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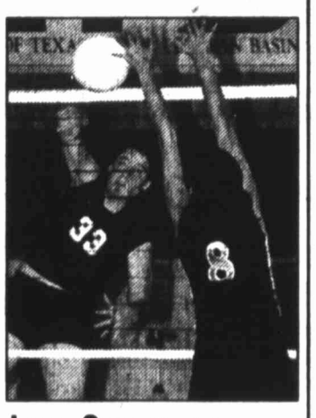
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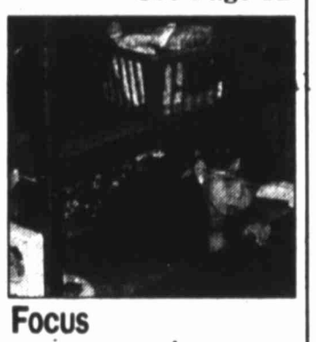


LADY STEERS WIN

The Big Spring Lady Steers advanced to the regional quarterfinals for the first time in 25 years, with a 15-4, 15-9 win over El Paso High.

The Lady Steers will play Hereford on Saturday at the Rip Griffin Center in Lubbock.

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FOCUS

With today's economy requiring most American families to have two sources of income, affordable child care is of paramount importance. And that's exactly what the Westside Community Day Care Center provides to residents of Big Spring.

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Game Day

Game Day, a feature of the *Herald*, runs each Thursday. Sports Editor Tommy Wells will have statistics from previous games as well as previews of all the Friday and Saturday pigskin matchups.

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Kilgore, Simer retain commissioner seats

Howard County votes predominantly Republican in state, national elections

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Incumbents kept their local seats on the Howard County Commissioners' Court, but contested state and nationwide races went primarily Republican in Howard County as election totals were posted by about 9:15 Tuesday evening.

The county followed the rest of Texas in that regard. Statewide, all of the top offices up for grabs went to Republicans.

An exception to the rule, incumbent State Rep. Pete Laney (D) held onto his seat against challenger Judy Strickland



SIMER



KILGORE

(R). Strickland claimed a narrow (51 percent) majority in Howard County, but support for Laney in other counties was too great for Strickland to overcome. Laney claimed a 64 percent majority overall with 21,116 votes to Strickland's 11,554 (35 percent).

Locally, incumbent Precinct 2 Commissioner Jerry Kilgore defeated challenger Jerry Crawford by a large margin, 1,771 votes, or 69.02 percent, to 753 votes, or 29.35 percent.

"I'm really tickled on the heavy percentages," Kilgore said. "What can I say? We've really tried to reach out to everyone in the community, especially Forsan, Coahoma and the rural people. I think people realize that we're working and we've got a good court."

Precinct 4 incumbent Commissioner Gary Simer won a close race

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Republicans take over House; Speaker's seat is threatened

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

State Rep. Pete Laney (D-Hale Center) was one of the few Texas Democrats able to hold onto his seat during Tuesday's election, but Republicans, now in control of the House, are in line to oust Laney from his position as Speaker.

The GOP claimed at least 11, and possibly 13, new seats in the House, making the balance of power 83 for the Republicans to 65 for the Democrats with two seats still undecided.

"It's on to the next step. Hopefully, everything's going to be all right."



Pete Laney
Speaker of the House

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Turnout falls below 1998 voter totals

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Howard County's voter turnout was down slightly since the last gubernatorial election, despite an advertising deluge and predicted high numbers at the polls statewide.

Locally, 6,955 — 36.57 percent — of 19,017 registered voters cast ballots in Howard County. The figure is down from the votes cast in the 1998 election, when 7,580 (39.92 percent) of Howard County's voters cast ballots.

"I don't have any idea why that happened here unless it might be the fact that we didn't have any local races that were contested county-wide," said Howard County Clerk Donna Wright. "Our contested races were just our commis-

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HERALD Photo/Roger Cline

Howard County Clerk Donna Wright posts a set of precinct results on the wall of the Howard County Courthouse Tuesday night. Election results were released by about 9:15 p.m. countywide.

Sanchez loses bid to be state's first Hispanic governor

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican Gov. Rick Perry defeated big-spending Democrat Tony Sanchez and won the backing of Texas voters for the job he has held for two years.

The wild race in which Sanchez sought to become the state's first Hispanic governor ended Tuesday night with Perry beating Sanchez by a margin of 58 percent to 40 percent.

With 86 percent of the estimated vote counted, Perry had 2,342,064 votes to Sanchez's 1,615,581 votes as Republicans again swept all statewide offices.

Perry will team with David Dewhurst, the newly elected Republican lieutenant governor, to lead the state.

The Perry-Sanchez race set a Texas record for campaign spending. The candidates shelled out at least $87 million combined, much of it on nasty television ads.

While the Democrats talked up their diverse ticket — led by Sanchez and U.S. Senate nominee Ron Kirk, who is black — Perry claimed that the



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state's residents all have similar expectations from their government. He stuck mostly to his core campaign themes of education and transportation.

"Yes, we are a diverse tapestry of different backgrounds, but first and foremost we are Texans. We share common hopes. We share common dreams and one common Texas," Perry told supporters in his victory speech.

Perry, 52, moved up to the governor's post in December 2000 when George W. Bush resigned

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STATEWIDE RESULTS

The following are statewide results based on 89 percent of the vote tabulated. An 'X' denotes the winner.

U.S. SENATE
x-John Cornyn, GOP 2,349,056 - 55 percent
Ron Kirk, Dem 1,843,285 - 43 percent

GOVERNOR
x-Rick Perry, GOP (i) 2,481,171 - 58 percent
Tony Sanchez, Dem 1,712,982 - 40 percent

LT. GOVERNOR
x-David Dewhurst, GOP 2,201,178 - 52 percent
John Sharp, Dem 1,966,386 - 46 percent

ATTORNEY GENERAL
x-Greg Abbott, GOP 2,390,116 - 57 percent
Kirk Watson, Dem 1,736,150 - 41 percent

COMPTROLLER
x-Carole Keeton Rylander, GOP (i) 2,707,578 - 64 percent
Marty Akins, Dem 1,396,961 - 33 percent

LAND COMMISSIONER
x-Jerry Patterson, GOP 2,196,962 - 53 percent
David Bernsen, Dem 1,720,029 - 42 percent

AG COMMISSIONER
x-Susan Combs, GOP (i) 2,478,758 - 59 percent
Tom Ramsay, Dem 1,583,856 - 38 percent

RR COMMISSIONER
x-Michael L. Williams, GOP (i) 2,267,780 - 55 percent
Sherry Boyles, Dem 1,717,849 - 42 percent

Relay!

Team captains gather to prepare for 2003 ACS fund-raiser in May

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

More than 50 volunteers for the annual American Cancer Society's biggest fund-raiser, Relay for Life, kicked off the drive Tuesday night at the First Methodist Church.

The general election, the Lady Steer's volleyball game and other activities that marked an unusually busy Tuesday night may have kepted away the normal masses from attending, but team captains present were already reporting fund-raising efforts and results.

"Most of what we raise goes to research and without research there will never be a cure for cancer."



Diane Wood,
Relay co-chair

"We raised $3,800," said Chuck Walisa, team captain for the VA Medical Center VAgabonds, when reporting the total of the fund-raiser, Mrs. VAgabond contest. "Of our $10,000 goal, we have already raised $5,400."

JoAnne Forest, American Cancer Society volunteer, unveiled the Relay for Life quilt created by Big Spring business women Katie Cathey and LaBeth Montgomery.

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UTPB offers matching scholarships

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Dollar-for-dollar, the University of Texas Permian Basin will match scholarship money awarded by area community service organizations, Dr. David Watts, UTPB president said Tuesday.

"I offer a challenge," said Watts, who was the guest speaker at the Big Spring Rotary Club noon meeting. "For every scholarship — whether it's the Rotary, the Lion's Club... scholarships that are not designated for a certain institution, we will match your scholarship. The awardee has to go to UTPB."

In the Community Match Scholarship program, UTPB will match community service organization scholarships, dollar-for-dollar, given to high school graduates up to the university's maximum for tuition, fees and books for one semester.

To be eligible:

- Students must be first-year college students who are recent high school graduates.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Obituaries

Katherine Newlin James



Graveside funeral service for Katherine Newlin James, 33, of Albuquerque, N.M., will be at 10 a.m. Friday, Nov. 8, 2002, at Trinity Memorial Park with Mr. Rick Cunningham of the 14th and Main Church of Christ officiating.

Mrs. James died on Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2002, at her home.

She was born on May 30, 1969, in Abilene. In 1987 she graduated from Temple High School and then from Temple Junior College in 1989. She also attended Baylor University. She was a surgical technician with hospitals in Temple, Kerrville and Big Spring. In Albuquerque, she was a property manager for Sierra Realty. She enjoyed working with children and animals. She was a member of the Episcopal Church.

Survivors include her mother; Peggy Whitsitt of Austin; her father and step-mother; Newlin "Chuck" and Virginia James of Stanton; two sisters and their husbands, Melani and Gary Walton of Stanton and Stefani and Jason Foreman of Austin; two step-brothers, Randy Henson of Stanton and Ronnie Henson of Irving; one step-sister, Glee Holcombe of McQueeney; her step-grandmother, Amelia Ory of Stanton; and two nephews.

The family suggests memorials made to Midland Children's Rehabilitation Center, 802 Ventura Ave., Midland, Texas 79705.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. www.npwelch.com

Faith Homsey Scott

Funeral service for Faith Homsey Scott of Garden City are scheduled for 3 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, 2002, at the First Baptist Church in Odessa with the Rev. Bob Grimes and the Rev. Kevin Parker officiating. Burial will be made in Sunset Memorial Gardens in Odessa.

Mrs. Scott died on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, following a lengthy battle with cancer.

A long-time resident of Odessa, she spent her childhood in that community and graduated from Odessa Permian High School in 1970. She received her bachelor's and master's degrees from the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

For the past eight years she had been employed as a principal at Garden City, first as elementary school principal and later at Garden City High School. She spent many years as a teacher in the Ector County Independent School District and was involved in many organizations including TASSP, TEPSA, District UIL Commission, Garden City Booster Club and the PTA. She was a member of the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Survivors include: her son, Jeremy Scott of Garden City; two daughters, Kristina Scott and Stephanie Scott, both of Garden City; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Larry Homsey and Lynn and Candy Homsey, all of Odessa; and several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to Hospice House or the charity of the giver's choice.

Services are under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors in Odessa.

Milton Isaiah Jr.



Funeral service for Milton Isaiah Jr., 73, of San Antonio, formerly of Big Spring, was Friday, Nov. 1, 2002, at St. Paul United Methodist Church in San Antonio. Burial was held at Fort Sam Houston Military Cemetery in San Antonio.

Mr. Milton died on Thursday, Oct. 24.

Born on May 28, 1929 in St. Louis., he was a U.S. Air Force veteran. He served 21 years in the military retiring with the rank of Staff Sergeant.

He then was employed at Cosden Company, Tiger Air Charter and Haliburton Services in Big Spring and as a civil service employee at Reese Air Force Base in Lubbock.

He attended Howard College and earned a business management degree in 1948 from Wayland Baptist University in Plainview.

In 1979, he was ordained a deacon at Mt. Bethel Baptist and in 1986 was license to preach by Lyons Chapel Baptist in Lubbock.

Survivors include two daughters, Cheryl Ann Isaiah of St. Louis and Areath Deandra Kitson of Newark, Del.; step-daughters, Susan Gooden and Deborah Hurrington, both of San Antonio; three step-sons, Randy Hurrington, Edward Hurrington, both of Big Spring, and Andre Hurrington o Albuquerque, N.M.; and several grandchildren.

Fannie F. Kinman

Graveside funeral service for Fannie F. Kinman, 70, of Big Spring will be at 2 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7, at the Peace Chapel in Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of the Baptist Temple Church, officiating.

Mrs. Kinman died on Monday, Nov. 4, 2002, at her residence.

She was born on March 18, 1932, in Gonzales, and married Allen Kinman Sr. on June 2, 1958, in Brady. He preceded her in death on Dec. 29, 1991.

She enjoyed the social functions at Canterbury. She was a Baptist and had worked with RSVP for many years.

Survivors include one son, Allen L. Kinman Jr. of Big Spring; two daughters, Effie Shults of Big Spring and Evelyn K. Teats of Oahu, Hawaii; three brothers, James Oscar Bradbury and Clayton Bradbury, both of Colorado City, and Eugene Bradbury of Roscoe; four sisters, Elizabeth Mayes of Loraine, Helen Marie Gregory of Big Spring, May Dell Walker of Colorado City and Ima Light of Valley Mills; 10 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by her parents and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to donor's favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. www.npwelch.com

Verlin Knous

Funeral service for Verlin Knous, 75, of Big Spring are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Knous died Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002, at a local hospital.

Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Tuesday until 8 a.m. today:

- **GLORIA OLIVARES,** 18, of 2000 S. Johnson was arrested on local warrants.
- **RACHEL LOPEZ,** 26, of 704 S. Johnson was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license and local, Howard County Sheriff's Office and Department of Public Safety warrants.
- **GEORGE COKER,** 52, of 200 S. Nolan was arrested on charges of driving with a suspended license, expired inspection and no insurance.
- **SHARON TUCKER,** 50, of 704 Ohio was arrested on a charge of interfering with a 9-1-1 call.
- **FAILURE TO STOP AN RENDER AID** was reported in the 1700 block of South Johnson.
- **THEFT** was reported in the 1100 block of Mulberry. Power tools worth $1,750 were reported stolen from the residence.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 700 block of Ohio Street.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1000 block of North Main.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 1100 block of South Birdwell Lane, the 1900 block of South Main,

Lottery

Here are Tuesday's Texas Lottery game results:

Texas Two Step: 2-7-19-33
Bonus number 32
Estimated jackpot: $575,000

Cash Five: 1-7-21-24-31

Pick 3 Tuesday night: 7-0-7

Pick 3 Tuesday afternoon: 5-2-7

EMS

Here is the log of Big Spring Fire Department EMS calls for Tuesday, Nov. 5, 2002:

5:37 a.m. — 500 block of Washington, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:09 a.m. — 1800 block of North Highway 87, medical call, one patient transported to the VA Medical Center.

10:32 a.m. — 1700 block of Lancaster, medical call, service refused.

