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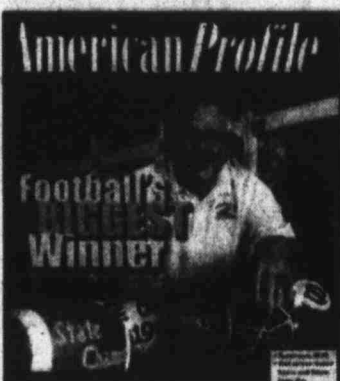
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3,333 early votes have been cast

According to Howard County Clerk Donna Wright, 3,333 ballots were cast during the first week early voting in this year's presidential election...

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Ports to Plains open house to promote corridor

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

Departments of transportation representatives from Texas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Colorado will hold a Ports to Plains "Open House" Tuesday in Lubbock to continue familiarizing the public with the new trade corridor...

"I feel like the corridor will open up areas that we've probably never even thought of at this point in time."

-Bill Crooker



"Ports to Plains, the board, works primarily toward making the political contacts and visiting with various individuals of influence in securing funding for Ports to Plains," said Crooker.

Plains will be responsible for construction and the funding needs for their aspects of the project - what has to be done to bring about the Ports to Plains corridor.

"What we're seeing here is the departments of transportation from these states, they want to review what they're doing with the general public. They want it open, so to speak, and that's the reason behind these meetings. The meeting in Lubbock will be the third go-around of this type."

Crooker said the study regarding the reliever route for the Howard County portion of

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MAKING A DIFFERENCE



Ron Plumlee of the Downtown Lions Club receives a gardening door prize donated by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from Pat Simmons, director of Keep Big Spring Beautiful...

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Lawsuit filed after death of jail inmate

Multiple defendants named in suit asking for millions in damages

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A civil lawsuit was filed this week against the Howard County Sheriff's Office and several individuals by the family of a 41-year-old man who died while in the custody of the county jail on Jan. 25, 2004.

The lawsuit alleges the defendants, which include Howard County, Howard County Sheriff's Office, Chief Jailer Mike Smith, Deputy Sheriff Adam Dunlap, Sheriff Dale Walker and Department of Public Safety Trooper Weldon Jones, contributed to the death of Richard Dunn Allen...

Walker declined to comment on the details of the lawsuit but did say that neither he nor his staff have been served with the lawsuit, a copy of which was received by the Herald on Monday.

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Routine business on commissioners' agenda

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

It should be "business as usual" Monday morning, as the Howard County commissioners prepare to hear routine items.

Listed on the meeting's agenda is Jackie Olson, county auditor, who is expected to make reports concerning invoices, purchase requests and bids on fuel for the county. Olson is also expected to discuss bids on a new motor grader.

County Treasurer Teresa Thomas is scheduled to present commissioners with personnel considerations, and is expected to introduce a representative from Bill Holden Insurance, who will make a presentation to the court as well.

Department of Public Safety Sgt. Jason Hester is also expected to appear before the court to discuss a new employee for the Big Spring DPS office. Commissioners approved the hiring of a new DPS secretary for

the local office during the 2004-2005 budget session.

Drew Mouton, who serves as the county's delinquent tax collector, is also expected to attend the meeting. Mouton will present a resolution extending the time to hold property deeded in lieu of tax foreclosure for the county.

County Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson will present pipeline crossings and a report on road maintenance.

Finally, Phil Furqueron, construction administrator for the county, is slated to give a report on renovations at the county courthouse and library.

The meeting is expected to get under way at 10 a.m. in the commissioners' courtroom, located on the second floor of the county courthouse.

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Area school districts to observe Red Ribbon Week

By KENDRA WISS Staff Writer

Beginning Monday, Howard County schools will be celebrating Red Ribbon week, a statewide campaign to promote a drug and alcohol-free lifestyle.

"Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging kids to be drug-free and marking the progress we've made. Many teens are choosing not to use drugs," Dr. Dave Wanser, Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (TCADA) executive director, said in a press release.

About 215,000 Texas students in grades four through 12 participated in the 2004 Texas School Survey of Substance Use, the

largest of its kind in the nation. The Texas Department of State Health Services has been conducting the statewide survey every two years since 1988.

Among the findings, the percentage of students in grades 7 through 12 reported that they had used tobacco in the month before the survey fell again, from 18.2 percent in 2002 to 17.0 percent in 2004.

Alcohol continues to be the most widely used substance among Texas students, with 68 percent reporting they had used alcohol at some point in their lives. This percentage has dropped 4 percent since 2002 and the number of students that used alcohol during the month before the survey dropped 6 percent.

One family's tragedy turns into hope for future generations

HERALD Staff Report

Red Ribbon Week is Oct. 25-29. All local schools participate in the drug-awareness observance, but where did Red Ribbon Week originate?

According to the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse Web site, the story of Red Ribbon Week is the story of one family's tragedy that turned into hope for future generations.

Students at all grade levels have been showing a sharp decrease in Ecstasy use in the past two years.

Some Big Spring schools will host the Morris Brothers drug

awareness/anti-bullying program "Between Your Ears Entertainment." The Morris Brothers have their own TV

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Obituaries

James R. "Dick" Piper

James R. "Dick" Piper, 88, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, at the VA Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at the Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor, and Dr. Claude Craven, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

Mr. Piper was born on Jan. 12, 1916, in Austin to James Claud and Myrtle Alma Piper. He enlisted in the United States Army Air Corps in San Antonio on Nov. 7, 1940, and served until 1945. In the spring of 1946, he was working as a bouncer at the VFW Hall dance which was being held by his stepfather. It was there that he met Dorothy Frances Josey. They were married in Nov. 8, 1947. He worked at the fire department from 1949 to 1952 and went to work as a letter carrier for the U.S. Post Office on June 5, 1952, and held that position until his retirement on Jan. 3, 1993. James and Dorothy had six children, five of which survive.

He was involved in the community, helping with community clean up and caring for his church's grounds. Many times he saw a weedy lot and would go get his equipment to take care of it. He helped with the building of the Kid Zone in the City Park.

James was always interested in sports and was involved in Little League activities for years. He managed Little League teams in the National League for 14 years. He had one of the first girl's and women's softball teams in town and helped in the Miss Softball America program for several years. He umpired for Little League, Teenage ball and both fast and slow pitch softball for 21 years. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church for almost 60 years.

Survivors include one son, Jim Piper of Sand Springs; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Lucy Piper, Jo Anna and Danny Bailey and Velma Henrietta and Paul Carson, all of Big Spring, and Jackie Piper of Austin; one sister, Mamie Lee Dodds of Big Spring; seven grandchildren, Amy Mauldin of Big Spring, Tanya Chappell of Lindsay, Okla., Jeff Carson of Big Spring, Jamie Piper of Snyder, Sean Bailey of Big Spring, Krista Bailey of Big Spring and Kelsey Piper of Austin and eight great grandchildren, with one more on the way. Also surviving are numerous nieces and nephews.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Dorothy, on Nov. 15, 1985; one daughter, Pamela Jo in 1955; his mother and father and his step-father, A. E. "Preach" True, two brothers, Doyce Piper and Brady Piper, and one sister, Claudius Muriel Petherbridge.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Margaret ("Mon") Jackson Battle

Margaret ("Mon") Jackson Battle, beloved mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, born in Lubbock, Feb. 10, 1924, passed away peacefully on Oct. 22, 2004.

Margaret was preceded in death by her husband, John Hal Battle. Giving thanks for Margaret are her son, Bob Hayden Battle and wife Jane of Midland; daughters Beckie Brands and husband Kevin of Dallas; Jeanne O'Shaughnessy and husband Daniel of Englewood, Colo.; and Belle Reichle and husband Kevin of Austin. Also giving thanks for her life are her sister, Jean Cook of Big Spring and brother, Charles Mack Jackson of Shreveport, La.

Margaret is also survived by nine grandchildren, Hayden Battle, Tami Trammel, Alyson and Beau Brands, John, Sadie and Streeter O'Shaughnessy, and Logan and Landon Reichle; and two great-grandchildren, Bailey and Houston Aguilar.

A memorial service is planned at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, Oct. 26, 2004, at Remembrance Gardens in Austin, 4214 Capital of Texas Highway North.

Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society.

Arrangements by Weed-Corley-Fish Funeral Home, 3125 N. Lamar, Austin, TX 78705 - (512) 452-8811. You may view memorials online at wcfish.com

Paid obituary

Pat Boatler

Pat Boatler, 89, of Big Spring passed away on Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Graveside services are 4:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Earl Blair, retired Methodist minister, officiating.

He was born on Aug. 24, 1915, in Howard County to Henry Clay Boatler and Kathleen Bostick Boatler. He was a lifetime resident of Howard County.

He married Imogene Wood on Sept. 29, 1934, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on July 1, 1995.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church. Mr. Boatler had worked as a gasoline distributor.

He is survived by one daughter, June Kennemer of Luther; two sons-in-law, Hollis Kennemer of Luther and the Rev. Earl Blair of Canyon; four grandchildren, Jan Rambo, Edward Kennemer, Mark Kennemer and Greg Blair; and eight great grandchildren.

He is preceded in death by one daughter: Jean Blair on April 5, 1994, and eight brothers and sisters.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. Online condolences can be made at www.myersandsmith.com

Paid obituary

Jesse L. Herrera

Jesse L. Herrera, 59, of Big Spring, died on Friday, Oct. 22, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer. Vigil services will be at 7:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 24, 2004, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Oct. 25, 2004, at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. Bernard Getigan, pastor of St. Lawrence Catholic Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

He was born on Jan. 3, 1945, in Big Spring and married Lydia Rubio on July 4, 1964, in Big Spring.

A lifelong resident of Big Spring, Mr. Herrera attended Big Spring schools. He owned and operated Herrera and Son Masonry for 45 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and traveling, but his greatest enjoyment was spending time with his family. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include his wife, Lydia Herrera of Big Spring; one son and daughter-in-law, Joey and June Herrera of Midland; one daughter and son-in-law, Jo Ann and Jeff O'Daniel of Big Spring; one brother and sister-in-law, Joe Jr. and Amy Herrera of Corpus Christi; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Perfecta and Juan Rivera of Colorado City, Micaela and Joe Flores of Pomona, Calif., Rosemary and Joe Vasquez of Corpus Christi and Alicia and Gilbert Ramon of San Antonio; four grandchildren, Heather Herrera, A.J. Valencia, Megan Herrera and Skyler O'Daniel; and one great grandchild, Alexis Carey.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jose and Fermina Herrera and a granddaughter, Crystal Valencia.

The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the staff at Home Hospice for their compassion and special care given to their Dad.

Pallbearers will be Frank Martinez, A.J. Valencia, Ramon Lopez, Michael Herrera, Joe Gonzales and Ismael Rubio. Honorary Pallbearers will be Charles Morrow and Joe Diaz.

The family suggests memorials to: Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Paid obituary

Marilyn "Nana" Covington

Marilyn "Nana" Covington, 57, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2004, at her residence. Memorial services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 23, 2004, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating.

She was born on Jan. 25, 1947, in Pecos and married Ted Covington on Jan. 22, 1966, in Pecos.

Marilyn was raised in Pecos and graduated from Pecos High School in 1965. She came to Big Spring in 1966 and was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Ted Covington of Big Spring; two daughters, Connie Jo Campos and Judy Newton, both of Big Spring; one son, Mitch Covington of Big Spring; one sister, Brenda Darden of Odessa; six grandchildren and one nephew.

She was preceded in death by her parents and one son, Adam Wayne Covington.

The family suggests memorials to the National Psoriasis Foundation, 6600 S. W. 92nd Ave., Suite 300, Portland, Ore., 97223-7195 or to Home Hospice, 111 E. 7th St., Suite A, Big Spring, 79720.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com

Police blotter

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

- JAMES STEWART, 39, of Odessa, was arrested Thursday on a charge of theft.
- LETISHA KAY BUSTAMONTE, 23, of 406 Johnson was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and disorderly conduct/language.
- TRACY MICHELLE MONTANEZ, 29, of 825 W. Sixth Street, was arrested Saturday on a charge of public intoxication and interfering with a police officer's official duties.
- MICHAEL ANTHONY JUAREZ, 19, of 634 Caylor, was arrested Saturday on a traffic warrant.
- MARISA OLIVAS, 22, of Coahoma, was arrested Saturday on traffic warrants.
- ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1400 block of Highway 87.
- BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported:
 - in the 900 block of 13th Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lloyd.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/MARIJUANA was reported in the 1100 block of Stadium.
- POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE/DELIVERY OF DRUG PARAPHERNALIA was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry.
- THEFT was reported:
 - in the 700 block of Third Street.
 - in the 1200 block of 11th Street.
 - in the 1100 block of Lamesa.
 - in the 2500 block of Wasson.

Take note

□ HOUSE OF HORROR spook house 8 p.m. until midnight Friday and Saturday at 631 Caylor. \$3 entry fee and all proceeds benefit Dusty Painter, who was injured in an oil field accident.

□ COLLEGE PARK CHURCH OF GOD COWBOY AND COWGIRL COSTUME EVENT from 6:30-8 p.m. Thursday. Western costumes only with a prize for the best costume. Also collecting canned food and bottled water for hurricane victims. Call 267-8593 for more information. Church is located at 603 Tulane.

□ HERITAGE MUSEUM TOURS TO HISTORIC ABILENE is set for Nov. 5. Cost is \$25 to tour the Buffalo Gap Historical Village, the Perini Ranch Steakhouse for dutch treat lunch, Frontier Texas! and the Grace Museum. Make reservations by Friday. Call 267-8255.

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Weather

Sunday...Mostly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Highs near 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph. Chance of rain 20 percent.

Sunday night...Partly cloudy with isolated showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. South winds near 10 mph.

Monday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs 75 to 80. South winds 10 to 15 mph.

Monday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s.

Tuesday...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs in the upper 70s.

Tuesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows near 60.

Wednesday...Mostly cloudy with a 30 percent chance of rain and thunderstorms. Highs in the mid 70s.

Wednesday night...Mostly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the mid 50s.

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By KENDRA W...
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Bands take top spots at UIL competition

By KENDRA WISS
Staff Writer

The Big Spring High School Band received the highest rating a band can achieve, a Division I, at the University Interscholastic League Marching Contest at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium last Saturday.

"Our kids performed the most fantastic show they've ever done," said High School Band Director Rocky Harris. "This was the pinnacle of what we've worked for all this time and we've attained success."

The band had been working since Aug. 1 on a show that Harris calls a "higher level with more difficult music."

The 173-member band apparently pleased the three UIL judges; all of them gave the band a Division I rating.

Solos by Adam Heins playing trombone and Braden Burchett and Mark Lozano, both playing trumpet, highlighted the show.

Two weeks earlier, the band took second place among 4A schools at the Tall City Music Festival then the same day placed first in the 4A at the Denver City Music Festival, competing against such schools as Hobbs, Roswell and Lubbock Estacado. The band also took home sixth place overall at the Denver City competition.

"The students will look back on this as their most memorable band experience," said Harris.

Forsan schools received their seventh Division I rating in a row at the UIL competition.



The Big Spring High School band captured a Division 1 rating at the UIL marching contest last Saturday in Odessa.



The Forsan High School band is celebrating winning its seventh UIL Division 1 rating in a row.

"We were the only Class A band to receive a Division I at the contest," said Forsan High School Band Director Jim Rhodes.

"We are extremely proud of our students; they have worked really hard this year. I'm especially proud of the way my assistant, Jeremy Higginbotham, has supported me and helped the band."

Forsan twirlers received a Division 1 rating for their ensemble. Individual twirlers received the following ratings: Audrey Montgomery 1, Amber Bedwell 1, Keisha Yarbar 1, Amanda Charlton 1, Jessica Wright 1 and Marissa McDonald 2.



The Forsan High School twirlers won a Division 1 rating, the highest rating attainable at the UIL twirling competition last Saturday. Front Row: Audrey Montgomery, Amber Bedwell, Jessica Wright; Back Row: Keisha Yarbar, Amanda Charlton, Marissa McDonald.

SUIT

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of Texas confirmed Friday the lawsuit was filed on Oct. 18.

Allen, who was one of the original developers of hire.com, was taken to the county jail after being arrested by Trooper Jones on a charge of driving while intoxicated and possession of marijuana - less than two ounces.

According to the DPS report, Allen was discovered in a car on Moore Field Road overpass where he was found repeatedly backing up and then going forward. Allen was too intoxicated to perform a field sobriety

test. According to Sheriff's Department reports, jailers discovered Allen hanging by his neck in his cell during a security check. Allen, who was in the process of moving from Oregon to Austin, reportedly used an article of jail-issued clothing to hang himself.

Jailers immediately cut Allen down, notified Big Spring EMS and began administering CPR, according to a press release issued by the Sheriff's Office. Attempts to resuscitate Allen were unsuccessful.

The lawsuit was filed on behalf of Glenn Forgan Jr., executor of Allen's estate and Glenda Forgan and Robert Allen, his par-

ents. The lawsuit alleges Alleh was mentally ill and represented a suicide risk upon his arrest, a risk the plaintiffs believe wasn't properly managed by the staff at the county jail. The plaintiff's case is currently being handled by Shaw and Associates, a law firm out of Gun Barrel City.

Damages represented within the lawsuit list a loss of income totaling more than \$2 million and ask for punitive damages to be assessed against each of the defendants.

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CORRIDOR

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the corridor is currently on the shelf, awaiting funding from the federal government.

"We're in the process of securing funds from the federal government for all of the various aspects of the corridor," said Crooker. "I originally started this along with Congressman Charlie Stenholm, back when he was our representative. He secured \$2 million for us at the time, which we used primarily for the study on engineering for our reliever route. That part has been completed, with the study completed and it's gone before the public, and it's sort of on the shelf now."

"Now we're seeking funding to make this a reality. In other words, we've requested through Congressman Randy Neugebauer's office \$16 million dollars to be used for construction. We know it's going to take more than \$16 million to construct the reliever route, but if we receive it, it's going to be up to the Texas Department of Transportation to see what they can do with it, how far they can go with that amount of money."

While a total price tag has yet to be developed for the corridor in its entirety, or even at a state level, Crooker said that's one of the elements of the program he hopes to see come out of these meetings.

"I feel like the corridor will open up areas that we've probably never even thought of at this point in time. I know of one area where there is potential for warehousing of all types of goods that can go into Old Mexico," he said. "We feel there's potential here for all kinds of industry to

locate within the general area of the corridor over an extended period of time. Old Mexico itself represents about 26 million people, which is really a tremendous market when you think about it."

Unfortunately, the corridor's funding is tied up in the transportation bill, which is still being argued back and forth in Congress.

"They will be going back into session after the election, but it's essentially a lame-duck period for them," said Crooker. "We seriously doubt if they will pass anything of consequence during the session. We could see something come out of all of this by early spring if nothing happens during the upcoming session, however."

The first of the meetings will be held Tuesday at the Texas Tech University International Cultural Center, located at 601 N. Indiana Avenue 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m.

A second meeting is slated for Thursday in Denver, Colo.

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OUR VIEWS

It's time to go to bat for our state hospital

It's been a tough year for two local entities, which have come under scrutiny from the federal and state government.

First to come under the microscope was the Big Spring VA Medical Center, which actually began to feel the heat back in 2002 when Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi established the Capitol Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission to provide an independent national review of the veterans' health care system. Among the list of sites to be studied for possible closure was the Big Spring VAMC.

The study was to have been completed late this year or early next year but the community received something of a reprieve when Principi extended the study's final deadline to December 2005.

Now, Big Spring State Hospital is feeling the pressure, due to state legislation which could put one or more state hospitals on the chopping block. The Texas Health and Human Services Commission will make its recommendations on Dec. 31 for the next legislature.

To that end, forums concerning West Texas' stake in the possible closures or consolidations of facilities will be held in San Angelo and Lubbock. The key one of those, according to Big Spring State Hospital officials, takes place at the San Angelo Convention Center on Nov. 3. It will be held from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

In making their voice heard, local and area individuals signed petitions and wrote thousands of letters on behalf of the Big Spring VAMC. Now, local officials are encouraging letters of support for the Big Spring State Hospital.

If you'd like to do so, write HHSC Commissioner Albert Hawkins, c/o the Texas Health and Human Services Commission, P.O. Box 13247, Austin 78711-3247. And if at all possible, plan on attending the Nov. 3 forum in San Angelo.

Like the Veterans Hospital, our State Hospital employs hundreds of individuals while providing important health services for many, many West Texans.

Again, it's time to stand up and fight for our community.

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Kerry proves he is not a good man

"This is not a good man." That's how Lynne Cheney summed up John Kerry after the Democratic candidate decided to engage in a little gay-baiting of her daughter in the final presidential debate last week. Was Mrs. Cheney speaking only as an "angry mom," as she admitted, or did she expose an essential truth about John Kerry?



LINDA CHAVEZ

I don't like the recent tendency to cast political opponents as "enemies," "liars" and "evil," which the Democrats have engaged in far more than Republicans this election season. But John Kerry's actions over a lifetime do reveal a man with an unsteady moral compass, willing to say and do whatever he deems necessary to advance his own ambitions. The Bush campaign has characterized this tendency as flip-flopping, but it goes deeper than that. Kerry isn't a mere political opportunist but a man who knowingly engages in political deceit and is so contemptuous of those who disagree with him that he underestimates both their intelligence and their character.

Kerry's remark about the vice president's daughter was no accident but a conscious effort to discourage blue-collar Democrats and Christian voters from supporting the Bush-Cheney ticket. The remark bore the fingerprints of Bob Shrum, Kerry's chief political strategist and one of the most ruthless political operatives in the business. The Shrum-Kerry tactic says worlds about these two men's disdain for working-class Americans and people of faith as

yahoos and bigots who would be so turned off by the sexual orientation of one of the Republican candidate's family members that they'd stay home on Election Day.

The move clearly backfired. By an almost two-to-one margin, Americans disapproved of Kerry's raising the issue during the debates. So Kerry moved on to more tried and true scare tactics that have worked well for the Democrats in previous elections. Indeed scare tactics have become the Democrats' stock in trade. In the last few days, Kerry has been accelerating his use of fear to motivate blocks of voters, especially the elderly, the young and blacks. Kerry is trying to scare seniors into believing that if Bush is re-elected, their Social Security benefits will be cut by 30-45 percent, alleging the president has a "January surprise" to "privatize" Social Security for current recipients. "That's up to \$500 a month less for food, for clothing, for the occasional gift for a grandchild," Kerry told a group of seniors in Florida earlier this week.

Kerry has also tried to frighten young people into thinking that if Bush wins, they may face a military draft. Speaking in Des Moines, Iowa, Kerry claimed, "With George Bush, the plan for Iraq is more of the same and the great potential of the draft, because if we go it alone, I don't know how you do it with the current overextension."

And Kerry and his surrogates have consistently tried to convince blacks that the Republicans have a plan to cheat them of their votes — which they claim is how Bush won the presidency in 2000, despite the lack of evidence to back up such a scurrilous claim. With polls showing President Bush has substantially increased his support in the black communi-

ty, Kerry wants to make blacks believe the president is little different than Bull Connor. One campaign flyer even shows water hoses being turned on black voters during the 1950s, with the clear implication that Republicans would do the same today to keep blacks from the polls if they could.

Kerry knows these charges are untrue — but still he makes them and encourages his supporters to do likewise. And his run for the presidency is not the first time in which John Kerry has been willing to spread lies to accomplish his aims. In 1971, in an attempt to undermine support for the war in Vietnam, he went so far as to claim that he had personally committed atrocities while an officer in Vietnam, something he now admits was untrue. To this day, however, Kerry has never apologized to those soldiers whose honor he sullied when he accused them of having "raped, cut off ears, cut off heads, taped wires from portable telephones to human genitals and turned up the power, cut off limbs, blown up bodies, randomly shot at civilians, razed villages in a fashion reminiscent of Genghis Khan, shot cattle and dogs for fun, poisoned food stocks, and generally ravaged the countryside of Vietnam."

Lynne Cheney was right. This is not a good man — and that is the reason voters should reject him on Nov. 2.

Linda Chavez is the author of the new book, "Betrayal: How Union Bosses Shake Down Their Members and Corrupt American Politics." To find out more about Linda Chavez and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

There are good, honest, responsible people in Big Spring and Howard County. One is Ron Jones who found my purse in the parking lot at Wal-Mart and called me. He left it at the customer service desk where I picked it up. I own him a great debt of gratitude. Thanks, Ron.

One other thing that concerns me is the lack of voter turnout in our county. I would urge all registered voters to take advantage of early voting at the county courthouse through Oct. 29, or definitely to go to the polls on Nov. 2.

Our armed forces have fought wars to guarantee our right to vote. Many courageous women spent tireless hours and money battling for us women to gain the right to vote. What is so difficult about spending about one hour and casting your vote?

Many say that they vote for the man. This general election is their chance to do that. Do check the records of the candidates and then go to the polls and vote your conscience.

LOMA JEAN WYNN
COAHOMA

TO THE EDITOR:

I will be voting for George W. Bush because John Kerry is out of touch with America's role in a changing world. In these challenging times and in this important election, Kerry is the wrong choice for America.

Kerry voted against President Bush's historic middle class tax cuts in 2001 and 2003. President Bush's tax relief agenda has resulted in significant benefits for Americans. This year:

- * 111 million individuals and families will receive an average tax cut of \$1,586.
- * 49 million married couples will have an average tax cut of \$2,602.
- * 14 million elderly individuals will see their taxes fall, on average, by \$1,883.
- * 25 million small business owners will receive an average tax cut of \$3,001.

Kerry attacks the president's No Child Left Behind Act that he once called "groundbreaking" and criticizes education funding while skipping education votes. Kerry voted six times against expanding education savings accounts, which would have provided \$4 billion in tax savings for parents to use towards their child's college tuition.

Kerry voted to go to war with

Iraq and then voted against providing our troops with the tools they need to get the job done. During his time in the Senate, Kerry voted at least 12 times against pay increases for service members. Even in the face of serious threats, Kerry proposed \$7.5 billion in across the board intelligence cuts.

Despite all his proposed cuts, Kerry said after Sept. 11 that intelligence is the most important weapon in the war on terror. Kerry would end the Patriot Act. Since the act was passed, three terrorist sleeper cells have been broken up, in Buffalo, Portland and Seattle; and 176 individuals have been convicted or pled guilty to terrorism-related crimes.

Kerry voted for the Patriot Act, saying, "Passage of this legislation is going to make it a lot more difficult for new terrorist organizations to develop." Now, Kerry bashes the Patriot Act.

Kerry has support high gas taxes at least 11 times as senator, including a 50-cent gas tax increase. He has repeatedly blocked the development of a national energy policy, which included responsible energy development and renewable energy proposals.

In 2003, Kerry said the president's faith-based initiative crosses the line of church-state separation. Unlike John Kerry, President Bush believes the government should view Americans who work in faith-based charities as partners, not as rivals.

Kerry missed 36 of 38 votes on Medicare reform and prescription drug benefit, including final passage of the bill. Kerry decided to hit the campaign trail instead of attending the final vote because he felt it "was not going to make a difference."

Please pray about this election and please vote for George W. Bush.

BO FRYAR
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This election, Texans have a clear choice between life and death. President Bush has repeatedly supported legislation to protect the lives of unborn children and their mothers and people with disabilities. By contrast, John Kerry supports the death of unborn children through abortion. Kerry has voted for abortion 79 times and for using our taxes for abortion.

Bush signed a ban to stop partial-birth abortion. Kerry voted six times for partial-birth abortion,

which involves pulling a late-term baby out of the womb, stabbing the baby's skull and suctioning out the baby's brain.

Bush signed the Unborn Victims of Violence Act to protect pregnant mothers and their unborn babies from vicious crimes. Kerry voted against this law, refusing to recognize the rights of fully-formed babies, such as Conner Peterson, who are killed in violent crimes. Conner and his mother, Laci Peterson, were brutally murdered in California.

