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WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 52°-55° TONIGHT 30°-34°

Fourth forum set at Moss Monday night

The fourth forum on closing Anderson Kindergarten Center and realignment of attendance zones for Big Spring Independent School District elementary schools is set for Monday.

BSISD administrators and trustees will be at Moss Elementary, 3200 Fordham at 6:30 p.m. to hear concerns or alternate plans to the recommended zone alignments and closure.

Other hearings are: Marcy Elementary, 6:30 p.m. Tuesday; and Bauer Magnet, 6:30 p.m., Thursday.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

□ District Committee Lone Star of Big Spring meets at noon at 610 Scurry.

□ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

□ Gospel singing, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center, 2805 Lynn. Guest singers from Stanton, Midland and Colorado City.

□ Howard County ARC meets at 806 E. Third at the Bingo Hall.

□ Big Spring Chapter and Council, RAM meets at 7:30 p.m. at the Masonic building, 221 1/2 Main St.

TUESDAY

□ Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

□ Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club meets Tuesday at noon at Senior Citizens Center.

□ Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Alzheimers Association Greater West Texas Chapter meets at 2 p.m. in the Howard County Library.

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Community to remember sacrifices of fallen veterans

By **LYNDEL MOODY**
Staff Writer

A service to remember the sacrifice of four World War II military chaplains and local veterans who have died in 2001 will be held today at the West Texas VA Health Care System.

"The public is invited," said assistant chaplain Carroll Khol. "We encourage anyone in the community to come."

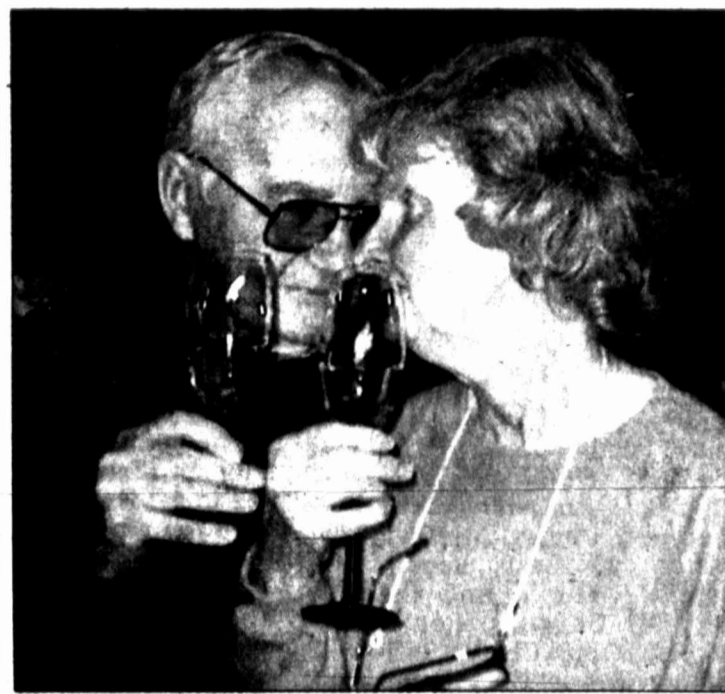
The service will begin at 11:30 a.m. in Room 25 on the first floor of the hospital, 300 Veterans Boulevard.

Hospital chaplain Dean Thomas will lead the service.

Transport ship the U.S.A.T. Dorchester was struck on Feb. 3, 1943, by torpedoes from a German U-boat while crossing the North Atlantic carrying more than 600 men.

Lacking sufficient life vests, four U.S. military chaplains, two Protestants, a Roman Catholic, and a Jew, gave away their life vests to their fellow men.

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In today's issue

A look at love and romance through a history of the honeymoon, traditional anniversary gifts and music to make your heart sing. We'll tell you how technology can help you announce the news. Come see what others have found — that love is wonderful at any age.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline
From left, Ramiro Mier, Paul Wylie, Jacob Wylie and Brent Yater, Scouts from Big Spring, unload a pickup truck of food into a trailer to haul to the Salvation Army and the West Texas Food Bank Saturday as part of the Buffalo Trail Council's annual Scouting for Food program. The four were among about 60 Scouts who collected about 3,200 pounds of non-perishable foodstuffs from area residents.

It's in the bag

Scouts gather food for the needy

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

They came, they saw, they gathered more than a ton and a half of food for the hungry.

"They" are the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts of Howard County, who participated in the "Scouting For Food" program Saturday.

"We were around the

2,800 mark last year," Warren Wallace, district executive for the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council, said. "We're already over 3,200 today, so actually we're doing better. We appreciate the community for helping out on that."

Plastic bags were distributed in Friday's issue of the *Big Spring Herald* along with instructions to fill them with non-perishable food items for the Scouts.

The Scouts divided the food into two donations, Wallace said.

"We've taken it to the

Salvation Army, half of it, and half of it to the West Texas Food Bank."

With several Scouts out of town or on camping trips, only about 60 turned out to canvass the city, Wallace said.

"They each take a section, each den or each patrol in the troop, depending on what size group they've got," he said. "They'll have as many as four or five kids in one vehicle. Then they just go canvass the area and have the kids walk the streets."

Wallace said if the bag of food is not in plain sight, it

may be missed.

"Most of them don't go up in the porches, though," he said. "So they're liable to miss something because they're just out on the sidewalk looking up into the area."

Young people gain a life-long commitment to service through the Boy Scouts, Wallace said.

"I think this is where they learn that service to others is a good feeling," he said. "It's one of our prime points of character building. We have to have ser-

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Consultant, pilot hired as director for airpark

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

The City of Big Spring has hired an airpark director for the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark.

James Curtis of Davenport, Fla., will begin work in the position Feb. 11, said City Manager Gary Fuqua.

"He's been a pilot for 16 years, said Fuqua. "He has military experience, his family owns a construction business, he's done some token work in a lot of different areas."

Curtis has education and experience in the aeronautics field.

"He has a bachelor's degree in aeronautics and apparently was working at Disney World Institute doing consulting work," he said. "He's got a lot of knowledge and skill coming in, and he's very enthusiastic. He's got some good ideas, so I think we're going to be doing well with him."

Curtis was one of two candidates brought to Big Spring for interviews in the hiring process, Fuqua added.

"We had about 25 applicants," he said. "We had a selection committee which was composed of me, (city secretary and finance director) Tom Ferguson and (air park development board chairman) Col. Jim Little. We interviewed probably four or five over the telephone, and then we flew the top two to Big Spring for face-to-face interviews."

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After almost 27 years, Ferguson says goodbye to Big Spring City Hall

By **ROGER CLINE**
Staff Writer

About a hundred people turned out to the Big Spring City Council Chambers Saturday evening to bid farewell to longtime Big Spring City Secretary and Finance Director Tom Ferguson.

Ferguson retired in January after nearly 27 years in the paired positions.

"I'd just like to thank the citizens of Big Spring for allowing me to work for them for so many years," he said. "I've really enjoyed the time that I've been here."

He didn't originally intend to make Big Spring his lifelong home, Ferguson said.

"My wife and I came to Big Spring, we really had the idea to stay here for four or five years and maybe move on to a bigger or better job somewhere," he said. "I had a couple of job opportunities, but we said, 'We live in Big Spring, we like it,' and we decided to stay."

Ferguson, who worked at a local accounting firm for three years before taking the city jobs when former Director of Finance Robert Massengill left, said he's seen lots of change in his career.

"The completion of our financial management system we have here, we

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline
Peggy Walker, right, presents gifts to outgoing City Secretary and Finance Director Tom Ferguson, left, at his retirement party Saturday night. Walker is taking over Ferguson's positions. City Manager Gary Fuqua, center, commended Ferguson on his years of service to Big Spring.

FEBRUARY 3 2002

OBITUARIES

JoAnn Salgado-Polney

JoAnn Salgado-Polney, 43, of Bakersfield, Calif., died Friday, Jan. 25, 2002, at UCD Medical Center in Sacramento, Calif.

Graveside services will be Monday at 1 p.m. at Sutter Cemetery Memorial Building in Sutter, Calif., with the Rev. Ray Bennett of the Assembly of God Church in Big Spring officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ullrey Memorial Chapel in Yuba City, Calif.

She was born in Big Spring on April 16, 1958. She had lived in Bakersfield for three years and she had lived in the Yuba City/Sutter area for 23 years. She was preceded in death by her father, Alfredo Salgado, a brother, Richard Salgado and a sister, Vicky Salgado-Chaffin.

She was a trailer attendant at the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

Survivors include her husband, Dan Polney of Sacramento; a daughter, Misty Patterson of Boston; three sons, James and David Polney, both of Sacramento and Zachery Boatman of Bakersfield; her mother, Victoria Pittman of Big Spring; a brother, Frank Garza of Big Spring; and two sisters, Marylou Surita and Irene Flores, both of Marysville, Calif.

Maudine Cotton

Maudine Cotton, 81, of Big Spring died Thursday, Jan. 31, 2002 in a local hospital.

Services were held at 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 2, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with her son, Dr. Randy Cotton, pastor of Trinity Baptist Church, officiating. Interment was in Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on March 22, 1920, in Rannels County and had been a resident of Big Spring for 56 years. In the mid-1950s she baked and sold pies to area restaurants.

She was a member of Trinity Baptist Church.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Dr. Randy and Jo Ann Cotton of Big Spring and Larry and Deantha Cotton of Midland; five grandchildren, Justin Cotton and Kerri Cotton, both of Midland and Greg Cotton and wife Yvette, Karen Long and husband Keith, and Debbie Dunn and husband Timmy, all of Big Spring; nine great-grandchildren, Toby Cotton, Cory Cotton, Nita Cotton, Bryson Dunn, Tyler Dunn, Mallory Dunn, Krystle Long, Kala Long and Shay Long, all of Big Spring.

The family suggests memorials to Trinity Baptist Church Building Fund, P.O. Box 1448, Big Spring, 79721-1448.

Spring, 79721-1448. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
Paid obituary

Lucile (Lucy) Hollis

Lucile (Lucy) Hollis, 87, of Big Spring, went to be with the Lord on Friday, Feb. 1, 2002, in a local hospital. Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 4, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Baptist Church, and the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

She was born to Lewis and Pamela Butler on June 2, 1914, in Eastland County and married Earl F. Hollis on Dec. 17, 1932, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Oct. 4, 1988.

Lucile moved with her family to the Center Point Community in 1926. After marrying, she had lived the remainder of her life in Big Spring and had lived at Marcy House the last four months. She was a homemaker and enjoyed her church and crafts.

She was a member of the East Fourth Baptist Church and a member of the Mighty Oaks Sunday School Class.

Survivors include three sons and two daughters-in-law, James Hollis of Carbon, Preston and JoAnn Hollis of Canyon and Eston and Faye Hollis of Big Spring; four grandchildren, Dwayne Hollis and wife Terri, and Delbert Hollis and wife Kristy, all of Amarillo, Tanya Hollis and husband Reid of San Angelo and Randell Hollis of Big Spring; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Lewis and Pamela Butler; a brother, T.W. Butler; two sisters, Oretha Lamb and Annie Ruth Appleton; and a daughter-in-law Margeret Hollis.

The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com
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Foreign Wars will read the names.

"We have invited the survivors of these veterans who have passed away," Khol said.

Also during the service, four individuals will be given the Legion of Honor awards for their service to veterans.

SCOUTS

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vice projects that show that we care. Certainly I think the kids that do participate in this do enjoy it."

The Scouts get into the spirit of giving through the project, he added.

"They're a little sad when they don't get a lot of food, and it's something that's interesting because they're not going to get it, but they like to get it and put it in the trailer and make sure it goes to the right place."

Some of the Cub Scouts and Boy Scouts will gain credit toward ranks or merit badges through participation in the project, Wallace said.

DIRECTOR

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Fuqua said that both candidates had excellent credentials and it was a tough decision, but Curtis was the final decision.

Curtis will be introduced at the Feb. 12 city council meeting, Fuqua said.

"We'd like to invite the public to come to that meeting and meet Mr. Curtis," he said.

The meeting will be at the at 5:30 p.m. Feb. 12 at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 E. Fourth St.

FERGUSON

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worked on that for a number of years," he said. "That, plus the award for our budget that they gave, and also the restructuring of the city council that we did 10 or 12 years ago where we went from a pure at-large council to election by district. I think those have been some of the big highlights of my career."

Ferguson said his assistant, Peggy Walker, has taken over his post.

"I think Peggy probably will be a great asset to the city," he said. "She's well-qualified, she's got great accounting sense, and knowledge in every aspect of our job."

City Manager Gary Fuqua said Ferguson will be missed.

"It's very difficult not only to lose a valued employee like that, but a dear friend," Fuqua said. "You just can't replace somebody like that. But fortunately he's left us a good foundation to build on. He's got us in good financial shape. We appreciate everything he's done for the city."

Fuqua said Walker is doing a good job filling Ferguson's shoes so far.

"She's been here for five years and worked very closely with Tom, of course," he said. "She's certainly hit the ground running, but she's been here and worked with those projects, and she's doing a fantastic job for us."

Mayor Russ McEwen pre-

CHAPLAINS

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"The four chaplains stood on the ship locked arm-in-arm praying as the ship went down," Khol said.

Lt. George Fox, Methodist; Lt. Alexander Goode, Jewish; Lt. John Washington, Roman Catholic; and Lt. Clark Poling, Dutch Reform, were posthumously awarded the Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart on Dec. 19, 1944.