Support groups

TODAY

❑ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

THURSDAY

❑ Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 p.m. to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

❑ Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

FRIDAY

❑ AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Markets

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	14.06 -.35	Patterson Ener	30.47 +.43
Archer-Daniels	13.67 -.10	Pepsico Inc	43.26 -.74
Atmos Energy	22.35 +.17	SBC Comms	24.66 -.21
BP PLC ADR	37.18 -1.34	Sears Roebuck	27.93 +.04
ChevronTexaco	68.50 -.80	TXU Corp	16.21 -.04
Citigroup	37.18 -.38	Texas Inst.	16.22 0
Cornell	5.92 +.42	Total Fina	68.13 -1.62
Dell	29.87 +.20	Unocal Corp	28.05 -.24
Du Pont	42.75 +.20	Wal-Mart	54.15 -.27
Exxon Mobil	34.94 +.57	Wal-Mart/Mex	24.35-24.35
Halliburton	14.83 -.64	AMCAP	13.41 +.06
IBM	80.52 -1.01	Europacific	23.30 +.15
Intel Corp	18.84 +.49	•••	
NUV	9.23 +.06	Prime Rate	4.75 %
		Gold	317.9 - 320.05
		Silver	4.46 - 4.54

Records

Tuesday's high 62	Precip. Tuesday 0.00
Tuesday's low 36	Sunrise Thursday 7:08 a.m.
Average high 68	Sunset Thursday 5:50 p.m.
Average low 42	Sunrise Friday 7:09 a.m.
Record high 88 in 1924	Sunset Friday 5:50 p.m.
Record low 19 in 1959	

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email jmoseley@crcom.net.

WEDNESDAY

Big Spring Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Stretch and Tone meets at 9:30 a.m. at the Scenic Mountain Medical Center classroom.

Downtown Lions Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

The West Texas Republican Club will meet for their regular monthly meeting today at noon at La Posada Restaurant. Interested Republicans and candidates are welcome to attend.

Line dancing at 1 p.m. at the Senior Citizens Center located in the Industrial Park.
For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

THURSDAY

The Howard County Democratic Club will have a "Get Out the Vote" barbecue from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at the party headquarters, 300 N. Gregg St. Open to the public.

The Big Spring High School Choir Boosters will meet at 7:30 p.m. in the BSHS Choir Room. All parents of choir students are encouraged to attend.

Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

Masonic Lodge 1340 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 2101 Lancaster.

SATURDAY

Free used eyeglasses for adults will be distributed from 9 a.m. to noon at Bob's Custom Woodwork, 409 E. Third St.

MONDAY

Senior Circle meets at 4 p.m. at Scenic Mountain Medical Center for Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People over 50 are invited to particate.
For more information call 268-4721.

TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensiblly), will host an open house by TOPS No. TX 21, at 6 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehad Center, 306 W. Third.

Concerned Citizens meet at 7 p.m. in the Fiberflex conference room on Bethel St. in the Airpark.
The public is invited.

Howard County ARC meets at 806 East Third at the Bingo Hall. For more information call 264-0674.

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden Counties meets at 7 p.m. in the Library basement community room.
For more information call 270-2615.

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

TUESDAY

Intermediate line dance classes at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizen's Center.
For more information call 267-1628.

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

Evening Lions club meets at noon at the Senior Citizens Center.

Take note

❑ **The Class of 1992 is looking for the following students for their upcoming reunion — Valarie Akin, Ben Chau, Christina Cox, Gary Flynn, Jason Gonzales, Michael Hauser, Brian Jones, Kimberly Miers, Jo Beth Neighbors, Jeremy Pope, Cynthia Resendez, Kris Ryan, Kevin Stansel, Daniel Vera, James Ward, Belinda Banks, Ortencia Chavera, Sidney Dixon, Michael Gamboa, Zybou Gonzalez, Darius Hill, Roger Kilgora, Hilary McGuire, Jason Mills, Joey Perez, Kati Reagan, John Richardson, Valorie Samora, David Valencia, Patrick Walker, Amy Weaver, Jason Beddow, Pat Chaverria, Kayla Donica, Sheila Gamboa, Amanda Gorrondona, Eric Johnke, Willie Kimvle, Debra McMillan, Wanda Peterson, Lance Reeves, Teresa Ross, James Soles, Anthony Vera, and Amie Walters.**

If you have any information about these classmates' please contact Brooke Everet at 268-9742.

❑ **Tommy Hogan was diagnosed with cancer one year ago and is in need of financial help with medications and future surgery.**

An account has been set up at First Bank of West Texas. To make a donation call 267-1113 and ask for the Hogan account.

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COUNTY

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against challenger Roy Don Beauchamp, 997 votes, or 53.34 percent, to 835 votes, or 44.68 percent.

"I'm glad I won," Simer said. "It was a little bit light from last time I ran, maybe 300 votes light, but we had some bad weather during early voting that probably slowed it down."

Keeping a tight rein on taxes is Simer's goal for the upcoming term.

"My main thing is I'm just trying to keep taxes the same," he said. "And of course maintain the roads and bridges and just the normal wear and tear upkeep."

Martin County has two new county commissioners and a new justice of the peace; incumbents in those races lost in their respective primaries, said a spokesperson for the Martin County Clerk's office.

In Precinct 2, Valentino Sotelo (D) defeated J.A. Luxton (R) 245 (64.47 percent) votes to 135 (35.53 percent) to take the commissioner's seat, while Pam McAnally (R) won the justice of the peace seat over John Castro 365 (51.43 percent) votes to 374 (48.57 percent).

In Precinct 4, David Pribyla (D) defeated Burton Oaks (R) in the commissioner's race 213 votes (59.00 percent) to 148 (41.00 percent).

Glasscock County had no contested local races.

Republican state and national candidates swept the rest of the contested races. While voting problems in Tarrant County may delay statewide totals for a while, Howard County solidly supported the Republican candidate in the races for U.S. Senator, District 19 U.S. Representative, Governor, Lieutenant Governor, Attorney General, Comptroller, Land Commissioner, Agriculture Commissioner and Railroad Commissioner as well as all the contested Supreme and Appellate court seats.

A proposed state constitutional amendment giving county commissioners the power to discontinue vacant constable posts in their counties passed by a large margin in Howard County. The amendment received 3,680 "For" votes (52.91 percent) and 812 "Against" votes (11.68 percent). A full 2,462 local voters (35.4 percent) chose not to give their opinion on the amendment, leaving the item unmarked. One person voted both for and against the amendment.

Countywide totals included:

• **U.S. Senator:** John Cornyn (R) defeated Ron Kirk (D) 4,169 votes (59.94 percent) to 2,523 (36.28) percent. Libertarian candidate Scott Lanier Jameson picked up 71 votes (1.02 percent) while Green Party candidate Roy H. Williams got 44 (0.63 percent). No votes in the Senate race were cast on 135 ballots, while 13 people selected more than one candidate.

• **U.S. Representative,** District 19: Larry Combest (R) defeated Libertarian challenger Larry Johnson 4,877 votes (70.12 percent) to 664 votes (9.55 percent). No votes in the House race were cast on 1,407 ballots, while seven people selected both candidates.

• **State Representative District 85:** Judy Strickland (R) defeated James E. "Pete" Laney (D) 3,554 votes (51.10 percent) to 3,208 votes (46.13 percent). No votes for District 85 Representative were cast on 185 local ballots, while eight Howard County residents voted for both Strickland and Laney.

• **Governor:** Rick Perry (R) defeated Tony Sanchez (D) 4,324 votes (62.17 percent) to 2,396 votes (34.31 percent). Libertarian Jeff Daiell received 130 votes (1.87 percent), while the Green Party's Rahul Mahajan got 14 votes (0.20 percent). No votes for Governor were cast on 95 ballots, while six people voted for more than one candidate.

• **Lieutenant Governor:** David Dewhurst (R) defeated John Sharp (D) 3,700 votes (53.20 percent) to 3,008 votes (43.25 percent). Libertarian Mark David Gessner received 84 votes (1.21 percent) while the Green Party's Nathalie Paravicini got 28 votes (0.40 percent). No votes for Lieutenant Governor were cast on 128 Howard County ballots, while seven people selected more than one candidate.

• **Attorney General:** Greg Abbot (R) defeated Kirk Watson (D) 4,237 votes (60.92 percent) to 2,307 votes (33.17 percent). Libertarian candidate Jon Roland received 97 votes (1.39 percent) while Green Party candidate David Keith Cobb got 65 votes (0.93 percent). No Attorney General votes were cast on 246 ballots countywide, while three people voted for more than one candidate.

• **Comptroller:** Carole Keeton Rylander (R) defeated Marty Akins (D) 4,795 votes (68.94 percent) to 1,863 votes (26.79 percent). Libertarian Bowie Ibarra received 77 votes (1.11 percent) while Green Party candidate Ruben L. Reyes got 76 votes (1.09 percent). No vote for Comptroller was cast on 138 ballots, while six Howard County residents voted for more than one candidate.

• **Land Commissioner:** Jerry Patterson (R) defeated David Bernsen (D) 3,871 votes (55.66 percent) to 2,329 votes (33.49 percent). Libertarian candidate Barbara A. Hernandez received 336 votes (4.83 percent) while Green Party candidate Michael B. McInerney got 43 votes (0.60 percent). No Land Commissioner vote was cast on 374 ballots in Howard County, while three people cast votes for more than one candidate.

• **Agriculture Commissioner:** Susan Combs (R) defeated Tom Ramsay (D) 4,629 votes (66.56 percent) to 2,008 votes (28.87 percent). Libertarian candidate Vincent J. May got 67 votes (0.96 percent) while Green Party candidate Jane Woodward Elioseff received 29 votes (0.42 percent). No Agriculture Commissioner vote was cast on 218 local ballots, while four people cast votes for more than one candidate.

• **Railroad Commissioner:** Michael L. Williams (R) defeated Sherry Boyles (D) 3,876 votes (55.73 percent) to 2,510 votes (36.09 percent). Libertarian candidate Nazirite R. Flores Perez got 201 votes (2.89 percent) while Green Party candidate Charles L. Mauch got 40 votes (0.58 percent). No Railroad Commissioner vote was cast on 326 local ballots, while two people cast votes for more than one candidate.

In other races:

• **Chief Justice of the Texas Supreme Court:** Tom Phillips (R) defeated Richard G. Baker 4,041 votes (58.10 percent) to 2,375 votes (34.15 percent).

• **Supreme Court Justice Place 1:** Mike Schneider (R) defeated Linda Yanez (D) 4,036 votes (58.03 percent) to 2,251 votes (32.37 percent).

• **Supreme Court Justice Place 2:** Dale Wainwright (R) defeated Jim Parsons (D) 4,014 votes (57.71 percent) to 2,326 votes (33.44 percent).

• **Supreme Court Justice Place 3, unexpired term:** Wallace B. Jefferson (R) defeated William E. Moody 3,941 votes (56.66 percent) to 2,488 votes (35.77 percent).

• **Supreme Court Justice Place 4, unexpired term:** Steven Wayne Smith (R) defeated Margaret Mirabel (D) 3,936 votes (56.59 percent) to 2,504 votes (36.00 percent).

• **Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Place 1:** Tom Price (R) defeated John W. Bull (D) 3,956 votes (56.88 percent) to 2,259 votes (32.48 percent).

• **Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Place 2:** Paul Womack (R) defeated Pat Montgomery (D) 4,019 votes (57.79 percent) to 2,368 votes (34.05 percent).

• **Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Place 3:** Cathy Cochran (R) defeated J.R. Molina (D) 4,215 votes (60.60 percent) to 2,146 votes (30.86 percent).

• **State Board of Education Member, District 15:** Bob Craig (R) defeated David Schaeffer 3,889 votes (55.92 percent) to 2,437 votes (35.04 percent).

Martin and Glasscock county generally followed the trend of voting for Republican candidates.

Glasscock County, part of House District 17, had the lone exception, voting for incumbent U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm (D) over the Republican challenger.

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UTPB

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• Students must have a scholarship from a community service organization in the university's 17-county service area. Scholarships from community service organizations in Midland and Odessa are excluded from the program, Watts said.

• Students must also have completed the university's admission process and be an accepted student.

The program is part of the university's drive to grow, Watts said.

"Enrollment is at an all time record," he said

UTPB saw a 12 percent increase in student enrollment from the previous spring, Watts said. The state's average growth increase is 5.91 percent, he said.

The school has still been able to keep a low student/faculty ratio of 16 to 1.

"We have one of the lowest student/faculty ratios in the state for a public education institution," he said. "What that says, for or your son or daughter or grandchild who wants to come to UTPB, they are going to be in relatively small classes."

This year, the university has added both men's and women's basketball teams and plans to add more student housing to accommodate a 41 percent increase in students living on campus.

"At UTPB we have three goals, growth, growth, growth," Watts said.

For more information, contact office of student financial aid at 915-552-2620

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Bob Galbraith, left, speaks with Dr. David Watts, University of Texas Permian Basin president, following the Big Spring Rotary meeting Tuesday. Watts was the guest speaker where he announced that UTPB will match, dollar-for-dollar, scholarship awards given by area community service organizations. Also pictured is KBST reporter Lisa Brooks.

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OUR VIEWS

Doll festival great fun for a worthy cause

Want to have a good time while helping to a make a child's Christmas brighter? Then consider participating in the Salvation Army Doll Festival. It's one of those special activities that combines talent, creativity, volunteerism and fun into a single event.

If you aren't familiar with the Doll Festival, it goes like this. You pick up a doll from the Salvation Army and dress it in the attire of your choice. There are categories, but anything in good taste is fine. The sky is the limit as to how people dress "their" doll. We've seen Indians, angels, little boys and girls, cowboys, cheerleaders and more. Some people will go all out to fashion elaborate handmade costumes, complete with accessories. Others will purchase a ready-made costume from a retail store.

In short, time spent on your doll can be days or weeks, or as short as 30 minutes or so. It all depends on your time and your creativity.

You'll receive instructions with your doll about what to do and when to return it to the Salvation Army. The deadline is Nov. 29. After that, the dolls will go on display. Then on Thursday, Dec. 5, the top dolls will be auctioned during a luncheon at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall. Tickets are $5 in advance.

Money raised will go toward next year's Christmas programs. All of the other dolls will be given to needy children.

So, whether you fancy yourself as a fashion designer or whether your creative skills are more akin to making toast, join in the Salvation Army Doll Festival. Pick up your doll today at the Army headquarters, 811 W. Fifth St.

It's for a wonderful cause — our less fortunate children — and it's a lot of fun.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I read with much consternation Roger Cline's report on the Permian Basin Underground Water Conservation District (PBUWCD) and it's planned consideration to merge with the Mesa Underground Water Conservation District (MUWCD).

