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WEATHER

Today:



TODAY	TONIGHT
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Western Hills to host rabies clinic Tuesday

Western Hills will host a rabies clinic from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday at the Forsan Fire Station, Main St., Forsan.

Rabies shots will cost $6 for both dogs and cats. Booster shots are $8 for dogs and $7 for cats. Everyone in Howard County is welcome to bring their pet.

WHAT'S UP...

MONDAY

❑ Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. Call 268-4721.

❑ Big Spring High School Choir Boosters meeting, Choir room BSHS, 6:30-7 p.m. Topics include planning the banquet nd election of officers for the next school year.

TUESDAY

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

❑ Evening Lion's Club meets at noon at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

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

WEDNESDAY

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

❑ Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

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

❑ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

❑ Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

THURSDAY

❑ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060, Her-man's Restaurant at 7 a.m.

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Trustee races bringing out large number of early voters

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Three Howard County school district trustee races are drawing larger than normal numbers of early voters to the polls, according to the Howard County Clerk's Office.

Drawing the largest interest is the five-candidate race to fill three at-large positions on the Howard College board.

According to a spokesperson at the clerk's office, 287 ballots had been cast by Friday afternoon.

The election drew two challengers, David Baird and Joyce Crooke, and all three incumbents, Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Marie Ethridge.

Drawing half as many early voters to the polls has been the Big Spring Independent School District, District 3 seat race between incumbent Larry McLellan and local businessman Alan Partee.

By Friday afternoon the race had garnered 135 early votes, according to the spokesperson

In the BSISD District 1 race between incumbent Irene Bustamante and write-in candidate Michael Willard, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, 60 people had cast votes.

Early voting continues for the Howard College and both BSISD districts trustees races through Tuesday at the clerk's office in the Howard County Courthouse until 5 p.m.

Voters must bring their voter registration card or some type of identification when going to the ballot box. Eligible voters for the BSISD election will have a BS1 or BS3 designated on their voter registration card in the area marked school.

Voter turnout in other area school board races has been light.

The five-candidate race for Coahoma Independent

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CANDIDATES SPEAK OUT

The *Big Spring Herald* asked candidates in contested Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school board and city council races to respond to four questions concerning their schools or communities. Their answers are in today's issue on Pages 5-8A.

Culinary delights fill museum

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Love makes the world go 'round — the love of food, that is.


PURCELL

Hundreds of food lovers gathered at the Big Spring Heritage Museum Saturday evening for the ninth annual "Around the World in 80 Bites" to sample exotic and not-so-exotic foods from around the world as well as good old down-home cookin'.

"It's going pretty good," Museum Curator Beth Purcell said early in the evening. "We've got lots of people coming out. We've got plenty of food. We couldn't ask for a better time."

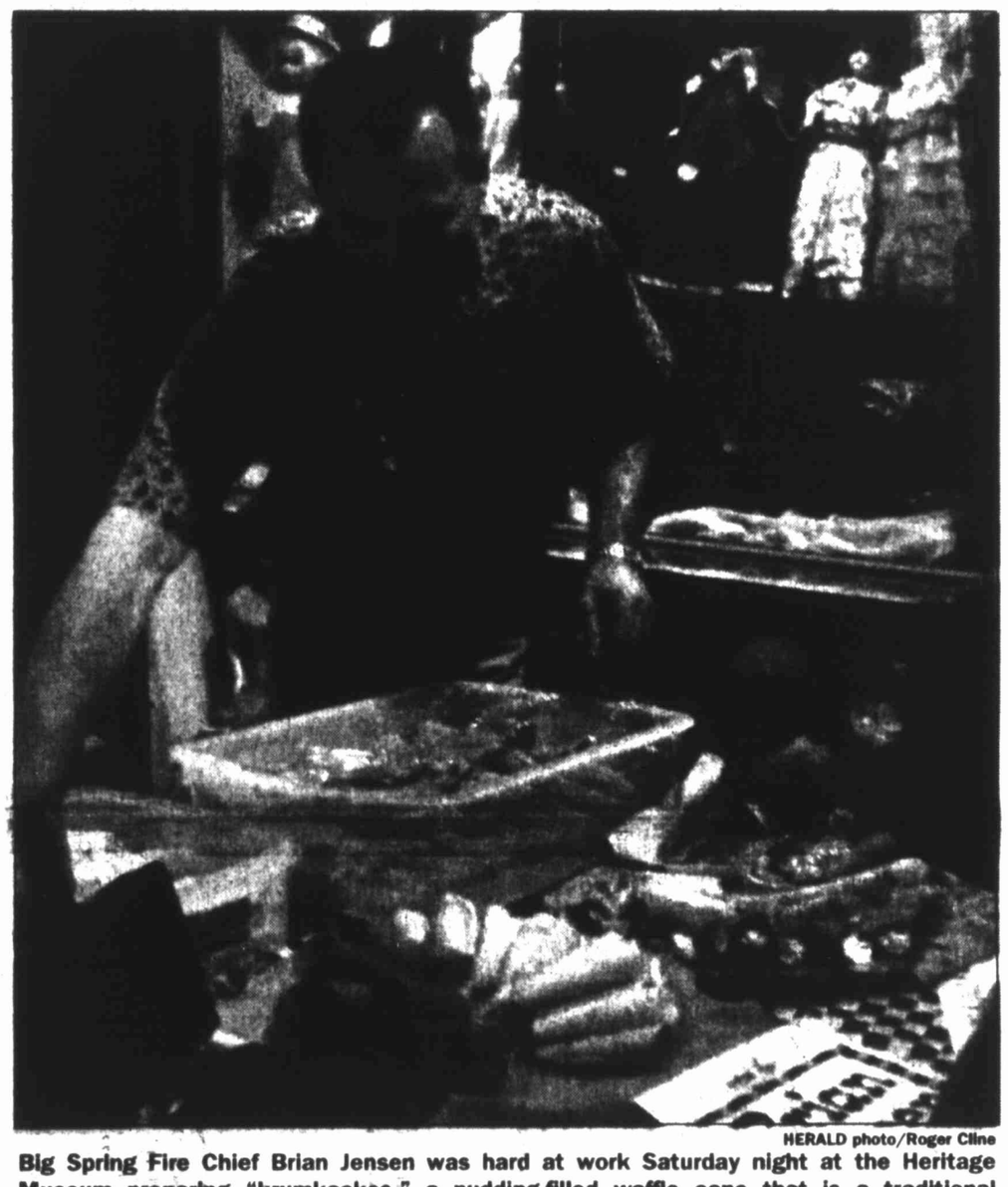
Purcell said she had already gotten several favorable comments about the event.

"They really all are enjoying it," she said. "We've all got our favorites. Of course, Hunan's and shrimp from the hospital."

Purcell said the museum sold about 200 advance tickets and was also offering admission at the door.

Plenty of Big Spring celebrities participated in the event, including Mike Henry and Lisa Brooks, KBST radio newscasters.

"Here we've got pecan tassies," Henry said, adding that KBST employee Cynthia Weeks was responsible for crafting the sweet bite-sized muffins.


HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen was hard at work Saturday night at the Heritage Museum preparing "krumkaakes," a pudding-filled waffle cone that is a traditional Norwegian dessert. Jensen is of Norwegian and Danish heritage.

"Cynthia Weeks would be the station's gourmet chef," Brooks said. "You wouldn't want to eat something that

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City

Voter interest in county's community races is light

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Early voting in area city elections is off to a slow start.

Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan each have contested city races this May, and all are reporting small voter turnouts so far.

The last day to vote early in all local city elections is Tuesday. The polls will be open Saturday, election day, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

In Big Spring, two council seats up for election are both contested.

A spokesperson for the city secretary's office said of 39 people had voted early by late Friday in District 1, 23 by mail, while in District 3, 45 had cast votes early, only 1 by mail.

In District 1, VA Medical Center nurse Stephanie Horton, the incumbent, faces challenger John Henson, an engineer with Western Container.

The District 3 incumbent, Chuck Cawthon, had taken his name out of the hat for re-election, but three people are vying to replace him. Cox Communications technician Jimmy Ruth, VA Medical Center retiree

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Crossroads area bands make sweet music at concert

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Howard County high school bands played sweet notes and took home top honors at University Interscholastic League concert and sight reading contests this month.

At their final contest of the year, Big Spring High School honor band members came home from Odessa Permian High School Wednesday with the Sweepstakes award.

The band garnered division I's on its concert and sight reading performances. By earning a division I's on its UIL district marching show in the fall and at Wednesday's contest, the band earned the Sweepstakes trophy.

On Thursday, another Howard County band claimed the Sweepstakes honor. Forsan High School played its way to another division I rating at the UIL contest held at Crane.

Along with the band's division I marching performance at district UIL contest in the fall, the band earned itself a Sweepstakes trophy for the fifth year in a row.

"We are very proud of all the students," said Tony Lucas, Forsan assistant band director. "They pulled together and had a great performance that day."

Also pulling off an award-winning performance was the Big Red Band of Coahoma High School at Anson High School on April 10.

"They really worked hard," said Jerry Barker,

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Holly Smith of Odessa and Easey, her parti-colored cocker spaniel; Charlie Valles of Andrews and Pixie, his smooth-coat Chihuahua; and Kelsey Cain of Midland and Flint, her golden retriever; await their turn to compete in the "Best Junior" competition at the Big Spring Kennel Club Dog Show Saturday. Cain and Flint ended up winning the event. A second dog show was scheduled for today from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Admission is free.

SO: Service calls up, offense reports down

By ROGER CLINE
Staff Writer

Calls for service are up sharply, while offense reports are down, Sheriff Dale Walker has told Howard County commissioners.


WALKER

Walker presented the commissioners with an activity report comparing numbers from 2001 with those from 2000.

"We were a lot busier last year answering calls for service," he said. "Our patrol division had 2,090 calls for service in 2000. It went up to 2,622 in 2001, a 25 percent increase. That is with the same number of people from the year 2000 to 2001 so our patrol division is having to buck up and get with it. They're answering a lot of calls out there."

Walker added that offense reports actually dropped 15 percent.

"Our drug arrests have gone up 60 percent from 2000 to 2001," he said. "Our offense reports for burglaries, thefts and criminal mischiefs went down. This told me we're doing something right out there."

Walker said he hasn't increased the number of personnel in the sheriff's department since he took office Jan. 1, 2001, but has stretched the hours that deputies are working.

"We now have 24 hour coverage for citizens in the county," he said. "This county has gone many, many years without 24 hour patrol coverage. I believe

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OBITUARIES

Maria Reyes Garcia



Maria Reyes Garcia, 68, of Big Spring died Wednesday, April 24, 2002 in a local hospital.

Vigil services will be at 7 p.m. Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

Funeral services will be at 10 a.m. Monday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Born Jan 6, 1934, in Rotan, she married Domingo H. Garcia in 1956, who preceded her in death June 24, 1988. A longtime resident of Big Spring, she was a homemaker and a member of the Catholic faith.

Survivors include two sons, Gilbert Garcia of Dallas and Edward "Eddie" Garcia of Big Spring and a sister, Maria Dominguez of Big Spring.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Margaret McAdams Lloyd



Margaret McAdams Lloyd, 78, of Big Spring died on Friday, April 26, 2002, at her residence. Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, April 29, 2002, at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church with the Rev. Jim Liggett, pastor, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

She was born on Jan. 3, 1924 in Dallas and married Larson Lloyd Sr. on Dec. 31, 1960, in Dallas. He preceded her in death on Feb. 14, 1984.

Margaret attended Texas Women's University and received her master's degree from Abilene Christian University. She had been employed by American Airlines and was a diagnostician for Big Spring ISD for many years. She worked as a volunteer coordinator at the Big Spring State Hospital and initiated the pet therapy program at Canterbury.

She was a member of St. Mary's Episcopal Church. She was associated with the Big Spring Garden Club. Margaret was the founder of the Big Spring and Abilene Humane Society and caring for the welfare of animals was her passion. She was a member of Delta Kappa Gamma, had served as executive director in the West Texas area for the Girl Scouts of America and was one of the founders of Camp Boothe Oaks in Sweetwater.

Survivors include two sons, Larson Lloyd of Horseshoe Bay and Leslie Lloyd of Midland; one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Scott Emerson of Big Spring; and nine grandchildren, Adam Lloyd and Abby Lloyd of Colorado City, Tony Emerson, Alex Emerson and Nicholas Emerson of Big Spring, Lacey Lloyd of New Mexico, Dustin Lloyd, Derek Lloyd and Leah Kay Lloyd of Big Spring.

She was also preceded in death by her parents, Charles R. and Margaret Elizabeth Shidell McAdams.

The family suggests memorials to the Big Spring Humane Society, P.O. Box 83, Big Spring, Texas, 79721-0823.

The family will be at 1204 Boykin Road.

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SHERIFF

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that is a factor in the decrease in crime, the increased visibility. So that is a good report to be able to give."

Walker's report also shows a slight increase in the number of inmates in county jail during 2001 over 2000. The number of male inmates increased from 1,356 to 1,376, while the number of female inmates increased from 330 to 346. Female inmates are not housed in Howard County, but are instead transported to other counties, who house them on a contract basis.

Total arrests by the HCSO increased from 695 in 2000 to 801 in 2001, a jump of 15.25 percent.

Walker said the sheriff's office's civil division has seen a great increase in activity as well.

In 2000, the office processed 1,587 civil papers, while in 2001 that number jumped to 2,041, a 28.61 percent increase. The office also processed 383 Attorney General child support papers in 2000, a number which increased to 556 in 2001, a 45.17 percent hike.

SCHOOLS

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School District had drawn only 21 votes by Friday afternoon, according to Judy Dobbs, secretary to the Coahoma ISD superintendent.

"We usually have a lot more voter turnout than this," Dobbs said.

Early voting to choose among candidates Terrie Bradley, Candy Parrish, Dale Coates and incumbents John Wayne Metcalf and Cindy Neff to fill the two at-large positions continues through Tuesday at the Coahoma ISD superintendent's office, 600 N. Main St., from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Eligible voters are anyone living in Precincts 205, 207, 404, 408 and 409.

Nineteen people had cast early votes in the Forsan Independent School District race but turnout is about normal for this time, said Judy Parks, secretary to the Forsan ISD superintendent.

"It will pick up next week," Parks said. "We will get quite a few voters in on Monday and Tuesday."

Early voting continues through Tuesday at the Forsan ISD administration office, 411 W. Sixth, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Lawmakers, tobacco giant push for federal fire standard for cigarettes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Reversing course, Philip Morris Inc. is pushing the government to require tobacco companies to produce cigarettes that quickly extinguish themselves if smokers don't do the job.

The nation's largest tobacco company has joined health and safety advocates urging Congress to adopt a national standard. The aim is to reduce the hundreds of deaths each year in the United States from smoking-related fires.

Philip Morris is the only U.S. company now making self-extinguishing cigarettes. But a key reason for the company's new support of a federal requirement has to do with a New York law saying only self-extinguishing cigarettes may be sold in that state starting next year.

Massachusetts, Minnesota, New Jersey and Rhode Island are considering taking similar steps, according to the National Conference of State Legislatures. Approval in those states could lead to a production and distribution nightmare, said Mark Berlind, associate general counsel for Philip Morris Management Corp.

"We would have to make different products for different states, theoretically," Berlind said. "That's the scenario that we hope to avoid."

Every year approximately 900 Americans die, 2,500 are injured and $400 million in damages are caused by fires started by cigarettes, according to the American Burn Association and the federal government. In many cases, smokers fall asleep and their cigarette drops onto something flammable, such as clothing, furniture or paper.

Firefighter and fire safety groups for years have sought a government requirement that tobacco companies produce self-extinguishing cigarettes. Tobacco companies, a powerful lobby on Capitol Hill, opposed the idea and Congress only required that the issue be studied.

Critics have said tobacco companies were resistant for economic reasons. Cigarettes that stay lighted burn more quickly, meaning smokers go through more of them.

Legislation scheduled to be introduced Thursday by Sens. Richard Durbin, D-Ill., and Sam Brownback, R-Kan., and Rep. Edward Markey, D-Mass., would require tobacco companies to produce only "fire safe" cigarettes that would have to meet guidelines established by the Consumer Product Safety Commission.

Berlind said Philip Morris supports the bill, but the company and other cigarette makers oppose a provision allowing states to enact tougher standards than the federal government.

"One of our concerns is that if it's going to be a federal law it ought to preempt everything at the state level just to make it uniform," said Mark Smith, a spokesman for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

Philip Morris is the only U.S. tobacco company selling self-extinguishing cigarettes. About two years ago, it began making its Merit brand with rings of ultra-thin paper that are applied on top of traditional cigarette paper. The rings act as "speed bumps" to slow down the rate at which the cigarette burns. Cigarettes made this way are more likely than others to go out on their own if left unattended.

Anti-smoking groups have not expressed concerns to lawmakers that the slower-burning cigarettes might increase the number of puffs a smoker takes, thereby raising the amount of tar and nicotine inhaled.

But some smokers don't like the cigarettes, saying they're inconvenient.

"People are calling us and saying, 'Hey, my cigarette is going out and I don't like it,"' Philip Morris spokesman Brendan McCormick said.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN



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Big Spring State Hospital Volunteers Judy and Jay Jarmes, Director of Community Relations Billie Russworm, Volunteer Services Council Treasurer Robin Hallman, Chairman Doris Hulbregtse, Secretary Ruth Stephenson, Gala Chairperson and VSC Vice-Chair Carol Scott and entertainer Jody Nix pose prior to Friday night's 16th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala at the Big Spring Country Club. The gala raises money for the Volunteer Services Council, which supports the patients at Big Spring State Hospital.

POLICE

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

• **MARIA GUADALUPE RODRIQUEZ**, 39, address unknown, was arrested to hold for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

• **JAMES HOUSEHOLDER**, 48, of 1743 Purdue was arrested on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family violence.

• **JOHNNY LEE COX**, 41, of 3200 Ave. C was arrested on a Travis County warrant.

• **PATRICIA BRYANT**, 44, of 702 Central was arrested to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• **THEFT** was reported:
- In the 1000 block of South Birdwell. Vehicle parts and accessories worth $540 were reported stolen.
- In the 1500 block of South Main. Items worth $250 were reported stolen from a home in the area.
- In the 500 block of South Gregg. A purse or wallet with items totalling $390 value was reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Ryon Street. Items worth $250 were reportedly stolen from the vehicle.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1300 block of Mesa. A white 1984 Chevrolet Caprice reportedly sustained $450 damage.

• **ASSAULT CLASS C/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Lindbergh Street.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported at Big Spring High School, 707 East 11th Place; and in the 1000 block of South Johnson Street, the 2600 block of Fairchild Drive, the 300 block of Settles Street and the 2900 block of West Highway 80.

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1300 block of Lindbergh Street.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 1000 block of South Main Street, the 2100 block of South Gregg Street, the 1000 block of South Scurry Street, the 600 block of Settles Street, the 800 block of West 16th Street

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1900 block of South Runnels Street, the 800 block of South Nolan Street, the 600 block of Avondale Drive, the 500 block of Westover Road and the 800 block of South Aylesford Street.

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BANDS

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Coahoma band director. "Even when the music was good they continued to work to improve."

The students' straight division I ratings for their concert and sight reading performances earned the band a Sweepstakes B award. Coahoma earned a division II at the fall UIL district marching contest.

CITY

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JoAnn Staulcup and Dyer Plumbing owner Rick Dyer are all in the running for the position.

Seats held by council members Oscar Garcia in District 2, Tommy Tune in District 4, JoAnn Smoot in District 5, Greg Biddison in District 6 and Mayor Russ McEwen are not up for election this year.

Voters can vote early in Big Spring in the city secretary's office at City Hall, while those waiting until Saturday should cast their votes at Big Spring High School Cafeteria.

In Coahoma, where three incumbents and one challenger are seeking three at-large seats, 13 people had cast early ballots.

Challenger Warren Wallace, director of the local Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America and former Coahoma council member, will run against incumbents Dan Shelburne, Paulette Lindsey and Eleanor Garrett.

On election day, Coahoma voters should cast ballots at the Coahoma Community Center.

In Forsan, only five people had cast ballots early in the mayoral race between incumbent Jim Buske and current city councilman Clarence Williams.

Forsan has no contested city council races.

On election day, Forsan residents should go to Forsan High School to vote.

BITES

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Mike and I made."

The newscasters said they weren't sure what all went into the tassies.

"Tassies and pecans," Brooks said.

When asked what a "tassie" is, Henry quipped, "A little animal that lives in France."

"The only comments have been 'What is this?'" Brooks said. "At first we thought they were some kind of pumpkin thing, but Cynthia set me straight. So I ate one. They taste kind of like a pecan pie. They're very good."

Big Spring's Fire Chief and his wife, Brian and Debbie Jensen, were on hand making a traditional Norwegian delight.

"These are 'krumkaakes,'" Brian said. "They're from the Scandinavian countries. You have a very thin cookie made on a waffle iron, and you have traditional pattern to it. Sometimes they roll them up just on a round stick, sometimes they leave them flat."

The resulting cones or cookies are then filled or topped with pudding, cheese and other sweet filling, Jensen said.

"They eat cheese in them," he said. "They're a dessert type thing, but they eat them with cheese."

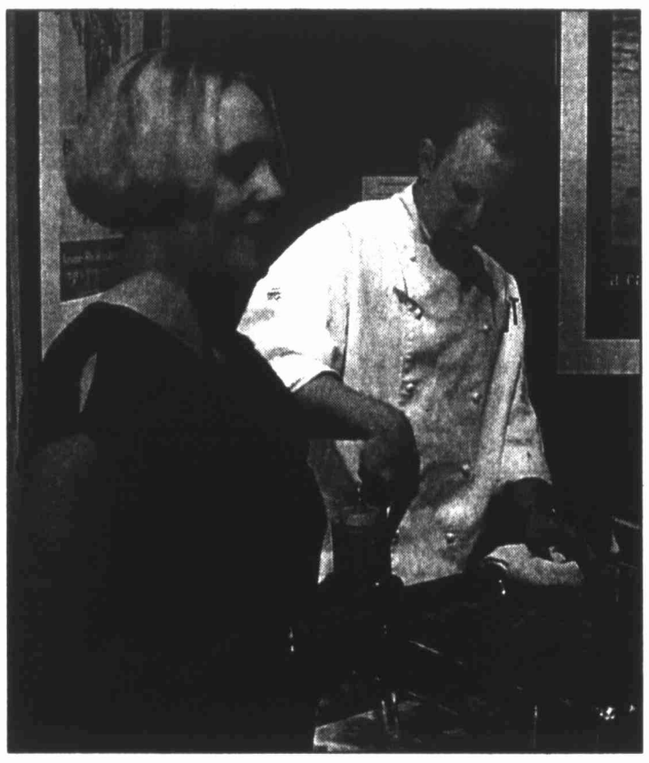
Jensen, whose heritage is Norwegian and Danish, said the traditional seasoning for krumkaakes is a spice called cardamon.

"It's a pod," added Debbie Jensen. "It's almost like a combination of nutmeg and...I don't know what else. Maybe a hint of cinnamon, but very spicy, very pungent."

The museum offered combination tickets to the event, which also allowed admission to the Big Spring Symphony's "Evening of Choral Music" program at 8 p.m. Saturday. Members of the Big Spring Symphony Guild also manned a booth at "80 Bites," distributing little smokeys.

Suzanne Markwell, manning the guild booth, said people had said they bought the combination tickets.

