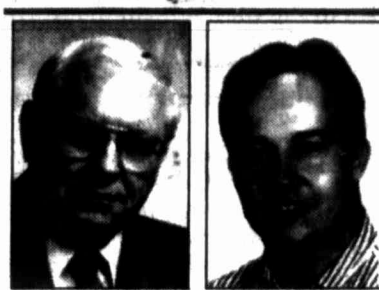
If it seems like Middle East policy never changes, just look at how quickly the Arab world aligned and then distanced itself from Saddam Hussein after recent revelations that American spies took part in the inspection teams monitoring Iraq's compliance with United Nations resolutions.

The word out of New York last week was that U.N. officials were deeply angered by the revelations. Officials there were shocked -- shocked! -- to learn that American CIA officers had taken part in the U.N. Special Commission (UNSCOM) inspection teams and relayed military intelligence back to the Pentagon.

Most embarrassing is the fact that it confirms what Saddam Hussein has been charging for years -- and what America has persistently denied. Each time Saddam tried to kick U.N. inspectors out of his country, he justified it by charging the Americans with spying. It now appears that Saddam -- of all people -- was at least half right.

A spokesman for the U.S. mission at the United Nations did not dispute the claim that CIA agents acted as UNSCOM inspectors. But another excused the action by claiming that the very nature of the inspectors' job called for intelligence agents.

More importantly, it seems America isn't alone. Sources tell us that "several" of the 40



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countries involved in Iraqi weapons inspections also used intelligence agents -- a fact not previously published, we were told, because of the delicacy of the UNSCOM mission.

Arab officials, meanwhile, say the first reaction of most Middle East countries after the UNSCOM revelations was one of anger. "Saddam was essentially proven right," one diplomat told our associate Kathryn Wallace. "He has cried wolf many times, and now the U.S. has played right into his hands," by lending credence to one of his chief allegations against the West.

But Hussein has already overplayed his cards, our sources tell us. Any pro-Saddam sentiment withered yesterday when an Iraqi official referred to Kuwait as an amputated piece of Iraq.

Nevertheless, support for American action in the Middle East is wavering. Fearful of a remilitarized Saddam, officials

from neighboring Arab countries are also worried that a piecemeal U.S. approach would destroy American credibility. "If you are going to sock it to (Saddam), sock it to him good," one Arab U.N. official said. "The little attacks don't shake his infrastructure and just solidify support for him."

Backing for the December air strikes against Iraq were never that strong to start with. Key countries on the U.N. Security Council, like Russia, France and China, immediately condemned the action. And countries that did support some type of action raised pointed questions about the timing and ferocity of the strikes.

A sure-fire barometer of international support will come a few months from now when the United States tabulates all the costs associated with Operation Desert Fox and starts passing the donation tray. While the \$61 billion tab from Operation Desert Storm was almost completely paid by our allies, that may not be the case with the December strikes, according to policy experts we spoke with.

There are no costs tabulated as yet for troop care and movement, but we can put a preliminary price tag on Desert Fox -- which only includes the missiles used in the three-day air war.

According to the Military's Central Command in Tampa, American pilots dropped several types of advanced, laser-

guided missiles on Saddam's arsenal. American armed forces launched more than 400 cruise missiles from Naval cruisers in the Mediterranean Sea. Each missile cost an estimated \$1.1 million to produce and launch.

Also used were several varieties of high-tech smart bombs designed to "find" moving targets -- such as the Maverick and Standoff missiles. These cost anywhere between \$17,000 to \$200,000 a pop, depending on the required precision of the attack. Central Command didn't have exact figures on the numbers or the expense of smart bombs used in the strike, but our low estimates put the price at \$450 million, and that's just for the missiles.

Additionally, the United States had 32,000 troops in the Gulf region in late December, as well as 26 ships -- including two large aircraft-carrier battle groups.

The problem of containing Saddam Hussein is not a simple one. Eight years of effort have failed to dislodge him from power. He is entrenched as firmly as ever, and world opinion is slowly starting to swing his way. France and Russia can't wait to get their hands on his oil reserves. Arab countries are wary of siding with the West against one of their neighbors. And our strongest allies are getting tired of helping pay the bills for military adventures of dubious long-term value.



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The store publishes a magazine six times a year. It's called Barnett's National Cycle Seller and has news about the store, specials and classified advertising for people buying and selling Harleys.

The store has a website on the internet: www.barnett-d.com. It has more hits than any other website in El Paso. The store has a person hired to do nothing else but tend to the internet site because of the business it generates.

Sherman Barnett purchased the dealership in 1977 from Al Jones, who remained with the store and works for Sherman. Sherman let other people run the business for a few years, then took it over himself about

the time supplies started buying Harleys. These days Sherman spends a lot of time with his favorite hobby, car racing.

Kim Barnett, Sherman's daughter, is operations manager of the store. "It's not just the motorcycles these days," she says. "It's the clothing, the style."

The dealership keeps between 300 and 400 motorcycles in stock at all times. "People don't believe it until they see the pictures of the place. Then when they get here, they're surprised and amazed."

The dealership takes good care of their customers. Kim says the store provides a fly and ride program. "We fly in our customers from out of town, pick them up at the airport in a limo and bring them to the store. If someone brings in a bike for servicing, we have a massage therapist who pampers them while they wait. Customer service is very important to us. The people who will come back are the ones who were treated well."

The store is number one in several areas. "We're number one with Harley credit. We did ten million dollars worth of business with them this past year. We average selling 150 units a month."

The store moved to its present location in March of 1996. "The first motorcycle sold was delivered to the customer in El Paso by helicopter. That created plenty of attention for our store," says Kim.

"Just being on the freeway makes a complete difference, especially in sales of clothing and Harley items. Interstate Ten is one of the most traveled freeways in the United States and we get thousands of people passing by every day. A lot of them stop. We have billboards to let them know that we're here."

The showroom is 26,000 square feet. Half is devoted to motorcycles, half is devoted to clothing, collectibles and accessories. "We have a lot of fun stuff like Harley Monopoly games and puzzles, jewelry and toy replicas. Harley watches are real popular. We have people coming here from all over the world, so we keep our inventory high."

Ten sales people are devoted completely to bike sales. One hotel executive bought six bikes for his partners.

Couples buy matching motorcycles. "Our business just keeps getting better," says Kim. "It's a lot of fun. We have a little ceremony when the customer rides off on his new Harley."

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◆While macrame (decorative knotting of cord, rope or string) dates back to about the 1200s, the actual word wasn't used until about the 1400s.

◆Do you know who was the only president to serve two non-consecutive terms? Grover Cleveland.

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Work is pleasure for home designer

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Creating beauty on any budget is a labor of love for Kay Bancroft.

The Big Spring interior designer and business owner has spent 11 years making people's homes beautiful, and she believes it's what she was meant to do.

"I believe that every person has God-given gifts and talents," said Bancroft. "If a person can find out and realize what those talents are, it's not work for them."

Too many people, she said, dread Monday morning when they go to jobs they really don't enjoy.

Bancroft, who owns Simpler Pleasures Home and Garden, went to college to train as an elementary teacher. She soon realized, however, that it wasn't her calling.

Married to attorney Ben Bancroft, she is mother to Holly, 8, a student at St. Mary's Episcopal School. Although she worked at home while her daughter was small, Bancroft said she always thought about opening a retail store and working on interior design out of there.

With 23 years experience in sales, Bancroft said she has learned how to treat customers. With a love of color and decorating, she said interior design was a natural field for her.

"I always become very good friends with my clients," she said, adding that she also finds it easy in many cases to share her Christian faith with her customers.

"The relationship I have with the Lord is the

biggest part of my life," Bancroft said. "God opens the door for ministry at our shop."