More information on these life and death issues is available from National Right to Life at www.nrlc.org.

RITE KELLY
HARLINGEN

TO THE EDITOR:

I have lived in Big Spring off and on all of my life, and for the most part it is a good community.

However, there are issues that need to be addressed.

We already pay a garbage fee on our water bill. Are they going to charge \$5 per load at the landfill? If they do, everybody will start to dump on the side of the road.

But wait a minute! Is this not double side of the coin? What about let's beautify Big Spring?

SCOTT SIGMON
BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

This letter is in regard to the article you printed on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2004, "Stenholm receives firefighters' endorsement."

The headline to this article is very misleading. Not all firefighters support Stenholm, nor do all firefighters support John Kerry.

The firefighters union may support the Democratic party, but that does not include all firefighters, nor does it include all members of the firefighters union.

LT. RON PHILLIPS
BIG SPRING FIRE DEPARTMENT

TO THE EDITOR:

Big Spring Junior High School had a great volleyball tournament and we could not have done it without the help of a lot of people.

We would like to thank our local businesses for being so generous and donating food, drinks and other needed items for the hospital-ity room.

Also, thank you to all the parents for donating food, drinks and your time.

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show on the FOX network and are traveling the country performing in schools.

The performances are scheduled for:

- Wednesday - 8:30 a.m. - Kentwood Elementary
- 10 a.m. - Goliad Elementary
- 1:30 p.m. - Marcy Elementary
- Thursday - 8:30 a.m. - Washington Elementary
- 10 a.m. - Moss Elementary
- 1:30 p.m. - Bauer Elementary

Howard County schools use red ribbon week to encourage students to stay drug free. A list of activities for each school are as follows:

Big Spring High School

- Monday, students will tie red ribbons on trees.
- Tuesday, students will be given red wrist bands and tie red ribbons on outside doors to building.
- Wednesday, students will continue to receive red wrist bands and tie ribbons on cars.
- Thursday is wear red day, there will be a special Red Ribbon Week observance announcement.
- Friday is Red Ribbon and spirit day, students are encouraged to wear their ribbons with black and gold.

Big Spring Junior High School

- Monday is red wrist bands and 50's Day, wear red wrist bands, put on your poodle skirts and roll up your sleeves, we are banning together against drugs.
- Tuesday is Hawaiian day, say good-bye "Aloha" to drugs.
- Wednesday is crazy hair-day, change your hairstyle not your lifestyle.
- Thursday is hat day,

- put a cap on drugs.
- Friday is nerd day, it's been a great week, so dress like a geek.
- Goliad Intermediate School**
- Monday, red day, students will be given red wrist bands.
- Tuesday is crazy hair day, wear red and win day, students are encouraged to fix their hair in any crazy fashion. Students who wear their bracelets will have a chance to win prizes by checking their bands for the secret numbers drawn daily.
- Wednesday is red hands day and pajama day. Students are encouraged to wear pajamas. Students will create a chain of red hands that will unite the entire school. A drug awareness/anti-bullying program will be presented at 10 a.m. in the gym.
- Thursday is double up against drugs day. Students should team up with a friend to wear red and dress as twins for the day. Pictures will be taken for the annual. The K-9 dogs will be out to meet students at 9 a.m. followed by the balloon launch at 2:30 p.m.
- Friday don't let drugs eat away at you, wear your Goliad T-shirt day. Wear your Goliad shirts and get ready for the pie eating contest at 2:30 p.m. Each class will nominate a student to represent their class for this event, the winner will receive a prize.

Bauer Magnet Elementary School

- Monday wear "Just say No" shirts, the week's morning videos will feature the "Just say No" pledge and the trivia question - the winning class gets pencils. Teachers will pass out red ribbons and students will watch an anti-drug video and color drug-free coloring sheets (one each day this week).
- Tuesday put a cap on

and turn your back on drugs day, wear a funny hat and wear clothing backwards. Students will tie ribbons around trees, and shoot hoops not drugs. Activities are planned for students in grades 3 and 4 during P.E.

• Wednesday is hugs not drugs day, bring stuffed animals. Students will get a special treat and list alternatives to do instead of drugs.

• Thursday shade out drugs by wearing your sunglasses. Students will receive door hangers and bookmarks.

• Friday give drugs the slip, wear slippers. Students will receive certificates and treats, then they will plant a Promise Red Ribbon garden.

Kentwood Elementary

• Monday is I elect to be drug free day, wear red, white and blue. Teachers will hand out numbered wrist bands. They will put an anti-drug message on the fence and tie red ribbons around the trees.

• Tuesday is team up against drugs day, wear your favorite team's clothing. Students will sign a pledge on cut out "bricks" to "wall out" drugs. Students will draw for prizes.

• Wednesday is hugs not drugs day, bring your favorite stuffed animal to hug. "Between Your Ears" drug awareness/anti-bullying program begins at 8:30 a.m.

• Thursday is wear red day. Balloon launch at 2:30 p.m.

• Friday is give drugs the slip day, wear your slippers (bring other shoes for P.E.) Complete a special "get the picture" project and draw for prizes.

Marcy Elementary

• Monday is band against drugs and lead them alone day, students will receive red "Just say no" wrist bands to wear all week. Each class will receive a "drugs are

dumb" poster to sign and display in the classroom. Students will write their names on die-cut leaves and post them in the hallway. All week long, students will recite the drug free pledge during announcements.

• Tuesday is tie up drugs, put a cap on drugs day, students and staff may wear caps to show they are drug free. Students in P.E. classes will tie red ribbons around school trees. Kindergarten through second graders will receive "drugs bug me" coloring sheets to complete and display. Third and fourth grade students will receive personal red ribbon pledges to sign and keep.

• Wednesday is hugs not drugs day, students may bring their favorite stuffed animal to hug. Students will trace their hands and create class banners stating "hand in hand, let's take a stand," or they may trace their feet and create a "take a stand on drugs" banner.

• Thursday is spell it out and red day, students and staff can wear red clothing to school to celebrate being drug free. P.E. classes will use Styrofoam cups to spell out a drug free message on the fence facing the road.

• Friday is give drugs the slip day, students and staff may wear slippers or house shoes.

Moss Elementary

• Monday is I elect to be drug free day, wear red, white and blue. Students will make place mats for local restaurants. Students will receive red wrist bands, tie red ribbons on trees, and spell out an anti-drug message on the fence.

• Tuesday is team up against drugs day, wear your favorite team's clothing. Students will sign a pledge on "bricks" to wall out drugs. Students will draw for prizes each day during the week.

• Wednesday is don't be tricked, drugs are no treat, dress in your costume, parade at 9 a.m.

• Thursday is wear red day, drug awareness/anti-

bullying program "Between your ears" at 10 a.m.

• Friday is give drugs the slip day, wear your favorite slippers (bring other shoes for P.E.)


Washington

• Monday students will receive red "Just say no" bracelets to wear all week. Students in each class will sign and display

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his mother tried to talk him out of it. "I can't not do this," he told her. "I'm only one person, but I want to make a difference."

The DEA sent Camarena to work undercover in Mexico investigating a major drug cartel believed to include officers in the Mexican army, police and government. On Feb. 7, 1985, the 37-year-old Camarena left his office to meet his wife for lunch. Five men appeared at the agent's

side and shoved him in a car.

One month later, Camarena's body was found in a shallow grave. He had been tortured to death.


In honor of Camarena's memory and his battle against illegal drugs, friends and neighbors began to wear red badges of satin. Parents, sick of the destruction of alcohol and other drugs, had begun forming coalitions. Some of these new coalitions took Camarena as their model and embraced his belief that one person can make a difference. These coalitions also

adopted the symbol of Camarena's memory, the red ribbon.

The National Family Partnership organized the first nationwide Red Ribbon Campaign in 1988. Since that time, the campaign has reached millions of U.S. children.

In 1997, the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse began committing resources to ensure the continuation of the Red Ribbon Campaign in Texas, as well as the hopes and beliefs behind this grassroots effort to protect children from the dangers of alcohol and other drugs.

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For State Representative



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WORLD BRIEFS

Car bomb explodes outside U.S. base

BAGHDAD, Iraq (AP) — A car bomb exploded at a police station Saturday near a base in western Iraq used by U.S. Marines, killing 10 Iraqi policemen and wounding 48 other people, officials said.

The explosion hit outside the gates of Marine Camp Al Asad in Baghdad, 142 miles west of Baghdad. The U.S. military confirmed it was a car bomb and said there were no Americans among the casualties. A hospital official in nearby Haditha said there were at least eight dead and 48 wounded.

The blast came hours after the U.S. military arrested an aide to Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi and five others during raids on a safe house in the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah, officials said. The aide had risen to prominence in recent weeks as other al-Zarqawi staff had been killed, according to intelligence sources.

The 1:30 a.m. raid in southern Fallujah targeted a site being used as a safe haven by al-Zarqawi's inner circle, according to a military statement.

Japan easing American beef exports ban

TOKYO (AP) — American and Japanese negotiators agreed Saturday to ease a 10-month-old ban on American beef exports to Japan, a deal that will reopen the U.S. beef industry's biggest overseas market to at least some products.

The agreement, which awaits final approval from Tokyo, would also allow a resumption of Japanese beef exports to the United States, banned after the dis-

covery of Japan's first case of mad cow disease in 2001.

The announcement from the U.S. delegation leader came after three days of talks in Tokyo that focused on how strictly American producers should test their products for mad cow disease. Japan banned U.S. beef imports in December 2003 after the first U.S. case of the bovine illness was discovered.

The agreement would only allow the import of beef products from cows younger than 20-months-old.

J.B. Penn, the Agriculture Department's undersecretary for farm and foreign agricultural services, said exports could begin in "a matter of weeks."

Poll: Flu shot shortage worries Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — The flu vaccine shortage is causing widespread worries among a substantial group of Americans — the four in 10 who are in families with a member at high risk of getting the flu, an Associated Press poll found.

The U.S. flu vaccine shortage became public two weeks ago when British regulators cited contamination problems in closing one of the two companies that make vaccine for the U.S. market. That nearly cut in half the 100 million doses U.S. officials were expecting.

That shortage has health officials scrambling and politicians blaming each other. It also has more than half of those in families at risk of experiencing the flu worried about the vaccine shortage.

Healthy Americans have been urged to forgo shots so there will be enough for those at highest risk from influenza — children from 6 months to 23 months, the elderly, the chronically ill, pregnant women, certain health care workers and a few other groups.

More than four in 10 Americans, 42 percent, say they or someone in their family is at high risk from the flu, according to the poll conducted for the AP by Ipsos-Public Affairs. A majority of that is worried that the flu shot will be unavailable for a relative in need.

Bush, Kerry Clash on Security Credentials

WILKES-BARRE, Pa. (AP) — President Bush said the choice facing voters amounts to who can keep Americans safer from terrorists, and his opponent does not measure up. John Kerry shot back that if he were president, Osama bin Laden would have been killed or captured by now, and Bush let him get away.

"All progress on every other issue depends on the safety of our citizens," Bush told supporters Friday in a sports arena in Wilkes-Barre, delivering a retooled stump speech that portrays Kerry as naive on terrorism and eager to raise taxes.

But the Democrat gave no quarter on the argument over who's tougher on terrorism as the rivals traded accusations across a range of battleground states.

"You want to talk about the war on terror, Mr. President? Let's talk about it," Kerry yelled while supporters cheered him on at a Reno, Nev., rally. "Let's talk about what happened when you let Osama bin Laden escape in Afghanistan."

Reprising a line of attack from the debates, Kerry accused Bush of holding back the 10th Mountain Division when bin Laden was thought to have been cornered in the caves of Tora Bora in December 2001, instead letting Afghan warlords try to find him. Kerry went beyond that to assert he would have run down the terrorist leader if he were president. "I would have used our military and we would have gone after and captured or killed Osama bin Laden. That's tough."

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a poster pledging to remain drug-free. McGruff the Crime Dog will give students a message during morning announcements all week.

Tuesday students will tie large red ribbons around campus trees during P.E.

Wednesday is spell it out day, students will use Styrofoam cups to spell out a drug-free message on the front fence of the school during P.E. classes.

Thursday is wear red day, students will wear an item of red clothing to cel-

brate being drug free.

Friday is sock it to drugs day, students will wear their craziest, most colorful socks. Prizes will be awarded to the most unique or creative in each grade.

Coahoma ISD

Monday students will receive ribbons and tie red ribbons on trees and around the school. Students will also put up signs around the school stating that they are drug free.

Tuesday students will receive rulers.

Wednesday students will receive pencils.

Thursday students will receive bookmarks.

Friday students are encouraged to wear red.

High school students will receive Smarties for being a smarty, don't do drugs day.

Forsan ISD

Monday is red ribbon day. Students will be given ribbons. Announcements for the morning will explain the importance of Red Ribbon Week.

Tuesday students will receive pencils and will participate in a moment of silence to remember those who have died from drug use.

Wednesday students will receive rulers.

Thursday students will receive bookmarks.

Friday students will tie red ribbons on cars to signify the end of Red

Ribbon Week.

Sands ISD

Monday is red day. Students are encouraged to wear red. A rapper from Lamesa will come and entertain and encourage students to stay away from drugs. Prizes will be awarded to the class with the most participation this week.

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Fort Worth Star-Telegram photo/Tom Pennington
Jesus Aceres, aka the Wolf Man, who has a medical condition that causes thick facial hair, says kids threw rocks at him when he was a boy.

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and lost her teeth in a serious auto accident at age 12.

She never attended a school dance, much less a gala ball.

Cinderella, she wasn't. Married and divorced four times, she gave birth to two children. She gave up her daughter for adoption, and at age 3, her son went to live with his father. She hasn't seen or spoken with either of them in 30 years. "I don't know where they are," she said.

Five years ago in an incident as bizarre as any sideshow act, a dwarf whom Vivian knew became intoxicated and attacked her, stabbing her in one arm and the chest with an ink pen and injuring her in the back.

Despite her disability, she still travels the country, mostly by train, a polite, pleasant woman who works when she chooses and whose steadfast belief in a higher power has provided her strength and a measure of comfort during another test of faith.

She and Darrell had been close — friends for years.

In recent months, Vivian and he talked about becoming a couple, spending their future together. In April, after several months on the road, she took the train home to Illinois to see her fiancé. She had a surprise for him.

A week before her arrival, she was told, he had committed suicide.

As Vivian sat in her tent and shared the story, she reached to her neck and produced the thin gold chain she was wearing.

On it was a ring. The wedding band she had bought for Darrell.

Sideshow folk are an endangered species, a dying breed.

Many performers whom Ward Hall employed and brought to the State Fair of Texas retired long ago in a small seaside town near Tampa, Fla., and some rest in the showman's cemetery there.

Sealo the Seal Boy had no arms. Hands grew from his shoulders. His act featured a chimpanzee to whom he fed cookies.

He is buried in Gibsonton, Fla., the winter home of many circus and carnival people. So is murder victim Grady Stiles Jr., the Lobster Boy, born with electro-dactyly, a genetic condition in which his fingers and toes fused into two digitlike claws. Hall's partner, Chris Christ, was a pallbearer at his funeral.

Gone, too, are Priscilla the Monkey Girl, who eloped with Emmet the Alligator Skinned Man. Hall said he hosted a party celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary.

He remembers them all — the Turtle Man; Grace McDaniel, the Mule-Faced Woman; Ronnie and Donnie, the conjoined twins. One sang alto, the other soprano.

Hall joined the circus when he was 15 and bought his first sideshow in 1951 for \$1,000. During his lifetime, he has met a legless man who walked on his hands. He found the Frog Man, who rolled his own cigarettes.

Hall loved the State Fair of Texas. Every October, he brought six human oddities and six working acts (sword swallows and snake handlers). Oddly, he said, Dallas was the one big show that

wouldn't permit fire-eaters in the tent because of safety concerns.

Yes, he said, he exploited them. "And I paid them well," Hall said. "They could have been institutionalized or locked in an attic, but this was the best opportunity they had. They took a detriment and turned it into an attribute.

"It's like those PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) folks who picket the circus. You ask if they've ever been to the circus. They say, 'Oh, no, I'd never go.' The sideshow people I know wanted to be in show business. They loved the applause."

In rebutting his critics, Hall once told the Chicago Tribune, "Until you've sat up all night with the Fat Lady in a hospital room or consoled a broken-hearted dwarf, you're not an expert."

Today, corrective surgery and other medical treatments can minimize or eliminate genetic defects. Conjoined twins are separated. But Hall claims the disappearance of the sideshows has less to do with advancements in medical science than it does with the economic impact of the big amusement rides that made the Ferris wheel and Tilt-A-Whirl seem tame.

"We had a 165-foot (tent) front. You could put three of those super rides from Europe in that space and operate them with six people. We had 25 to 30 employees. The fairs could make a lot more money with rides."

Hall, 74, finally closed his sideshow company last year. He and Christ live in Gibsonton with housemate Poohbah, a 75-year-old fire-eating dwarf.

The Bros. Grim performers aren't staying in a hotel.

They are living together this month in a large one-room flat near downtown Dallas, hanging circus curtains for privacy and sleeping on mattresses laid out on the concrete floor.

When the bearded lady arrived, the sword swallower gave her a set of earplugs.

Her closest friend in the troupe is Jesus "Chuy" Aceres, a painfully shy man who was born with hypertrichosis, a thick growth of hair that covers his face, giving him the appearance of a Hollywood movie werewolf.

Aceres leaves the flat to purchase his meals at a nearby convenience store. In public he wears a hat and walks with his head down to try and hide his face.

When he was a child, he has told friends, others threw rocks at him. He was a victim of their ignorance, their prejudice, their fear.

The performers share the spartan living space with Queen Hartley, an 8-foot boa constrictor that is kept under a heat lamp inside a glass case. Sideshow owner Ken Harck, a circus historian and former rock musician, described the group of free-spirited entertainers and their itinerant lifestyle as "gypsies on a pirate ship."

A dwarf attacking the bearded lady doesn't happen every day. But something almost as unusual does.

Late one night, after the show, Harck returned to the residence where he and the performers were staying and sat on a couch to go over the company books. Suddenly three large rats appeared and scurried across the back of the sofa, raising the hair on his neck.

The rats, which were used to feed the snake, had escaped.

As Harck sprang from the couch, as if electrically stimulated, his eyes fell on the troupe's boa constrictor, which came slithering toward him across the dining-room floor. To add to the zaniness, a tattooed performer burst out of the kitchen, as if on cue, and threw a

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Don't be afraid to get crafty for Halloween

By ALAN J. HEAVENS
Knight Ridder Newspapers

If you want to startle the trick-or-treaters on Halloween and have a few hours to spare in the next week or so, you can turn a piece of quarter-inch exterior plywood into a 16.75-by-20-inch black cat.

Add a few more hours, and you can fashion an eerie-looking 28.75-by-44-inch tombstone out of the same material — if you plan well, even the same 4-by-8 sheet of plywood.

I know what you're saying: You don't have an artistic bone in your body, let alone a workshop full of tools.

But if you have a computer, a printer and a steady hand, you can download the template for both the cat and the tombstone from www.skil.com, the Skil power tool Web site.

MATERIALS

You'll also need a straight edge, a sharpened pencil, scissors, a roll of transparent tape, safety glasses and a dust mask, tack cloth, something with a sharp blade to score the template to trace the lines onto the wood, paint and a couple of paint brushes.

You'll also need a jigsaw and sandpaper. If you want the job to go a bit faster, a palm sander with stick-on paper would be good to have.

You say you don't have a jigsaw or a sander? If you take care of all the preliminary work before cutting, you can rent both from a home center or tool-rental store for a couple of hours.

Renting the tools may cost more than buying them; the basic models are fairly inexpensive. My jigsaw researched online, cost \$69. The palm sander, which I've had for years, is a quarter-sheet Craftsman.

COST

Best place to shop: the Internet. I've found jigsaws, including Skil, for about \$35, and palm sanders comparable to mine for about \$25.

Medium- and fine-grit quarter-sheet sandpaper cost \$2.99 to \$3.95 for a five-sheet package.

Exterior plywood is expensive these days, thanks to shortages created by hurricane reconstruction and remodeling markets. In some areas, it can cost up to \$25 for a 4-by-8 sheet.

I used luan plywood because it was free, the remnants of a dollhouse project my neighbor had recently completed. I just had to work around a circle cut out of the top third of the sheet.

Normally, I wouldn't use luan outdoors. But since both my cat and my tombstone would be painted to protect the wood and wouldn't be outside for more than a day, I couldn't beat the price.

Total cost: For me, just \$5, which was for the sandpaper. That's because I had leftover paint: black for the cat, the edge of the tombstone, the letters R.I.P. and a couple of cracks on the tombstone face, as well as gray for the rest of the tombstone.

Your cost will probably be more.

COMPLETION

Total time: Not including drying paint, three hours for the cat and four for the tombstone. (My son and I also worked on a diorama project for social studies at the same time, and I was doing some yard work, so my attention was scattered. Nothing like multi-tasking.)

Instructions. To start, download the templates for the cat and the tombstone from the Skil Web

site. There are six sheets of easy-to-follow directions. The white borders of the



Philadelphia Inquirer photo/April Saul
A piece of 3/4 inch exterior plywood, cut out in the shape of a cat or tombstone, makes a creative Halloween decoration.

guidelines. Once the figures have been cut out, use the medium-grit paper and the palm sander to sand to the guidelines and soften the edges, getting rid of little splinters created by the cutting.

Cut out the cat's eyes, nose and mouth, first drilling a hole large enough to accommodate the saw blade. (But you don't need to get that fancy. Some glow-in-the-dark paint for the eyes might even be better.)

If you have a router, you can round over the edges of the cat and the tombstone, but it isn't necessary.

Before painting, sand the cat and the tombstone with the fine-grit paper, then wipe off the dust with the tack cloth.

Then you can paint. Use your imagination and try to be very, very scary.

Both the cat and the tombstone can be staked from behind so they will stand in the front yard.

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frying pan at one of the rodents, in a frantic effort to subdue it.

Harck had seen enough. "That's it," he announced and went to bed.

Next morning, a person knocked on the kitchen window and asked his neighbors if they kept a snake.

Queen Hartley had slithered outside through a dryer vent in the laundry room and was attempting to climb into the engine compartment of a car owned by the sideshow's Camanda Galactica, the Mistress of Fire.

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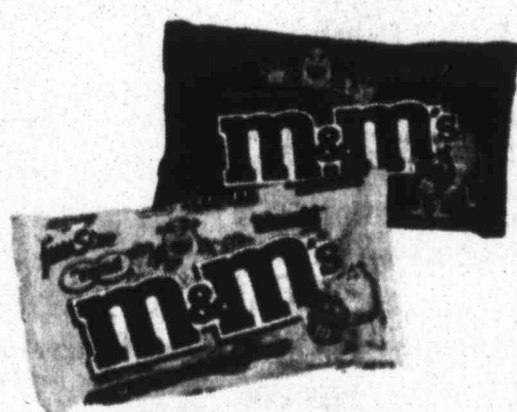
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IN BRIEF

Basketball referees needed for season

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For more information, contact Adam Rodriguez at 263-8731 or 517-0300.

The games will be played in local areas such as Big Spring, Forsan and Coahoma and will be for the junior high and high school levels.

Ragball tournament set for early Nov.

A ragball tournament has been set up to help raise money for Relay for Life.

The tournament will take place Saturday and Sunday, Nov. 6-7, at Cotton Mize Field inside of Comanche Trail Park. Registration will take place that Saturday at 1 p.m.

The teams are made up of five men and five women and it costs \$10 per player to participate.

For more information, contact Angel at the bus barn at 264-4108.

Case dropped against Boston bullpen brawl

BOSTON (AP) — Prosecutors on Friday dropped charges against a Fenway Park groundskeeper who got into a bullpen brawl with two former New York Yankees during last year's playoffs.

The players are scheduled to go to trial next week.

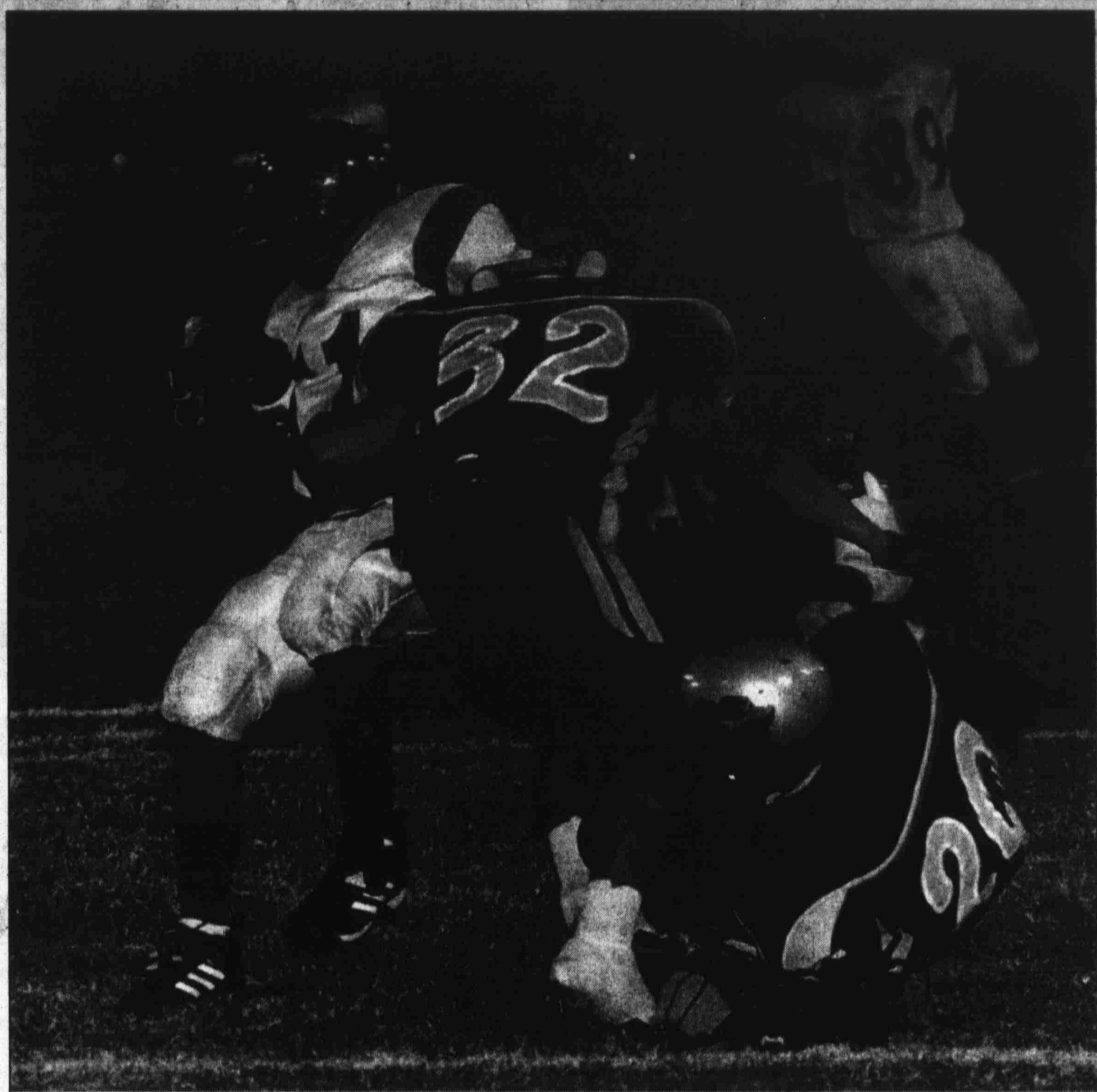
Suffolk District Attorney Daniel Conley filed court documents ending the prosecution of Paul Williams after a review found there wasn't enough evidence to back up a charge. Prosecutors said they viewed videotape of the fight and interviewed witnesses.