"A lot of people," she said. "It's great choral music. We're going to have lots of singing, the orchestra will be there, the Bauer Magnet School Honor Choir, the Big Spring Chorale, the Southwestern University Chorale."



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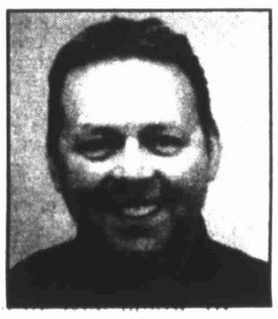
Big Spring Country Club Executive Chef John Titsworth, right, dishes out Bourbon Street Bread Pudding at the Big Spring Heritage Museum's Around The World in 80 Bites as Country Club waitress Randi Harmon dispenses caramel topping.



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Tim Schmidt, Scenic Mountain Medical Center CEO, presents a check to Cheryl Green to help fund the Coahoma High School after-prom party. Also pictured are CHS juniors Lauren Green, right, and Jessie Bennett.

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OUR VIEWS

Time once more to cast your ballot

No matter where you live in the Crossroads area, there is an election going on this week. Early voting in area council, mayoral and education boards ends Tuesday. Election day is Saturday.

A few of the elections are limited to a portion of residents only. That's the case in the Big Spring Independent School District and Big Spring City Council races. Virtually all other elections are open to all registered voters residing anywhere within a city or school district — such as Coahoma and Forsan. All registered voters within Howard County are also eligible to vote in the Howard College board of trustees election.

Readers will find a candidate forum in today's edition of the *Herald*. We present this information to help our readers become more familiar with the candidates and to hopefully allow them make a more informed choice.

We at the *Herald* are glad to see so many contested races in the area — and not because we believe any of the incumbents has done a less than admirable job. No, what encourages us is that so many people are willing to get involved in the education of the children of their community, or in the affairs of city government.

Now, we encourage you, the voter, to show an equal interest, and cast a ballot either Monday, Tuesday or on Saturday. Take time to vote.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I have just moved back to Big Spring, the town where I was born and raised, and I'm very concerned with my city. We are losing people who are moving out to go to Midland and Odessa, etc. Why?

We need to get behind the Moore Economic board to help promote business to our fair city and to help renovate it to what it once was.

That means fixing our streets, replacing water pipes, beautifying our town and the people getting involved to help!

We have an election coming up on May 4.

I have been out campaigning for my candidate and I've been very disheartening in the response of the people. First they ask why would you want to? This is your town, people! Would you like to sit back and do nothing and let it slip away? We need someone who can help put us back on track with our problems of water lines that have been breaking and fixing our streets. Someone who understands the budget and how to work within that budget. A candidate that will listen to their voters and work toward their goals to make Big Spring a great town to raise their children and be proud of!

Would someone please tell me what and who the Concerned Citizens of Big Spring are. What is their platform? Spend as little money as possible after they spent thousands of dollars on the mayoral recall election?

How Ms. Staulcup are you going to promote tourism? What about beautifying Big Spring?

I'm very concerned with my town. I am a concerned citizen but do not associate myself with Jo Ann Staulcup's group! We need to help our great town before it becomes nothing more than a dust town. We might have to spend a little money to make some money! That only makes sense to me. Voters need to get concerned and exercise there right to vote and make Big Spring a wonderful town to live in. That is why I think Rick Dyer is the only choice.

PAMELA ROLFE
BIG SPRING

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Finding enjoyment from squirrels

I have found a substitute for my recently deceased dog that requires no baths, no flea treatments and no trips to the vet. I got them for peanuts. Five or six squirrels visit me several times a day and give my old soul a big, cheerful boost with their perky little faces and bright eyes.



CHARLEY REESE

Some days ago, I spotted a squirrel looking at me as I sat on the patio. I had just bought a big jug of unsalted peanuts, so I retrieved it and scattered a few on the patio. It wasn't long before five squirrels were busy chowing down on peanuts.

That might have been a one-time or at least an occasional event but for one perky little fellow. One morning when I was having my coffee in the living room, this little guy shows up, scouts the patio for peanuts and, finding it empty, comes over to the sliding glass door, puts his little paws up on it and peers inside. It was as if he were saying, "Hey, mister, got any more peanuts?" I couldn't resist. Since then, he has come within a few inches of me, sat down and looked at me for several minutes.

I know that some grinches hate squirrels. Well, to each his own. I love them. Like children, they seem to me brimming with innocent life, and it makes me feel good just to sit and watch them. Sometimes they will lie flat on their bellies. They chase each other, but I have never seen them fight. They don't mind the blackbirds, blue jays or doves that occasionally join them on the patio for peanuts.

These particular squirrels seem to me more reddish brown than gray. I said "seem" because I'm colorblind, and my observations of colors are not always accurate. I see colors; I just don't see the same colors a non-colorblind person sees. But they are beautiful animals.

I've noticed that squirrels pick up peanuts with their mouths, sometimes two or three at a time. Then they sit on their haunches and apparently spit them out into their front paws, which hold the peanuts while they eat, their little jaws going like tiny pistons. They drink out of the birdbath.

It's hard for me to believe that I used to hunt squirrels with my .22 rifle. And, yes, squirrel tastes like chicken. I couldn't bear to shoot one now. In fact, about the only species I'm still willing to shoot are humans — some of whom can be the vilest, nastiest, most dangerous creatures in the animal kingdom — and rats.

At least where I live, squirrels, doves, snakes, raccoons, possums, armadillos and alligators have adapted quite well to urban life, as have lizards, spiders and insects. They seem to live happily, if unobtrusively, among the big people. Occasionally someone will get bit by a brown recluse spider, and sometimes rabies will break out among raccoons. Sometimes a dog, or even more rarely a child, will fall victim to a gator. By and large, though, everyone lives together.

The only species I draw the line at is rats. I suppose some people can find good things to say about rats, but not me. I heard some people say that squirrels are rats with bushy tails. That's not true. Both are rodents, but if you look at a rat closely, you will see that it has mean eyes. Squirrels have very friendly and curious eyes. I've never heard of a baby having its toes gnawed off by squirrels, but I have seen a baby whose toes were chewed off by rats. Come to think of it, I hate rats. I only wish snakes had faster metabolisms and could eat more of them than they do.

There is a lot of nature in our back yards if we are willing to sit quietly and observe it. I've noticed that while there are some obvious newborn lizards running around, the older lizards are still mating. I'll look into this and report back to you. In fact, there is a lot I need to learn about lizards. I still have not figured out where they sleep or the names of the different kinds that inhabit my yard.

I once thought seriously about becoming a naturalist, and in retrospect I wish I had, or at least a forester or a wildlife officer. There are few critters in the wild that can be as obnoxious as human beings can be.

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TO THE EDITOR:

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GREG KERNICK,
HOWARD COLLEGE
RODEO COACH

TO THE EDITOR:

I think it is just fantastic that a large number of Big Spring citizens who contributed to another successful annual Trash-Off. They even did it in less than ideal weather conditions. While I could not be there to participate, I am all for keeping Big Spring beautiful.

But, did you know that one day's worth of hard work was practically in vain? For while those of your who were out there picking up other peoples trash, there were a whole bunch more people who were uncaring about where their trash landed.

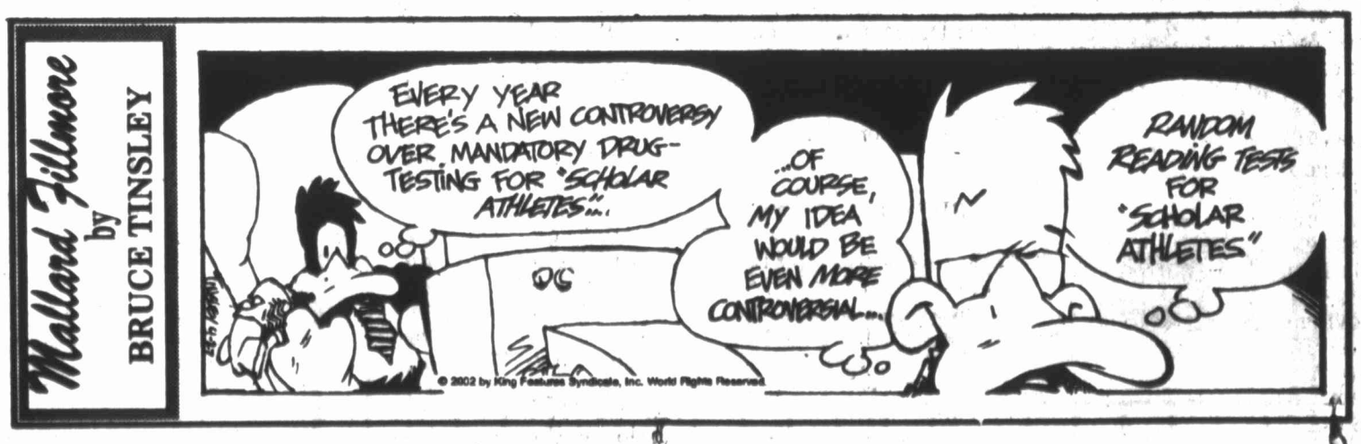
I have yet to figure out why someone can take their garbage to the dumpster and not put it in the dumpster.

Somehow, you got that big old box and its contents home, and emptied it. Is it too much at ask that you be considerate of your neighbors and cut it up that it fits into the dumpster? By the way, we do have recycling containers in Big Spring for cardboard and paper.

I'm told by the city that we are responsible for our property to the center of the alley. Well, I'm doggone sick and tired of picking up the neighbors trash.

Can't we all be more conscientious and more considerate of our neighbors? What a concept! Imagine how much nicer things could be, if everyone cared. Try it. It can't hurt, and you might even like it.

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WARREN

1. What are some of the major issues the college will face in the coming years and how should they be addressed?

BAIRD: I feel that Howard College will find itself competing for student enrollment numbers, which is its lifeline. In order to address this issue, HC will have to be competitive and needs to provide a progressive and diversified curriculum, with the facilities to support them.

Secondly, the base of all growth is finance. It is become increasingly competitive for monies made available by the state. HC will have to aggressively pursue all opportunities, and seek out new avenues in which to acquire finances that will help in providing the top quality education that HC has to offer.

CROOKER: a) We have a dwindling population and changing demographics in West Texas. Recruiting and providing students inadequately prepared for college, minority students and adult students with programs leading directly to employment in skilled occupations. b) The remodeling and infrastructure of 50-year-old buildings on Howard campus and the consolidation of the facilities from the San Angelo campus to the new West Texas Training Center in San Angelo. Completion of the future buildings at SWCID. c) The revitalization of the Fine Arts performances and productions for the social and cultural growth of the community.

ETHRIDGE: A major change is the changing demographics of the West Texas area and the dwindling population which will effect our tax base.

One of the major accomplishments of Howard College is the number of graduates working in our community and continuing to remain in our work force.

Howard College needs to continue recruiting and encouraging our population to take advantage of the Workforce Training opportunities available.

FREEMAN: It has been my pleasure to serve as a trustee at Howard College for the past two years. One of the major issues, in my opinion, is and has been the ability of Howard College to attract students and help educate those students to fill the many job opportunities in our community and around the State. Continued work with local industries and companies that employ those students is a necessity.

WARREN: Dwindling population/ changing demographics: We must influence the population to take advantage of higher education at Howard College. High school students must be made aware of the tremendous opportunities at our college. This would include recruitment of deaf students for SWCID. As our region changes, the tax base may be affected. As a rural college, we must inform the legislature of our challenges.

Facilities: We must address our aging facilities on the Howard College campus. We must continue the building programs at SWCID. In San Angelo, we must work with that community to build needed space.

2. What do you see is the vision for the college in the future and its place in the community?

BAIRD: To continue providing high quality and meaningful education to individuals wanting to better themselves through higher education which meets the needs of a thriving community that possesses a diversified workforce which is ready to meet the challenges of a competitive and ever changing job base.

This is also true for The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID) in Big Spring, San Angelo and Lamesa campuses which help make up the 13 county service area of Howard College.

CROOKER: The vision of Howard County Junior College District is a beacon of education and learning, serving as a catalyst for change, a resourceful leader, a broker and a partner.

ETHRIDGE: Howard College has a vision for the future, Howard College Trustees recently approved the New Vision and Mission Statement for the college.

The vision for Howard College is a beacon of education and learning, serving as a catalyst for change, a resourceful leader, a broker and a partner. Therefore, I feel we must pursue our vision vigorously in each area.

Howard College must continue to purse our Continuing Education Programs for all ages of our population.

Our Core Curriculum offered and the number of transferable hours to senior colleges must be monitored and meet the needs of our students. Our Distance Learning Programs are vital to our growth.

FREEMAN: Howard College exists to provide the people of our community and State with the ability to further their education at a reasonable price and improve their quality of life. This may be accomplished by offering specialized course training for specific industries along with traditional college programs. Howard College continues to work with local industry to provide those educational needs.

WARREN: Howard College and SWCID are remarkable in their contribution to Howard County. Numerous citizens have stated their appreciation for our college's continued excellence in education. It has been stated many times that Howard College is one of the best things that has happened to Howard County. I have had the privilege of seeing and being a part of our growth and advancement in excellence. To have this excellence, as Board Members, one of our most important functions is to hire the best CEO possible and we are proud of our President who is one of the best in the nation.

3. What major goals need to be accomplished to address this vision during the next six years?

BAIRD: a. To continue to facilitate openness to the community to which we serve that will offer accessibility to anyone wishing to better himself or herself through education. b. To retain and recruit the highest quality instructors available which will enhance the desirability of Howard College. c. To offer the facilities which support the degree of excellence which we provide. d. To accurately reflect the needs and desires of an ever growing community.

CROOKER: The Moore Economic Development Board, the Texas Workforce Center, and the college have combined efforts to locate and train individuals for immediate employment in local businesses. These endeavors should be continued through vocational training in the establishment or in the classroom. The physical facilities of Howard must be evaluated and modernized. Through a brokerage agreement with Lubbock Christian University, Bachelor degrees are now available.

ETHRIDGE: The college employees are formulating goals that will address the vision which the college board has recently adopted. When notable goals have already been accomplished which address the new vision, the employees and board of trustees will move forward. One of the goals which has recently been addresses is the brokering agreement with LCU, offering opportunities for mature students to pursue a bachelor of science is business on the Howard College campus.

We have such a fantastic opportunity with SWCID campus. It is the only deaf community college in the United States. We have such a diversified population on our campus and it is continuing to grow.

FREEMAN: The Howard College campus is over fifty years old. Many of the existing buildings need extensive repairs to bring them up to current standards. To continue to attract students to Big Spring and Howard College, these buildings must be upgraded and repaired. My major goal is to help the College find the necessary funding for these repairs through State, industry or individual grants or donations in order to lessen the impact of the tax paying people of Howard County.

WARREN: The college board recently approved a new vision statement. College employees will come up with the goals to address the vision. Some examples will be:

- Partnering with the local ISD for concurrent enrollment.
- As a designated Hispanic-serving institution (HSI), reaching out to all community members.
- Involvement in recent community master plan revitalization.
- Working with Moore Board on economic development
- Brokering agreement with Lubbock Christian University. The possibilities are limitless as we consider brokering with other universities, providing our students continuing education while being at Howard College, reaching B.S. and B.A. degrees
- Leader in distance learning

4. Howard College teachers have been some of the lowest paid in community colleges in the state, an issue the board had been addressing the last few years. What benefits or incentives should the board consider budgeting in future years to attract and retain teachers, staff and administration?

BAIRD: If we are to compete and succeed you have to recruit and maintain a high quality faculty. We need to push legislators to reintroduce McReynolds' House Bill 3164 from the 76th Legislature. This would require all colleges such as Howard to conduct a survey of colleges in the 10 most populated states and obtain an average salary for each faculty level. Then implement a plan that would bring our faculty in line with other institutions. I am also a believer in longevity pay. We need to reward our dedicated staff for the service they have provided.

CROOKER: There has been a concentrated effort to gradually increase the salaries. A 2001-2002 survey of faculty salaries by the Texas Community College Teachers Association indicates Howard's ranking in the State of Texas is comparable to other colleges of the area. We should continue to offer competitive salaries. Howard offers a good working environment where the teachers are valued and respected.

ETHRIDGE: In a very short period of time the college has made progress on this issue. We are now 38th in ranking with other Texas community colleges. We attempt to keep our salaries competitive or comparable with other colleges our size. The college is funded on contact hours generated by enrollment. We strive to have a quality workplace that people can enjoy working in. We want to foster an atmosphere that demonstrates our appreciation for our faculty and staff. We want them to be a part of our college family and have a good quality of life.

I can empathize with the salary situation because I have been in education and the teaching field for thirty years.

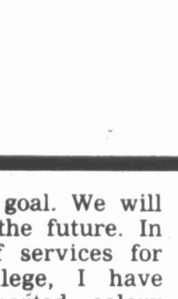
FREEMAN: The pay for instructors at Howard College has been addressed by the Board and is continuing to be addressed. Howard College is no longer a the bottom of the scale, but close to the middle of the pay scale for colleges the same size. As a former instructor at Howard College, I know that we must continue to find the funds to bring the pay of the instructors equal to or better than those of other colleges our size without raising taxes.

WARREN: This has been an ongoing project with the college. We have made progress in recent years. Although we have not reached our goal. We will improve in the future. In my years of services for Howard College, I have always supported salary increases for our faculty. We must be competitive with our salaries for all employees.

We must continue to create a positive, productive, energetic work place that will help recruit and retain employees. We have some of the best instructors in the state. So many of them come and stay at Howard College. It's amazing the number of retirements we have.

BSISD DISTRICT 1

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BUSTAMANTE

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WILLARD

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BUSTAMANTE: Since state funding is based on student attendance, one way is to not over spend. The closing of Anderson School will result in saving costs to the district. Savings from closing Anderson and PAC, the re-alignments is around $900,000 and probably more by budget time.

A strategic planning process to focus on future needs, to increase both district and the community commitment to work together to achieve results, by implementing a school-business community partnership.

WILLARD: First, I don't think that there is a direct correlation between funding and quality of education, however, the relationship of the two is not mutually exclusive. a quality education can be provide if you have quality people in the classroom. That is why I believe that taking care of our employees should be the focus of our expenditure over the next few years. Being conservative with the budget, by not voting for a deficit as was done in 2001/2002, will provide the reserves necessary to address the monetary needs of our employees, which is our most valuable asset.

2. What are some of the other major issues the school district will face in the coming three years and how should the board address them?

BUSTAMANTE: The Big Spring Junior High School will continue to be a major issue, until it is resolved.

Shortage in the field of Teachers and Administrators.

WILLARD: As I understand it, the most pressing need that the district faces is fund balance. Expenditures at the junior high and for technology resulted in a deficit during this fiscal year and a drastic reduction in fund balance. This must be corrected through conservative budgeting and fiscal constraint. Next, we must retain our students by competing with private schools and other public education districts in our county. This can be accomplished by improved curriculum, parental involvement and public image overhaul. Last, an acceptable resolution of the junior high law suit must be achieved.

3. Uncertainty of the Big Spring Junior High school building, both in the stability of the structure and in the pending lawsuit to recover damages over the foundation failure of the building, has been an issue of great concern for the community.

What should the board be doing on this issue that has not already been addressed and what plans should be made if in the future the building's foundation again becomes unstable, or worst case scenario, becomes unusable?

BUSTAMANTE: The board is acting on the advice of the current school attorneys Mr. Matt Burns and local school attorney Ben Bancroft. Some repairs are being addressed at this time under Rimkus recommendation and advice to the Big Spring Junior High School.

Build up fund balance account so that the school district will have some money when needed.

WILLARD: Although the failure at the junior high is a compelling reason for a candidate to run, it is difficult for a challenger, who is outside the board, to address this issue. So much of the information is not available to the public due to attorney/client privileges. As I understand it, the school has been made to be stable and all that is left, for now, is cosmetic work. If an acceptable settlement can be reached, the judgment should be set aside in the event that the school does become unstable and should not be used to build unrestricted fund balance.

4. Since the district is on the Texas Retirement System active care plan, what benefits should the board consider budgeting in future years for teachers, staff and administration?

BUSTAMANTE: During budget workshop set up fund balance account, address local salaries with future increases for all staff. This will also address teacher/staff turnover by being able to offer an increase in pay.

The district will also continue to pay $150.00 into the Texas Retirement system care plan per employee, in order to provide insurance coverage for all school employees.

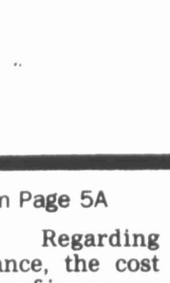
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WILLARD: Regarding health insurance, the cost for all this type of insurance will continue to escalate over time. It would be my desire to increase the compensation for our employees to offset this inevitable increase. Next, we should compare our benefits with other comparable educational entities around the state. In order to attract and retain quality employees, me must prioritize and target funds that will become available for compensation and benefits. This way we will be able to compete with other districts.

BSISD DISTRICT 3



McLELLAN

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PARTEE

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McLELLAN: The goals of the Board in dealing with declining enrollment should be to address our facilities, our loss of personnel through attrition, and to continue to maintain our programs. The loss of 700 students equates to a loss of over 2 million dollars per year in state funding. We need to be good stewards for the taxpayers and to utilize our facilities to the maximum capacity. To compensate for this loss, we have to look at our fixed costs and try to lower this expense. The decreased enrollment will require good management of our resources. We can manage this through retirements and resignations and not affect our current employees.

PARTEE: Saving money by closing the Kindergarten Center and using other existing schools was a prudent step by BSISD. BSISD faces possible loss of state funding by redrawing the legislative districts which means a loss of representation in our state legislature because of less people living here. In 1990-1991 the tax rate was 1.0875 per $100 value, current BSISD rate in 2001-2002 is 1.573. Enrollment decreased but taxes increased. BSISD has been spending more money than we are taking in. Taxes were increased to cover the expenditures. I promise to thoroughly analyze district programs, and operations to maximize our kids exposure to quality education.

2. What are some of the other major issues the school district will face in the coming three years and how should the board address them?

McLELLAN: Funding, decreased enrollment, accountability, salaries, fund balance. Funding will always be an issue for any entity. We can deal with our funding by taking measure to decrease fixed costs, such as closing facilities and decreasing personnel through attrition. We must be proactive if our enrollment continues to decline. We will have to stay ahead on our accountability system as we move from the TAAS to TAKS. We need to compensate our teachers and staff if we expect to maintain and recruit quality personnel. Finally, our fund balance is one-half of the recommendation by TEA. We must look at cost saving measures.

PARTEE: BSISD is operating on a deficit budget. They are spending more money than is coming in. The district's fund balance or savings account once was over 6 million dollars! It's shrunk to under 3 million dollars. With a twenty six million dollar budget, that is not enough cushion. Technology and computer literacy training are critical and will be a priority for children in BSISD.

Parents require accountability from children, teachers are accountable for what students learn, administration should be accountable to the School Board. The School Board should be accountable to the voters. The School board's job is to oversee the management of the entire school district.

3. Uncertainty of the Big Spring Junior High school building, both in the stability of the structure and in the pending lawsuit to recover damages over the foundation failure of the building, has been an issue of great concern for the community.

What should the board be doing on this issue that has not already been addressed and what plans should be made if in the future the building's foundation again becomes unstable, or worst case scenario, becomes unusable?