She said people often walk through the doors of the business at 1305 S. Gregg, and ask to be included on the prayer list the staff keeps. How did they find out about it?

"I don't know," Bancroft says, with a smile. "But I do know God answers so many prayers."

With her staff of specialists, Bancroft can complete any home decorating job from wallpapering a room to a whole house from top to bottom. She has one client who came to her to form a master plan for her house. They started decorating 11 years ago, and worked on a room each year. When they finished, they were ready to start over again.

"It's a challenge to create the look the client wants on X number of dollars," Bancroft said.

These days, she said clients are looking for something she calls "casual elegance." Colors are warm, not dark, and the overall appearance is stylish but traditional.

Many of her customers, Bancroft said, would prefer fewer, but better, pieces. And they might choose a more expensive, but more luxurious fabric and plan to use less of it.

Her advice for those who want a new look? "Buy the best you can afford comfortably," she said.

"I would always rather do one great lamp that four that are just OK."

These days, as many women have multiple roles in the family, Bancroft said they often consider their home a retreat, a safe place that they want to be comfortable.



HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen
Kay Bancroft is a local interior designer and owner of Simpler Pleasures.

"I keep hearing that," she said. "That comfortable feeling is very important."

And customers with kids want their homes beautiful, but functional.

But what does an interior decorator do in her own home?

"It's difficult to decorate your own house," Bancroft said. "You are exposed to so much. But I did just put leopard carpet in my formal dining room."

Patients seeking records sometimes frustrated

FORT WORTH (AP) — Two years after Helen Davis nearly died from an unusual breast disease, she wanted a clearer picture of what happened during her sickest days.

Davis, a licensed vocational nurse, worries about a recurrence.

But when she requested nearly three weeks of missing nursing records from Harris Methodist Fort Worth, an official wrote back that despite an exhaustive search, they couldn't be found.

"Those are weeks of valuable medical information that I'll never have access to," said the 51-year-old Fort Worth resident, who can't recall much of what happened during nearly three weeks of hospitalization in July 1995.

Harris Methodist spokeswoman Laura Van Hoosier called the loss of the paperwork "rare" and "regrettable."

"We are always meticulous, because we have to be," she said.

Davis' plight is not common, but patients' requests to obtain personal medical information have become a frequent ritual, especially after the first of the year. In January, medical professionals receive more requests as patients change managed-care plans and — perhaps — their doctors, said Robin Burrow, executive director of the Tarrant County Medical Society.

The process can be frustrating for patients, even though by law they almost always have a right to copies of records from hospitals or doctors' offices, attorneys and physician groups said.

Cost of the paperwork can run into hundreds of dollars. Medical professionals are sometimes unclear about when paperwork can be released, as patients shuttle between doctors and state offices. And patients may have to wait longer than they want; the law provides from 15 to 30 days to turn over information.

All that is complicated by the fact that separate organizations oversee records, and their rules can differ. The Texas Department of Health handles hospital paperwork; the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners is responsible for doctors' offices.

There's little recourse for patients who hit a wall, outside of filing a formal complaint, officials said. The state medical board can issue a penalty for failure to turn over records, said spokeswoman Jill Wiggins, who added that she couldn't recall any such action in her nearly two years with the board.

At the state medical board's office in Austin, Wiggins and several others regularly field callers' questions.

"I probably get one or two calls a day," said Wiggins, who keeps an information sheet handy. "I do get calls all the time from patients saying, 'I'm just not getting any cooperation.' ... In some cases, it's

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Tips and ideas on financial management

Week number three in 1999. How is that New Year's Resolution holding up? If you are only human, your answer is "some days better than others."

I would say, if I were talking about the top resolutions made every year, that saving money or sticking to a budget would be in at least the top five. Most of us can use some help in financial management. Hopefully, the following tips and ideas will help you in the quest to keep true to your 1999 New Year's resolution.

First of all — do you have a budget? If you don't, then this is the first step in getting your financial household in order. There are a lot of little handy budget organizers out there, so find one that works for you. Even a plain spiral notebook will work. Before you set up your budget sheets, you will need to total your income, the

most money you bring home from all sources.

Next, think of all the ways that you spend money each month. Now you are ready to set up your budget sheets. Do this by first setting up your EXPENSE sheet. List first in column form those things you pay for each month without much fluctuation: utilities, rent or house payment, car payment, insurance, child care and so on.

Next, list those items you purchase or pay for regularly, but maybe not always the same amount. Expenses such as groceries, food eaten away from home, gasoline, household items, personal care (haircuts), don't forget recreation like movies and ball games. Be sure to keep a column open for unexpected expenses like doctor visits, repairs and medicine. You will need to keep up with the amount spent daily so

you will make a row for each day of the month and this is where you will list the amount spent under the correct column item.

Next, make a BALANCE sheet. For each month, make three columns, estimate a total expense, actual amount spent and the difference between the two. This is where you will list the actual amounts spent each month. Under each column, you will need to include the same list of items as from your expense sheet, and list the total amount spent each month.

This may seem a little difficult to keep up with, but first



DANA TARTER

documenting every cent spent is the only way to know if you are staying within the amount budgeted. This will also help you to see where your money is going if you have, like the song says, "too much month at the end of the money."

A few tips to help you as you work to keep your New Year's resolution. First thing, pay yourself, figure how much from your budget you can afford to put back, in a savings account and do this the first thing each month. Even if it is only \$10 to start out with, you will feel good about the savings you have established.

If you don't pay yourself first, will you have any money left to pay yourself at the end of the month?

Next, leave those credit cards at home — how many of us carry a continual balance on credit cards, paying off only the interest every month. Set up a

plan to pay off the balances and don't get them "maxed out" again. Think of what you could save if you did not have to pay on credit cards each month.

If you really want to save some money, look at the places where you spend small amounts that add up at the end of the month, for example snacks at the vending machine, eating out at lunch and magazines that are never read. Think about some of these things: Could you live without them?

Setting up a budget and keeping up with it takes time. It really might take six months or even a year to get your financial household in order — but won't 2000 be great when you won't ever have to make that same "save money, set up a budget" resolution again?

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — Home Economics.

Too many antibiotics? Doctors joining call for alternatives

FORT WORTH (AP) — Olivia Booth was first prescribed amoxicillin for an ear infection when she was 6 weeks old.

By the time the Grapevine infant reached 9 months of age, she had had eight or nine ear infections and had taken almost that many kinds of antibiotics.

Her pediatrician recommended ear tubes, which helped for a while — until the left one fell out last January, when Olivia was not yet 2. Otitis media, the most common disease of early childhood, returned with a vengeance.

Olivia, of course, is not alone. Ear infection is the most common disease of early childhood, affecting an estimated 24 million American children each year.

Nearly all these kids are prescribed antibiotics.

It's part of a nationwide love

of antibiotics that some medical experts are now saying is getting out of hand. Last year, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, an estimated 18 million prescriptions were written for antibiotics to combat nonspecific respiratory infections, most prescribed to meet public demand during the cold and flu season.

The misuse of antibiotics and the associated increase in drug-resistant bacteria has been debated in medical journals for the past 10 years, but the answer has always been to develop newer, more powerful antibiotics. Now some doctors are looking for alternatives.

Those leading the anti-antibiotic charge say that the drugs are overused and misused and, more important, are to blame for the development of "superbugs," strains of bacteria that

are resistant to the most potent antibiotics.

When Olivia Booth's ear infections came back, antibiotics caused an additional complication. The little girl, who weighed just 19 pounds, broke out in hives with welts the size of dollar bills on her back and chest.