Williams, 25, of Derry, N.H., had been charged in a cross-complaint initiated by former Yankees pitcher Jeff Nelson. Nelson alleged that Williams bumped him and spit on him in a brawl in the Yankees bullpen during last year's American League Championship Series.

The fight broke out after Williams cheered for the Red Sox while in the bullpen during a rowdy Game 3 of the series. Earlier in the game, the benches cleared after former Yankees outfielder Kerim Garcia was hit by a pitch from Boston's Pedro Martinez.

Nelson has said Williams started the bullpen fight after Nelson calmly asked Williams to stop cheering, but prosecutors allege Nelson attacked Williams.

After Nelson filed for the complaint, a Roxbury District Court clerk found probable cause to charge Nelson.



Big Spring senior linebacker Daniel Castillo, center, takes down a ball carrier from Lubbock Estacado Friday at Memorial Stadium during the Steers' two-point win. The game came down to the final play as sophomore kicker Scott Fankhauser kicked a game-winning 28-yard field goal as time expired.

Steers grab first victory at Memorial

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Sophomore Scott Fankhauser is slowly coming into his own as a member of the Big Spring football team and some people may not even know it. That's because he is a kicker who joined the Steers' team midway through the season.

Fankhauser may not be unknown to fans after Friday night as he connected on a 28-yard field

goal with .8 seconds play that sent the Steers to a 29-27 victory against winless Lubbock Estacado.

"We were very fortunate tonight," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "God blessed us with this one."

The final drive to set up Fankhauser's kick was nothing short of amazing either.

The Steers started their final possession with 33.1 seconds to play on the clock. The first play

resulted in an easy 15 yards as Estacado was called for pass interference. After an incomplete, junior quarterback Andy Lasater found Daniel Garza, who proceeded to get out of bounds seven yards downfield.

Then, a questionable pass interference was not called on the next pass play. The play resulted in a completion and the Steers were down to their last seconds.

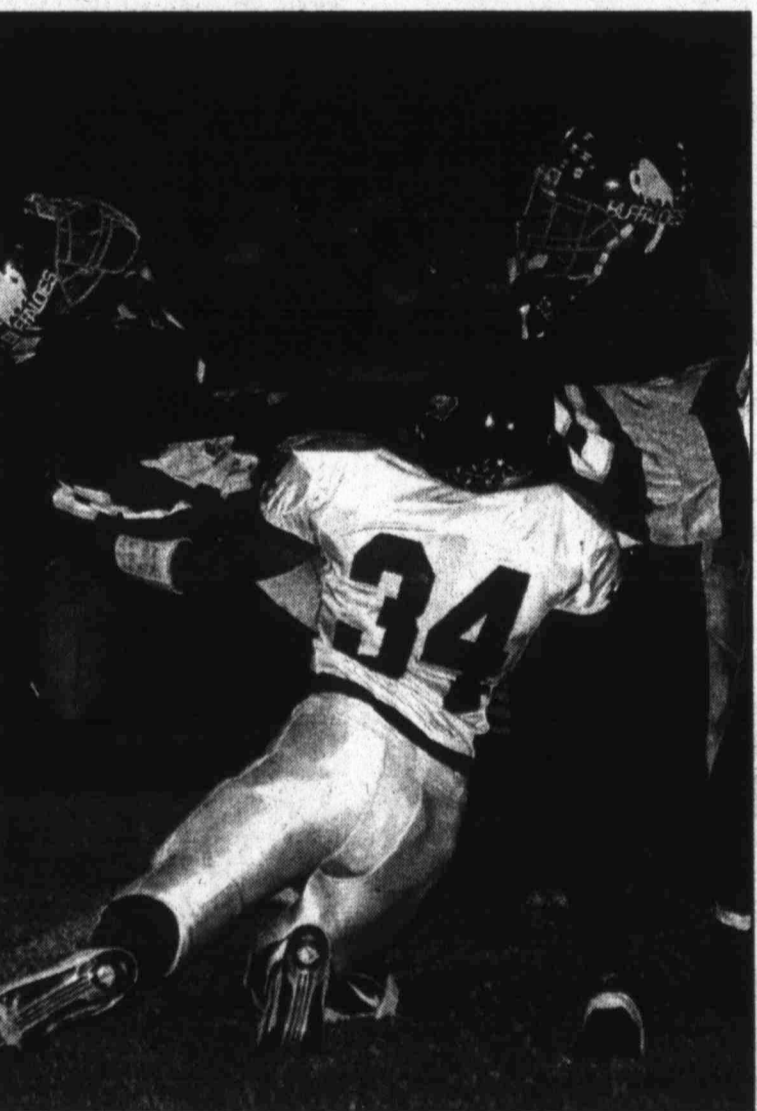
On the very next play,

Lasater hooked up with junior Alex Castillo on a long pass completion that took the ball to the Estacado 12-yard line, stopping the clock with just 2.2 seconds to go in the game.

Big Spring then quickly approached the line of scrimmage and got the ball spiked with just enough time to send in Fankhauser for the game-winner.

And as they say, the

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Stanton's Matthew Ruiz, left, and Bobby Gutierrez, right, make the hit on Coahoma's Joe Holguin and jar the ball loose in the process during Stanton's 20-point victory Friday. The win was the Buffaloes fourth straight.

Buffaloes take care of Bulldogs, remain unbeaten in district

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Stanton's football team advanced to the Class 2A playoffs for the first time since 2000 Friday after the Buffaloes knocked off district rival Coahoma in Stanton, 39-19. The victory, which was Stanton's fourth straight, improved the Buffaloes to 4-4 overall and 3-0 in District 4-2A. The loss dropped Coahoma to 1-7 overall and 0-3 in district play.

The Bulldogs played with Stanton for a half, but seven turnovers — including six interceptions by three different Coahoma quarterbacks — were too much to overcome.

Stanton got on the board first in the opening quarter. Sophomore quarterback Michael Washington, who

accounted for four Buffalo touchdowns, scored on a 29-yard run to put his team up 7-0.

However, Garren Jernigan kept Coahoma close with two long pass receptions for scores. Jernigan, who returned this week after missing several weeks because of a knee injury, caught the first touchdown pass from senior Lance Roberts and ran 61 yards to paydirt.

After Washington put Stanton back up a touchdown on a 12-yard run, Jernigan struck again, this time scoring from 31 yards out on a pass by Tad White.

The touchdown, which came with 49 seconds left in the half, was set up by a Stanton fumble.

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Buffaloes sneak by Hermleigh in Forsan

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
Juniors Adam Johnson and Mitchell Murray combined to rush for nearly 300 yards Friday night in Forsan as the Buffaloes earned their first victory of the season by after defeating district rival Hermleigh, 40-34.

Murray and Johnson accounted for much of the offense

in the first half, while junior quarterback Tye Baker and senior wide receiver got things done through the air in the second half.

"We just hammered the ball at them on the ground in the first half and then the running game set up the passing game in the second half," said Forsan head coach Tommy Thompson.

Forsan led 7-0 after the first period and took a 28-7 lead into the locker room at halftime.

Murray scored the game's only first quarter touchdown on a three-yard run and then put the Buffaloes up by two touchdowns in the second quarter with a 78-yard run.

Johnson's lone touchdown came with 9:29 to go in the second quarter as he reached the end zone after a five-yard run.

Hermleigh answered back with its first score of the game after Robby Anderson rolled 58 yards to paydirt.

The Buffaloes final touchdown of the half came at 3:42 mark and again came via the run as Baker scampered from 14 yards out.

Hermleigh began to make things interesting in the second half, however. The game's only third quarter touchdown was scored by the Cardinals. The Cards reached the end zone with :59 seconds to play in the period after Blain Minton found Keenon Garcia on a pass play from 58 yards out.

Minton and Garcia continued to dominate in the fourth quarter for the Cardinals, as well, but Forsan answered back twice with its Baker to Paredes combination.

The Buffaloes extended their lead early in the fourth quarter as Baker found Paredes on a 16 yard touchdown pass play before Minton answered back with a one-yard run for Hermleigh.

With 5:10 to go in the fourth Paredes and Baker again hooked up, this time from 25 yards out. That touchdown gave Forsan a 40-21 lead.

However, the Cardinals did not quit. They scored the game's final two touchdowns, but fell just short of the victory. The first score came on a Minton to Garcia 34-yard pass play and the second was scored by Minton on a one-yard run.

"We kind of had a little bit of a letdown in the fourth quarter, but I think the guys felt they

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Friday Night Football This week's finals

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|------------------|---------------|-----------------|--------------|-------------|-------------------|
| Big Spring 29 | Stanton 39 | Forsan 40 | Grady 42 | Sands 69 | Garden City 67 |
| Estacado 27 | Coahoma 19 | Hermleigh 34 | Dawson 17 | Loop 43 | Veribest 14 |



Forsan junior Adam Johnson, center, tries to pry the ball away from an offensive player from Hermleigh during the Buffaloes' victory Friday night. Johnson ran 120 yards on offense and helped Forsan win its first game of the season.

FORSAN

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had the game in hand," said Thompson. "It was a good learning experience for us to play with the lead."

Hermleigh (0-9) failed the record its first win of the season despite out-gaining Forsan offensively, 485-345.

The Buffaloes had only one turnover and minimized their penalties, as well.

Murray led Forsan with 138 rushing yards on 13 carries, while Johnson ran for 120 yards.

Baker went three-for-seven through the air for 66 yards and two touchdowns.

Paredes caught two passes for 41 yards and also scored twice to lead the receivers.

"The guys were very excited to get the win," said Thompson. "We are just playing for a lot of pride right now."

Forsan (1-8) closes out its 2004 season next Friday at Roby.

STEERS

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rest is history as the Steers recorded their first victory of the season inside Memorial Stadium and improved to 3-5 overall.

"We had an improbable deal, but we were able to use the clock and our timeouts nicely to give us a chance at the end," said Butler. "When we had to have it the guys were able to make plays."

Fankhauser missed an extra point and a chip shot earlier in the game, but looked more comfortable for the final kick.

"Scott is just a sophomore and he will make mistakes, but he came through when we needed him," said Butler.

Fankhauser agreed. "I just didn't want to mess up again," he added. "I just wanted to kick the ball like I do everyday in practice."

Big Spring started fast in the game and built a 14-point lead early as the defense set the tone, but turnovers again plagued the Steers and allowed the Matadors to keep the game close.

"It was a tough night for us again turnover wise," said Butler. "We didn't do everything right, but at the end we did everything right."

Senior linebacker Daniel Castillo, who returned to the starting lineup after sitting out against Andrews last week, intercepted Estacado's L.A. Willis on the first drive.

However, the Steers failed to capitalize on the Estacado mistake as the drive stalled after a 34-

yard missed field goal by Fankhauser.

After a three and out by Estacado, the Steers got the ball back and drove right down the field for their first score of the game. Big Spring started the drive with four straight runs by junior running back Kalin Whitehead before Lasater found Garza in the end zone from 15 yards out.

The Steers then forced Estacado into another punt on its next possession and started their next possession in Matador territory.

Four plays and three first downs later, the Steers were up 14-0. The drive featured a 14-yard catch by senior running back Taviance Clemons, a 12-yard catch by senior Jerry Doporto, an incomplete pass and a 19-yard touchdown run by Lasater.

Estacado got on the board right before the first quarter ended, however. After starting at their own 15, the Matadors reached paydirt in one play as Tony Glenn hit the outside and scampered 85 yards for the score. The two-point conversion cut the Steer lead to 14-8.

"Estacado has great athletes and their speed scares us," said Butler.

Two of Big Spring's next three possessions resulted in Lasater interceptions, but the defense continued to force punts. The Steers won the field position battle all night and even had the Matadors pinned inside their five-yard line on one possession. However, an Estacado punt from inside its own end zone sailed 80 yards to the Big Spring 20-yard

line. That next drive for Big Spring was stalled by the Lasater interception as the Steers took a 14-8 lead into the locker room.

Neither offense could get much going early in the third quarter. Big Spring's first snap of the second half was fumbled, but the defense forced Estacado into a four and out. However, the Steers' second possession lasted only three plays before another fumble gave it back to the Matadors.

One play later, the Steers got the ball back as Matt Hilario intercepted the Estacado quarterback. The Steers then scored on their next possession as Clemons rumbled 51 yards for the touchdown, putting Big Spring up 20-8.

Estacado added a touchdown with 58 seconds to play in the third quarter that cut the lead to 20-15.

But, a one-yard touchdown burst by Whitehead 23 seconds later extended the lead back to double-digits. The short drive featured an Estacado pass interference on senior J. Rich Sparks and a 54-yard Whitehead run.

Estacado did not take long to answer back either. On the ensuing kickoff, Glenn received the ball on a throwback pass and ran 80 yards for the score with 18 seconds left in the third quarter. That cut the lead to five.

Lubbock Estacado took its first lead of the game with 3:57 to play as the Matadors scored a pass play from nine yards out on a fourth and goal. The play came with controversy, as well. The Estacado receiver appeared to catch the ball and then drop the ball in the end

zone, but the official ruled that he crossed the goal line with two feet down.

Big Spring turned the ball over on downs on its next possession before orchestrating the game-winning drive with less than a minute to go.

"The guys deserve this one," said Butler. "We have had a lot of close losses and things haven't gone our way this year, but the guys hung in their and believed they could win this game."

Big Spring's offense amassed 409 total yards and 16 first downs, but four turnovers plagued the Steers, as well. Estacado accounted for 841 total yards and seven first downs.

Whitehead led the Steers with 112 rushing yards on 12 carries, while Clemons pitched in with 62 yards on seven carries.

Lasater was 14-for-26 for 166 yards and one touchdown. His favorite receiver on the night was Garza, who led all receivers with five catches for 50 yards.

Sparks and Alex Castillo pitched in with 43 and 50 yards receiving, as well.

Glenn led Estacado with 171 rushing yards.

The Steers improved their District 4-4A record to 1-2 as the district's best team looms Friday in Lubbock.

"Frenship is the class of our district and if we can get to this point with them I would ecstatic," said Butler, referring to a nail biter type game. "It will be a tough test for us but we are going to enjoy this win for a few days and then worry about Frenship come Sunday."

AREA FOOTBALL STANDINGS

District 4-4A

| School | District | Overall |
|-------------------|------------|------------|
| Frenship | 3-0 | 6-2 |
| Lake View | 3-0 | 5-3 |
| Andrews | 2-1 | 4-4 |
| Big Spring | 1-2 | 3-5 |
| Plainview | 0-3 | 3-5 |
| Estacado | 0-3 | 0-8 |

District 4-2A

| School | District | Overall |
|----------------|------------|------------|
| Colorado City | 3-0 | 6-2 |
| Stanton | 3-0 | 4-4 |
| Anson | 2-1 | 2-6 |
| Stamford | 1-2 | 2-6 |
| Coahoma | 0-3 | 1-7 |
| Hawley | 0-3 | 1-7 |

District 10-1A

| School | District | Overall |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Roscoe | 4-0 | 7-1 |
| Winters | 3-1 | 6-2 |
| Roby | 3-1 | 5-3 |
| Sterling City | 2-3 | 4-4 |
| Bronte | 2-3 | 4-5 |
| Forsan | 1-4 | 1-8 |
| Hermleigh | 0-5 | 0-9 |

District 5 Six-man

| School | District | Overall |
|---------------|------------|------------|
| Sands | 3-0 | 5-3 |
| Wellman-Union | 3-0 | 5-3 |
| Grady | 2-1 | 3-5 |
| Loop | 1-2 | 5-3 |
| Klondike | 0-3 | 2-6 |
| Dawson | 0-3 | 1-7 |

District 8 Six-man

| School | District | Overall |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|------------|
| Garden City | 3-0 | 7-1 |
| Water Valley | 1-1 | 3-4 |
| Veribest | 1-2 | 1-6 |
| Paint Rock | 1-2 | 2-4 |
| Robert Lee | 0-2 | 1-6 |
| Blackwell | has officially cancelled its season | |

Buffaloes JH team gets back on track after loss

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor
The Forsan junior high football team followed up its loss last week to Roscoe with a convincing victory over district rival Hermleigh. The Buffaloes dominated the Cardinals, 39-6. The victory improved Forsan's overall record to 7-1.

Leading the way for Forsan was Jace Sandridge, who had touchdown runs of 35 and 60 yards.

Also recording touchdowns were Jeremy Frietag, Jeremy Robbins,

Vince Penick, Jeromy Gomez and Evan Burton. Robbins connected with Frietag on a 35-yard touchdown pass play, Penick returned a kickoff 65 yards and Burton scored on a 15-yard run. Gomez's touchdown came on special teams after he blocked a punt and recovered the ball in the end zone.

The defense was led by Clay Lockhart and Penick, who each had an interception.

The Buffaloes finish their season next Thursday against rival Roby.

Hole-In-Ones

Earl Newell on hole No. 1 with a five-iron
Witnesses: Vaughn Martin, Nile Cole, Kirby Brown and Ron Booth

Marcelo Torres, who is 81-years old on hole No. 15 (club unknown)
Witnesses: Howard and Ladd Smith

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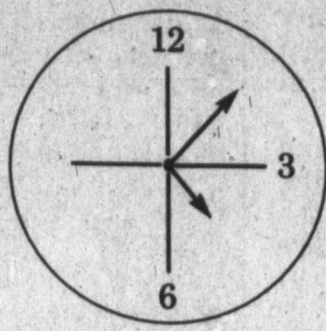
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COLORADO CITY: Water clear; 78 degrees; 6.73-foot low. Black bass are slow. Crappie are slow. White bass are slow. Redfish are slow. Catfish are slow.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 17.3-foot low. Black bass are fair on shad-colored crankbaits, watermelon jigs, and soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass and hybrid striper are fair on jigs and live bait. Catfish are fair on live baits.

NASWORTHY: Water lightly stained; 76 degrees. Black bass are fair on black/chartreuse jigs and live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Redfish are fair. White bass and striped bass are fair on minnows. Catfish are fair.

O.H. IVIE: Water lightly stained; 78 degrees; 29-foot low. Black bass are fair on white spinnerbaits and soft jerkbaits and dark greens soft plastics. Crappie are good on minnows and jigs. White bass are fair on live bait. Smallmouth bass are fair. Channel catfish are good on live bait.

STAMFORD: Water lightly stained; 81 degrees; 5.4-foot low. Black bass are fair on live bait, shad-colored jigs, and spinnerbaits. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. White and striped bass are fair. Catfish are fair.

Bearkats qualify for playoffs after win

By TROY HYDE
Sports Editor

The Bearkats needed only 19 plays on offense to defeat district rival Veribest Friday night as Garden City's football team qualified for the playoffs with a 67-14 mercy rule victory.

Garden City got 412 yards out of those 19 plays as the game was called at halftime due to the 45-point mercy rule.

"It was a good team effort," said Garden City head coach Ken Hoskins. "The kids were focused and they are starting to learn the business-like approach to games."

The Bearkats scored six touchdowns in the first quarter and added four more in the second and final quarter.

Senior Robert Lopez scored on a 24-yard run and sophomore Alex Halfmann found junior Jared Bradford on a 29-yard pass play early in the first quarter and the Bearkats never looked back.

Veribest scored on the ensuing kick off, but really never challenged at any point during the two quarter game.

"Sometimes it is hard to stay focused when a team is 100 points better in the power rankings, but the guys didn't get sloppy and were able to pull out the win," said Hoskins.

After the Veribest touchdown, Garden City came back with six unanswered touchdowns.

The first four came in the first quarter as Bradford scored on another pass from Halfmann to start things off. Then, Halfmann found Taylor Niehues and Mitch Rider on two separate occasions for long scoring pass plays. The final score of the first quarter was ran in from 20 yards out by senior running back Trey Hillger. An R.C. Litgeb run made it 40-8 after one quarter.

Hillger was not done, however, as he started the second quarter off with a touchdown, as well, this time scoring from 51 yards out.

Rider scored the team's next touchdown on an 11-yard run. The one-point run in's were collected by Wade Jansa and Bo Eggenmeyer, respectively.

Veribest scored on its next possession on a 17-yard pass play. The two-point kick was blocked, however, as the Bearkats still led 54-14.

Garden City's final two touchdowns were scored by Lopez on a 51-yard run and by Colby Hirt on a run from five yards out.

The final point of the game was put on the board when Kevin Hillger ran in the extra point right before halftime.

"The coaches had a good gameplan and the kids did a nice job of executing," said Hoskins.

Veribest was held to 112 yards by the Garden City defense and the Bearkats forced three turnovers and committed zero.

Halfmann went five-for-seven through the air and threw four touchdowns to lead Garden City. Hillger ran five times for 110 yards and two touchdowns, while Lopez contributed 82 rushing yards on two carries and two touchdowns. Bradford led the receiving corps with two catches for 59 yards and two touchdowns.

The Garden City defense was led by Colton Schwartz's six tackles, one forced fumble and one fumble recovery. Hillger and Niehues pitched in with five and

four tackles, respectively. Blaine Walker had four tackles, as well.

Some members of the Garden City junior varsity team also made the trip and saw some action on both sides of the ball. The unit forced a turnover on defense, as well.

The Bearkats will travel to Paint Rock next Friday. Their district rivals, who are 1-6 on the year, were defeated this week by Water Valley, 52-6.

Blackwell, Garden City's scheduled opponent Nov. 5, has officially cancelled its season and will not play the Bearkats in the season's final week. However, the Bearkats will host Valley Christian at 7:30 p.m. Valley Christian is the defending TCAL champions.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde
Members of the Big Spring band perform during halftime of the Steers' football game Friday at Memorial Stadium.

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The game turned into Stanton's control in the third quarter as turnovers began to mount for Coahoma. Bobby Gutierrez scored from six yards out with 5:16 left in the third and then Matthew Ireton's 29-yard interception return with 4:52 to go gave Stanton a commanding two touchdown lead.

"Our defense stepped up their play and got some interceptions for us," said Stanton head coach Lee McCown. "The turnovers gave us good field position and the momentum."

And the Buffaloes didn't let up in the final frame either. Stanton scored back-to-back touchdowns nearly two minutes apart in the fourth quarter to close out the victory.

Washington went back to work, this time connecting with two separate receivers for scores.

The first touchdown pass completion was caught by Bobby Decker from 11 yards out and the second grab, a 22-yard strike, was hauled in by Matthew Ruiz.

Coahoma scored one final touchdown with :09 seconds to play, it had no effect on the final outcome. Jernigan reached the end zone on a 30-yard run.

The Buffaloes finished with 229 rushing yards and the Bulldogs threw for 239.

The difference in the game may have been turnovers as Coahoma gave Stanton seven and Stanton gave Coahoma three.

Washington and Gutierrez led Stanton



HERALD photo/Bruce Schoeler
Coahoma's Garren Jernigan, right, tries to slip away from a tackle by Stanton's Matthew Ruiz Friday as the Buffaloes defeated the Bulldogs, 39-19, and clinched their first playoff spot since 2000.

offensively and defensively. Washington had 88 yards passing and 64 yards rushing on nine carries.

Gutierrez carried the ball 26 times for 67 yards and intercepted three passes on defense. Ruiz led all Stanton receivers with four catches for 59 yards.

Coahoma was led by

Jernigan, who caught six passes for 162 yards and ran six times for 46 yards. Roberts finished seven-for-20 through the air for 112 yards, but threw three interceptions in his first game as Coahoma's starting quarterback.

Stanton travels to Colorado City, which is also undefeated in district play, next Friday for a

possible chance to capture the district crown. For now, the Buffaloes are happy to be back in the playoffs.

"Our guys have never experienced this and are very excited," said McCown. "We are going to enjoy this for now and get ready for a tough battle next week with Colorado City."

Stanton JV strikes early in road win over 'Dogs

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

Stanton's junior varsity football team got the best of Coahoma Thursday at Bulldog Stadium.

The Buffaloes scored two touchdowns in the first and two more in the second quarter before being held scoreless in the second half. However, the first half scoring was enough for Stanton as they defeated Coahoma, 28-14.

Coahoma's Stephen Ewing scored the Bulldogs' first touchdown in the first quarter on a two-yard run. That cut the lead to 14-6. However, two Stanton touchdowns in the second quarter made the halftime score 28-6.

The Bulldogs tried to

16 straight
Coahoma's eighth-grade football team won its 16th consecutive game Thursday after defeating Stanton, 44-8. The team won every game last year and is 7-0 this year.
This year's seventh-grade team lost to Stanton, 8-6, as well.

comeback in the third quarter, but managed only one touchdown as Ewing hooked up with Jason Gonzalez on a 38-yard pass play. Dakota Teaff's two-point conversion on a run cut the lead to 28-14, but that proved to be the final, as well.

Coahoma hosts rival Hawley next Thursday at 6 p.m.

Former-Texas coach honored with statue

AUSTIN (AP) — The University of Texas plans to honor former football coach Darrell Royal and attorney and donor Joe Jamail by placing statues of them in its football stadium.

The 8-foot-tall bronze statues will be placed at the southeast corner of Royal-Memorial Stadium overlooking the football field, said Patricia Ohlendorf, the university's vice president for institutional relations and legal affairs.

The school plans to have the statues in place in time for the day after

Thanksgiving matchup between the Longhorns and Texas A&M University.

The statue of Jamail, a UT graduate and one of the school's largest benefactors, will be a second casting of one that stands in the law school. The Houston-based law firm Vinson & Elkins is paying for the new sculpture.

The statue of Royal, who coached the Longhorns to three national championships in 20 years, will be a gift from Jamail. It will depict him walking the sidelines in his younger days.

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| 2004 Ford F250 Crew Cab XLT Diesel 4X4 - Red/tan, short wheel base, saddle leather, fully loaded, one owner w/26,000 miles. Was \$37,995 NOW \$36,995 | 2001 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, dual air, 3rd seat, all power, 52,000 miles. Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995 | 1990 Lincoln Car Signature - Tan w/leather, nice car. Was \$4,995 NOW \$3,995 |
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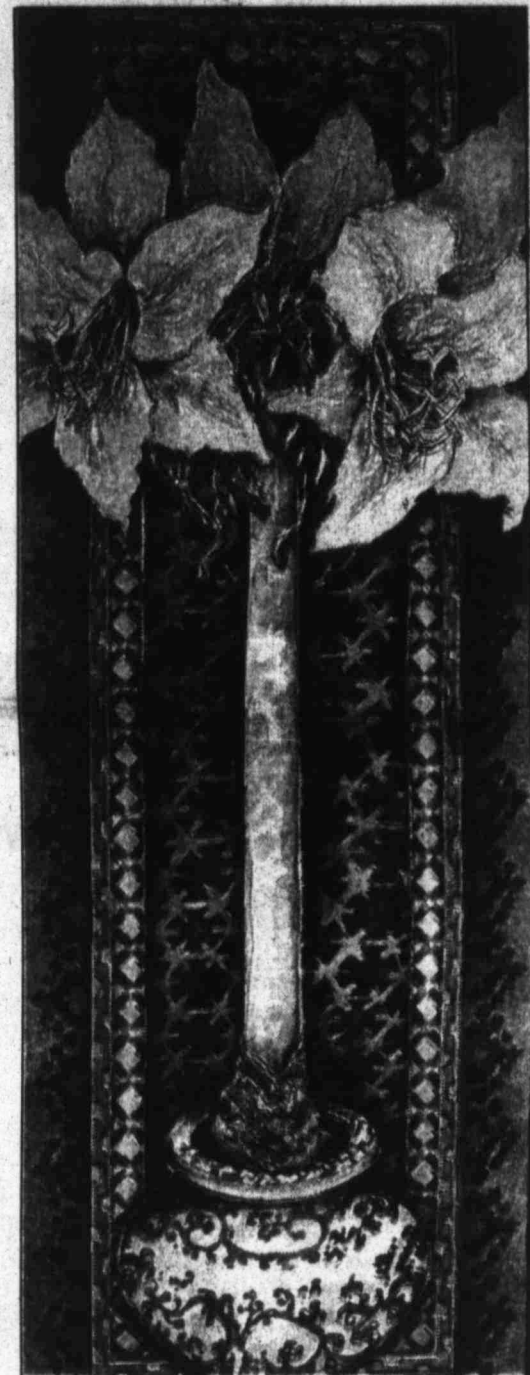


West Texas artist shares 'An Artist's Journey' with area residents

West Texas artist, Sue Bagwell's show, "An Artist's Journey" which includes a collection of 36 original paintings and five unique, two-faced raku pots remains available for viewing at Heritage Museum through Nov. 6. She paints in a variety of mediums including watercolor, acrylic and latex paint and on many different surfaces. In the Heritage Museum exhibit, paintings are on traditional watercolor paper and black, brown and rice paper with a wax resist. Bagwell's style is contemporary and bright with a unique way of looking at ordinary things. Indeed, after visiting the show, you may never look at art in the same way again, she said.