Thomas will read their story during the service.

The memorial service will also include recognizing veterans who have died in the past year at the hospital. Members of the Veterans of

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

sented Ferguson with a plaque honoring him for his service to the city. State Rep. David Counts sent a Texas flag which had flown over the State Capitol and a certificate. City employees gave Ferguson a trip for two to Las Vegas.

Cloned kidneys function like genuine organs, say scientists

BOSTON (AP) — Using building material from cloned cow embryos, scientists say they have constructed miniature kidneys that appear to function similar to genuine organs.

While it is still unclear whether these made-from-scratch kidneys can perform all the duties of the ordinary variety, the researchers said they work well enough to produce urine.

The research was done by Advanced Cell Technology in Worcester, Mass., the same company that caused an uproar in November with the announcement that it had taken steps toward human cloning.

The latest research has not been published in a scientific journal, so experts said they found it difficult to assess the importance of the company's claim.

"It's within the realm of possibility that it could be done," said Dr. George Q. Daley, a stem cell expert at the Whitehead Institute in Cambridge, Mass. "It's one of the more provocative pieces of news that I've heard from this whole area. We can't evaluate the claim without seeing the data."

The ultimate goal of the research is to find replacement parts for worn out or damaged human organs, starting with cells from test-tube embryos that are genetic twins of the recipient.

Scientists hope eventually to construct new organs that are genetically identical to the recipient's own body. This would eliminate the need for ordinary transplants and avoid the use of drugs to prevent rejection of the new organ.

"There are many, many years of work ahead of us," Dr. Robert P. Lanza, the scientist in charge of the project, said Wednesday. "These are exciting but very preliminary data."

The company's accomplishment was reported in Wednesday's Washington Post. Lanza said he released the data to the Post to correct errors in articles published Tuesday by London newspapers on the work. He said the research is being written up for publication in a journal.

Lanza said the researchers started with a skin cell taken from the ear of an adult cow. The scientists removed the genetic material from an egg taken from another cow and

replaced it with genes from the skin cell. This grew into a cow embryo.

Embryos contain master cells called stem cells that have the potential to grow into any tissue in the body. In this case, they grew the embryos to the stage where they could identify cells destined to become kidney cells.

Then, working with researchers from Children's Hospital in Boston, they placed these immature cells on a two-inch-long support structure that looked like a sponge. The cells grew on the structure and took on the function of a kidney.

Lanza said they implanted several of these under the skin of the cow that donated the original skin cell. There they produced urine that collected into synthetic bags hooked up by the scientists.

Producing embryos this way to serve as sources of cells is called therapeutic cloning. Many are ethically opposed to such work in people, even though the aim is to produce cells, not a complete human being.

"Our goal is to not only generate individual cells, such as insulin producing cells, but also to reconstitute them into more complex tissues and structures, such as kidneys or complete hearts," Lanza said.

He said the company chose to do the experiment with a cow instead of a mouse, which is a more standard lab subject, because "the cow is a large animal with a sophisticated immune system similar to a human's."

ive option for preserving their departed pets and being able to keep them around the house.

The procedure entails freezing an animal, carefully posing it and slowly vacuuming away the moisture in a climate-controlled machine. It differs from conventional taxidermy, in which a trophy kill is skinned, gutted and boned and the hide stretched over an artificial form.

The freeze-dried pet remains intact and stays its original size but weighs about 80 percent less than it once did. It requires little maintenance, other than an occasional fluff and spritz of cedar residue to maintain gloss and deter bugs.

The work is less labor-intensive than traditional taxidermy, but many taxidermists dislike the idea of freeze-drying pets, in part because it is seen as a departure from the purer traditions of the craft. It's also more expensive.

A standard freeze-dryer runs about \$10,000 and larger ones cost up to \$40,000, said Al Anger of Freezedry Specialties Inc., a company that makes the machines.

"There aren't a lot of taxidermists in the U.S. that will mount pets," said Cindy Crain, of the National Taxidermists Association in Louisiana, which represents about 75,000 practicing members. "It's like you're handling someone's children. It's very difficult for us as taxidermists and as artists to recreate your pet's personality."

At a handful of taxidermy shops, people's pets are frozen in time

FORT LOUDON, Pa. (AP) — In the back corner of Mac's Taxidermy shop, Christine Pinkowicz-Craig's pet pug, Pogo, sits frozen inside a machine that looks like a refrigerator.

"He's coming along nicely," said Mike "Mac" McCullough, the shop's proprietor and one of few taxidermists in the country willing to freeze-dry people's expired pets. "They're coming back to get him in a couple of weeks," McCullough said over the slow drip and hum of the machine.

That's none too soon for Pinkowicz-Craig, an English professor from Dunellen, N.J., who said Pogo's final resting spot will be atop the piano in her living room.

"He's created so much life beyond himself, we couldn't imagine destroying him and not being able to see him again," she said.

For pet lovers like Pinkowicz-Craig, freeze-drying has become an attrac-

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and noon Saturday:

- **HOWARD FOSTER**, 25, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on a charge of theft \$50 to \$500.
- **MARCELINO RAMIREZ**, 18, of 1002 N. Main St. was arrested on a charge of theft \$500 to \$1,500.
- **JOE AGUILAR TORRES**, 20, of 500 1/2 N.W. Seventh St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **BENJAMIN OLIVERA**, 21, of 708 N.W. Fifth St. was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 300 block of Mishler Street, the 200 block of West FM 700, the 1000 block of South Gregg and the 700 block of East FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 500 block of South Johnson Street and the 800 block of South Nolan.
- **DISTURBANCE/FIGHT** was reported in the 300 block of South Aylesford.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 500 block of Westover Road.

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In our February 3, 2002 Retail Sunday preprint, the copy on page 3 for #37812 washer, on sale for \$549.99, and #47812 dryer, on sale for \$399.99, in incorrect. This washer and dryer are Maytag® models, but they are not Maytag Neptune® models. All other copy is correct. We apologize for any inconvenience this may have caused our customers.

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Justice other

WASHINGTON Undersecretary of the Dept. of Justice, Richard Cordray, said the White House Department of Justice is investigating President Bush's efforts to preserve the White House's any contact with trading companies. Friday's disclosure by the White House of the top Enron executives named they would out immunity. Andrew F. Michael Koppelman's figures in the White House's unorthodox ship arrangements hundreds of millions in debt of the White House's balance sheet. "It's our experience," both Mr. F. Michael Koppelman will Fifth Amendment against potential naming them. Ken Johnson for the House

Bush

WASHINGTON President Saturday the seeking in 401 plans would ease to more equity company stock and the risk of En

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Justice Department orders White House, other agencies to keep Enron documents

WASHINGTON (AP) — Underscoring the Enron Corp. scandal's proximity to the White House, Justice Department criminal investigators are ordering President Bush's staff to preserve the paper trail of any contact with the energy trading company's executives.

Friday's directive to the White House and other federal agencies came as two top Enron executives signaled they won't talk without immunity from prosecution.

Andrew Fastow and Michael Kopper were central figures in the company's unorthodox partnership arrangements that kept hundreds of millions of dollars in debt off the company's balance sheet.

"It's our expectation that both Mr. Fastow and Mr. Kopper will assert their Fifth Amendment right against potentially incriminating themselves," said Ken Johnson, spokesman for the House Energy and

Commerce Committee. Fastow and Kopper are to testify before the panel's oversight and investigations subcommittee next Thursday.

Kopper has been subpoenaed for his testimony.

Fastow has been described as a mastermind behind Enron's complex web of nearly 3,000 partnerships, which the company used to conceal huge debts.

Enron's chief executive officer, Jeffrey Skilling, is expected to testify Thursday, Johnson said. The former chairman, Kenneth Lay, a friend of Bush, plans to testify on Monday.

Minutes of Enron board meetings show that Lay and other directors had detailed information over a period of years about the partnerships.

"Mr. Lay called upon Mr. Skilling to discuss a proposed partnership, said minutes from a June 28, 1999 meeting.

"Mr. Skilling noted that

to changes in the accounting treatment of off-balance-sheet transactions, the company had been analyzing new types of financing vehicles," the minutes from June 28 added. Skilling "called upon Mr. Fastow to discuss the proposal."

Justice Department investigators are trying to determine whether Enron defrauded its shareholders by concealing huge financial losses.

The Justice Department told the White House to save records of any statements "by Enron employees and agents" on the company's financial condition and business interests.

"We believe that documents in the possession of the White House, its staff and employees may contain information relevant to our investigation," the department's letter to White House counsel Alberto Gonzales said.

The order, announced by the White House, covers e-mails, letters, computer

records and notes since Jan. 1, 1999, more than two years before Bush took office.

It requires the agencies to save the materials in case investigators want them at another time.

Bush has sought to distance himself from the gathering financial scandal despite his long personal and political association with Lay. Several administration officials also have close ties to the Texas-based company.

Hours before the White House announcement, Bush proposed reforms in pension laws in response to Enron's collapse.

Enron, once the nation's seventh-largest company, filed for bankruptcy on Dec. 2. It became a political problem for Bush the next month when the White House announced that Lay had contacted two Cabinet members late last year as the company foundered. Lay also contacted Federal Reserve chairman Alan Greenspan.

Bush promotes changes to 401(k) plans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday the changes he is seeking in 401(k) retirement plans would enable employees to more easily sell company stock and help reduce the risk of Enron-type losses.

"Employees who have worked hard and saved all their lives should not have to risk losing everything if their company fails," Bush said in his weekly radio address. "So my administration is proposing important safeguards to our pension laws to protect the retirement savings of workers."

The president announced the proposed changes on Friday in a speech to Republican lawmakers at the Greenbriar Resort in White Sulphur Springs, W.Va. "This is a matter of

fairness," he said as he urged senators and House members to give the proposal a clear track to early passage.

After Enron declared bankruptcy and company stock plunged, many employees said their retirement plans took a beating. They could not sell because their 401(k) accounts were frozen for parts of October and November while the energy company changed plan administrators. Enron executives faced no such restrictions.

The Bush plan proposes giving workers 30 days' notice before their accounts could be frozen, allowing them to more easily sell stock in their company.

In the radio address, Bush said his proposal would give workers greater freedom to

diversify their retirement holdings.

"Many companies require their workers to hold shares long after their workers wish to sell, even when the company's shares are dramatically dropping in value," he said. He proposed allowing workers to sell shares of stock contributed by the company once they have participated in the 401(k) plan for at least three years.

Bush also said Congress needs to set a single standard for company executives and their employees.

"It is unfair for workers to be denied the ability to sell their stock when executives are free to sell their stock," he said.

Currently, companies can create "blackout" periods

while they switch the management of their retirement funds from one investment firm to another, barring employees from selling stock during the switch.

"These blackouts usually happen because the company is looking for better service for its employees," Bush said. "But when employees can't sell, executives shouldn't be able to sell, either."

"So I am proposing that company executives be prohibited from selling any and all of their stock during these blackout periods."

Bush also said employees should be given at least 10 days' notice that a blackout period is coming and 30 days' notice before any changes are made that prevent employees from selling their stock.

U.S. trade policies are criticized as thousands demonstrate forum

NEW YORK (AP) — Inside the World Economic Forum, foreign economic leaders criticized the United States on Saturday for protectionist policies they say hurt developing countries. Outside, thousands of protesters demonstrated loudly but peacefully against global capitalism.

Dozens of mounted police guarded the art deco entrance of the Waldorf-Astoria hotel at midday. The chants of protesters echoed from a few blocks away, and thousands were expected to march toward the hotel later in the day.

Protest leaders have insisted they will demonstrate peacefully, but about 4,000 officers — outnumbering the 2,700 forum participants — were on duty to maintain calm.

Attendees at the five-day forum are discussing U.S. foreign policy, its possible role in breeding terrorism and the down side of globalization — all key issues for the protest groups.

At a morning session on the world's economy, Horst Kohler, managing director of the International Monetary Fund, bluntly criticized the United States for protecting its agricultural and textile industries from cheap foreign competition through tariffs and government subsidies.

Such policies keep poor countries from fully participating in the global economy, he said.

"We need to focus on giving developing countries better access, and this includes the phasing out of these subsidies, which are

absolutely distorting and devastating sectors in the poor world," Kohler said to loud applause from the gallery.

U.S. textile manufacturers have argued against lowering tariffs, saying it would jeopardize American jobs. Government subsidies of U.S. crops such as soybeans help American farmers compete with foreign producers like Brazil — which can sell crops for a fraction of U.S. prices.

The European Union has also resisted dramatic cuts in its farm subsidies, and Kohler said those policies must also be changed.

"If we are really serious about globalization to work for all, the advanced countries have to recognize they can't do business as usual," Kohler said.

Who's investigating Enron?

Congressional committees and subcommittees investigating Enron:

HOUSE COMMITTEES:
—Education and the Workforce: Studying employee retirement plans, focusing on how many Enron employees and retirees were barred from selling Enron stock even as its value dropped. Hearings Tuesday and Thursday.
—Energy and Commerce: Enron's collapse and its relationship with its auditor, Arthur Andersen LLP. Hearing Wednesday.
—Energy and Commerce oversight and investigations subcommittee: Andersen's destruction of documents related to Enron. First hearing held Jan. 24; next hearings Tuesday and Thursday.
—Financial Services: Enron's accounting practices and the possibility of securities fraud, as well as the impact of Enron's collapse on investors and capital markets. First hearing was Dec. 12; next hearings Monday and Tuesday.