"We did Ceclor, Biaxin, Augmentin, Zithromax, you name it," her mother, Linnea Booth, says. "One infection lasted six or seven weeks because we had to keep taking her off the different antibiotics. We would stop everything for a week and then try another. We also were giving her a steroid for the hives. I was watching her every second because I was afraid the allergic reaction would cause her throat to swell shut and she wouldn't be able to breathe."

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To prevent STDs, clinic workers focused on what is important to patients

The Associated Press

If you want to change the way people act, you have to know what's important to them.

Knowing what mattered to poor black and Hispanic women in San Antonio helped counselors make almost a 40 percent difference in the number reinfected with sexually transmitted diseases.

AIDS, gonorrhea, chlamydia and other STDs are far more common among minorities than among whites. And clinic workers have found that it is harder to get women to stop doing things that put them at risk than it is to get men to change.

Rochelle N. Shain's group at the University of Texas found a way to deal with that, according to a report in Thursday's New England

Journal of Medicine.

Before researchers began counseling women for this study, they spent 18 months looking at local black and Hispanic life, cultures, values, beliefs, behavior and knowledge.

They then enrolled 617 women who were being treated for STDs at clinics in the San Antonio area. The women were divided into two groups, and the researchers looked at the numbers who came down with a second STD.

One group got standard counseling. The other group's counselors got the benefit of the research.

The researchers found that cleanliness, including not "eating behind" others — sharing their plates or silverware — is important among blacks. So the counselors

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COMMUNITY NEWS

Spellers, open your books!

Preparations are under way for the 1999 Howard County Spelling Bee, sponsored by the Big Spring Herald. The bee is planned March 2, 4:30-6 p.m. at Howard College Auditorium.

Most schools will plan their qualifying bees in the next few weeks, so watch the paper for local school winners. The winner of the county-wide bee will then represent this community at the Regional Spelling Bee in Lubbock on March 27. The winner of that bee will be headed to Washington, D.C. to compete in the national contest.

For more information about the bee, call Pat Williams at the Herald, 263-7331.

The date is Tuesday, March 2, 1999!

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The world is ruled only by consideration of advantages.
Friedrich von Schiller

To govern is to choose.
Pierre Mendes-France

Wherever there is a crowd, there is untruth.
Soren Kierkegaard

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because they are not getting them, period."

Before managed care, physicians were more likely to hand over the paperwork at no charge, Burrow said.

"Yet the strain on these offices is so significant that doing that as a courtesy to patients really isn't possible anymore," she said.

Charges for hospital or physician records can be especially high for older people who are more likely to have a lengthy medical resume, said Bruce Bower, director of advocacy and client services at Texas Legal Services Center in Austin.

The copying, he said, "does take some time and money. This is also an opportunity for profit; I think it would be foolish to not acknowledge that."

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Finally, Booth sought out Dr. Mary Ann Block, a Tarrant County osteopathic physician and author of 'No More Amoxicillin,' a new book on preventing and treating children's ear and respiratory infections without antibiotics. Block recommends avoiding antibiotics for all but the most serious life-threatening infections in order to prime the body's own immune system.

"We are so afraid of being sick that we are literally killing ourselves with the overuse and misuse of antibiotics," Block says.

To treat Olivia, Block temporarily removed any allergy-provoking foods, including dairy foods, that she says may weaken the immune system. She began giving Olivia very gentle osteopathic manipulation (much like massage) to help drain her ears and sinuses and clear the lymph system to boost natural immunity.

She taught Olivia's mother manipulative techniques she could do at home and emphasized that her daughter needed to be sick long enough to develop some natural antibodies that would help to protect against future infections.

It is difficult to wait and watch.

"In the beginning you think, 'If I don't get my child on antibiotics, it's going to end up hurting her hearing for life.' It's really scary," Booth says.

A call for alternatives

Dr. Bruce Canady, president of the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists and a doctor of pharmacy, is one expert who has joined recently appointed U.S. Surgeon General Dr. David Satcher in the call to stop prescribing so many antibiotics so quickly.

A recent report in the 'Journal of the American Medical Association' estimates 90 percent of upper respiratory infections, including colds and bronchitis, are caused by viruses, and the antibiotics prescribed for them are almost always useless.

Even worse, the overuse and misuse of antibiotics in this country are contributing to the increasing death rate from infections, the third leading cause of death. According to Satcher, the U.S. death rate from infectious disease, excluding HIV/AIDS, rose by 22 percent between 1980 and 1992.

There are lots of bugs in pet bites

Associated Press

A dog's bugs can be worse than its bite.

Cultures from 107 infected dog and cat bites turned up 152 kinds of bacteria, including 10 not previously known to infect people, a study found. There were an average of five kinds of germs per bite.

It's the best study of the topic so far and should persuade doctors not to try the cheap route when treating infected bites, emergency physicians said.

The germs aren't dangerous unless the skin is broken, meaning it's probably OK to let your dog lick your face, as long as you can stand its breath. In fact, human bites are much more dangerous, in terms of germs transmitted.

"If you have a choice about being bitten, you don't want a person. Choose your cat," said Dr. Toni Mitchell of the American College of Emergency Physicians.

Millions of people get bitten every year. About 270,000 go to emergency rooms to have dog and cat bites treated, and about 9,000 have to be hospitalized.

Most of the time, it's because of the damage to flesh and bone from the bite itself. Infections can force amputation and even cause death. The class of germs found most often includes ones that can cause meningitis and blood infections.

This study, reported in Thursday's New England Journal of Medicine, looked at people treated for infected bites at 18 emergency rooms around the country.

A list of the germs they found took up a full page in small type.

"It certainly expands our knowledge in that area," said Dr. Robert McNamara, president of the American Academy of Emergency Medicine. And, he said, it shows that the broad-spectrum antibiotics usually prescribed for bites are the right treatment.

About 20 percent of the patients treated at 18 emergency rooms did not get those drugs, said Dr. David A. Talan of UCLA Medical Center, the study's lead author.

"One concern with treating these infections is that the antibiotics you use are fairly expensive," McNamara said. "Sometimes people try to get away with the cheaper medicines, like penicillin alone. Hopefully, this will eliminate that 20 percent."

The researchers were struck by how quickly the infections can develop. The average time was 12 hours for cat bites and 24 hours for dog bites. Several bites took less than eight hours to show signs of infection.

"Animals shouldn't be biting people. But since that's always going to happen sometimes, keep a close eye on infections," Talan said.

The most common sort of bug, found in half the dog bites and three-quarters of the cat bites, is pasteurella. Pasteurella germs can cause meningitis or blood infections.

The study was sponsored by the pharmaceutical company Pfizer Inc.

Researcher collects first-person accounts from TB sanatorium

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (AP) — In 1942, Bob Hinton was working in El Paso, Texas, at a soda counter when he was diagnosed with tuberculosis.

A doctor told the 20-year-old Ashdown, Ark., native that his best option would be to return to his home state and become a patient at the Arkansas Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Booneville.

Hinton did. Unlike some others, he survived the disease.

At 77, Hinton was one of 50 former patients and employees of the sanatorium Laverne Nelson interviewed for a University of Arkansas at Fayetteville research project. Nelson said she was inspired to learn about the sanatorium because of her childhood memories of the place.

A research specialist with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture, Nelson grew up at Booneville and her grandparents worked at the sanatorium.

"It was like a city, totally self-contained," she said.

Nelson received a grant through the Arkansas Humanities Council to get interviews from workers and patients of the sanatorium. The interviews will be transcribed and copies will be placed at the Booneville Public Library and the UA Mullins Library in Fayetteville.

The state-run sanatorium, in operation from 1910 to 1973, was started after several legislators, who had tuberculosis,

realized Arkansas had no place to treat TB patients, Nelson said.

In the beginning, the patients rested and took in the fresh air. They had cottages with screened porches and most were confined to bed rest. Eventually treatment included collapsing the lungs.

