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Students struggle with stairs at Runnels

By SARA SOLIS
Staff Writer

An issue raised at the public school bond hearing Thursday night addressed the fact that Runnels Junior High does not meet American Disabilities Act standards. Several current and past students at Runnels have experienced difficulty in navigating its stairways at one time or another.

Runnels Junior High, constructed in 1917, is a three-story building with stair wells linking each floor. There are no hand rails on the staircases and access to the second and third floors of the building is limited in their use.

Jordan Partee, a student at Runnels, knows all about the hazards Runnels presents to the disabled. Jordan said he was temporarily disabled in January, when he suffered an off-season football injury to his left leg. He said he hurt it on a Thursday and came to school on crutches the next morning. On crutches, "You have to hop the steps," he said.

Jordan said his parents prepared him a note, asking his teachers to release him from class a little earlier, to allow him time to get to his subsequent classes. "For my first period class I tried to come up the steps with all the kids and I ended up being real tardy for my first period class," Jordan said.



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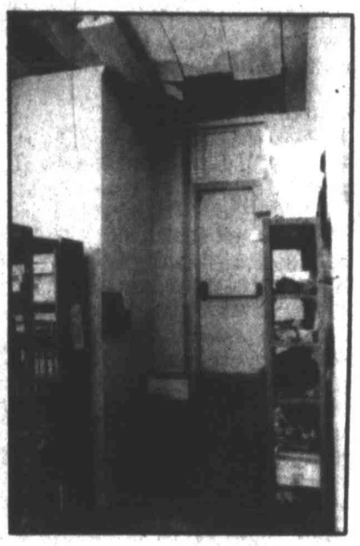
While at Runnels Junior High School in past years, Chad Warren and Maurice Franks had their share of problems with the stairs at the school.

He said he was only on crutches for one day at Runnels, but continued to limp for about a week.

Chad Warren, a Runnels alumni, now a junior at Big Spring High School, said he broke his ankle twice while attending Runnels. "They cast my leg and I was on crutches for about two to three weeks," Chad said. He said getting around the school on crutches was difficult. "It was hard, I remember that." Chad said he was force to hop up the stairs as well. "Usually somebody carried my crutches and I just hopped up." He recalled wishing there was an elevator, an escalator or something to alleviate movement for the disabled.

Royce Cox, Runnels Junior High principal, said the school has had very few disabled students in the past. "We had one two years ago that managed the building fairly well. He fell a lot, but he'd just get up and go on."

Cox admitted the stairs can be hazardous. He said several students have slipped on the stairs and fallen, resulting in some minor back injuries. "None have been severe enough to send them home," he said. Cox even admitted to tripping on the stairs himself at times.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

The only true fire escape on the second floor of Runnels Junior High School sits wedged between racks in one of the science rooms.

Temporary disabilities may be irritating and potentially dangerous, but a full year with a permanent disability could prove quite a challenge at Runnels. Maurice Franks is now a ninth-grader at Big Spring High School. Maurice was born physically challenged. Although he is not confined to a wheelchair, his ability to walk and run is impaired. Franks said while attending Runnels he occasionally fell on the stairs, but was never seriously injured. "You only had five minutes between classes, so you had to hurry up," he said. Maurice said the teachers usually let him out of class a little early to allow him more time to get to his next class.

"When I was at Goliad (Middle School) I figured Runnels was going to be real hard (to get around) and it was, the first couple of days," Maurice said.

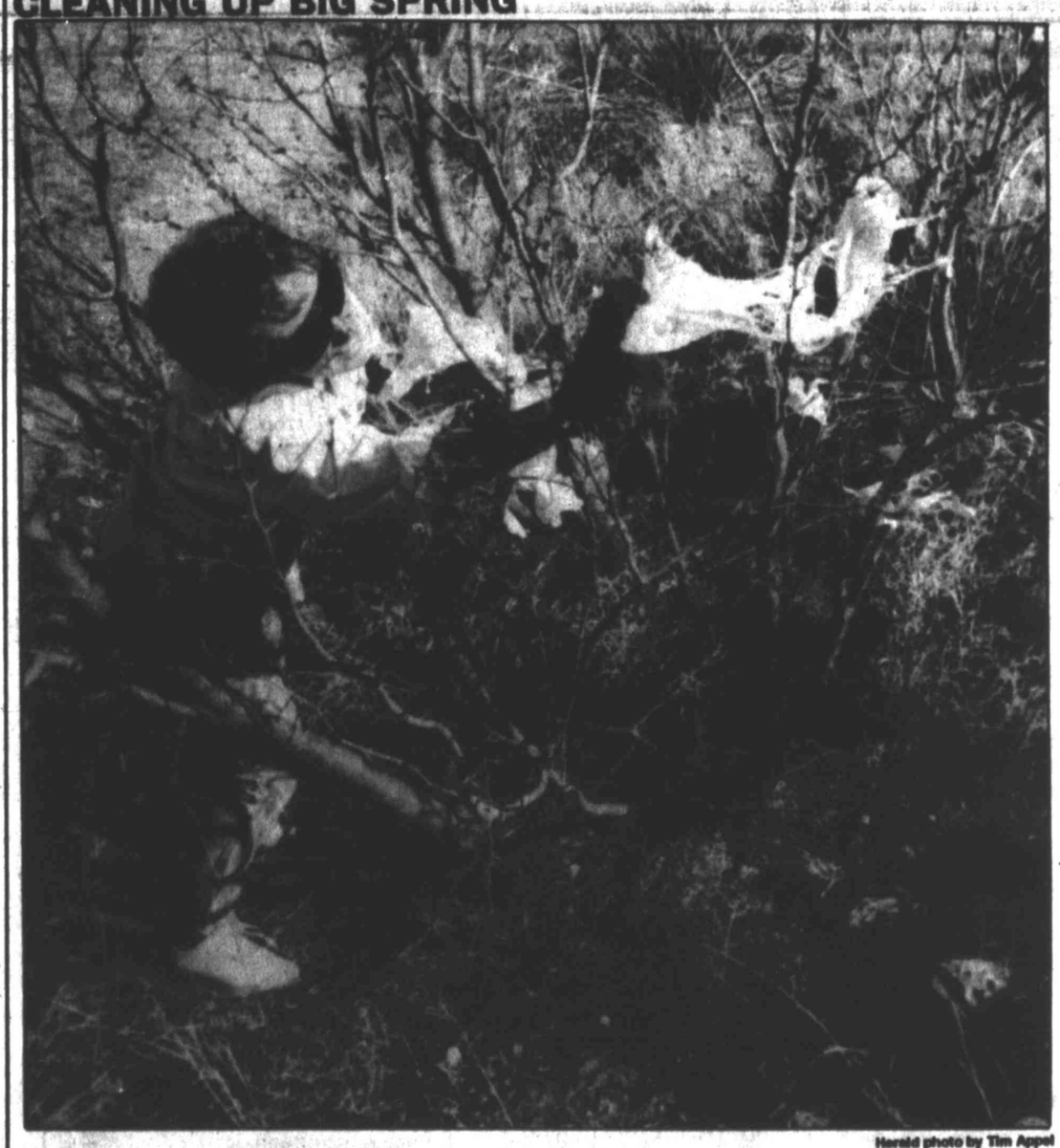
Tom Killebrew, a building consultant from Fort Worth, did an independent study of the Runnels building and revealed its results at the public meeting Thursday night. He said in order for the building to comply with ADA standards it would need an elevator, ramped entrances to the buildings, as well as restroom renovations.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Jordan Partee, a student at Runnels Junior High School, found the going difficult earlier this year when he had to tackle the stairs at Runnels using crutches.

CLEANING UP BIG SPRING



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Georgie Newson reaches through the branches of a tree to remove a plastic bag caught on a limb during Saturday's Great Texas Trash-Off. The focus Saturday was to clean up Big Spring north of the viaduct.

More than 100 attend drive for teen

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Because of a storm in Dallas, the lab taking part in the bone marrow drive for Meagan Stanley, 16, was a little late arriving in Big Spring Saturday, but local residents were still ready, willing and able to show their support for Meagan in hopes of finding a suitable bone marrow match.

The drive was scheduled to begin at 10 a.m. at First United Methodist Church's Garrett Hall and continue until 2 p.m., but because of the late start, the time was extended.

Saturday's drive was the second drive for Meagan in the last few weeks and was primarily to allow the people who didn't get a chance to be a donor last time to participate, but according to one technician, people seemed to come out of nowhere to take part.

Once the doors opened to Garrett Hall there was a steady stream of people going in and out. When the drive shut down late Saturday afternoon, approximately 120 people had given blood to become a possible match for Meagan. A table was also set up for people who wanted to leave Meagan a personal note, many wishing her well and keeping her in their prayers.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Tracy Myers takes blood from the arm of Dorothy Nichols during a second bone marrow screening for 16-year-old Meagan Stanley at the First United Methodist Church Saturday afternoon.

The Stanley family also left a note to all of the people who have shown their support.

It read, "On behalf of Meagan and the National Bone Marrow Program, we would like to thank you for your support. Although you have given in Meagan's name, you have offered the greatest gift, 'the gift of life,' to someone who is in need. What greater gift can one offer than the gift of life. Just as Jesus offered his blood to pro-

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Residents can support troops in Bosnia

HERALD Staff Report

West Texas residents can lend their support to the United States troops stationed in Bosnia.

The Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross kicked off a campaign Tuesday to send taped messages and letters to the soldiers. Everyone is urged to write or record their messages and then bring them to one of several drop-off locations now through April 27.

Here is a list of area locations:

- April 17 - Stanton, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at Stanton Drug
- April 20 - Big Spring, 3-6 p.m. at Wal-Mart
- April 26 - Garden City, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at courthouse

Messages and tapes will also be accepted at the Red Cross office in Midland, 2306 Elizabeth, or the recruitment office, 4706 North Midkiff, Suite 10, until April 30.

The Midland Red Cross now serves Borden, Crockett, Dawson, Glasscock, Howard, Martin, Mitchell, Reagan, Scurry and Upton counties as well.

Texas Trivia

Who was the first woman elected to the Texas Senate?

Margie Neal of Carthage

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TODAY'S WEATHER

Today



Tonight



70 ▲ Highs
Lows ▼ 35

Today

Mostly sunny. High around 70 and low in the upper 30s. Windy and cooler during the day and fair in the evening.

Permian Basin Forecast

Monday: Mostly sunny, high near 75.

OBITUARIES

D.W. "Bozo" Holcombe

Funeral service for D.W. "Bozo" Holcombe, 65, of Jayton, will be 3:30 p.m. today at Jayton Baptist Church with Rev. Glenn Brooks, Waxahachie; Rev. Glenn Shock, Jayton; and Rev. H.T. Stanaland of Jayton, officiating. Interment will follow in Jayton Cemetery.

Holcombe died Friday, April 12, 1996, at his residence in Jayton. He was preceded in death by two brothers: Vernon Holcombe and Norman Holcombe.

He was born May 29, 1930 in Stanton. He moved to Jayton in 1995 from Altus, Okla. Holcombe married Connie Lewallen in Lovington, N.M. Sept. 7, 1950.

He was a retired grocery man.

He is survived by his wife: Connie Holcombe; one daughter: Wyvonne Spray, Jayton; one brother: Harold "Cotton" Holcombe, Monahans; three sisters: Marzelle Earnest, Sand Springs; Pat Simmons, Big Spring and Letha Peck, Aurora, Colo.; and two grandchildren.

The family suggest memorials be sent to: Hospice of the Big Country; 3113 Oldham Lane; Abilene, Texas; 79602.

Arrangements are under the direction of Campbell Funeral Home of Spur.

Ida Belle Johnson

Funeral service for Ida Belle Johnson, 69, of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Tuesday, April 16, 1996, at Mount Bethel Baptist Church with Rev. Ernest Wilson, pastor of Mount Bethel officiating and Rev. J. W. Johnson of Longview, assisting. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park. She died Thursday, April 11, 1996, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a long illness.


JOHNSON

Johnson was born June 29, 1926 in Nineveh, Leon County.

She was a resident of Big Spring for 50 years and had worked at the Big Spring State Hospital for 15 years before retiring.

Survivors include two daughters: Corliss Warren, Big Spring and Janice Starling of Corpus Christi; one son: Wayne Johnson, Tucson, Ariz.; two sisters: Alton Woods, Midland and Willie Carr, Highland, Calif.; one brother: J.D. Moore, Big Spring; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Raymon Dennis

Graveside service for Raymon Dennis, 64, of Garden City, will be 3 p.m. Monday, April 15, 1996, at the Garden City Cemetery with Bro. Bob Grimes, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating.

Raymon died Friday, April 12, 1996 at his home.

Raymon L. Dennis was born in Nolan County on Jan. 21, 1932 to Luther and Lowis Dennis. He served in the Air Force from 1949 to 1951.

He had been an active member of the Sports Car Club of America and participated in both motorcycle and car racing in his younger days. He was retired by Tesoro Petroleum Corp.

He is survived by his loving wife: Patricia Dennis of Garden City; two daughters and sons-in-laws: Rebecca and Rocky Bryant of Big Spring and Missy and Curtis Pechacek of Lenorah; five grandchildren: Brittany Lynn Bryant of Big Spring; Leland Michael Pechacek of Lenorah; Lauren Rachel Bryant of Big Spring; Taylor Leigh Pechacek of Lenorah and Brandi Paige Pechacek of Lenorah.

He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Lowis Miller, Big Spring; a sister: Juanita Wheeler of Midland; and one brother and sister-in-law: Sam and Mary Dennis of Odessa. He is preceded in death by his father, Luther Dennis in November 1996.

Pallbearers will be: Rocky Bryant, Curtis Pechacek, Burl Dennis, Bill Gordon, David Dublin and Sam Dennis.

All former employees of Tesoro Petroleum Corp. are honorary pallbearers.

The family suggest memorials to: The Look Good, Feel Good Shop in Midland.

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Raymon Dennis, 64, died Friday. Graveside services will be 3:00 PM, Monday at Garden City Cemetery.

Ida Belle Johnson, 69, died Thursday. Services will be 2:00 PM Tuesday at Mount Bethel Baptist Church, with burial at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

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IN BRIEF

THE 33RD ANNUAL MOORE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY REUNION will be April 28 from 2 to 4 p.m. The reunion will be at the 14th & Main Church of Christ fellowship hall. This is for all decedents of those who lived in the Moore community as well as present members and friends.

HERE IS A LIST OF UPCOMING EVENTS in Big Spring and Howard County:

•April - S.T.A.R.S. University Interscholastic League at Howard College and SWCID April 18-20 and Health Fair at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum on April 20.

•May - Big Spring Square and Round Dance Festival on May 3-4 at the Square Corral; Cinco de Mayo Festival on May 5 and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life at Big Spring High School May 17 and 18.

•June - Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo at the Howard County Fairgrounds and Rodeo Bowl June 26-29.

•July - Howard County 4-H Junior Rodeo at the Rodeo Bowl July 19-20; Comanche Warrior Triathlon at Dora Roberts Community Center and Comanche Trail Park July 27-28 and Dora Roberts Pro Am Summerfest at Big Spring Country Club on July 28 and 29.

CHRISTMAS IN APRIL is scheduled for April 27 and your financial support is urgently needed to continue the success of the program.

The program is run by volunteers and all the funds come from the local community. Senior citizens in the area have their homes repaired by 500 volunteers who spend the day helping their neighbor.

Send your tax deductible donation to: Christmas in April; P.O. Box 2326; Big Spring, Texas; 79721-2326. The money is used to help purchase materials for the renovations.

THE COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT will meet Monday at 7 p.m. to discuss or approve the following items:

•Special reports - high school presentation and Region 18 consultants on the Drug Free School Co-op/Math and Science Co-Op.

•Discuss administrative assistance job description and federal programs co-ops

•Approval of final reading of local district update D series

•Approval of final reading of local district update DEC

•Approval of request for senior class trip to Six Flags

•Approval of personal day for employee

•Approval of participation in a school bus auction

•Consider action on district's needs survey

•Consider contractual employee salaries

•Superintendent's spring evaluation

•Approval of payment of bills

THE WORLD WAR II IWO JIMA SURVIVORS ASSOCIATION OF TEXAS is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25, 1997, at the Harvey Hotel in Irving. Any branch of service involved before, during or after the Iwo Jima Invasion in February and March of 1945 is invited and encouraged to attend.

Reunion plans include a 1940's USO Show, spouse tours, memorabilia exhibits, a memorial service and flag-raising re-enactments. Many military leaders will be present, and spouses and family members also are encouraged to attend.

The Iwo Jima Survivors Association is searching for any Americans that served in Japanese P.O.W. camps during World War II to be special guests. Anyone fitting that description or interested in attending the Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion should contact Cy Young at 817/845-3261 or write to the Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, Texas 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at Iwo.

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The Herald is asking its readers to provide us with their memories of Runnels Junior High School — good or bad.

We'll take those memories, throw in some pictures and diagrams and present them to you on our Life! section cover in two weeks.

Please respond in writing by this Friday, April 19, and limit your response to no more than 100 words.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331, BETWEEN 8 A.M. AND 2 P.M. To submit an item to the Springboard, put it in writing and mail or deliver it to us one week in advance. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or bring it by the office at 710 Scurry.

TODAY

•Cut For Kids at Regis Hair Studio in the Big Spring Mall, 1 to 5 p.m.. All money brought in goes to Kids' Zone Playground. All cuts $10.

MONDAY

•Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Jan Noyes, 267-5811.

•TOPS Club (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 to 6 p.m. weigh in and 6 p.m. meeting at the Carriage Inn, 501 W. 17th. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•New Voice Club, a support group for laryngectomees and their families, 6:30 p.m., Dora Roberts Community Center.

•Survivors of Suicide will meet 7:30 p.m., Memorial Hospital and Medical Center in Midland. The speaker will be Valerie Van Vranken who will give a presentation on "Music in Grief." For more information please call 915-685-1566.

•There will be a study group meeting 7:30 p.m., at the Dora Roberts Community Center. The course will be on miracles.

TUESDAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.

•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Encouragers support group, (for widow/widowers) 5:30 p.m., First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels. Marcy Weir, Creative Memories, will be the speaker. Call 398-5522 or 399-4369. Enter through patio. Please bring a salad.

•Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Kentwood Center.

•Big Spring Band Boosters, 7 p.m., band hall. The discussion will be on officers for next year and the band banquet. Everyone is encouraged to attend this very important meeting.

•Senior citizen's dance, 7 to 10 p.m., Colorado City Civic Center. The Country Five will provide the music. Everyone is invited.

WEDNESDAY

•Relay for Life committee will meet at noon at the First United Methodist Church.

THURSDAY

•Masonic Lodge #1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Dalton Lewis, 263-8411.

•Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., Jonesboro Road.

•Free food for the needy, 10 a.m., Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright St.

SATURDAY

•The Mexican-American Senior Class of '96 is having a car wash, Taco Villa, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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•Masonic Lodge #598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

FRIDAY

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

SATURDAY

•Christmas in April Repair Program, work day for homes of senior citizens, meet at 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett at 263-0147.

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The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•**MELBA SEARS**, 22, of 430 Westover, was arrested on local warrants.

•**JUSTINE WAYNE CRAIG**, 23, of San Angelo, was arrested for theft under $50.

•**ROBERT C. MARTINEZ**, 21, of Coahoma, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

•**DISTURBANCES/FIGHTS** in the 1700 block of Austin, 700 block of East 11th Place and 700 block of West Fourth.

•**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1000 block of Howell.

•**ASSAULTS** in the 2000 block of Goliad and 1200 block of East 15th.

•**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCES** in the 3300 block of West Hwy. 80 and 700 block of Johnson.

•**THEFTS** in the 200 block of West Marcy, 700 block of Willia, 500 block of Birdwell, 1100 block of North Lamesa and 1700 block of East Third.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 2 p.m. Saturday:

•**MICHAEL GLENN GARDNER**, 32, of 1201 East Ninth Apt. #9, was arrested on a probation violation warrant for driving while intoxicated and released to the Ector County Sheriff's office.

•**BILLY CORENZA McGEE**, 33, of 410 N.W. 11th, was arrested for credit card abuse, fined a total of $1,124.50 and given 90 days in state jail plus five years probation.

•**GARY DEAN DANIELS**, 38, of Route 1 Box 402, was arrested on a judgment for driving while intoxicated, given 30 days in county jail, three years probation and fined $500.

Public meeting on Monday to discuss prison buy out

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Monday's 7 p.m. public meeting concerning the sale of the city's interest in the three Big Spring Correctional Center facilities may determine whether the city sees a lump sum of $3.7 million and an additional annual $155,000 payment to the city's general fund.

The public hearing will be at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The meeting was literally demanded at last Tuesday's City Council meeting and still almost didn't happen, but for Mayor Tim Blackshear's call for a show of hands, approximately 100 people in the council chambers said they wanted to have a public meeting to hear the 45-minute presentation MIDTEX Detentions President Johnny Rutherford said will explain a lot of the unanswered questions many residents and at least three council members still may have about the proposed transaction.

Rutherford wrote and published a letter to the citizens of Big Spring in Friday's Herald asking people to attend the public hearing and get a better understanding of what's at stake.

In calling for Monday's meeting, Blackshear, for only the second time in his two terms as mayor, used his veto power to kill a vote taken by only five of the seven council members concerning the sale of the city's interests the prison facilities.

The vote was 3-2 in favor of the council rejecting all bids and returning the city to "status quo" where the prisons are concerned.

Council members Stephanie Horton, Chuck Cawthon and Tom Guess were the three votes in favor of killing the proposed deal, and Blackshear and Councilman John Paul Anderson were the two votes in favor of taking the issue before the public.

The reason for the council having just five votes on this issue is because of Councilman Jimmy Campbell's employment at the Federal Correctional Institute and because Councilwoman Pat DeAnda has a daughter employed at one of the prisons.

Both council people have disqualified themselves from voting on the issue.

According to Anderson, his plan was to call for a public hearing at last Tuesday's council meeting when the issue came up, but almost as soon as Blackshear read item 5a in the bids section of the council's agenda, Horton made a motion to reject all bids concerning the sale of the city's prisons and return to the status quo and received a second from councilman Tom Guess.

Horton said, "I'd like to make a motion that we reject all bids and return to the status quo and instruct the city manager to talk to an attorney to assess all of our assets and liabilities (concerning the prisons)."

Anderson said, "I feel like we need to go to a public hearing."

Horton asked the rest of the council what is what we have worth, meaning what is the value of the city's prisons.

She added, "I don't think we need a public hearing for the council to do a little homework.

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Organizers of playground are seeing light at the end of tunnel

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

It looks like a new, innovative playground in Big Spring might become a reality thanks to the generosity of others.

As of March 1, $63,000 was needed to complete funding for the Kids' Zone creative playground; that number is now down to about $12,000 thanks to continued donations by local business and individuals.

Kids' Zone Coordinator Katy McAteer said the Kids' Zone Committee is at about $88,000 of their target goal of $100,000 needed to complete funding for the project.

Leathers and Associates, the architectural firm from Ithaca, NY, hired to build the playground, is the best in the business according to McAteer. The company has built 1,000 playgrounds in the last 10 years.

"They specialize in a community-built approach to playgrounds because they are aware that during the same 10 years rising costs and shrinking tax bases have made it impossible for city governments to hire professional playground companies to come in and build playgrounds for their citizens," McAteer said.

The playground will be a multi-level wooden structure designed to accommodate 100 children easily. It will have a three-story tree house, a pirate ship, several slides, a zipline and tunnels plus much more.

The $100,000 budget for Kids' Zone includes materials that come to a total of $75,000 and Leathers and Associates' fee will total $20,000.

McAteer added the Kids' Zone Committee needs around $5,000 left over to cover any unexpected expenses at the end of construction of the park.

"We are actually hoping to have about $10,000 left over at the end. We plan on leaving this money in the Friends of the Park account and using it to maintain the playground," McAteer said.

Since last fall, there have been several major fund raisers and other events to raise funds for the project.

By using these types of events, including today's "Cut for Kids" at Regis Hairstylists in Big Spring Mall, the committee has gathered several thousand dollars with more to come.

Several companies have promised funds not yet in the Kids' Zone account, including Wal-Mart, $4,000; Fina Oil & Chemical Company, $3,000; Scenic Mountain Medical Center, $3,000; and Nalco Chemical Company, $5,000.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

City of Big Spring worker Joe Paredez drags a stump while a bulldozer in the background digs around others as work is currently being done to level the ground at the new Kids Zone site in the Comanche Trail Park.

The committee is also asking local merchants to donate materials to be used in building the playground during construction week May 8-12.

"We would like to see the building of this playground be a community-wide effort with all segments of our city getting involved in substantial ways. The city has provided the land and the prisoners in the inmate work program will clear the land. The city is also donating some machinery and is offering to allow all their employees to use comp time.

The committee is also looking for someone to come forward and say they'll donate the materials and labor for a jogging track to go around the perimeter of the park.

Other events coming up to benefit the Kids' Zone project include: Kids' Zone Bowling Day at Bowl-a-Rama April 28 from noon-3 p.m. and a golf tournament at Comanche Trail Golf Course on April 27-28.

Several groups and individuals have already been gracious in their support of Kids' Zone according to McAteer.

Two of the original donors that made getting the Kids' Zone project off the ground were the Women's Club with their $2,000 donation and a $10,000 donation from the Dora Roberts Foundation.

Dr. Raj Reddy recently donated $5,000 to the project and more than $900 was raised at Big Spring Mall last weekend during the Kids' Zone Bake Sale.

The committee is seeking to have more than 1,000 volunteers help with the construction of Kids' Zone.

According to McAteer, more than 400 people have already contacted members of the committee to volunteer their services. This does not include the number of volunteers contacted by the committee during the Kids' Zone Call-A-Thon this past week at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

The tools the committee are now looking for to donate tools build of the park will be returned to the owners and will be guarded during the build.

The committee is guaranteeing the return of all tools in as good or better shape than they were received or they will be replaced. Security will be provided around the clock to guard the trailer. The committee is also asking for volunteers to stay one or more nights at the build site to help with security for the lumber, tools and site area.

Volunteers will be needed Sunday, May 5 from 2 p.m. through the night; Monday, May 6 and Tuesday, May 7 all day and night; and Wednesday-Sunday May 8-12 from 9 p.m. through the night.

Funds are set aside for tool replacement and the committee will be using its own drill/router bits and saw blades.

Tool check-in will be Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2. Tools will be identified for ownership and all tools donated will be required to be on-site for seven days.

Tools may be picked up May 12 after the build or Monday, May 13 at the site. Anyone who can lend tools to the building effort is asked to contact Pete Sanderson at 263-4526 or 267-7424. Sanderson will provide details of the exact type of tools needed.

During the build child care will be provided free of charge at the following locations: Wednesday, May 8 through Friday, May 10 at Jack and Jill and Saturday, May 11 and Sunday, May 12 at Immaculate Heart Catholic Church.

Some of the tools needed at the site include several of the following:

Brooms, paint brushes one-quarter inch to three inches, scrub brushes, five gallon buckets, C-Clamps larger than four inches, carpenter's protractors, drills, drop lights, electric cords 50-feet to 100-feet long, electric gang boxes, electric impact wrenches, electric splitters two-way and three-way, fire extinguishers, four-inch grinder with metal cutting blade, grub hoes or pickaxes, carpentry hammers, pipe cutters, metal garden rakes, three-quarter inch router, hand-held heavy circular saws, saw horses, screw guns, long-handled spade shovels, 10-inch to 12-inch table saw, tape measures, reinforced 50-foot by 50-foot tarps, trash cans, wheelbarrows, crescent wrenches, Allen wrenches, several sizes of wood augers and several other tools.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Browsers look at some of the Southern belle bears that were being offered for sale at the 7th annual Spring City Arts and Crafts Show in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum Saturday. The show will continue Sunday noon to 5 p.m.

Prison

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We need to go back to the drawing board and find out what we have. I don't think enough homework was done in the first place."

Blackshear said having an agreement with MIDTEX for as long as the city has has one has been a real windfall for the city because 250 jobs were created which is why the city agreed to enter the business in the first place.

Cornell Corrections Chairman David Cornell attended the meetfng and addressed to council and informed the audience of what his company's intentions were concerning its proposed purchase of MIDTEX's holdings.

The MIDTEX/Cornell offer is for $4.3 million up front (less $600,000 that will remain in the employee retirement and pension fund) and an annual $155,000 more above the approximate $300,000 the city already receives.

Here is what's on the table as far as the council is concerned:

•The three council members who voted to reject all bids said they have felt rushed to make a decision from day one.

Blackshear summed up what the city would be receiving after being questioned several times by members of the audience at the council meeting.

•The city would divest itself of 250 employees that are not a direct function of city government, including the liability aspect of having an extra 250 employees.

•According to Rutherford's letter to the citizens of Big Spring, going through with the sale of the prisons would have the same effect as reducing the city's future tax rate.

Monday's meeting will explain a lot of things to the citizens of Big Spring, according to Rutherford, but if the minds of Horton, Cawthon and Guess aren't changed by what they see and hear, just as it was at last Tuesday's council meeting, the council's vote at its next meeting (April 23) could end up 3-2 again and the city could end up back at the "status quo."

Drive

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vide a better life for each of us, you have lovingly offered the gift of life to others. May God richly bless you with good health and loving friends."

More than 700 people turned out to give blood in hopes of being the compatible match for Meagan in early March.

Meagan recently recovered from cancer only to be diagnosed with acute leukemia, a blood disorder that developed from Meagan's previous chemotherapy.

The blood taken at Saturday's drive will now go on to the second stage of the three stage testing process.

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EDITORIAL

Quote of the Day

"Leadership is action, not position."

-Donald H. McGannon

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Charles C. Williams Publisher

John H. Walker Managing Editor

OUR VIEWS

Prison hearing a must for local residents

Big Spring residents will have the opportunity Monday to hear the offer of Midtex Detention/Cornell Corrections for the purchase of the city's portion of Big Spring Correctional Center.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center and the presentation, according to Midtex president, Johnny Rutherford, should take about 45 minutes.

Whether you wish to admit it or not, if you reside in Big Spring, this issue affects you.

With that in mind, we encourage you to attend the hearing. Take the time beforehand to jot down questions you might have, so that you will have the opportunity to get the answer first-hand.

That's a key point.

Get your information first-hand. Sue told Bill and Bill told Jim and Jim told me is not the most reliable information chain available and to be completely honest, when you're talking about millions of dollars, there don't need to be any gaps in the communications chain.