McLELLAN: The Board should continue to take measures used in the past to ensure that the junior high school is a safe environment. The vertical movement appears to have stopped or at least there has been no movement in the last eight months. We are currently pursuing legal avenues to receive a fair settlement for the problems in the past and to cover potential future problems. Fortunately, the areas that have been affected at the junior high school, for the most part, are not instructional areas. The main areas involved are the gym and dressing rooms. In the worst case, these areas could be closed for repair and students would use other facilities.

PARTEE: The Junior High building location was a costly error for BSISD. Because our children are depending on this building, the lawsuit should be handled properly to secure it's future use.

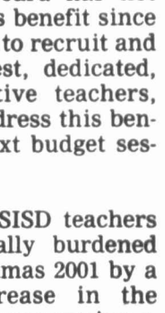
District's taxpayers deserve full restitution for deficiencies in that structure. Once again, I feel the school board members should be accountable to the voters for their past actions. The Board should be honest and forthright with the community.

4. Since the district is on the Texas Retirement System active care plan, what benefits should the board consider budgeting in future years for teachers, staff and administration?

McLELLAN: The Board in their budgeting process should look at the local increment that our district pays above the state minimum. Our Board has not addressed this benefit since 1988. In order to recruit and retain the best, dedicated, most innovative teachers, we should address this benefit in the next budget session.

PARTEE: BSISD teachers were financially burdened during Christmas 2001 by a massive increase in the health insurance premiums. The School Board had the option of delaying this increase past the Christmas holiday, but chose to raise their premiums during Christmas. I support increases in BSISD teacher pay and benefits. Financial help and humanitarian measures toward the districts employees are cheap compared to the morale boost. Our district is our students, educators and support staff and they should be supported.

COAHOMA ISD BOARD



BRADLEY

Terrie Bradley
Age: 49
Occupation: Environmental Monitoring Specialist for the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Program



COATES

William Dale Coates
Age: 31
Occupation: HVAC contractor
Boards and Committees: Currently serving on the Greater Big Spring Rotary

No photo

METCALF

John Wayne Metcalf
Age: 44
Occupation: City of Coahoma and farm
Boards and Committees: NRCS, Coop Gin, Farm Bureau, Plain Cooperative Oil Mill, Coahoma ISD



NEFF

Cindy Neff
Age: 34
Occupation: Managed Care Director for West Texas Centers for MHMR
Board Experience: Am completing my first term (3 yrs) on CISD Board
Boards and Committees: None in city politics. I am very active on various consortiums and committees through my occupation that are related to Quality Improvement, Contract Management and Local Planning.



PARRISH

Candy Parrish
Age: 32
Occupation: Director of the Dora Roberts Community Center
Boards and Committees: Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, Big Spring Leadership, Coahoma PTA President, Coahoma Softball Board

1. Coahoma ISD, along with the rest of rural Texas, has been facing a declining student population with an end result of less state funding. Last August, trustees voted to raise the maintenance and operation tax by 7 cents just 4 cents below the state cap of $1.50. What are some of the major changes the board should make to address potential loss in state funding while continuing to provide quality education for the community?

BRADLEY: I realize with the decline in Coahoma ISD enrollment our funding from the state is in question. It is the responsibility of the Coahoma ISD trustees to investigate every avenue available to insure proper funding distribution , maintain enrollment levels and provide qualified staff while considering necessary budget restraints. Please vote May 4, 2002

COATES: I would like to start by commending the current board and administration for what they have accomplished, no one likes to pay higher taxes but when we get right down to it our children's education is first and foremost. As far as losing state funding goes we will have to find a way to do more with less.

METCALF: We need to continue to watch our expenses very close and use our facilities in conservative ways. Look and rely on our staff to continue to be the best staff around.

NEFF: State funding methodologies are always a priority for our community. Our children are precious resources and we must assure that every dollar available is utilized to improve the educational opportunity for every child. Our student population has proven to be more stable this year and we hope that will continue to allow us a chance to re-visit our tax issues. Grant opportunities are a great way to subsidize technology to free up other dollars. Collaborations with other schools to get economies of scale are also an alternative that we have been using and will continue to explore.

PARRISH: The main objective of the board is to put the quality of education for our children first but also maintain their responsibility to taxpayers of CISD. Basically, seeking out all means available to stretch the funding that's out there. Taking the initiative to look for special grants and other funding options that are available to our rural community. By listening to the taxpayers, staff and educating themselves on what's available, these goals can be reached.

2. What are some of the other major issues the school district will face in the coming three years and how should they be addressed?

BRADLEY: No response.

COATES: One of the major issues the school could face is the dependence on revenue from the oil field, this market is very unstable and as a board, we need a safety net in case of another bust.

METCALF: Our technology is mostly up to date, however in three years it won't be. We will try to continue to update yearly in the area and also in other places such as facilities and transportation.

NEFF: Technology advancement, curriculum development and funding issues will have to be our priorities at CISD. Technology offers a key to many new things. We will continue to seek out grant opportunities to provide new technology advancements. Funding formulas from the state will always be changing. We will have to focus our limited dollars on the quality education of our students in a safe and supportive atmosphere. Additionally, we will continually analyze our curriculum for needed changes and enhancements to adequately prepare our students for new testing standards as well as for what they encounter beyond the walls of our school.

PARRISH: Just like every year, the budget is always an issue. Again, with good judgment, sound listening and working with the community, the board will be able to work through any budget issues that arise. Staffing is always a concern or should be, in any school district. Coahoma is very fortunate to already have a great teaching staff. However, there are going to be slots to fill. Thorough interviews can ensure that we continue to add to our strong group already in place.

3. Since the district is on the Texas Retirement System active care plan, what benefits should the board consider budgeting in future years for teachers, staff and administration?

BRADLEY: No response.

COATES: Texas Retirement System Active Care Plan actually does not go into effect until September 1, 2002. In addition, my understanding of the plan is that it helps some of the current staff. However, as far as the district goes we are not saving any money to budget in other areas.

METCALF: I want to try to continue to do what we can for our staff.

NEFF: The new plan offers opportunities for long-term cost savings and allows for individual choice by teachers and staff. While maintaining our maintenance of effort funding to the system, we are allowing employees to choose what they would like to purchase with their benefit plan. Health insurance is critically important for all our employees. We would like to offer a variety of optional insurance coverage to our employees to provide a real choice and benefit to them. As we move forward, we can explore other benefit opportunities that would be of interest to our employees.

PARRISH: The board should look at plans already in place in other school districts similar to our size and work to ensure that our teachers, staff and administrators are being compensated equally or above the other areas. The board should listen to needs of those same teachers, staff and administrators to look at new options. By working together CISD can accomplish great things.

4. What do you see is the role of technology in education and its priority in funding.

BRADLEY: No response.

COATES: I feel technology is a very vital roll in our student's education. A technology program helps give every student an opportunity to learn about computers and may be used in various programs for students from Pre-K through 12th grade. Our society is very computer oriented and this gives everyone a good foothold on general computer skills. As far as funding goes it is a very high priority if not the highest.

METCALF: To continue to upgrade our computers, Internet and monitor the growth in technology. Technology is growing so rapid that one day it's new and the next its outdated. We need to designate monies each year to keep up with our growing technology of today.

NEFF: CISD has made great strides during the last year in our technology development. We now have opportunities for staff training, distance learning and dual credit for students. Technology is an ever changing field. We must strive to increase our capabilities, think outside the box to develop new educational opportunities and utilize the equipment to assist our teachers in improving the educational experience for our students. Technology offers opportunities for us to get better connected to our communities and assist families in fully utilizing available technology. It is time to move to the next phase in our technology program.

PARRISH: The ever-changing technology should rank at the top of our list in education. Funding, for technology should be a priority to the board. The board should constantly be working with higher levels of education to put programs in place that help our graduating seniors have a jump start on their college careers. The technology is out there so CISD needs to be putting in place and utilizing those programs.

FORSAN ISD BOARD



BURT

Debbie Burt
Age: 40
Occupation: Receptionist- Highland Animal Hospital
Boards and Committees: Youth worker for the past 15 years at Trinity Baptist Church.

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HUMPHREYS

Dale Humphreys

Editor's note: Mr. Humphreys did not respond to the questionnaire.



NEWELL

Connie Newell
Age: 36
Occupation: Business Owner
City Council Experience: None
Boards and Committees: None



WHETSEL

Marty Whetsel
Age: 44
Occupation: Field Tech for Kerr McGee Corp.
City Council Experience: None
Boards and Committees: Big Spring Bass Club President 1991, on Board of Directors for 7 or 8 years. Vice President for 3 years.

1. Forsan ISD, along with the rest of rural Texas, has been facing a declining student population with an end result of less state funding. Last August, trustees voted to raise the maintenance and operation tax to the state cap of $1.50. What are some of the major changes the board should make to address potential loss in state funding while continuing to provide quality education for the community?

BURT: We will need to evaluate our current staffing situation and make sure that each person is being utilized fully. I personally would hate to see a hiring freeze or employee cuts, but as people retire or resign we definitely need to reevaluate their position. Making sure that the position is still vital to our program or if it needs to be revamped and combined into another area with a current teacher. We may not need to fill every vacated position. Trimming a budget takes time and you have to be careful that you continue to provide quality education.

NEWELL: Forsan needs to get involved in the fastest growing sport in America today. This softball and baseball. Our kids should have the opportunity to play softball and baseball at school. I realize sports are not the most important

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issue in school, but it does give the kids a reason to work harder and make better grades to be eligible to play. Sports also teach the kids the value of winning, losing, sportsmanship, team playing, responsibility, respect, setting goals and working to achieve them. We lose a lot of kids due to not having the program in place today.

WHETSEL: I do not believe there are any major changes to made at this time. We just need to watch our spending. Forsan has and will always provide a quality education for its students.

2. What are some of the other major issues the school district will face in the coming three years and how should they be addressed?

BURT: I would like to see us have a quality athletic program with qualified coaches that are well prepared to teach our students each sport. If we are going to spend funds to send athletes to compete they need to be well prepared so that they can be competitive.

Another area of concern is in attendance. It seem to be getting harder and harder to get students to come to school every day. Since funding is based on our average daily attendance we need to come up with some ways to insure that the students want to come to school.

NEWELL: I do not know what issues will be coming up in the next three years. I'm sure losing more students will be one of the major issues if something is not changed soon. This is one of the reasons I am running for school board. I would like to be involved in making some of the changes and decisions on what should be done. I will do my best to listen and help the students, teachers and parents on whatever issue is going on.

WHETSEL: Other major issues are continued control on spending due to less state funding. Keeping the Forsan and Elbow campuses in good condition is a must. Also keeping great teachers like we how have by offering good salaries and benefits is very important. We must also keep our school in academic excellence standings. Last but not least the safety of our students on our campuses and at school activities is a very important issue I strongly believe.

3. What benefits should the board consider budgeting in future years for teachers, staff and administrators to attract and retain employees?

BURT: Forsan currently offers its employees a high quality paid insurance program. We also provide paid housing for the administration and a limited number of teachers. I would like to see this trend continued. We might also look into some sort of bonus program to award perfect attendance.

NEWELL: I honestly do not know the answer to this one. As far as I know our teachers, staff and administrators are some of the best paid in this area. Therefore, I would say be open minded and listen to what our teachers, staff and administrators problems or concerns are. Work together to change things that will benefit both parties.

WHETSEL: We need to keep offering the benefits we now have and look to offer more as we can afford to. Also we need to keep the administration, teacher and staffs salaries competitive with other outstanding schools.

4. What do you see is the role of technology in education and its priority in funding?

BURT: Technology is very vital in our world today with computers in most areas of the work place and also the Internet. Students need to be completely educated in these areas and have plenty of hands on experience with the computers. Forsan has been very fortunate to receive much of the needed funding for our technology program through grants. Hopefully this will continue along with money specifically budgeted by the board to keep our technology program one of the best.

NEWELL: I believe technology is very important in this day and time. Our program we have now is working very well. I think we should stay up to date on technology as it advances. This is very important to our children's education.

WHETSEL: The role of technology in education has already shown its value and is a great tool for learning. It will only become more of a priority in years to come.

FORSAN MAYOR

Jim Buske

Editor's note: Mr. Buske did not respond to the questionnaire.

No photo

BUSKE

Clarence Williams
Age: 60
Occupation: Truck driver (oil field)
City Council Experience: Ten years as city council member in Forsan

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WILLIAMS

1. What will be the main issue facing the city of Forsan during the next year? If you have your way, how will the city handle the issue, and why?

WILLIAMS: The old water lines really need to be replace. The city of Forsan will apply for grants to help fund the project; if no grants are available we will have to finance the project ourselves. It is needed.

2. What is your vision for the city of Forsan over the next five years? What suggestion do you have to make your vision a reality?

WILLIAMS: To maintain our small town, close community. I feel that community gatherings, parades, and community clean-up days will have a part in this.

3. Like many West Texas towns, Forsan's roadsides and vacant lots tend to collect blowing plastic grocery sacks and other garbage, creating mini-eyesores around town. What can the mayor of Forsan do to enact or encourage the cleanup and beautification of the city?

WILLIAMS: The mayor should strive to keep city and personal property as clean as possible. I would also like to schedule volunteer community cleanup days to clean empty lots, along the roadsides, and help the elderly and ill keep their property clean also.

4. What can or should the mayor and council do to attract new businesses and industries in Forsan? Should the city actively try to grow, or should it discourage growth to maintain it's "small town" atmosphere? Explain

WILLIAMS: Growth should not be discouraged, but many of our businesses and residents are involved in some way with the oil field, and were attracted for Forsan for its size and loca-

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 1

John Henson

Editor's note: Mr. Henson's questionnaire was returned due to an incorrect address. Efforts to contact Mr. Henson with a request to complete a questionnaire were unsuccessful.



HENSON

Stephanie Horton
Age: 46
Occupation: Registered Nurse, VA Hospital
City Council Experience: Council Member 1993-Present
Board and Committee: Past President of NAACP, Choir Director and President of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, Member Dr. Morgan Park Development Board, Member Lakeview Headstart Board



HORTON

1. Recent data suggests that Big Spring is shrinking in population. School enrollments are declining and employers complain that they can't recruit enough workers. What if anything, should the city council do to address these issues? Should Big Spring actively work to increase its population?

HORTON: The City Council works to attract and retain citizens by working to improve the quality of life. For instance:

•Turning an illegal dumpsite into the Dr. Morgan Park

• Demolition of vacant houses and buildings such as the Apache Bend Apartments, Howard House and the Permian Building.

•Cleaning up District 1, including the area around the lake and Beals Creek.

•Renovation of the Comanche Park swimming pool.

•The ongoing water line replacement program.

•Elimination of all dirt streets within the next five years

I believe that we have to continue to improve the quality of life so that people will want to make this their home.

2. An item of much discussion recently at city council meetings has been the possibility of extending sewer service to four homes on Seminole road at a cost to the city of approximately $70,000. The four homes currently use septic tank systems. In research about the problem, it was discovered that about 100 residences within the city limits use a septic system instead of city sewer service. Should this issue be of major concern to the city? How would you resolve it, and why?

HORTON: I voted in favor of installing sewer service to the residents on Seminole. However, since this motion did not pass, I support the majority's decision to review the issue of septic systems as a whole and not just one neighborhood. I think that it is an important issue and I would like to see a program that will eliminate all septic systems within the city. This could be done in the same way that all dirt streets are being eliminated over five years. This will address the problem while spreading the expense over several years.

3. The city has embarked on a program to double seal coat all unpaved streets in the city and is proceeding at a rate of about 3 miles of street coated per year. Is this the proper way to address Big Spring's unpaved streets? Why? Do you have a better plan?

HORTON: My opponent stated that double seal coat doesn't work using Webb Lane as an example. However, Webb Lane was not double seal coated. It only had a layer of millings bladed over it. Before you say that something doesn't work, you should get your facts straight.

The double seal coat has been used in several areas of town such at W. 16th in District 1. It has been a successful pilot program and was chosen as the most cost effective solution. Paving costs for 1 mile of dirt street is $250,000 versus $20,000 for the double seal coat.

4. What is your vision of the City of Big Spring over the next five years? What suggestions do you have to make your vision a reality?

HORTON: My vision is to improve our community for our children by given them a safe, clean environment to grow up in. My vision includes a Youth Center next to Dr. Morgan Park where kids will have necessary supervision and activities to help them grow, learn and reach their full potential. This would be a gathering place where all children would be welcomed despite their differences. I have witnesses the difference made in other communities by this type of facility. But first, we have to come together as a community and put aside petty difference. If we can do that, then we can do anything.

BIG SPRING CITY COUNCIL DISTRICT 3

Name: Ricky Dyer
Age: 50
Occupation: Owner of Dyer Plumbing & Mechanical Inc., Commercial Plumbing Contractor
City Council Experience: None.
Boards and Committee: None.



DYER

Jimmy Don Ruth
Age: 49
Occupation: Maintenance Technician for Cox Communications
City Council None.
Boards and Committees: Hangar 25, executive committee for the Democratic Party of Howard County



RUTH

Jo Ann Staulcup
Age: 61
Occupation: Retired
City Council Experience: None
Boards and Committees: Haven House of Big Spring, 9 years; Friends of the Library, 6 years; Treasurer, 2 years; President, 3 years. Board of Directors, Howard County Learn to Read Program-4 years; (Vice President 1 year, President 3 years). Federal Women's Program Manager, 17 years. Big Spring Activities Association, President, 22 years. Chairperson, Total Quality Improvement Boards, 3 years. Upward Mobility Coordinator, 4 years. Equal Employment Opportunity Committee, 17 years. Internal Investigations, 14 years. EEO Investigator, 18 years. 1905 Hyperion Club



STAULCUP

1. Recent data suggests that Big Spring is shrinking in population. School enrollments are declining and employers complain that they can't recruit enough workers. What if anything, should the city council do to address these issues? Should Big Spring actively work to increase its population?

DYER: The City of Big Spring set up the Moore Board to devote 1/2 of a percent of sales tax money to fund new business to come into the Big Spring area. I know the Moore Board is working hard marketing the community to our neighbors and trying to compete with other cities like Midland and Odessa. All of the manufacturing jobs are going to Mexico because of cheap labor cost; that leaves high-tech, warehousing and trucking. Big Spring is the crossroad of West Texas with 1-20 and Highway 87, and lets not forget we also have the railroad.

RUTH: In my opinion, people are leaving Big Spring because we don't have enough jobs that can support a family. A lot of jobs available here are minimum wage or just a bit higher. It's hard to feed a family of five on a minimum wage job, even if both parents are working. We need something to come into Big Spring that will pay well and enhance our economy. Real estate, restaurants, motels, all of our local businesses could use a boost in sales. Big Spring is wonderful place to live. I would love to see it grow and become a major player in Texas economics.

STAULCUP: The city council should work with city government officials and the Chamber of Commerce to market Big Spring as a good place to live, work and raise families. The planned affordable housing should be useful in this undertaking. Aggressive marketing should be undertaken to advertise Big Spring's strong points including good schools, Howard College, the State Hospital, the State Veterans Home, VA Medical Center, the refinery, friendly people, nearly perpetual sunshine, the symphony, lots of room and proximity to large cities without the associated drawbacks. It is certain that Big Spring must either increase its population or continue its decline.

2. An item of much discussion recently at city council meetings has been the possibility of extending sewer service to four homes on Seminole road at a cost to the city of approximately $70,000. The four homes currently use septic tank systems. In research about the problem, it was discovered that about 100 residences within the city limits use a septic system instead of city sewer service. Should this issue be of major concern to the city? How would you resolve it, and why?

DYER: The city does not develop residential property. The developer is responsible for water main, sewer main, paving, etc. This price is included in the sale of the lots. When people buy a house they should inquire if the house has a septic tank. The septic has to be inspected before the loan is granted. Running sewer lines to 100 houses could have a cost of $3 to $4 million. I would have to ask the city council, to ask the voters of Big Spring if they want to pay for these lines, which would be in a rate increase in property tax or sewer increase.

RUTH: These homes were purchased knowing that they were on septic systems. At the present time, the city doesn't have it in the budget to build a sewer line for these homes. However, they should not be ignored and it should be figured into future budgets to get these homes on the city sewer system. I'd like to see all homes within Big Spring that are on septic tanks eventually put on city sewer lines. These people are taxpayers and deserve to be recognized. As for why should we do something about it? They asked for it, they pay taxes and they should be considered.

STAULCUP: The Big Spring City Charter, Article II, Sections 4 and 4a state that when any additional territory has been annexed, it shall be a part of the City of Big Spring and the property situated therein shall bear its pro rata part of the taxes levied by the city, "and the inhabitants thereof shall be entitled to all the rights and privileges of all the citizens..." The residents on Seminole road pay taxes. Sewer should be available to every resident of Big Spring. This item should be included in the next and each subsequent budget until the project is completed.

3. The city has embarked on a program to double seal coat all unpaved streets in the city and is proceeding at a rate of about 3 miles of street coated per year. Is this the proper way to address Big Spring's unpaved streets? Why? Do you have a better plan?

DYER: Double seal coating is not the best way to pave streets but it all comes back to money. It's better to have a double seal coated street than a dirt road. The money the city has set aside for seal coating would pave about 2,000 ft. verses 3 miles. This is something I'm going to have to check into.

RUTH: I am in no way an expert on the seal coating issue, however I do feel that we do need to get something done about not only the unpaved streets, but the street that are so bad you avoid driving on them. Main Street is a good example. We definitely need improvement in this area. I would like to direct some of the work in areas that need it. I have lived in my home for ten years and our street has been coated twice. Twice. Why? There are other streets that needed it worse than mine. These are some of the issues I would like to address.

STAULCUP: Double seal coating is certainly proper. Prior to selection of streets to be seal coated, traffic counts should be taken, so that streets with heaviest traffic are coated first. If there is no traffic, coating should be delayed until traveled streets are coated. Seal coating unused streets is impractical, since seal coated streets which are not driven upon deteriorate rather quickly. Streets already paved should be regularly maintained, again with first priority being given to those streets most heavily traveled. This would cut costs associated with major repaving of potholed streets.

4. What is your vision of the City of Big Spring over the next five years? What suggestions do you have to make your vision a reality?

DYER: 1.) To find money in Texas Grants or Federal money to help replace our failing water mains, to repair and maintain our city streets. 2.) See our Industrial Park grow and bring in more jobs to help promote economic development. 3.) Another thing I'm concerned about is our retired people who live on a fixed income. Keep city costs down and continually look at our process to find ways to be more efficient and save money. 4.) Look at the trends and changing conditions associated with planning & zoning. 5.) What I don't want to see is another recall election, that cost the city of Big Spring $6,000.

RUTH: My vision for Big Spring is to make this a better place for everyone to live. Young and old alike. We need to start planning for the future of our young people who are leaving here in droves because they have no future opportunity here. I would like to see more community involvement with our youth. Give them something to work for. A future. A future here in Big Spring. I would like to see the sewer and the seal coat-

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ing issues resolved in a way that is best for everyone concerned and I would like to be the one to get us started.

STAULCUP: My five year vision for Big Spring requires a good ongoing working relationship between city and county. I would like to see Big Spring spruce up its potential tourist attractions. Improved maintenance of our landmarks (like the Big Spring) and special interest areas (museums, Scenic Mountain and the sandhill crane viewing area) and innovative marketing of the area could result in income from new sources. Targeting special interest groups for marketing could prove worthwhile, both in income and attracting new residents or businesses. The cooperative efforts of city and county can make Big Spring a real jewel in the desert.