Apparently, an "unsigned" petition requesting a merge is "in the hands of the (PBUWCD) directors," according to Cline's report.

I really wonder who is pushing for this? What bothers me is the fact that the rural taxpayers in Howard County were "scared" into voting for

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A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us know, Lord, that you can control our future. May we accept this as a beautiful gift from you. Amen

An effort to connect with the ocean



RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

I catch a glimpse of the ocean over the top of the Expedition and the King Ranch F100 Ford pickup truck and the Subaru. An anti-theft alarm howls from somebody's vehicle and alerts me: The sun is rising over the Mississippi Sound and a crowded motel parking lot.

Sunrise over a Subaru. Somebody should paint it.

Sleepy Biloxi Beach is nothing like it was when I first started coming here. The casinos have made the old town a beehive. Motels, watering holes and restaurants that used to be my favorites are, more often than not, gone. Swept out with the gambling tide. New and flashier ones have taken their place.

The evolution continues.

But the old Emerald Beach Motel is still here, on the ocean side, and as I check in, memories rush in with me. So many pivotal times in my life have been spent on this coast.

The niece, Chelsey, saw the ocean for her first time right behind this very motel. She chased gulls. She kicked at waves. She dropped on her bottom like a mushroom anchor and beat at the warm salty water with tiny hands. She had all the appropriate reactions for a human being discovering the sea. She acted like she already knew it.

At every crisis of my life, I've needed to be near Mother Ocean. Divorce, death, new job. The sea is good for what ails you. It is reassuring in its constant motion, its vastness. When you are young, you loll about on its beaches, roast yourself in the sun and make love to the rhythm of its waves. When you are old, you walk near its edge and collect a daily allotment of treasures. The sea accommodates every age.

This trip, I brought along a friend who has never seen the Mississippi coast. I started trying to explain its history and charms along about Hattiesburg and haven't shut up since. She is probably sick to death of my rhapsody but too polite to say so.

I first show her Scenic Drive in Pass Christian, that architectural museum of eggshell and white summer houses, endless front porches and lawns that are tended, not merely mown. I show her the little park at the heart of town, the one with live oaks and barefoot children and old couples who somehow have made it together to bask in the soft glow of retirement. I show her the blue house on Second Street where I used to live.

Then we drive across the bridge into beautiful Bay St. Louis, into Old Town and its stately homes and fascinating shops. The sun is setting, and Nancy at Old Books and Curiosities already has flipped her store sign to "Closed." But she takes pity and sweetly turns the lights back on to let us browse the narrow, fascinating shop.

My friend, a nurse, finds "Problem Solvers for Nurses: 368 Tried and Tested Nurse-Devised Ideas and Contrivances for Effective Use in Easing the Daily Workload." It has chapter titles like "How to Transport a Vaporizer" and "Care of Oral Thermometers."

I buy a combination lamp and bookshelf.

We both leave delighted.

Just being near the ocean makes me want to devour something fried, so we find a table at Dock of the Bay and order the shrimp. That begins the silent debate I have with myself whenever the menu includes seafood. If I were a prisoner on Death Row and had to choose a Last Meal, would it be a fried shrimp or a fried oyster po' boy?

Life is full of so many delights, and so many of them are found at the seashore.

With a new day, a rosy dawn, I find myself looking alternately at the metal-gray water of the sound and at the keyboard, banging out a column I should have written before I ever left home. I have been here before, trying to put into words what can never be adequately explained. Painters try, songwriters work at it. Newspaper hacks dip into their sacks of adjectives.

And in the end, it is each person for herself, discovering the ocean for herself, dropping into the tepid waters just as baby Chelsey once did, flailing about in an inevitable effort to connect with the ocean whence we came.



A Soda Jerk Goes to War



TUMBLEWEED SMITH

In 1942, Cobb's Drug Store in Brady had the largest soda fountain in town. Its location on a corner of the courthouse square made it a prime destination for both local residents and visitors.

Seventeen-year-old Bud Lindsey was the soda jerk and dispensed ice cream, cold drinks, hamburgers and steaks. The young entrepreneur had invested $600 for equipment and supplies to take over the soda fountain when the previous soda jerk was drafted.

Bud was drafted in November of 1943. He became an infantryman with the 100th Infantry Division and went to Europe. He earned The Bronze Star for bravery during combat. He was captured on Nov. 21, 1944, and spent the rest of the war in a prison camp in Germany. He was released when American troops overran the camp in late April of 1945.

Bud returned home and took up a career in radio engineering.

"We pretty well put the events of World War Two behind us. It was something you didn't talk about. You didn't brag about it. You didn't worry about it. It wasn't until about 50 years later that I got to thinking about it."

Bud, who now lives in Stanton, ran across some letters he had written to his mother during the two years he was in the Army. She had saved them. They were in an old trunk in his sister's house in Brownwood and she was cleaning out and she wanted to know if Bud wanted them. As he read them, Bud started to recall some of his experiences. He typed the letters so his sisters and nephews could read them. Then he decided to fill in between the letters and the result was a book he titled "A Soda Jerk Goes to War."

"It wasn't anything I wanted to do to become a famous author. My part in the war was small, but it is history and I gave my perspective. I wasn't a great letter writer. And when I read some of those letters now, I have no memory of the events I wrote about."

The letters did reveal the names of some of the men who served with him during the war. He contacted some of them and renewed acquaintances.

"I would have loved to have some writing material while I was in prison camp so I could have reported on the daily life. But the Germans only gave us forms for letters about once a month. And those were censored. My folks only received one letter I wrote from prison. I did not receive any mail from home while I was in the camp, even though they wrote and sent packages. But things were in a mess at that time."

Bud says he was embarrassed to be captured. Four German soldiers came upon him while he was alone. So he surrendered rather than be killed.

"I was not really scared. I just figured there was no point in worrying about something you couldn't do anything about. They saw me before I saw them. There was not much I could have done."

His book contains the actual letters he wrote, along with some of his experiences.

It also has photographs and a telegram from the Army to his parents reporting their son was missing in action.

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inclusion into the district because they were told that Austin (the State of Texas) was going to take over the groundwater in the county if they didn't form a water district.

Well, the PBUWCD was more than happy to annex Howard County if the voters agreed. It just so happens that the population centers of the county were excluded from the underground water district and for good reason. They (PBUWCD directors) knew there would be no way the annexation would pass muster if those areas were included in the vote.

The annexation vote did pass and I cannot remember by what kind of margin. I do remember our county agent getting on the radio and telling everybody that the state would come in and administer your groundwater if you are not a part of a district. Of course, this was completely false and it reminds me of Democrats telling us that the Republicans will eliminate the school lunch program and take Social Security away from our senior citizens.

The bottom line is that the annexation passed and now the good taxpayers of rural Howard County have already received their first tax bill from the PBUWCD. This was a windfall for the district because its tax revenue increased from $5,673.58 in 2001 to $92,509.75 in 2002. That is more than a 1,500% increase. Now I read in Cline's report that the State Auditor's Office deems the district to be "not operational" and has not had a manager for the last five years!

That is truly incredible! Makes you feel real good about where your tax dollars are going and how they are being used. Then you add to that the fact that Mesa is being "petitioned" to merge with PBUWCD.

I bet Mr. Everheart can't believe his lucky stars, getting a chance at increasing his coffers by more than $92,000. It's not surprising Everheart would claim that consolidation would be good for the PBUWCD and "be a tremendous benefit for the people of the PBUWCD."

I think he is confused about who it would benefit. That's just what Howard county needs, is to have Dawson County controlling our groundwater.

What really has gotten me fired up is the fact that nearly one-third of the county has little if any groundwater. And, the taxpayers in that part of the county are paying into the PBUWCD but will never benefit from the district. I plan to make the directors meeting on Thursday and would encourage all who are interested in the proper use of tax dollars to also attend.

By the way, don't bother calling the PBUWCD. The answering machine can't figure out how to return a phone call.

OKLA W. THORNTON JR.
SAND SPRINGS

TO THE EDITOR:

On Oct. 26-27, the three local congregations of Jehovah's Witnesses served as hosts to 2,400 Witnesses from 21 surrounding congregations. People came from Abilene, San Angelo, Fort Stockton, Pecos, Midland, Odessa, Lamesa and points in between.

For two days friends visited with friends and enjoyed each other's company. Also, for two days we enjoyed hearing speakers from different parts of the country speak to us on the subject, "Trust in Jehovah and do good." We had two special representatives of the Watchtower Society visiting with us for two days, Fernando Doreste and Felice Episcopo.

Local Witnesses would like to thank the Herald for the article written about our convention. Thanks also to KBST for it's help. As always, the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Director and the custodians were the best. Thanks also to the Howard College Board of Trustees. Thanks to the City Manager, Gary Fuqua and Peggy Walker, finance director, for their help in getting this last convention in Big Spring. Thanks to the motels and restaurants for their kindness in providing food and lodging and for making the visitors welcome. And finally thanks to Big Spring in general for making our convention a success.

We will have another convention on April 12, hopefully in Big Spring; at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. We will start working on the contract for that convention soon.

ELISEO M. GAMBOA
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BIG SPRING

TO THE EDITOR:

We just completed a very successful 12th annual Mustang Draw Woodcarvers Show and Sale at the Dora Roberts Civic Center.

On behalf of the Mustang Draw Woodcarvers I would like to say thank you to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, for its help with some of the advertising. Thank you to KBST and KBYG, for telling folks about us. Thank you to Wal Mart for allowing us to have a "Carve In" to advertise the show, A special thank you to the Big Spring Herald for the excellent article about the show.

A special "thank you' also to the people of Big Spring who came out to see our work, this was probably our largest show. We are already making plans to be here the last weekend in October next year.

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LANEY

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Laney, who easily defeated Republican Judy Strickland in Tuesday's election, voiced optimism that he would be elected to a record-breaking sixth two-year term in a statement from his Austin office.

"It's on to the next step," he said. "Hopefully, everything's going to be all right."

His main opponent for the Speaker's job is Rep. Tom Craddick (R-Midland). Three other Republicans also are asking their fellow representatives to vote for them in the speaker's race: Reps. Toby Goodman of Arlington, Edmund Kuempel of Seguin and Brian McCall of Plano.

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sioners in those precincts."

Cold, rainy weather during about half of the early voting period may have impacted the number of voters that turned out to the polls early.

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STATE

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to become president. He entered state politics when he was elected in 1984 to the Texas Legislature as a Democrat. He switched parties and was elected agriculture commissioner and lieutenant governor before inheriting the governorship.

In his victory speech, Cornyn, flanked by his family and retiring Republican Sen. Phil Gramm, said: "Regardless of race or gender or ethnicity or sex, I want to be a senator for all Texans."

Cornyn handily defeated challenger Kirk, a former Dallas mayor who was trying to become the state's first black senator.

Kirk, in an emotional concession speech, thanked hundreds of supporters for "daring to dream."

"We're not going to get there tonight," he said, his wife and mother by his side. "I know we're going to get there someday."

In other key races won by Republicans, Carole keeton Rylander easily won re-election as Comptroller over challenger Marty Akins; Ag Commissioner Susan Combs won handily over Tom Ramsay; and Michael L. Williams had little trouble defeating Sherry Boyles to retain his post as Railroad Commissioner. Also, Greg Abbot received 57 percent of the vote to defeat Kirk Watson for attorney general and Jerry Patterson received 53 percent of the vote to win the land commissioner's post over David Bernsen.

RELAY

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The quilt, set on a purple and white background, features pictures of past Relay for Life events and will be used as a fund-raiser. For more information about the quilt call Relay for Life committee co-chair Diane Wood at 263-3382.

Last year, the Howard-Glasscock County unit of the 2003 Relay for Life raised $163, 533 during its annual Relay event.

The totals average out to $4.85 raised for each person who lives in Howard and Glasscock counties, making the local unit number one in the state for the most money raised for its per capita.

"Most of what we raise goes to research and without research there will never be a cure for cancer," Wood said.

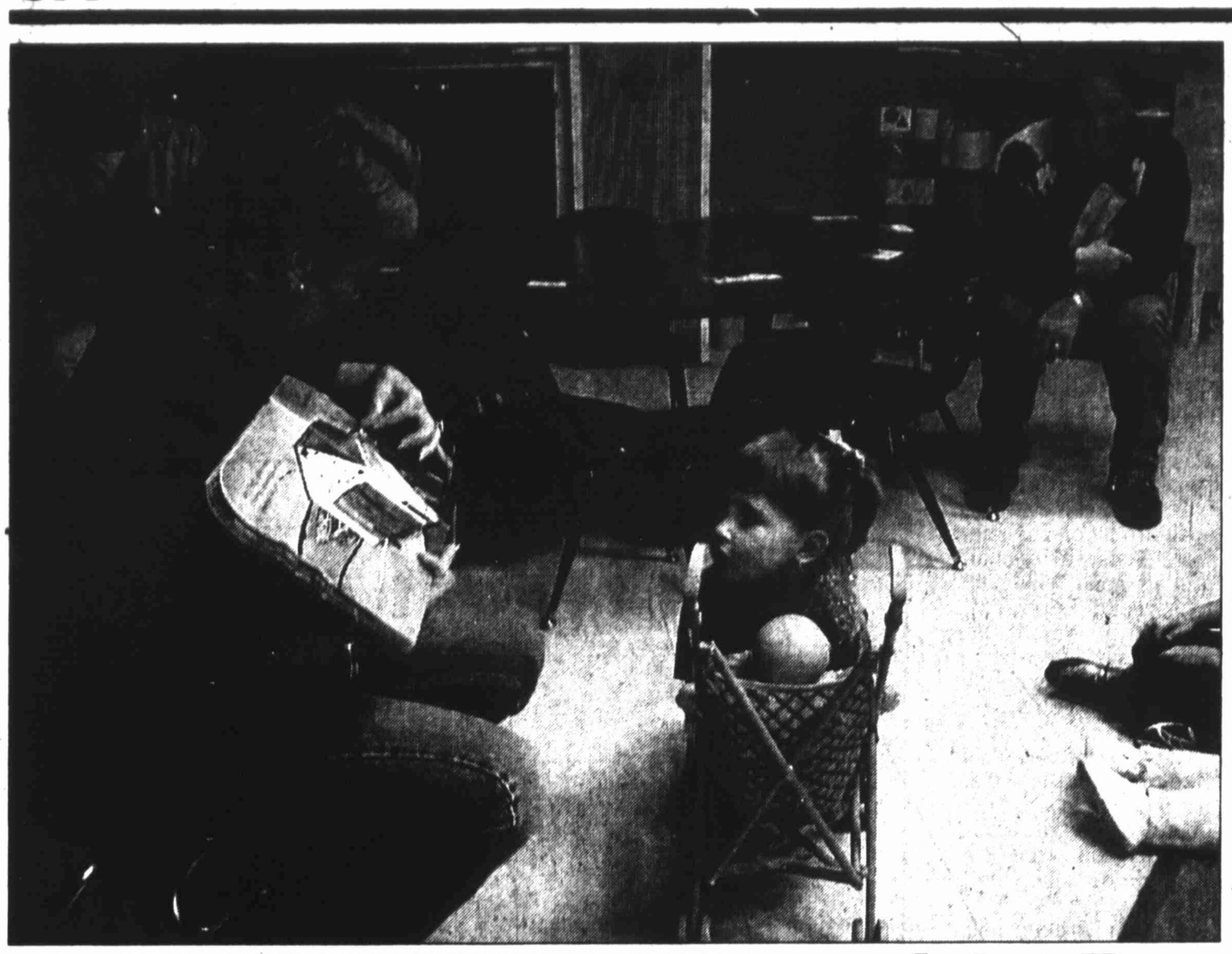
The meeting featured testimony by cancer survivors Ronnie Wood, Diane's husband, and Rachel Shaffer, the mother of Relay committee co-chair Phyllis Turney.