Courtesy photos and stories special to the Herald.

The top left photo is being given away in April by Heritage Museum. The other work shown on this page is also on display at the museum through Nov. 6



Art has always been integral part of Bagwell's life

Sue Bagwell of Big Spring is a contemporary artist whose personal interpretation of people, places and things are infused with color. She challenges the viewer to look beyond her original paintings both for the emotional impact she hopes they will feel, and for a more literal, subliminal image she has superimposed on the original piece. She works on a variety of surfaces and in many mediums. In one way or another, art has always been a part of Bagwell's life. Several years ago, she decided to follow her passion and pursue the elusive dream of visual communication. "I relish the viewer who becomes intrigued enough to linger, to actually get to know the painting and, in turn, myself," she said. Her formal study began with many teachers, but the most significant is M. Douglas Walton, whose philosophy on art and life have forever changed the way she views both. Other artistic influences include the Impressionists, especially Modigliani and the artistic theories of Edgar Whitney. After two intense years of study, her own artistic vision began to emerge as she worked in a variety of media in a small studio behind her house. "I freed myself to truly paint from within when I quit trying to please other people and started painting just for myself. For me, painting is an emotional experience. I laugh, I cry and many times I become so excited over a painting I miss appointments and even forget to sleep. I sell only original works because I hope some of the emotion will go directly from me to the brush to the paper, then to the viewer," she said. Sue Bagwell is represented by Displays of Splendor Art Gallery and at the Back Door in Ruidoso, N.M. She has won many awards in various juried shows and her paintings are in numerous private collections. Recent shows have been at the Old Bedford Schoolhouse in Bedford and the University of North Texas Health and Science in Fort Worth. She urges patrons to pretend they are using a camera lens to zoom in on different areas of a painting and challenges them to make many little compositions that would be pleasing. "I would like you to enjoy the piece as a whole, but also, I would love for your eyes to travel within the painting and find delight in the small areas as well," she said. For more information about upcoming exhibitions and gallery representation, contact Bagwell at Sue_Bagwell@yahoo.com.

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Who's Who

Cassandra Willis

Cassandra Willis, a senior at Big Spring High School and the daughter of Scott and Joyce Willis, was recently featured in Who's Who Among American High School Students for the third time.

Cassandra is actively involved in the youth groups of First United Methodist Church and Cornerstone Church.

She has been to Juarez, Mexico with the First United Methodist Church youth the last four years to build a house with Casa por Cristo.

She also attended the World Conference of Morning Star Churches this past summer.

She is currently employed by the Big Spring Independent School District as a

Gayle Moore Abbott

Gayle Moore Abbott recently received her doctorate degree in education administration from New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, N.M.

Gayle is the daughter of Babs and the late Raymond Moore of Big Spring and a graduate of Forsan High School.

Jeannie J. Scott

Jeannie J. Scott successfully defended her dissertation and earned her doctorate degree from Our Lady of the Lake University in San Antonio.

She is the daughter of Rita and Steve Cofer of Marlin, formerly of Big Spring, and Sammy Johnson of Cleburne.

She is a professor in the school of business at the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio.



Cassandra Willis

teacher's aide at Bauer Elementary.

She has been at student at the Dance Gallery for the last seven years.

She has been accepted to McMurry University in Abilene, where she will study elementary education.



Gayle Moore Abbott



Jeannie J. Scott

Menus

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Steak fingers, seasoned rice, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, mixed vegetables, salad, milk, garlic bread, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Catfish, French fries, beans, coleslaw, milk, cornbread, fruit.

THURSDAY-Meatloaf, potatoes, squash, salad, milk, rolls, pie.

FRIDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, green beans, salad, milk, rolls, fruit salad.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Sausage, bacon, cereal, biscuits, jelly, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Blueberry muffins, cereal, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Scrambled eggs, Texas toast, cereal, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Sausage-n-blanket, cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, vegetable salad, corn, fruit cup, milk.

TUESDAY-Oven fried chicken, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, honey, strawberry yogurt, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Homemade hot dogs w/chili & cheese, tossed salad, French fries, chocolate pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Tacos w/cheese, salsa, pinto beans, cornbread, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef stew w/vegetables, peanut butter or cheese sandwiches, carrot sticks, crackers, banana pudding, milk.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Breakfast bagel, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal w/raisins, toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Biscuits w/gravy, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Muffins, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Pizza or cheese sticks, corn, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Grilled cheese or corndog, vegetable soup, crackers, orange slices, milk.

WEDNESDAY-BBQ sandwich or burrito, chips, carrot sticks, apples, banana pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken stir fry or cheeseburger, egg roll, rice, peaches, cake, milk.

FRIDAY-Beef mac & cheese, garlic toast, salad, pears, milk.

NEW HOPE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

MONDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, pears, garlic bread, milk.

TUESDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, tator tots, lettuce, tomato, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Mac & cheese, ranch style beans, peaches, milk.

THURSDAY-Hot dog on bun, French fries, banana halves, milk.

FRIDAY-Grilled cheese sandwich, tomato soup, fruit cup, milk.

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Cinnamon roll, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Biscuit, sausage, cheese omelet, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal,

buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Grill cheese pleezer or tuna sandwich, potato puffs, vegetable soup, apple.

TUESDAY-Chicken fried steak or beef goulash, mashed potatoes, spinach, mixed fruit, rolls.

WEDNESDAY-Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks, mixed vegetables, salad, apple.

THURSDAY-Beef strip wrap or chicken strip wrap, pinto beans, salad, pineapple.

FRIDAY-Bar-b-q on bun or ham/cheese sandwich, French fries, vegetarian beans, sandwich salad, pickle spears.

sausage, grape juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Waffles, sausage, orange juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, sausage, grape juice, milk.

THURSDAY-French toast, orange juice, sausage, milk.

FRIDAY-Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Pizza, orange sherbet, salad, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak or corndogs, gravy, mashed potatoes, corn, rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas or burritos, ranch beans, mixed fruit cup, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken patty, gravy, buttered potatoes, green beans, bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, chips, apples, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Cereal, cinnamon roll, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Breakfast sausage roll, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cereal, cheese bite, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Grilled cheese, sliced apples, milk.

FRIDAY-Banana muffin, pears, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Rib sandwich, coleslaw, ranch style beans, cherry cobbler, milk.

TUESDAY-Pig in blanket, baby carrots, black-eyed peas, jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Salisbury steak, mashed potatoes, English peas, apples, wheat roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Mexican jambayla, salad, corn, orange, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, salad, French fries, pinto beans, Halloween treat, milk.

SANDS CISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Nutri bars

TUESDAY-Pancake on a stick

WEDNESDAY-Strawberry yogurt

THURSDAY-Muffins

FRIDAY-Cereal

LUNCH

MONDAY-Hamburgers, pickles, lettuce, tomatoes, oven fries, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Nacho Grande, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, bananas, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked ham, potato salad, rolls, blackeyed peas, pineapple, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, pears, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Eggs,

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In the Military

Army ROTC

Zachary T. Zilai

Zachary T. Zilai has graduated from the Army ROTC (Reserve Officers' Training Corps) Leader Development and Assessment Course, also

known as "Operation Warrior Forge," at Fort Lewis, Tacoma, Wash.

Zilai is the son of Virginia G. Zilai of Big Spring.

In 1998, he graduated from Big Spring High School.

LULAC sets meeting for Thursday

League of Latin American Citizens Chapter 4791

A special meeting of LULAC Chapter 4791 will begin at 6:30 p.m. Thursday in the community room of the Howard

County Library.

Anyone interested in becoming a member or would like information, please contact Jennifer at lulac_jennifer@sbcglobal.net or call 264-1287.

Birdwell Lane Baptist Church welcomes
Dr. Phillip and Diann Crow
with 'Forever His' gospel ministry
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Remembering Don Newsom

I can never forget my good friend, Don Newsom. Back during the mid 70s it was my job to carry tear sheets to Don at his store on Gregg Street.



AL SCOTT

One thing about Mr. Newsom,

there was never a type style large enough to suit him. He imagined some kind of large, block-style type that never existed. Don would attack the page with a large black marker, circling and underlining the sheet, writing "larger" on the copy.

There is a new bank building on the property now where his grocery once stood.

"Now Al, I'm not jumping on you... go back and tell 'em to make the print larger," and I would, but mostly to no avail.

Oliver Cofer was my advertising director at the time and the late Don Ferguson was our advertising manager.

But Al Scott was always delegated to call on Don with tear sheets.

I remember that Mr. Newsom had a giant Murphy's Law poster hanging behind him on a bulletin board. "No good deed ever goes unpunished" was one of the laws.

Whether or not Mr. Newsom believed the "laws," I never knew, but Don was always on hand with that black marking pen.

Also, Don Newsom was ahead of his time.

He was the first merchant to bring fresh baked goodies in his store, donuts, bread, rolls and other stuff.

Don Newsom...I will never forget you.

United States veteran Al Scott writes this column for the Big Spring Herald.

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Wedding



Mr. and Mrs. Justin Willard Denton

Reed, Denton exchange wedding vows

Karissa Nicole Reed and Justin Willard Denton exchanged wedding vows at 5 p.m. July 24, 2004, at Berea Baptist Church, with Dean Thomas presiding.

The bride is the daughter of Denise Reed and Ricky Wallace. She is the granddaughter of Doyce and the late Clifton Reed and Sharon and Lyn Wallace.

The groom is the son of Pam Rhinehart and Willard Denton. He is the grandson of Ethel Riley, Arthur Lee Brown and the late Willard H. and Bernice Denton.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother, Denise Reed and brother, Chanz Reed. She chose an ivory, strapless gown by Moonlight Jewels, with a beaded top and a long beaded train. Her light ivory veil was designed by the maid of honor's mother, Mary Christian. She carried a bouquet, also designed by Mary Christian, of red silk roses with little white roses. Her attendants carried white roses with small red roses.

Her maid of honor was Merri-Etta Christian. Bridesmaids were

Carmen Roach, Aimee McMurtrey and Jenna Schafer.

Flower girl was Che'ly Bolton. Ring bearer was Taylor Christian. Candelighters were Rick Bailey and Chad McMurtrey.

Jr. Rodriguez served as best man and the groomsmen were Randy Roach, Joe McMurtrey and Garland Gilbert.

Music was provided by a Shania Twain CD, "Forever & Always."

A reception was held at Kokopelli's, with music provided by Vince Allen of KBST.

Engagement

Anderson, Arrick engaged to marry

Lacey Dawn Anderson and John Andrew "Jay" Arrick of Odessa will exchange wedding vows at 7 p.m. July 9, 2005, in St. Paul The Apostle Chapel in Horseshoe Bay.

The bride-to-be is the daughter of Rita Anderson of Big Spring and Donny Anderson of Corpus Christi. She is the granddaughter of Collene Anderson of Cross Plains and Leta and the late Robert Pruitt of Big Spring.

She is a graduate of Texas Tech University, where she earned a bachelor's degree in psychology and is working on a master's of education degree in community



Lacey Dawn Anderson and John Andrew "Jay" Arrick

counseling. The prospective groom is the son of John and Sidney Arrick of Odessa and the grandson of Edwinna and the late Fred Carr of Odessa and the late C.W. and Jewell Arrick of Big Spring. He is a graduate of

Texas Tech University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in finance and is working on a master's degree in finance. He is a graduate assistant at the North West Texas Small Business Development Center in Lubbock.

Howard College News

The Student Government Association members have planned activities for Halloween.

There will be a pumpkin carving contest Wednesday and the judging will be at noon in the Student Union Building.

The Halloween Dance and Costume Contest will begin at 9 p.m. Thursday.

Costumes will be judged at 10 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third places.

Bowling will be from 8-10 p.m. Nov. 3. The next movie night will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 8, in the Big Spring Mall.

Our Harvest Ball will begin at 9 p.m. Nov. 11. SGA asks that everyone who attends the Harvest Ball to bring a canned food item for our Canned Food Drive.

The Howard College judging team is in Kansas, and then on to Louisiana for contests. We wish them good luck.

Howard College cheerleaders, along with Don Richardson, assisted with the catering for the Blue Ribbon Belles at the Howard County

Museum. The food was delicious and the entertainment was provided by Cindy Nix.

We enjoyed helping, and had a great time. Good luck to the new organization. They will be helping buy animals at the Howard County Stock show.

October 30, Howard College cheerleaders will be serving hotdogs, drinks and handing out candy from noon until 2 p.m. at Culligan Water Conditioning, 1509 E. FM 700. For more information, call Dicky Wright, owner, at 432-263-8781.

The Howard College rodeo team will be host-

ing breakaway roping, steer wrestling and calf roping at the Howard College Arena beginning at 6:30 p.m. Oct. 27.

Also, at 2 p.m. Nov. 4 there will be a horse identification seminar. For more information, call coach Greg Kernick at 432-816-9477.

The first Hawk basketball game of the season begins at 7 p.m. Nov. 1.

Please come out and support your Howard College Hawks as they play Lubbock Christian JV.

Hollie Gibbs is president of Howard College SGA.



HOLLIE GIBBS

Births

Allyson Paige Prater, a girl, was born Sept. 28, 2004, at 6:08 a.m. at Abilene Regional Hospital, weighing 7 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Monnie and Jennifer Prater of Hamlin. Her grandparents are Rocky and Kitty Schrecengost and Danny and Ramona Tilley of Big Spring, Gary Prater of Leuders and Horton and Karen Kidd of Abilene. She was welcomed home by big brother Wesley.

Terrirene Spears, a girl, was born Oct. 15, 2004, at 8:50 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Alma Yanez and Terry Spears. Her grandparents are Abraham and Irene Yanez of Big Spring and Mildred Clemens of Arizona.

Addison Claire Roberts, a girl, was born Oct. 13, 2004, at 1:51 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 14 ounces and was 19 inches long. Her parents are Bradley and Joey Roberts. Her grandparents are Wayne and

Shelane Roberts of Big Spring and Joe and Linda Steilwell of Aledo. She was welcomed home by big sister Evan Grace Roberts.

Elysa Annelise Martinez, a girl, was born Oct. 15, 2004, at 9:38 a.m. weighing 7 pounds, 15 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Bernabe and Jessica Martinez. Her grandparents are Bernabe and Griselda Martinez of Ackerly and Cosme and Juley Ramirez of Big Spring. She was welcomed home by big brother Genaro Martinez.

Miranda LeaAnn Young, a girl, was born Oct. 13, 2004, at 11:33 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 7 ounces and was 20 inches long. Her parents are Marivell Martinez and Terrance Young. Her grandparents are Irma and Richard Martinez.

Daliana Lenae Guzman, a girl, was born Oct. 14, 2004, at 6:54 a.m. weighing 5 pounds, 15 ounces and was 18 inches long. Her parents are Tony and

Stephanie Guzman. Her grandparents are Tony and Ilda Guzman and Mike and Sarah Rivera.

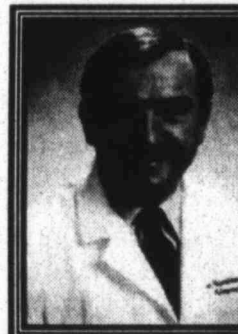
Emma N. Fierro, a girl, was born Oct. 11, 2004, at 2:22 p.m. weighing 7 pounds, 9 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Her parents are David and Samantha Fierro. Her grandparents are Daniel and Juentia Gonzales and Yolanda and Eloy.

Kross Jack Wingo, a boy, was born Oct. 10, 2004, at 2:05 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Kelly Wingo and Chad Musgrove. His grandparents are Jack and Sandy Parrott and Carol Musgrove.

Phillip Martinez Jr., a boy, was born Oct. 6, 2004, at 1:33 weighing 6 pounds, 6 ounces and was 20 inches long. His parents are Phillip Martinez and Naomi Rios. His grandparents are Luis and Janie Rios, Ernest Gomez and Barbra and Abram Zunga.

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GROUP PROTESTS WAL-MART SUBSIDIARY



Emanuel D'Herrera, center, raises his fist during a protest against the construction of a Wal-Mart subsidiary in Teotihuacan, some 30 miles northeast of Mexico City, claiming government corruption in granting the enterprise construction permits.

Hunters, use caution when feeding corn to wildlife, agent says

Texas hunters and wildlife enthusiasts feed almost 300 million pounds of corn to deer and other wildlife annually. Unfortunately, they may be doing much more harm than good. Dr. Neal Wilkins, Texas Cooperative Extension



TOMMY YEATER

specialist, said the danger comes from naturally occurring toxins that occasionally turn up in corn. "You just need to be careful when buying and storing corn to be fed to wildlife," he said. "The Texas corn crop has been plagued with compounds called mycotoxins for the past five years. The most prevalent of these are aflatoxin and fumonisin." Aflatoxin is a byproduct of two naturally occurring fungi, *Aspergillus flavus* and *Aspergillus parasiticus*; while fumonisin is produced by certain strains

of another species of common fungi, *Fusarium moniliforme*.

Wilkins said Aflatoxin infestations occur during drought. They're found in insect and drought-damaged corn kernels. Fumonisin develops under overcast skies and in humid conditions. There are actually areas in Texas where corn tests high for both toxins due to the varied weather patterns of the past several years. Wildlife eating mycotoxin-tainted grain can become ill and die. In livestock and several wildlife species, aflatoxins can cause liver damage, immune system failure and liver cancer. In horses, fumonisin causes fatal necrosis of the brain. In swine and other species it causes pulmonary edema.

"Because deer have a complex ruminant digestive system, they don't seem as susceptible to the effects of mycotoxins as other animals," said Wilkins. "Wildlife species that are particularly susceptible include grain-eating birds like quail and turkey and small mammals includ-

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Tiny PC doesn't size up

By MIKE LANGBERG

Knight Ridder Newspapers

A small San Francisco company with the odd name Oqo is finally shipping a tiny Windows personal computer — two years behind schedule — that's a miracle of engineering and design.

Which makes it a shame the Oqo Model 01 (www.oqo.com) is unusable, overpriced and underpowered.

The Oqo computer, officially launched last week at \$1,899 and due to reach its first customers this week, is a fully functional Windows PC that weighs only 14 ounces and isn't much bigger than the AC adapter brick that comes with most notebook computers.

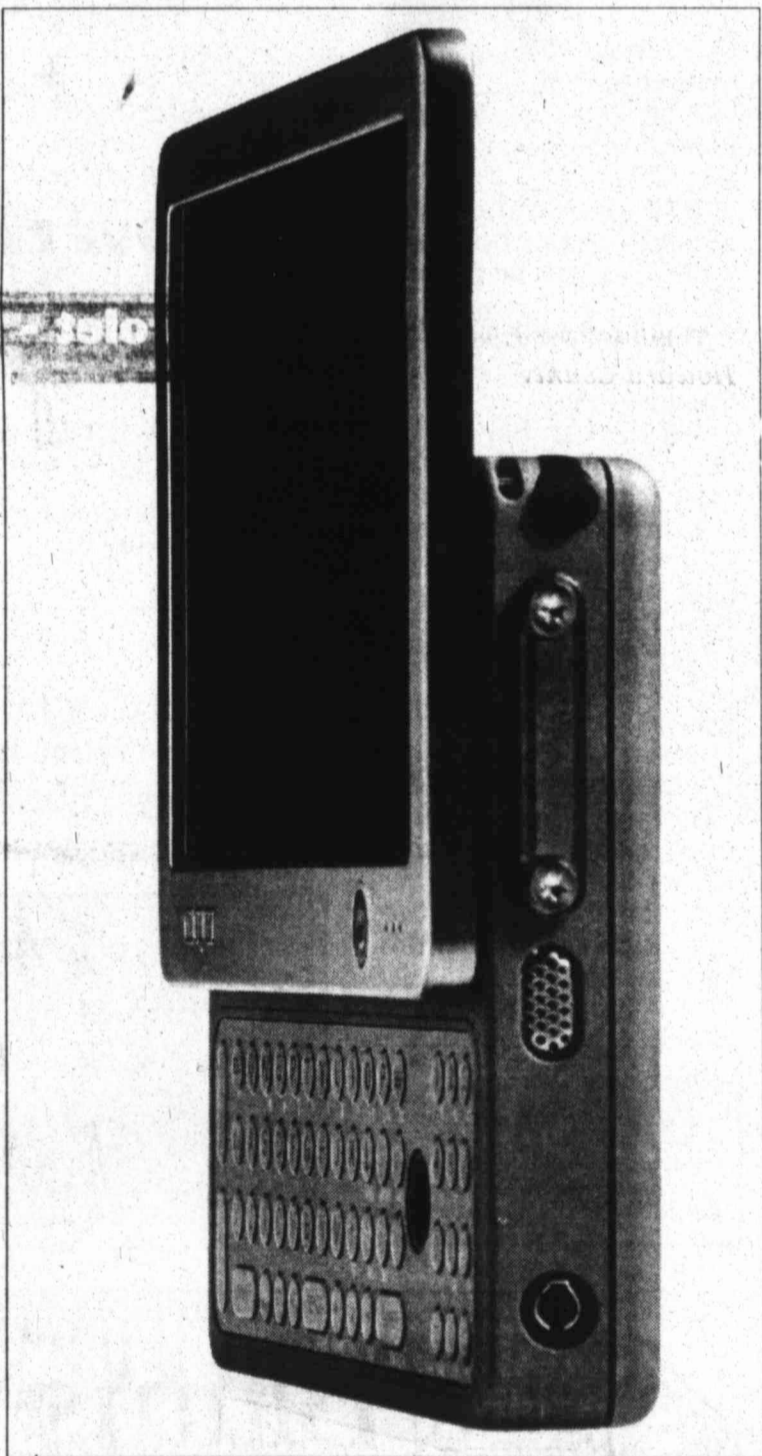
But the Oqo, pronounced oh-cue-oh, seems intended for some future versions of humans who have evolved eagle-eye vision to read microscopic text and toothpick fingers for working minuscule keyboards.

There's certainly a need for a better product in the category Oqo and a few other pioneers are calling "ultra personal computers," or UPCs.

Today's notebook computers, some as light as 3 pounds, do an excellent job of providing the same experience you'd get sitting in front of a desktop PC. But notebooks are too big to carry around all day, and are difficult if not impossible to use without sitting down at a table.

Today's personal digital assistants and smart phones are light, fit in a pocket and can be used standing up, yet can't handle many common PC tasks.

Of course, there's an undeniable gee-whiz factor in what Oqo has created — despite the company's loss of credibility in falling far short of its original plan to ship the product in the second half of 2002. The Model 01 is just 5 inches long by 3 1/2 inches wide by 7/8 of an inch thick, yet runs Windows XP Home, or Windows XP Professional for \$100 more. The lithium polymer battery provides up to three hours of



San Jose Mercury News photo

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operating time, and there's built-in WiFi and Bluetooth for wireless networking.

Inside, the Oqo is powered by a 1-gigahertz Transmeta processor, with 256 megabytes of RAM and a 20-gigabyte hard drive. That's less than half the processor speed and hard disk space you'd get with even an entry-level sub-\$1,000 notebook.

The top of the Oqo is almost completely covered by a color LCD screen, 4 3/8 inches long by 2 5/8 inches wide that is transreflective — a fancy way of saying it is readable in bright sunlight. The screen slides up about one-third of the way from the bottom to uncov-

er the keyboard.

Included in the box with the Oqo is a cradle and a unique docking cable. The cable, which connects to the cradle, is studded with ports for hooking up a monitor, external keyboard and mouse, external CD or DVD drive, Ethernet cable and the AC adapter. This makes it possible to work with the cradled Oqo as if it were a desktop PC.

All this may sound great in theory, but I found using the Oqo to be painful in several days of testing.

I'll start with the Oqo screen. It displays an image that's 800 pixels wide by 480 pixels high, about half the number of

pixels in a typical desktop display of 1024 by 768 pixels. On my 19-inch desktop PC monitor, a grid of 480 by 480 pixels occupies about 150 square inches. On the Oqo, the same number of pixels is displayed in a scant 11.5 square inches.

The Oqo, in other words, is shrinking everything to one-sixth the size of my desktop display. That's just too small to comfortably read standard text in Web pages or e-mail messages.

Next, the keyboard. To fit underneath the screen, the Oqo keys must be almost flush with the surrounding surface. That makes it unusually difficult to make sure your finger is hitting the correct key, especially since the keys are only 1/8 of an inch in diameter and are spaced just 1/16th of an inch apart.

Then there's the mouse substitute, a scruffy black nub on the right side of the keyboard that works like the pointing stick in regular notebooks. The nub is so small that it's difficult to position the cursor exactly where you want on the tiny screen. I regularly found myself inadvertently clicking the wrong choice in menu lists.

As an alternative to the nub, the Oqo comes with a plastic stylus for tapping on the screen. But it's awkward to use the stylus at the same time as the keyboard, and there's not many things you can do on a Windows PC by just pointing and clicking.

I've got a long list of lesser gripes, among them: The Oqo has an internal microphone, but no internal speaker, so you need to carry headphones to hear anything. The internal WiFi antenna is so small that operating range is much less than regular laptops with built-in WiFi. And the back of the Oqo grows uncomfortably hot after a few minutes.

The price tag, too, is a big issue. For \$1,900, you can get a top-of-the-line notebook computer, or several well-equipped

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Bush inks tax-cut bill

By TERENCE HUNT

AP Correspondent

WASHINGTON — With no fanfare, President Bush on Friday signed the most sweeping rewrite of corporate tax law in nearly two decades, showering \$136 billion in new tax breaks on businesses, farmers and other groups.

Intended to end a bitter trade war with Europe, the election-year measure was described by supporters as critically necessary to aid beleaguered manufacturers who have suffered 2.7 million lost jobs over the past four years.

Opponents charged that the tax package had grown into a massive giveaway that will add to the complexity of the tax system and end up rewarding multinational companies that move jobs overseas. It also will swell the nation's huge budget deficit.

The centerpiece is \$76.5

billion in new tax relief

for the battered

manufacturing sector,

but manufacturing is

broadly defined to

include not just factories

but also oil and gas

producers, engineering,

construction and archi-

tectural firms and large

farming operations.

There was no ceremony

for the bill-signing. White

House press secretary

Scott McClellan

announced it on Air

Force One as Bush flew to

a campaign appearance

in Pennsylvania.

"This legislation will

end the European sanc-

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Gas pipeline feeding Arizona is reopened

By EDUARDO MONTES

Associated Press Writer

PHOENIX — A pipeline that supplies Arizona with about 70 percent of its gasoline, diesel and jet fuel was operating again Friday after being shut down in the aftermath of severe rain in Southern California.