SENATE COMMITTEES:
—Banking: The impact on investors. Hearing scheduled for Feb. 12.
—Commerce: Issues related to Enron's collapse. First hearing held Dec. 18; next hearing Monday.
—Energy and Natural Resources: How Enron's failure affected energy markets and prices. Hearing held Jan. 29.
—Finance: Enron's possible use of tax shelters and its pension programs, including its 401(k) plan and employee stock ownership plan. Hearing not yet scheduled.
—Governmental Affairs: Did federal regulators miss signs of trouble at Enron? Impact of the bankruptcy on employees' 401(k) plans. First hearing held Jan. 24; next hearing Tuesday.
—Governmental Affairs investigative subcommittee: Actions of Enron's executives and accountants and its use of offshore entities. Hearing date to be announced.
—Health, Education, Labor and Pensions: Enron's handling of employees' retirement investment accounts, which were dominated by Enron stock. Hearing Thursday.
—Judiciary: Lessons learned from Enron's fall. Hearing Wednesday.

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OUR VIEWS

Fresh Start
looks like a
winner for all

A new program in Howard County shows how various entities are working together to benefit our community. Called Fresh Start, it is designed to provide young adults basic skills and experience while at the same time making available good housing to those on a fixed income.

It works like this: Howard College will provide a month-long classroom and hands-on training for applicants 16 to 21 years of age. During this time, the students will be renovating houses purchased by the Crossroads Housing Development Corporation (CHDC). After that, the Workforce Network of Big Spring will place the students in jobs and furnish them with boots and work clothes.

Meanwhile, the repaired and refurbished homes will be sold to people who live on a fixed income. In addition to being structurally sound, they will have new paint, inside and out, and new carpet. They'll be furnished with new central air and heating systems. In other words, those moving in on a limited income won't have to worry about repair bills.

It's an intriguing program, which looks to benefit everyone. The students learn a skill and earn wages, while people who have a set income can improve their housing situation.

An added plus is that some dilapidated homes in our community will be made fresh and bright again.

For more information about applying to purchase one of the homes, call 267-2206. For information about student requirements for the program, call 263-8373.

OTHER VIEWS

Everyone knows what's at stake. If the international community lets Afghanistan down, just like it did after the Soviet retreat in 1989, Afghanistan will soon sink even deeper into a black hole of criminality, new civil wars and even worse hardships for the impoverished population.

"Don't abandon us!" That was the pithy message from Afghanistan's prime

minister, Hamid Karzai, to the international donors' conference (in Tokyo.) A massive Marshall Plan for Afghanistan would undoubtedly be a good investment. We can only hope that the world's donors keep their promises even after the media spotlights have been switched off.

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The difficulties of law enforcement

I was thinking of my old police-beat days and how things have changed. They've changed so much, it's about like living in Canada.

One night, two deputies I was riding with had saved a woman's life at great risk to themselves by wrestling a shotgun out of the hands of her berserk husband. And he was berserk. Dressed only in a pair of filthy briefs, he screamed insults and obscenities like a madman and kicked the screen separating the front seat from the back of the squad car.

After about a quarter-mile of this, one of the deputies said to me, "If you weren't with us, I believe I could quiet that fellow down."

"Well," I replied, "I have an urgent need to answer a call of nature, and if you would be kind enough to pull over, I'll go into the bushes there and take care of it." It was about 2 a.m. and way out in the country. They pulled over, I went off and had a smoke, and sure enough, when I returned to the car, the prisoner was sleeping peacefully in the back seat.

Today this would probably be considered as being an accessory to police brutality. But I saw no brutality. For all I knew or cared to know, he might have sung the guy a lullaby. I just enjoyed the quiet ride back to the jail.

Later I got a reserve deputy's commission. It didn't matter that I had no law-enforcement training. Neither did the regular deputies. It wasn't a requirement at that place at that time. Just common sense, a cool head and guts were all that were required. It helped to be big. Unfortunately, I wasn't.

I was working the 4-to-midnight shift at the newspaper, and when my best friend, who was a regular deputy, had the midnight-to-8 shift, I'd ride as his partner. The editor would have had a hissy fit had he known it, but I've always figured that I only owe my employer the hours he pays for. What I do on my time is my business. I kept the two jobs strictly separate and never violated a confidence.

One night, about 3 a.m., we got a call that an escapee from the state prison was at a certain house. We drove over, and I got out around the corner and made my way on foot through back yards to the back porch. My friend then drove the green-and-white into the driveway, banged

on the front door and shouted "Police!" Just as we had planned, the escapee burst out of the back door like a horse out of a gate.

In what would today be considered politically incorrect language, I suggested to him that he stop and raise his hands lest his survivors regret his rash decision not to do so. I'm sure the .45 in my hand carried more weight than my words. My friend came through the house, snapped the cuffs on the guy, and we deposited him at the jail. To this day, neither one of us knows what the guy was doing hard time for. It didn't matter. He was an escapee. We were going to arrest him.

There were no Special Weapons and Tactics teams in those days, and since there were two of us and only one of him, we felt no need for any backup.

Today, a SWAT team would probably evacuate a two-block area before moving in with full military gear. In those days, except for the road patrol guys, we wore sports jackets and slacks. If we had to enter a house, we kicked the door down and went in. After knocking once, of course.

I have great respect for those old law-enforcement officers. Many a man owes his life to the fact that the officers were cool enough to talk them into surrender-

ing. The best of them did not shout or insult people or curse them. They always acted as if the arrest were not a personal thing, and even though they had to take a person to jail, they would wish that person luck. If they had to, they could shoot or fight, but by not taking away a man's dignity, they avoided a lot of violence.

I still respect law-enforcement officers. It's a tough job. Nearly all of them have that sense of duty and honor to the point of voluntary self-sacrifice. We just saw an example of it at the World Trade Center.

But I hope people will realize that the next time some political mob is after a police officer because he had to shoot somebody, that he is the same guy who would sacrifice his life to save others if the necessity arose. It's very bad to second-guess a police officer who has to make a decision in a split second. I've always been against civilian review boards. If you haven't been out there on the street, in the dark, with insufficient information and under those stressful circumstances being forced to make a life-or-death decision, you just don't have the right to sit in judgment, in my opinion. And all too often these days, the politicians will throw a cop to the mob just to cover their own political hind end.



CHARLEY REESE

UNDAUNTED BY TERRORISM, CONGRESSMEN DO THEIR PART TO BRING BACK NORMALCY



Bush's rallying cry on terror to persist

By GEORGE GEDDA

Guest Columnist

There was little warmup. Only a few seconds passed in his State of the Union address before President Bush got to the heart of his message: "The civilized world faces unprecedented dangers."

As expected, Bush said terrorist groups such as al-Qaida continue to pose a threat. The surprise was the belligerence of his remarks directed at Iraq, Iran and North Korea. These countries, he said, constitute an "axis of evil." He added: "The price of indifference would be catastrophic."

It was perhaps the most pugnacious speech by an American president since Ronald Reagan assailed the Soviet Union as an "evil empire" in 1983.

Just a month ago, the administration was touting the progress made toward the adoption by the U.N. Security Council of "smart sanctions" against Iraq. The plan calls for easing curbs on the flow of civilian goods into Iraq while making it more difficult for Saddam Hussein to acquire ingredients for weapons of mass destruction.

Bush made no mention of smart sanctions and did not say precisely what he had in mind for Saddam.

Dovish members of the Bush administration doubt there is a good way militarily to dislodge the Iraqi leader. Others believe, along with former Pentagon aide Richard Perle, that the administration should take pre-emptive action against Saddam lest he strike first.

As for North Korea, the administration was contemplating sending an envoy to Pyongyang to affirm the seriousness of its proposal in June to restart talks on security issues. Again, there was no mention of this Tuesday night nor of Secretary of State Colin Powell's stated willingness to meet the North Koreans "anytime, any place."

On Iran, Powell withdrew last spring a Clinton-era offer to open an official dialogue. Bush clearly raised the ante on Iran, perhaps irritated by Iran's reported role in an abortive attempt to arm Palestinians and reported effort to undermine the newly installed pro-Western government in Afghanistan.

Joseph Cirincione, a non-proliferation expert at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, said after Bush's speech he believes the president went too far.

"There are real dangers here, but the president is exaggerating them," Cirincione said. "It is not

at all clear that the danger is so great as to begin a new war."

Cirincione said he would have felt more comfortable if Bush had talked about enforcing chemical, biological and other treaties designed to limit the possibility of war.

Baker Spring of the Heritage Foundation saw Bush's speech "as a rallying cry to continue the war on terrorism."

He said Bush was correct in pointing out that the nation is not yet free from the terrorism threat. He added that the potential for an anthrax attack with massive loss of life is far greater than that of another attack by a hijacked aircraft.

Bush's saber rattling almost certainly will cause an outcry in Europe. Turkey, for example, believes an American effort to depose Saddam could lead to instability in the region and perhaps to the fragmentation of Turkey itself. Based on past statements, close allies such as Britain and Germany are expected to be edgy in the wake of Bush's speech.

Bush's address was a startling departure from the great majority of State of the Union addresses, in which the focus has been on domestic policy. The president did not

ignore those issues, stressing the need to create jobs and improve health care and education. In election year, these are areas Democrats are likely to use against a president whose sustained job approval ratings have been the best of any president since World War II.

But Bush said this was no time to be complacent about the terrorist threat.

When he listed his three "great goals" for America, he said winning the war on terrorism was No. 1. This was followed by protecting the homeland and reviving the economy.

Early on, he said the nation "has never been stronger" but then went on to describe how vulnerable it is in the face of terrorist groups and terrorist-minded nations. In the first 20 minutes or so, he used the word terror or one of its variations 29 times.

America cannot afford to relax, he said, contending that "tens of thousands of trained terrorists are still at large. These enemies view the entire world as a battlefield, and we must pursue them wherever they are. ... I will not stand by as peril draws closer and closer."

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You have an innate sense of silliness and mirth. Others find you unusually light and fun this year. Still, you might be more conscious of your self-image at work. Keep your focus, or else you might accomplish very little this year. You have unusual charisma and charm, making anything possible. If single, you will be ready for a major relationship. By next year, you could be ready to tie the knot. If attached, your relationship will benefit from your buoyant and happy disposition. You will enjoy yourself and your sweetie like you never have before. **SCORPIO** pushes your buttons.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult. **ARIES** (March 21-April 19) **** Although you might have the best intentions, efficiency could go to the wind. The problem surrounds your associates. Their friskiness doesn't allow you to get what you want done. Close your door and screen your calls. You might get something done as a result. Tonight: Hang out with your best friend. **TAURUS** (April 20-May

20)**** Meetings and networking star on your to-do list. Even if they don't, swing priorities around. You will find others unusually social at the moment. Get together with friends and associates, allowing time to settle down into the extremely social nature of the moment. Tonight: Out and about. **GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) **** Head into work with the knowledge that you might need to screen calls and close your door to get anything done! Research on the computer might prove to be distracting as well. You have the unique opportunity of testing your self-discipline. Tonight: Do errands on the way home. **CANCER** (June 21-July 22)**** Listen to feedback from someone who cares a lot about you. Your ability to communicate comes through in business dealings. Someone might be unusually playful. Work with the energy, maintaining an eye to what you need to accomplish. Tonight: Get physical. **LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Your family might not intend to mix into your work, but somehow it happens. Don't worry about distraction; simply enjoy those close to you. You also

might note a more social mood in your office. Opportunities come out of the blue. Good will thrive. Tonight: Mosey on home. **VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) **** Though you often embody a good work ethic, you might be a little less demanding right now. Some cheer and good will could make all the difference in what goes on. Add your unique blend of humor to a social situation. Tonight: Out and about. **LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) **** Deal with finances with a heavy dose of responsibility. Not everything happens the way you would like it to. Lighten up about what is going on. Let a child or loved one have the slack he or she needs. Let go of a need to control others. Tonight: Still no risks.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**** Others delight in your presence. A certain close friend or loved one keeps calling and reaching out to you. You could find this person unusually distracting, though quite lovable. Don't get totally waylaid by someone. Do remember a key responsibility. Tonight: Smile and draw in what you want. **SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**** Silliness permeates even your best attempts at maintaining business as usual. You might need to pull away from others to get your work done. Certainly screen your calls with the knowledge that you can return them later. Even if you decline being social, you will feel better in the long run. Tonight: Do your thing.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**** Friends surround you, even at work. You, the workhorse of the zodiac, might decide to be playful and more fun. Even a business meeting might prove to be lots of fun, though you might have an agenda. Don't push right now. Tonight: Find a favorite pal. **AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**** Though it's business as usual, you might have a difficult time staying on target. You radiate, more full of fun and naughtiness than usual. Others join in on the convivial mood. Having a serious talk might be close to impossible. Tonight: In the limelight. **PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20)**** Your imagination could be a travel film as you drift from one place to another, from one idea to

another. Try to detach from intense feelings and gain a better perspective of an emotional matter impacting a relationship and/or finances. Tonight: Let your mind drift.

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Hawks open season outscoring Ranger

Howard College's Hawks opened the 2002 baseball season with a display of offensive fireworks, knocking off Ranger Junior College with a 14-12 win at Jack Barber Field on Friday afternoon.

No other results from Friday's game were available.

The Hawks traveled to Ranger for a doubleheader on Saturday. Results from those games were not available as the Herald went to press.