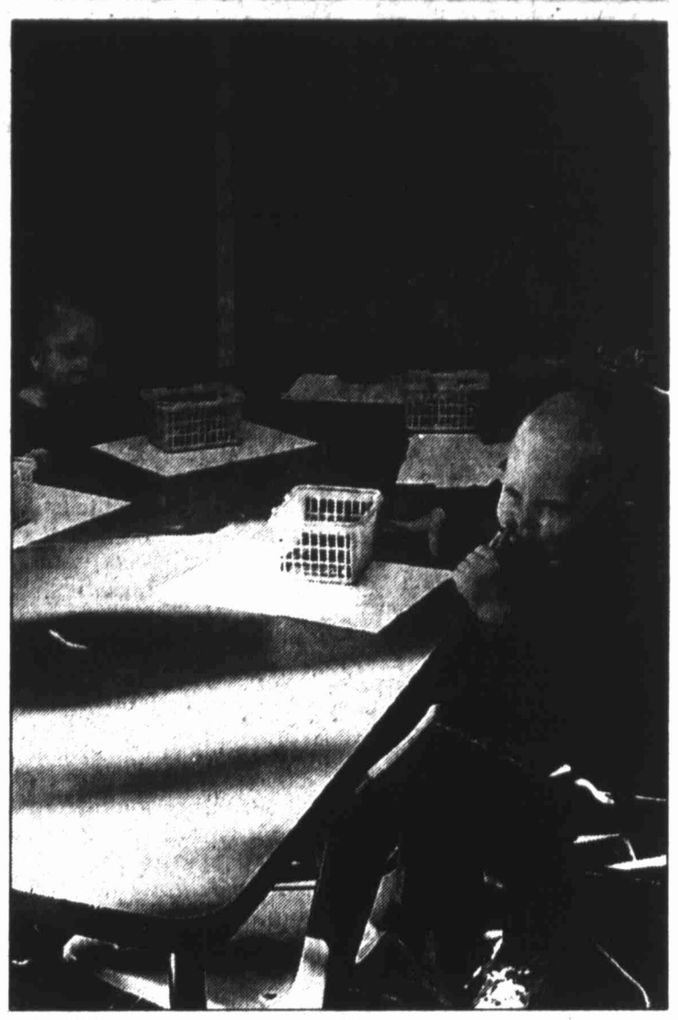
This year's Relay, set for the weekend of May 9-10, will be shortened, Wood announced, with the closing ceremonies held at 10:30 a.m.

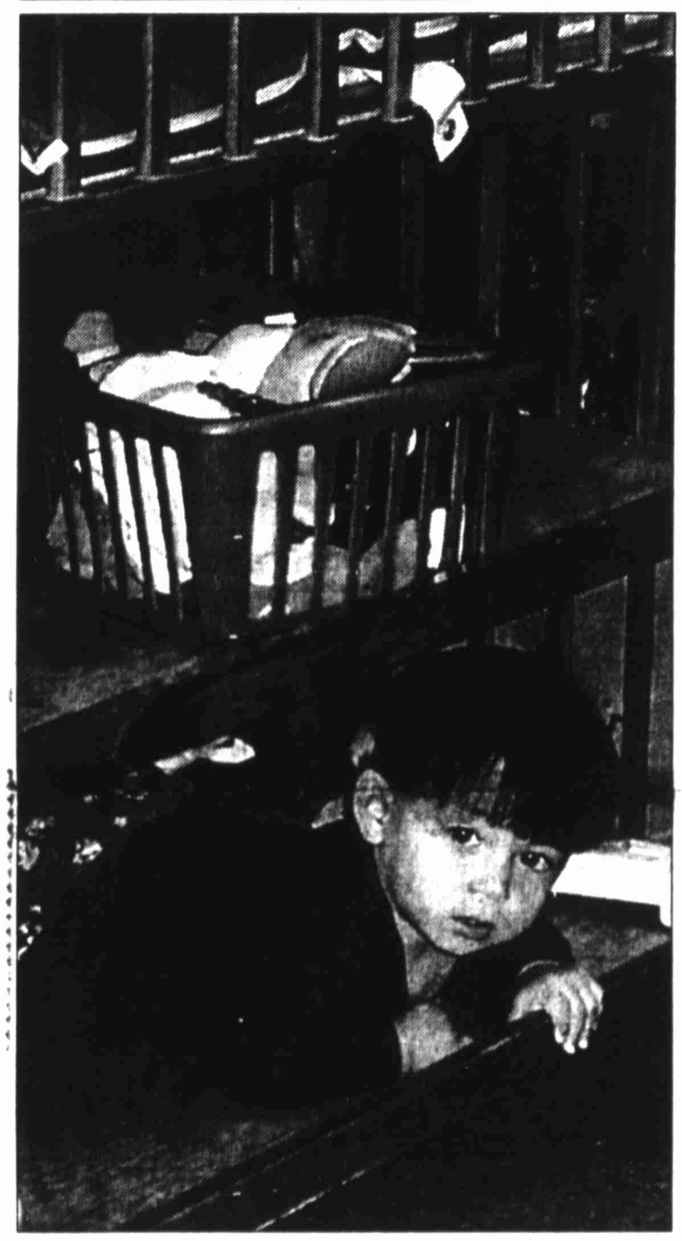
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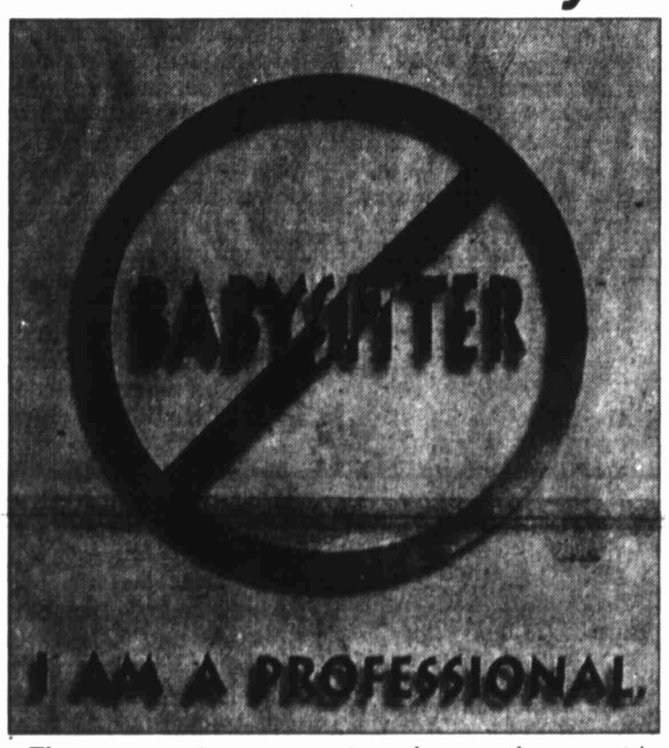
With today's economy requiring most American families to have two sources of income, affordable child care is of paramount importance. And that's exactly what the Westside Community Day Care Center provides to residents of Big Spring.

As the only non-profit day care provider in the community, the center provides a valuable resource to Big Spring residents in all walks of life, according to Melinda Hernandez, the center's director.

"We live in a much different world today than we lived in when I was a child," noted Hernandez, who has worked at the center for 28 years. "When I was a kid, my dad worked and my mom stayed home. I think that was the case for most of us my age. But today, most families need two incomes, so both mom and dad have to work. That makes it important to have a safe, structured environment for our children, and that's what we provide."

Child care is even more important for one-parent households, especially if that parent is attending school or a training program in an attempt to improve their lives

An average of 60 children — from infants to 12-year-olds, spend time at the facility each day. The center is licensed for up to 85 children, but Hernandez explained that funding allows the center to keep a population of about 60.



Those youngsters come from all types of families.

"We have children who come from one-parent homes and receive assistance in paying for child care and we have others where both parents work and don't get any help in covering those costs," Hernandez explained. "This center is open to any child ... any family. Those who need assistance can receive subsidized child care, but to get that help, the parent has to work or participate in some kind of training program."

The amount of help a parent receives depends on the number of family members and the family's income. Those receiving subsidized child care are qualified by West Texas Opportunities, and that program very carefully.

"When the state and federal government is paying for child care, they want to make sure the parent is doing what they're supposed to be doing," Hernandez noted.

In addition to the money paid by parents and subsidies provided by federal and state funds, the center also gets funding from the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County — $16,000 this year.

"The money we receive from the United Way is very important," Hernandez said, noting that the United Way is currently conducting its local fundraising drive. "Every penny helps and we're very appreciative of every dollar they raise for us."

Open from 7 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, the center is a full-service facility — offering more than just supervision. The professional staff provides educational support through a variety of activities designed for various age groups.

In addition, the center operates a kitchen manned by a professional cook who prepares breakfast, lunch and a snack each day for the children.

"We wind up doing just about everything you can imagine," Hernandez said of her staff. "Depending on what day it is and what's going on, we're van drivers, janitors, cooks, nurses... You just never know what you're going to be called on to do one minute to the next. That's one of the reasons I've been doing this for 28 years ... every day is new and exciting."

In addition to the center's professional staff, Hernandez said the volunteers play a vital role.

"Howard College is an important partner in our program," she explained. "All of their nursing students have to spend a week of their practicum here, and a lot of their scholarship recipients have to do what they call 'community service' and many of them choose to do that work here.

"We just couldn't operate without our volunteers," she added. "We also have a lot of RSVP volunteers and people from the special education group homes who come in and help out. I don't know what we'd do without them."

United Way

Top photo left: Denise Currie reads a picture book to youngsters, as Melinda Hernandez and a parent look on.
Top photo right: A group of toddlers draw with crayons under the direction of Dolores Saucedo.
Middle photo: One of the center's infants crawls into his favorite spot, the lower shelf of a storage rack.
Bottom photo, left: Jessie Casillas, an employee of the center since 1982, looks over the artwork of one of the center's older students.
Bottom right: A group of four children give Currie their attention.

Story and photos by John A. Moseley





Looking back on the changes time has made in Big Spring



BURR LEA SETTLES

I think it's amazing don't you? How time flies when you stay busy. And the busier you are the less you notice. Of course, sometimes we get so used to the changes that we forget what came before.

Can you remember, for example some of the following:

What used to sit directly across the street from the Ritz Theater on Fourth and Main where the Wells Fargo Bank now sits?

Or does anyone remember where the Dixie Courts was located and what is there now? Or what was next door to the Dixie Courts? I know some of my old buddies in my neighborhood when I was growing up will know the answer to those questions.

What about where the Big M? Or the Wagon Wheel on Gregg Street before it moved to its present location? And Cunningham Phillips Drug store, or where the First Baptist Church was before its present location?

My, my! Can you remember those locations?

Sometimes it is fun to go back to the recesses of the mind and see how much Big Spring has changed. And it is good to see some of those changes come about.

I remember one change a number of years ago that had merchants up in arms because their businesses were affected by the work done on Gregg Street. The whole of Gregg Street underwent a major change as it was widened and a turn lane was put in to better accommodate the flow of traffic.

It seems that the amount of traffic deaths did decrease except for the location of 10th and Gregg. I wonder why?

Over all that particular change was very good. I think the merchants now will agree, although I don't fault them for being upset with any loss of business during that time. I know I would be upset too.

Now we are having another change in Highway 87 what with the new project of installing a turn around road and those service roads being changed to one way or partial one way streets. I think that will help immensely with the traffic flow and the change is needed.

As I look back, at the past most changes came with a warning.

The closing of Webb Air Force Base was a major change to our community. I wonder what would have become of Big Spring if it had not closed?

You know, sometimes we do not want the change but as we look back we can see it was best. I would rather have that than wish Big Spring was too large.

Can you imagine Big Spring like Lubbock, or Dallas? As in all things, there is good and bad in being a large town. More products, employees, and activities, but more crime, traffic and noise!

Perhaps one day folks will look back and talk about the major changes in the next 50 years.

Remembering all the things the community of Big Spring has endured and is now stronger than ever is encouraging!

In spite of all the changes one thing will not change. The strong spirit of the people of Big Spring. No matter how busy we get, nor how fast things seem to go, we will be strong and we will endure and grow!

Change is good.

How boring life would be if nothing ever changed!

I am one of those persons that can handle change but would rather have notice of it coming. I really don't care for abrupt change. I am sure there are many others that feel the same way.

I think its amazing. Don't you?

Burr Lea Settles is a former fire marshal for the city of Big Spring. His column appears monthly.

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Early Americans collected fruits, nuts, pumpkins, and even sweet potatoes to bake into holiday pies. Read about five recipes that combine old standards with new innovations. Plus, overnight coffeecake and outrunning diabetes.

