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Six to vie for city council seats

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

Six local citizens have announced their intention to run for three at-large seats on the Big Spring City Council.

The election will occur May 4. All candidates will be listed on the same ballot, and the three with the most votes will take the council seats. Any registered citizen of Big Spring may vote.

Candidates met last week to



LADD SMITH



JOHN COFFEE



MARK SHEEDY



GAIL EARLS



CHUCK CONDRAY



SIDNEY CLARK

draw numbers to determine ballot placement. The candidates will be listed in the following order: Ladd Smith, John Coffee, Mark Sheedy,

Gail Earls, Chuck Condray and Sidney Clark.

Sidney Clark, a current at-large member, works as a bookkeeper

although he is semi-retired.

A 34-year resident of Big Spring, Clark said encouraging the city to buy locally remains one of his

priorities. He said efforts of the council and staff have increased local buying to 80 percent of non-controlled city purchases.

"That adds up to big bucks in Big Spring," Clark said. "That is one of the reasons I'm running again — to see if we can get that up to 90 percent."

Improvement is needed in the city infrastructure, Clark said, including further work in water and sewer distribution. In the future, he said, recycling programs will like-

ly become a priority.

"We need to be thinking about that," he said. "There's going to be a demand and when it gets here, we need to be ready."

He recommends tightening the budget as well, acknowledging the work city staff has already done to cut costs.

"We're not the only ones by any means with fiscal problems," he said. "Some of the largest cities in the nation are having the same pro-

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TB rise linked to Texas jails

HOUSTON (AP) — Dramatic increases in the number of tuberculosis infections in Texas can be linked to undiagnosed cases in the state's jails, experts say.

"TB is going wild. We don't know why," John Bybee, head of the tuberculosis division of the Texas Department of Health in Austin, told the Houston Chronicle.

The numbers of active TB cases in Texas increased 17 percent between 1989 and 1990 — from 1,915 cases to 2,242. Based on statistics from the first two months of 1991, Bybee said he expects a similar increase this year.

Dr. Jeffrey Starke, a TB expert with Baylor College of Medicine, said many children diagnosed with tuberculosis have had a relative or care-giver who has spent time in the Harris County jail.

"Many cases may be linked to jails and prisons," Starke said.

Harris County's overcrowded jail poses a special threat of infection spread, he said.

"If you were going to build a building to transmit tuberculosis, you couldn't do a better job than that at the Harris County jail," Starke said.

The poor ventilation in the jail coupled with its chronic overcrowding make it a perfect site to spread TB to inmates, who then take it home with them, he said.

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John Bybee

The TB increase in Houston and Harris County was significantly less than that seen statewide. Harris County cases went from 532 in 1989 to 574 in 1991 for a 7.8 percent increase. In Houston, there were 496 cases in 1989 and 522 in 1990 — a 5.2 percent increase.

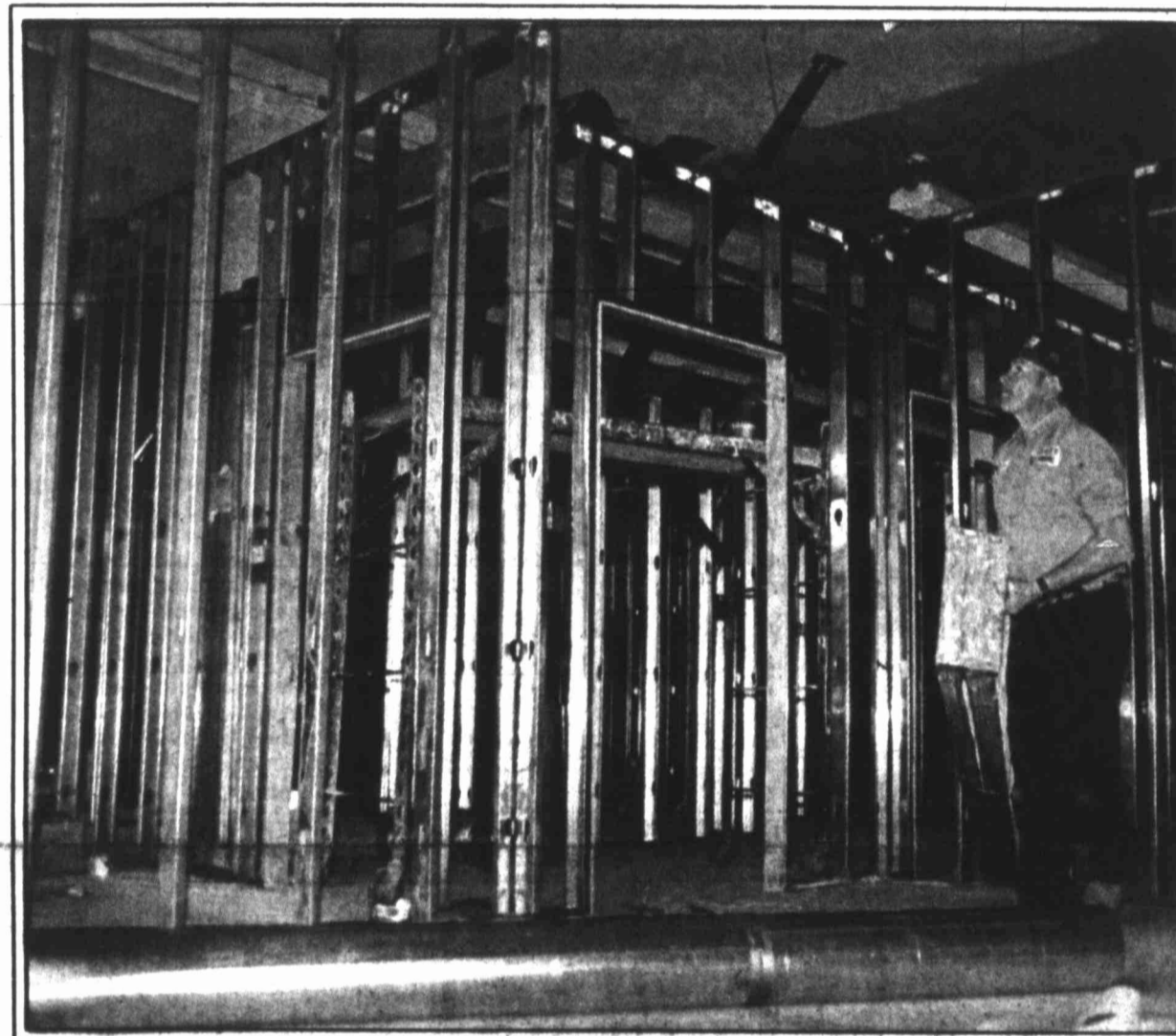
Homelessness and drug abuse account for some of the increase, he said. The AIDS epidemic also is responsible for the increase, because people infected with viruses from acquired immune deficiency syndrome are more susceptible to TB.

But those alone do not explain the increase, he said.

"The jails contribute more significantly (to the TB problem) than they did before," Bybee said.

Currently, about half of the state's 54 jails housing more than 100 prisoners do some form of screening, he said.

Harris County officials, for example, give inmates who appear to be ill with respiratory illnesses an immediate chest X-ray. After 14 days, they receive a physical, which includes a TB skin test. Jail employees are not screened.



Taking shape

Granville Graves of Graves Plumbing decides where he will install a heating duct as part of the renovation project at Third and Gregg Street that will house the Moore Development Board and the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce. The expansion is part of an ongoing quest by leaders to economically boost the Crossroads Country area, as detailed in Outlook 91, in today's Herald.

Youths jailed in three slayings

PASADENA, Calif. (AP) — Two teen-age boys were jailed in Oregon and a third agreed to surrender to police on Monday in the killing of three teen-age girls found shot to death in an apartment overlooking the Rose Bowl.

The bodies of Katherine Macaulay, 18; Heather Goodwin, 18; and Danae Palermo, 17; were discovered by police early Friday morning at Macaulay's apartment in a wealthy neighborhood overlooking the Rose Bowl.

Two youths were arrested at a bus depot in Salem, Ore., late Friday and another telephoned police to say he would surrender on Monday, said police Lt. Roger Kelley. "The three suspects and the three victims (were) acquainted with one another," police Lt. Van Anthony said. "This is not a stranger killing."

The victims had been shot in the head at close range. There was no sign of forced entry, police said.

David Adkins, 16, and Burt Vinny Hebrack, 17, were being held at a juvenile detention facility in Oregon, police said. Extradition proceedings were to begin Monday.

Police did not know where Cayle Matthew Fielder, 16, was when he telephoned Pasadena police to say he planned to turn himself in, Kelley said.

Anthony said police hadn't determined a motive for the killings.

"It's totally up to speculation," he said. "It could be anything from an argument to a party that went awry."

Way: Heritage ready to pop cork on new addition

By DEBBIE LINCEUM
Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum's newly-constructed addition is ready to open, and supporters are inviting area citizens to help celebrate.

Museum curator Angie Way said the opening celebration, set for Thursday, April 4, should be

somewhat like an old-time movie premiere. Art, theatre, music, food and champagne will be in plentiful supply, and guests will be dressed in "Texas Black Tie" style.

"We chose the premiere theme because it will be the premiere of our new building," Way said.

"(Guests) should come prepared to

drink champagne but comfortable enough to have a good time."

Way said the "star" of the evening will definitely be the building, a structure designed for more exhibits, better access, a larger gift shop area and increased storage and work space.

Way urges people to buy tickets

in advance for the event. Tickets are \$10 per person and available at the museum, 510 Scurry, or from any museum employee or trustee.

The opening will kick off at 6:30 p.m. with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, hosted by local historian and author Joe Pickle, in front of the building. Museum of-

officials will be on hand to unveil a plaque dedicating the building.

Then the celebration will move inside.

"The first thing you'll see," Way said, "are the personalized bricks (bought by supporters to help fund the construction)." About 500 of the

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Snake roundup concludes today

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The 29th Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Round-Up continues today at the Howard County Fairbarns from noon to 6 p.m. for enthusiasts — and the squeemish.

Hunters from the area will continue bringing in the snakes today to be weighed, milked, killed and skinned, but officials said the catch is not as good this year as it has been in the past.

Part-time snake milker and full-time patent attorney Ken Darnell said he's been milking rattlesnakes for 14 years, and he's been coming to the Big Spring round-up for seven or eight years.

"The size of the snakes in Big Spring's round-up have progressively decreased over the years, because of excessive hunting and trading. I'd like to see



Snake handler David Estep demonstrates how to handle a cobra.

them do things to prevent that, like put limits on counts. We should manage the resource, like we do any other natural resource," Darnell said.

Leroy Higginbottom, owner of Reptiles Unlimited of Texas, agreed with Darnell. Higginbottom makes his living by processing rattlesnakes, and uses the creatures for everything from meat to jewelry to wallets to belt buckles.

He said this year his traders have produced about 400 pounds of snakes in this area, but in past years, that total was over the 1,000 pound mark.

He blames poor hunting tactics on the snake decline, but said the use of gasoline to catch the snakes is not leading to the decline.

"There's hunters who don't know the first thing about snake hunting, and they go along and gas every

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Battling the blaze

A Big Spring firefighter battles a house fire at 405 Sergeant Paredex Saturday afternoon. The blaze, which caused about \$2,000 in damage but no injuries, is still under investigation, a fire department official said.

Herald photo by J. Fierro

Steers defeat Monahans in district opener. Details on page 1-B



Bush adored by Kuwaitis. More news from the Gulf on page 6-A.



Exotic birds go from being hobby to a business. See page 1-C for story.

Sidelines

Parents rally for children's hair

AUSTIN (AP) — Children and their parents who have been fighting school officials over hair codes rallied Saturday at the Capitol to support a bill that would limit a school's authority to punish violators of hair-length rules.

September Toungate, the mother of Zachariah Toungate, said the hair code at the Bastrop school, teaches children it is wrong to be different.

Zachariah, an 8-year-old third-grader, was taught in an isolated room for more than 4 months because his wispy ponytail was against the school's hair length policy.

Ms. Toungate has since taken him out of school and is instructing him at home.

Man asks judge to revoke probation

BROWNSVILLE (AP) — A man serving electronically monitored probation has asked a judge to revoke his sentence and send him to prison because the device was disrupting his family's life.

State District Court Judge Robert Garza complied and sentenced Manuel de la Garza Leal, 35, Harlingen, to 10 years in state prison.

"Not in my wildest six years on the bench has this ever come up before," Garza said. "I shouldn't be surprised, but I was."

"I've had ones that were about to be sentenced ask for probation instead of prison, but I've never had one that was on probation ask me to do away with the probation and go to prison," the judge said.

Leal had been sentenced to 10 years probation last October after pleading guilty to illegal investment charges stemming from a July narcotics sting by Harlingen police.

As terms of his probation, Leal was ordered to wear an electronic monitoring device, pay a \$5,000 fine during the next four years, pay a \$30 monthly probation fee and court costs plus other fees, complete 600 hours community service, undergo drug and alcohol counseling and submit to drug testing.

Leal, however, told Garza Friday the electronic monitoring disrupted his family's life.

Mauro uses various methods to avoid full disclosure of dealings

HOUSTON (AP) — State lawmakers are scrambling to develop new, tougher ethics laws in the midst of a Travis County grand jury investigation into the business activities of House Speaker Gib Lewis and his associates.

A special grand jury investigation led to a two-count indictment against Lewis. Legislators are considering ways to strengthen the requirements for public officials to report their personal financial dealings.

The *Houston Chronicle* reported in its early Sunday editions Texas Land Commissioner Garry Mauro's record could provide a useful illustration of the loopholes in the reporting laws.

Since he first filed for public office in 1981, Mauro has used a variety of maneuvers to circumvent the spirit of state disclosure laws and avoid revealing much of his personal business activity, the newspaper said.

These maneuvers include reporting numerous business enterprises under just one name; treating loan guarantees and letters of credit as if they were not financial obligations; and leaving stock in a broker's account and reporting only the existence of the account, rather than the individual stocks.

One state official said Texas disclosure laws are subject to broad interpretation, and Mauro's tactics may be legal. Often, the determining factor is whether an elected official intended to deceive the public, said the official, who asked not to be identified.

"That (Mauro's tactics) is certainly not full disclosure," the official said. "But that doesn't necessarily mean it is a criminal act."

Mauro also benefited from weaknesses in the law that allowed him to keep the extent of his obli-

gations secret.

In one case, Mauro borrowed more than \$4 million from an Austin bank doing business with the General Land Office. But because Mauro only had to report the name of the bank and note the obligation was more than \$5,000, the \$4 million in loans was reported the same way a car loan would.

The *Chronicle* investigation uncovered 114 possible violations of state disclosure laws by Mauro since he first filed for office in 1981. Because most of the disclosure failures occurred more than two years ago, Mauro could not be indicted for them even if prosecutors believed they were illegal.

Many of the possible violations involve Mauro's failure to individually report his ownership interest and financing obligations in a number of land ventures set up during his first several years as an elected official.

Although the ventures were individual projects, each with its own financing and involving different partners, Mauro lumped them together on his required disclosure filings, according to the newspaper.

To finance his portion of some projects, Mauro either signed a loan guarantee or provided a letter of credit to the bank issuing the loans to the venture. Often, Mauro would not report these obligations on his disclosure forms, the newspaper said.

Tucker Sutherland, Mauro's spokesman, said the land commissioner considered these "contingent obligations" that were not required to be disclosed.

"Mr. Mauro only owed the money if the ventures defaulted on the loans," Sutherland told the *Chronicle*. "His lawyers have advised him that these obligations do not have to be reported."

Tom Smith, the executive director of Public Citizen, a government watchdog group, said the requirements in the disclosure law should be more specific.

"That's a failure in the law," Smith said.



MAURO



AUSTIN — Betty Friedan, right, founder of the National Organization for Women, speaks at a women's conference organized to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the National Women's Political Caucus.

Young women urged to continue the struggle

AUSTIN (AP) — Several of the original leaders of the national feminist movement Saturday urged women to continue the struggle against sex discrimination and not take for granted hard-fought accomplishments achieved during the 1960s and 1970s.

In speeches to about 2,500 people at the University of Texas, Betty Friedan, Jill Ruckelshaus and Shana Alexander said the fight for equality and respect for women continues in politics and the workplace.

The lecture was part of a daylong conference conceived by Liz Carpenter, author and former aide to Lady Bird Johnson, who decided to use the 20th anniversary of the founding of the National Women's Political Caucus to bring together frontline leaders of the women's movement.

Ms. Friedan, founder of the Na-

tional Organization for Women and author of the 1963 landmark best seller *The Feminine Mystique*, said before the feminist movement started many women were trapped in their role as housewives.

"We came out of that girde of isolation and guilt and we began to empower ourselves. You cannot know, you daughters of our revolution, what it felt like when we wore that girde, and what it felt like when we began to take that girde off," she said.

But despite gains, women are still victims of abuse, job discrimination and lack of opportunities in a male dominated society, she said.

"We haven't finished. You who have never worn that girde, they are trying to sell it to you," Ms. Friedan said.

She said women's rights have eroded under former President

Reagan and current President Bush. She said the view of women's rights is reflected in the media, which proclaims the women's movement is dead, and the movie industry, which produces pictures that make women the object of violence.

Ms. Ruckelshaus, a former president of the National Women's Political Caucus and White House official in the 1970s, said, "You must take your place in the struggle."

"The world is suffering because there aren't enough women making public policy," she said.

Shana Alexander, an author and columnist, said the United States is one of the few countries without a national childcare policy.

All three praised the election of Gov. Ann Richards and her appointments of women and minorities.

Lawmaker's ties to race track questioned

AUSTIN (AP) — State Rep. Hugo Berlanga, who is carrying legislation to make horse and dog racing tracks more profitable, works for a company whose owner is the managing partner and part-owner of Corpus Christi Greyhound Park, a newspaper reported Saturday.

Berlanga, D-Corpus Christi, is a real estate salesman with Allen & Co. Properties Inc., according to his financial disclosure form, the *Houston Chronicle* reported.

That firm's owner is R.C. Allen of Corpus Christi, who owns 17 per-

cent of the dog racing track. Gambling opponents questioned Berlanga's ties with Allen, but Allen denied there was anything improper.

Berlanga, who sponsored the 1986 legislation that legalized pari-mutuel wagering in Texas, could not be immediately reached at his offices in Austin and Corpus Christi by The Associated Press.

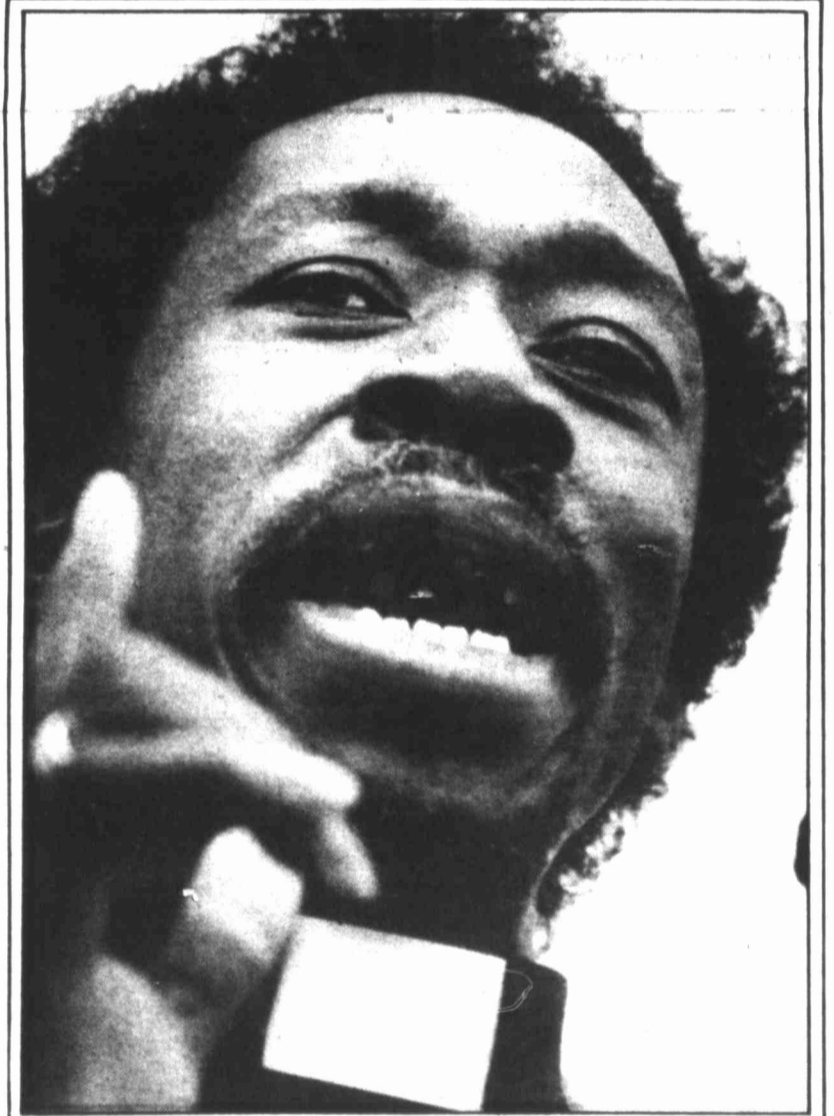
"This is blatant special interest at its worst," said Sue Cox, a leader of Texans Who Care.

Allen denied there is any connection between Berlanga's work with

his firm and the dog racing legislation.

Berlanga's legislation would allow horse and dog tracks to simulcast races from other tracks for additional pari-mutuel wagering. Berlanga is the chairman of the committee that determines which bills will be debated by the House.

Berlanga has been subpoenaed by a Travis County grand jury investigating alleged influence peddling at the Capitol.



Supports boycott

DALLAS — Southern Christian Leadership Conference executive director Rev. E. Randel T. Osburn speaks at a rally in Dallas in support of an economic boycott to protest redistricting problems in the city.

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Nation

Rare panda dies of distemper

LANSING (AP) — The distemper death of an endangered red panda has zoo officials fearful that an animal carrying the disease may be roaming the area.

Mike, one of only 115 red pandas in North America, died March 13 at Potter Park Zoo. The cause of death was confirmed Thursday.

"He had been sick for a couple of weeks," said Doug Finley, the zoo's director. "We created a temporary little hospital for him. It was real painful to watch."

Mike was vaccinated for distemper before coming to the zoo in July, but apparently became infected in late January or early February.

His brother, Vance, on loan

from the National Zoo in Washington, has experienced no symptoms of the illness and may have built resistance to it, Finley said Friday.

"The red panda, out of curiosity, probably checked out the markings," he said.

The National Zoo still plans to send a female red panda to Potter Park Zoo this summer for breeding, Finley said.

Only 33 zoos in the United States and Canada have red pandas, which have ringed tails. They usually weigh 25 pounds and live about 15 years.

An endangered species, red pandas come from northern China and are cousins of the black-and-white Giant Pandas.

Flag flew wrong for years

NORFOLK (AP) — An American flag held a place of honor in a school auditorium for 30 years before someone finally noticed it was missing two stars.

The flag had been at Azalea Gardens Middle School since the school opened in 1961, two years after Alaska and Hawaii joined the Union.

Eighth-grader Michael Hebert noticed the discrepancy during an

orchestra rehearsal last month.

"You know how when they're on flag stands and they're waving going down, and you never see the stars," Principal Greta I. Gustavson said.

The school retired the flag during an assembly Friday and unfurled a new one that had all 50 stars and had been briefly flown over the Capitol in Washington.

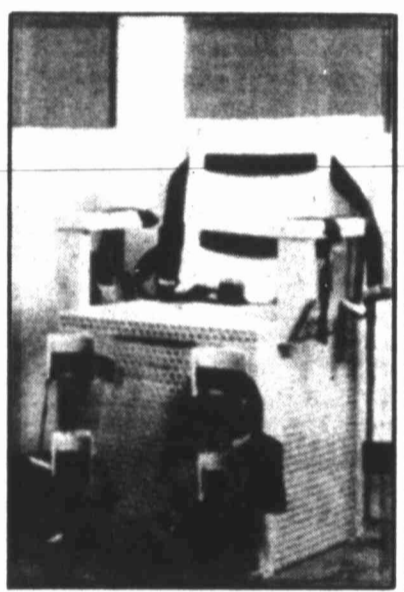
Execution coverage goes to court

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Under state law, television cameras may capture the arrest, trial and sentencing of a California convict. This week, a trial will examine whether the video witnesses should be allowed to take the final step — into San Quentin's gas chamber.

In its federal civil lawsuit, publicly supported TV station KQED argues the public has a right to see the death penalty meted out.

"Why is it that the ultimate act of criminal justice should suddenly be taken behind closed doors? This is being done in our name on our behalf and with our money, and therefore we would argue that we have a right to see it," said Michael Schwarz, current affairs director for the San Francisco station.

The state attorney general's office, however, says reporters don't have any specific legal right



GAS CHAMBER

to witness executions and could pose security problems with their electronic equipment.



Brandon Taylor, 11, center, and Kevin Jolicœur look through the rubble of the Taylor's mobile home. Jennifer Boyd, foreground, sits on the only surviving piece of furniture.

Twisters kill five people in Tennessee

SELMER, Tenn. (AP) — Residents and volunteers cleared away wreckage of homes and businesses Saturday in the wake of tornadoes that killed five people in Tennessee and Kentucky.

"All I can remember is rolling over and over and people screaming," Jerry Inman said as he picked through the rubble of his used car business. "I don't know how any of us lived through it."

Ten people had sought shelter from the storm in a mobile home that served as Inman's office. The tornado left only the trailer's twisted metal chassis.

Inman and his wife, Peggy, ended up 150 yards from the trailer's original location. A prospective customer was killed when the twister dropped a car on him.

Inman and his wife suffered cuts and his son-in-law, Michael Sawyer, suffered head injuries. They were treated at a hospital but the others in the trailer had less serious injuries.

The tornado hospitalized 17 Selmer residents and dozens were treated for cuts and bruises.

Three other Tennessee residents also were killed, and an 11-year-old boy was killed in Kentucky when his grandparents' mobile home was slammed against a tree.

In Minnesota, freezing rain, snow and strong winds Saturday toppled an 850-foot ice-covered television tower, hundreds of trees and power lines in the Duluth area.

No injuries were reported, but Minnesota Power reported power outages affecting thousands of homes. The outages disrupted 911 emergency telephone service in Duluth for several hours and left the weather service office temporarily without forecast information.

Tornadoes also struck parts of Iowa, northeastern Mississippi and eastern Illinois.

Inman said there was little warning that a serious storm was approaching, but people began seeking shelter in his office when it started to rain. When the rain turned violent and the wind began to roar, Inman said he yelled for everyone to hit the floor.

Thirteen businesses in the small town were damaged and five houses were destroyed, according to preliminary state figures. Twenty-five houses suffered major damage at Selmer. Five mobile homes were demolished and the town's two high schools suffered about \$500,000 in damage, said Steve Smith of McNairy County Emergency Management Agency.

About 95 percent of surrounding McNairy County was without electricity and probably will be until Monday, Smith said.

The hardest-hit parts of southwestern Kentucky appeared to be in the Dripping Springs and Lickskill sections of Logan County near Olmstead.

World

End of violence sought

MOSCOW (AP) — Leaders of the Russian and Georgian republics agreed Saturday to form joint police units to quell a "mini civil war" in South Ossetia, where clashes have claimed at least 44 lives, Soviet media reported.

The agreement was signed by the Georgian president, Zviad Gamsakhurdia, and Boris N. Yeltsin, president of the Russian Federation, according to the independent Interfax news agency.

"A mini civil war is taking

place" in mostly Muslim South Ossetia, Interfax quoted Yeltsin as saying. "We both are convinced that order must be restored there."

Tens of thousands of people have fled the fighting in the region, which declared independence from Georgia last year shortly after Georgia declared sovereignty from the Soviet Union.

The South Ossetians are primarily Sunni Muslims.

Director of death camp quits

ERFURT, Germany (AP) — The new director of the memorial to those who died in the Buchenwald Nazi concentration camp has resigned amid controversy over his membership in the Communist Party.

Local newspapers reported earlier this month that Ulrich Schneider, a 36-year-old historian, had covered up his membership in the party when he applied for the job at the site of the former Nazi concentration camp.

Schneider then resigned on March 14, a day before he was to have hosted the Israeli foreign

minister, David Levy, who was on an official visit to Germany.

The resignation was later reported to the legislature in Erfurt, the capital of the state of Thuringia in which the camp site is located.

Between 1937 and 1945, approximately 50,000 people died at the camp near the city of Weimar.

Schneider's resignation came only five days after he assumed the post. Membership in the Communist Party is legal in Germany, but controversy focused on the fact that he had not included it in his application.

Government ends poll tax

LONDON (AP) — An estimated 10,000 people marched through central London Saturday to celebrate the end of the government's poll tax, police said.

The march — originally planned as a protest against the tax — was generally peaceful, according to police. The government announced last week it would scrap the unpopular levy.

The tax, which replaced property rates, caused great resentment because it was not based on assets or income but on the number of people per household. Many Britons refused to pay it.

The unpopularity of the tax, spearheaded by then-Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, helped bring about her downfall.

Environment Secretary Michael Heseltine told lawmakers last week the government had decided to scrap the tax because "the public has not been persuaded that the charge is fair."



POLICE LINE

Saturday's turnout was far below the 100,000 organizers had predicted, but they claimed success in their campaign against the tax.

Public records

HOWARD COUNTY COURT RULINGS

Oscar M. Ontiveros, order to discharge from terms of probation.

Chad Daniel Deax, guilty of theft over \$20 but under \$200. Fined \$200, \$129.50 court costs, 6 months probation at own expense, and eight hours community service.

Robert Romero Flores, guilty of DWLS. Fined \$200, \$127.50 court costs, and 60 days in jail.

Debra Carol Bradberry, guilty of DWLS. Fined \$200, \$162.50 court costs, and 30 days in jail.

Pedro Aponte, guilty of DWLS. Fined \$200, \$129.50 court costs, and three days in jail.

Raymond Tate, guilty of DWI — 2nd offense. Fined \$800, \$142.50 court costs, 24 months probation at own expense, 30 days in jail and eight hours community service.

Jose A. Gutierrez, guilty of DWI. Fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, 24 months probation at own expense, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program and eight hours community service.

Clifford Arvin Hart, guilty of DWI. Fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, 24 months probation at own expense, ordered to attend an educational alcohol program and eight hours community service.

Linda Ornelas Hinojos, guilty of DWI. Fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, 24 months probation at own expense and ordered to attend an educational alcohol program.

Marcellino Olivarez, Jr., guilty of DWI. Fined \$450, \$144.50 court costs, 24 months probation at own expense and ordered to attend an educational alcohol program.

Samuel Davis Hobbs, guilty of DWI. Fined \$600, \$144.50 court costs, 12 months probation at own expense and ordered to attend an educational program.

Manuel Marquez, Case #40,478, dismissed.

Lloyd Long, Case #40,471, dismissed.

Carl Willard Small, order to defer adjudication of Case #40,593, fee of \$50 and \$87.50 court costs for costs of this action.

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Ray Carl McGee, guilty of DWLS. Fined \$200, \$164.50 court costs, and three days in jail.

Stacy Lynn Mann, guilty of FMFR, subsequent offense. Fined \$200, \$204.50 court costs, six months probation at own expense.

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Manuel Ramirez Jr., 26, 1407 Young and Kristi Lavelle Gordon, 20, same.

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David M. Salazar, 24, 1015 E. 21st and Lolita Heredia Alvarez, 21, same.

DISTRICT COURT FILINGS

Steven Fox vs. Teresa Fox, divorce.

Viola Baeza Salgado vs. Jessie Martinez Salgado, divorce.

Sears, Roebuck and Co. vs. Lavara Mitchell, contract.

Sandra Lee McCullough vs. Ricky Lane McCullough, divorce.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center, Inc vs. Ector County Hospital District and Medical Center Hospital, contract.

Sylvia Brito Garfias vs. Frank Trevino Garfias, divorce.

Alice Marie Young vs. Charles Young Sr., divorce.

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Opinion

Herald opinion

Our outlook? Both bright and a bit challenging

This issue of the *Big Spring Herald* marks our annual effort to identify efforts and issues that will be addressed during the coming year and offer some possibilities for the future.

We think the outlook is bright. Big Spring has made progress in a number of areas during recent years and many of them are featured in this edition.

It is a typical reaction to this news business that too often the focus is on the negative; that there are hardly ever any "good" stories that see the light of day. Some of that is understandable. Often, that which occurs that is truly news is hardly what you would label good; on the other hand, does anyone really expect to pick up their newspaper and learn how many airplanes and jets successfully landed yesterday? Or do you expect to read a full report of an air crash disaster?

It's not typically news that war *did not* erupt in Canada this week — but if it did, would you be expecting to read about it? Of course.

Recognizing this, is some ways, leads to an annual effort like this edition of the Herald, with a focus on what has been accomplished, what people living in the communities of this area are hoping to accomplish and, for the most part, focusing on what has been done well.

That in no way means that there aren't many serious issues to be addressed as we wind our way through the rest of 1991 and approach one more year in this decade to conclude the 20th century. There are plenty of challenges that face us in this community.

Some of them are being addressed — through expanded, professional efforts to attract additional jobs to this community, and thereby improve the quality of life for those who can benefit from more choices; we have challenges that are not unlike those of other communities, such as the continuing need to deal with recycling and disposal of the trash and garbage that more than 20,000 people create each day.

We face a continuing challenge in regard to the quality of life offered to the residents of this community. Among the nice aspects of that challenge is that many are quite capable of lending an eager hand to improve the quality of life and numerous opportunities lend themselves to such civic involvement; all it takes is somebody willing to do, instead of just complain.

Likewise, we face several challenges within the framework of both our city and county governments and our education systems to ensure the best operation and expenditure of public funds is attained.

In fact, the onslaught of spring tells you that the time is near for decisions on both city government and school district representation. Election time is little more than a month away and voters have choices and decisions to make.

All in all, we see a bright outlook for Big Spring and all of Crossroads Country. Much remains to be done, but that shouldn't cause us to overlook what has already been done. We hope this issue of the Herald helps you focus on the accomplishments and the desire for future successes

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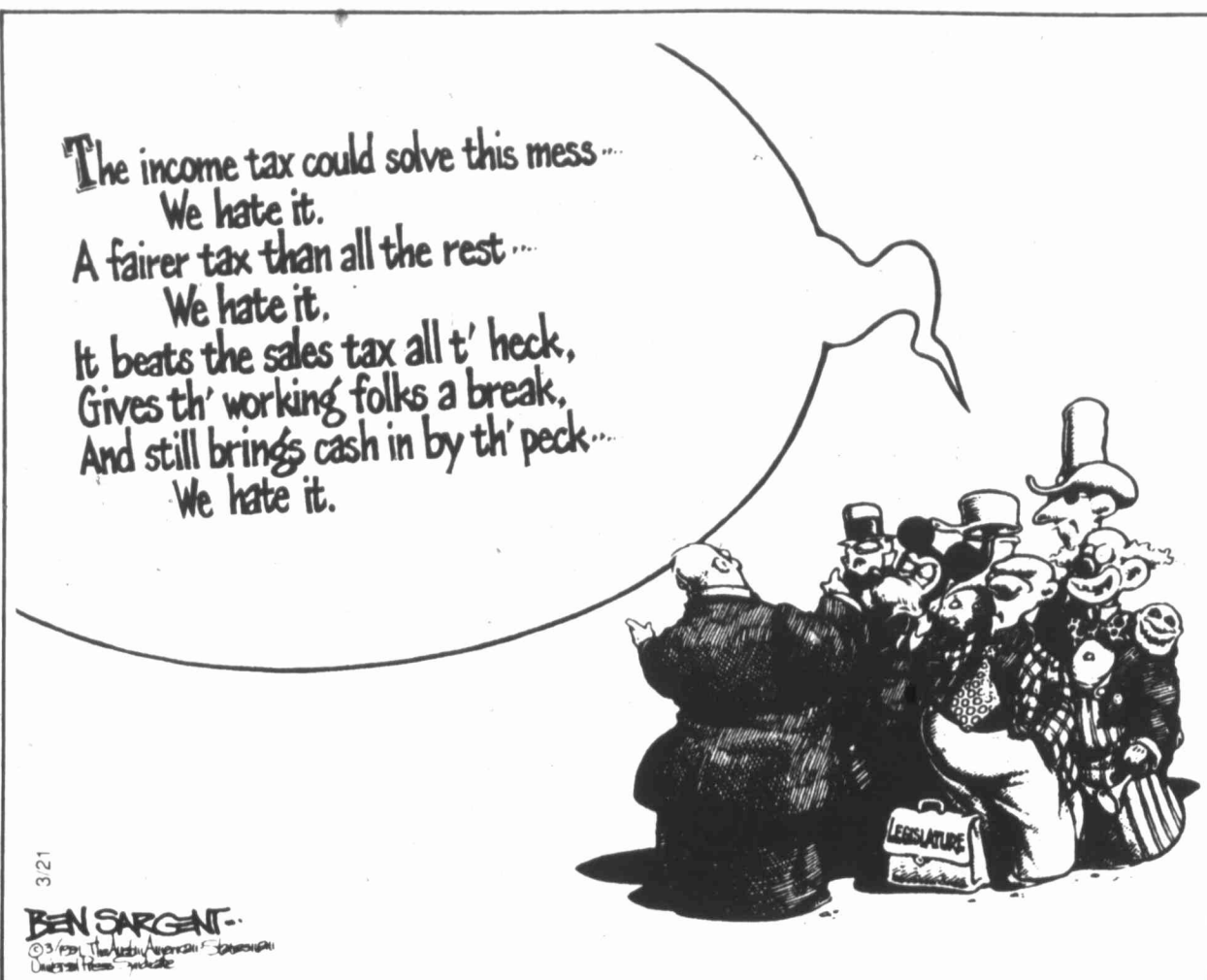
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Mailbag

Talking of pool, lake and trucks

To the editor:
There are three items pertaining to the community that I would like to address.

• The proposed closing of the park swimming pool. I do not feel the city should be in the recruiting business for membership in the Y.M.C.A. at the expense of those who are not financially able to afford it.

There are many residents who are financially unable to join the Country Club, nor do they have a desire to do so.

Closing of the public swimming pool is not a good selling factor when trying to bring new business to Big Spring and Howard County. We are short enough on outside recreation as it is.

• Limited access to Moss Lake. Let's get that place open like it should be.

You are running our citizens to other lakes with their dollars when you shut down or limit access to our own facilities.

We have some very valuable and attractive assets right here in the Big Spring area that we should promote to the fullest as we do the McMahan/Wrinkle Airpark.

I think the city administration would be surprised to know how many out-of-Howard County people visit Moss Lake and will also use Comanche Lake when they are able to drop a hook into it.

We are being charged a city sales tax to be used to bring business into the city but are restricting or closing the recreation facilities requiring our citizens to go out of town with their dollars. That doesn't make much good sense to me.

• The fire truck that is getting all the publicity.

I suggest that someone take a look at the preventative maintenance program. A two-month-old vehicle would not perform any better if it had

foreign matter added to its fuel system. It sounds to me like the fuel filters were doing the job they were designed to do, and would do the same on a new vehicle.

It should take more than a dirty fuel tank and fuel filter to justify replacing the fire truck.

Otherwise, we are doing a good job overall.

C.D. URBAN
709 W. 13th

members and present administration.

Mr. Ward has the support of many of his faculty, parents and students.

I feel we should all get behind this matter and support it in any way we can.

JUDY WEST
P.O. Box 127
Coahoma

Kudos for Hawk teams

To the editor:
Congratulations to the Howard College Hawks and Lady Hawks!

They had both had tremendous seasons. The Hawks won the Region V Tourney for the first time in over 20 years. The Lady Hawks made an excellent showing in their Regional Tourney, despite losing one of their top scorers to injury before the tournament.

Keep up the good work. We are proud of you!

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Hiring issue is being raised

To the editor:
I am writing this letter to express my concern as well as many others in Coahoma regarding the non-renewal of the contract of the Coahoma High School principal, Dennis Ward.

Many Coahoma citizens met this past Monday night to try to organize as a group and more than two hundred people have signed a petition regarding this matter. All other citizens who share our concern over this matter are encouraged to attend the monthly school board meeting Monday night, March 25, at 7 p.m. at the Coahoma ISD Administration Building. We plan to voice our concern to the school board

Appreciative of the council

To the editor:
I would like to thank the City Council members for their courtesy at the meeting Feb. 25. I was extremely nervous as I have never attended a meeting. The members and the regulars put me at ease, listened, and saw to it I got answers, not runaround. They seemed very interested in what I had to say and I was very impressed. Also, thank you to Mr. Blacksheer for his helpful input.

DENISE HODNETT
2509 Hunter

Letters

Letters to the editor on issues of general interest always are welcomed by the *Big Spring Herald* and always are printed if these guidelines are followed: Letters should be 350 words or less, typewritten if possible, and double-spaced. If not, the handwriting must be legible to reduce chances for mistakes. They are subject to editing, but the essence of the writer's message will not be altered. Letters exceeding the 350-word limit will be cut.

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Los Angeles PD case calls law to question

By JESSE TREVINO

It is fair to say that most of the nation was shocked by the now-infamous videotape of Los Angeles police beating a black motorist and that most people have recoiled in disgust.

But it is curious to hear a band of people, one would hope certainly a minority of the population, defend the actions of the police. Callers into radio phone-in programs are not scientifically representative of the public at large, but a surprising number are trying to justify what happened.

Those kinds of reactions — immediate defense of the police in the midst of overwhelming evidence — come from a fear of what is happening to society in general: there is a sense that the criminal element has gained the upper hand and police are justified in using even extreme means to restore order to an increasingly explosive world.

The California case involved a black man, taking the civil rights violation of a citizen into another context. For too many citizens, the police are seen as the last defense against an often dangerous world and, too often,

Jesse Trevino



minorities are not given the benefit of the doubt in these kinds of cases because they live under constant suspicion of criminal activity.

A caller on one radio show said the case would not have drawn the national attention had the victim been a white man. I don't know about that, but I sense that there are a number of people who would rise to the defense of the police for any reason, on any day.

At one point in the 1980s, I served on a grand jury investigating a similar civil rights violation case in which both the victim and the policeman were white. The district attorney's central piece of evidence in the case was a videotape showing clearly that the police officer attacked, with no evident reason, the man he had arrested. Intakes of air and suppressed

expressions of the word Jesus summed up the grand jury's reaction. But three jurors, all older and non-Hispanic whites, appeared impassive.

The tape was replayed time and again, and as the grand jury made comments each time signaling their dismay, the expressions of the three jurors seemed to change from impassivity to hardness. Watching them, I knew we were in for a long discussion.

The discussion lasted for days. Like most citizens who support the police, I nevertheless found the defense the grand jurors were making of the policeman's actions to be a gross violation of the trust we as grand jurors held on behalf of the community at large. The discussion grew heated.

When we called in the police officer, he was remorseless. Given the long record of grand juries no-billing police officers, he might have been the recipient of bad legal advice. But whatever sympathy I might have had for him was dispelled by an arrogant and offensive haughtiness.

Despite the tape and the officer's testimony that he did nothing wrong, the three jurors were steadfast in their defense, which centered largely on the argument that the police had to be supported — they put their lives on the line for us every day, as one juror put it.

True enough. But lost on them was the argument that police officers themselves have laws to obey — laws that protect both the police and the individuals they apprehend.

The police officer was indicted under a vote that was not unanimous.

Walking out of the courthouse, I spoke with a fellow juror who had voted for the indictment, and she confided in me the doubts she had — not about the police officer's indictment, but about the reaction of the grand jurors.

I cannot remember her exact words but it was something on the order of "the system barely worked this time." Indeed, the system had barely worked, and my experience left me wondering how many other juries had

failed to indict police officers because they are seen as front-line combatants against crime.

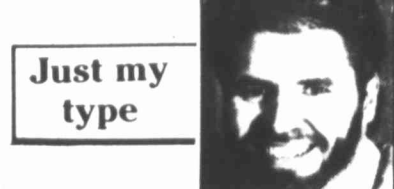
In the Los Angeles case, a whole nation has watched a serious violation of a human being's rights. If the system does not work in Los Angeles, the nation will sustain far deeper wounds than those sustained by the motorist.

And both will have been caused by police officers.

It is a curious thing, indeed, when ordinary citizens who rise up to defend the police automatically, disregard one of the basic elements of our system of legal jurisprudence: that personal feelings should not override the evidence in a case.

The police officers now indicted in the Los Angeles case will have their day in court unless they plead guilty. The jury selected to hear their case will have before them not just a notorious case but, in effect, the entire system of American law.

Jesse Trevino, formerly of *Big Spring*, is editorial page editor of the *Austin American-Statesman*.



Bringing a paper together

By ROBERT WERNSMAN
Publisher

This will be a week to remember. It's not by accident that a newspaper more than twice the size of the typical local Sunday edition arrives at your door (or relatively close, I always hope). We get this feeling most every year around this time when our annual major production is delivered, but it's particularly gratifying this time.

There are a number of reasons for this.

The most prominent, naturally, is the paper you're holding this morning. It's our biggest of the year and the effort required of our staff to assemble it reflects its size.

The whole experience of orchestrating the production of a daily newspaper is magnified with a multi-section special like the Outlook each spring. We would be absolutely nowhere without the coordinated efforts of each department making good on its obligations, and that's particularly true when you add three extra sections covering a broad range of topics.

The performances by four of the six departments thus far stand out; only two more remain for a complete sweep. Although we've already begun thinking about improvements for next year, the planning for such an undertaking begins earnestly as soon as the new year arrives.

This issue has meant extra hours in the newsroom for the editorial staff, as well as a well-rounded response from public figures who were invited to summarize the past year and provide some forecast for the next several months.

Karen McCarthy never seems to display weariness when hearing about how "I used to do it, when I was managing editor," but this production by her staff exceeds my performance in her position and they have reason to be praised.

Likewise, the advertising staff performed well above par on this effort.

One of the typical methods of measuring their success is in the number of inches sold, particularly since that's how the dollars and cents are measured and certainly no one in business will miss the importance of that. However, when it comes to assembling such a special edition — as well as serving our readers on a daily basis — not only do we keep track of the size, but also of the number of advertisers.

It's encouraging in many ways, therefore, when you realize that not only did we improve our performance — with eight additional pages over last year — but the number of advertisers participating increased by more than 40 percent. When more of our market is served in this way, our entire market is better served.

Of course, all that can lead to production headaches and we've had our share of those, but not this time around. In fact, one guy who usually gets to manage those production headaches thought it was Friday about 5:30 Thursday evening as we looked around and realized we were within minutes of the last of 48 extra pages being completed and turned over to the cameraman. That was such a first, he figured it must be Friday.

It's pretty exciting, as you might imagine, when you gain nearly 48 hours over the previous year in the production end of such an undertaking. Cooperation from all departments is a necessity, and production did its share.

When 5:30 p.m. Friday actually did arrive, the last of three extra sections was rolling off the press and most everybody was in a rather chipper mood, compromised only a bit by a natural weariness for the effort. The press crew, also, had stepped forward and done its job.

All that's left as this is written is the final assembly of the whole product Saturday night and its delivery — no simple task for our carriers, as you might imagine, and then a handful of numbers to be accounted for by the bookkeeping department to complete the circle.

Gosh, I love this business. Thanks for coming along; I hope you enjoy the trip.

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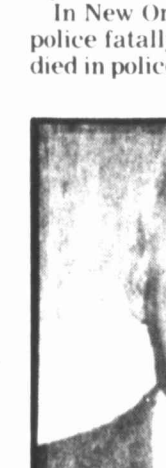
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Police under fire



Associated Press photo

Making arrest

RICHMOND, Va. — Richmond police officers Julie Ennis, left, and Christi Schroeder cover the passenger of a car after police stopped the vehicle Friday. The stop was made after officers

allegedly spotted its occupants carrying firearms into a nearby store. Both men were later charged with carrying concealed weapons.

Is police brutality on the rise?

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Drunk again, Eddie Estrada was staggering down the street to a convenience store when a white police officer stopped him, knocked him to the ground and allegedly whacked his left leg with a nightstick 10, maybe 15, times.

"The police officer just started hitting me," said Estrada, a 31-year-old unemployed, illiterate alcoholic. "He didn't say anything. He just started beating me up."

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Eddie Estrada

Estrada's kneecap was dislocated, nerves in his leg killed and ligaments damaged beyond repair. His leg was amputated at the knee.

There was no videotape of the incident, no national media attention, no public outburst — only the question of whether Estrada's November nighttime beating was an isolated incident or part of a nationwide problem of police brutality, officers failing to police themselves.

The videotaped police beating in Los Angeles, in which a black man was severely clubbed by three nightstick-wielding officers, while 18 colleagues watched, has stirred a nationwide outcry and focused new attention on cases like Estrada's.

"This may be a defining period for us in law enforcement," said Hubert Williams, the former reforming police chief in Newark, N.J., who now heads the Washington-based Police Foundation.

Although statistics aren't kept on police brutality, several experts — but not all — said they believe incidents may be on the rise. The culprits: a combination of more violent crime, declining economic conditions, racial tensions, lack of oversight and accountability, and even the makeup and training of police departments themselves.

"In most places, these incidents don't exist, but some places seem to have concentrations of them, and Los Angeles is one of them," said Jim Fyfe, an American University professor, former police officer and member of the Law Enforcement Accreditation Commission. "Overall, instead of becoming a kinder, gentler country, we're becoming quite nasty."

In New Orleans, a family claims police fatally beat a cop-killer who died in police custody. In Atlanta, a

probe is under way into allegations that a suspected prowler was beaten by more than a dozen officers. In Dayton, Ohio, a police officer was fired after he admitted he tortured a drug suspect with a hot clothes iron.

Kansas City and Dallas police have come under fire after accidentally shooting and killing citizens. Miami, Tampa, Fla., and Selma, Ala., have had protests and even riots in the past two years over the use of police force.

In San Antonio, Estrada said his beating ended when a second, Hispanic, officer, arrived at the scene. The second officer dragged him to a police car and drove him to jail. He wasn't charged, but spent the night in the drunk tank.

The next morning, sobering up to excruciating pain, Estrada summoned a nurse then looked at his purple, swollen leg, by now twice as big as his right leg, and had him rushed by ambulance to a hospital.

San Antonio police declined to comment. An incident report filed by the Hispanic officer said Estrada became belligerent and "wanted to fight." The report made no mention of a fight, however, adding only that Estrada "was a danger to himself and others by not being able to safely navigate his way home. (He) was transported to detox."

Estrada sued the city and police department March 12. The FBI interviewed him three days later, one day after Attorney General Dick Thornburgh ordered a nationwide Justice Department review of police brutality complaints.

The Los Angeles video, police officials, experts and critics agree, already has changed the climate for police-community relations, possibly making it harder for officers to do their jobs, probably leading juries to be harsher on police defendants, and ultimately

leading to strong reforms and better training.

Citizens are more likely to complain about police incidents and are more likely to be believed, they say.

"Without that videotape to put that in people's consciences, it's hard for people to believe their police officers can be brutal beasts," said Estrada's attorney, Marvin Miller.

"This is a real watershed event. It may change the way we look at police," said Fyfe.

Some experts believe brutality actually is declining, but that it is reported anecdotally more frequently, giving the public the impression that it is escalating.

Studying the problem is difficult, experts say, since police departments don't report the number of brutality complaints, even though they generally release elaborate statistics on all forms of other crimes, and since in-house investigations usually are defensive and often cursory.

Whether increasing or declining, a profile of police brutality is emerging, however.

Officers involved in brutality are more likely to be highly educated, usually with a college degree or time at a four-year college. They tend to be frustrated with their jobs and sometimes under stress from unhappy personal situations.

Brutality incidents are more likely to occur in the first 5 to 7 years of their careers, perhaps because they are more scared and not as savvy, perhaps because they are assigned to high-crime areas.

"As they get older, they are more likely to retreat from difficult situations," said Arnold Binder, a police expert at the University of California-Irvine.

Abusers in police departments almost always believe they are teaching a lesson to the offender, who almost always is a minority, said Dick Sobel, a police brutality expert with the National Lawyer's Guild.

"Your training is not to use force, but they give you all those... weapons and when your authority is challenged, when you've got problems at home, when you're fed up with your job, you think you're right to do it," Sobel said.

AG asks justice department for brutality case statistics

DALLAS (AP) — State Attorney General Dan Morales says his office has sent a letter asking the U.S. Department of Justice to supply official statistics on police brutality cases in Texas, a newspaper reported Saturday.

The Justice Department will conduct a statewide review of police brutality cases in Texas, and Morales says he wants to support that investigation, The Dallas Morning News reported.

In addition to the letter seeking statistics, Morales says he has discussed the issue with U.S. Attorney General Dick Thornburgh.

Texas leads the nation in alleged police brutality cases, according to a recent study by the Morning News. Since 1984, Texas police officers have been accused in more than 2,000 cases of alleged brutality.

About 50 cases, involving 125 officers, were prosecuted in Texas from 1980 to 1989.

The attorney general's office has

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Dan Morales

the authority to investigate alleged police brutality cases and present them to grand juries, Morales said. The office also is responsible for keeping statistics on people who die in police custody or jail.

"I am of the opinion, and I think most citizens would be of the opinion, that the vast majority of law enforcement personnel and police officers in Texas are top-notch, top-quality professionals," Morales said.

"However, just as clearly, there are problems out there — very severe problems."

Ron DeLord, president of the Combined Law Enforcement Association of Texas, which represents law enforcement officers, says Texas also leads the nation in the number of police officers killed in the line of duty.

During 1990, 16 Texas police officers were killed in the line of duty. The previous year, 17 law enforcement officers were killed. So far in 1991, four police officers have died in the line of duty, said Mike Cox, a spokesman for the Department of Public Safety.

DeLord said he does not object to Morales' investigation of police brutality in Texas, "as long as we look at the totality of the circumstances."

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5. The holder of a telephone number published in the Herald's Telephone Number Sweepstakes Contest from March 4 to May 12, must call the Big Spring Herald at 263-7331, by no later than 5:30 p.m. on the 7th business day following the publishing of the winning number. Contest Department hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Monday to Friday. The contest office is not open on Saturdays, Sundays or Statutory holidays. Upon reporting a winning telephone number, the holder of the number will be advised of the steps to follow to claim the prize. Published telephone numbers reported to the Herald following the close of the contest department on the 7th business day following publication of the number, will not be accepted and will not be eligible to claim a prize.
6. The holder of the Grand Prize telephone number as published on May 12, the final day of the contest, must call the contest department of the Herald at 263-7331 no later than 5:30 p.m. on May 23, 9th business day, following publication of the winning number. Business hours are shown in rule number 5. If the Grand Prize, relating to the telephone number published in the Herald on May 12, has not been claimed by the close of the contest department office on the 9th business day following publication, a 2nd Grand Prize number will be published on the 10th business day following the publication of the initial Grand Prize number. This process will be repeated, until the Grand Prize has been claimed.
7. If a successful winner receives 6-day home delivery of the Big Spring Herald, by carrier, motor route delivery, or mail, this person will receive an additional cash amount, equivalent to their prize. The winner must be receiving home delivery the day the winning number appears in the Herald.
8. It is not necessary to purchase the Herald to participate in the contest. Live telephone numbers will be posted in the main business office of the Herald, 710 Scurry St., and copies of the Herald are available for inspection during regular business hours.
9. Published telephone numbers will not be given out over the telephone.
10. By playing Herald Telephone Number Sweepstakes contest, contestants agree to accept these rules and to allow publication of their name and address and/or picture within the Herald. The decision of the judges appointed by the Herald will be final and binding.
11. Anyone 18 years or older can play the Herald Telephone Number Sweepstakes contest, except employees and their immediate families of the Big Spring Herald and Thomson Newspapers Corporation.
12. Any person without a telephone number can submit their address for contest participation.
13. Photo identification is required to collect your prize.



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The Persian Gulf

Sidelines

Saddam shakes up his cabinet

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Saddam Hussein shuffled his Cabinet on Saturday during a nationwide rebellion against his rule, but kept in place his hard-line ministers of interior and defense to direct a crackdown on dissent.

Saddam gave up the job of prime minister but remains as president, head of the ruling Iraqi branch of the Arab Socialist Baath Party and chairman of the Revolutionary Command Council, which effectively runs the country.

The government shakeup followed claims by Kurdish and Shiite Muslim rebels that rioting in the north and south had intensified and spread to the capital, Baghdad.

Meanwhile, there were news reports that Iran intended to hold Iraqi warplanes that took refuge there during the Persian Gulf War. Previously, Iran had promised to release the nearly 140 aircraft after the war ended.

New PM seen as reformer

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Iraq's new prime minister is a Shiite Muslim from the holy city of Karbala, a hot spot in the uprising against Saddam Hussein, and is regarded as a leading proponent of political change.

Saturday's appointment of Saadoun Hammadi as prime minister in the new government is seen as an attempt to placate the rebellious Shiite majority in the south.

That uprising and another revolt by the Kurds in the north began after U.S.-led forces crushed Saddam's military to restore Kuwait's sovereignty and end a seven-month Iraqi occupation.

Despite his Shiite background and reformist tendencies, Hammadi has been one of Saddam's closest associates for decades — and among the handful of ranking Iraqis who have survived Saddam's periodic murderous purges.

Task force's job now tougher

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — The U.N. Security Council decision to ease the economic embargo on Iraq will make life tougher for the U.S.-led naval intercept force in the Persian Gulf, a spokesman said Saturday.

"It's going to get more complicated," said Comm. Mark Neuhart, spokesman for U.S. Naval Forces Central Command.

Before Friday's U.N. action, all trade was banned with Iraq, except for the limited shipments of food, medicine and other supplies allowed for humanitarian reasons.

But the Security Council's sanctions committee Friday declared a humanitarian emergency exists in all of Iraq. It agreed to lift all restrictions on food and ease rules for fuel, spare parts, generators, water purification equipment and other health-related material.

Briton awarded Legion of Merit

DHAHRAN, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Desert Storm commander Gen. H Norman Schwarzkopf on Saturday presented the Legion of Merit, Degree of Officer award to Lt. Gen. Sir Peter de la Billiere, commander of British forces in the Middle East.

The U.S. Central Command said that at an award ceremony in Riyadh, Schwarzkopf praised the British commander's role in the war that drove Iraqi forces out of Kuwait.

"His astute leadership, coupled with his abilities as a brilliant military tactician, strategist and planner, were instrumental in the defeat of Iraqi forces and the subsequent liberation of Kuwait," Schwarzkopf said.

"The overwhelming success of Operation Desert Storm stands as a testament to his unwavering commitment and steadfast support to his coalition partners."



Detained

KUWAIT — A group of suspected Iraqi collaborators covers their faces as they sit in a holding cell in Kuwait recently. Since the

liberation of that country, the military has been rounding up suspected collaborators for investigation.

Surviving animals face slow, painful deaths



SULAIBIYA DISTRICT, Kuwait — John Walsh, assistant director general of the World Society for the Protection of Animals, pats an emaciated Arabian racehorse on a farm outside Kuwait City Saturday.

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Rotting carcasses of Holstein cows litter a roadside, the victims of cluster bombs. The oil-blackened remains of gulls rest nearby. A once-powerful Arabian racehorse's ribs show, a leg wound drawing flies.

War, starvation and ecological disasters have decimated Kuwait's animal population. With human needs so pressing, the emirate lacks the food and manpower to save the animals that remain.