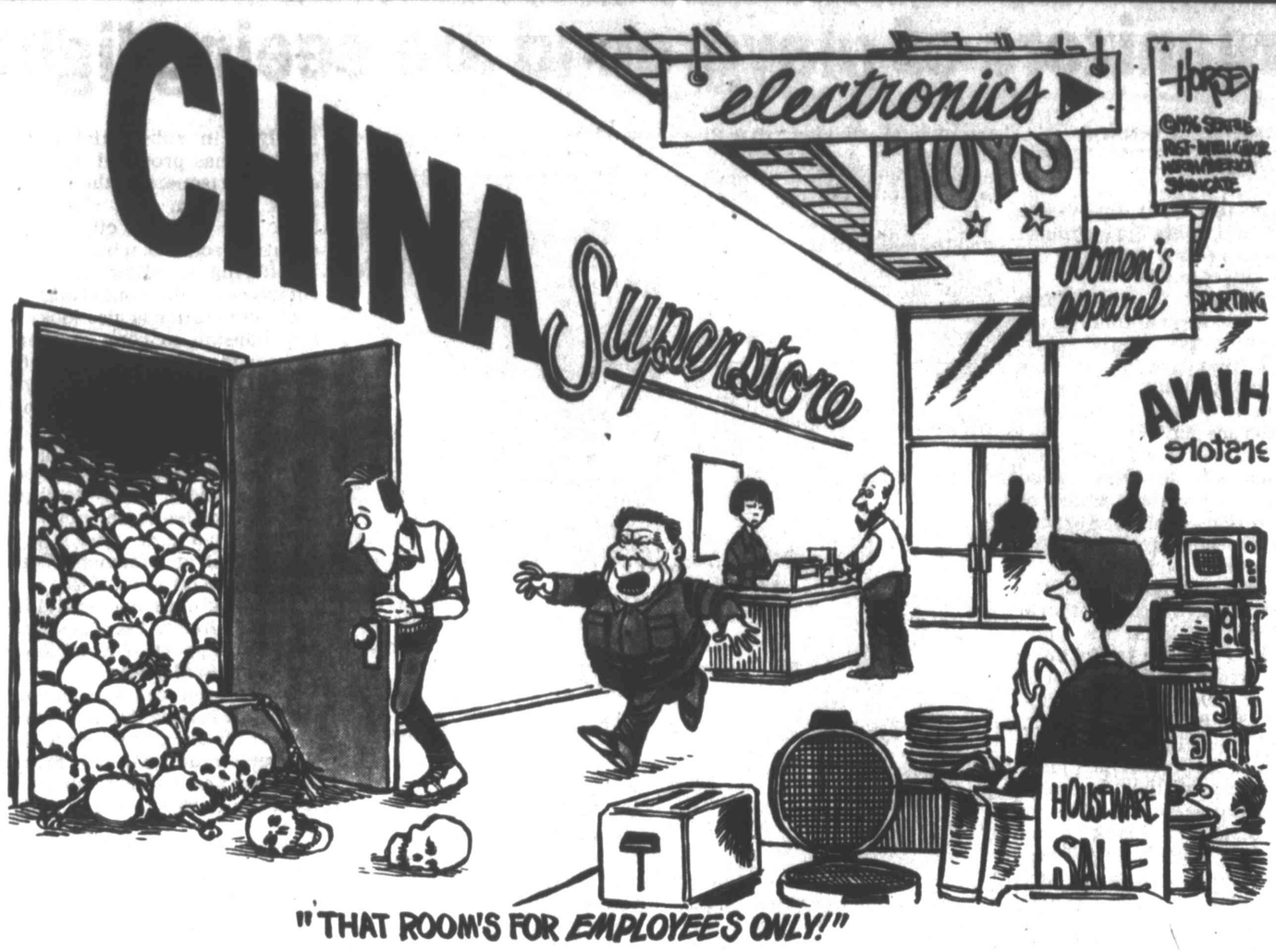
There are a number of questions regarding the sale. We, as a newspaper, have asked some of them on this page. Members of the community have asked some of them — sometimes of council members, sometimes of Midtex officials and sometimes of each other.

It's time to ask the questions and receive the answers in a public forum. By so doing, we eliminate the hearsay factor and everyone begins from the same point on the information chain.

To the supporters of the sale, we encourage you to attend. To those who aren't sure about the sale, we encourage you to attend. And to those naysayers who are actively opposed to the sale, we not only encourage you to attend, but we challenge you to bring your efforts to the public, so that we all might hear your concerns and criticisms.

And if you choose not to attend, we encourage you to adopt a vow of silence since you won't be participating in the information process.

Please, attend. Let's learn on equal footing.



Local gas prices are a real pain in the pocket

Apparently, the Attorney General of the State of Texas thinks gas prices in Big Spring are a pain in the, well, a pain in the gas purchaser's pocket.

It's a point we won't argue with him.

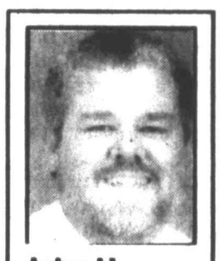
In fact, we remember back to 1992 when the Herald took up the cause of same-price gas on virtually every street corner in town ... we published a weekly report on the front of the business section that told gas prices throughout the area.

Surprise! Big Spring's prices were usually the highest and it was seldom that people paid less for gasoline in Big Spring than any place else in West Texas.

After a few weeks of posting the rack price at the refinery and adding in the taxes, then comparing that total to the pump price, we started to see movement in prices.

All of a sudden you could drive down Gregg Street and not see the gas price at one station and know it was going to be the same at virtually every outlet in town.

But we've gone back to where Big Spring has been for years — instead of one size fits all, it's more like one price fits all.



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

And here we are again ... higher than San Angelo ... higher than Tye ... higher than Colorado City ... higher than Lubbock ... higher than Westbrook.

Westbrook?

One of the arguments made in 1992 was that cities such as Lubbock, Midland, Odessa and San Angelo had lower prices than San Angelo because of the volume of fuel sold.

Back then, Sterling City and Westbrook consistently had lower prices than Big Spring ... just like Westbrook does now.

Now, just as then, we wonder how those places could sell gas at a lower cost — after all, shouldn't it cost more to transport the fuel to Westbrook and shouldn't the liability exposure be more than driving a mile or two from the refinery into town?

Shouldn't it take longer to deliver gas to a Westbrook than, say, to the 2300 block of Gregg Street? ... and longer means more costly, right?

But here we are again. Paying more and digging deeper ... just like always.

But the AG has finally agreed with locals that there's something, if not wrong, at least questionable with the consistency with which gas prices are virtually the same on every corner.

For the record, rack prices at the local refinery were 77.5 cents Thursday afternoon. To that, add 37.5 cents in tax and the basic cost for gasoline becomes $1.15. Then, one has to calculate the cost of transportation, insurance, environmental fund costs, etc., in order to reach the final, before profits cost.

If you estimate three cents a gallon to cover those costs — I don't know, that's a blue sky guess — that takes you to $1.18 and leaves a profit of between nine and 14 cents per gallon, based on current prices for unleaded regular.

Is it too much? Who's to say and who's to begrudge an honest profit. Remember that what the attorney general alleges in his suit is that the gas prices are *artificially inflated in Big Spring because of collusion.*

Around the state, Big Spring has the reputation as a town where there's never a gas war ... wonder what will happen now that Marshall Morales has ridden into town?

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Letters in response may be sent in care of this newspaper.)

YOUR VIEWS

"101 Reasons" brought pleasure to former resident

To the Editor:

I wanted to personally tell you how much I have enjoyed reading the recent section, "101 Reasons to live in the Crossroads Country." This feature brings back many many favorable and never to be forgotten memories of a place I called home in my childhood and school years. It's still home to my mother whom we get to visit about once or twice a year. In fact, we just concluded a long over due trip back to Big Spring and thoroughly enjoyed the unusual snow storm for April.

So many of the places that were detailed in this publication are a strong part of what I came to love over the years about Texas, about Big Spring, and the wonderful people who make up this unique and endearing place. As a youngster, I too had the pleasure of using Moss Creek, hiking to Scenic Mountain and certainly enjoying the beauty of Big Spring State Park. The stories I heard regarding the history and the myths of the state park could fill a book and more! I do not believe a person could grow up in a more enjoyable place than a "Big Spring" or the surrounding counties. To this day, things that I learned about history, the environment, and yes, economics, (having seen what the closure of Webb AFB did or did not do!) all are a part of the spark I received in Big Spring, Texas.

I still call Big Spring home even though I have lived all over the United States and in some foreign countries. My wife has always said that home is where the heart is and she is right. Thus, Big Spring will always be an important ingredient in what home means and the life cycle of my family.

Mr. Walker, I could go on and on about your recent publication. I truly enjoyed the content and the memories it brought back. No doubt many of my friends who grew up with me in Big Spring hopefully saw it and feel the same way in some degree. In fact, the class of 1970 held it's 25th high school reunion last summer. We all had done a lot of growing but more importantly, we all had good memories of living in a place that provided our beginning social and philosophical roots.

I salute you and the *Big Spring Herald* on this magnificent piece of journalism! Thank you for providing me with something I can pull out of the drawer and point to with great pride.

Sammy Jones
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Colorado City resident applauds local good deed

To the Editor:

My name is Billie Ruffin and I live at 1406 Pine St. in Colorado City.

On Sunday, April 7, my mother and I drove to Big Spring to meet my children and grandchildren and to celebrate my mother's, my son-in-law Rick and my birthday. After lunch we went to Wal-Mart to shop and when we left the store my billfold was left in the basket outside the store. I didn't miss it until we had driven back to Colorado City. After checking with family members to see if it had been put in their car and it hadn't I was sure it was gone for good. My daughter, Debbie, called the Wal-Mart store and found out that my billfold had been turned in with everything still in it. I drove back to Big Spring to pick it up but they didn't know who turned it in. I left my name and phone number with them. Perhaps it wasn't a store employee who turned it in so if you could print this (or part of this) maybe that very thoughtful, honest person will see it in your paper and know how grateful I am for returning it and making my birthday truly a very happy birthday celebration!

Billie Ruffin
Colorado City

Rain and snow snapped 185-day drought, not 300

To the Editor:

I am thankful for the rain and snow that came on April 4 and 5, 1996, and I am sure most folk in Howard County are equally thankful.

However, in your front page headlines and the content by Staff Writer Sara Solis made an inaccurate statement. "Before that (rainfall occurring on April 4 and 5, 1996) the last time Big Spring received rain of a general duration considered to be over a half-inch of precipitation, was June 10, 1995 - 300 days ago."

For your information we had one-half inch of precipitation or more on June 23, July 16, Sept. 14, Sept. 20 and Oct. 2, 1995, and according to the USDA.

Instead of 300 days, it has only been 185 days - perhaps it only seemed like 300.

Boyce Hale
Big Spring

(EDITOR'S NOTE: When we initially checked for a story in February, we were given the June 10, 1995, date.)

Councilman's letter, Herald's efforts refreshing

To the Editor:

How refreshing for a city councilman to come forward and inform the public of "what's really happening" in relation to the attempted sale of the three prisons. Tom Guess is to be complimented and thanked for his candor.

Perhaps this, one more time, is indicative of what happens behind the closed doors of "executive sessions."

One would think that "public elected" officials would certainly not want to endanger income derived from city-owned property, but at first glance this appears to be the course our city council is determined to follow.

Several questions need to be posed to Councilman Anderson, and Mayor Blackshear. They will have to include:

1. What is the big hurry to consummate a contract for the sale to Mid-Tex?

2. Are you under the impression that The Correctional Corporation of America, and Wackenhut are not potentially credible purchasers of our facilities?

3. After reading Councilman Guess' letter, aren't you afraid your "executive sessions" begin to smack of a "deal being cut" between the two of you and Mid-Tex, to the citizens of Big Spring?

4. Are both of you assured, by the city legal advisers, of the correctness of your proposed expedited sale to Mid-Tex, and that the city is not going to be expending more of the taxpayer's funds defending a lawsuit/s with the other companies submitting RFP's?

Thanks to the *Big Spring Herald* staff for providing the revelation of this fiasco to the voting public and to all the citizens of Big Spring.

Fred Shannon
Big Spring

(EDITOR'S NOTE: We remind you of the public hearing scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Community Center concerning the Midtex/Cornell Corrections proposal.)

Readers wonders why someone would play bingo

To the Editor:

About bingo letter in the "Herald." I have lived for almost 84 years and have never had time or a desire to play bingo nor the money to play.

The people that play bingo would put their time and money on a place for young children to play supervised or to teach them about God. There wouldn't be so many crimes going on. Build a gym to teach children or maybe themselves to piece quilts, crochet or needle point. Play ball of all kinds. Exercise more. I see more fat people in this town than any place I have ever lived. It wouldn't cost anymore to build a gym, I'm sure. Parents could go see their kids play. If they are really born again Christians, God says in His word "come ye out of the worldly things and live to help others know about Him (Jesus Christ)," and tell others how to be born again Christians and let others see Jesus in our lives. Bingo is just another way of gambling. They could spend their money on the poor kids to help feed, cloth and teach them about the Bible, God would.

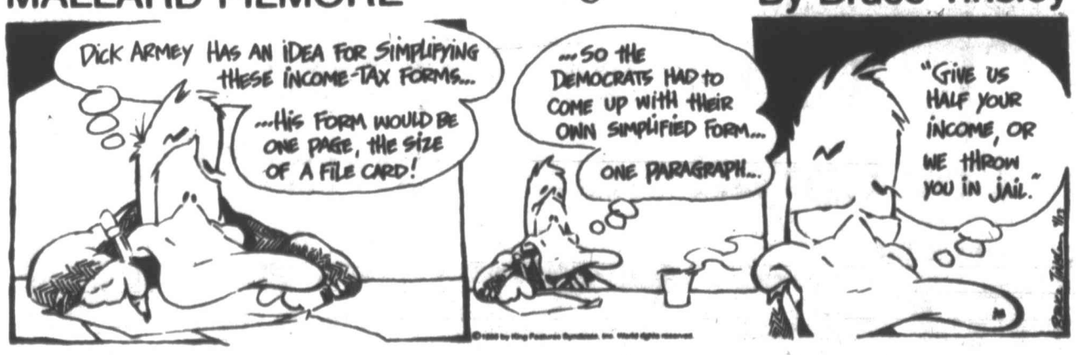
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Big Spring

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MALLARD FILMORE ® By Bruce Tinsley



Board member raises segregation concern

AUSTIN (AP) — A State Board of Education member says she's concerned free-standing charter schools will result in segregation, as officials were poised to approve the second round of applications for such campuses.

The charter schools, created under last year's education law overhaul, are independent of school districts and freed from many state regulations in an effort to promote teaching innovations. Up to 20 may be approved by the Education Board.

The board has approved six charter school applications, and could approve up to 10 more Friday. Officials said eight applications could be competing in May for the four remaining slots.

The charter school law doesn't allow them to discriminate on the basis of race in accepting students, said David Anderson, Texas Education Agency general counsel.

But Education Board member Mary Helen Berlanga of Corpus Christi said Thursday since the charter schools aren't required to transport students from other areas of a city, the system may result in racial segregation.

"If they don't have to provide transportation, then first-come, first-served may not mean anything ... We're going to end up with segregated schools," she said.

Board Chairman Jack Christie of Houston, however, said parents will find a way to get their children to a good school.

"I've seen it to where if you offer a good program in a magnet-type situation, you have good competition, those children will get there. ... I've seen it work with the poorest parents, too," he said.

"It's not as good as a limousine service to the school, but if it's a good school ... they'll get to that school," he said.

Senate Education Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, author of the education reform law, added that the charter schools would be subject to U.S. Justice Department scrutiny.

"If there's any hint of any white flight or anything smacking of an attempt to re-segregate ... it's going to be scrutinized pretty hard," said Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant.

Ms. Berlanga also expressed concern that the charter schools aren't required to do criminal background checks of teachers. Teachers' backgrounds are checked when they are certified by the state, but charter schools may hire uncertified teachers.

Pat Linares, senior director of school-community support for TEA, said charter schools have authority to conduct background checks of uncertified teachers.

Ms. Berlanga said she'd like to see the charter schools focus on students who are discipline problems.

"I have children in the public schools. My children have to sit next to children who have criminal records," she said.

Board member Diane Patrick of Arlington noted, "Many of them (charter schools), in fact, are designed to meet the needs of students such as you've just described."

She said she believes the charters that are being approved will succeed, citing "the enthusiasm of the applicants and the dedication and commitment to making various innovations for children."

Judge says cameras might not have been so bad

CORPUS CHRISTI, Texas (AP) — Cameras might not have disrupted the trial of the woman convicted of killing Tejano star Selena, the judge in the case has told a citizens' group.

"In retrospect, it might have been OK to have TV cameras there," State District Judge Mike Westergren said. "I'm not saying I didn't make the right decision. But in this case, we had very excellent lawyers who conducted themselves honorably."

Westergren spoke to a citizens' public affairs club called the Friday Morning Group in Corpus Christi, where Yolanda Saldivar admitted shooting Selena in a motel room on March 31, 1995.

Ms. Saldivar, who said the singer's fatal shooting wasn't intentional, has appealed her conviction and life sentence.

The 35-year-old founder of Selena's fan club must serve at least 30 years before becoming eligible for parole.

Westergren didn't specifically mention the theatrics of the O.J. Simpson case, but he alluded in general to some attorneys' propensity toward seeking attention from cameras.

"Unfortunately, it's the high-profile cases that usually bring out the worst in the system because of the pressure and the stress," he said.

Many legal experts have said the Simpson trial could have been the deathblow for live court coverage. Westergren said he had no problems with the publicity of his trial, but he wasn't convinced the trial needed to be televised.

Prosecutors and defense lawyers alike opposed cameras in the courtroom. The judge said cameras have their place.

"Overall, I think there will come a time when it won't be a problem," he said. "I think the public has the right to know what is going on in the courtroom."

Westergren admitted initial surprise at the national attention the case generated. "I have never been exposed to such a media event, and I hope I never am again," he said.

TEXAS BRIEFS

Couple claims share of jackpot

AUSTIN (AP) — A Bandera County couple has claimed their share of a nearly $26 million Lotto jackpot.

George and Elizabeth Herdon waited nearly two weeks before checking their Quick Pick tickets for the March 13 drawing.

"We buy them and put them in a pile," Mrs. Herdon said Thursday as the couple collected their first payment of $323,000.27.

The Herdon Estate Trust will collect 19 more payments to complete its $6,483,750.27 winnings.

"We want to get some additional investment advice and go from there," George Herdon said.

Four tickets match the winning numbers, 1, 9, 19, 24, 38 and 48, in the $25.9 million drawing. All four winnings have been claimed.

Medical resident indicted on four counts of firearms violations

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal grand jury on Friday indicted a medical resident at the University of Texas Medical Branch on four counts of firearms violations.

The indictment for Dr. Jose Luis Arce, 31, came six months after Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms agents searched his Conroe home and seized three unregistered machine guns and two silencers made for .22-caliber firearms.

A confidential informant notified the ATF last September that Arce was in possession of several machine guns and at least one silencer, according to the agency's Oct. 13 search warrant request.

Arce sold an undercover ATF agent a handmade silencer made of PVC pipe for $100 on Sept. 21, the search warrant stated. The agent was invited in an Oct. 11 telephone conversation to inspect a Mac 90 machine gun for sale, the charge alleged.

If convicted on all counts, Arce could face up to 40 years in prison and a $250,000 fine on each count.

Sharpshooter nabs $1 million in nine-ball tourney

DALLAS (AP) — Earl Strickland knows a million ways to describe the color of money.

The veteran of 26 years of playing billiards, 16 of them as a touring professional, ran through 10 straight racks Thursday without missing a shot in a nine-ball tournament.

That won him a cool prize of $1 million.

April 12, 1996

An open letter to the citizens of the City of Big Spring

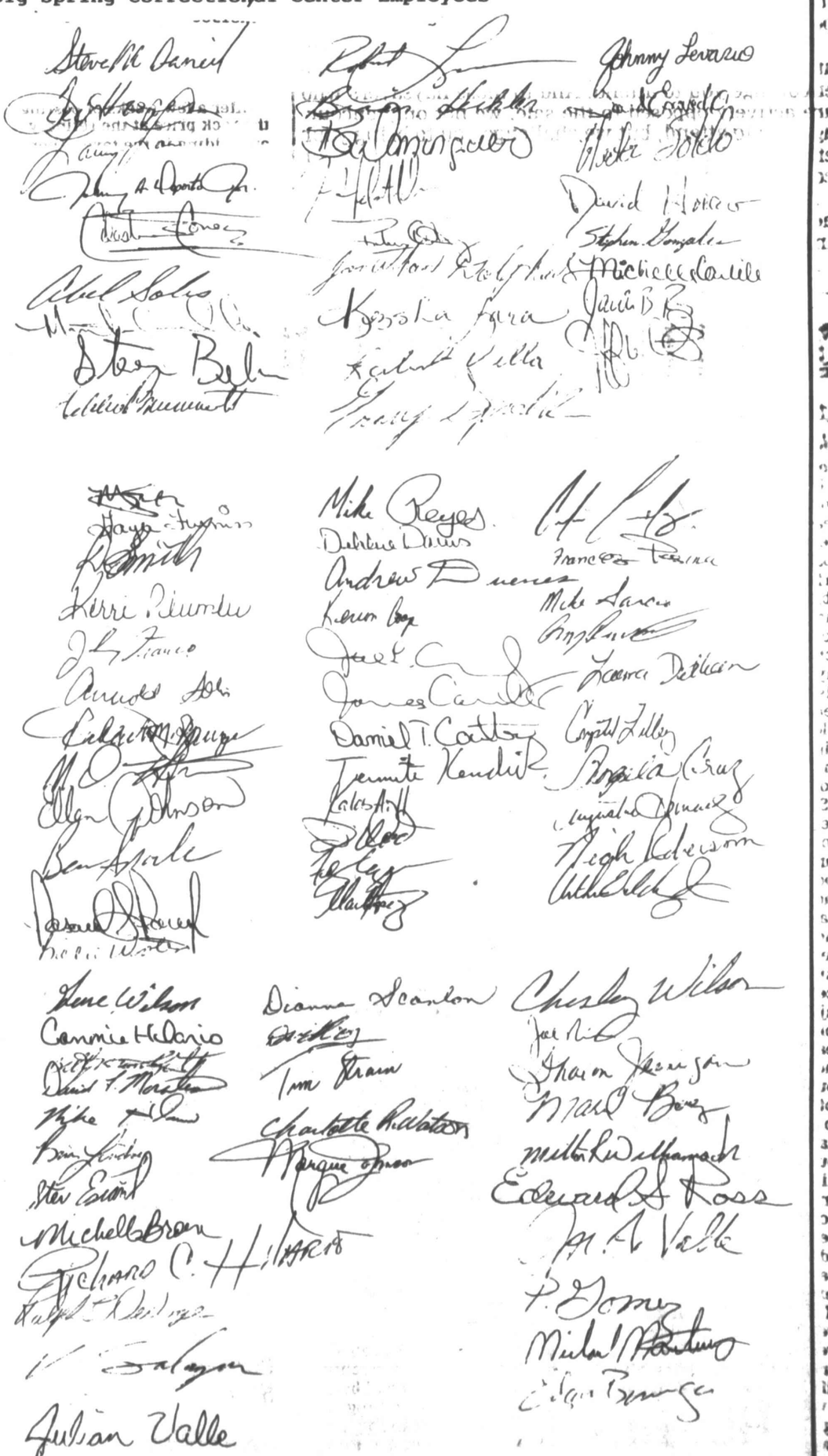
From: Employees of the BIg Spring Correctional Center

The undersigned employees of the Big Spring Correctional Center would like to take this opportunity to express our opinion on the potential restructuring of the Big Spring Correctional Center. Based on the information we have received in recent weeks, we are in full support of the changes and the transfer of operations to Cornell Corrections Inc.

We appreciate the benefits and opportunities the City of Big Spring has given us over the past seven years, but the field of corrections is heading into a new era of privatisation, and it is our opinion that Cornell Corrections Inc. is offering us a chance to step forward into this area.

We appreciate the City Council considering the future of all Big Spring Correctional Center employees and understand they are faced with a big decision to do what is best for the entire City. We ask that they please consider our support for this opportunity.

Thank you,
Big Spring Correctional Center Employees



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Expect talk on tax changes this year

WASHINGTON (AP) — There's going to be a lot of talk about overhauling the American way of taxes this campaign year. There'll be talk, not action, on the Republican promise of a flatter, fairer tax system — and even talk of an end to the Internal Revenue Service.

Since Monday is income tax deadline day, the Republican House is taking up a constitutional amendment that would make it far more difficult for Congress to raise taxes, but that's largely symbolic. Written into the Constitution, it would require two-thirds votes for any significant increase in federal taxes.

It would take a two-thirds vote in the House and then the Senate to approve the amendment and put it up for state ratification. While that is not likely, certainly not in the Senate, it's a handy talking point in a political year. Sponsors call it "the taxpayer bill of rights."

Sen. Bob Dole, the Republican nominee-in-waiting, has advocated that three-fifths majorities be required to increase taxes. In addition, when he was still contesting for the GOP nomination, he said flatly, "In a Bob Dole administration, there will not be a tax increase."

Beyond the budget impasse over immediate tax cuts, how much and who gets the benefits, there's debate over the system itself. It flared in the flat-tax campaign of Steve Forbes, whose issue will outlast his up-and-then-out bid for the Republican presidential nomination.

Dole avoids tight commitments to any formula, preferring legislative leeway. He pledges fundamental reform. "We need a fairer tax system, we need a flatter system, we need a simpler system," Dole says. But he stops short of the pure flat-tax advocates, who would drop tax deductions for home mortgage interest. He says that should be preserved along with the break for charitable contributions.

Since Dole and company will oversee the Republican platform, that's about as specific as it is likely to get.

The flat-tax people aren't that patient. Rep. Dick Armey, the House majority leader, has been pushing the idea for two years. "I don't write legislation for the heck of it," he said in a recent TV interview. "I intend to pass it."

But change that fundamental is hard to manage even in the political pause between election years.

The White House contends that Republican flat-tax plans could worsen the deficit unless the rates were set so high as to burden the middle class, while benefiting upper income taxpayers.

The administration favors simplification. Clinton, like Dole, wants the mortgage interest deduction preserved.

There are rival formulas, too: a national sales tax, a value-added tax and variations on them all.

Rep. Bill Archer, chairman of the House Ways and Means Committee, wants the income tax abolished outright, and the IRS shut down, to be replaced by a tax on the consumption of goods and services.

But not this year. Archer says this is a year for exploring the options, explaining them to the American taxpayer and seeking consensus.

First, though, the campaign arguments. There are indications that voters may be expecting more than debate. A Pew Research Center poll shows 59 percent consider tax reform a high priority, putting it fourth on the list of voter concerns.

The political parties already are broadcasting rival TV commercials on the issue. The Democratic ad says Clinton sought to cut taxes for 40 million Americans but "Dole votes no." The Republican National Committee has just launched a $1.5 million ad campaign accusing Clinton of vetoing tax relief for families with children.

That's shorthand on both sides, since the specific items involved are part of the far broader debate about the balancing the budget and cuts in spending, along with taxes.

A $500-a-child tax credit was part of the GOP budget Clinton vetoed. He proposed a version aimed at lower-income families. He also wants to expand the tax credit for the working poor, which could have been curbed in the GOP budget.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

Kantor is choice to replace Brown

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. Trade Representative Mickey Kantor is President Clinton's choice to replace Ron Brown as Commerce secretary, an administration official said Saturday.

The surprise development came on a day when Clinton and Kantor were promoting efforts by the trade representative's office to lower the trade deficit with Japan.

Kantor's efforts to seal 21 trade deals with Japan, including a politically sensitive car agreement negotiated last summer, won him high praise from the president, an old friend.

Kantor, who was chairman of Clinton's 1992 campaign, had hoped to be Clinton's chief of staff and took the trade job after being passed over for the top White House post.

Brown, another old political partner of Clinton's, died April 3 in a plane crash in Croatia.

Company recalls undercooked hams

WASHINGTON (AP) — Swift-Eckrich is voluntarily recalling 15,000 pounds of canned hams that pose a health risk because some may have been undercooked, the Agriculture Department announced. The five-pound cans of ham bear the label "Swift Premium Fully Cooked Ham, Water Added" and are imprinted with the code "EST 543 6085" on the side of the can and "EST 543" inside the USDA inspection seal.

The department's Food Safety and Inspection Service says people should neither open the cans nor taste the product because of the risk of food poisoning. Symptoms include nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain and diarrhea.

People should return the hams to where they bought them. Consumers wanting help identifying the product may call the company at 1-800-946-5426 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. CDT. A recorded message is available after hours.

Justice Department sees problems with UP-SP merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — A proposed $5.4 billion merger of two major U.S. railroads would reduce competition throughout the West and "may not be in the public interest," the Justice Department says.

The deal also would result in roughly $800 million in monopolistic price increases to consumers and shippers, the department's antitrust division argued in preliminary comments filed Friday with the federal Surface Transportation Board.

Union Pacific Corp. is seeking government approval for a plan to buy Southern Pacific Rail Corp. in a transaction it said would save the railroads more than $750 million annually and improve Western freight service.

But antitrust officials said the number of possible rail competitors would decline from two to one or from three to two in hundreds of markets because of the merger.

"Only through competition can consumers be assured of the best price," said Anne Bingaman, assistant attorney general in charge of the Justice Department's antitrust division.

"The department is concerned that this transaction will create monopolies or duopolies for crucial transportation services that industries and consumers depend upon throughout the U.S.," she said in a statement.

The three-member Surface Transportation Board has the final say on the deal and is expected to make a decision in August.

The Justice Department plans to file its final brief on the matter June 3, and the railroads will have an opportunity to respond to its concerns.

Bingaman said the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific systems overlap in several places throughout the nation's central corridor, an area that stretches between northern California through Salt Lake City and Denver to Kansas City, Mo. The merger also would affect lines running from Texas through Little Rock, Ark., and Memphis to St. Louis and Chicago.

Businesses ship such products as wood, agricultural goods, iron, steel and plastics on the lines.

"The two railroads compete for significant amounts of traffic in a large number of markets, and in some places where they compete, are the only rail carriers providing service," the Justice Department said.

The railroads have proposed granting a third railroad company — Burlington Northern-Santa Fe — 3,800 miles of tracking rights as a remedy.

But the Justice Department called that suggestion inadequate, saying it wouldn't prevent price increases. And, it said, Burlington Northern would have to pay "an excessive compensation rate for trackage rights."

Antitrust officials also said Union Pacific's and Southern Pacific's claimed efficiencies "appear to be vastly overstated and insufficient to outweigh possible rate increases." If the merger doesn't go through, they contended, Southern Pacific is likely to survive and remain a significant competitor for the foreseeable future.

Southern Pacific has said if the merger plan is killed, it won't be able to compete without spending $1 billion it doesn't have.

"Management now believes the company would have to shrink its service," the company said in an annual report released recently.



Herald file photo

A possible merger between Union Pacific and Southern Pacific could mean jobs for Big Spring. However, the U.S. Justice Department is not in favor of the business transaction because the merger is not in the "public's interest."

Six people killed in house fire

SOUTH FULTON, Tenn. (AP) — A man and five children under the age of 10 were killed early Saturday by a fire that destroyed a house where three families were spending the night, fire officials said.

Two people escaped unharmed, but the children were trapped by intense heat and smoke, said Tommy Smith, fire chief in the small town on the western Tennessee-Kentucky state line.

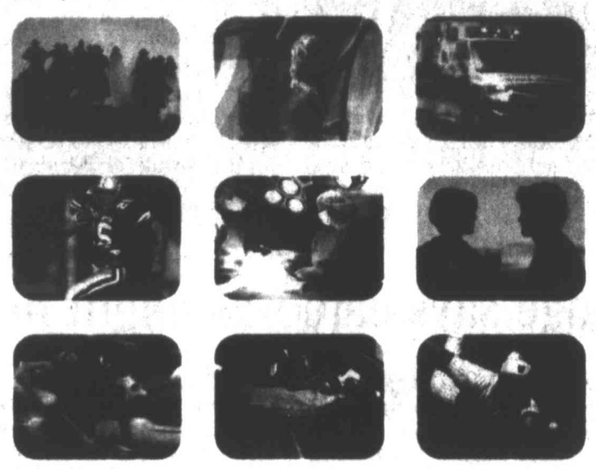
The children's ages ranged from 3 to 9, Smith said.