Results from the Howard Lady Hawks' softball season opener against Incarnate Word University were also not available.

Scout recognition slated at Howard

Scouts, both girls and boys, will be honored during Monday night's Howard College-New Mexico Military Institute basketball game at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Every scout who attends in uniform will get into the game free of charge, as will their families.

The game begins with an 8 p.m. tip.

Baseball boosters to meet Monday

The Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters Club will meet at 6:30 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

All friends and parents of BSHS baseball players are encouraged to attend.

Members have scheduled a workday for 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 10.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Lady Steers boosters will meet on Monday

The Lady Steer Boosters Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center green room.

All parents of female athletes, athletic trainers and cheerleaders are encouraged to attend.

For more information, call Debbie Churchwell at 267-7538 or Penny Phillips at 263-4847.

Volunteers needed for Coahoma LL

Volunteers are needed to serve on the Coahoma Little League board of directors.

Anyone interested in serving this season is asked to attend a meeting set for 7 p.m. Monday at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days.

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

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Hawks open tough homestand with NMMI on Monday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Howard College must rebound from a disappointing 70-67 loss Thursday at the hands of the No. 9-ranked South Plains Texans and prepare for a tough homestand this week against New Mexico Military Institute and Odessa College.

The Texans (20-2, 5-1) and Odessa College (16-4, 5-1) hold onto first place, while NMMI (14-6, 4-2) and Midland College (11-10, 4-2) are tied for second place.

Howard is in third place with a 15-7 record and 3-3 in the conference race.

NMMI eked out a one-point win over South Plains College to open WJCAC action.

Tip-off is set for 7:50 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The

Lady Hawks have the night off.

Free admission is offered to all scout members during "Boy Scout and Girl Scout Recognition Night." The boy scouts will post the colors prior to the game and will sign the National Anthem.

Hawks Head Coach Chris Jans said his players must move past their three-point loss to South Plains College and prepare for another tough match-up.

"It was a good college basketball game where two teams played hard and played smart," Jans said. "It's a tough one to swallow. It hurts. We very well could have won this thing. But in the end, we were up by four and obviously in a chance to win the game. They made the plays down the stretch, and we didn't."

"I think they're a little dejected, but we'll practice hard and get

ready for this week."

Howard faces a tough week ahead, hosting NMMI Monday and league co-leader Odessa College Thursday.

"It's a big week," Jans said. "We have two home games, and we need to take care of our home court. So far, we've won our games at home, and it's important for us to do it this week."

Howard College is knotted at 3-3 in the conference race and must attack every game as they fight for one of four spots in post-season play.

The top four teams advance to the Region V Tournament in Lubbock. Jans doesn't see the game against NMMI as more crucial than any other game on the schedule.

"I think when you're 3-3, you have no cushion for error," Jans said. "If you're behind and looking at a lot of

teams in the league, this game or that game, in reality, when you're 3-3, you want to contend and be in the race. I don't care if it's at home or on the road. Every home team is winning. If you look at the standings, everyone has won their home games. So, we need to stay on course.

"We don't have much of a future if we don't win games."

Howard hopes to continue its home conference-winning streak against NMMI, but they must control point guard Travis Degroot, who Jans describes as the "complete package."

Degroot is third in the league with assists at 5.2 a game and averages 11.9 points per outing.

"He's a big, strong left-handed

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Steers post upset win over Levelland

By CAREN GREATHOUSE

Special to the Herald

The Big Spring Steers overpowered Levelland's Lobos to post a 76-70 victory in District 4-4A basketball action Friday evening.

The win improved the Steers' record to 4-7 in district play and had head coach Brian Ellington raving about his players.

"I am so proud of our kids," Ellington said following the game. "This is the best we've played since I've been here — against a top-notch opponent. Levelland was 8-2 and now they're 8-3 in district."

The cohesive Steers got off to a good start as they took charge early in the game. The score was tied 2-2 at the 6:18 mark of the first quarter when Clayton Weaver stepped in and hit a three-pointer followed by a field goal from Austin Nutting that gave the Steers a 7-4 lead.

Outstanding defensive effort was reflected when Watson stole the ball at the 4:09 mark and fed it to Nutting for a layup. Nutting drew a foul and added another point at the free throw line.

At the 2:52 mark the game was again tied 10-10. The Lobos defense struggled with the Steers as Big Spring's Arthur Belvin and Mic Fleming cranked up and sank three-pointers ending the period with the Steers owning an 18-16 lead.

The Lobos scored one field goal early in the second quarter before the Steers shut them down and went on a scoring run with Fleming dropping a three-pointer and Belvin adding two buckets.

Midway through the period, Weaver came off the bench to add a three-pointer to help the Steers build an eight-point edge.

The determined Lobos bounced back and by the 1:44 mark trailed by only one point, 34-33. The Steers refused to give up the lead as they stepped up the defensive pressure and once again turned the tables as they headed into halftime with a 39-33 lead.

Levelland came back strong in the second half of the game and seemed to have regained its shooting touch as the Lobos



Big Spring's Mic Fleming (30) drives to the basket for a layup and two of his game-high 38 points during the Steers' 76-70 upset win over Levelland Friday night.

HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

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Lady Steers comeback falls short

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

The Lady Steers came back from a 17-point hole in the first half against the No. 9-ranked Lady Lobettes and almost upset the perennial powerhouse in the waning seconds of the contest.

Trailing 45-40 with :11 on the clock, sophomore sensation Leina Braxton hit a clutch 3-pointer to bring Big Spring within two.

Senior Tejal Patel made the quick foul on Chelsea Blackshear with nine ticks left. When Blackshear missed the front end of the one-and-one, Brittany Bryant scrambled for the defensive rebound and found Krystle Long.

The junior Long dishd to Braxton and with time running out, Braxton, who at that point made every three she put up launched one from 25 feet. The ball was on line but was a few feet short.

Levelland escaped the Steer Gym with a 45-43 win.

"It hurts," Big Spring head coach Jimmy Avery said. "They worked so hard. They've had so much adversity. Winning this game would have meant so much, especially for our seniors who were playing their last home game."

Big Spring trailed 9-0 out of the gate. Courtney Brock's turnaround jumper and putback after a big offensive rebound gave Big Spring four. And the Lady Steers got four more points when Braxton and freshman Alex Watkins combined for 4-of-4 from the line.

Levelland led 18-8 after the first quarter, primarily off of three treys from Tamara McDonald and Amber Rose. Big Spring got out of its zone when Levelland's guards began hitting from outside.

"In every ball game, you have to adjust to the team you are playing," Avery said. "Their guards were killing us from the three-point line, so we had to get

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Bulldogs roll past Seagraves; Forsan edges past Stanton

HERALD Staff Reports

SEAGRAVES — Coahoma's Bulldogs made short work of Seagraves Eagles in District 3-2A basketball action Friday night, rolling to a 70-48 victory.

For all intents and purposes, the Bulldogs claimed the win in the first quarter when they outscored Seagraves by a 26-10 margin. From there it was simply a matter of coasting to the win.

While the Eagles were able to limit the Bulldogs leading scorer, Chase Ward, to just eight points. But Coahoma answered with 13 points from Randall Rich, 12 more from Chase Davis and an 11-point showing from Kelby Kemper.

The win allowed the Bulldogs to improve to 12-8 on the season and 5-2 in district play, while Seagraves remained winless in seven district

outings.

In junior varsity action, the young Bulldogs took a 50-41 win.

The Bulldogs now prepare to play host to Colorado City's Wolves on Tuesday. Varsity action begins with the girls' tip at 6:30 p.m. followed at 8 p.m. with the boys' game.

Forsan chalks up win over Stanton

FORSAN — Zach Johnson scored 15 points and Wes Longorio added 14 more in leading Forsan's Buffaloes to a 50-47 win over Stanton's Buffaloes in District 3-2A basketball action Friday night.

Matt Ellis added 10 more points for Forsan, while Stanton was paced by Brad O'Donnell's 15 point and Ron Chandler's 14.

With the victory, Forsan improved to 17-9 on the season and

4-3 in district play. Stanton saw its league record dip to 2-5 with the loss.

Forsan travels to Plains on Tuesday, while Stanton will try to get back on a winning track taking on Seagraves.

Lady 'Kats demolish Irion County, 61-29

GARDEN CITY — Meghan Niehues scored 21 points in leading Garden City's Lady Bearkats to a seemingly easy 61-29 win over Irion County's Lady Hornets in District 8-1A basketball action Friday night.

While Niehues was Garden City's only player to finish in double figures, Lori Hoelscher added nine points to the winning total, as the Lady Bearkats improved to 18-9 on the season.

More importantly, the Garden

City girls remained tied atop the District 8-1A standings with Iraan's Lady Braves with an 8-1 district slate.

Both Garden City and Iraan will close out the regular season Tuesday night — the Lady Bearkats traveling to Rankin for a date with the tough Lady Devils, while the Lady Braves have no easy task in a road trip to face Sterling City.

In the varsity boys' nightcap, Irion County's powerful Hornets proved too much for the Bearkats to handle as they rolled to a 72-42 victory.

Brandon Bednar and Josh Schmitz scored 10 points apiece to lead the way for Garden City, but the Bearkats simply didn't have the firepower necessary to stay with the Hornets who improved to 24-2 on the season and 8-1 in district play with the win.

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Levelland kept trying to feed their posts but kept turning the ball over, and the switch to a loose man defense would hurt Levelland the rest of the night.

"They kept trying to pound it inside to their posts and our defense just kept denying them the ball," Avery said. "I bet they had 10 turnovers the second half trying to get it to the post."

Big Spring opened the second quarter with three consecutive turnovers, spurring Levelland to go on a 4-1 run. Big Spring turned the ball over seven times - most of them in the first half.

Posts Long and Ashley Smith pestered Levelland's go-to players Tara Vaughan and Tawana Flowers the entire contest, keeping them from getting good looks at the basket.

"Our post players did a good job all night guarding their posts," Avery said.

Patel finally connected on 1-of-2 from the line on a shooting foul and Braxton hit both of her charities.

But Big Spring would stick on 11 as Levelland finished out the quarter with 4-for-4 from the line from Vaughan as part of a 10-3 run trailing 28-11 at half.

"We went 2-for-22 in the first half," Avery said. "We only had two field goals. I told the girls in the locker room to just go out there and have fun. They must have taken it to heart because they really clicked in the third quarter."

Big Spring's Braxton, Bryant and Patel combined for five 3-pointers, and Braxton hit two from inside the three-point line. The explosive Braxton also drained 1-of-2 from the stripe for a 14-point production in the second quarter en route to a team-high 27 points.

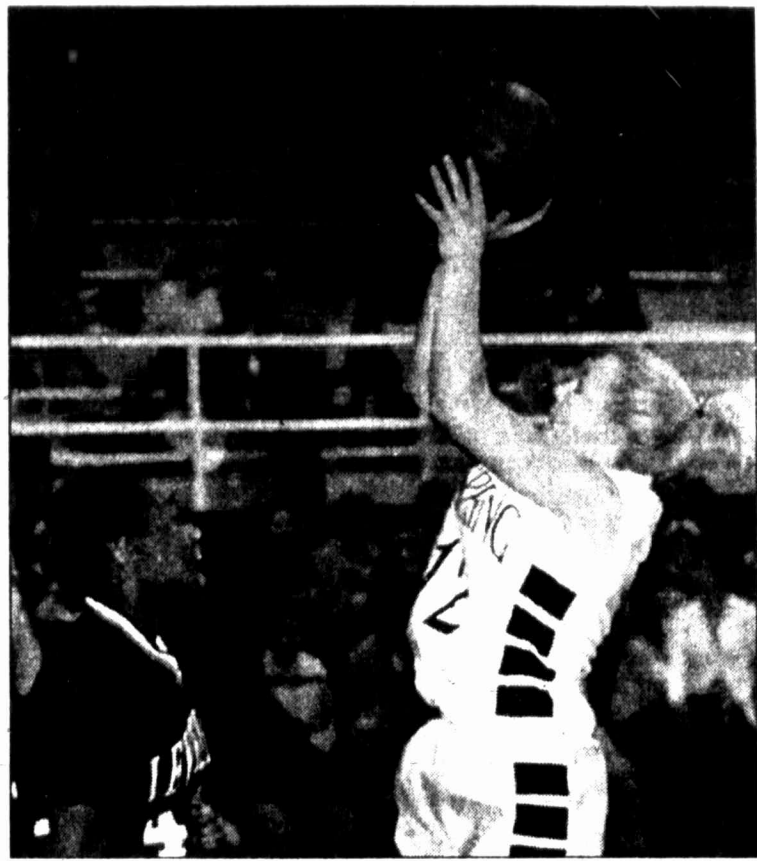
Bryant also made the conventional three-point play as Big Spring outscored Levelland 23-14 to trail 34-42 after three quarters.

Braxton scored a basket and McDonald, who finished with a team-high 13 points, hit her third trey of the evening. With the score stalled at 36-45, Braxton made two off a shooting foul with 3:13 remaining.

"Levelland packed the lane and would not give us any shots in the paint, so we were forced to shoot the three," Avery said. "Fortunately, the second half we finally made some shots on the perimeter. Those three-pointers can kill you if you miss them, and can really bring you back from the grave if you start hitting them. We hit them in the second half and it got us back in the game."