In the city streets, scrawny stray cats pick through mounds of fetid garbage. Starving dogs chew on the corpses of dead Iraqi soldiers in northern Kuwait. Camels and sheep have sticky black coats from the residue of hundreds of oil-well fires.

"So far it's been very frustrating because there's no food available and the government just doesn't care," said John Walsh, assistant director general of the Boston-based World Society for the Protection of Animals. "The Iraqis caused the problems, but the Kuwaitis are going to have to make an effort if they want to solve it."

But some of the problems are

clearly beyond anyone's control.

On farms in the Sulaiybiya District outside Kuwait City, dozens of dead gulls, their feathers covered in oil, are scattered in a sandy patch a few hundred yards long. Thousands more birds, mostly grebes and cormorants, have died as a result of oil spilled in the Persian Gulf's waters.

But the close concentration of dead birds at an inland location suggests something else may have contributed to their demise: toxic fumes from nearby oil well fires or rain water poisoned by the smoke, said Walsh, a wildlife biologist.

"It's like the canary used in coal mines," said Walsh. "If the birds are dying like this, it must also be affecting humans."

Near the dead birds were dozens of rancid carcasses of Holstein cows that starved to death after the Iraqis were driven out of the emirate last month.

There were 15,000 cows, mostly imported from the United States and Germany, on about 35 farms before the Iraqis invaded last August. They slaughtered many and deprived the rest of food.

What the winners won

LONDON (AP) — For each member of the coalition that drove Iraq out of Kuwait, the victory meant something different.

Syria was invited in from the diplomatic cold. Egypt was forgiven one-fourth of its debt. Turkey gained billions in aid and greater access to the U.S. market for its textiles.

Britain reasserted its role as America's best friend in Europe and the French government became more popular with its own people.

As President Turgut Ozal of Turkey put it: "Siding with the winners is always advantageous."

Any gains may quickly be reversed in the volatile Middle East, but it appears for the moment that few nations did as well as Syria.

President Hafez Assad committed 15,000 soldiers to the coalition and "managed to transform Syria's fortunes" in exchange, said Anoush Ehteshami, professor of Middle East politics and international relations at Exeter University in Britain.

Before the war, the United States and Britain shunned Syria's repressive government and its main backer, the Soviet Union, was losing influence throughout the region.

Britain restored relations in November, three months after Saddam Hussein seized Kuwait, and Secretary of State James A. Baker III met with Assad this month.

Ehteshami said Syria is seen as an important element in any future Arab security force.

It and Egypt, the other Arab pillar of the multinational force, signed an agreement with the six-member Gulf Cooperation Council in Damascus this month to provide security for the region. Persian Gulf states promised Syria \$3 billion in aid.

"No one would have expected the Syrians to be in that position two years ago," said Michael Clarke, executive director of the Center for Defense Studies at King's College, London.

"In the long term, Syria has to be very careful. The Syrians didn't do that much in the war. They are getting quite a lot of kudos from the minimum commitment. They have to be careful not to strain Western credibility."

Syria, Egypt and Morocco,

another Arab member of the coalition, encountered domestic opposition during the war from Islamic fundamentalists and factions that supported Iraq.

Egypt's financial gains were substantial. It received grants and pledges of aid exceeding \$3 billion, about half from Saudi Arabia. The United States wrote off \$6.7 billion in military debts and the Gulf states forgave debts of nearly \$7 billion.

In January, the Group of Seven industrialized nations said they were writing off one-third of Egypt's debt to them.

The aid helps compensate Egypt for losses caused by the gulf crisis. Premier Atel Sedki told Parliament in January the country had lost \$7.8 billion in revenue from the Suez Canal, tourism, non-oil exports and remittances from 670,000 Egyptian workers who fled Iraq and Kuwait.

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Kuwait adores George

KUWAIT CITY (AP) — Women want to marry him or name their children after him. Men call him boss or father. His name is on the lips of children.

George Bush, the liberator, has won Kuwaiti hearts.

When Kuwait's emir, Sheik Jaber Al-Ahmed Al-Sabah, returned home after seven months in exile, only about 5,000 Kuwaitis showed up to welcome him.

But Kuwaitis predict tens of thousands will turn out to cheer Bush when he makes a planned visit to the emirate. The White House says he wants to come soon, but no date has been set.

"If Bush comes, we will put him as emir," said Amal Al-Najjar, 30, a math teacher who printed an underground newspaper at her home and organized trips to Baghdad for Kuwaiti families to visit their loved ones who were prisoners of war.

"We used to have a saying, 'God, Land and the Emir.' Now people say, 'God, Land and Bush,' because even all the children know who got Kuwait free — Mr. Bush," she said.

Talib Ashkanani, 45, a secondary school principal surveying one of many schools trashed by the Iraqis, said: "He's our father now. We are reborn now. We will never forget him... We want to put a 51st star in the flag of the United States — the star of Kuwait."

In the living room of her home, Afaf Qabazard, 42, was pouring tea for guests to celebrate the return of her husband, who was taken hostage by the Iraqis and had just returned home. She asked an American visitor when Bush was coming.

"Bring him here so we can hug him and kiss him and thank him," she said. "I would say God bless you and all of America... I would give him my eyes if he wants. I would put him on my shoulders and run all around Kuwait — it's not enough."

Afaf's brother Ismail Qabazard, 34, who owns an agricultural company, said simply of Bush: "He's the boss."

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Spring board

How's that?

Q. Is it true the new Workers' Compensation law requires employers to do workplace drug testing?
A. According to the Texas Employment Commission, the new Workers' Compensation statute requires employers to have a "drug prevention program," but it does not specifically mandate drug testing. Employers have until the middle of June 1991 to get their drug prevention program in place without penalty. For more information on these new rules contact the Workers' Compensation Commission at 1-800-252-7031.

Calendar

- TODAY**
- The annual Rattlesnake Roundup will be from noon to 5 p.m. at the Howard County Fair Barns.
 - The Western Sportsmen Club and Area Law Enforcement is sponsoring a benefit shoot for Rape Crisis and Victim Services at 1:30 p.m. (registration at 12:30 p.m.). Location: nine miles west of Big Spring on Andrews Highway — follow signs. Bring your own handgun and ammo. For more information call Woodie Howell at 394-4472; or Keith Whiteside at 263-9428.
- TUESDAY**
- There will be a novice radio operator's licensing class at 7 p.m. at the Big Spring Amateur Radio Club building on south Highway 87.
 - AMAC (Adults Molested As Children) will meet at 5:15 p.m. in the St. Mary's Episcopal Church library, 1001 Goliad Street. Anyone interested must call first — Dr. Federman or Dawn Pearson at 267-8216 ext. 287.
 - The Parenting Support Group will meet at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Mental Health Center. This group provides support and parent education to assist parents in coping effectively with the management of their children and teenagers. Anyone interested must call first to schedule an orientation interview — John McGuffey, MA, LPC, or Dawn Garrett, MA, at 267-8216 ext. 287.
- WEDNESDAY**
- The Divorce Support Group will meet from 6 to 7 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, room 101. Anyone welcome. Child care is available. Use the back entrance at Gregg Street parking lot. For more information call 267-6394.
- THURSDAY**
- Masonic Lodge #598 will meet at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.
- SATURDAY**
- Howard County Youth Horseman's Club is sponsoring their third Belt Buckle Playday at the HCYHC arena on the Garden City Highway. Entries at 1 p.m.; playday starts at 2 p.m.
- Tops on TV**
- Shoot First: A Cop's Vengeance NBC Sunday Night at the Movies. Dale Midkiff, Alex McArthur. Two policemen, close friends since their days at the training academy, begin to differ in their ideas of law enforcement. 8 p.m. Ch. 9.
 - Six Wives of Henry VIII Masterpiece Theatre: 20th Anniversary Favorites. 7:30 p.m. Channel 5.

Returning soldiers to be spotlighted

The Big Spring Herald will offer a special feature in the Sunday Lifestyle section, spotlighting soldiers returning from the War in the Gulf. Contact Bill Ayres at the Herald, with any information about homecoming celebrations and family gatherings.

Council

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All of us have to be very astute. We have to be innovative and aggressive. Clark and his wife, Andre, have five children. John Coffee, a local attorney, served as Howard County Judge for two years and Municipal Judge for 17 years. Coffee said his experience as county judge helped him gain insight into budget-making that would be useful on the council. "That experience, coupled with the fact that I've been almost a lifelong resident of Big Spring... are what make me want to see what I could do to help this old town get turned around," he said. Coffee said economic development will be one of his priorities. An important element in such development will be competition on many levels, including taxation, schools, cultural events and attractiveness of the community, he added. He said the airport and the city's location are two of Big Spring's strongest assets. At the crossroads of two major highways, it would be an ideal distribution center for industry, he explained. He said his goal is to work for the citizenry. "I will offer whatever services I

have to try to accomplish what we need to do," he said. Coffee and his wife, Gloria, have four children. They have lived in Big Spring for 53 years. Chuck Condray, an administrator at Big Spring State Hospital, is completing his first term on the council. In a prepared statement, Condray said "previous accomplishments and unfinished projects" are his reasons for seeking a second term. Condray lists among his accomplishments participation in the Gregg Street Project and airport improvements, as well as helping to organize Moore Development for Big Spring Inc. and obtain the city-owned prisons. Still unfinished is his work with the Beals Creek anti-flood project. Condray said, listing it among his main reasons for wanting to continue on the council. "I plan to continue work toward the economic development of our city through attracting new business and supporting the efforts of existing businesses..." he said. He added that he would work for staff efficiency, improvements to public works and an increase of joint city-county endeavors. Condray expressed concern that the city continue cutting costs and monitor expenditures, and said joint efforts would allow entities to combine resources. A 30-year resident of Big Spring, Condray and his wife, Betty, have three sons. Gail Earls, another council in-cumbent, said participation and involvement are the strong points of her work. "I haven't missed a meeting since I was elected," she said, adding that she emphasizes attendance at city advisory boards, commissions and other groups that affect her work on the council. "I don't take anything second hand," she said. "I don't think you can act on second-hand stuff." She said she would like to see Big Spring become a popular stop for tourists. Development of parks and recreation areas is among her priorities, and she often works with the parks and recreation board, she said. Citizens have been very supportive of most of her decisions, Earls said, and she appreciates those who take time to voice their opinions. "I'm for any kind of input," she said. "I'd like to know what people think. Constructive criticism would be good for all of us." She said if elected for a second term, she would try to encourage more cooperation among groups.

"I take my job very seriously," she said, adding that she is learning more about the job all the time. "It never bothers me to say, 'Hey guys, I don't understand what you're talking about... I don't mind voting by myself if that's what happens.'" Earls and her husband, Floyd, have two children. Mark Sheedy, co-manager of the Do-It Center, said he is running for the council to "put back in some of what I've taken" from the community. A Big Spring native, Sheedy has worked with the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce in several positions, and serves on the board of adjustments and appeals. His civic activities include the YMCA, Boy Scouts and the United Way. Sheedy said he has "no axe to grind" with any city official, department or current council member. "I just want my chance to serve," he said. "I want to see both sides of the issues that affect the community." He added that he plans to live in Big Spring through retirement and thus has a strong concern for the quality of life. "If we make mistakes now, we'll have to live with them a long

Police beat

- Crime Stoppers is seeking information leading to the arrest and conviction or indictment in connection with a sexual assault which occurred on March 16. An elderly woman was assaulted in her home between 9 and 10 p.m., by a man described as five foot, nine inches, 180 pounds, between 35 and 40 years of age, short, dark hair, and broad facial features. The man might be of Hispanic or Caucasian descent. Crime Stoppers will pay \$1,000 for anonymous, confidential information. Call 263-TIPS, that's 263-8477 with any information to report.
- The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents:
 - A person in the 1200 block of Scurry Street reported an aggravated assault with a motor vehicle. The victim was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center but was not admitted.
 - A resident in the 1400 block of E. 14th Street reported the theft of a red lawn mower, valued at \$180.
 - A person at a business on the corner of I-20 and Highway 87 reported a 1979 Ford Club Cab pickup, valued at \$2,800, was loaded on March 12 and not returned.
 - A resident at the 2100 block on Main reported the theft of an air compressor and 50-foot hose. Value of the missing items is listed at \$300.
 - A person at the intersection on Main and First streets reported \$1,305 of property taken. Missing items include a flight bag, wallet, Wrangler jeans, a shaving kit, a shirt, a latern valued at \$20, batteries valued at \$80, a fishing pole with rod and reel valued at \$40, and Motorola Walkie-Talkies valued at \$1,000.
 - Four cases of beer were reported stolen from a business in the 400 block of Birdwell.
 - Cassette tapes and college study books were reported stolen in the 1000 block of Birdwell. Value of the missing merchandise is listed at \$220.

Museum

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bricks were sold, engraved and placed in the addition's foyer. Once inside, the feast begins. Guests will be invited to sample Texas caviar and Southwest finger foods provided by Don Newsom and home-cooked by local chefs. Champagne and a non-alcoholic punch will be served. Meanwhile, "cinematic hits from the past" will be showing on several movie screens and "paparazzi" will be struggling to snap photos of guests. Continuous piano music will be provided by local musicians Julie Shirey and Keith Ross. The second floor of the museum addition will feature art and theatre, Texas-style. In the main exhibit room, 10 Texas artists will show their western and historical art work. Paintings, sculpture and carvings from Steve Napper, Terry Gilbreth, Wayne Baize, Paul Kime, Terrell O'Brien, Garnet Buster, Bill Barrick, Rob DeLeon, Roy Lee Ward and Maisie Lee will be on display, and the creators will be present at the gala. Next door, in the Ruth Johnson Hardy Temporary Exhibit Hall, local actors will perform scenes from "Greater Tuna," a comedy about a fictional Texas town. Big Spring High School drama teacher Tim Haynes directed the vignettes, to be performed every half hour during the evening. A silent auction will take place throughout the event. Museum staff have secured such items as autographed photos of celebrities, scripts from popular TV shows and interesting gifts from local citizens to be sold to the highest bidder. Valet parking will be provided all evening by members of the Big Spring High School Key Club.



David Askew adds metal lathing to an arch in the new wing of the Heritage Museum in this October 1990 file photo. The new addition to the museum will be unveiled April 4.

Snake

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den they come to. That kills everything in the holes, like skunks and opossums," Higginbottom said. To milk the snakes, Darnell uses an L-shaped metal pole to manipulate the snake. He compresses the snake's head with the pole, then holds the snake just behind its mouth with his bare hands. The snake pops open its mouth to strike, and Darnell hooks the fangs onto the receptacle and forces the venom out through the fangs with his other hand. Snake hunter Kyle Young, 25, from north of Midland, brought in several snakes. He said the largest was probably about four to four and a half feet long, and weighed about five pounds. "I got nine out of one den. I know where the dens are, and I get the ones that come out sunning themselves. They won't go far when it's still cool at night. We pour a little gas in there, and with the fumes, they run out," Young said. Stallcop's group of snake handlers offer demonstrations for the crowds, including putting snakes into a zipped sleeping bag with a snake handler in it, and letting another handler sit still while snakes crawl on him. A cobra is also another attraction for the show. "We're here to dispell fallacies about rattlesnakes and to educate people about them. And we're here to entertain, too," said Stallcop. He's currently training two new snake handlers, Kyle Willhite and Brad Estep. Dee Estep, a snake handler with Mi Mo Jo, said she became interested in rattlesnakes after her son encountered one in the wild. Because he had seen a demonstration, he knew to stay perfectly still and slowly inch his way to safety, she said. She began her snake-handling career as the dummy, a part her son Kyle plays now. The dummy is the person who sits still while the snakes crawl over and around him. Kyle said he's been doing it long enough to overcome the fear factor. "I just have to sit still and stay still. I know if I don't make any sudden movements, the snakes won't

bother me," Kyle said. Sponsored by the American Business Club, Coors and Coca-Cola, the round-up also features an arts and crafts show, with wood crafts, ceramics, jewelry, toys, decorative vases and clothing. Snakeskin can be purchased in several different ways, as well as the rattles. For the gourmet, there's snake meat — served fried — with potato chips. Officials from Texas A&M University are also present obtaining research information about why people would visit a rattlesnake round-up, and to find out what the general public knows about rattlers. Admission to the Round-Up is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children.

Sheriff's log

- The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents:
 - A 30-year-old Big Spring man was released after serving 15 days in county jail for a driving while intoxicated charge, driving while license suspended charge, and fleeing from peace officers. His fines and charges total \$364.50.
 - A 29-year-old Big Spring woman was arrested and charged with revocation of probation. She was released after posting \$5,000 bond and instructed to see the probation officer, Frank Martinez.
 - A 30-year-old woman from Jayton, Texas, was arrested and charged with driving while intoxicated. She was released after posting \$1,500 bond.
 - A 37-year-old man, address listed as Sugarland, Texas, was arrested in Richmond County on a Howard County warrant for revocation of probation. He was released after posting \$1,000 bond.
 - A 24-year-old man from Belton, S.C., was arrested and charged with drunk in public. He was released after posting \$2,000 bond.
 - Two males were reported arrested and charged with unlawfully carrying a weapon and minor in possession of alcoholic beverages, at the Coahoma Elementary School. Both posted bond, \$1,500 for the weapons charge, and \$200 for the possession charge, and were released.

Deaths

Juanita Rodriguez

Juanita Rodriguez, 65, Stanton, died Friday, March 22, 1991, at Midland Memorial Hospital after a lengthy illness. Rosary will be 8 p.m. Sunday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass will be 2:30 p.m. Monday at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with the Rev. Patrick Walsh, associate pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home. She was born April 5, 1925, at Fisher Store. She married Tomas Rodriguez May 3, 1948, in Stanton. She had been a resident of Stanton for 43 years. She was a homemaker and a member of the catholic church. Survivors include her husband, Tomas Rodriguez, Stanton; three sons: Tomas Rodriguez Jr., San Antonio; Jose Rodriguez, Granbury; and Oscar Rodriguez, Midland; five daughters: Eliria Sanchez, Elsie Hinojosa, Ernestina Tichman, and Edillia Flores, all of Stanton; and Ernestina Salgado, Spearman;

four brothers: Marcelino Rangel, Johnny Rangel, Willie Rangel, and Meliton Rangel, all of Big Spring; two sisters: Paulina Reloba, San Lorenzo, Calif.; and Josefa Duran, Big Spring; and 21 grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Eric Sanchez, Louis DiMase, Phillip Hinojosa, Marcelino Rangel Jr., Ty Rangel, Johnny Montelongo, Tomas DiMase, and Joseph Rodriguez.

Bernard Hasting

Bernard Hasting, 66, Midland, formerly of Big Spring, died Thursday, March 21, 1991, in a Midland Hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Monday at Northside Church of Christ in Midland. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery in Midland under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home in Midland. He worked in automotive maintenance, and moved to Midland in 1976, from Big Spring. Survivors include one son, Bernard Hasting Jr., Los Angeles, Calif.; one sister, Sarah Pollard, Big Spring; one brother, Willie Hasting, Houston; and five grandchildren.

A.G. Anderson

A.G. Anderson, 89, Westbrook, Mitchell County, died Friday, March 22, 1991, at Mitchell County Hospital. Services will be 2 p.m. Sunday at First Baptist Church in Westbrook, with the Rev. Bob Manning, of-

ficiating, and assisted by the Rev. Leon Green. Burial will be in Westbrook Cemetery in Westbrook under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home of Colorado City. He was born Dec. 14, 1901, in Texas. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Westbrook, and had been the church treasurer for 18 years. He was retired from Chevron Oil. Survivors include his wife, Minnie Mae Anderson, Westbrook; three sons: David Anderson, and Albert Anderson, both of Colorado City; and Perry Anderson, Odessa; two sisters: Elvie Blalock, Snyder; and Pearl Kelly, Morton; two brothers: Earl Anderson, Kerrville; and Dee Anderson, Lubbock; nine grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

James Edwards

James Edwards, 45, Big Spring, died Wednesday, March 20, 1991, in Big Spring. Services were 2 p.m. Saturday at Hammons Funeral Home Chapel in Amherst with Mr. Charlie Spray, minister of Amherst Church of Christ, officiating. Burial was in the Fairlawn Cemetery in Amherst under the direction of Hammons Funeral Home.

Zebbie Sumpter

Zebbie M. Sumpter, 83, Big Spring, died Saturday, March 23, 1991, in a local hospital. Services are pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

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The jinxed Strangers

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Random thoughts while suffering from March Madness overdose:

It seems like fate is never going to give the Texas Rangers a break.

The Rangers have long dwelled near the cellar of the American League West, and a big reason is that, when it comes to luck, Texas is an accident waiting to happen.

If the Strangers aren't making horrible trades, they're taking roll call at the hospital. Sure, there have been bright spots in the franchise's history — and none are brighter than Nolan Ryan — but there also have been enough sad episodes to make a sadist cry.

The latest example of fate's fickle finger came when Jose Gonzales, the team's next superstar, tore some cartilage in his knee a few weeks ago.

Gonzales, who was the best home run hitter in AAA last year, was penciled in as a starter in center field.

His addition would have given the Rangers a mighty impressive batting order, when one considers the team already has Pete Incaviglia, Rafael Palmeiro and Ruben Sierra, among others.

But dreams of a Lone Star State version of Murderer's Row will have to be put on hold, at least for a little while. Doctors estimate that Gonzales will miss at least six weeks while his knee recuperates.

If he can come back to form, and the rest of the Rangers can hit up to their potential, and Jeff Russell regains his old form pitching, and Nolan and Bobby Witt and the rest of the starters have a good year, there's no telling how good this team can be.

Knowing their luck, however, something is going to keep the Rangers home this October. Fate's funny that way.

While we're on the subject of baseball (the King of Segues lives!), I might as well try my best to jinx every team in the majors with my predictions for this season.

In the American League West, I really don't see anyone giving the Oakland A's much of a fight. Sure, the A's went south in last year's World Series, but have almost everybody coming back from last year's powerhouse.

The Rangers will probably be in a bus wreck or two, while the Chicago White Sox will show everybody that last year was a fluke.

The Seattle Mariners are probably still a year or two away, while the Minnesota Twins might break 500. If anyone is going to challenge the A's, it'll be George Brett and the Kansas City Royals.

The AL East is anybody's ballgame. Toronto, Baltimore, Boston and Cleveland have just as much chance of winning the division and getting creamed by the A's in the playoffs as anybody. As for the Yankees — well, let's go on to other things.

The NL West, much to Steve Belvin's chagrin, will probably follow last year's form. The Cincinnati Reds won the Big Enchilada last year and appear to be poised to do the same thing again.

The San Francisco Giants, Bevo's vision of perfection, have too many questions at pitching to challenge for the division. San Diego might challenge, but the Houston Astros and Atlanta Braves are already looking forward to baseball in the 21st century.

Finally, in the NL East, I predict that the Chicago Cubs will win their second division title in three years. They will follow that stupendous achievement by winning the National League pennant and winning the World Series for the first time since Teddy Roosevelt was still alive.

After that, the world will crack, major league baseball will be cancelled and Rickey Henderson will have to work for a living. Play ball.

Coots slams Monahans Loboos

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers and Monahans Loboos were locked in a fierce tug-of-war on the baseball diamond Saturday afternoon — that is, until Shannon Coots added his muscle.

Coots blasted a grand slam in the bottom of the fifth inning, leading the Steers to a 11-7 win over the Loboos in the district opener for both teams. Big Spring goes to 10-3 for the season while Monahans falls to 5-8.

The teams battled back and forth for the first four innings until Coots took over the hero's role. Steers coach John Velasquez said it wasn't the most impressive win his team has ever pulled off. "It was not one of our better games," he said flatly. "It was lucky for us that Shannon came through and hit that grand slam."

The Steers hurt their own cause with five errors. Big Spring had to use three pitchers and sophomore Jerney Edens picked up the win in one-third inning work. Shane Myrick started for the Steers and went three-and-two-thirds innings. He allowed four hits and four runs. His defense committed three errors to hurt the cause.

Edens replaced Myrick with two outs in the fourth inning and the bases loaded. Edens walked the first batter he faced, Lewis Cerna, bringing in a run and giving



Big Spring Steers left fielder Abel Hilario dives for a fly ball hit by Monahans Loboos Jody Carrasco during third inning action as teammate Freddy Rodriguez (9) looks on Saturday afternoon at Steer Field. Hilario couldn't hold on to the ball.

DISTRICT STANDINGS	
Big Spring	11-0
Lake View	1-0
Andrews	1-0
Sweetwater	0-0
Pecos	0-1
Fort Stockton	0-1
Monahans	0-1

Saturday
Andrews 4, Pecos 1; San Angelo Lake View 9, Fort Stockton 5; Big Spring 11, Monahans 7.

Monahans a 5-4 lead. Edens then got cleanup hitter Roy Garcia to pop up to end the inning.

Big Spring came back by scoring three runs in the bottom of the fourth, keyed by Jon Downey's two-run single. Downey battled off Jody Carrasco's curveball and looped a base hit to center field, scoring courtesy runner Ricky Gonzales and Freddy Rodriguez.

Gonzales was running for Edens, who had walked, and Rodriguez was on base with his third single of the afternoon. Next Marvin Rubio reached base on a fielding error by the pitcher, sending Downey to third. Downey scored when Rubio was intentionally caught in a rundown between first and second, but it allowed Downey ample time to score from third before Rubio was tagged for the third out. Big Spring led 7-5.

In the top of the fifth Edens couldn't get anybody out. Daniel Almanza reached base on an error

Bulldogs explode to rally past Clyde

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs, it seems, have a simple formula for success on the baseball field: Score as many runs as you can in the shortest amount of time.

For the second straight game, the Bulldogs' bats slept in the early going, then awoke with a vengeance in the later innings. The

result was a 10-8 come-from-behind victory over the Clyde Bulldogs in non-district action Friday afternoon.

Dutch Barr pitched the last three innings to pick up the win for the Bulldogs, now 3-4 for the season. Clyde starter Chris Chorn was saddled with the loss for the Bulldogs, who fell to 4-5.

Coahoma, which managed only

one hit off Chorn in the first four innings, scored all of its runs in the final two at-bats.

"This was the first time that we've hit like I thought we're capable of," Coahoma coach Phillip Ritchey said. "All we've done in practice is hit, hit and hit... We finally got a little hit and it snowballed."

Ritchey added that the mid-

game arrival of Barr, Rusty Ginnetti and other players — who had participated in a golf tournament in Ozona that day — also made a difference.

"The difference was that we were putting juniors and seniors with two or three years experience in place of freshmen and sophomores with only one or two years experience," he said.

"That's not taking anything away from the younger guys — I think they played great."

Clyde had taken advantage of six hits and two Coahoma errors to forge a 4-0 lead heading into the fifth inning. That's when the tide, however, began to turn.

Coahoma's first two runs came in the bottom of the fifth when

Brownfield sweeps Coahoma meet

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Editor

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldog Relays were held Saturday at Bulldog field with both the Brownfield Cubs and Lady Cubs capturing the top spot to take home first place in both divisions. Host team, Coahoma finished the meet in second place with 88 points for the boys, while the girls combined for 109 team points and third place.

BOYS

Crossroads team looked very impressive as Stanton won the 1,600 meter relay with a 3:30.39 mark. "We really have come a long way from the first track meet that we had here in Stanton," said Stanton coach Dale Ruth. "They improved eight seconds and good enough for first place. Jim Bob (Kelly) ran the first leg and Slick (Kenny McCalister) had a real good time with a 51.83. John Eric (Wyckoff) had a good time, he improved almost four seconds. He ran the third leg with a 54 flat and Jeremy (Stallings) anchored the final leg with a 50.89 time."

Klondike finished the 1,600 relay with a 3:45.58 and third place.

Coahoma's Matt Coates came in second place with a 11:10.67 in the 3,200 meter run, while Michael Quilimaco of Grady came in third with a 11:23.96, ahead of teammates Brent and Shawn Rivas.

In the 300 meter hurdles, Jose Enriquez of Klondike captured first with 42.33 time and Grady's Gilbert Cortez took third place with a 45.09. Kevin Green of Colorado City outlasted the rest of the field with a 23.60 mark in the 200 meter dash.

Coates captured first place in the 3,200 meter run in front of Forsan's J.J. Hollingshead as he placed second with a 5:01.80 time and Ricky Serrato of Klondike took third with a 5:06.90.

In the 110 high hurdles, Danny Valle of Grady ran away from the pack and took first with a 16.04 and Forsan's Clark Fields took third place with a 16.94. C-City's Green just missed another win with a 11.33 mark in the 100 meter dash behind a Brownfield runner who ran a 11.29.

Stallings of Stanton ran the 400 meter dash and placed first, ahead of teammate McCalister, running 51.16 and 53.69, respectively. Stallings again took another first with a 1:57.54 mark in the 800 meter run. "Jeremy usually runs the 800 and 1,600 meters, but we decided to let him run in the 400 meter run for speed. This will help him when we travel to San Angelo next week," Ruth said.

Coahoma finished the 400 meter relay in second place with a 46.09 behind Brownfield. Klondike was



Herald photo by Steve Belvin

COAHOMA — Coahoma Bulldogs senior sprinter Rusty Ginnetti comes out of the starting blocks in the prelims of the 200 meter dash Saturday morning at the Coahoma Relays. Ginnetti finished fourth in the finals, running a 24.28.

third with a 46.27.

In the field events, Wes Hughes of Sands won the high jump with a 6'2" and Fields came in second for the Forsan Buffs with a 6' jump. In the boys triple jump, Mike Mendez of Coahoma placed first with a 41'3 1/2". Fields of Forsan came in second with a 40'9 3/4" and Grady's Cade Robertson placed third with a 39'6 3/4" mark.

George Ramsey of C-City, captured the pole vaulting event with

an impressive 12' vault with Forsan's Cooper coming in second with a 10' followed by Aaron Cowley of Sands and Mike McKaskle of Grady as both vaulted 9'6".

In discus throw, Jason Lawson of Colorado City placed first with a 121'3" followed by Jason Hodnett of Sands with a 112'6" and Coahoma's Lee Coleman with a 109'6". Coahoma's Mike "Tiny" Knowles placed third in the shot put with a

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Alvin finishes fifth

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Mark Hutton and Mark Bell scored 23 points apiece and Barton County, Kan., rolled by Mississippi Gulf Coast 98-88 in the third-place game of the National Junior College Athletic Association basketball tournament Saturday night.

Both Barton County and Mississippi Gulf Coast finished 33-5.

The Cougars went on a 14-2 spurt early in the second half to put the game out of reach. Damon Ashley scored 16 points and Shawn Copes 14 for Barton County.

Dale Brown, a Kentucky signee, led Mississippi Gulf Coast with 32 points. Maurice Stephens scored 17 points and grabbed a game-high 15 rebounds.

Leonard White had 39 points and 15 rebounds, but Alvin, Texas, had four players in double figures to beat Faulkner State, Ala., 93-82 for fifth place in the tournament.

Alvin (24-12) led at halftime 42-36.

Faulkner State (32-5) closed to 46-42 on a layup by Dayon Sheppard. But Alvin had a 7-2 spurt,

including two dunks by Derrick Chandler, to take command at 53-44.

Alvin got 25 points from Afis Olajuwon, and 21 points and 12 rebounds.

Mike Green scored 20 points and grabbed 12 rebounds as Polk, Fla., rallied from an 11-point first-half deficit to defeat Westchester, N.Y., 73-63, Saturday in the seventh-place game.

Polk (31-6) fell behind 15-4, but the Vikings came back after coach Josh Giles was ejected when he was called for a flagrant foul for protesting a technical foul. Giles left with 3:44 left in the half and his team behind 24-20.

Westchester (25-13) lead 32-29 at the half.

An 11-0 spurt gave Polk a 62-53 lead with 4:19 left. Green had a dunk off a fast break to highlight that rally. Westchester could get no closer than five points the rest of the way.

Polk also got 17 points from Dwayne Hackett and 10 from Wayne Baxley.

Westchester was paced by Bashkim Mastafaj's 17 points and 16 from Tony Green.

It costs him big bucks but Gretzky gets his card

INGLEWOOD, Calif. (AP) — Wayne Gretzky's Christmas present to himself came a little late. After all, \$451,000 baseball cards are hard to find.

That's how much Gretzky and Los Angeles Kings owner Bruce McNall paid Friday for a Honus Wagner baseball card.

"I am happy I bought it. It was something I wanted to buy since Christmas," Gretzky said Saturday after the Los Angeles Kings beat Calgary 8-4.

Mark Friedland of Aspen, Colo., dropped out of the bidding at \$405,000. Gretzky and McNall won at \$410,000 and a 10 percent commission was added on.

"We are excited we own it," said Gretzky, who said he went 50-50 with McNall on the bid. "It is not for sale. We are going to put it away."

The card of Wagner, a Hall of Fame shortstop who hit .327 between 1897 and 1917, was part of a California businessman's collection. Fewer than 40 Wagner cards have surfaced and fewer than 10 are in excellent condition.

"I've always been a collector,

whether it be coins or stamps, anti-queities or anything else," McNall said. "When something viewed as the best in the world comes on the market, I've always been interested. Very often they've been my best investments. Things that I thought I overpaid for or things that I've set world records for in the long run have been the things that have worked out the best for me over the years."

The card, from about 1910, was a multicolored portrait of Wagner. On the back, it advertised Piedmont cigarettes.

"This card is the best piece of sports memorabilia in the world, probably," said McNall, who also collects coins. "I have a company in Los Angeles and we also handle manuscripts and historical documents as well, so we thought this might be an interesting addition to the portfolio. Then Wayne said, 'Well, gee, I'd like to be involved. I'd like to buy it.' He's a big baseball nut and knew about this card for a long time, so he first brought it to my attention, actually."

Sidelines

Lady Steers golfers 5th in second round

SAN ANGELO — The Big Spring Lady Steer golfers finished fifth in second round of district play here Saturday.

Big Spring shot a 400. Andrews A shot the best round with a 353. Fort Stockton was second with a 394 and Monahans was three strokes back.

The top medalist for Big Spring was Kim Locke, who shot a 89, tied for fifth for the afternoon. In the team race Andrews A leads with a 704. Monahans is a distant second with 824. Big Spring is fifth with an 858.

Big Spring is off next weekend and plays the third round of district play April 6 in Sweetwater.

Team Standings
1. Andrews A 353-700; 2. Monahans 397-824; 3. Andrews B 398-830; 4. Fort Stockton 394-839; 5. Big Spring 400-858; 6. Pecos 434-872; 7. Sweetwater 452-949.

Big Spring (Kim Locke 89; Jennifer Suggs 102; Amy Barringer 111; Cathy Cisneros 133; April Williams 98).

Individuals — Meredith Baker 117; Rachel Hartan 115.

Medalists — 1. Nicki Martin, Andrews 79; 2. Lisa McQuarters, Andrews 79; 3. Robin Martin, Andrews 85; 4. Christy Callison, Pecos 89; 5. Kim Locke, Big Spring 89; 6. Andi Leman, Andrews 89.

Steers third after one district round

MONAHANS — The Big Spring Steers finished third in the opening round of district play here Saturday. Monahans shot a 316 to take the lead. Second was Andrews with a 326, nosing out Big Spring by one stroke. Andrews B shot a 331, four strokes behind Big Spring.

John Sims paced Big Spring with a 79. Charlie Garcia and Eric Lusk shot 82s.

Big Spring's will be in action April 6 when the second round of district play is played in Big Spring.

Team Standings
1. Monahans 316; 2. Andrews 326; 3. Big Spring 327; 4. Andrews B 331; 5. Pecos 340; 6. Sweetwater 340; 7. San Angelo Lake View 348; 8. Big Spring B 353; 9. Fort Stockton 381; 10. Pecos B 403; 11. Fort Stockton B 429.

Big Spring A (Jon Sims 79; Charlie Garcia 82; Eric Lusk 82; Kyle Plumlee 84; James Welch 85).

Big Spring B (Bo Hodnett 84; Jim Cox 92; Dan Eccanuela 92; Cody Summers 95; Chad Webb 109).

Medalists
1. Steve Ward, Monahans 74; 2. Chad Pipkin, Monahans 75; 3. Chad Campbell, Andrews 78; 4. Daryl Weldon, Lake View 78.

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40'2 1/2" throw.

Robertson of Grady placed first in the long jump with a 20'2 3/4" followed by Mendez with a 20' 3/4" for Coahoma. Green finished third for C-City 19'10 3/4".

GIRLS

Coahoma girls placed second in the 1,600 meter relay with a 4:29.61 behind Brownfield. Sands came in third with a 4:37.16. In the individual 1,600 meter run, Coahoma's Sarah Hanks moved past her opponents with a gusty 5:39.70 time followed by Stanton's Kari Ruth with a 6:27.25 and second place.

In the 3,200 meter run, Angie Martinez of Westbrook took second with a 15:02.66 time. Colorado City girls won the 400 meter relay with a 53.79 mark followed by the Coahoma team with a 54.51 time and Forsan with a 55.63. Hanks won her second event with a 2:25.12 time in the 800 meter run for the host team followed by Ruth with a 2:40.88 mark. Kari (Ruth) improved six seconds from her last time-out. She has been working very hard to bring down her time down and it showed in the 800." Stanton track coach Dale Ruth said.

Coahoma's Latisha Anderson ran an 18.10 100 hurdles to finish third. Cresen' Ross of C-City won the 100 meter dash with a 13.15 time.

Lady Mustang Robin Wootan placed second in the 200 with a 29.48 time followed by Inett Brown of Stanton with a 29.50 good enough for third place.

In the field events, Tracy Hoover of Colorado City won the high jump with a 5' jump followed by Grady's Sherrie McMorries with a 4'10" effort, teammate Casey Robertson placed third with an identical jump. Anderson of Coahoma won the long jump with a 16'7 1/2" and Hanks followed with a 16'1 1/4". Brittany Bridgeford of C-City was third with a 15'7" jump.

Total team points
Boys — 1. Brownfield 168; 2. Coahoma 88; 3. Grady 64 1/2; 4. Forsan 62; 5. Klondike 53; 6. Stanton 48; 7. Colorado City 46; 8. Sands 26; 9. Wellman 2 1/2.

Girls — 1. Brownfield 144; 2. Colorado City 111; 3. Coahoma 109; 4. Sands 50; 5. Grady 43; 6. Stanton 30; 7. Forsan 30; 8. Klondike 20; 9. Wellman 18; 10. Westbrook 12.

Rebels run way into Final Four

SEATTLE (AP) — The Shark attack is back with a vengeance.

Larry Johnson started a UNLV feeding frenzy in the second half Saturday that gobbled up Seton Hall, led to a 77-65 victory and put the defending champion Runnin' Rebels back in the Final Four.

Johnson, who finished with 30 points, pumped in 3-pointers to open and close UNLV's 14-0 surge after halftime, which turned a three-point lead into a 53-36

runaway.

Coach Jerry Tarkanian worried about his players' intensity before this game, but Tark the Shark enjoyed this show against Seton Hall. The Rebels looked as good as they have all season as they ran their winning streak to 45 and boosted their season record to 34-0.

UNLV stripped the Pirates nearly naked in the second half, stealing the ball nine times for a total of 14 in the game, and stopped Seton

Hall's top scorers cold.

Terry Dehere, Seton Hall's biggest scoring threat, managed only three points in the second half for a total of 15.

Much more than sweet revenge against a Seton Hall team that routed the Rebels in the 1989 West Regionals, the victory put UNLV within two wins of a special niche in basketball history.

The Rebels are seeking to become the first team since UCLA

in 1973 to capture consecutive NCAA basketball championships and the first since Indiana in 1976 to win the title undefeated.

Seton Hall (25-9) took an early 8-2 lead with an 8-0 run, capped by freshman Arturas Karnishovas' 3-pointer from the top of the key.

But UNLV woke up quickly, breaking up Seton Hall's offense with steals and sprinting to easy layups and dunks in a 14-4 run that put the Rebels ahead 16-12.

Johnson scored six of his 12 first-half points during that stretch, all from the inside.

Seton Hall, unable to whip the ball inside, took to the outside and tied the game at 24-24 on another 3-pointer by Karnishovas.

Stacey Augmon answered that with a 3-pointer and the Rebels made it 30-24 with the help of another steal.

Kansas gives Porkers '40 Minutes of Hell'

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — Kansas took the comeback trail to Indianapolis.

The Jayhawks overcame two double-digit deficits and took command midway through the second half on Saturday to beat Arkansas 93-81 in the Southeast Regional final. The victory sends Kansas to its ninth Final Four and first since winning the national championship in 1988.

Three years ago, Danny Manning was the hero for Kansas. This time, junior Alonzo Jamison was the top scorer with a career-high 26. But as usual it was a team effort for the Jayhawks (26-7), who will play the North Carolina-Temple winner at the Final Four in Indianapolis.

Kansas trailed by 12 points at halftime, but used a pair of 8-0 runs and uncharacteristically accurate free-throw shooting to take control in the second half.

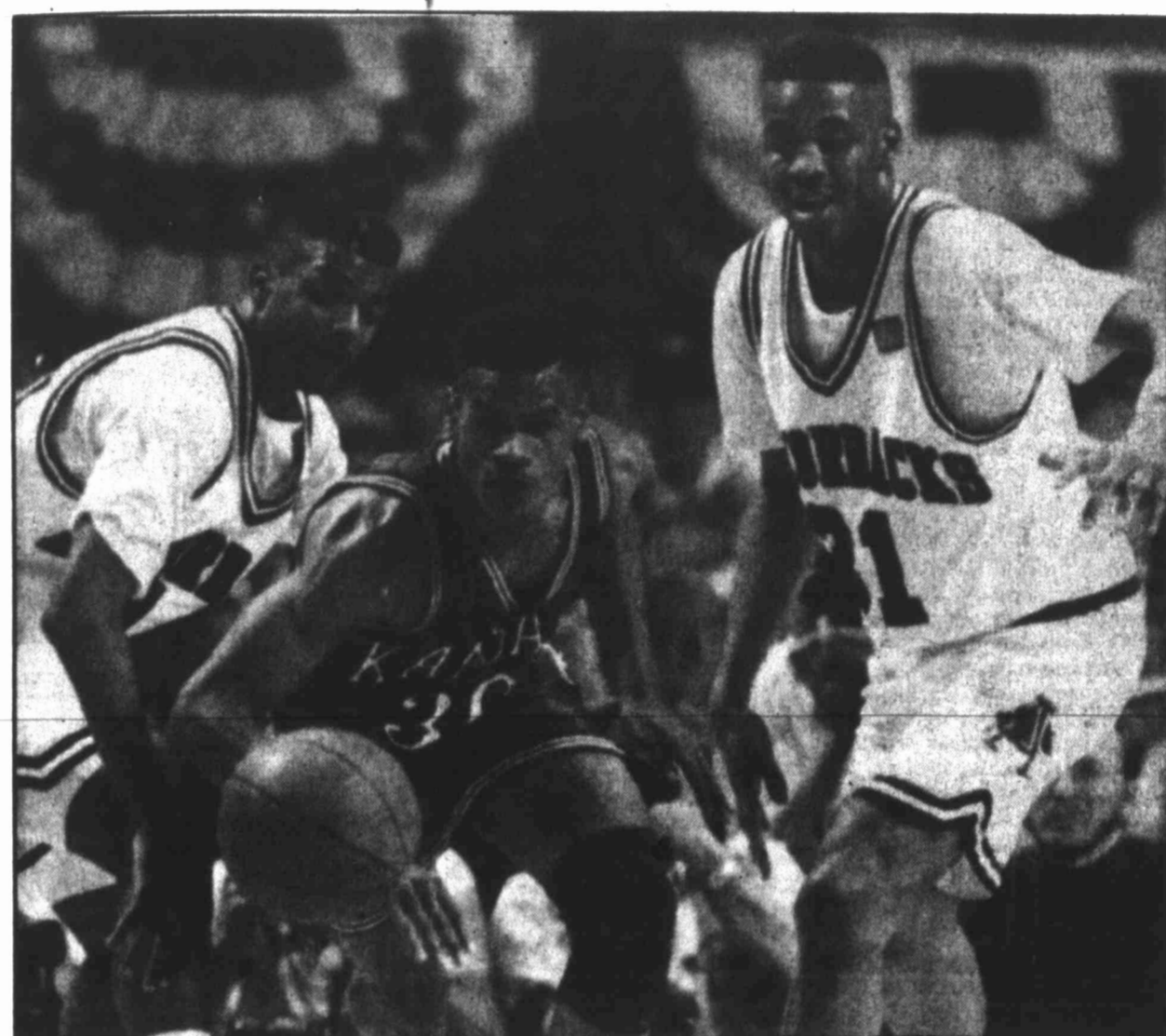
"I didn't feel any sense of panic, any sense of fatigue," Kansas coach Roy Williams said. "Arkansas always talks of its 40 minutes of hell, but I told our players it would be 80 minutes because we were going to go back at them."

Williams was an assistant to Dean Smith at North Carolina for 10 years before taking the job at Kansas.

"Every bit of success Roy Williams has had as a coach is directly related to Dean Smith," Williams said. "I'll pull like the dickens for them (the Tar Heels) to win. And if they do it will be good news and bad news because we'll both be in the semifinals and one will have to lose, but one will have to win."

The loss ended Arkansas' bid for consecutive trips to the Final Four. Last year, the Razorbacks lost to Duke in the national semifinals.

"Most of our players are juniors so they'll get another chance," said Arkansas coach Nolan Richardson. "I feel now the same way I did when I lost last year in the Final Four. There's only one happy guy when this is all over and whether it



CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Kansas' Adonis Jordan (30) looks at the basketball as he breaks away from Arkansas' Lee Mayberry (left) and Ron Huery during second half action in the NCAA Southeast Regional Finals Saturday.

happened in the first round or the Final Four, it's the same identical feeling."

Kansas entered the tournament with the worst free-throw accuracy (62 percent) of the 64 teams. Against Arkansas, however, the Jayhawks made 26 of 33, including 16 of their last 17 over the final five minutes.

"All season long people would

foul me right away," said Jamison, a 50-percent shooter from the line. "Tonight they didn't and I went to the hole and then other guys made theirs."

Another key for Kansas was shutting down Arkansas star Todd Day in the second half. After scoring 21 points in the first half, Day shot 2-for-11 and got only five points after intermission.

Arkansas dominated at the start, taking a 17-6 lead in the opening six minutes only to see Kansas rally for a quick 29-27 lead. The top-seeded Razorbacks (34-4) broke away again, leading by as many as 14 on the way to a 47-35 halftime lead.

Third-seeded Kansas, which had gotten off to good starts in its previous three tournament games,

ACC trying to send two teams to Indianapolis

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Atlantic Coast Conference takes two shots at the Final Four on Sunday — Duke trying to go for the fourth straight time, and North Carolina trying to get in for the first time since its national championship of 1982.

Temple (24-9) plays North Carolina (28-5) in Sunday's first game at 1:40 p.m. EST at East Rutherford, N.J., for the East Regional title, then Duke (29-7) meets St. John's (23-8) at 4 p.m. at Pontiac, Mich., in the Midwest

Coots

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by the shortstop and Benny Aguilar singled. Junior Fuentes followed with a double, scoring Almanza. Edens was then replaced by Rodriguez.

Rodriguez got out of the inning by fanning Sal Sanchez. The second out came when the Lobos tried a suicide squeeze play. Richard Sanchez missed his bunt attempt and Steers freshman catcher Mike Oliva easily tagged out Aguilar at home. Rodriguez proceeded to fan Sanchez for the third out of the inning. Big Spring led 7-6.

"None of our pitchers were throwing hard today," said Velasquez. "Shane wasn't throwing like

Bulldogs

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Brent Elmore, who had struck out his previous two trips to the plate, slapped a triple to right center field that scored Greg Atkinson and Kenny Lowery.

The really big inning for the home 'Dogs, however, was in the sixth, when Coahoma scored eight runs on four hits and four Clyde errors.

Stephen New led off with a walk and went to second when Ginnett was awarded first on catcher interference. Chorn then misplayed Jason Harmon's slow roller, allowing New to score and putting runners at first and third.

After Barr struck out, pinch hitter Brian Sledge rapped a single into right field, scoring Ginnett and Harmon and giving Coahoma its first lead of the game.

Lowery then walked before Elmore delivered his second hit of the game, a single down the right

field line that scored Harmon and Lowery to make the score 7-4.

Mark Arguello reached base on an error that allowed Elmore to score and came home on Mike Hernandez's double. Hernandez plated the last run of the inning when he scored on a two-base error by Clyde catcher Tim Dodson.

Barr then survived a shaky seventh inning — in which Clyde scored four runs on four hits — to nail down the win.

Coahoma returns to action Tuesday when it hosts Westbrook in a pair of five-inning games. The first game begins at 3:30 p.m.

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State 91-74. Duke, seeded second, beat 11th-seeded Connecticut 81-67. Ohio State was the first top seed to lose in the tournament.

Connecticut coach Jim Calhoun doesn't envision Duke running up the score on Big East rival St. John's.

"I don't see anybody blowing anybody out," Calhoun said.

Top-seeded North Carolina also was the winner in a blowout, 93-67 over Eastern Michigan, while Temple beat Oklahoma State 72-63 in overtime.

Temple coach John Chaney has a lot of respect for the team put together by Tar Heels coach Dean Smith.

"There are very few teams which have 14 or 15 guys on the bench who are All-Americans," Chaney said. "We've played teams with All-Americans but not with them in every area. Dean has All-Americans in every area."

In Thursday's regional semifinals, Arkansas beat

Alabama 93-70, Kansas upset Indiana 83-65, Seton Hall defeated Arizona 81-77, and UNLV downed Utah 83-66.

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Chaney may not have the All-Americans Dean Smith has, but he does have Mark Macon. Macon had 26 points, including 8 in an 11-3 spurt at the start of overtime, atoning for a 6-for-29 shooting performance when Temple lost to Duke in the 1988 East Regional championship game at East Rutherford.

against Sweetwater Tuesday at 7:30.

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Softball play for men and women

QUANAH — There will be a men's slow-pitch softball tournament and a coed softball tournament March 22-23 in Quanah. Entry fee is \$100 per team and the first three finishers in each division will receive team and individual trophies.

For more information call Ralph Kelly at (817) 663-2804 or Ralph Robertson at (817) 663-2715.

Baseball camp for Little Leaguers

WACO — Baylor University baseball coach Mickey Sullivan will be providing three baseball camps for boys nine through 15 years old. The camps are in their 18th season, and will be conducted in Waco.

For more information call (817) 756-1816.

Coed volleyball at Forsan

FORSAN — The senior class of Forsan High School is sponsoring a coed volleyball tournament April 27.

Entry fee is \$60 per team and entry deadline is April 16. Format is round robin. The first three teams will receive team trophies.

Send entry fee to Judy Williams, P.O. Box 716, Forsan, Tx., 79733.

JUCO women all-star game in Odessa

ODESSA — Odessa College will host the second annual Junior College Women's All-Star basketball games April 5 and 6 at the OC Sports Center. The best junior college women's players from Texas and New Mexico will meet in games at 6 and 8 p.m. Friday, the 5th, and at 1 and 3 p.m. Saturday, the 6th.

Howard coaches Royce and Lisa Chadwick will coach the West squad. Also playing on the team are Lady Hawks post player Mulu Tosi and guard Cindy Williams.

For more information call 335-6431.

Retriever Club spring hunt

KNOTT — The Permian Basin Hunting Retriever Club will have its Spring hunt today in the Knott area. The hunt will begin at 7:30 a.m. Signs will be posted to direct hunters to the hunting area.

There will be three categories for hunters to enter their dogs: Started, Seasoned and Finished. All tests will be conducted on land and water. This will be a United Kennel Club sanctioned hunt for all types of retrieving dogs of all ages.

The goal of PBHRC is to assist in the preservation of all game birds by instructing hunters to recover all downed game with a properly trained retriever.

For more information contact Melanie Gambrell at 263-1420.

Big Spring UGSA has sign-ups

The United Girls Softball Association will be having sign-ups March 18-30.

Registration forms will be available at H&R Block and Neal's Pharmacy. Any young lady who is a first time player must furnish a birth certificate.

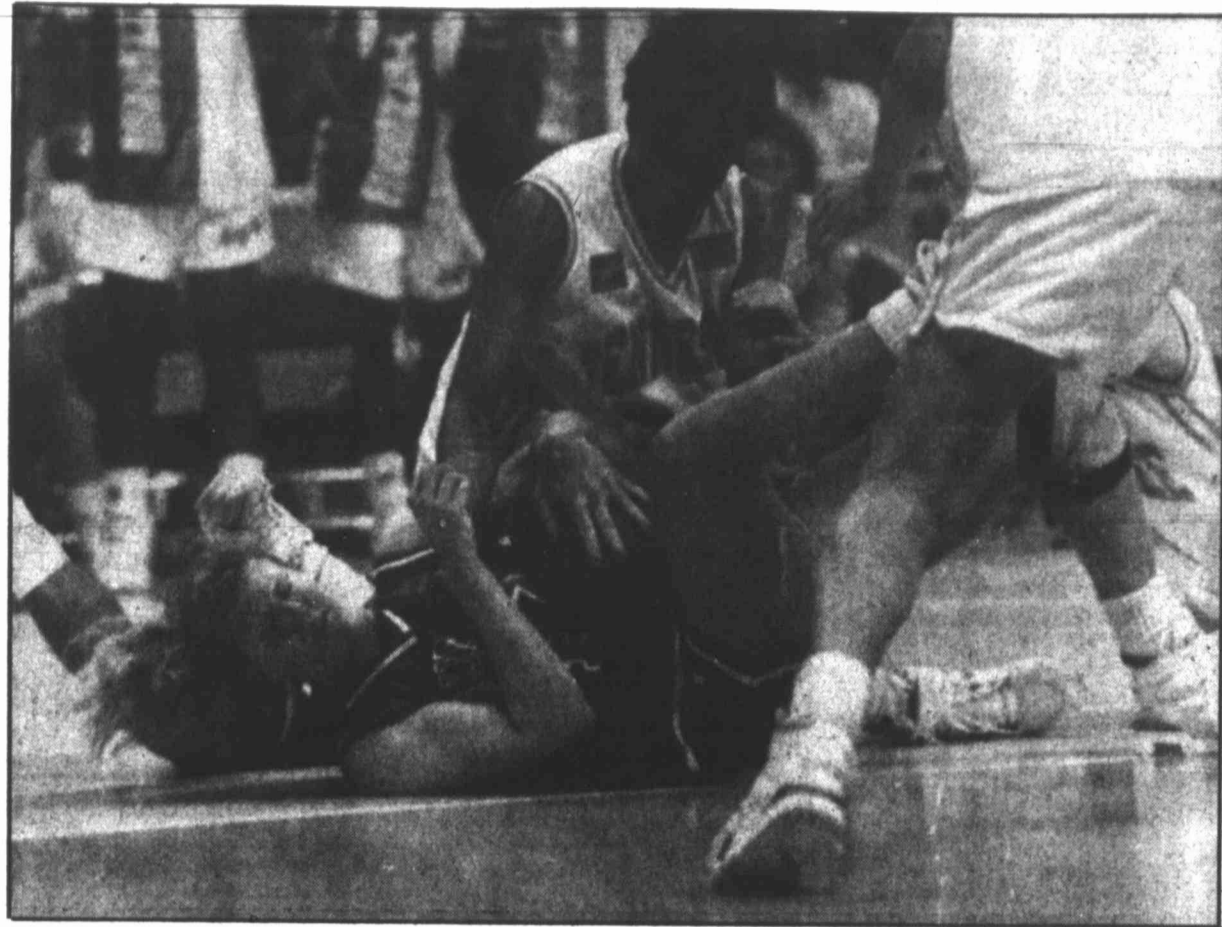
Tryouts set for lady hoopsters

COAHOMA — Twelve area high school senior girls will be selected for a team sponsored by Odessa College for the Basketball Congress International Tournament in El Paso April 11-14.

An organizational meeting and practice has been scheduled for 6:30 p.m. March 27 at the Odessa College Sports Center. Anyone interested in playing should contact Ken Hefner, OC's women's basketball coach at 335-6473.

Babe Ruth League meeting slated

There will be an organizational meeting for the Big Spring Babe Ruth Leagues March 25 at the Days Inn at 7 p.m. Young men ages 13-18 years old are eligible to play.



Associated Press photo

Floor scramble

KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Tennessee Lady Volunteers Daedra Charles fights for a loose ball with Auburn Lady Tiger Kendall Mago during first half basketball action Saturday at the Thompson-Boling Arena in NCAA tournament action. Tennessee won 69-65 to advance to the Final Four.

Ammaccapane seeking first win

PHOENIX (AP) — Danielle Ammaccapane, winless on the LPGA Tour, shot a 3-under-par 70 to take a one-stroke lead Saturday after the third round of the \$550,000 Standard Register tournament.

Colleen Walker, Michelle McGann and second-round leader Barb Bunkowsky were tied for second, 4-under at 215.

McGann shot 68, Walker 70 and Bunkowsky 73 on the 6,514-yard

LPGA

Moon Valley Country Club. Betsy King, who won the event in 1985, is next at 216 after a round of 72.

Ammaccapane, in a three-way tie for second place following Friday's round, birdied Nos. 1, 5, 8 and 11 to go 6-under. She had her lone bogey on the 18th hole after her tee shot landed in the water.

Ammaccapane, who grew up in Phoenix and starred at nearby Arizona State, has two second-place ties in four years on the tour.

Bunkowsky, who began Saturday with a two-stroke lead over King, Ammaccapane and first-round leader Cathy Gerring, made the turn at 5-under but bogeyed Nos. 10 and 12 before making a birdie putt on the 18th.

Soviet pole vaulter sets record — again

GRENOBLE, France (AP) — Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union broke his own world record for the pole vault Saturday by clearing 20 feet, 1 inch.

Bubka bettered his record of 20-0 1/2 set last Tuesday in his hometown of Donetsk, U.S.S.R. It was the third time he broke the record this season and his 24th mark, indoors or outdoors. He is the only 20-foot vaulter.

The 27-year-old Soviet cleared the record Saturday on his third try in the pole vault "Masters" event, an invitation-only competition. He set his previous record in the Soviet version of the event earlier this week.

"I did everything that I wanted. I am able to beat the world record every day," he said. "I was thinking of going higher than 6.12 (meters), but this evening, I was a little tired."

"I participated in this Masters to please my friend Philippe Collet."

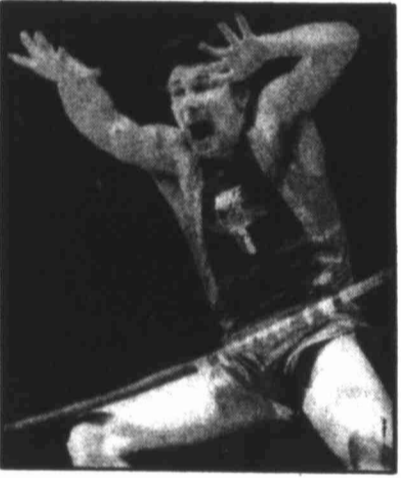
The meet, under the organization of French pole vaulter Collet, who was injured, was in doubt until financial sponsors came forth at the last minute.

But Bubka's vault had the crowd of more than 6,000 cheering.

He also set an indoor record last year in the Soviet meet at 19-10 1/4 before upping the mark four times this year, starting with a leap of 19-11 1/4 in the Soviet championships on Feb. 9.

He then went 20-0 1/4 at San Sebastian, Spain on March 15, 20-0 1/2 on March 19 before his jump Saturday.