"The ones that perished were mostly small people in the back part of the house," Smith said.

"They were all related but it was actually three families," he said.

He said the wood-frame house, in a working class neighborhood, was recently remodeled.

The cause of the fire had not been determined, and fire marshal's investigators were sent to the scene, Smith said.



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Gunfire still rocks Monrovia, aid groups pull out

MONROVIA, Liberia (AP) — Nearly 1,500 terrified foreigners had fled Monrovia by Saturday and even the most stalwart of aid groups planned to follow. The exodus was bitter for those left behind, abandoned in the midst of civil war with little evidence that a new cease-fire will hold.

"We are dying here," said Joseph Johnson, a Liberian. "Where is the international community?"

After eight days of looting and urban warfare, aid workers said they were pulling out because of the "absolute anarchy" in the seaside capital.

In seven years of fighting between rebels and government troops, nearly half of this West African country's 2.6 million people have crammed into Monrovia. The recent round of fighting has left 60,000 people homeless.

No one knows how many people have been killed in recent days, though dozens of decaying bodies have been seen on the streets and at least 13 people were confirmed dead.

Nearly 20,000 people, including foreign diplomats, missionaries and Liberians, have sought refuge in the complex holding the U.S. Embassy and U.N. offices, setting up a small city while they wait for rescue.

The U.S. military had ferried out 1,448 people by Saturday afternoon, and a U.N.-chartered boat was headed north toward Sierra Leone carrying its employees and foreign women and children.

Pentagon spokesman Brian R. Kilgallen said Saturday of the foreigners evacuated, 458 were Americans. He said about 30 Americans had elected to stay behind.

The evacuation of Americans was expected to be complete by Sunday, Kilgallen said in Washington. He said the State Department had yet to decide whether the evacuations would continue once all the Americans were out.

The plush Mamba Point Hotel, where 500 people had been hiding for days, was empty Friday night after rebels ransacked the place, destroying furniture and stealing clothes, food, money and hotel equipment.

Rebels and government troops began retreating Saturday as African peacekeeping tanks moved into the Mamba Point district, where most foreign embassies and U.N. offices are located. Along the way, they looted what little was left from burned out homes and shops, witnesses said.

The U.N. World Food Program chartered a Ghanaian boat that sailed from the port of Monrovia late Friday with 149 U.N. workers and foreigners, mainly Lebanese, on board. The boat was to arrive in Freetown, the capital of neighboring Sierra Leone, Sunday morning.

About 25 Liberians arrived in Freetown on Saturday after an exhausting overnight sea voyage. Another 1,000 were expected Saturday night. One passenger, David Freeman, described how even boys — 10 or 12 years old — were joining the violence in the capital.

"A small-boy unit has now been formed," he said, "and are the most dangerous, roaming the streets in civilian dress."

Warring factions negotiated a cease-fire late Friday with help from visiting West African politicians, according to Gabriel Anyankpele, chief of staff for the 12,000 West African peacekeepers in Liberia.

The truce appeared to be having some effect Saturday.

"Just your ears can tell you that something is different about today," said U.S. Ambassador William Milan. "You don't hear the shelling. If it is true, let's hope it lasts."

But Liberia's history inspires little hope for enduring calm: Thirteen peace accords have been broken since the war began in 1989, and a truce earlier in the week collapsed within hours.

A spokesman for faction leader Charles Taylor, who sparked the war in December 1989 and is now a member of Liberia's ruling State Council, said Saturday Taylor agreed to the cease-fire only if rival warlord Roosevelt Johnson surrenders on murder charges.

Until then, spokesman Reginald Goodridge said, Taylor's troops would continue to surround the military barracks where Johnson is believed to be hiding with thousands of supporters.

A U.S. Marine amphibious group is to arrive in a week to help with evacuations. Meanwhile, Liberians at the diplomatic compound known as the Graystone Annex that houses the U.S. Embassy have set up a small city, organizing neighborhood associations, markets and money-changing booths.

But there is little food to go around, and almost no medicine. Already, the Red Cross has reported four deaths. Two infants died overnight in the compound of diarrhea, and two adults on Thursday of gunshot wounds.

The United Nations and the Red Cross said Friday they were pulling out of Liberia, leaving behind what U.N. authorities said were an estimated 60,000 homeless people.

Even Doctors Without Borders said it was planning to pull out its team. Like the Red Cross, the international aid group works in dangerous, violent conditions and is traditionally among the last to leave areas of conflict.

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WORLD BRIEFS

'Elephant Guards' to protect Vietnam's dwindling herds

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — Vietnam plans to organize "elephant guard" units in mountain villages to defend its dwindling wild elephant herds from poachers.

Nguyen Quang Ha, vice minister of agriculture and rural development, announced the three-year, $600,000 conservation project on Friday.

Conservationists say there are only 250 to 300 wild elephants left in Vietnam, down from 1,500 to 2,000 in 1970. Logging and farming, poaching, the Vietnam War's effects have been blamed for the decrease.

The plan calls for developing an educational program on the value of elephants to the environment and people; a halt to some logging; establishing "elephant guard" units; building electrified fences to keep elephants from populated areas, and moving isolated elephant populations into protected areas.

Poachers can get up to $500 per pound of ivory, making an elephant carrying 20-pound tusks worth a fortune to mountain villagers.

Peeved woman sprays theater crowd, 28 injured

TOKYO (AP) — A woman who was told to change her seat sprayed a foul-smelling gas into a crowded theater in downtown Tokyo on Friday, injuring 28 people.

It was not immediately known what gas the woman used. She fled after the attack, and police said they had made no arrests.

The incident was the latest in a string of gas attacks, many of them pranks, that followed the March 1995 nerve gas assault on the Tokyo subway that killed 12 people. A doomsday cult is accused in that attack.

The woman sprayed the gas after an usher told her someone else had the ticket for her seat, witnesses told police. Several hundred people were in the underground theater in Shinjuku, a bustling section of Tokyo, Kyodo News reported.

Of the 28 people injured, 17 were taken to the hospital, complaining of smarting eyes and difficulty in breathing. One man was hospitalized overnight, police said.

British vets say no to mass cattle slaughter

LONDON (AP) — The proposed mass slaughter of British cattle to combat mad cow disease is not justified scientifically or morally, veterinarians said Saturday.

News reports have suggested that the government will slaughter up to 30,000 cows a week in a bid to restore public confidence in British beef.

Concerns that mad cow disease can be passed onto humans as a fatal brain ailment have spurred widespread panic, leading the European Union to impose a worldwide ban on British beef exports.

The government is looking for ways to target the right animals for slaughter, the spokesman said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Four arrested for selling panda skin

BEIJING (AP) — Chinese police arrested four people as they tried to sell a giant panda's pelt to a Hong Kong businessman, an official report said Friday.

The Xinhua News Agency said the four bought the pelt for $7,229 and were arrested as they tried to sell it in a hotel in Shenzhen, on the border with Hong Kong, for $30,120.

The 3.3-foot-long pelt, which police confiscated, was brown and gray — colors experts said were extremely rare for a panda, the report said.

The panda tops China's list of protected species. Xinhua said China now has just 1,000 pandas in the wild.

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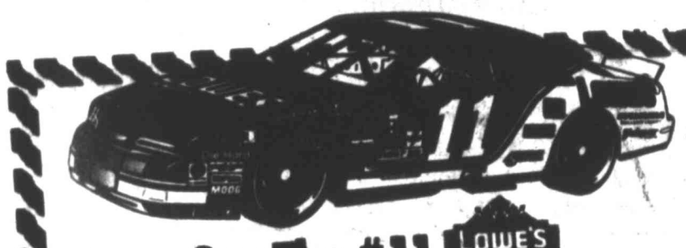


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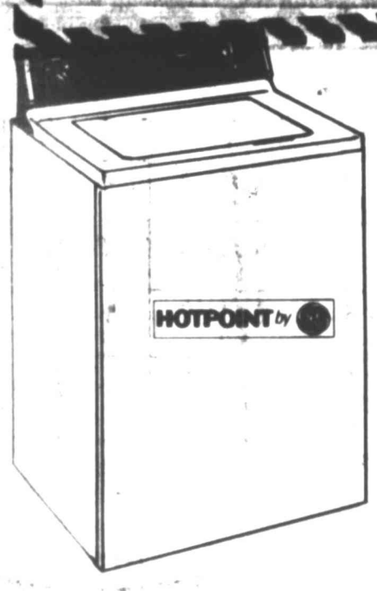
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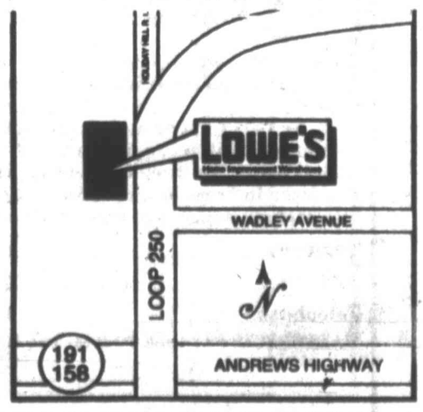
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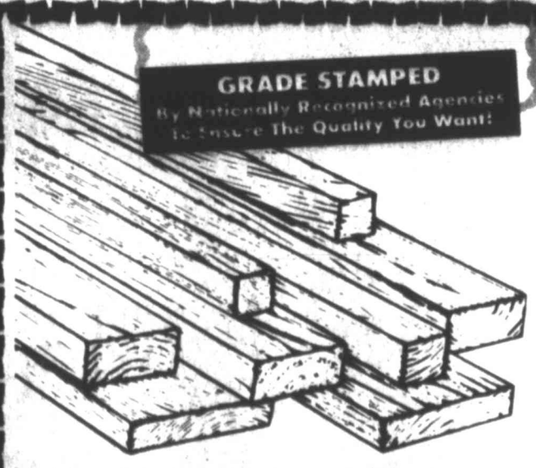
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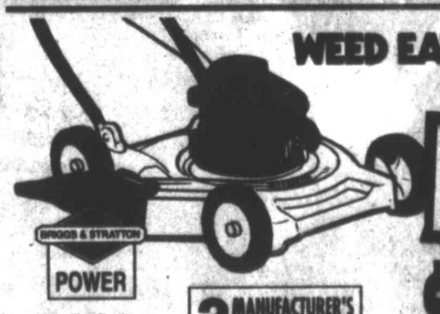
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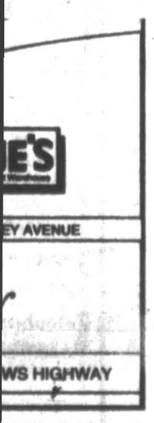
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Is gambling a gamble the states shouldn't take?

By JAY AMBROSE
Scripps Howard News Service

Anthony Comstock, a Congregational minister whose anti-vice zealotry reached its resort-raiding peak during the 1870s, once wrote that a young man who visits betting parlors should never again be trusted. "The wild excitement that fires his brain will unman him," Comstock warned.

If there's a preacher around today who has similarly adverse sentiments about gambling, some casino owner must have found out about him, tied him up and stuck him in a basement somewhere.

While historians report the first two-thirds of this century may have witnessed less government-sanctioned gambling than at any time in American history, the final third has been a royal flush for the legal wager, and the protests, when heard at all, have for the most part been rhetorically reserved.

The facts are these. In 1988, casino gambling was legal in only two states; by 1994, legal casinos had been established in 23 states. From 1894 to 1964, lotteries were illegal in every state; now 37 states and the District of Columbia boast lotteries. Mississippi has 1 million square feet of gambling space on riverboat casinos, and New Orleans is building the world's largest casino. Last year, Americans wagered almost half a trillion dollars — legally.

The main reason for this growth, a number of writers agree, is that states and communities have locked onto gambling as a quick-fix for economic development and boosting revenues at a time of widespread anti-tax sentiment.

Faced with towns that either had been long-poor or recently had lost a major industry, states allowed them to hold referendums on whether to establish casinos. The moral guard of the population was down — gambling is now viewed by many just as family fun — and the gambling industry outspent opponents manyfold in well-financed campaigns. Time and again, the gambling interests won, but the quick fix has fixed very little.

Too many residents of the towns in need thought of Las Vegas as an example of how their own towns would flourish. They failed to understand that Las Vegas had long been a gambling monopoly attracting new money from around the country. Today's casino towns have competition and often draw most of their gamblers from their own regions. The casinos take money from other local businesses, authors who have studied the issue say.

"Merchants thought they would participate (in profits)," a member of an Iowa commission on gambling told a newspaper reporter. "But gamblers go on the (casino) boat, lose money and go home. They don't go on the boat, lose money and go shopping."

The casino enthusiasts also forgot the social costs of the crowds the casinos would attract — more expenditures for fighting crime and controlling traffic, for instance. Some communities went into debt to develop an infrastructure for gambling, only to find they couldn't get enough back in taxes to pay it off, it has been noted. And as a magazine article points out, a major, often neglected issue is the lost opportunity costs when money and energy are put into gambling instead of into more productive enterprises.

Critics say that not only does gambling fail to live up to its promises, but that it has any number of negative consequences as well, not the least of them being that it weakens confidence in hard work. Some social scientists contend the message of gambling is that there is no real link between effort and success — success is just luck. An ethic of that sort is scarcely conducive to the social good.

Repeatedly, critics have pointed out that legal gambling exploits society's poorest classes to finance projects benefiting everyone. This is true because the poor gamble more than the rich.

A 1984 study in Maryland showed that people with incomes of more than $50,000 spent $2.57 a week on lottery tickets; those with incomes of less than $10,000 spent $7.30. Isn't there something terribly sad about an impoverished man or woman spending his last dime on a lottery when the odds of winning sometimes aren't radically different from the odds of being killed in an auto accident on the way to buy the tickets?

What's also sad, of course, are the chronic gamblers who throw away their lives and sometimes family savings in games of chance. When governments first established legal gambling, most tried to set up bet limits and other safeguards against encouraging the compulsive bettor, but many of these have faded away as competition has grown and revenue expectations went unmet, according to one writer.

The political power of the gambling industry has grown as casinos have proliferated, and yes, concerns about corruption have proved correct. In the past six years, state legislators from South Carolina, Arizona and Kentucky have been found guilty of taking bribes from gambling interests.

As historian Jackson Lears writes in The Wilson Quarterly, gambling has had an up and down history in the United States.

Gambling was commonplace in the colonies. After the Revolution, George Washington himself supported a lottery to fund improvements in the District of Columbia. In the 19th century, John Morrisey, a bare-knuckle fighter and former member of Congress, established gambling resorts throughout the Northeast. From the 1830s to the 1850s, a man named Edward Pendleton operated the Palace of Fortune just a few blocks from the White House. Gambling flourished in frontier towns, and the riverboat gambler was seen as a kind of masculine ideal.

But gambling always has had its opponents. The Puritans in Massachusetts outlawed cards and dice in 1631. In 1835, five gamblers were lynched in Vicksburg, Miss. In the 19th century, evangelical reformers attacked gambling so effectively that, by 1878, Louisiana was the only state that still had a lottery. The progressive movement in the early part of the 20th century, seeking to purge society of all its ills, was a force in eliminating legal gambling throughout the country, Lears tells us.

Never in the country's history has legal gambling had quite the ride it's getting today. The stiffest opposition in Congress comes in the form of a proposed federal commission that would study the effects of all this and give advice to the states. About the toughest anti-gambling proposals you will find are what was offered up by two writers in The Public Interest, a call for an end to something-for-nothing state-sponsored TV commercials boosting state lotteries, and containment of lotteries and legal casinos, until the commission has done its work.

Some of my friends worry themselves sick about the religious right and what it might do to the country, and my response is to ask them to look around. What we have seen in this country over the past 30 years is not a new Puritanism but a breakdown of old moral strictures on sex, divorce, abortion, the content of movies and TV and, of course, gambling. I won't say we're on a hedonistic binge, but I would argue that Americans' insistence that they be allowed to have fun as they choose is far more evident than any American inclination to hedge us in with rules.

I confess to some ambivalence about gambling. I truly don't like it. Years ago I lost just $12 in a poker game, vowed never to play again and haven't. Also years ago, I visited Las Vegas and decided it was the tackiest town in America. At the same time, I don't rank gambling among the major sins, and my libertarian instincts are such that I'm reluctant to shout noisy opposition.

But just as the breakdown in other codes has given us nothing but trouble — such as an increase in disproportionately impoverished single-parent homes, for instance — I think the increase in gambling will only hurt the country.

I would argue that state lotteries and the establishment of casinos are demonstrably bad public policy, not because of a wild excitement that might unman someone, but because they constitute symbols contrary to the sort of ethos that delivers decency and prosperity.

(Jay Ambrose is chief editorial writer for the Scripps Howard News Service.)

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It may be bad year for bluebonnets, but not on Internet

By DAVID SIKES
Killeen Daily Herald

KILLEEN — Bluebirds, bluegrass, blue skies, blue seas. All capture the essence of Mother Nature.

But to a Texan or anyone else lucky enough to see a country road cutting through a field blanketed with bluebonnets, there's no more breathtaking sight. Painters, photographers, naturalists, children, even dogs are drawn to the Hill Country bloom that is typically Texas in the springtime.

But, sadly, not this year.

For the most part, autumn's drought has left only Texans blue this April.

So far, this year seems to be the worst bluebonnet showing in 10 or 15 seasons, according to wildflower watchers.

Usually, travelers to and from Austin, Lampasas, Marble Falls and even as far south as Brenham and Uvalde are treated to virtually miles of roadside vistas of violet. The sight has prompted many to stop along bluebonnet-bordered highways to wallow and wade in purple. Typically, on sunny days in April and May, hundreds of motorists can be seen taking snapshots of their children and dogs running through the patches of pastel.

But this spring, photos and paintings of the purple perennials may be all many Texans will have unless they are willing to put out a little extra effort to find the now-elusive adopted flower of Texas.

The five or so varieties of bluebonnets officially became the state flower of Texas in 1971 after a selection process that spanned seven decades. The two predominant species of bluebonnets grow naturally only in Texas.

The bluebonnet season is generally from mid-March or April to the end of May, depending on rainfall and temperature. A wet fall coupled with a sunny spring provide the best conditions for a bountiful crop, according to James Davis, Bell County agricultural extension agent.

Of course, it might be difficult to convince visitors of Texas' usually manic wildflower growth because of their scarcity this season.

But, for those craving an immediate wildflower fix, there are several sources that may be able to help — one of which may seem rather unlikely.

It seems that in Texas, even the information superhighway has bluebonnets on it.

In late March, the Texas Rural Communities organization began an Internet service called the BluebonNET.

The service provides net surfers and nature lovers with all the information needed to seek and find wildflowers throughout Central Texas. The idea is the brainchild of Pete McRae, special assistant for project development for TRC.

TRC is a non-profit organization concerned with rural development, preservation and tourism. And according to general manager Leland Beatty, its new method of promoting rural Texas is catching on quickly in the wake of this year's bluebonnet crisis.

"There are some really good patches of wildflowers to be found," Beatty said. "You just have to look for them. That's where we come in. This is a great benefit to nature lovers, consumers and the (rural) communities."

Here's how it works. Anyone with access to the Internet through a personal computer with a web browser and a modem may access the BluebonNET home page. Once on the page, people can get directions to wildflower sites, hidden bluebonnet patches, area lodging and restaurants. They can even download maps and book accommodations at more than 20 bed-and-breakfast establishments.

Updates on where wildflowers are coming into bloom are submitted at least weekly by operators of each bed and breakfast and "reporters" from chambers of commerce.

"Usually the fields are thick with bluebonnets around here," said Beverly Solomon, BluebonNET reporter and part-owner of the Moses-Hughes Ranch, a Lampasas bed and breakfast, which depends on the abundance of flowers to attract visitors each spring. "But so far, we've only seen a couple of acres of plants, and they haven't bloomed yet."

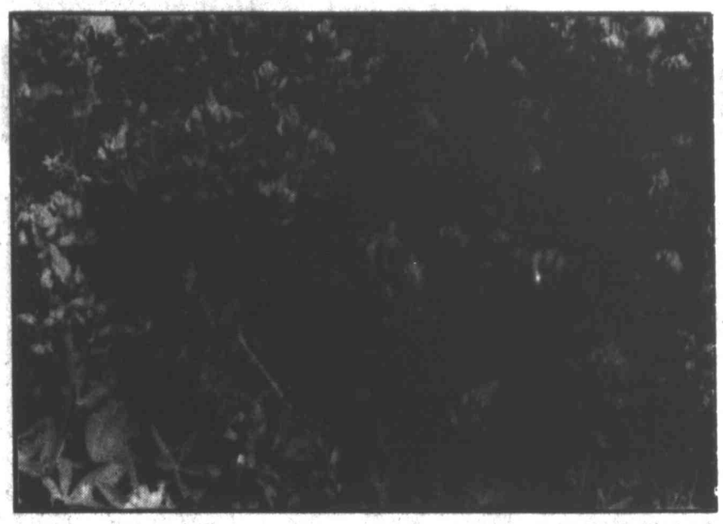
Perhaps the fact that the bluebonnets aren't as prominent this year is prompting wildflower seekers to look to other sources, such as the BluebonNET, to find the usually bountiful blooms.

"We had so many 'hits' the first few days we had to switch to a faster machine to accommodate the load," Beatty said. "In just two days this (past) week we had more than 550 people access the site. The number of hits depends a lot on the amount of media attention we get."

The BluebonNET site may be reached at http:\\bluebonnet.texasrural.org\.

Another source for wildflower seekers is the National Wildflower Resource Center in Austin.

The 42-acre center, opened last year, is a $10 million complex inspired by Lady Bird Johnson and dedicated to the splendors of North America's indigenous flora.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Bluebonnets aren't seen too much in West Texas and unfortunately, not many are being spotted in Central Texas either. This year seems to be the worst bluebonnet showing in 10 or 15 seasons, according to wildflower watchers.

The service supplies information similar to that of the BluebonNET, but also provides facts and hints through an information clearinghouse for a small fee. A wildflower hot line and travel tips are also available for those planning wildflower trips and tours.

The center receives between 1,000 and 1,500 calls a week from people inquiring about Texas wildflowers, according to Patricia Alholm, NWRC public relations and marketing director, who said this year's news isn't as good as she'd like.

"There are some bluebonnets out there, but they don't stand out as much against the brown grass," she said. "You have to look a little harder. They're just not as vibrant."

Despite the scarcity of early blooms, Alholm urged wildflower lovers not to despair. When the bluebonnets, Indian paintbrushes and primroses are gone, that still leaves 497 native wild plants in bloom throughout Texas, she said.

"Actually, there are a greater variety of wildflowers in bloom in May when the bluebonnets start disappearing than any other time," Alholm said.

The annual Wildflower Days festival in April is the center's biggest celebration of the year. Billed as a the nation's premier wildflower fest, this year's event is scheduled for this weekend.

A variety of guest speakers, performers, food and shows are included at the nature party set in the Texas Hill Country.

For up-to-date information on Texas wildflower sites from March 20 though May 30, call (512) 832-4059. For NWRC information, call (512) 292-4200.

Officials at the center said they expect more calls than ever this season as wanting wildflower seekers discover a scant supply of the evasive flowers.

Perhaps next year, spring will once again reveal to more than a fortunate few the annual Texas transformation of its stark winter landscape into an impressionistic scene reminiscent of Monet.

It's enough to humble even the most devout Texan.

BLUEBONNET FACTS

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BSHS girls roll, boys nipped at 4-4A track

Lake View wins boys' title by point

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO – Sometimes, it's not whether you win or lose, but how much you lose by. San Angelo Lake View took that approach to narrowly edge Big Spring for the District 4-4A boys' track title Friday evening.

The Chiefs built a 45-point lead heading out of the field events, then hung on for dear life to down the Steers by a single point, 151-150.

The Steers, undermanned and fighting injuries to key performers, stretched Lake View to the limit – or in this case, the final event.

Heading into the 1,600 meter relay, Big Spring trailed Lake View 139-130, and had to finish three places better than the Chiefs in order to win the meet.

It almost happened.

The Steers – led by a remarkable performance by anchor runner Randy Farr – certainly did their part. Farr, battling leg cramps in the early part of his run, overcame a 30-yard deficit on the home stretch to win the event for Big Spring in a time of 3 minutes, 24.1 seconds.

Now, it was up to Lake View.

Coming down the stretch, anchor runner Damon Colvin was in fourth place – the necessary three places back of Big Spring – behind Pecos.

But he also rallied late, nosing out Pecos' runner at the wire for third place in the event – and the meet title for Lake View.

"It was a tremendous day," Lake View coach Nat Sawyer said. "It took everything we had to hold off Big Spring."

"When you're 45 points down, that's a lot to overcome," Big Spring coach Randy Britton said. "Still, I'm not mad at anybody on this team. We did some excellent things. We did just about all we had to do."

The Steers began clawing their way back into contention on the first running final. Freshman Tory Mitchell, running despite a hip flexor condition, overcame a deficit on the anchor leg to lead Big Spring to a win in the 400 relay.

Big Spring picked up even more points when Antwoyne Edwards and Kendall Davis finished second and fourth in the 110 hurdles. Mitchell then picked up his second gold

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan

Big Spring's Antwoyne Edwards, center, clears a hurdle during the 110 meter hurdles at the District 4-4A track meet in San Angelo Friday. Edwards finished second in the event.

Lady Steers dominate field to win district title

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

SAN ANGELO – About the only thing the Big Spring Lady Steers didn't do was supply some drama.

The Lady Steers left the District 4-4A girls' track contingent looking like so much road kill, running away with their second straight district title Friday at Bobcat Stadium.

Big Spring compiled 224 points – the most in coach Jay Kennedy's seven-year tenure at the school – to outdistance runner-up Andrews by more than 110 points.

There was little secret to the reason behind the domination – the Lady Steers were easily the deepest, most talented team in district – but Jay Kennedy rankles at the idea that his team squashed their rivals on talent alone.

"I really resent it when people say, "Yeah, they won. Look at all the talent they have,' " Kennedy said. "Sure, we're talented, but those girls also work their tails off every day in practice."



Rita Casillas runs a leg of Big Spring's winning 800 meter relay Friday at the District 4-4A track meet.

The combination of talent and hard work began paying dividends almost immediately. By the time the field events ended, Big Spring had already amassed 75 points – another

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Big Spring golfers run away with District 4-4A championship

HERALD Staff Report

After years of settling for second best, the Big Spring boys golf team reached the top of District 4-4A after the final round Saturday in Pecos.

What began as a tight struggle for first ended with a decisive victory for Big Spring. The Steers shot a 295 during Saturday's the third round for an overall score of 924. Big Spring overcame second place Andrews, which hit a 322 with 950 overall.

"To go over there and play like we played (Saturday) makes you feel good," said golf coach Gary Simmons. "Not only did we won district, we did it convincingly We proved who the best team was.

In individual medalist competition, Jake McCullough won first place with a total of 221. McCullough shot a 69 Saturday to clinch the win.

Pat Carter was close behind winning second place with 227. Carter shot a 74 in the final round. Justin Cole took fourth place with 233 and shot a 77.

"Without senior leadership, the team wouldn't have gone anywhere," said Simmons. "When you have seniors finish first, second and fourth, that's quite an accomplishment."

Other Big Spring scores were: Sammy Rodriguez, 244 (80); and Charlie Marmelejo, 250 (79).

The Big Spring JV team took seventh place overall in their division. The Steers shot 1,008 overall and hit a 323 the final round.

Scorers from Big Spring JV were: Josh Palmer, 256 (86); Heath Bailey, 258 (87); O.J. Hernandez, 250 (78); Rusty Gamboa, 250 (76) and Dusty Palmer, 260 (85).

■BSHS ROUNDUP

Tennis team qualifies five

Big Spring will send five of its athletes to the regional tournament April 22 after a successful run through the District 4-4A tournament Friday.

Hsaio-Hsuan Li won the boys singles competition by defeating teammate Jeff Moss in the final round 6-1, 6-4.

In boys doubles, the team of Drew McKimmey and Kayne Stroup beat No. 1 seed John Armstrong and Mitch Gray of Andrews 6-2, (6-3), 6-3.

Monica Villarreal won the girls singles competition by beating Andrews' Joanna Thompson 6-1, 6-2.

Li, Moss, Villarreal and the McKimmey/Stroup team advance to the regional tournament in San Angelo.

"I feel good about the performance of this team," said tennis coach Ralph Davis. "The players played with an extreme amount of pride. Taking four kids to regionals is a big trill to us."

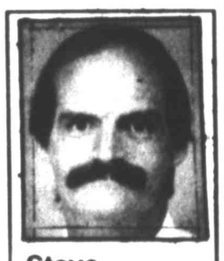
In other tennis results, the boys team of Jeff Johnston and Kaegan Welch lost to Armstrong/Gray in the second round 6-3, 6-1.

In girls singles, Stephanie Lewis lost to Thompson in the

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It was gaudy, but impressive

As they say, sometimes you just have to bow to the obvious.



Steve Reagan
Sports Editor

If you were looking for excitement and drama at the District 4-4A track meet Friday in San Angelo – and you weren't a Big Spring fan – you would have been best served avoiding the girls' portion of the competition.

To say the Lady Steers won the meet in convincing fashion doesn't do justice to the domination they displayed.

They mangled the competition.

They flattened the competition.

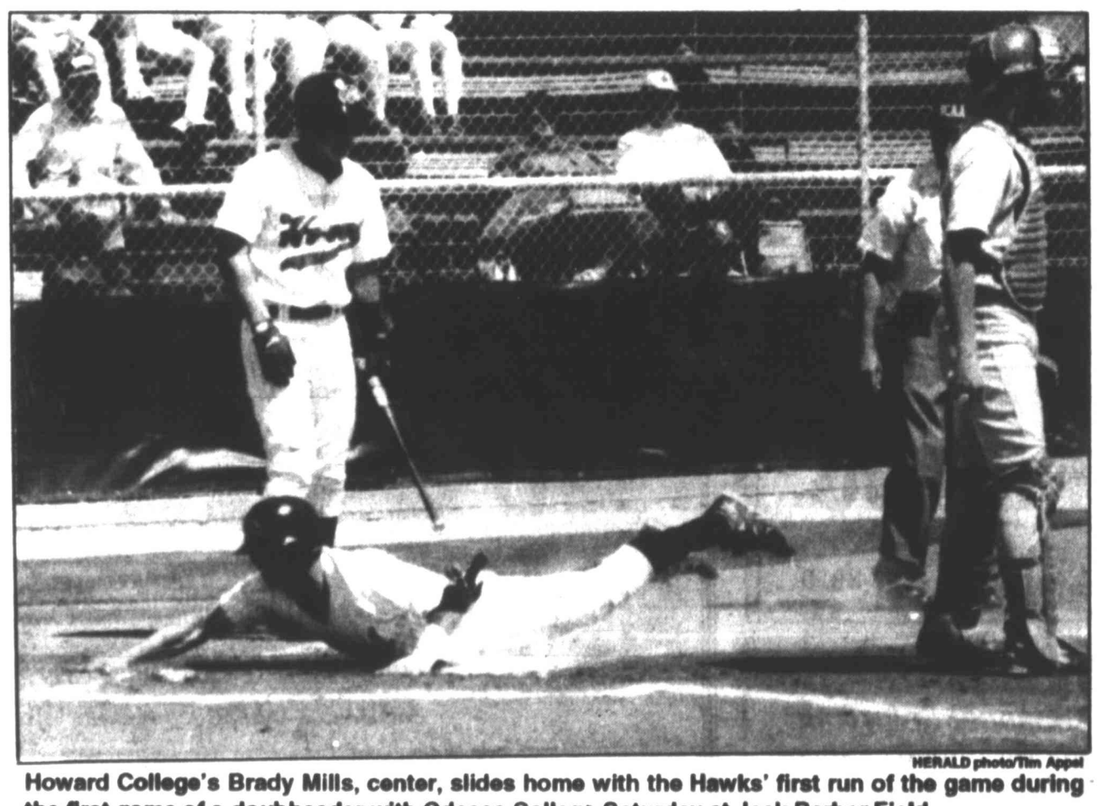
They romped and stomped, drew and quartered, folded, spindled and mutilated the competition.