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2001 Nissan Frontier Crew Cab Supercharged V6- white, all power, one owner w/13,000 miles
Was $18,995 NOW $17,995
1999 Ford Ranger Supercab XlB - Red, 4 cyl., 5 speed, air, local one owner w/22,000 miles.
Was $11,995 NOW $10,995
1999 Chevrolet S10 L.S. - Tan, 4 cyl., 5 speed, air, only 21,000 miles.
Was $10,995 NOW $8,995
1999 Dodge Dakota P/U - White, 4 cyl., 5 speed, local one owner w/39,000 miles.
Was $8,995 NOW $7,995
1997 Chevrolet S10 Ext. Cab LS - Red, 4 cyl., automatic, air.
Was $8,995 NOW $7,995

★ ★ ★ 1/2 Ton Pickups ★ ★ ★

2001 Ford Supercrew Lariat 4X4 - Red/tan, tan leather, all power, one owner.
Was $26,995 NOW $25,995
2001 Ford F150 Supercrew XLT- White/tan, local one owner w/23,000 miles.
Was $24,995 NOW $23,995
2001 Ford F150 Supercrew Lariat- Blue/tan, leather, all power, 5.4 V-8, local one owner w/30,000 miles
Was $24,995 NOW $23,995
2001 Dodge Ram 1500 Quad Cab-Black/silver, loaded, local one owner w/19,000 miles
Was $19,995 NOW $18,995
2000 Ford F150 Supercab XLT - White/tan, V-8, all power, 41,000 miles
Was $18,995 NOW $16,995
1997 Dodge D150 Club Cab Slt - Silver, leather, all power, locally owned w/42,000 miles.
Was $13,995 NOW $12,995
1996 Chevrolet C1500 Sportside - Red, V-6.
Was $9,995 NOW $8,995
1996 Chevrolet C1500 - White, good work truck.
Was $4,995 NOW $3,995
1994 Ford F150 Supercab XL - Green/tan, 6 cyl., air, manual shift.
Was $10,995 NOW $7,995

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2000 Chevrolet C3500 Crew Cab L.S. 4X4 - Green, 3500-8, only 33,000 miles.
Was $25,995 NOW $21,995
1997 Ford F250 Super Cab Light Duty XLT-Tan, 5.4 V-8, all power, local one owner w/55,000 miles
Was $15,995 NOW $18,995

★ ★ ★ Program Cars ★ ★ ★

2000 Ford Contour SE - White, all power, 25,000 miles $9,995

★ ★ ★ SUV's ★ ★ ★

2001 Chrysler PT Cruiser - Silver, loaded, local one owner w/31,900 miles.
Was $18,995 NOW $17,995
2000 Chevrolet Blazer Lt - Blue w/leather, local one owner w/38,000 miles.
Was $17,995 NOW $16,995
2002 Ford Explorer Sport Trac XLT-Red/silver, all power, local one owner w/18,000 miles
Was $22,995 NOW $21,995
2001 Ford Excursion XLT Powerstroke Diesel- Blue, loaded, one owner w/30,250 miles
Was $28,995 NOW $27,995
2001 Lincoln Navigator 4x4 Gray leather, GPS, all power, local one owner w/30,000 miles
Was $33,995 NOW $32,995
2000 Ford Expedition XLT- Tan, cloth, all power, local one owner w/29,000 miles
Was $21,995 NOW $20,995
2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer-Maroon/tan, leather, all power, local one owner w/36,000 miles
Was $23,995 NOW $22,995
2000 Dodge Durango SLT-Green, tan, leather, all power, local one owner w/33,000 miles
Was $18,995 NOW $17,995
2000 Ford Explorer XLT 4 DR. Tan w/cloth, all power, extra clean w/30,000 miles
Was $16,995 NOW $15,995
1999 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 LT - Red w/tan leather, all power, 62,000 miles.
Was $22,995 NOW $19,995
1999 GMC Yukon Red/leather, dual air, one owner w/46,000 miles
Was $18,995 NOW $17,995
1999 Chevrolet Suburban C1500 LT - Tan w/matching leather.
Was $18,995 NOW $16,995
1999 Toyota RAV 4 4-Dr. - Black, all power, 45,000 miles.
Was $15,995 NOW $13,995
1998 Chevrolet Suburban LT 4x4- White/tan, leather, all power, one owner
Was $18,995 NOW $17,995
1995 Nissan Pathfinder - Red, extra clean.
Was $6,995 NOW $5,995
1993 Ford Explorer XLT 4X4 - Red/silver, all power.
Was $8,995 NOW $6,995

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2000 Mazda MPV - Blue, all power, one owner w/35,000 miles.
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1999 Ford Windstar - White w/cloth, all power, dual air, one owner w/38,000 miles.
Was $14,995 NOW $13,995
1998 Mazda MPV - Red, all power, 54,000 miles.
Was $10,995 NOW $9,995
1997 Dodge Grand Caravan SE - White, all power.
Was $8,995 NOW $7,995

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2001 Volkswagon New Beetle GL-Blue, 5 speed, air, CD, one owner w/13,000 miles
Was $16,995 NOW $14,995
2001 Nissan Sentra GXE 4 dr.-Green, automatic, all power, one owner w/25,000 miles
Was $13,995 NOW $12,995
2001 Ford Focus Wagon SE - Tan, all power, 16,000 miles.
Was $13,995 NOW $12,995
2000 Volvo S40 Turbocharged-Orchid, very nice car, one owner w/35,000 miles
Was $17,995 NOW $16,995
2000 Ford Focus SE-Red, all power, one owner, w/20,000 miles
Was $12,995 NOW $10,995
2000 Ford Escort ZX2-Silver, one owner w/41,000 miles.
Was $10,995 NOW $8,995

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1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, all power, one owner.
Was $10,995 NOW $9,995
1999 Pontiac Sunfire 2-Dr. SE - Black, 57,000 miles.
Was $8,995 NOW $7,995
1999 Mercury Tracer - White, nice car. 51,000 miles.
Was $7,995 NOW $6,995
1998 Lincoln Mark VIII-Black leather, moon roof, local one owner w/30,000 miles
Was $17,995 NOW $16,995
1998 Ford Escort SE 4-Dr. - Red, all power, 62,000 miles.
Was $7,995 NOW $5,995
1997 Mercury Tracer L.S. - Green, all power, 59,000 miles.
Was $8,995 NOW $6,995
1996 Dodge Avenger 2-Dr. - White, 68,000 miles.
Was $8,995 NOW $6,995
1996 Chevrolet Cavalier 4-Dr. - White, good school car.
Was $5,995 NOW $4,995
1996 Mercury Cougar - Green/tan top, V-6, all power.
Was $7,995 NOW $6,995
1996 Honda Accord 4-DR.- Silver, all power, extra clean.
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Steers, Wildcats put playoff hopes on line Friday

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The high school playoffs begin a week early for the Big Spring Steers and the Grady Wildcats. Both will find themselves in a win-or-play-basketball situation Friday night.

"This is what it's all about," said Big Spring head coach Dwight Butler. "We control our own destiny. We don't have to depend on anyone else, and that's the way we wanted it."

For the Steers, the season comes down to a simple mathematical formula of 9-10-11.



BUTLER

First, the easy part. Should the Steers win by any margin, they're in and Andrews is out. Frenship would advance to the playoffs as the District 4-4A champion. Big Spring will be the district runner-up and San Angelo Lake View — assuming the beat winless Lubbock Estacado Thursday — would be third.

Now for confusing part: The 9-10-11 factor.

Big Spring, 6-3 overall and 3-1 in district, can can qualify for the playoffs even should it lose to Andrews.. If Andrews, 4-5 and 2-2. defeats Big Spring in the regular season finale — and Lake View wins — the second-place spot in the district would be in a three-way tie, forcing district officials to enforce the points spread tiebreaker.

In that scenario, should the Mustangs win by nine points or less, they would be eliminated. Big Spring, by virtue of a 31-21 win over Lake View would be the district runner-up. Lake View, which beat Andrews by 10, would be third.

If Andrews happens to win by 10, the playoff race becomes a toss-up — literally. By winning by 10, the Mustangs would tie the point differential between the

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The dream continues

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

ODESSA — Volleyball, most coaches agree, is a game of momentum. The El Paso High Lady Tigers became wholehearted believers in that adage Tuesday night.

The Big Spring Lady Steers made sure El Paso High had plenty of momentum — for their bus ride home — by pounding out a convincing 15-4, 15-9 victory in the Area round of the Class 4A state playoffs, which was held in front of a large crowd in the University of Texas of the Permian Basin gym. Big Spring rolled to its second playoff win in 25 years quite easily, sweeping both games in just 47 minutes.

"This is awesome," said senior setter Sterling Burchett, who wasn't even born the last time the Lady Steers advanced past the second round of the playoffs in 1977. "We had to work extra hard for this. We had to overcome a lot of different things, but we persevered ... and we're not planning to stop any time soon."

With the win, Big Spring improved to 23-11 and advances to a Region I-4A Quarterfinals showdown with defending state champion Hereford on Saturday.

The Lady Steers dominated El Paso High in the first game. Big Spring made just two complete service rotations before pinning a lop-sided loss on the Lady Tigers.

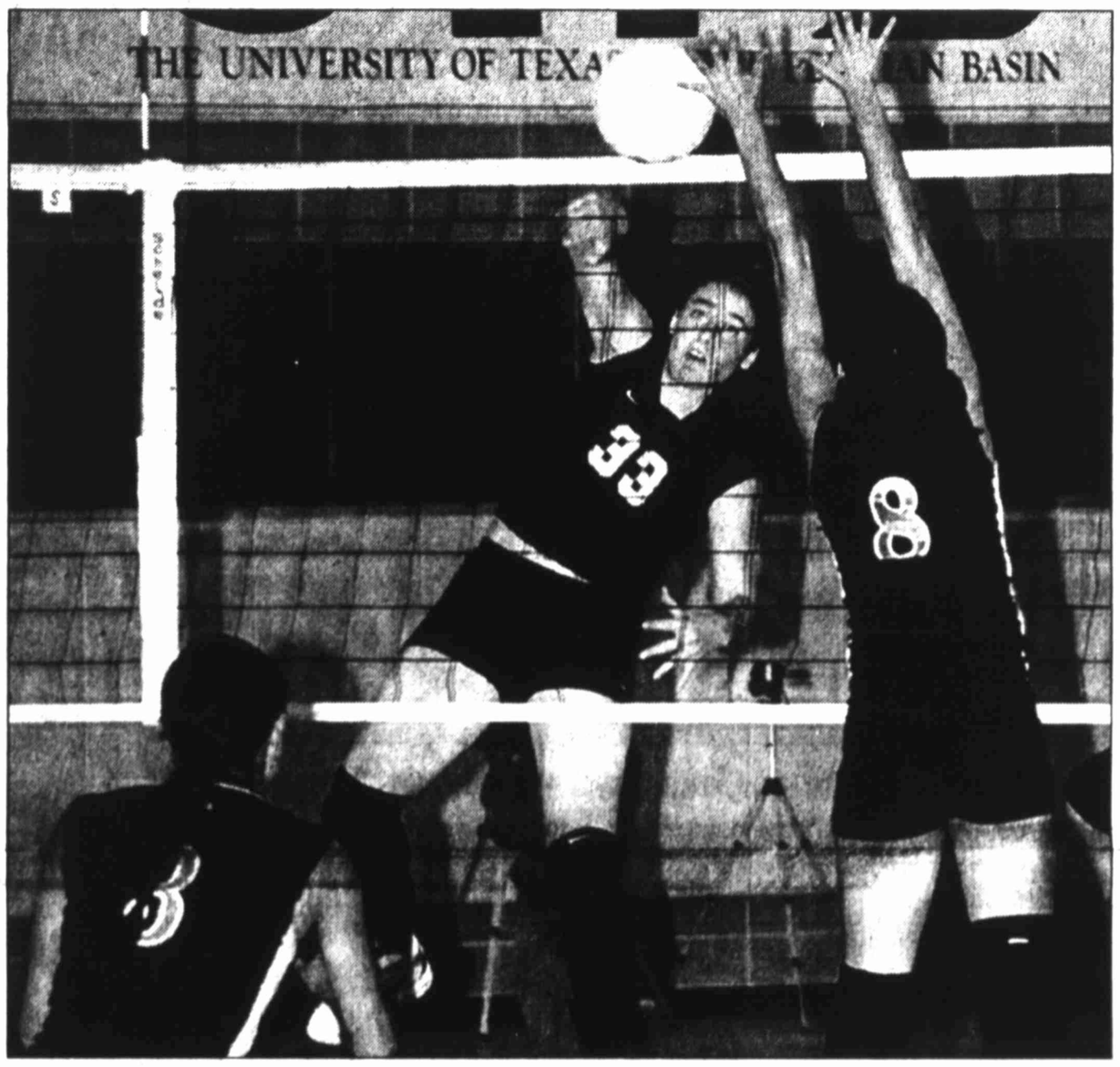
After Leina Braxton and Stormie Huff had opened the game with back-to-back points, Lindsay Phillips put El Paso on its heels. The Big Spring junior, aided by the strong arms of Ka'Rissa Magers and LaKenya Wrightsil, reeled off four straight points and staked the Lady Steers to a 6-0 cushion.

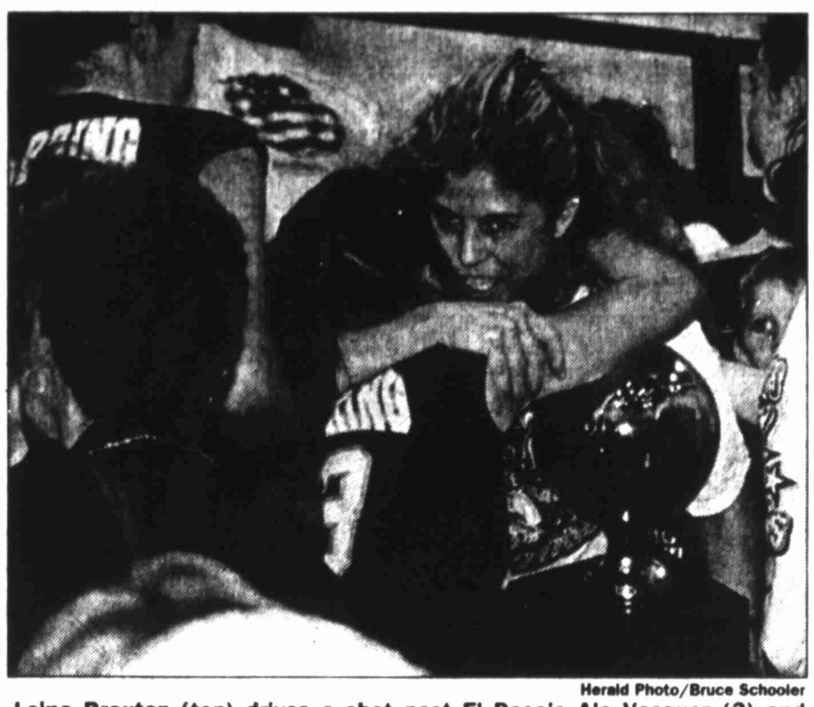
It only got worse from there for the Lady Tigers, the District 1-4A champion. Wrightsil followed Phillips' service opportunity with a strong effort of her own. Using powerful kills from Magers and Braxton, Wrightsil scored three consecutive points and built the BSHS cushion to 9-0. Wrightsil's third point came via an ace.