In between, Bubka won the world indoor championship at Seville,



GRENOBLE, France — Sergei Bubka of the Soviet Union breaks his own world record for the pole vault by a half inch by vaulting 20-1 Saturday. It is the third time he's broken the record this season.

Spain, at 19-8 1/4. He holds the outdoor record at 19-10 1/2, set in Nice, France, in 1988.

Bubka won the Olympics in 1988 and is a two-time world outdoor champion. However, he was just sixth in the European championships last September. That was his first major loss since 1983, when he won the world title as a 19-year-old.

Second on Saturday was American Kory Tarpenning at 18-9 1/4. He is now living and training in Paris. Third was a tie between Frenchman Philippe D'Encausse and Spaniard Chico Garcia, both also at 18-9 1/4. Tarpenning got second on fewer misses.

American Scott Huffman was fifth, clearing 18-1 1/4.

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Hallet leads USFG

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — It was one of golf's classic matchups: Hall of Famers Jack Nicklaus and Tom Watson, paired together in the last group on the course, staring in to each other's cold blue eyes.

They should have taken a moment to glance at the rest of the field.

Had they done so, they'd have seen nine players — men with names like Hallet and Edwards and Black and Mayfair — blowing past them Saturday in the third round of the USFG Classic.

Jim Hallet, not yet a winner in a four-season career on the PGA Tour, surged past those aging giants into the third-round lead with a 65 that put him at 205, 11 under par.

He was six strokes in front of Nicklaus, seven ahead of Watson going into Sunday's final round.

"I was hoping we would all play well so I could play with one of those guys Sunday," Hallet said. "They are the greats."

Ronnie Black, one of four tied for second at 208, agreed.

"I respect those guys immensely," he said. "They're the two guys I looked at and pulled for when I was a kid growing up."

"I tried not to look at their names when I went by them."

But go past them he did. So did Joel Edwards and Billy Mayfair and Ian Woosnam and Kenny Knox and Tom Sieckmann.

Nicklaus, 51, the second-round leader, and Watson, 41, his closest pursuer through 36 holes, started the day's play in a struggle for the tournament lead and a revival of their flagging careers.

They ended it in frustration and a fight for survival.

"It certainly wasn't Turnberry, was it?" Nicklaus said, referring to the last time he and Watson had been paired together in the final group — in the 1977 British Open at Turnberry, Scotland. In that 1977 confrontation, Watson won with

PGA

closing rounds of 65, 65 to Nicklaus' 65, 66.

This calm, cloudy day, when scores in the mid-60's were almost common, Nicklaus shot 74 and Watson 73.

"Disappointing," said Nicklaus, who occasionally gave vent to a rare display of anger at errant shots. "Not much you can say about it."

"Neither one of us played particularly well," agreed Watson, who again fell victim to the putting problems that troubled him so much in recent months. "We were standing still. We let an awful lot of guys get past us."

Still, he said, "it was fun playing with Jack. We had a lot of people following us and cheering for us."

"And it didn't do any good."

Each missed a number of short putts. Nicklaus consistently let his drives get away to the right. Watson hit the hooks, including a 190-yard tee shot on fifth hole.

The 14th could serve as an example of their frustrations. Both missed the green. Each pitched to 4-5 feet in three. Neither touched the hole with their putts and bogeyed.

While they were fuming and fretting and floundering, Edwards, Billy Mayfair and Woosnam, of Wales, moved into a tie for second with Black at 208.

Black scored nine birdies, a bogey and a double bogey off an unplayable lie in a round of 66.

Edwards set the competitive course record with a bogey-free 64 that he called "the best I've ever played."

Mayfair and Woosnam checked in with 68s. Knox, with a 66, and Sieckmann, with a 70, were next at 209.

The Nicklaus-Watson pairing will be broken up for Sunday's final round.

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Pirates' boss mad at pitching staff

By The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Jim Leyland watches the Pittsburgh Pirates and doesn't like what he sees.

"We've already sent 10 pitchers back to the minor-league camp, but maybe they were the wrong ones," Leyland said Saturday. "Maybe we better get them back over to the major-league camp."

"Maybe we have some guys who think they have this club made already."

The Pirates were 7-7-1 after Saturday's 7-1 victory over Toronto. Leyland was particularly angry with a 13-10 loss Friday to Texas.

"Some guys better get with the program or there may be some surprises in those cuts between now and the end of spring training," Leyland said. "Perhaps there are going to be guys who have their roles changed."

"I know some guys want to know

what their roles are going to be. Maybe some of them won't have any role on our club very shortly."

While Leyland was getting angry, the Baltimore Orioles thought they may have found themselves a leadoff hitter in Mike Devereaux.

Devereaux is batting .389 this spring, and his seven runs scored is second on the team. He is drilling line drives to all fields and has displayed a selective eye at the plate.

"I'm working on getting some good pitches to hit and laying off the bad pitches," he said. "I'm trying to do the things that need to be done to be a leadoff hitter, and so far it's been working out real well."

Devereaux stayed at the Orioles' training facility Saturday while most of his teammates were at a 7-4 loss to Kansas City. It wasn't

Spring Training

exactly a day of rest for the 27-year-old center fielder.

"Well, you can call it a day off, but I call it a game off," he said. "You work out and work on things you need to make your game better."

Perhaps reliever Rob Dibble should have taken a day off. Dibble got a swollen finger on his pitching hand by trying to knock down a hard grounder in Cincinnati's 10-8 loss to Philadelphia.

Dibble reached for a ninth-inning grounder by John Kruk and wound up with an injury that forced him from the game. Dibble said he bruised a fingertip on his middle finger.

Dibble said it wasn't serious, and

the Reds' medical staff had to take his word for it — he wouldn't let trainers examine it.

"I don't like anybody touching me," Dibble said. "I wasn't hurt. It will take more than this to hurt me. It's still numb because it's a soft-tissue injury, just like a bruise. But I'm not worried about it. There's no need to be."

Dibble also declined to have the finger X-rayed.

"Why should I? I'm not hurt. It's bad luck to have it X-rayed," he said.

Meanwhile, catcher Ron Hassey returned to Montreal's lineup Saturday after resting his right knee, which had a buildup of fluid drained from it Tuesday. Hassey went 0-for-3 as the Expos beat a Los Angeles split squad 3-2.

In other game action:

— Nolan Ryan was scored on for the first time this spring, allowing

three runs in six innings as Minnesota beat Texas 10-9 in 10 innings on Kent Hrbek's RBI single.

Ryan, making his third appearance, allowed nine hits, including Shane Mack's solo home run in the third. Ryan struck out two and walked none.

Ryan left with a 7-3 lead after Steve Buechele's two-run homer in the sixth, but Charlie Kerfeld allowed six runs and four hits in the seventh, failing to retire any of the batters he faced.

— Carlton Fisk went 2-for-2 with two walks in his spring debut as a Chicago White Sox split squad beat a Boston Red Sox split squad 6-5.

On his first pitch this spring, the 43-year-old Fisk singled to drive in one of the three first-inning runs off Tom Bolton (1-1). The White Sox opened the inning with five consecutive singles.

— Kevin Seitzer went 4-for-4,

homering in the first inning and singling home the go-ahead run in the seventh as Kansas City beat Baltimore 7-4.

Seitzer hit a solo homer off Bob Milacki in the first and singled and scored in a two-run fourth. In the seventh, his single off loser Paul Kilgus scored Bill Pecota for a 6-5 lead.

— Tim Belcher homered and allowed one run in six innings in the Louisiana Superdome as the Dodgers' other split squad beat an Oakland split squad 3-2.

Belcher, whose only regular-season home run was in September 1988 against Cincinnati, homered with two outs in the fourth inning off reliever Joe Slusarski for a 3-1 lead. Belcher (1-1) allowed three hits, struck out seven and walked two. He struck out the side in the fifth.

Jansen trying to forget about the past

NEW YORK (AP) — Dan Jansen would like to put the 1988 Winter Olympics behind him and concentrate on the 1992 Games, but he can't — and people won't let him.

The Calgary Olympics are the Games for which Jansen, the nation's best men's speedskater in recent years, will be remembered — and those which he will most remember.

"They're not something I'll ever forget, not because of the falls ... but because of Jane ..." he said Thursday prior to a fund-raising dinner for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Jane was Jane Beres, the youngest of his five sisters, who died of leukemia on Feb. 14, 1988, hours before Jansen was to skate in the 500-meter race at the Olympics.

After learning of his sister's death, Jansen "stayed in bed for an hour and cried."

The heartbroken Jansen was uncertain whether to race, but his mother Gerry convinced him to go ahead.

"She said Jane wouldn't have wanted me not to go out there and try," Jansen said.

"I never thought about the race until I got to the track. I had no mental preparation going into the race."

"When I got to the track, I tried to loosen up and get ready. During warmups, I didn't feel like the day before, when I was confident. The skates didn't feel like mine — I was wobbly and unstable."

The still shaken Jansen, a favorite for a medal in the 500, fell.

"It happened so fast, I said, 'What else can happen?'" Jansen said.

"If six months before, I had gotten to that race and fallen, I would have been devastated. But then, it was not so important. I just wanted to get out of there and be with myself."

Four days later, in the 1,000 meters, Jansen again was a favorite for a medal. And again he fell, this time after having skated the fastest 600 meters through the first four pairs.

"I couldn't believe it," he said.

"I had had some time to think things over. Of course, you never get over something like that. But I was feeling much better. The shock was over. I felt good on the ice."

"At 600 meters, I was on world record pace and I felt strong. With 250 meters to go, maybe I got too relaxed. I just caught the outer edge. It was more of a fluke."

"Maybe it was my concentration. Maybe I didn't have my mind completely on the race."

When he fell, the entire nation, including President Ronald Reagan, mourned his hard luck and poured out their sympathy for Jansen.

That empathy still exists whenever Jansen's name and the Olympics are linked. But instead of looking back at those sad times, the speedskater from West Allis, Wis., prefers to look ahead to the 1992 Winter Games at Albertville, France.

"When that time comes, I would not like to dwell on 1988," Jansen

said. "I want to get those questions out of the way now. I want to think about the present. There's no need to dwell on four years ago."

The 25-year old Jansen is confident about his chances of winning that elusive medal at the next Olympics. In his final competition of this season, in the World Cup at Inzell, Germany, on March 9, he won the 500- and 1,000-meter races and posted his fastest time outdoors, 36.74 seconds, for the 500.

"I am very happy with my performances ... knowing that I can still beat the top competitors in the world," Jansen said.

The World Cup victories, Jansen's first of the season, came two weeks after he had finished a disappointing fourth overall in the World Sprint Championships, behind Igor Zhelezowski of the Soviet Union, Uwes-Jen Mey of Germany and Toschiyuki Kuroiwa of Japan.

"I was not at my best at the World Championships," Jansen said. "When I won at the World Cup, it was good for my head, going into next season."

Next season begins in November, when the United States skaters start competing in Europe for about a month before returning home for the Olympic Trials, the two weekends before Christmas.

Two of his three older brothers — Mike, a member of the 1984 Olympic team, and Dick — also will be trying to make the U.S. team.

Jansen, the 1988 world sprint champion, the 1988 World Cup champion and the fourth-place



NEW YORK — United States speed skater Dan Jansen, from West Allis, Wis., is gearing for the 1992 Olympics Winter Games. Jansen said he prefers not to look back at what happened in 1988.

finisher at 500 meters in the 1984 Olympics, has tried not to think too much about the '92 Games since the tragic '88 Olympics.

"But as they get nearer, I'm thinking about them more and more," he said. "I'm taking things more seriously. But I don't dwell on them."



Safe at home
Monahans Lobes center fielder Lewis Cerna slides safely into home as Big Spring Steers catcher Mike Oliva tries to apply the tag during third inning action Saturday at Steer Field. Cerna scored on a triple by Roy Garcia.

Can Bo come back from injury?

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. (AP) — While much of the sports world wondered about his future, Bo Jackson went fishing.

"I asked him, 'Can you fish with your hip?'" his agent Richard Woods said Wednesday. "He said, 'I can do anything with my hip.' He knows his priorities, and bass fishing sometimes comes ahead of football and baseball."

"He said, 'If they will pay me a little money, I will quit both of them and go hunting and fishing all the time.'"

While Jackson fished Thursday in Florida, Woods said he disagreed with published reports that the two-sport star will not be able to return to baseball or football due to his hip problems.

"It could be a three-month healing process or it could be six months," Woods said. "Only one specialist has examined Bo, and that's Dr. James Andrews in Birmingham," he said. "He's the most renowned and respected sports medicine specialist in the world."

Andrews, who has Roger Clemens, Jack Nicklaus and Charles Barkley among his patients, was not immediately available for comment, but said Wednesday: "I really think he's going to make it. Maybe it's 20

years dealing with this type of athlete, but I have that intuition."

Lanier Johnson, a spokesman for Alabama Sports Medicine in Birmingham, said Andrews "is not willing to make a statement as to his exact condition until Bo has a chance to see what happens with that hip joint. Bo will be back in 30 days for another exam."

Meanwhile, Woods and USA Today said the New York Yankees are serious about claiming Jackson by today's 2 p.m. EST deadline. The Yankees, the worst American League team last season, have the first chance to claim Jackson.

USA Today, in today's editions, said the Yankees will claim Jackson off waivers, thus guaranteeing the \$2.3 million contract Jackson signed on Feb. 18.

"Bo and the Yankees could be a match made in heaven," Woods said. "New York is New York, the Yankees are the Yankees and Bo is Bo. The Yankees are the greatest franchise in history and Bo could breathe new life into a great organization."

Yankees general manager Gene Michael said the team was still deciding what to do.

"We haven't put in a claim yet," he said Thursday in Fort Lauderdale, Fla. "We haven't done

anything yet. We're still discussing it. We have a lot more things to talk about. We're going to know more tomorrow."

Kansas City put Jackson on waivers Tuesday after its doctors said he has destruction of cartilage in his hip joint, a condition known as chondrolysis.

"I haven't seen his X-rays, but absent a miracle it's unlikely he'll be able to return to professional sports," said Dr. Thomas Sampson, an orthopedic surgeon in San Francisco.

"If he's already undergoing chondrolysis, it means he's already damaged his hip joint itself," said Sampson, who based his remarks on news accounts of Jackson's condition.

Woods, in a telephone interview from Mobile, said that "any doctor who comments on a patient who he has not examined and whose records he has not seen is way off base and is violating the most minimum medical standards. A doctor who has not diagnosed Bo certainly cannot comment on the prognosis."

Woods said he talked with Jackson on Wednesday night.

"He was in the best mood he's been in in a long time," the agent said. "He received very optimistic

reports from the medical team at Birmingham. He is anxiously waiting to see what will happen and what team he'll be playing for."

Woods said he thinks Jackson will return to baseball this year, "based on listening to his doctors and based on having been around Bo and knowing that he always is ahead of schedule."

The agent said Andrews "has no reason to slant the truth and he told us that he is very optimistic. He expects Bo to definitely play again. He says it's a good chance that he will play again this year, but that he doesn't know that and he can't be certain of that."

Woods said Jackson had been advised not to rule out playing football this year for the NFL's Los Angeles Raiders.

"He will be examined on a month-to-month basis, and if the prognosis changes any time, we will make any adjustments that we need to," Woods said.

In addition to chondrolysis, Jackson is suffering from avascular necrosis, the partial loss of blood supply to the head of the femur, the "ball" in the ball-and-socket hip joint.

IOC meets with South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, South Africa (AP) — An International Olympic Committee delegation arrived Saturday with an "open mind" on negotiating South Africa's return to Olympic competition, the chairman said.

Keba Mbye of Senegal, chairman of the IOC Commission on Apartheid and Olympism, also commended South Africa's moves toward ending apartheid and unifying its segregated sports bodies, two key conditions for readmittance.

"We are convinced that on both these conditions they are on the right track," Mbye told an airport news conference after the six-member panel's flight from Geneva.

Edwin Moses, the Olympic hurdles champion and commission member, quickly became a center of interest. It was the first visit to

South Africa by Moses, who is black, and a rare appearance by a world famous athlete in this sports-mad country.

Moses said his presence indicated South Africa had made progress toward ending the sporting ban. He refused to discuss his personal feelings, saying they didn't matter.

Mbye said the commission would negotiate with South Africa's numerous sports group on creating unified, non-racial bodies before the IOC's next full meeting in June. He said no specific goals had been set.

"No level whatsoever has been determined as to the amount of (unified sports federations) necessary for South Africa to come back to the Olympic movement," Mbye said. "The commission has an open mind about what we will see and do."

President F. W. de Klerk has proposed the repeal of all remaining apartheid laws, the other condition for readmittance.

In a possible blow to sports unity, a group dropped out of a new umbrella organization of South African sport organizations formed to push for unity.

The Confederation of South African Sport (COSAS), one of five groups making up the umbrella National Olympic Committee of South Africa (NOCESA), rejected the umbrella group's support for continuing South Africa's sports moratorium.

COSAS was considered the white-aligned member of the umbrella group.

NOCESA was formed at an African sports meeting this month in Botswana as an African group to work for unity.

Seles beats Sabatini in finals

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Monica Seles overcame six set points in one game, then squandered four match points before beating Gabriela Sabatini in the women's final of the International Players Championships Saturday.

The top-ranked Seles won 6-3, 7-5, snapping Sabatini's 15-match winning streak.

With a 5-4 lead in the second set, Sabatini six times was within a point of forcing a third set. But she made three unforced errors, and Seles hit a service winner and two winners from the baseline.

Seles finally held serve when Sabatini hit a return long, then broke at 15 for a 6-5 lead.

The tense final game went to deuce six times. Seles made errors on two match points, and Sabatini hit winners on two

others.

Finally, at advantage-out, Sabatini floated a backhand long, and the weary Seles was the tournament champion for the second year in a row.

While the women's tournament came down to a battle of the No. 2 and 3 seeds, the men's draw has produced plenty of upsets and unexpected finalists. Unseeded David Wheaton and No. 13 Jim Courier, former high school classmates and products of the same tennis academy in Bradenton, Fla., will meet for the title Sunday.

"We practice together quite a bit, play golf together, go out and eat sometimes," Courier said. "It's going to be fun."

By beating Sabatini, Seles improved her record this year to 16-1. The Yugoslav, who replaced

Steffi Graf at No. 1 on March 11, suffered her only loss March 4 to Martina Navratilova in the final of the Virginia Slims of Palm Springs.

Seles dominated the first set, but then the fourth-ranked Sabatini started coming to the net. Sabatini took a 4-0, 40-0 lead in the second set and appeared in control of the match.

Then Sabatini reverted to her first-set form, hugging the baseline and hitting unforced errors, and Seles suddenly had forged a 4-4 tie. Sabatini would win only one more game.

Seles beat Judith Wiesner in last year's final. This title was Seles' second this year; she also won the Australian Open.

Sabatini fell to 1-3 against Seles.

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Fishing Report

AUSTIN (AP) - Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for March 21.

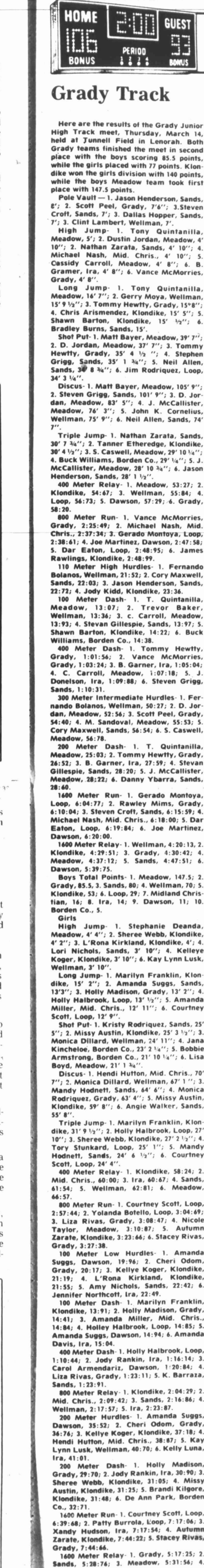
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Outdoors

Offering a varied menu will tempt a bass' palate

Fishing with Mark



By MARK WEAVER

When writing about bass fishing week after week, trying to impart nuggets of wisdom to the more experienced angler, it's easy to forget those just getting interested in one of the most fulfilling hobbies in America.

This column is for those who have thought about getting started, but couldn't understand the language, or pick up any useful tools.

Bass fishing, depending on how much a person knows, can either be the most enjoyable times ever spent, or the most frustrating. The key is knowledge. So, let's get down to the nuts and bolts of fishing.

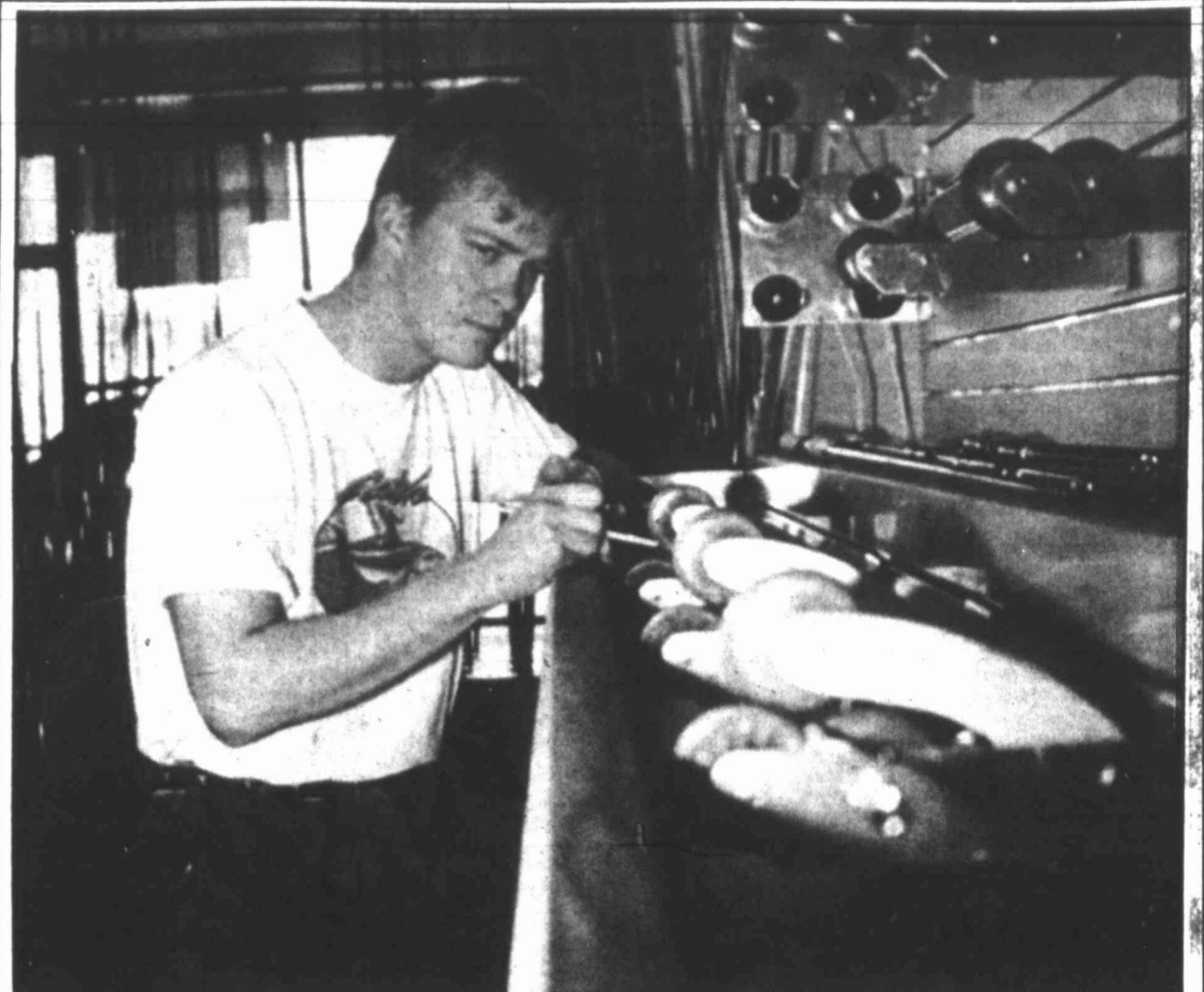
The basic assumption of bass fishing (or any fishing for that matter) is bass eat. "No kidding," you say. But stick around and this column will get to the "meat!" Bass eat. They eat minnows, worms, crayfish and other smaller scavengers. Bass eat small frogs, and on the top of the lake, pond or river will often feed on crickets, grasshoppers and flies that have inadvertently fallen into the water. This is a wide menu. In fact, all these delicacies come in a variety of colors, shapes and sizes.

Other lures resemble smaller minnows and other "bait fish." Crankbaits and spinnerbaits are made to give the appearance of acting like smaller fish — swimming and darting in and out of under water cover. Still other lures are made to look like insects which have fallen into the water. The advantage and fun of using manufactured lures (instead of the real thing) is to give you a greater variety of appearances, and, of course, they're reusable.

Like any diner, bass don't select the same item off the menu for every meal. That's why it's good to have a variety of different lures in the tackle box. If top water baits are working in the morning, chances are by afternoon the bass will strike at something different, like crankbait or plastic worms. That's the whole point. The fisherman is like a waiter showing a customer a menu. The more variety offered the bass, the better chance of finding an appealing meal.

That may help explain the variety and number of lures available at a tackle store. Manufacturers of lures are trying their best to come up with lures similar to, and will act like things bass (and other fish) will strike at in the water. Some lures mimic worms and are available in all sizes, colors and styles. There is also something called a "tube jig." This lure looks like a cross between a minnow and a worm with some tentacles at the tail, but it very closely resembles a crayfish in the water.

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Rod maker

AUSTIN — Chad Freeman finishes guides on a fishing rod in the custom rod shop he helps run with his father, Dennis Freeman, where the

average sportsman can set up to build his own fishing rods or have the Freemans build one for them.

Parks are way of life for ranger

BIG BEND NATIONAL PARK (AP) — Ron Arnberger, the new Big Bend National Park superintendent, said he's already learned something about the sprawling park in his first week at the job.

"Big Bend is one of the premiere wild resources in the lower 48 (states)," Arnberger said Monday in a telephone interview from a conference in Hot Springs, Ark. "As it takes me two hours to drive to get a loaf of bread, four hours to catch an airplane, I realize very clearly how wild and remote it is."

Arnberger, former assistant superintendent at Everglades National Park, replaced Jim Carrico, who retired last year to become director of the adjacent Big Bend Ranch Natural Area, a state park.

Arnberger, 43, was born in Grand Canyon National Park where his father, L.P. Arnberger, was a naturalist.

Arnberger attended University of New Mexico, and taught school briefly. But in 1969 he went to the Gila Cliff Dwellings National Monument in southern New Mexico and became a seasonal park ranger.

The following year he became a permanent park ranger at Tumacacori National Monument in Arizona. He also has been a park ranger at other parks in New Mexico, Texas, Arkansas and California.

He served as superintendent at Saguaro National Monument in Arizona from 1983 to 1987.

Arnberger said because he spent much of his life in Santa Fe, he became fluent in Spanish.

"I never viewed Spanish as a second language," he said, adding he expects to have to brush up on the language a little after being away from the Southwest for so long. Big Bend National Park sits on the U.S. Mexico border, adjacent to the states of Chihuahua and Coahuila.

"In Ron Arnberger, we have an experienced career professional who has worked in ocean, desert and river environments," Southwest Regional (NPS) Director John E. Cook said in a statement. Arnberger was appointed Feb. 25.

"We're fortunate in the talent we're getting to follow former Superintendent Jim Carrico, who retired last year. We wanted the best for this great desert park and once again, we got it," Cook said.

Arnberger said one of the focuses of his administration will be international relations with Mexican park service officials, air quality at Big Bend and protection of endangered species.

But for now he's just trying to settle in his new role as boss of the 1,252-square-mile park that drew 257,390 visitors last year.

"I'm still unpacking the boxes," Arnberger said. "As I left the other day, I hadn't found the teacups or the plates."

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My hug becomes death grip

Christina Ferchalk



By CHRISTINA FERCHALK

My son returned from the war. How long I've dreamed of writing those words.

My husband drove to the station to meet his train. I chose to remain at home. It was from home that I had made my goodbyes so many months before. It would be from home that I would welcome him back.

It was 10:20 p.m. when the car pulled up in front of the house. Through the darkness, I watched him get out of the car, run across the yard and up the porch steps. I was waiting in the open doorway. I saw his face; his young man's face with the old man's eyes. And then it happened, it really happened. I was holding my child in my arms.

It seemed unreal, like a dream. I don't know how long that first hug lasted. I had such a death grip on that poor boy. I remember feeling the curve of his body, the strength of his hands, but mostly I remember inhaling his fragrance. God as my witness, that child smelled as sweet to me as the day he was born.

There was a grand celebration at our house that night. I was present, but I wasn't really a participant. As soon as I had him safely under our roof again, I ran out of steam. I collapsed in a chair, too exhausted to move.

The lethargy lasted for days. People came by to visit, always asking, "So how does it feel to have him home?" I'd just smile wanly and say, "It's wonderful."

Slowly my strength returned. It was like recuperating from a long illness. I don't know if that's a common reaction. I don't know if any of the emotions I experienced following his return could be considered normal.

There was fear. Fear had been my constant companion for such a long time, it was hard to let go. I had to remind myself that I no longer need to fear a knock at my door. Now there were new fears. Fear of the haunted look in my son's eyes and the sound of his nightmares.

He had been involved in flying daily missions over Iraq. He was a teenager when he went over there. How old is he now?

There was my inability to properly thank God. Except for "Thank you, sweet Lord," I couldn't find the right words. What my prayer lacked in quality I tried to compensate for with quantity. "Thank you, sweet Lord" was repeated dozens of times each and every day.

It didn't seem real. I could see my son, touch him anytime I wanted and still it didn't seem real.

Late one night, I woke and found him standing beside my bed. He had been watching me sleep. It wasn't real for him either, not yet.

Of all the emotions I experienced, one was conspicuously absent. On the TV news I'd see other Americans jumping up at dawn in jubilation. I wanted to feel that, to be a part of it all. I felt immense relief and gratitude, but there was no joy in my heart. Maybe the cloud of pain was too dense to let the sun shine through. I felt such compassion, for so many people from so many lands.

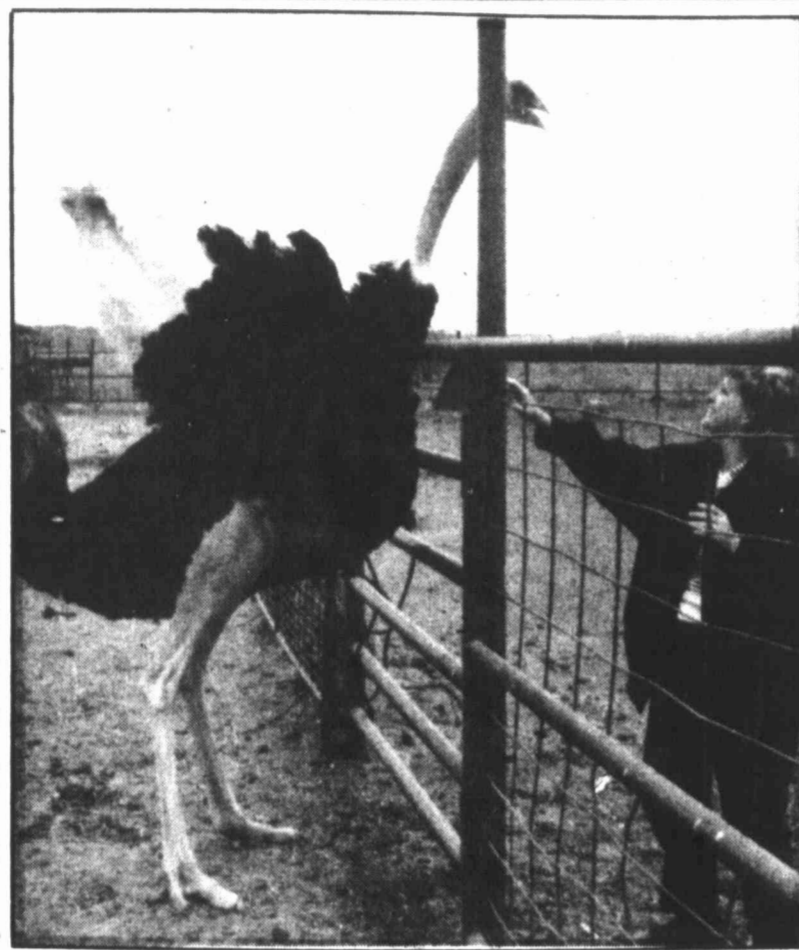
Most of my sorrow was for my own people. My area of Pennsylvania was especially hard-hit in the last Scud attack. The newspapers carried the long list of obituaries.

How could I flaunt what I had been given when my neighbors lost so much? I thought it was all over the night my son walked in the door, but the healing process has only begun.

For me, much was laid to rest the night my son and I went to mass together. We knelt side by side in the church where I had been baptized more than 40 years ago. It was then, at that moment, that it all became real. There have been countless times in my life when I have felt blessed, but that moment was incomparable.

I may never know jubilation, but for now I have known joy.

Christina Ferchalk, Atlanta, Ga., is a syndicated columnist with the Thomson News Network.



Birds of a feather

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

As every schoolkid knows, the ostrich is found in Africa, and the emu is found in Australia, except of course, for those found in Howard County.

Eddie Simer raises exotic birds, a hobby he inherited from his father. Beautiful birds of every description can be seen lounging in the spacious pens behind his residence.

Much of this area is devoted to his emus. Emus ranging in size from 15-inch, three-week-old chicks to five-foot-tall breeding adults can be seen at Simer's place.

The placid birds have very little fear of people. They crowd toward the front of their pen when people wander by, hoping

for food or a chance to playfully nip Simer's fingers.

They are silent except for an odd thumping noise made by the female when she is nervous. "That noise is called drumming," explained Simer.

An emu usually mates for life, so they can only be raised with a "breeding pair". With ostriches, however, more than one female can be bred with a male, so that a greater egg production can be achieved, explained Kevva Anderson, a partner with her husband John in their ostrich ranch.

The Andersons have a pair of ostriches named Fred and Ethel Mertz. There are three common breeds of ostrich, explained Anderson. Fred and Ethel are red-necked ostriches (appropriate for Texas). Ethel is reasonably well mannered, but Anderson warned, watch out for Fred, especially during their mating season.

Most fully grown male ostriches stand about 9-feet tall. When provoked, the male inflates his neck to about three times its normal size, and makes a roaring noise, explained Anderson. This is only the first line of defense for the enormous bird. One large claw on each foot serves as its primary weapon. Since bird knees bend the opposite direction of a mammal's, the 350-pound ostrich kicks forward with potentially fatal results.

As with raising cattle, the key is knowing when to watch out for your animal. "When it's not breeding season, you can get in the pen with them, he won't hurt you," said Anderson.

The Andersons invested \$30,000 for Fred and Ethel, plus additional pens, and more for an incubator. "Incubators run anywhere from \$5,000 to

\$15,000," said Anderson.

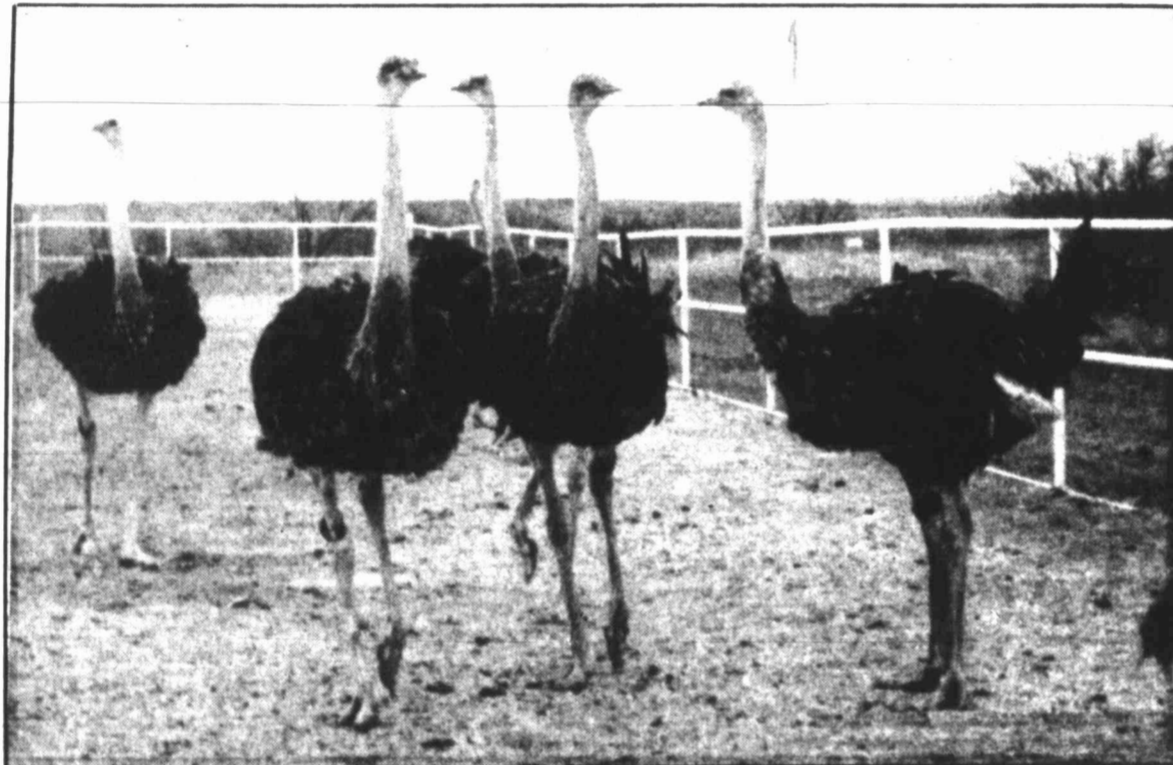
While this is a sizeable investment, the Andersons will likely make money in their first year of operation. By removing the female's eggs, she can be "tricked" into laying more. Last year, the Anderson's female laid more than 50 eggs. Only about half that number lived (many eggs were unfertilized, and there is an appreciable mortality rate). But, with males selling for \$4,000, and females selling for \$5,500, they should clear most or all of their first-year operating expenses.

For successive years, as long as the market holds, the ostrich farm should be a lucrative business. "They live to be about 75 years old, and they reproduce for about 40 years," said Anderson.

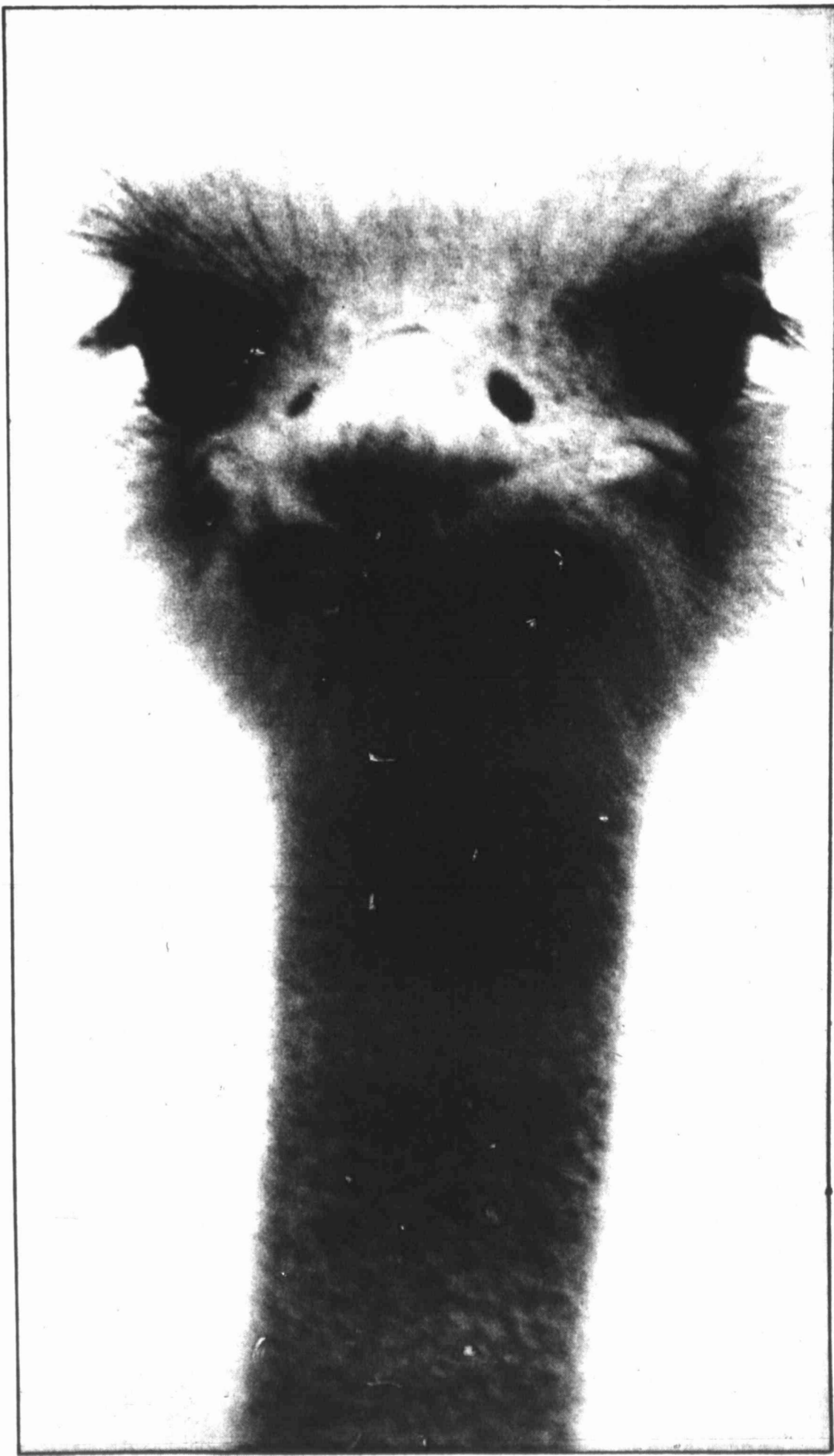
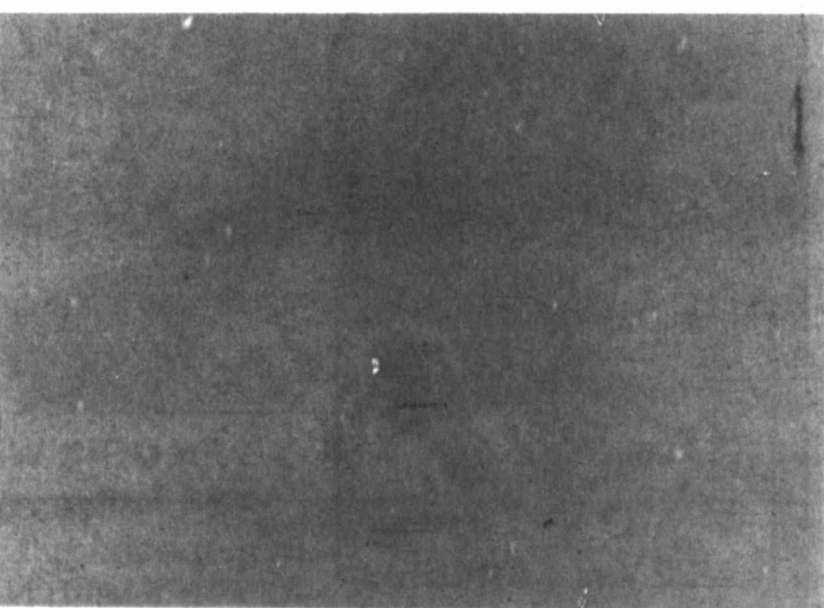
The Andersons first-year chicks are about eight months old, and they have sold about half of those. Anderson explained that the young ones grow about one foot per month. Being in the middle of a group of young, seven-foot-tall ostriches can be exciting, as if one were a five-foot point guard for the Lakers, or somehow became lost on Sesame Street.

One of the ways in which they play is to peck lightly at hands, clothing or hair. "I've lost most of my bangs," warned Anderson.

One of the biggest markets for emus and ostriches is leather goods. The price for a good pair of ostrich-skin boots starts at \$450. "Almost all of the ostrich is used," said Anderson. They have a red meat that tastes like beef, but is very low in cholesterol, she explained. "They even use that big toe-nail for jewelry," she said.



Kevva Anderson (top photo) watches as one of her ostriches demonstrates how to look good, while several others (middle photo) gather to discuss the situation. Anderson (above) holds an ostrich egg and a young ostrich (at right) takes a closer look at the camera.



Wedding

Bauer-Sheedy

Laura Bauer and Keith Sheedy, both of Austin, were united in marriage March 9 in a morning ceremony at the Manchaca Methodist United Church, Austin.

The Rev. Dana Green, Corpus Christi, cousin of the bride, officiated.

The bride's parents are Larry and Sara Bauer, Austin. Parents of the bridegroom are Paul and Charlotte Sheedy, Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father.

Matron of honor was Maggie Bauer, Austin, sister-in-law of the bride.

Mark Sheedy, Big Spring, brother of the bridegroom, was best man.

Larry Bauer Jr., brother of the bride, served as usher.

Following the wedding, the couple was honored with a reception at Onion Creek Country Club.

The bride is a graduate of Crockett High School, University of Texas and Southwest Texas State. She teaches at Williams Elementary School in Austin.

The bridegroom graduated from Big Spring High School, Howard College and Texas Tech



MR. & MRS. KEITH SHEEDY

University. He is an engineer with Texas Air Control Board, Austin.

A brief wedding trip to San Antonio and Galveston precedes a trip to Hawaii in June. The couple will reside in Austin.

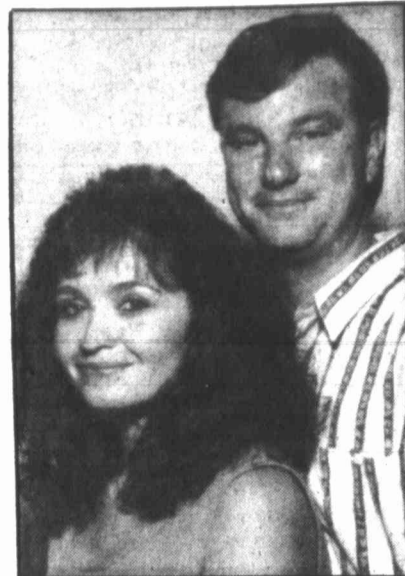
Engagements



ENGAGED — Penny Tatum Stapp and Robert Macum Phelan Jr. are engaged to be married May 18. Parents of the bride-to-be are Richard and Beverly Yarbar, and Douglas and Johnnie Tatum. The prospective bridegroom is the son of the late Rev. Father Gregory Phelan and Francine Phelan, Austin. The wedding ceremony will be conducted at St. Elias Eastern Orthodox Church, Austin, with Father James Kenna, archpriest, officiating.



TO BE WED — The engagement of Amy Lynne Burgess to Shawn Kenneth Hargrove has been announced by her mother Mrs. John Burgess. The prospective bride's father is the late John Burgess. Parents of the bridegroom-to-be are Mr. and Mrs. Joe Hargrove, Crosbyton. The wedding is scheduled for July 13 at First Christian Church, with the Rev. Steve Comstock officiating.



COUPLE TO WED — The engagement of Lucy Alvarado to Shawn Eason has been announced. Her parents are Otilia H. Alvarado and the late Antonio M. Alvarado. The prospective bridegroom's parents are Anthony and Connie Jackson and H. L. Eason, Jr. The wedding will take place April 20 at 14th and Main Church of Christ, with Doug Morris, youth minister, officiating.

Newcomers

Jeff and Tiffany Fowler, from Snyder. Jeff is self-employed as Fowler & Assoc. Ins. in Snyder. Tiffany is the hospital liaison supervisor at the Big Spring State Hospital. Hobbies include dogs, hunting and golf.

Burl B. Akins, from Evengston, Wyo., is a retired driller and pusher. Hobbies are hunting and fishing.

Roy and Carmen Cervantes, from San Angelo, and their daughters, Lupe, 17, Marie, 14, Elizabeth, 2½, and sons, Francisco, 12, and Roy Jr., 11. Roy is employed with Halliburton Services. Hobbies include fishing, camping and swimming.

Billy and Barbara Wyatt, from Brownwood, and their son, Billy, 15. Billy is employed with Republic Supply Co. Hobbies include camping, fishing and woodworking.

Paul and Becky Castleberry, from Midland, and their daughters, Kristen, 11, and Whitney, 5, and sons, Jason, 8, and Matthew, 2. Paul is employed with Petro Chemical Transport. Hobbies are fishing, reading and swimming.

Dana Hicks, from Midland, and her daughter, Darla, 9 months. Dana is a beauty operator.

John and Ruth Flores, from Snyder, and their son, Joe, 5. John is a correctional officer at the Federal Correctional Institute. Hobbies are walking, handicrafts and hunting.

Jonathan and Paula Hyman, from Andice. Jonathan is a construction foreman with Hubert Building. Hobbies include piano, basketball and fishing.

Edward and Ginger Beecher, from Midland, and their daughter, Crystal, 7, and sons, Chance, 5, and Cody, 2. Edward is a truck driver with Petro Chemical Transport. Hobbies are arts and crafts, reading and skating.

Deadline for Engagements
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Mexico's Guanajuato is a romantic treasure

GUANAJUATO, Mexico (AP) — This remote, romantic town is a treasure.

Nestled between two high mountain ridges in the geographical heart of Mexico about 250 miles northwest of Mexico City, Guanajuato is the most unusual of Mexico's colonial cities.

This is silver and gold mining country. From the 1500s to 1700s, conquistadors used Guanajuato's riches to build magnificent baroque mansions, municipal buildings and churches that still surround the town's picturesque plazas and parks.

Missions were built where masses of Indians were converted and became part of the faithful flock — and an excellent labor force.

The Mexican struggle for independence from Spain began here because wealthy criollos — people of Spanish descent born in Mexico — were angered by restrictions the crown placed on them, favoring colonials born in Spain.

Independence movement leaders were planning peaceful secession from Spain until their conspiracy was uncovered and armed rebellion broke out.

Miguel Hidalgo, an independence leader, is still a big name here. Guanajuato has few streets wide enough for cars, but the most important one, a 4-mile-long subterranean road, is Calle Hidalgo.

Originally dug as a drainage sewer to protect the city from flooding and landslide, cavernous Calle Hidalgo's atmosphere is eerie. But several open areas reveal ancient balconies, laden with bright purple bougainvillea, jutting out overhead.

At the market, also named Hidalgo, bargaining is part of the

art of buying. Merchants display local ceramics, woven articles, a great diversity of produce, herbs and spices. There's also a local sugar confection shaped like a skeleton and wrapped with cigarettes and tequila in colored cellophane.

These sweet, ghoulish souvenirs celebrate one of Guanajuato's famous attractions. Las Momias are mummified remains of citizens buried in the local cemetery, the Panteon Municipal. Mineral-rich soil preserved the bodies, some of which are displayed in glass cases. Whether viewers find them fascinating or gruesome, the mummies have a profound effect on mood and stimulate philosophical conversation.

Lighter-hearted chatter echoes around sidewalk cafes, beneath shade trees and in the bandstand in Jardin de la Union. Guanajuato's lovely principal square.

From the square, narrow cobblestone streets twist through town and climb surrounding slopes to panoramic overlooks. These maze-like venues, no more than 2 or 3 feet wide in some places, are lined with pastel-colored houses with ornately carved doors and handsome grillwork.

Every October, Guanajuato's streets fill with the fanfare and performances of the International Cervantes Festival, presenting music, dance and drama in theaters, churches and plazas around town. The program offers classical to contemporary works, but particularly popular is the University of Guanajuato's outdoor performance of Miguel de Cervantes' "Interludes." The highlight of these satirical dramatic episodes is when Cervantes, dressed as Don Quixote, appears on horseback.

APPROACHING MARRIAGE
— Tanya D. Huggins, daughter of Jim D. Piper, Sand Springs, and Shawn M. Cooley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Burl L. Cooley, will be married March 31. The ceremony will be conducted by Rev. Art Dodds at the Calvary Baptist Church in Big Spring.

Club notes

Nurturing traditions
topic of club meeting

A program entitled "Nurturing Tradition While Fostering Changes" was presented by Mrs. Sonny Shroyer at the March 21 meeting of the 1948 Hyperion Club.

The meeting was in the home of Mrs. Robert Stripling with Mrs. Gerald Wooten as co-hostess.

Mrs. Shroyer's program was based on results of a survey of women of various ages on the question, "What tradition would you like to see remain and nurtured in the family, as well as changes you would like to see fostered."

Mary Jane's
tour Aventech

Members of the Mary Jane Club were given a tour of Aventech in the Industrial Park as the program for their March meeting.

The members met in the home of Juanita Stonerook and went to the park as a group. Following the tour, club members lunched at the Green House.

The next meeting will be April 11 with Dian Wood and Bobbie Nix as hostesses.

ton, at Dallas Baylor Hospital, on March 1, 1991 at 2:04 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 8 ounces. Grandparents are Joe and Patti Horton, Big Spring; Dee Bohmer, Dallas; and Melvin Bohmer, El Paso. Joseph is the baby brother of Matthew.

• Born to Tony and Shannon Stuteville, a daughter, Haley Dawn, Martin County Hospital, on March 14, 1991 at 7:47 a.m. Grandparents are Lynn and Kay Barnett, and Pete and Pat Stuteville.

• Born to Dave and Roanne DeSonier, Plano, a daughter, Kristi Marie, on March 20, 1991 at 10:15 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 11 ounces. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Riley, Big Spring; and Mrs. Oleta DeSonier, Aurora, Colo. Kristi is the baby sister of Michael, 4, and Joshua, 2.

• Born to Jim and Lisa Muncy, Clemson, S.C., a son, Allen Wesley, on March 14, 1991 at 8:30 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 12 ounces.

Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. W.A. Riley, Big Spring; and Al Muncy, Barstow, Calif. Allen is the baby brother of Alonzo, 3, and Alice, 19 months.

• Born to Abel and Annette Garcia, 4205 Parkway, a daughter, Antoinette Marie, at Midland Memorial Hospital, on March 13, 1991 at 6:48 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 9½ ounces, delivered by Dr. Sciscoe. Grandparents are Tony and Anna Rodriguez, 4215 Muir; Felix Garcia Sr., 811 N. Goliad; and the late Esther Garcia. Antoinette is the baby sister of Abel Jr., 7.

• Born to Joe and Monica Martinez, a son, Sergio Joseph, at Martin County Hospital, on March 14, 1991 at 12:19 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 14 ounces, delivered by Dr. Fisher. Grandparents are Manuel and Lupe Martinez, Coahoma; and Manuel and Adela Dominguez, 1501 W. Cherokee. Sergio is the baby brother of Anastasia, 3.

Stork club

• Born to David and Desire Holsenbeck, a son, Cody Wayne, on March 16, 1991 at 9:49 p.m., weighing 7 pounds 1½ ounces, delivered by Dr. Herrington. Grandparents are Leon and Charlene Holsenbeck, and Gale and Maurine Pittman, all of Big Spring.

• Born to William Roy and Becky R. Lentz Jr., a son, Nicholas Colby, on March 19, 1991 at 9:57 a.m., weighing 6 pounds ½ ounce, delivered by Dr. Herrington. Grandparents are Lacey and Glenda Edwards, 2701 Larry; Juan and Inez Rodriguez, Snyder; and William Roy and Terry Lentz Sr., Colorado City.

ELSEWHERE

• Born to Walter and Teresa Horton, a son, Joseph Aaron Hor-

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Posse called to help with party

Tidbits



By LEA WHITEHEAD

"They said they didn't want any fanfare, but we just couldn't let it go," says Ruby Allred, describing a surprise 50th wedding anniversary party members of the Howard County Sheriff's Posse tossed for Clide and Geneva Roberts.

"We told 'em there was work to do at the Posse's arena (on Andrews Highway) for our upcoming calf roping event," Ruby says. And that's how they tricked Clide and Geneva to the party.

Enjoying cake and coffee, served from a lace-covered table decorated with Spring flowers, were the honorees, the R. D. Carpenters, Joe and Mildred Gamble, Francis and Jane Dixon, Cecil and Ruby Allred and Elvie Murphy.

The Howard County Sheriff's Posse, by the way, is one of our most cherished local institutions, founded in the early 1930's by then-Sheriff Jess Slaughter and others. Ruby said the Posse won a national award in 1969 (based on parade participation) and led the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show Parade that year.

Former resident and longtime Broadway actress-singer Helon

Blount is currently starring in the acclaimed "Nunsense," a comedy about five nuns, at the Carousel Dinner Theatre in Akron, Ohio.

She portrays Sister Mary Regina, the Mother Superior; in the character notes, Sister Mary Regina was supposed to have come from County of Cork in Dublin, Ireland, but Helon asked to substitute "County of Howard in West Texas" ... and they did!

This bit of news came in a note from her brother, R. E. "Peppy" Blount, Longview, who, of course, was on hand for the play's opening. Peppy is a 1943 graduate of BSHS, and Helon graduated in 1946.

More acclaim for former residents: Stephan Pyles, nationally known purveyor of Southwest cuisine, was featured recently with story and photos in the *Waco Tribune*.

Stephan, who got his start in his parents' restaurants in Big Spring, is the owner of the trendy Routh Street Cafe and Baby Ruth in Dallas.

"The Sound of Texas," syndicated radio show written and produced by our own Tumbleweed Smith (aka Bob Lewis) aired its 5,000th program March 18.

Tumbleweed's first interview, aired August 1, 1969, was "a report on a calf roping school in Big Spring operated by Toots Mansfield, world champion calf roper."

The 5,000th show featured a trombone choir from Commerce

and an interview with its director, Dr. Neill Humfeld.

Tumbleweed's show is the most widely syndicated radio program in the state, carried by 120 stations. He says he has probably "interviewed more Texas characters than anyone else. I'm having so much fun I wish I was twins!"

Shirley Burgess invited friends and relatives to her home recently for a champagne buffet to honor her daughter, Amy Lynn Burgess, who will be married to Shawn Kenneth Hargrove, Crosbyton, in July. Amy's father is the late John A. Burgess.

The party overflowed from the living room to the den to the sun porch and out into the yard — "it was such a beautiful day," Shirley says. The scent of fresh red roses wafted through all the rooms.

Guests included Amy's brother-in-law and sister, Cindy and Rich Flora, with Hannah, 5, and Grace, 4, Dallas; her aunt and uncle, Bob and Madelyne Finch, Sweeny; Shawn's parents, Joe and Joyce Hargrove, Crosbyton; his sister, L'Rae, and Newel Watson, with Slayden, 2, Rawls. (The Floras' 11-month-old son John Bennett, named after his grandfather, was also in town but was too sleepy to make the party.)

Shirley chose mothers 'n daughters for the house party, including Nellie McDowell and daughter, Laurel (home from Angelo State University); Sandra Haney and Dana (home from

Tarleton State; Daria Kilgore and Tracy, McKinney; Pat Brodie and daughter, Karen Hunter, Lubbock; and Jan Foresyth and daughter, Jackie Swinney, Big Spring.