The rest of the district field was nothing more than a dead bug on the windshield of the Lady Steers' roadster.

Get the picture?

When coach Jay Kennedy first took a Big Spring girls' team to the district meet seven years ago, his team scored only 24 points.

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HERALD photo/Tim Appel

Howard College's Brady Mills, center, slides home with the Hawks' first run of the game during the first game of a doubleheader with Odessa College Saturday at Jack Barber Field.

Hawks, Wranglers split doubeheader

By STEVE REAGAN
Sports Editor

Two reliable Howard College standbys – a stiff spring wind and home runs – helped to end the Hawks' losing streak.

Jason Huth took advantage of a 25 mph breeze blowing out to left field by clubbing a two-run home run in the bottom of the ninth to give the Hawks a 9-8 win over Odessa College in the first of three games this weekend at Jack Barber Field.

The mutual slugfest continued in the second game, with Odessa hanging on for a 14-13 victory. The split leaves Howard (33-10 overall, 13-4 in league play) one game behind the Wranglers in the conference race

The first-game victory broke Howard's recent four-game losing skid and gave the Hawks an early leg up on OC in the series, which will likely determine the Western Junior College Athletic Conference champion. Howard started the series a game back of Odessa in the WJCAC standings.

Both teams started their aces – Ben Phillips for Howard and Mick Pageler for Odessa – on the mound, and both pitched relatively well: Phillips struck out 10 and walked five while surrendering six hits, while Pageler struck out seven, walked six and gave up 10 hits.

But with the infamous West Texas wind at its gusty worst, Saturday's series opener was not going to be decided by a

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Spurs edge Sonics

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — David Robinson scored 24 points and the San Antonio Spurs clinched the Midwest Division championship Saturday, beating the Seattle SuperSonics 84-81 in a game between the Western Conference's two top teams.

The Spurs (57-21) held Seattle to 12 points in the fourth quarter in winning their second straight Midwest title. The Sonics (61-17) have clinched the Pacific Division championship.

San Antonio took control early in the fourth quarter on a tip-in by Charles Smith, giving the Spurs a 74-72 advantage.

That sparked a run in which San Antonio scored nine straight points and held the Sonics scoreless for more than four minutes. Chuck Person's 3-pointer capped the rally, giving San Antonio an 81-72 lead.

All quiet on the Emmitt front

PENSACOLA, Fla. (AP) — It has been a tranquil off-season for Emmitt Smith despite the turmoil that has engulfed the Dallas Cowboys.

Teammate Michael Irvin's indictment on drug charges, the loss of four defensive starters to free agency and other controversies have kept the Cowboys in the headlines long after their latest Super Bowl championship in January.

"I guess it's because there's nothing else to talk about," Smith said Friday during his annual high school football camp. "We're the most talked about team in America. If it's not the Cowboys, it's not news."

The Pensacola native, however, has kept busy with quieter pursuits — shooting commercials, going to awards banquets and his hoped-for graduation from the University of Florida on May 4.

ON THE AIR

(listings subject to change)

Golf
PGA
Masters final round, 3 p.m., CBS (ch. 7).
Arnold Palmer-Gary Player match, 12:30 p.m., ABC (ch. 2).

Baseball
MLB
New York at Colorado, 7 p.m., ESPN (ch. 30).

Basketball
NBA
Chicago at Cleveland, noon, NBC (ch. 9).

SPORTS IN BRIEF

Former resident

Former Big Spring resident Bill Roger will be among the thousands of competitors today during the Boston Marathon, the nation's most prestigious long-distance race.

Roger, a Baker Oil Tools sales and service manager now living in Levelland, will be running the race just five months having surgery for prostate cancer.

Roger has run the Boston Marathon before. His previous best time is three hours, 47 minutes recorded in 1991

BSHS

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semifinals 6-1, 6-1. The girls team of Kim Long and Christina Vera were beaten by Amanda Blanco and Camber Bowen of Fort Stockton 6-1, 6-1.

Kylee Welch and Yuching Li lost to No. 4 seed Joanna Cupp and Jessica Roberson of Monahans 7-6, (7-6), 6-1.

Girl golfers finish third

The Big Spring girls golf team took third place after the final round of the District 4-4A meet Saturday at Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The Lady Steers shot a 352 Saturday for a total of 1096. According the golf coach Mike Scarbrough, the high winds effected the final results.

"The wind was horrible," said Scarbrough. "It made all the scores go up."

Big Spring finished behind Andrews (1014) and Fort Stockton (1046) in the meet.

In individual standings, Stephanie Waggoner and Kelley Hollar won all-district honors. Waggoner shot 255, hitting 83 Saturday to place fourth. Wagner was only two shots out of advancing to regionals.

Hollar took 10th place with a 265. Hollar came back after hitting a 99 in the first round.

Other scores from Big Spring were: Alicia Wood, 275; Vanessa Billalba, 303 and Tatum Weeks, 326.

Scarbrough says he is pleased with the accomplishments of the team, and is looking forward to coaching them in the following years.

"The team improved tremendously since the beginning of the season," said Scarbrough. "We have only one junior, so the future looks good.

"If the girls work on their weaknesses this summer, we'll have an excellent future."

Steers fall to Pecos

The Big Spring baseball team fell out of a tie for first place in District 4-4A by dropping a 10-3 decision to Pecos Friday.

Pecos pitcher Jason Aguilar handcuffed the Steers all night, allowing only five hits. J.D. Wheeler (3-1) took the loss for Big Spring.

"We went down there and we may have underrated Pecos a bit," Big Spring coach Bobby Doe said. "We came out flat, and they got on us."

The Steers (10-10-1 overall, 3-2 in district play) are now a game behind district leader Andrews. Big Spring returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Fort Stockton at 5 p.m. in Steer Park.

Girls

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Friday, they did quite a bit better.

As in 200 points better.

The Lady Steers, who have won every meet they've entered this season, scored 224 points Friday, which is a school record as far as Kennedy can attest. Runner-up Andrews finished 110.5 points behind.

That, friends and neighbors, is a wax job.

After a while, it became sort of gaudily fascinating watching Kennedy's troops dismantle the field. You could only watch in awe and wonder just how many points this team could amass.

Quite a few, it turned out.

Kennedy had hoped somebody would push his team this year, but that never happened. So, with his team an overwhelming favorite to win district, he had to devise some sort of goal to keep his team focused.

So he figured: Why not shoot for 200 points? That was something none of his teams had ever done.

The operative word is *had*.

One only wonders what goals Kennedy will devise now for the regional meet. He might have to come up with something really far-fetched to challenge this squad.

Seriously, the competition should be much, much tougher at the regional meet two weeks from now in San Angelo. But considering the talent on this team, a regional title is certainly a strong possibility.

And after that?

Well, no team from Big Spring High School has ever won a state championship, but this team certainly appears primed to break that drought.

Premature thinking?

Certainly.

Far-fetched?

Not a bit.

If you were in San Angelo Friday, you were probably thinking the same thing.

Hawks

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pitchers' duel.

That became evident in the top of the second inning when Phillips hung a breaking pitch over the plate and Odessa's Shawn Bennett crushed it over the left field fence to give OC an early 2-1 lead. It was the first of four homers – two by each team – and seven extra-base hits in the contest.

"My slider was a little bit off. With the wind blowing the way it was, (the pitch) didn't snap as much as it usually does," Phillips said.

Phillips' teammates scored two runs in both the third and fourth innings to stake him to a 5-2 lead, but Odessa rallied behind a two-run single by Jeff Moore in the fifth to close the gap, then Paul Boykin tied the game in the sixth by doubling and scoring on consecutive passed ball by Howard catcher Chad Polk.

If Phillips had trouble holding the lead, however, the same could be said of Pageler (5-2), who gave Howard the lead again in the seventh when he surrendered a two-run homer to Wes Davis to make the score 7-5.

In a game with more twists than a Raymond Chandler novel, however, the Wranglers didn't have to wait long to get back in the game.

After surrendering a leadoff triple to Boykin in the eighth, Phillips was pulled in favor of reliever Barry Ledbetter. The first batter Ledbetter faced, Ike Pohl, reached on an error, then OC's No. 9 hitter, third baseman Jim Vick, crushed a Ledbetter curve over the left field fence for an 8-7 lead.

In their last at-bat, however, the Hawks rallied to take the win, and they wasted little time doing so. Leadoff batter Clint Wyrick beat out a bunt single, they Huth worked the count full before pushing a Pageler slider over the fence in left for the game-winner.

"I was looking at the way the flag was flying out there – it was blowing pretty good – and I told myself that if the pitch was away, I was going to try to lift it (for a homer)," Huth said. "Fortunately, he threw it a bit outside, and the wind helped it out."

The wind continued helping both teams in the second game, as OC and Howard combined for 27 runs and 28 hits. Odessa jumped out to an 11-4 lead, then had to hold on as the Hawks rallied for 10 hits and nine runs in their final two at-bats.

The contest wasn't decided until Wyrick, the potential tying run, was thrown out trying to reach second base.

"We just didn't pitch well all day," Howard coach Brian Roper said. "With the way the wind was blowing, it was a hitter's day, but how many times did we throw the ball right at the belt? We just didn't get the ball down ... but I'm proud of our offense. When you score 13 runs ... you should expect to win."

J.D. Perry, the first of six Howard pitchers, took the loss.

Howard and OC conclude their series today at 1 p.m. at Barber Field.

First game

Odessa	020	021	030 – 8	9	2
Howard	102	200	202 – 9	10	2

Pageler and Pohl; Phillips, Ledbetter (8) and Polk; W – Ledbetter; L – Pageler (5-2); LOB – Odessa 8, Howard 6; DP – Odessa 1, Howard 1; E – Odessa (Lozipone 2), Howard (Huth, Kelley); 2B – Boykin; 3B – Boykin, Wyrick; HR – Bennett, Vick, Huth, Davis; SB – Mills 2, Wyrick; HBP – by Phillips (Pohl); PB – Polk 2.

Second game

Odessa	323	003	3 – 14	15	2
Howard	020	206	3 – 13	13	2

W – Killion; L – Perry

Steers

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medal of the day by winning the 100 dash in 10.66 seconds, and Farr won the 400 dash in 50.40 to bring the Steers to within striking distance of Lake View.

The Steers then stormed into the lead when Farr, Mitchell and Toma McVae finished 1-2-3 in the 200 meters.

"I told both of them that we had to do this," Farr said. "Toma only had the fourth-best time going in, but when the gun went off, he just shot out of there."

The Steers' lead, however, was short-lived. Lake View reclaimed the lead by finishing second and fourth in the 1,600 run, setting the stage for the final event.

Despite narrowly missing a chance to successfully defend the district title, Big Spring did qualify several athletes for the Region I-4A meet two weeks from now in San Angelo.

In the field events, McVea went 21 feet, 2.5 inches on his final attempt to win the long jump, while Todd McAdams won the pole vault at a height of 13 feet. Dan Brewster rounded out the field events for Big Spring by winning the discus with a throw of 147 feet.

With several athletes returning to San Angelo in two weeks, Britton said the Steers have a good chance of defending their regional title.

"Naturally, we're going to try to qualify as many as we can for state," Britton said. "You've got to load up and go with what you have ... and if we happen to win the regional meet, that's great."

Farr, for one, was already looking forward to the challenge.

"We could have won this meet," he said. "Some people didn't come through, and some people I didn't expect to win points, got points. We just didn't get it done. Now, we've just got to get ready for regionals. This thing is over."

4-4A

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school record – and the biggest concern facing Kennedy was whether his relays were going to qualify for regional competition.

He needn't have worried. In a day full of dominance, Big Spring's three relays best exemplified how overpowering the Lady Steers were. Anchored by Keesha Lott, the 400 and 800 meter relay teams won their events by a combined margin of seven seconds – an eternity in sprint events.

But that was merely the warmup for the meet finale: the 1,600 relay. Anchor runner Stephanie Henderson – a transfer from Forsan who had already claimed gold medals in the 400 and 800 runs – crossed the finish line in a time of 4 minutes, 7.9 seconds, more than eight seconds ahead of runner-up Andrews.

There were plenty of individual highlights for Big Spring as well. Jaclyn Owusu joined Henderson as a double winner by taking both the 100 dash (12.52) and the 200 dash 26.24). Lott claimed an individual first by winning the triple jump in 37 feet, 9 inches. And Krissi McWherter also claimed gold for Big Spring, winning the high jump with a height of 5-0.

There were so many high points for the Lady Steers, in fact, that Kennedy had trouble sorting out a favorite.

"I could tell you something good about every event," he said. "There were just so many great moments. It was just a great team effort. People say it was easy, but it wasn't. These kids overcame a lot to get where they are."

"There was a lot of pressure on us to win," McWherter said. "But we didn't do a lot of really hard workouts this week – (Kennedy) didn't want to kill us before the meet."

The next goal for the Lady Steers in the Region I-4A meet in two weeks in San Angelo. Considering their overpowering performance Friday, they have to be considered one of the favorites.

"We got a bunch of kids qualified for regional, and that sets us up to maybe win it," Kennedy said.

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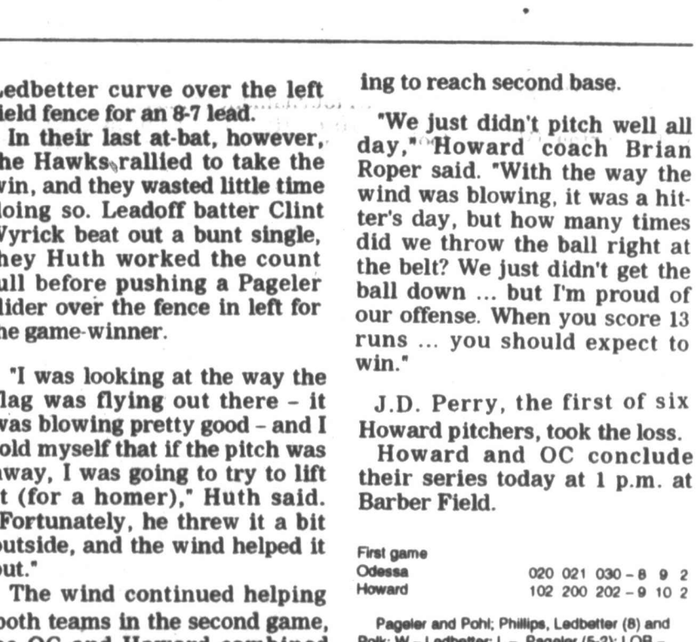
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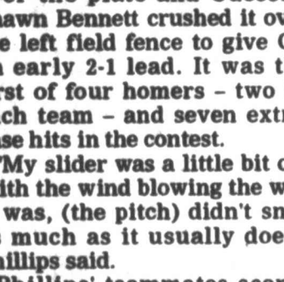
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WEDNESDAY STRIKERS

RESULTS - Joe's Crew tied Budweiser, 4-4; Auto Trend over Large Boys, 8-0; A & J over POW MIA, 8-0; Team Three over Wreckin Crew, 6-2; hi sc. game and series Jeff Dulett, 248 and 725; hi sc. team game and sries Budweiser, 1051 and 3066; hi hdcp game Charles Dykes, 251; hi hdcp series Jeff Dulett, 725; hi hdcp team game Auto Trend, 1094; hi hdcp team series A & J, 3163.

STANDINGS - A & J, 171-69; Budweiser, 164-76; Auto Trend, 128-112; Wrecking Crew, 117-123; Team Three, 106-134; Large Boys, 102-130; Joe's Crew, 95-137; POW MIA, 69-171.

MENS MAJOR

RESULTS - Trio Fuels over Rocky'ss, 6-2; O'Daniel Trucking over Fina Engineers, 8-80; Parts Convenience over B.S.I., 6-2; Fred's Contracting over Bob Brock Ford, 6-2; MasonRoofing over Parks Agency, 6-2; Bob Brock Body Shopover Coors,6-2; Frank Hagen T.V. tied Grady Walker L.P.G., 4-4; hi sc. game and series Richard Rowoden, 257 and 697; hi sc. team game and series Grady Walker L.P., 1076 and 2994; hi hdcp game Don Wright, 288; hi hdcp team game Richard Rowden, 772; hi hdcp team game Rocky's, 1183; hi hdcp team series Trio Fuels, 3369.

STANDINGS - Parks Agency, 156-84; TrioF9uels, 139-101; Mason Roofing, 138-104; Grady Walker L.P., 131-109; Fina Engineers, 128-114; Fred's Contracting, 124-116; O'Daniel Trucking, 121-119; Bob Brock Ford, 120-120; Coors, 119-121; Rocky's, 117-123; Frank Hagen T.V., 103-137; B.S.I., 100-140; Parts Convenience, 95-145; Bob Brock Body Shop, 93-147.

GUYS & DOLLS

RESULTS - Rockys over Patty Farms, 8-80; Fifth Wheels over A Bye, 8-0; Hester's Mechanical over Photo Magic Studio, 8-0; Big Spring State Park over O.S.I.M.I.A., 8-0; hi sc. game (man) Pat Albano, 266; hi sc. series (man) J.M. Ringsner, 708; hi hdcp game (man) Pat Albano, 285; hi hdcp series (man) J.M. Ringsner, 717; hi sc. game (woman) Marie Pate, 192; hi sc. series (women) Evelyn Williams, 545; hi hdcp game and series (woman) Louise Booth, 242 and 655; hi sc. team game and series Rockys, 857 and 2326; hi hdcp game and series Rockys, 921 and 2518.

STANDINGS - Rockys, 170-78; Big Spring State Park, 150-98; Photo Magic Studio, 143-106; FifthWheels, 131-117; Hester's Mechanical, 129-119; Patty Farms, 129-119; O.S.I.M.IO.A., 114-134.

TUESDAY COUPLES

RESULTS - Big Spring Mobile Home Park over The 4 of Us, 8-0; Big Spring Skipper Travel over Cowboys, 8-0; Rocky's Pin Peppers over A & M Composites Corp., 8-0; Holy Rollers over Vacancy, 8-0; Vogue Beauty Salon over Spare Tokens, 6-2; Fred's Contracting over Parks Agency, Inc., 6-2; Easy over White Motor Co. Stanton, 6-2; C.E. Rollovers over The Fun Bunch, 6-2; Arrow Refrigeration Co. over C & T Cleaners, 6-2; KC Steak house over Ups & Downs, 6-2; A Timeless Design tied Double R Cattle Co., 4-4; hi c. game and series (man) Chuck Carr, 244 and 261; hi hdcp series (man) Pat Carraster, 716; hi sc. game and series Pattie Hill, 232 and 611; hi hdcp game and series Pattie Hill, 265 and 644; hi c. team game, Easy, 804; hi sc. team series Big Spring Skipper Travel, 2251; hi hdcp eam game, Easy, 944; hi hdcp team series Rocky's Pin Peppers, 2673.

STANDINGS - Easy, 142-98; Big Spring Skipper Travel, 140-100; KC Steak House, 139-101; Fred's Contracting, 139-101; C.E. Rolloveors, 139-101; Double R Cattle co., 136-104; Rocky's Pin Peppers, 136-104; A Timeless Design, 134-106; The 4 of Us, 129-111; C & T Cleaners, 129-111; Holy Rollers, 128-112; White Motor Co. Stanton, 121-119; Parks Agency, Inc., 1128-122; Spare Tokens, 118-122; A & M Composites Corp., 116-124; The Fun Bunch, 115-125; Arrow Refrigeration, 114-126; Cowboy's, 106-134; Vogue Beauty Salon, 106-134; Ups & Downs, 105-135; Big Spring Mobile Home Park, 100-140.

BASKETBALL

NBA

All Times Local
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Orlando	56	21	.727	—
x-New York	45	33	.577	111/2
Miami	40	38	.513	161/2
Washington	38	39	.494	18
Boston	31	47	.397	251/2
New Jersey	29	48	.377	27
Philadelphia	16	62	.205	401/2
Central Division				
z-Chicago	68	9	.883	—
x-Indiana	48	29	.623	20
Cleveland	44	33	.571	24
Detroit	43	33	.566	241/2
Atlanta	43	34	.558	25
Charlotte	39	38	.506	29
Milwaukee	23	54	.299	45
Toronto	20	57	.260	48
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
y-San Antonio	57	21	.731	—
x-Utah	52	25	.675	41/2
x-Houston	46	32	.590	11
Denver	33	44	.429	231/2
Minnesota	26	52	.333	31
Dallas	24	54	.308	33
Vancouver	13	64	.169	431/2
Pacific Division				
y-Seattle	61	17	.782	—
x-L.A. Lakers	49	28	.636	111/2
x-Portland	41	36	.532	191/2
x-Phoenix	39	38	.506	211/2
Sacramento	35	42	.455	251/2
Golden State	34	44	.436	27
L.A. Clippers	28	49	.364	321/2

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division
z-won conference title

Friday's Games
Boston 136, Toronto 108
Washington 116, Minnesota 106
Atlanta 104, Milwaukee 97
Indiana 111, Orlando 101
Chicago 112, Philadelphia 82
Vancouver 99, Sacramento 98
L.A. Lakers 94, Golden State 81
Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Miami 103, New York 95
San Antonio 84, Seattle 81
Houston 112, Dallas 111
Detroit at Indiana (n)
Utah at L.A. Clippers (n)
Sunday's Games
Atlanta at New Jersey, noon
Charlotte at Philadelphia, noon
Toronto at Washington, noon
Chicago at Cleveland, noon
Portland at Vancouver, 2 p.m.
Denver at Minnesota, 2:30 p.m.
Phoenix at L.A. Lakers, 2:30 p.m.
Orlando at Milwaukee, 6 p.m.
Boston at Detroit, 6 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Sacramento, 8 p.m.
Utah at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
Monday's Games
Toronto at New York, 6:30 p.m.
New Jersey at Miami, 6:30 p.m.
Charlotte at Indiana, 7:30 p.m.
Seattle at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Denver, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Portland, 9:30 p.m.

BASEBALL

National

All Times Local
NATIONAL LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Montreal	7	4	.636	—
Philadelphia	5	5	.500	1/2
Atlanta	5	6	.455	2
Florida	4	7	.364	3
New York	3	7	.300	31/2
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
St. Louis	6	5	.545	—
Chicago	5	5	.500	1/2
Cincinnati	5	5	.500	1/2
Pittsburgh	5	5	.500	1/2
Houston	5	6	.455	1
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Diego	7	3	.700	—
San Francisco	7	4	.636	1/2
Colorado	5	5	.500	2
Los Angeles	5	7	.417	3

Friday's Games
San Francisco 4, Chicago 1
Montreal 13, Pittsburgh 3
Houston 10, Cincinnati 8, 10 innings
St. Louis 6, Philadelphia 1
Colorado 6, New York 5
Florida 3, Los Angeles 1
Atlanta 5, San Diego 3
Saturday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Pittsburgh 9, Montreal 3
Houston at Cincinnati, ppd., rain
Philadelphia 4, St. Louis 2
New York at Colorado, ppd., snow
San Francisco 3, Chicago 2, 10 innings
Florida at Los Angeles (n)
Atlanta at San Diego (n)
Sunday's Games
Houston (Hampton 2-0 and Drabek 0-0) at Cincinnati (Schourek 2-0 and Smiley 0-0), 12:05 p.m.
Montreal (P.Martinez 0-0) at Pittsburgh (Neagle 0-1), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Fernandez 1-1) at St. Louis (Barber 0-0), 1:15 p.m.
Chicago (Foster 1-0) at San Francisco (Watson 1-0), 3:05 p.m.
Florida (A.Leiter 2-0) at Los Angeles (Astacio 0-2), 3:05 p.m.
Atlanta (Smoltz 1-1) at San Diego (Valenzuela 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
New York (Harnisch 0-0) at Colorado (Ritz 1-1), 7:05 p.m.
Monday's Games
Cincinnati at Chicago, 7:05 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:05 p.m.
San Diego at Colorado, 8:05 p.m.

American

All Times Local
East Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Baltimore	9	1	.900	—
New York	5	4	.556	31/2
Detroit	6	6	.500	4
Toronto	5	5	.500	4
Boston	2	8	.200	7
Central Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Cleveland	4	5	.444	—
Chicago	4	6	.400	1
Kansas City	4	6	.400	1/2
Minnesota	4	6	.400	1/2
Milwaukee	3	6	.333	1
West Division				
	W	L	Pct.	GB
Texas	8	2	.800	—
Seattle	7	4	.636	11/2
California	5	5	.500	3
Oakland	4	6	.400	4

Friday's Games
Oakland 7, Chicago 2
Cleveland 3, Boston 1
Kansas City 4, Milwaukee 1
California 5, Detroit 4
New York 4, Texas 3
Baltimore 3, Minnesota 2
Seattle 9, Toronto 6
Saturday's Games
Cleveland 14, Boston 2
Seattle 14, Toronto 3
Detroit 9, California 5
Baltimore 7, Minnesota 6
Texas 10, New York 6
Kansas City 3, Milwaukee 2
Chicago 6, Oakland 5, 12 innings
Sunday's Games
Cleveland (Ogea 0-0) at Boston (Gordon 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Seattle (Wolcott 0-1) at Toronto (Hentgen 2-0), 12:05 p.m.
California (Langston 0-1) at Detroit (Aldred 0-1), 12:15 p.m.

HOCKEY

NHL

All Times Local
EASTERN CONFERENCE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Philadelphia	44	24	13	101	279	227
x-N.Y. Rangers	41	26	14	96	271	232
x-Florida	40	31	10	90	253	229
x-Washington	39	31	11	89	232	201
x-Tampa Bay	38	31	12	88	237	245
New Jersey	37	33	12	86	215	202
N.Y. Islanders	22	50	9	53	224	310
Northeast Division						
y-Pittsburgh	49	28	4	102	357	278
x-Montreal	40	32	9	89	260	243
x-Boston	39	31	11	89	276	264
Hartford	34	38	9	77	236	255
Buffalo	31	42	7	69	240	259
Ottawa	18	59	5	41	191	291
WESTERN CONFERENCE						
Central Division						
	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
y-Detroit	61	13	7	129	320	180
x-Chicago	40	28	13	93	271	218
x-St. Louis	32	34	15	79	217	246
x-Winnipeg	36	39	6	78	273	286
Toronto	33	36	12	78	241	249
Dallas	26	41	14	66	226	275
Pacific Division						
y-Colorado	47	24	10	104	322	235
x-Calgary	34	36	11	79	241	235
Vancouver	31	35	15	77	273	278
Anaheim	34	39	8	76	229	245
Edmonton	30	43	8	68	236	298
Los Angeles	23	40	18	64	251	298
San Jose	20	55	7	47	252	357

Excitement, disappointment, hope color 6-2A meet

By RODERICK RICHARDSON
Herald Sportswriter

STANTON – Area schools had their share of excitement, disappointment and hope in the District 6-2A track meet Friday.

The athletes geared up for district in order to qualify for the regional meet in Abilene. April 27.

For Forsan, it was a day of a frustration as the boys team took sixth place with a score of 16. The Forsan girls were fifth with 28.

Forsan suffered because of its lack of athletes. Track coach Roger Hudgins says the team made up for their size with determination.

"Our varsity kids did all they could," said Roger Hudgins. "They showed guts. We didn't have much speed, but they did the best they could."

In the boys division, Clay Thixton took fourth place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 11.42. Thixton also placed in the 200-meter dash, winning fifth with 24.23.

The team of Thixton Paul Kinsey, Ted Pharr and Brian Fielder took fourth place in the 400-meter relay with a time of 46.61. Wes Harrison was fourth in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:09.40.

For the girls, Nicole Johnson won third in discus with a distance of 96-3 3/4. Johnson took fifth place in the shot put throwing 27-10 1/2.

Stephany Bedwell won second in the 100-meter hurdles with a time of 16.35. Bedwell place third in the 300-meter hurdles with 51.24. Bedwell is Forsan's lone qualifier for regional competition.

Porsha Kimble took fourth place in the 100-meter dash with 13.50. Marlena Light won fifth place in the 400-meter run with 68.98.

Ridgins believes this meet gives him something to build on for next year.

"I think (this meet) places a start," said Ridgins. "We have a nucleus. We don't have any seniors. I think the kids saw what they can do if they work at it."

The Coahoma boys team placed fifth overall with 44 points while the girls took sixth with 18 points.

One of the highlights for Coahoma's side was Isaac Martinez in the discus event. Martinez qualified for regionals winning second with a distance of 135-5 1/2.

After a season of disappointment, Martinez saved his best when it counted, according to Coahoma coach Dean Richters.

"Isaac Martinez was a big surprise for me," said Richters. "He hadn't placed all year. (Friday) was the first time his throws were even measured. (Martinez) just got better each throw."

Aaron Barr qualified in two events. Barr won second in the high jump, clearing six feet, and won second in the triple jump with 44 3/4. In the long jump, Barr placed fourth with a distance of 19-5 1/4.

In the running events, the team of Mike McMillian, Kelby Bailey, Sebastian Guillandeau and Chris Decarter took third in the 400-meter relay with 46.05.

Guillandeau took fifth place in the 400-meter run with a time of 54.28, and Juarez took fifth in the 800-meter run with 2:11.06.

The girls team of Cassie Tindol, Allison West, Kenna Cathey and Nikki Mendoza took fifth in the 400-meter relay with 56.96.

The team of West, Cathey, Mendoza and Tonia Sparks took fifth place in the 800-meter relay with 2:05.63. Tindol won third place in the 100-meter dash with a time of 13.44.

For Stanton, the district meet was a bittersweet event. Stanton's boys took third place with 120 1/2 points, and the girls were fourth with 79 points.

Stanton had two relay teams disqualify because the handoffs were not done within the marks. The girls' 800-meter team and the boys 400-meter team suffered disqualification.

"The third leg (of the boys 400-meter relay) left too soon," said boys coach Rob Bird. "We work on them with the time and the handoffs. It was like they haven't ran together before."

"The girls just got nervous," said girls coach Frank Riney. "They were going into the race with the best chance of winning. They just had a bad handoff."

But Stanton also had its taste of glory. The team of Julie Adams, Tiffany Madison, Misty Madison and Laci Chandler won second in the 400-meter relay with a time of 54.33. Adams pulled from behind to beat the Winters' anchor in a neck-and-neck battle for second.

After Adams' finish, Tiffany Madison didn't know whether to cheer or cry.