El Paso, which finished the year at 26-10, managed to collected its first point of the game moments later, courtesy of a Big Spring spike that sailed long.

How dominating were the

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Leina Braxton (top) drives a shot past El Paso's Ale Vasquez (3) and Daniela Rascon during the first game of the Lady Steers' 15-4, 15-9 win Tuesday in Odessa. Following the win, members of the team presented BSHS head coach Traci Pierce (bottom) with the Area championship trophy. Pierce, who was suspended with pay by school officials last week, watched the game from the bleachers.

Lady Steers to face defending champs Saturday

The Big Spring Lady Steers will face the defending Class 4A state champion Hereford Lady Whitefaces in the Region I-4A quarterfinals in their next playoff outing.

Big Spring, 23-11 overall, will play Hereford at 3:30 p.m. on Saturday in the Rip Griffin Center, which is on the camus of Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock. Tickets for the event are $5 for adults and $2 for students.

Hereford advanced to the regional quarterfinals for the fifth straight year with a 15-0, 15-5 win over El Paso Burges.

With a win over El Paso High, the Lady Steers earned their first trip to the regional quarterfinals since 1977 when former U.S. Olympian Rose Magers-Powell led the team.

Knights among area soccer squads gearing up for playoffs

By TOMMY WELLS
Sports Editor

The Knight life has indeed been fun Dayvion Young and Dylan Lowery. Saturday morning's soccer playoff could be even better.

The Knights, who recently captured the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association's Under 10 championship, will take a step up this weekend and compete in the Under 12 Tournament.

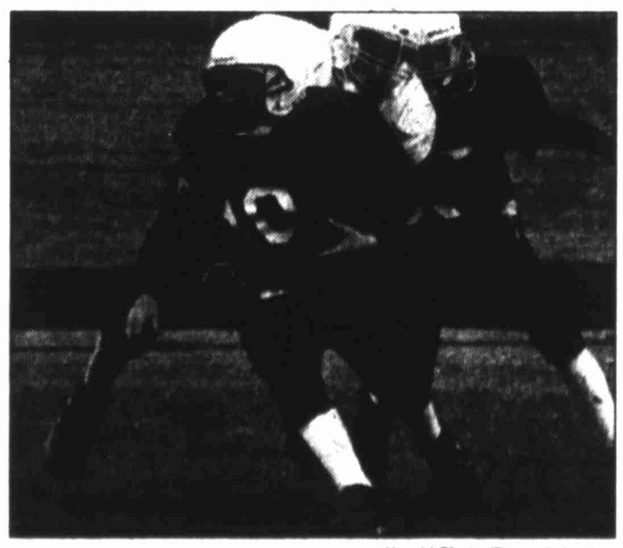
"This should be a big step up for us," said Knights' coach Robert Smith. "We're excited about it and we will try to be competitive."

The Knights, who finished their season with a perfect 14-0 mark, are scheduled to open the Under 12 action at 8 a.m. this weekend at the BSYSA soccer fields against the Dolphins.

The 12 teams entered into the tournament will compete in pool play Saturday. The championship brackets will be played Sunday.

Among the other first-round games slated include the Chargers vs. the Eagles (9:15 am.), the Dolphins vs. the Stars

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Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler

The Big Spring Junior High School Steers will close out their 2002 season tomorrow evening. The BSJHS seventh grade will host Andrews beginning at 4 p.m. at Memorial Stadium.

Stanton, GC girls open year Tuesday

The Stanton Lady Buffaloes and Garden City Lady Kats will tip off their 2002 high school basketball seasons Tuesday night with home bouts.

Stanton will host Midland Greenwood, while Garden City, under the lead of coach Brent Kirkland, will face Grady, beginning at 4 p.m.

The Big Spring Lady Steers open their season Monday evening at 6 p.m. in Odessa against the Permian Lady Panthers.

IN BRIEF

Local chapter needs basketball officials

The local officiating chapter is looking for individuals interested in serving as referees for area basketball games this season.

For more information contact Adam Rodriguez after 4 p.m. at 263-8731 or contact Mandy Rodriguez during business hours at 264-4135.

Lady Steers to open hoop season Monday

The Big Spring High School girls basketball team will open its 2002-2003 season Monday in Odessa. The BSHS girls, under new head coach Gary Miller, are slated to tip-off against the Permian Panthers beginning at 6 p.m.

The Lady Steers will make their final preparations for the game Thursday with a scrimmage in the BSJHS gym against Permian, Coahoma and Borden Co.

Cardinals, Falcon to vie for CLFL crown

The Coahoma Cardinals and the Falcons will square off for the Crossroads Little Football League championship Saturday afternoon.

The Packers and Steers will vie for their respective division crowns, as well.

Games will begin at 10 a.m.

Garden City, Iraan JH teams to decide title

The Garden City Junior High School Bearkats will try and nail down the junior high football championship tonight in their final outing.

The Bear-kats will face off against Iraan beginning at 6 p.m. at Bearkat Stadium.

The game was rescheduled for this evening because of the pending funeral services for GC administrator Faye Scott.

HC Psych Club to host tournament

The Howard College Psych Club will he holding a 24-hour ragball tournament on Nov. 8-9.

For more information contact Rusty McLouth at (915) 264-5134.

Hoops fans can see HC teams for free

Howard College will admit all persons free of charge to its Nov. 12 men's and women's basketball games in an effort to raise public awareness of the value of a college education.

All area youth and their families to watch the Hawks and Lady Hawks in their season openers and receive free hot dogs and drinks.

Music will also be provided by several area high school bands during the games, the first of which starts at 6:00 p.m.

The event is being held to encourage Texans to visit their local community colleges and universities to participate in campus activities.

For more information on the Nov. 12 games, call (915) 264-5000.

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SPORTS EXTRA

NFL STANDINGS

AMERICAN CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Miami	5	3	0	.625	200	167
Buffalo	5	4	0	.556	248	269
New England	4	4	0	.500	206	165
N.Y. Jets	3	5	0	.375	160	206

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Indianapolis	4	4	0	.500	160	167
Tennessee	4	4	0	.500	183	212
Jacksonville	3	5	0	.375	164	157
Houston	2	6	0	.250	107	214

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Pittsburgh	5	3	0	.625	192	160
Cleveland	4	5	0	.444	205	195
Baltimore	3	5	0	.375	139	162
Cincinnati	1	7	0	.125	113	214

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Denver	6	2	0	.750	207	170
San Diego	6	2	0	.750	186	163
Kansas City	4	4	0	.500	259	240
Oakland	4	4	0	.500	226	188

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

East

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Philadelphia	6	2	0	.750	221	118
N.Y. Giants	4	4	0	.500	113	132
Washington	4	4	0	.500	155	191
Dallas	3	6	0	.333	115	155

South

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Tampa Bay	7	2	0	.778	203	109
New Orleans	6	2	0	.750	256	209
Atlanta	5	3	0	.625	187	136
Carolina	3	5	0	.375	111	117

North

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Green Bay	7	1	0	.875	227	164
Detroit	3	5	0	.375	158	220
Chicago	2	6	0	.250	152	199
Minnesota	2	6	0	.250	186	230

West

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
San Francisco	6	2	0	.750	203	164
Arizona	4	4	0	.500	150	158
St. Louis	3	5	0	.375	166	172
Seattle	2	6	0	.250	145	180

Sunday's Games

Detroit 9, Dallas 7
Atlanta 20, Baltimore 17
Tennessee 23, Indianapolis 15
Cincinnati 38, Houston 3
Philadelphia 19, Chicago 13
New England 38, Buffalo 7
Tampa Bay 38, Minnesota 24
Pittsburgh 23, Cleveland 20
N.Y. Jets 44, San Diego 13
St. Louis 27, Arizona 14
Washington 14, Seattle 3
San Francisco 23, Oakland 20, OT
N.Y. Giants 24, Jacksonville 17
Open: Denver, Kansas City, Carolina, New Orleans

Monday's Game

Green Bay 24, Miami 10

Sunday, Nov. 10

Houston at Tennessee, Noon
Detroit at Green Bay, Noon
Atlanta at Pittsburgh, Noon
San Diego at St. Louis, Noon
New Orleans at Carolina, Noon
Indianapolis at Philadelphia, Noon
N.Y. Giants at Minnesota, Noon
Cincinnati at Baltimore, Noon
Seattle at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Washington at Jacksonville, 3:05 p.m.
New England at Chicago, 3:15 p.m.
Kansas City at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.
Miami at N.Y. Jets, 7:30 p.m.
Open: Buffalo, Dallas, Tampa Bay, Cleveland

Monday, Nov. 11

Oakland at Denver, 8 p.m.

NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New Jersey	4	0	1.000	—
Orlando	4	1	.800	1/2
Philadelphia	2	1	.667	1 1/2
Boston	1	2	.333	2 1/2
Miami	1	3	.250	3
Washington	1	3	.250	3
New York	0	4	.000	4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	3	1	.750	—
Detroit	3	1	.750	—
Indiana	3	1	.750	—
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Cleveland	2	2	.500	1
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Milwaukee	1	2	.333	1 1/2

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	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	3	0	1.000	—
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Minnesota	3	2	.600	1
Houston	2	2	.500	1 1/2
Denver	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Utah	1	3	.250	2 1/2
Memphis	0	4	.000	3 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	4	0	1.000	—
Sacramento	3	2	.600	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	2	3	.400	2 1/2
L.A. Clippers	1	2	.333	2 1/2
Phoenix	1	3	.250	3
Portland	1	3	.250	3
Golden State	1	4	.200	3 1/2

Monday's Games

Toronto 109, Chicago 105, OT
Milwaukee 97, New York 88
New Jersey 106, Minnesota 82
San Antonio 103, Memphis 101, OT
Dallas 107, Golden State 100
Detroit 84, Phoenix 82

Tuesday's Games

Orlando 125, Sacramento 121
Cleveland 89, L.A. Lakers 70
Indiana 83, Miami 79
Minnesota 90, Washington 86
Seattle 104, Houston 97
San Antonio 93, Golden State 73
Atlanta 103, Denver 87

Wednesday's Games

Dallas at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Cleveland at Washington, 6 p.m.
Sacramento at New York, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Boston at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at New Orleans, 7:30 p.m.
Detroit at Utah, 8 p.m.
Atlanta at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
New Jersey at Milwaukee, 8:30 p.m.
Memphis at Portland, 9 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

American League

ANAHEIM ANGELS—Released C Sal Fasano. Activated RHP Steve Green from the 60-day disabled list.

BOSTON RED SOX—Agreed to terms with LHP Alan Embree on a two-year contract.

SEATTLE MARINERS—Announced the resignation of Lee Elia, part-time coach and consultant, to become hitting coach for Tampa Bay. Named Ted Walsh home clubhouse and equipment manager.

TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Announced Tom Foley, third base coach, and Billy Hatcher, bench coach, will return next season. Named Lee Elia, hitting coach.

TEXAS RANGERS—Named Mark Connor bullpen coach and Don Wakamatsu bench coach. Retained Orel Hershiser pitching coach, Rudy Jaramillo hitting coach, DeMarlo Hale first base and outfield coach, and Steve Smith third base and infield coach.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Signed INF Howie Clark and OF Rob Ryan to minor league contracts.

National League

ATLANTA BRAVES—Named Pat Kelly manager for Richmond of the IL.

HOUSTON ASTROS—Named Kevin Burrell southeast regional crosschecker.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Named Mike Couchee pitching coach and Rob Deer coach for Portland of the PCL; Will Sinon trainer for Mobile of the Southern League; Jeff Gardner manager and Rich Renteria coach for Lake Elsinore of the California League; George Hendrick manager, Mike Harkey pitching coach and Tom Tomincasa coach for Fort Wayne of the Midwest League; Roy Howell manager, Dave Rajsich pitching coach, Ben Oglivie coach and Wade Yamasaki trainer for Eugene of the Northwest League; and Carlos Lezcano manager and Jake Molina coaches for Idaho Falls of the Pioneer League.

National Football League

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Placed TE Sean Brewer on injured reserve. Signed TE Chris Edmonds from their practice squad. Signed TE Derek Smith to the practice squad.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released OT Roger Chanoine.

INDIANAPOLIS COLTS—Waived DB Brian Leigeb. Signed RB Autry Denson.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed DB Ray Green on injured reserve.

PITTSBURGH STEELERS—Signed OLB Justin Kurpeikis. Released TE Matt Cushing.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Signed LB Hakim Akbar.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Agreed to terms with FB Terry Jackson on a two-year contract extension. Waived S Jason Moore.

National Hockey League

CALGARY FLAMES—Recalled G Levente Szuper from Saint John of the AHL.

UNDER 12

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(10:30 a.m.), the Chargers vs. the Bulldogs (11:45 a.m.), the Knights vs. the Stars (1 p.m.) and the Bulldogs vs. the Raiders (2:15 p.m.)

Goalie Tommy Garling leads the Knights, who have had 12 of their 17 players score this season. Other key players include Joshua Castilaw, Miranda Park and Paxton De La Garza.

GIRLS

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Lady Steers defensively? Consider this: All four of the Lady Tigers' points in the first game came on Big Spring errors.

Wrightsil closed out the first game with a flurry. She served up the Lady Steers' final four points in the contest.

El Paso came out a bit stronger in the second game. The Lady Tigers battled their way to an early 3-2 lead before Big Spring hit stride again.

"We talked about them this week," said Big Spring coach Kenny Lowery. "They won their district so we knew they weren't just going to lie down."

After a brief timeout, the Lady Steers blew the wheels off the Lady Tigers' wagon by reeling off a 10-1 run that all but sealed the win.

Wrightsil, who scored 12 service points, ignited the BSHS run moments after Krystle Long had broken El Paso's Kim Andrade's serve. Wrightsil scored three straight points before Magers placed an exclamation mark on the run with a hard kill that handcuffed Christina McDonald, the Lady Tigers' senior middle hitter.