Others in the house party were Johnnie Lou Avery and Brenda Moore (who welcomed guests), Joan LaFond, Carol McMahon, Jennifer Shirey, Toni Hamby, Lisa Brooks, Mary Spannaus and Clovie Shirey, with a little help from Bob Moore, Lorin McDowell, Lanny Hamby, Greg Brooks, Ralph Brooks (Lynette was home with the flu), Auriel LaFond, Jerry Foresyth, Dean Swinney and Matt Hunter.

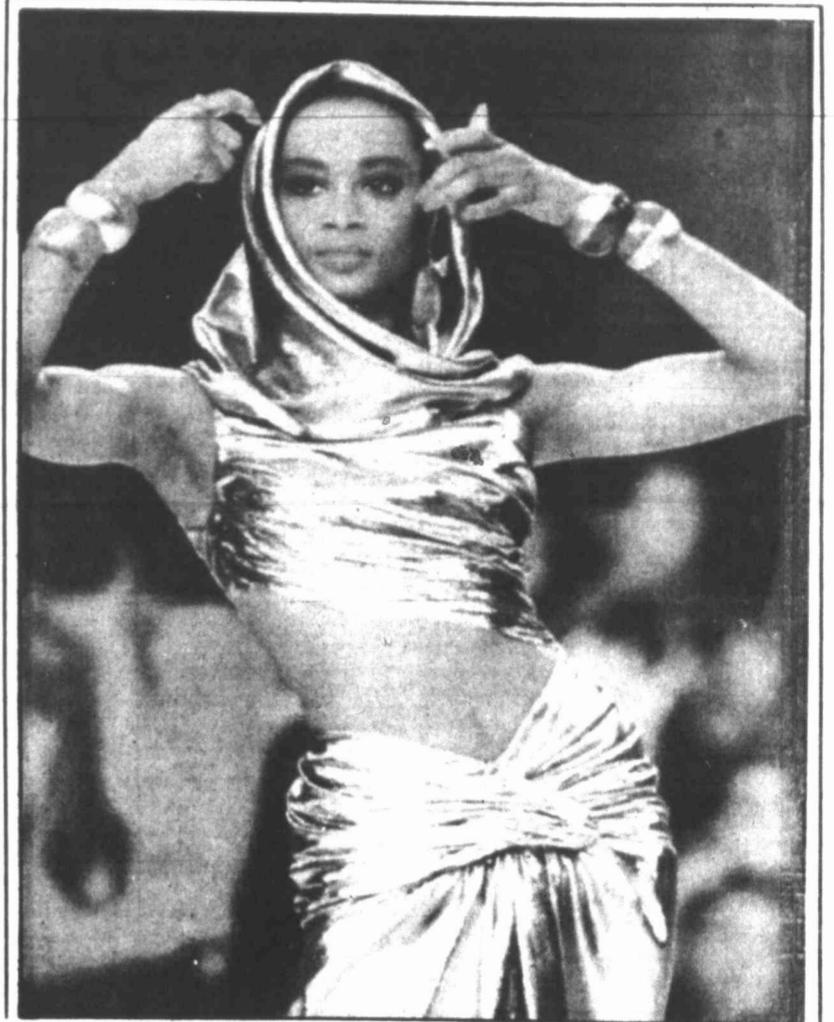
Amy Martin's "very best friend in the whole world" visited Amy and Rodney for a long four-day weekend.

Sandy Chesnut, who now lives in Ft. Walton Beach, Fla., and Amy had not seen each other since they worked together at the then-Federal Prison Camp until Sandy was transferred in 1986.

The Martins entertained with a barbecue at their home, and guests included Amy's sister, Frances, and her husband, Leon Hobbs; and Luan and Terry Kessler. Frances and Luan worked at the prison with Sandy, too!

Debbie Wooten and Debbie Pirkle joined Amy in entertaining Sandy in Midland during her visit.

"It was so much fun," says Amy, "that we're getting together again — Rodney and I are planning to meet Sandy in Las Vegas in June!"



Associated Press photo

Saint Laurent gold

PARIS — Yves Saint Laurent introduced this shiny gold lame hooded evening ensemble, which is fastened at the hip, at his 1991 Fall/Winter show.

Full schedule of events planned

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Girl Scouts are involved in many activities and the West Texas Girl Scout Council has planned events throughout the year, into the summer months, for members and leaders. The Council's calendar begins again in September, for the 1991-92 school year.

Kaye Lane, membership chairperson, said Service Unit 35 is made of Scouts in Coahoma, Big Spring, Stanton, Forsan and St. Lawrence. SU 35 has 29 troops, and more than 288 girls.

For Girl Scout Week, March 12 through 16, girls in the different troops did daily Scouting activities, as well as selling the famous cookies, she said.

For the next several months, Scouts will be busy involved in camps, track meets, banquets and the 40th anniversary of the West Texas Council, Lane said.

She said Girl Scouts are comprised of five different groups; Daisy's, Brownies, Juniors, Cadets and Seniors. Daisy's are preschool girls; first through third-grade girls belong to Brownies; fourth, fifth and sixth graders are Juniors; Cadets are for junior high school girls; and Seniors are for high school girls.

April 13, Brownies will travel to Abilene for a trip to the zoo. All the Brownies registered in the Council are eligible for the trip,

and transportation will be provided by registered parents. The girls will visit the Council camp in Sweetwater, and spend the night.

April 19, 20 and 21, the Juniors will spend two nights at Camp Boothe Oakes in Sweetwater, making and decorating T-shirts and socks. This is also a Council event, although attendance is limited by the Texas Parks and Wildlife rules on camping.

April 22, Service Unit 35 leaders banquet, honoring all Scouting leaders and sponsors, is scheduled. Lane said last year's banquet was at the Golden Corral, but plans are not finalized for this year's banquet.

April 27, SU 35 will sponsor an area track meet at Big Spring High School's Blankenship Field. The meet will last from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., and Lane said the meet has been "well attended" since it moved to Big Spring three years ago. Winners will receive medals and ribbons, and T-shirts will commemorate the event.

Also on the April 27 weekend, Camp Boothe Oakes will be the site for the 40th anniversary celebration of the West Texas Council. Lane said she understands it will be a special, all-day event, but she will be working the track meet.

May 3-4, Camp Boothe Oakes will be the site for the leaders retreat for SU 35. Lane said this is

an opportunity for the troop leaders to visit the camp without the girls, and brush up on their camping skills.

The retreat is free for registered Scout leaders, but reservations are required. Fees for different arts and crafts supplies are charged, but Lane said the fee is nominal. Meals will be prepared by the camp staff, and leaders may participate in the water activities at Lake Trammel, visit the Craft House at the camp, or play tennis on the camp's courts.

Most of the month of May, local troops will have different activities for their Scouts, such as end-of-the-year parties and ceremonies to award badges earned throughout the year, Lane said.

Beginning in June, two summer camps are planned, a day camp in Big Spring, and a resident camp in Sweetwater.

The Big Spring Day Camp is scheduled for June 3-7, at the Immaculate Heart of Mary school. This camp is for all Scouts, Daisy's through Seniors, and the girls will work toward one of their badges. Activities will include songs, games, arts and crafts for the members. The girls will have the option of buying T-shirts, and cost for the camp is as yet undetermined.

The Resident Camp Boothe Oakes is scheduled from June 3

through July 31, and Scouts may attend for one or two weeks. Girls in the third grade or older may participate, and the cost is deferred by each girl's cookie sales. The \$90 fee entitles the Scout to canoeing, swimming, arts and crafts, sleeping in tents, and other camping opportunities.

Lane said the camp is a "wonderful experience," and college-aged counselors are on-hand to direct the activities. She said a catalog outlining the various events will be published. Last year's activities included theater and drama emphasis for one section and a Pool Posse, which concentrated on water sports and water safety, in another. Major arts and crafts projects, and Star Gazers, an astronomy group, were also offered, among other events. The Girl Scout must choose in which division she wants to participate, and all activities will be ongoing from the first week.

Lane said Camp Boothe Oakes belongs to the West Texas Council, and is a "beautiful place. None of the other Council's have a camp to compare to ours," she said. The camp employs a full-time cook and forest ranger.

For more information on Girl Scouting, contact Tricia Vess at 267-4872. Cookies are still available through some troops; call Jonel Smallwood at 263-0617.

Military

Pvt. Tino L. Gonzales Jr., has completed the basic field artillery cannoneer course at Fort Sill, Okla.

During the course, students were taught the duties of howitzer or gun section crewman. They also received instruction in communications, maintenance and the handling of ammunition and explosives.

Gonzales is the son of Tino and Maria Gonzales of 2410 W. 16th. He is a 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Airman Lewis T. Hinojos Jr. has graduated from Air Force basic training at Lackland Air Force Base.

During the six weeks of training the airman studied Air Force mission, organization and customs and received special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Janie Porras of 1802 Goliad.

The airman is a 1990 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Navy Seaman Recruit George V. Lara, son of George V. and Maria H. Lara, Lamesa, has completed

recruit training at Recruit Training Command, San Diego.

During Lara's eight-week training cycle, he studied general military subjects designed to prepare him for further academic and on-the-job training in one of the Navy's 85 basic fields.

His studies included seamanship, close order drill, Naval history and first aid. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of college credit in physical education and hygiene.

He joined the Navy in August 1990. His wife, Kari, is the daughter of Eddie and Glenda Dickenson, also of Lamesa.

Theresa P. Gonzalez has been promoted in the U.S. Army to the rank of specialist.

The soldier is an equipment records and parts specialist at Fort Belvoir, Va.

Gonzalez is the daughter of Ezequiel and Albina P. Gonzalez, Colorado City. She is a 1989 graduate of Colorado High School.

Marine Pvt. David L. Robnett, son of Jerry L. and Leona F. Robnett, Klondike, has completed recruit training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

During the 13-week training cycle, Robnett was taught the basics of battlefield survival. He was introduced to the typical daily routine he will experience during his enlistment and studied the personal and professional standards traditionally exhibited by Marines.

He participated in an active physical conditioning program and gained proficiency in a variety of military skills including first aid, rifle marksmanship and close

order drill. Teamwork and self-discipline were emphasized throughout the training cycle.

A 1988 graduate of Cooper High School, Cooper, he joined the Marine Corps in October 1990.

Air Force Capt. Frank Chavez has been decorated with the Meritorious Service Medal.

The medal is awarded for outstanding non-combat meritorious achievement for service to the United States.

He is a chaplain at Lajes Air Base, Portugal.

Chavez is the son of Chamilo and Macaria Chavez, 2700 Larry.

The officer is a 1967 graduate of Big Spring High School, and a 1973 graduate of St. Mary's University, San Antonio.

Pvt. Juan Garcia Jr. has completed the wire systems installer course at Fort Gordon, Augusta, Ga.

The course provided instruction for soldiers to install, operate, and perform operator and organizational maintenance checks and services on voltage and current protection devices, telephones and auxiliary equipment.

Garcia is the son of Glorio P. and Herminia G. Villarreal, Garden City.

The private is a 1989 graduate of Angelton High School.

Pvt. Elizabeth Gomez, daughter of Emma Cortez and stepdaughter of Juan Cortez of Lamesa, has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students

received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Gomez is a 1990 graduate of Klondike High School, Lamesa.

Army Sgt. Ricky J. Dyess, son of Billy J. and Jean Dyess of Lamesa, has participated in Arctic Warrior 91, a training exercise for the defense of Alaska.

It provided an arctic environment for a major land battle between two large conventional forces in the state's interior, air-to-ground operations in support of the land battle, and air intercept operations.

The exercise is conducted every other year to train Alaska-based forces to employ and sustain combat units.

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Pvt. 1st Class Charles F. Pesnell has completed basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C.

During the training, students received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

He is the son of Samson M. Pesnell of 2414 Runnels, and Anna B. Pesnell of 205½ W. 15th St.

The private graduated in 1986 from Garden City High School, and received an associate degree in 1989 from Howard College.

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Legalizing use of heroin urged for cancer patients

Doctor game



By DR. W. GIFFORD JONES, MD
Do the Pepsi challenge and the treatment of terminal cancer pain share anything in common? In 1971, Pepsi mounted the most devastating advertising and promotional campaign ever devised. The company called it the Pepsi challenge. One TV commercial showed a Texas grandmother and her granddaughter trying two different colas. Later, when the covers were slipped off the bottles, the little girl shouted, "Grandma picked Pepsi!"

"I can't believe it," the older woman said. "I've drunk Coke all my life."
If heroin was ever used in a test similar to the Pepsi challenge, I am confident which pain killer would win.

Unfortunately, American doctors today cannot give terminal cancer patients the opportunity to choose between heroin and morphine. Heroin, one of the most potent pain killers known to man, should be legalized for medical use.

What a ludicrous situation in this country! Street addicts can obtain heroin for pleasure. Yet a block away, patients riddled with cancer are denied its benefits.

Heroin is used as a pain killer for terminal cancer patients in such countries as Canada and Britain.

Recently, I was asked on a national television show why I felt heroin is superior to morphine as a pain killer. It's a question that should be sent to the Smithsonian Institute. It's been proven repeatedly by scientific studies heroin is more potent than morphine. It dulls the cough reflex of lung cancer patients and reaches the brain quicker to ease pain. Even critics agree it's vastly superior to morphine for injections. Heroin also eases apprehension and produces a unique euphoric effect. And it's been used effectively by English doctors for more than 80 years to combat cancer pain.

But legalizing heroin in the U.S. won't be easy. The attitude of some physicians and cancer clinics is appalling. They quickly label heroin as a "curio," a dangerous, ineffective and obsolete drug. But then admit they have never used heroin as a pain killer.

Some critics also distort the truth. They invariably point out English hospices have switched from heroin to morphine. But they fail to add this applies only in the case of oral therapy and not when intramuscular injections are needed. And 80 per cent of cancer patients in English hospices require heroin injections in their final days.

Time and time again, I've also heard the argument the use of

heroin in U.S. hospitals would pose a security threat. But are Americans so different from the British? During a trip to England, I talked with inspectors at Scotland Yard, in London, who told me this problem was not even on their list of priorities. I heard the same story from the drug squad in Edinburgh, Scotland. Pharmacies were not being broken into, nor were doctors' offices the target of criminals. Hospital security for heroin in Great Britain is just the same for other narcotics.

Opponents also argue heroin isn't needed because, in the body, heroin breaks down into morphine. But Dr. Allen Mondzac, professor of medicine at George Washington University, told a U.S. House subcommittee on health in 1984 small molecular changes make significant differences in mechanisms of drug action. He added, "Those who dismiss heroin as a form of morphine are ignoring what are basic biological truths. It's the change in the morphine radical into diacetyl morphine creating heroin that gives heroin its unique property."

Some medical authorities argue heroin is addictive. But is this a problem when patients have only a few days to live! And does it really matter if one entered the Pearly Gates a trifle addicted! Moreover, if critics would take time to visit England, they would discover addiction is not a problem.

Addiction An internationally known pain specialist at St. Thomas' Hospital, London, offered this comment: "I have patients on large doses of heroin who can still go out shopping. Tell Americans to stop worrying about addiction. I can wean patients off heroin in two weeks if there's a remission in the disease. Addiction occurs when drugs are taken for pleasure. But, when prescribed for pain, the pain eats up the addictive qualities of heroin."

I once told a Canadian government committee the most believable witnesses couldn't attend their meeting. They were all dead. I'm sure heroin would be quickly legalized in the U.S. if opponents of heroin suffered the agony of terminal cancer for just 24 hours.

Watching a loved one die in agony is one of life's cruellest moments. So let's demand politicians legalize this humanitarian pain killer. To argue heroin is no better than morphine, without putting it to something like the Pepsi challenge, is the most flagrant example of "the closed mind" I can conceive. This is heartless maltreatment and must end because the agony of cancer affects more and more American households.

It has always been my opinion a syndicated medical journalist should do more than confine his or her writing to flat feet, tired blood and hemorrhoids. Columnists must address problems that affect the well-being of the nation as well as the individual. Readers who agree with the Pepsi challenge for heroin should forward letters to this newspaper.



Lacroix chocolate

PARIS — This black and chocolate two-piece ensemble with a checker-board, belted top over a target-print skirt was presented with gold and black gloves and a bow hairdo during Christian Lacroix's Fall/Winter show.

Club news

Librarian discusses library programs

Donna Jackson, Howard County librarian, discussed the variety of books available for all ages at the local library, at the March 21 meeting of the 1905 Hyperion Club in the home of Mrs. J. R. Anderson. Mrs. Horace Reagan was co-hostess.

Books on the same subject may be found written for every age group, Jackson said. Books on travel and types of work are available for study if the reader is planning a vacation or a change of career. Besides new books acquired regularly, old favorites are still available; for example, an updated version of the Nancy Drew mysteries.

The library also offers a literacy program conducted by volunteers, and a reference phone line, said Jackson. Tapes and videos on many subjects are available at no charge, and the library offers an inter-library loan program of large-print books. National and international library loan service and information exchange is available through the local facility.

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Betty Williams, president of Riley Drilling Company since 1980, was named 1991 Business Associate by the American Business Women's Assn., at its annual "Business Associate Event" March 11 at the Brandin Iron Inn. Her nomination was made by her secretary, Elaine Tubb. Norma Morrow was named 1991 Woman of the Year.

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Preparations underway for an updated county fair

Ask the agent



By DON RICHARDSON
County Extension Agent — Agriculture

The Howard County Fair Association met this week and the directors are busy planning for the 1991 fair.

The biggest change this year will be the dates. The fair will be moved from the traditional third weekend in Sept. to Sept. 2 through 7.

Most of the regular features of the fair will be back again, plus some new added attractions. Coming back this year, after several years absence, will be an open junior rabbit show. Interest has been developing for a junior rabbit program to allow an opportunity for youngsters to compete with their projects. A Howard County Rabbit Club has been formed for adults and youngsters interested in rabbits. It meets the second Tuesday each month at the Big Spring Livestock Auction building. Mrs. Hazel Baker is serving as club manager for the 4H members in this organization. Any youngster in Howard County is encouraged to join. Adults are also welcome. For additional information contact Mrs. Baker at 394-4064.

Entertainment will once again be a top priority. Mrs. Jewell Tubb serves as coordinating director for the fair association in the entertainment areas. She is currently lining up events to be featured on a nightly basis each evening. Agricultural activities will be

featured again. There will be an open cotton contest with awards for the tallest stalk, the stalk with the most bolls and others. Agricultural produces, including fresh fall vegetables, will also be featured and agricultural educational exhibits. Plus the traditional open junior lamb and steer shows.

The 4H Clubs will host its annual Omelet Event the opening night of the fair, providing a tasty three-egg omelet at a reasonable price. Tom Koger will again serve as coordinating director for the school enrichment programs; featuring live demonstrations on farm and ranch activities such as branding and shoeing horses. The popular petting zoo is also expected to return.

Arnold Marshall, chairman of the Fair Board, has announced there will be a carnival at the fair this year. Last year's carnival had to cancel when the Persian-Gulf War broke out. All their equipment was in the Middle East.

Young ladies in the area will once again compete for the honor of Howard County Fair Queen, vying for scholarships and other awards. Mrs. Laverne Gaskins is the fair's coordinating agent for this event.

Mrs. Zula Rhodes, coordinating director, will be offering the ever popular Women's Division for the fair again in 1991. Daily contests feature sewing skills, crafts, cooking and baking activities.

Each year months of planning are required in order to present a fair as successful as the Howard County Fair.

Watch this column for additional details. Wayne Rock, publicity director, is in the process of preparing information about the 1991 edition of the Howard County Fair.

Connie Gatliff, club president, was mistress of ceremonies for the program.

Guest speaker was Ted St. Clair, director of Moore Development, Inc., who cited the assets of Big Spring and explained plans for expansion of the economic base.

Williams, a member of ABWA since 1981, has held several offices and chaired various committees and special events. She has served on the board of the Dora Roberts Rehab Center. With her husband Jim, she is an active member of the Coahoma Church of Christ. The couple has four daughters and 10 grandchildren.

Extension club discusses contracts

"Any signed contract can become subject to the law," Jovili Elichson told members of the City

Extension Club at its March 8 meeting at the home of Lois Johnston.

"Read carefully all print, both big and small. The big print gives and the small print taketh away," the speaker said. She advised her audience to seek professional or qualified help before signing any document that is not fully understood. Everyone lives with contracts daily — marriage and prenuptial agreements, rental or lease contracts, loans, credit card applications, employment agreements, certificate of deposits, airline tickets, insurance policies and much more.

Laverne Green was a guest. A Spring Fling '91 is scheduled for the 4H Center in Brownwood for adults 55 and older April 2-5, 9-12, 16-19, 23-26 and 30-May 3. For information contact Howard County Extension agent.

Arline Johnston won the door prize.

Hemlines continue on roller coaster ride

PARIS (AP) — Put it on or take it off.

Last week's circus of colorful ready-to-wear fashions for next winter was an up-and-down extravaganza revealing everything from nearly nudes in wetsuit body stockings to ventures into longer skirt lengths.

Overall, the offerings were hailed enthusiastically for their renewed vigor and spark. Paris-based fashion editor Suzy Menkes said several shows "scaled vertiginous peaks of creativity."

Paris remains a melting-pot for fashion, furnishing ideas for everybody, young or old, fat or thin.

And the fashions come from all over the world. Valentino has led the way for Italians. More Japanese than ever are jostling for runway space. American Oscar de la Renta, in his French debut, got mixed reviews.

Skirt lengths are creeping down slowly. Influential creators like Ungaro, Saint Laurent and younger designer Philip Wagborne at Nina Ricci showed versions of the tartan in pleated, longer lengths.

Long coats or skirt panels appeared between peeps at legs in colorful tights and minis or even shorts.

Karl Lagerfeld turned out both short and long for his own collection and Chanel's. But his big surprise at Chanel was another look at denim and bomber or blouson styles.

Chanel styles included long sleeves and metal at Chanel and a dazzling line of gold

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lycra bodysuits under his own name. Lagerfeld is now known as the new Goldfinger, the 18-carat magician with a Midas touch.

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Claude Montana gave asymmetrical, layered dash to fitted jackets with long basque bottoms.

Trapeze or flyaway coats are looking better than ever, though Christian Lacroix did a very good bright egg-shaped tweed coat, along with more triangular shapes. The frog-buttoned duffel as well as the taffeta down ski jacket were given new life with luxury touches and were worn over lean leggings, cigarette pants and tights.

The fitted, gored princess or redingote coat and coat-dresses are superb for winter femininity. They turned up with various collars and snappy buttons and details, from navy or charcoal to plaids, hot colors of turquoise or coral.

As the power suit with hulking shoulders went out with the 1980s, the new silhouette is softer, with cowl collars, wrapped shoulders,

cape effects. However, designers still do produce slightly padded shoulders and plenty of tailored blazer looks, plus neat boleros.

For the 1990s, the chic lady executive might like to branch out into something more feminine. She could choose a version of the curvy new suits with flared and hip-enhancing jackets, plus rounded, bell-shaped short skirts with crinoline stiffening. These can turn into trumpet or inverted funnel shapes as done by rigorous, structural designers such as Claude Montana.

And, as Jean-Paul Gaultier is ruling the roost for creativity now, fashion-watchers are praising his draped handkerchief skirts with points, unveiling a lot of leg, a bit of pointed skirt.

His show of gorgeously colored Toulouse-Lautrec clothes, fit for moderns with a yen to do the can-can, was considered not only fun but influential.

As Gaultier offered little lace-up booties for his Moulin Rouge styles, other designers also had ideas about this newly vital accessory. Karl Lagerfeld topped his booties with a fur rim. Yves Saint Laurent's lace-ups were daintily snapped, in hot colored satins to match the outfits.

Fabrics to watch for next winter are the inevitable shiny lycra for body-suits and tights, plus many stretch jerseys for pants and suits.

There are also beautiful broadcloths, nubbled, but soft heavy weave tweeds, with dashes of salt-pepper effects. Alpaca, cashmere-wool, jersey are all worked to advantage for daytime.

But many tweeds, plaids and brocades are shot through with the goldfinger-lame touch, spotted almost everywhere.

Velvet, new crimped synthetics, dressy satins, laces, tulle and colorful lame put the pizzazz into evening clothes, along with extravagant ostrich wraps and trim for fine-feathered fillies.

Moire and iridescent taffetas also hit the ballgown circuit in full-skirted models, or puffy skirts sometimes raised in front to show the leg.

From much charcoal and silvery-grey to ivory, cream, toasty brown and beige, autumn tones also feature a lot of pine green, khaki, mustard or corn yellow, teal blue, prune, burnt orange, rust, and everything from neon to tomato or burgundy in the reds.

A peppy range of basic brights fans out from violet and royal blues to Caribbean turquoise, salmon, coral and mandarin orange. Patterns can range from outsized houndstooth checks, to the geometric look of kilim rug patterns, or Oriental-inspired shimmering designs, always so well done at Christian Lacroix. Fashion-watchers also admired the charm of Kenzo.

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Getting Blue to Oklahoma

Tumbleweed Smith



By **TUMBLEWEED SMITH**

On January first our little caravan headed for Denison. Three hundred fifty miles away. I was driving Blue, my 1954 Chevy pickup. My wife was in her very fine automobile. My son, his wife and their new baby, were in their little bitty car. They live in Denison and were returning home after the holidays. We decided to tag along; partly because of Jackson, our new grandson and partly because we wanted to get old Blue to the Oklahoma line.

I have this crazy Army buddy who wants to borrow old Blue. I told him he could if he came down to get it. He lives in Minnesota.

Blue had already made a 250 mile trip from near Fort Davis, where it had been parked on the side of a mountain and largely ignored for a couple of years. The prospect of my driving it another 350 miles was a little worrisome to me. Especially on a holiday.

When I filled up with gas I discovered the gauge on the dashboard indicated the battery was not charging. When we left the service station, we had to push the pickup to start the engine.

Anyway, we headed out. It was 1 p.m.

I told the group if we could make it to Coahoma, eight miles down the road, we could probably make it all the way. We roared right

through Coahoma bound for points east.

Nineteen miles down the road, Blue started acting like it was running out of gas. I stopped, cleaned out the gas filter and stepped on the starter. Nothing. My wife and son gave me a shove to get Blue started. It was still sluggish, but continued to move down the highway.

I started the trip with much trepidation. By the time I had gone fifty miles, though, I was feeling confident. Eighty three miles into the trip, I stopped to empty the gas filter again because the engine seemed to be missing. This time I stopped on a downhill slope so I could start without having to be pushed.

When I reached the one hundred mile mark, I celebrated by pushing down on the horn. It wouldn't work.

Just past Abilene, the pickup was running so rough I pulled off the highway onto an access road. I emptied the gas filter because that's about the only thing automotive I know how to do.

My son had to push me with his sub-compact car. In doing so, he damaged his bumper. Any interest he may have had in this great highway adventure began to wane.

At one hundred thirty-three miles the pickup was vibrating badly. I was ready to end the trip. I began to think of all the bowl games we were missing and the fact my son had to get to work the next morning and needed to get his baby home. I was ready to call my buddy in Minnesota and tell him to forget the whole thing.

At one hundred fifty miles I began to notice all the service stations, scanning for any sign that

read "Mechanic on Duty." I really wanted to turn this job over to someone else.

The top speed I had reached so far was fifty miles an hour. It started to get dark.

I stopped for coffee and visited with everyone in the caravan. To start old Blue, my wife had to push me in her very fine car. In doing so, she messed up her bumper. She was not happy.

I bought gas at a place that had a mechanic. He told me the engine was running rough because I needed a new generator. He said I shouldn't drive the vehicle at all. I told him I had just driven it from Big Spring. He looked surprised and warned me not to turn on my lights because it would drain what little electrical power I had left.

I was driving without any lights when a highway patrolman pulled me over. He was nice enough to give me a warning ticket. I turned on my lights for the remainder of the trip into Fort Worth, where we got the generator fixed and drove to Denison without any other problems.

Over a dinner of Mexican food, I told the family the feeling of accomplishment I had was worth them getting mad at me. They laughed.

Old Blue now sits in my son's driveway in Denison. I have pleaded with my Army buddy to rent some sort of trailer to pull the pickup to Minnesota. But he's determined to come down in a couple of weeks and drive old Blue up there. "You shouldn't get to have all the fun," he said.

I'm anxious to hear how he does on his journey.



EL PASO — Ellis Crawford is working to create El Paso's first sculptured art exhibit for the blind. Plans are for 50 large-scale works and ultimately an art museum for the blind in Dallas.

Artist adds new dimension to create feelings in his art

EL PASO (AP) — The walls of Ellis Crawford Foster's East Side apartment resemble life-size, fairy-tale pop-out pages.

Among his giant, colorful wall sculptures are a horse stopped in his tracks, cranes grazing in a marsh and a dancing Japanese thunder god. Desert landscapes, portraits and other smaller works blanket the remaining wall space.

As striking as the pieces are to visitors, Foster says people get a better feel for his art with their hands.

That is why Foster is working to create El Paso's first sculptured art exhibit for the blind. Already busy with preliminary sketches, the artist plans to create 50 large-scale works for the exhibit in four months. His ultimate goal is to set up a sculptured art museum for the blind in Dallas, his second home.

Sitting in his small but cozy kitchen, the 76-year-old Oklahoma native confesses visitors inspired the exhibit and museum plans.

"Everybody who walks in here puts his hands on the work," Foster says. "At first, I wondered if they could see well."

Looking at his "Flying Horse of Konzu," people might see a horse running with all its strength. But touching it, people feel the strength through the raised outlines of the animal's muscles and the contours of his neck.

It was a blind friend who gave Foster the needed insight to his creations. "I asked him to look at my work," he recalls. "At first, he probably thought I was crazy."

But he loved it, the artist says. "And now when I tell people about my plans, they just go wild."

"I'm just dumbfounded that they don't have more things for the

blind here. How do they teach (blind) children what a pine tree or flying eagle look like? It drives me nuts," he says, running his fingers through a head of thick, gray hair.

Taken by the environment around him, Foster often spends hours in his cramped studio drawing landscapes and other nature scenes while his two dogs play around him. At the wee hours in the morning or late at night, he sketches on white plastic boards. "Inspiration comes at the oddest times," he says.

Before he gets into sculpturing — the most time-consuming part of his endeavors — Foster gives the work some color to get a better idea of the results. Finally, he frames the sculpture on wood and gives it the final coats of paint.

Foster says he relishes the time he has on his hands. "I've never had a job in my life," he says. What he means is that he's never had to punch a timecard.

After graduating from the University of Southern California with a degree in architectural design, Foster opened a firm in his hometown of Tulsa, Okla. But his talent kept him traveling about and working with different people.

The renowned late architect Frank Lloyd Wright is one of several notables Foster has worked with. Wright's Guggenheim Museum in New York, for example, houses seats personally crafted by Foster.

"You can say I am an authority on (behinds)" he says. Sifting through a stack of patio and living room furniture designs, Foster leaves no room for argument.

In Chicago, Foster made sculptures for Mies van der Rohe, architect of the Chicago World Trade Hall of Fame. And he

designed doors for cathedral churches and aluminum panels to cover the walls of the Elizabeth King Building in Mexico City.

Although he still keeps a home in Dallas, another client, Calvin Kessler, owner of furniture manufacturer Kessler Industries, convinced him to move to El Paso. Foster is the designer of one of Kessler's buildings and numerous living room sets.

After more than 30 years of friendship, Kessler says he was not surprised Foster wanted to abandon his successful career as an architect.

"That's the way artists are," Kessler says. "When they decide to shoot for the moon, they do it. When he starts getting dreamy, he's quick to get the project off the ground."

Although many could recognize Foster's name on plaques beside his works all over the United States, he says few know of his current work.

"I sometimes see kids peeking into my windows with interest," he says. "But I never tell people what I actually do. The probably think I'm some kind of crazy designer or artist."

With more than 50 years of art and designing behind him, there doesn't seem much left for Foster to do. But there is.

"I still haven't reached the peak," he says, glancing at the works that adorn his tiny kitchen.

Many gleaming boards await his skilled hands, perhaps to become the peak — or the best — work crafted by Foster.

"Can you imagine, a blind person would never touch a yucca, but he will be able to touch the sculpture," he says, "which will persevere nature forever."

Ignoring injustice is wrong

Dear Abby



By **ABIGAIL VAN BUREN**

DEAR ABBY: My wife and I were having lunch recently in a nice restaurant in Annapolis, Md., when we noticed a young couple having lunch at a table nearby. The young man got up and left the table after affectionately saying goodbye to the young lady. As he left, he put a few dollar bills and some change on the table. His companion remained at the table to take a few more sips of her coffee, then she picked up the tip money and walked out! (I had seen the man pay the check, so I know he left the money for the waitress.)

My wife was very angry with what she had witnessed and asked me to tell the waitress. I refused. We had an argument about this, but I didn't want to get involved.

It's been two months, and my wife is still angry with me. Was I wrong? — **PERPLEXED**

DEAR PERPLEXED: Yes. To witness an injustice and ignore it because one doesn't want to get involved is morally wrong. (To ignore something is to condone it.) Your wife had good reason to be angry with you. You should have told the waitress. But since you refused, your wife should have. One person in a family who doesn't want to get involved is bad enough. But two? Shame on both of you.

DEAR ABBY: I admire honest people who find valuable items and go to great lengths to return them. Many are not rewarded.

My story is somewhat different. My 9-year-old poodle got out of the yard by accident. She had never been loose before, and because she's partially blind, she just wandered around until she lost her way. We searched all that day, called the pound every hour, called the local vets, and went door-to-door to every house within three blocks of our house.

The next day, we did the same thing until finally I placed a large sign stating REWARD at our corner grocery store. Within an hour, our little dog was returned by a woman who lives eight houses from us! (We did not know her.) We later learned this woman had found our dog the day before and made no effort to find the owner until the reward sign went up.

She asked for the reward, which I gladly gave her, but I found out later from my son he had knocked on her door twice during that two-day period when our dog was missing and was told that she had not seen the dog.

What do you think of a person like that? — **FLABBERGASTED IN FORT WORTH**

DEAR FLABBERGASTED: Your neighbor is not only a liar, she's a thief. In addition, she's heartless to have knowingly caused a pet owner to worry for two days while she waited for a reward sign to appear before returning a "lost" dog.

DEAR ABBY: When I saw the letter about blood types, I had to write.

Three years ago, our son left this small Kansas town to drive, alone, to California. He called us the first night, the second night — then nothing!

My husband contacted the Highway Patrol, and one by one, I was asked for: A recent picture of our son, his driver's license number, his blood type and the license number of his car. Each

question hit me like a physical pain. Some of the answers I did not know, and in the condition I was in, I could not even think logically enough to find them.

Thirty-six hours later, our son showed up on our doorstep! (He had changed his mind and returned home.)

Now, all of the information for each member of this family is safely tucked away in my desk — labelled and easily accessible. — **JANE HATHAWAY, ST. JOHN, KAN.**

DEAR JANE: Fortunately, your story had a happy ending, but there's a lesson in it for everyone. Thanks for sharing.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 18 years old, I was raped by a man I trusted. I never told anyone what happened to me.

Now, six years later, I have fallen in love with a wonderful man who has asked me to marry him. I'm sure he thinks I'm a virgin and I'm afraid if I tell him the truth, he won't marry me. What should I do? — **SUFFERED ENOUGH**

DEAR SUFFERED: Tell him you were raped by a man you trusted when you were 18 years old. It's the truth. If he decides not to marry you for that reason, you're better off without him.

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Face lifts not only for women

Face lifts are no longer a women-only form of surgery — men are going in for them, too.

At one time, according to an article in the current issue of *Harper's Bazaar*, cosmetic surgery among men was confined primarily to entertainers, but now the average guy is going for it.

Dr. Craig Foster, an attending physician at Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital in New York City and the plastic and reconstructive surgeon who treated the Central Park jogger, defined this "average guy" patient as "most often a 45- to 55-year-old corporate executive who's feeling pressure from younger, up-and-coming colleagues. His impetus is business-related."

Women typically turn to surgical and other cosmetic techniques 10 years earlier, he said, and are driven by "romantic" desires — "wanting to maintain their appeal to husbands or mates."

Women still far outnumber men, but the ratio is shifting.

"Males are much more open to cosmetic surgery than they were even 10 years ago," said Dr. Gerald Imber, a prominent plastic surgeon in New York City and clinical assistant professor at Cornell University Medical College.

"They go to the gym or club. They work out. They are concerned with their looks. One starts talking to the other and suddenly the idea of having something done is okay."

What is "done" most commonly are eyes, jowls or "turkey gobbler," and the pads of fat that lodge on either side of the waist and are known as "love handles."

The latest advances make these treatments less complex. Some can be performed in an hour. Liposuction, for example, eliminates much of the droop at the jaw, Imber said, and gives the illusion of tighter skin. "I do it in the office," he added.

Chin implants also are multipurpose, offering a stronger jaw — and thus a younger-looking face.

Men's daily shaving regimen and naturally thicker skin simplify matters as well. The former provides regular exfoliation, helping to retard apparent wrinkles and aging signs. The latter means less visible post-procedure bruising.

"The flip side, however, is that thicker skin swells more," Foster said. "If that doesn't bother him, then you can say he comes out ahead."

Men are seeking the fountain of youth in salons as well as surgeons' offices.

Humane society

Pet of the Week — "Cissy" shetland sheepdog mix (sheltie), she is sable, black and white with longer fur and a soft coat. She is spayed and is housebroken, gentle with cats, young.

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"Taffy" larger chihuahua mix. She has a beige smooth coat. Extremely gentle and loving. She is small and housebroken. Spayed, loves people.

"Shep" large German shepherd mix. He is brown with black markings. Good barker, neutered.

"Seth" miniature golden retriever. He has a solid golden coat with longer fur and a gentle face. He is small and happy. Neutered, around 11 months old.

"Gypsy" beautiful ash grey manx kitten. She has tabby stripes and no tail. She is around 4-5 months old. Very playful and loving, spayed.

"Sam" elegant chocolate point siamese. He has a short cream coat with dark brown points. Bright blue eyes, neutered.

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Play it safe with those eggs

By NAOMI HUNT
County Extension agent — Home Economics

The Easter season brings to mind Easter eggs and egg hunts, a holiday tradition. With current concerns regarding food safety, such as eggs, following these suggestions on selection, preparation and storage will help ensure a happy, healthy holiday.

Before purchasing check to see the eggs are clean and not cracked. Cracks give microorganisms a chance to enter and contaminate the egg. If a cracked egg is accidentally purchased, do not eat it.

Refrigerate eggs as soon as possible. It's best to store eggs in the cartons, on a shelf in the refrigerator. The egg slots on the door are not the best place to store eggs because the temperature fluctuates. Eggs need to be stored at constant temperatures to maintain safety.

For hard-boiled eggs, place them in a pan of water and cover. Bring to a boil. Do not stack eggs, this will prevent uneven cooking. When water comes to a boil, take the pan off the heat and let sit for 20 minutes. Pour off hot water and cool under cold running water.

Hard-boiled eggs are still perishable, so store them in the refrigerator until time to decorate. When decorating, do it quickly and cleanly. Then place eggs back in the refrigerator until time for the hunt. Refrigerate any eggs to be eaten.

Follow the two-hour rule for any eggs used in a hunt that are to be eaten later. According to the rule, perishable foods should not be left at room temperatures more than

Focus on family



two hour. Food left at this temperature promote the growth of bacteria that can cause illness. Be wary of consuming any eggs cracked in the hunt.

Any hard-boiled eggs not used in the hunt can be stored in the refrigerator for up to a week.

It's wise to take precautions with any perishable foods. This includes protein foods like meats, poultry, eggs, fish and dairy foods. Cleanliness is very important in handling these foods in order to prevent bacterial contamination. This is especially important for highly susceptible people, including the very young, the elderly, pregnant women and those with chronic diseases and weakened immune systems.

Raw or under-cooked eggs should not be consumed, especially by those in any of the susceptible groups. Exercise special caution with soft-cooked, scrambled, soft-fried and poached eggs. Do not taste any cookie or cake dough containing raw eggs and always refrigerate leftover egg dishes.

Educational programs conducted by the Texas Agricultural Extension Service serve people of all ages regardless of socioeconomic levels, race, color, sex, religion, handicap or national origin.

Menus

BIG SPRING SR. CITIZENS
MONDAY — Chicken with noodles; green beans; tossed salad and baked custard.

TUESDAY — Country fried steak; gravy; carrots; tossed salad and oranges.

WEDNESDAY — Beef stew; macaroni and cheese; turnip greens; cornbread and fruited gelatin.

THURSDAY — Ham; glazed sweet potatoes; green beans and cherry cobbler.

FRIDAY — Liver; onions; buttered rice; zucchini squash; fruit salad and sugar cookies.

BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

ELEMENTARY BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Sugar and spice doughnut, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Pancake; syrup and butter; sausage pattie; grape juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin, peanut butter and syrup, apple wedge and milk.

THURSDAY — Biscuit and sausage, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY — Student holiday, teacher in-service.

LUNCH (Elementary)

MONDAY — Steak fingers, gravy, whipped potatoes, English peas; hot rolls, pink applesauce, and milk.

TUESDAY — Chili mac and cheese; buttered corn, spinach, hot rolls, brownie and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza; honey glazed sweet potatoes; blackeyed peas; hot rolls; fruit gelatin/whipped topping and milk.

THURSDAY — Meat loaf; buttered steamed rice; cut green beans; hot rolls, peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Student holiday, teacher in-service.

BREAKFAST (Secondary)

MONDAY — Sugar and spice donut, cereal, orange juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Pancake; syrup and butter; sausage pattie; grape juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Blueberry muffin; peanut butter and syrup, apple wedge and milk.

THURSDAY — Biscuit and sausage, fruit punch and milk.

FRIDAY — Student holiday, teacher in-service.

LUNCH (Secondary)

MONDAY — Steak fingers, gravy or German sausage, whipped potatoes, English peas, hot rolls, pink applesauce and milk.

TUESDAY — Chili Mac and cheese, or baked ham, buttered corn, spinach, carrot sticks, hot rolls, brownie and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Pizza or char-broiled meat balls, gravy, honey glazed sweet potatoes, blackeyed peas; hot rolls, fruit gelatin/whipped topping and milk.

THURSDAY — Meat loaf or roast beef, gravy, buttered steamed rice, cut green beans, coleslaw; hot rolls; peach cobbler and milk.

FRIDAY — Student holiday, teacher in-service.

SANDS BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal, fruit, juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage and egg burritos, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Doughnut, milk and juice.

THURSDAY — Fruit pies; milk and juice.

FRIDAY — Good Friday holiday.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Hot dogs with chili, pork and beans, french fries; sweet relish, wacky cake, milk or tea.

TUESDAY — Barbeque ribs; ranch style beans; sliced potatoes; hot rolls; cherry cobbler; milk or tea.

WEDNESDAY — Chili and pinto beans, salad, crackers, corn bread, sopapillas with butter and honey; milk or tea.

THURSDAY — Corn dogs with mustard; macaroni and cheese; June peas with carrots; fruit, milk or tea.

FRIDAY — Good Friday holiday.

COAHOMA BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Cereal w/fruit, toast and milk.

TUESDAY — Scrambled eggs with biscuits; sausage and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Burrito, juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Fried pie, sausage and milk.

FRIDAY — Student Holiday

LUNCH

MONDAY — Pork patti with gravy, potato rounds; green beans; hot rolls; fruit and milk.

TUESDAY — Enchiladas; refried beans; salad; crackers; chocolate cake and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Chili mac; macaroni and cheese; corn, cornbread; milk and apricot cobbler.

THURSDAY — Corn dog; french fries; salad; fruit and milk.

STANTON BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Texas toast, jelly; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Pancakes; syrup, juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Scrambled eggs; tortillas; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Sausage and gravy; biscuits; juice and milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Chicken fried steak w/gravy, cream potatoes; plain cake w/icing, hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY — Green enchiladas; pinto beans; vegetable salad; fruit cobbler; cornbread and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Bean chalupe w/salad; oven fried potatoes; buttered spinach; cookies and milk.

THURSDAY — Beef and vegetable stew, cheese wedges; cinnamon rolls, crackers and milk.

GARDEN CITY LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes; green beans, apple sauce; hot rolls and milk.

TUESDAY — Beef and cheese nachos; refried beans; tossed salad, fruit and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Barbeque weiners; potato salad; pinto beans; jello; cornbread and milk.

THURSDAY — Hamburgers; french fries; lettuce and tomato; pickles, onions, cookie and milk.

FRIDAY — Holiday.

FORSAN BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Doughnuts; juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Pancakes and sausage, syrup and butter; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Texas toast, jelly and peanut butter; juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Muffins; juice and milk.

FRIDAY — Easter holiday.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Steak and gravy, french fries; salad; hot rolls and butter; fruit juice bar and milk.

TUESDAY — German sausage, pinto beans, macaroni salad, sliced bread; banana pudding and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Sloppy Jo, french fries; salad, pickles and onions, apple pie and milk.

THURSDAY — Soup, grilled cheese sandwich, potato chips; brownies, applesauce and milk.

ELBOW BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Muffins (blueberry); juice and milk.

TUESDAY — Waffles/syrup; juice and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cereal/toast, juice and milk.

THURSDAY — Oatmeal/toast, juice and milk.

FRIDAY — No school.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Green enchiladas; pea salad; fruit/jello; chocolate chip cookies and milk.

TUESDAY — Tacos/sauce; cheese, pinto beans; lettuce and tomato salad; peaches and milk.

WEDNESDAY — Hamburgers; tator tots, pickle/salad, pudding and milk.

THURSDAY — Chili-Mac casserole, corn, peas; cornbread and milk.

FRIDAY — No school.

WESTBROOK BREAKFAST

MONDAY — Oatmeal, jelly, toast, juice; milk.

TUESDAY — Sausage, biscuits; juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY — Cinnamon rolls; juice, milk.

THURSDAY — Pancake pups; juice, milk.

FRIDAY — Holiday.

LUNCH

MONDAY — Smoked brisket, creamed potatoes; sweet peas; biscuits; butter, syrup; honey, milk.

TUESDAY — Hot dogs with chili, scalloped potatoes, lettuce wedge; peaches; milk.

WEDNESDAY — Frito pie, potato wedge, tossed salad, sliced bread, apple pie; milk.

THURSDAY — Beef stew with vegetables; cheese or peanut butter sandwiches; orange half, milk.



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Business mirror

Questions for the Fed

By JOHN CUNNIFF AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK (AP) — Alan Greenspan left an opening for critics this week when he urged Congress not to lower taxes in an effort to spur the economy. Instead, he suggested that Congress "stand pat."

There are many critics of the Federal Reserve Board, of which Greenspan is chairman, and some of those critics think it is attitudes such as Greenspan's that tend to worsen rather than alleviate the economy's problems.

One of them is John Winthrop Wright, an outspoken, often outraged critic of Fed policies and leadership. Wright believes this capitalist country belongs to the people, and he argues that Fed policies are undermining people's capitalism.

For this reason he has just published a pamphlet, "American People's Capitalism: Regression or Progression," lambasting the central bank for its repeated thwarting of economic growth in the name of restraining inflation.

It is time, says Wright, that we eliminate the intellectually elitist, pontificating "We of the Federal Reserve" attitude that claims to know what is best for Americans, as if it "is the supreme court of the U.S. economy."

First, a brief report on the poor status of people's capitalism, as viewed by Wright, an international investment adviser who handles multibillion dollar portfolios from headquarters in Bridgeport, Conn.

Ownership of American industry by the American people has declined drastically during the last 15 years. It has been replaced by debt.

In recent years, individual ownership of corporate equity has declined at annual rates of more than \$100 billion. Simultaneously, consumer and mortgage debt has risen by nearly a half-trillion dollars a year.

Already, says Wright, America has been transformed from a nation of people working in people-owned productive free enterprises into a nation of debtors employed by ever-greater concentrations of domestic and foreign capital.

Growth of the American standard of living has been slowing to a crawl, "and is now at a full stop." Growth of gross national product has slowed. Inflation levels and interest rates are higher than a few decades ago.

What has caused this? Misguided Federal Reserve policy, says Wright.

The reasons why can become remarkably intricate, complex and detailed, but their essence can also be distilled into a few sentences:

The Fed ran a tight money policy in 1970. A credit crunch resulted, and much borrowing moved overseas, where European banks lent them money. Those loans were denominated in U.S. dollars, effectively creating more dollars.

There were no regulations to limit this lending, even though such lending actually created more U.S. dollars, or so-called Eurodollars. It proliferated. A worldwide inflation resulted.

In what Wright calls a "dreadful misconception" of how to deal with this reality, the Federal Reserve Board shrank the supply of money and capital available to American industry, as if excess U.S. demand had created inflation.

By raising the cost of capital, it "inflicted recession after recession (1974-1975, 1980, 1981-1982, and 1990-?) on the American people in the name of 'fighting inflation.'"

It leaves an America with reduced productivity, debts, high interest rates, slow growth, low savings ... Wright, who has much intellectual support for his thesis, can make that list so long it might endanger your blood pressure.

EDITOR'S NOTE: John Payne's column, "Texas: Your Money," will return to this space next Sunday.

Sprinkle questions ordinance violation

By DEBBIE LINCECUM Staff Writer

A Big Spring business owner says the city may have been using him as an example when it recently found him in violation of zoning ordinances. Assistant City Manager Tom Decell said the city is not suddenly "cracking down" on zoning rules.

Bill Sprinkle, owner of Speedy Printing, recently moved his shop to his home at 908 Lancaster. The area is zoned for some retail and office-type businesses, but not for a "commercial printing shop." Sprinkle said his work does not fit the definition of the latter.

Decell said Sprinkle's business was inspected by a city official after receipt of a complaint that the office may violate zoning ordinances. Sprinkle said the city would not tell him who had complained.

"I was notified there was a complaint," he said. "An anonymous complaint that was made verbally to the city, apparently. I asked who it was, but was never told." Several other retail shops and businesses operate in the area.

Decell said the city makes inspections of existing businesses only after a complaint has been filed. He said zoning is a vital part of the city's operation intended to protect property owners.

For now, Sprinkle has no need to appeal the city's decision because he has temporarily closed the printing business. He says the decision to do so was unrelated to the city's notification of his violations.

"I had planned to close this one and reopen with a different focus," Sprinkle said. He added that he is not sure if his new endeavor will fit zoning ordinances.



Bill Sprinkle, who operates Speedy Printing at his home on Lancaster, says the city may have been using him as an example when he was found to be in violation of city zoning ordinances. Assistant City Manager Tom Decell denies that the city is "cracking down" on zoning violators.

The city may use other businesses as an example, Sprinkle said.

"They'd want to rack up a little record of moving some businesses (to support action against Lef-

fler)," he said.

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Former resident honored

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

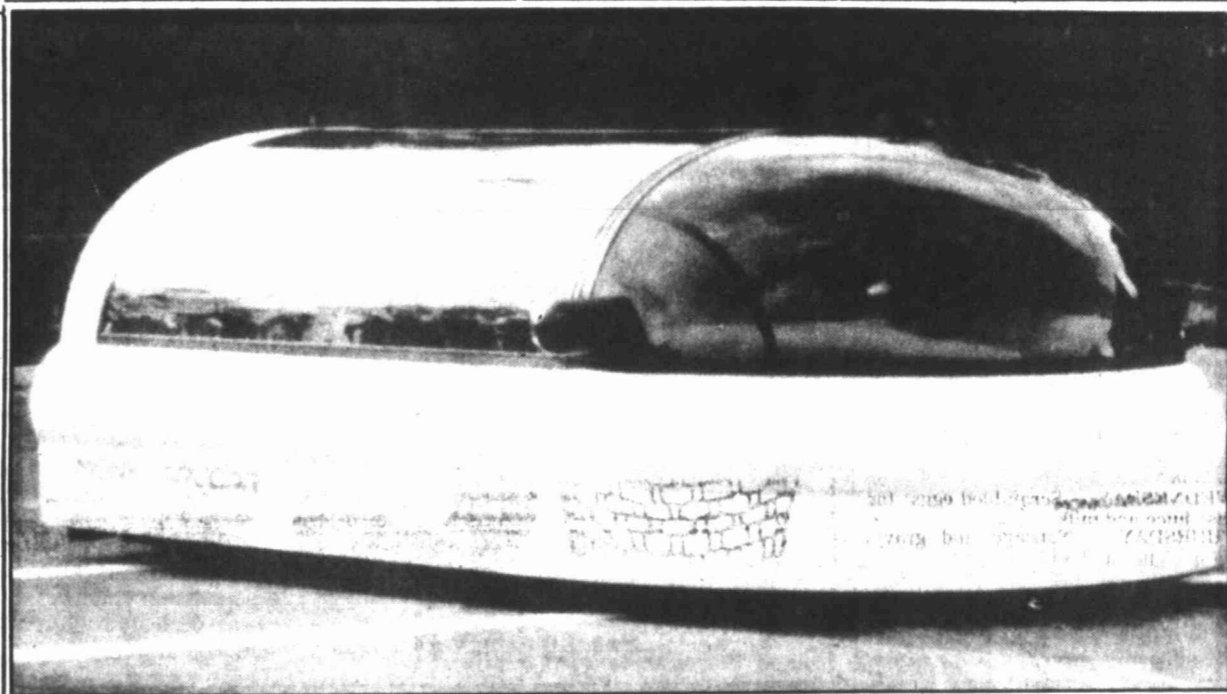
Ronnie G. Hise, a 1974 graduate of Big Spring High School, has received an award for his work in wood and paper science.

Hise developed a process that dramatically lowers the amounts of dioxin (a class of toxic, carcinogenic chemicals) and other other harmful chlorinated chemicals that are produced during pulp bleaching.

The award for his research was given by the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry. The award is entitled "Best High-Impact Paper," and is given to the person whose research has the most direct benefit for the industry. "The award has to do with benefits toward practical use. A lot of things in the lab have no practical application," explained Hise's father Lynn, former superintendent of Big Spring schools.

According to his father, Hise has been presenting his work at conferences in places as far away as Stockholm, Sweden, and has been extensively touring Canada and paper producing states such as Washington and Oregon. Part of the award is a scholarship in Hise's name, given to the college or university of his choice. Hise chose North Carolina State, where he obtained his doctorate in wood and paper science in 1984.

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Drive and hide

GENEVA — A concept car developed by Toyota is destined to be hidden when not in use. At the push of a button, the "town-house car" stands on its trunk and appears as a house portal. Another look at the car can be found on page 2-D.

Jones outlines opportunities

By BILL AYRES City Editor

The purpose of a good investment is growth of capital with little or no risk and minimal tax liability. Several areas offer the moderate investor the means to accomplish this goal, according to Dan Wilkins, investment representative with Edward D. Jones and Co.

The most common, and most well-know form of investing is the stock market. "Stocks and bonds represent just one of the leading

economic indicators," Wilkins said. He said the stock market is a guide that is perceived as indicating economic and political future.

"This indicator is the near future, not today. The market takes into account business risks, things like corporate profits and planned expansion. It also considers the effects of world events on business and global economy."

"A study was recently completed by Ibbotson Associates to trace dif-

ferent types of investments, based on a \$1 investment in 1926," he said.

According to the report, a dollar invested in U.S. Treasury Bills in 1926 would have grown to \$9.67 by 1989. That same dollar invested in long-term Government bonds would have increased to \$17.30.

Wilkins said the same dollar, had it been invested in common stocks in 1926, would now be worth \$534.45. This figure takes in consideration

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Officials: local banks still strong

By GARY SHANKS Staff Writer

Despite the hardships facing the American banking industry, Big Spring banks remain strong, a local banking official says.

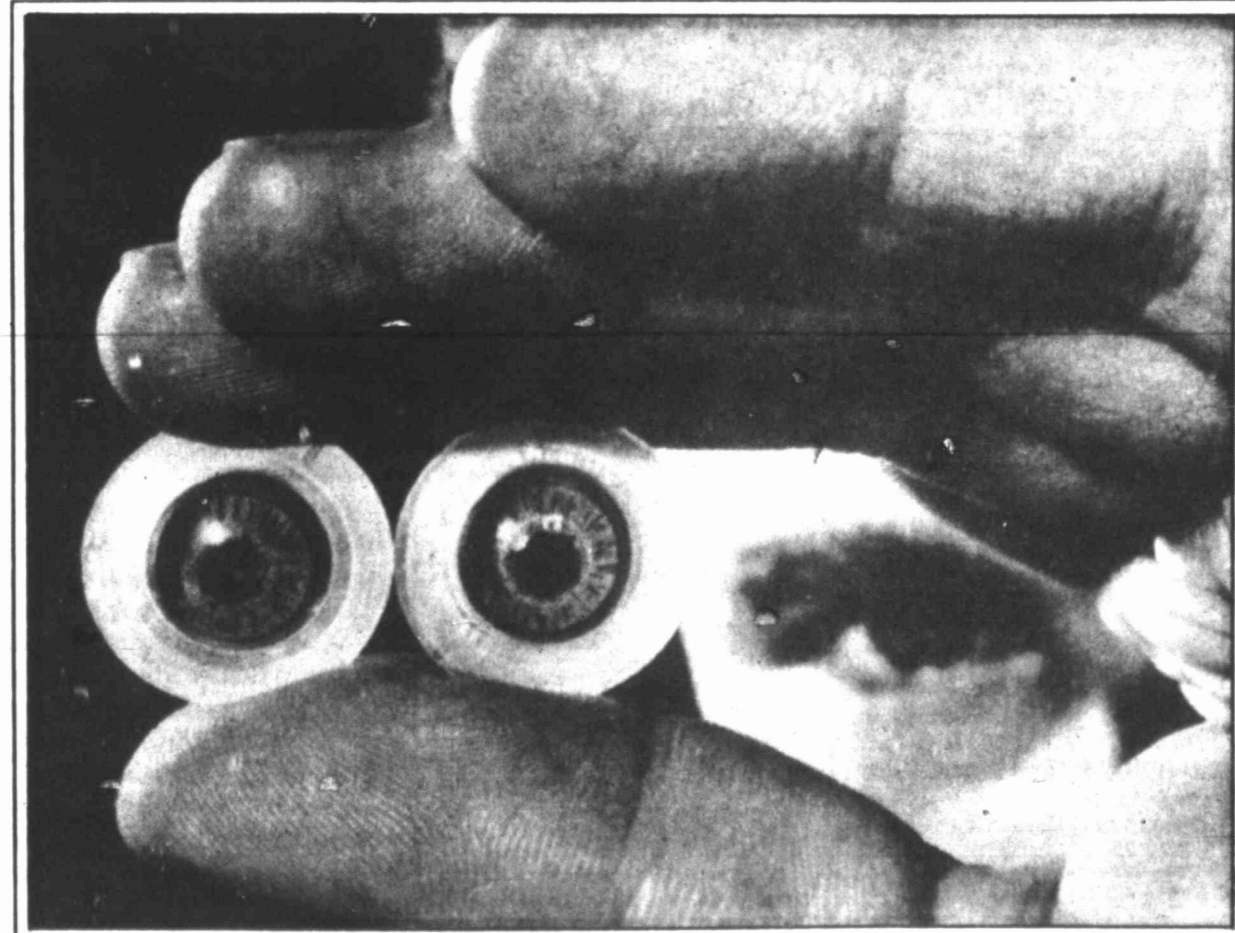
Following deregulation during the Reagan administration, the failures in the savings and loan business are expected to cost many billions of dollars. Although less affected, the nation's banks are also taking a beating.

"Most of the problems in the banking industry are not found in Big Spring because of the strong banks here," explained State National Bank President Jim Purcell.

Presidents of the First National, Security State and State National banks said their capital ratios were above the national average. "Our capital ratio is more than double what is required by the regulatory agencies," said Jimmy Taylor of First National.