"I couldn't tell until after it was over," said Madison. "I was so far behind. Then everybody started yelling. ... It was awesome."

"When we were neck-and-neck, I knew we could take (second)," said Adams

The 1600-meter relay team of Francisco Garcia, Nicky Sanchez, Carlos Chapa and Leo McCalister overshadowed that feat in the meet's grand finale. Stanton came out on top in a three way fight for first place with Winters and Jim Ned in a time of 3:32.27.

Anchor McCalister pulled from behind after falling back to third in the second curve.

Though it seemed a lost cause, McCalister maintained his composure and ran his own race.

"When (Winters' Jace Wade) passed me, I knew he was going to get tired," said McCalister. "(Wade) ran hard too quickly.

"When we were all in a bunch (during the stretch) that's when I knew we had a chance. Then I gave it all I had."

In the other events, Tyron Davis won first in the high jump clearing 6-2, and Nathan Long tied with Wall's Brandon Ripple for fifth with 5-8.

Davis also won first in the triple jump with 44-8, and McCalister took fourth place with 41-2 1/4.

Long took sixth place in the long jump with 18-6. In the shot put, Lance Payne won fifth place with a distance of 42-1 1/4, and Jeremy Louder took sixth with 40-8.

Gerald Ruiz took fifth in the 3200-meter run with 11:34.87. James Villa won sixth place in the 800-meter run with 2:18.57.

In the 110-meter hurdles, Davis won second with a time of 15.62. McCalister won second in the 400-meter run with 51.64, and Garcia took sixth place with 55.12.

Todd Davis won first place in the 100-meter dash with 10.46, and Jason Kemel took sixth with 11.64. Davis also won first in the 200-meter dash with 21.86, and Kyle Herm took sixth with 24.29.

Ruiz took sixth place in the 1600-meter run with 5:01.16. Tyron Davis won fourth in the 300-meter hurdles with 44.51.

In the girls division, Leticia Phillips took sixth in the discus event with 83-1. Tiffany Austin won fourth place in the shot put with 29 3/4, and Jonna Moore took sixth place with 27-8.

In the high jump, Adams cleared 4-8 to take third place. In the triple jump, Adams took fourth place with 33-3 1/4.

Wendy Woodfin won sixth place in the 3200-meter run with 15:00.74. Adkins won third place in the 800-meter run with 2:41.18.

Clarissa Teichman won fifth place in the 100-meter hurdles with 20.19, and Misty Madison won fifth place in the 200-meter dash with 27.73.

Sandra Chapa ran 5:56.95 to win second in the 1600-meter run, and Woodfin took third with 6:18.44.

The team of Adams, Adkins, Chandler and Tiffany Madison won first place in the 1600-meter relay with a time of 4:24.36. This Stanton's fifth consecutive year of winning the event.

Dallas soccer team opens season

DALLAS (AP) — The Burn is poised to become more than a fledgling franchise as Dallas' first professional outdoor soccer team since the early 1980s takes on the San Jose Clash at the Cotton Bowl.

Burn officials estimate about 15,000 people will attend Fair Park, creatively draped to downsize the stadium to 25,425 seats, for Sunday's debut Major League Soccer match.

At the team's first training camp, team officials gave the players high marks in the building of camaraderie and work ethic, but gave them low notes on punctuality.

More than half of the players arrived late, making it tough for coach Dave Dir to develop a starting lineup.

"It's going to take time," forward Ted Eck said. "Hopefully, it won't be at the expense of too many games."

The Dallas team had five players assigned through the Major League Soccer allocation process.

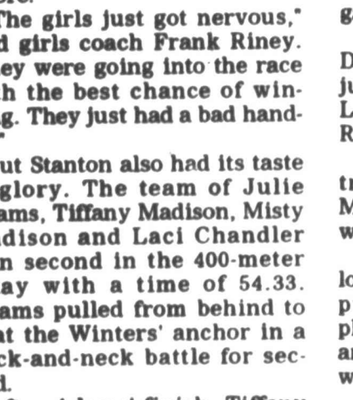
Two of them won't play Sunday. Mexican star Hugo Sanchez is still under contract to FC Linz of Austria and won't be in Dallas for three weeks.

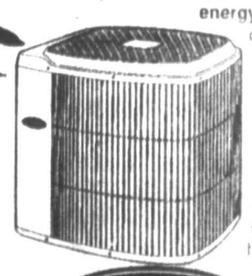
Mark Santel, the only Burn player comfortable at the important position of defensive sweeper, will miss at least two games with a separated shoulder.

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Rangers rough up Gooden again; take 10-6 win

NEW YORK (AP) — Dwight Gooden struggled in his second straight start for the New York Yankees, and Juan Gonzalez hit a three-run double that led the Texas Rangers to a 10-6 victory Saturday.

Gooden (0-2) was tagged for six runs on nine hits and three walks in 5 1-3 innings in his first Yankee Stadium appearance. He received polite applause when he was pulled.

Gooden was beaten in Texas last weekend in his AL debut. He allowed five runs on five hits and four walks in five innings in that loss.

The Yankees took an early 3-0 lead against Roger Pavlik (3-0), but Gooden couldn't hold it.

Texas got three straight hits to start the fourth inning. Mickey Tettleton, who homered off Gooden last week, had an RBI double and Dean Palmer had a sacrifice fly.

Gooden wild-pitched home a run in the fifth, and Palmer's RBI single later in the inning put the Rangers ahead 4-3.

Gooden left after Darryl Hamilton's single put two runners on with one out in the sixth. With the bases loaded, Gonzalez doubled off Mariano Rivera for a 7-3 lead. Gonzalez left the game, however, with a muscle strain under his left armpit.

Pavlik gave up four runs on five hits and five walks in five innings. Ed Vosberg got his third save.

Jim Leyritz hit a solo home run and Pavlik's error made it 2-0 in the first. Wade Boggs, who had a pair of RBI singles, dorve in a run for a 3-0 lead in the third.

Gil Heredia relieved Pavlik in the sixth and allowed rookie Derek Jeter's two-run single, closing the Yankees to 7-5.

Mark McLemore stole third and continued home on Yankees catcher Joe Girardi's wild throw in the eighth and Rusty Greer's RBI double highlighted a two-run ninth.

AMERICAN LEAGUE ROUNDUP

White Sox 6, Athletics 5

CHICAGO (AP) — Tony Phillips' RBI single in the 12th inning gave the Chicago White Sox a 6-5 victory over the Oakland Athletics on Saturday.

Darren Lewis opened the inning with a walk off reliever Don Wengert (0-1) and was sacrificed to second by Ozzie Guillen before Phillips singled into the gap in right-center.

Matt Karchner (1-0) picked up the win with one inning of relief.

Mariners 14, Blue Jays 3

TORONTO (AP) — Dan Wilson's three-run homer capped a six-run first inning Saturday, leading Chris Bosio and the Seattle Mariners past the Toronto Blue Jays 14-3 for their third straight win.

Wilson homered into the second deck in left field. Edgar Martinez hit a two-run double and Jay Buhner had an RBI single before Wilson hit his fourth homer of the year.

Alex Rodriguez doubled twice and drove in a career-high four runs and Buhner drove in three for Seattle. Ken Griffey Jr. was 0-for-4 and the only Mariners starter not to reach base.

Orioles 7, Twins 6

BALTIMORE (AP) — Brady Anderson hit a solo homer with one out in the bottom of the ninth inning and the Baltimore Orioles rallied from a five-run deficit Saturday to defeat the Minnesota Twins 7-6.

Down 6-1, Baltimore came back for its seventh straight victory at home. The Orioles won their fifth in a row overall and ran their record to 9-1, best in the majors.

Pat Mahomes (1-1) got one out in the ninth before Anderson drove a 1-1 pitch into the right-field bleachers. Anderson, who doubled and had a sacrifice fly earlier, hit his third home run of the season.

Indians 14, Red Sox 2

BOSTON (AP) — Albert Belle homered and drove in four runs Saturday, leading the Cleveland Indians past Boston 14-2 and sending the error-plagued Red Sox to their worst start in 50 years.

The Red Sox lost their third consecutive game and dropped to 2-8, matching their 1945 start.

Belle also had a single and a double in five at-bats, and he scored three runs. Jim Thome, who was hitless in his previous 19 at-bats, homered, doubled and drove in a career-high four runs for the Indians. Omar Vizquel homered, drove in two runs and scored three times for Cleveland.

Tigers 9, Angels 5

DETROIT (AP) — Cecil Fielder hit his major league-leading sixth home run and also doubled Saturday as the Detroit Tigers beat the California Angels 9-5.

Fielder's double began a four-run sixth inning that broke a 3-3 tie. Eddie Williams hit a two-run double that chased Scott Sanderson (0-1), and Mark Parent homered off Mark Eichhorn.

Fielder hit a two-run homer in the fourth and Melvin Nieves followed with a home run.

Royals 3, Brewers 2

MILWAUKEE (AP) — Michael Tucker's three-run homer — the only hit off knuckleballer Steve Sparks in eight innings — gave Kansas City a 3-2 victory over Milwaukee on Saturday.

The Brewers put men on the corners with one out in the ninth, but Jeff Montgomery got Jose Valentin to ground into a double play. After Valentin hit a comebacker to the mound, Montgomery threw to shortstop Jose Offerman, whose low throw to first was scooped by Joe Randa.

Tucker's 397-foot shot to the left-field power alley followed walks to Bob Hamelin and Joe Vitiello in the fifth inning and erased Milwaukee's 2-0 lead.

Cincy counts blessings after rainout

CINCINNATI (AP) — A sleepless night turned into a rainy Saturday that solved some of manager Ray Knight's immediate problems.

The Cincinnati Reds manager had trouble sleeping after a 10-8 loss Friday night to the Houston Astros. He had depleted his bullpen and was preparing drastic measures to get him through Saturday's game.

Fortunately for Knight, a steady rain began less than an hour before the first pitch and forced a postponement after an hour and 38 minutes. The game will be made up as part of a doubleheader Sunday starting at 1:05 EDT.

"It's sort of a blessing," pitcher Dave Burba said.

Knight had asked Burba and Mark Portugal to go to the bullpen for the day. Both were scheduled to throw in the bullpen anyway for their between-starts workouts.

"Sometimes, you have to go to emergency," Knight said.

Knight used all of his position players to try to win Friday's game, forcing him to play the 10th inning with catcher Joe Oliver in left field. He also had to use pitcher Pete Schourek as a pinch hitter in the 10th with one out and the bases loaded. He struck out.

Knight had no second thoughts Saturday about coming up short on position players.

"You're in a situation where, daggone, you've got to hit just to try to stay in the game," he said. "And you end up at the end of the game and you've got no choices left because you did everything you could just to stay in it.

"It doesn't make any difference if you've got a guy on the bench (to pinch hit) and you're two runs down. It doesn't do you any good."

Knight brought closer Jeff Brantley in during the eighth inning and let him go two innings. Overall, the bullpen has been worked hard lately because of the starters' struggles.

All of that was on Knight's mind when he went to bed early Saturday.

"For the first time, I didn't sleep last night," he said. "Not reflecting on the loss, but trying to organize today. I couldn't stop thinking about it, because we're short in the bullpen, so overworked in the 'pen."

Although he was seething after the loss Friday, he was in an upbeat mood when he got to Riverfront Stadium on Saturday.

"I'll tell you what, the people in the stands don't really get to feel what I'm feeling," he said, alluding to the boos he heard the last two nights. "And that is a real cohesive, hard-fighting, never-giving-up group. And in the end, it's going to work out. We're going to win a lot more than we lose, I'm confident of that."

The Astros also had a tired bullpen, but were eager to play Saturday because they had momentum. The Astros won the first two games in the series, marking the end of Cincinnati's domination.

The Reds won 12 of 13 from Houston last year to win the NL Central by nine games.

NL ROUNDUP

Giants 3, Cubs 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pinch-hitter Shawon Dunston singled home the winning run with two outs in the 10th inning against his former team, giving the San Francisco Giants a 3-2 win Saturday over the Chicago Cubs.

Dunston, who played 11 seasons for the Cubs before moving to the Giants as a free agent in January, was hugged and put on the shoulders of teammates after his hit off Rodney Myers (0-1).

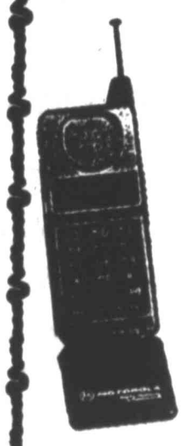
Matt Williams singled with one out in the 10th, his third hit of the game, and Mark Carreon walked. Glenallen Hill fouled out to right field, moving Williams to third.

Phillies 4, Cardinals 2

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Jim Eisenreich's bases-loaded single in the seventh inning sparked the Philadelphia Phillies to a come-from-behind 4-2 win over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Trailing 2-1, the Phillies loaded the bases with a walk and two singles. Eisenreich then singled off reliever Tony Fossas (0-2) to drive in two runs and put Philadelphia ahead 3-2.

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Norman widens lead after three rounds at Masters

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Greg Norman, making every important shot he faced, stared down Nick Faldo in their head-to-head duel Saturday to take a six-stroke lead into the final round of the Masters.

After so many heartbreaks — twice finishing runnerup in the Masters, seven times settling for second in major championships — Norman was only 18 holes away from the Augusta National victory he wants so badly.

"This sure could be his time," Duffy Waldorf said about Norman. "No one deserves a green jacket more than him."

Norman distanced himself from the field with a gutsy effort under pressure that showed steely nerve and a brilliant short game. Time and again he turned what seemed to be an advantage for Faldo into a gain for himself.

His 71 for a 54-hole total of 13-under-par 203 lacked the glitter of his opening-round 63. But it put Norman six strokes ahead of Faldo — who shot a 73 — and seven ahead of Phil Mickelson. David Frost was eight back.

Norman got it going after he got up and down from 80 yards to save a bogey after hitting the ball into the water on No. 12. Faldo, meanwhile, failed to get up and down from the fringe and also bogeyed.

That seemed to fire up Norman. He made birdies on three of the next four holes.

He made a two-putt birdie on No. 13 and totally demoralized Faldo on No. 15 when he laid up short of the water but still got up and down for birdie while Faldo three-putted for a par, again snatching an opportunity from Faldo.

Norman stretched the lead to seven strokes when he rolled in an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 16. Faldo got it back to six with a birdie on No. 17.

If Norman holds on, he will be the first wire-to-wire winner in the Masters since Seve Ballesteros in 1980. Norman has the largest lead going into the final round since Ballesteros led by seven strokes in 1980.

"There's no other golf tournament in the world that generates that type of feeling like it happens here at Augusta National," Norman said earlier in the week.

"We all would like to have things we've never had," Norman said. "And obviously I haven't won the Masters, I haven't won the U.S. Open, I haven't won the PGA. I'd like to have them all."

But Norman doesn't have them all.

As much money as he has won, as many tournaments as he has taken, Norman languishes with two British Open titles. And he is haunted by those seven second-place finishes — he's the only person to lose all four Grand Slam events in playoffs.

It is the seventh time Norman has led or tied for the lead going to the final round of a major championship. Only once — the 1986 British Open — did he win.

Norman led the 1986 PGA Championship by four strokes going to the final round and finished two behind Bob Tway. A collapse this time with so large a lead would be almost as bad as all of the other missed opportunities combined.

Faldo had an uncharacteristically erratic round, with only two pars on a front nine in which he made four birdies, two bogeys and a double bogey.

A key point came early in the round when Norman bogeyed Nos. 3 and 4 and Faldo lost a stroke, making a double bogey on No. 3 when he missed the green three times with approach shots.

A victory for Faldo — his third — would mean that only Jack Nicklaus and Arnold Palmer have won more Masters. And a sixth career major title — he has three British Opens — would mean only 10 players in history have more career majors.

"My desire is always the same with the majors," Faldo said. "We've been thinking about this for six months, since the PGA finished. So you're certainly conscious of the majors. That's what I'm aiming for."

The pairing of Faldo and Norman on Saturday was nothing like the third-round showdown they had at St. Andrews in 1990 when Faldo shot a 67 to Norman's 76.

If Norman does win this tournament under this kind of scrutiny, under this kind of pressure and with such a great player as Faldo chasing him, it will answer any questions about his heart.

"You just have to chase the elusive rainbow, the pot of gold at the end of the rainbow," Norman said about never having won one of the three majors played in the United States. "If you get it one day, you feel a great sense of satisfaction."

If he doesn't get it here, after a record-tying 63 in the first round, after taking a seven-stroke lead into the final round, Norman will carry an even heavier burden of being known as the guy who came up short in the majors.

Miami player, woman, killed on campus

CORAL GABLES, Fla. (AP) — A Miami football player and a woman were slain Saturday in a campus apartment attack discovered by a student who found his door blocked by a bloody body.

Marlin Barnes, 22, a reserve linebacker for the Hurricanes, and the unidentified woman were killed in a "double homicide," police said. They were found in the apartment at about 7:30 a.m.

Police said Barnes had "sustained trauma" but did not elaborate. The woman was found in an adjacent room, wounded and in critical condition. She was taken to Jackson Memorial Hospital where she died.

Metro-Dade Police Detective Tony Carvajal said he didn't know the method, motive or weapon used. Carvajal said police were trying to confirm the woman's identity, but said she apparently was not a student.

The victims were found by a student who returned home to find his apartment door obstructed. He peered inside and saw a man lying against the door in a pool of blood, police said.

A black Explorer which Barnes had borrowed was parked behind the three-story apartment complex with two slashed tires. Police had covered the license plate.

University president Edward Foote called the murders "an unspeakable tragedy."

"When young people die ... it's a terrible, terrible loss," he said.

Foote said the slayings had shaken the school, and said a rumor hotline had been set up to calm fears.

"Our students are strong, good people," Foote said. "But this has been a terrible shock to everybody."

Counselors were brought to campus to calm students and security was sharply increased, Foote said. The president of the 70-year-old private university said he remembered a murder just off campus a dozen years ago, but did not remember a murder on campus.

Miami football coach Butch Davis said "losing a member of the football team is like losing a member of your own family."

"There is no way words can express the emotion and the tragedy felt throughout the athletic department," he said.

Barnes was a reserve linebacker last year, when the Hurricanes went 8-3 and missed a bowl game because of NCAA sanctions. He was a rising junior who hoped to challenge for a starting job this year.

Davis said the 6-foot, 220-pounder was named the most improved player during spring practice and was looking forward to a great season.

He was a native of North Miami and grew up in a housing project there, said Greg Love, who said he was a longtime friend.

"He never did nothing to nobody," Love said. "This guy was a good student, a peaceful young man.

"This guy was going to be the starting linebacker," Love said. "We are going to miss him, man."

On Sunday, the university was offering a "welcome session" for entering freshmen and transfers. About 1,200 students were expected.

"We will discuss this openly," Foote said. "We are not going to hide behind anything."

PLEASE ATTEND THE PUBLIC MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1996
DORA ROBERTS COMMUNITY CENTER
BEGINNING AT 7:00 P.M.

DEAR CITIZENS OF BIG SPRING:

AS PRESIDENT OF MIDTEX DETENTIONS, INC., I HAVE HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF BEING INVOLVED IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE BIG SPRING CORRECTIONAL CENTER FOR THE CITY OF BIG SPRING FROM THE VERY BEGINNING BACK IN 1988. THE OPERATION HAS BEEN VERY SUCCESSFUL FOR EVERYONE AND EVERY ENTITY INVOLVED. IT IS A VERY COMPLEX ARRANGEMENT WHERE THE INTERESTS OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, MIDTEX DETENTIONS, MR. ED DAVENPORT AND THE CITY'S CUSTOMER, THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS, INDIVIDUALLY AND COMBINED, MUST BE CONSIDERED EVERYDAY.

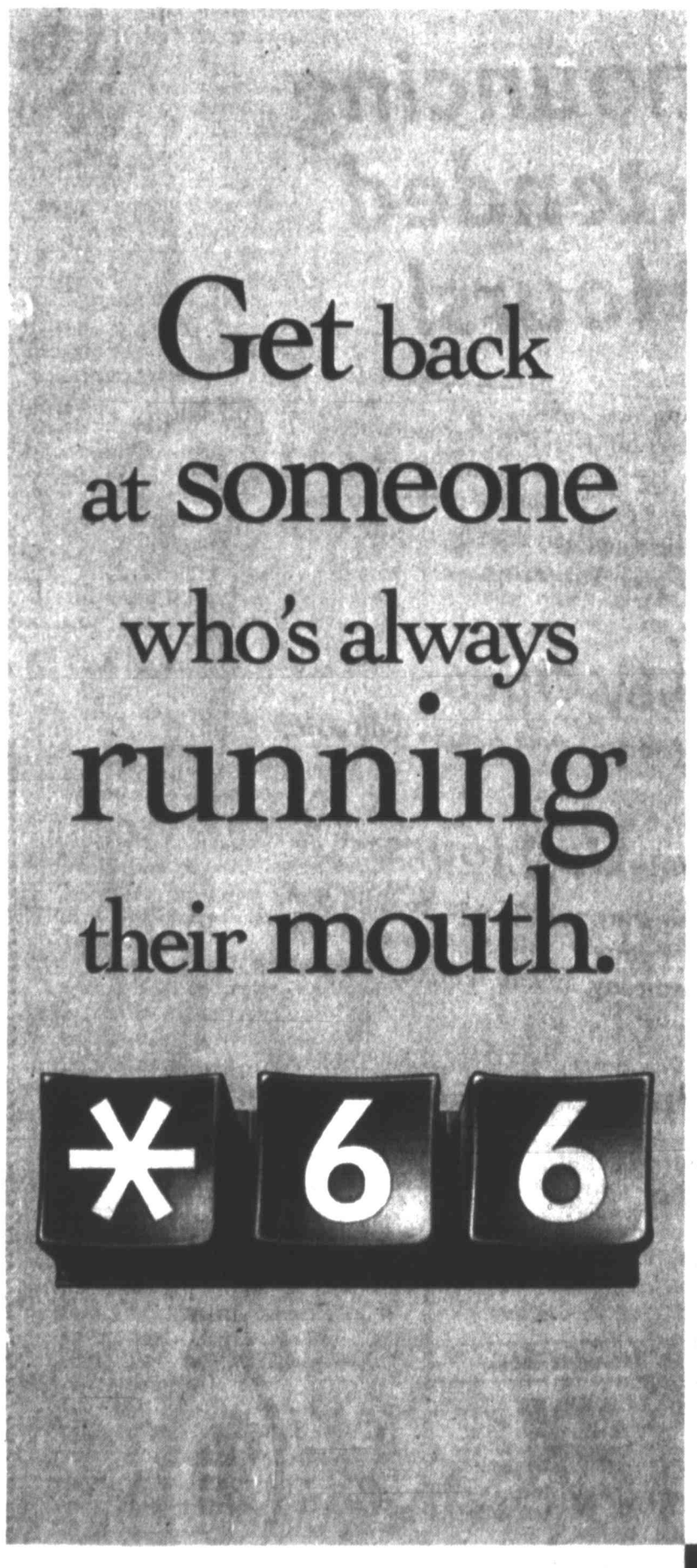
WE MUST ALL RECOGNIZE THAT THE FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS HAS MANY OPTIONS AVAILABLE TO IT FOR THE HOUSING OF INMATES, AND THAT ITS POLICIES AND REGULATIONS CANNOT BE IGNORED AT ANYTIME. THESE REGULATIONS CAN IMPACT THE CITY'S RIGHTS TO EXPEND EXCESS FUNDS GENERATED BY THE OPERATION AS WELL AS TO DISPOSE OF ASSETS ACCUMULATED IN THE PROGRAM.

THESE FACTORS GREATLY RESTRICT THE COMMUNITY'S ABILITY TO GENERATE INCOME TO FINANCE THE DAILY OPERATION OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT. MIDTEX DETENTIONS, MR. DAVENPORT, AND NOW THE CITY, HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO INVESTIGATE A MODIFICATION OF THE EXISTING PROGRAM WHICH ALLOWS MR. DAVENPORT AND THE CITY TO CONSIDER INVESTMENT ALTERNATIVES THAT WILL HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING EACH PARTY'S FINANCIAL RISKS AND ALSO GENERATE A REASONABLE RETURN ON INVESTMENT.

WITHOUT YOUR HELP AND A RECONSIDERATION OF THIS ISSUE BY THE CITY COUNCIL, THIS COMMUNITY RISKS LOSING $3,700,000, PLUS ANNUAL INTEREST EARNED THEREON OF $240,500, AND AN ANNUAL INCREASE OF $155,000 IN PAYMENT TO THE CITY'S GENERAL FUND. THESE RESOURCES WOULD HAVE THE EFFECT OF REDUCING THE FUTURE TAX BURDEN ON THIS COMMUNITY. THE CURRENT CITY TAX RATE IS $.65 PER $100 OF APPRAISED VALUE. A TAX INCREASE OF $.04 MAKES THE CITY VULNERABLE TO A TAX ROLLBACK. THE CITY FINANCE DEPARTMENT INDICATES THAT A ONE-CENT TAX INCREASE GENERATES APPROXIMATELY $30,000 PER YEAR. THIS MEANS THE MAXIMUM OF $120,000 CAN BE OBTAINED THROUGH A TAX INCREASE WITHOUT THE CITIZENS HAVING THE RIGHT TO ROLLBACK THE RATE.

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Johnny Rutherford
PRESIDENT
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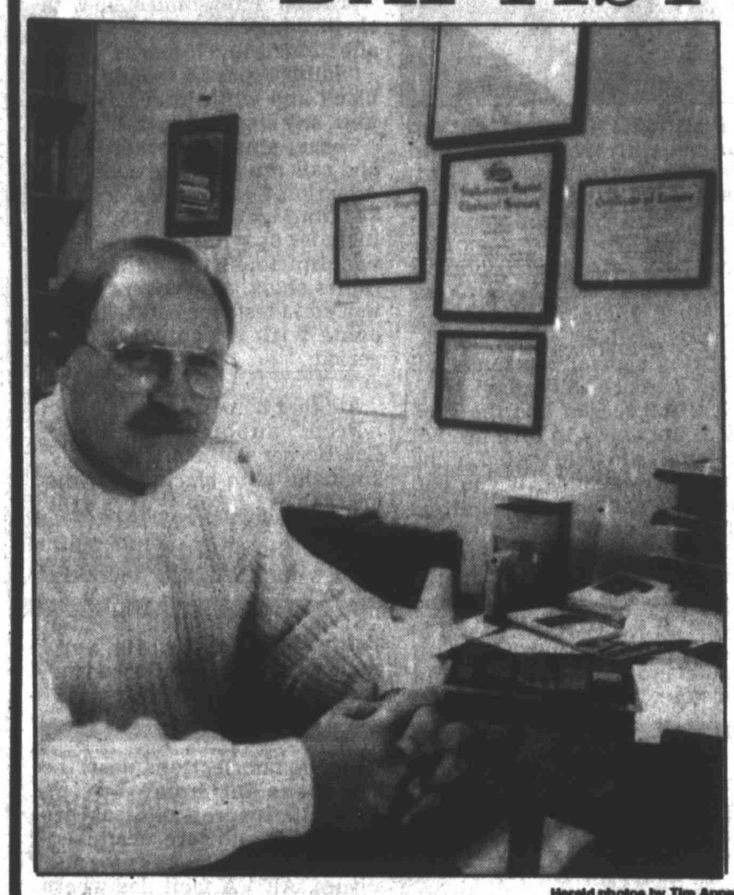
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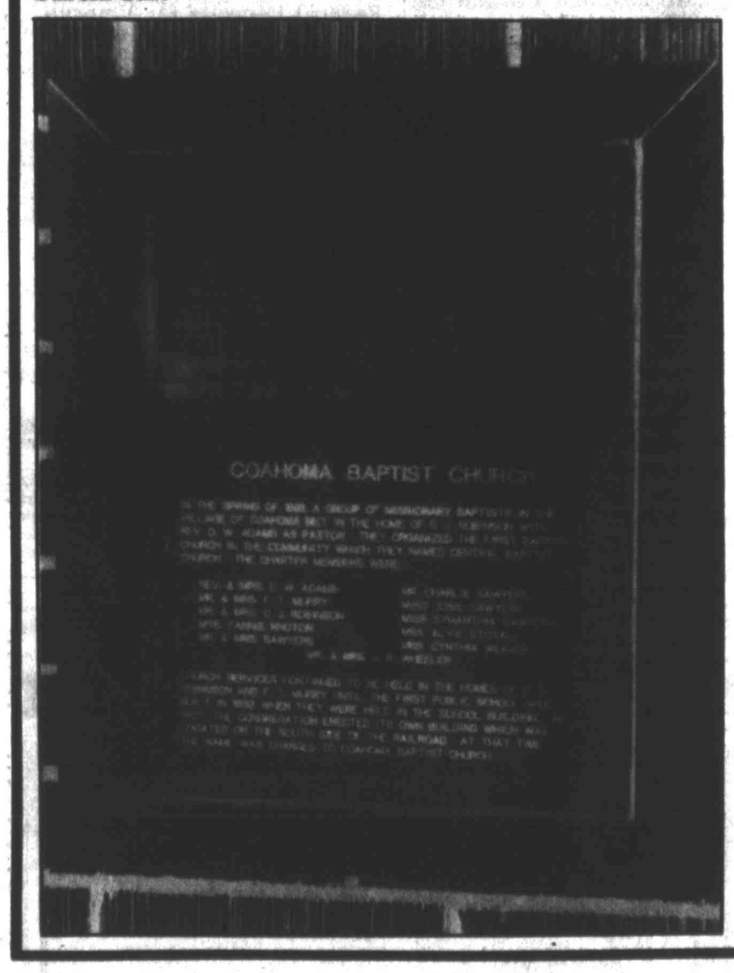
CELEBRATING 105 YEARS: THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH OF COAHOMA



Herald photos by Tim Appel

In the above photo, Rev. Elwin Collom sits at his desk inside the church office. Collom has been minister of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma since 1989 and during that time, the new fellowship hall was completed in time for the 100th anniversary.

In the photo below, a historical marker hangs outside the entrance to the new sanctuary at the church. A handful of Coahoma residents started the church once known as Central Baptist church.



By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

In the spring of 1891, a group of missionary Baptists in the village of Coahoma met in the home of C.J. Robinson with Rev. D.W. Adams as pastor, reads a historical marker on the front of the First Baptist Church in Coahoma.

The church celebrates its 105th anniversary today. A small group of men, women and children organized the church and named it Central Baptist Church. Services were conducted in the homes of Robinson and F.T. Murry until the first public school was built a year later. The services moved to the school then the congregation built its own building on the south side of the railroad tracks in 1907. It was at that time that the residents decided to change the name to First Baptist.

Current pastor Elwin Collom remarked on the continued success of the church, "Baptists tend to be evangelistic in the preaching of the gospel. We strive to reach the next generation through Jesus Christ and when you do that, you are building up the church for the future.

"Southern Baptists have a strong showing in Texas as we are the largest non-Catholic denomination in the state. Being Baptist is in a lot of people's heritage and when people move around, they seek out another Baptist church to attend."

The church currently has 325 members with an average of 110 in Sunday School and 150 to 175 attend worship services. There is also two preschool, one nursery, three elementary, one junior high, two high school and eight adult Sunday School classes.

The current fellowship hall used to be the auditorium and sanctuary. Where there is a kitchen now, it used to be the pulpit, choir loft and baptistery. A new sanctuary was built about nine years ago, two years before Collom became pastor.