Inspectors determined the 20-inch line to Phoenix was OK and it was reopened about 5 a.m. CDT, said Rick Rainey, a spokesman for Kinder Morgan Energy Partners, the Houston-based company that operates the line.

"We're not going to take

chances with running it unless it's safe," Rainey said.

The line was shut Wednesday as a precaution after a freight train derailed atop it. The line wasn't damaged.

Heavy rain caused the train derailment near Fontana, Calif. Soil underneath the tracks had been washed out by the water, according to authorities.

A nearby 16-inch line to Las Vegas was also stopped Wednesday when heavy rain washed out soil around it. That pipeline was operating again a day later, Rainey said.

PUBLIC RECORDS

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Lorie Avina, 603 Steakley, Big Spring
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Billy Gonzales, 1212 S. Hannah Rd., Hobbs, N.M.
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County Court Decisions
Probated Judgment: Mark Leslie Kirby, theft of service - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$310 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Christopher Fulbright, possession of marijuana - 2 ounces or less, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time

suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Andres Juarez, violation of a protective order, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail.
Probated Judgment: Lasandra Jackson, theft - more than \$50 less than \$500, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Clifford Leon Anglin, burglary of a coin operated machine, \$100 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).
Judgment and Sentence: Orin Romine, reckless driving, \$200 fine, \$241 court costs.
Probated Judgment: Stephanie Amber Hinojosa, driving while license suspended, \$100 fine, \$236 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation).
Probated Judgment: Israel Quintana, theft of service - more than \$20 less than \$500, \$500 fine, \$311 court costs, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation).

Andrew J. Calvio vs. Brandi Renee Calvio, divorce.
Carl Robert Currie vs. Shawna Lea Boynt-Currie, divorce.

Warranty deeds:
Grantor: Edward Martinez
Grantee: Feliz Matthew Martinez and Petra Mier Martinez
Property: Lot 17, Block 1, Stardust Addition
Date Filed: Oct. 14, 2004

Grantor: Pavel Sturm and Cindy Sturm
Grantee: Danica Sturm
Property: Lot 18, Block 1, Stardust Addition
Date Filed: Oct. 14, 2004

Grantor: Gary Prater
Grantee: David Parrish
Property: A tract out of the E/2 of Section 4, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Oct. 14, 2004

Grantor: Mary Napper
Grantee: Mary Ann Wylie
Property: Lot 2, Block 31, College Heights
Date Filed: Oct. 14, 2004

Grantor: Robert Louie Allday

Grantee: Cloud Land and Cattle Ltd.
Property: 1/8 interest in a 29.7 acre tract out of the NW/4 of Section 45, Block 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey
Date Filed: Oct. 14, 2004

Warranty deeds with vendors lien:
Grantor: Johnny Garcia Jr. and Melissa Garcia
Grantee: Sammy Torres and Sylvia Torres
Property: The S/30 feet of Lot 5 and all of Lot 6, Block 10, Boydston Addition.
Date Filed: Oct. 13, 2004

Grantor: Big Spring Realty Inc.
Grantee: Edward Hernandez
Property: Lot 3, Block 12, Douglas Addition No. 2
Date Filed: Oct. 15, 2004

Grantor: Robert Munoz and Rosella Munoz
Grantee: John O. McDaniel and Aline Legg McDaniel
Property: Lot 19, Block 17, Kentwood Addition No. 2
Date Filed: Oct. 15, 2004

CAUTION

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ing squirrels and rabbits. Progress in the feed industry and new labeling regulations are improving the safety of corn on the retail market, but you should still be careful. With the help of the Texas A&M Office of the State Chemist at College Station, we periodically survey aflatoxin levels in deer corn sold on the Texas retail market." Wilkins said unmarked

bags with no weight labels or manufacturer's address tend to have higher aflatoxin concentrations. They are also twice as likely to have aflatoxin concentrations above 100 ppb. "Partly as a result of what we've found, the labeling requirements for corn marketed as wildlife feed were strengthened, resulting in a safer corn supply," said Wilkins. "Our surveys in 2002 found only 1 percent of the samples to be above 100 ppb, and almost all of the corn sampled across 64 counties had labels

stating the concentrations of aflatoxin." Current regulations require sellers of whole corn with more than 20 ppb aflatoxin, or 5 parts per million (ppm) fumonisin to have a Texas feed license. The corn must also be accompanied by a label approved by the Texas Feed and Fertilizer Control Service. Labeling must list the identity and levels of mycotoxin in a warning statement. "Corn with 100 ppb or more aflatoxin should not be fed to wildlife. To assure a safe corn sup-

ply, wildlife specialists recommend that only corn labeled as being less than 20 ppb aflatoxin be used. Likewise, corn containing more than 5 ppm fumonisin should not be fed to wildlife. The worry isn't over once corn is purchased, according to Wilkins. He said hunters should store and feed corn carefully to assure that mycotoxins don't increase.

Tommy Yeater is the Howard County Cooperative Extension agent for agriculture.

TAX BILL

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tions on American exports, and it will help promote the competitiveness of American manufacturers and other job creators, and help create jobs here in America," McClellan said in Wilkes-Barre, Pa. The handling of the corporate tax bill was in contrast to Bush's action on Oct. 4 when he sat before television cameras on a stage in Des Moines, Iowa, to sign three tax-cut breaks popular with mid-

dle-class voters and reviving other tax incentives for businesses. Bush's campaign rival, Sen. John Kerry, missed the vote on the corporate tax breaks. Kerry spokesman Phil Singer said there were many important things in the bill but that "George Bush filled the bill up with corporate giveaways and tax breaks for multinational companies that send jobs overseas. In his first budget, John Kerry will call for the repeal of all the unwarranted international tax breaks that George Bush included in this bill."

OQO

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desktop PCs. Oqo's slow processor and limited RAM keeps it from being a good choice for demanding tasks such as creating PowerPoint presentations or editing photographs. At least three other companies are working

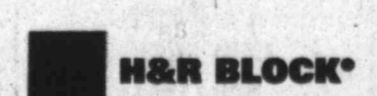
on UPCs: Antelope Technologies (www.antelopetech.com), Flipstart (www.flipstart.com) and Tiqit (www.tiqit.com). Let's hope these competitors and others learn what not to do from Oqo, because I'm still willing to believe it's possible to design a UPC that's small, comfortable and affordable.

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Sale to be held at 10 a.m. Nov. 6th at Stop & Shop Fillin Station - 1506 E. FM 700. Big Spring, TX. 79720. #4353 October 24 & 31, 2004

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Dist/Div: Abilene
Contract 0005-11-003 for SEAL COAT in MITCHELL County, etc will be opened on November 10, 2004 at 1:00pm at the State Office.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 14446

State Office
Constr./Maint. Division
200 E. Riverside Dr.
Austin, Texas 78704
Phone: 512-416-2540

Dist/Div Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clark
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

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5 Six-Oscar winner of '42
15 Poetic adverb
16 New Year's Day event
17 Taking back, for short
18 Superhero's stomping grounds
19 Port of Spain
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23 Motionless
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29 St. Elsewhere star
33 Barn dance
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53 Get back to one's old self
54 Neg. creator
55 Attorney of TV
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65 Jump past
66 Fairway fan club
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5 Marquand sleuth
6 Kind of deer
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8 Body of eau
9 Walkman successor
10 Sonoma County neighbor
67 Glassmaker
68 Experiences a power reduction, perhaps
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Edited by Stanley Newman
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Tomorrow's Horoscope

BY HOLIDAY MATHIS
Renowned psychoanalyst Carl Jung famously expressed the belief that the subconscious mind is influenced by the planet Neptune. Today, the planet of dreams goes direct. Though Neptune will be in shadow until early February, the fog that seems to hang between the world we envision and the world that actually is will begin



HOLIDAY MATHIS

to lift.
ARIES (March 21-April 19). There's a drama in the morning that keeps us all on our toes! It's nice to know that people around you care enough to get excited when things don't go their way. Adaptations will be made, and by evening, peace is restored.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20). To get romantic fires burning again, spend time with a partner doing something you both have never tried before. Opportunities may go unrecognized until you point them out. Everyone is interested in what you have to offer.
GEMINI (May 21-June

21). Whatever your idea is, follow through. This gives you the opportunity to correct and learn from your mistakes. Don't let social norms limit you. You might do something offbeat, like sign up for a reality TV show.
CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get on with life! It is better to risk emotionally now than to play it safe in limbo for another month. An uninvolved party is invaluable for working out problems. Someone knows your secret and will never tell.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). New situations bring out your best, but they also make you feel vulnerable. Congratulate yourself for stretching. You're the kind of brave person who will end up teaching everyone else how to grow up.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Is perception reality? The fact that others don't see a problem doesn't mean it isn't there for you, but it does mean that it isn't there for them. Stressful situations can be made unstressful if you ask for more help. Keep a cool head.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). Money comes through creative thought: Believe it, and it will come your way. You can take your time to choose, but make

a decision by the end of the day. New love is found close to home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). There's big news from someone in your inner circle. You can celebrate with the best of them, so you'll be one of the first to be included. Loved ones are feeling needy tonight. Be sure to indulge them.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You have no enemies. Try to see people as doing their best with the resources they have. A partner requires your best efforts, so stay present and focused on the numerous tasks the two of you share.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Live and love by your principles. Your integrity doesn't go unnoticed. Powerful friends want your assistance. You may feel obligated, but bestow a favor only if you are genuinely moved to do so.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A relationship may be more significant to the other person than it is to you right now. A wake-up call will make you realize how others depend on you and how your attitude matters immensely.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). If you're well informed, you'll make

lucky arrangements now. Keep others to their word with gentle reminders. Tonight is so comfortable. Accept the happiness you find; don't overanalyze it.
FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The Scorpio sun has a way of stirring our passions, and this week, it definitely feels as though something is simmering just under the surface. Dormant desires are awakened. Over the next few weeks, a mere interest could become an obsession! Use the inherent raw drive of this solar passage to push forward your ambitions, instead of using it to become distracted by a new, delicious tangent. Awareness of the inner workings of life will be heightened, so it's the perfect time to strategize, especially in those areas of life that seemed so difficult to resolve just weeks ago. You'll find the pieces of the puzzle you were missing by tuning in to the subtleties around you and recognizing what motivates people you are dealing with, including yourself. Neptune goes direct at the top of the week. This slow-moving planet likes to hang out in a sign for around 14 years and has been in Aquarius since 1998. This week, the

clouds that appear to separate the world we dream of from the world of reality start to dissipate. Use the full moon on Wednesday to let go of the veil of fear that has shielded you from your dream.
CELEBRITY PROFILES: I've often been asked whether New York Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton will ever run for president and be elected. She's a woman born under heavy Scorpio influences, which are associated with the ability to do what it takes to get a job done, an undying search for truth, and a comprehensive understanding of complex political dynamics. I believe that if she were to be elected, it would be in a time of war.
If you would like to write to Holiday Mathis, Joyce Jillson's handpicked heir, please go to www.creators.com and click on "Write the Author" on the Joyce Jillson page, or you may send her a postcard in the mail. To find out more about Joyce Jillson and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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Call for bids notice:
Glasscock County ISD is currently seeking bids on a 110'x125' Ag. Shop Building. Specifications are available in the superintendents office. A copy of the specifications may be requested by mail or phone. Glasscock County ISD phone number is 432-354-2230 and the mailing address is PO Box 9, Garden City, Tx. 79739.

Proposals must be received by November 1, 2004 at 12:00 pm in the superintendent's office. Glasscock County ISD reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals. The district will consider each proposal's advantages to the district and will act in the manner that the board considers most advantageous to the district. All applicable laws, rules, and regulations take precedence.
#4358 October 17 & 24, 2004

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John W. Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of:

Colorado River Municipal Water District
P.O. Box 869
Big Spring, Texas 79721
400 E. 24th Street
Big Spring, Texas 79720

Until 3:00 PM, Tuesday,
November 2, 2004

for the purchase of the following fleet vehicles:

Utility Vehicle
3/4 ton Trucks
Medium Duty Truck

At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Specifications are on file and may be examined without charge in the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District.

Inquires regarding equipment specifications are to be directed to Ralph Truskowski, P.E., Operations Manager, (432)267-6341, FAX (432)268-1196, ret@crmwd.org.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clearness in stating proposal prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous combination thereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder (s) by issuing a Purchase Order (s) within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within ninety (90) days after date on which bids are opened.

COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT

John W. Grant, General Manager
#4359 October 17 & 24, 2004

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CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE/ BUILDING FACILITIES CONTRACT (S)

Dist/ Div: Abilene
Contract 6121-42-001 for LITTER PICKUP AND DISPOSAL in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on November 18, 2004 at 10:30 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$62,727.00.

Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/ Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor.
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Phone: 512-416-2540

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Abilene District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 325-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin.
#4365 October 24 & 25, 2004

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Answer to previous puzzle
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Dear Annie: I think my husband is having an affair. I suspected this back in February when I logged on to his screen name and found a letter he'd written to some woman online. When I confronted him, he said he didn't know the woman, he simply had responded to one of many e-mails from women looking for men to date. He also claimed it was just an impulse and he never heard back from her. He apologized and said he wanted us to work more on our relationship. I agreed and thought everything was going to be OK. Today, I discovered two transactions on our bank statement from a local motel. I called the motel, pretending to be my husband's secretary, and the clerk confirmed both dates and even mentioned my husband had ordered a movie. I suppose it's possible that my husband had some kind of business meeting at this motel. Should I hire a private detective to follow my husband around? Should I confront him? Should I ignore everything? I feel terrible for having these suspicions, but I no longer fully trust him. This is so hard. We have two teenage children, and I'm a stay-at-home mom, so my resources are limited. We also are active in our church and community, and my husband is an important executive, so there is a lot at stake here. What do I do now? — Feeling Betrayed
Dear Betrayed: Your suspicions are well-founded. Do you honestly think your husband rented a movie for a business meeting at a motel? And why is he corresponding with women who are looking to date? Something is rotten in Denmark, honey. You have some tough decisions to make. You can choose to ignore the evidence and go blissfully about your life, pretending nothing is going on. Some women actually prefer this route. Or, you can confront him and insist he go with you for marriage counseling. Talk to your doctor or clergy person for a referral.
Dear Annie: I must have been the luckiest person around in 1950 when I married my husband. My

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mother-in-law gave this prayer to me. She lived by it, and so have I. There hasn't been a bad word between my son-in-law and me in over 40 years, and my daughter has lived by it with her four married children. I don't know who wrote it, but my mother-in-law read it in the old Pittsburgh Sun-Telegraph. I hope you will print it for any woman who is a mother-in-law. — M.J.R. in Pennsylvania
Dear M.J.R.: You sent this to us quite a while ago, but we were saving it for Mother-In-Law Day, which is today. The advice is worth remembering:
Mother-In-Law's Prayer
Teach me to speak or hold my tongue, when silence is divine.
Help me, I pray, to understand this newfound child of mine.
Keep me from taking bitter sides or adding angry flames.
Teach me to leave them both alone, like children at their games.
Teach me to be a friend in deed,
Whose smile they're glad to share,
Never too near, yet never too far,
This is my humble prayer.
Dear Annie: My husband is an alcoholic. "Ted" is an excellent provider, and when he's sober, he's a wonderful guy. But when he's drunk, he smells like a distillery and gets rowdy. His drinking is starting to affect our teenage children.
I have made an appointment for me and the boys to go to Al-Anon, but Ted refuses to stop drinking or go to counseling. He is even willing to give up his family for alcohol.

Annie's Mailbox :Advice for those in need



KATHY MITCHELL
MARCY SUGAR

What else can I do? — Losing My Family
Dear Losing: Nothing. Ted must want to quit on his own. In the meantime, Al-Anon is your best resource for help and support. Good luck to you.

Dear Annie: I am a 20-year-old college student and still live at home. For a number of years, I've wanted to get my nose pierced, but my parents have put their foot down. I have a job and would pay for it myself, but my folks have threatened to kick me out of the house if I go through with it. I offered to compromise and get my ear pierced instead, but they refuse to consider it. They say it's for health reasons. I told my parents ear-piercing is perfectly safe if a sterile needle is used and the licensed practitioner wears sterile gloves, but they won't listen to me. They have forbidden me to get it done.
I really want to do this. Should I go ahead anyway and risk the consequences, or bow my head like a good little girl to my controlling parents? — Want to Bow Out
Dear Bow Out: Let's leave the hostility out of it. Reputable practitioners take all the necessary precautions to prevent complications or infections. Your parents' intransigence indicates they may have other reasons for prohibiting you from piercing anything. You might ask an adult friend or relative to discuss it with them and see if that helps. Of course, if they refuse to budge from their position, that's their privilege. You are an adult. If you decide to pierce your ear, or any other body part, you may do so, provided you pay for it yourself and understand that you may be looking for another place to live.
Dear Annie: This is in response to "Hawaii Tour Guide," the military wife who is stationed in Hawaii, and whose relatives visit too often. I think one reason relatives impose so frequently is because many civilians believe military members are well-off financially. The only way for her family to know that it's a hardship is to spell it out for them. However, one does not have to be well-

off to enjoy all that the islands have to offer. There are many free and low-cost things to do. Become a yearly member of the zoo, museums, botanical gardens, etc. And sending them off in the car on their own is not only a break for you, but an adventure for them, especially since they can't get too lost. My husband has been in the Navy for 22 years, and we not only have made the best of it, but we have raised two wonderful young adults in the process. Mahalo. — Happy Hawaiian Wife
Dear Happy: Thanks for the advice. We heard from several readers who wanted to help out. Read on: From Hawaii: When we decided to move here, we had family members say things like: "Now we can go to Hawaii and have a place to stay." We would reply, "Wonderful! Let us know when you are coming, and we'll find you a hotel and rental car at a good rate." I then ask their price range and offer to look for something nice. I've stuck to that, and it works for us. St. Augustine, Fla.: We have enjoyed visits from a goodly number of folks from the U.S. and Europe. However, from the beginning, my wife knew exactly how to keep them from becoming a burden. Right off the bat, she sets ground rules: "I don't cook. I am not a chauffeur. I am not a guide. Here is the kitchen, and the supermarket is right down the road." We have never had a complaint, but we have had many return visits. We even had one young Austrian for four months. He is a marvelous cook and has since revisited us. Hawaii: I offer to get visitors a hotel with my military discount and give them phone numbers to car rental companies. I also let them know that I am not on perpetual vacation, although I try to plan some beach time and dinners with them. We're here in support of our spouses, and it is stressful enough.
Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@comcast.net.

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Silver Wings Ball

Hangar 25 Air Museum

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Above, John Weeks and Robert D. Miller at the Silver Wings Ball and below, Edna and Binie White. At left, Stanley and Emma Bogard dance the night away.



Top photo, Gloria and Bobby McDonald dancing at the Silver Wings Ball while the High Island Hep Cats perform in the photo below; bottom photo Michelle Worthy, Big Spring police officer Scott Knight, comedienne Michael Joiner and Dana Duncan tickled the crowd Saturday during the Hangar 25 fund-raiser with a comedy skit, The Brain.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center invites you to join our...

October 2004 Schedule

October 16 • Saturday

Open

October 17 • Sunday

Open

October 18 • Monday

• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

October 19 • Tuesday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am

• Dinner & A Movie "Schlotzky's"

October 20 • Wednesday

• Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

Senior Leadership

Meeting @ Chamber of Commerce - 8:45 am

October 21 • Thursday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am

• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

• Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am

• Childbirth Classes - 9:00 am-3:00 pm, 268-4550

Laurie Burks, Instructor (2nd Floor Hospital)

October 22 • Friday

• SMMC Relay Team Used Scrub (Uniform) Sale

7:00 am - Lobby of Hospital

October 23 • Saturday

Open

October 24 • Sunday

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October 25 • Monday

• Games 2:00 pm

• Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm

October 26 • Tuesday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am

• Supper Club "Cowboys" 5:30 pm

October 27 • Wednesday

• Stretch & Tone - 11:00 am

• Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am

October 28 • Thursday

• Mall Walking - 8:00 am

• Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am

October 29 • Friday

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October 30 • Saturday

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Paper today is a product of changes in 100 years

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

One hundred years and still going strong.

When T.E. Jordan and his brother-in-law W.G. Hayden began publishing the Big Springs Weekly Herald in 1904, it's reasonably certain nobody was trying to envision what the publication would be like a century later.

Chances are they were wondering whether the future included continued competition from other weekly papers and two existing dailies.

Today, we know the Herald is the sole survivor of seven earlier publications.

Jordan and Hayden continued their partnership for 21 years, but in 1925, Jordan bought out Hayden's interest.

According to a 1964 special edition story written by longtime editor Joe Pickle, "Jordan was a lifetime newspaper man. He was a printer of the old school — proud of his craft and rated as one of the fastest typesetters in this part of the country."

Photo courtesy of Heritage Museum

The Big Springs Weekly Herald wasn't on hand to chronicle flooding downtown in 1902, but has replaced a number of other publications that were publishing at the time. Two years later, the Herald and its staff were on the job and remain so today.

See HERALD, Page 4

Weekly Herald gave readers much different information than today

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

What was happening in Big Spring and West Texas on Oct. 7, 1904, the day T.E. Jordan and his brother-in-law W.G. Hayden began publishing the Big Springs Weekly Herald?

For the most part, one would have to consult a history text.

Little is known about the first 15 years or so of the Herald's existence, simply because there aren't any copies of the paper for that period available.

The microfilm records of the best archives available begin with the Jan. 7, 1921, edition of today's Herald's predecessor.

However, insight into newspapering of the day and what was considered

□ First Decade

a "major story" can be gleaned from the scant microfilm files available of the Herald's competitors of the day, the Big Springs Enterprise edited by W.V. Ervin.

The Enterprise, which first appeared in 1898, was published until 1911. Incomplete copies of the publication's issues from 1908 through 1910 are available and reveal the art of newspapering was something very different in those days when compared even to weekly papers today.

It can only be guessed

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Residents gather in downtown Big Spring to celebrate the Fourth of July in 1917.

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Prices have changed over the years ... always moving higher

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

It never fails...the reader, presented with newspaper advertising examples from the past 90 years, is always stricken by the difference in prices for certain goods during the span.

One of the earliest newspaper display ads available from local publications — a 1908 issue of the Big Springs Enterprise — details an 11-day dry goods sale being conducted by Gary & Burns Co. Men's suits

were priced at \$15, overcoats varied from \$5 to \$13.95 and men's shirts were marked down to anywhere from 85 cents to \$2 each. Trousers were \$1.20 to \$3 per pair.

Other prices listed in the ad showed blankets selling from 90 cents to \$9, shoes and boots running between \$1.80 and \$6.60. Women's and children's shoes were priced at \$1.40 to \$3.

Subscription rates to the Enterprise were a flat \$1.50 per year, and it can only be surmised that the Herald's rates were the

same or similar at the time.

By 1921, the Herald's subscription rates had climbed to \$2 for those living in Howard County and \$2.50 for those living outside the county's boundaries.

That same year tickets to the movie theater were priced at 15 cents and 35 cents, and Lucky Strike "Ready rolled" cigarettes were sold in packs of 10 for 10 cents and packs of 20 for 20 cents.

A 1921 ad for S.A. Hathcock Grocers offered a dozen cans of tomatoes

for \$1, a dozen cans of pork and beans for \$1.40, four pounds of coffee for \$1, a gallon of Karo white syrup for 75 cents, five pounds of honey for \$1.25, four bars of soap for 25 cents, and a dozen one-pound cans of salmon for \$1.20.

You could buy a Ford touring car at Stokes Motor Co. for \$415 in 1921, a runabout for \$370 and a coupe for \$695. Ford's top of line sedan was a whopping \$760.

Seven years later, The Men's Store Inc. advertised suits for \$32.50 to

\$90, top coats from \$30 to \$75, leather coats for \$12.50 to \$32.50 and sweaters from \$5 to \$8.

The Big Spring Chamber of Commerce's budget for the 1928 fiscal year was a sizable \$21,000.

Grocery prices at the Helpy-Selfy Store on the corner of Second and Rannels streets were as follows: 48 pounds of flour for \$1.93, 10 pounds of sugar 74 cents, new potatoes 2 1/2 cents per pound, coffee was 51 cents per pound, watermelon was 2 cents per pound and roast sold for 25 cents per

pound.

During the Depression, prices were considerably cheaper. The Grissom-Robertson Store, located in the Douglass Hotel back in 1930, listed women's bloomers for 19 cents, children's socks for 9 cents, ladies' dresses for \$2.95, men's work shoes for \$2.49, men's suits for \$10.95 and khaki overalls for 89 cents.

The city council increased the amount of water available to customers for the minimum

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Change in city's name marks Herald's second decade

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

At some point during the Herald's second decade of operation, the exact date is not clear, Big Springs changed its name to the singular Big Spring.

The earliest copy of the Herald available, that published on Friday, Jan. 7, 1921, makes it clear that more changes had occurred than a simple alteration of the city's name.

The oil industry was already big business, and the entire first left-hand column on the front page was devoted to the blossoming business.

Second Decade

While local powerbrokers continued to be concerned about the need for a north-south rail route that would intersect with the Texas & Pacific's east-west route as they had in the previous decade, the pages of the Herald reflect a much more genteel lifestyle available to its readers in the early 1920s.

The New Hotel at the corner of Second and Main streets managed by Mrs. Belle Hamilton advertised rates of \$1, \$1.50, \$2 and \$2.50 per day; Cecil B. Demille's "Something To Think About" was showing at the R and R Lyric Theater with admission set at 15 and 35 cents; the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce had been formed.

That Jan. 7 issue also included published condition reports by the city's three banks, The First National Bank showed assets of \$773,317.47, while the West Texas National Bank and the First State Bank were nipping at First National's heels, both with assets listed at more than \$500,000.

Unlike the bank reports one sees today, those 1921 condition



A view up Main Street to the north shows soldiers marching off to board railroad cars and begin the journey to Europe and the fighting in World War I.

reports showed all three banks with liabilities matching their assets.

News reporting was taking a definite change toward modern standards, even though headlines on stories continued to rarely cover more than one column, and photographs begin to show up on the front page of the paper.

The Herald's telephone number during that era was simply 28, Lucky Strike cigarettes ready-rolled sold in packs of 10 for 10 cents and 20 for 20 cents

and the paper editorialized on its front page supporting an increase in the school tax rate from 50 cents per \$100 valuation, but never reported the results of the election.

The Big Spring High School class of 1921 numbered 15 graduates, Stokes Motor Co. advertised its Ford Touring Car for \$415, while a coupe was \$695, a sedan ran customers \$760 and a tractor could be purchased for \$625.

By late 1921, a banner headline usually appeared across

the top of the Herald's front page, but for the most part, stories continued to carry small one-column head. It is also clear that Big Spring residents were already aware of the uniqueness presented by its mountains — the Friday, Nov. 25, 1921, edition reporting that "50 or more men turned out on Thanksgiving Day to assist in placing the scenic drive around the rim of South Mountain, with 3 1/2 miles passable by the end of the day."

Cartoons began to appear in

the Herald's pages during 1922. While most were of a political nature, some of the early "entertainment" strips were beginning to find their way into use.

Inflation began to make itself know as the decade began to close, as evidenced by higher prices at the movie theater. The legendary Rudolph Valentino was starring in "Blood & Sand" at the Lyric in October of 1922, but you paid 20 cents or 40 cents to see the heartthrob's latest performance.

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monthly charge in 1930 from 2,000 gallons to 3,000 gallons. The minimum charge was \$2.

In 1932, J.C. Penny's offered wool and fur coats for \$9.90 to \$24.75, hand bags for 98 cents, women's fall fashions for \$4.95 to \$9.90, felt hats for 98 cents and costume jewelry for 19 cents.

Grocery prices had also declined. The Red & White Store offered 48 pounds of flour for 98 cents, canned tomatoes for 5 cents, two pounds of onions for 5 cents, Wheaties for 11 cents per box, two pounds of bacon for 49 cents, roast for 9 cents per pound and coffee was 15 cents a pound.