Part of the reason Big Spring banks remain strong could be the tempering they have received during the economic hardships of the past. A careful approach to loan and investment decisions may have been fostered during

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Eyes have it

CHICAGO — Paul Soye, a chemist for the Wesley-Jessen Corp., inspects contact lenses before they are hydrated. The new soft contact lenses, introduced under the brand name Com-

plements by DuraSoft Colors, will offer consumers a more natural look by matching the striations in the human eye.

Business beat

McGuffey gains certification

John McGuffey, MA, LPC, director of Howard County Mental Health, has recently completed advanced certification in Rational/Emotive Therapy at the Rational/Emotive Therapy Institute in Phoenix, Ariz.

McGuffey said the institute is a major school for the advancement of psychotherapy. He said he was privileged to have the founder, Albert Ellis, as his instructor.

"Albert Ellis developed the rational/emotive therapy theory. It is one the major models used in physcotherapy for treating dysfunctional emotions, like depression, anger and anxiety," McGuffey said.

Sanders retiring from TU Electric

Hooper Sanders, manager of the Big Spring branch of TU Electric, will retire April 1 after 33 years with the company.

Sanders, who began working for Texas Electric Service Co., a precursor of TU Electric, in 1958, will be honored from 3-5 p.m. Thursday in the TU Electric Reddy Room, 409 Runnels St.

Monthly highlights from refinery

In February, the Big Spring Refinery had several units down for improvements and catalyst changes.

The saturate light ends system was revamped as part of the refinery's capital program to improve liquid recovery. The reactor of the heavy distillate hydrotreater was modified to improve operations and catalyst was changed in the reformer and hydrotreaters.

These improvements were made to insure reliable operations during the peak season. As a result, crude throughput totaled 30,100 BPD and total input was 34,700 BPD.

Century 21 Corp. announces changes

LAS VEGAS, Nev. — Century 21 Real Estate Corp. has announced changes, including new customer service programs and modification of corporate identifiers, at its international convention in Las Vegas recently.

Modification of company identifiers, such as the Century 21 logo, is symbolic of the company's dedication to quality service, officials said.

"The real estate industry in the '90s will be driven by a consumer service culture," said Richard J. Loughlin, president of the corporation. "The Century 21 system is leading this evolutionary process."

New customer service pledges and customer survey programs will have a direct impact on consumers, officials said. Offices will back their services in writing with the new Seller Service Pledge, a signed certificate that details all home marketing and sales support efforts.

The pledge will be required on all Century 21 listings effective June 15.

Automakers: raise gas prices to save oil

WASHINGTON (AP) — The price of gasoline has to increase sharply if significant oil savings are to be achieved from automobiles, the nation's car makers contend. Building more fuel-efficient vehicles won't do the job, they say.

"Higher (fuel economy) standards in an era of cheap gasoline is self-defeating policy," Ronald Bolz, vice president for product strategy for Chrysler Corp., told the Senate Energy and Natural Resources Committee on Wednesday.

Peter J. Pestillo, a vice president at Ford Motor Co., took a similar view, arguing that as long as gasoline is cheap, consumers will refuse to buy fuel-efficient automobiles that may be more expensive and smaller.

New engine technology may add \$200 to \$400 to the cost of a car and improve fuel efficiency by 3 percent, Pestillo said. "At today's gasoline prices it would take 10 to 20 years of fuel savings for the customer to recoup the initial investment."

The testimony came a day after the Senate Commerce Committee approved legislation that would re-

quire automakers to improve the average fuel economy of their new-car fleets by 40 percent to 40 miles per gallon by the year 2001. Today's cars attain an average of about 27.5 mpg.

Automakers claim they cannot meet the standards of the bill without halting production of large sedans and fuel-guzzling sports cars. Sen. Richard Bryan, D-Nev., chief sponsor of the bill, maintains that other technological improvements can achieve the fuel-efficiency improvements.

The automakers received some support Wednesday from the Office of Technology Assessment, which provides independent analysis of scientific matters to Congress.

An OTA report presented to the Senate energy panel concluded that while significant mileage improvements may be possible, manufacturers would be unlikely to meet the 40 mpg standard required by the Bryan bill.

Only if manufacturers are allowed to exempt large numbers of cars through credits such as for alternative fuel systems or twin airbags might the 40 mpg average be achieved, said Steven Plotkin, an OTA specialist on fuel economy.



March "Best of Big Spring" award

Carol Turner, middle, is awarded the March "Best of Big Spring" award for her outgoing personality and willingness to accommodate the customer. The award was presented to her March 7 at Herman's Restaurant. Pictured, left to right, are Stina Wilkerson, Cliff Attaway, Turner, Homer Wilkerson and Ray Lara.

Video cattle auctions

MIDWAY, Mo. (AP) — No longer confined to dusty and smelly auction barns, some cattle auctioneers these days are doing their business via satellite in hotel meeting rooms, exhibition centers and farmhouses.

"My grandpa took his cattle 250 miles over gravel roads from the Ozarks to the St. Louis livestock sale, and he never would have believed what we're doing today," says Bob Walker of Superior Livestock Auction Inc.

Based in Fort Worth, Texas, and Brush, Colo., Superior is one of at least three U.S. companies that stage livestock sales using the same satellite technology that delivers distant images of sports, space and war.

For Walker, who spent six years running a southwest Missouri livestock auction barn, today's cattle-selling tools are portable satellite receivers, videocassette recorders and color television monitors.

Superior's employees videotape clients' herds, send descriptive photo catalogs to potential buyers, then buy satellite time for transmitting the tapes to receiving dishes. Buyers then view pictures and prices of cattle.

Boosters say satellite auctions cut costs of hauling cattle to market, prevent herds from infecting other stock with disease and reach a broad array of potential buyers.

The satellite receiver is a big-money link to livestock markets.

Last year, Superior handled more than 770,000 head of U.S. cattle by video sales, up from 200,000 head when the company started selling by satellite five years ago.

A busy sale barn might draw a few hundred spectators in a day, Walker says. Superior estimates up to 700 people in a half-dozen states tuned in during a five-hour satellite auction beamed from Fort Worth in early February.

"Recently we had people in Idaho buy cattle in Texas for delivery in Florida," says Jerry Crutchfield, who works with Walker to promote Superior's services in Missouri.

A few days before a video auction, potential buyers arrange lines of credit, usually in the thousands of dollars. Then Superior assigns them a secret identification number and sets up a bank of up to 60 telephone operators — most in cowboy boots and broad-brimmed hats — who wait to take bids.

Soviets wrestle with U.S. job market

PITTSBURGH (AP) — Even as the number of Americans with advanced technical degrees is dwindling, thousands of Soviet emigre scientists and mathematicians are underemployed or on welfare.

The problem, social workers say, is they don't speak English well, they are middle-aged and over-qualified, or they haven't grasped the nuances of American job-seeking.

"The majority are going to have to settle for jobs that are less than they thought they were capable of doing," said Linda Ehrenreich, director of the Career Development Center at the Jewish Community Center in Pittsburgh.

One Soviet couple the center has helped, Boris Kushner and his wife, Marina Kameneva, lived on welfare for a year while seeking employment.

Their backgrounds are stellar. Kameneva, 45, was a Moscow University researcher investigating the fluid mechanics of blood. Kushner, 48, one of a handful of experts in the world in his field of constructivist mathematics, did research for the Moscow branch of the Soviet Union's Science Academy.

Kameneva, still without work, said she's "waiting, waiting, waiting."

Last fall, Kushner accepted a position teaching basic math to undergraduates at the University of Pittsburgh's campus in

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Johnstown. Kushner, with a philosophical shrug, won't admit disappointment with his underemployment. "So, it's very good for the students," he said.

His new job is closer to his field than those of many compatriots.

Anatoly Koblyakov of Newark, N.J., has 20 years experience as an engineer in the study of heat transfer. He spent a year looking for a job in the United States before becoming a part-time teaching assistant at an elementary school.

The excellence of science and math education in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe is globally recognized. Meanwhile, the number of Americans seeking doctors' and masters' degrees in math and science is declining as the U.S. college-age population shrinks, according to projections by the National Science Foundation.

Dozens of organizations — no one

knows how many — have sprung up in the past 15 years to match Soviet job applicants to employers and coach the refugees on the art of self-promotion.

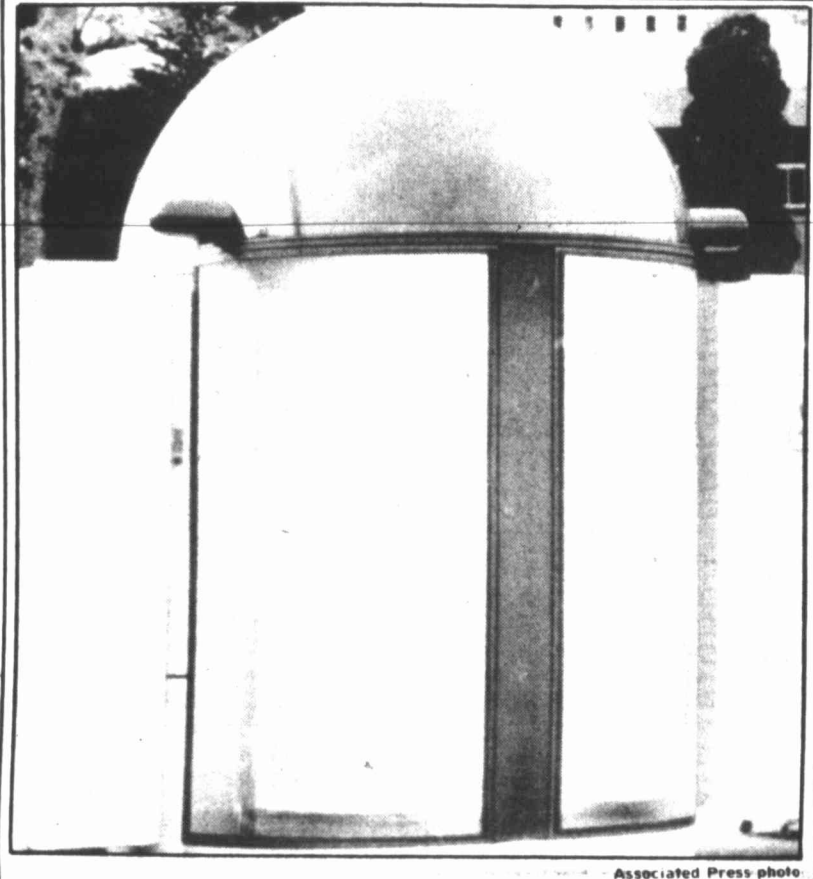
One such organization is the International Center for Applied Industrial Research, based in San Jose, Calif. Its president, Vladimir Naraditsky, came from the Soviet Union in 1979, and he has definite opinions about what his fellow Soviets need to learn about

"In the Soviet Union, the mentality of appointments does not exist. The time is not respected as it is in the United States. It's not a big deal," said Naraditsky, a professor of mathematics for San Jose State University.

The refugees learn quickly, he said. Some adapt so thoroughly to the American youth culture that they color their hair, hoping the interviewer won't ask their age.

The dye may conceal gray hair, but gray matter is another question. An applicant's advanced degrees may threaten some interviewers or cause them to worry that if hired, the worker may not stay long with the company.

Despite their difficulties here, many job-seekers said they still prefer life in America over life in the Soviet Union. There, a Jewish candidate must be two or three times as good as a Russian, they said.



Now you see it — now you don't
GENEVA — Toyota's "Town-House" concept car seats four when in use and serves as a house portal when not. Standing upright on its trunk, the pillars hide the seats, rearview mirrors illuminate the outside.

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the losses in the market during the crash in 1929 and in the mid-'70s.

"This represents an average growth of 10 percent, good and bad years combined," he said. "Over a long period of time, stocks out-perform most investments. If you invested for only one year, the chance of losing in the market is about 30 percent. At three years, the risk drops to 15 percent and drops to 3 percent on investments of 10 years."

For families with moderate income levels, Wilkins said the tax-free municipal bond market is also attractive. "With tax brackets on the rise and deductions dropping, municipal bonds offer interest income free from income tax and also offer very attractive returns."

He said a variety of investment

opportunities are available, with investments as small as \$1,000 or as large as the investor wishes.

Bonds, said Wilkins, are secure. "Municipalities borrow money to finance improvements through the issuance of bonds. The same applies to school districts." The maturity of the bonds may be 10 to 20 years, making municipal bonds a long-term type of investment.

Wilkins said with the recent drop in interest rates Certificate of Deposits offered by banks aren't as attractive as they once were. But, he said, CDs are FDIC insured, don't fluctuate in price and offer a "peace of mind" type of investment.

Another area Wilkins said might be attractive to moderate income investors is money market funds. He said in some cases these in-

vestments can offer tax-free income or possibly ordinary income, but with free, unlimited check privileges. Some banks even offer the investor the use of a bank card, like VISA.

Wilkins said regardless of the type of investment one is attracted to, the first rule is to learn everything possible about the type of investments available. "That's what companies like Edward D. Jones are here for," he said. "This company has been a member of the stock exchange since 1871. We're here to answer your questions."

The next thing, once the investor has made up his mind to invest, said Wilkins, is to diversify. "Don't tie up all your money in one area. Look at several types of investments and determine the ones that fit what you want to do."

Hise

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Hise received his bachelors degree from Texas A&M in 1979.

Hise's paper was chosen from a collection of 80 to 100 papers submitted at the annual TAPPI conference. His work was judged to have the best impact on the manufacture of paper products.

This is the second time Hise has received an award for his research. The first was the George Armstead Award, which included a \$5,000 prize, and was given to Hise at the 1989 conference.

Hise works in Charleston, S.C. for the Westvaco Corporation's Research Division. He is a group leader, heading a research team of some 21 to 22 people. Their research centers on pulping, bleaching and environmental studies.

Hise's wife, Barbara McCutchan Hise, also works for Westvaco at its forest research facility in Summerville, S.C.

The Hises have a four-year-old daughter Rachel, and a son, Adam, who is a year old.

Banks

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downturns in the oil and agriculture business.

Whatever the reason, Big Spring bankers remain confident in their ability to provide Big Spring with loans necessary for economic growth, while preserving their secure capital position. "Our loan policy will be no more restrictive than in previous years," said Taylor. J.D. Nelson of Security State Bank said, "Our aim is to help the whole community, trying to help Big Spring Grow."

Although banking is strong, the economy still inspires caution in many people. "Loan demand is down and has been down for the last two to three years. It seems pretty well stabilized, but I don't expect a big upturn. Our commercial loans are up a bit, but no big difference," Nelson said.

Big Spring banks report deposits and savings are up slightly com-

pared to this time last year, and are predicting no major change in interest rates for 1991. "I don't expect interest rates to change much, but they may turn up a little by the end of the year," said Taylor.

Big Spring bankers agree that the upcoming increase in FDIC insurance costs is one of the major problems facing banking today. FDIC coverage rates are expected to double in 1991. Purcell blames this on past failures and current banking problems, mostly in the northern parts of the country.

Given their strong capital position, Big Spring bankers feel optimistic about the future. "First National is one of the strongest, most profitable banks in the state," Taylor said. Purcell said of State National, "We are an industry leader in innovative data processing and networking of computers. We have had people from large city banks come and look at us."

Oil/gas

Howard County
Operating out of Dallas, Deminex Oil has filed first production figures for the No. 1 McCrary in the B.C. (Canyon) Field, Howard County, one mile southwest of Fairview.

It flowed 305 barrels of oil with 593,090 CF casinghead gas per day from Canyon Formation perforations, 7,651 to 7,686 feet into the wellbore.

Initial potential has been posted for the No. 10 Garrett Estate et al in the Howard-Glasscock Field, Howard County, six miles northeast of Forsan.

Parlee Drilling Inc. of Big Spring is the operator.
It showed ability to flow 212 barrels of oil plus 195,000 CF gas daily. Production is from Wolfcamp Formation perforations, 7,651 to 7,686 feet into the hole.

Glasscock County
Flowing 433 barrels of oil plus 691,090 CF gas daily, the No. 4 Glasscock "K" Fee is scheduled for production in the Powell Field, Glasscock County, about 11.5 miles southwest of Garden City.
Texaco is the operator.

The well was perforated to produce from a perforated interval, 8,520 to 8,528 feet in to the hole.

Arco Oil and Gas of Midland has filed first production data for the No. 7 Driver "36" in the Spraberry Trend, Glasscock County, 20 miles southwest of Garden City. The well was perforated to produce from Spraberry perforations, 4,808 to 9,235 feet into the hole.

It came in pumping 97 barrels of oil along with 104,000 CF casinghead gas and about 90 barrels of salt water daily.

The No. 888 Driver Unit has been completed in the Spraberry Trend, Glasscock County, about 20 miles southwest of

Garden City. Tex-Con Oil and Gas of Houston is the operator.

The well potentiated at 37 barrels of oil and 560 barrels of salt water daily, pumping on an open choke.

It was perforated to produce from three intervals ranging from 7,399 to 7,676 feet into the wellbore.

Martin County
The No. 1 Bristow has been completed in the Spraberry Field, Martin County, with Parker and Parsley Ltd. as the operator.

It pumped 43 barrels of oil per day plus 120 barrels of salt water.

Located 14 miles southeast of Lenorah, the well will produce from three sets of Spraberry Formations, 6,671 to 8,241 feet into the wellbore.

Six new producers have been brought on line in Martin County's part of the Spraberry Trend with Parker and Parsley Ltd. of Midland as the operator.

The wells include the No. 1 Guy "K," No. 1 Guy "N," No. 1 Guy "S," No. 1 Guy "T," No. 2 Guy "T," and No. 1 Guy "U."

They potentiated at 40 barrels of oil with 44,000 CF gas per day; 36 BOPD with 44,000 CF; 37 BOPD with 44,000 CF; 42 BOPD with 43,000 CF; 37 BOPD with 43,000 CF; and 38 BOPD with 43,000 CF, respectively.

Production is from perforations ranging from 7,800 to 9,476 feet into the hole. All wells had three separate pay intervals, all in the Spraberry Formation.

Four new producers with combined ability to yield over 250 barrels of oil per day have been completed in the Spraberry Trend, Martin County, by Adobe Resources Inc. of Midland.

The wells are perforated to produce from 7,467 to 9,313 feet in the Spraberry Formation.

They are designated as the No. 3 Key, No. 3 Glasscock No. 10 Glasscock "C" and the No. 5 Hazelwood "C." They showed ability to produce 95 barrels of oil with 125,000 CF gas per day; 81 BOPD with

157,000 CF; 46 BOPD with 84,000; and 49 BOPD with 73,000 CF, respectively.

Three more pumping oilers have been brought on line in the Curtis leases of the Spraberry Trend Field, Martin County, by Parker and Parsley Ltd. of Midland.

The wells include the No. 3 Curtis "A," located 10 miles west of Tarzan; No. 1 Curtis "E," 12.5 miles southwest of Tarzan; and the No. 1 Curtis "C," 12 miles southwest of Tarzan.

They showed ability to pump 58 barrels of oil with 44,000 CF gas, 50 BOPD with 44,000 CF and 65 BOPD with 55,000 CF, respectively.

The company perforated for production ranging from 8,083 to 9,708 feet into the wellbore.

NEW DRILLING LOCATIONS
Martin County

No. 1 Orson "P," Spraberry Trnd, 9,700-ft. proj TD, 6.5 W. Tarzan, T&PRR Sur Sec. 139 Blk. A. Parker and Parsley, Midland, oprtr.

No. 2 Glendening "A," Spraberry Trnd, 9,500-ft. proj TD, 7.5 SW Tarzan, T&PRR Sur Sec. 1 Blk. 38. Parker and Parsley, Midland, oprtr.

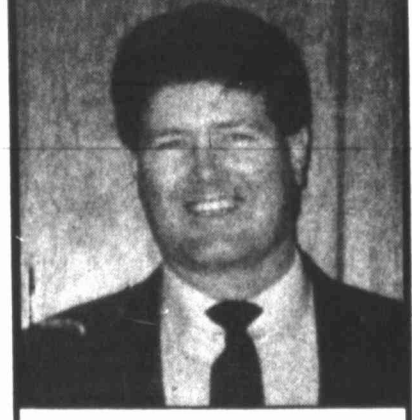
No. 3 Epley "A," S. Phoenix Fld, 4,200-ft. proj TD, 2 SW Lenorah, T&PRR Sur Sec. 41 Blk. 36. Pentex Operating, Oklahoma City, oprtr.

No. 1 Black, Spraberry Trnd, 9,500-ft. proj TD, 7.5 SW Tarzan, T&PRR Sur Sec. 18 Blk. 36. Parker and Parsley, Midland, oprtr.

No. 2 Curtis "H," Spraberry Trnd, 9,750-ft. proj TD, 7 W Tarzan, Lasalle School Land Sur Lg. 322 Lab 25. Parker and Parsley, Midland, oprtr.

Glasscock County

No. 3 Glasscock "N," SE Blalock Lake Fld, 8,250-ft. proj TD, 7 NW Garden City, T&PRR Sur Sec. 37 Blk. 35. Texaco, Midland, oprtr.



MIKE POWELL

Mike Powell, agency manager for Howard County Farm Bureau received a top 10 jacket for his life insurance sales in 1990. Mike finished #9 in Paid Life Premium for Southern Farm Bureau Life Ins. Co., which has over 3,300 agents. This is the third year in a row that Mike has finished in the top 10 in life premium. He started his career with Farm Bureau in 1986 in Brownwood and moved to Big Spring as manager in February of 1989. Mike and his wife, Leigh, really enjoy Big Spring and would like to thank everyone for making them feel so at home here.

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Choose tax preparer carefully

DENVER (AP) — This tax season, you may be one of almost half of American taxpayers who will choose paid preparers to handle their returns.

But, say the experts, you're likely to spend more time selecting a dentist than a tax professional.

"Tax preparation and counsel deserve added scrutiny," says Dede Pahl, director of the Institute for Tax Studies at the Denver-based non-profit College for Financial Planning.

Qualifications and training vary widely, as does the record of accuracy among do-it-yourself taxpayers and paid tax preparers.

Mistakes are common. In the last year of record, nearly 1 million taxpayers paid \$4.3 billion in penalties and added taxes to the Internal Revenue Service because of avoidable mistakes on their filings.

"Most of us don't ask important questions when we assess any professional's qualifications, whether we're talking about selecting a tax preparer or a lawyer," says Pahl. "As a society, we've learned to be careful consumers about some of the goods and services we use, but not about our tax advising needs."

Pahl suggests a meeting for inquiry and discussion with a tax professional before making a decision.

"This interchange can help you know if you'll get along with this person, and that does matter," says Pahl, who suggests a 10-question guideline:

1. What credentials can you show me that demonstrate your proficiency in preparing individual and business tax returns, and where did you train?
2. What specialized courses have you taken recently?
3. How long have you been in practice?
4. How do you keep abreast of IRS regulations?
5. Can you show me certificates of completion from continuing education coursework that you have undertaken within the past year?
6. Are you a member of any tax-related industry or professional association? If so, does this organization require that you abide by a code of professional ethics and standards?
7. How many tax returns do you prepare each year?
8. What tax returns (i.e., 1040 EZ,

1120, etc.) did you prepare during the past tax season?

9. What, if any, is your specialty, and do my tax needs fall into this category?

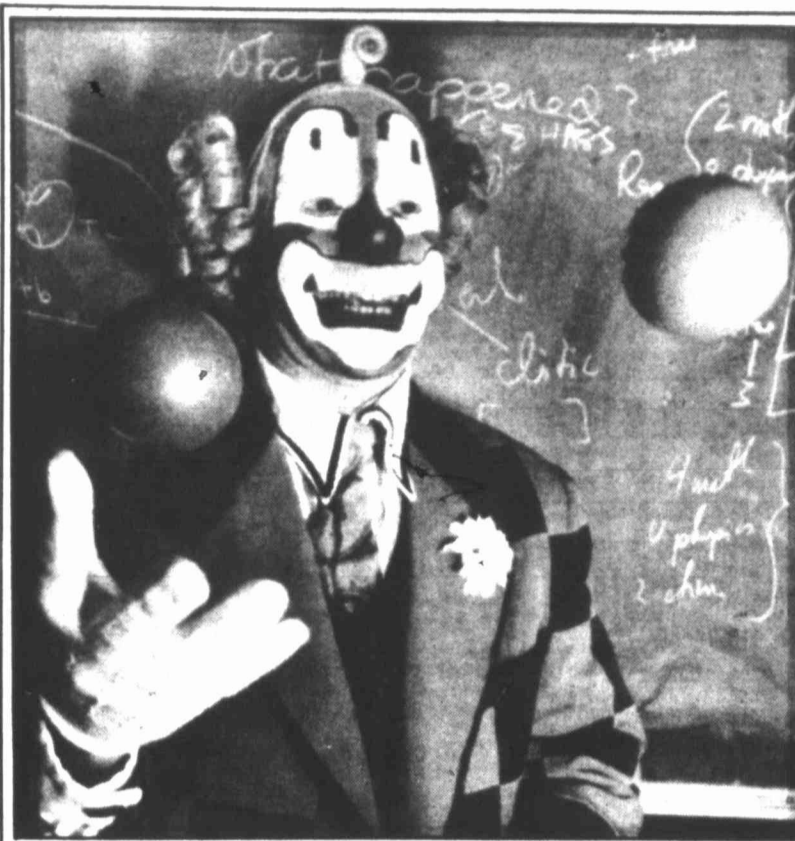
10. What are your fees for preparing a return for my tax situation?

Consumers should not be reluctant to ask about the preparer's credentials, education, experience, or specialization, says Pahl. "Ask preparers to tell you the kinds of returns they normally prepare, and how often."

In addition, consumers may use two new tax industry standards introduced this year by the College for Financial Planning, the National Society of Public Accountants, and the Accreditation Council for Accountancy and Taxation.

The designations are the Accredited Tax Preparer and the Accredited Tax Adviser.

When do you need a tax professional? Says Pahl, "Whenever you feel uncomfortable about your own knowledge of tax law, if you have highly specialized tax needs, or if you are worried about filling out the forms yourself."



CAMBRIDGE, Mass. — Gary Isaacs, 32, of New York City, does his juggling act Monday at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, his alma mater, where he later spoke to students, urging them not to let go of their dreams.

Peanut mascot is 75

WASHINGTON — DUCKING his shell under doorframes and waving to smiling faces, a 75-year-old Mr. Peanut rolled through the marble corridors of congressional office buildings Wednesday.

"The purpose of Mr. Peanut's visit is twofold," said Chuck Wallington, Director of Communications for the Planters LifeSavers Company. "First, we are launching a yearlong celebration of his 75th birthday. Second, March is National Peanut Month and we want to enhance the recognition and value of peanuts."

Mr. Peanut, Planters Nut's monocled, cane-twirling mascot and one of the world's most familiar trademark characters, was greeted by Rep. Richard Ray, D-Perry, in his Capitol Hill office.

"We are visiting peanut lovers and members residing in key peanut-producing states such as Virginia, Georgia, Arkansas, and North Carolina," Wallington said.

After taking pictures with Mr. Peanut, Ray said that he and his staff "were born and raised on peanuts."

Although many congressional offices had bags of peanuts to offer visitors from their local peanut growers' associations, they immediately opened their commemorative birthday decanters filled with Planters Nuts delivered by Mr. Peanut.

In addition to serving as the Planters mascot, Mr. Peanut is truly representative of a great American agricultural product, peanuts.

Mr. Peanut will officially kick off his national 75th birthday program, "A Celebration of Character," May 1 in New York City. At that time, Planters will announce a series of events to benefit education across the United States.

Mr. Peanut joined the company in 1916 after a 14-year-old boy sketched the winning entry of him in a Planters-sponsored trademark contest. A commercial artist added the top hat, cane, and monocle worn by Mr. Peanut today.



Fat free/sugar free dessert

NEW YORK — Wendy Cook, left, and Marguerite Copel of The Simplex Co. taste a new version of their company's frozen dessert that for the first time combines sugar and fat

substitutes in one product. Simple Pleasures Light, made from Simplex and Nutrasweet, will be introduced this summer.

MIT graduate chooses to become circus clown

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. (AP) — When Gary Isaacs first told his parents he wanted to be a clown, they said don't be a fool — stay at MIT.

After more than making his folks happy with accomplishments in rocket science and on Wall Street, Isaacs returned to his dream, trading his slide rule, business suits and six-figure salary for a bright red nose and floppy shoes.

The 32-year-old who holds a bachelor's degree in math and a master's in mechanical engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology along with a graduate degree in business from the University of California at Los Angeles — decided it was time to go back to school for some serious silliness.

Now the alumnus of Ringling Brothers Barnum & Bailey Clown College in Venice, Fla., is looking for a job.

Why would anyone dump material success for the uncertainty of a life chasing the spotlight in a three-ring circus?

"It was really just something inside me that said, 'Do this. Go have some fun.' I hadn't had fun in ages," Isaacs said this week.

After MIT, Isaacs crunched numbers in California for TRW's defense and space systems group. Four years later, he was restless. Another degree, this from UCLA, and he was off to Wall Street.

Isaacs dealt in "hundreds of millions of dollars, living a fast-paced life on the trading floor," he said. "You spent your weekends recuperating."

"I just woke up one day and said, 'You know, one day you're going to be near death and you're going to look back and say you never went to Clown College,'" Isaacs said. "So I decided to do it."

BUSINESS REVIEW

Edited by Linda Choate

News you can use, from C&M Garage

Although gasoline is always making the headlines, it is not the only fluid essential to our cars. There can be as many as ten others.

Engine oil: Check it weekly, change oil and filter as recommended in your owner's manual.

Radiator coolant: Check it monthly, add a 50 percent antifreeze mixture, not just water.

Battery electrolyte: If yours is the type of battery that can be checked, take a look at the fluid level about once a month and add water as needed.

Automatic transmission fluid: Have it checked about once a month and changed as recommended in your owner's manual.

Power steering fluid: For safety's sake, check it monthly. Be sure to add the type specified for your car and if you have to add frequently, check for leaks.

Brake fluid: This is another check that should be made at least once a month. Some cars are equipped with an hydraulically-operated clutch mechanism which has its reservoir near the brake reservoir. Check that at the same time. If you have to add fluid to either of these, look for signs of leakage.

Rear axle lubricant: This should be checked when the car is on a lift for lubrication service.

Air-conditioning refrigerant: This is best checked and replenished by a mechanic trained and

equipped to perform this service.

Cars like people, are at their best when the temperature is about 72°. But winter's cold waves and summer's heat waves have been tough on man and machine.

• Be sure your cooling system is in good condition. You may have made it this far, but the advent of hot weather could bring about failure of a hose, belt or other components. How long has it been since you checked your antifreeze/coolant?

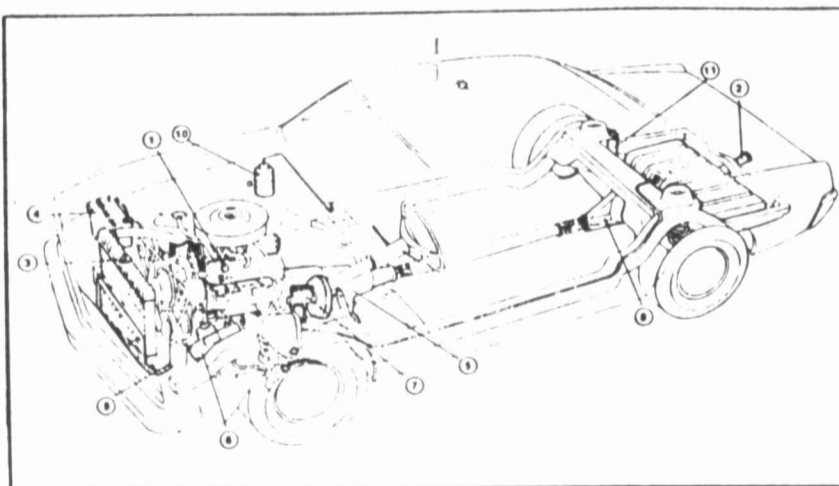
• How about the condition of your tires? Heavy loads at high speed on hot surfaces is hard on tires. To avoid failure make sure they have plenty of tread and are properly inflated. Check them in the morning, when they are cool.

• How's your oil? Oil is not only a lubricant, it is a coolant as well. And clean, well-filtered oil will help your engine survive the heat.

• Check your transmission. This is especially vital if you are towing a trailer. Most automatic transmissions share their cooling system with the engine. If you are towing a trailer, you should consider adding a transmission cooler, an inexpensive device you can have installed at most service outlets.

• Avoid sitting in stalled traffic for long periods of time with your air conditioner running.

Unpleasant as a thought as this might be, you should open your windows and turn on the heater.



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Speed up your engine occasionally to keep the air flowing through the radiator as the fan speed may be insufficient at idle in extreme heat. The air conditioner puts an extra load on the engine and can add to the overheating, whereas the heater provides extra circulation of coolant from the radiator. Equally harmful, of course, is allowing the car to be parked with the engine and air conditioner running while you run an errand.

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Beautiful View lovely decor 3 1/2	129,000	Large Lot 3 bdr, cent H.A. brk	35,000
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Park Hill Custom 4 bdrms	99,000	Custom Kitchen \$50,000, ref. air	35,000
Two Fireplaces 4 1/2, 2 sun room	97,500	Super Den Great storg 2 bdr	35,000
Nearly New 3 1/2, assumable loan	97,500	Family House 3 1/2, FP, lrg. kitch	35,000
Swim This Summer! 3 1/2 BV, sauna	94,500	Assume Loan \$2,000 dn 3 1/2 1	31,400
Southwest Style 3 1/2, sunroom	93,000	Ref. Air 3 1/2, lq. LR, FP	31,000
Privacy Plus View \$OLD, 3 1/2	92,500	3 Bdr Liv. Din. Den, H.A., 2 stg	29,950
Edwards Hgts. 3 1/2 2 Den w/tp	89,900	New Listing Neat & nice	29,900
Split Level 4 bdr, 2 bth, corner	84,500	Older Charming Quiet St, affordable	29,500
Pool 3 bdr 2 bth \$OLD, 51	75,000	4 Br- 2B Good \$OLD	29,000
Elegant Town Home 3 1/2, view	75,000	Brk Family 4 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 bdrmt	29,500
Highland Bargain 3 1/2, game rm	73,000	Edwards Hts. Neat 3 1/2, cpl	28,500
Wooded Lot split level, 4 bdr, 2 bths	69,000	Owner Finance Duplex 4 apt	26,000
Delightful 3 1/2 den, FP	65,000	Corner Lot Apt in rear, carport	25,000
Spread Out 3 1/2, wk. shop, gar	65,000	Thrifty 1 house 1 1/2 apt	25,000
Park Hill 3rd, 2bth, tp, den	64,000	Office or Home for you	25,000
Western Hills So nice, 3 1/2 2	63,000	Fireplace kingsized 2 bdr	25,000
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Brk 4 2 1/2, 1 1/2 CP, fenced	59,000	Brk Family 4 1/2, 2 1/2, 2 bdrmt	19,500
Western Hills 3 1/2 den w/FP	59,000	Family Home 5 1/2, spacious	19,000
New On Market 3 1/2 2 Kentwood	57,000	Workshop 1 bdr, fenced yd, nice	19,000
Park Hill 4 1/2, basement	55,000	Invest 2 1/2, gar, great yard	19,000
Park Hill Beauty Updated 3 1/2	52,500	Neat 1 Bdrm Large lot, cpl	17,500
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College Park 3 1/2, ref. air	49,900	Neat 3 Bdrm Garage, fenced	16,500
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Western Hills 1 1/2 bth, gar	49,000	Bargain 2 houses, \$OLD	16,500
4 Bdrm, 1 1/2 Bth, ref. air, den, Nicel	39,900	Brk No More 3 1/2 \$OLD	16,500
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Great Starter Cor. lot, 3 1/2	38,500	Can't Beat The Price 2 bdrmt \$OLD	9,500
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CITY OF BIG SPRING THE PLANNING AND ZONING COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, WILL HOLD A MEETING ON TUESDAY, APRIL 2, 1991, AT 5:15 P.M. IN THE CONFERENCE ROOM OF THE AIR PARK OFFICES, B U I L D I N G 1 1 1 0 6, B I G S P R I N G M C M A H O N W R I N K L E I N D U S T R I A L P A R K, B I G S P R I N G, TEXAS, TO CONSIDER THE FOLLOWING REQUEST FOR A SPECIFIC USE PERMIT Mr. Royce D. Clay, owner of Lots 3 & 4, Block 12, Fairview Heights Addition, also known as 1408 Runnels, is requesting a Specific Use Permit in an SF 2 Zone for the purpose of operating a licensed day care center. 7187 March 24, 1991

PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISING AND INVITATION FOR BIDS The City of Big Spring, (Owner) will receive Bids for City of Big Spring, Texas and Big Spring McMahon Wrinkle Airport - Street & Taxway Improvements - 1991 Seal Coat Program at the office of the Purchasing Agent until 2:00 p.m. on the 3rd day of April, 1991, and from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m., Wednesday, April 3, 1991 at Building 1106, Big Spring McMahon Wrinkle Airport, Big Spring, Texas 79721, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will be returned unopened.

Contract Documents, including Drawings and Technical Specifications, are on file at the office of the Director of Public Works, City Hall, Big Spring, Texas and Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc. 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas. Copies of Plans, Specifications, and Contract Documents may be obtained by placement of a \$25.00 nonrefundable deposit with Parkhill, Smith & Cooper, Inc., 4010 Avenue R, Lubbock, Texas 79412 for each set of documents so obtained. Bidders are expected to inspect the site of the work and to inform themselves regarding all local conditions. A certified check or bank draft, payable to the order of the City of Big Spring, negotiable U.S. Government bond (at par value) or a satisfactory Bid Bond executed by the Bidder and an acceptable surety in an amount equal to five percent (5%) of the total Bid shall be submitted with each Bid. The successful Bidder must furnish a Performance Bond and Payment Bond on the forms provided in the amount of 100% of the total contract price from a Surety Company holding a permit from the State of Texas, or as Surety, or other Surety or Sureties acceptable to the Owner. All lump sum and unit prices must be stated in both script and figures. The Owner reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive formalities, and to accept the bid which seems most advantageous to the Owner's interest. In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in stating the prices in the bids, the Owner reserves the right to consider the most advantageous construction thereof, or to reject the bid. Bids may be held by the City of Big Spring for a period not to exceed forty-five (45) days from the date of the opening for Bids for the purpose of reviewing the Bids and investigating the qualifications of Bidders, prior to awarding of the Contract. Date: March 12, 1991 City of Big Spring By: Maxwell D. Green, Mayor 7172 March 17 & 24, 1991

Maxwell starts up presses for new beginning

NEW YORK (AP) — The headline "ROLL 'EM" on the Daily News front page Friday signaled the post-strike rebirth of the racy tabloid that was once the nation's largest daily newspaper.

Cheered by hundreds of workers, British publisher Robert Maxwell pushed a yellow button to start the presses Thursday after taking over the strike-bound paper.

A smiling picture of Maxwell, a signed editorial and his name in three places on the front page left no doubt who was boss.

"We're Back!" was splashed across the paper's nameplate and also served as the headline to the editorial in which Maxwell promised readers a paper "as good as it was before, and... it will get better."

The 152-page edition included 88 pages of advertising and a nickel price increase, up to 40 cents. The press run was expected to top 1 million.

"I'm proud to be an honorary citizen of New York and to bring you back your hometown newspaper," Maxwell said before pressing the button to start the presses.

Holding up one of the first copies, he said, "The News is back, buy us."



NEW YORK — Daily News publisher Robert Maxwell holds up the first edition of the newspaper with his name on the masthead. Maxwell promised readers a paper "as good as it was before, and... it will get better."

months. The Daily News suffered what Maxwell called "teething problems" in distribution today, slowing the appearance of its first post-strike issue on metropolitan area newsstands. The first press run was delayed 25 minutes and the paper wasn't available at all newsstands this morning.

Strike tensions lingered as at least one union worker who crossed picket lines was shoved to the ground. A pressman, 12-year veteran John Heffernan, said he was apprehensive about returning to work.

"It feels like someone else slept in your bed for a couple of months," Heffernan said, referring to replacement workers hired during the strike.

In the paper's Manhattan headquarters, where strikers are not returning until next week, non-union editors and some workers who crossed picket lines worked on Maxwell's premiere edition.

Maxwell wrote in his editorial: "This city will overcome its troubles, and so will the Daily News. I love them both. Your slogan, our slogan, my slogan, has got to be; forward with New York."

The paper's front page motto, "New York's Picture Newspaper," was replaced with "Forward With New York."

operations are headquartered in London, stepped in as the paper's buyer of last resort, saving the paper in return for substantial concessions in new union contracts.

He entered the scene after the Chicago-based Tribune Co. and nine striking unions could not come to terms after a bitter, often violent strike that lasted nearly five

Valiant effort not successful

HIGH POINT, N.C. (AP) — A clerk who saw a man run out of his store with nearly \$6,000 worth of clothing was dragged 20 feet by a car before giving up his chase.

"It was a crazy thing to do," said Gregory Kent Reid, who suffered only scratches. "I was just so mad, I wanted the guy."

The shoplifter got away, taking with him 16 suits and two sports coats valued at about \$5,750, Reid told police.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

BIDS The Glasscock County Commissioners Court will accept bids at the regular meeting on April 8, 1991 at 10:00 a.m. for: (20) 11R 22.5 G186 tires (50) 10 00 R 20 G186 tube type and tube tires. The commissioners court has the right to reject any or all bids submitted. For more information contact W.E. Bednar, Glasscock County Judge Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. 7181 March 21, 22 & 24, 1991

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The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission will be procuring one or more of the following services in the one or more of the counties in the Permian Basin Region for JTPA Title II-A programs for Economically Disadvantaged and Title III programs for Laid Off Workers. Training to be procured: Registered Nurse, Clerical/Secretarial, Professional Counseling, Labor Market Information, Computer Information Systems, Clinical Lab Science, Radiology Technician, Law Enforcement, Jail Certification, Juvenile Certification, Medical Records Clerk, Aviation Maintenance, Physical Therapist Assistant, Professional Testing and Assessment, Teacher Certification (Education), Licensed Vocational Nurse, Truck Driving, Financial Counseling, Accounting, Electronics, Respiratory Therapy, Surgical Technology, Educational Aide, Legal Assistant, Hydrology, Alcohol/Drug Abuse Counselor, Academic/Vocational Preparation, Petrochemical Operator Technician, Small Business Assistance/Counseling. Comprehensive range of program services to JTPA clients in Andrews, Dawson, and Gaines Counties. A Procurement Package may be obtained by contacting PBRPC at (935) 383-1000. Bidder Conference is scheduled for April 2, 1991, at 3:00 p.m. in the PBRPC Board Room, 2910 LaForce Blvd., Midland International Airport, Midland, Texas. 7182 March 22 & 24, 1991

Graduate school seen as refuge from recession

BOSTON (AP) — Kate Rubin dreams of being a graphic designer. But with jobs hard to find and competition fierce, she is among a growing number of people taking refuge from the recession by returning to college.

"There's not as much opportunity out there," said Rubin, 30. "It's not as easy to get work as it once was. It's a better time to go back to school."

Graduate schools around the country report a surge in applicants, a trend that many school officials attribute to tough economic times.

"We hope to think people are interested in higher education. But usually when the economy is sluggish and people cannot get jobs, education is a sort of haven," said Sari Halasz, assistant dean of the University of California at Los Angeles, which has seen about a 10 percent increase in applications this year. Peter Syverson, spokesman for

the Council of Graduate Schools, a national association of graduate school deans, said school officials around the country have told him of similar enrollment increases on their campuses.

In part, this reflects a recent trend in which enrollment at U.S. graduate schools has risen about 2 percent annually for the past several years, Syverson said. But it's also a result of the troubled economy, he said.

"If you're worried, you might say, 'Gee, how do I differentiate myself from other folks?' ... Maybe I should get a graduate degree, so I would be less likely to be laid off in a bad economy and maybe be quicker to get a new job," he said.

Julie Sweitzer, 27, said she decided to enroll in graduate school at Boston University when she couldn't get an environmental job in state government. She is now working toward a degree in environmental and energy studies.

"I saw going back to school as a way to get better work," she said.

Mary Lou Balinskas, director of graduate admissions at the University of Connecticut, said some students are returning to school because of increased opportunities in education. Many schools around the country are anticipating faculty shortages in the years to come.

Officials at Tulane University, Ohio State University and the University of Colorado said some of their students have returned because they see such jobs opening up.

"Folks might be saying, 'Aha, here's a chance.' There's more opportunities for Ph.D.s," said Millard Storey, director of admissions at the University of Colorado.

Despite the tough market in other fields, some people still choose job interviews over college interviews, and sometimes that's because of economic concerns, said Marilyn Morgan,

director of Boston College's career center.

"Many students are paying off loans for undergraduate school and don't want to take on additional loans," she said.

Nonetheless, Babson College in Wellesley has seen about a 20 percent increase in applications for its graduate school of business, said Will Makris, director of graduate admissions.

"We get people who are disenchanted with their positions or need a degree to get to the next step, and this is the right time to do it," Makris said.

The surge in applicants has prompted the school to toughen its admission process "to make sure they are here for the right reasons," Makris said. Interviews are being used more to screen applicants, he said.

"We're going to turn down some very good people, people who last year would have had no problem getting in," said Bill Kelly, the school's director.

MCI lets clients be salespersons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Can average people sell friends and relatives on a long-distance company? MCI Communications Corp. certainly hopes so.

A promotion unveiled Monday by the nation's second largest long-distance carrier will offer 20 percent discounts to customers who can persuade those they call most to sign up with MCI.

The company's Friends & Family plan was unveiled during a New York news conference, seen live at MCI's Washington headquarters.

MCI Chairman William McGowan said it represented "huge implications for our company and our industry," but MCI's biggest competitors — American Telephone & Telegraph Co. and US Sprint — dismissed it as old hat.

"This is not a new thing. It's another discount plan," said Herb Linnen, a spokesman for industry leader AT&T. He added that AT&T doesn't want to require its customers to do its sales work.

Under the arrangement, customers will call or mail in to MCI the names of up to 12 people. If the 12 don't already use MCI, the customer has the option of either persuading them to switch or leaving that task to MCI.

The customer receives the discount on calls to each person who changes to MCI or to any person on the list who's already an MCI user.

The 20 percent savings is in addition to other MCI rate-reduction plans and involves no monthly fee or minimum number of calls, the company said. It also applies to calls made away from home using an MCI calling card.

MCI Vice President Timothy Price said the promotion would "make people care which long distance company their friends and family are using."

MCI officials would not say how many new customers the company must attract to compensate for the revenue reduction caused by the 20 percent rate cut, or how much additional business it hopes to generate.

Industry analysts called the plan innovative and said it should help MCI in an increasingly aggressive battle among the long-distance companies.

MCI has about 10 percent of the nation's residential long-distance business compared with about 70 percent for AT&T and about 8 percent for Sprint. The remainder is shared by other carriers.



Ileana, Romania — A horse drawn peasant cart on an Ileana, Romania, collective farm shows how far Eastern European farming has to go before it matches Western standards. Dealing a final blow

to communism by dismantling collective farms has universal appeal, but whether immediate land reform makes economic sense has become a worrisome question.

Collectives give way to private ownership

Ileana, Romania (AP) — Dealing a final blow to communism by dismantling collective farms has universal appeal in Eastern Europe, but whether immediate land reform makes economic sense has become a worrisome question.

Czechoslovakia and Hungary are well ahead of Romania and Bulgaria in putting their stronger industry back into private hands, and their farm systems produce enough food.

The well-stocked food shops of Budapest and Prague would be a dream in Bucharest and Sofia, where shelves often are bare. For their part, Romanian officials say plunging into land reform might reduce already inadequate farm production and undermine the fragile democracy.

Polish agriculture never was collectivized. Farms remained small and private despite Communist rule and, ironically, many may fail as communism's guaranteed prices and markets disappear.

At the Ileana collective farm 30 miles east of Bucharest, Carmen Iacob finds a warm coat, hat and

scarf as necessary for doing the payroll as her pencil and ledgers.

Corn cobs are the only fuel available for the tile stove in the corner of her office. By early March, even the cobs were gone and the weak morning sunlight over her shoulder provided the only heat and light.

The 7,400-acre Ileana farm and others like it, the agricultural backbone of Communist Romania, have begun to crumble. The government that followed dictator Nicolae Ceausescu, who was overthrown and executed in December 1989, is letting people reclaim their land.

Bulgaria also is moving boldly to smash the collectives. Its parliament has decided land redistribution will begin after this year's harvest.

Mircea Pavlu, a parliamentary spokesman on land reform for Romania's governing National Salvation Front, said: "The land law destroys communism. From a moral point of view, the land law is part of the Romanian revolution."

At Ileana, in fertile grain country near the Danube River, more practical matters are of immediate concern.

"Most of the people will try to work the land themselves," said Mrs. Iacob, whose husband drives tractors and other machinery. "They won't buy tractors... They'll be interested in filling their own needs, and won't think about others."

Even with the Communist emphasis on heavy industry, Romanians stayed close to their villages. Almost half Romania's 23 million people still live in the countryside, a scene of dirt roads and horse carts. In the mid-1980s, 28 percent of the work force was on farms.

Under the new land law, farm can claim up to 25 acres outright, and increase that to 250 acres by leasing or buying.

Most of Ileana's 400 farmers know where their land is, and many are eager to reclaim it. "Everybody is on the alert," said the collective's chief accountant, Alexandrina Pascu.

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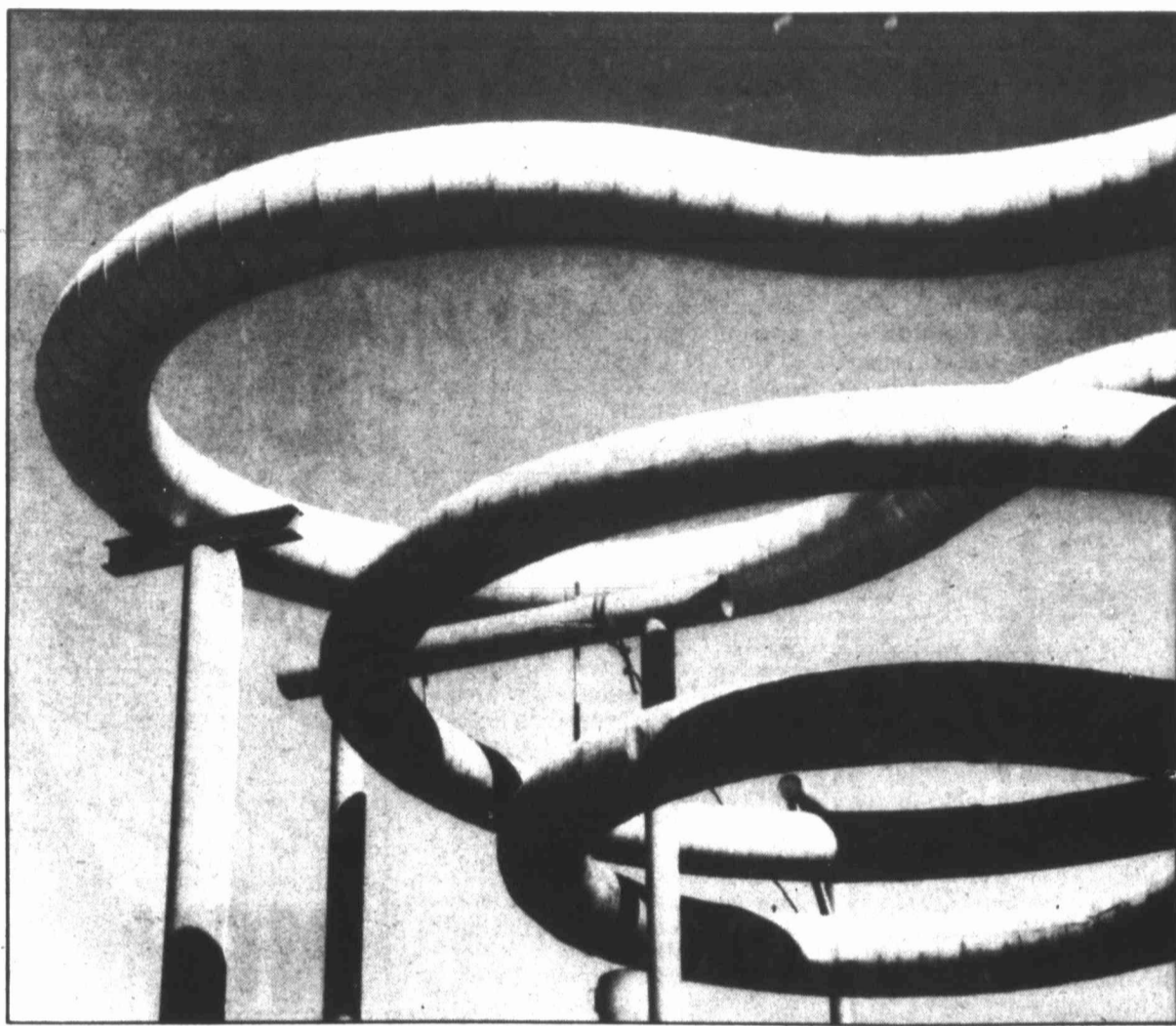
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Board works to expand economic base

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Economic development, at its "bottom line," means job security and greater job opportunities, said Ted St. Clair, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.



"We're talking about more economic opportunity for Big Spring citizens," St. Clair said. "With more money into the community, you have a chance to get some of it."

St. Clair was chosen to direct the economic development corporation by members of the board of directors — Owen Ivie, Jim Purcell, Jeff

Morris, Hooper Sanders and Steve Fraser. Moore will utilize the revenue from a 1/2-cent sales tax levied specifically to fund economic development.

Community leaders said they expect economic development to have a positive influence on many aspects of the local community — fewer vacant buildings, more jobs available, population growth, enhanced real estate values, greater tax revenues.

"If the population of Big Spring were to explode, you couldn't keep (businesses) out," St. Clair said. He added that the process of encouraging growth starts from the bottom.

"It's building from the base," St. Clair said. Base economic jobs, he explained, are agricultural, manufacturing, mining (oil), government agencies and corporate headquarters.

"We've got to start there and build from the base," he said. "If I could move the state capitol from Austin to Big Spring, I would do that. But I can't do that. So we've got to start at the base and build up."

His job as a representative of the community is much like a sales job, St. Clair said. He said he enjoys the abstract nature of his "product" — the ever-changing face of a community.

St. Clair has said he thinks the people of Big Spring are ready to work for economic development. At present, he said, the local support for such growth is at a high point.

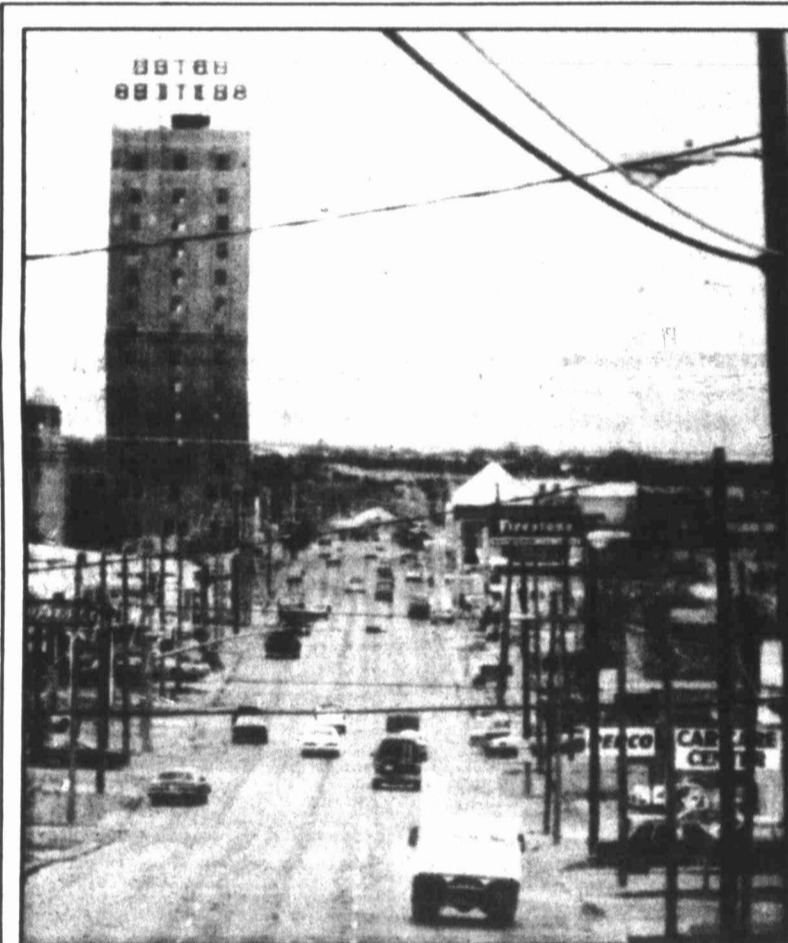
"There's a willingness to consider what makes us more attractive, at all levels," he said. "The people are playing a big role in the first place by committing tax revenues to do the job."

"Big Spring's strength is its people and its enthusiasm and interest," St. Clair said.

Citizens demonstrated their interest earlier this year at a Town Hall meeting during which representatives of the corporation listened to the advice of the public. Big Springers and residents of surrounding communities spoke out: they favored an emphasis on development for existing business, and creation of jobs.

The five-member board of directors of the corporation, after choosing St. Clair late last year, has hired a support staff, leased a car, purchased some basic equipment and chosen an office. Moore will be located adjacent to the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 215 W. Third Street after the completion of building renovations.

From there, officials say the two will work "hand in hand" to promote growth in the community.



Among plans by Big Spring Main Street Inc. to revitalize the downtown area are a downtown merchants committee, demolition of empty buildings and possible renovation of the Hotel Settles.

Downtown promotion beginning to pay off

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Big Spring Main Street Inc. the independent corporation charged with development of the downtown area, has big plans for 1991.

Coordinator Beverly Franklin said the group hopes to unite businesses, clean up the area and work "aggressively" to market what downtown has to offer.

The group plans to establish a downtown merchants' committee to develop joint promotions, sale days and marketing ideas.

"This will be a joining together of the businesses," Franklin said. "It should function something like a mall committee, to arrange joint sales days, joint promotions."

After forming a speaker's bureau, the group hopes to pursue speaking engagements locally and seek recognition on a state and national level.

"We think it's real important to let (local) groups know exactly who we are and what our goals are," Franklin said. She added that many people don't understand that BSMS is staffed almost completely by volunteers. Speakers will be chosen from the group, and will attempt to reach as many local organizations as possible.

BSMS is concerned about the empty buildings in the area, especially the Settles Hotel.

"We have formed a committee

on that, and we're speaking with all the taxing entities to make some kind of joint effort," Franklin said. "My board would like to see the Settles renovated, but we'll support doing whatever is best for the entire community."

Already some downtown buildings, such as the former Moffett Carpet buildings, have been demolished to make room for other uses of the space. Areas that once supported eyesores will be black-topped and used for special events downtown, Franklin explained.

The "Trash and Treasures" markets will continue, but the group may change the event's "personality," Franklin said.

"We want to kind of feel our way, to find out what will best benefit our vendors and the (downtown) merchants," she said.

The corporation is concerned with becoming self-sufficient by developing income-producing projects such as bingo games and the promotion of a rental office.