COAHOMA CITY COUNCIL

Eleanore Garrett
Age: Senior Citizen
Occupation: Retired school teacher
City Council Experience: 8 years as Mayor and 8 years on City Council
Boards and Committees: I was mayor of Coahoma for 8 years and have been a council member all but one years after being Mayor



GARRETT

Paulette Lindsey
Age: 57
Occupation: Homemaker
City Council Experience: 2 years
Boards and Committees: Boy Scout and Girls Scout leader. Elder of Presbyterian Church in Coahoma



LINDSEY

Dan Shelburne

Editor's note: Mr. Shelburne did not respond to the questionnaire.

No photo

SHELBURNE

Warren Wallace
Age:
Occupation:
City Council Experience:
Boards and Committees:



WALLACE

1. What will be the main issue facing the city of Coahoma during the next year? If you have your way, how will the city handle the issue, and why?

GARRETT: The main issue to me is getting a new water tower, we had to have the inside of the tower cleaned. They told me that we needed a new water tower, so this has been my priority.

LINDSEY: To build the water tower, build and refurbish (9) new homes- this was approved through a housing grant that the City of Coahoma applied for.

WALLACE: The funding and support of the Emergency Medical Service (EMS) in Coahoma seems to be a constant source of friction among members of the Council. I am personally in favor of continuing and improving this service to our community. To have this quality of emergency care so close at hand, is a blessing to young and old. I consider it's cost a bargain. The original purpose was to help provide quick response with good equipment and personnel at a reasonable cost. I commend our volunteers and support the EMS.

2. What is your vision for the city of Coahoma over the next five years? What suggestions do you have to make your vision a reality?

GARRETT: Expansion and growth; to see the economy grow and to maintain a family oriented township.

LINDSEY: Improve streets, park and cemetery.

WALLACE: Much has been done over the last ten years to improve the appearance of our city. I am pleased with the progress and would continue to press forward with removal of old buildings, clean-up of trashed and overgrown lots, finish the improvements to the city park and pocket park, and encourage all citizens to take pride in the appearance of their homes and public places.

3. Is crime such as vandalism and criminal mischief a problem in Coahoma, and what, if anything, should the city council do to improve the situation?

GARRETT: There is not an substantial amount of criminal mischief here in Coahoma, but we do have several deputy sheriffs here to help with the situations.

LINDSEY: Coahoma is a family oriented town with very little crime.

WALLACE: Continue to work with the Sheriff's Dept. to patrol the streets of the community and enforce the curfew and traffic regulations that already exist.

4. What can or should the city council do to attract new businesses and industries in Coahoma? Should the city actively try to grow, or should it discourage growth to maintain its "small town" atmosphere? Explain.

GARRETT: As far as the growth of Coahoma, we are too close to Big Spring, so I don't see any substantiated growth, but we do have an excellent school system, so maybe people with children will select our site.

Coahoma, like Big Spring, used to have quite a few more businesses. I don't know a solution.

LINDSEY: I think this depends on the economy, and I would never discourage new growth.

WALLACE: Good employee relations along with coordinated efforts from the council and the community will allow for much progress which will benefit all concerned.

Perry asks for support from Dallas Hispanic leaders

The Associated Press

Gov. Rick Perry lobbied for votes from Dallas Hispanic business leaders Friday, accusing Democratic opponent Tony Sanchez of taking their votes for granted and ducking a chance for a joint appearance of candidates.

"I regret that my opponent refused to join us today," the Republican Perry told the Greater Dallas Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. "I thought your idea for a joint town hall — a place to talk real issues and ideas — was a good one."

The two nominees will vie for the governor's office in the Nov. 5 general election.

Sanchez was in Austin Friday afternoon addressing the Texas State Teachers Association, which already has endorsed him.

He said he was not ducking Perry and that his schedule was already booked. He met with a group of nurses earlier in the day was scheduled to be in Beaumont for Harley Davidson rally and a crawfish parade Friday night.

"I am not going to break my schedule just to please him," Sanchez said. "I'm not afraid to meet with Rick Perry, my gosh."

Chamber President Brenda Reyes said the group wanted to hear from both candidates and that Sanchez may be invited back. She said the group would not endorse a candidate.

Sanchez is the state's first Hispanic gubernatorial nominee for a major party. Democrats are banking on the millionaire businessman from Laredo to snare a large majority of voters in the fastest-growing segment of Texas' population.

Perry isn't willing to concede the Hispanic vote, however. He pledged that his administration would be open to small and minority-owned businesses. He noted that as lieutenant governor in 1999, he worked to eliminate the franchise tax for small firms.

He also talked about education, health care and transportation to the business group.

"As a former small businessman who helped run our family farm and ranch, I am sensitive to the needs and concerns of our small business owners," Perry said.

"A candidate for office can't hear your voice unless he shows up and listens," he said. "Your vote should not be taken for granted, it should be earned."

Sanchez said Perry can't attract support from Hispanic business owners statewide.

"He just can't because he doesn't understand business," Sanchez said. "He's never started a business. He's never created a business."

Speaking to the teachers group, Sanchez pledged pay raises and smaller class sizes. Sanchez has said he'll make education his top priority if elected.

"I think (Perry) should spend a lot more time listening to the teachers of Texas and understanding their issues," Sanchez said.

Perry has pledged improvements in pre-kindergarten education, lower dropout rates, mentoring for teachers and more technology in the classroom.

Also speaking to the teachers association, John Sharp, the Democratic nominee for lieutenant governor, said the state should offer free tuition, books and fees for students who earn B averages.

Report: Crown prince wanted only male air-traffic controllers

DALLAS (AP) — Representatives of Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah reportedly asked that female air traffic controllers be barred from their duties during his flights in Texas.

A Federal Aviation Administration employee, speaking to The Dallas Morning News on condition of anonymity, said the request was granted on portions of the prince's flights between Houston and Waco.

Abdullah was in Texas this week and met with President Bush at his Crawford ranch on Thursday.

The prince then flew in Houston and took a train to College Station to tour former President George Bush's presidential library on Friday.

Ruben Gonzalez, a regional manager for the company that operates the control tower at the Texas State Technical College airport in Waco, said a group of Saudis made the request to the airport manager.

Gonzalez said the request was honored, and two male controllers guided the prince's afternoon flight to Houston. A female tower manager was on the premises, he said.

A telephone message left at the airport by The Associated Press on Saturday was not immediately returned.

Also Saturday, another FAA official told The Associated Press he was unaware of the Saudi demands. "We have not received an official request from either the Saudis or the State Department," FAA spokesman Roland Herwig said.

A White House spokeswoman said she was aware of the newspaper report, but could not immediately comment on it. Two Saudi officials traveling with the crown prince did not return several phone calls seeking comment Saturday morning.

"I don't know where this news came from," Prince Saud al-Faisal, Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, said in an earlier interview with Houston television station KHOU.

Ohio woman says she's in love with serial killer

HOUSTON (AP) — A 50-year-old Ohio woman says she is not a "flake" for having fallen in love with convicted rail-riding serial killer Angel Maturino Resendiz.

"I'm well-educated, middle class. I own my own house. I own my own truck," Nancy Resendiz, who legally changed her last name to that of the Mexican citizen with a long criminal record, told the Houston Chronicle [illegible] Sunday editions.

"I don't condone anything he's done. But there is a human being in there and I just happen to love that human being."

Nancy Resendiz said she began writing to the convicted killer after he was sentenced to death in May 2000 for the murder of Houston-area physician Claudia Benton, who was beaten, stabbed and raped in her home just before Christmas 1998.

Maturino Resendiz, also called the "Railroad Killer," [illegible] confessions and evidence to at least 12 other killings across the country.

The Mexican citizen crisscrossed the United States aboard freight trains, earning his nickname during a nationwide manhunt that culminated with his surrender in July 1999.

The couple writes each other often and she has made the trip from Cleveland to visit him in prison in Livingston five times.

"He has a very loving and caring side to him," she said. "He's a very affectionate person. He is silly and has a sense of humor."



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Signs that Mideast situation leading to possible danger for Americans

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush's stepped-up pressure on Israel to halt its military offensive in the West Bank may not calm growing Arab anger. Already, there are signs the hostility is leading to possible danger for Americans, and less cooperation in the war against terrorism.

After a two-week lull, guerrillas again are attacking Israel from another front, Lebanon. In Egypt, long allied with the United States, young people have tried to sneak into Israel to join the fight and there are worries they could turn their wrath on Americans as easily as Israelis.

U.S. officials say privately that Yemen is stalling plans to deploy U.S. military counterterror trainers because of the situation in the Mideast. In addition, Arab nations' cooperation in any potential U.S. plan to attack Iraqi President Saddam Hussein seems stalled.

"What Arab countries were telling us nine month ago was, 'We won't support you unless you tell us you'll finish the job"' and overthrow Saddam, said Antony Blinken, a former National Security Council official in the Clinton White House.

"Now they're saying, 'We won't help you at all,"' Blinken said.

Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, at his meeting Thursday with President Bush in Texas, warned that the escalating Israeli-Palestinian fight has grave consequences for the United States, his spokesman said.

It "makes it more difficult for friends of the U.S. to stand up with the U.S.," said spokesman Nail Al-Jubeir. "It's going to antagonize both ends. It's going to radicalize both ends."

Abdullah and Bush reached no agreement on an eight-point plan presented by the prince that suggests an armed international peacekeeping force and other steps that conflict with U.S. policy.

Bush on Friday bluntly told Israel, "It's now time to quit it altogether," meaning its incursions into Palestinian towns.

The president's repeated urgings are losing effect, said Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the House International Relations Committee. "I think it's unfortunate because it does diminish the impact of the president's wishes over in that part of the world," he said Saturday on CNN.

But he said Prime Minister Ariel Sharon cannot be expected to "lay down or to take orders from us when his people are under such direct attack, so repeatedly."

The president did persuade Congress to delay a vote on a symbolic statement of support for Israel. "I also hope and believe that Congress recognizes we've got interests in the area, as well, beyond Israel — that we have good relationships with the Saudis and the Jordanians and the Egyptians," Bush said.

He made clear to Arabs, however, that U.S. support for Israel is unequivocal, saying: "We will not allow Israel to be crushed."

Israel says its offensive in the West Bank is necessary to destroy Palestinian terrorists responsible for suicide bombings against Israeli civilians.

Many in Congress, sympathetic to Israel's situation, are certain to protest if Bush were to decide to apply any stronger pressure on Israel.

Yet not doing so might cause people in Arab and Islamic countries to become even angrier at the United States, and thus increase their illicit support for Palestinian extremists, many analysts believe.

Roman Catholic dioceses in 46 states feel impact of scandal among clergy

The Associated Press

At least 176 priests suspected of molesting minors have either resigned or been taken off duty in 28 states and the District of Columbia since the clerical sex scandal erupted in January, a nationwide review of Roman Catholic dioceses by The Associated Press found.

The review also showed that in 18 other states, where priests have not been taken off the job, dioceses still have responded to the crisis in a variety of ways. They include turning over allegations to prosecutors, scouring personnel records to see whether old claims were properly handled, and reviewing and publicizing policies for handling complaints.

In the end, the review found only four states — Arkansas, Tennessee, Utah and Wyoming — where the scandal seems to have had no impact on the way the church operates.

"It's been years since I've met a diocesan attorney who said, 'I'm lucky, I haven't had any cases,"' said Patrick Schiltz, a lawyer who has defended dioceses against hundreds of claims.

AP reporters across the country interviewed Catholic officials last week about the scandal's impact in their dioceses. The information they collected helps demonstrate how the crisis has developed in just four months.

For instance, bishops have given law enforcement authorities details of claims against at least 260 clergymen. Some of those priests are among those taken off duty but others are long retired, and state attorneys say many of the cases are probably too old to prosecute.

The number of priests disciplined since January may be higher than 176, since several dioceses would not say how many clergy they suspended. Schiltz said the number sounded low.

Even if the figure were higher, it would still likely represent less than half of 1 percent of the 46,075 priests in the United States.

And many of the complaints come from decades ago. The allegations that prompted Bishop Anthony O'Connell of Palm Beach, Fla., to resign dated from the 1970s, for example.

Yet such cases also support Bishop Wilton Gregory's recent observation that even old complaints are painful and damaging to the church.

"We, your bishops, believed that we had made considerable progress in dealing with sexual abuse of minors and in creating safe environments for children. As the details of troubling cases from the past emerged, that sense of progress has been all but wiped out," Gregory, president of the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops, said last week.

While the church had faced abuse scandals in the past, Boston Cardinal Bernard Law's admission in January that he allowed a pedophile priest to continue to serve sparked a new level of public anger.

Bishops were pressured to disclose details of abuse claims, and hundreds more people came forward to say they had been molested. In California and Massachusetts alone, prosecutors and private lawyers said nearly 550 people have made new allegations of abuse this year.

Priests in Maine, California and Michigan have been either ordered — or volunteered — to stand before their parishioners and admit they had abused young people years ago. A Gulfport, Fla., priest had to take a polygraph test after he was accused of abusing a former church employee. Church officials say he passed the test and they dismissed the charges.

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Casino fight between cycle gangs leaves three dead

LAUGHLIN, Nev. (AP) — Rival motorcycle gangs armed with guns and knives clashed on a crowded casino floor early Saturday, leaving three dead and at least 12 wounded as terrified gamblers ducked for cover.

The shooting, the worst ever inside a Nevada casino, occurred during a weekend gathering of motorcycle groups, including the Mongols and Hells Angels.

Denise Massey, 48, was gambling with her fiance on the first floor of Harrah's when she noticed 20 to 30 bikers suddenly converge.

"Next thing you know you just hear 'Bam, bam, bam,"' she said. "All of a sudden they're running and just shooting at each other."

Police said the violence erupted when a Mongol member walked into a group of Hells Angels.

Sixty to 70 people, armed with guns and knives, were involved in the violence inside the entrance to Harrah's casino, authorities said.

All three of the dead were bikers, police said. One person was arrested and police had recovered several guns. About 200 people were being interviewed, said Lt. Vince Cannito, of the Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Department, which patrols the Colorado River gambling resort 80 miles southeast of Las Vegas.

Authorities also warned of the danger for further violence.

"The rumors of retaliation have already hit the street," said Larry Tunforss, spokesman for the fire department in Bullhead City, Ariz. "Our police department is beefing up intensely."

SWAT teams and law enforcement officers from across Arizona and Nevada were called in.

The shooting occurred during the 20th annual River Run, a motorcycle gathering which attracted up to 80,000 people.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks lock up spot in Region V tourney

Howard College's Hawks qualified for the NJCAA Region V Baseball Tournament when they swept a Saturday doubleheader from Clarendon College's Bulldogs.

The Hawks' 10-0 and 17-5 wins, coupled with Midland College's three-game sweep of Frank Phillips assured Howard a fourth-place finish in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Hawks first regional game is set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene.

Butler guaranteed of trip to state meet

Big Spring's Cierra Butler guaranteed herself a trip to the UIL State Track Championships when she posted a throw of 125 feet, three inches to finish second in Region I, Class 4A discus competition Friday in San Angelo.

Stephenville's Cookie Lonnergan won the event with a 133-11 effort.

Garden City duo sure of state trip

Garden City's kendall Goodwin and Allison Jansa guaranteed themselves trips to the state track meet in Austin when they claimed championships Friday during the first day of the Region I, Class 1A Track Meet in Levelland.

Goodwin won the boys' triple jump with a leap of 45 feet, 6 1/4 inches; while Jansa won the girls' 3,200 meters with a time of 12:34.53.

Another Garden City runner, sprinter Bryan Hillger, had an opportunity to earn himself a trip to Austin as well.

Hillger finished Friday's preliminary heats with the second-fastest times in both the 100 meters and 200 meters, but final results from Saturday's finals were not available as the Herald went to press.

Hillger's qualifying time in the 100 was 11.36 seconds. His clocking in the 200 was 23.14 seconds.

Park earns All-West ASC honors in tennis

Howard Payne's Cade Park, a former Forsan High School standout in several sports, has been named to the American Southwest Conference Men's Tennis All-West First Team.

Park was Howard Payne's No. 2 seed in singles and was on the team's No. 1 doubles tandem.

He finished conference play with a 5-1 record, as Howard Payne finished second in the West Division, earning a trip to Clinton, Miss., where they will play in the ASC Championship Tournament.

Baseball boosters to meet Monday

The final meeting of the season for the Big Spring High School Baseball Boosters Club has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Monday at the BSHS Athletic Training Center's meeting room.

Members will be making final preparations for the annual baseball banquet and all parents and friends of players are asked to attend.

For more information, call Jim Clements at 267-

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Want scoring? Mavs' options outnumber T-wolves'

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — The math behind the Dallas Mavericks' 2-0 lead in their first-round playoff series against the Minnesota Timberwolves is simple.

"We have five guys who can score and they have three," Dallas coach Don Nelson said. "Any time you have that disparity, you should win the game."

The Mavericks can score a lot of points, and they don't care who does it.

"I think everyone is the No. 1 option on this team," said guard Nick Van Exel, who with 17 points in Game 2 was one of six Dallas players in double figures.

The Minnesota Timberwolves got 25 points or more from their top three scorers in that game, but still lost by 12.

Game 3 is today. To stave off a sixth straight first-round ouster for another day, Minnesota must be able to find some offense beyond Kevin Garnett, Wally Szczerbiak and Chauncey Billups.

"We've got to have other guys step up," Timberwolves coach Flip Saunders said, "because they've got guys who will."

Forward Joe Smith, who saw played only seven minutes in Game 1 and got into foul trouble in Game 2, is one who'll have to share more of the load.

"We can't just look at two or three guys to lead us," Smith said. "We have to find other guys on offense who are capable."

Minnesota, though, can't afford to have Garnett, Szczerbiak or Billups slip.

"The three of us are going to have to do it," Szczerbiak said. "There's just no other way."

Steve Nash and Dirk Nowitzki were All-Stars this year, and Michael Finley has been one in the past. But when Dallas dealt for Van Exel and center Raef LaFrentz, the Mavs' were instantly upgraded.

"They've made us a better team," Finley said. "Those guys fit in perfectly in our chemistry."

Another thing that works for the Mavericks is their unselfishness.

"When you have a team that's this talented, there are usually guys who want to take games over on their own," LaFrentz said. "Nobody on this team does that."

Scrappy forward Eduardo Najera, who had 13 points on 6-for-9 shooting in Game 2, isn't too concerned about how many times he touches the ball.

"I feel I can score a little more, but this team doesn't need me to," Najera said. "We've got plenty of better scorers."

They've got plenty of people who can shoot the 3, too. The Mavericks made 11 of them Wednesday, and anticipate Minnesota tightening its defense on the perimeter.

Dallas will be ready to adjust.

"If they chase you off the line, we've got to go in the lane and get to the foul line more," Nowitzki said. "Get our draw and dish game going. Whatever they do, we've got to have an answer for it."

Lady Steers blank Canyon

HERALD Staff Reports

LUBBOCK — Big Spring's Lady Steers had little trouble advancing through to the second round of the Class 4A softball playoffs Saturday, rolling to a 6-0 bi-district win over Canyon's Lady Eagles.

Originally scheduled to play a best-of-three series, the Lady Steers and Lady Eagles were forced to scramble when inclement weather Friday washed out Friday's first game at Lubbock Coronado.

As a result, the two teams were forced to settle on a one-game, winner-take-all affair at the Lubbock High School softball field.

Freshman Alex Watkins went the distance in recording the 3-hit shutout that drew praise from Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista.

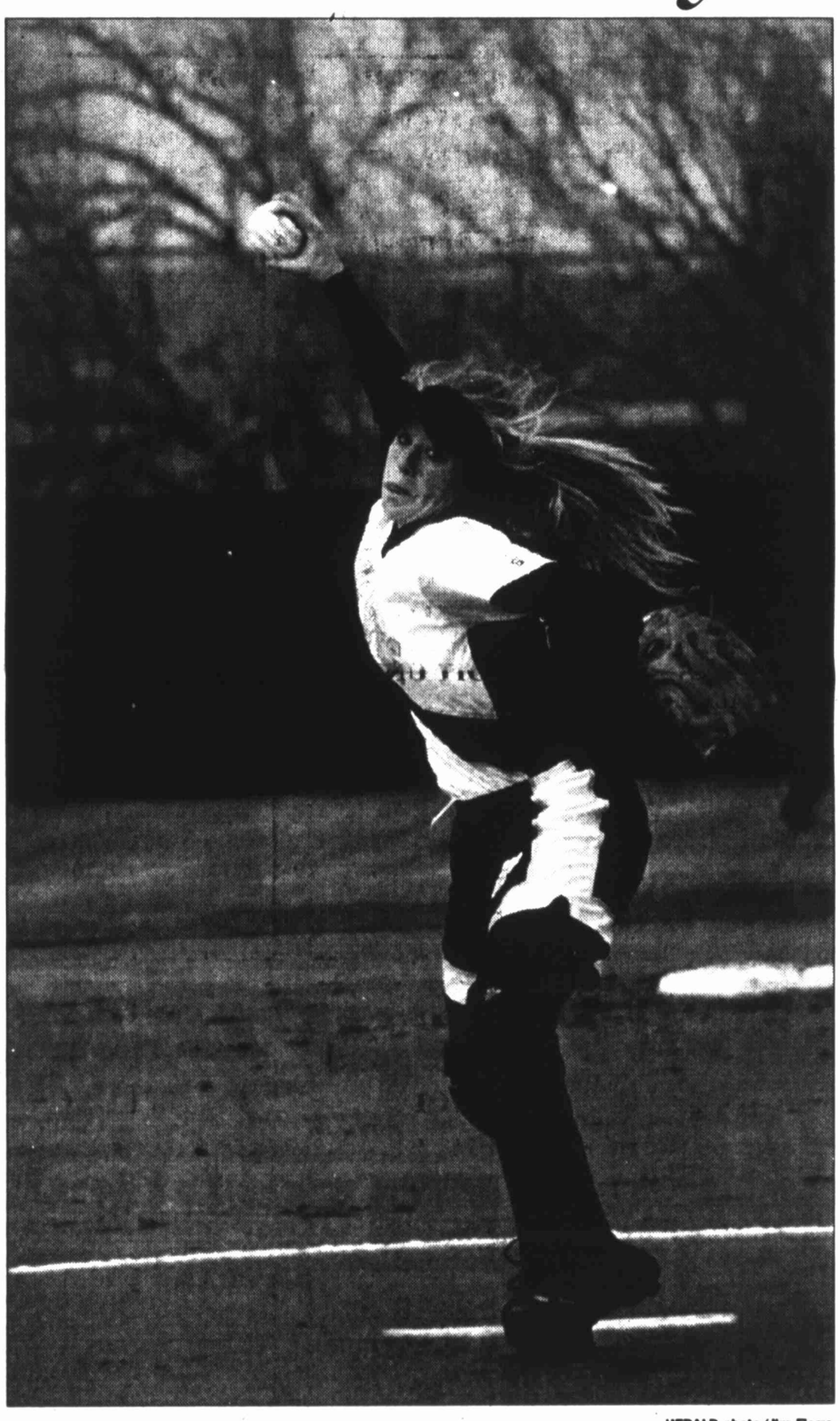
"The thing we try to preach is how important it is to be consistent," Arista said following the game. "And that's what Alex has been all season. He's had good control. With the exception of an occasional off-speed pitch, she puts the ball where we want her to pitch.

"And for the most part, we've played that kind of defense behind our pitchers," he added. "Obviously we did today."