The Herald's classified rates in 1932 were listed at 8 cents per line with a minimum of five lines. Subscription rates had increased to \$3.50 by mail and \$4.95 per year for carrier delivery.

As the nation emerged

from the Depression and was plummeted into World War II, Piggly Wiggly's grocery ad on Dec. 18, 1941, offered coffee for 25 cents per pound, eggs for 33 cents per dozen, bacon for 29 cents per pound, steak for 28 cents to 38 cents per pound and raisin bran cereal for 11 cents per box.

Five years later, the price of butter at Piggly Wiggly was 55 cents per pound, raisin bran was still 11 cents per box, roast was 28 cents per pound, eggs were 36 cents per dozen and tuna was 24 cents a can.

Safeway was offering cigarettes for 16 cents per pack, two pounds of coffee for 41 cents, pork and beans for 10 cents per can and hamburger meat for 25 cents per pound.

Prices continued to rise, and in 1948, Safeway offered coffee for 51 cents per pound, sirloin steak for 75 cents per pound, eggs for 66 cents per dozen and bacon for 68 cents per pound.

By 1949, the Herald's classified rates had changed to 4 cents per word for an ad running just one day, with the rate declining to 10 cents per word for a six-day run. All bills were based on a 15-word minimum.

In 1953 the Herald's subscription rates reflected a change. Home delivery was \$15.60 per year, while subscriptions mailed to within 100 miles of Big Spring were \$9 per year. Those mailed to addresses more than 100 miles away were \$10.80 per year.

A 1952 Piggly Wiggly ad listed prices at 27 cents for canned peaches, 19 cents for a bottle of ketchup, 22 cents for canned green beans and bacon for 53 cents per pound. Sirloin steak was 98 cents per pound, while paper towels were 19 cents per roll and cheese was 69 cents per pound.

Anthony's 30th Anniversary Sale in May 1952 offered women's dresses for \$3.88, nylon hose for 75 cents, women's linen suits for \$15,

Cannon bath towels for 59 cents each, men's dress slacks for \$4.44, men's summer suits for \$35 and khaki work shirts for \$4.50.

An Oct. 1, 1953, sale on used cars at Jones Motor Co. touted a 1951 Lincoln for \$1,685; a 1950 Ford sedan for \$885, a 1951 Buick Riviera for \$1,385 and a 1947 Ford Club Coupe for \$395.

By 1956, coffee was priced at 99 cents per pound at Newsom's Food Centers, but eggs were 33 cents per dozen. Chuck roast was 29 cents per pound, bacon was 39 cents per pound and oleo was 19 cents per pound.

In 1960, Herald subscription rates were 35 cents per week and \$18.20 per year for home delivery. Mailed subscriptions were \$16.20 and \$18.

J.C. Penny's advertisement on Nov. 1, 1964, offered women's dresses for \$3, blankets for \$6.98, men's jeans for \$4 and women's shoes for \$3.

An advertisement for First Federal Savings

and Loan offered two repossessed homes for \$100 down in 1968. The first was a three bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home with payments of \$91 per month, while the other was a three bedroom, two bath structure with payments of \$88 per month.

Bob Brock's Used Cars advertised a 1965 Lincoln for \$2,595 in 1968, and also offered a 1966 Volkswagen for \$1,195 and a 1964 Rambler for \$895.

By 1992 new car prices seem nothing like they had been in the 1960s when new automobiles usually ranged between \$1,995 and \$3,000. Bob Brock's Nov. 4, 1992, offering included a Ford Tempo for \$10,220; a Mustang for \$10,695; a Taurus sedan for \$14,370; and an Aerostar van for \$18,870.

On the same day the Herald's newsstand prices were 50 cents on weekdays and \$1.25 on Sunday — the same rate charged today. Subscriptions were \$7.75 per month for home deliver or \$83.70 for an

annual subscription. Mail subscriptions were \$8.80 and \$9.35 per month.

And grocery prices? Well, they'd climbed a little, too.

Furr's Supermarket listed round steak for \$1.59 per pound on Nov. 4, 1992; pork roast was 89 cents per pound, four pounds of sugar was 99 cents, bacon was 89 cents a pound, ground beef was 89 cents per pound and tomatoes were 49 cents per pound.

While the Herald's subscription prices have increased a little in the last dozen years — to \$8.65 per month or \$93.42 per year, the biggest increase has come in mail subscriptions where the climb in postal rates has those subscriptions at \$12.50 and \$13.25 per month.

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Howard County's first oil well begins producing

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

"Oil...black gold...Texas tea."

The Herald was already into its third decade of operation by the time of first oil well in Howard County went into production in April 1926.

While the oil business had clearly been of interest in previous years, the period between 1924 and 1933 was it become of monumental importance.

Oil field developments filled double the space on the front page of each week's paper and Big Spring was booming. One banner headline of the era, in fact, read: "Oil Development to Continue 20 Years."

In January 1928, the Herald

carried a lead story detailing the need

for a four-story office building warranting a banner headline which read: "We are Going to Build That Office Building — why Not Now?"

The risk taking involved in the exploration for oil also became evident, however. On Feb. 3, 1928, the Herald's lead story detailed Sloan & Sloan's Dora Roberts No. 1 coming in and flowing at 175 barrels per hour.

The story, carrying a banner headline "Another 2,400 Barrel Gusher Blows In," began: "That a real oil field is in the making 12 miles southeast of Big Spring was conclusively proven when Sloan & Sloan's Dora Roberts No. 1 began to flow Wednesday."

"Oil men are now convinced the Roberts field is due to prove one of the biggest oil fields of Texas."

However, by Feb. 24 that year, the oil development column was headed by the rather somber "Development at Low Point."

Another financial institution, the State National Bank had appeared and listed assets and liabilities of more than 41.5 mil-

lion.

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that the Herald's subscription cost was probably the same as the Enterprise, which was mailed to customers for \$1.50 per year.

Most advertising of the period simply stated the name of the business advertising and the goods or services it offered. There was one display advertisement from W.B. Allen Wood and Coal which warned the public:

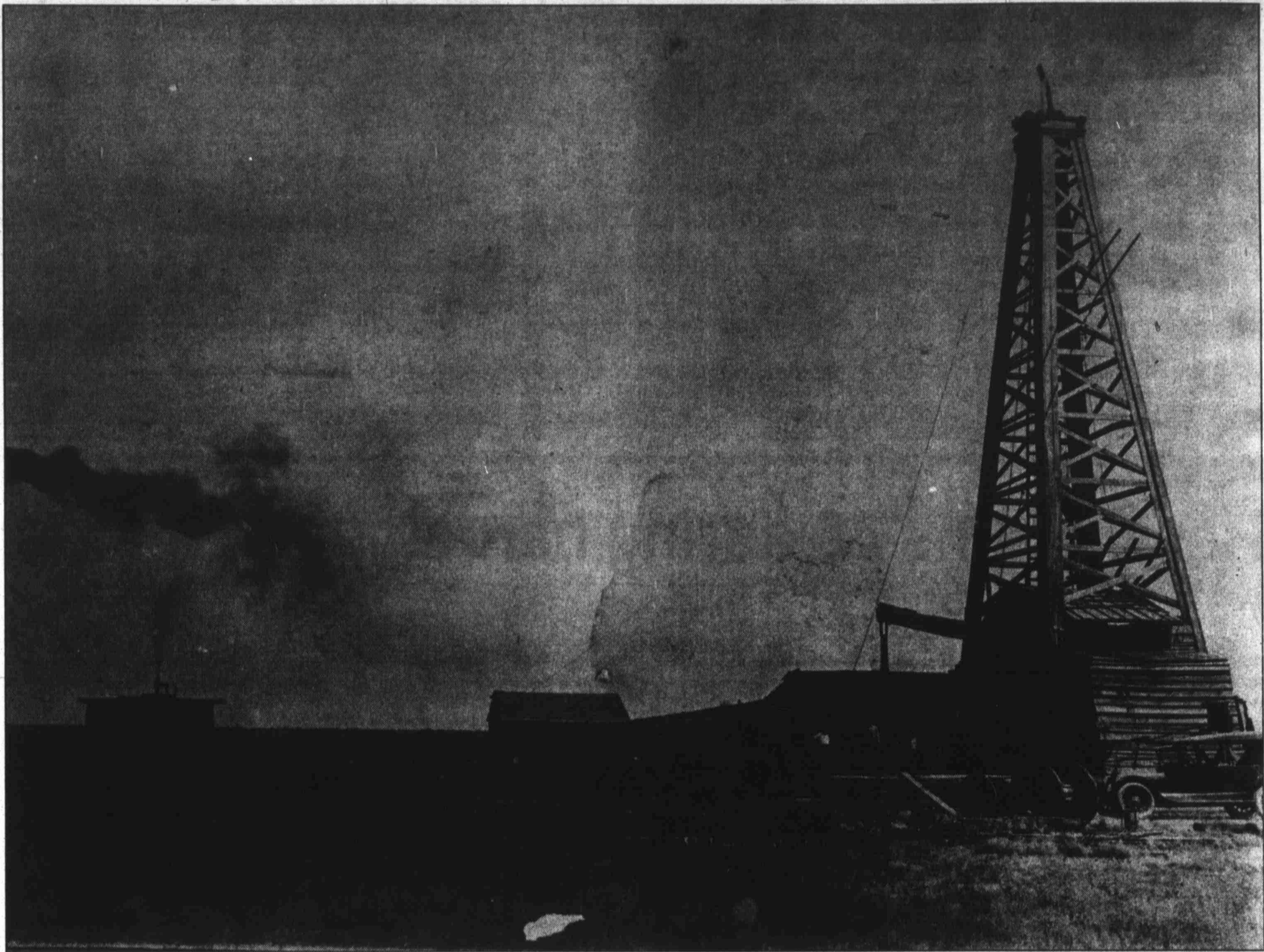


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Oil has been big business in Howard County for a long time. The first producing well came on line in 1926 and the industry helped boost Big Spring's growth during the Depression era.

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A page one editorial on Jan. 20, 1928, opined that the city of Big Spring needed to hire at least one paid professional fireman to oversee the city's fire station and its equipment. The story detailed the advantages of having someone able to drive the city's fire truck to the scene of a fire and meet volunteers on site, rather than depend on the first person reaching the fire station following an alarm.

Later that month, the biggest news concerned the announcement that the city was to have a new \$100,000 theater. The new R and R was to be located at the corner of Fourth and Main Streets.

The Herald began to undergo additional changes with the appearance of the first "Women's Page" on Jan. 27, 1928 and its first classified advertising section. Later that year a more modern look would be adopted with banner headline and photographs on virtually every front page.

Crossword puzzles became a regular feature in the paper by the middle of 1929 and the paper issued a special edition on Oct. 11 of that year celebrating its 25th anniversary. By that time, the editor and publisher, T.E. Jordan, had begun printing the Herald every day, the first issue of the Big Spring Daily Herald

appearing on June 6, 1928.

While most history students immediately identify 1929 with the stock market crash that led to the Great Depression, Big Spring residents could look back on 12 months of rapid development.

Among the highlights of the year were the opening of the Cosden refinery and the completion of numerous construction projects. Included in the list of major new buildings in the city were the Hall Tire Co. building; new churches for the Presbyterian, Church of Christ, East Fourth Street Baptist and First Baptist congregations;

the Willcox-Ellis buildings; Birrings and Barcus Hospital; the Dora

Roberts Home; the Alta Vista Apartments; a new Texas & Pacific Railroad freight terminal, the Big Spring Hospital; the Homan Building; the B. Reagan Building; a new Ice Company building; the Petroleum Building; the Settles Hotel; the First National Bank building; the Gregg Street viaduct; the J.W. Fisher Building; and the Charles Emberly Funeral Home.

Boosted by the oil boom, Big Spring continued to grow while Prohibition, Chicago's gangland violence and the Depression grabbed the national headlines.

By the close of the Herald's third decade, Big Spring was still growing. In September 1932, the

International Cowboy Entertainers of the San Angelo Lions Club were the featured performers for the formal opening of the new city hall and auditorium. More than 1,300 citizens made reservations for the event, and following the program, a dance was held in the Settles Hotel's Crystal Ballroom.

And as Franklin Delano Roosevelt began his march to the presidency that fall, J. Frank Dobie visited Big Spring to conduct a lecture on the cowboy life. In September, the Herald ran a front page advertisement inviting readers to "Hear the World Series Play By

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"Do not order Coal unless You have the money to pay for it."

Most local editorial copy simply related who had visited who during the previous week.

And headlines, on the rare occasion it was deemed necessary to put one above a story, was usually only one column wide and simply consisted of boldfaced capital letters.

In fact, a large majority of what appeared to be editorial copy in newspapers of the day were little

more than testimonials for patent medicines and products such as Dodd's Kidney Pills, Carter's Little Liver Pills, Syrup of Figs and Elixir of Senna, Castoria and Cuticura Remedies.

There were a couple of so-called "hard news" stories in the Jan. 3, 1908, edition of the Enterprise -- one dealing with the arrest of two whiskey peddlers and a bond election in Glasscock County.

The first, in its entirety, read: "Two men giving their names as Terrell

and Bryant were arrested here Tuesday on a charge of peddling whiskey. Twenty quarts of whiskey were found in their possession and they had sold some." We are left to wonder what fate the miscreants faced.

The bond election story was almost as enlightening: "An election was held in Glasscock County on December 21st to determine whether an issue of bonds would be authorized to build a courthouse. The vote was 49 for bond issue and 54

against." History, of course, tells us that voters in the county changed their minds at some later time.

It was also not uncommon for the front page of the Enterprise to include a half-page advertisement which, oddly enough, was placed at the page's top.

Few issues seemed important enough to be continually covered, save for the railroads.

Other top stories in January 1908 included reorganization of the Panhandle Short Line

Railroad Co. and Secretary of State William Howard Taft's joining President Theodore Roosevelt in recommending an increase in the width of the Panama Canal from 100 to 110 feet.

The lead story on Jan. 31, however, seems as if it could have come from today's event: "The gunboat Paducah, ordered to Haiti on account of the revolutionary condition on that island, sailed from New Orleans Saturday. The Paducah will first go to Cuba."

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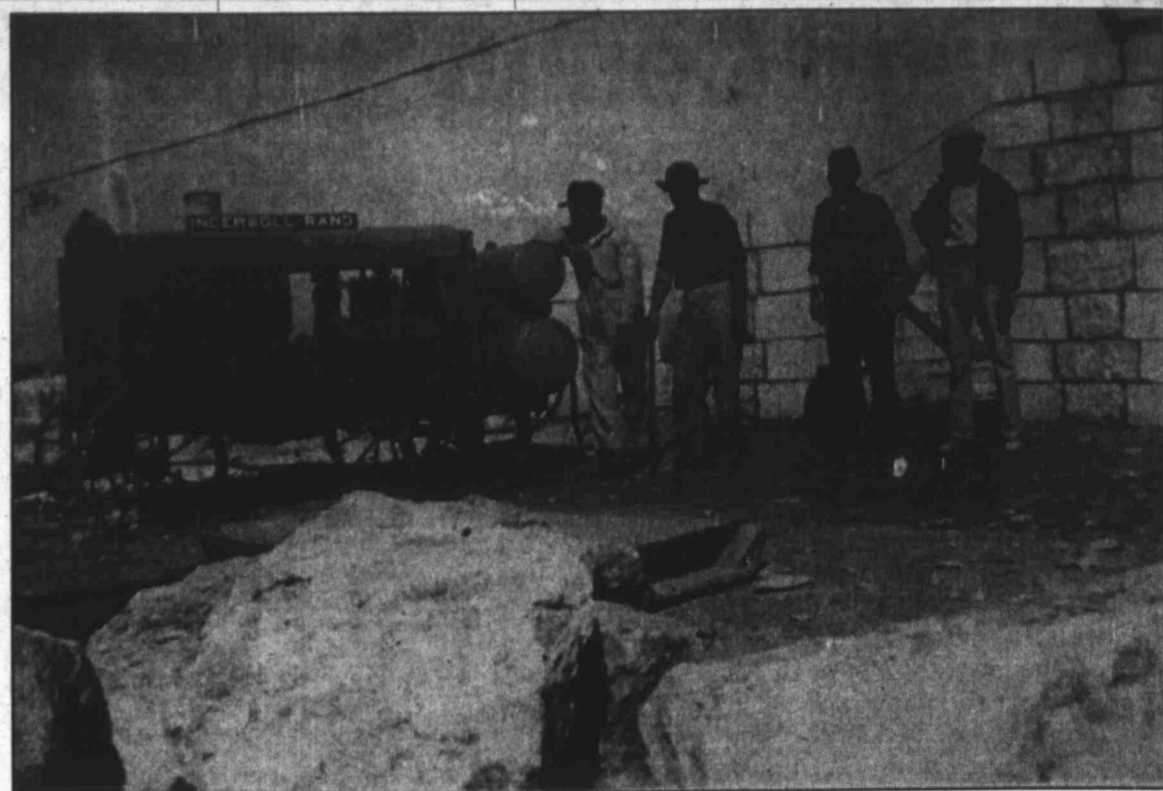
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Scenic Mountain State Park was the recipient of work done through the Civilian Conservation Corps, a work program begun by President Franklin D. Roosevelt to give men work during the Depression.

Herald turns 40 during hardships of the Depression

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

As Americans struggled through the depression, the Herald ventured into its fourth decade of service to Big Spring and Howard County — a sizable task when one considers the events that would unfold world-wide from 1934 to 1943.

West Texas' oil fields continued to develop, and by 1936, the Herald was celebrating Howard County's well count having grown to 810. Such development led the Herald to print a special edition entitled "Decade of Development."

On March 1 of that year, so-called "wet" forces had prevailed in Howard County's liquor election by a 1,574 to 1,256 margin at the same time Italian mechanized forces were overrunning Ethiopian spearmen.

The next day's edition took a rather historic flavor with the lead front page story detailing plans for Texas' centennial celebration, in addition to a feature remembering the events leading up to and

Fourth Decade

after Texas' declaration of independence from Mexico. On the same page, Associated Press wire stories detailed "Hitler's rattling of sabers and Germany's move into the Rhineland."

A little more than a month later, the Herald's lead stories included the death of a Big Spring youth in a fight over a fountain pen, the city's efforts to keep American Airlines' passenger and air mail service, and the execution of Bruno Richard Hauptmann following his conviction in the Lindbergh baby kidnapping and murder case.

As was the case with virtually any other town of note in that era, Big Spring had its own professional baseball team. In 1939, the Big Spring Barrons were playing in the West Texas-New Mexico League, and ace right-hander Jodie Marek was the first pitcher in

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The Herald's editorial page carried a stirring call to arms promising America and its allies would end the war started by Germany, Italy and Japan.

the league to notch 20 wins that season.

The same summer, the Colorado River went on a record rampage, inundating the U.S. Highway 80 bridge near Colorado City and wrecking the nearby railroad trestle bridge.

But on Aug. 31, wire reports from the Associated Press made it clear that a war in Europe was unavoidable — the stories detailing the advance of German patrols into Polish territory and France's re-affirmation of its support for the Poles.

A month later, Britain and France were still posturing for war while Belgium and the Netherlands had declared neutrality.

For two more years, the Herald's pages would keep readers abreast of the events in Europe, the fall of France and the Lowland Countries and Britain's almost single-handed stand against Germany and Italy.

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Japanese forces quickly attacked U.S. and British troops throughout the Pacific as President Roosevelt made his historic "Day of Infamy" speech in seeking a declaration of war from Congress.

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Japan.

Big Spring's able-bodied men answered that call in the same fashion as the rest of the nation, local recruiters telling reporters they were processing volunteers as quickly as possible.

For almost a year, it seemed as if the Axis advance and America's scramble to recover were the lead news of every issue. Slowly, however, the tide turned. Russian troops began to whittle away at Germany's eastern front and American, British and Canadian troops seem poised to invade France.

And in the Pacific, naval forces and the Marines began to chip away at Japan's "ill-gotten" gains.

The Herald was nearing its 50th anniversary, but there was way too much happening and too few people on hand to produce a special edition. The would have to wait a while.

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Play."

For the fourth consecutive year, the Daily Herald and Anderson Music Co. Broadcast play-by-play coverage of the Series to crowds gathered in the front of the Herald's offices.

The biggest news on state wires dealt with Miriam A. "Ma" Ferguson's court bid to be certified as the Democratic nominee for governor instead of incumbent Gov. Ross Sterling. Her successful bid was detailed by stories of the Texas Supreme Court's ruling in the Oct. 8 and Oct. 9 edition.

And as the decade came to a close, the major oil companies announced a 12-cent per barrel increase in the price of oil to \$1.10 per barrel.

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His son, Tommy Jordan, spent many years working at the Herald as a linotype operator.

Jordan had broken in as a printer at Weatherford and had worked for the Dallas news. He moved to Big Spring from Stephenville where he established and published the Stephenville Tribune.

When Jordan first started the Weekly Herald, it was printed in a basement under a downtown department store. Later it moved to a wooden structure on Second Street, and still later was moved to a building on First Street.

Five years after Harte-Hanks took ownership of the paper, the Herald moved to a location just east of the Settles Hotel, and then moved to 900 Main in 1940.

The newspaper moved to its current location, 710 Scurry, in 1956.

J.W. Jacobs was the first Herald publisher under Harte-Hanks ownership and the managing editor was Wendell Bedechek. Jacobs was succeeded by Joe Galbraith as publisher, and he was followed by Robert W. Whipkey, who joined the Herald staff as managing editor in 1935.

Whipkey remained the Herald's publisher until retiring at 65.

Joe Pickle replaced Whipkey as managing

editor and held that position for more than 40 years.

In today's newspapering world, such management longevity is almost unheard of, especially in instances of rapid ownership changes such as those the Herald has seen since 1989.

Susanne Reed, who joined the Herald as general manager in the fall of 2003, currently serves as publisher of the paper. In February of this year she replaced Chuck Williams, who had served as interim publisher since Horizon's purchase of the paper.

Williams had previously been the Herald's publisher since 1994, having replaced Patrick J. Morgan. Williams left the

Herald in 1999 and was replaced by former editor John H. Walker.

Ken Dulaney followed Walker as the Herald's publisher. Following Dulaney's untimely death in 2001, Hank Bond served as publisher until May of 2003.

But changes of location, ownership and management are the norm, but today's Herald represents a relatively new concept in the news content it offers its readers.

For many years after becoming a daily publication, the Herald's front page was dominated by wire service reports from around the nation and the world. Most local stories were relegated to positions at the bottom of the front page or inside the

paper.

Today, the Herald and many papers of its size focus on "community newspapering." The majority of the top news stories and features found in the Herald reflect news about Big Spring, Howard County and the surrounding area.

Reed noted that the Herald's longevity is characteristic of West Texas.

"Chuck Williams once noted that the people here in West Texas hold onto their papers, and Big Spring has done that with the Herald," she said. "Part of that is the fact that we give them Howard County and Big Spring news. After all, local news is our niche."

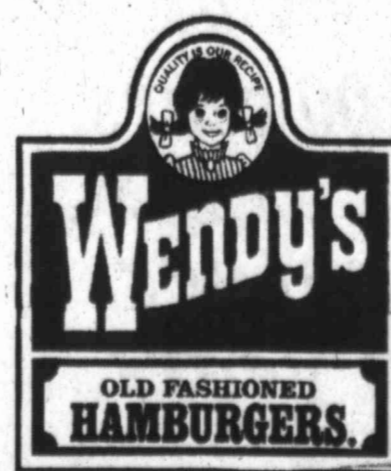
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Pickle basically saw it all as Herald writer, then editor

He still doesn't look like he's old enough to have been around in 1931, but that's the summer when Joe Pickle began working for the Big Spring Herald. Pickle, now retired from a second career as secretary and public relations consultant for the Colorado River Municipal Water District, today lives in Austin, but for 43 years he was a newspaper

man, from reporter to editor. "No matter what your title was, you were still a reporter first," Pickle told former Herald reporter Carlton Johnson during a 1994 interview. "You wrote a little bit of everything." Pickle said he couldn't really put a finger on any one event that stood out as the most exciting during his years with the Herald, but the period right after World War II

up to the mid 1960's to the air base and the VA Medical Center coming to Big Spring are some of the biggest events he's had the privilege to watch. "In the newspaper business, you don't have the richest job in the world, but you do get a ring-side seat to what's happening," he said. Pickle returned from school in 1932 and began what would be, for him, a career that would span

four decades. Pickle recounted some of his experiences in an article he wrote for the Herald on Sunday, Oct. 11, 1964. He wrote about one humorous experience that happened sometime around 1936 when Dr. P.W. Malone flew him, in his open cockpit Fairchild to Barksdale to take some aerial photographs of local Boy Scouts camping. Pickle said Dr. Malone helped him by side slip-

ping the plane, which was when he lost everything but his teeth fillings. He said on the trip back the plane began to miss, and pop and bang, and he began to pick out the spot where his young bride would find his remains. Pickle also recounted one of the most sensational stories of his career - the murder trail of Bill Hildreth. Hildreth was convicted of murdering his wife with an ice pick and

became the first man from Howard County to die in the electric chair. Pickle was also around to see and feel the reactions of the Herald staff when it was first learned the Japanese had bombed Pearl Harbor, the D-Day invasion of France and the beginning of Howard College but nothing could prepare a reporter for what happened on Nov. 22, 1963. See PICKLE, Page 6

Many a newspaper man's gotten his start throwng papers

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is an account written by Cisco resident Evelyn Kirk, who's husband, Truman, a former circulation manager of the Herald, began his career as a paper boy. Her salute to her late husband offers a glimpse at an almost "gone by" era in our business.

By EVELYN KIRK

Special to the Herald
As time goes by, we see many changes in our lives. Some are major, some are minor. Some affect us personally, some do not. There is one of these changes that holds special meaning for me, because of the memories associated with it.

It has to do with the way our daily newspapers are delivered to us. We no longer see newsboys carrying them on their bicycles. My late husband was one of those boys, throwing the Abilene Reporter News from his bike, during his growing up years. That job had a great influence on his life, and he shared many stories about it with his family.

Those boys were not employees of the newspaper. Instead, they were independent contractors. They were trained to take on the role of young businessmen. They learned useful skills such as purchasing the papers, collecting bills, keeping records, soliciting new customers, etc. They were



Herald Circulation Manager Truman Kirk (far left, back row) poses with the Herald's corps of paperboys during the early 1950s. Photo courtesy of Evelyn Kirk

expected to be dependable and responsible in the performance of their jobs. I spoke to newspaper circulation offices, and was told that it is no longer feasible to contract

with minors. The cost of bonding them has become prohibitive, and there are other issues involved that make such transactions impractical. So the boys have been

replaced by adults who throw the papers from cars and trucks. Perhaps it is a more efficient method of delivery. The nostalgia lingers, though, for former paper boys

who remember how important that job was to them. My husband started his newsboy career at age 11, delivering both the morning and evening edition of

the Abilene Reporter News. He was up before dawn, folding papers and riding out on his bike, with bag on his back. See KIRK, Page 6

Herald's first production manager saw plenty of changes

He wasn't around on Oct. 7, 1904, when the Herald printed its first issue, but the late Bob Rogers spent 37 1/2 years with the Herald, eventually becoming the paper's first production manager before his retirement in September of 1992.

Rogers was not a reporter or an advertising executive. His involvement was in the final process a paper goes through, maybe the most important - printing process. And he, perhaps more

than anyone in the Herald's history, saw the process of producing a newspaper change more than anyone ever did.

"Everything has gone electronic and the business has changed dramatically," Rogers told former Herald reporter Carlton Johnson in a 1994 feature. "We used to have 12 to 14 people working in the composing room and now there are just a few, but the quality has definitely gone up."