"If things keep going this well, maybe by the end of this year we could be self-sufficient," Franklin said. "We are becoming more (self-supporting) each month." She said she is thankful for the continuing support of the city of Big Spring.

"It's not only the money, but the joining together of forces that is very beneficial," Franklin said.

Library network to link 12 area systems

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County Library has joined with 11 other area library systems to form the Permian Library Association Network. This network will provide additional services to library patrons, and create a professional support group for librarians.

Donna Jackson, head librarian for Big Spring's library, said PLANet is designed to provide Big Spring patrons access to the library materials in Andrews, Crane, Dawson, Ector, Midland, and Ward counties. Midland College, Odessa College, the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Texas Tech Health Sciences Center at Odessa, and Howard College Learning Resource Center are also members of PLANet.

Patrons in Howard County will be allowed to check out books from the other libraries without having a library card, she said. The service works through letters of referral from the home library.

"This is a temporary situation. We'll be very careful who we give our letters to, because if the book is lost, our library will have to pay for it," Jackson said.

Howard County Commissioners Court approved the by-laws for the organization Monday, and now the directors for the libraries, and the commissioners court in the counties, will have to approve them also. About half of the directors have approved the laws thus far, and Jackson said she's sure they all will.

Another bonus to PLANet will be workshops for the employees of each library, she said.

"We'll have a medical and legal workshop in April to teach our employees how to deal with medical and legal questions, which, as you know, are difficult," Jackson said.

"This is great support for the library directors. This gives us a chance to meet and discuss pro-



Patrons of the Howard County Library will soon be able to take advantage of PLANet, a system that will provide readers access to material in

libraries in surrounding communities. Readers will be able to check out books without a library card under the plan.

blems we're having. One thing we're all concerned about is President Bush's ideas to cut federal funding for libraries. In smaller or medium-size libraries, federal money is very important," she said.

Although PLANet is not new, the organization continues to generate ideas for improving the library

systems in the area. Jackson said all the entities will collectively present grant proposals to various agencies to obtain funds for a computer link for all the PLANet members.

"Hooking us all up with a computer will take several million dollars. We felt, as a group we'd have a much better, stronger case (for obtaining the funding),"

Jackson said.

The library also offers inter-library loan for libraries in the Permian Basin, and a reference question service that can fax a question and usually receive an answer the same day, she said.

"That's not for in-depth research questions, we couldn't ask them to do that," she said.

Construction holds steady but showing no signs of growth

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Construction companies are holding steady in Big Spring these days, waiting for the economy to pick up. Most construction-oriented businesses in Big Spring have enough work to stay afloat, but, at this time, most businessmen

choose to err on the side of caution when it comes to expansion. "Well, we're keeping busy. There have been very few days missed for lack of work, but there's no burning need to go hire more people," explained Robert Loveless of Bob's Custom Woodwork.

The amount of building and

remodeling may be an indicator of a depressed construction market. The number of city building permits issued has tapered off in recent years. In 1984, the total number of building permits issued was 303. In 1985, this total dropped to 278. By 1988 the total had fallen to 250. The decline continued in 1989 as total building permits fell to 185,

and by 1990 this total dropped yet again to 185 for the year. This kind of economic environment tends to inspire caution in local businessmen. James Massengill of M&M Construction explained, "We're doing OK today, but you have to worry about tomorrow. With the economy so volatile, people are scared to spend

a lot of money, so they are holding on to it," he said. "Although we've got plenty of work right now, I'm not going to go out and buy a lot of new equipment," he added. While the numbers of permits show a steady decline in city building projects, some companies are keeping busy outside the area. Bob Price, of Price Construction,

said, "Most of our work is not in Big Spring, so we've had to really spread out to keep busy. We have been extremely fortunate to get more work from state letting and we're even building some roads down around Big Bend." There is hope that the decline in local construction may have bottomed out.

New police programs aid Big Spring officers

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Police Department is looking at a future with better equipment, rejuvenated schedules and a host of new programs that officials say are working well.



The department is in the process of locating and purchasing a Local Area Network computer system. Once the new system is in place, officers and staff should be able to store more data and locate needed information faster, said Chief of Police Joe Cook.

He said the system will aid in investigations by allowing officers to keep names, aliases and other identifying information available. It can also help keep track of vehicle performance as well as officer performance, Cook noted.

"We hope to have it up full speed by the end of the calendar year," he said.

The department recently received 16 new patrol vehicles to replace 1980 through 1984 models.

"We still have some old ones," Cook said, adding that next year the department would likely request purchase of more new cars to replace 1985 and 1986 models.

The new cars have such features as airbags, mounted stoplights and additional top lights.

Since April 1990, patrol officers have been working 12-hour shifts — an arrangement that allows them several days off at a time. Over a two-week period, officers work 80 hours.

Cook said the new schedules allow officers more time to spend with their families.

"And when they come back to work, they're eager," he said.

Increasing the length of shifts has allowed the department to increase the number of officers on the street from three to five, Cook said.

"We haven't lost many officers (in 1990)," Cook said. According to department figures, seven officers left the department in 1990, while 15 found other jobs in 1989.

Because of that retention, the department has been able to create an elite group known as the Street Crimes Unit. Those officers, Cook said, can devote attention to analysis of a crime or group of crimes.

According to a report compiled by Cook, the unit has been responsible for breaking a burglary ring and thwarting a youth gang, among other accomplishments.

The goal is more efficient and faster solving of crimes, he said. Several programs begun last year are working well and will be continued, Cook noted.

Adopt-A-Cop, in which an officer is "adopted" by local elementary students, has been expanded to all elementary schools, Cook said.

"We feel like the essence has been well-received," he said.

The program has been described as similar to the anti-narcotic program D.A.R.E.

Resource officer Drew Bavin continues to teach a civics class for high school students, and the number of students in the class has increased.

"Most civics and government classes emphasize the federal government," Cook said. "We try to enlighten them about the law and its impact to the community."

"We hope the education they receive will carry them into adulthood. We believe it will make them better informed to vote, to ask questions about the criminal justice system and some of them will be good elected officials on the local level."

Crisis Intervention, a program to counter domestic violence, has successfully combined the efforts of the department with the Big Spring State Hospital.

"Crisis Intervention has been everything we thought it would be and more," Cook said. He said officials believe domestic violence has decreased in the area, although documenting figures is very difficult since the crime appears in many forms.

An analysis of crime statistics shows that, in 1990, officers made 2,654 arrests. Thirty-two of those are listed as narcotics-related.

A total of 1,587 crimes were reported by the department in 1990, dropping from 2,081 in 1989. Five murders, eight rapes and 62 motor vehicle thefts are among 1990 totals.

In a summary of his year-end report, Cook said the department "made significant strides" in 1990, and had enjoyed some results of past years' efforts.

Among future plans of the department is a citizens academy, which would allow certain members of the local population to learn more about police operations, the law and police-community relations. Cook said the department would try to arrange such a course some time in 1991.

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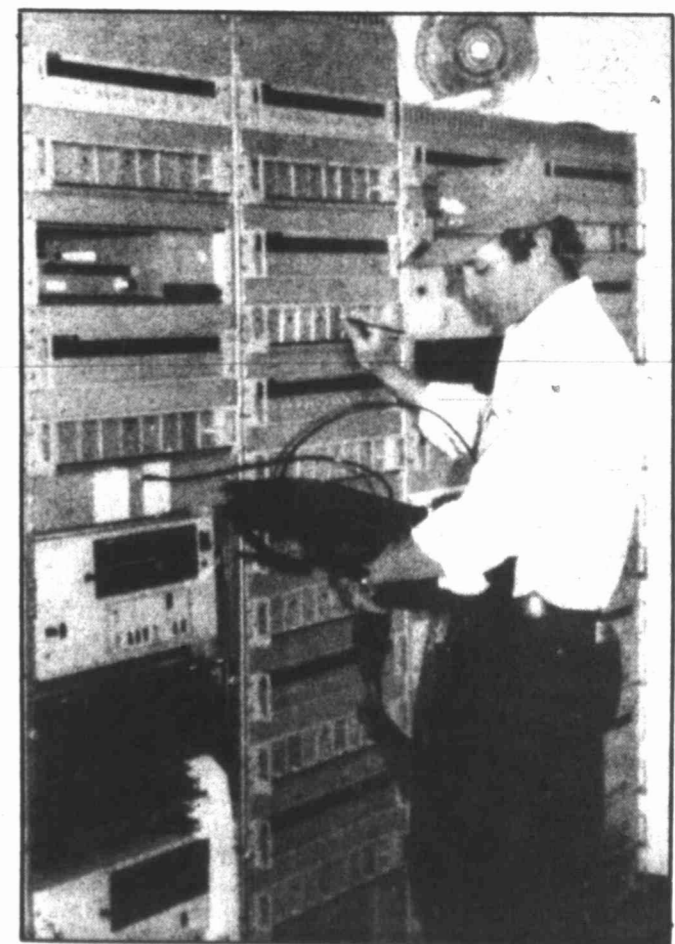
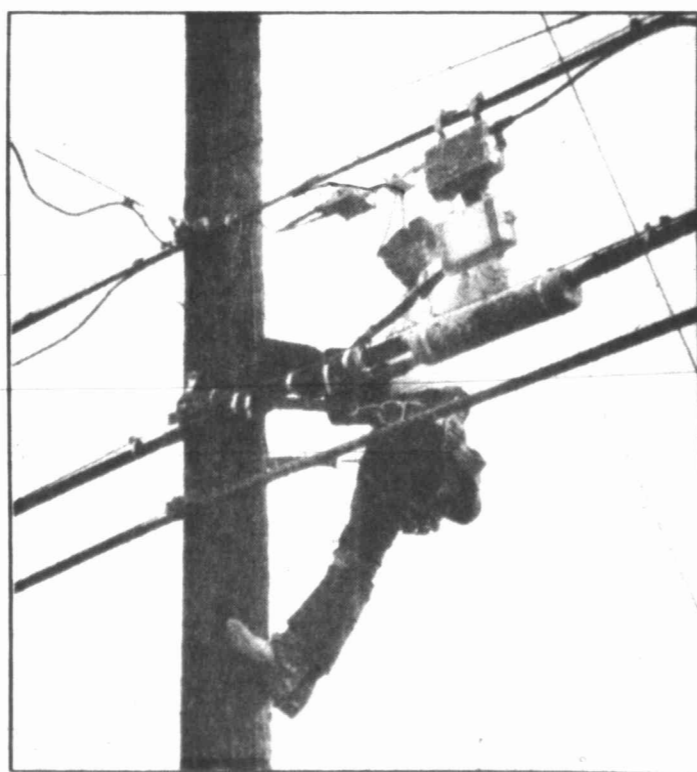
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Shortages in skilled labor force predicted for future

By JOHNNIE LOU AVERY

A recent article in *Nation's Business* spotlighted the worsening shortage of both skilled and unskilled labor and how it is affecting small firms, particularly those that require employees to be well trained and versatile.

In a survey completed last November, JOHNNIE LOU AVERY more than half of the respondents said they expect the supply of skilled labor for their needs over the next five years to be "inadequate." And more than one-fifth said they consistently experience difficulties in finding qualified workers for the jobs they must fill.



This growing problem is confirmed by the findings of two other surveys. In a survey conducted by Hudson Institute, a public policy research center, a cross section of 645 U.S. businesses were used. Sixty-five percent said their senior managers are concerned about impending shortfalls in the labor pool.

All respondents report "some current difficulties recruiting in every employee category, which includes secretarial, skilled-crafts, technical, and professional workers."

The survey conducted by Towers Perrin Consulting Firm again confirmed these findings. Towers Perrin's president, John Lynch, told the U.S. Senate Task Force on Workforce and Workplace Readiness last July, that there is a dwindling supply of qualified workers. There is simply not

enough workers with the skills employers need — from specialized skills to simple work-habit skills."

Still another canvass of 1,000 employers found that 75 percent reported having difficult finding qualified workers. Hotel and lodging industry and hospitals seem to be among the hardest hit. Joan Foster, a partner in the firm that conducted this survey, said "notwithstanding the slower economic situation in various areas of the country, companies continue to have a problem finding qualified workers."

The *Nation's Business* article pointed out, "Small business people also complain that many of today's young, entry-level workers are not prepared for the workplace. Many such workers, according to employers, have high

absentee rates, fail to perform quality work, and lack a cooperative work attitude.

Cited as reasons for these difficulties are:

- The pool of available labor is growing more slowly as fewer young people enter the job market. The Bureau of Labor Statistics, which says the slowdown reflects the decline of births in the 1970s, predicts that from 1988-2000 the labor force will grow by only 16 percent, compared with a growth rate of 26.5 percent from 1976-1988. This trend is especially troublesome for small businesses that generally hire younger, less experienced workers.

- The quality of U.S. education has declined significantly. The Conference Board, a non-profit business-information organization, reported that nearly 20 percent of

companies surveyed recently were having difficulties finding applicants who can read well enough to qualify for entry-level jobs.

- There is a growing mismatch between the skills needed in the workplace and the skills workers possess. It has been estimated by one expert that three-fourths of new workforce entrants will be qualified for only 40 percent of the new jobs created between 1985 and 2000.

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce has listed various steps one can take to find and keep the right workers in the 1990s. The Chamber's approaches include:

1. Advertise for workers in areas where plants may be closing.
2. Improve the recruiting process in screening and in matching employees to jobs.
3. Hire more minorities and

4. Hire or retain older workers.
 5. Develop work environments that attract and retain good employees.
 6. Hire disabled workers.
 7. Take steps to manage diversity in the work force.
 8. Make commitments to education, training, and retraining.
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Convenience is a cellular phone in the car

By BILL AYRES
City Editor

Having a phone in a personal vehicle is becoming less of a luxury and more of a convenience. From housewives to businessmen, cellular phones are being used to allow communication anytime of the day without the need to search for a conventional phone.

"Time is valuable — the average person has to do so many things," said Bob Wilson, office manager at Wes-Tex Communication in Stanton. "With a cellular phone system, a person can eliminate the interruptions we face trying to get all the things done we need to."

According to Wilson having a cellular phone in one's vehicle allows that person to make or receive calls that might otherwise require a trip home, to the office or a pay phone to complete.

One definite advantage of cellular phones is in emergency situations. Considering the amount of distance between communities in West Texas, Wilson said a motorist need not fear traveling. If an emergency occurs, the motorist simply calls for help.

Kelly Pierce, manager of AM Cellular in Big Spring, said with all the advances in the system recently, a cellular phone is "like putting a normal phone in your car."

She added business is booming as more and more people discover the



Convenience, officials say, is the key to having a cellular phone. Bob Wilson of Wes-Tex Communication in Stanton said having a cellular phone in one's vehicle allows that person to make or receive calls that might otherwise require a trip home.

convenience of the system.

Pierce said calls to Lorain, Saint Lawrence, Stanton, Forsan and

Ackerly are considered local calls for subscribers using the Big Spring system. She added calls routed

to another "cell" or tower would still be recorded on the subscribers local bill so all calls would be on one bill.

Cellular systems use high band radio frequencies to transmit their signals. Each cell broadcasts from a tower with a 40-mile range. When a subscriber leaves one cell, all calls are transferred to the next cell.

Wilson said a person leaving Big Spring should have continuous service into the Panhandle and all the way to Dallas. A new tower outside Sterling City will expand coverage in that area.

According to Pierce by the end of the year cell towers should be in operation across the country.

One feature Wilson said is being planned is call-forwarding from a home phone to the cellular phone. This would allow the subscriber, for example, to leave on a trip and never miss a phone call.

Wilson said the system allows call-forwarding within the cell at present.

He said cellular service is as low as \$10 for 16 minutes on the Wes-Tex tower. Long distance calls are billed at AT&T and Southwestern Bell long distance rates.

Wilson said he expects digital systems to become available shortly, allowing for increased tower capacity.

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TEC reports no major layoffs in Big Spring despite recession

By BILL AYRES
City Editor

The proposed construction at the Fina Refinery and the rebuilding of Kuwait may be the biggest boon to employment in Big Spring and Howard County in a long time.

Ken Green, assistant manager at the Big Spring Texas Employment Commission, said the demand for

employees for either of these projects will be a big plus to the area.

"The contractor in charge of the Fina project, H.B. Zachery, should be hiring locally. There will be a demand for pipe fitters and other skilled workers for both projects," he said.

Despite the reports of a recession, Green said there have been no

major layoffs in Big Spring. He sees the economy holding its own.

"Right now clerical and sales positions lead the list of requests from businesses," he said. "We have an occasional request for production people and very few requests for professional people, like those in medical-related fields."

He said the work force, while

smaller than it used to be, is diverse enough in the area at present to meet the hiring needs of local businesses. "The decrease in the work force makes the unemployment rate seem lower than it actually is," he said.

However, he did note a general increase in the educational requirements. employers want in a

job applicant. "Employers are looking for job applicants with at least a high school education. This is due to the increased technology used in most businesses. The only jobs where there might be an exception is in the fast-food restaurant area, but even that is changing."

The trends in business are

toward more and more sophisticated electronic equipment. "The computer has reached into every aspect of the job market. Even the registers used at fast-food restaurants are computerized."

To compete in the job market, Green said students need to develop an understanding of the computer operations.

Fina improving on all counts

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Fina continues to improve its facilities into 1991 and beyond.

The refinery measures its performance according to three criteria. These are: safety performance, environmental performance and competitive performance.



Because of the improvement in safety in 1990, Fina issued \$60,000 in gift certificates to its employees. The gift certificates were purchased for use within the community. Jeff Morris of Fina said, "It is anticipated that safety performance will continue to improve in 1991 with the implementation of programs to bring the Fina refinery to (new) industry standards and beyond."

Environmental performance was also significantly improved in 1990 with the reduction of (the number of) upset conditions at the refinery, which allowed the refinery's air treatment units to operate efficiently more than 95 percent of the time," noted Morris. "It is planned that more than 60 percent of the total investment of the refinery will be spent on en-

The refinery measures its performance according to three criteria . . . safety performance, environmental performance and competitive performance.

vironmental projects alone, and environmental improvement programs will continue to be implemented in 1991 with special emphasis placed in the areas of water and solid waste," he added.

One recently completed environmental project is Fina's land farm. The land farm is a state-of-the-art way to biodegrade certain soil contaminants.

Morris explained that the five-acre land farm is constructed with an impervious packed-clay liner. Over this is a plastic liner for further waterproofing. Perforated pipes to collect rainwater are placed on top of the liner. Over the pipes is a layer of clean soil, and the soil to be decontaminated is placed over this.

Since it is a refinery, Fina's major contaminant that must be dealt with in the bio-remediation soil is oil. The oil is biodegraded by adding fertilizer and plowing the soil. Rainwater that filters through

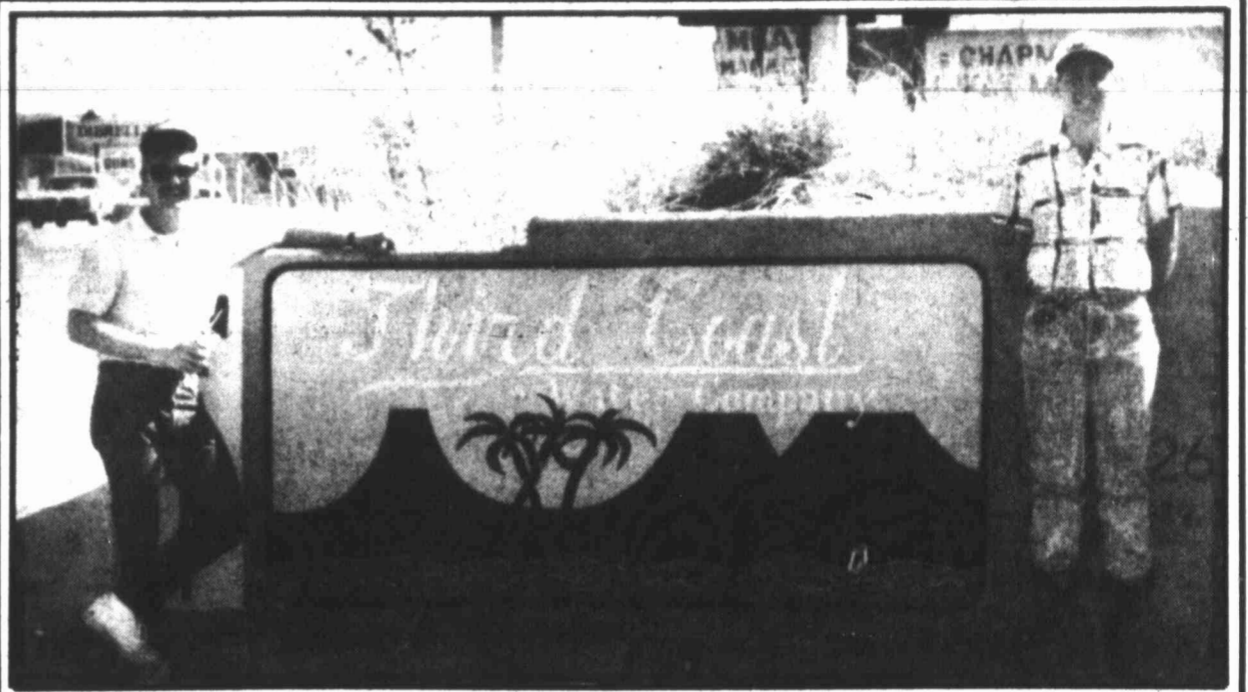
the soil is collected in another lined sump. If the water passes tests for purity, it is discharged. If not, it is sent to a water treatment facility for further purification. Multiple wells surround the land farm to assure that the ground water is not affected.

The land farm's multiple defenses meet all the newest environmental guidelines, and is a significant tool in Fina's efforts to protect the environment.

The last criterion by which Fina judges itself is competitive performance. Morris states, "The Big Spring refinery is better than average among its competitors, but still has significant untapped potential. In 1991, the refinery will continue to utilize its advantage as a sour crude refinery," he added.

Morris also cited improvements in product recovery and operating costs that give Fina the potential to be among the best refineries in the region.

With the Clean Air Act, Congress has mandated that refineries produce cleaner-burning diesel and gasoline. "The investments necessary to produce these new fuels may not be justifiable for some smaller refineries, causing them to close, but the Big Spring refinery has developed an investment plan which will assure its ability to meet these new requirements," said Morris.



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Sales tax revenues down in 1990

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Sales tax revenues for the city of Big Spring reflect the effects of the current recession, finance manager Tom Ferguson said. Total revenues for fiscal year 1990 were slightly down from the previous year.

Area merchants charge an 8 1/4 percent sales tax on items allowed taxable by state law. Of that amount, 2 percent is levied by the city, and returned to the city coffers. The remaining 6 1/4 percent is levied by the state.

The city received \$1,363,424 in sales taxes for fiscal year 1990, which extended from October 1989 to Sept. 30, 1990. Ferguson said the amount was slightly less than budgeted for; it was down by \$18,000 from fiscal year 1989.

In fiscal year 1991 so far, the city has received a total of \$840,484.

Most of the tax revenues are added to the city's general fund.

"This shows how the more people shop Big Spring, the more money we have in the general fund for things like police cars, fire trucks and services," Ferguson said.

Of the total tax amount, 1/2 percent is paid to Moore Development for Big Spring Inc, the corporation formed to encourage economic development in the community. Big Spring voters approved the development of the corporation and the tax to fund it last year.

Moore has received a total of \$227,816 so far.

Ferguson said tax revenues will definitely climb with economic development. As the area develops economically, Moore may have more money to work with as well.

Another 1/2 percent of the total was levied by the same vote to guarantee lower property taxes for city residents. When the city council was determining the ad valorem

tax in last summer's budget sessions, he noted, they used guidelines mandated by the state to determine the amount it would be lowered by the added sales tax.

The small drop in sales tax revenues will not really hurt, Ferguson said.

"We've planned in case of this," he explained. "We've been liberal with our planned expenditures in case our revenues were some lower than we budgeted."

Bingo is another source of tax revenue for the city, although not a large source. Ferguson's office reported \$23,956 in bingo game taxes was received for fiscal year 1990.

"That's not a lot by any means," Ferguson said. "But it's a little extra for the city."

There are 10 licensed bingo games in Howard County. State Comptroller John Sharp's office has reported. All games licensed in the area are not for profit.

They occur in three Catholic churches — the Immaculate Heart of Mary, the Sacred Heart and Saint Thomas. Other games are run by the local Elks Lodge, Big

Spring Evening Lions Club, Big Spring Main Street Inc., the Howard County Association for Retarded Citizens, as well as American Legion Posts 355 and 506.

Players flock to the game of their choice every night of the week. And it shows — tax receipts from the games have increased 58 percent over last year's figures.

Other revenue sources include the bank share tax, a fee banks pay instead of property tax. Utilities — gas, electric, cable TV companies — pay tax to the city for use of its streets and other property as well.

Ferguson and the finance office employees are preparing to begin budget proceedings for fiscal year 1991, which begins Oct. 1. A foot-tall stack of papers on his desk belies the weeks of work that will go into preparations for the city council's summer budget hearings.

All city departments will make requests and estimate their budgets. City staff will determine the expected revenue. Then the city council and staff will "hash out" the differences in the two figures, and develop the city budget for the coming year.



Bingo is a popular game in Big Spring, with proceeds helping charitable organizations and the city. Half of the 4 percent tax on bingo revenues is returned to the community in quarterly payments by the state. An Evening Lions Club bingo game, above, attracts a full house.

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Unions can help secure worker benefits

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Officials of local labor unions say the organizations help workers achieve better conditions, job security and civil rights on the job.

Since the first Texas labor union, the Texas Typographical Association, was formed in 1838 in the Republic of Texas, unions have had periods of extreme popularity and strong opposition throughout the state and across the nation.

Union-power fought railroad tycoons and cotton mill owners, slowed the non-union construction of the state capitol, and influenced the development of government agencies to oversee industry. It endured mass efforts against organized workers, fear propagated by the Red Scare, and the far-reaching economic collapse of the Great Depression.

Why did unions survive through difficult times? Officials of local and state organizations say people are the reason.

Joe Gunn, president of the Texas AFL-CIO, said "we don't organize people into unions, management does."

Gunn said unions insure a fair wage, safe working conditions and other rights for workers. Employers, he said, "set up the reasons a union is needed." Once

"...we don't organize people into unions, management does."

Joe Gunn

workers see the need, he added, they organize.

According to AFL-CIO information, there are unions available locally to fire fighters, engineers, carpenters, transport workers, oil workers, teachers, truck drivers, plumbers, postal employees, communication workers and state and federal government employees. Although many organizations do not operate an office locally, local workers can often join an area-wide organization and receive the benefits.

Paul Brown, president of the Big Spring Professional Fire Fighters Association, said his organization has had much success in its endeavors. A branch of the International Association of Fire Fighters, it has encouraged implementation of the Fair Labor Standards Act locally, garnered civil service status for fire fighters, and negotiated several wage and time disputes.

The union recently sponsored the

broadcast of a fire information video on local TV to dramatize the need for higher staffing levels in the Big Spring department. The fire department union frequently organizes to air gripes and concerns to city officials and the local civil service commission on matters that affect fire fighters.

Local 826 of the International Union of Operating Engineers has 220 members — all non-supervisory plant workers — from the area. Its jurisdiction includes the Fina Refinery and pipeline as well as other similar industries in West Texas and New Mexico, said business manager J. D. Fortenberry.

The local union was chartered in August of 1943, and Fortenberry has been at its helm since 1969. He said he tries to avoid controversy as much as possible.

"I try to stay out of that as long as I feel the membership is safe," he said. "I do things every day that I feel good about."

Fortenberry, who is also a vice president of the Texas AFL-CIO, said his group's main goal now is plant safety.

"We're going to some extreme lengths in Big Spring to provide a safe place," he said, but declined to be specific about the measures. "We're doing everything we possibly can to provide a safe place for workers."

He said he prefers to work with management rather than against them whenever possible.

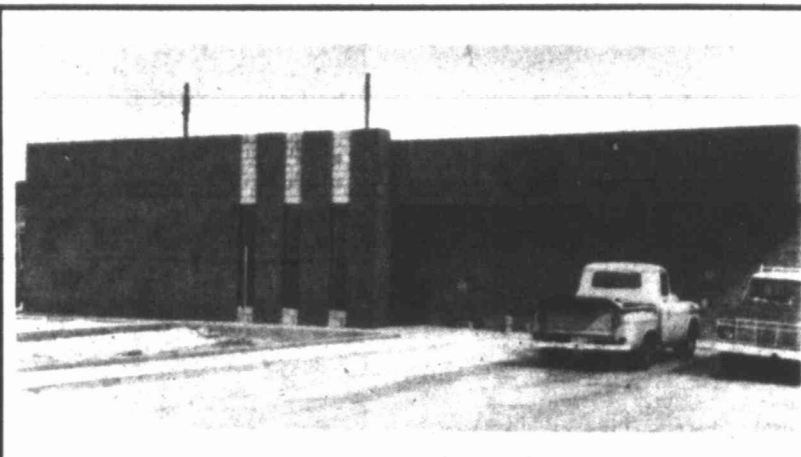
Local 460 of the International Brotherhood of Electric Workers operates as a "collective bargaining agent" for its members, business manager Cecil Nix explained.

The union takes calls from contractors and refers them to members for work. It also mediates grievances, draws up contracts and manages legal recourse when necessary. Headquartered in Midland, the group has many Big Spring members, Nix said.

Nix said he thinks non-union electrical workers benefit from the work of the union as well.

"If we negotiate a wage that will be paid to our members, employers will have to follow that for the (non-union) workers," he said.

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Political 'rollercoaster ride' includes finance, redistricting

By Rep. TROY FRASER
R-Big Spring

State politics is a lot like riding a rollercoaster. The radical ups and down make you wonder why you ever got on, but after the ride is over, you look back with a certain exhilaration.



FRASER

As a freshman representative during the 71st Legislative Session, I was appointed to the committee that worked to reform the troubled workers' compensation industry.

Texas workers' compensation rates had increased more than 200 percent in the past five years. Employers' premiums were high, the injured employees' benefits were low and workers' comp was crippling our economy. Companies were unable to continue operations in Texas because of the high rates.

The new plan is designed to provide substantial savings to the industry, the state and, most important of all, to the employer while still being fair to the injured worker. I am currently serving on the Legislative Oversight Committee to implement the new law that took effect in January.

I was pleased during the 71st Session to have been able to assist West Texas in securing state aid for affordable nursing home care and working for increased funding for the Big Spring State Hospital. The highlight of my freshman year was being chosen one of the "Top Ten" Conservative Legislators and rated in the top 3 of 150 representatives in helping generate new jobs for Texans by the Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Today's 72nd Legislative Session has proven to be one of the biggest challenges in the history of the Texas Legislature. We have a number of critical issues that must be resolved and each is top priority.

School finance is, by far, the hottest issue in the lineup. The State Supreme Court has declared our current system of financing to be unconstitutional and has set an April 1 deadline for a new plan. The issue revolved around making sure each student in the state receives the same amount of funding, regardless of local property wealth. Some school districts can

provide \$3,000 per student at a rate of \$.90 per one hundred dollars while others can provide \$10,000 per student at the same rate.

Last week, the House Committee on Public Education worked long hours to arrive at a plan to treat these inequities. Meanwhile, I want to be sure that small West Texas districts were fairly treated in areas of local control of tax rates and enrichment. The bill that is currently being considered by the House carries all the parameters of my HB661 that was filed in February. Now, a ten-member conference committee, to which I have been appointed, will take both the Senate version and the House version of the school finance bills, resolve the differences between the two, and propose the final School Finance bill.

Another big issue is redistricting. As directed by state and federal law, the Texas Legislature will redraw congressional, state Senate, state House and state Board of Education district boundaries following publication of the 1990 Census figures. The basic purpose of redistricting is to equalize population among districts.

District 69's state Senate, House and Education districts are all less than the projected 1990 ideal population, as are many districts throughout the state. New district

lines will be drawn within the state, although this process is only in the beginning stages. When redistricting proposals are sent from the Senate and the House, I will be working to see that community integrity is maintained for the people of West Texas.

Closer to home, I am working on legislation to help SWCID secure additional funds to increase the use of captioning in more instances, thus broadening the horizons for many in the hearing impaired community. (Captioning is an electronic display of spoken words, almost simultaneous to the spoken message). Another SWCID project is to ensure that standardized testing for hearing impaired educators be more relative to the educator. Today's testing does not adapt to the hearing impaired; adjustments must be made.

I am always watchful for the well-being of the Big Spring State Hospital and staff. I am hopeful the new budget will allow for long overdue raises for the hospital employees.

There are many more urgent issues in Austin — too numerous to begin to name. Be assured that with each of these issues, I am always working to be sure rural Texas is fairly treated. I appreciate your support and will continue to work for a better Texas.

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Company	Employees	Full Time	Part Time
1) Big Spring State Hospital	961	906	55
2) Big Spring ISD	575	546	29
3) VA Medical Center	424	381	43
4) Howard College	400	244	150
5) Fina Oil & Chemical	390		
6) City of Big Spring	360	358	2
7) Scenic Mountain Medical Center	265	190	75
8) Big Spring Federal Correction Institute	260	260	0
9) Wal-Mart	168	110	58
10) Price Construction	160		
11) Malone & Hogan Clinic	150	100	50
12) Golden Plains Care Center	140	130	10
13) Newsom's	130	72	58
14) Coahoma ISD	128	120	8
15) Western Container	125	125	
16) Fiberflex	119	98	21
17) Walls Industries	87	87	
18) Rip Griffin Truck Center	85	83	2
19) Colorado River Municipal Water District	75	75	
20) TU Electric	74	74	

Joy of budgeting faces county court

By JACKIE OLSON
County Auditor

It's budget time again for Howard County and this may prove to be an interesting time with the perspective of two new commissioners and a new county judge.

In April, the auditor will send budget requests to all officials and department heads for their input. Then meetings to review requests will begin with the individual department heads in attendance, the county judge, as the county's budget officer, and the county auditor, as the county's financial officer. This process will involve considerable time as requests are added to the budget, amended, or deleted. The judge and auditor will review proposed expenditures and each official/department head will be asked for suggestions on revenue — should fees be increased if the law allows, are there new fees the county is obligated to collect, and are there grants we might qualify for?

Once the meetings with the individual department heads conclude, the county judge and county auditor will collect the information and submit it to the commissioners court, where the review process begins again. During their work sessions, the commissioners will further revise the budget. Special sessions will be held to work on the budget and some time in regular court meeting will be devoted to the budget preparation. The task will not be an easy one.

One of the items to be considered is the tax rate. The tax assessor-

collector calculates an "effective tax rate" for the court. This "effective tax rate" enables the public to evaluate the relationship between the levy for the preceding year and the levy that a proposed tax rate will produce if applied to the same properties taxed in the prior year, with their new appraised values. If the adopted tax rate exceeds the "effective tax rate" by more than eight percent, the qualified voters of the county by petition may require that an election be held to determine whether or not to reduce the tax rate. So it's not as simple as setting a tax rate to bring in the needed revenue. There are constraints within which the court must work.

Another budget item that demands more time and money each year is the indigent health care program. Established in 1986, this program provides medical care for indigents of the county. Previously, the county had provided some medical care for indigents but this was the first time the county was mandated to budget a particular amount. The county's maximum liability for eligible indigent health care expense is 10 percent of the general revenue levy, plus another 20 percent of expenses as long as the state of Texas pays 80 percent. If the state does not have funds available, the county is not required to pay the additional 20 percent. The county currently budgets \$482,063 for eligible health care expenses and administrative costs. This figure has grown from a budget of \$384,000, the first year of the program. This is always an important issue for commissioners.

One of the major expenditures of county funds is for salaries and benefits of employees. It is always a concern for commissioners to provide for employees' needs and

provide the number of employees needed to perform county services. The increases in health care and workers' compensation has been overwhelming in the past and will be an area to be reviewed once again.

As well as looking at proposed expenditures, the commissioners will review revenues for the county. Most of the county revenues in the current year come from taxes (69 percent). Non-tax revenues include charges for services, including fees collected by the county clerk, county tax assessor-

collector, and district clerk (12 percent); license and permits, including automobile licensing (10 percent); fines collected by justices of the peace, county and district courts (6 percent); and other miscellaneous revenue (3 percent).

During the current year revenues are estimated to bring in \$5,997,859 with proposed expenditures costing \$6,943,588; therefore, the county depended on a carry-over of prior years funds to balance the budget. This too will be a concern for the commissioners.



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Moore board chairman cites general goals

By OWEN H. IVIE
Moore board chairman

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As we are just starting, it is premature to cite specific projects or accomplishments. The board and executive director are, however, getting into a position to move. We have the advantage of a significant resource in proceeds from a half-cent tax voters adopted last year. How this money is utilized calls for planning and wise execution, but always within limits of state and local laws, and within the

framework of bylaws approved by the Big Spring City Council.

This provides us a basis of general goals. Here are some:

- Survey our resources, primarily those of existing businesses that might need various types of help, including assistance in creation of new jobs; evaluate major assets, such as McMahon-Wrinkle Industrial Park at the air-base site, and then market these aggressively.
- Promote Big Spring as a location for private and public area offices, and as a distribution center; to cooperate in improvement of the general appearance of the city to make it more attractive to present and future residents.
- Provide financial assistance, where warranted, in the form of loan guarantees for start-up or expanding enterprises; advise with government agencies concerning

tax abatements; provide infrastructures (streets, utilities, etc.) on sites to meet needs of incoming businesses/industries.

- Help coordinate training through secondary schools and Howard College to meet specific needs of businesses, also to develop a skilled labor pool.
- Engage consultants for specific undertakings as needed, and be in a position to recruit specialized personnel for private and public agencies.
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Saturday, March 23: Round-Up Headquarters, Howard County Fair Barns. 10:00 AM-6:00 PM Weigh in of Snakes.	Sunday, March 24: Round-Up Headquarters, Howard County Fair Barns. Noon to 6:00 PM Handling demonstrations of live domestic poisonous snakes featuring educational exhibitions of Western.	Noon to 6:00 PM Arts & Crafts Show, Dora Roberts Building & Outdoor Flea Market.
10:00 AM-7:00 PM Handling demonstration of live domestic poisonous snakes featuring educational exhibitions of Western Diamondback Rattlesnakes by MI MO JO. Mixing demonstrations.	Noon to 7:00 PM Skinning Demonstrations.	Noon to 6:00 PM Skinning Demonstrations. 5:00 PM Awarding of Trophies.

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By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

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Avantech robotics bringing 'tech' to West Texas

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Big Spring based Avantech designs electronics packages for everything from robots to eight-wheeled attack vehicles for the military.

Ron Osborne began what was to become Avantech nearly ten years ago at his home. Russell Gunn joined early in Avantech's history, and the two electrical engineers carved a place for themselves in a world of micro-processors, resistors, silicon and solder.

Avantech currently employs eleven people. "The way we get most of our business is: Someone is building a robot or something. They've put together the mechanical components, and they want us to design the electronics needed to control it. They give us the specifications — they need this many switches to control this many functions, and we work out which chips we need and design the necessary boards," said Gunn.

So far the company has produced electronics packages for projects that include a bomb-disarming

robot, a robot used in the contaminated areas of Three Mile Island nuclear power plant and steer-by-wire systems for several military vehicles.

Gunn explained that the steer-by-wire system incorporates an electronic steering wheel, throttle and brake that tells the on-board computer what the driver wants the vehicle to do. The computer program interprets the information from the controls and sends the necessary signals to the motors that actually control the vehicle. This highly technical system is necessary, as the vehicle uses hydraulic motors to drive, each wheel independently and the computer steers by speeding up the wheels on one side.

Going from the nebula mathematics of computer programming to the mechanics involved in driving an armored vehicle 50 miles per hour over rough terrain does take some finesse. Gunn related a humorous story about driving the military vehicle.

"I was working the bugs out of the steering software, and I found a

glitch in the program," said Gunn. He explained that at a very high speed, the computer locked the throttle down forcing him to steer the vehicle through a sharp turn, through trees, under full power.

"Somewhere in the program, the math just exploded on me," he said. Two onlooking dignitaries were quite impressed as the heavy vehicle blasted its way through the turn. After shutting the vehicle down with the manual throttle, a friend said, "Boy! you really impressed those guys!"

"Are you kidding?; I almost died!," replied Gunn. One of Gunn's pet projects is a testing device used to evaluate cannon designs. Gunn explained that the device uses electronic sensors to measure the amount of pressure placed on as many as 18 different stress points at once. The device evaluates the way a given design of cannon absorbs recoil energy, and displays this information in the form of a graph.

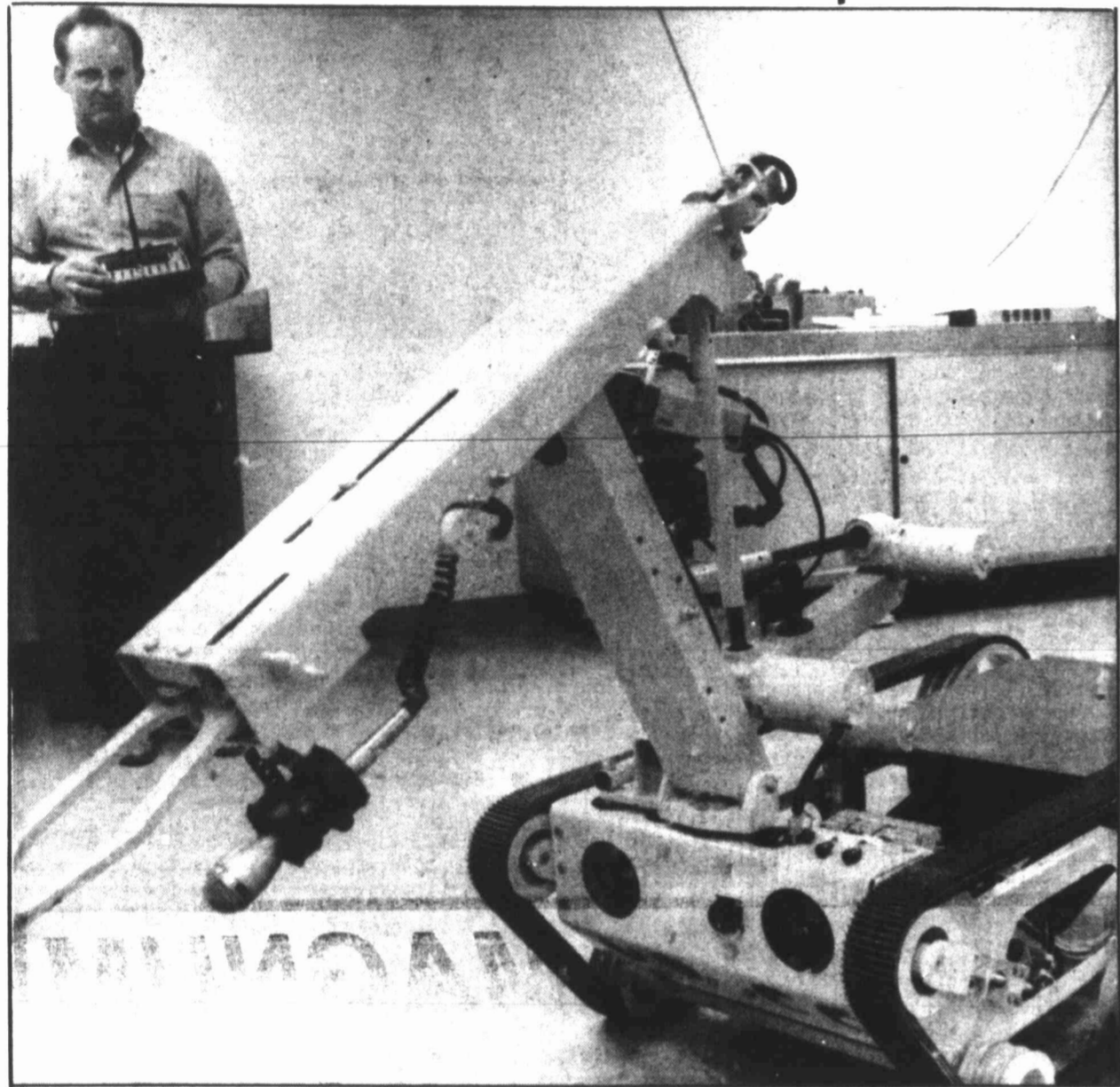
Avantech's crew is a technical lot. Most of their time is spent in research and development. When

they go into production on an item, extra people are hired to handle the final assembly.

Most of Avantech's business is military, but the company is making inroads in private sector business, which provides a more constant market, explained Gunn. Avantech is currently upgrading the electronics for a

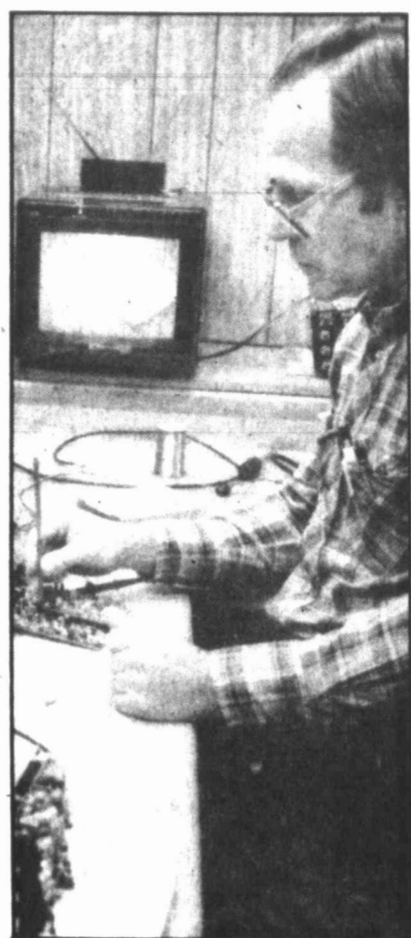
huge computerized steel milling device. They also have a contract to design and build some electronics for the Reynolds company.

Thanks to the efforts of Osborne, Gunn and others at the company, Avantech is helping put the "tech" in West Texas.



Avantech founder Ron Osborn operates an ordinance disposal robot, possible through the technology developed by the local firm. Techni-

cian Chuck Ridpath works on 'the brains' of an Avantech product in the photo at right.



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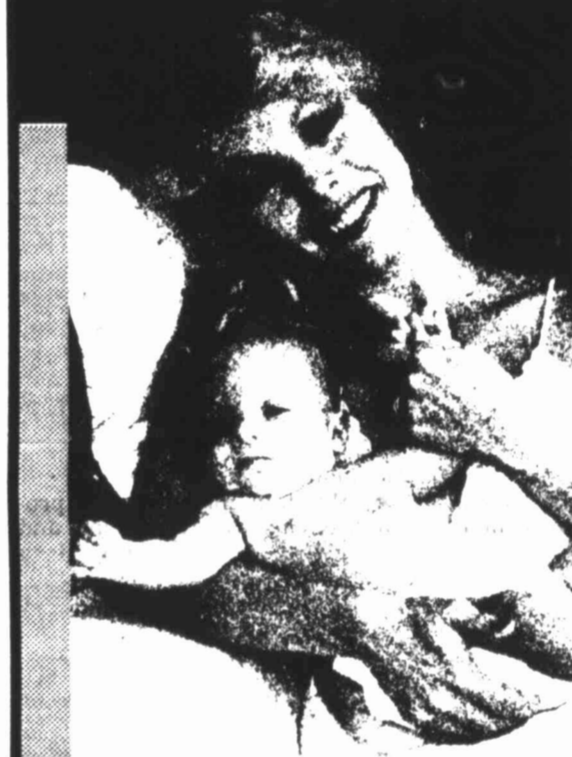


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U.S. Government Bonds	114,373.44
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Corporate Bonds	50,312.50
Total Property Trust Fund	195,952.88

Bronze Maintenance Trust Fund	
Cash & Money Market	3,364.16
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Corporate Bonds	46,500.00
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Prisons have proven useful; Mid-Tex has doubled size

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Over the past several years, prisons may have proven a useful tool for the city of Big Spring. Since March 1989, when the city made its first agreement with Mid-Tex Detention Centers Inc. and owner Ed Davenport to operate the interstate prison unit, the industry has doubled in size. It operates with support from city officials and council members.

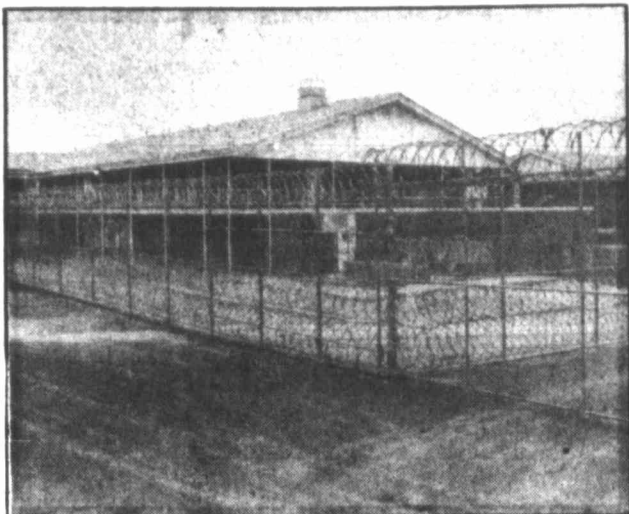
At present, Mid-Tex manages two medium-security prisons housing a total of 564 inmates, most of them illegal aliens. The city has lease-purchase agreements with Davenport, whose company renovated the property.

The original Big Spring Correctional Center, located on the interstate in the former site of a motel, houses 340 inmates. The second facility, recently constructed at the McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark on former Webb Air Force Base property, houses 224 inmates at the current time. Known as the Big Spring Correction Center II, it has the capacity for 375 inmates.

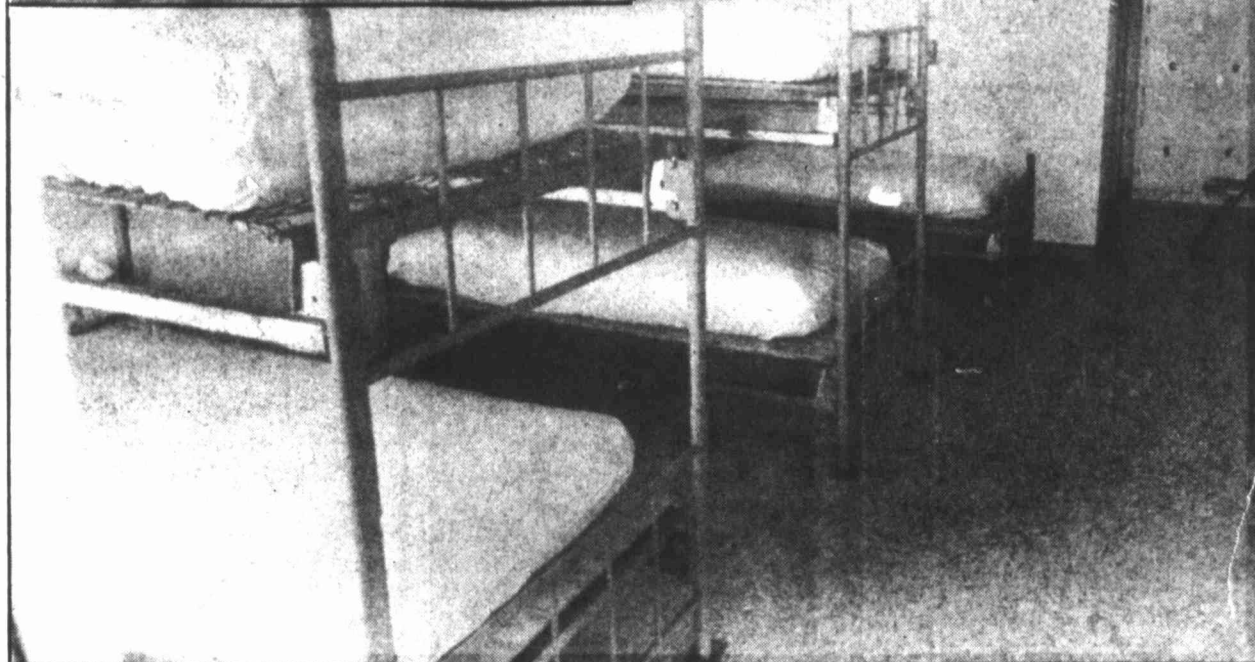
City Manager Hal Boyd said the prison system has created multiple benefits for the city.

"We've been able to use the facilities at the airpark, which, without this, might have further deteriorated and needed to be eliminated," he said. "We now have a productive income for the city."

Operations will add an estimated \$200,000 to the city's general fund each year. The federal bureau has committed \$7.8 million in inmate per diem — prison operating funds paid per inmate — at the two sites. The facilities operate with a total staff of 120 persons, 90 percent of



The original Mid-Tex prison facility occupies a former motel along I-20, providing bed space for Immigration and Naturalization Service inmates, through an arrangement with the federal government.



them city employees, and the payroll exceeds \$2.5 million each year. Mid-Tex staff members, not employees of the city, have in-

creased from four to 11 with the expansion.

According to city information, the utility consumption of the

facilities now totals \$250,000 annually. Boyd said the city has created a new department to handle business of the correction

centers.

Inmates are accepted on a contract from the Federal Bureau of Prisons. Chuck Haugh, chief executive officer of Mid-Tex, recently filed a proposal with the bureau to perform the inmate medical screening process at the second facility.

Mid-Tex officials said there has been no response yet to the proposal. If approved, the medical screenings would channel a great deal of money into the community, he noted.

The facility would house 40 to 50 additional inmates for a one-week period, performing basic medical and dental lab tests and examinations. The screenings would determine where the inmates could be

sent to serve their sentences, he explained.

With the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution, Big Spring is now a three-prison town. The FCI, which last year increased the security level of most of its inmates, has received permission to expand into a lower-security satellite camp facility to be located just outside the recently-constructed high fences.

Residential Centers Inc. of Sherman, Texas, recently unveiled a proposal to locate yet another correctional facility here. The company has applied to the U.S. Department of Justice to operate a low-security halfway house that could be located at the American Motor Inn, 804 N. I-20.

Cable looks to pay-per-view, stereo offerings

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Cable Television recently completed a two-year, \$1 million system upgrade, and now its officials have an eye on the future of pay television in Big Spring.

General manager Larson Lloyd said Texas Community Antenna is considering three additional services to be offered to the cable customer.

"Pay per-view is a big possibility in the next year to 18 months. We're going to look at that real seriously. We're also looking at providing direct feed for an NBC affiliate, direct from the studio to our office, not through a transmitter. The signal will come out of the Midland affiliate. This will reduce outages and increase quality dramatically. Also, there's a possibility we'll be taking a few channels into stereo, but that's very expensive per channel."

Lloyd said.

Larson explained a direct-feed from the NBC affiliate in Midland to the offices here would provide a clearer picture and reduce the down-time for the station. He said in the past KTPX might lose the signal or have equipment failure, and due to the towers and the distance from Midland, the reception gets "a lot of interference."

"We're going to try to do this, this year. If there are power outages on one of the microwave sets, we'd still be on the air because we wouldn't get our signal off of them. This is a good opportunity to access a local station in Midland and it won't cost any more. If it's down because KWAB (transmitter) is down, we'd still have our signal in here," he said.

Larson said another improvement to the system might be accessing stereo channels when available. He said the cost

necessitates only purchasing one or two channels at a time, but this is another service the company is considering.

"We'll be looking at a couple a year, and we're not sure where we're going to start. Most TVs are not stereo, but the new TVs are and we'd like to give the people who have those TVs that option. It won't affect those who don't have one," he said.

Pay-per-view is a feature some cable systems offer, he said.

"The customer would push a button on the remote control or call a number that would authorize you to see that program. This involves a whole different concept of equipment than we have now, and it would require a converter box. That's one of the problems; people don't want a converter box sitting on their TV with the VCR and other things. We're going to wait on the technology to see how it works,

without us being the guinea pigs," he said.

Larson said the cost of cable television in Big Spring is comparable to other cities in the area.

"We've kept our rates down. The TCA systems we have right now are considerably cheaper than Midland, Odessa, San Angelo and Abilene's. If you compare apples to apples, our basic service is \$16.64 for 31 different channels," he said.

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New nursing center includes aesthetics

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

The design of the Comanche Trail Nursing Center is not only a model of function, but will be aesthetically pleasing as well.

The facility, owned by Select Care International of Austin, is located at the corner of Parkway and Wasson Road. Initial ground-breaking began in September, and the project will begin receiving patients on April 29.

Skip Smith, the operations manager, has been hiring personnel for the facility in recent weeks. "I've hired all of my key personnel except for the administrator," said Smith.

The 119-bed nursing home is smartly designed, with TV rooms and fenced courtyards at the end of each of four patient care wings. The nurses' station is centrally placed, and remote cameras ensure that all areas can be properly monitored from this station.