Levelland chewed time off the clock in the last 3:00, and Big Spring was forced to foul to get the ball back and when TaQuita Franklin missed both of her free throws, Bryant grabbed one of her four rebounds, but Big Spring was unable to convert.

Braxton stole the ball dur-



HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

Big Spring's Brittany Bryant puts up a shot over a Levelland defender during the second quarter of the Lady Steers' heart-breaking loss Friday night.

ing a series of tenacious trapping defense and was fouled while shooting. The sophomore who was a phenom 10-of-11 from the stripe hit both free throws with 1:07 and brought Big Spring within 45-40.

Brock, who had one of her best games of the season fouled McDonald, who missed the front end of a one-and-one with :33 left. Long fed Braxton who shot 80 percent from behind the arc and hit her final trey of the evening to trail 45-43.

Blackshear was fouled and her free throw hit the rim. Bryant grabbed the board before feeding Braxton for the last-second shot.

Ashley Smith grabbed a team-high five rebounds. Bryant and Brock had four. "It would have been such a feather in our cap to beat the ninth best team in the state," Avery said. "Even though we lost, I was so proud of how they gutted it out and never quit. They came out the second half and played well."

"It sounds like a broken record, but these girls played hard, just like they do every night."

"We've had extraordinary leadership from our three seniors - Tejal, Brittany and Jessica (Woodward). They have been the backbone of our team and I appreciate them so much for setting the example for these younger girls. They will definitely be missed. I know we may not have won as many games as we wanted to this year, but I really have enjoyed coaching these girls. They are all very good girls. I appreciate their hard work and good attitude. They all have my respect."

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Score by Quarters: LEVILLAND 18 10 14 3-45. BIG SPRING 8 9 23 8-43. Three-point goals: Levelland 4 (McDonald 3, Rose), Big Spring 6 (Braxton 4, Patel, Bryant). Total fouls: Levelland 14, Big Spring 17. Fouled out: Flowers, Technical fouls: None. Records: Levelland is 11-2. Big Spring is 3-10.

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Iowa State coach Eustachy came Saturday's 69-43 20 Texas Tech with the way he has his team defense.

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No. 20-ranked Red Raiders roll to 69-43 win over Iowa State

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Iowa State coach Larry Eustachy came away from Saturday's 69-43 loss to No. 20 Texas Tech impressed with the way Bob Knight has his team playing defense.

It was the fewest points Iowa State has scored since a 54-38 loss to Oklahoma State 40 years ago.

"We just got whupped for sure," Eustachy said. "That was the best defense we've seen all year. Their defense really bothered us, and their pressure took us out of how we run our offense."

After a lackluster first half that saw Texas Tech shoot only 33 percent from the field, the Red Raiders (16-4, 5-3 Big 12) hit 11 of their first 12 shots over the opening nine minutes of the second half and went on to lead by as many as 28 points. Texas Tech shot over 60 percent in the second half.

The Cyclones (9-14, 1-8) shot just 24.2 percent from the field (15-of-62).

Knight said the Cyclones' poor shooting was the result of his team's strong defensive showing, one that was a team effort and not just a couple of individuals.

"When you miss a shot, the defense has something to do with it," he said. "They make you adjust a little bit, you don't have the right follow-through, you don't have the right whatever."

Knight said some of his players were deflated at halftime because they had missed so many shots as Texas Tech was 9-of-27 in the first half.

He said he told them they had gotten good shots and to focus on how well they had played defensively, holding the Cyclones to just 14 points in the first half.

"A team like ours that struggles if we don't play well defensively just has a tough time grasping the significance of defensive play," he said.

The Red Raiders were coming off a flat performance Wednesday night at Nebraska where they lost 80-69. That loss came two days after Texas Tech entered the Top 25 for the first time in five years.

"I don't think we needed the Nebraska loss, but we learned from it," said Kasib Powell, who led Texas Tech with 22 points and had eight rebounds. "And if we did (play them) again, we wouldn't play the same way we did."

Andre Emmett scored 13 points and Andy Ellis added nine for the Red Raiders, who led 26-14 at halftime. It was the lowest point total in a first half this season for the Red Raiders, who trailed 50-28 against Oklahoma on Jan. 12.

Sloppy play and cold shooting dominated the first half for both teams. Combined, there were more turnovers (19) than field goals.

Texas Tech went 9-for-27 from the field, while the Cyclones were 6-of-35.

Tyray Pearson had 13 points and 12 rebounds for Iowa State, while Shane Power added eight points.

The Red Raiders broke a three-game losing streak against the Cyclones, who have already lost more Big 12 games this season (eight) than the two previous seasons combined (five).

No. 2 Kansas 100, Colorado 73

Second-ranked Kansas raced a 27-point halftime lead Saturday and routed the Buffs 100-73.

Drew Gooden, Nick Collison and Jeff Boschee each scored 20 points for the

Jayhawks and Gooden had 11 rebounds for his 17th double-double of the season.

It was the 26th straight victory over Colorado for Kansas (19-2, 8-0 Big 12), and their 53rd over the Buffs in 60 games in Lawrence.

Colorado (12-7, 3-5) never competed while losing its eighth straight conference road game.

The Buffs went without a field goal for the last 7:01 of the first half. Kansas was leading 100-58 when coach Roy Williams inserted his reserves, who let the Buffs go on a 15-0 run to end the game.

Colorado's Harrison brothers, freshman David and senior D.J., combined for 27 points after totaling only six at halftime.

David, coming off a 23-point, 11-rebound effort against Baylor, wound up with 17 points and six rebounds.

Kirk Hinrich had 16 points for Kansas, which has won its first eight conference games for the first time since 1996-97.

No. 6 Oklahoma 85, Texas 84, OT

Hollis Price scored 25 points, including the key basket in the final seconds of overtime, and No. 6 Oklahoma continued its mastery over Texas with an 85-84 victory Saturday.

The Sooners (17-3, 6-2 Big 12) have won six in a row over Texas (14-7, 5-3) and 22 of the last 26 in the series.

Ebi Ere, Quannas White and Aaron McGhee each scored 16 points for the Sooners, who took sole possession of second place in the conference with the victory.

Brandon Mouton led the Longhorns with 26 points, including the last-second 3-pointer that sent the game into overtime. Royal Ivey

added 17 points and James Thomas had 12 points and 14 rebounds.

Texas rallied from a 17-point deficit with just over six minutes left to tie it at 74 on Mouton's catch-and-shoot on an inbounds pass.

The Sooners appeared to have it won when McGhee grabbed the rebound of T.J. Ford's missed 3-pointer with about two seconds left in regulation. But McGhee stepped out of bounds under the basket before time ran out.

Oklahoma called a timeout to set up a defense but Ford zipped the inbounds pass to Mouton who swished the shot.

Marquette 74, No. 4 Cincinnati 60

Dwyane Wade scored 25 points and Cordell Henry had 20 as Marquette routed No. 4 Cincinnati 74-60 Saturday, stopping the nation's longest winning streak at 20.

The game drew 18,698 to the Bradley Center, the largest crowd to watch a college basketball game in Wisconsin. After the Golden Eagles dribbled out the clock, the student section emptied onto the floor and carried Wade off.

The Golden Eagles (19-3, 8-1 Conference USA) won their eighth straight and improved to 12-0 at home.

They held the Bearcats to 35.3 percent shooting while shooting 45.5 percent against the nation's best defense.

The Bearcats got 15 points from Steve Logan, most after Cincinnati had fallen hopelessly behind in the second half. They fell to 20-2 and 8-1 with their first defeat since their opening the season with a 69-62 loss to Oklahoma State.

Wade, who sat out much of the first half in foul trou-

ble, scored three quick baskets in the second half, including one as he darted across the lane that gave Marquette a 43-33 lead with 17:20 left.

Cincinnati had a chance to pull within four but Field Williams' rushed a 3-pointer and the Eagles took advantage with one of their few fastbreak opportunities with a long pass to Wade, who was fouled as he scored. His three-point play gave Marquette a 51-41 lead with 11:44 remaining.

After back-to-back buckets by Logan cut it to 51-45, Travis Diener (11 points) and Henry made 3-pointers to give Marquette a 57-45 lead with 9:18 left.

Kansas St. 70, No. 9 Oklahoma St. 61

Larry Reid had 18 points and seven assists Saturday as Kansas State beat No. 9 Oklahoma State 70-61. It was the Wildcats' first victory over the Cowboys in six tries since the inception of the Big 12 in 1996-97.

Matt Seibrandt and Pervis Pasco added 15 points each for the Wildcats (9-10, 3-5), who outshot the Cowboys

(17-5, 4-5) 55 percent to 39 percent from the field.

The Wildcats also held a huge advantage at the free throw line — 20-for-25 to 3-for-8 — as Oklahoma State was called for 22 team fouls to Kansas State's 14.

Maurice Baker hit four 3-pointers and led the Cowboys with 16 points and nine rebounds, while Ivan McFarlin and Victor Williams each added 14.

The Wildcats only saw their lead go below double figures twice in the second half.

No. 5 Florida 76, Mississippi St. 48

Matt Bonner had 25 points — 20 in the first half — and eight rebounds, and Florida forced 16 first-half turnovers as the fifth-ranked Gators beat Mississippi State 76-48 Saturday.

The Gators (16-4, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) snapped a three-game losing streak in which the losses came by a total of nine points.

Florida scored the game's first 10 points and the Gators led by as many as 29 points.

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point guard who creates a lot of problems, especially for us because we have a lot of small guys manning that position," Jans said. "We need to slow him down."

"What I have seen is they have some medium-sized guys who are good athletes and nice players, and they're winning games."

Curtis Marshall is fourth in the league with 17.1 points and 6.25 rebounds per game. John Arthur and Karl Nickerson are in double figures and field at least six rebounds a contest for NMMI.

Howard's Zach Moss and Rodney Blackstock lead all Howard scorers with 17 points per outing. Moss is third in the conference in scoring and fourth in rebounding pulling down eight boards a game.

But Jans said his go-to players — Moss, Blackstock and Jared Fears — are not producing when needed.

"Quite frankly, our quote, unquote go-to guys aren't really producing in the big games. For us to be successful, we need guys who know their roles and make baskets for us. They've got to make baskets when it's crucial."

STEERS

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outscored the Steers by a 21-12 margin in the third quarter.

The Big Spring squad quickly recovered as their usual tough defense held the Lobos to just 16 points in the fourth quarter.

Patient offense was obviously the key for Big Spring, as guard Brandon Greathouse fed the ball to Fleming and he added three field goals and a three-pointer to give the Steers a 67-65 advantage with 2:08 to play.

The Steers would allow the Lobos one more field goal and then hold them until the final 30 seconds of play when Levelland's Mark

Romero launched a three-pointer that pulled the Lobos to within two, 72-70.

For the next 13 seconds the Lobos would concentrate on denying Fleming the ball. As a result, he drew two fouls and added four easy points at the free throw line to give the Steers the victory.

Fleming paced the Steers with 38 points followed by Belvin's 16 markers.

"We just played a great team game tonight," Ellington noted. "I thought our kids really would compete in this game and I think they definitely realized that. Levelland gave us fits defensively and our

press wasn't really bothering them so we went to a match-up zone which helped us get the lead back along with some really good execution in half court.

"We're going to keep playing hard. We are 3-1 the second half of district and playing well. Our kids aren't hanging their heads. We realize we could have easily

been in the playoff picture with all the close ones we've played."

STEERS 76, LOBOS 70
BIG SPRING — Jackson 6, Weaver 6, Belvin

16. Fleming 38, Watson 1, Nutting 9, LEVELLAND Luna 4, Dent 7, Bridges 15, Romero 29, Johnson 2, Fortner 13.
Score by Quarters:
BIG SPRING 18 21 12 25-76
LOBOS 16 17 21 16-70
Three point goals: Big Spring 7 (Weaver 2, Belvin 1, Fleming 4); Levelland 2 (Bridges 1, Romero 1).



Courtesy photo
Here are the winners of the girls' division of the 3-on-3 Basketball Tournament at Gollad Elementary School. Clockwise from lower left are: Callie Partee, Emily Slape, Allison Banks and Lauren Bryant.

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Rams' Hakim will have lifelong fan watching — from federal prison

Several hours before today's Super Bowl, federal inmate No. 24003-037 will sit down at a TV set in the day room at the U.S. Penitentiary in Atlanta and scan the numbers on the jerseys of players going through pregame paces.

As he did even when he was a fugitive from drug charges, Abdul Hakim will be looking for No. 81 — his son.



JIM LITKE

"As long as he knows his kids are doing well, he can handle everything else fine," said the son, Az Hakim, a receiver for the St. Louis Rams, which will play the New England Patriots for the Super Bowl title.

Abdul Hakim declined an interview request relayed through prison authorities. But what emerges from a conversation with his son is a story that shatters the easy assumptions.

Despite long absences, Abdul Hakim has remained a strong presence in his son's life. The last time the two met face-to-face was November, when the Rams played in Atlanta. And when he can't catch a Rams game live on TV, Abdul Hakim watches the videotape and passes along his reviews by telephone.

"My dad will be watching this one, for sure, and he's always supportive," said Az Hakim, 25. "But there are times he'll tell me to do this or that and I'd find myself thinking, 'Dad, I'm a professional now. I wish you could understand my situation, feel what I'm going through.'"

"But I never say anything. He has plenty to deal with himself."