The Lady Steers, who improved to 20-9 on the season, took a 3-0 lead in the bottom of the second inning with a two-out rally — centerfielder Tracy Padilla providing what proved to be the game-winning hit, driving in Trista Casey with the game's first run.

From there, the Lady Steers simply put it on cruise control.

The Lady Steers advance to the area playoff round where they will take on El Paso Ysleta. Arista said he expects to play a best-of-three series against Ysleta. Those games are tentatively scheduled for Friday and Saturday in Monahans.



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Big Spring freshman Alex Watkins, pictured here during District 4-4A play, went the distance in tossing a 3-hit shutout in the Lady Steers' 6-0 victory over Canyon's Lady Eagles in bi-district softball playoff action in Lubbock on Saturday. The Lady Steers now advance to the area playoff round where they'll take on El Paso Ysleta.

Steers close season with shutout victory

PLAINVIEW — Big Spring's Steers closed the 2002 baseball season with a 3-0 road win over Plainview's Bulldogs in District 4-4A action Friday.

Jon McKinnon went the distance, scattering three Plainview hits for the shutout victory.

The Steers only had two hits on the day, but made the most of them.

Big Spring's win nun came in the fifth when Ragan Phillips singled and scored when the Bulldogs mishandled a ball off Mike Smith's bat.

McKinnon aided his cause in the top of the seventh, singling to drive in Zac Phinney and Nathan Clements.

The Steers finished the season 7-7 in district play and 10-17 overall.

Mediate's 66 yields 2-shot lead at GGC

GREENSBORO, N.C. (AP) — Rocco Mediate, putting nothing like his PGA Tour stats indicate, shot a 6-under-par 66 Saturday for a two-shot lead over Mark Calcavecchia heading into the final round of the Greater Greensboro Chrysler Classic.

Mediate, the winner in 1993, began the third round one stroke behind co-leaders Calcavecchia and Robert Gamez, but birdied his first three holes at Forest Oaks Country Club to tie for the lead.

Mediate bogeyed his next two holes to fall from the top of the leaderboard as quickly as he got there. However, he rebounded on the back nine with three birdies in four holes, then sank a 20-footer on No. 18 for a 15-under total and an opportunity for his fifth PGA Tour victory Sunday.

Mediate began the week 140th on tour in putting average, but needed just 25 putts in his third round and 77 so far after 54 holes.

Calcavecchia began the day at 10 under and carded a 69 to stay close, getting a birdie on his final hole.

Chad Campbell is two more shots back at 9 under after a 66, while Gamez, who hasn't won in 12 years, stumbled to a 73 and is in a fourth-place tie with Jonathan Kaye, six shots behind Mediate.

Campbell started the day five shots back of the co-leaders, but birdied four of his first five holes to card and 30 on the front side, then closed out his round with a tap-in birdie on No. 18.

Campbell earned his tour card after winning three times last year on the Buy.com Tour.

The 27-year-old Campbell was in contention after three rounds earlier this season at Bay Hill, but closed with an 80.

"Every time you get a chance to win, no matter where you're playing, it definitely helps," Campbell said. "Obviously, it's a little different out here, the players are the best in the world. But all the times you get up there you learn something different and it makes you feel a little more comfortable."

Kaye got into the mix on the back nine.

Spurs beat Sonics, 102-75, to take 2-1 series lead

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With David Robinson in San Antonio resting his injured back, Tim Duncan got all the help he needed from rookie Tony Parker.

Duncan had 27 points and 13 rebounds, and Parker, a 19-year-old lightning quick guard from the French A League, added 23 points as the Spurs beat the Seattle SuperSonics 102-75 to take a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series.

Game 4 of the best-of-five series will be played in Seattle on Wednesday night. If a Game 5 is necessary, it will be played Friday night in San Antonio.

Gary Payton, Seattle's eight-time All-Star point guard, couldn't handle Parker on defense, but led the Sonics with 20 points.

Parker, the son of former Loyola of Chicago player Tony Parker Sr. and a native of Belgium, showed he was on the verge of becoming a star in the NBA with his career playoff high. He was 10-for-15 from the field and had five rebounds and four assists.

He had 21 and 13 points in each of the first two playoff games.

The Sonics beat the Spurs 98-90 in Game 2 in San Antonio on Monday night, but it was all Spurs after a close first quarter Saturday.

The Spurs shot 53.3 percent (40-for-75) to Seattle's 36 percent (31-for-86). The Sonics outrebounded San Antonio 41-39.

Robinson, who injured his back before a game in Detroit on April 12, did not play in his second straight playoff game. He played only seven minutes in Game 1.

Payton didn't get much help as Vin Baker had 10 points and just one rebound in 31 minutes.

Sonics forward Rashard Lewis, who missed the final 10 games of the regular season with a sprained left ankle, started, but played only 20 minutes. He scored six points on 2-for-8 shooting and left the game after one minute in the second half with a sprained left shoulder.

Seattle forward Vladimir Radmanovic, who has a sprained right big toe, played six minutes and scored three points.

In the third quarter, the Spurs got some outstanding play from the combination of Parker and Duncan to maintain their comfortable lead.

Parker stole a pass and drove in for a fastbreak layup with 1:22 left in the third quarter. Twenty-five seconds later he drove around Payton and threw up a twisting shot that went in to give San Antonio a 77-52 lead.

Duncan put an exclamation point to the Spurs' quarter with a dunk with 15 seconds left that made it 79-54.

The Spurs outscored Seattle 34-18 in the second quarter, limiting the Sonics to 7-for-24 shooting in taking a 57-39 halftime lead. They broke open Game 1 by outscoring the Sonics 38-13 in the third quarter.

Parker scored 13 points on 6-for-9 shooting in the first quarter, when the Spurs fell behind 11-2 in the first 3:39, but came back to go in front 23-21.

Hornets 110, Magic 100

Baron Davis refused to be stopped by having a game-winning basket taken away in the last second of regulation.

Instead, he finished with a triple-double and scored nine of his 33 points in over

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SPORTS EXTRA

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	15	6	.714	—
New York	15	9	.625	1 1/2
Baltimore	9	13	.409	6 1/2
Tampa Bay	9	13	.409	6 1/2
Toronto	8	13	.381	7
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Chicago	15	8	.652	—
Minnesota	14	10	.583	1 1/2
Cleveland	13	10	.565	2
Kansas City	7	13	.350	6 1/2
Detroit	6	16	.273	8 1/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Seattle	17	6	.739	—
Oakland	13	10	.565	4
Anaheim	8	14	.364	8 1/2
Texas	7	15	.318	9 1/2

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Friday's Games
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Detroit 3, Minnesota 2, 10 innings
Cleveland 7, Texas 4
Baltimore 10, Kansas City 5, 10 innings
Anaheim 4, Toronto 0
N.Y. Yankees 7, Seattle 1
Oakland 6, Chicago White Sox 4

Saturday's Games
Boston 10, Tampa Bay 0
Detroit 5, Minnesota 1
Chicago White Sox at Oakland
Baltimore at Kansas City, (n)
Cleveland at Texas, (n)
N.Y. Yankees at Seattle, (n)
Toronto at Anaheim, (n)

Today's Games
Tampa Bay (Kennedy 1-1) at Boston (F.Castillo 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota (Radke 2-2) at Detroit (Redman 0-3), 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 2-2) at Kansas City (Rekar 0-1), 1:05 p.m.
Toronto (Lyon 1-2) at Anaheim (Wise 0-0), 3:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Ritchie 2-1) at Oakland (Hudson 2-2), 3:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (O.Hernandez 3-1) at Seattle (Moyer 3-1), 3:35 p.m.
Cleveland (Colon 3-2) at Texas (Valdes 1-3), 7:05 p.m.

Monday's Games
Baltimore at Boston, 5:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Detroit, 6:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Montreal	14	10	.583	—
New York	14	10	.583	—
Atlanta	12	12	.500	2
Florida	11	12	.478	2 1/2
Philadelphia	8	15	.348	5 1/2
Central Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Cincinnati	15	8	.652	—
Pittsburgh	13	8	.619	1
St. Louis	12	12	.500	3 1/2
Houston	9	13	.409	5 1/2
Chicago	8	13	.381	6
Milwaukee	7	17	.292	8 1/2
West Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct**	**GB**
Arizona	15	8	.652	—
Los Angeles	14	9	.609	1
San Francisco	13	10	.565	2
San Diego	12	11	.522	3
Colorado	7	16	.304	8

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Friday's Games
Los Angeles 10, Chicago Cubs 0
San Diego 10, Pittsburgh 1
Arizona 5, Florida 3
St. Louis 7, Montreal 6, 11 innings
N.Y. Mets 1, Milwaukee 0
Cincinnati 4, San Francisco 3
Atlanta 9, Houston 0
Colorado 4, Philadelphia 1

Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets 2, Milwaukee 1
Cincinnati 8, San Francisco 4, 7 1/2 innings, rain
St. Louis 5, Montreal 0
Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs, ppd., rain
Philadelphia at Colorado
Houston at Atlanta, (n)
San Diego at Pittsburgh, (n)
Arizona at Florida, (n)

Today's Games
Houston (C.Hernandez 1-0) at Atlanta (Lopez 1-1), 12:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ishii 4-0) at Chicago Cubs (Cruz 0-4), 12:05 p.m., 1st game
Arizona (Schilling 4-1) at Florida (Beckett 2-1), 12:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Sheets 1-3) at N.Y. Mets (D'Amico 2-1), 12:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Rueter 2-1) at Cincinnati (Haynes 2-2), 12:15 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 4-1) at Montreal (Ohka 2-1), 12:35 p.m.
San Diego (Tollberg 0-3) at Pittsburgh (Anderson 2-2), 12:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Wolf 1-0) at Colorado (Jennings 1-2), 2:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Ashby 1-2) at Chicago Cubs (Bere 1-2), DH, 2nd game

Monday's Game
Philadelphia at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

NBA PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-5)

Monday, April 22
New Jersey 95, Indiana 79
Seattle 98, San Antonio 90, series tied 1-1

Tuesday, April 23
Orlando 111, Charlotte 103, OT
Utah 93, Sacramento 86

Wednesday, April 24
Detroit 96, Toronto 91, Detroit leads series 2-0
Dallas 122, Minnesota 110, Dallas leads series 2-0

Thursday, April 25
Boston 93, Philadelphia 85, Boston leads series 2-0
L.A. Lakers 103, Portland 96, L.A. Lakers lead series 2-0

Friday, April 26
New Jersey 85, Indiana 84, New Jersey leads series 2-1

Saturday, April 27
Charlotte 110, Orlando 100, OT, Charlotte leads series 2-1
Sacramento 90, Utah 87, Sacramento leads series 2-1
San Antonio at Seattle, (n)
Detroit at Toronto, (n)

Sunday, April 28
Boston at Philadelphia, 11:30 a.m.
Dallas at Minnesota, 2 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 4:30 p.m.

Monday, April 29
Detroit at Toronto, TBA, if necessary
Sacramento at Utah, TBA

Tuesday, April 30
Charlotte at Orlando, 6 p.m.
New Jersey at Indiana, TBA
Dallas at Minnesota, TBA, if necessary

Wednesday, May 1
Boston at Philadelphia, if necessary
San Antonio at Seattle, 7, 8 or 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Lakers at Portland, 9 p.m., if necessary

Thursday, May 2
Indiana at New Jersey, TBA, if necessary
Toronto at Detroit, TBA, if necessary
Minnesota at Dallas, TBA, if necessary
Utah at Sacramento, TBA, if necessary

Friday, May 3
Philadelphia at Boston, TBA, if necessary
Orlando at Charlotte, TBA, if necessary
Seattle at San Antonio, TBA, if necessary
Portland at L.A. Lakers, TBA, if necessary

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
American League
DETROIT TIGERS—Placed INF Dmitri Young on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to April 23. Optioned OF Andres Torres to Toledo of the International League. Recalled OF Craig Monroe from Toledo and RHP Seth Greisinger from Erie of the Eastern League.
OAKLAND ATHLETICS—Activated OF Jermaine Dye from the 15-day disabled list. Optioned INF Mark Ellis to Sacramento of the PCL.
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of C Hector Ortiz from the Kansas City Royals and optioned him to Oklahoma of the PCL.
National League
CINCINNATI REDS—Activated LHP Lance Davis from the 15-day disabled list and optioned him to Chattanooga of the Southern League.
COLORADO ROCKIES—Fired Buddy Bell, manager. Named hitting coach Clint Hurdle manager.
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed RHP Kevin Jarvis, retroactive to April 18, and OF Ron Gant, retroactive to April 24, on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Ben Howard from Mobile of the Southern League and INF-OF Cesar Crespo from Portland of the PCL.
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Assigned RHP Kyle Gross to Hagerstown of the South Atlantic League. Recalled OF Carlos Valderrama from San Jose of the California League from Shreveport of the Texas League.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Signed WR Jeff Graham. Waived WR Corey Brown.
CLEVELAND BROWNS—Signed K Phil Dawson to a four-year contract, RB Jamel White to a one-year contract and WR Dimitrius Breedlove, WR Frisman Jackson, DB Eddie Canonico, DB Kalvin Pearson, DE Thomas Pittman, DE Michael Josiah, OL Konrad Dean, OL Qasim Mitchell, and HB Ben Miller.
DALLAS COWBOYS—Re-signed QB Clint Stoerner, TE James Whalen, WR Darren Chiaverini, WR Ken-Yon Rambo and WR Reggie Swinton.
DETROIT LIONS—Signed WR Pierre Brown, LB Robert Chapman, CB Crance Clemons, DT Mike Collins, WR Eddie Drummond, P Aaron Edmonds, DE Chris Gilantzis, S Abdual Howard, T Marcel Howard, DT Ken Jackson, DE Antwan Lake, T James McCall, WR Labrone Mitchell, RB James Mungro, K Dave Pavich, LB Ken Philpot, FB Kris Ryan, and LB Josh Thornhill.
NEW YORK GIANTS—Signed CB Tony Badger, QB Ed Collins, S Ryan Clark, S Nate Coggins, LB Nick Colbert, OL Pat Crummey, T Michael Curry, CB Calvin Coleman, DT Rachman Crable, DE Sean Guthrie, DB Ronnie Hamilton, DT Matt Mitrione, G Dwayne Pierce, LB Brad Rice, T Vincent Sandoval, FB Charles Stackhouse, WR David Thompson, and C Terence Wagner. Released FB Anthony Green.
NEW YORK JETS—Announced the restructuring of QB Vinny Testaverde's contract for the next five years. Waived P Daniel Pope. Signed WR Kory Bailey, WR Ataveus Cash, WR Tavon Mason, WR Brian Scott, LB Scott Bradley, LB Jamie Burrow, LB Joe Cooper, LB Jerimiah Janssen, LB Idris Price, CB Jay Brooks, C Lance Clelland, S Andrew Davison, S Bobby Jackson, RB Little John Flowers, RB Chad Kuhns, T Cory Hennen, T Matt Knutson, T Jay Kulaga, T Christopher Smith, QB Kyle McCann, and DT Brandon Moore.
PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Re-signed FB Cecil Martin, WR Na Brown, and S Rashard Cook to one-year contracts. Named Rashaan Curry and Jim Monos college scouts and Anthony Patch college scouting administrator.
SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Signed CB Ryan Fernandez, LB Zach Grady, WR Brian Haugabrook, WR Scott Lipford, LB Brandon Moore, WR Donnie O'Neal, RB Ken Simonton.
TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Signed S Dexter Jackson to a one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Boston D Kyle McLaren for at least one game for a match penalty for his hit on Montreal RW Richard Zednik in a game on April 25.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Called up D Matt O'Dette from Quebec of the AHL.
SAN JOSE SHARKS—Recalled G Seamus Kotyk, D Jesse Fibiger, LW Lynn Loyns, LW Eric LaPlante, C Chad Wiseman, RW Miroslav Zalesak, D Robert Mulick, D Rob Davison, and D Matt Carkner from Cleveland of the AHL.

NHL PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)

Thursday, April 25
Detroit 4, Vancouver 0, Detroit leads series 3-2
St. Louis 5, Chicago 3, St. Louis wins series 4-1
Boston 5, Montreal 2
Los Angeles 1, Colorado 0, OT, Colorado leads series 3-2

Friday, April 26
Ottawa 2, Philadelphia 1, OT, Ottawa wins series 4-1
Toronto 6, N.Y. Islanders 3, Toronto leads series 3-2
San Jose 4, Phoenix 1, San Jose wins series 4-1

Saturday, April 27
Carolina 1, New Jersey 0, Carolina wins series 4-2
Montreal 2, Boston 1, Montreal leads series 3-2
Colorado at Los Angeles, (n)
Detroit at Vancouver, (n)

Sunday, April 28
Toronto at N.Y. Islanders, 7 p.m.

Monday, April 29
Boston at Montreal, 6 p.m.
Vancouver at Detroit, 6 p.m., if necessary
Los Angeles at Colorado, 8:30 p.m., if necessary

Tuesday, April 30
Montreal at Boston, 6 p.m., if necessary
N.Y. Islanders at Toronto, 6 p.m., if necessary

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CONFERENCE SEMIFINALS
(Best-of-7)
TBA

Eastern Division

TEXAS LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Wichita (Royals)	15	7	.682	—
Tulsa (Rangers)	11	10	.524	3 1/2
Arkansas (Angels)	9	13	.409	6
Shreveport (Giants)	8	13	.381	6 1/2
Western Division	**W**	**L**	**Pct.**	**GB**
El Paso (D-backs)	15	7	.682	—
Round Rock (Astros)	12	10	.545	3
Midland (Athletics)	10	12	.455	5
S. Antonio (Mariners)	7	15	.318	8

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Friday's Games
Midland 4, Arkansas 0
Tulsa 6, Round Rock 2, 1st game
Round Rock 3, Tulsa 2, 2nd game
Wichita 8, San Antonio 5
Shreveport 5, El Paso 3

Saturday's Games
Arkansas at El Paso (n)
Round Rock at Wichita (n)
San Antonio at Tulsa (n)
Shreveport at Midland (n)

Today's Games
Arkansas at El Paso
Round Rock at Wichita
San Antonio at Tulsa
Shreveport at Midland

NASCAR

The 2002 NASCAR Winston Cup schedule (winners in parentheses) and driver point standings:
Feb. 17 — Daytona 500, Daytona Beach, Fla. (Ward Burton)
Feb. 24 — Subway 400, Rockingham, N.C. (Matt Kenseth)
March 3 — UAW-DaimlerChrysler 400, Las Vegas. (Sterling Marlin)
March 10 — MBNA America 500, Hampton, Ga. (Tony Stewart)
March 17 — Carolina Dodge Dealers 400, Darlington, S.C. (Sterling Marlin)
March 24 — Food City 500, Bristol, Tenn. (Kurt Busch)
April 8 — Samsung/RadioShack 500, Fort Worth, Texas. (Matt Kenseth)
April 14 — Virginia 500, Martinsville. (Bobby Labonte)
April 21 — Aaron's 499, Talladega, Ala. (Dale Earnhardt Jr.)
April 28 — NAPA Auto Parts 500, Fontana, Calif.
May 4 — Pontiac Excitement 400, Richmond.
May 26 — Coca-Cola 600, Concord, N.C.
June 2 — MBNA Platinum 400, Dover, Del.
June 9 — Pocono 500, Long Pond, Pa.
June 16 — Michigan 400, Brooklyn, Mich.
June 23 — Dodge/Save Mart 350, Sonoma, Calif.

Driver Standings
1. Sterling Marlin, 1,369.
2. Matt Kenseth, 1,260.
3. Rusty Wallace, 1,212.
4. Kurt Busch, 1,192.
5. Dale Earnhardt Jr., 1,178.
6. Jimmie Johnson, 1,172.
7. Jeff Gordon, 1,168.
8. Tony Stewart, 1,138.
9. Mark Martin, 1,137.
10. Ricky Rudd, 1,114.
11. Jeff Burton, 1,072.
12. Bill Elliott, 1,013.
13. Ward Burton, 1,006.
14. Terry Labonte, 989.
15. Ricky Craven, 974.
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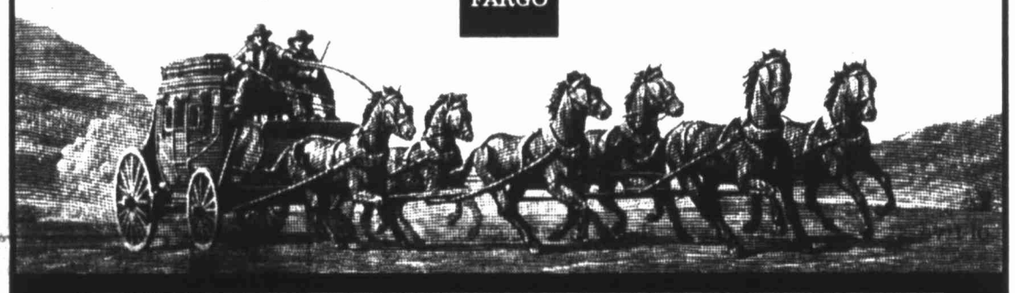


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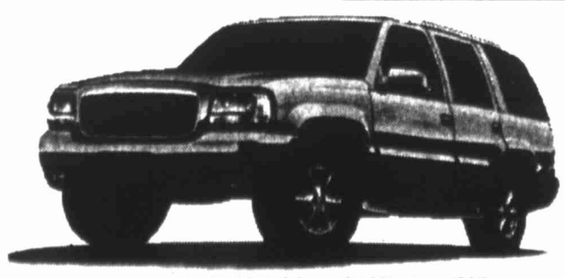
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Boston's Lowe throws no-hitter in 10-0 win over Devil Rays

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Derek Lowe, who couldn't keep his job as a closer, pitched the first no-hitter at Fenway Park since 1965, leading the Boston Red Sox over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays 10-0 Saturday.

Lowe, who was six outs short of a no-hitter in his first start of the season April 5 at Baltimore, allowed only one runner — a walk to Brent Abernathy leading off the third inning.

Lowe finished off the first no-hitter in the majors this season by getting Jason Tyner on an easy grounder.

"I was trying to reflect on how I felt in Baltimore and how nervous I was then," Lowe said. "Not in my wildest dreams did I think this would happen."

The Devil Rays were held hitless for the first time in their five-season history. The closest they came to a hit was on Steve Cox's liner that right fielder Trot Nixon caught on the run in the fourth.

The last no-hitter at Fenway was by Red Sox right-hander Dave Morehead on Sept. 16, 1965. Mike Mussina of the New York Yankees was one strike away from a perfect game at Fenway last Sept. 2 before pinch-hitter Carl Everett singled.

Lowe struck out six in pitching the first no-hitter in the majors since St. Louis rookie Bud Smith did it last Sept. 3 at San Diego.

Cardinals 5,
Expos 0

Reliever Mike Matthews combined with three St. Louis pitchers on a five-hitter and the Cardinals beat the Montreal Expos 5-0 Saturday.

St. Louis won its second straight to improve to 4-8 with one game remaining on a season-long 13-game road trip. Montreal lost its second in a row after a six-game winning streak.

Matthews (1-0) allowed one hit in 3 2-3 innings after relieving rookie Michael Crudale — the 10th starter the Cardinals have used in 24 games — to begin the third.

Matthews walked four and struck out five. Luther Hackman relieved Matthews and got the last out of the sixth, before pitching the seventh and eighth.

Gene Stechschulte pitched the ninth.

Eduardo Perez hit a solo homer in the fourth against Bruce Chen (2-1). Placido Polanco's RBI double keyed a four-run fifth.