Rogers said he always enjoyed the production end of the business.

"It's fascinating work to watch people put together 12 to 20 pages in no time at all. When we used the hot metal process we could lay down about 35 lines a minute, now (with computers) you can do about 300," he said. Photography had also changed a great deal as well.

"It was hard to get local pictures (prior to 1972) because you had to send pictures to be screened and matted." "When we began to use the offset press in 1972 you could do everything

with cameras (in house), including screening pictures."

Today, a newspaper can be put together during the course of a morning, but during the days of hot metal, Rogers says type (material) had to be stored for days or weeks at a time because of the slow process.

"Most everything (news) back then was local because we had it stockpiled," Rogers said.

According to Rogers, it was quite an adventure when the Herald first began to use the offset

press in 1972.

He said, "The first paper (a Sunday issue) we put out (using the offset press), we started at 6 a.m. on a Saturday and finally got the paper out at about 8 p.m. Sunday. It was a matter of adjusting from hot metal to electronics."

Rogers said another big adjustment was that now the paper was able to print for outside interests.

"We were running the press 24 hours a day, six days a week using three shifts of pressmen print-

ing the Dallas Times Herald TV magazine," he said. "We were printing 450,000 copies and averaging about 14,000 copies an hour. We would have to start on Monday to get it to them by Friday because we still had our own paper to print."

Rogers said that one lost art in the business is the proofreader. Today, with advanced software programs, proofreading is part machine and part human."

Rogers said, "When we See ROGERS, Page 6

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shoulder, to deliver them.

In the afternoon, he rushed home from school to do the same thing over again. He told us he wished he could have had time to come out for basketball or to play in the band. He didn't complain about missing out, but he did see to it that his four children were free to participate in any extracurricular activity they chose.

In spite of his work load, he managed to keep up with his school work. One year, he had a sympathetic math teacher who told him that since he made hundreds on her tests and the other classwork, he didn't need to do her homework practice assignments. He was grateful for her understanding.

In those days he put papers on porches, behind screen doors or wherever the customer requested. He enjoyed the personal contact when some of the early risers greeted him as they waited for their papers. He had fond memories of one physician on his route who invited him in on extra cold mornings for a cup of hot chocolate. Just as postmen are expected to make their rounds through "rain, sleet or snow," so were the paper boys.

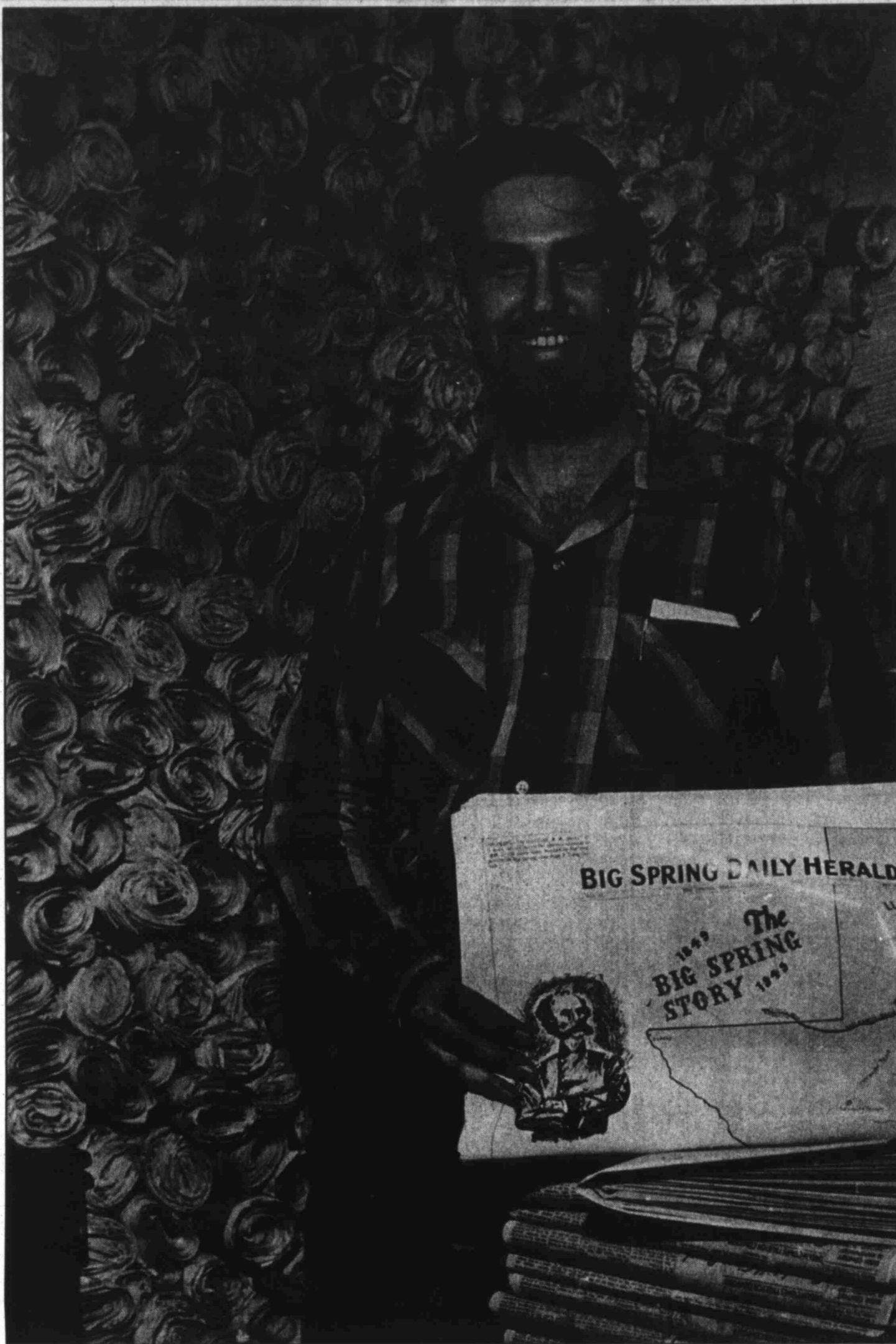
Bills were collected every Saturday in those Depression years, as most people could afford to pay only one week at a time. My husband reminisced about treating himself after his collections with a JoBoy candy bar, a Delaware Punch and a western movie. The total cost was about a quarter. The rest of the money went to his family.

Years later, at his fiftieth Abilene High reunion, a couple of his former classmates told him that their mothers had used him as an example to them, because of his hard work. They said they didn't mind that, so long as they didn't have to actually take on a route.

While in high school, he took the job of route manager and kept it until graduation. After serving in the navy, he came back and worked his way through college as district circulation manager. He hauled paper bundles to the route boys in his yellow jeep. We were dating by then, and I often went with him in the evenings to deliver "kicks" (they were papers missed by the route boys).

After college he took the job of circulation manager of the Big Spring Herald. Then he was hired as circulation manager of the San Angelo Standard Times. (Both of those newspapers were a part of the Harte-Hanks chain, as was the Abilene Reporter News).

Then he left that job to enroll in the University of Texas Law School. The circulation manager of the Austin American-Statesman created a new posi-



Truman Kirk hadn't been the Herald's circulation manager long before he and his carriers faced the task of delivering the newspapers' massive special section celebrating the city of Big Spring's centennial.

tion for him — circulation promotion manager — and he was able to plan his work around his school schedule. He kept that position until graduating from law school. So his newspaper "career" covered a period of almost 20 years.

He had positive memories of all the years he worked with the boys, motivating and encouraging them to do their best. He planned many promotion campaigns and contests that rewarded their efforts with special trips and other prizes. We have a collection of photos and news clip-

pings showing the newsboys involved in various activities.

He was gratified to watch so many of those boys grow up to be responsible members of society. He always treated them like young businessmen. He felt that the skills they learned in managing their routes was good training for future adult responsibility.

In this story, I have recalled some of the experiences of one special paper boy. I feel sure there are many men out there who related to those memories. They may have told their chil-

dren or grandchildren their own stories about past days as a paper boy. They may have even added something like, "Kids these days just don't know what hard work is." Those kids might have been grateful that times have changed, so there are no more paper boy (or girl) jobs available.

They may find other work to do, but it won't be riding out on a bicycle in the wee hours of the morning, to throw newspapers.

Sadly for many of us, that era has passed.

Only memories remain.

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In his 1964 account, Pickle said he was watching television while listening to his grandfather go through one of his Friday afternoon soliloquies when a voice broke in: "Three shots have been fired at the President's motorcade in Dallas."

Pickle said he wasn't sure what was said, but a few seconds later it was repeated and a report followed that President Kennedy had been hit.

Pickle said, "I grabbed the phone and called the office and got Glenn Cootes on the phone. 'Glenn,' I said, 'there is a report the president has been shot. Hold up everything. I'll be there in a minute!'"

According to Pickle, by the time he got to the paper things didn't look good for Kennedy.

Pickle recounted, "It was apparent the president had been mortally wounded so we set two banners, one that he had been shot, another that he had been assassinated."

Just as the front page was being put together word came the John F. Kennedy was dead.

According to Pickle, that particular edition of the Herald, because of the paper's new AP Photofax, was able to provide readers with pictures of the presidential car pulling up to Parkland Hospital in Dallas.

Pickle retired from the Herald in 1975, but remember his days with the paper and said he wouldn't trade them for anything.

He said, "To me, communicating is getting what's in your head into someone else's head. We always told our writers to be honest, fair and slow to take anything in confidence, but if they did, stick to it."

"You have to learn to concentrate on the job. This (newspaper) is a job where you get to be in on things because of what you are, not who you are."

Laughing, Pickle said, "It gave me a long life because I never could afford to overeat."

Pickle said technology is different today and so are some of the pressures to get the paper out.

The news business, according to Pickle, seems to have drifted towards the adversarial and controversial.

"I tried to stay on the side of truth and honesty in printing the news," Pickle said.

He also understands why a business like the Herald can survive for 90 years.

"This (the Herald) is like any other business,"

Rogers reminded Johnson. "You have to

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were still in the hot metal days, we had two women who did nothing but proofread the copy. You don't have that anymore."

He added that one thing

is still the same and that's the fact that people in the business are still the hardest critics of their own work.

"You take pride in putting out a good paper and people in the business are much more critical of themselves than anyone else," Rogers said.

One big difference that Rogers said he notices in the business, today and in many other businesses as well, is the fact that there doesn't seem to be much time for employees to function together outside of the work environment.

He said, "It was like one big family (when I was

with the paper). There is lot more pressure on people today, but at least once a month we would have a cookout. There were lots of good people come through the paper and it a thrill for me work with people like Tommy Hart and Joe Pickle because they really were

good newspaper men."

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Herald sees war end, Webb AFB open in fifth decade

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

As the Herald turned 50, the Allies rapidly began turning the tables on the enemy and began the push that would win World War II. Few at the time would have believed anyone prophesizing that the next decade would end with America embroiled in still another war.

Throughout 1944, the Herald's front page chronicled developments of the war — Nazi Germany's rapid decline in the face of gains by Allied troops following the Normandy invasion and the Soviet Union's relentless march from the east.

Newspapers of the last 10 days of the year, however, carried coverage of what would become known as the Battle of the Bulge. The German offensive had not earned that moniker at the time, however, and was referred to as "Field Marshal Karl von Rundstedt's advance" or simply the "German counterattack."

Ten days later, while U.S. and British forces were struggling to regain territory lost on the Western Front, the



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Jet trainers are lined up for refueling on the flight line at Webb Air Force Base in the 1950s.

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Life good as Herald starts sixth decade; ends with JFK's death

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Dwight David Eisenhower was president, the Korean conflict was winding down to a settlement, Webb Air Force base was training jet pilots, potatoes were 25 cents for a 10-pound bag, Folgers coffee was priced at 99 cents a pound and the West Texas oil fields continued to expand.

It was the 1950s and life was good. The Herald's sixth decade of operation was opening on a positive note.

After having called three different downtown locations home, the Herald moved to its current location in October of 1956 and week later, a series of almost "freakish" occurrences involving Webb Air Force personnel created a spectacular local news day for the Oct. 25, 1956, edition.

Two Webb pilots, performing touch-and-go landings at an airstrip outside of Midland collided with a private plane, resulting in a incredible crash that sent debris showering down on a residential area.

Later in the day, a mechanic at the base was taxiing a plane toward a

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hangar in the process of checking on maintenance work and for some inexplicable reason decided he could fly the plane.

The sergeant managed to get the plane airborne and piloted it for more than an hour as personnel at the Webb tower attempted to "talk him down" to a landing.

In the process, the would-be pilot lost control of the jet trainer and plummeted to earth, crashing only yards from the Cosden refinery complex northeast of the city. Only the imagination can conjure what might have happened had the plane gone down inside the refinery.

And in a related accident, a Howard County sheriff's deputy, streaking to the scene of the crash, was involved in an auto accident that resulted in the death of a Big Spring woman.

But the biggest stories of the decade would come during the 1960s.

Local voter turnout was extremely heavy on Nov.

8, 1960, the presidential election in which Howard County voters gave their nod to every Democratic Party candidate.

John Fitzgerald Kennedy and running mate Lyndon Baines Johnson received 56.1 percent of the county's presidential vote.

Richard Milhous Nixon only claimed the media wouldn't have him to kick around anymore.

The 1960 election marked perhaps the modern heyday of the Democratic Party in Texas. The state legislature was to a person composed of Democrats and only one member of Texas' congressional delegation, Rep. Bruce Alger of Dallas, was a Republican.

Little boys' wish lists for Christmas that year quite often included a "Mare's Laig" carbine and holster, patterned after the weapon Steve McQueen wore on the "Wanted Dead or Alive" television program. You could buy them for \$3.99 each at White's Auto Store.

Integration, a hot topic throughout much of the

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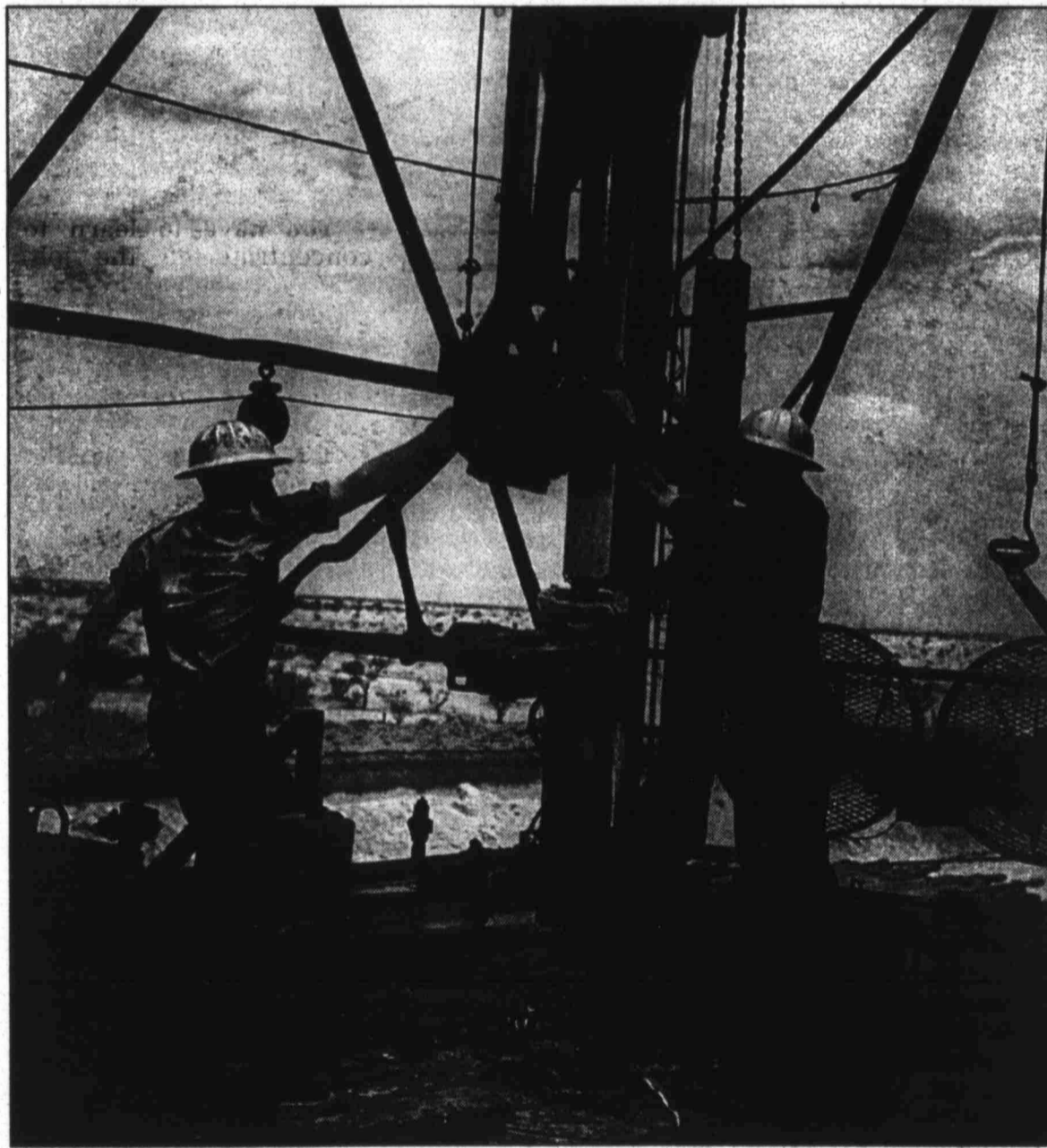


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The oil business continued to be important to the Big Spring and Howard County community through the 1950s and 1960s.



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Herald endorses Johnson; Crooker first GOP commissioner

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

The "British invasion" was on the threshold as the Herald entered its seventh decade of service to Big Spring and the area surrounding Howard County.

It was the '60s, and although the U.S. would see numerous changes during the decade, it was the decade of Vietnam...10 years of protest and riots.

American would never be the same again.

Although the Beatles had been to New York and appeared on the Ed Sullivan Show by Nov. 1, 1964, Cash Box's Top Ten singles listing didn't include any of their recordings.

In stead, the list was topped by "We'll Sing In the Sunshine," followed by "Last Kiss," "Do Wah Diddy Diddy," "Baby Love," "Oh, Pretty Woman," "Dancing In The Street," "Chug-A-Lug," "Have I The Right," "Let It Be Me" and "Little Honda."

"The Spy Who Came In From The Cold" topped the fictional best-sellers list and "Fail Safe" was showing at the Ritz in downtown Big Spring.

It was also the last night that the old Jet Drive-In Theater opened for business on U.S. Highway 87,

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offering its patrons "McHale's Navy." The theater would open later at its new location on Wasson Road.

On Nov. 3, voters went to the polls to cast their votes in a presidential election.

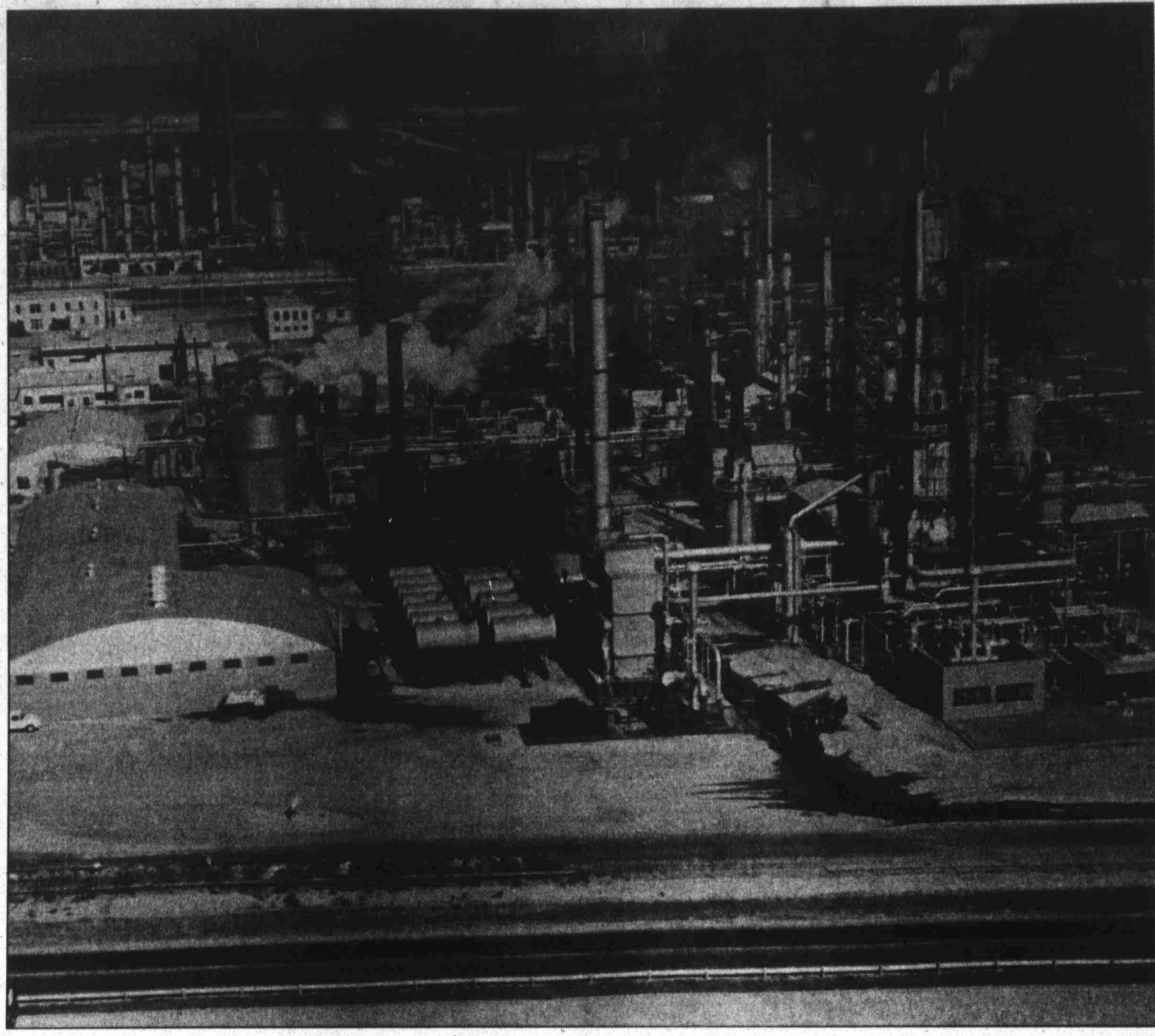
The Herald had endorsed incumbent Democrats Lyndon Johnson and Hubert Humphrey over Arizona Sen. Barry Goldwater and his running mate William Miller.

It had also endorsed Gov. John Connally, Lt. Gov. Preston Smith and Attorney General Waggoner Carr in their re-election bids, but switched to the Republican ticket in backing George Bush's bid to defeat incumbent U.S. Sen. Ralph Yarborough.

Record voter turnout in Howard County solidly favored LBJ by a 2-to-1 margin, and former Big Spring resident J.J. "Jake" Pickle was elected to his first full term in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Four years later,

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The Cosden Refinery, by the 1970s, had grown a great deal from its humble beginnings in 1929. It is still a lifeblood of the community.

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Herald's front page announced the invasion of the Philippines and Gen. Douglas MacArthur's promised return.

Things were also changing at home, as evidenced by a front page story later in the month concerning a Negro being called as a member of the grand jury for the first time in Howard County's history.

Two months later Abilene's Eagle thinclads topped a field of 10 teams that were invited to the first ever Big Spring relays.

By April, the rumors had been proved. A front page story by Hal Boyle details U.S. troops' first discovery of a German "murder factory" in an insane asylum near Limburg.

Three days later, the world was stunned by

FDR's death. It seemed unthinkable, a local editorial opined, that "America would have to fight to the conclusion of the war without the man who had led her so nobly throughout the fight."

And five days later, the death of war correspondent Ernie Pyle, who had reported the war from the regular G.I. dogface's foxhole was announced. Pyles' columns, which had become a mainstay on the Herald's editorial page, continued until the supply was exhausted.

Another dozen days would see U.S. and Russian troops join up, splitting the Third Reich near Leipzig, the Marines' raising of the U.S. flag atop Mt. Suribachi.

The passage of two more days brought stories of Hitler's death. Six days later, Germany surrendered.

Less than two months later, a B-29 Superfortress nicknamed the Enola Gay

dropped the first atomic bomb on Hiroshima — its impact so unbelievable that even American journalists, provided staggering statistics by the government, were unable to convey its effect.

Days later, even after being provided with pictures of the city following the explosion, such devastation having come from a single bomb seemed incomprehensible.

Nine days following the Hiroshima bombing, and a second detonation over Nagasaki, Japan capitulated.

VJ Day brought about celebrations far outstripping those which had preceded it on VE Day. Locally, numerous stores closed for two days in celebrating the victory.

The nation deserved a party, and Big Spring, like just about every other community across the nation, let down its hair and had some fun — spirits buoyed all the more by the announce-

ment that gasoline, canned fruits and vegetables, fuel oils and oil stoves had immediately taken off the government's rationing list.

Within six days the local focus had changed to needs at home and the Chamber of Commerce's junior college committee submitted a petition with more than 1,000 signatures seeking establishment of a junior college district to county commissioners.

A polio epidemic was raging in Howard County and local police were in the process of breaking up a marijuana ring in Big Spring.

A year later, the Herald included an entire comics page and on April 19, 1946, the Herald reported the death of its co-founder William G. Hayden.

In May, Big Spring school trustees voted a pay raise for the district's teachers, increasing base pay to \$1,500 per year and

Furr's Supermarkets opened its supermarket at 310 S. Gregg. And on June 4, the West Texas Livestock Auction Co. opened with the sale of three head of buffalo and 2,000 head of cattle.

The next year, airline service was re-established to Big Spring when Pioneer Air Lines began passenger service between Dallas and Midland via Big Spring.

November of 1948 will be forever remembered for Harry s. Truman's stunning upset of Thomas Dewey in that year's presidential election.

Big Spring's VA hospital opened during the period and the city officially annexed the 105 acres surrounding the new facility, while volunteers went virtually unnoticed in operating a free health clinic for the poor.

Dr. Chaim Weizmann took office as the first president of Israel on Feb. 17, 1949, the same day that ground breaking cere-

monies were held for construction of the Lake Colorado City dam. A week later, the Texas Legislature approved a bill requiring most Texans fishing in bodies of fresh water within the state to buy a \$1.65 license.

And later that month 25 people representing most of the city's civic, service and women's organizations met to approve a basic outline for Big Spring's centennial celebration.

With the outbreak of the Korean conflict, local officials were successful in getting the Air Force to build a base in Big Spring.

Webb Air Force Base, named for Lt. James L. Webb Jr. of Big Spring, a fighter pilot who flew 49 combat missions during World War II and died in a crash off Japan just after the war, was opened on May 18, 1952, the third observance of Armed Forces Day.

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South and much of Texas, wasn't much problem locally. The schools were integrated and everyone went on about life as usual.

On Friday, Nov. 22, 1963, the Herald published

two different front pages...three, in fact.

The day's paper was just going to press when a staffer learned that President Kennedy had been shot during a visit to Dallas. The front page was quickly remade with a two-deck banner headline reading: "President Kennedy Assassinated, Vice President, Governor

Hit," and an Associated Press wire story incorrectly reporting that Vice President Johnson had been wounded.

A third front page was required when the error was corrected, and another story detailing LBJ's taking the oath of office as president appeared on the page along with still another breaking account

of Lee Harvey Oswald's arrest.

Inside that edition, the Herald contained a picture page of AP Wirephotos from the Dallas visit, including one showing the presidential convertible streaking from Dealy Plaza for Parkland Hospital.