The theory was if lungs were collapsed they would heal themselves. And sometimes ribs and parts of the lungs would be removed, Nelson said.

"It was interesting to see how different families cope with being institutionalized. Some said it was the best time of their lives; some said it was the worst," Nelson said.

Hinton was a patient and employee. He entered the sanatorium in 1942 and in 1945 began working as a program supervisor.

"We had problems," he said. "But everybody there was in the same condition you were, so we took it in spirit."

He said he met many of his closest friends there.

"We had moments of depression," he said. "Tuberculosis wasn't anything to be sneezed at. We had very little to combat it with, mainly bed rest, and in later years, drugs."

He said he decided to stay in Booneville because he still relied on treatments of air being pumped in between his rib cage and lung.

"They did that for 13 years," he said.

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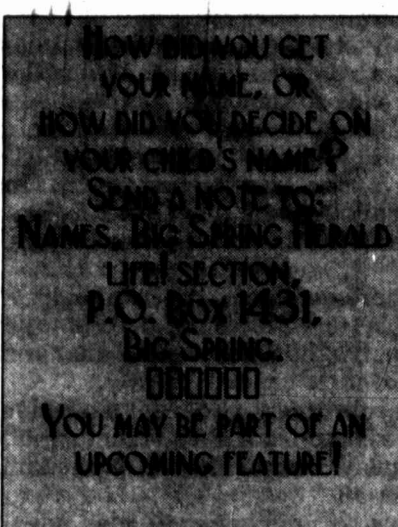
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explained that just as it is important not to eat or drink behind someone, you don't want to have sex "behind someone."

The infection rate in the experimental group was 34 percent less than that in the control group at six months, 49 percent less at 12 months, and 38 percent less overall.

Ms. Shain cautioned that people who want to help other groups would have to study them, to learn what they feel is important.

The study did not look at AIDS.



ODDS-N-ENDS

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Tired of those post-holiday bills showing up in your mail? Try moving to Tucson.

A number of residents were puzzled last weekend when they opened their mailboxes — and found \$100 bills. Some found as many as three.

"This is a perfectly calm, ordinary place. It's very mysterious," resident Barbara Dennis said Monday.

The finds were reported to the Pima County Sheriff's Department. Sgt. Brad Foust said officers were baffled — they had no idea who left the money, or why.

Authorities also weren't sure how much free cash was handed out.

Foust was certain of one thing, though. "It's not a crime to leave money for people," he said.

LOS ANGELES (AP) — A real life Veronica is battling a cartoon Veronica in the latest Internet domain duel.

And it looks like the older comic book brunette has the upper hand over the 22-month-old toddler.

David Sams registered the veronica.org domain name for his baby daughter, hoping it will help her grow up at ease with the Internet.

Then came trademark trouble. Archie Comic Publications, publishers of the comic books set at Riverdale High School which feature Archie, Jughead, Betty and Veronica, own the trademark for the name Veronica.

They have threatened legal action if Sams doesn't pull the name, the Los Angeles Times reported Monday. Offices of the Mamaronek, N.Y., company were closed Monday and no one answered the phones.

"I feel like David and Goliath here," said Sams, a television producer.

The human Veronica's Web site (www.veronica.org) shows her in a tub and in a high chair, looking perplexed. "How can a company own my name?" says the text.

Sams said he will fight, but has a backup plan: He has registered the veronica.cc domain name in the Cocos Islands, an Australian territory off Sri Lanka.

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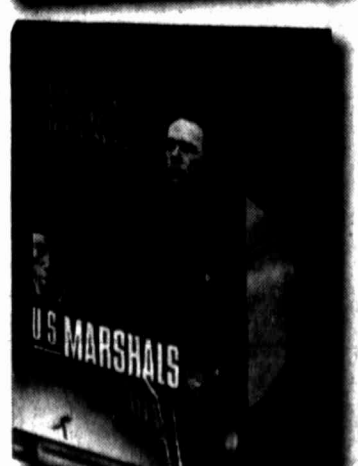
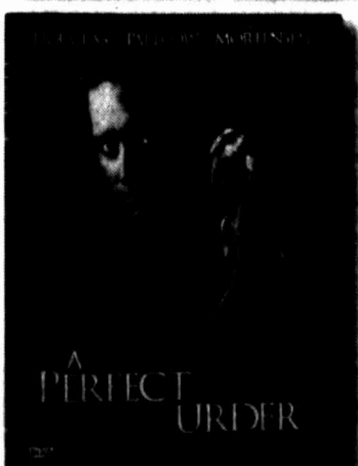
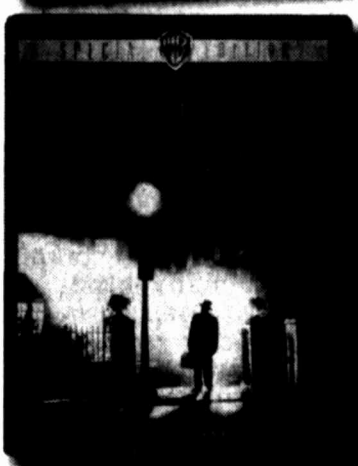
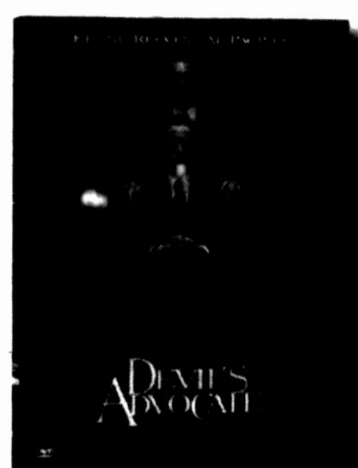
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IN BRIEF

Mace downplaying heart attack's effect

Howard College Lady Hawks softball coach Andy Mace, who suffered a mild heart attack last week, is currently in a Lubbock hospital undergoing tests after having been released from Scenic Mountain Medical Center on Tuesday.

Mace, who was placed in SMMC's intensive care unit after experiencing chest pains on Thursday, displayed his usual sense of humor this morning.

"The report of a serious problem is greatly exaggerated," he quipped before leaving for Lubbock. "I have to take care of any problems now before the season begins. I appreciate everyone's concern, especially to the college's athletic department for helping out in my absence, also to Poncho Narbiz who has been helping with player transportation and working on the field."

Mace said he expects to have the Lady Hawks back at a full-scale practice schedule in the next few days, hopefully as soon as Monday.

Mavericks post split against Sweetwater

Goliad Middle School's Mavericks managed a split of seventh-grade basketball games with Sweetwater's young Mustangs on Monday.

In the night's first game, Sweetwater took a 26-21 win over the Mavs' White team, despite the seven-point performance of Goliad's Alvin Russell. Nick Rushin and C.J. Lowery added four points each in the loss.

In the nightcap, however, Goliad's Black team took a 37-32 win behind Michael Ornales' 14 points.

Tyree Williams added seven points for the Black squad and John Wilkinson chipped in six more.

Lady Mavs fall just short of sweeping Sweetwater

Goliad's Lady Mavericks fell just short of sweeping Sweetwater in seventh-grade girls' basketball action Monday night.

The Lady Mavs "A" team had no trouble in taking a 32-14 win over the young Lady Mustangs, but Goliad's "B" squad suffered a heart-breaking 22-20 loss.

Jessica Ray scored six points in the "B" team's loss, while Kristine Vassar and Lindsay Wilks chipped in four each.

In the "A" game, Leina Braxton led all scorers with 25 points. She also finished the game with nine steals, five rebounds and three blocked shots.

The Lady Mavs will return to action Thursday, facing Seminole in the opening round of the Colorado City tournament.