Abdul Hakim, 57, hustled on the streets early and picked up a drug habit by the time he reached his teens. But he never shirked the responsibilities of fatherhood; no matter what else was going on, he found the time and resources to care for his wife during her pregnancies, and to look after their young children.

In 1987, he was sentenced to 13 years after pleading guilty to one count of conspiracy to possess cocaine with intent to distribute.

While free on \$200,000 bail, secured by his parents' home in Gardena, Calif., Abdul Hakim sat his two sons down and asked them to help him make a choice:

He'd either go to jail and see them occasionally on visiting days, or go on the run and see them as much as he dared.

Abdul Jr., and Az chose the latter, and Abdul Hakim warned them to be careful.

"People will ask questions, but no matter what happens you'll have to say you never knew your dad," he told his sons, he recalled during an interview with Sports Illustrated two years ago.

The boys, 12 and 10 at the time, wouldn't hear from their father for weeks, while they lived in their mother's one-bedroom apartment in the tough "Jungles" housing projects of South Central L.A.

Then one day he'd call, or they would receive money for clothes or football shoes, or plane tickets to fly to a distant city where he'd arrange outings most kids only dream about.

Both Abdul Sr. and his oldest son were good athletes, but it was Az, slender and fast, whose talent drew raves. After high school, he left Los Angeles to play football at San Diego State, where he developed a pregame routine that never varied. Sometime during warmups, Az would stop and stare into the visiting team's section, looking for the man whose identity he'd spent years denying.

"Sure, it was tough," Az said. "There were times when I'd want to say something or show him something, but I knew there always had to be some distance between us."

In 1997, Az's senior season, his father went to a San Diego State game at Navy with a friend who had no idea Abdul Hakim was hiding from authorities. Az caught two touchdowns and returned a kick-off 85 yards for a third.

Amid the excitement, his friend pointed out Abdul Hakim, shouting "That's

his daddy." A TV crew made its way up into the stands and Abdul took off.

Two months later, Abdul Hakim went to Atlanta to visit his older son and see his two younger children from a different relationship. When he went to pick them up from school, two U.S. marshals pulled him over.

Despite his 10 years as a fugitive, Abdul Hakim received no additional jail time.

A parole hearing last summer "went pretty much the way we expected," Az Hakim said. "There's not much encouraging news that way. But at least he's near family now. It's made the wait a little easier."

Soon after signing his first contract, Az bought a house in Atlanta where his older brother, who runs an entertainment business, could look after their step-sister and stepbrother, Sakeenah, 18, and Saleem,

12. "They're both as bright as the lights in this room," Az Hakim said softly. "My dad knows we're looking after each other and he's comfortable with the way things turned out."

"But we can't wait for the day when we can be a happy family again."

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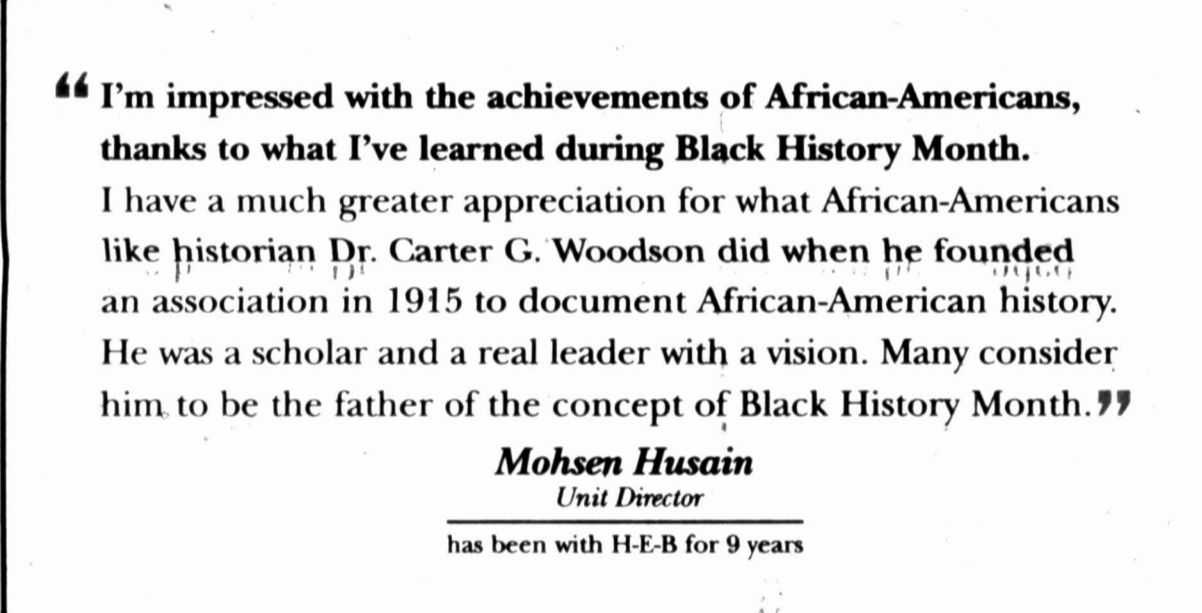
Jim Litke is the national sports columnist for The Associated Press. Write to him at jlitke@ap.org

This month, we honor a culture that's a living testament to courage and achievement.



"I remember how proud I was when I found out how many important African-American inventors and scientists there are in history. Thanks to Black History Month, I continue to learn about the many contributions of African-Americans. It makes me proud to know how much African-Americans have done for this country."

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"I'm impressed with the achievements of African-Americans, thanks to what I've learned during Black History Month. I have a much greater appreciation for what African-Americans like historian Dr. Carter G. Woodson did when he founded an association in 1915 to document African-American history. He was a scholar and a real leader with a vision. Many consider him to be the father of the concept of Black History Month."

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"Black History Month is the time when the history and contributions of African-Americans in the U.S. are studied and acknowledged. I believe that knowledge is power—so this celebration gives me a chance to reflect, to learn from the past, to be positive, to move forward. For instance, it was an African-American, Charles Richard Drew, who developed the blood plasma program, which saved many lives in WW II. He was also the Director of the plasma program for the Armed Services. His contributions make me proud."

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From Meat Market to Barber Shop, Big Spring's first building is still standing



Big Spring's First Permanent Building
In 1884 Joseph Heneage Finch, the seventh earl of Aylesford, Warwickshire, England, built Big Spring's first permanent structure out of native limestone which still stands at its original location at 121 Main Street.

The structure housed a meat market that featured a large marble slab and specialized in mutton.

Although sheep were plentiful at the time, they weren't being used as a food source. The meat market provided cuts for the earl himself as well as locals.

The earl became well liked for his generosity and gregarious personality, but, according to records, he died on Jan. 13, 1885, at the age of 35 due to excessive drinking.

The market was then purchased by the Cauble Brothers and remained in business for many years, but its history is sketchy until W.H. Battle bought the property in 1912.

Battle transformed the meat market into what would be known as the Union Barber Shop. In 1929 he changed the name to City Barber Shop and the name stuck.

The Little Market Gets a Makeover
They don't butcher mutton there anymore and it isn't exactly the hubbub of activity it once was in its hey day, but the unassuming little shop still attracts a fair amount of patronage.

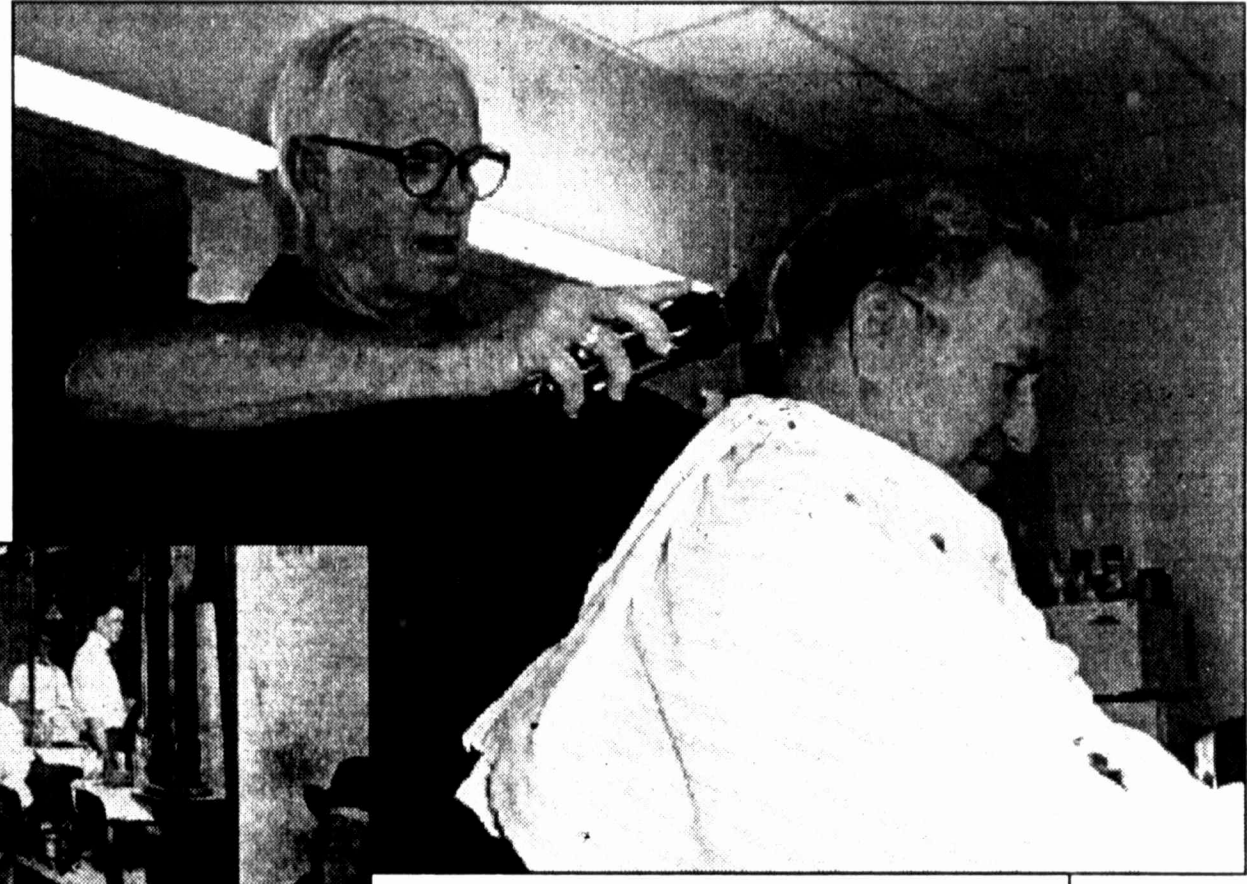
Bill Battle, current owner of City Barber Shop located at 121 Main Street in downtown Big Spring, continues to go to work everyday as he did for more than 50 years along side his father W.H. Battle.

"It was a hangout for the town," said Battle adding that patrons would gather at the shop to catch up on the latest news and gossip. "You hear everything at a barber shop, how much truth there is in it...well..."

In 1948 Bill opened his own business at 3106 West Highway 80 while his father sold half of the City Barber Shop to Bart Wilkerson. Bill remained at his west side location for 22 years.

Following the death of Wilkerson, Bill bought his share of his father's shop from his widow. He has remained there ever since.

In its better days, downtown Big Spring was the center of activity as Battle remembers "If you stepped outside there would be people all up and down the sidewalk. There wasn't anything on the



south part of town like there is now. Everything was downtown. We had Woolworth's, Anthony's and J.C. Penny's. And there was a Safeway and White's Auto," he describes.

At the barber shop in its early days, a gentleman could get a shave and a haircut for 25 cents but coif maintenance and an extra close shave wasn't all they came for.

In a network comparable to high speed Internet and an atmosphere some might compare to a well established bar, patrons could not only catch up on local food for they could also find out what was happening on a national level especially during election years.

"On election night they'd all gather here and wait for the election results to come out on the ticker tape," Battle said.

Battle didn't give much consideration to any other career and made his decision an early age. "I graduated from barber school when I was 16 and I was the youngest barber in Texas at that time. Barbering is a neat deal and I get a kick out of meeting the people," he said.

And meet people he did, lots of them. In the 50s and 60s Battle and his father served men who were employed by Cosden Refinery, servicemen from Webb Air Force Base, as well as the downtown establishments.

According to Battle, there were many colorful characters that walked through their door, but with the resolve and integrity of a country doctor he would only comment on one particular patron.

"My dad and I worked on a guy named Dr. G.T. Hall (of Hall and Bennett Hospital) for over 50 years. He got a shave everyday and a cut and shampoo once a week," remembers Battle.

However, his daily patronage isn't why Battle remembers Dr. Hall so fondly. His friendliness and marked intelligence left quite an impression. "He had something funny to say everyday. He was a real sharp cookie," he said.

Although the establishment is now no bigger than a small office, it once had enough room for seven barbers, sported a 12 foot ceiling, and featured wooden adornments and landscape paintings on its walls.

But, as any native Big Springer will tell you, the closing of Webb Air Force Base changed everything.

"You can sure tell the difference since 1979 when they closed," he said adding that the change of men's hairstyles was also a factor. "The 70s wiped out the barbers. That was when the young guys started letting their hair grow out long like women."