Magers' kill — one of 10 she registered in the outing — gave the Lady Steers a 6-3 lead.

Phillips, Braxton stretched the lead to 8-4 before Huff stepped to the line and began hammering the final nails into El Paso's coffin. The BSHS senior scored four straight service points and carried the Lady Steer lead to 12-4.

Phillips and Wrightsil chalked up Big Spring's final two points.

Following the win over El Paso High, the Lady Steers paid tribute to head coach Traci Pierce by entering the bleachers to present her with the Area championship trophy. Pierce, who was suspended with pay last week by school officials pending an investigation.

With the victory, the Lady Steers advance to the third round of the playoffs for the first time since 1977. Big Spring will face No. 2-ranked Hereford at the Rip Griffin Center on the campus of Lubbock Christian University in Lubbock. The game is set to start at 3:30 p.m.

The Lady Steers weren't the only District 4-4A team advancing to the regional quarterfinals on Tuesday. The Andrews Lady Mustangs downed El Paso Jefferson, 15-13, 15-8 and will now face Dumas on Saturday in Plainview.

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PLAYOFF —

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three teams and force officials to determine the district's final two playoff representatives to be decided by a coin toss. The odd-man in the three-way flip would be eliminated.

Should Andrews win by 11 or more, Big Spring is out — assuming, again, Lake View beats Lubbock Estacado.

The Steers' entire dilemma could solve itself should Estacado upset Lake View. An Estacado win at home Thursday would clinch playoff berths for both Andrews and Big Spring.

In Grady, the Wildcats are facing a much simpler situation as they try and make their first playoff appearance since 1997. If the win, they play again. If they don't, they begin basketball Monday morning.

Grady, 7-2 and 3-1, is scheduled to face Borden Co. Friday night in Gail. The winner of the game will advance to the playoffs as the District 5 runner-up.

In the playoffs, either Grady or Borden Co. will face Sanderson.



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Jerod Boyd (55) and the Steers can clinch a playoff berth with a win over Andrews Friday night.

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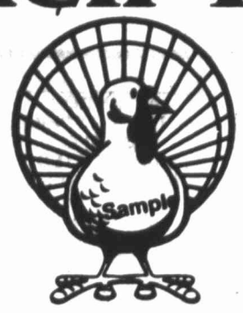
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, Nov. 6, 2002:

Use your imagination and creativity to increase your security. You have very special ideas. Others support your excellent suggestions, especially professionally and within your community. Know that you do make a difference. Your influence grows, allowing for the potential of a pay raise or promotion. You drive a hard bargain, which enables you to lead and also to get more of what you want. Fall 2003 has a very special quality, socially. If you are single, someone will come along who easily could knock your socks off. If you are attached, your relationship will develop a special closeness, especially if you share yourself more often. SAGITTARIUS helps you make money.

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) ***** Keep reaching out. Seek out answers. Your high energy draws others, who pitch in to make an idea a reality. You revise your thinking as a result of others' feedback. You build an even stronger idea, making success more certain. Tonight: Where the action is.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) **** Work with associates, knowing what you're driving at. Review details with a trusted associate who often comes through for you. Choose to do nothing halfway right now. It is all or nothing. You take a hard look at a project. Tonight: Go for what you want.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Others seek you out. Enjoy your popularity. As someone reveals him- or herself, you discover a lot about this person and what you like and don't like. Lighten up about a personal relationship. In fact, the more playful you become, the more fun another is. Tonight: Join others for dinner or another fun get-together.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Dig into work as if there is no tomorrow. You know what you want, and as a result, you will make it happen. A family member cheers you on and supports you. Understand just how much influence you have. Spend money on something you want. Tonight: Put your feet up.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** Approach work as you would approach something you love. You'll find that you get much more done. What would it take to do something you love? What would that be? Start networking or considering your real options. Surprises surround you. Tonight: Celebrate the midweek marker.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ***** Realize more of what you want through conversations and exploring your options. You present an unusually strong opinion. Others easily agree with your ideas. You express good sense where most cannot. Tonight: Stay anchored.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Your high energy makes waves. You're able to make a considerable difference if you push your ideas. Make calls. Network. Allow others to know and understand what's on your mind. Success results from your dynamic efforts. Tonight: Out among friends.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) **** Others praise your actions. You choose the next step, and you gain. You have an opportunity to restructure your financial life, making your life more secure. Willingly spend in order to make more money. Spontaneity works. Tonight: Pay bills first.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** Your good mood energizes those around you. Make travel plans with a loved one. Go exploring, even if it is just on your computer. You might feel like a cheerleader with a group. You know how to get things moving. Tonight: Others want your companionship. Decide who, where and when.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** What others say might not be comfortable to hear, but it could be important. Someone close to you at work could go on a tirade. It might be you! Choices made right now draw additional wealth and monetary success. Jump on an opportunity. Tonight: Go for what you want.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Adopt a goal-driven attitude, and you'll succeed. Listen to what someone close to you has to share. This person proves to be a fountain of great ideas. Together you greet a long-term goal in the near future. Take a risk. Tonight: Celebrate good news.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) **** A financial or career decision gets another's support, though he or she might need to ask a lot of questions. Don't become defensive; rather, share your logic and ideas. Everyone gains through your efforts here. Tonight: Schedule a massage.

BORN TODAY

Bandmaster and composer John Philip Sousa (1854), inventor of basketball James Naismith (1861), actress Sally Field (1946)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com.

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Husband wants children wife not comfortable around little ones



Annie's Mailbox

Dear Annie: I am a female in my mid-20s and have been married for two years. I have a wonderful relationship with my husband and love him very much. However, my husband has made it clear that he wants children some day, and I have no desire whatsoever to have kids.

"Donald" knew before we were married that I was not a big fan of children. I am not comfortable around kids and cannot relate to them. I suppose it's possible I will change my mind sometime down the road, but at the moment, I do not wish to start a family.

I want to be fair to Donald, since he loves children, but I don't want to be pressured into becoming pregnant for his sake. He hasn't said anything about it, but I'm not getting any younger, and the issue is bound to come up within the next five years. What do I do when the time comes? — Not Maternal in Chicago

Dear Not Maternal: Not everyone is cut out to be a mother, and there is no shame in that. However, many women who believe they dislike children discover they feel differently when the children are theirs. Don't let your aversion to other people's kids color your decision. You and Donald must discuss this honestly so you can make plans for your future, but please don't close the door on the possibility.

Dear Annie: I am a 38-year-old divorced father of two teenagers. I am currently involved with a woman, 34, who is also divorced and the mother of four. The woman is my first cousin.

I had not seen "Kellye" since 1977, and we reconnected a few months ago with perfectly appropriate behavior and honorable intentions. As we came to know each other better, we grew closer. We have discussed our situation at length and find our good "fit" is related to our experiences and lives, and not mutual heritage. In short, Annie, we've fallen in love with each other and are happy together.

Kellye and I have confided in selected family members about our relationship. Most are happy for us but find the situation "weird." Please give me your objective opinion on the propriety of a first-cousin relationship. — In Love in New York

Dear In Love: Since you and Kellye are adults and spent many years apart, there should be no objection to your finding happiness together. These days, many states allow first cousins to marry, including New York. However, if you and Kellye are planning to marry and have children, you may want to seek genetic counseling. Good luck to you both.

Dear Annie: I had an extra ticket to a performance by our local symphony and invited my aunt. She was unable to attend at the last minute and suggested I take a friend of hers who likes the symphony. I had never met this person prior to the event, but I was happy someone was interested in the ticket.

This woman is educated and professional. To my surprise and dismay, however, she insisted on talking to me during the concert, using her normal speaking voice. I did not shush her, as I did not want to embarrass her, but she did not seem to notice my discomfort. I was horrified that an intelligent, well-educated person would not be aware that audience silence is critical to concert enjoyment — not just mine, but everyone within earshot. How should this have been handled? — El Monte, Calif.

Dear El Monte: It is quite possible that this woman has a mild hearing problem and had no idea how loud she was. Regardless, it would have been OK to smile and whisper in her ear, "Let's talk later, after the concert."

Annie's Mailbox is written by Kathy Mitchell and Marcy Sugar, longtime editors of the Ann Landers column. Please e-mail your questions to anniesmailbox@attbi.com, or write to: Annie's Mailbox, P.O. Box 118190, Chicago, IL 60611. To find out more about Annie's Mailbox, and read features by other Creators Syndicate writers and cartoonists, visit the Creators Syndicate Web page at www.creators.com.

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The Court will hear such application at 10:00 a.m. on December 2, 2002, in the county courtroom in the County Courthouse of Howard County in Big Spring, Texas.

All of the persons named or identified above and all persons interested in th aforementioned estate are commanded to appear at or before the time set for said hearing by filing a written contest or answer to said application should they desire to contest it.

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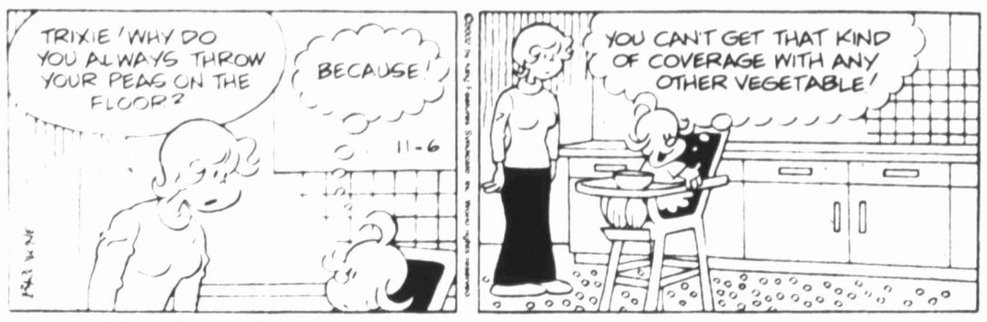
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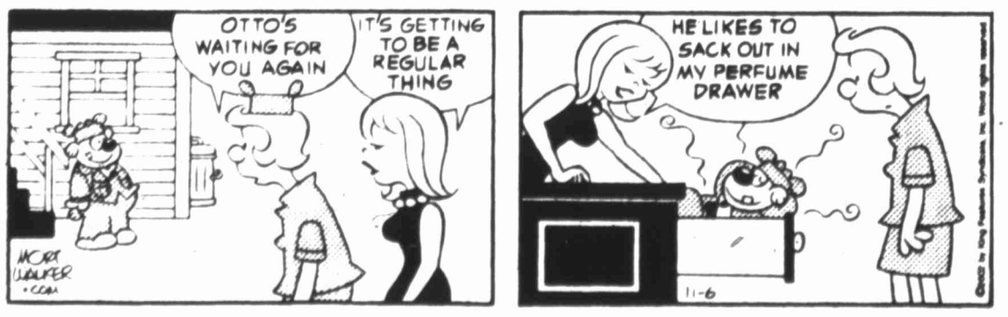
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By The Associated Press

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Today's Highlight in History:

On Nov. 6, 1888, Benjamin Harrison won the presidential election, defeating incumbent Grover Cleveland with enough electoral votes, even though Cleveland led in the popular vote.

On this date:

In 1860, former Illinois congressman Abraham Lincoln defeated three other candidates for the presidency.

In 1861, Jefferson Davis was elected to a six-year term as president of the Confederacy.

In 1893, composer Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky died in St. Petersburg, Russia, at age 53.

In 1900, President McKinley was re-elected, beating Democrat William Jennings Bryan.

In 1928, in a first, the results of Herbert Hoover's election victory over Alfred E. Smith were flashed onto an electric sign outside the New York Times building.

In 1956, President Eisenhower won re-election, defeating Democrat Adlai E. Stevenson.

In 1962, Democrat Edward M. Kennedy was elected senator from Massachusetts.

In 1977, 39 people were killed when an earthen dam burst, sending a wall of water through Toccoa Falls Bible College in Georgia.

Ten years ago: President-elect Bill Clinton asked Vernon Jordan and Warren Christopher to lead the White House transition team as Clinton accelerated his efforts to select a Cabinet, build a staff and fill thousands of positions.

Five years ago: The Clinton administration warned Iraq it could face military action or economic sanctions if it continued to bar UN weapons inspections. Former President George Bush opened his presidential library at Texas A&M University; among the guests of honor was President Clinton, the man who'd sent him into retirement.

One year ago: Billionaire Republican Michael Bloomberg won New York City's mayoral race, defeating Democrat Mark Green. The Federal Reserve slashed its federal funds rate, the key benchmark for overnight loans, by a half-point to 2 percent, its lowest level in 40 years.

Today's Birthdays: Director Mike Nichols is 71. Country singer Stonewall Jackson is 70. Singer P.J. Proby is 64. Country singer Guy Clark is 61. Actress

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Instead of roasting a turkey, which creates its own pan drippings (the base for traditional gravy), many people are choosing to deep-fry a whole turkey or grill turkey tenderloins for their family's holiday meal. This new recipe provides the solution for making gravy since no meat drippings are needed to make this unbelievably tasty gravy.

Simply cook finely chopped onion in butter for about 10 minutes. Add chicken broth (or turkey broth if youire roasting a turkey) and bring the mixture to a boil. Dissolve the dry peppered gravy mix in more broth and stir it into the onion mixture. Cook and stir until thickened to perfection. The Ultimate Thanksgiving Gravy is ready to serve in just a few minutes!