Hunter Education course scheduled for Feb. 20-21

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be conducted Feb. 20-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at the corner of Third and Gregg streets.

Boyce Hale will be the instructor for the classes which are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A fee of \$10 per person will be charged.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Mon
6 p.m. — Connecticut at Miami, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Duke at Clemson, ESPN, Ch. 30.
9:30 p.m. — UCLA at Southern Cal, FXS, Ch. 29.

HOCKEY

7:30 p.m. — Toronto Maple Leafs at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.

WINTER X-GAMES

11 p.m. — Day 5 coverage, ESPN, Ch. 30.

Lady Bearkats continue roll with win over Irion County

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

GARDEN CITY — Garden City and Irion County split a pair of District 4-1A basketball games here Tuesday night with the Lady Kats crushing Irion County, 69-40, while the Bearkats fell 53-43 to the Hornets.

In the girls' game, Garden City (17-2, 5-0) mixed Kyndra Batla's hot hand from 3-point range with a strong inside game from M'Lynn and J'Layne Niehues and Stormi Chandler to rout Irion County (14-9, 3-2).

Leading 19-15 with 5:35 to go in the first half, the Lady Kats went on a 17-4 run to put the game away before intermission.

Jill Hoelscher started things off with a put back of a missed shot before M'Lynn and J'Layne alternated the next four baskets over 77-second stretch.

That made the score 30-19 when Wendy Robertson scored for Irion County but quick baskets by Chandler, M'Lynn Niehues and Chandler again capped the run at 17-4 — staking Garden City to a 36-19 lead with 1:32 left in the half.

The Lady Kats ended the half on a 3-pointer by Batla just to the right of the key. Batla ended the first half with 14 points, including four 3-pointers, as Garden City led 39-21.

In the second half, the Lady Kats kept defensive pressure on Irion County as they continued to work the ball inside for what turned out to be relatively easy baskets.

Starting the second half just like they finished the first, Garden City went on a quick 9-2 run to open a 48-23 lead and cap their overall run at 29-8 over a stretch of just less than nine minutes.

Batla and Chandler shared scoring honors for Garden City with 17 each, while M'Lynn Niehues added 16 points. Robertson led Irion County with 17.

In the boys' game, Irion County took advantage of Dan Schkade's height to control the backboards, block shots and grab the win.

Irion County held a 35-26 rebounding advantage, but eight blocked shots had just as much impact or more on the outcome of the game.

After the first quarter ended with Irion County holding a 9-6 lead, the Hornets

and Bearkats basically traded baskets in the second period, going to the intermission with Irion County leading, 22-17.

But it was a dismal third period by Garden City that put the Kats in too deep of a hole to climb out.

Getting second and third shots at the basket, Irion County outscored Garden City 15-6 during the period to go up 37-23.

Garden City fell behind by 18, 43-25 when Ryan Moynihan went back up with a rebound with 4:59 left in the game but it was at that point that the Bearkats started to try to fight their way back into the game.

But it was too little, too late for the Kats, as they could get no closer than eight down — 51-43 — with just 40 seconds left in the game.

The game was loosely called, which favored Irion County's strong inside game. Two technicals were called and the officials stopped the game in the fourth quarter to calm both teams down following the second technical.

Cory Batla and Chris Bryan led the Bearkats with 12 and 11 points each, respectively, while Chad Robertson had 18 for Irion County. Schkade added 14

and Moynihan 14 in improving to 16-6 overall and 3-1 in district. Garden City fell to 11-8 and x-x.

Garden City's boys and girls face Sterling City in their next game, scheduled for Friday with girls' varsity actions slated for a 7 p.m. start.

GIRLS' GAME
Garden City 69, Irion County 40
IRION COUNTY — April Mohler 1 0 0 2, Amanda McCutcheon 1 0 0 2, Kristi Turner 2 0 0 5, Lindsay McCutcheon 0 0 0 0, Wendy Robertson 8 0 0 17, Melinda Beck 3 1 4 17, Chad Foster 1 4 6 5, Kacie Daves 1 0 0 2, Kase Whitlow 0 0 0 0, TOTALS 17 4 7 40.
GARDEN CITY — Kyndra Batla 2 0 0 5, Tiffany Kujawski 1 0 0 2, Megan Goodwin 0 0 0 0, M'Lynn Niehues 7 2 4 16, Stormi Chandler 3 4 17, J'Layne Niehues 3 2 3 8, Kyndra Batla 6 0 0 17, Whitney Eoff 1 0 0 2, Jill Hoelscher 1 0 1 2, TOTALS 28 12 29.
Score by Quarters:
Irion County 9 12 9 10 — 40
Garden City 16 23 16 14 — 69
3-point goals — IC 2 (Turner, Robertson), GC 6 (Batla 5, Lankford).
Total fouls — IC 10, GC 12. Fouled out — None. Technicals — None.
Rebounds — GC 27, IC 20. Turnovers — GC 24, IC 35. Steals — GC 11, IC 5. Blocks — GC 6, IC 3.

BOYS' GAME
Irion County 53, Garden City 43
IRION COUNTY — Cory Baumann 1 0 0 2, Tyson Gentry 1 0 0 2, Josh Carrell 0 0 0 0, Dan Schkade 8 1 4 17, Chad Robertson 4 9 10 18, Ryan Moynihan 6 2 7 14, TOTALS 20 12 23 53.
GARDEN CITY — Curtis Schmitt 0 0 0 0, Jason Fine 1 3 6 5, David Stone 1 1 2 4, Robert Guerrero 3 2 5 8, Chris Bryan 4 3 4 11, Zach Zach 0 0 0 0, Cory Batla 6 0 1 12, Steven Hoelscher 1 1 2 3, TOTALS 16 10 20 43.
Score by Quarters:
Irion County 9 13 15 16 — 53
Garden City 16 11 16 10 — 43
3-point goals — IC 1 (Robertson). Total fouls — IC 17, GC 17.
Fouled out — None. Technicals — Irion County (Robertson), GC (Hoelscher). Rebounds — GC 26, IC 35. Turnovers — GC 25, IC 28.
Steals — GC 11, IC 6. Blocks — GC 3, IC 8.

Steers, Lady Steers shine in losses to Lake View

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

There was no real reason to believe that Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers posed a threat to San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs and Maidens when they squared off in District 5-4A play Tuesday.

When all was said and done, however, both Lake View teams left Steer Gym breathing a heavy sigh of relief — the Maidens having used a big fourth quarter to break open a lose game and take a 63-54 win, while the Chiefs were forced to overtime before escaping with a 68-62 victory.

It would have been easy to expect an entirely different scenario.

After all, the Maidens stood solidly in third place among the district's girls' teams with a 9-12 overall record and 2-1 mark, while the Lady Steers were 4-18 and winless in three district outings.

In the boys' standings, Lake View came in as a defending district co-champion with a 17-7 record, and more importantly, had opened league play with a win for the first time in three years. Conversely, the Steers — even after having knocked off Andrews in their 5-4A opener — owned a 7-14 mark overall.

But somebody forgot to tell Big Spring's youngsters that they weren't supposed to provide a challenge for Lake View.

As a result, another large crowd at Steer Gym had reason to spend much of the night on its feet, creating a deafening roar.

That was particularly true in the nightcap when Steers' saw-sawed back and forth with the Chiefs, eventually taking a four-point 59-55 lead with 1:10 remaining in regulation.

Lake View managed to force overtime when point guard Alonzo Robinson drove the lane to trim Big Spring's lead to 59-57 with 56 seconds left and 6-foot-8 post Cody Renfro hit a layup with 26 seconds remaining.

The real hero for the Chiefs proved to be guard forward Bruce McDonald, who scored four of his 10 points on the night during a seven-point run in the final two minutes over the overtime that sealed the win for Lake View.