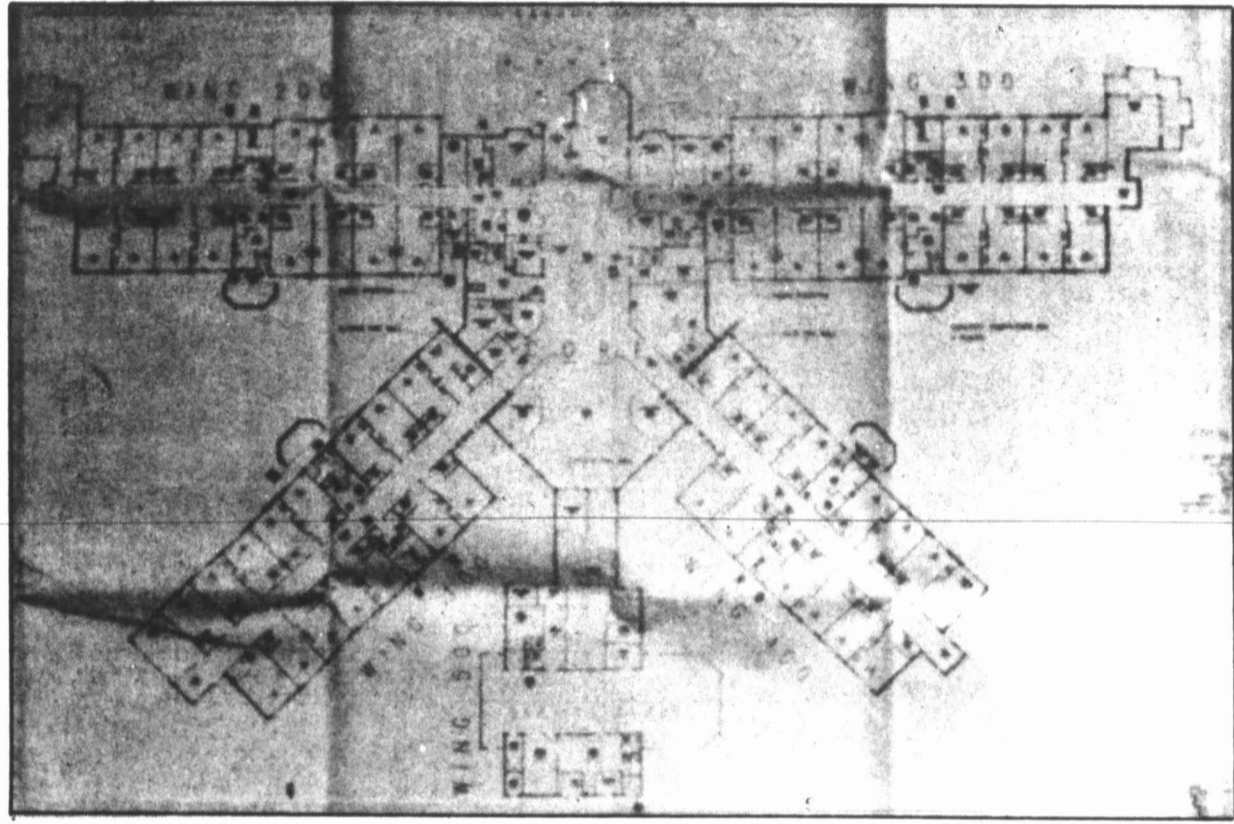
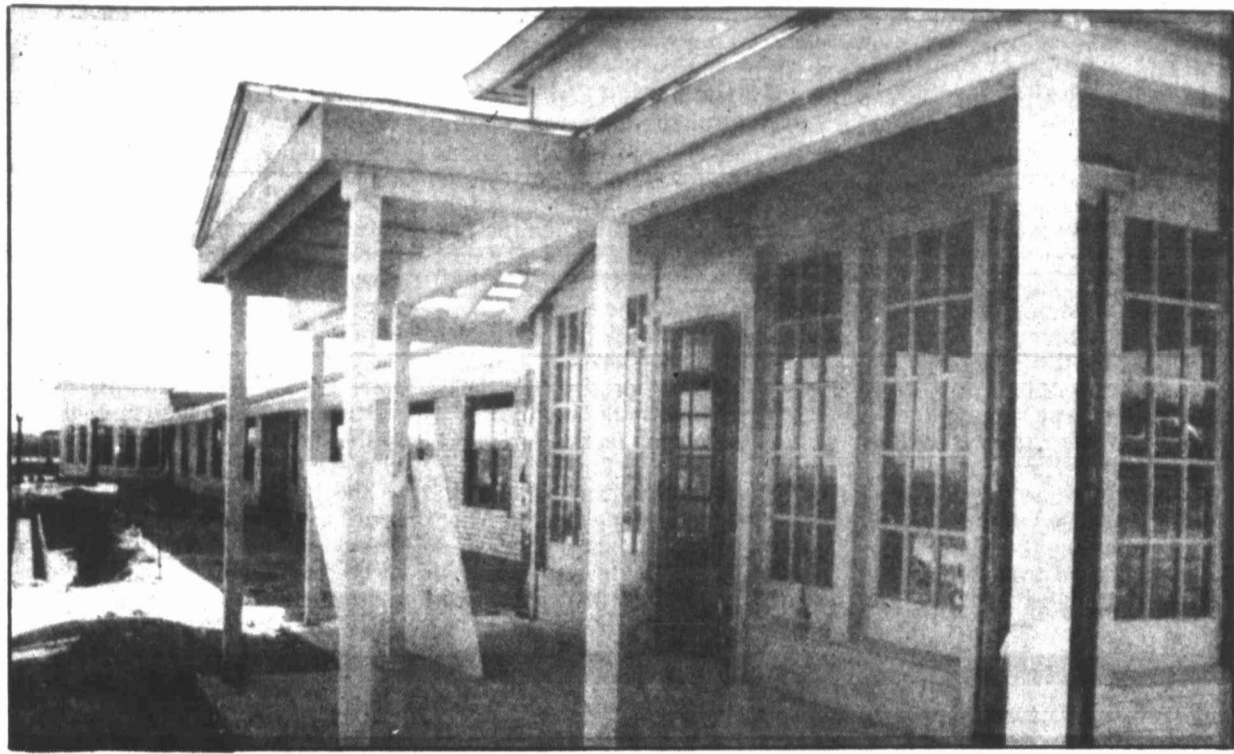
"This facility has a lot of features that you won't find in any other nursing home around here," said Smith. Among the specialty areas of the center is a night-pantry where residents can find snacks and drinks at any hour.

Smith's job is to see that the facility is fully staffed and ready to accept patients by the April 29 opening date. He is currently negotiating with potential candidates for the administrator's position.

The \$2.5 million facility will soon be ready for initial state and Medicare inspections. Within days, the exterior will be completed, leaving only interior finishing, landscaping and supply acquisition.

Many people see the new nursing center as a welcome addition for those in the community requiring long-term care. "We have gotten calls from people wanting to move in as soon as we start taking patients," said Smith.

The 37,000 square foot building is being financed by Lloyd Hobbs of Fort Smith, Ark. The construction is being done by Signature Contracting Group, and, upon completion, Select Care will begin operations at the



Comanche Trail Nursing Home plans to begin receiving residents in April for its new facility at Wasson Road and Parkway. The unusual design is illustrated in the floor plan above.

A great deal of attention has been given to the aesthetics of

the building. Arched roofs and canopied walkways will be accentuated by the multi-level

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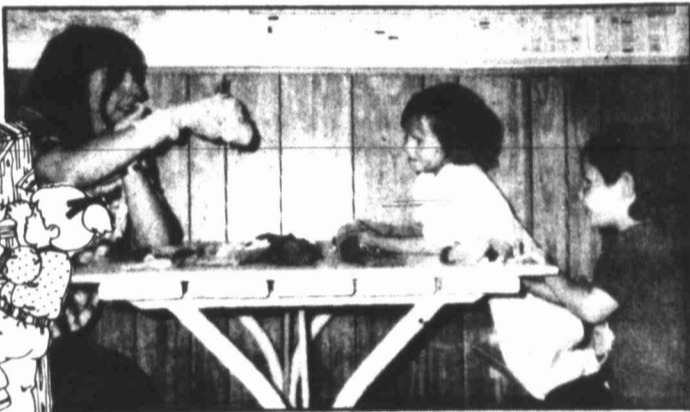


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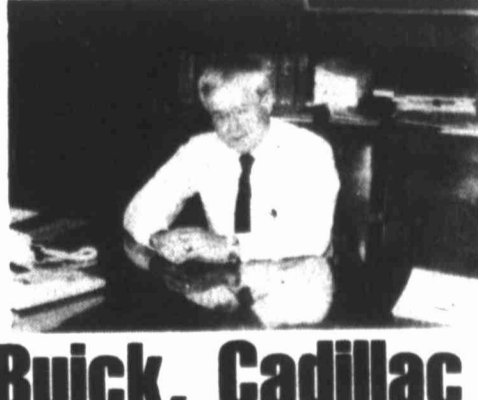
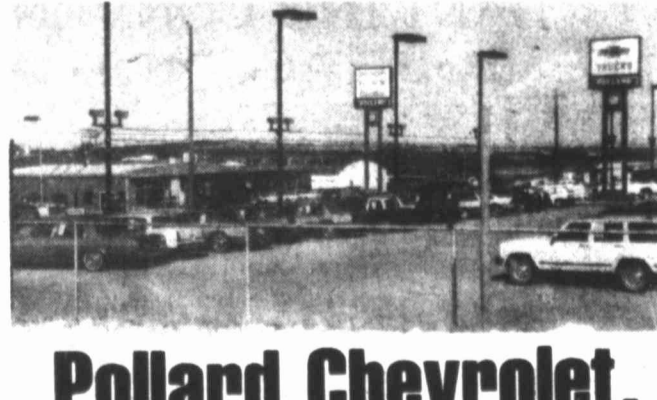
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Health, budget, energy and ag — Stenholm targets

By CHARLES STENHOLM
U.S. Representative

Thanks to the support of the residents of the 17th District, I am beginning my seventh term as a member of the House of Representatives. While the tasks ahead are many, I have decided to focus the majority of my efforts on rural health, budget, energy and agriculture issues.

RURAL HEALTH: Over the past five years, rural health care has become one of my top priorities. In the 17th District alone, 10 hospitals have been closed in recent years; this problem must be addressed. Last fall, when 164 members of the House of Representatives came together from 46 states to form the Rural Health Care Coalition, I was unanimously elected co-chairman. Our goals are to focus on ways the federal government can improve access to quality health care in rural areas. We have organized into seven different task forces and we anticipate introducing a package of bills in the House by late April. These bills will cover issues such as physician recruitment and retention, hospital reimbursement and rural veterans health care.

We already have one potential victory under our belts. During Operation Desert Storm, the only surgeon serving residents in five counties in the 17th District was called to active duty in the reserves. While he was willing to go overseas, he asked for help for his patients. We were able to get him two 30-day extensions so medical care remained available in those counties. Meanwhile, this situation prompted the introduction of a bill in the House that requires the Department of Health and Human Services to develop workable solutions to this type of

problem. One way would be to utilize National Health Service Corps doctors as fill-ins.

BUDGET: Much of my legislative career has been spent trying to bring fiscal responsibility to the federal government. Last summer I was able to get a vote in the House on a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget. We fell just seven votes short of the two-thirds vote required for passage. Already this year the companion amendment in the U.S. Senate, authored by Senator Paul Simon, is moving forward through the Senate and I'm cautiously optimistic about the chances of both bodies passing a Balanced Budget Constitutional Amendment during the 102nd Congress.

This session of Congress I have also been named to the House Budget Committee, which should afford me more opportunities to have a positive impact. This committee is responsible for setting budgetary guidelines for each authorizing committee and setting some of the federal government's broad priorities.

I will also continue my efforts to bring integrity to the spending process. I plan to reintroduce my "Truth in Legislating" bill that will require all parties benefiting from a funding allocation be clearly identified in the proposal. This would require that "pork barrel spending," like the \$500,000 to the Lawrence Welk homestead last year, be identified before it's voted on.

My work with the Conservative Democratic Forum (CDF) will also help get the conservative point of view across. I continue to serve as Coordinator of this 10-year-old organization that now has about 60 active members. By building on the strong Democratic tradition of being the party of the people, we want to see the Democrats more in tune with the average citizen than with the Washington special interest groups.

ENERGY: For some years now, I have been emphasizing the need for a National Energy Policy. On Feb. 20, President Bush released the administration's long-awaited National Energy Strategy (NES). While I am pleased that the President recognized the need for such a strategy, I regret to report that the NES does almost nothing to encourage oil and gas production in the lower 48 states, and consequently misses an excellent opportunity to enable the independent oil and gas producers to contribute to the nation's energy supply.

I intend to work toward the formulation of a national energy policy that provides a good base price for oil, along with tax incentives to encourage the exploration, development, and production of the nation's remaining oil and gas

reserves. I will also support provisions to encourage the development of alternative fuels.

AGRICULTURE: My top agricultural priority in the 102nd Congress will be to continue to work within the House Agriculture Committee to exercise oversight responsibility surrounding the 1990 farm bill and the 1990 budget reconciliation law, assessing the legislation's impact on the rural economy and determining if corrective legislation is needed.

As Chairman of the Livestock, Dairy and Poultry Subcommittee, I intend to develop legislation to put in place a long-term milk inventory management program; review the dairy market pricing structure and recent price fluctuations; review how to best update and improve meat and poultry inspection pro-

grams; review USDA's food labeling requirements; study and develop legislation regarding meat packers and stockyards; and review agriculture production and marketing opportunities.

I plan to play an active role in monitoring changes to the crop insurance program and continue to work toward the best possible, most cost-effective way to provide farmers the safety net they need to cope with weather and other disasters. I will also continue to work within the Agriculture Committee to enhance the effectiveness of the Farmers Home Administration and the Farm Credit System as the committee reviews the current availability and financial soundness of agricultural credit throughout the nation.

Stimulating farm exports and

closely monitoring both the U.S.-Canada-Mexico free trade negotiations and the Uruguay Round of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) will be a major part of my continuing watch on international trade negotiations and making every effort to ensure that U.S. producers can compete on a level playing field in today's world economy.

I will also continue to work toward legislation to improve food safety in ways that benefit agriculture and consumers. This Congress, the Agriculture Committee will work to reauthorize the Federal Insecticide, Fungicide and Rodenticide Act, the nation's major pesticide law, and review the need for mandatory federal seafood and fish inspection legislation.

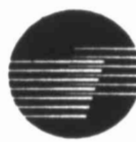


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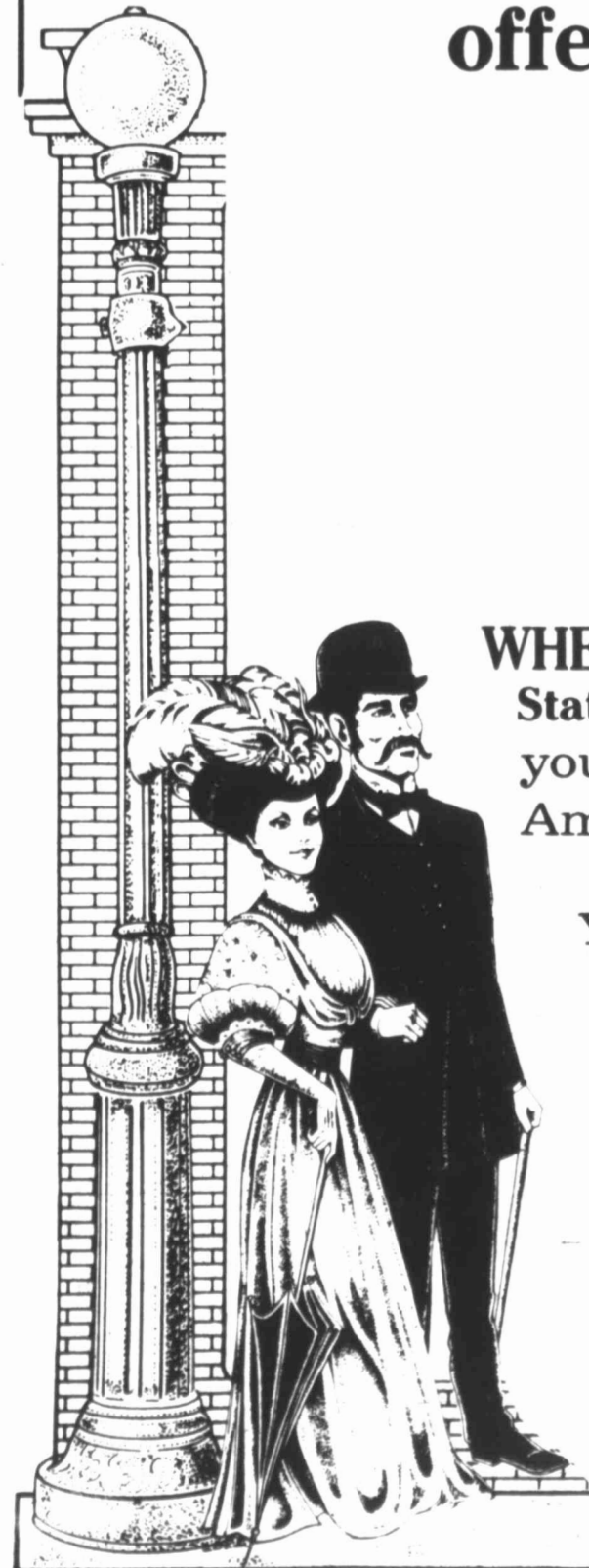
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Coordinate with the Texas Chamber of Commerce and the US Chamber of Commerce such that we maintain awareness of key issues in the State Legislature and the US Congress. Also maintain awareness of key legislative issues to businesses in our membership. Provide an information service such that local businesses can contact the Chamber of Commerce to be given updates on pending legislation or to have legislative questions addressed. Provide a means to assure that our local representatives are fully informed of the Chamber of Commerce position on key issues.

EDUCATION AND HEALTH COMMITTEE

Dr. Alice Haynes
Continue the programs to recognize valedictorians and sponsorship of the Annual Health and Safety Fair. Development of new programs to synergize the assets of our business community with our education and health institutions, such as mentoring programs, assistance in recruiting, and issues support.

GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS

Hardy Wilkerson
Coordinate with the Texas Chamber of Commerce and the US Chamber of Commerce such that we maintain awareness of key issues in the State Legislature and the US Congress. Also maintain awareness of key legislative issues to businesses in our membership. Provide an information service such that local businesses can contact the Chamber of Commerce to be given updates on pending legislation or to have legislative questions addressed. Provide a means to assure that our local representatives are fully informed of the Chamber of Commerce position on key issues.

INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

Dr. Bob Riley
Continue to provide a format by which all local governmental agencies can communicate and

coordinate activities via the "Community Roundtable." Distribute an informative document of the schedules of key events and key issues of our local governmental agencies.

LEADERSHIP BIG SPRING

Wade McMurray
Continue to provide the Leadership Big Spring program designed to prepare and orient potential community leaders with community history, city and county government, the education sector and medical sector, as well as business and industry. Implement a Jr. Leadership program for area high school juniors and seniors to aid in the development of future community leaders. Pro-actively provide a resource of trained leaders to be utilized by our community in all areas of service including governmental agencies, economic development groups, educational groups, and charitable groups. Continue the support of such spin-off groups such as Christmas In April.

Community

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Marrie Hall, 1991 Vice President

ATHLETIC COMMITTEE

A.J. Pirkle and Cotton Mize
Promote Big Spring as a site for playoff games as well as other sporting events. Continue working with Big Spring High School and Howard County Junior College for all sporting activities.

CLEAN BIG SPRING COMMITTEE

Joyce Crocker
To promote cooperative citywide participation and team spirit in the continuing efforts to improve the appearance of Big Spring and boost pride in the community's image.

COMMUNITY LUNCHEON

Sherrie Bordofski
This committee will continue to plan and conduct one-hour luncheon meetings each quarter to promote local events and activities, and to spotlight the work art forms.

of committees. This will be the time for the Chamber to publicly welcome its new members. Division vice presidents will provide content for the four programs.

CONVENTION & VISITORS BUREAU

Scott McLaughlin
To seek to encourage the establishment of additional visitors attractions, develop publicity programs to encourage visitors to our city. Carry out assistance to other Chamber committees and area activities necessary to enhance the image of Big Spring as a convention and visitors center.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Quinn Martin
To support and encourage all forms of visual and performing arts in Big Spring and the surrounding areas. Seek to encourage the establishment of new art forms.

Economic Development

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Jim Bill Little, 1991 Vice President

AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

Bill Fryrear
Work to promote agriculture and agri-business in Big Spring and the surrounding area. Encourage increased membership by area farmers and ranchers. Assist with the annual agricultural events including the Chamber's Agricultural Barbeque and the Howard County Fair and any other event related to agriculture or agri-business. Continue the selection of Outstanding Agricultural Producer in the county. Promote awareness of agriculture with special placemats for local restaurants.

INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT

Clyde McMahon, Jr.
Encourage the expansion of our local industry and help in meeting

Organizational Affairs

ORGANIZATIONAL AFFAIRS

Robert Wernsman Vice President

SMALL BUSINESS COUNCIL

Ray Lara (Formerly Business Committee)
Assume high-profile role in delivering services to this primary sector of the Chamber membership group; continue 1990 and at least quarterly review seminar program to help fill needs of members; make use of survey results, informal discussion to determine interests in such quarterly seminars — available without charge for one person from each member's company; continued development of the "Best of Big Spring" program to recognize and reward retail excellence in the community; Business Person of the Year, with recognition at the quarterly luncheon.

PUBLICATIONS

Linda Conway
Conduct an over-all review of all publications the Chamber produces; strive for consistency and standard theme to aid in community's identity and awareness by visitors. Conduct regular monthly review of the FOCUS newsletter to achieve accuracy and consistency before printing and at least quarterly review after the fact; assist in developing promotion ideas for publications.

ANNUAL MEETING COMMITTEE

(Formerly Banquet Committee)
Organize, decorate, carry out plans for annual meeting, typically conducted each February. Work with fellow-members to determine theme and see that consistency of display is achieved to complement entire Chamber.

INDUSTRY APPRECIATION

Carl Bradley (New Committee)
Select an industry each year to salute preferably during Texas Industry Week; Early April. This committee will select either a single operation or a group of related companies to identify, recognize and honor with appropriate events to inform public of its benefits and contributions to the community.

BLUE BLAZERS

Gail Earls
Concentrate during 1991 on the professional/personal growth aspect of this committee's by-laws, to assist the growth of its members; make use of monthly luncheon speakers, with annual emphasis on Women's Conference.

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1990 — A year of accomplishments

The year of 1990 was one of effort and achievement for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, and was a fitting beginning for a new and exciting decade as we approach the next century. The efforts proved fruitful in many areas, resulting in both obvious and behind-the-scenes progress.

All four divisions of the chamber's results-oriented 1990 program were productive, and the promise of more of the same accounts for anticipation of an exciting 1991. Among the accomplishments:

Economic Development — The much-ballyhooped opening of the Blue Bell Ice Cream distribution center was a success during 1990. Its arrival served to reinforce the strength Big Spring offers as the center of a "golden circle" that's perfect for a one-million population distribution network.

Big Spring's success as a provider for the federal government for prison facilities was accentuated by the completion of the prison upgrade to a Level II facility, and announcements that Big Spring will be the location of a satellite federal prison camp (to serve as a model for the nation), and expansion that more than doubles the capacity of the Big Spring Correctional Center. It, too, serves as a model of efficiency in use of existing facilities for economical prison housing.

Groundbreaking occurred for the Comanche Trail Nursing Home that will provide health care and housing for more than 100 residents in a new facility on Wasson Road.

Also on the agenda for economic development were advances by the Business Committee — including two business seminars and the successful Best of Big Spring program. The seminars are part of the Chamber's pledge to provide specific services for its members, and were the direct result of a forum conducted by the business committee designed to improve the shopping atmosphere in Big Spring.

The Transportation Committee continued its efforts — and were finally successful — to ensure that Highway 87 south is part of the state's four-lane trunk system. That designation means that Highway 87 will be four-lane as state funding appropriations are made and guarantees Big Spring's rightful position as the center of a significant transportation network. The completion of Gregg Street's expansion to provide a center lane resulted in a safe, attractive, high quality main thoroughfare for the community.

Community Development — Improving the appearance of Big Spring was of primary importance to this division of the Chamber of Commerce in 1990, as was enhancing the image it displays to visitors and travelers.

Both of those areas saw improvements during 1990, as the Adopt-a-spot program continued to grow, with efforts made toward the joint city, county and private investor project to identify deserted,

dangerous buildings and resolve the eyesores. The Convention and Visitors Bureau finally achieved a long-sought goal when it opened its Information Center in space provided by Rip Griffin's Truck Stop. Manned by volunteers, the center has been a smashing success, with travelers visiting daily and learning about Big Spring and all of Howard County. C&VB also helped host two new projects: the hanging gliding competition, as well as the Fina Great Race, both of which brought visitors, as well as considerable fun and excitement, to the community.

Cultural affairs activities sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce included the successful Artsfest and assistance with the Big Spring Symphony and Art Association, as well as the naming of Mel Prather as the Cultural Affairs person of the year.

Organizational Affairs — This proved to be a transition year for this division. It sponsored a one-day membership drive that resulted in 50 new members joining the Chamber of Commerce.

In addition, the Blue Blazers sponsored its sixth annual Women's Conference and maintained its position as a provider of professional development for women in the Howard County business community.

The Chamber's annual meeting was again organized by this division. **P**ublic Affairs — Several areas of activity were the focus of this division. The Government Affairs committee continued to monitor state and national issues that pertain to Big Spring and Howard County, while the Intergovernmental Relations committee worked to do the same on the local level through quarterly meetings of governmental and educational entities.

Crimestoppers continued to serve as a worthwhile project, heightening crime awareness and providing a safe, anonymous forum through which individuals can safely provide information that can lead to resolving particular crimes. The Health and Safety Committee provided the community with health awareness, with the focus on the annual Health and Safety Fair. Leadership Big Spring continued its commitment to providing potential local leaders with a forum to learn about the community and what it has to offer; likewise, the Junior Leadership program does the same for area high school juniors to allow an early start in the leadership process. The Leadership organization also arranged four forums during the year to help the community identify concerns and bring together those people who are in a position to explain potential changes and growth.

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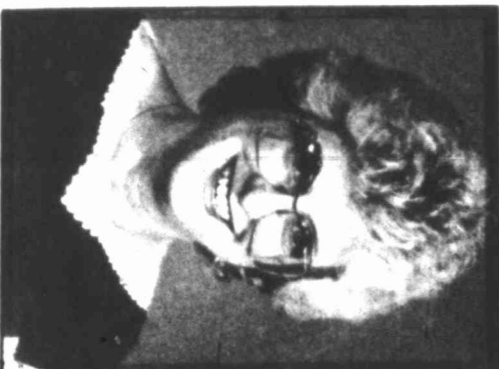
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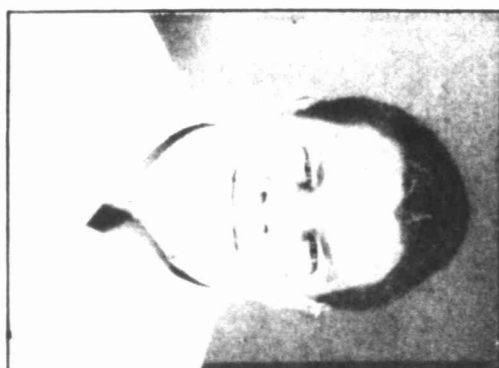
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Recognizing the need for an active and effective public relations arm for the Chamber of Commerce, the decision was reached to form a new organization within the Chamber, in anticipation of the 1991 year of activities. That group was selected on the basis of commitment to Big Spring, its Chamber of Commerce, and an ability to deal with members of the Chamber and potential members. The purpose, requirements and objectives of this group are outlined below.

Purpose

Serve as the membership drive coordinators and public relations arm of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. This includes: responsibility for any membership efforts on behalf of the Chamber; regular contact with current Chamber members; representing the Chamber at community functions; and representing the Chamber at certain out-of-town functions.

Organization

The Yes For Big Spring Organization consists of selected members under the direction of the Chamber First Vice President, a chairman and committee chairpersons. Each chairperson is assigned to direct the efforts of their committee in achieving one of the three primary objectives of the organization.

Requirements

Because membership development and contact are central to the purpose of the organization, Yes For Big Spring members are expected to attain certain minimum standards in terms of memberships sold and/or contacts made. The following formula sets forth these minimum standards:

- Each Yes For Big Spring member should sell a minimum of two memberships annually.
- Reinstating terminated or past due members.
- Current members contacts.
- Attendance at any Chamber supported community activity or out-of-town Chamber function.

Primary Objectives

The efforts of Yes For Big Spring will center on the following three objectives:

- Increase Chamber membership.
 - Generate new/revised prospect list.
 - Implement drive to reinstate past due and recently terminated memberships.
 - Implement drive to obtain new Chamber members.
- Contact existing Chamber members.
 - Implement effort to personally contact every Chamber Member for the purpose of informing them about the activities, efforts and goals of the Chamber — Recent past and present. What the Chamber has been doing for them.
 - Educating them as to the differences between Moore Development for Big Spring, Inc. and the Chamber and why we need both.
 - Receiving feedback from Chamber Members.
 - Provide feedback from membership as to desired topics for educational programs, townhall meetings and assist in the organization of such programs; meetings.
 - Ongoing Prospecting for New Members.
 - Organize ongoing program (beyond membership drive efforts) for the contact of prospective new members.
- Special projects and Yes For Big Spring administration. This committee is responsible for organization of any special projects and for any administrative functions associated with Yes For Big Spring, such as Chamber Banquet ticket sales, and tracking Yes For Big Spring membership requirements.

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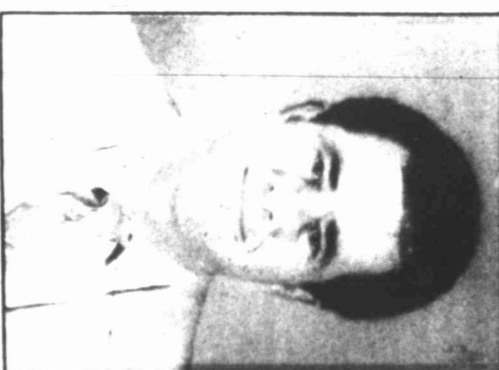
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I am of the opinion that Big Spring is at the dawn of a new era. We have an above-average business location. All we have to do is to call it to the attention of our business prospects.

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For the future, I see Big Spring as a clean, beautiful, optimistic and prosperous community. A city that provides new opportunities for each new generation. A city where all the citizens realize that the best and only help is within our own hands.

We have all of the required assets. All we have to do is to believe in ourselves. Believe that we can grow and prosper. Yes, we can do great things.

Bank profits masked surge in real estate woes

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite rising profits, banking's real estate problems worsened sharply in 1990, as the real estate downturn shifted from the Southwest to larger institutions in Northeastern and Mid-Atlantic states, a government report says.

Profits at the nation's 12,338 commercial banks rose 6.5 percent to \$16.6 billion in 1990 from \$15.6 billion in 1989, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp. said Wednesday.

But that masked rising problems caused by the recession and plummeting real estate markets.

Delinquent real estate loans jumped to \$36 billion at the end of 1990 from \$22.5 billion a year earlier. Repossessed real estate rose to \$19.8 billion from \$12.5 billion in 1989.

Although the number of weak banks actually declined from 1,109 at the end of 1989 to 1,046, the fact that larger Eastern institutions are now in trouble means a much higher proportion of the industry's assets are owned by ailing institutions.

Assets held by problem banks

soared by 74 percent from \$235 billion in 1989, or 7 percent of the industry, to \$409 billion, or 11 percent.

"In effect, what has happened is the problem has moved," said financial institutions analyst Bert Ely of Alexandria, Va. "Texas has been through it and now it's in New England. But in all candor things are worse than they were in 1987. We're in a national recession and we have broader concerns about the rest of the country."

The banking industry in nine states and the District of Columbia lost money, with the worst red ink, \$1 billion, coming in

Massachusetts. The other money-losing states were Arizona, Colorado, Connecticut, Maine, Maryland, New Hampshire, New Jersey and Rhode Island.

A year ago, the five states with the highest percentage of sour real estate loans in commercial banks were, in order, Texas, Arizona, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Massachusetts. By the end of 1990, the problem was most prevalent in Rhode Island, the District of Columbia, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Arizona.

The FDIC issued a separate report for the country's 473 savings banks, which are hybrid institu-

tions: half commercial bank and half savings institution. Located primarily in the Northeast, they invest more heavily in real estate than do commercial banks.

Savings banks lost \$2.4 billion in 1990, more than three times the \$773 million lost in 1989. The fourth-quarter loss was \$1.2 billion, with 48 percent of the institutions losing money.

Richard Kirk, president of the American Bankers Association, put an upbeat spin on the report, saying "As the economy improves, we can expect these numbers to improve."

However, analysts and FDIC

Chairman L. William Seidman said improvement in the banking industry will lag behind the nation's recovery from the recession.

"The rate of slide has lessened," Seidman said, but added, "There's not much in here that says the first quarter of 1991 won't be bleak."

That's bad news for the FDIC's dwindling fund protecting bank deposits. More than 1,000 bank failures over the past six years, including 169 last year, reduced the fund to \$8.5 billion at the end of 1990. The agency expects another 180 failures this year.

Seidman has proposed a plan for the industry-financed fund to borrow \$30 billion, avoiding an S&L-style taxpayer bailout. However, taxpayers would be vulnerable if the banking industry were unable to repay the loan.

Meanwhile, Seidman rebuked banks for continuing to pay out most of their earnings to shareholders instead of retaining the profits to build a cushion.

Banks paid out 83 percent of their earnings in 1990 and 90 percent in 1989.



Tourist information

Mamie Lee Dodds, volunteer coordinator for the Big Spring Tourist Information Center, stocks informative pamphlets at the headquarters recently. The center, located in a former storage closet at Rip Griffin's Travel Center, was set up by a Chamber of Commerce committee to greet visitors and acquaint them with the local community.

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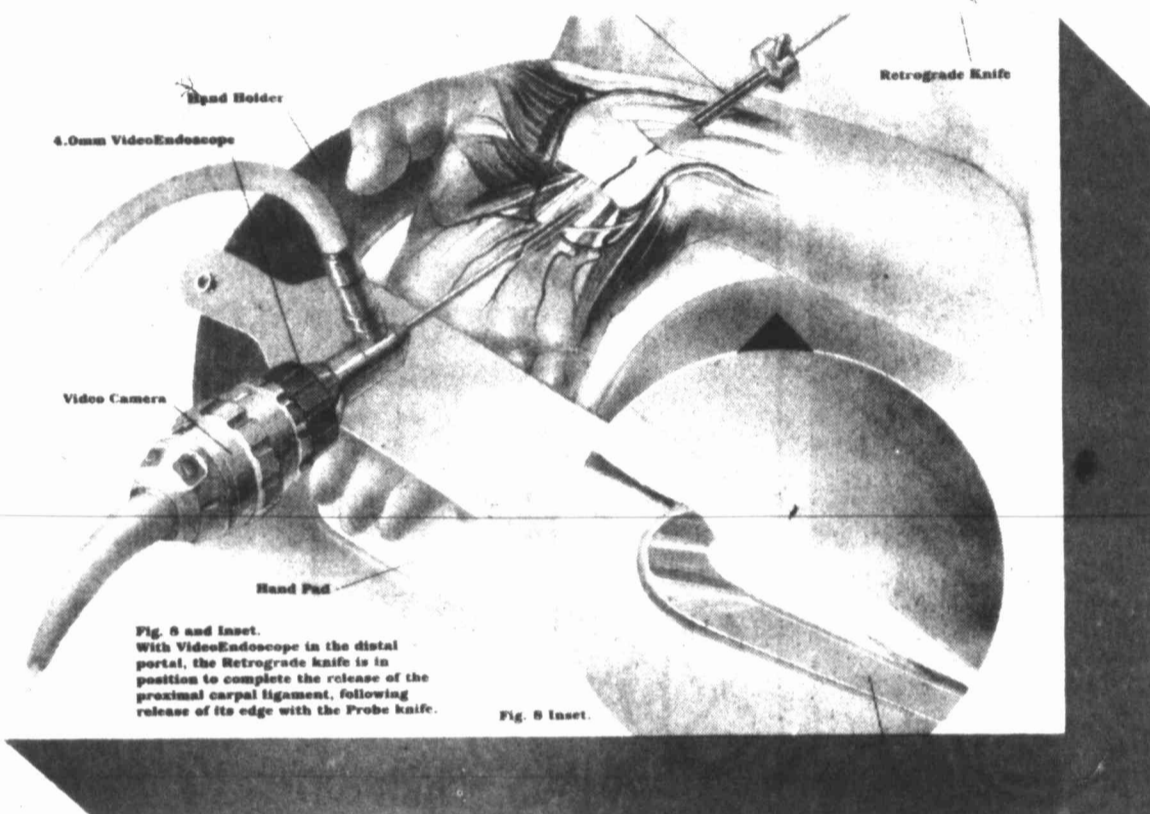
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NEW SURGICAL BREAKTHROUGH

Scenic Mountain Medical Center now makes available a new surgical procedure to treat Carpal Tunnel Syndrome. This condition is often seen in people whose work involves a lot of repetitive movement of the wrists. CTS causes a numb, tingling sensation and loss of feeling in the fingers.

Surgery for Carpal Tunnel Syndrome is aimed at releasing pressure on the Median nerve, the cause of the problem. Current standard procedure calls for a cut 2½ to 3 inches in the patients lower palm and wrist. The new technique makes just two small incisions and releases the pressure from below, thus bypassing areas through which the standard technique cuts. Recovery time with the traditional surgery was between 6-8 weeks. The new endoscopic technique allows for a 1-2 week recovery period. Postoperative pain associated with the new procedure has also been greatly reduced.

Dr. R. K. Reddy and Dr. Robert P. Hayes have both been trained to perform this new procedure. Scenic Mountain Medical Center is the only facility in Texas other than UTMB-Galveston currently performing the technique.

If you suffer from Carpal Tunnel Syndrome, contact Dr. Hayes or Dr. Reddy today.

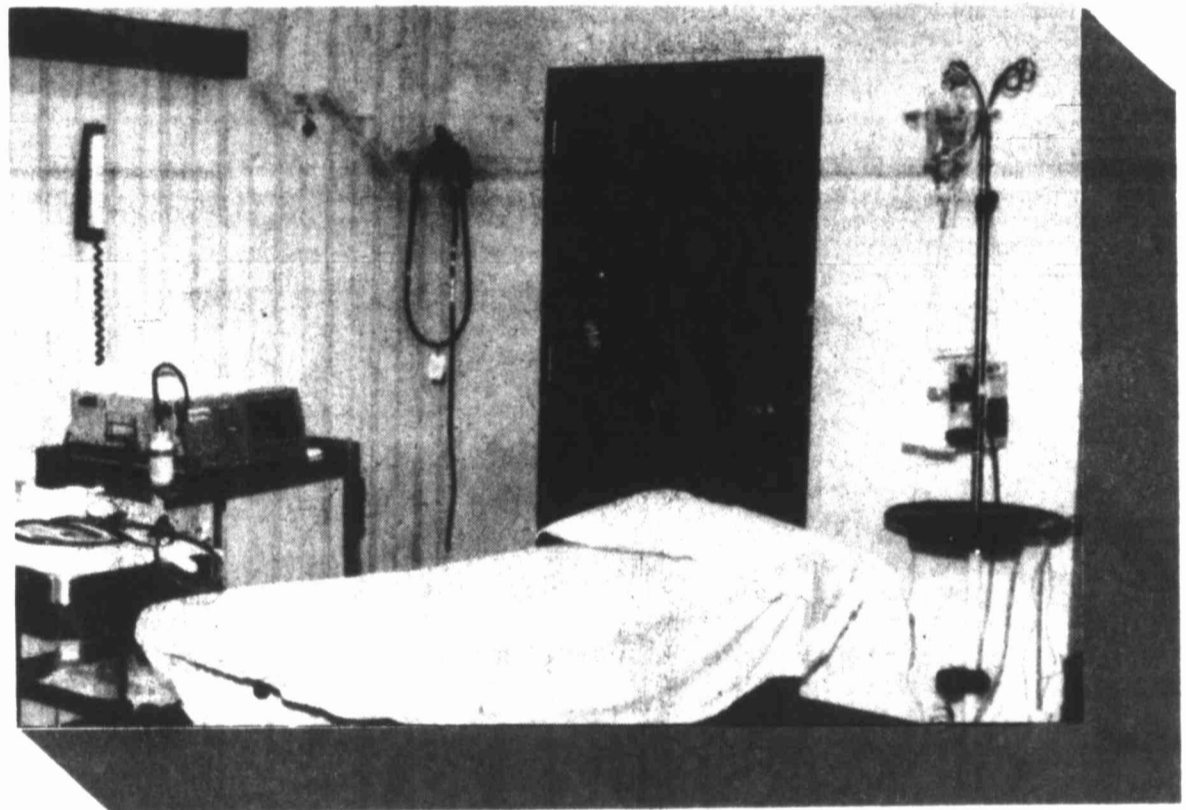
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The capabilities of the endoscopy suite are numerous. They include the non-surgical and, many times, outpatient diagnosis of peptic ulcer disease, heartburn, gallstones, liver disease to include hepatitis and colitis. Also, evaluation of conditions such as colitis, rectal bleeding, colon polyps or colon cancer.

Colon cancer is the second leading cause of cancer death in men and the third leading cause of cancer death in women, and Scenic Mountain Medical Center, through the endoscopy suite, does actively participate in colon cancer screening. Fiberoptic gastrointestinal endoscopy is a relatively new technique available only over the last two decades. Scenic Mountain is now able to provide this service with the latest updated equipment. Using fiberoptic endoscopy, many different procedures can be performed to include removal of polyps, or small growths, in the intestinal tract, biopsy of suspicious tumors, injection of medicine which stops active bleeding. In addition, the endoscopy suite is equipped with electrocautery equipment which allows for the ability to stop ulcer or other types of hemorrhaging in the intestinal tract using electrocautery. Through a procedure called endoscopic retrograde cholangiopancreatography, or ERCP, abnormalities of the bile ducts and potentially the gallbladder can be diagnosed.

Scenic Mountain Medical Center is pleased to announce its association with a fully trained gastroenterologist who specializes in diseases of the digestive system, Dr. E.W. Stokes. If you have any questions about the endoscopy services provided by Scenic Mountain Medical Center, call the hospital at 263-1211, or ask your doctor.



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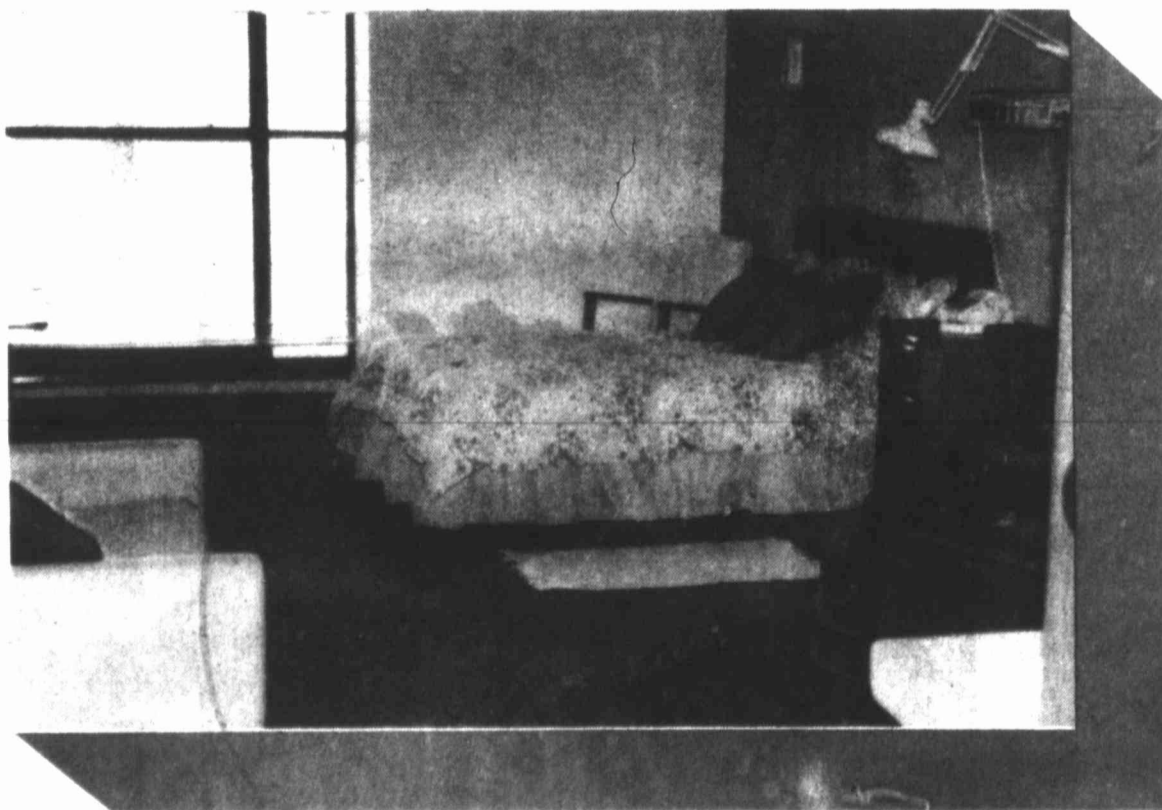
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In upgrading the Special Moments Program, Scenic Mountain Medical Center has recently installed new jacuzzi baths in each of the postpartum rooms. Yard signs are also being placed in the front lawns of new parents announcing their baby's arrival.

Dr. Bruce Cox, Dr. John S. Farquhar, Dr. Darrell T. Herrington, and Dr. M.A. Porter are all familiar with the Special Moments Program and will be glad to assist you with any questions you may have. Contact any one of them or your personal physician for more information.



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Agriculture 1990 was outstanding in the fields

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

Agriculture output is on the rise in Howard, Mitchell and Martin counties, with 1990 earnings increasing 500 percent over the drought year of 1989. Rainfall was above average last year and this year is off to a good start.

"Right now it looks pretty promising," Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson said of this year's cotton crop, which is by far the most significant agricultural product in this area. "We've got an abundant subsoil moisture," Richardson said.

Livestock production may also benefit from plenty of rain, he said, since it has contributed to good grazing land for cattle. "We're anticipating livestock numbers to increase," he said.

Livestock income for cattle and other animals was slashed in half from 1989 to 1990 in Howard County, according to figures compiled by TU Electric. But for the same period in Mitchell County, there was a 500 percent increase. It stayed about the same in Martin County.

There is also a good reserve of hay crop in Howard County, which will be good for the local sheep industry, since it is used as a feed, Richardson said. However, a currently depressed market for sheep and goats could hinder expansion. Sheep have increased over the past few years here because of predator control measures.

But cotton has had the biggest impact.

About 80,000 acres will be planted in Howard County near the target date of May 10. Farmers typically try to glean about a bale of cotton from each acre, Richardson said. At \$300 per bale, that would bring in \$24 million. That compares to \$1.3 million brought into Howard County last year through livestock production.

"Every dollar that is returned from a bale of cotton is turned over in the community three times," Richardson said.

Last year, Howard County farmers brought in \$33.8 million compared to \$3 million in 1989, according to the TU Electric figures. Martin County farmers last year brought in \$28 million compared to \$4.4 million the year before. In Mitchell County the figure was \$12 million compared to \$3 million in 1989.

These figures do not include cotton seed sales totaling \$12.4 million last year in all three counties or other agricultural sales totaling \$3.3 million.

Of those counties, Mitchell County had the most substantial livestock production last year, with \$24 million being brought in. Martin County brought in \$3.9 million.

But back to cotton. "Rainfall is our most critical factor," Richardson said. That is



Area ginners run their operations day and night to keep up with the high volume of cotton that comes in during cotton ginning season. In the pictured process, any exterior matter surrounding the cot-

ton has already been removed, but it must undergo the removal of the cotton seed buried in the middle of the boll.

followed by storms (hail storms in particular), wind damage, insects and early freezes, he said.

The 1.98 inches of rain which has fallen in Howard County so far this year as of March 19, is above the average by 1.68 inches, according to measurements kept by the U.S. Department of Agriculture research station in Big Spring.

The rains have helped keep soil moist from three to four feet down, Richardson said. But no rainfall in the first 2 1/2 weeks of March has left the top three or four inches of topsoil dry. "A good rain will of course help that situation," he said. The areas of Howard County where the soil is the driest are around Lomax and the southeast part of the county.

Moisture problems experienced last year included the timing and placement of 20-plus inches of rain in 1990. The average annual rainfall is 18.58 inches.

One farmer in Knott reported harvesting three bales an acre in some isolated spots last year. Another in Lomax lost all of his 1,100 acres following a countywide drought in June—a crucial month because cotton starts blooming—and then not getting enough rain in July. Cotton in areas south of Coahoma and around Luther also suffered because of lack of rain.

Another burgeoning problem in



A suction pipe vacuums cotton into the Luther Gin for cleaning and baling.

Howard County is insect infestation, Richardson said. "We may be expecting a perennial problem with insect pests," he said. "The last two years have been pretty bad on some fields."

Bollworms infested fields all over the county, particularly in the northern areas. "There were some fields that were not harvested at all because of insect damage," Richardson said.

Boll weevils may also be a

threat, infesting areas in the southeast part of the county, Richardson said. Losses of up to 30 percent were registered in some cotton fields. There is no overall estimate of damages in Howard County last year from bollworms and boll weevils.

"We encourage farmers to routinely scout their fields for insects," Richardson said. "We'll be offering training to identify beneficial and harmful ones." Spraying with insecticides is not always profitable because beneficial insects would also be destroyed, he said.

Nothing can be done about an early freeze, such as the one which hit last October and prevented many cotton bolls from maturing, Richardson said. That freeze cost an estimated loss, he said, of a sixteenth to a quarter of a bale of cotton per acre.

Meanwhile, it is cotton yields which has made the biggest difference in farm and ranching income over the past two years.

The total income in Howard County, including government subsidy payments, was \$45.4 million in 1990 and \$16.4 million in 1989. In Mitchell County, it was \$42.5 million last year and \$12.8 million the year before. In Martin County it was \$45.5 million and \$15 million.

Stanton foundation preserving convent

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

Since the early 1880s, Grelton (renamed Marienfeld, and then Stanton in 1890) has been the site of the historic convent located on a hill northeast of the downtown area.

In 1882, the existing structure, a two-story adobe building, was built as a monastery by Carmelite priests from local red clay found in the area. Additional rooms were built for the church and the monastery in 1883, by laborers from El Paso with German architectural design.

By the end of 1894, the monastery had seen many changes. A parochial school, run by the Sisters of Divine Providence of San Antonio, was closed because of a drought. The school was reopened by the Sisters of Mercy, led by Sister M. Berchmans Kast from St. Mary's Hospital in San Francisco, Calif.

Following the disbanding of the Carmelite priests, the Sisters of Mercy Educational Society of Texas bought the property, making the learning center the only Catholic School between El Paso and Fort Worth at the time.

The school flourished through the years. New classrooms and dormitories were added by the sisters themselves. The academy housed and educated more than 30 students at one time, until a disastrous tornado in June 11, 1938. The loss was so severe that the Provincial of the Sisters of Mercy eventually decided to abandon the institution.

All that remains of the Convent and the school is a large two-story structure of adobe and bead-board. Following the tornado, the

property was sold by the Sisters of Mercy and Diocese of Amarillo to Jim Tom and E. Price of Stanton. In 1944, they sold the building and approximately two acres of land to Mr. and Mrs. James E. Kelly of Stanton. Following their deaths, the property was inherited by their grandchildren, including Francelle Moore, who made her home in the two-story building.

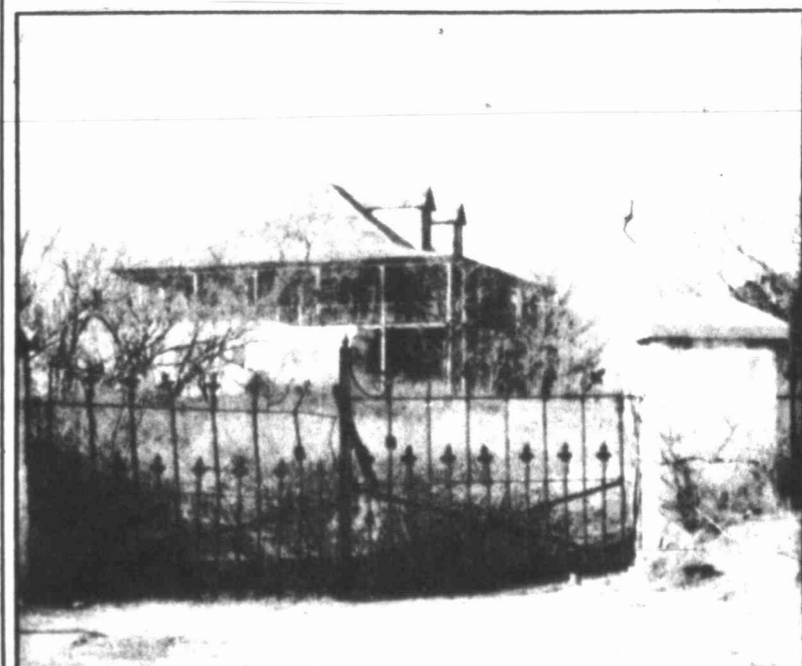
The departure of Moore left the monastery abandoned again. In 1987, the Martin County Jaycees purchased the building and established the Martin County Convent Foundation Inc., a non-profit group formed to preserve the historic building.

The Foundation has been very active in moving the Convent into a preservation stage. Funds from a National Trust for Historic Preservation grant were used to fund a preservation plan by San Antonio-based architect, Killis Almond and Associates. The Foundation has been very busy with fundraisers as they have gathered an additional \$20,000 towards the preservation stage.

MCCF holds a philosophy about the historic structure. Since its erection, the existing structure has served as an educational focal point for the town in which it is located. It is appropriate, therefore, that the building continue its educational role as an interpretive center.

Because of the original monastery's crucial role in the settlement of the town, it is fitting that a significant educational facility be designed to teach the history of the region, according to a foundation spokesperson. An in-

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This is the way the convent looks now. The Martin County Convent Foundation has set aside two days in April to clean up the grounds. April 6 and 13 have been designated as community clean-up days with a barbecue set for April 20.

Wheeler Motor continues to strive for customer satisfaction

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

At Wheeler Motor Company, Inc., the number one goal is customer satisfaction through a combination of personal service, expertise and a large inventory of quality automobiles.

The Wheelers have recently completed a remodeling of the business. "This is the first time we have remodeled our building since it was built," Mrs. Wheeler said.

WMC was established by Stanley W. Wheeler in 1948. Two years later, the family followed, moving from Big Spring to Stanton.

Wheeler and his wife, Donna Belle, raised three sons, Bill, Bob and Jim, who helped operate the dealership.

After graduating from the University of North Texas, Jim served in the United States Army for two years. In 1962, he returned to Stanton to manage the Wheeler business. In 1976, brother Bill joined the dealership.

Jim's son Gib joined the family business in 1987, after graduating from Texas Tech University in Lubbock, and from General Motors Institute in Flint, Mich. Gib was also employed by a metropolitan



Wheeler Motor Company, now in a newly remodeled building, has been at the same location since 1948. The Wheelers stressed that the number one goal of this third generation business has

always been customer satisfaction. All three of the Wheelers invite their friends and customers to come by and see them in Stanton.

Buick dealership in Florida for a year before returning to Stanton.

"In our area, the most popular West Texas vehicle is our Safari and GMC Suburban," said Mrs. Wheeler. "People come down here from around the West Texas area to see our large inventory. We are also in the process of introducing our new Roadmaster April 1. The Roadmaster is an automobile that is built on traditional values. It's the top of the line of luxury vehicles and the car is very conventional," she added.

"GMC now works on a grading system," Mrs. Wheeler explained.

Korner Grocery will sell burritos in a new location

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

After seven years at highway 80, the Korner Grocery will continue as a convenience store only, while the new building, just a block west of the old location will be used for burritos starting next week, according to Proprietor Jesus Briseneno.

"We got our start when a friend asked us why we wouldn't sell burritos. I asked him, would you buy our burritos? He said, 'Yes I would.' From there it is all history, and we have not regretted it since," Rita Briseneno said.

Briseneno and wife Rita will be opening a new convenience store, restaurant and self-service station. Right now the owner is not sure which way to approach his new headquarters, what he will need, or how many employees he will use. But he still plans on opening the new store and will wait to see what transpires.

"Within a week we will be opening our new building to take the strain off our small outlet, and continue as a convenience store while we finish getting our new building ready for business and decide what our intentions are," Briseneno said.

He added, "I feel that we cannot operate as a full-fledged Mexican restaurant right away, but we will have to wait and see if we can bring in customers."

"Our biggest business is the noon crowd, and we will be open six days per week, and probably stay open three nights out of a week," he said.

Briseneno's booming lunch hour in-

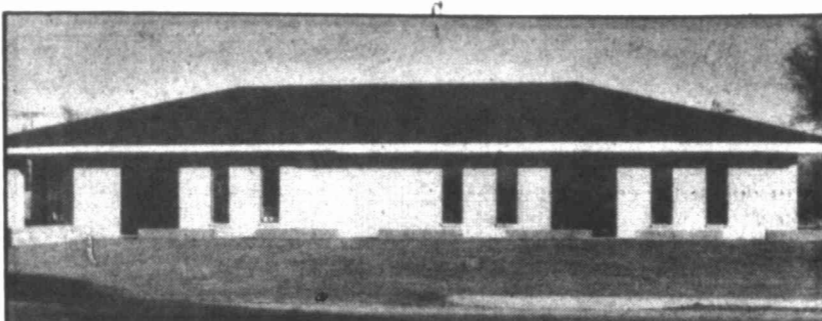
volves daily employees preparing 40 dozen burritos for customers. "We have oilfield workers, students and others that come to lunch everyday. When the oilfield slows down, we feel the crunch. We still sell burritos, but not as much as when the industry was booming a few years ago," Briseneno explained.

Briseneno is not sure that what will happen to his old building, because he does not know what the state is going to do with his gasoline storage tanks and underground lines.

"We will continue to work out of the building until our new area is finished completely. We will probably rent the building out to someone that would like to have a business. Since the EPA and state regulations about gasoline storage tanks are changing, we are not sure what to do until someone tells us what we have to do to comply."

"With God's help, we intend to open in about a month with whatever we decide, and hopefully we can start with the store and restaurant and increase the variety of foods we will have to offer. We had to subcontract all of the work that we had done at the new store. We had some problems like anyone else that has built a new place of business," Briseneno said.

He added, "with more space we can do more, we can prepare for a bigger crowd and at the same time run a properly-filled store. And we can still offer gasoline to traveling customers and continue as we have the past seven years."



The Brisenenos began making burritos after a friend asked why they didn't open a burrito stand and sell the Mexican food. After taking the friend's advice, the Brisenenos have taken the Stanton community by storm with their food and will soon open in this building, one block from the old grocery store.

Deadline for Engagements — Weddings and Anniversaries is 12:00 Noon Wednesday.

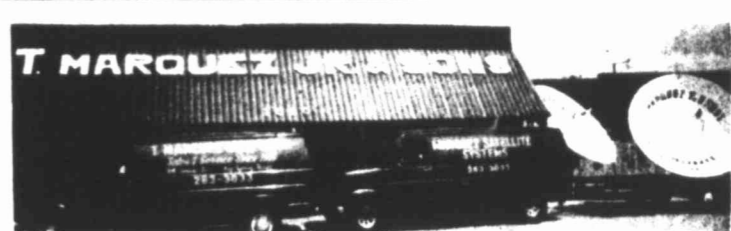
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C.C. Grocery changes hands

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

After years of running a flourishing IGA grocery store, owners Bill and Roby Coggin have taken on yet another task — that of operating a convenience store. Coggin purchased C.C. Grocery in October from Allan Murray after Murray went out of business. The store is located on State Highway 137, one block south from Interstate 20.

C.C. Grocery, managed by Daymon Boyce has everything from soft drinks to unleaded gasoline and a deli for people on the go. The store is designed to bring in customers that need one or two items and don't have the time to go the grocery store," Mrs. Coggin said.

Coggin has been in business since 1967 when he and an associate bought Bill's Friendly Food. The grocery store moved ahead with six employees and it has never been the same, according to Coggin.

"When we started out in the grocery store business, we were responsible for pricing, inventory and delivery. Now, we have a survey pricing group from our IGA offices that check our prices and gives us a suggested competitive price. Our delivery structure is so different now. Sometimes we only had one delivery per week, now we have three, sometimes four deliveries, with every product one could imagine," he said.

"As far as the future of the grocery business is concerned, it is interesting and always changing, but I think the grocery business has a very good future for the independent grocery store," he said.

Coggin has been in business since 1967 when he and an associate bought Bill's Friendly Food. The grocery store moved ahead with six employees and it has never been the same, according to Coggin.

In 1981, a True Value center was added to Bill's. Approximately 5,000 square feet was added to the grocery store that was once the parking lot. "When we decided to make our north part of the store an addition to the building, I had no idea how big we were, but our True Value gave us the room we needed to operate comfortably. After we built the hardware part of our store, we were in need of a parking area. We were so lucky that we could get the property across the street," Mrs. Coggin said.

During the past twenty years, the Coggins have witnessed various operations suffer from the fluctuating economy. As a community service, they have tried to compensate for lost businesses by keeping on hand a small supply of items which were no longer available in town, until someone else re-established that particular business.

"When Deavenports went out of business, we supplied dry goods

like jeans, shirts and other clothing. We feel that if we can bring to our customers what they need, they will come back and look and maybe they will stay here and shop. We are true believers of shopping locally," said Coggin.