The hall is used for wedding receptions, anniversary parties, bridal or baby showers, Bible studies and youth gatherings.

James Cotten is the youth minister, Collom's wife, Dianah, is the church secretary with Dwayne Clawson as minister of music and Frances Miramontis is the nursery worker.

The church members will celebrate the anniversary on April 21 with a special program. Donnie and Madeline Jones are involved in music evangelism and live in Longview. The couple travels the country in a motor home visiting various churches and towns, all on the faith of God and the donations of others.

Here is a list of the pastors who have ministered at the church. Collom gathered the information as part of the 100 year celebration in 1991:

•Rev. D.W. Adams - He was a charter member of the church.

•Rev. Joe A. Lea - A note from Robinson dated Aug. 20, 1892, mentions Lea was called to the church to preach.

• Rev. Hugh Curry - There isn't any record of how long he served

•Rev. Salters - Served one year

•Rev. Simpson - Served two years

•Rev. R.T. Hanks - No record as to how long he served

•Rev. Jim Hull - He served six years

•Rev. J. Brown - According to former church historian Della Lay, "strife arose in the church and scattered the members. Still a few remained and called Rev. Brown as pastor, where he labored for two years."

•Rev. W.B. Davis - He was pastor in 1907

•Rev. F.M. Rollins - All that is know is that he succeeded Davis

•Rev. S.C. Shipley - Sources differ as to whether he started in 1909 or 1911, but he did stay until 1922 and the church made a lot of progress during this time

•Rev. Walter Smith - He served less than one year

•Rev. W.D. Green - He was there from 1923 to 1924 and the church bought their first piano during this time and he returned as pastor from 1933 to 1934.

•Rev. E.E. Mason - He served two years and the church got electric lights and a new annex on the west side of the building

•Rev. L.A. Thigpen - He stayed for a short time and the church was without a minister for about six months

•Rev. W.R. Derr - Lay said, "The lively work of Rev. Derr caused it to become necessary to reseat the church. Seats were secured on July 12, 1930 at a cost of $616."

•Rev. A.A. Watson - He was the first full-time preacher and the congregation paid $575 for a parsonage for him to live in

•Rev. N.W. Pitts - He encouraged the church to build the building that is the current fellowship hall

•Rev. O. Dee Carpenter - The first of several pastors who served for about a year

•Rev. Collins Webb in 1944, Rev. James Lasater in 1945, no pastor listed in 1946 and Rev. Rayford Harthcock in 1947.

•Rev. Mark Reaves, Jr. - He stayed for 10 years, leaving in 1958

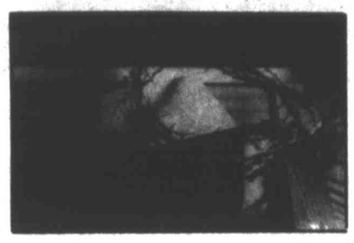
•Rev. Wayne O. Perry - Growth of the church continued

•Rev. H.B. Graves, Jr. - He was pastor from 1931 to 1966 and during this time, the church reached an all-time high average for Sunday School attendance, 166 in 1966 and the record still stands

•Rev. Guy White, Sr. - In 1969, the church baptized 36, the third most in history. His son, Guy White, Jr., is a deacon and church treasurer

•Rev. Monroe Teeters - He was there from 1972 to 1981 and twice, the church membership was more than 600

•Rev. Danny V. Curry - He was the great-great-grandson of Rev. Curry and during this time, contributions topped the $100,000 barrier for the first time. He was there from 1982 to 1986.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

A crown of thorns lay on top of a book on the desk of Rev. Collom.

•Rev. Kim Neese - He served from 1987 to 1988 and during this time, the new sanctuary was completed

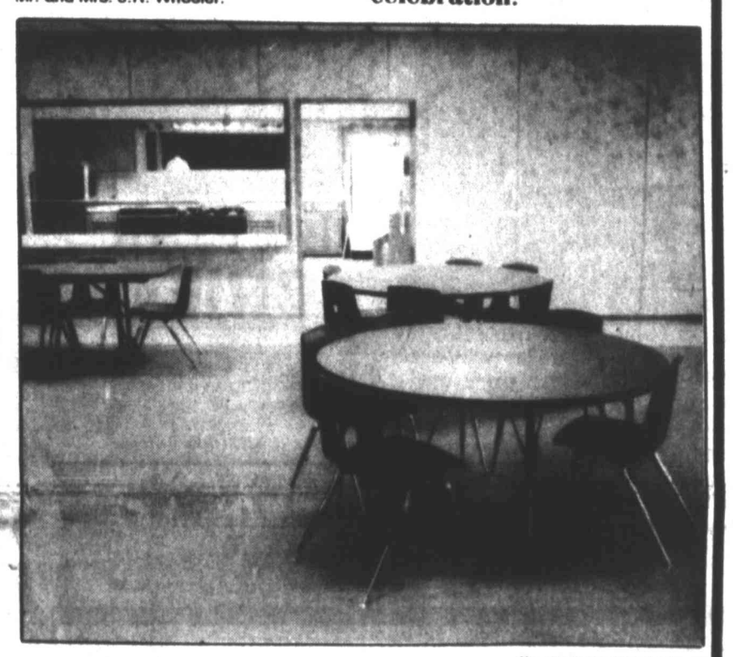
•Rev. Elwin Collom - He has served since 1989 and the renovation of the old sanctuary was done at this time

The charter members of the church included: Rev. and Mrs. D.W. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. F.T. Murry, Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Robinson, Mrs. Fannie Rhoton, Mr. and Mrs. Sawyers, Mr. Charlie Sawyers, Miss Josie Sawyers, Miss Symanthia Sawyers, Mrs. Alvie Stovall, Mrs. Cynthia Weaver and Mr. and Mrs. J.R. Wheeler.



Courtesy photo

Donnie and Madeline Jones will perform at the church next Sunday as part of the anniversary celebration.



Herald photos by Tim Appel

In the above photo, a kitchen in the background was once the pulpit, choir loft and baptistry of the church's old sanctuary. The building was remodeled into the fellowship hall when a new sanctuary was built.

This is what the new sanctuary that was built nine years ago looks like today. The church currently has 325 members with an average attendance on Sunday morning of 150 to 175.



It's a taxing time for last-minute filers



Mickey Guisewite
Columnist

There are two kinds of people in the world. Those who sent in their tax returns a month ago. And the other 32 million of us who sit in bumper-to-bumper traffic at 11:59 p.m. on April 15.

Early tax filers are on top of things. They spent the last four months researching tax software programs.

The rest of us spent an hour on the eve of April 15 storming around the house in search of a working pen.

Early tax filers are confident in their organizational skills. They hear the word "audit" and think about which type of tea in which china teacup to serve the IRS representative.

The rest of us hear the word "audit" and think about which country we could escape to and how fast we might be able to get there.

But of course that won't be easy. Because as is so typical of the last-minute filing personality, we seem to have misplaced our passport. It was in a box marked "Important Papers." But then we consolidated all of our miscellaneous filing systems into one uniform filing system. And now we can't remember which grocery bag it is in.

Note, the ever-efficient early tax filers don't save grocery bags. They take the groceries out of them, fold them up, tuck them next to the Dust Buster in their car trunk and return them next week on grocery-shopping day.

The rest of us hoard grocery bags. We can't get rid of them because this might be the week we organize four months' worth of newspapers and make room for other things in our garage. Such as our car.

Early tax filers have roomy garages that they like to sweep, hose down and paint on Saturday mornings after vacuuming the lint out of their meticulously kept cars.

The rest of us aimlessly wander through the garage searching for an ice scraper to dislodge the Happy Meal remnants laminated to our back seat, and then give up because we only have seven minutes to make it to the bank before it closes.

"Why?," we ask ourselves. Why are we sitting in a mile-long traffic jam at the last second just like we do every year waiting to deposit our tax return in the mail?

Are some of us part of a defective gene pool in which being perpetually late, disorganized and behind are as inescapable as big ears or crooked teeth?

Must we always be the butt of local newscaster jokes on April 15 as we file up to the post office with news cameras glued to our haggard, last-second faces?

In spite of it all, at least we late filers have a real sense of place in the world our early-filing counterparts will never have. But then, it's hard not to when you're 12 cars from the mailbox with 37 seconds left until the last pickup.

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GETTING ENGAGED



Rachel Suzanne Brown and Steven Roosevelt Hurford will exchange wedding vows on May 25, 1996, at the Christian Faith Center in Odessa with Don Kaywood, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of William L. Brown.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Hurford.



Jennifer Ann Perry, Andrews, and Billy Paul Darrow, Big Spring, will unite in marriage on July 7, 1996, at the Maranatha Assembly of God, Andrews, with the Rev. Wes Bynam, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of J.L. and Lou Ann Perry, Andrews.

He is the son of Mary Sue Jackson, and the late William Paul Darrow.



Julie Ann Driver, Midland, and Matthew David Thomas, Calhoun, Ga., will exchange wedding vows on June 1, 1996, at the First Christian Church in Big Spring with Gary Groves, minister, officiating.

She is the daughter of Handley and Temple Ann Driver, Midland.

He is the son of David and Melissa Thomas, Calhoun, Ga., and Jennifer Patat, Douglasville, Ga.

Jennifer Lynn Phifer and Daniel Steven Mireles will be united in marriage on June 15, 1996, at Baptist Temple Church with Dean Thomas, intern pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Jerome and Diana Phifer.

He is the son of Armando and Patricia Mireles.

LIFE! IN BRIEF

The 1976 class of Big Spring High School will be having a 20 year reunion August 9-11. Reunion organizers are needing assistance with locating old classmates. If you have an address of an ex who moves frequently or had a name change or is otherwise difficult to locate, please call 263-7219 and leave a message.

Organizers are also in need of suggestions, ideas and monetary donations. Please send to: Class of '76; c/o Les White; General Delivery; Big Spring, TX; 79720.

WEDDINGS

Gates-Goldsmith

Tricia Ann Gates and Scott Rogers Goldsmith, Breckenridge, were united in marriage on March 10, 1996, at the East Side Baptist Church in Haskell with Rev. David Page, pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of Robbie and Gerry Kinard, Coahoma, and Wayne Gates, Breckenridge.

He is the son of Rena and Teddy Goldsmith, Breckenridge.

The couple stood before an altar with hunter green and burgundy roses on a white archway.

W.O. and Minday Elmore were the organists.

Given in marriage by her father, the bride wore an Italian white satin gown with a princess collar made of teardrop pearls and lace. It had a cathedral length satin train accented with lace and pearls.

She carried a bouquet of white roses and carnations accented with baby's breath and white satin ribbon.

Maid of honor was Jessica Taylor, Breckenridge.

Flower girl was Kellye Tidrow, cousin of the bride, Haskell, and Josh Tidrow, cousin of the bride, Haskell, was the ringbearer.

Best man was Darron Wiloth, Breckenridge.

Coby Collinsworth and Russell Gates, brothers of the bride and both of Breckenridge, served as ushers.

The mother of the bride and of the groom were the candlelighters.



MRS. SCOTT GOLDSMITH

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the fellowship hall.

The bride's table was covered with a white satin cloth accented by burgundy bows with white roses and silver bells. It featured a three-tiered heart-shaped cake with burgundy roses and topped with a Precious Moments bride and groom.

The groom's table had a chocolate cake topped with fresh strawberries. The table also featured a coffee service and crystal cups.

Both the bride and groom are graduates of Breckenridge High School.

Following a wedding trip to Abilene, the couple will make their home in Breckenridge.

Hall-Wilson

Cynthia Ann Hall and Loren R. Wilson, both of Forsan, were united in marriage on March 13, 1996, in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Wilson, Big Spring, with Rev. Michael King officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Garrett, Forsan.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Wilson, Forsan.

Given in marriage by her son, Kyle Hale, she wore a street length beige two piece suit.

Matron of honor was Mrs. Kimberly Garrett.

Best man was Wayne Wilson.

Following the ceremony, a reception was held in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Sutton, Big Spring.

The bride is a graduate of Forsan High School and is employed by the Forsan ISD.

The groom is employed by Co-Ex Pipe Company.

The couple will make their home in Forsan.

HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured" "Delores" spayed female with white, black and orange tortoiseshell coat, very large golden eyes, laid-back and very affectionate.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

Spring special continues, all adult dogs are half-price!

It's tick season and the shelter is currently in dire need of volunteers to help with dipping dogs on weekends. If you can help, please call the shelter; lifting required.

"Mama Kitty" 2-year-old spayed female, very pretty long-haired black coat, has three 2 month old kittens: "Lacy," "Roxy," and "Gigi," all female gray tabbies; sweet and playful.

"Strawberry" long-haired spayed female, multi-colored coat with white, black and yellow, pretty green eyes, white "napkin" on chest, would love to come to dinner at your house?

"Madonna" beautiful long-hair spayed female, black and golden coat, gorgeous golden eyes, very well behaved and would make an excellent inside companion.

"Mortisha Adams" small adult black female, sleek coat and striking green eyes.

"Dimas" handsome male with sleek, long-haired black coat, affectionate and loving.

"Sadie" spayed female with black and white tuxedo markings, shy and reserved.

These, plus many more dogs and cats are awaiting adoption. Adoption fees for dogs are just $45 and cats are $35. This includes spaying or neutering, vaccinations, wormings and rabies shots. Also covers feline leukemia tests for cats. All pets come with a two-week trial period.

At other homes:

Free puppies: 2 mos., Lab/Border Collie mix, 2 males, 2 females with black and white markings, see at 1105 Mulberry.

Free: Shepherd mix male, good with other dogs and kids, 263-3650.

Male full-blooded Border Collie, black and white, very good with kids, neutered and has all shots, 264-0493.

IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pfc. Anthony H. Burton, son of Gary D. Burton of Forsan, recently reported for duty with the 3rd Battalion, 1st Marine Division, Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

The 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School joined the Marine Corps in May 1995.

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Marine Pvt. Vance D. Moore, son of Freddie J. Moore of Garden City, recently completed the Basic Metal Worker Course.

The 1995 graduate of Garden City High School of Garden City, joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

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Marine Pfc. Ross R. Norton, son of Russel R. and Doris L. Norton of Garden City, recently reported for duty with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marines, 1st Marine Division, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

The 1995 graduate of Garden City High School joined the Marine Corps in June 1995.

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The new 1996 edition of one of the Government's most popular publications entitled "Federal Benefits for Veterans and Dependents" is now available. The best selling handbook describes the wide range of benefits available to all veterans and their dependents. Eligibility requirements, the important timetable for benefits, and where and how to apply for benefits are described in detail.

Education and training benefits including the GI Bill, job training, vocational rehabilitation, and employment assistance are covered extensively. Other major sections describe VA loans for home buying Vets, life insurance, disability benefits, health care, death benefits, and other benefits for survivors. All VA facilities where Veterans can go for assistance including VA Hospitals, Nursing Homes, Clinics, VET Centers where counseling is available, and Treatment Centers for alcohol and drug dependence are listed with addresses and telephone numbers.

The location of all Veterans Administration National Cemeteries is also provide along with important information on burial, burial flags, and Presidential Memorial Certificates. Other topics of interest to Veterans including discharge records, medals and awards, correction of military records, and the new U.S. Court of Veterans Appeals are described.

The new 1995 edition of Federal Benefits for Veteran and Dependents is a must for all veterans and their dependents. This popular handbook may be of particular interest to recent veterans of Bosnia, Somalia, Desert Storm, Haiti and Panama.

To order: Send a check for $8.95 Payable to Federal Reprints to: Federal Reprints, P.O. Box 11783, Washington, Dc. 20008.

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The World War II Iwo Jima Survivors Association of Texas is having its 52nd anniversary reunion Feb. 20-25, 1997, at the Harvey Hotel in Irving. Any branch of service involved before, during or after the Iwo Jima Invasion in February and March of 1945 is invited and encouraged to attend.

Reunion plans include a

Please see MILITARY, page 3B

ANNIVERSARIES

Stroup

Walt and Jodi Stroup will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception on April 20, 1996 from 2 to 3:30 p.m. at the 14th & Main Church of Christ hosted by their children and grandchildren. They will also be taking a trip to Alaska in June.

He was born in Decatur, Ala., and moved to Coahoma in 1925. She was born in Sweetwater as Jodi Higginbotham and moved to Big Spring in 1936. They met in Big Spring through mutual friends. They were married on April 19, 1946, in Big Spring with Herbert Newman officiating. They have two children, Mrs. Bob Griffin (Sherry), Lewisville, and Mrs. Tom South (Jan), Abilene. They also have five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. Stroup have lived in Abilene, Clarendon, Cisco and Big Spring during their marriage.

Currently, he is in insurance sales and service, and she is a homemaker. Previously he was a school teacher at Clarendon High School and Junior College. They are affiliated with the 14th & Main Church of Christ. They enjoy camping, traveling, fishing, golf, children and grandchildren.



MR. AND MRS. STROUP

This was their comment about their 50 years of marriage, "We've built our marriage on love, family and the church, trying to do things together."

All photos must be picked up within 30 days of publication or they will be discarded.

NEW IN TOWN

Gary and Martha Payne, sons Nick and Abe and daughter Therese, Canyon City, Colo.

Bill and Debbie Castellarin, Denton.

Grant and Mary Ann Thurmon, daughters Mindy, Shayna and Brittany, Lubbock.

Regina Ryan and daughter Emily, San Angelo.

Debbie Robinson and son Christopher, Fort Worth.

Don R. Howard, Las Cruces, N.M.

Stephen and Shannon Martin, daughters Shayla and Sarah and son Skylar, Standford.

Chad and Wanda Hart, son Chad Jr and daughter Britany, Austin.

Miguel and Josie Castellanos, son Arnando and daughter Araeli, Lubbock.

Rafael and Amelia Rodriguez, Beaumont.

Robert and Debra Jackson, Odessa.

Marty and Larenda Kirby and daughter Heather, Augusta, Ga.

Kathleen Martin, daughters Kristian and Kimberly and son Justin, Midland.

Tito and Maria Saletrero, son Tito Jr., Anchorage, Alaska.

Hector and Mary Castro and daughters Monica and Veronica, Loraine.

Susie Gholson, Abilene.

lifel Section Sunday Deadlines

All Sunday items (weddings, anniversaries, engagements, birth announcements, Who's Who, military) are due to the Herald office by Wednesday at noon.

Wedding, engagement, anniversary and birth announcement forms are available in the editorial department. Pictures are to be picked up no later than 30 days after publication or they will be discarded.

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APRIL SCHEDULE

APRIL 4, 1996	Dr. S. Subbaraman, General Surgery
APRIL 11, 1996	Dr. Deborah Hajovsky, Obstetrics/Gynecology
APRIL 18, 1996	Big Spring Health Fair
APRIL 25, 1996	Amber Rich, Director, Business Development Connie Voltz, Director, Physician Relations

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Preserving those pictures and memories



Tumbleweed Smith
Columnist

You say you take a lot of pictures? And you love them?

You stick the photos of your kids on your refrigerator door or the family bulletin board so you can see them all the time?

But what happens when the pictures are all curled and faded and the kids are all grown and gone? Are those pictures you took 15 years ago still on the refrigerator?

If you answered all these questions affirmatively, you're like most people.

Very few folks give much thought to preserving photographs for future generations. Most families have their photos stashed away in some drawer, still in the envelope they were in when they were picked up at the developer.

When you (or your kids) take those pictures out, chances are the people in them are forgotten or dead.

There are several companies now that are specializing in teaching people how to take better care of their family photographs. They hold classes to tell you how you can take that jumbled up bunch of pictures and make some sense out of them.

They recommend sorting the pictures chronologically. Start with your most recent pictures and work backwards through time.

Once the pictures are laid out in the order they were taken, you may want to get creative. You may want to make separate albums for specific things, like building a lake cabin or vacations or children.

One important thing the preservation companies recommend is writing down who is in the photo, when it was taken and the event occurring when the picture was made. This information can be written on the back of the photo or on the space provided on the album page.

They also urge you to use acid-free albums, which used to be available only at specialty photo shops, but are now in discount stores.

If you only have one picture of a great grandmother, you may want to put that on a page of acid-free paper and write or type some words about her. The preservation people call this journaling.

Americans take 40 million pictures every day. Unfortunately, most of them will not last because they're not being cared for properly. When you start saving your photos, be selective. If you have two pictures of that smiling child, keep the best one for your album and send the other one to a relative.

You should take at least one roll of black and white film a year, since it lasts longer than color film. It's best not to store the negatives with the prints. You shouldn't stack your albums, since that causes abrasion problems. Keep them in an upright position.

If you want to keep newspaper clippings, make copies of them and store the originals in a cool, dry, dark place to slow down the acid deterioration.

"An essential part of many families' heritage is being lost," says James Reilly, director of the Image Permanence Institute of the Rochester Institute of Technology. "Putting the photos in the wrong kind of albums speeds the deterioration."

According to some people who specialize in photo preservation, the best plastics for storing photos are polyester (trade name Mylar), polyethylene, polypropylene, triacetate and Tyvek.

Some people who do yearly albums decorate the "change of season" pages with actual fall leaves, spring colors, pictures of a blue summer sky or a winter scene.

If your child is in a piano recital, surround the photo with musical notes and written comments. With some work, your photos could become more meaningful to you.

A company called Creative Memories could help you get started. Marcy Weir is a consultant. She conducts workshops and classes and sells photosafe albums and supplies. She can be reached at 267-1308.

Military

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1940's USO Show, spouse tours, memorabilia exhibits, a memorial service and flag-raising reenactments. Many military leaders will be present, and spouses and family members also are encouraged to attend.

The Iwo Jima Survivors Association is searching for any Americans that served in Japanese P.O.W. camps during World War II to be special guests. Anyone fitting that description or interested in attending the Iwo Jima Survivors Reunion should contact Cy Young at 817/845-3261 or write to the Iwo Jima Survivors Associations of Texas, P.O. Box 1657, Bowie, Texas 76230. Please specify your name, address, phone number, branch of service and approximate time at Iwo.



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Readers Corner

Submissions for the next Readers Corner page should be at the Herald office by April 15. The next Readers Corner page is scheduled for April 24.

Readers are encouraged to submit stories, poems and pictures. Stories and poems should be about a page and a half in length. Photos should be in focus and not too light or too dark; please identify the subject and who took the photo.

If space is limited, submissions may be held over until the following month. For more information, call Kellie Jones, 263-7331 ext. 112.

ON THE MENU

BIG SPRING SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken; potatoes; zucchini; tossed salad; milk/rolls; pudding.
TUESDAY - Pork chops; steamed rice; black-eyed peas; spinach salad; milk/rolls; fruited gelatin.
WEDNESDAY - Barbecue chicken; potato salad; beans; mixed vegetables; milk/rolls; pudding.
THURSDAY - Enchiladas; rice; beans; coleslaw; milk/corn bread; fruited gelatin.
FRIDAY - Charbroiled steak; whipped potatoes; broccoli; strawberry gelatin; milk/rolls; apple crisp.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal choices; graham crackers; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
TUESDAY - Pancake/sausage on a stick; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal choice; fruit muffin; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
THURSDAY - Sausage & biscuit; chilled fruit; whole/low-fat milk.
FRIDAY - Waffle w/syrup; sausage patty; fruit juice; whole/low-fat milk.
LUNCH
(Elementary)
MONDAY - Baked ham; whipped potatoes; glazed carrots; mixed fruit; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Salisbury steak; potato rounds; catsup; pineapple tidbits; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chef salad w/dressing; crackers; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Beef fajitas; salsa/sour cream/cheese; French fries; catsup; peaches; milk.
FRIDAY - Country sausage; corn; celery sticks; ranch dip; hot rolls; cookie; milk.
LUNCH
(Secondary)
MONDAY - Baked ham or steak fingers, gravy; whipped potatoes; glazed carrots; mixed fruit; hot rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Salisbury steak or Crispy chicken sandwich, lettuce & tomato; potato rounds; catsup; pineapple tidbits; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chef salad w/dressing; crackers or corn chip pie; green beans; apple; milk.
THURSDAY - Beef fajitas; salsa/sour cream/cheese or turkey pot pie; French fries; catsup; peaches; milk.
FRIDAY - Country sausage or pepperoni pizza; corn; celery sticks; ranch dip; hot rolls; cookie; milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; toast; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Sweeten oatmeal; toast; fruit; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Biscuit; scrambled eggs; fruit; milk.
THURSDAY - Pancake on stick; syrup; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; fruit; toast; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak, gravy; macaroni cheese; corn; beatnik cake; fruit; milk./
TUESDAY - Mexican casserole; pinto beans; carrot sticks w/dressing; corn bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Spaghetti w/meat sauce; salad; peach cobbler; bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Taco salad; fruit; chips; milk.
FRIDAY - BARBECUE chicken; potato salad; ranch style beans; bread; chocolate pudding; milk.

STANTON SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Breakfast bar or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Pop tart; little smokies; or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Pancakes or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Donut; little smokies or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Blueberry muffin or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Hot dog or burrito; chili; buttered corn;mixed fruit; peanut butter bar and milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti or hot pocket; green beans; tossed salad; applesauce gelatin; French bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef taco or tamales; pinto beans; lettuce/tomato; pineapple chunks; corn bread; milk.
THURSDAY - Baked chicken; or beef tips; steamed rice; gravy; peas & carrots; tossed salad; peaches; hot roll; milk.
FRIDAY - Hamburger or cheeseburger; French fries; lettuce/tomato; pears; peanut butter bar; milk.

SANDS SCHOOLS
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Sausage & egg burrito; jelly; milk; juice.
TUESDAY - Muffin; milk; juice.
WEDNESDAY - French toast; milk; sausage; juice.
THURSDAY - Cereal; milk; juice.
FRIDAY - Grilled cheese sandwich; milk; juice.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Ham sandwiches; beef & vegetable soup; potato chips; ice cream; milk.
TUESDAY - Country fried steak; slice potatoes & gravy; June peas; fruit; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Beef & cheese tacos; salad; pinto beans; corn bread; pudding; milk.
THURSDAY - Fried chicken w/gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; hot rolls; jello; milk.
FRIDAY - Hot dogs w/chili; ranch style beans.

ELBOW SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Cereal; toast; juice/milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice/milk.
WEDNESDAY - Waffles; sausage; juice/milk.
THURSDAY - Eggs; toast; juice/milk.
FRIDAY - Texas toast; peanut butter; juice/milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Pizza; new potatoes; fruit; milk.
TUESDAY - Chicken strips; scalloped potatoes; green beans; fruit; hot rolls; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Hamburger; fries; salad/pickle; milk.
THURSDAY - Soft taco; salad; cheese; corn; fruit; milk.
FRIDAY - Bologna sandwich; fresh vegetables; chips; fruit; milk.

GARDEN CITY
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak; gravy; green beans; mashed potatoes; fruit cup; rolls; milk.
TUESDAY - Spaghetti w-meat sauce; salad; butter carrots; jello; garlic bread; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Chicken fajita; Spanish rice; pinto beans; cheese; flour tortilla; cookie; milk.
THURSDAY - Meat loaf; corn; scalloped potatoes; bake apples; rolls; milk.
FRIDAY - Sandwiches; tuna; pimento cheese; peanut butter; fries; bake beans; milk.

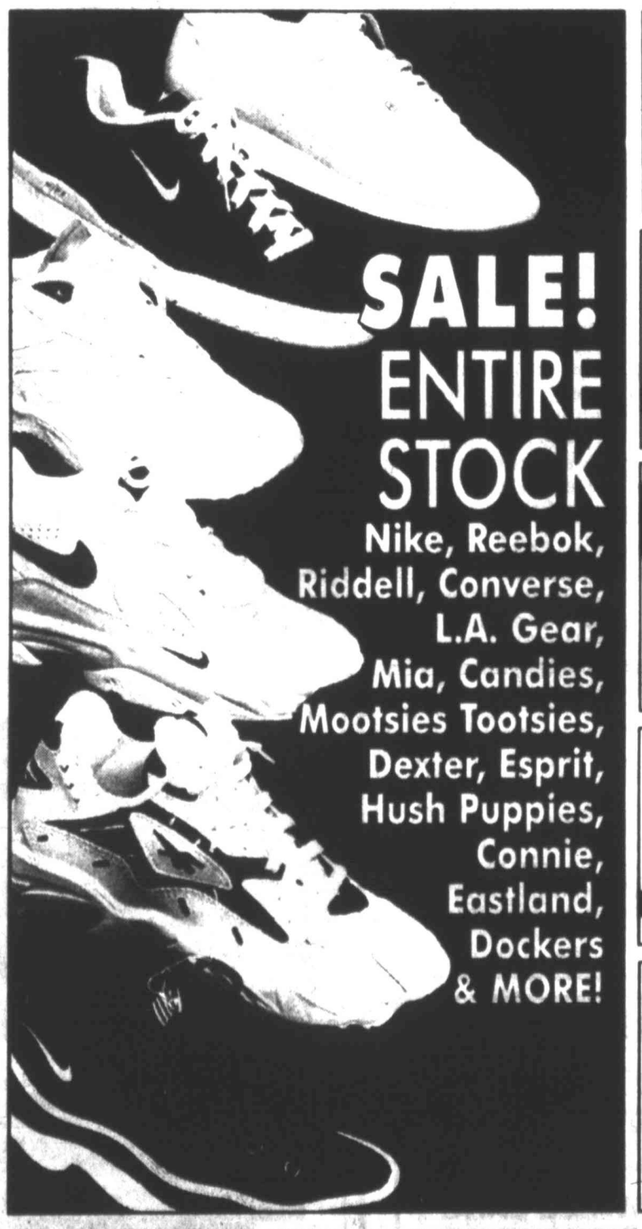
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BREAKFAST
MONDAY - Danish rolls; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Texas toast; jelly; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Muffins; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Breakfast burritos; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chuck wagon special; corn; salad/crackers; blueberry cake; milk.
TUESDAY - Steak; potatoes/gravy; broccoli/cheese; hot rolls/butter/honey; jello; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Fajitas; ranch-style beans; salad; spanish rice; fruit;milk.
THURSDAY - Turkey breast; potatoes/gravy; green beans; hot rolls/butter/honey; ice cream; milk.
FRIDAY - Sloppy Joes; French fries; salad; brownies; applesauce; milk.