It was Renfro the Steers couldn't stop, however, as he finished the night with a game-high 26 points, using his height to overcome stellar defensive play by Big Spring's Lance Brock, Casey Cowley and Blair



Big Spring's Andy Hall (34) goes up and scores over the defensive effort of Lake View's Michael Gonzales (40) and Cody Renfro (54) during the Steers overtime loss Tuesday.

Nutting. The Chiefs also got double-digit scoring from post Michael Gonzales and Robinson — Gonzales finishing with 13 points, while Robinson finished with 10.

Brock, in addition to spectacular defensive play and a strong performance on the boards, joined point guard Chello Williams in leading the Steers with 16 points apiece.

Swingman Andy Hall added 13 for Big Spring, while Cowley scored 12 points before fouling out of the game with 2:19 remaining in the fourth quarter.

Perhaps the most pivotal moment came in the third quarter when when Steers coach Jimmy Avery, frustrated by a series of layups by Renfro and McDonald when Lake View made easy work of breaking Big Spring's press, benched his entire lineup and put five reserves on the floor.

The play worked, the Steers' starters returned to the floor a minute later and immediately retook the lead, only to see Renfro nail a couple of turnaround jumpers to give the Chiefs a 49-45 lead going into the final eight minutes.

That brief lapse aside, Avery had nothing but praise for his charges following the loss.

"I'm tremendously proud of these kids," Avery said following the loss. "They're working hard and getting better with every minute we play."

Lady Steers coach Kathy Loter expressed similar senti-

ments after having watched her team continually keep pace with the Maidens, several times taking the lead before falling behind for good in the fourth quarter.

"We're getting better," Loter noted after seeing point guard Melissa Forth score 14 points and get double-digit support from classmates Amy Jackson and Melissa Flenniken.

Senior forward Hillary Lee paced Lake View in the physical contest, scoring a game-high 18 points, while teammate Cassey Irvin added 13 more before being ejected for committing two flagrant fouls.

GIRLS' GAME
Lake View 63, Big Spring 54
LAKE VIEW — Jennifer Hill 4 0 3 7 11, Shayla Brosh 2 0 0 4, Sharla Leffesse 0 0 0 0, Hillary Lee 9 0 0 18, Erica Hernandez 1 0 0 5, Meghan Blank 0 0 0 0, Cassey Irvin 3 1 4 13, Candace Simpson 1 0 7 10 9, Nichole Turner 1 0 1 4 3, TOTALS 21 25 27 63.
BIG SPRING — Leslie McCallan 0 1 3 6, Amy Jackson 2 1 4 7 11, Chandra McBee 0 0 1 2 1, Julie Adams 0 0 0 0, Heather Gibbs 1 0 0 5, Melissa Forth 6 0 2 8 14, Laura Johnson 1 0 2 4 5, Meghan Pundtner 1 0 1 4 3, Melissa Flenniken 5 0 0 0 10, TOTALS 16 3 13 27 54.
Score by Quarters:
Lake View 16 14 17 16 — 63
Big Spring 13 13 15 13 — 54
Three-point goals: Lake View 2 (Hernandez, Irvin), Big Spring 3 (McCallan, Jackson, Gibbs). Total fouls: Lake View 26, Big Spring 23. Fouled out: Hill, Hernandez, McCallan, Pundtner. Technical fouls: None. Ejected: Irvin. Records: Lake View is 10-12 and 3-1. Big Spring is 4-18 and 0-4.

BOYS' GAME
Lake View 68, Big Spring 62, OT
LAKE VIEW — Alonzo Robinson 5 0 0 2 10, Adrian Greenwood 0 0 0 0, Grant Freeman 2 1 2 2 9, Will Moore 0 0 0 0, Charles Moore 0 0 0 0, Michael Gonzales 5 0 3 4 13, Bruce McDonald 4 0 2 5 10, Cody Renfro 12 0 2 4 26, TOTALS 28 19 17 68.
BIG SPRING — Chello Williams 8 0 0 2 16, John Pundtner 0 0 1 3 1, Jason Walker 2 0 0 4, Jason Woodruff 0 0 0 0, Andy Hall 3 0 7 8 13, Randy Rollins 0 0 0 0, Lance Brock 6 0 4 16, Casey Cowley 4 1 12 12, Blair Nutting 0 0 0 0, TOTALS 23 1 13 21 62.
Score by Quarters:
Lake View 15 14 16 14 — 62
Big Spring 15 14 16 14 — 62
Three-point goals: Lake View 1 (Freeman), Big Spring 1 (Cowley). Total fouls: Lake View 16, Big Spring 17. Fouled out: Cowley. Technical fouls: None. Records: Lake View is 18-7 and 3-0. Big Spring is 7-15 and 1-1.

Bulldogs pull out late win over Plains, 51-50

HERALD Staff Reports

COAHOMA — Guard Vincent Garcia managed a rebound and put it back in for a game-winning bucket with six seconds remaining Tuesday, allowing Coahoma's Bulldogs to survive a 51-50 challenge by Plains' Cowboys.

With 24 seconds remaining, Coahoma's Blake Nichols, who was held to just 10 points by the Cowboys, hit his only three-point attempt of the night to give the Bulldogs a 49-48 lead, only to see Plains answer right back and take a 50-49 edge with 14 seconds remaining, setting the stage for Garcia's heroics.

Guard Ryan Peckham paced the Bulldogs with 17 points, while post Michael Kinnard added 12 more. The win improved the Bulldogs' record to 16-6 overall and 2-2 in District 3-2A play, while Plains fell to 16-5 and 2-2.

Stanton sweeps two wins from Seagraves

STANTON — It took 6-of-7 free throw shooting in the final minutes to give Stanton's Buffaloes a 54-49 win over Seagraves Eagles on Tuesday as they remained atop the District 3-2A boys' standings with Tahoka's Bulldogs.

In girls' action, the Lady Buffs improved to 3-1 in district play and 12-8 overall with a somewhat easier 54-40 win over the Lady Eagles.

Senior post Chad Smith paced the Buffs with 14 points and 10 rebounds, while point guard Kyle Herm added 11 points and had five assists as they improved to 6-4 overall.

The Lady Buffs got 11 points from Rachel Madison in their victory, while Jonna Moore and Rannine Hull added 10 points each.

Stanton's teams now take to the road Friday when they take on Plains with varsity girls' actions set for a 6:30 p.m. start.

BOYS' GAME
Stanton 54, Seagraves 49
SEAGRAVES — Brady 3 1 1 8, Davis 5 0 0 10, Bryant 6 2 4 14, Gallagos 1 2 2 4, Tidwell 2 0 2 4, Lucky 1 1 2 3, Webb 2 2 2 6, TOTALS 28 8 13 49.
STANTON — J. Smith 0 1 2 1, Herm 4 2 5 11, Cobb 3 2 5 8, Martinez 1 2 2 4, B. Smith 1 1 2 3, Harris 1 0 0 3, Kelly 1 0 2 2, Hull 3 0 4 6, Cook 1 0 0 2, C. Smith 5 2 3 14, TOTALS 21 10 25 54.
Score by Quarters:
Stanton 10 12 12 18 — 49
Seagraves 16 15 11 12 — 49
Three-point goals: 5 (Brady 1); Stanton 2 (Herm 1, Harris 1). Total fouls: 5 (Stanton 16, Seagraves 14). Fouled out: None. JV: Seagraves 51, Stanton 48. JV Record 7-2.