Staying Power

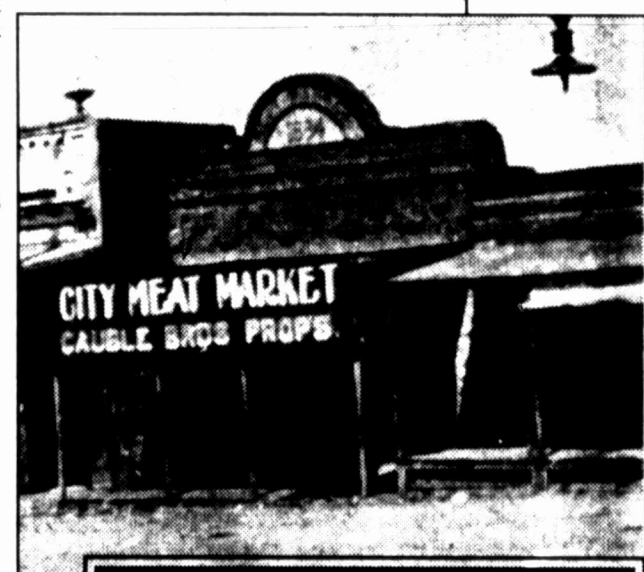
Originally planning to work "just 50 years" Battle, who recently celebrated his 65th birthday, has no plans to retire despite health problems.

"I love to work. You have to have something to do and I enjoy the people," he said.

Downtown Big Spring is rich in local history for anyone who's interested. While the Heritage Museum is a

great source of information, a good natured account of that history is available first hand from a man who was there.

A great cut from a seasoned pro is also available, for a little more than two bits, but for those who enjoy a little pleasant conversation its well worth the price.



Clockwise from top left —
Big Spring's first permanent building was a meat market as pictured here.
Bill Battle gives Kim Long a trim in the barber shop still in its original location.
This photo shows not only the Cauble Brothers Meat Market but also the city's first street light which was dubbed "the magic lantern" by locals.
Bill Battle stands in front of the City Barber Shop located at 121 Main St. in downtown Big Spring. It now has a brick front covering its original limestone facing.
This photo is believed to be circa 1910.
Note the suit and bowler hat worn by the bearded fellow in the right corner.



Story and current photos of the Big Spring Barber Shop by Andrea Medlin. Other photos are courtesy of Bill Battle and the Heritage Museum.

While stationed at the Island of Midway, young Marine sees a little action

Approximately 69 years ago I looked out over a sand swept aircraft runway and witnessed the mess hall and movie theater go up in flames.

They had been bombed by one of those beautiful Japanese Zero Fighter dive bombers.

The area was South Pacific on a little island called Midway.

One of those USMC stepping stones on the road to Tokyo.

Ironically, I sort of cele-

brate this event each year since it has always remained solidly in my memory.

We

Marines trained at Pearl Harbor

Marine Barracks on a small 37millimeter AA gun for many weeks.



AL SCOTT

I was what was called the No. 3 man on that weapon.

My job was to feed ammo into the gun's feed mechanism.

By April of that year we boarded a ship and eventually wound up on a tiny pile of sand called Midway.

Two of my fellow Marines sat upon tractor seats to traverse and elevate the gun's barrel.

We were awakened about "dark thirty" in the morning of June 4, 1942, and

our command post tracked the flight of the approaching enemy.

Their aircraft came out of the early morning sun and began to drop their bombs.

That was when they hit our mess hall and movie theater.

Our sand-bagged gun emplacement was in a brush-like area just across from our main runway on the second island called Eastern Island.

One of the enemy air-

craft, seemed to have it in for us.

He circled over in our direction.

We fired and observed our gun's tracer bullets go into his belly.

He didn't go into "the drink," but crashed on our island just a few yards from us.

Our ground fighting lasted only 18 minutes.

Three days later, we were told that our efforts ended in a decisive victory and history tells us that

this battle was the turning point in that war.

Later we went over to the downed aircraft with tin-snips.

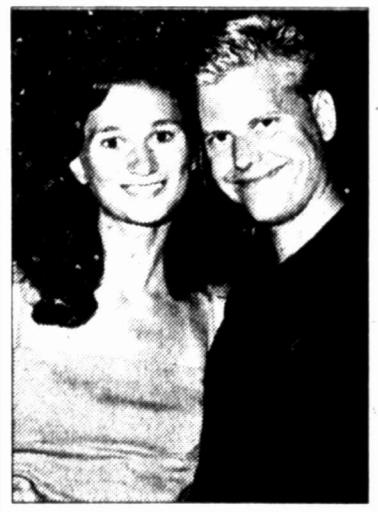
I still have a piece of that "Meat Ball" fuselage, wrapped in a plastic envelope and I love to show it to my children and grandchildren. "Ancient history kids? Never. 'Cause I was there. Just seemed like day before yesterday."

Al Scott writes a regular column for the Herald.

ENGAGEMENTS



Amy Dyanne Carroll and Matthew Jay Shapiro, both of Cedar Park will exchange wedding vows March 9, 2002, at Vintage Villas on Lake Travis in Austin with the Rev. Dianne Brown, formerly of First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring, officiating. She is the daughter of Genie and Wesley Carroll of Big Spring. He is the son of MiMi Shapiro of Canoga Park, Calif., and Dan Shapiro of Arlington, Va.



Allison Leigh Thomas and Matthew Beyerly Johnson will exchange wedding vows July 6, 2002, at Un Lauf Sculpture Gardens in Austin. She is the daughter of C.E. (Mike) Thomas and the late Teri Thomas. She is the granddaughter of the late Dr. Clvde and Jane Thomas. He is the son of Terry and Suzanne Johnson of Austin.

WHO'S WHO

McLennan Community College announced that Ashlie D. Simmons of Big Spring has made the college's distinguished honors list.

Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Bill Kingston was chosen as one of 29 superintendents in Texas to receive a scholarship to participate in the



Kingston

Lamar University Superintendent Academy in Beaumont.

Funded by a grant from the Texas Education Agency, the Academy provides senior level executive training for superintendents recognized as leaders among their peers.

The 29 superintendents were chosen from a list of approximately 100 nominees throughout Texas.

The year-long Academy is designed to provide the most professional growth opportunities with the least amount of time away from the district.

During the year, superintendents meet on five different weekends at Lamar University.

Exhibit offers candid view of city life

HOUSTON — The Louis Faurer retrospective at the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston is a lesson in history rewritten, or rather, a reputation restored.

The American photographer made his mark at midcentury with stark black-and-white images that embraced a little bit of glamour and a whole lot of city life. But, critics note, his place in the history of the medium is misunderstood.

He roamed New York with a 35 mm camera, poised to capture candid moments on the streets. He also devoted himself to fashion photography for publications like Harper's Bazaar and Vogue. He traveled to Hollywood and was set photographer for movies like Walk on the Wild Side (1960).

But unlike his peers for whom this work was an avenue to public renown, Faurer (pronounced "far") abandoned that route. His name and his work became the province of curators and friends only.

The 137 pictures in the MFA's exhibit and the major accompanying catalog, Louis Faurer, by MFA curator Anne W. Tucker (Merrell Publishers, \$35 softcover), will change that.

The exhibit runs through April 14. Faurer (1916-2001) was a poor kid from Philadelphia who taught himself photography, then moved to New York City. He was the first person to befriend Robert Frank when Frank arrived from his native Switzerland, in 1947 at age 23, Tucker explained.

In fact, it was the Andrea Frank Foundation (established by the photographer in his late daughter's name seven years ago) that proposed she organize the Faurer exhibit.

"When I was working with Robert on his retrospective (1986), we would walk through Little Italy, and he'd reminisce about places the two of them frequented as the young Turks on the streets," Tucker said.

For Faurer, photography "was never about being documentary but about picture-making," Tucker said. For that

reason, you have to look carefully.

When Faurer looked through his viewfinder, sometimes his subject looked back. Mostly, though, he stole his shots: a lovers' kiss in Pennsylvania Station (1946), the scowl of the twin sisters in 5th Ave., New York, N.Y. (1948), the wealthy older man walking with his young escort in Daddy Warbucks (1952).

People gazing at windows, private moments of tenderness, apparitions that seem to materialize in the street and odd juxtapositions that present themselves spontaneously look like happy accidents of timing. They are not: Faurer only made them seem so. He sandwiched negatives together, shot reflections in windows, made double exposures, manipulated the negatives by cropping and lightened or darkened tones to shape a picture precisely as he envisioned it.

The images are nonetheless about truth, sometimes lyrical, often humorous, occasionally brutal. His candid pictures pre-date Frank's landmark series The Americans (1955), which uncovered the reality beneath post-War optimism. They also anticipate Henri Cartier-Bresson's formulation of the "decisive moment," when the photographer explained in 1952, the shutter is released "fixing a geometric pattern without which the photograph would have been both formless and lifeless."

Given Faurer's far-reaching influence and inclusion in landmark exhibits like Edward Steichen's The Family of Man, his resume is surprisingly short. Faurer, Tucker said, was deeply loved and admired, and inspired undying loyalty. But he was "impossible to work with," which accounts in part for his relative obscurity.

Another reason, she said, is due to the two decades he devoted to fashion and editorial photography, oeuvre that Faurer later repudiated and that limited his output.

Other work during those years, though, included a series of portraits, both formal and informal, that go far beyond physical appearances. One among them is the shocking close-up of Viva (Susan Hoffman), a fashion model who was Faurer's lover and later starred in Andy Warhol films. In this 1962 image, she is (seemingly) a picture of an abused woman. A cigarette dangles lifelessly from her lips, and dark shadows surround her unfocused, beautiful eyes — bruises, we think. It's makeup in reality, but signals, too, a damaged soul. (Years later, Viva introduced curator Walter Hopps to Faurer's work in the mid-1970s, which led to a renewed interest in the photographer's work.)

A rare straight portrait is that of a casually posed Walter Winchell in Central Park (1951), fedora slightly askew, one hand in his coat pocket, the other supporting his chin and the New York skyline at dusk behind him like a theater prop.

A third aspect of Faurer's incisive portraiture — and tenderness — is represented by Eddie, a young man whose limited mental ability is evident in his stance and distracted downward gaze. He gently holds aloft a weedlike flower in his right hand, his left arm bent at the elbow to squeeze a folded newspaper against his side, a cloth tote balanced loosely in his fingers.

Faurer rarely looked at still life, but Monticello, Va. — presumably the last photograph he took before a traffic accident in 1983 effectively ended his career — is a fine example.

The photograph is a composite of images from Thomas Jefferson's stately home in which Faurer layered interior and exterior views.

The core image is a bedroom with a four-poster bed, a window and small sitting area.

The window is countered by reflection of the colonnaded facade of the stately home, which appears suspended above the bed, like a dream.

Women's preferences in male odors influenced by genes

NEW YORK (AP) — A woman's preference for one man's scent over another's is influenced by genes she inherited from her father, a new study suggests.

One researcher said scent may play some role in choosing friends and even mates.

In the study, 49 unmarried women sniffed the contents of boxes, each of which had a different scent.

They weren't told that some scents came from T-

shirts, each worn by one of six men.

Women were asked which scent they would prefer if they had to smell it all the time.

The researchers also studied a sampling of MHC genes — which are key to the immune system — in the women and in the men who'd donated their scent. They separated out the MHC genes each woman inherited from dad — the paternal MHC genes — ver-

sus those from mom.

Analysis found that in general, each woman's favorite male scent, as compared to her least-favorite one, came from a man with more similarity to her own paternal MHC genes.

There was no such relationship to genes inherited from the mother.

The work is reported in the February issue of the journal Nature Genetics by researchers at the University of Chicago.

Study co-author Martha McClintock noted that female mice seek MHC similarities when they pick other females to share in cooperative rearing of their offspring.

The new study suggests people might be unconsciously influenced by odor in choosing their friends too, she said.

The new lab work didn't focus on mate choice or how sexy the women found the odors to be.

Orchestra effected by lagging economy

ST. LOUIS (AP) — The St. Louis Symphony Orchestra said it expects to save more than \$5 million through cost-cutting efforts that include musicians agreeing to a shorter season and a pay reduction.

On Monday, union-backed orchestra members ratified a new three-year contract calling for the pay cut, a reduction in the season from 52 weeks to 42 weeks in the years 2003 and 2004, and modifications in their pension and retirement plans.

"Although the new contract obviously calls for sacrifices by everyone, the members feel we must do our part to preserve the greatness of this orchestra," Jan Gippo, head of the union's negotiating committee, said in a statement Tuesday.

The symphony said it has

additional commitments to meet its goal of raising \$29 million in stopgap funding. That fund-raising effort began last September, when the symphony called the funds essential to keeping the organization in business.

About \$20 million immediately will go toward recovering current-year losses.

debt reduction and building systems repairs, with the remainder to offset expected operating deficits and to pay for estimated pension liabilities in future years, the symphony said.

The symphony's leaders determined last fall that it had to cut \$7 million from the budget and raise the stopgap funding.

MENUS

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken, potatoes, squash, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
TUESDAY-Steak & onions, noodles, okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls, apple crisp.
WEDNESDAY-Fish, french fries, beans, coleslaw, milk/cornbread, pie.
THURSDAY-Pork chops, baked potatoes, brussel sprouts, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.
FRIDAY-Meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, carrots, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

COAHOMA ISD
MONDAY-Homemade burritos or corndogs, ranch beans, peaches, milk.
TUESDAY-Chicken patty, gravy or toasted cheese sandwiches, buttered potatoes, fruit bread, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak or burritos, corn gravy, potatoes, rolls milk.
THURSDAY-Pizza, tater tots, apples, milk. Teachers only: salad or baked potato.
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

FORSEAN ISD
MONDAY-Steak/gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken stir fry, egg rolls, rice, fruit, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, french fries, salad, brownies, fruit, milk.
THURSDAY-Hot dogs, chips, pork & beans, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.
FRIDAY-Ham/gravy, whipped potatoes, english peas, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD
MONDAY-Steak fingers, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.
TUESDAY-Lasagna, carrot sticks, sweet peas, peanut butter crackers, pineapple chunks, milk.
WEDNESDAY-Chili beans, lettuce wedge, corn, applesauce cake, corn

bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken fajita wrap, tossed salad, refried beans, salsa, peaches, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, french fries, goodie bars.