Tigers 5,
Twins 1

Rookie Nate Cornejo pitched his first career complete game in the major leagues, scattering nine hits as the Detroit Tigers beat the Minnesota Twins 5-1 Saturday.

Randall Simon homered and drove in three runs and Bobby Higginson drove in two runs and scored twice. The Tigers won for the third time in four games while Minnesota has lost four of five.

Cornejo (1-2) struck out a career-high eight and walked one in his third start in the majors this year and 13th of his career.

Matt Kinney (1-1) allowed four runs on five hits and a walk in three innings.

Detroit jumped out to a 2-0 lead in the first when Higginson hit an RBI triple off the right-center field scoreboard, then scored on Simon's single.

Minnesota got one run back in the second on Torii Hunter's homer to left, his eighth of the season.

Reds 8,
Giants 4

Jose Rijo left thousands of rain-soaked fans feeling like it was 1995 once again.

Rijo made his first Cinergy Field start in seven years and put on another nostalgic show Saturday, drawing one ovation after another. He pitched six remarkable innings in a steady rain as the Cincinnati Reds beat the San Francisco Giants 8-4 in a game called in the middle of the eighth.

The Reds' seventh straight win kept them in first place in the NL Central, a major surprise that pales alongside Rijo's renaissance.

Rijo, who turns 37 next month, has come full-circle in his comeback from five elbow operations. The right-hander made his second start in a week and got his second win, giving 22,616 fans a few glimpses of the Rijo of old.

He gave up five hits and two runs in six innings, his longest Cinergy Field appearance since May 22, 1995. Rijo (2-0) has beaten the Cubs and the Giants in his two starts, giving up only two earned runs.

Mets 2,
Brewers 1

The New York Mets are still waiting for their first no-hitter in the team's 41-year history.

Pedro Astacio didn't allow a hit until Geoff Jenkins lined a single to left field with one out in the seventh inning Saturday, and the Mets beat the Milwaukee Brewers 2-1.

Less than 24 hours after teammate Shawn Estes retired the first 18 Brewers and pitched the 19th complete-game one-hitter for the Mets, Astacio almost topped him.

With a calmness and efficiency on the mound, Astacio nearly did in his fifth start with the team what Tom Seaver, Nolan Ryan, Dwight Gooden and David Cone never could do in a Mets uniform. Those four are among many Mets who pitched no-hitters after leaving the team, including seven by Ryan.

Astacio (4-1) allowed one run and three hits.

Athletics 16,
White Sox 1

Scott Hatteberg, Terrence Long, Carlos Pena and Frank Menechino all homered in a seven-run third inning as the Oakland Athletics routed the Chicago White Sox 16-1 Saturday.

The four-homer inning matched the franchise record. The last time the A's hit as many was Aug. 1, 1999, against Tampa Bay.

Hatteberg hit a solo home run and Long added a three-run shot to right.

NBA

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time, and the Charlotte Hornets beat the Orlando Magic 110-100 for a 2-1 lead in their first-round playoff series Saturday.

Davis appeared to have won the game won in regulation on a buzzer-beating, banked 3-pointer following an inbounds pass with 0.7 seconds remaining. However, official Bernie Fryer waved off the score and refused to be swayed by the Hornets' vehement protests.

Television replays were conclusive that Davis got the shot off before time expired.

Davis also had 14 rebounds and 10 assists as Charlotte got within one victory of winning the best-of-five series. The Hornets can advance to the Eastern Conference semifinals with a victory in Game 4 Tuesday night in Orlando.

P.J. Brown added 17 points for Charlotte.

For Orlando, Tracy McGrady scored 20 of his 37 points in the first half.

Darrell Armstrong had 21 points with eight assists for Orlando.

Kings 90,
Jazz 87

For the second time, a Utah mistake in the closing seconds cost the Jazz a chance at a playoff victory over Sacramento.

Mike Bibby scored 26 points and Peja Stojakovic had 21 as the Kings escaped with a 90-87 victory over the Jazz on Saturday, giving Sacramento a 2-1 lead in the best-of-five series.

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Baseball banquet slated for May 4

The Big Spring High School Baseball Banquet has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. Saturday, May 4, in the Big Spring Junior High School cafeteria.

Tickets for the banquet, which will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que, are priced at $10 each. Meals will be provided for all high school baseball players.

Dress for the affair will be Hawaiian or extremely casual. No coats or ties will be allowed.

Those planning to attend are asked to make reservations by May 1 by calling Kim Phinney at 263-0057, Karen Fraser at 267-1018 or Jim Clements at 267-1069.

Bulldogettes' playoff scheduled for Friday

Coahoma's Bulldogettes will open Class 2A softball playoff action at 6 p.m. Friday with a one-game showdown with Grape Creek's Lady Eagles at San Angelo Central High School's new softball facility.

The Bulldogettes own a 14-12 overall record.

CGA making plans for Cinco de Mayo

The Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring will hold a Cinco de Mayo Tournament on Sunday, May 5, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

The tournament will be a four-man, select drive affair. Entry fees are $15 per person.

Players must be registered by 9:30 a.m.

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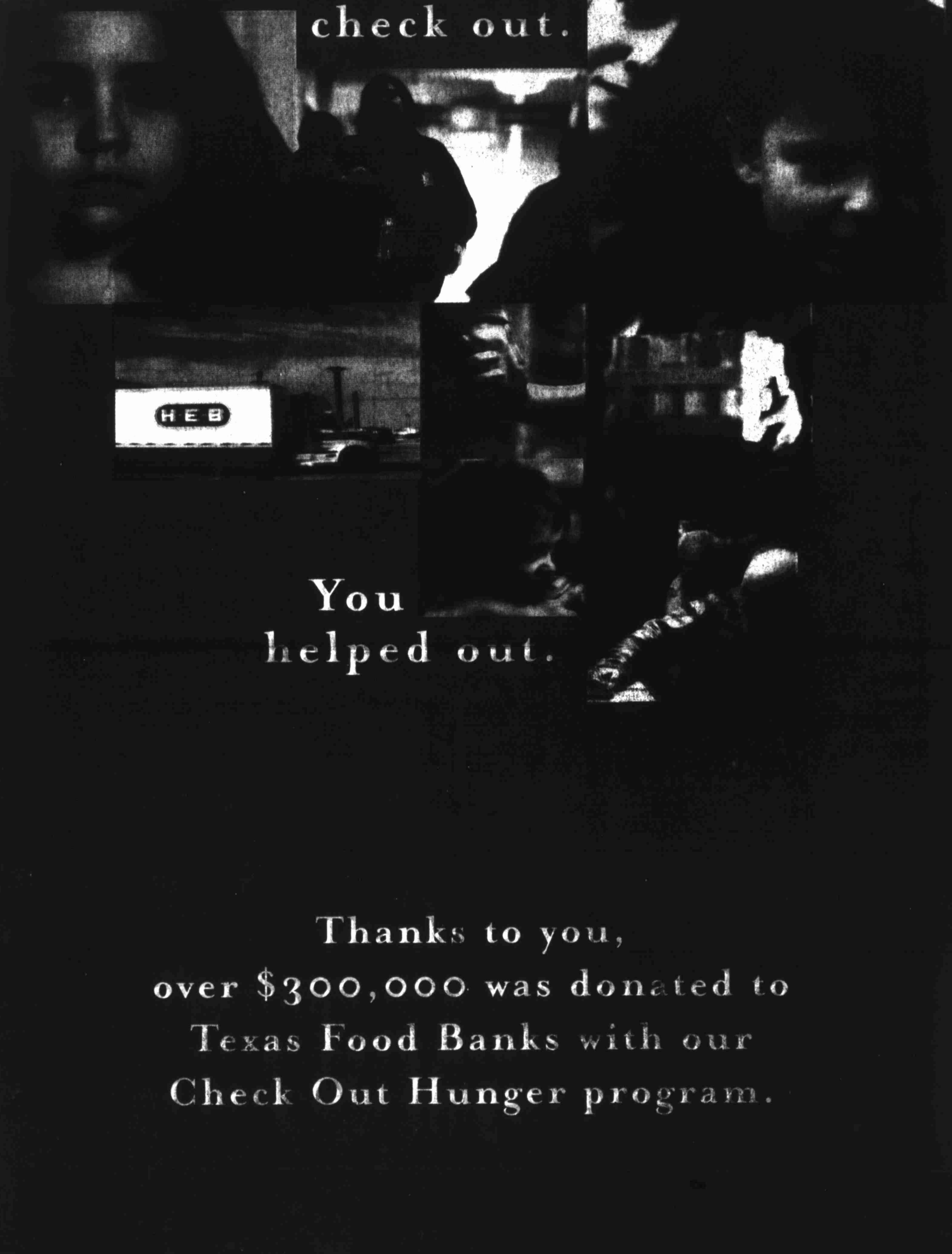
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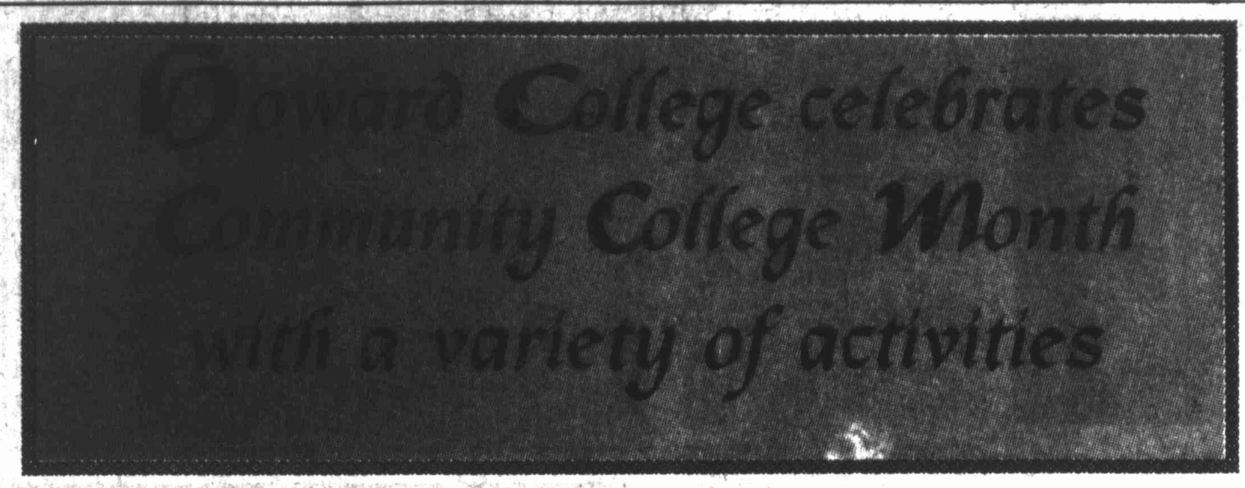
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From jelly beans to picnics, from ball games to awards and even a newborn baby, Howard College celebrated Community College Month with gusto this April.

"We have had a wonderful month, with great participation from both Howard College students and employees and the community," said Jan Foresyth, director of institutional advancement and Community College Month coordinator.

"We had activities nearly every day, and all areas of Howard College participated in these events. It has been a very busy month, but a great experience all around," she said.

From Spotlight Employees named every working day of April, to Around the World in 80 Bites, Howard College employees, students and community members found something to enjoy about the activities Foresyth planned.

"The Spotlight Employee was again a big hit, with lots of kidding and teasing among those who received the jelly beans toward those who did not," she said

Nearly all campus employees attended the Everett Blackburn Tree Dedication ceremony April 3, followed by Dinner on the Grounds underneath a big tent erected in the Courtyard.

"The wind was pretty fierce that day, but it really didn't deter any of our employees," Foresyth said.

On April 5 college employees participated in the Texas Trash-Off, and canvassed the campus's 120 acres, removing trash and debris.

"This will make our job so much easier," said Howard College maintenance director Robert Williams.

Awards Convocation on April 11 was another well-attended event, with more than 500 family members and students. Special awards were recognized, as well as the Teacher of the Year, an honor bestowed on a Howard College faculty member through student vote. Linda Luce received the honor this year.

A rodeo barbecue, with a belt buckle and cow calling contest highlighted Rodeo Week at Howard College, with special guests Jody Nix and Quail Dobbs. A barbecue lunch was served under the big tent, and many folks attended and listened to a live performance by Nix.

"This was a special event for all of us at Howard College, and we are so thankful to Jody and to Mr. Dobbs for attending," said Linda Berry, student activities director.

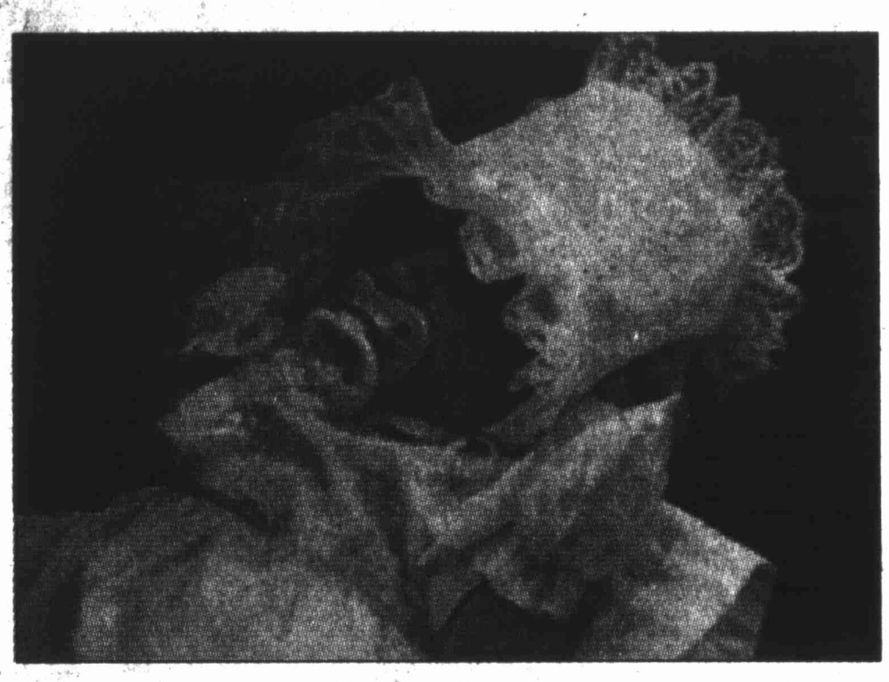
A special day of Hawk baseball and Lady Hawk softball provided employees an opportunity to once again have a picnic and watch some great sport on April 19. Support personnel rotated shifts during the afternoon to allow everyone a chance to watch some of the games.

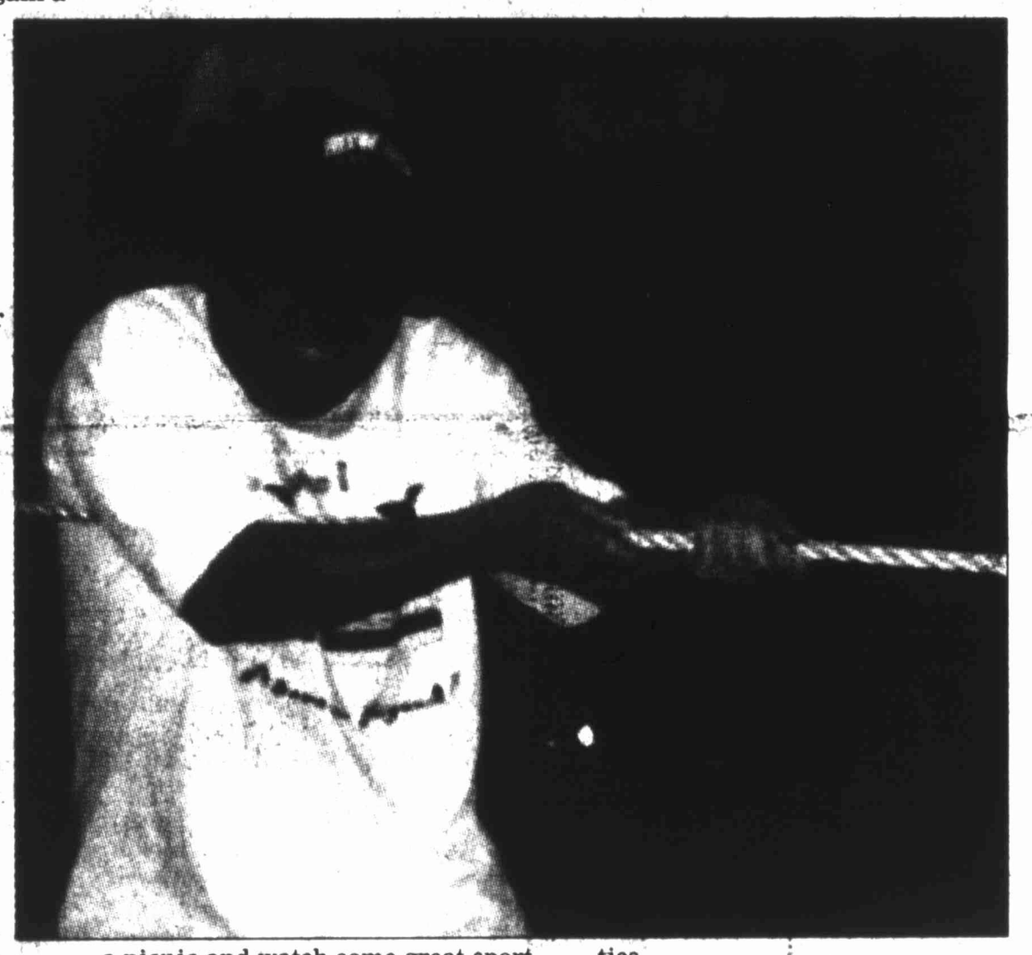
This past week several activities kept employees, students and community members busy and involved with Howard College.

The All Sports Banquet, the Title V Technology Showcase, Secretaries Day Luncheon, Battle of the Bulge and the annual Spring Music Recital and Art Show completed this week of activities.

"We are really proud of all our Howard College students, and our employees, and our community, and we take every opportunity to highlight their achievements," said Dr. Cheryl Sparks, president of Howard College.

The final event, Around the World in 80 Bites Saturday at the Heritage Museum, was again very well received and those who attended sampled more than 400 stuffed jalapenos.







Top photo, At a tree dedication ceremony Stan Foster speaks of fond memories of former Howard College employee Everett Blackburn who died last year. At left, April Baby Alison Grace Flores. Below left, Stan Sells, director of distance learning pulls with all his might at the tug-of-war during the Battle of the Bulge. Bottom, Dr. Gary Grant dressed cowboy for the Rodeo Barbecue

Story and photos by Marsha Sturdivant.

Church secretaries celebrate National Secretaries Day



JEAN WARREN

April 24 was National Secretaries Day, or to be politically correct, Administrative Professionals Day. Whatever the title, it is a day that honors some very hardworking people.

At school, we all recognized that the secretary was indispensable. Substitutes could be found for teachers. We could even manage without the principal, but if the secretary was absent, the place seemed to fall apart.

I suspect this is also true of churches. The office at College Baptist always seems to be a busy place.

One day when I was there, in the space of 10 minutes, two people stopped by and the phone rang three times.

I wondered how the secretary ever managed to get anything done. Lou Warren, who fills that position at CBC, says it's all in a day's work.

Her background as a teacher in Kentucky and Tennessee and as an administrator for the West Texas Center for MHMR has doubtless helped.

She has also served as secretary for a church in Mississippi. A couple of years ago, the Lord seemed to open the door for her to become the secretary at College Baptist, where Ken McMeans is the pastor.

Lou's duties are many, including newsletters, financial records, correspondence, bulletins, and church records. She also updates the prayer list and works with the Prayer Chain.

She coordinates ministries, linking people to various needs.

Cecilia (C.J.) Ward, of the First Church of the Nazarene, is another busy person, handling all the secretarial duties of the church except the financial records.

She is involved in all church activities, even the making of banners and signs. C.J. began work to 'fill in' for a few months until a permanent secretary could be found and ended up staying for 20 years.

Previously, she had worked at Howard College as secretary to the business manager, but at the time, she was a stay-at-home mom.

The pastor, Carl Powers, urged her to continue work at the church, saying, "We'll work it out."

And it has worked out for her because the church graciously allowed some flexibility in her hours, so she could attend daytime school functions.

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Courtesy photo

C.J. Ward, of First Church of the Nazarene performs a myriad of duties as church secretary.

WARREN

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She has worked with two other pastors, Gary Smith and presently, Roger Huff. Smith presented her with a plaque that reads, "Secretaries — loyal, efficient, determined, dedicated — secretly rule the world."

Both C.J. and Lou say it is important in their positions to be discreet. Linda Walker, secretary to the pastor at First Baptist, agrees.

She often deals with people who come to the pastor with problems, and confidentiality is a must. This was true in her previous positions as secretary for the director of nurses at Hall-Bennett and as patient advocate at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

She was not seeking a job change when the church administrator asked her to apply for the position of financial secretary. She worked in that capacity for four years and has been secretary to the pastor for the past 10 years.

She has served three pastors, Dr. Kenneth Patrick, Eddie Tubbs, and presently, Dennis Teeters.

Linda handles the pastor's correspondence and keeps track of his speaking engagements. She checks on people to keep the prayer calendar current, schedules all church activities, and works with the deacons to meet ministry needs.

The three secretaries each said they consider their work an opportunity for Christian ministry.

All, with memories of messy carbons and even messier mimeograph machines of years past, expressed appreciation for today's technology that has made their jobs easier.

Linda recalls an antiquated folding machine that once caught both sides of a secretary's scarf and pulled her face down on the machine before it stopped moving.

Mary Ann Earnest of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ was on the list of persons to contact when I started this article.

However, she didn't have time to see me because she was helping with a garage sale for the Wynn family.

Doesn't that sound like a church secretary?

Jean Warren writes a regular column for the Herald.

STORK CLUB

John Houston Grayson, boy, born April 26, 2002, at 3:33 pm.

Weighing 7 pounds 6 ounces and was 22 inches long.

Parents are Jim and Cindy Grayson.

Grandparents are Danny and Mary Allred of Roscoe, Connie Allred of Big Spring and Shirley Grayson of Big Spring.

ANNIVERSARY





Horace and Pilar Yanez

Horace and Pilar Yanez of Big Spring celebrated their 50th anniversary at St. Thomas Church. A reception followed with Mariachis and a dance at the Howard County Fair Barn.

The event was hosted by sons, Johnny Yanez, Ricky Sr. and wife, Alma Yanez; daughters, Irma Rios, Gloria Blackburn, Velma and husband, Luis Flores, and Maria and husband, Jesse Salizar; grandchildren, Sandra Garcia of San Francisco, Calif., Valerie Rios of Big Spring, Jeremy Rios of Big Spring, Vanessa Yanez, Ricky Jr., Christopher, Michael, Big Spring, Priscilla Flores, Jonathan and Bernadette; and great-grandchildren, Aron Michael Rios, and Isiah Matthew Rios.

He was born in Big Spring and she was born Pilar Flores Porras in San Antonio Del Bravo, Chihuahua, Mexico.

The couple met in Big Spring in 1942 when they were introduced by friends.

They were married April 26, 1952, at Sacred Heart Church in Big Spring.

The couple have six children, Johnny Yanez, Irma Rios, Gloria Blackburn, Velma Flores, Ricky Yanez Sr., and Maria Salazar, all of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

The couple have lived in Big Spring throughout their marriage.