GIRLS' GAME
Stanton 54, Seagraves 40
SEAGRAVES — Griffin 2 0 0 4, Terrell 3 1 2 9, Middleton 0 2 5 2, Eason 1 2 2 4, Phillips 3 0 0 9, Wilson 4 2 8 10, Chew 1 0 2 2, TOTALS 14 7 20 40.
STANTON — Allred 2 0 0 4, Madison 2 7 14 11, Phillips 1 0 0 2, Hull 2 5 6 10, Adams 3 4 7 10, Washington 1 1 2 3, DeLeon 2 0 1 4, Moore 3 2 2 10, TOTALS 16 19 32 54.
Score by Quarters:
Stanton 16 13 10 15 — 49
Seagraves 16 13 10 15 — 40
Three-point goals: 5 (Phillips 3, Terrell 2); Stanton 3 (Hull 1, Moore 2). Total fouls: 5 (Stanton 21, Seagraves 14). Fouled out: Wilson and Terrell, Moore. Technical

Grady posts split against Ropes

LENORAH — Grady's No. 7-ranked Lady Wildcats improved to 20-2 on the season with an easy 89-23 non-district win over Ropes on Tuesday, but there would be nothing easy for the Wildcats as they were dealt a 59-58 setback.

Six Lady Wildcats finished with six players in double figures, Rebecca Robles leading the way with 15 points. Megan Mims added 12 points, as did Katie Yates, while Caroline Madison finished with 11 markers and both Rebekah Adams and Hayley Madison had 10.

In the nightcap, junior post Jed Hinojosa led the way for the Wildcats with 13 points, while four other Grady players finished in double figures, P.J. Pruitt and Jim Bob Haggerton both finished with 11 points, while Greg Gibson and Scot Swift added 10 points each.

GIRLS' GAME
Grady 89, Ropes 23
ROPEs — Cruz 1 0 0 2, Joplin 0 0 2 0, Means 5 0 0 10, Jeffcoat 2 1 15, Brenger 3 0 2 6, TOTALS 11 15 23.
GRADY — Yates 3 0 0 6, Mims 5 12 12, Robles 5 2 15, Rivers 1 0 0 2, H. Madison 4 11 10, Cor 2 0 0 4, C. Madison 4 2 2 11, K. Yates 5 2 2 12, Greenhaw 2 3 4 7, Adams 5 0 4 10, TOTALS 36 11 17 89.
Score by Quarters:
Ropes 8 2 7 6 — 23
Grady 25 19 17 28 — 89
3-point goals: R 0, G 6 (Mims 3, Robles 3, H. Madison 1, C. Madison 1). Fouls: R 14, G 12. Fouled out: None. JV: R 46, G 33.

BOYS' GAME
Ropes 59, Grady 58
ROPEs — Sigala 0 0 0 0, Knight 5 5 6 16, Sigala 3 0 0 6, Thomas 4 0 0 9, Medrano 5 0 0 13, Escobedo 3 0 0 7, Mendoza 4 0 0 8, TOTALS 23 59.
GRADY — Garza 0 1 2 1, Pruitt 5 1 6 11, Haggerton 3 2 2 11, Gibson 3 4 4 10, DeLucas 1 0 1 2, Hinojosa 6 1 2 13, Swift 5 0 1 10, TOTALS 23 19 18 58.
Score by Quarters:
Ropes 13 12 23 11 — 59
Grady 13 18 12 15 — 58
3-point goals: R 8 (Knight 1, Sigala 2, Thomas 1, Medrano 3, Escobedo 1, G3 (Haggerton 3). Fouls: R 18, G 9. Fouled out: Medrano. JV: R 43, G 37.

BOYS' GAME
Stanton 54, Seagraves 40
SEAGRAVES — Griffin 2 0 0 4, Terrell 3 1 2 9, Middleton 0 2 5 2, Eason 1 2 2 4, Phillips 3 0 0 9, Wilson 4 2 8 10, Chew 1 0 2 2, TOTALS 14 7 20 40.
STANTON — Allred 2 0 0 4, Madison 2 7 14 11, Phillips 1 0 0 2, Hull 2 5 6 10, Adams 3 4 7 10, Washington 1 1 2 3, DeLeon 2 0 1 4, Moore 3 2 2 10, TOTALS 16 19 32 54.
Score by Quarters:
Stanton 10 12 12 18 — 49
Seagraves 16 15 11 12 — 49
Three-point goals: 5 (Brady 1); Stanton 2 (Herm 1, Harris 1). Total fouls: 5 (Stanton 16, Seagraves 14). Fouled out: None. JV: Seagraves 51, Stanton 48. JV Record 7-2.

GIRLS' GAME
Stanton 54, Seagraves 40
SEAGRAVES — Griffin 2 0 0 4, Terrell 3 1 2 9, Middleton 0 2 5 2, Eason 1 2 2 4, Phillips 3 0 0 9, Wilson 4 2 8 10, Chew 1 0 2 2, TOTALS 14 7 20 40.
STANTON — Allred 2 0 0 4, Madison 2 7 14 11, Phillips 1 0 0 2, Hull 2 5 6 10, Adams 3 4 7 10, Washington 1 1 2 3, DeLeon 2 0 1 4, Moore 3 2 2 10, TOTALS 16 19 32 54.
Score by Quarters:
Stanton 10 12 12 18 — 49
Seagraves 16 15 11 12 — 49
Three-point goals: 5 (Phillips 3, Terrell 2); Stanton 3 (Hull 1, Moore 2). Total fouls: 5 (Stanton 21, Seagraves 14). Fouled out: Wilson and Terrell, Moore. Technical

Borden County pounds Ira into submission

GAIL — Borden County's Coyotes and Lady Coyotes were too much for Ira's Bulldogs and Lady Bulldogs to handle in District 18-1A action.

The No. 3-ranked Lady Coyotes improved to 18-3 overall and a perfect 4-0 in district play with a 79-41 win, setting the stage for the Coyotes to take a 57-40 decision.

Julie Mayes scored 21 points for the Lady Coyotes and Valerie Wooten added 19, while Colt McCook powered the Coyotes' victory with 21 points.

GIRLS' GAME
Borden County 79, Ira 41
IRA — Harless 2 0 0 6, Allen 5 0 0 2, Calley 0 0 0 0, Wilkies 0 0 0 0, Oliver 1 0 0 2, Clements 9 5 25, Goolbsy 2 2 2 6, TOTALS 15 7 10 41.
BORDEN COUNTY — Owe 1 0 0 2, O'Brien 2 0 0 4, Isaacs 3 0 1 6, Hensley 0 0 0 0, Kemp 1 0 2 2, Mayes 8 5 5 21, Smith 2 0 0 6, Watts 2 4 6 8, Poole 1 0 2 2, Adcock 1 0 0 2, Wooten 8 3 3 19, Merritt 3 1 2 7, TOTALS 30 13 19 79.
Score by Quarters:
Ira 4 6 17 14 — 41
Borden County 24 16 19 21 — 79
3-point goals: 1 (Harless 2, Clements 2); BC 2 (Smith 2). Total fouls: 14, BC 15.

GIRLS' GAME
Borden County 79, Ira 41
IRA — Harless 2 0 0 6, Allen 5 0 0 2, Calley 0 0 0 0, Wilkies 0 0 0 0, Oliver 1 0 0 2, Clements 9 5 25, Goolbsy 2 2 2 6, TOTALS 15 7 10 41.
BORDEN COUNTY — Owe 1 0 0 2, O'Brien 2 0 0 4, Isaacs 3 0 1 6, Hensley 0 0 0 0, Kemp 1 0 2 2, Mayes 8 5 5 21, Smith 2 0 0 6, Watts 2 4 6 8, Poole 1 0 2 2, Adcock 1 0 0 2, Wooten 8 3 3 19, Merritt 3 1 2 7, TOTALS 30 13 19 79.
Score by Quarters:
Ira 4 6 17 14 — 41
Borden County 24 16 19 21 — 79
3-point goals: 1 (Harless 2, Clements 2); BC 2 (Smith 2). Total fouls: 14, BC 15.