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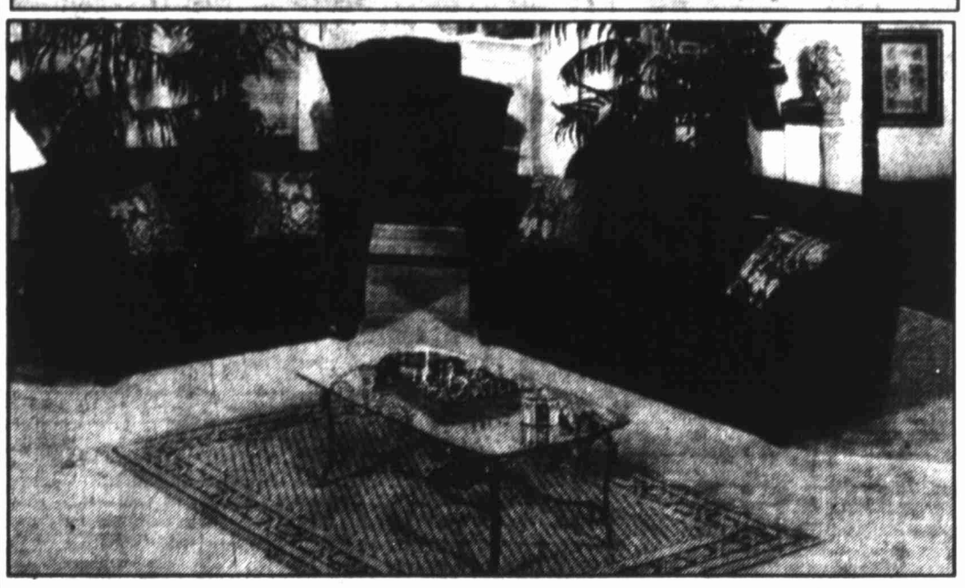
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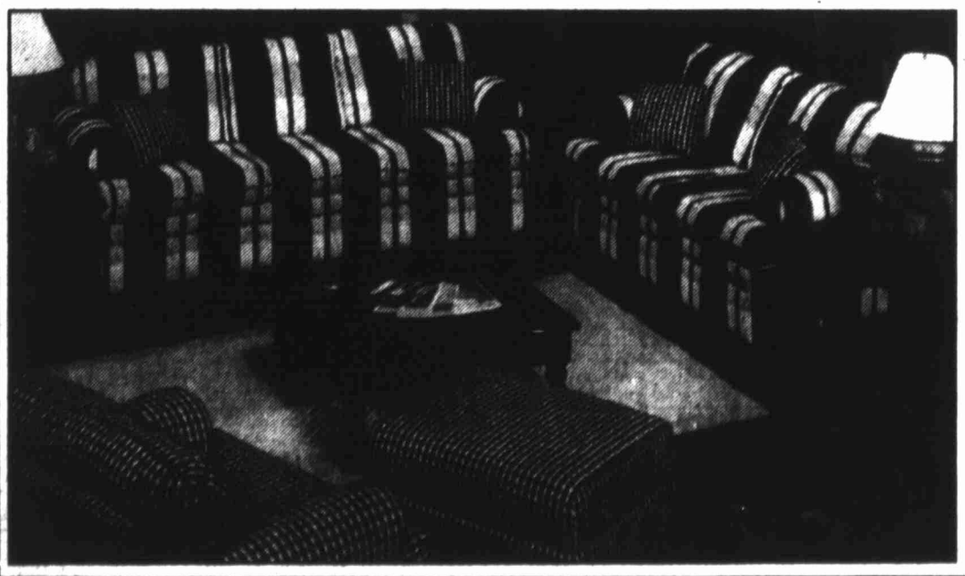
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Celebrate the holiday season with 'happy breads' fresh from your oven

The smell of something sweet baking in the oven is one of life's simple pleasures, enjoyed especially at holiday time. In between decorating, shopping, and card writing, though, how do you find the time to do scratch baking too? The answer: make quick and easy sweet breads. Surprise your friends and family this season with a new coffeecake or sweet quick bread inspired by the popular "monkey bread." This version uses ingredients most people have on hand, and you'll love the delicious taste. Happy Bread is the perfect bread to serve at any holiday breakfast, brunch or afternoon tea. The name alone will set the tone for your gathering and put people in a happy mood!

Dry butterscotch pudding mix flavors the biscuits in Happy Bread. They're made the easy way-with convenient biscuit and baking mix.

"These biscuits are sweeter and richer than basic biscuits because of the addition of a bit of sugar and light cream to the dough," says Marrgi Walstrom, culinary professional for Pioneer Brand. Don't worry (that you'll spend all day in the kitchen). "Bake Happy."

Happy Bread

This holiday-rich coffeecake tastes so good that it's sure to make everyone happy.

1 package (5.3 oz.) cook and serve butterscotch pudding and pie filling mix (dry, divided)
1/2 cup chopped pecans or walnuts (divided)
4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 1/2 cups light cream (half-and-half) or milk
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar

Generously coat inside of 9- to 12-cup bundt cake pan with cooking spray. Sprinkle with 2 tablespoons pudding mix and 1/4 cup nuts. Place remaining pudding mix in shallow pan; set aside. In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, 1/4 cup sugar and cream to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 32 balls or pieces. Roll each ball in reserved dry pudding mix to coat. Place about 16 balls in prepared pan. Sprinkle with remaining nuts. In small bowl, stir together butter and brown sugar; drizzle half over balls in pan. Repeat with remaining balls and butter mixture. Bake at 400F for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffeecake (12 to 16 servings).

Cinnamon-Orange Happy Bread

Your family and friends will enjoy this sweet orange coffeecake at holiday gatherings.

4 cups Pioneer Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix
1/4 cup granulated sugar
1 tablespoon grated orange peel (optional)
1 cup heavy (whipping) cream
1/2 cup milk
1/2 granulated sugar
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine, melted

In large bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, 1/4 cup sugar, orange peel, cream and milk to make a soft dough. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 to 10 times. Divide into about 30 balls. In small bowl, combine 1/2 cup sugar and cinnamon. Roll each ball in cinnamon-sugar. Place in a 9- to 12-cup bundt cake pan or tube pan that has been generously coated with cooking spray. Sprinkle any remaining cinnamon-sugar over balls. Drizzle butter over top. Bake at 400F for 24 to 28 minutes or until golden brown. Immediately invert onto serving platter and serve. Makes 1 coffeecake (12 to 16 servings).

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GRAVY

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America's holiday. What started as a time to share the bounty of the fall harvest is now a time to reflect on all the things we have to be thankful for. Give pause on this special day by having an "attitude of gratitude." You may even want to make a list of everything you are thankful for.

And be sure to treat your family, and yourself, to The Ultimate Thanksgiving Gravy. Serve it over the usual family favorites — roasted (or deep-fried or grilled) turkey, mashed potatoes, dressing and buttery biscuits. But don't file the recipe away to save it for next Thanksgiving. Keep it nearby to use every time your family asks for gravy.

The Ultimate Thanksgiving Gravy

Make plenty of this delicious gravy to serve over your Thanksgiving turkey, mashed potatoes or dressing. According to the culinary professionals at Pioneer Brand, it's hard to believe that something so easy to make can taste so good.

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter or margarine
1 large onion, finely chopped (1 1/2 to 2 cups)
1 package (2.75 oz.) peppered or country gravy mix* (such as Pioneer Brand)
3 cups low-sodium chicken broth (divided)
1 teaspoon chopped fresh parsley (optional)

In large skillet, melt butter over medium-high heat. Add onion; cook and stir until onion is translucent, 8 to10 minutes. Dissolve gravy mix in 1/2 cup cool chicken broth; set aside. Pour remaining 2 1/2 cups broth into onion mixture; heat to boiling. Add dissolved gravy mix; cook and stir until thickened. Stir in parsley. Add additional chicken broth or water to thin, if necessary. Makes 3 1/2 cups gravy (8 to 10 servings).

*This recipe was developed for and tested with Pioneer Brand Peppered Gravy Mix. It can be doubled easily for a larger crowd at your Thanksgiving meal. Pioneer Brand Country Gravy mix can be substituted for the Peppered Gravy Mix.

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Thanksgiving Buttery Biscuits

To make these moist and tender biscuits more special for the holidays, use cookie cutters to cut them into seasonal shapes such as leaves, pumpkins, apples or turkeys.

3 cups buttermilk biscuit & baking mix** (such as Pioneer Brand)
1 cup milk
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter or margarine, melted (divided)

In mixing bowl, stir together biscuit and baking mix, milk and 3 tablespoons melted butter until dough forms a ball. Turn out onto surface dusted with additional biscuit and baking mix. Knead 7 or 8 times. Roll out dough to 3/4-inch thickness. Using a 2 1/2-inch biscuit cutter, cut out biscuits. Place about 1 inch apart on baking sheet coated with cooking spray. Bake at 450∫ for 10 to 12 minutes or until golden brown. Brush with remaining 1 tablespoon butter. Serve warm with The Ultimate Thanksgiving Gravy. Makes 10 to12 biscuits.

**This recipe was developed for and tested with Pioneer Brand Buttermilk Biscuit & Baking Mix. It can be doubled easily for a larger crowd at your Thanksgiving meal.

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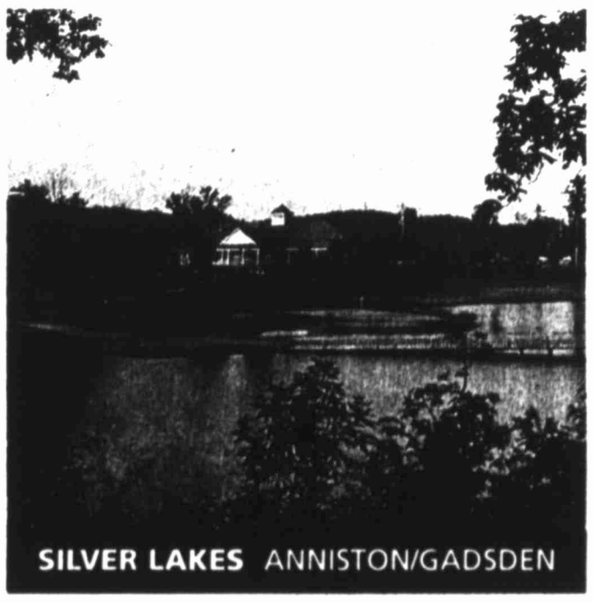
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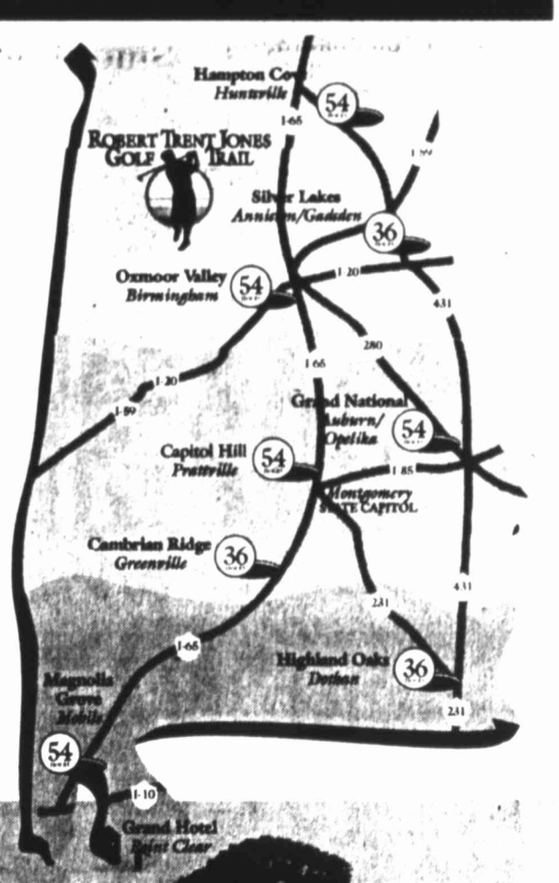
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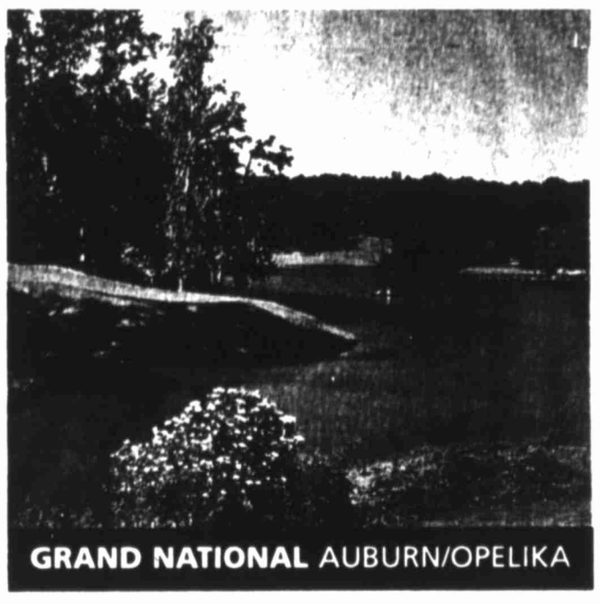


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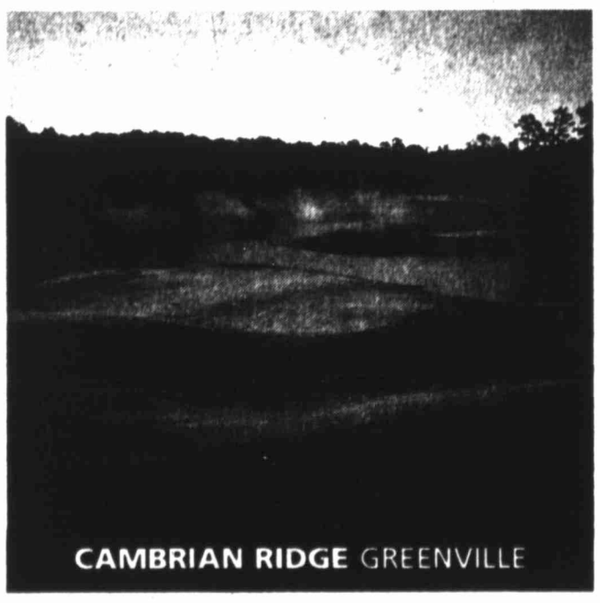


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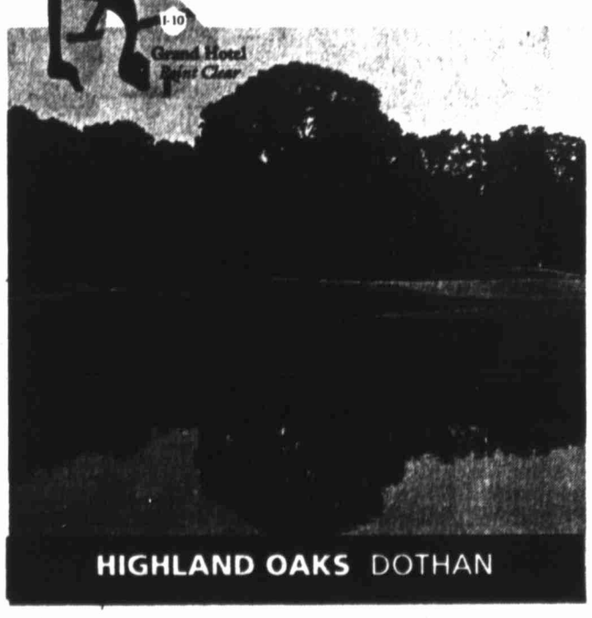




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