He is retired from Civil Service and is an ordained deacon. She is a housewife.

The couple are members of St. Thomas Catholic Church and the Cursillo, Movement.

His hobbies include baseball and church activities. Her hobbies include, Bingo, working for the church and helping others, and football (Dallas).

His comment on marriage — "Have had a very happy married life. We've always been very close, attend deacon retreats twice a year. Have enjoyed children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren."

Her comment on marriage — "Have had a very happy marriage, have enjoyed each other's closeness, doing things together. Enjoy children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren."

WHO'S WHO

Will Conley, a student at Big Spring High School, has been awarded the National High School Athletic Institute's prestigious All-American Scholar Athlete Award for the sport of Golf.

The selection is based on high academic excellence, overall athletic performance in the sport selected and moral force of character.

Will is the son of Dick and Janie Conley.

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Ten students at Sands High School were among the 400 area students recognized April 10 at a Celebration of Educational luncheon hosted by South Plains College in Levelland.

From left on the front row are Hollie Gibbs, Amanda Watkins, Brandi Woods, Audra Kennemer and Aubrey foster, and from left on the top row are Marcelo Barraza, Steven Barraza, Jacob Campbell, Chance Nichols and Nate Looney.

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Ernesto Diaz Jr. received his aviation mechanic certification at Texas State Technical College of Waco.

He is the son of Cruz and Olga Sanchez and a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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MILITARY

Air Force Airman Abel B. Wilson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

He is the son of Zoe Wilson of Stanton and Elmer Osborne of Amarillo.

Wilson is a 2001 graduate of Stanton High School.

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Kensey

Congratulations to Senior Master Sergeant Blanca Kensey for graduating from the United States Air Force Senior Non-Commissioned Officer Academy, Gunter AFB, Ala.

She is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Valentin Torres Sr., from Garden City.

She is currently stationed at Langley AFB, Va., as superintendent, maintenance analysis and database management for America's First Fighter Wing.

She has been in the Air Force for over 22 years. She is related to the Torres and Patino families. She is engaged to Master Sargeant Terry Moore.

NEWCOMERS

Jason Sims and wife Jenny of Midland.

He is employed by Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

She is a teacher at MISD.

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Terry Romine and wife Jackie of Sundown. He is employed by Basic Energy Services Inc.

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Calistro Carrillo Jr., wife Ester and son, Adrian of Odessa.

He is employed by Energas.

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Ronnie Powers, wife Vicki and daughter Brittany of San Francisco, California.

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John Varley and wife Doris of Warren.

He is retired from Mobile Chemical.

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Emery Horvatick, wife Cynthia, and children Mathues and Kiley of Boardsman, Ohio.

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ENGAGEMENTS

Walker and Madry



Wendy Kane Madry of Big Spring and Jason Dion Walker of Lawton, Okla., formerly of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows June 1, 2002, in Big Spring.

The ceremony will be performed by Rick Hope of Fort Worth.

She is the daughter of Steve and Sonya Madry and Mark and Loretta Sundy and the granddaughter of Clyde and Beverly McMahon, Mable Wilson and the late Ray Wilson.

He is the son of Teresa Polk and Kopano Abdalla and the grandson of Laura Pollard and the late Rev. James Pollard.

Clark and Kinard

Sarah Clark and Rodney Kinard, both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows June 1, 2002, at Midway Baptist Church with Leandro Gonzalez officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Clark of Grady and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Armstrong of Coahoma.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Garry Kinard and Sheila Barber of Big Spring and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Montgomery and Della Kinard.

Star Wars merchandise arrives in stores

LOS ANGELES (AP) — New merchandise for "Star Wars: Episode II — Attack of the Clones" arrived in stores Tuesday as fans lined up for midnight sales of the latest bric-a-brac from a galaxy far, far away.

After a large surplus of merchandise languished on store shelves following 1999's "The Phantom Menace," products for the new film are being kept much simpler.

"We've scaled it back a lot," said Lucasfilm licensing executive Howard Roffman. "We're going to stick to the basics — toys, video games ... the things our fans prefer, rather than some of the fringe items."

There are still loads of action figures and shiny space vehicles. But you won't see Queen Amidala's face on your Pepsi can or be able to relax in an Anakin Skywalker inflatable chair, and you won't have any Obi-Wan Kenobi clip-on braids to add to your hair.

Merchandising executives at Lucasfilm Ltd. dramatically reduced their movie tie-ins for "Attack of the Clones," cutting the number of products by about half and reducing licensees from about 85 to less than 50.

"Last time, they just shipped too much," said Dave Gerardi, senior editor of the toy trade magazine Playthings. "After a few months, retailers had to put a deep discount on them and still couldn't move them."

A lot of the surplus toys — many of which featured the much-maligned Jar Jar Binks character — hung in store aisles so long they earned the dubious title of "peg warmers."

The "Star Wars" merchandise line was still wildly successful, earning about $2 billion worldwide.

The previous "Star Wars" film, "Return of the Jedi," had come out 16 years before "The Phantom Menace," and Lucasfilm and toy manufacturer Hasbro Inc. acknowledged overestimating the market.

"When you have a large breadth of characters and products like that, you're not going to hit on every single one," Hasbro marketing executive Martin Pidel said.

About 20 different "Attack of the Clones" action figures, priced at about $6, were released Tuesday, with the number increasing to about 50 by year's end.

At a Toys R Us in Los Angeles, about 100 fans were lined up by midnight to grab their "Star Wars" products first thing Tuesday.

Carla DellaGatta, 26, was a little alarmed to be one of the few people in costume for the event — especially since it was 57 degrees and she was wearing a custom-made Princess Leia "slave girl" bikini from "Return of the Jedi." Luckily, she had a black topcoat.

Ivan Munguia, 30, was first in line, waiting with his mother-in-law, brother-in-law, his mother and his wife — who was sleeping in the car.



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MONDAY-Charbroiled steak, noodles, peas & carrots, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad milk/rolls, pie.

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

THURSDAY-Steak, broccoli & cheese, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, cake.

FRIDAY-Pork roast, baked potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Pepperoni pizza or corn dog, mixed vegetables, stuffed celery, orange smiles , milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken & dumplings or managers choice, green beans, salad, salad dressing, strawberry shortcake, milk.

THURSDAY-Beef ravioli or managers choice, corn, salad, salad dressing, pear slices, milk.

FRIDAY-Turkey/cheese sandwich or managers choice, tator tots, sandwich salad, vegetable soup, orange smiles.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-Corn dog, ranch beans, carrots, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken/rice, green beans, salad/crackers, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Steak, scalloped potatoes, peas/hot roll, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Taco/sauce, cheese, corn, salad/crackers, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Barbeque on bun, chips/pickle, pork & beans, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Tacos or burrito, ranch beans, salad, oranges, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Corn chip pie, blackeyed peas, pineapple tidbits, pears, milk.

TUESDAY-Popcorn chicken, macaroni & cheese, English peas, jello w/mixed fruit, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Charbroiled meatballs, mashed potatoes, green beans, apple, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Mexican jambayla, salad, corn, fruit cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, French fries, border beans, chocolate cake, milk.

SANDS ISD

MONDAY-Corndogs, pork & beans, broccoli & carrots, fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, roll, fruit.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Pizza, cheese potatoes, salad, brownies, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Bean chalupas, corn, salad, fruit cobbler, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburgers, tater tots, salad, pickles/onions, cookies, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Bar-b-que sandwiches, chips, pork & beans, onions/pickles, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken breast, baked potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

MONDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, rice, green beans, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Homemade pizza, corn, shredded lettuce, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-sliced turkey with gravy, sweet peas, creamed potatoes, hot rolls, syrup, honey, milk.

THURSDAY-Chalupas with cheese, salsa, corn, tossed salad, jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili cheese fries, shredded lettuce with ranch dressing, pears, crackers, milk.

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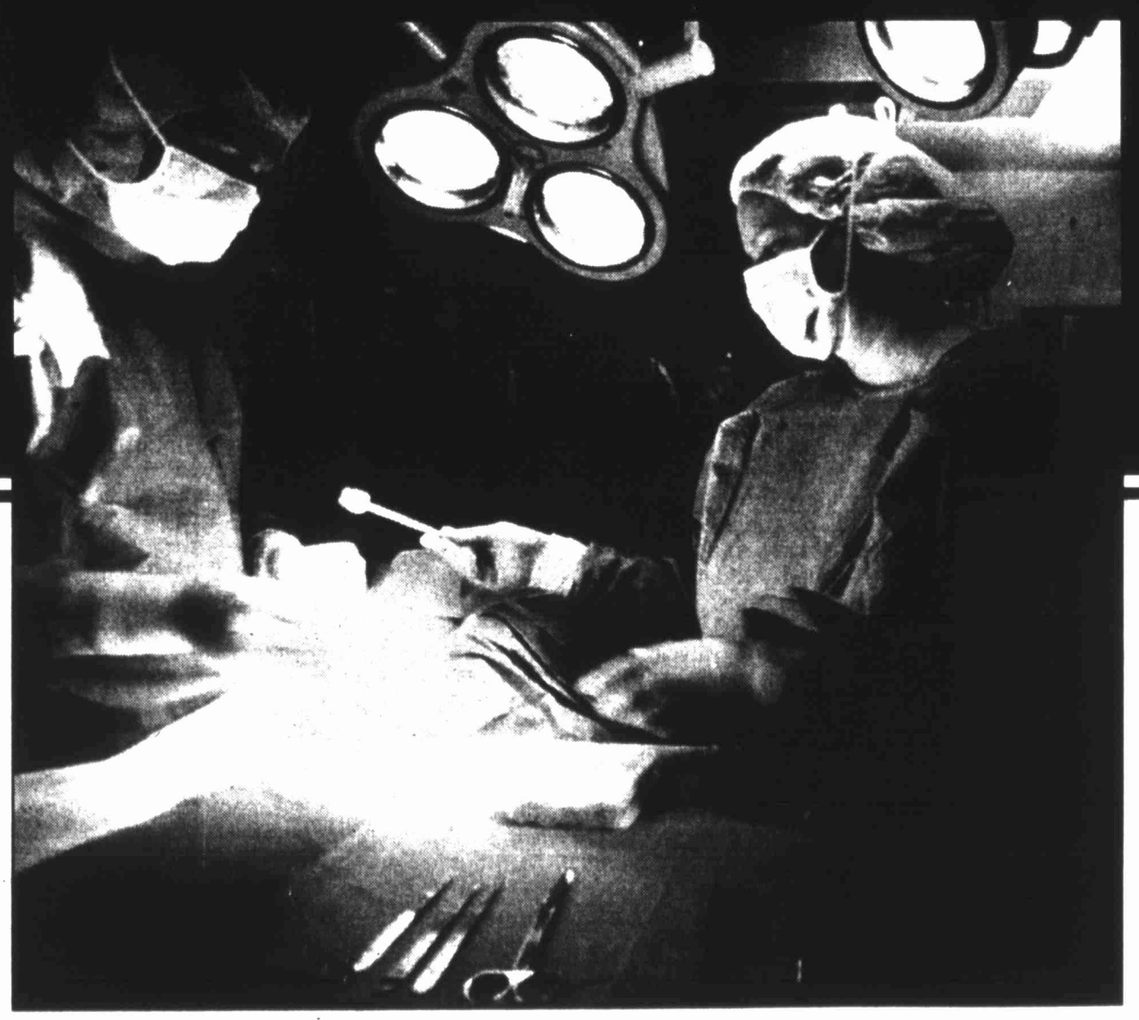
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Judge keeps Andersen criminal trial on course for May 6

HOUSTON (AP) — A federal judge Friday refused a request from embattled accounting firm Arthur Andersen LLP that its scheduled May 6 trial on criminal obstruction charges for shredding tons of Enron Corp. documents be delayed six or seven weeks.

Attorney Rusty Hardin, who has been insisting on a speedy trial after Andersen was indicted in March, told U.S. District Judge Melinda Harmon his client has been hurt by media coverage of the case and that prospective jurors already have formed negative opinions about the firm.

"I cannot overemphasize how unfairly we've been treated so far, not by the court, but by the court of public opinion," Hardin said. "We do think that to protect our client we have to have some breathing space."

Federal prosecutors opposed the request, saying there was no reason why the trial should be put off.

"This is their day in court and they just don't want it," assistant U.S. attorney Andrew Weissman said.

"There is just no way that can be taken as an argument or a true real reason to postpone this trial," Weissman added, referring to Hardin's publicity argu ent.

Hardin contended lawyers have examined hundreds of questionnaires from potential jurors and determined one-third of them believe Andersen is guilty.

"I don't want another panel," he said. "I want an atmosphere that's not a hanging atmosphere."

Hardin also cited recent published reports quoting unidentified sources close to the government's case divulging details and accused prosecutors of being the sources.

Weissman denied the accusation.

Harmon, after listening to a discussion that lasted about 45 minutes, said the May 6 trial date remains in place.

"I don't think Andersen will be in any different position in terms of publicity six weeks from now, six months from now," she said.

The judge also said the court already had gone "a long way" in weeding out jurors who could not be fair or impartial in the case, said she expected jury selection to take one day and warned lawyers she wouldn't tolerate a long-winded jury selection process.

Harmon previously has said she'll hold lengthy daily court sessions and continue the trial on weekends in order to complete it in about three weeks.

Hardin said earlier the government had turned down the firm's proposal for a settlement of a criminal obstruction charge but declined to provide any details of Andersen's proposal.

Western Container joins elitle group

By LYNDEL MOODY
Staff Writer

Western Container has joined an elite group in the Coca Cola Suppliers System.

The Big Spring bottling plant became one of only eight suppliers to reach certification in the Coca Cola North America supplier quality management system.

About 75 suppliers are involved with the certification process of the Coca Cola quality system out of the more than 400 vendors authorized to sell manufactured products to the international company.

Fifty of those companies involved with the certification process are still in phase I, the first phase. Western Container reached phase 5 in December and Thursday representatives from Coca Cola North America were on site to present the business' employees with awards to mark the achievement.

"You assume that when you open this Coca Cola bottle it is going to be right," Bob Tremblay, president of Western Container told the crowd of employees at an award ceremony. "It has the right dimensions, there are no scratches or nicks on the surface and when you take a sip, you get the Coca Cola taste."

Product quality starts at manufacturing plants, Tremblay added; quality starts with the Big Spring associates of Western Container.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Pat Chesworth, Big Spring plant general manager for Western Container, left, accepts an award from Rod Smith of Coca Cola North America Thursday to commemorate the Big Spring plant reaching certification in the Coca Cola North America supplier quality management system.

Rod Smith of Coca Cola North America said Western Container was the first one in the western organization to earn the certification.

"You are leading, trail blazing for the western organization," Smith said.

Texas cattlemen could face millions of dollars in losses to TB testing

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas cattlemen could face losses of up to $788 million if federal agriculture officials continue to push a set of proposals calling for more stringent testing on breeder cattle following two outbreaks of tuberculosis.

U.S. Department of Agriculture officials are considering sanctions against Texas — the nation's largest cattle exporter — because of the outbreaks, blamed by state officials on the import of Mexican feeder cattle.

State officials say the scrutiny could taint the image of Texas beef, and federal officials expect the changes could cost cattlemen from $260 million to $788 million or more.

"It's a huge deal," veterinarian and cattleman Gary Warner of Elgin told the Austin American-Statesman. "I think people are just now starting to realize the economic impact of this."

Since 2000, most Texas cattle have been declared TB-free by the federal government. But within the next few weeks, the USDA is expected to strip the state of that status.

The state must endure the TB designation for two years before the federal government will reconsider its decision. Only two states, Texas and Michigan, are not considered TB-free by the federal government.

Two outbreaks of the bacterial infection triggered the change in Texas' federal designation.

Last summer, an infected herd was found and destroyed in Fayette County, just east of Bastrop County in Central Texas, and state officials recently have killed a herd at a beef and dairy operation in Pecos County in West Texas.

Infected cattle spread the bacteria by coughing, bellowing and snorting in the confines of a feedlot or pasture.

Last year, state animal health officials detected 64 cases of TB in Texas cattle. Investigations on 50 cases are complete, and 48 involved cattle originally from Mexico, said Dr. Linda Logan, Texas' state veterinarian and executive director of the Texas Animal Health Commission, the livestock regulatory agency.

"Texas livestock brokers import nearly 1 million Mexican feeder cattle a year," Logan said. "TB continues to be a problem in many Mexican states."

Tuberculosis in cattle can spread to humans, but human infection is rare because of the pasteurization of milk products and the physical inspection of the beef carcasses for the bleeding lesions that characterize infection, Logan said. TB in humans can be fatal, but is easily treated.

Eradication employees need field access

Cotton planting will soon begin in West Texas. With that, Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation officials want to remind growers of the importance of providing full vehicular access to all sides of cotton fields.



DAVID KIGHT

When cotton producers begin planting, foundation employees place boll weevil traps around the perimeters of the fields. The traps contain a pheromone attractant that lures boll weevils into the traps and an insecticide strip that keeps them from leaving. The traps serve two important functions: eliminating weevils from fields and providing data on weevil activity. The foundation uses the data to measure the progress of eradication and to make treatment decisions. Employees check the traps weekly.

Placing the traps around all sides of the fields provides better data on weevil activity, making treatment decisions more accurate. Without this data, weevil infestations may go unnoticed and the length of time to complete eradication is extended.

Field edges may also need to be treated from the ground using truck-mounted mist blowers. Without full access to fields, the edges cannot be treated. This untreated cotton provides a haven for boll weevils to feed and reproduce in, which again extends the time necessary to complete eradication.

The most efficient method for checking the traps is for employees to drive around the perimeter of the field. Access makes it possible for the employees to easily place the traps around the fields and later to check the traps, record the data and service the traps from the pickup. Without access, the employees' ability to check a large number of traps quickly is reduced and more employees may need to be hired to check the traps.

If you see any Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation employee driving in an unsafe manner, call the closest TBWEF district office.

The Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation is a nonprofit, grower-initiated and funded organization dedicated to eliminating the cotton boll weevil from the state in the most cost effective and environmentally responsible manner possible.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent — Agriculture. His telephone number is 264-2236 and his office is located in the basement of the Howard County Courthouse.)



HERALD Photo/ Andrea Medlin

From left, Candi Seaton, Betty Linzy, and Sherri Paris of Seminole Health Care Center discuss the decor of one of the rooms at the Lamun-Lusk-Sanchez Texas State Veterans Home during a tour held at an open house Thursday. Volunteer Ben Crawford Sr., in background, led the tour.

Judging teams fare well at Texas Tech

The Howard County 4-H Livestock Judging Teams competed at the District 6 Contest at Texas Tech University in Lubbock. There were a total of 61 contestants that participated in the contest, with 13 representing Howard County.



MICHAEL BROOKS

In the Junior Division, the team consisting of Logan Gaskins, Harrison Chevalier, and Judson Chevalier placed third in beef, third in swine, second in sheep, second in reasons, and second overall. In individual honors, Harrison Chevalier was sixth, Logan Gaskins seventh and Judson Chevalier 13th.

In the Intermediate Division, the team consisting of Terrell Bibb, Collin McMillan, Brittnee Nix, and Teryn Bibb placed second in beef, third in swine, first in sheep, second in reasons and second overall. Individually, Terrell Bibb placed second overall, Teryn Bibb fourth, Brittnee Nix sixth and Collin McMillan 10th.

Terrell Bibb also received first in beef, first in sheep and first in reasons. Teryn Bibb was second in sheep and Collin McMillan ended up second in swine. In other individual honors, Keisha Yarbar placed 12th overall.

The Senior Division team of Megan Knight, Meagan Kothmann, Trevor Bibb, and Rusty Crawford placed second overall and qualified to compete at the State 4-H Roundup in June. They were also second in beef, third in swine, first in sheep and second in reasons.

Individually, Rusty Crawford was second in sheep and ninth overall. Trevor Bibb was third in sheep, third in reasons and fourth overall. Meagan Kothmann placed seventh overall and Megan Knight was eighth. In other individual honors, Porsha Yarbar placed 10th.



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Steve Herrel of Harris Lumber & Hardware, 1515 East FM 700, meets longtime Ace Hardware spokesman and former NFL coach John Madden at a spring convention in Dallas.

IN THE NEWS

ROXY GRISSOM, a registered nurse, joined the staff of Home Hospice as a field nurse on April 1.



GRISSOM

"I feel like the lord has guided me to Home Hospice," Grissom said.

The Sand Springs resident is a Howard College nursing graduate and married to James Hard.

The couple are raising five children, Jacob, 11, Donovan, 11, Michael, 5, Ami, 2 and Amber, 1.

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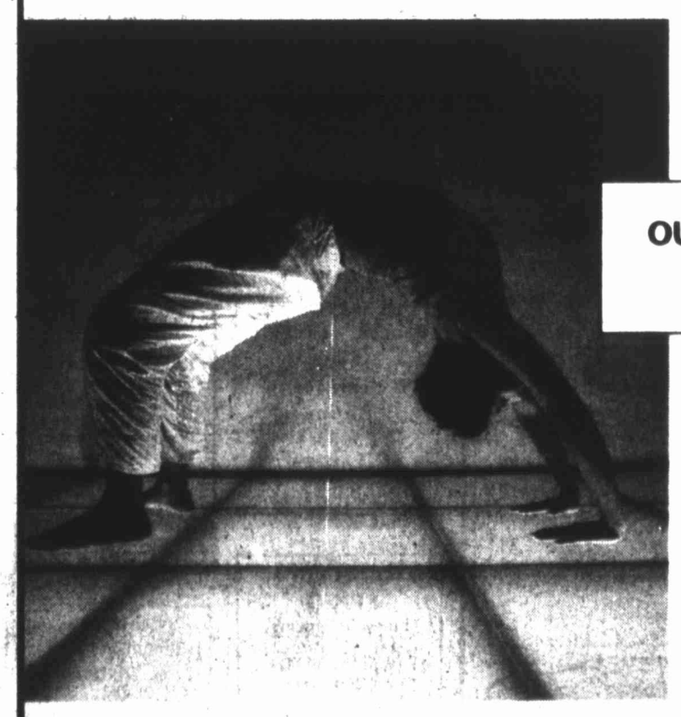
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StarTek Inc. is looking for a **Human Resource Manager** to round out the management team in our state-of-the-art inbound call center in Big Spring. Candidates must possess the following: BA from four year college or university or 2 to 3 years related experience and or training, or equivalent combination of education and experience. Ability to plan and carry out policies relating to all phases of human resources including employment, compensation, labor relations, benefits and employee services by performing the duties personally or through subordinate supervisors. Must be an effective leader and manager with excellent communication skills. Must be knowledgeable in all human resources functions, including employment related federal and state laws. Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications required.

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(915) 264-2700
Fax: (915) 264-7770
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Please call 800-665-4471 or 915-643-5604
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Howard College is seeking a full-time Culinary Arts Instructor at the Federal Correctional Institution. Associates degree or equivalent and 5 years related experience required. Excellent Benefits. Please apply at Howard College Personnel Office or visit our website at www.hc.cc.tx.us for application and complete position notice. AA/EOE.

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(915)268-8387
(915)268-1987 Fax

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Hay for Sale. Round bales. Haygrazer & just cut wheat. 394-4537 or 270-0826

Irrigated Wheat/alfalfa. $4.50 sq. & $50 Rd. bale. Call 556-3566, 425-1823 or 268-9755

DOGS, PETS, ETC.