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Renowned rodeo family at head of the class

"It's been their life for so long, it seems to be in their blood," said Joe Armes, executive vice president and chief financial officer of Southwest Sports Group Inc.

work behind the scenes helping to produce and promote the business.

"Rodeo is a lifestyle, and it's year-round," said Neal Gay, during a rare quiet moment at the ranch. He and wife recently completed a spacious rock and raw timber house on the property, their first home built from the ground up in their 45-year marriage.

Kay Gay painted Western brands and other illustrations throughout the home and commissioned a cedar-lined room to store row after colorful row of rodeo "Grand Entry" outfits.

She said she and her family especially look forward to the Fort Worth stock show, even though it doesn't mean they can sleep in their own beds.

The family keeps two apartments in Fort Worth because the rigor and frequency of the stock-show rodeos make it more convenient. Days before the events begin, they load up semi-trucks of stock animals and gear and head west.

Several hundred head of stock are kept in Saginaw, just north of downtown Fort Worth, until they're needed for the show.

Although family member are best-known for their rodeo productions, they're quickly building a reputation as horse and bull breeders.

"My neighbors are all bulls," Kay Gay said, laughing. "And several of them have real attitude problems. They're like pets that I can't pet."

Out the living room window, the mammoth bulls lounge in the sun and occasionally graze, the picture of pastoral calm.

But make no mistake — Johnny Rotten, Durango and Purgatory are no dairy cows. They live up to the Gay family's renown for breeding ferocious bulls that not only buck off riders, but

try to gore and stomp them in the process.

"We sort of have this reputation that we like to see cowboys get hooked," said Neal Gay, shaking his head. "We don't want anyone to get hooked. I just want to see them get

hour rodeo show takes hours of preparation behind the scenes — in the dank, muddy corridors under the seats of the Will Rogers Coliseum.

In a blur of activity, stock is moved from holding pens to the chutes in a flash of opening and closing gates. Horses and riders milling around are hustled out of the way to keep the events moving from one contest to the next.

W.R. Watt Jr., the Fort Worth stock show's president and general manager, said he and his father before him have worked with the Gays for more than 25 years because the family has made the rodeo a seamless production.

"In the entire stock show, the rodeo is the simplest thing we do because we know they've got it handled," Watt said.

Officials with the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association said the Gays have promoted rodeo throughout the country through their televised Mesquite Rodeo show and Don Gay's popular rodeo commentating.

"I'm always amazed at the number of people who know about the Mesquite Rodeo," said Steve Fleming, a PRCA spokesman, who, along with rodeo groupies nationwide, has visited the family's famed bulls on the Terrell ranch.

"They're well-liked throughout the industry, and they've done as much for professional rodeo as any family I can think of," Fleming said.

close." The family has bred bulls for about 10 years. But in the last five years, son Jim has made the program more genetically precise.

Some of the animals are descendants of Mexican fighting bulls, which also gives them a different personality, Neal Gay said.

And pairing the right rider with the right bull is what makes rodeo exciting. "We want to see the animals perform as much as the cowboy's wife wants to see him perform," Neal Gay said.

"If these guys can ride and that horse can buck, that's the match you look for."

Like his brothers before him, Jim Gay rode bulls for a time, but he found that though he liked the challenge and competition, his heart was really back home on the ranch.

Now, as he assumes more control of the rodeo production from his father, he focuses those elusive 8 seconds of bull-riding glory into keeping the crowd happy.

He says he gets a charge out of watching cowboys such as Scott Johnson, Jason Jeter and Pete Hawkins try to stay on his animals.

"We want to entertain, whether it's 700 people or 7,000 people," Jim Gay said.

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with satin ribbon hem. She carried a bouquet of Konfetti roses.

Maid of honor was Katie Gaskins, sister of the groom.

Bridesmaid was Lochie Musgrove. Junior bridesmaid was Catherine Leubner, sister of the bride.

Flowergirl was Audrey Bledsoe. Ringbearer was Kagen Maxwell.

Best man was Steven Fry. Groomsmen were Brent Schmidt and Corbin Riethmayer.

Ushers were Bill Barnes, Donnie Duncan, Shawn Jordan and Cory Maxwell.

A reception was held at the Big Spring Country Club.

The bride's cake was white, four tiered and topped with a Precious Moments figurine.

The groom's cake was a chocolate sheet cake depicting a cotton farm.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 2001 graduate of Texas A&M University.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Sands School and attended Texas A&M University where he received his bachelors degree in 1999 and his masters degree in 2001. He is presently employed by the Texas Cooperative Extension.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, Mexico the couple made their home in Canyon.

Somer Leubner and Dustin Gaskins, both of College Station, exchanged wedding vows Jan. 5, 2002, at First Christian Church with Gary Groves of First Christian Church, Midland, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of John and Ruth Leubner of Big Spring and the granddaughter of W.H. and O'Neal Philley of Big Spring and Gerhard and Rita Leubner.

The groom is the son of Kelly and Teresa Gaskins of Knott and the grandson of Joe Mac and Laverne Gaskins of Knott and Henry Butler.

Joan Harmon was pianist. Stephanie Moss was vocalist.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, John Leubner, and wore a gown with a beaded bodice with scoop neck and an embroidered A-line skirt

High-tech studio plans to close

HONOLULU (AP) — The stars of the digitally animated movie "Final Fantasy: The Spirit Within" are being laid to rest.

The Honolulu-based studio that created the groundbreaking — but critically panned — movie announced Wednesday that it planned to close up shop, largely because the film failed to cover its \$145 million cost.

Aki Ross, the movie's heroine, had begun to be accepted as a real star.

Last year, she posed in a bikini alongside real models in the men's magazine Maxim.

Square USA, a subsidiary of Japan's Square Co., said it will shut down its powerful computers — along with Ross and other actors they

generated — on March 31. But the company is still seeking an investor to keep the studio open.

Efforts to form a partnership with a major U.S. studio have failed, studio president Jun Aida said in an interview Wednesday.

Aida lamented the opera-

tion's likely demise. "We could have used the same characters in different roles," he said.

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 - 10 Mutual-fund category
 - 12 Nostrums of yore
 - 14 *Napalm & Silly Putty* author
 - 15 Persian royal name
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 - 18 US missile
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 - 31 Jillson colleague
 - 32 Chassis
 - 33 Run up
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Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Alma Rosemary Higgins, Deceased, were issued on January 29, 2002, in Cause No. P12881, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas. To DOLORES R. LOISELLE
The residence of the Independent Executor is Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. The post office address is:
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All persons having claims against this Estate which are currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 29th day of January, 2002.
Lanny Hamby Attorney for the Estate State Bar No. 08816000 #3441 February 3, 2002

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NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS
Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

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Contract 6082-17-001 for ROUTINE STREET SWEEPING IN HASKELL County, etc will be opened on February 27, 2002 at 2:00 pm at the District Office for an estimate of \$70,677.00.
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 District Offices listed below. 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 5759.
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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. #3435 February 3 & 4, 2002

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PUBLIC NOTICE
STATE OF TEXAS COUNTY OF HOWARD
1) Ronald Bakley - PO Box 61 - Coahoma, TX 79511 - Lot# 13, 14, 15, 16 & South Part of Lot 17, Block #19, Original Township Addition
2) WC Thomas Estate - 14426 Bluewood St - San Antonio, TX 78233 - Lot # S/25 x 140 & 20' x 50' Lot 1, Block 1, Reynolds Addition
3) Robert Phillips - 1429 Austin St - San Angelo, TX 76903-8314 - Lot # 8 & S/2 Lot 9, Block 1, 0311N Acre Addition
Dear Property Owner(s): CURRENT TAX RECORDS OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA INDICATE THAT YOU ARE THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY AT THE ABOVE STREET ADDRESS. THIS STRUCTURE IS IN VIOLATION OF ORDINANCE NO. 46 OF THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF COAHOMA, TEXAS, WHICH PROHIBITS THE OWNERS OF REAL PROPERTY FROM ALLOWING THE ACCUMULATION OF UNSIGHTLY, OBJECTIONABLE OR UNSANITARY MATTER ON THEIR PREMISES. BY THIS MANNER NOTICE SHALL BE GIVEN TO SUCH PROPERTY OWNERS TO CORRECT, REMEDY OR REMOVE ANY SUCH CONDITIONS, PROVIDING FOR A PROCEDURE WHEREBY THE CITY MAY PROHIBIT AND SUCH CONDITION AND CHARGE THE EXPENSES INCURRED THEREBY TO THE OWNER OF THE REAL PROPERTY UPON WHICH THE WORK WAS DONE, PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION AND CONTAINING A SAVING CLAUSE.

WHEREAS, there exists unsightly, objectionable and unsanitary conditions within the city limits of the City of Coahoma and
WHEREAS, the existence of such conditions constitute a hazard to the public health, safety and general welfare; and
WHEREAS, the Board of Aldermen is of the opinion that the action of the City of Coahoma to promote the health, safety and general welfare of the inhabitants of the City of Coahoma.

Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Coahoma City Council, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated, unsanitary or in violation of the provisions of the Ordinance No. 46 provides that "all buildings which are unsafe, unsanitary, or not provided with adequate ingress or egress or which constitute a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life or which in relation to existing use constitute a fire hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of this ordinance. Unsafe buildings: You are hereby notified that the Coahoma City Council of Coahoma will meet on Tuesday, February 12, 2002, at 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers at 122 N. 1st Street, Coahoma, TX, to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Council may in its finding provide for any of the following:

1. Vacation of premises
2. Relocation of occupants
3. Securing of the premises
4. Repair of the premises
5. Removal of demolition of the premises
6. Removal of trash, weeds and/or fire hazard material or structures
7. Any combination of the above

Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing to the Council Members of Coahoma in original and six copies:
a. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description
b. A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant
c. A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed
d. A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard
e. The legal signatures of appellant and their official mailing addresses
Failure to appear in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing. Your cooperation in this matter would be greatly appreciated.
Thank You
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Mayor, Pro-Tem
#3429 January 27 & February 3 & 10, 2002

The pros and cons of living a single life

Dear Ann Landers: I would like to respond to "Lost But Still Hopeful in Washington, D.C.," who is over 40 and still single. I am a single 44-year-old woman, but I am neither lonely nor bored. Here are the advantages to being single:



ANN LANDERS

1. Nobody barges into the bathroom.
2. You can watch your "chick flicks" without having a man roll his eyes.
3. You can use the time you'd have spent picking up his socks to upgrade your skills. I taught myself to play the accordion.
4. You can eat whatever you want. If you gain a few pounds, so what?
5. You can spend your money on what you really like.
6. You don't have to watch or pretend to enjoy football. Ever.

If a good man comes along, fine. If not, you will not have wasted any time sulking about it. — M.W. in Chicago

Dear M.W.: When "Lost But Still Hopeful" asked my readers for their advice, I heard plenty from those who wanted to put in their two cents' worth. Read on:

From Malibu, Calif.: She shouldn't give up. I married at age 49 and had a baby three months before my 50th birthday! "Lost" is still young in my book.

Colby, Kan.: What does she need her own children for? She can call a friend, co-worker or relative with small kids and borrow them for the day. She could take them shopping, let them make a mess of her house and be the best "aunt" ever.

Marina del Rey, Calif.: Those who marry later in life have a much greater success rate. We have tremendous appreciation for marriage and children, and are open to less traditional arrangements. (P.S. I'm a male.)

Charlotte, N.C.: I am sick and tired of this patronizing attitude about single women finding fulfillment elsewhere. We are beaten down by a world filled with couple-oriented holidays, cruises for two and hotels with double occupancy. We have to do it all ourselves. Adoption is for the wealthy. We have no one to grow old with or depend on financially. I'm sick of being sin-

gle.
Scotts Valley, Calif.: I married in my late 40s. When the honeymoon was over, I discovered he was a rigid, controlling, possessive chauvinist. I realized "life" was what I had lived before marriage.
Washington, D.C.: When I gave up looking for "Mr. Right" and decided to make new friends, I discovered a great guy. Six months before, I never would have given him a second glance. He isn't perfect, but he's perfect for ME.
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Reno, Nevada: She MUST change her attitude. If you are desperate for a mate, you will only attract men who are drawn to desperate women.
Decatur, Ill.: I am 42, attractive, fit, smart, funny and happy. Still, at night, I want a warm body and some loving arms. Being single is lousy.
Oklahoma City: I am married, and it was the biggest mistake of my life. I sacrificed my own happiness to fulfill society's expectations.
Houston: You are wrong, Ann. Being alone is painful. I've been married three times, and I wouldn't have it any other way.
Virginia Beach, Va.: That woman needs to get out of Washington, D.C. The men there are all married or gay. I moved to Virginia with its large military population and found a great guy.

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