WESTBROOK SCHOOL
BREAKFAST
MONDAY - French toast sticks; little smokies; juice; milk.
TUESDAY - Biscuits; sausage; juice; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Cereal; toast; juice; milk.
THURSDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.
FRIDAY - Cinnamon rolls; juice; milk.
LUNCH
MONDAY - Chicken fried steak, gravy; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuits; syrup; honey; milk.
TUESDAY - Pizza; tossed salad; English peas; peanut butter & crackers; pineapple tidbits; milk.
WEDNESDAY - Ham; sweet potatoes; corn; applesauce; hot rolls; syrup; honey; milk.
THURSDAY - Green Enchiladas; Mexican salad; corn on cob; peaches; milk.
FRIDAY - NO SCHOOL

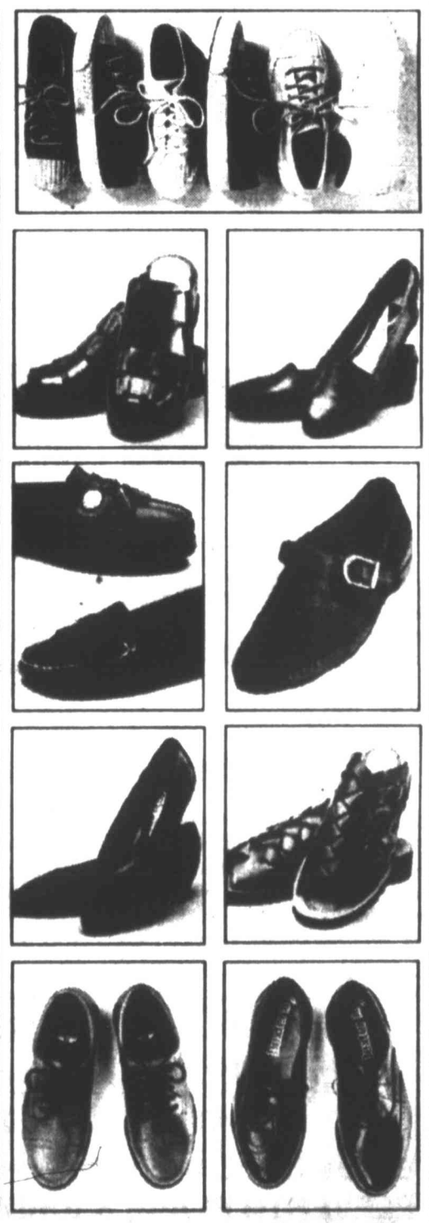
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Volunteers to be honored at banquet

Some new employees at the Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomed recently are Kay Arthur, Misty Compton, Ja Na Cordes and Terri Pearson. Mrs. Arthur and Ms. Compton are assigned to Medical Administrative Service respectively as a Medical Clerk and a Student Trainee. Mrs. Cordes is assigned to the Pulmonary Laboratory as a Supervisory Registered Respiratory Therapist. Mrs. Pearson, a Licensed Vocational Nurse assigned to Nursing Service, is working on the Nursing Home Care Unit.



Fred Cox
VA Medical Center

Other new nursing service employees are Janice Alexander, R.N., Linda Halliday, R.N., Stacey Johnson, R.N., and John Robinson, R.N. James Hicks and Carlos Montanez are new Food Service workers in Dietetic Service and Edward Malagon is the new Safety Specialist assigned to Engineering Service. Margaret Savage, Recreation Therapist, is newly assigned to Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation Service. Gaileon Ingram, Rehabilitation Technician, was recently hired to work in Psychiatry Service. Sarah Sobor is the newly hired Assistant Chief of Acquisition and Material Management Service.

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The Department of Veterans Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) Program is unfailing in its mission to honor veterans for their legacy of service and sacrifice. In FY '95, participants in VA medical facilities throughout the nation contributed 14,021,586 hours of service and an estimated $40 million in gifts and donations. Their efforts did not reap impressive benefit packages, paid holidays, or retirement plans. Appropriately, the 50th anniversary slogan is "Keeping the Promise." Based upon local support of the VAVS Program, I have no doubt this army of hope will continue to keep the promise well into the future.

In conjunction with National Volunteer Week, April 21-27, 550 VA Medical Center Volunteers and representatives of 60 organizations will be honored at a banquet for support rendered to our veteran patients through the VAVS Program during 1995. The banquet will be April 23 in Garrett Hall of the First United Methodist Church at 6 p.m. Of those to be recognized, 91 have volunteered more than 100 hours. Of those, service pins will be awarded to 35 who have contributed more than 100 hours of personal service. Likewise, 15 will receive 300 hour service pins, four will receive 500 hour service pins, six will receive 750 hour service pins, 10 will receive 1000 hour service pins, five will receive 2500 hour pins, and one will receive 3,750 hour pin. One volunteer will receive an 8,750 hour service plaque, two will receive 10,000 hour service bowls and one will receive a 15,000 hour service medallion.

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Obviously, the medical center could not function with qualified healthcare providers such as nurses, physician assistants, therapists and, especially, physicians. Medical Center Director Cary D. Brown formally recognized all the physicians employed at the medical center recently on "Doctor's Day" for their invaluable contributions.

Names of those honored are listed as follows:

Randall Arnonett, D.D.S.; Staff Dentist (oral surgery) Alfredo Conde, M.D., Staff Physician (internal medicine) Richard M. Fenton, M.D., Staff Physician (Ophthalmology) Nomie Finn, M.D., Chief, Medical Service, (Internal Medicine) Meera Kodityal, M.D., Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Carson Lo, M.D., Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Phocian W. Malone, M.D., Staff Physician (Medical Services) Sudha R. Mehta, M.D., Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Tin Than Myint, M.D., staff; Shahid Muhammad, M.D., Staff Physician (Psychiatry) Elizabeth Ong, M.D., Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Darryl H. Powell, M.D., Chief of Staff (General Surgery) Dorothy Purgason, M.D., Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Gaddum J.M. Reddy, M.D., Chief, Surgical Service (Thoracic Surgery) Luis Sabogal, M.D., Staff Physician (Urology) James I. Shelton, D.D.S., Chief, Dental Service (Oral Surgery) Oseas R. Sulatan, M.D. Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Celsa Tiu, M.D., Anesthesiologist Kokila Vasanawala, M.D., Chief Pathology & Laboratory Medicine Service (Pathology) Shreenivas Vasanawala, M.D., Staff Physician (General Surgery) Imran Yazdani, M.D., Staff Physician (Internal Medicine) Jordan Yee, M.D., Chief, Psychiatry Service (Psychiatry).

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After 30 years of government service, Mattie Andrews, former Environmental Management Service Secretary, has retired. Also, former Safety Officer Vaughn Martin retired at the end of March following 38 years of government service. To both, who were outstanding employees, Happy Retirement!

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Special thanks are extended to the Employee's Association for sponsoring the Annual VA Medical Center Easter Egg Hunt. According to Employees' Association President Cheryl Justice, it was especially entertaining for the 250 children of patients and employees who participated.

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A second donated van will soon be operational in our Veterans Transportation Network. Volunteers will be needed to operate this vehicle to transport veterans without transportation to and from the medical center. Volunteers are also needed to serve as clerical assistants, escorts and Courtesy Cart Drivers. If interested, please contact me ASAP.

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Since beginning this column, I have been requested to provide the type of information to readers sought daily from VA Counselors. Therefore, in the future, I will attempt to meet this request by printing representative questions and answering them.

Fred Cox is the community relations coordinator at the Big Spring VA Medical Center. He can be contacted 264-4824.

STORK CLUB

Timothy Joseph Karr, boy, April 4, 1996; parents are Kayla and Craig Karr.

Grandparents are Tim Karr, Lubbock, Patsy Karr, Idalou, Tresa Majors, Big Spring, and Dennis Butler, Plainview. Great grandparents are O.D. and Delores Majors, Coahoma and Mark and Connie Simpson, Colorado City.

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Hannah Beth Halfmann, girl, April 4, 1996, 12:33 p.m., six lbs., six ounces; parents are Nathan and Gena Halfmann, Garden City.

Grandparnets are Cecil and Wilma Halfmann and Andrew and Loretta Schaefer, all of Garden City.

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BreAnna Angel Martinez, girl, April 9, 1996, 1:26; parents are Reymundo and Yvette Martinez.

Grandparents are Arthur and Susie Valdez, Big Spring, and Bernardo and Ruth Rivera, Van Horn.

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Pearl Ann Hinojos, girl, April 8, 1996, 2:07 p.m.; mother is Bertha Susan Hinojos.

Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hinojos, Big Spring.

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Victoria Ann Enriquez, girl, April 7, 1996, 9:02 a.m.; parents are Oscar F. Enriquez and Christina Ann Hinojosa.

Grandparents are Dolores Hewitty, Big Spring, and Cayetano and Mary Enriquez, Lenorah.

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Bryan Thomas Platte, boy, April 5, 1996, 5:40 p.m.; parents are Clifton and Dawn Platte.

Grandparents are Myrle Platte, Big Spring, Ervin and Laura Platte, Houston; Diane Szabo, Big Spring, and Klaus Szabo, Stryker, Ohio.

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Tristan Allen Hill, boy, April 4, 1996, 4:56 p.m.; parents are Kaleb and Charity Hill.

Grandparents are Kenneth and Vickie Reed, Billy and Jane Hammond, all of Big Spring, and Keith and Helen Hill, Irving.

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WHO'S WHO

Jason Henry, a Future Farmer of America from Coahoma High School, placed among the top 20 in the Meats Judging competition at the statewide FFA Invitational Judging Contests held recently at Tarleton State University. Henry was 18th high individual.



HENRY

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Ramneth Subbaraman, a sophomore at Big Spring High School, has been accepted to the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science for the 1996 fall semester. He is the son of Shantha and Sriramamurthy Subbaraman of Big Spring.



SUBBARAMAN

The academy is an early college admissions program at the University of North Texas that gives gifted students a chance to complete their first two years of college while earning a high school diploma.

He should be ready for his junior year of college when he graduates from the academy in 1998.

Selection is based on Scholastic Aptitude Test scores, academic records for seventh through 10th grades, an academy mathematics diagnostic test, a student essay, demonstrated interest in science and mathematics, teacher recommendations, a personal interview, and parental support and commitment.

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Two high school seniors from Coahoma have been awarded Carr Academic Scholarships at Angelo State University for 1996-97.

The students include Krista A. Jeffcoat and Leslie Y. Rodriguez from Coahoma High School.

Over 300 Carr Academic Scholarships for 1996-97, ranging in value from $1,500 to $6,000, have been awarded to qualified high school seniors. During the current year approximately 900 students from throughout Texas and the nation, as well as numerous foreign countries are attending Angelo State University on Carr Academic Scholarships.

As a general rule, students must rank in the top 15 percent of their high school class and present either a combined math and verbal score of 1140 on the SAT 1 or a composite score of 225 on the ACT.

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SHERMAN — Hillary Twining, Big Spring, was among 60 Austin College students who tried their hand at solving the world's problems during the 1996 National Model United Nations Conference in New York City April 2-6.

Both Austin College delegations, representing South Africa and Russia, earned distinguished rankings at the competition. Only the top 20 delegations are ranked. This year's students continued Austin College's 15-year tradition of being among the ranked delegations.

The National Model United Nations Conference, a simulation of the actual workings of the United Nations, is the largest and most prestigious conference of its kind.

The National Model United Nations Conference originated in 1923 as a simulation of the League of Nations and adopted its present form in 1946, after the creation of the United Nations. The conference now involves more than 1,800 delegates from throughout the world.

She is a graduate of Big Spring High School and the daughter of Ms. Nancy Lee Twining.

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Recipe Corner

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Submissions for the next recipe corner need to be in the Herald office no later than April 29. It is scheduled for May 8.

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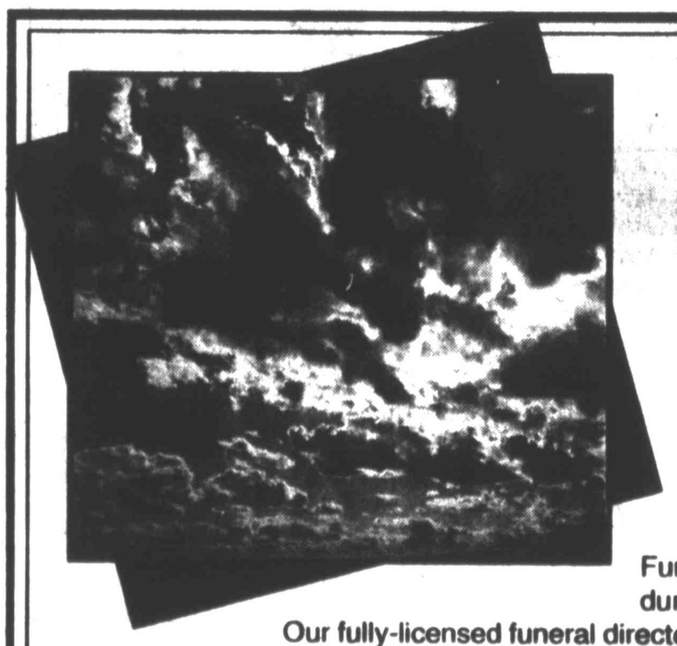
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Monday Evening - April 15
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Tuesday Evening - April 16
RalphGates - Midland, TX

Wednesday Evening - April 17
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Karnal Bunt, latest disaster to burden ag producers

It seems like ag producers are getting hit with one disaster right after another lately...the latest bad news concerns a fungus that is affecting the wheat industry. It is called Karnal Bunt, a fungal disease of wheat, durum wheat, and triticale, a hybrid of wheat and rye. Typically, only a portion of the kernel is affected. This is why the disease is sometimes called partial bunt.



Don Richardson
County Agent

Infected plants produce less grain and the quality of the grain itself is lessened. Flour made from bunted kernels is discolored and has an unpleasant, though harmless, odor and taste. Generally, wheat containing more than 3 percent bunted kernels is considered unfit for human consumption. It was first detected at a seed dealership in March in Southwestern Arizona by the Arizona Department of Agriculture. Authorities believe that this is a very localized find. It is caused by the smut fungus, Tilletia indica Mitra and is spread by spores. Infection occurs during the flowering stage of the plant, when the developing ovary of a host plant comes into contact with infectious sporidia. The ideal conditions for infections are cool weather and rainfall or high humidity. In soil, the spores may be able to survive as long as five years. Researchers continue to seek improved wheat varieties that are resistant to Karnal bunt.

The Karnal Bunt was found in certified durum wheat seed of the variety known as Reva produced in the state in 1995. USDA officials, along with Arizona Dept. of Ag officials are tracing the history of the infected seed to determine the source of the infected wheat.

The process will be aided by the fact that the wheat seed in question is certified seed, which leaves a good "paper trail." Emergency quarantines has been issued to restrict the movement of seed, machinery and soil from farms where the infected seed has been planted. State and Federal quarantines will be placed to augment this emergency action.

A science panel of technical experts met in late March in Arizona to update the existing Karnal bunt action plan. They will develop surveys, regulatory and control measures to deal with the current situation. Although the overall crop losses caused by karnal bunt might not be severe, the disease has quarantine significance and thus could affect US grain exports. The US is the world's leading wheat exporter, accounting for 1/3 of word wheat exports valued at $4.9 billion.

Prior to this outbreak, Karnal bunt had not been detected in the US. It has been reported in India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq and Mexico. 21 countries are known to regulate or prohibit grain movements on the basis of this disease. A wheat export certification team has been established to develop options for dealing with potential issues.

In accordance with the International Plant Protection Convention (IPPC), trading partners are being informed of the detection through the Food and Agriculture (FAO) of the United Nations and the North American Plant Protection Organization (NAPPO).

Additional details on this disease can be had by contacting the Howard County office of the Texas Agricultural Extensions Service at 263-2236.

Perry: U.S. cattle safe from BSE

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Underscoring the safety of the U.S. food supply, Texas Agriculture Commissioner Rick Perry says that Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy or BSE has never been a problem in the U.S. and that "stringent" steps are in place to prevent BSE from entering the country.

"BSE affects the central nervous system of cattle, causing the animals to lose all muscle coordination. Unfortunately, it's being called 'mad cow disease' because of how cattle act and stagger around. In reality, it's a very sad situation to see," Perry said.

There have been no cases of BSE found in the U.S., and in 1989 a total ban was imposed on cattle imports from countries with BSE. The U.S. Department of Agriculture Food Safety Inspection Service says that no beef has been imported from the United Kingdom since 1985.

There is no specific evidence that BSE is present in meat or milk, or that BSE can be transmitted through physical contact or the consumption of beef or dairy products.

In a statement released March 20 by the Spongiform Encephalopathy Advisory Committee, any connection between BSE and the 10 cases of Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease, a human brain disease, reported in Great Britain occurred before control measures such as the bovine offal ban were introduced. The SEAC is a British based group of experts in neurology, epidemiology and microbiology.

In 1989, the British government banned the sale of offal from cattle from cattle to consumers. By-products covered by the ban include the brain, spinal cord, thymus, intestines, tonsils and spleen.

Perry added the USDA has taken certain steps to prevent BSE from entering the U.S. He pointed to the importation ban and the stepped up surveillance and training methods in place for federal inspectors and veterinary pathologists.

"As the nation's number one cattle producing state, Texas certainly has a vital stake in the health of the U.S. cattle industry. And as an industry, we must do all that we can to deliver a safe, quality product to our consumers," Perry said.

HOT STUFF!



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Devry Kidd of TU Electric creates a high voltage arc on a hot dog during a demonstration for the students at Goliad Middle School Thursday. The assembly was called to show students the dangers of electricity.

Dallas council accepts its share of $5 million settlement

DALLAS (AP) — Three Dallas City Council members have accused Deputy Mayor Chris Luna of sabotaging the city's battle over zoning for an 18-screen theater that led to a $5 million city settlement on the Cinemark theater chain.

Paul Fielding, Larry Duncan and Donna Blumer accused Luna of giving a private memo from city attorneys to Cinemark attorney Kirk Williams, a former law firm colleague of Luna.

The memo advised council members that they were legally required to approve the theater, based on zoning laws. Williams testified in a deposition that he had received the memo from Luna.

The council voted, 11-3, Wednesday to approve the settlement of the lawsuit Cinemark filed after the city blocked the 18-screen theater project at Forest Lane and Inwood Road, near the intersection of Dallas North Tollway and Interstate 635.

Williams testified in a deposition that he had received the memo from Luna, but he also said "it's not unusual at all" for council members to turn over to him documents relating to zoning cases.

Fielding, Duncan and Ms. Blumer led the fight against the theater, which the council rejected, 8-7, in January 1994.

Luna scorned his colleagues' criticism, saying they were trying to make him a scapegoat for their own error in trying to block the project in the first place.

"If I screwed up as bad as they did, I would be looking for scapegoats, too," Luna said.

Special training boosts product knowledge

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Big Spring's Sears franchise owner Lyndon Smith recently represented his store and participated in a two-day advanced training course designed to strengthen product brand knowledge.

The "Spring Training Camp" offered store owners and employees the opportunity to meet with manufacturers for hands-on product training on today's high tech products.

Participants worked with representatives from major name-brand companies including; General Electric, Whirlpool, Frigidaire, Amana, Jenn-Air, Sharp, Panasonic, RCA, Emerson Tool and American Yard Products to understand first hand the unique features of each product.

Representatives were also introduced to the Digital Satellite Systems, a new satellite technology that's revolutionizing the way we receive television. In many parts of the country, Sears dealer stores will be the first and only store in their areas to offer DSS products.

According to Sears National Training Manager Beverly Chaney, learning about technology first-hand gives dealer store representatives the expertise to share product knowledge with the community.

"Seminars like this empower Sears dealers by keeping them abreast of the constant improvements being made in the products they sell," Chaney said.

She added, "Since Sears sells more name brand products than any other retailers, we want dealers to have the brand knowledge to offer the best product solutions to customers in their local stores."

Sears currently operates more than 380 retail dealer stores in mid-sized communities across the country and offer band names such as Kenmore, Craftsman and DieHard

Lance hoping for sweeter days following a series of cutbacks

CHARLOTTE (AP) — Lance Inc. chief executive Paul Stroup III has his work cut out for him, and that work goes beyond the speech he must give to shareholders later this month.

It includes turning around the snack food maker, which, until recently, was an investor's dream.

"We need to take responsibility for our future. If we can't, how can we continue to be a successful company?" Stroup said in an interview in his office at the company's Charlotte headquarters.

Stroup will speak at the company's annual meeting April 19. That meeting is the first since a major restructuring by Lance that closed two plants and put more than 500 people out of work.

For most of its 83 years, Lance has been a highly successful and profitable company, selling millions of its popular Toastchee sandwich crackers, chips and wide variety of other snacks. In the past, it also paid handsome dividends each quarter while its stock price advanced.

Times got tougher for Lance in the late 1980s, when competition in already fiercely competitive snack food industry intensified.

"We always were able to pass along our price increases (to the consumer), but that stopped around 1990," said Stroup, a native Charlottean who joined Lance out of Furman University 23 years ago and moved up through the ranks.

When Lance's margins tightened, Stroup was among the majority at the company who believed retail prices — and profits — would soon start to rise again.

They were wrong.

"Most successful companies find it hard to accept change," he said. "We've been looked at as a conservative company, which really isn't such a bad thing if you balance sheet is okay.

"It is bad if it means you're slow to recognize change."

Looking at the company's history, it's easy to understand why its managers were reluctant to rock the boat. From 1970, Lance's profits rose steadily each year from less than $6 million to a record $45.7 million in 1990.

In recent years, after well-heeled rivals like Frito-Lay and Nabisco began to invade its markets, Lance's sales and earnings started to drop.

After posting a $26.9 million profit in 1994, Lance suffered a $6.9 million loss last year. Most of the loss stemmed from $40 million in restructuring charges.

In December, the snack food company announced it was laying off 507 workers, or about 9 percent of its 5,600-employee work force. The cuts were made at its Vista Bakery in Columbia, S.C., and a production facility in Greenville, Texas.

The cutbacks are expected to generate $10 million a year in pre-tax savings. Production was shifted to Lance plants in Charlotte, where the company has 1,700 employees, and Iowa, where it employs 500 workers.

Lance worked closely with San Francisco consulting firm Swander, Pace & Co., which specializes in the food and beverage industry, to develop the restructuring plan.

"They didn't come here for two weeks and go over our numbers," Stroup said. "They came here for four months and studied our entire operation. And they did not develop a strategy and plan for us. We let them help us do that.

"What they did was challenge a lot of our assumptions."

Industry analyst David Leibowitz, managing director of Burnham Securities in New York, called it an "ambitious program."

"If it works out the shareholders will have a lot to smile about," he said. "At this point, it's too premature to issue a report card."

Lance is not the only snack-food company with problems.

In November, United Biscuits Holdings PLC, the British food company, sold its Keebler subsidiary after years of weak results. One month earlier, St. Louis-based Anheuser-Busch Cos. announced that it would try to sell its Eagle Snacks business.

According to Leibowitz, Lance has a lot of things going for it: no long-term debt, strong brand name recognition, a solid customer base, and a well organized distribution network.

He suggested that Lance might have averted some of its losses if it had grown large enough to prevent its rivals from taking so much of its market share.

"Lance has not been as aggressive as some of its competitors," he said. "Some opportunities that might have been grasped appeared to have eluded the company in times past. Now some of those opportunities may present themselves again."

FAST TRACK

BUSINESS HIGHLIGHTS

Local CCCS office observes credit week

In an effort to heighten public awareness about the importance of good credit, Consumer Credit Counseling Service will be observing National Credit Week April 21-27.

Sponsored for more than 30 years by the International Credit Association, National Credit Education Week stresses the need for citizens, especially students and young adults, to understand crdit and the importance of strong money management skills. This year's theme, "Work Out Your Future with Good Credit," was chosen to tie in with today's fitness craze in hopes of stimulating high school students to consider their own creditworthy futures. It is estimated that more than 100,000 consumers are reached yearly through the observance of this week.

CCCS President Marianne Gray said, "This week is an excellent time for consumers to begin evaluating their credit and financial situations, and CCCS will continue our ongoing programs to educate consumers about credit issues and local services that are available, help them with any credit-related problems they may have and teach the how to make credit work.

AA to ungrade its flying efficiency

FORT WORTH, (AP) — An upgrade of navigation systems on 360 American Airline jets to improve airspace æfficiency will cost $44 million, the carrier says.

Installation of the Honeywell-Trimble system by crews at American's maintenance and engineering facility in Tulsa, Okla., is expected to take 30 months.

American said the Honeywell-Trimble HT-9100 system will replace OMEGA, a navigational system based on government-sponsored ground stations in seven countries.

DFW fees could prompt reevaluation

DALLAS (AP) — The prospect of increasing short-haul fees could force re-evaluation of federal flight restrictions at Dallas' Love Field, the chairman of Southwest Airlines says.

If Southwest loses its fight with several larger carriers over how to fund the federal aviation system, the Dallas-based airline would be penalized along with other short-haul companies, Herbert D. Kelleher said Tuesday.

"I think if you got into the situation where all of the sudden the costs of short-haul service were dramatically increased, that we would have to look at providing more long-haul service," Kelleher said after an appearance before Southern Methodist University business students.

"And in that event, I think it's logical that we'd at least start paying some attention to the Wright Amendment and maybe a dissolution of the Wright Amendment," he said.

PUBLIC RECORDS

Justice of the Peace
China Long
Precinct 1, Place 1
Bad Checks/Warrants issued:

The addresses listed are the last known addresses. Names on this list remain until all fines have been paid. If any problems with this list, please contact China Long's office at 264-2226.

Hallmark, Allen, 307 32nd St., Big Spring.

Young, George, Gail Rt., Box 446 A, Big Spring.

Marriage Licenses:

Florencio Hewtty, Jr., 22, and Mary Irma Martinez, 20.

Christopher Lee Viasana, 22, and Elizabeth Renee Anzaldua, 20.

Ruben Fuentes, 24, and Denita Kay Flores, 19.

Rusty Ray Newcomb, 27, and Keisha Lynn Wilhorn, 21.

Terry Lynn Norsworthy, 49, and Debra Coleman, 49.

County Court Records:

Judgment & sentence DWI: Tony DeLaGarza $100 fine, $305 and $287 court costs, and 30 and 60 days in jail.

Revocation of probation: Edward Orland Ramirez.

Probated judgment theft over $500/under $1500: Sean Massingill $250 fine and 180 days in jail.

118th District Court:
Filings:
Divorce:

Charlene Torres vs. Daniel Torres, Jr.

Sandra Gwen Hernandez vs. Gary Hernandez.

Anthony Lee Hill vs. Valarie Joan Hill.

Jerry Lazarito Bermea vs. Jo Ann Hernandez Bermea.

John Anthony Bowers vs. Kimmie Lee Bowers.

Vincient Manning Cleamons, Sr., vs. Laurel Elaine Cleamons.

Injuries & damages with a motor vehicle:

Betty Jo Hernandez vs. Julie Alta REdding and William Agnew.

Latoshia Nicole Wilbert and Linda Ann Foster vs. Alisha Brewer.

Other:

State of Texas vs. Big Spring Fuel Company, Southwest Convenience Stores, Inc., Charles Byron Harris d/b/a Desert Oil Company, ParKa Fuels, Inc., Ackerly Oil Company, Inc., Town and Country Food Stores, Inc., Robbie Dijon Stanford, Charles Wesley Dunnam, and Bob Charles Parks.

Rulings:

Donna Cay Roy vs. Bobby Joe Roy, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Kayla Denise Horton vs. Boyce Lee Horton, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Ellen Vena Sherrod vs. Jimmy Randal Sherrod, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Clint McAnally vs. Rachelle McAnally, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Richard Lee Nix vs. Tonna Danelle Nix, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Christina Trevino Arellano vs. Eugenio Martinez Arellano, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

First Deposit National Bank vs. Jack C. Taylor, disposed-judgment-other.

Ernesto Moralez Jr. vs. Martha Fina Lopez Moralez, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Albert L. Alvarez vs. Patsy Alvarez, disposed-family law.

Randy A. Legrande vs. Debra Kay Legrande, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Norma Bermea vs. Tony Bernal, disposed-dismissed-family.

Cherie Machelle Little vs. Ronald Troy Little, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Kenneth Eugene Hinrichs vs. Carol Kay Hinrichs, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

George E. Martinez vs. Sharon Koo, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Arturo Guevara Trevino vs. Michelle Trevino, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Khristie Christansen vs. Johnny L. Green, disposed-family law.

Sun Yi Fulesday vs. John Eugene Fulesday, disposed-dismissed-divorce.

Howard County, Et Al vs. Wheels, Inc., disposed-judgment.

Cosden Employees FCU vs. Texas Employment Commission, dipsosed-dismissed-IDO.

Kimberly Kay Ward vs. Allen Ray Ward, disposed-granted-div.

Christina Hilario vs. Lee Paul Fry, M.D., Methodist, disposed-judgment.

Anita Gonzales vs. Wilfredo Gonzales, diposed-dismissed-div.

Patricia Labelle Morrow Ugstad vs. Bradley Gerald Ugstad, disposed-dismissed-div.

Evelyn Marie Hess vs. Mark Anthony Hess, disposed-dismissed-div.

MaryAnn Perez vs. Paul Gonzales, disposed-dismissed-family.

Linda Kay Money vs. Max Moore, disposed-dismissed-IDM.

Michael Wayne Peterson vs. Melissa Lyn Peterson, disposed-dismissed-div.

Coralyn Davis Smith vs. Charles Benson Smith, disposed-dismissed-div.

Pebble Charme Evens vs. Carl Van Evan, disposed-dismissed-div.

Gwendolyn Faye Crenshaw vs. Frank Donald Crenshaw, disposed-dismissed-div.