4 Hybrid wolf puppies for sale. 2 males & 2 females. Parents on premises. 263-6066.

Small young female Calico cat to give away to a good home. Call 267-2784

GARAGE SALES

Big Spring State Hospital Surplus & Consignment
Sale, Wednesday, May 1st
Dump truck, 4 dr Plymouth, computers, lockers, desks, tables and TV's
Silent bidding from 8:30am-1:30pm
For more information call 263-0618

❑ Carport Sale: 1803 Owens Sat.-Sun. 9-?. Clothes, shoes, books, magazines, new & old items. Also be selling cokes, burritos, hot dogs and chips.

❑ Garage Sale: 1307 Colby Ave. Sat.-Sun. 8-?. Lots of misc.

❑ Garage Sale. Movies, DVD's, CD's, clothes, toys, lots of neat knickknacks. Sat 6-5, Sun 8-2, 706- NW 10th.

❑ Yard Sale, Sat & Sun. 8-?, 1109 Lloyd. Womens clothes, Knickknacks, Car & lots of misc.

FOUND / LOST PETS

Dog lost at corner of FM700 & Birdwell 5pm Wed. Newly operated on. 267-2957 or 394-4289

LOST & FOUND ITEMS

What appears to be a child's ring was found on Scenic Mountain. Call 267-5187 & identify.

MISCELLANEOUS

FRANCO'S CATERING
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1608 Cole (Kentwood area). 3 BR, 2 bath, 3/4 acre. Huge shed, dbl carport, well water. Seller pays all points. $60,000. 263-3870

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For Sale By Owner: 3 bdr. 2 bth. 2 car garage, carport, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Joe @ 263-3916

For Sale By Owner: 3 bdr. 2 bth. 2 car garage, carport, fireplace, & more. 505 Highland Drive. Call Joe @ 263-3916

This Efficiency Apt will help make payments (rent or buy) on large 3 Bdr 3 bath home. Call 267-7380.

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2 Bdrm 1 bath in Big Spring
3 Bdrm 1 bath in Big Spring.
Deposit & References required.
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2 Story Home
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Clean 3BR, 2 bath. New carpet, new paint. Stove & Refrigerator. Call (915) 728-3177

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Kentwood. 2505 Central. 3BR, 2 bath. CH/A, lots of storage, walk-in closets, fenced backyard, attached carport. $600/mo. $400/dep. Other homes available. 267-2308 or 425-2939

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Tracks of land for sale. 5 miles South of Big Spring & 1 1/2 miles West of Coahoma. Owner will Finance or Texas Veterans. Call 263-8785.

310 East 21st Street. Available now, corner lot. 3bdr. 2 bath rock home. CH/A, fenced yard, 1 yr. lease required. No indoor pets. $550/mo. plus security deposit. Owner/ Broker. Call 263-6514

Dominos Pizza Drivers needed. Hourly + mileage + tips. Competition says better commission, but you can't make commission doing dishes for the sit down lobby. Go by 2202 S. Gregg or call 267-4111

For Rent, 2BR ,1 bath mobile home in Coahoma. For more information call 394-4669.after 6pm

Fresh crop pecans, in the hull $1.00 lb, shelled $5.00 lb. Call 263-8785

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All real estate advertising in this newspaper is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act of 1988 which makes it illegal to advertise "any preference limitation or discrimination based on race, color, religion, sex or national origin, or an intention to make any such preference, limitation or discrimination."
This newspaper will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. Our readers are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised in this newspaper are available on an equal opportunity basis.

PUBLIC NOTICE

SECTION 00020
ADVERTISEMENT AND INVITATION FOR BIDS

Sealed proposals addressed to the Honorable Mayor and City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, will be received at the office of the Director of Public Works, 310 Nolan, 2nd Floor, until 2:00 p.m., May 17, 2002 for removal and replacement of the transfer pump at the water treatment plant.

Immediately following the closing time for receipt of bids, proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened. Bids will be tabulated and presented to the City Council for award at a later date.

Bidders must submit a Cashier's or Certified Check issued by a bank satisfactory to the Owner, or a Proposal Bond from a reliable Surety Company, payable without recourse to the order of the City of Big Spring, in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the largest possible bid submitted as a guaranty that the Bidder will enter into a contract and execute bonds in the forms provided within fifteen (15) days after notice of award of contract to him. Bids without the required check or Proposal Bond will not be considered.

The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and a Payment Bond, each in the amount of the contract, from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, to act as a Surety or other Surety or Sureties satisfactory to the Owner. If the total bid is less than $25,000, Performance and Payment Bonds will not be required.

Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions. A pre-bid conference will be held at the Roy C. Hester Water Treatment Plant at 1:30 p.m., May 10, 2002.

Information for bidders, proposal forms, specifications and plans are on file in the office of the City of Big Spring, Texas, and at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 1222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas, 79423.

Copies of the plans, specifications and contract documents may be secured at the office of Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., Consulting Engineers, 4222 85th Street, Lubbock, Texas 79423 (Phone (806) 473-2200) for a price of Thirty-five Dollars ($35.00) for each set of plans and specifications. Upon return, (or each set of documents), in good condition and within 15 days after the bids have been opened, the entire deposit will be refunded.

Attention is called to the fact that there must be paid on this project not less than the general prevailing rates of wages which have been established by the Secretary of Labor.

Equal Opportunity in Employment: All qualified applicants will receive considerations for employment without regard to race, color, religion, sex, or national origin. Bidders on this work will be required to comply with the President's Executive Order No. 11256, as amended. The requirements for bidders and contractors under the order are explained in the specifications.

SIGNED:
RUSS MCEWEN, MAYOR
SIGNED:
PEGGY WALKER,
CITY SECRETARY
#3529 APRIL 26 & 28, 2002

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608 E. 3rd
263-8800



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FRANKLIN & SONS GOODYEAR
408 Runnels
267-6337

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207 Goliad St.
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HOROSCOPE

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, April 28:

You have a lot of pressure in your life. Often you decide to let go and play away. Think in terms of getting more R&R, and opt for less overindulgence. A financial nest egg might be more important to you than you realize at the moment. On a deep level, you need just that for security. Often you're at the mercy of others. Learn to claim your power. Communication needs to be as clear as possible, because misunderstanding seems to be innate. If you are single, you will want to be in a relationship. Know that you're extremely desirable; don't sell yourself short. It will ultimately be your call. If you are attached, a relationship will go in a new direction. Make it OK to not always agree. Your ability to speak to each other counts. Let intimacy flourish. Schedule plenty of time together. SAGITTARIUS zeros in on issues.

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) **** A jolt sends you into a flurry once more. Stop. You have this type of action in your life because you like excitement. Think about it: Extremes mark your mood. Reach out for another at a distance. Don't get irritated with someone. Tonight: New vistas.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ***** Deal with another directly. Don't make mincemeat out of another whom you respect. Take charge when another fails you. Extremes reflect this person's moodiness. Gracefully accept responsibility for having this person in your life. Tonight: Talk turkey with a family member.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Let another change plans, as there is little you can do to change this person. Unexpected developments surround an emotional matter. Don't let inner confusion manifest in your interpersonal relationships. Put your feelings on hold. Tonight: Go along with another.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Carefully pace yourself. Listen well to someone. Unexpected news comes forward that might change your plans. Extremes mark your feelings. Deal with finances and emotions head-on, especially those involving a partner. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) **** Deal with a partner or family member as the day begins. Don't put off a discussion. Extremes mark a decision. Rethink your ideas on how to approach a difficult situation. Obviously, what you're doing isn't working. Let your imagination flow. Tonight: Play away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** New beginnings become possible if you're willing to give up a pattern. A discussion could be frustrating unless you detach. Try to understand where this person is coming from. Extremes mark the moment, especially feelings. Tonight: Play it low-key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) *** You might need to put a halt to careless spending. A child or loved one wants you to indulge him or her in a manner that could be destructive to you personally. While indulging this person, verbalize your limits. Tonight: At a favorite spot, talking away.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) *** You certainly might blow a fuse with someone, though, ultimately, you might be angry with yourself. Understand what is going on with you and your interpersonal relationship flow. Treat yourself and another well. Get tickets to a favorite happening. Tonight: Why not have dinner out?

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) *** Slow down and take your time with someone who might not be getting your message. Unexpected behavior takes you in a new direction. Speak your mind to another who cares a lot about you. Confusion surrounds a decision. Tonight: Just hang out doing what you want.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) *** Use the morning to contact a friend if you want to cancel plans. Not everyone understands where you're coming from. You might need to indulge yourself a little more. Spontaneously soar into a lazy day, if that feels right. Tonight: Whatever you want (for a change).

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) *** A parent makes demands. Are you the parent or the child? Make adjustments, if need be. Seek out advice also, even if you don't want to listen. Ultimately, you want a good relationship here. Indulge a loved one and you ultimately gain, as does this person. Tonight: Find your friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) *** Make calls in the early day, before others take off. You might need to change your plans because of another's need. You could decide to make a big deal out of this, or you could flow with it. A loved one might be upset enough. Express your sensitivity. Tonight: All eyes turn to you.

BORN TODAY

TV talk-show host Jay Leno (1950), actress Penelope Cruz (1974), Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein (1937)

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS

Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)

District: Abilene

Contract 6082-67-001 for COMPREHENSIVE MAINTENANCE in TAYLOR County, etc will be opened on June 05, 2002 at 1:00 pm at the State Office for an estimate of $1,427,195.25.

All prospective bidders are required to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6082-67-001 to be held on May 13, 2002 at 1:30 pm at the ABILENE DISTRICT OFFICE TRAINING CENTER 4250 N. CLACK, ABILENE, TX 79601 or on May 22, 2002 at 10:00 a.m. at the same location.

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

NPO: 6304

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

District Office(s)
Abilene District
District Engineer
4250 N. Clack
Abilene, Texas 79604-0150
Phone: 915-676-6800

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

#3530 April 28 & May 5, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF UNSAFE BUILDINGS
STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF HOWARD

1- Cleta Faye Smith Satterwhite, 3102 N. Dixie, Odessa TX 79762, 120'X140' SW/4 BK 6 (9) Mesa Addition, also known as 4208 Walnut St.

2- Genita Francis Harris, 1303 Mesquite St., Big Spring TX 79720, S/50' LT 13 BK 2 Sec. (536) Wrights 2nd Addition, also known as 1303 Mesquite St.

3- Frank Leura, 1502 W. Cherokee St, Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 5 BK 3 Sec. (373) Indianola Addition, also known as 1502 W Cherokee St.

4- Encarnacion Alarco % Martinez, PO Box 294, Deerfield IL 60015-0294, W/50' of LT 12 BK 6 Sec. (968) Earles Addition, also known as 701 S Douglas St.

5- Angelita H Alvarez, 301 E. 19th St., Big Spring, TX 79720, E/40' W/80' LT 1 BK 4 SEC. (1105) Earles Addition, also known as 503 W 8th St.

6- Mrs. Bertha Blansitt, DMR, E/90' of LT 5 BK 3 Sec. (987) Earles Addition, also known as 708 S Bell St.

7- Steve Croft, PO Box 3143, Big Spring TX 79721-3143, LT 2 BK 3 SEc. (990) Earles Addition, also known as 702 S Bell St.

8- Juanita Lopez % Tony Franco, 507 Young St., Big Spring TX 79720, LT 3 BK 6 Sec. (359) Porter Addition, also known as 504 S Young St.

9- Edwin S & Brandy Heaton, 965 Orchid Dr SW, Rio Rancho NM 87124-4213, LT 13 BK 10 SEC. (292) Monticello Addition, also known as 1311 Lamar Ave.

10- JB Hardeman, 104 NE 9th St, Big Spring TX 79720, W/50' N/75' LT 1 BK F Sec. (26) Moore Addition, also known as 807 NW 4th St.

11- Joe Hernandez, 606 NW 7th St., Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 4 BK 10 Sec. (686) Bauer Addition, also known as 507 NW 7th St.

12- Leon Holsenbeck, 1401 Runnels St., Big Spring, TX 79720, LTS 1-4 BK 8 Sec. (304 & 308) Lakeview Addition, also known as 104 Cottonwood St.

13- Kurt Johnson, 1321 Wright St., Big Spring, TX 79720, LT 11 BK 10 Sec. (589) Wrights Airport Addition, also known as 1321 Wright St.

14- Joe Villa, 510 N. Johnson St, Big Spring TX 79720, DMR, SC 42 BK 32 1N 50' X 162' TR 41 Sec. (799) WM B Currie Addition, also known as 510 N Johnson St.

15- Patricia Aguirre, 603 N Douglas St, Big Spring TX 79720, LT 4 BK 8 Bauer Addition, also known as 605 N Douglas St.

Dear Property owner(s):

Current Tax records of the City of Big Spring indicate that you are the owner of the property at, the above street address. This structure is in violation of section 103.4 of the Southern Standard Building and the following detailed report documents the condition which have rendered the structure unsafe to with: Dilapidate, sub-standard structure, plumbing and electrical do not meet the City Code of Ordinances. Windows missing or broken out., Building has been vandalized and pose a potential Health hazard to the public. Structures cannot be secured to keep out transients or children.

Therefore, by the authority invested in my office by the Big Spring Code, I have declared this structure or portions thereof unsafe, dilapidated substandard or unit for human habitation, and have determined it or portions thereof poses a hazard to public health, safety, and public welfare.

The Southern Building Code, Section 103.4 provides that "all buildings which are unsafe, unsanitary, or not provided with adequate ingress or adequate egress or which constitute a fire hazard or are otherwise dangerous to human life, or which in relation to existing use constitute a fire hazard to the safety or health by reason of inadequate maintenance, dilapidation, obsolescence, or abandonment, are severally in contemplation of this section. Unsafe building. All unsafe buildings are hereby declared illegal and shall be abated by repair and rehabilitation or by demolition in accordance with the provision of the Southern Standard Code for the Elimination or Repair of Unsafe buildings."

You are hereby notified that the board of Adjustments and Appeals, of the City of Big Spring, will meet on Monday, April 29, 2002, at 5:30 P.M., in the City Council Chambers to determine whether the subject structure(s) complies with the standards set out in the code. Further be advised that the Board may in its finding provide for any of the following.

1. Vacation of the premises.
2. Relocation of occupants.
3. Securing of the premises.
4. Repair of the premises.
5. Removal of the demolition of the premises.
6. Any combination of the above.

Should you desire to make a presentation to the Board, the following information shall be submitted in writing to me Chairman of the Board in original and six copies.

a. Identification of the building or structure concerned by street and legal description.
b. A statement identifying the legal interest of each appellant.
c. A statement identifying the specific order or section being appealed.
d. A statement detailing the issues on which the appellant desires to be heard.
e. The legal signatures of appellant and their official mailing addresses.

Failure to appeal in the time specified shall constitute a waiver of all rights to an administrative hearing.

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Building Official

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Being a product of infidelity not the fault of the child



ANN LANDERS

Dear Ann Landers: My 40-year-old son was divorced two years ago from a woman who cheated on him. One of her affairs resulted in a child. She never made any secret about the fact that this little girl was fathered by another man. My son, however, is quite attached to the child and considers her to be his own. Since he was married to his wife at the time the girl was born, she is legally his. He was granted partial custody and has the child every weekend. She is now 5 years old.

I refuse to acknowledge this child as my granddaughter. She is no blood relation to me, and I have no interest in accepting another man's child as part of my family. My son is upset about my attitude and says the girl often asks about her "other grandma." She wants to meet me. This is not possible, and I have told him so. He says I am being unreasonable. Am I? — Not the Grandma in Virginia

Dear Grandma: Whether or not your son is biologically related to this little girl, he is her father in the true sense of the word. It is not the child's fault that her mother had an affair. Not only are you depriving yourself of the joy of being a grandmother to a precious child, you are also denying the little girl the opportunity to get to know you. Moreover, you are alienating your son by being so stubborn, and it will eventually damage your relationship beyond repair.

I urge you to open your heart and accept this child. You won't regret it.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to the letter from "Married But Still Looking's Wife in Atlanta." She said her husband downloaded pornography and listed himself with an Internet dating service. They both went for counseling, but he didn't bother to tell the therapist about the porn. It is obvious that the man is in denial about the seriousness of the situation.

I used to look at pornography and believed it wouldn't hurt my marriage. However, it changed the way I looked at my wife, the way I treated her and how I thought of my marriage vows. It affected her trust in me, and now, over a year later, she still gets nervous when I sit down at the computer. I am doing my best to earn her respect again, but I know it will take a long time.

Pornography DOES hurt a marriage, whether or not the wife knows about it or the husband admits he has a problem. I hope this woman will insist that her husband be honest with his therapist. It is the only way their marriage will survive. — Recovered in Dayton, Ohio

Dear Dayton: While an occasional peek at a girlie magazine is normal, a consistent diet of pornography can distort a man's perspective about women and his expectations about intimacy. Thanks for being the Voice of Experience.

Dear Ann Landers: My 48-year-old mother is dating a married man. "Luke" and his wife were friends of my parents when I was growing up, and I always considered him an uncle of sorts. Now, I see him in a different light, and it isn't flattering. My mother constantly runs to Luke's side and ignores her responsibilities at home. She cries every night because he refuses to leave his wife and children.

My older brother is getting married this summer, and Mom wants to bring Luke to the wedding. I have told her if she brings him, I will never forgive her. In fact, I might not attend the wedding, knowing he will be present. Don't you think I'm right, Ann? — Daughter in New York

Dear Daughter: No. If you don't attend the wedding, you will hurt your brother, and he doesn't deserve that. You cannot control your mother's behavior, no matter how irresponsible. She knows how you feel. Let's hope she comes to her senses before it is too late.

Dear Ann Landers: I have been carrying a copy of your essay "Love or Infatuation?" since I was a freshman in high school. Will you please run it again so I can keep a fresh copy in my wallet in case that "special someone" comes along? Thanks, Ann. — College Student in Kentucky

Dear College Student: Several readers have requested that I reprint this piece, so here it is for all those who asked:

Love or Infatuation?

Infatuation is fleeting desire — one set of glands calling to another. It is marked by a feeling of insecurity. You are excited and eager but not genuinely happy. There are nagging doubts, unanswered questions, little bits and pieces about the relationship that you would just as soon not examine too closely. It might spoil the dream.

Love is friendship that has caught fire. It takes root and grows, one day at a time. It is quiet understanding and mature acceptance of imperfection. It gives you strength and grows beyond you to bolster your beloved. You are warmed by his presence, even when he is away. Miles do not separate you. But near or far, you know he is yours and you can wait.

Infatuation says, "We must get married right away. I can't risk losing him." Love says, "Be patient. Don't panic. Plan your future with confidence."

Infatuation has an element of sexual excitement. Whenever you are together, you hope it will end in intimacy. Love is not based on sex. It is the maturation of friendship that makes sex so much sweeter. You must be friends before you can be lovers.

Infatuation lacks confidence. When he's away, you wonder if he's being unfaithful. Sometimes, you check.

Love means trust. You are calm, secure and unthreatened. He feels your trust, and it makes him even more trustworthy. Infatuation might lead you to do things you will regret, but love never steers you in the wrong direction.

Love is elevating. It lifts you up. It makes you look up. It makes you better than you were before.

Dear Ann Landers: Two years ago, my husband, "Jed," had an affair with a younger woman. He left me and our three children for her. After 10 days, he came home, said he made a horrible mistake and begged me to take him back. I did.

Here's the problem: I kept in touch with this younger woman. She married someone else and tells me she is very much in love with her husband. However, she told me that Jed called her last month. She asked him to leave her alone, but he apparently tried to reach her again a few days ago. When I confronted Jed, he became quite upset and said I had no business talking to this other woman.

Don't you think I have the right to check up on him? Have I crossed the line? I will do whatever you say, Ann. — Nervous Nellie in New York

Dear Nellie: While I do not recommend spying on your husband, Jed has no business calling his ex-girlfriend. It sounds as if he is not quite over her.

You and Jed need marriage counseling to work out your problems and make sure history doesn't repeat itself. If Jed is not willing to go with you, go alone and find out if your marriage is worth saving. I'll keep my fingers crossed.

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Answer to previous puzzle

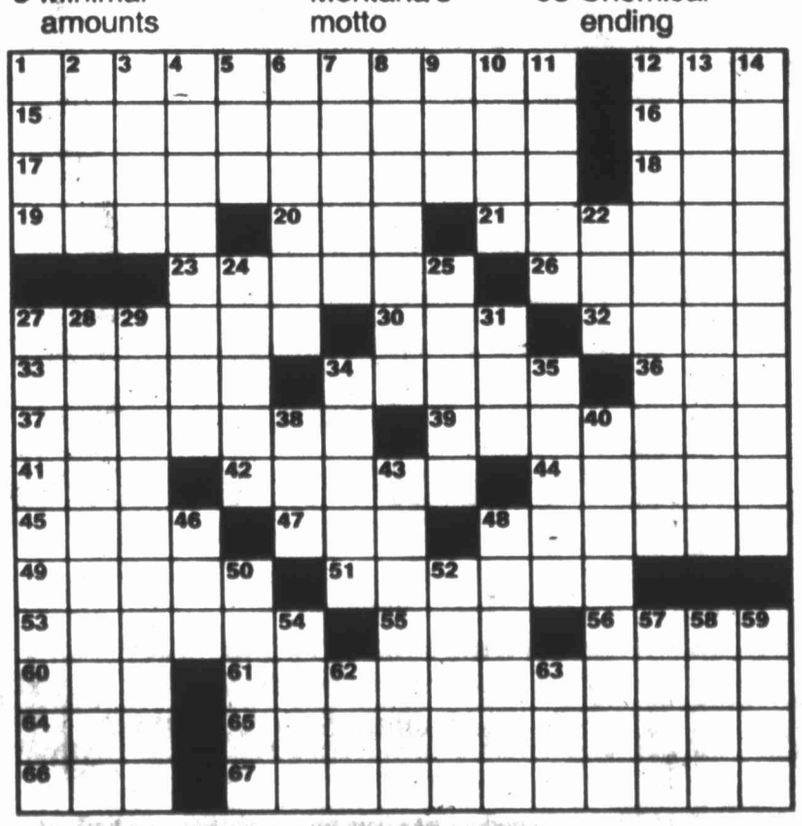
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1 Government program
12 About 75%
15 Boiler
16 __ *Poetica*
17 Connect (with)
18 Quincy's peers: Abbr.
19 Sen. Conrad's home
20 Sen. since 1963
21 Toronto college
23 Turns out
26 Like Sherman Klump
27 Public displays
30 UN observer
32 Eject
33 Accord maker
34 Winter Palace residents
36 Ante- kin
37 Senior
39 What boors have
41 Diminutive suffix
42 Hodgepodges
44 Lane button
45 Mobile home
47 V-chip regulator
48 Some religious holidays
49 Incited
51 Capsized, with "over"
53 Engine patenter
55 "I'll take that as __"
56 Spanky's dog
60 Galley item
61 Worker with a chair
64 Sport __ (car category)
65 Analgesic unit
66 He's opposite Dave
67 1962 World's Fair attraction

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4 Off times
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6 Minimal amounts
7 Floods
8 Some apartments
9 Diminutive suffix
10 Realizes
11 Untried
12 Occurred
13 Construction kit
14 Blue-book contents
22 Core
24 "Cool!"
25 Lines up
27 Became very vocal
28 NCAA member?
29 Like some species
31 Word in Montana's motto
34 A little bridge work
35 Ravine rocks
38 *Lord of the Rings* character
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54 Talk like a tot
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