In Sunday's Nov. 24 edition, coverage of the

assigment overshadowed Big Spring's 20-6 upset of No. 1-ranked San Angelo Central's Bobcats.

Local mourners gathered at churches throughout the city, business seemingly came to a standstill and a citywide service was scheduled at the city park amphitheater.

A few days later, Herald

Editor Joe Pickle penned an editorial detailing the challenges facing the nation's new president, wondering if LBJ would follow the policies outlined by Kennedy and offering the consoling note that in Johnson, the nation had a chief executive that knew not only Texas, but Big Spring.

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Webb AFB closes as the Herald enters its eighth decade

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

As the Herald forged into its eighth decade of operation, the nation seemed ready to draw a breath of relief.

Richard Nixon had announced an agreement with the North Vietnamese for an American pullout from South Vietnam. Protesters weren't taking to the streets as they had in the four

previous years, so perhaps being frightened by the "Chicago 7 Trial."

But all was not right with the Nixon administration. Vice President Spiro Agnew was indicted by a grand jury for crimes he committed while governor of Maryland and was forced to resign in disgrace. Nixon selected Michigan Rep. Gerald Ford as a replacement.

And two unknown reporters for the Washington Post named Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein began to unravel a massive cover-up of burglary which occurred on the eve of the 1972 election at the Democratic National Headquarters in the Watergate Office Building in Washington, D.C. Their names would become household words before their work was done.

On the state front, the Texas Constitutional Convention struck out, failing to revise the state's antiquated constitution.

By Aug. 1, 1974, it was clear that Nixon had little chance of serving out this second term, as details of the "Watergate" cover-up continued to wind their way toward his office.

The next day, congressional leaders, planning for the first presidential impeachment debate in 106 years, agreed to start those proceedings on Aug. 19. First votes were expected to begin about eight days later.

On the same day, former presidential advisor



A jet trainer at Webb Air Force Base displays the patriotic painting it was given to celebrate the American bicentennial in 1976. Although the base was one of the lifebloods of the community for almost 30 years, Big Spring lost the base, as well as the population and business it created for the community as the Herald neared its 80th anniversary.

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John Dean was sentenced to prison for his role in the Watergate cover-up.

Four days later, Nixon admitted hiding the truth about Watergate, but told members of his cabinet that he flatly refused to leave office voluntarily.

Three more days, however, brought about a double-decked banner headline atop Aug. 9 wirestories covering Nixon's resignation: "Ford Ascends To Presidency! 'National Nightmare Is Over.'"

On Aug. 19, 1974, the

Herald began printing the paper with its new Goss Community offset press.

Eight days later, Charles A. Lindbergh died of cancer in Hawaii and was buried less than eight hours later.

On the local front, the biggest news was Big Spring's battle to keep Webb Air Force Base open.

Despite a valiant effort on the part of local officials during hearings held in November of 1976, the Air Force opted to close

the base.

The last plane to leave Webb AFB, a T38 trainer, was flown to Williams Air Force Base in Arizona by Lt. Kel Weller and Lt. Scott Hammonds on Sept. 1, 1977.

The oil boom of the early 1980s helped offset the city's loss of 6,000 people for a while, and it was not until the recession of the mid-1980s that the base's closure was fully realized.

Americans decided that eight years of Republican

rule were enough during the presidential election of 1976 and ushered Jimmy Carter — a Georgia businessman, peanut farmer and nuclear engineer — into the White House.

The state's voters would feel the same way in 1978, rejecting the bid by former Attorney General John Hill for governor, and electing Bill Clements to the statehouse.

Clements thus became the first Republican to

hold the governor's office since Reconstruction.

When the Shah of Iran was deposed and executed by Shiite Muslims following Ayatollah Khomeini and later took American personnel at the U.S. Embassy in Teheran

hostage for more than a year hurting America's stance abroad and runaway inflation undermined the nation's economy, Carter fell victim to former actor and California governor Ronald Reagan.

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Johnson refused to seek his party's nomination, even though the Presidential Succession Act would have allowed him to serve another term in the Oval office.

In the fall of that year, rioting broke out between Chicago police and anti-war protesters during the Democratic National Convention and mainstream America opted for a change — narrowly

electing former vice-president Richard Milhous Nixon over the Democrats' Humphrey and Independent candidate George Wallace.

Howard County voters, and the rest of Texas for that matter, backed Humphrey.

Conversely, Martin County voters supported Wallace's campaign with 43 percent of their vote.

Jane Fonda, who would later draw fire for her trips to North Vietnam in an effort to seek peace, was starring in "Barbarella."

That film was followed by a successful run of the movie "Rosemary's Baby" which starred Mia Farrow.

On Nov. 10, the Herald ran a special edition in preparation for the next day's observance of Veteran's Day, including pictures and profiles of more than 60 surviving World War I veterans that lived in the area.

It was not until Nov. 19, that a recount of Howard County voting boxes uncovered mistakes in two of four boxes which resulted in W.B. "Bill"

Crooker becoming the first Republican elected to the Howard County Commissioner Court.

Following the recount, the official tally showed Crooker having beaten Mrs. Joe (Mae) Hayden by 149 votes.

A year later, Neil Armstrong took his "one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind" in becoming the first man to step onto the face of the moon.

America was still at war with itself, however. War protests and race riots tugged at the national fab-

ric, and by 1972, it was clear that Nixon would win re-election.

The only question seemed to be by how much.

Nixon took every state save one — Massachusetts — and Dolph Briscoe barely survived the presidential onslaught in defeating Henry "Hank" Grover in the governor's race.

Barbara Jordan became the first black woman from the South elected to the U.S. House, and despite being soundly beaten at the polls, La Raza Unida vowed it

would be back with another slate of candidates for statewide office.

Lather that month, as Nixon called for "Operation Linebacker" — the plan to bomb Hanoi and Haiphong in an effort to force a conclusion to peace negotiations with the North Vietnamese in Paris — the first B-52 bomber lost during the war was shot down over North Vietnam.

We were all about to hear more than we really wanted to know concerning some ugly business called Watergate.

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Herald's ninth decade proves eventful on all fronts

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Managing Editor

As the Herald entered its ninth decade of existence in 1984, Reaganomics was the buzzword nationally. Unfortunately, the "trickle down effect" didn't seem to bring immediate help to the oil industry and West Texas suffered.

That was particularly true for Big Spring and Howard County, because the oil boom of the early '80s had helped salve some of the sting from the closure of Webb Air Force Base.

It did, however, lead officials to begin taking steps to diversifying the local economy.

The Moore Board, officially known as Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc., was established and began actively recruiting new industry.

It would seem that a success story was in the making.

City officials continued their efforts to secure control of the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark from the Federal Aviation Administration.

While that effort wasn't brought to fruition, the council did managed to loosen federal controls over the property.

In addition, the city joined into an agreement with MidTex Detention Inc. in converting existing property along Interstate 20 into a city-owned prison which announced in 1993 that it was doubling the size of that facility.

Western Container Corp., another of the city's newer industries continued to grow.

In September of 1989, Blue Bell Creameries Inc. announced it's decision to build a \$1 million facility on Interstate 20.

Other newer, smaller businesses located at the airpark, and new Wal-Mart Supercenter has prompted a flurry of building activity along the city's Gregg Street business corridor when it opened in the fall of 1994.

On the international scene, U.S. relations with the Soviet Union improved through the Reagan administration, but by the time George Bush succeeded him, it was clear that the Iron Curtain around Eastern Europe was disintegrating.

The Berlin wall came down and the Soviet Union itself came apart at the seams following an attempted overthrow of Mikael Gorbachev.

Iraq's Saddam Hussein invaded Kuwait and the U.S. led a multi-national military force that first used air power to cripple Baghdad's forces and then

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unleashed an armored blitzkrieg like nothing the world had ever seen in conventional warfare.

Bush's success in leading the U.S. coalition against Iraq left most leading Democratic contenders conceding him a second term long before the 1992 election.

As a result, Arkansas Gov. Bill Clinton announced his candidacy for the presidency, earned his party's nomination and turned a stagnant national economy into the weapon Democrats needed to end 12 years of Republican rule.

During the period, it became clear that Howard County voters had become decidedly conservative when it came to national politics. Voters here followed national and state trends in ushering Reagan back into office in 1984 and were strongly supportive of Phil Gramm's bid for John Tower's U.S. Senate seat. Reagan received 64 percent of the Howard County vote, while Gramm was the choice on 59 percent of the ballots.

The same week, the Herald ran an editorial calling for President Reagan to take note that 33 million Americans had no health insurance coverage and opining that some sort of national approach was needed to remedy the situation.

It is an issue that continues to be contentious.

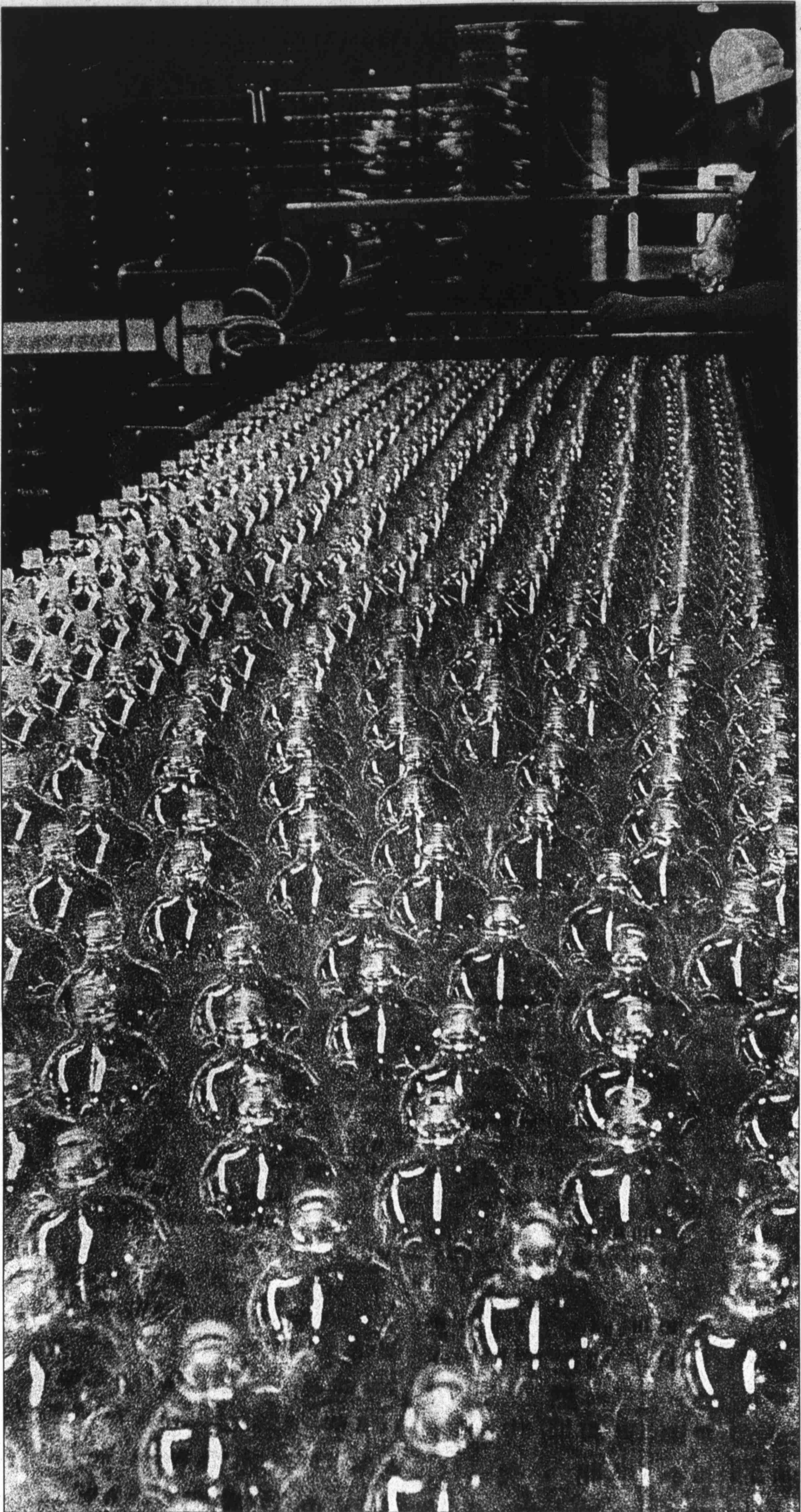
In November of 1988 Howard County voters again favored the Republican presidential ticket, casing 57.3 percent of their ballots for the Bush-Quayle ticket.

That was a trend that would not change, even though the overall Texas vote backed Clinton in 1992. Howard County cast an overwhelming majority of it's vote for Bush, splitting the rest between Clinton and Ross Perot.

An on the state political front, Bill Clements — the first Republican to sit in the governor's office since Reconstruction — was defeated by Democrat Mark White in 1982, but was returned to office in 1986 when disgruntled educators provided the swing vote necessary to derail White's re-election bid.

And in 1990, Ann Richards, the former state treasurer, became the first woman to hold the governor's office since Ma Ferguson's term in the 1930s.

She, too, would be followed by a Republican.



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An employee at Western Container organizes and sorts plastic beverage bottles as they flow through an assembly machine at the Big Spring facility.

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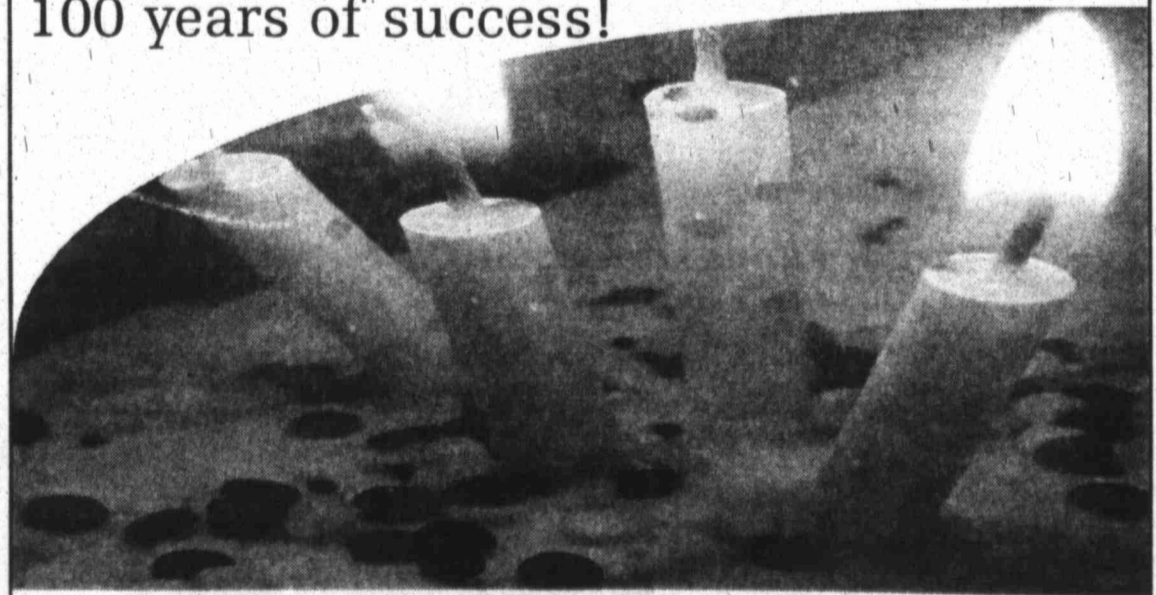
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War, political upheaval, celebrations fill 10th decade

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

The final decade of the Herald's first century was perhaps as eventful as any in the newspaper's history.

As the Herald entered its 10th decade of existence, Democrat Bill Clinton was the nation's president, but the Republican party would soon control both houses of Congress.

At the state level, Texas continued its political shift to the right as George W. Bush took the controls as governor and enjoyed bipartisan support in the Legislature that surprised many.

After two terms as governor, Bush ran for the presidency and narrowly defeated Al Gore for the nation's highest office.

In fact, Gore received slightly more overall votes, but Bush had the edge in the Electoral College. As a result, he joined John Quincy Adams as the sons of former presidents to be elected to that office.

He and the rest of the nation would be challenged less than a year after taking office then terrorists affiliated with Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network hijacked four passenger jets on Sept. 11, 2001.

Two of those planes were used as missiles by the terrorists and flown into the World Trade Center towers in New York City, starting a catastrophic chain of events that would see both towers crumble.

A third plane was used by its hijackers to crash into the Pentagon in Washington, D.C., a few minutes later. A fourth plane, which most believe was intended to be used against the nation's capitol building or the White House, never made it to the hijackers' target when passengers fought back and forced the terrorists to crash the plane into a rural Pennsylvania field.

President Bush, with almost unanimous backing from Congress, committed the nation's military to a campaign in Afghanistan in an effort to track down bin Laden and his al Qaeda followers.

While bin Laden remains at large, Afghanistan's Islamic fundamentalist Taliban regime was purged from control in that country.

The United States then turned its attention to Iraq in 2003, invading and taking control of that nation, toppling the regime of Saddam Hussein, but the Bush administration has found that rebuilding the conquered nation much harder than dismantling it.

And with more than

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1,000 American service men and women having been killed in Iraq, Bush found the war becoming somewhat of a political liability going into his re-election bid where he faced a challenge from Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass.

Political upheaval seemed to be the order of the day for almost the entire decade, particularly in Texas, as Republicans gained control of all statewide offices in Austin and eventually put their stamp on the entire state map — particularly in West Texas.

The result was two bouts of redistricting — the first at the hands of the State Redistricting Board in 2002 that saw Howard County moved into new state senate and house districts.

In the process Big Spring and Howard County lost the representation of State Sen. Bob Duncan, R-Lubbock, and State Rep. David Counts, D-Knox City.

That was followed by a tempestuous battle in the Texas Legislature over congressional redistricting that saw the state's Democrats twice exodus the state in an attempt to derail Republican efforts to redraw the state's congressional districts.

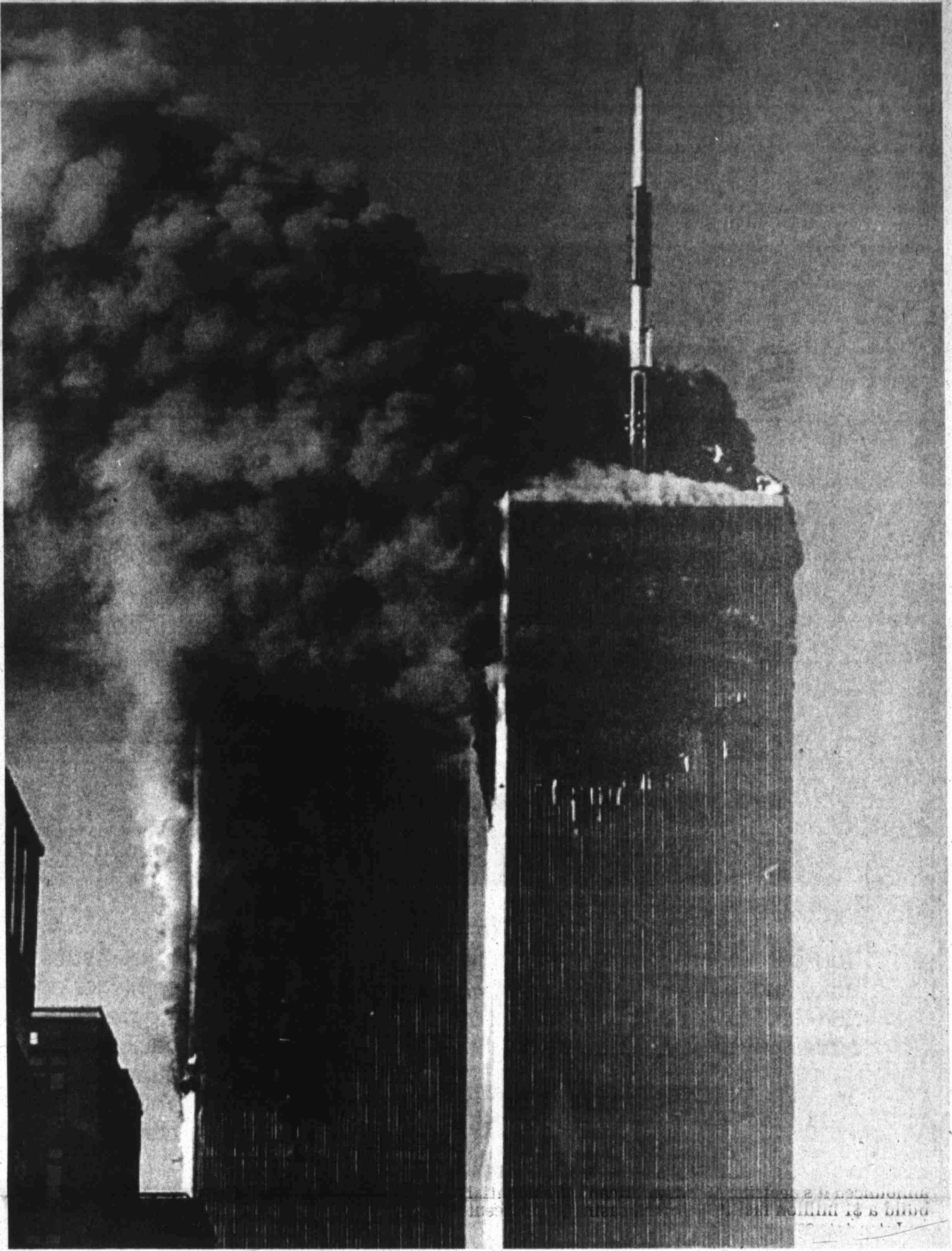
In the end, Gov. Rick Perry forced legislators to meet in special session to resolve the dilemma. The result was Howard County being placed in District 19 where freshman Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock, was forced to run against Congressman Charles Stenholm, D-Abilene, for the newly-realigned seat.

On the economic front, Big Spring and Howard County officials continued their efforts toward diversifying the local economy.

Perhaps the biggest successes along those lines was the expansion of the city-owned prison units that were sold to Cornell Corrections and the virtual doubling of Western Container Corporation's facility at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

The community also faced its challenges — particularly late in the decade when the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs announced that its Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission would provide an independent review of the national draft plan to realign the DAV's health care system.

That draft plan called for a number of changes



Smoke billows from the World Trade Center's towers after terrorists flew two commercial airliners into the buildings on Sept. 11, 2001.

at the Big Spring VA Medical Center, as well as a feasibility study charged with looking at possibilities that could include closing the hospital and building a new facility in the Midland/Odessa area.

What followed was a mobilization of the community's resources that seemed almost unprecedented, as local residents of all ages and walks of life flooded anyone they could reach in Washington with comment concerning the draft report.

As a result, Neugebauer, who had only days before been elected in a special election run-off to replace retired Congressman Larry Combest, went to work for the community — as did Congressman Stenholm and U.S. Sens.

Kay Bailey Hutchison and John Cornyn.

While the VA Hospital's fate remains uncertain going into the Herald's second century of publication, it seemed clear federal officials, including Veterans Affairs Secretary Anthony J. Principi, were rethinking some of the recommendations they'd been given by the CARES Commission.

Sadly, the same sort of threat seemed to be on the horizon for the Big Spring State Hospital in the fall of 2004, as it faces a study which is part of Rider 55 of the General Appropriations Act approved during the last legislative session.

Luckily, the community and its leaders bring considerable experience from their efforts to support the retention of the

VAMC.

Of course, 2004 proved not only to be a milestone year for the Herald, but several other businesses and entities in Big Spring.

Perhaps the biggest bash belonged to ALON USA's Big Spring Refinery, which celebrated its 75th anniversary earlier in the year.

The festivities drew dignitaries from the United States and Israel — ALON USA being a subsidiary of an Israeli firm.

Among those taking part in the festivities were Gov. Perry and Congressman Neugebauer and State Sen. Kel Seliger.

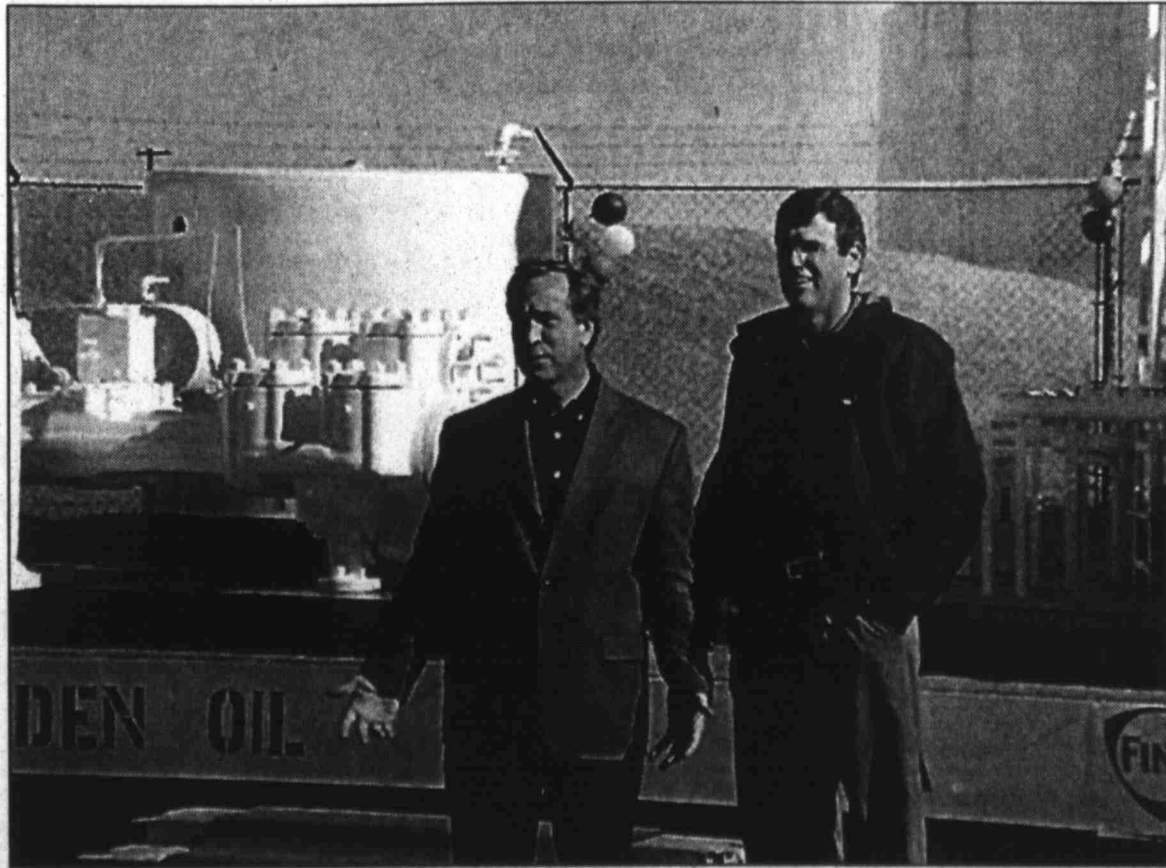
This year, the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce also celebrated its 85th anniversary and the Big Spring Harley-Davidson Shop — the old-

est Harley franchise dealership in Texas — celebrated its 75th year of operation.

There were other bright moments during the decade locally, including the high school football season of 1997 when both Stanton's Buffaloes and Borden County's Coyotes claimed state championships.

The Buffs posted a 16-0 record in claiming the Class AA crown, while the Coyotes were perfect as well, 15-0, in assuming the throne in six man play.

In the spring of that school year, Coahoma's Bulldogettes picked up their school's first ever state championship by winning the Class AA softball crown.



Jeff Morris (left), chief executive officer of ALON USA, and Joe Conclienne, ALON's refinery manager and vice president for marketing and transportation, greet visitors during the refinery's 75th anniversary.

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