Howard County Deed Records

Warranty Deeds:

grantor: Dorothy L. Ritz
grantee: Robert Boadle and Cynthia A. Boadle
property: part of lot 6 and part of lot 7, blk. two, Monticello Addition.
filed on April 1, 1996

grantor: Harold T. Jones
grantee: Charles w. Dunnam, Margaret Gamble, Barbara Chandler, Thomas C. Dunnam and Janie Reid
property: .363 acre tract of land in the E/2 of Section 43, blk 31
filed April 1, 1996

grantor: Alberto Valdes and Lillian Valdes
grantee: Charles W. Dunnnam, Margaret Gamble, Barbara Chandler, Thomas C. Dunnam and Janie Reid
property: .023 acre tract of land out of the E/2 of section 43 blk. 31
filed April 1, 1996

grantor: Tommy Jon Tompkins, Inc.
grantee: Parks Fuel, Inc.
property: Lots Nos. 1,2,3, and 4, blk. 10 in College Heights Addition
filed April 1, 1996

grantor: David Jarrett and Donna Jarrett
grantee: Pete Rosenbaum
property: Lot 17, blk "A" Merrick Green Addition
filed March 29, 1996

grantor: Glen S. Murphy
grantee: Pamela Christian
property: Lot 14, blk. 36, Forsan
filed April 1, 1996

grantor: Harvel C. Hooser, Jr.
grantee: Ruben J. Englert
property: Lot No. 2 in Blk 25 of the Monticello Addition
filed April 3, 1996

grantor: Thomas Billy Carr, Rodney Carr, Richard Carr and Rhonda Carr
grantee: Robert E. Dean and Sandra L. Dean
property: West of US Hwy 80, parcel land out of section 31, blk 33 T-1N, T&P Ty. C.

grantor: Gene E. Burrow and Dorothy Burrow
grantee: Virginia Weaver
property: Lot 15, blk. 8, North Belvue Addition
filed April 3, 1996

grantor: Willie P. Lane
grantee: John H. Kennemur and Winnifred Kennemur
property: All of lot 12 in blk 5 Coronado Hills Addition
filed April 4, 1996

Warranty deed/vendor's lien:

grantor: Lewis Larson Lloyd also known as Lewis Larson Lloyd Jr. and Brenda J. Lloyd
grantee: W. Doug Pounds and Tracey Pounds
property: Lot 7 blk 3, Kentwood addition (unit 1)
filed April 8, 1996

grantor: Chuck Rosenbaum
grantee: Martin Puga
property: Lott 11 blk 1, Hayden Addition
filed April 4, 1996

grantor: Ray N. Prater and Patty Parter
grantee: Gordon A. Simmons and Elvanda J. Simmons
property: Lot 8 blk 22, College Park Estates
filed April 3, 1996

grantor: Lola Sheppard
grantee: Alex Rodriguez and Sharon Rodriguez
property: Lot 9 blk 7, Coronado Hills Addition
filed March 28, 1996

grantor: Mark Spannaus and Jill Spannaus
grantee: Michael A. Hachtman and Anne D. Hachtman
property: E/2 of Lot No. 10 and all of Lots Nos. 11 and 12 in blk. No. 13, Edwards Heights Addition
filed April 2, 1996

grantor: Pete Rosenbaum
grantee: Chuck Rosenbaum
property: Lot 17 blk A, Merrick-Green Addition
filed April 2, 1996

grantor: Renny Paul Spencer and Theresa Murray Spencer
grantee: Eliseo M. Gamboa and Rosa B. Gamboa
property: Lot No. 9 and South 40 of Lot No. 10 blk 5, South Haven Addition
filed April 2, 1996

grantor: Charles W. Dunnam, Margaret Gamble, Barbara Chandler acting by Charles W. Dunnam attorney-in-fact, Thomas C. Dunnam and Jamie Reid, each married Grantor herein named is not joined by his or her respective spouse for the reason that the property conveyed herein is in the separate property of each Grantor and doesn't constitute any part of his or her homestead
grantee: Ariel Luna
property: 0.354 acre tract of land out of the E/2 of section 43 blk 31, T-1-N T & P RR
filed March 29, 1996

Deed without warranties:

grantor: J.L. Davis and Joyce Davis
grantee: Harold T. Jones
property: 1.25 acre tract of land out of the East 1/2 of section 43 blk 31, T-1-N T&P RR
filed April 1, 1996

General warranty deed:

grantor: Randall H. Hillman andd Cindy L. Hillman
grantee: Tim Gilles
property: all of lot 6 in blk 3, Indian Hills
filed April 4, 1996

grantor: Delbert W. Holt
grantee: Bruce A. Helsley and Rebecca A. Helsley
property: Lot 12 blk 1, Edgemer Subdivision in sect. 4 blk 32, T-1-S T&P RR
filed March 28, 1996

grantor: Myrtle M. Pipes
grantee: Tim Gilles
property: Lot 3 blk 3, North McEwen
filed March 29, 1996

Sheriff's tax deed:

Howard County by Sheriff and other to Patsy Brown
property: Lot 10, blk 4, Banks Addition
filed April 2, 1996

Howard County by Sheriff and others to Jose Reteria
property: South hald of lots 1 and 2 blk 38, Bauer Addition
filed April 4, 1996

Deeds:

grantor: Charles E. Green or Annie L. Green
grantor: Glen S. Murphy
property: Lot 14 blk 35 to the original Forsan
filed April 2, 1996

grantor: Stanley Owens
grantee: Autry Moore and Martha Moore
property: NE 1/4 of sect. 35 blk 33 T-1-S T&P Ry. C.

Insurers accused of overcharging

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas Insurance Commissioner Elton Bomer on Tuesday proposed changes to the way auto insurers calculate premiums after allegations that two of the state's largest insurance companies have overbilled customers by more than $100 million.

Bomer said he expects to approve the rules quickly, and added that the current rules on how to calculate premiums could be confusing.

Civil lawsuits are pending against Allstate Insurance Co. and Farmers Insurance Co. alleging that the way the companies calculate premiums forced consumers to overpay premiums for the past 10 years.

Bomer would not comment on the lawsuits, but said he wants all companies to round premiums to the nearest penny, not the nearest dollar "so that everyone is paying the actual premium that they own as opposed to a rounded dollar."

Under current state law, the two companies say they are required to round premiums twice.

For example, a policy that cost $1,000.50 a year would be rounded to $1,001. Since most drivers pay their premiums every six months, the total would be divided into two payments of $500.50 each.

That figure would be rounded to $501, meaning that the companies would collect a total of $1,002 on the $1,000.50 policy.

Lawsuits against the companies say Allstate collected an extra $52 million in the last 10 years and Allstate collected an additional $57 million under the rounding method.

"To Allstate, the rules have never been confusing," said Bob Pike, general counsel for Allstate. "The rules have been dictated to us by law and by department correspondence for the last 10 years."

Pike said Allstate told the department, under former administrators, that double rounding would result in overbilling.

"The department told us to follow the law," he said.

Bomer's proposal would require rounding to the nearest penny so that the example of a $1,000.50 policy would be billed in two, $500.25 payments.

Jerry Johns, an insurance industry spokesman, said insurers do not oppose the "nearest penny" rounding.

"That would be fair for all concerned," Johns said. "The issue before us now is the enormous confusion from past commissioners on what insurers can and can not do."

Johns said regardless of the new rule, Allstate and Farmers should not be forced to repay consumers because they thought they were complying with state law.

Rod Schneider, with Consumers Union's Southwest Regional office, said that is an excuse that does not pass the smell test.

"The rules of common sense tell you you don't calculate in a way that allows you to gain a benefit," he said.

Schneider said the current rounding rule is complicated, but should not be confusing for insurance attorneys or their actuaries.

Passengers earn points on ground

DALLAS (AP) — Many airline passengers are earning free air travel without ever leaving the ground.

Once, points toward free flights could only be earned by actually flying. Now, miles can add up by hiring maids, talking long distance and paying the mortgage.

Programs had been oriented toward business travelers who logged thousands of miles a year, but today frequent flier miles have become what some industry insiders call "Green Stamps without the licking."

Airlines have made agreements with an array of businesses to award mileage to their joint customers. Name the product, there's probably a company that will include miles along with a purchase.

"The programs are finding out that's an easier way to get people to fly with them because of the ability to earn points toward a ticket," said Steve Lincoln, managing editor of InsideFlyer, a magazine that caters to people who take their frequent flier membership seriously.

"I'm a mileage junkie," said Steve Belkin, of Cleveland, who earns hundreds of thousands of miles each year while flying on business and takes advantage of any chance to accumulate more.

But he said mileage collectors need to be careful not to pay high prices for goods and services just to get points.

"You just have to be smart and remember that, if God forbid, you have to buy a ticket it's not that bad a deal."

Businesses like the pitch and Michael Trigg, a spokesman for MCI, says the frequent flier miles induce some customers to sign up with the long-distance company and stick with it.

Trigg said MCI has expanded its program to four airlines — American, Southwest, Continental and Northwest — underscoring its value as a marketing tool.

Fort Worth-based American Airlines added a new wrinkle Monday with its frequent-flier program for home mortgages. American made the agreement with five lending institutions across the country offering two different plans to consumers.

One offer allows members to earn mileage on the interest paid on mortgages, the other offer allows members to earn miles on the sale or purchase of their home when they use a participating real estate broker.

"In the highly competitive mortgage marketplace, the best way to reach the customer is to provide added value," said John F. Maher, president and chief executive of Great Western Financial Corp., one of the lending institutions.

The program, which requires a $39 annual membership fee, is the first time an airline has entered into a significant long-term commitment with its frequent flier awards.

"Nobody says it's going to last forever, but we anticipate it will last a long time," said Henry C. Joyner, vice president of marketing planning, adding that if the lenders sell the mortgage note, the new owner must keep up the mileage agreement.

All of the programs are pure gravy for the airline industry, which flies 6 percent to 9 percent of its passengers each year as frequent fliers, said analyst Julius Maldutis of Salomon Brothers.

Ouch! Texas Gas prices high

DALLAS (AP) — It has to do with the price of crude oil, New York Mercantile Exchange volume and United Nations talks with Iraq, but all most folks know is that it costs more recently to fill the ol' family sedan with gas.

The price of regular unleaded gasoline in Texas is up an average of 10 cents a gallon since the first of the year.

"No kidding! What's up with that?"said Joe DeLaurier of Dallas, who admitted to "sticker shock" while filling up his car over the weekend. "What happened to a dollar-six a gallon?"

According to the American Automobile Association, the average price for a gallon of regular unleaded gasoline in Texas over Easter weekend was $1.15 — a 9.5 percent jump since Christmas.

The national average was $1.18 a gallon, up 9 cents since Christmas.

Prices in the AAA survey of Texas cities ranged from $1.11 a gallon in Waco and Beaumont to $1.22 in El Paso.

Among the reasons experts cite for rising prices:

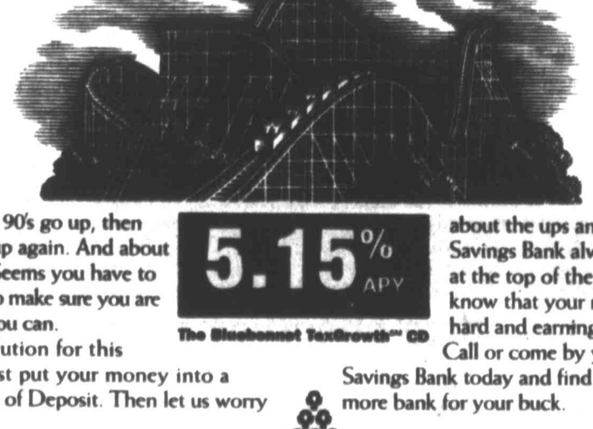
—Crude oil inventories in the United States are down 12 percent from last year, causing prices for the commodity to jump, according to the American Petroleum Institute in Washington.

—Last week, May crude oil futures rose to $22.75 a barrel from $21.47; May unleaded gasoline rose to 68.76 cents a gallon from 64.85 cents.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SUNDAY, APRIL 14:

Much that is happening will be on a personal or private level this year. It is important to keep your own counsel regarding business matters that will benefit you professionally. You gain because others are open about funds and what is possible in your career. Be sure of your decisions. If you are single, romance blooms, though you might not want to announce it publicly. If attached, the two of you need frequent downtime together. PISCES means well.

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) Discretion may be the better part of valor. You go overboard, have a wild time and enjoy yourself way beyond the norm. However, the less announcements made, the better off you are. A partner plays a significant role in all that happens. Tonight: Keep quiet. ***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Surprises surround you if you go with the flow. Your ideas are greeted not only with favor but also enthusiasm. Follow through on what you started, and you'll end this day with a big grin. A friend is a key factor in today's events. Tonight: Go for it! *****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take your bows gracefully as eyes turn to you. Others love what you are about and want to share their feelings. You meet people easily and expand your circle of friends. Popularity peaks. Accept responsibilities that come with high visibility. Tonight: Relish the attention. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Follow the untraditional, and go with a dream. Someone makes an offer that is so tempting that you have a difficult time saying no. Travel, foreign elements and a different perspective play a part in the scenario. Let go of control; go with the flow. Tonight: You wild thing. *****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Touch base with long-term objectives. Carefully think through a decision that involves a partnership. Another is sure he is right. The negotiation between the two of you turns into quite the seduction. Enjoy the moment. Tonight: Go for a close encounter. ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Defer to another, and let him have his say. You enjoy his delightful and seductive manner. If you are single, popularity peaks; your choices are enticing. Make the most of all invitations. Your efficiency is needed to schedule events. Tonight: So what if it is Sunday? *****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take a time out from the hectic pace. You have been burning the candle at both ends. If you plan on functioning this work week, you need to catch up on rest and catnap much of the day away. A loved one likes your slow and easy style. Tonight: Make it early. ***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Your naughty side emerges despite attempts to maintain a front. Others relish your wild ideas. Communications open up because of your accepting attitude. Talks happen easily, and understanding deepens. Tonight: A casual dinner for two. *****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Invite others for a day at home. A spontaneous party promotes togetherness. Do not make anything harder than it needs to be. Order in; make everything easy. Indulge your friends. There are many ways to do this. Tonight: Make it cozy. ***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Answer your phone if you are looking for something to do, or make a call to a couple of friends. Socializing and partying come naturally. Fast changes are likely if you are open. Count on your charisma when you zero in on a long-term desire. Tonight: Out and about. *****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are in the mood to indulge yourself and others. A shopping trip may be in order, though you might want to buy with care. You are likely to go to extremes without thinking about it. Treating someone may be different from spending money on him. Tonight: Indulgence time. ***

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You are in your element, though another may want you to stay home and have a lazy day. Check out an investment that involves real estate or bettering the quality of your life. Zoom in on what you want. Others are in your ballpark. Tonight: Be your happy-go-lucky self. ***

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Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

DEAR ABBY: Much as it pains me to publicly disagree with another attorney, the letter you published from Max D. Rynearson about the value of an IOU was more wrong than right — and your original advice to parents to get an IOU when lending money to their children was more right than wrong.

Yes, a detailed promissory note, with due dates, interest, default provisions and attorneys fees is nice. (A mortgage on the homestead or a security interest in the family Mercedes is even nicer.)

However, to say that a written IOU has no legal value is incorrect. I would hope that none of your readers, after seeing that in your column, would tear up an IOU or abandon their hope of repayment.

An IOU is written evidence of a debt. If signed by the borrower, it is even better evidence. As documentary evidence of a debt, a signed IOU is as good as any promissory note. Only the bells and whistles of a promissory note are missing. Any defense that could be used against a signed IOU can be used against a promissory note.

Not lending and not borrowing is best. Getting a note and secured collateral is next best. But if someone you cannot or do not want to refuse needs a loan at a time or place when you can get no lawyer, note or collateral, a signed IOU is enforceable written evidence of a debt. Surely, someone holding one should not think it has no legal value. — JOHN D. RICE, ATTORNEY AT LAW, CHANHASSEN, MINN.

DEAR MR. RICE: Thank you very much for straightening this out. I'm sure many readers will be relieved to know that the IOUs they are holding are valid legal documents after all. But the words of William Shakespeare seem even truer today than when he wrote, "Neither a borrower nor a lender be ..."

DEAR ABBY: I have a family dilemma. My 11- and 5-year-old sons are disrespectful to my husband and me. They also swear a lot. My problem is my husband doesn't care and refuses to do anything about it, while I care a great deal and try to do everything I can to stop it. Obviously, my kids are getting a mixed message.

Since my husband allows it, my 11-year-old swears at him, but knows not to mess with me. My five-year-old doesn't understand, though, and swears at both of us — and I just can't stand it. I feel as though I'll go out of my mind or even leave the house if it doesn't stop.

How should I deal with this? — UPSET IN UTAH

DEAR UPSET: One way to get a child to behave is to withhold privileges (something the child enjoys) if he misbehaves. It might be television, movies, sweets, phone privileges, playing with friends, favorite toys, video games or computer time. Your five-year-old is certainly old enough to understand English. Once he realizes cursing Mommy makes her less cooperative and generous, he might think before speaking disrespectfully to you.

By refusing to assert parental authority over his sons, your husband is being incredibly foolish.

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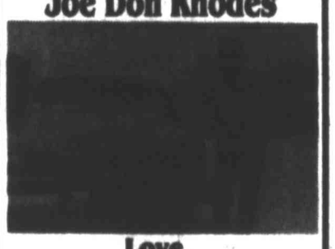
PUBLIC NOTICE
No. 12,105
ESTATE OF RUBYE SIMPSON, DECEASED IN THE COUNTY COURT OF HOWARD COUNTY, TEXAS
Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Rubye Simpson, Deceased, were issued on the 24th day of January, 1996, under Docket No. 12,105, pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to: Billy Bob Simpson and Harold Kent Simpson.
Claims may be presented in care of Billy Bob Simpson to the Estate addressed as follows:
Estate of Rubye Simpson
c/o Billy Bob Simpson
1727 Yale
Big Spring, Texas 79720
All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.
DATED this 24th day of January, 1996.
BILLY BOB SIMPSON, Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Rubye Simpson, Deceased
HAROLD KENT SIMPSON, Co-Independent Executor of the Estate of Rubye Simpson, Deceased
9823 April 14, 1996

PUBLIC NOTICE
HCJCD Board
of
NOTICE OF TRUSTEES ELECTION
(AVISO DE ELECCION HCJCD consejo de Administradores
To the Registered Voters of Howard County, Texas:
(A los votantes registrados del Howard County, Texas:)
Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., on May 4, 1996, for voting in a Board of Trustees election, to Howard County Junior College District
(Notifiquese, por las presente, que las casillas electorales citados abajo se abrian desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 4 de Mayo de 1996 para votar en la Eleccion para consejo de Administradoras) Howard County Junior College District
LOCATION(S) OF POLLING PLACES
(DIRECCION(ES) DE LAS CASILLAS ELECTORALES)
101, 102, 103, 106, 107, 108, 109, 111, 112, 202, 203, 204, 205, 301, 302, 303, 305, 306, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 410 - Big Spring High School Cafeteria, 104, 105 - Knott Fire Station, 207 - Coahoma Community Center, 208 - Forsan High School, 304 - Elbow Elementary School, 407, 409 - Sand Springs Lions Club Community Center, 408 - Vincent Baptist Church.
Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at
(La Votacion en adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a viernes en)
County Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Big Spring, TX(la oficina del ajundante de condado between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1996 (entre las 8:00 de la manana y las 5:00 de la tarde empezando el Abril 15, 1996 and ending on April 30, 1996 (y terminando el Abril 30, 1996),
Application for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:
(Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran en ausencia por correo deberan enviarse a:)
Margaret Ray, County Clerk
P.O. Box 1468
Big Spring, TX 79721-1468
Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on
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April 26, 1996/Abril 26, 1996
Issued this the 25 day of March, 1996.
(Emitada este dia 25 de Marzo, 1996.0
Donald McGinney
Presiding Officer (Oficial que Preside)
9817 April 14 & 21, 1996

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Birthdays

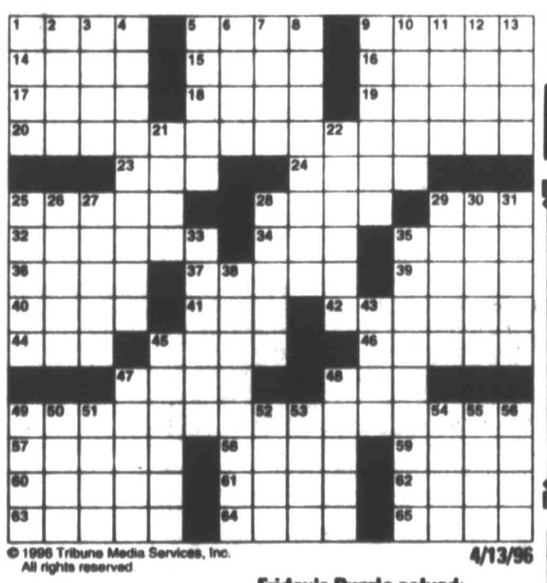
O How Thankful! Six decades Wonderful! Happy Birthday!
Joe Don Rhodes



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THE Daily Crossword by Alvin Becker

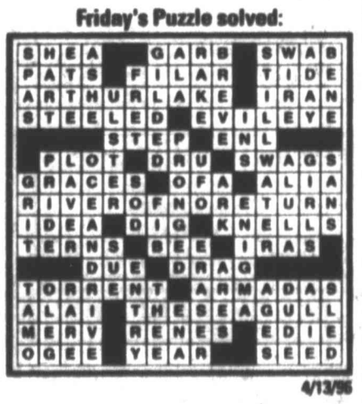


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Friday's Puzzle solved:



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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF BIG SPRING
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, April 23, 1996, for the purchase of Water Meters.
Bids are to be opened and read aloud in the Big Spring Municipal Court Chambers, Second Floor, City Hall, 310 Nolan Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, with award to be made at a regularly scheduled meeting of the Big Spring City Council. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the Office of the Purchasing and Material Control Manager, 1380 Airpark Drive East, Bldg. #19, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All bids must be marked with the date of the bid and a general description of the bid item(s).
The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any or all formalities.
9795 April 7 & 14, 1996

TAKE TIME OUT FOR YOURSELF READ

PUBLIC NOTICE
Howard County will receive sealed bids for furniture, furnishings, and equipment for the Howard County Library. Bids will be received until 10:00 a.m., May 6, 1996 in the Office of County Auditor and presented to the Commissioners Court for their consideration on May 13, 1996. The Court reserves the right to reject any or all bids.
Lump-sum bidding should be used by the bidder. Payment by the County will be from current funds, after receipt of invoice and approval by the Auditor and Commissioners Court.
Call 915 264-2210 for additional information.
Jackie Olson, Howard County Auditor
9804 April 14 & 21, 1996

Card of Thanks

The family of Jessica Marie Rodriguez appreciates the many kindness shown to them during the illness and passing of their loved one. Thank you for each prayer, cards & gifts, for the food and lovely floral tributes and to each one who attended her service. Special thanks to Father Chris Coleman and the kind and efficient staff of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Birthdays



Happy 46th Birthday!
Papa John -
We're glad you're our Grandpa!
Love, Miranda & Andrew

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* Offer available to private parties only
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1986 Cougar, very clean, all power, one owner, $1,800 OBO. Call 264-6218 after 5:00pm.

1995 SUBURBAN
White, blue leather interior & many other extras, 34,000 miles. $27,000. Call 267-7263.

3-BEDROOM, 1-BATH. Fenced yard, central heat/air. $400./monthly plus deposit. 267-2296.

$500 Down $170 Month
It doesn't get any easier than this to own a home. 12.25% APR, 60 months. U*S*A Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 1-800-520-2177, 520-2177.

7 USED mobile homes. All sizes, for sale cheap! Several 3 bedrooms. $2,900 to $7,900. Can deliver. 915-653-2332.

ADOPTION
Preschool teacher and Professional dad, yearn to adopt precious newborn. Warm happy home filled with laughter and loving care await baby. Expenses paid. Please call collect anytime. 1-215-3643586. Patrice & Jim.

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Close circuit T.V. surveillance system. 2 cameras, $350. Fireplace sale, $50. Call 263-0604.

FOR SALE
1989 Mercury topaz. Auto, AC. 51,000 miles. 263-3930.

FOR SALE
1988 Chevrolet Suburban. Good condition. $7,000. Call 263-0385.

WWH Stackable Space-mate Washer/Dryer set $400.; Frigidaire refrigerator $75.; Motorolla Consolette space radio w/etras $350.; Cannon NP200 Copy machine $100. at 267-7387.

LIKE NEW 1996 Crestridge four bedroom mobile home. $23,500. Will finance and move. 800-727-9760.

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Here are some helpful tips and information that will help you when placing your ad. After your ad has been published the first day we suggest you check the ad for mistakes and if errors have been made we will gladly correct the ad and run it again for you at no additional charge. If your ad is inadvertently not printed your advance payment will cheerfully be refunded and the newspaper's liability will be for only the amount actually received for publication of the advertisement. We reserve the right to edit or reject any ad for publication that does not meet our standards of acceptance.

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NEW 28X52 DOUBLEWIDE
ONLY $256/month. FREE deliver and set. 5% down. 8.75% VAR. 360/months. U*S*A Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 1-800-520-2177, 520-2177.

THE CITY OF BIG SPRING is accepting applications for the position of Jailer and Dispatcher. To check minimum qualifications, closing dates, and receive further information contact City Hall Personnel at 310 Nolan or call 264-2346. Applications will be accepted through Friday, April 19, 1996 at 5:00pm. THE CITY OF BIG SPRING IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER.

TO BE MOVED: 1993 Oak Creek doublewide 28x60. 3-bedroom, 2-bath. Fireplace, sunroom, tape/textured walls. 263-3348.

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TWO BEDROOM, one bath, garage. $275. month, $100 deposit. 2200 S.Monticello. 263-8202.

UNBEATABLE DEAL
1996 16X80 home. Island kitchen, glamour bath, patio door, storm windows. $210/month, 5% down, 8.75%, 360 months. U*S*A Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland, TX. 1-800-520-2177, 520-2177.

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Autos for Sale 016

1992 SHO 4-door, loaded-$9375.00; 1991 Capri Convertible, low miles $6750.00; 1991 Chevy EXSWB $9000. 267-6504.

1993 CAMRY, low mileage, great shape; 1994 T-bird, looks good, runs good. Local owner. 263-0606.

CLEAN 1993 CAVALIER, V-6 engine. $7,500. Call 267-7666, leave message.

EMPLOYMENT

Help Wanted 085

A Texas Department of Criminal Justice Representative will be conducting information and recruitment workshops for interested job seekers, April 16 & 17, JTPA Career Center, 421 Main, Big Spring. Call 263-8373, or 1-800-749-8373 to register for day or evening workshop. Workshops will provide information on the application process and career opportunities, such as those available with the prison system.

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Autos for Sale 016

GREAT CAR FOR TEENAGER!! 1989 Nissan Pulsar. Black, t-tops, custom wheels. $2600. 267-1610 after 5:30pm.

87 AUTO SALES
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263-2382

1990 GMC SAFARI 63,000 miles, dual A/C, loaded, new tires. $8,750.00

1990 FORD AEROSTAR EXTENDED VAN Power windows, looks as clean as new. 76,000 miles. $8,950.00

TEAL GREEN 1993 FORD EXPLORER XLT Loaded, new Michelins. $13,500.00

1986 GMC SUBURBAN (4) Leather captain chairs, dual A/C, loaded, 96,000 miles. $4,950.00

Jeeps 023

1952 WILLY'S 4X4 Jeep M38A1. 327 Chevy rebuild, transmission rebuild. Runs good. $1700 OBO. Call 267-5421 after 5:00pm.

Pickups 027

1986 FORD CLUBCAB. 50,000 on new short block engine. Good condition. $3250. 263-3689.

1991 CHEVY, Regular cab. 49,000 miles. Excellent condition. $11,500. Call 267-8901.

Recreational Veh. 028

1992 29ft. Coronado Motor Home. 33,000K miles, 2 colored TV, VCR, Microwave, awning, 454 Chevy motor. Excellent condition. $28,000. 756-2359.

EXCUTIVE DREAM! 1995 32ft. Travel Trailer. 8ft. slide, self contained, washer/dryer, air. $16,000. Call 1-800-606-5969.

Travel Trailers 030

1971 AIRSTREAM 27', excellent condition, no smoking/pets, redecorated, $5,500. 267-6301 or 263-3903 after 5:00pm.

BUSINESS

Business Opp. 050

BEST HOME BASED BUSINESS. Investment- $5,750-FT/PT. FREE Pkg. 800-273-5013, 24 hrs.

Distribute M & M and CONCORD Products. Best Home Based Business 1996. Earn $25K or more first year, $6325 Min. Investment, Work P/T, All Cash Business, Newest Market Trend, 817-795-8363.

Local Vending Route. $2500.00 a/wk potential. Must sell. 800-840-3826.

MAKE APPROX $200/DAY!
NO INVESTMENT REQUIRED.
Need School, Church, Athletic, Civic Group, or Individuals to operate a family fireworks center 06/24-07/07. Call: 1-800-442-7711.

Instruction 060

ACT Truck Driving School
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273 CR 287, Merkel,TX 79536

Help Wanted 085

$40,000/YR. INCOME potential. Home Typists/PC users. Toll Free. 1-800-898-9778 Ext. T-2113 for listings.

AFFORDABLE LIFE & HEALTH INSURANCE COVERAGE
Have you or anyone you know had problems getting affordable health car coverage because of a previous health condition such as heart problems, diabetes, cancer, etc. We can help.
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Mondays-Friday 9am-5pm

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CNA-to enrich our already productive staff.
RN-weekend and/or PRN treatment nurse.

Please apply at 3200 Parkway to Nursing department.

SIGN-ON BONUS
Steere Tank Lines is now interviewing for qualified drivers. Steere Tank Lines requires 12 months verifiable tractor trailer experience, CDL license with Haz-Mat & Tanker endorsements. Must be 21 years of age, pass DOT physical and drug test. Company offers 401K, life, health and dental plans, driver retention and safety incentives. Also teams needed
Call 263-7656
Monday thru Friday 9 am to 3 pm

DUE TO INCREASED business Best Western Motor Lodge is taking applications for desk clerk. 1 year experience required. Paid vacation, medical insurance, 401k retirement plan. Apply in person to Dick, 700 E. I-H 20. BE ONE OF THE GREAT TEAM.

FRIENDLY SMILING FACES
Wanted to serve great customers. Cooks front line- fulltime & partime. Good benefits. Call for appointment 267-8921, Al's BBQ.

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CX offers: sign on bonus-$200.00, monthly safety bonus - up to 9% of monthly revenue, group health insurance, retirement plan, paid vacation, paid company holidays, home most nights.
CX requirements: 23 yrs. old, 2 yrs., verifiable road experience, CDL-Class A License, good driving record, must pass DOT physical & drug screen.
Applicants can apply at I-20 & Midway Rd., Big Spring or call 1-800-729-4645.

HELP WANTED: Public Utility Co. Flexible hours. Paid by network structure. Quad A. Inc. 264-1219.

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BLIND BOX REPLIES

When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example)
BOX 999
c/o Big Spring Herald
P.O. Box 1431
Big Spring, TX 79721

The information for a blind box IS CONFIDENTIAL, therefore, the Big Spring Herald cannot disclose the identity of the advertiser to anyone for any reason.
If You Have Any Questions Please Call The Big Spring Herald Classified Department at 263-7331.

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HOME TYPISTS
PC users needed. $45,000 income potential. Call 1-800-513-4343 Ext. B-8423.

LAWN MAINTENANCE bid request. Any interested in all or part of the cemetery lawn care. Contact Trinity Memorial Park. Call 267-8243.

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RN Director of Nursing needed for Total Home Health Care, Division of Lubbock Methodist Hospital System. 3-5 years of progressive management in home, in home care preferred. Please send resume to P.O. Box 50006, Denton, Tx 76206.

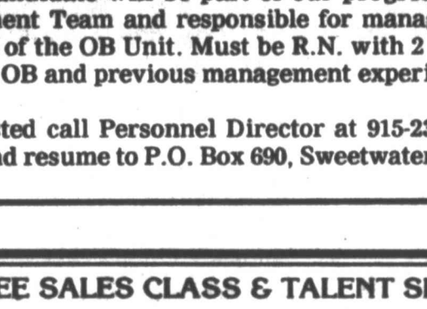
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RN's
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Rt.715- Knott. 143 papers. Approx. $700/mo. profit.

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Rt. 306- Harding/Mesquite area. 54 papers. Approx. $190/mo. profit.

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Appliances 299

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Auctions 325

SPRING CITY AUCTION-Robert Pruitt Auctioneer, TXS-079-007759. Call 263-1831/263-0914. We do all types of auctions!

Dogs, Pets, Etc 375

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Miscellaneous 395

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Miscellaneous 395

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Buildings for Sale 506

BUILDINGS AT 701 Gregg for sale. Land available for lease/possible purchase. 267-4557 or 263-7615.

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Houses for Sale 513

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Houses for Sale 513

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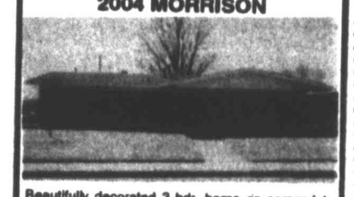
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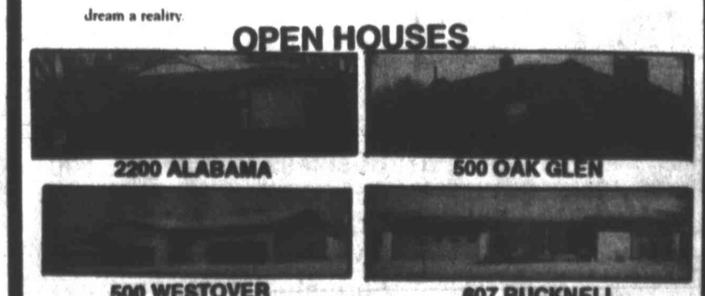
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