Hawks remain atop WJCAC standings, Lady Hawks suffer first conference loss

The Howard College Lady Hawks went 1-1 this past week as the Hawks remain atop the WJCAC standings with a perfect 3-0 conference mark. The Lady Hawks first traveled to Western Texas College in Snyder to face a feisty Lady Westerner squad that would simply not give up. When the sn... cleared the Lady Hawks had escaped with a 72-65 victory. The Lady Hawks then

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER

played host to the Midland College Lady Chaps on Monday night and suffered a disap-



pointing loss 74-69. The Lady Hawks season record is 17-2 and 2-1 in conference play.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Follow through on a gut instinct. A boss or higher-up gives you important feedback. You have a solid point of view, though it might not exactly be rational. Trust your excellent grasp of what you are doing. Use your high energy. Tonight: A night for you!***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Build on a dream. Trust your instincts with a friend. This person really is behind you and wants to see you win. Listen to news from someone at a distance. You might opt to do your own research. No one has a clearer understanding than you about a long-cherished goal. Tonight: Fun and games.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your imagination knows no limits, even when you focus on your career or image. A part-

ner's feedback could cause re-evaluation. You come up with some powerful ideas; apply them to your work. Others acknowledge your excellent job. Prepare to receive very positive rewards! Tonight: You might opt to work late.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Your vision of what could be leads you on a new path. You might not understand exactly which way to go with a partner. Sometimes his words throw you off. Question, then explain your expectations. You will be surprised at your understanding after a key talk. Tonight: Try something totally new and intriguing.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Get to the bottom of a problem. Relate to others one-on-one. Doors open, and you feel good with a key partner. Perhaps you didn't realize how important the connection between you is. Good luck and generosity mix with understanding. Tonight: Say "yes" to another's idea.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Others provide feedback and information. However, as well-intended as they may be, you could find yourself quite distracted by all the flurry. Isolate yourself if you intend to get any work done. Touch base with others later. Creativity remains high. Tonight: Now it's time to enjoy yourself.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Pace yourself, yet keep your nose to the grindstone. There's much to do, but you can complete tasks efficiently. Examine long-term trends. Organize your work with an eye toward

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streamlining. Consider a family member's suggestion. Tonight: Busy till the wee hours.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your ability to find answers amazes and delights a child or loved one. Allow more playfulness and caring into your life. Be more accessible to others. Your resourcefulness comes out as you juggle all the different aspects of your life. Tonight: Ever frisky!***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You could feel overwhelmed by present options. Prioritize, making security important. Do not avoid a child or loved one; deal with them. Solutions that you never thought possible emerge. Consider adding to your domestic life. Tonight: Your home is your castle.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Your words fall on receptive ears. You find others highly responsive and direct. Goodwill flows right now; use the mood of the moment to make your position known. Consider a purchase that makes your daily life even more pleasant. Tonight: Hanging out is fun.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You have a strong sense of

financial direction. Others don't have to agree with you. You gain because of your follow-through. Ward off a tendency to be extravagant. Establish limits in your mind. Actions, not talk, are what's important. Tonight: Buy lottery tickets.***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You have an easy time honing in on something important to you. A friend whispers news in your ear. Though you might not opt to act on it, you gain a new perspective. Trust your own resourcefulness and dynamic thinking. Others look to you. Tonight: Your call.***

BORN TODAY Actress Geena Davis (1957), singer Placido Domingo (1941), actress Jill Eikenberry (1947)

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Man is ready to disengage from seven year courtship

DEAR ABBY: I met the most wonderful lady about eight years ago. I'll call her "Evy." We've been going together ever since. About seven years ago, I proposed marriage and she said yes, but we are still not married. She makes excuses one after another that "things come up." She had a very bad marriage with an alcoholic husband who abused her. He died about 20 years ago. We're both in our later years.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Abby, I love Evy very much. She's been on public assistance for many years, and I have been helping her financially. The problem is, the financial aid I'm giving her has become quite a burden. It has escalated a lot.

Evy tells me she loves me and that we'll be together eventually, but it doesn't happen. I don't want to lose her, but I can't go on this way anymore. She lives with her sister, and to put it bluntly, I can no longer maintain two households. Neither Evy nor her sister works, and I see no way for me other than putting an end to being a good Samaritan. I'm very frustrated and would appreciate your comments. — NEEDS LOVE AND COMPANIONSHIP

DEAR NEEDS LOVE: It's time to put away your checkbook and move on. You have waited long enough and given far too much. If you and Evy were meant to be married, it would have happened a long time ago.

DEAR ABBY: I was struck by the letter from a woman who felt she wasn't coping well with empty-nest syndrome. She said she had been to her local bookstore and had asked the clerk to help her find a book on the subject. The clerk was unable to direct her to what she needed, and was somewhat flip regarding the woman's personal distress.

Abby, please remind your readers to use their local public library. Bookstores are wonderful places, but bookstores are just what the name implies: stores. Bookstores stock what will sell. Many times when a book is no longer popular, bookstores will no longer stock it.

Libraries are collections of information. Today's libraries contain a wealth of information, developed to help people meet their personal informational, educational and recreational needs. Most are free of charge, with their services available to anyone who walks through the door.

Abby, you wouldn't recommend that people seek counseling from a non-professional. Well, locating information is the same. Librarians are trained information specialists. Please remind people to ask the librarian if they cannot find what they need. Thank you! —

DONNA R. BERRYMAN, FARMINGTON, MINN.

DEAR DONNA: You're welcome. Readers, if you're shopping for information, your local library is an excellent place to begin.

CONFIDENTIAL TO "WISH THERE WAS A WAY." Don't give up.

"Where the heart is willing, it will find a thousand ways." "Where it is unwilling, it will find a thousand excuses." (Arlen Price)

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter from "Forgotten Daughter," whose family is in turmoil due to her dad's infidelities, I had to respond. Call this letter a plea to parents who are contemplating having affairs.

When I was 13, my dad started having an affair with a younger woman and left my mom. My reaction to the situation was to cut school, shoplift and drink. This apparently isn't unusual, if you pay attention to the statistics or watch talk shows. The reality was that Dad did not have an affair on my mom. He cheated on the whole family.

Many cheating spouses say, "This is between my spouse and me, and it has nothing to do with the children." The truth is, it has everything to do with the children. Men or women who are considering having an affair need to stop and think beyond their own selfish needs, and consider the havoc it will wreak on the lives of their children. The message they're sending to their kids is, "This affair, which is based on sex, means more to me than creating a safe and loving environment for you." Children aren't equipped with the coping skills necessary to come through an affair unscathed (Neither are many adults, for that matter.)

If your marriage is unsatisfactory, seek counseling with your spouse. If divorce is inevitable, seek family counseling to help your kids through the transition. But please, for heaven's sake, wait until the divorce papers are signed before beginning another relationship. Your children deserve that courtesy. Their very lives may depend upon it.

What was the outcome in our family? Dad moved back in with us two years later, with no explanation to the kids. I was in therapy for several years, trying to learn to trust men and to love again. My mother lost huge chunks of her self-esteem that she is just now retrieving, after 20 years. And my brother committed suicide.

I hope it was worth it. Dad — A SURVIVOR IN CALIFORNIA

DEAR SURVIVOR: Your parents' inability to discuss their separation and reconciliation with you and your brother was deplorable. It is clear from your letter that you still harbor enormous hostility about the way it was handled. I hope that one day you will find it in your heart to forgive and move on, because nurturing bitterness will only corrode your future.

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