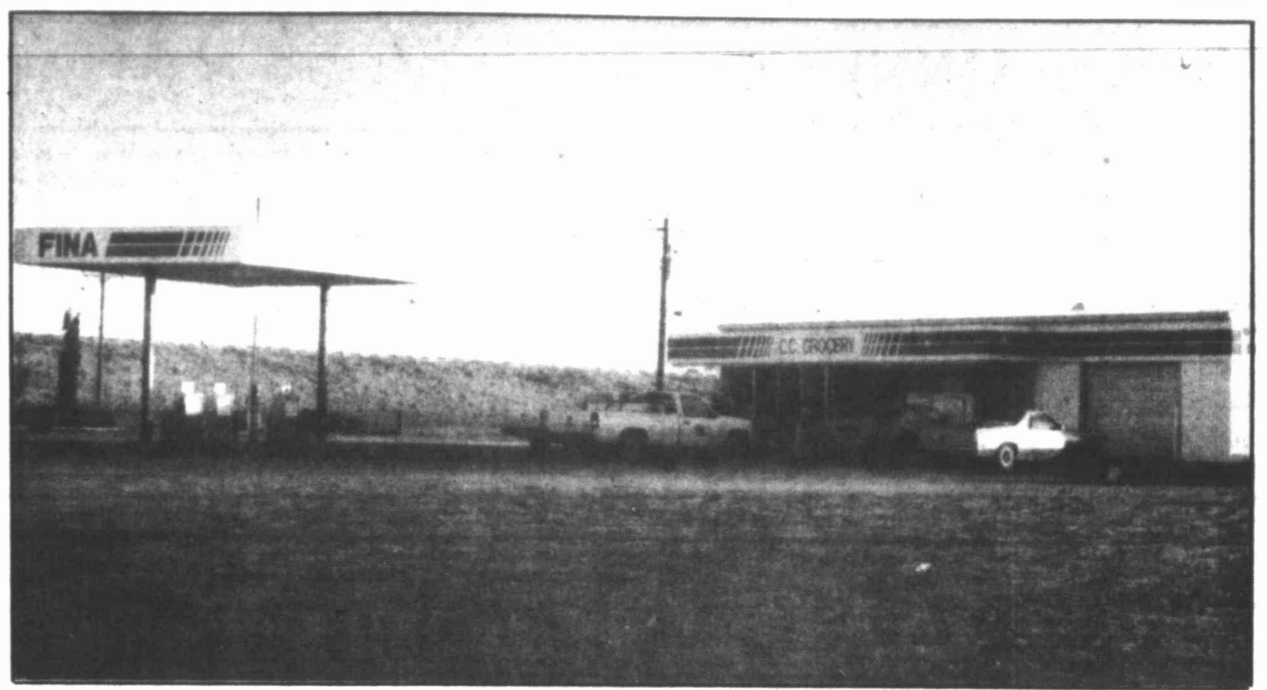
The store also serves the elderly and home-bound by offering home delivery three days a week. "I have been in this location for 20 years. I think one of the reasons is because of some special friends. I have a special feeling for our town," Coggin added.

According to Mrs. Coggin, a grand opening is in the works in the near future for C.C. Grocery, with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

The store has gone through some major changes from the inside as well as the outside. "We have done much work to the store, but it is still not in the condition we would like for it to be," Coggin said.

The Coggins, along with their 24 full-time employees and 10 part-time help, are heavily involved in community activities. Bill and Roxie support and participate in just about all the community functions, including the Chamber of Commerce, school athletics, the county fair and others. Bill served on the City Council for six years and has been involved in promoting the city of Stanton.

They are especially active in the First Baptist Church and in the Mexican Baptist Church, where Bill teaches a Sunday School class and Roxie plays the piano and helps with the children's choir. The couple have been married for 41 years and they have two children, Chip, and Patricia McKinney. They also have six grandchildren, four boys and two girls.



Bill and Roby Coggin, owners of an IGA in Stanton, recently purchased C.C. Grocery. A grand opening is planned in the near future.

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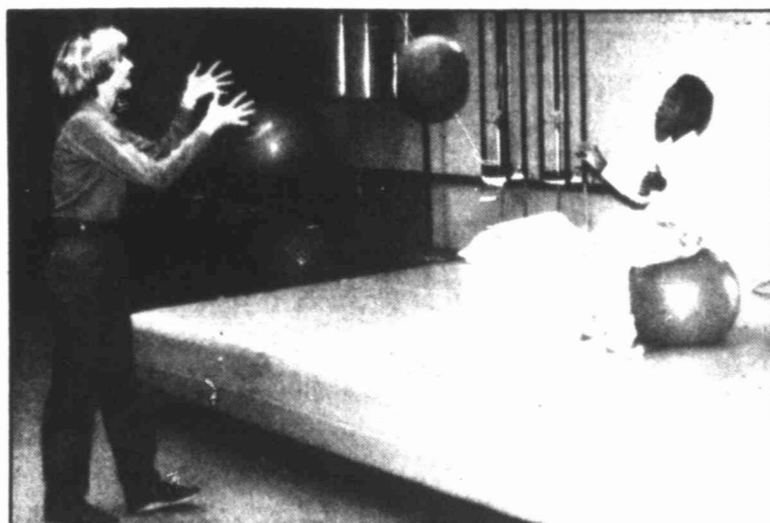
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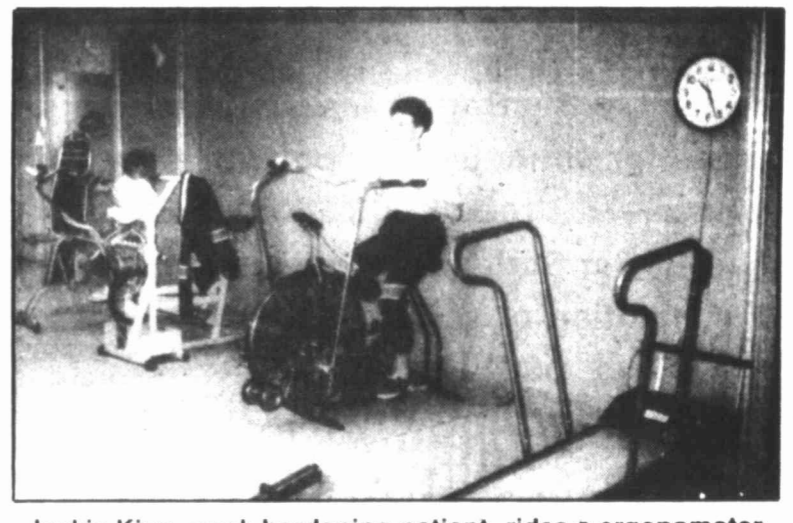
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Crysta! Herry, Speech Pathologist, conducts a speech evaluation on Dimingo Siaz.



Kaki Morton, Physical Therapist, makes work out of play for Reece Franks. Reece has been a patient for nine years.



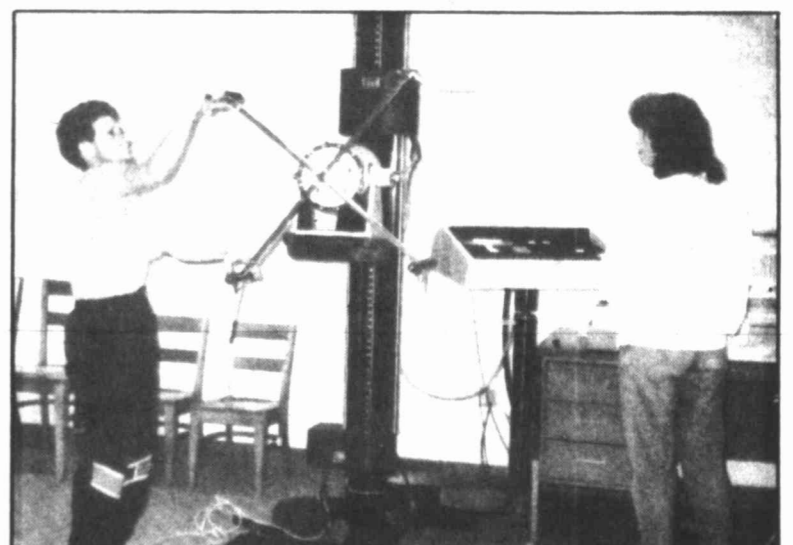
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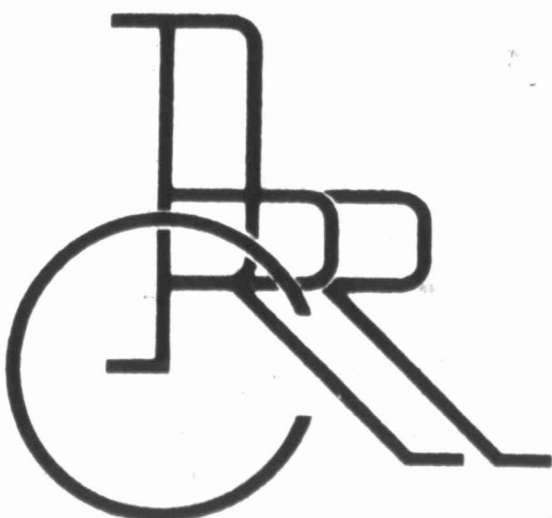
Helen Hale is guided through pool therapy by Lisa Williams, P.T.



Lisa Williams, P.T., places Mildred Puckett through her routine of mat exercises.



Jeana Webster, P.T. aide, monitors Jackie King on work simulator as she simulates climbing a ladder.



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1902	0.61	0.02	trc	0.56	4.55	1.41	12.89	1.24	2.46	0.92	2.28	0.34	27.28
1903	0.81	0.84	0.24	0.08	1.55	2.93	0.36	7.79	3.16	0.22	0.00	trc	10.98
1904	0.25	trc	0.00	1.12	3.40	4.06	0.75	2.27	3.45	0.50	0.88	0.43	17.11
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1906	0.31	0.81	0.87	2.98	3.52	2.56	4.41	5.08	0.84	1.11	2.96	0.51	25.96
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1909	0.02	trc	0.42	0.01	2.17	1.62	0.65	1.23	0.70	0.79	4.01	0.64	12.26
1910	0.23	0.03	0.28	1.00	0.69	0.71	1.24	0.04	0.42	2.32	0.17	0.12	7.25
1911	0.58	4.20	0.43	2.55	0.32	0.30	1.34	0.37	1.79	0.25	0.18	2.53	14.84
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1913	0.29	0.53	1.41	1.44	1.08	3.28	0.97	0.04	2.72	3.22	1.89	2.62	19.49
1914	0.27	0.04	0.77	0.58	4.29	4.00	1.44	3.99	0.78	4.37	1.04	1.43	23.00
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1916	0.13	0.00	1.74	2.12	0.14	1.59	2.42	4.31	0.87	1.30	1.01	1.10	15.73
1917	0.28	0.00	0.03	0.97	0.61	0.98	0.73	0.17	0.79	0.00	0.12	0.00	4.68
1918	0.60	0.73	0.09	0.10	1.19	3.53	0.16	0.24	1.66	1.99	0.74	1.32	12.35
1919	0.57	0.06	3.06	1.45	1.43	8.28	0.95	3.60	7.43	6.31	0.78	0.09	34.01
1920	1.97	0.20	0.12	0.08	5.32	1.33	0.91	6.30	0.69	1.95	2.22	0.20	21.29
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1922	0.38	0.08	1.73	12.77	2.36	2.89	0.38	0.22	trc	1.15	1.35	0.00	23.31
1923	0.29	3.01	2.16	4.58	1.24	2.61	1.68	0.98	1.53	5.31	1.18	1.69	26.26
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Mayor pleased with C-City progress

By Jim Baum
Mayor, Colorado City

The Colorado City Council has been busy on a number of fronts during the past two-year period. A TCDP grant was awarded to the city in the amount of \$181,849 for water improvements in the southeast edge of the city.

An Economic Development Training Session, sponsored by the city and the Texas Department of Commerce, was held. The city worked closely with the Industrial Team, granting two tax abatements and holding meetings with a prospective manufacturer.

In addition, the city completed work on City Hall, which brought

the building into compliance on handicapped regulations.

The city had negotiated a contract with TU Electric, which will provide for a water supply over the next 20 years.

The city went to the concept of Single Member Districts for City Council representatives, following a suit being filed by LULAC.

We have worked to be ready for 911 Emergency Telephone Service when it is installed in January 1992.

The city has established a five-year capital improvements plan that was used by the Texas Water Development Board as a model for small Texas cities.

We have made gigantic strides in

removing all of our underground fuel storage tanks, and five monitoring wells are in place as a result of that work.

We have continued to upgrade our city equipment, adding a new landfill compactor, dump truck and a truck for our Sanitation Department.

We paid off our fire station in 1990.

We will pay off two bonds by 1993, for a total of \$290,000.

As we look ahead to the next two years, we have a study being prepared by the engineering firm of Parkhill, Smith and Cooper for what could be a \$5 million bond issue for water improvements. Those improvements would in-

clude improved facilities at the lake intake, transmission lines and the area north of the Interstate, where low pressure has been detrimental in our efforts to attract industry to Colorado City.

Street improvements, landfill needs and economic development will continue to be major goals of the city.

Our new museum, The Heart of West Texas Museum, will be opening in the future with an eye toward becoming a regional attraction.

The city will again apply to the Texas Parks and Wildlife Dept. for assistance in constructing a new boat ramp at Lake Champion, one of two popular fishing sites in Mitchell County.

An earlier explorer

There can be no speculation about the visit of Capt. (Randolph B.) Marcy to the "big spring" October 3, 1849. His detailed journal and other writings preserved details of his journey and his "discovery" of the spring.

But beyond this, little was known in this area about this remarkable explorer.

Randolph Barnes Marcy was 16 years old when his father wrote to a congressman requesting an appointment for his son to the United States Military Academy at West Point.

"He thinks he shall be pleased with a military life," he wrote.

For 49 years R. B. Marcy was to follow this career, sometimes with disillusionment, personal sacrifice and disappointment. There were

times when he was to doubt the wisdom of soldiering, even to the point of angling for private employment. Nevertheless, he achieved a record of loyal and distinguished service in the Army.

"He (Marcy) was one of the most important soldier-explorers of the 19th Century," wrote W. Eugene Hollon. "Our heritage, particularly in the Southwest, is immensely richer for his having lived. Too often he was rewarded by failure to receive promotion and adequate pay."

In his repeated assignments on the frontier, Marcy was to make many discoveries, among them the "big spring on the Colorado." From "Getting Started" by Joe Pickle

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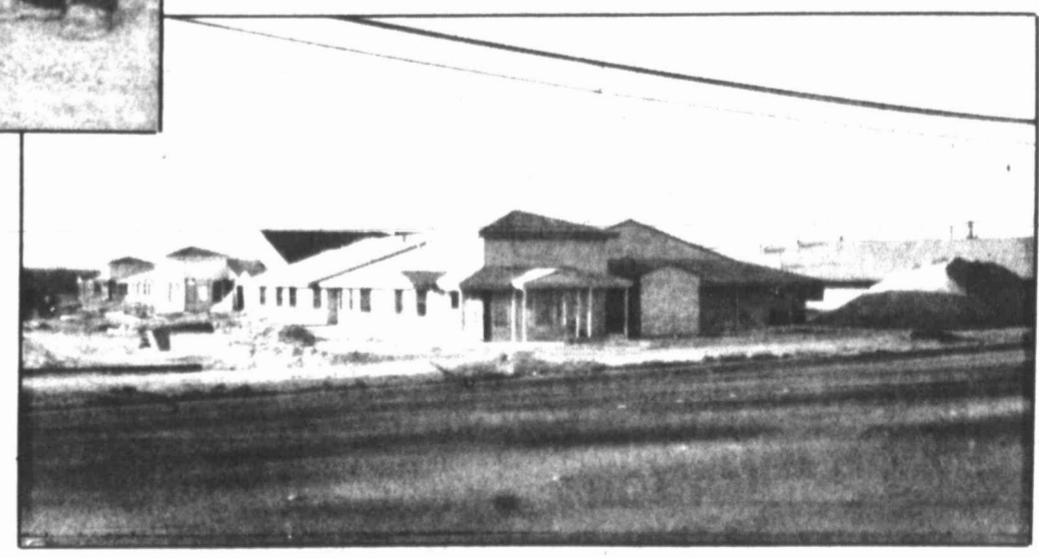
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1990 a busy year for Howard County Sheriff's Department

From the office of
A.N. Standard,
Howard County Sheriff

1990 was a busy year for Howard County Sheriff A.N. Standard and his staff, according to Deputy Woodie Howell. Deputy Howell went on to say that 1991 has started off well for the Howard County Sheriff's Office and bad for several burglars who have been caught because of the combination of diligent investigation by deputies and information received from some observant citizens who reported suspicious activity.

In 1990 criminal offenses reported to the Howard County Sheriff's office included a case in which two homicides were reported. This case is still under investigation by investigators George Quintero and Tony Chavez.

Six sexual assaults were reported and four of those were cleared by arrest of suspects. Fifty-one assaults against persons were reported and 37 of these were cleared. Fifty-eight cases of burglary were filed and 36 of these cases were cleared by the arrest of suspects. Fourteen cases of motor vehicle thefts were reported, of which nine cases were cleared. A total of 163 cases of theft were reported with 92 of these offenses being cleared. One case of robbery was reported, but later found to be a case of theft. Ten cases of forgery were reported and seven of these cases were cleared.

Twenty-one of the cases of burglary reported in 1990 in Howard County were cleared with the arrest of two suspects, who were later found to also be responsible for 34 other burglaries in surrounding counties.

\$267,792 worth of property was reported stolen, of which \$150,388 was recovered.

In 1990 Sheriff's deputies arrested 32 people for drug offenses and assisted the Permian Basin Drug Task Force with another 13 drug-related arrests in Howard County. Sheriff's deputies made 16 arrests for driving while intoxicated and the Texas Highway Patrol placed 97 persons in the Howard County Jail for DWI. In some of the DWI arrests, the Highway Patrol was assisted by deputies. DWI suspects stopped by deputies are usually turned over to Highway Patrol officers so that breath tests can be conducted. Sheriff's deputies arrested 774 per-

sons for criminal offenses and served 1,015 local and out-of-county arrest warrants. Deputies drove 322,607 miles while on patrol in the county during 1990.

The Howard County Sheriff's office received a total of 91,250 calls during 1990. The Sheriff's office received 198 emergency transfer calls from 911 and 247 fire calls. The Howard County Sheriff's Office served 1,811 civil papers in 1990 and collected \$34,870 in civil service fees. Deputies transported 175 mental patients to the Big Spring State Hospital in 1990, and drove a total of 27,272 miles on road trips transporting prisoners to and from other departments and to the state prison. The Sheriff's office dispatchers also sent out over 50,000 teletype messages in 1990.

The Howard County Jail passed the annual inspection conducted by the Texas Commission on Jail Standards in 1990 and 1991. This is no small feat for the staff of the Howard County jail to pass standards of the 1990s with a jail built in 1952.

The jail holds inmates who cannot make bond on felony and misdemeanor offenses for which they are also awaiting trial after their arrest by city, county and state officers. In cases where felony or county court cases are filed, persons arrested by the Big Spring Police Department are transferred to the Howard County Jail. The jail also holds inmates who have been sentenced to state prison and are awaiting transfer to the state prison system, along with parole violators. In 1990 the Howard County Jail held a total of 1,882 inmates, to whom 22,627 meals were served. Inmates had a total of 1,927 visitors in 1990.

The Howard County Sheriff's office is staffed by Sheriff A.N. Standard, 12 deputies, two secretaries, who also serve as jail matrons, two regular and one relief dispatcher, three regular and two relief jailers, for a total of 23 people employed. Sheriff Standard and his deputies have a combined total of more than 250 years of law enforcement experience. Sheriff Standard and most of his deputies have advanced law enforcement certificates. The Sheriff and two of his deputies have bachelor degrees from universities.

1991 started off well with the arrest of a suspect for a burglary of a business on Snyder Highway.



Coahoma High School students Greg Atkinson and Rusty Ginnett talk to Howard County deputy sheriff Woodie Howell outside the school. Howell, who will soon be the Coahoma area resident deputy, plans to spend more time with the youth of Coahoma and hopes to install a local D-FY-IT chapter in the near future.

Several stolen firearms were recovered and a second suspect was identified and another burglary was cleared. In February a Sand Springs resident reported to Deputy Sheriff Woody Howell that her home had been burglarized. A suspect was identified that night, arrested the next day, and in prison three days later.

Later in February Deputies Bob Stapp and Ed Covington arrested three persons who were found to be responsible for six burglaries in Howard County and 13 burglaries in other nearby West Texas counties. The three persons have already been sent to prison. The Sheriff's office also patrols

ment experience, a bachelor's degree in criminal justice from the University of Texas in the Permian Basin, an advanced law enforcement certificate, and a state license as a law enforcement instructor and jailer. Howell also teaches law enforcement classes at Howard College and is an instructor at the Permian Basin Regional Law Enforcement Academy.

Howell has lived in Howard County most of his life, except for three years while he served as a paratrooper with the 82nd Airborne Division, and he is looking forward to serving the residents of Coahoma, Sand Springs, and the

rest of rural eastern Howard County.

Howell said he wants to start several projects. One of the most important to him is to work closely with the school system in order to help educate the youth about the perils of drug abuse. Howell went on to say that the youth of our community is one of the most important resources we have.

Howell also stated that he feels it is very important for our young people to come to know their law enforcement officers as friends they can look up to and trust.

Howell also wants to expand the current Neighborhood Watch.

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Cap Rock has achieved long-term goals

By PEGGY LUXTON
Communications Advisor
Cap Rock Electric, Inc.

During the preceding year, Cap Rock Electric Inc. has made many improvements and has achieved some long-term goals.

At the beginning of 1990, the co-op began offering members a Level Billing Program. With this new program, a customer's bill could be leveled out, so that the electric bill was the same amount each month.

Personnel changes over the last year included the promotion of Terry Smith to the position of construction manager. Sonny Garza took over a construction foreman. Edward (Sonny) Henson was named distribution system manager and Richard Lewis became power system manager.

Cap Rock asked the Texas Public Utility Commission to dismiss Texas Utilities Electric Company's (TU Electric) rate increase application early in 1990. The purpose of the TU rate increase was to pay for the Comanche Peak nuclear plant.

A Zero Outage Team for the cooperative was formed in 1990. This team of employees has the responsibility of finding ways to bring the co-op closer to its goal of zero outages. Each time an equipment failure is experienced, this team inspects the faulty equipment and recommends to management any changes they feel will help prevent future outages.

Two gasoline storage tanks in the yard behind the co-op were dug up and the holes refilled. Tank removal was in compliance with a directive from the Environmental Protection Agency and was done under the supervision of the representative of the Texas Water Commission.

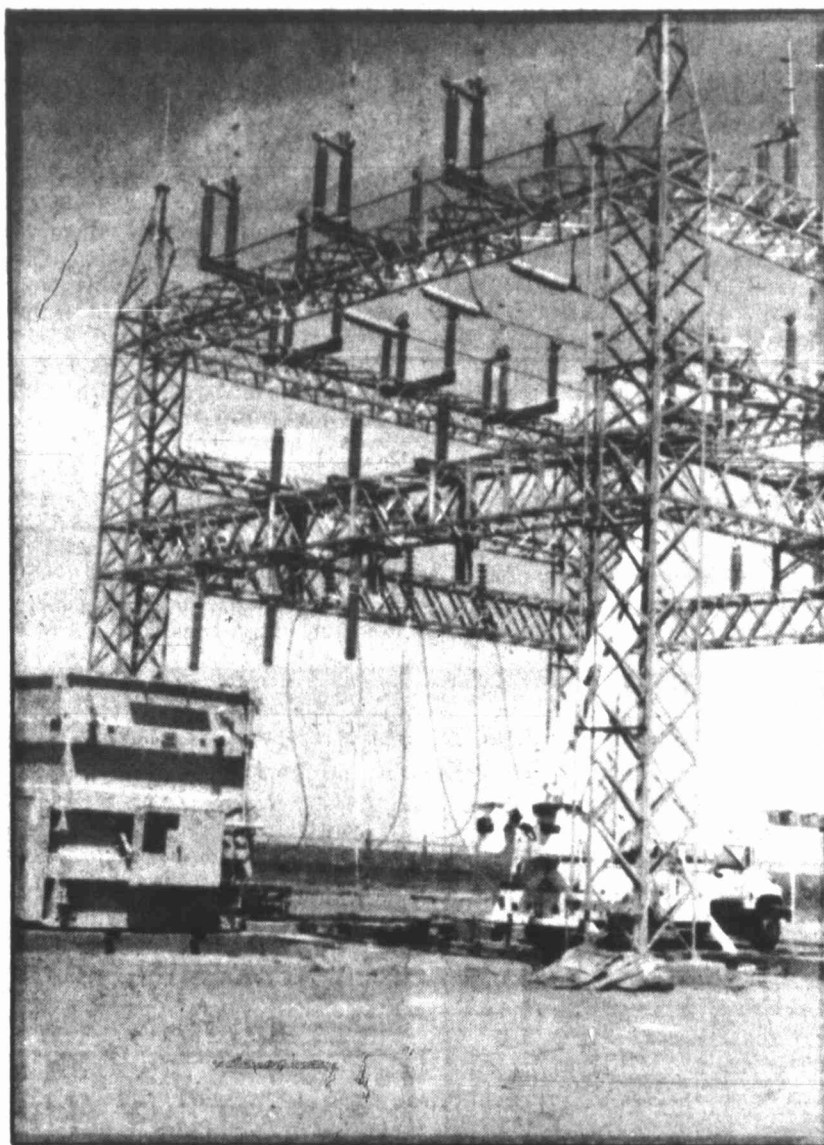
Bids were opened late in March for the construction of approximately two miles of transmission lines to connect the old Santa Fe Substation site and the new Reed Substation west of Ackerly.

A Standards Committee was formed in 1990 with the goal of determining the best equipment, the best materials, the best tools and the best methods of co-op operations. The findings of this employee committee will be compiled into a standards list for all co-op field departments.

In mid-year, Cap Rock's Power Supply Director Steve Collier reported that Cap Rock and Texas Utilities Electric Company, the co-op's power supplier, had negotiated a preliminary agreement in principle that would allow the co-op to purchase power from suppliers other than TU. The agreement allowed the co-op to move forward with negotiations to buy power from several other sources.

Also in mid-year, Cap Rock announced that it was combining with its co-op neighbor to the east, Lone Wolf Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Colorado City. After finalization, the other cooperative would become the Lone Wolf Division of Cap Rock Electric, Inc. The merger added 7,000 meters and six additional counties to Cap Rock's service area.

In the co-op yard, Cap Rock personnel began to assemble the steel structure for the new Reed Substation, the first substation built by co-op employees. The structure was bolted together in the yard, then transported to the substation site.



The new Tate substation near Ackerly is almost complete. Cap Rock employees are mounting wire, lightning arrestors, a transformer bus and other equipment to add the final touches.

Switches, wire, lightning arrestors, a transformer buss, circuit switches and other equipment were attached to the structure. The substation, in effect, is a giant switchbox mounted up in the air, receiving high-voltage raw energy by transmission line and transforming it into proper voltage to travel over distribution lines. When the power reaches its final destination, individual transformers again step down the power to usable voltage.

An out-of-headquarters board meeting was held at the Grady school, permitting members in that area to view first-hand how their cooperative is directed, managed and operated. This is one in a series of out-of-headquarters meetings scheduled each year to, in essence, take the cooperative to the membership.

The Stiles Substation in Reagan County received a transformer upgrade in May. The load in that

area was growing and the larger transformer resulted in a higher quality power with a greater reliability factor. This was one of several such upgrades accomplished during the year.

The co-op was enlarged in mid-year. A vacant lot just east of the headquarters building had been purchased, cleared and leveled. The property was enclosed by the high wire mesh fence surrounding the cooperative headquarters and the added yard space is now used as storage for equipment and materials.

The summer of 1990 was the hottest summer on record, resulting in a record peak demand on the co-op's system. A new 31-day peak was reached on July 8, when a record 55,250,000 kilowatt hours of electricity were used in Cap Rock's 13-county service area.

Chairman and president of the co-op board, Rusty Jones, address-

ed the members at the 1990 annual meeting, marking the beginning of the second half-century of Cap Rock's history. Jones reported to members that five new substations were planned and/or in construction stages. The substations will save Cap Rock customer-members about \$1,000 a day in reduced power costs, more than \$14.5 dollars over the life of the substations.

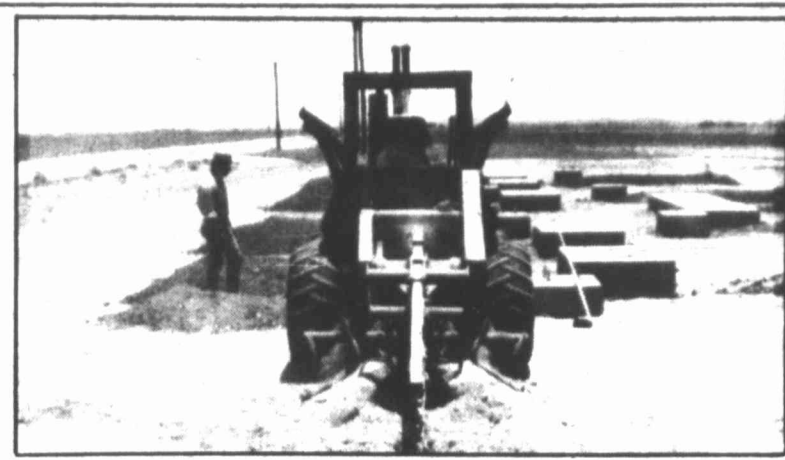
At the September Annual Meeting, in a 8 to 1 vote, the co-op membership approved amendments to the Articles of Incorporation of Cap Rock. Amending these articles allowed the co-op board to be expanded from 9 to 11 members, with the additional two members to be elected from the Lone Wolf District.

Work on the five new substations was in full gear by the latter part of the year. In addition to construction of new substations, many of the co-op's older substations were upgraded, with larger transformers installed. The smaller transformers removed from upgraded existing substations were to be used in most of the new substations, where need for larger power capacity is less.

As the year 1990 ended, Cap Rock was exploring possible alternative power supply sources. The co-op investigated cogeneration projects which produce power as a by-product of an industrial process. Possible purchases from Southwestern Public Service Company in Amarillo, West Texas Utilities Company in Abilene, or other regional utilities is also being considered. Local natural gas-fueled generation is also a possibility.

At the end of the year, Cap Rock was recognized by the Midland Postal Service as having the first metered, customer-applied bar-coded mail posted through the facility. Customer-applied bar-code, accomplished by use of a machine recently purchased by the co-op and operated off the cooperative mainframe computer, greatly reduces the per-unit price of bulk mailing.

Cap Rock ended the year by playing a major role in securing a transformer for a Mexican hospital. The hospital, located in Chihuahau City, Mexico, had received a donated X-ray machine. The machine could not be used, however, because a compatible transformer could not be located in that country. Cap Rock located a transformer that would work and the transformer was shipped to Chihuahau City, where it is now delivering power to the X-ray machine in the little Mexican hospital.



Co-op underground crew uses trencher at substation site. The trenches are used to bury cable wire from the substations to telephone poles.

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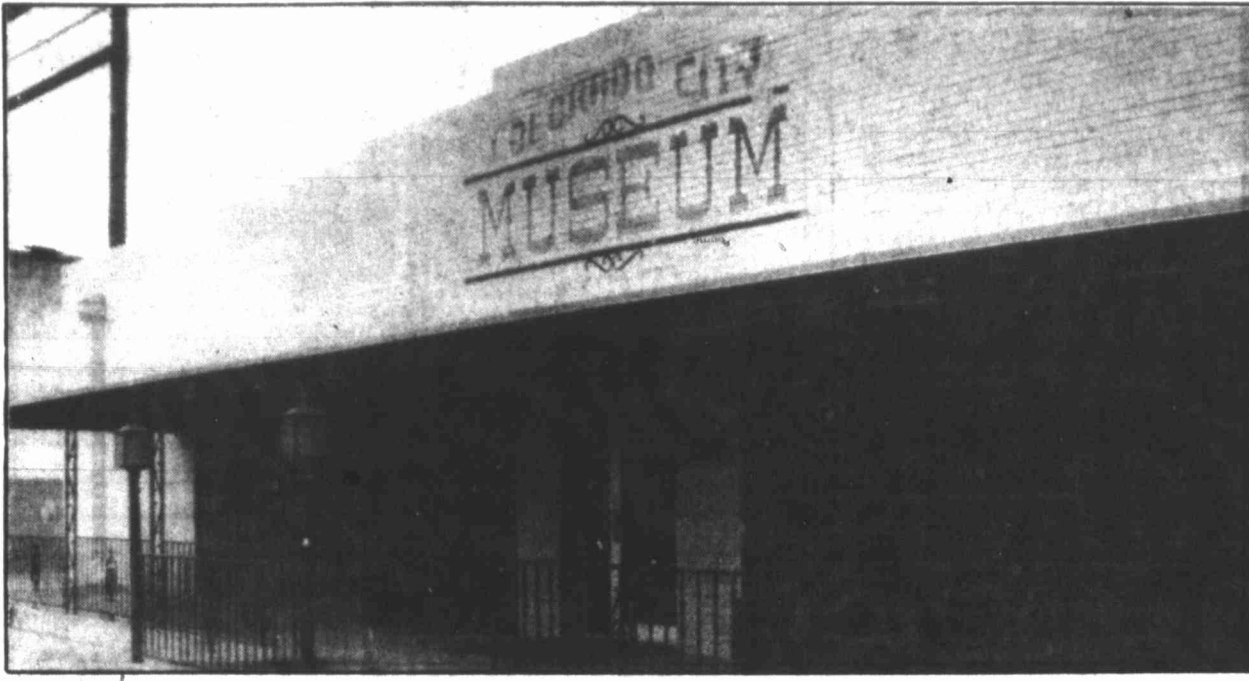
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A new home to show where dinosaurs once roamed



By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Once upon a time Colorado City was a place where dinosaurs roamed, a town cowboys called the cattle capitol of Texas and the location of the first bus line in the United States.

Those are just some of the things that people in this town of about 4,700 people want to remember and share with others. Recently, their enthusiasm was ignited by the donation of a new home for the Colorado City Museum, which currently sits across from City Hall.

The new larger location, only two blocks away from the present location, may be open by this fall. Along with the move comes a new name: The Heart of West Texas Museum.

The two-story home at 340 E. Third, donated by Bill Seale, Snyder, at one time belonged to Dr.

P.C. Coleman, a well-known figure in this area. Until recently it was the Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, which has relocated across the street.

"He (Coleman) was considered for some time to be the father of Texas Tech (due to his efforts to locate a college in West Texas)," said Mitchell County Museum board Chairman L.B. Elliott. "He was also active in oil discovery in West Texas, which resulted in the discovery of the Permian Basin Field." Mitchell County sits on the east edge of that oil field.

Moving the museum into the Coleman house, which was built around the turn of the century, has been taking place for several months and is hoped to bring more attention to local history.

"It will take our museum out of the realm of strictly being a local museum, into a regional facility,"

said Mayor Jim Baum.

Artifacts from the old location have already been packed and re-cataloged for the move. For the first time they were cataloged on a computer.

"I'm going to hope that we will be able to have an opening probably in the early fall or late summer," Elliott said. "It's going to take us two to three months to get that stuff the way we want it."

"We're really committed to making some substantial improvements to the displays," he said. "We're moving into a piece of property that's really very well arranged for what we need."

There are many other artifacts to be shown besides pieces of dinosaur fossils that include a seven to eight-foot tusk, the cowboy exhibit, and a picture of the country's first automobile bus line, which ran to Snyder.



The former home of the Colorado City Museum, above, was located near city hall. The new home, the former Dr. R.C. Coleman home, is being fitted for a new museum and new name: Heart of West Texas Museum.

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Radio operators relay information

By BILL AYRES
City Editor

When severe weather strikes in West Texas, there is the possibility of damaging winds and tornadoes. With the immense amount of distances between communities, getting information about the storms and its destruction has been a problem in the past.

Area ham radio operators have taken steps to solve the problem of getting information to the National Weather Service and area law enforcement agencies with the creation of the West Texas Connection.

One of the primary sources of information during severe weather has been the weather spotter. These individuals, trained by the Weather Service, go to predetermined locations during severe weather to watch the development of the storms. At the first sign of a tornado or other severe weather, these spotters report the information to local law enforcement agencies.

The West Texas Connection now makes amateur radio operators an important link in relaying severe weather reports to the Weather Service.

"The West Texas Connection allows two-way radio contact to and from the National Weather Service in Midland," said Kenneth Johnson of the Howard County Amateur Radio Club.

Jim Jeffrey, with the Midland Amateur Radio Club, said the system now covers most of Texas.

During times of severe weather, amateur radio operators are summoned to the offices of the National Weather Service to receive first-hand reports. These reports are received directly from area "hams" and trained weather spotters in the field. The information



Members of the Howard County Amateur Radio Club gather around their radio equipment at their club building during a simulated emergency drill last fall. Seated are Ken Johnson, left, and Ray

Alexander. Standing, left to right, are Jim Hoard, Bill Alexander, Joe Cook, Delan Wash, Ralph Wilkerson, Weldon Nickolls, Barney Edens, J.C. Stevens and Bucky Garner.

gathered is then relayed to the media and law enforcement agencies in the affected areas.

Jeffrey said the importance of the system was demonstrated when the Saragosa community was devastated by a tornado. Amateur radio operators were able to relay information to the Red Cross.

Howard said the system could also be activated by any emergency agency in the event of a state or national emergency.

The system was designed by ham operators, who built a radio network capable of covering several hundred thousand square miles of

West Texas and Southeastern New Mexico.

Jeffrey said Big Spring is an important link in the system. The areas around Sterling City, Lamesa and Sweetwater use the tower and repeater in Big Spring to relay information to Midland.

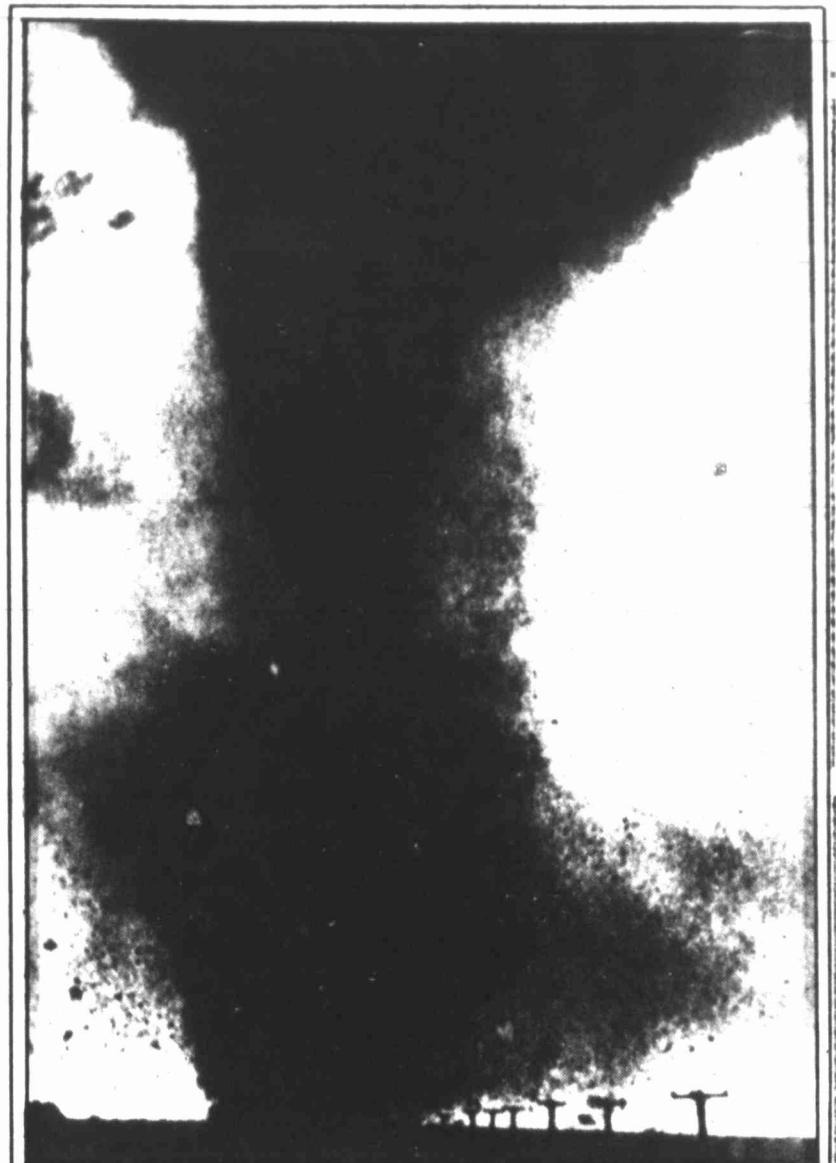
The system continues to grow, added Jeffrey. "Most of West Texas and Lea County, New Mexico have radio coverage for this purpose, but there is a shortage of amateur radio operators/weather observers in the rural areas."

Jeffrey said the system is linked by 21 locations, with more planned.

"We have links that connect us with Amarillo in the north, Kent/Balmorhea to the west, San Antonio to the south and College Station to the east."

An effort is underway to recruit potential amateur radio operators, particularly those with an interest in weather spotting, from rural areas within the system, Jeffrey said.

For more information about the West Texas Connection or about becoming an amateur radio operator, contact Kenneth Johnson at 263-8133 or Jim Jeffrey at 1-362-7019.



Spring is tornado season

Ham radio operators can provide valuable assistance in relaying information about severe weather, such as this violent tornado that churned up a road near Dallas on April 2, 1957.

District concludes nineteenth year of cloud seeding

The Colorado River Municipal Water District concluded its 19th year of cloud seeding with satisfactory results despite a slow start.

Precipitation within the target area of Big Spring, Lamesa, Snyder and Roscoe showed a 19 percent margin over counties outside the seeded territory, according to a report by Ray P. Jones, CRMWD meteorologist.

Coincidental with part of the District's effort during 1990, the Southwest Cooperative Program, designed to evaluate cloud seeding scientifically through randomized seeding, was operated from Aug. 20 to Sept. 18.

"Both higher cotton yields and higher rainfall amounts have occurred in the CRMWD target area of seeding," said Jones. "Over the 19-year cloud-seeding period, positive results of analyzed data continue to support the CRMWD weather modification program." It is one of the longest tenures of any seeding program in the nation.

For the May through September period, there were 28 missions flown by Michael Douglas, pilot. Severe drought during May and June permitted only five missions, but early in July the picture changed.

The District's Aztec airplane was

used for basal seeding by burning silver iodide flares. Microscopic particles from these serve as nuclei for forming moisture droplets, thus expediting the precipitation process. Atmospherics Inc. did the seeding for the SCP and in some instances dropped flares from tops of cloud systems.

After each mission, results are checked immediately through a system of 81 "fence-post" gauges,

also by 106 recording gauges which register not only the amount of rainfall, but the time and intensity. Wesley Cox mans this system for the District.

When the late spring drought was broken in early July, heaviest amounts of rain tended to fall in the northeast quadrant area, but unfortunately below the Lake J.B. Thomas water shed.

Within the target area, cotton yields for the 19-year seeding

period showed a plus 36 percent positive departure from normal, Jones' report showed. On the other hand, counties outside the target experienced only a 10 percent positive departure from normal.

The District's main objective, however, is to increase runoff into lakes Thomas and E.V. Spence.

With the exception of 1989, CRMWD has been seeding summer storm clouds. Seeding this year is expected to last from April 15 through Oct. 15.

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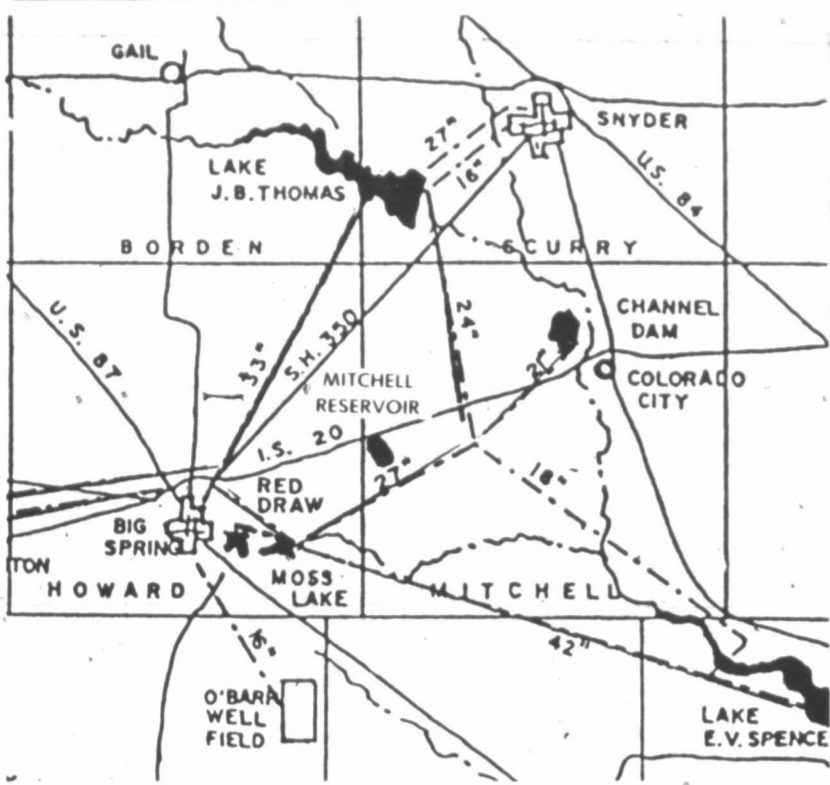
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Map shows the supply lines and facilities of the Colorado River Municipal Water District. The Mitchell Reservoir is located on the west edge of Mitchell County.

Emphasis to be improved water quality

By O.H. IVIE
General Manager
Colorado River Municipal Water District

The major emphasis of the Colorado River Municipal Water District in 1991 will be to improve water quality, but with a major side benefit of bolstering supplies.

Now under construction, with an October 1 completion target, is a 27,000-acre-foot reservoir in Mitchell County to receive bad-quality stream flows and prevent them from entering into Lake E.V. Spence. This effort will cost approximately \$7,200,000. Today, the side-storage reservoirs of the singularly successful low-flow diversions at Colorado City and Beals Creek below Big Spring are essentially filled. Bad water at those points is continuing on down to Lake Spence. The new reservoir in Mitchell County is so located that diverted low-quality water can be pump into it either from the diversion facilities on the Colorado

River or Beals Creek. As levels in these two side-storage reservoirs are pulled down, full-scale diversion of stream low-flow on both the Colorado River and Beals Creek can be resumed. That alone would mean a 29 percent reduction of chlorides (salt) in water reaching Lake Spence.

Also now underway is a survey of the route for a 149-mile pipeline from Lake O.H. Ivie to Midland-Odessa via San Angelo. Before surveys are finished in September, 1991, the District will be acquiring rights-of-way, so that if financing of the \$100,000,000 project can be undertaken later in 1991, contracts could be let early in 1992 and the line completed and in operation by 1995.

The biggest hope for instantaneous quality improvement is in a flood-type runoff resulting from heavy rains into Lakes J.B. Thomas and E.V. Spence. Statistically, this could be the year, for both reservoirs are coming off

three consecutive sub-par years of inflow. CRMWD records show no four-year stretch of deficit inflows, but rains do not always pay attention to statistics.

If a better-than-average flow goes into Lake Thomas, which after 40 years is still the best quality water in West Texas, chlorides would be reduced well below 100 ppm. Moreover, experience has shown that Lake Spence more than doubles Lake Thomas inflow, so that Lake Spence chlorides could be reduced to near or below 400 ppm. Under this scenario, the mixed product at Big Spring and points west could be within EPA recommendations.

The second part of the CRMWD plan, which has been upgraded from long-range to immediate, is to avail district customers of an abundant supply of good-quality water in Lake Ivie, which already has more than 110,000 acre-feet.

The initial section of the pipeline will be 47 miles of 64-inch diameter

with a 90,000,000-gallon-per-day capacity to San Angelo. The next 65-mile section will have 57-inch diameter pipe with a capacity of 65,000,000 gallons per day to the Big Spring junction near Garden City. The third section of 52-inch line would take 55,000,000 gallons a day 37 miles to Midland-Odessa.

If and when, for quality or supply reasons, Big Spring needed up to 10,000,000 gallons a day of Lake Ivie water, a 30-mile pipeline could bring it from near Garden City. Whether this takes place depends on growth and events, because with the arrival of Lake Ivie water to Midland-Odessa, that volume of demand now on Lake Thomas will be relieved and become available to Big Spring. Thus water quality, even with Lake Spence mix, would be comparable to Lake Ivie water.

These developments in 1991, and immediate years, will mean a continuation of our goal of delivering all required water, at the best practical quality, to our member and contract cities.

Progress being made on newest reservoir

By JOE PICKLE
Colorado River Municipal Water District

There is a legend that Iatan got its name when a railroad station-master telegraphed his description of the infamous western Mitchell County flats after a rain.

It was, he tapped, like Satan. But when the telegrapher on the other end wrote it down, his S was mistaken for an I.

Machine operators on the Colorado River Municipal Water District's new west Mitchell County Reservoir are inclined to agree with the misinterpretation about the red triassic clay flats.

It does not take a lot of rain to stall even the heaviest equipment, but on the other hand a stretch of dry weather is taxing the ability of water trucks to keep up the demand for conditioning the borrow pits.

Nevertheless, after a slow start, good progress is being made on the dam for the 28,000-acre-foot lake that will cover two and a half square miles.

T.L. James Co. of Ruston La., contractors, have approximately a dozen and a half pieces of heavy equipment on the job, including half a dozen 20-30 yard scrapers, as many heavy duty tractors and numerous other types such as rippers, maintainers, backhoes, conditioner plows, etc.

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full length of the 10,000-foot dam, and some on the shallow east end has been backfilled, while the channel area has yet to be excavated to 60-foot depth. The base for the dam has been cleared and conditioned. Shell Pipeline Co. is moving a major transmission line and Texas Utilities will reroute a high-voltage line this summer so that the project can be completed by Oct. 1.

Surplus poor-quality low-flow waters from the Colorado River above Colorado City and Beals Creek below Big Spring will be diverted to the new reservoir. It is expected to reduce the saltiness in water delivered to Big Spring, Midland, Odessa, Snyder and Stanton by about 25 percent.

Water from the Red Draw reservoir below Big Spring is being utilized for the project.

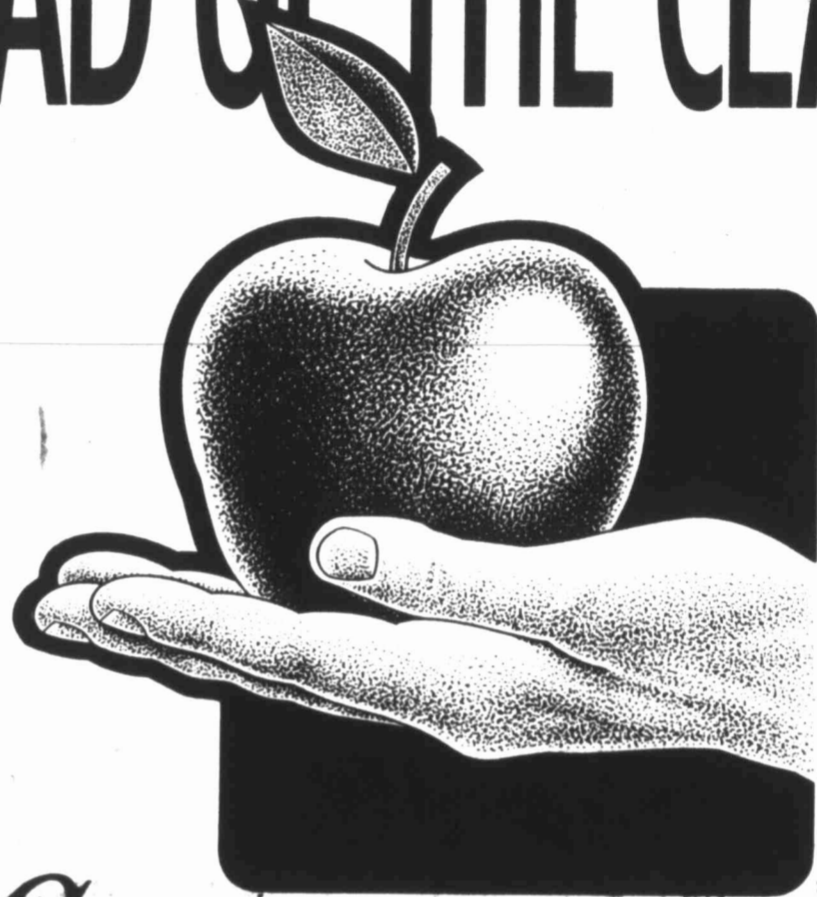
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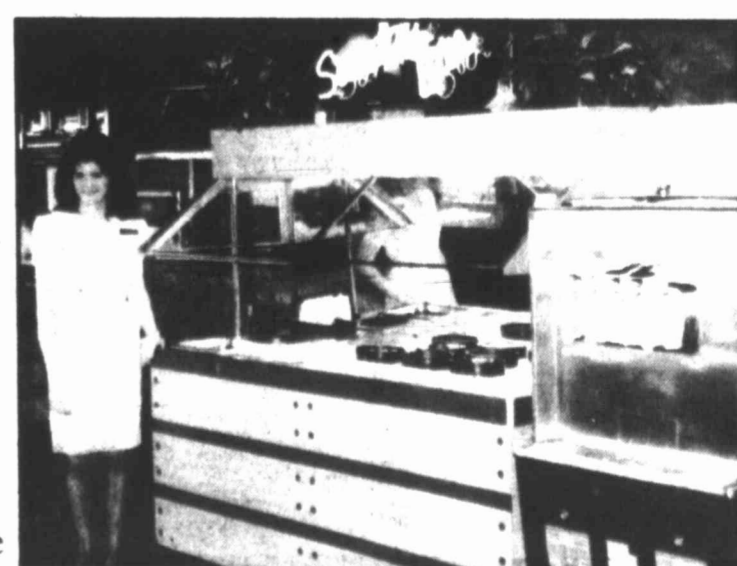
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Twice the service at Franklin and Son

By MARCELLINO CHAVEZ
Staff Writer

After 30 years of service at the same location, Franklin and Son Inc. of Stanton added a second service center, located on Lamesa Highway, and made it the company headquarters, according to Terry Franklin, owner of the family business.

The new location was purchased from Blocker Oil Company in April. After the purchase Franklin, a 14½-year member of the Stanton Independent School Board of Trustees, resigned his position to concentrate on the newly expanded business.

The main reason for moving the headquarters was the simple fact that there was more room at the new location, Franklin said.

"We have been at the same location for the past 30 years. My dad started at this old location on Highway 80 in 1961. What dad started on was service, and we're proud and excited to be starting our 30th year in Stanton with twice the service as before," Franklin said.

"What we're doing is to better serve the community. The facility on Highway 137 is better for the customer. It has larger work areas, larger customer waiting

areas, the general offices are bigger," said Franklin, adding that the larger working spaces will provide quicker service for the customer.

The business sells fuel for vehicle and home use, including gasoline, diesel and propane, for both retail and wholesale customers. Delivery trucks are available for customers, he said.

The store also sells tires for all types of vehicles, and has a full-time mechanic who provides minor car repairs and automobile maintenance work, such as front end alignments and tune-ups, he added. With all that plus a winning combination of personal service, expertise and a large inventory of quality, name-brand products, it's no wonder that Franklin's is always busy.

Franklin is a member of the Martin County Chamber of Commerce, a volunteer fireman and active with the Jaycees for many years. His family is involved with the First Baptist Church in Stanton.

He employs 12 people in both locations and credits his success in the service station business to the Stanton community and his employees.

"Good employees help you make it through when things go rough



Terry (left) and dad Delbert Franklin shown together here, celebrate 30 years of service to the Martin County community. Delbert started the family business in 1961, and it has grown to add the old Blocker Oil Company office located on Lamesa Highway 137.

throughout the day. One of these good employees is my secretary. She is the best secretary in the world. Barbara (McKenzie) has been with me 16 years. And the mechanic has been here 25-plus years, and that's a long time," he said.

"This is a great town. We have

the best school system in the state of Texas and the best people in Texas. That makes it fun to live here. People may gripe about the weather or the conditions, but if you go somewhere else to live, you'll learn how great this place is," Franklin said.

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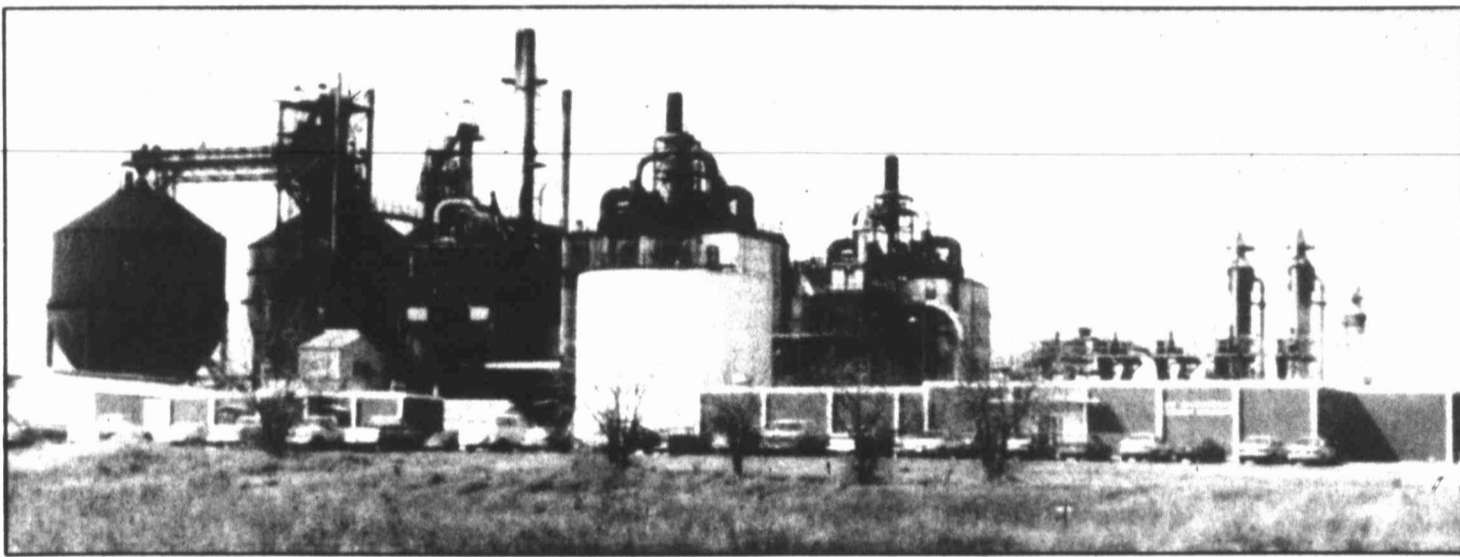


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Center promotes Big Spring

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

It's about 2 p.m. on a Friday at the Big Spring Tourist Information Center. A couple from Minnesota has stopped for information.

"We're looking for a place to spend the night between here and El Paso," the woman says. "How far is it to Pee-coss?"

Volunteer Mamie Lee Dodds and her son Art don't laugh at the strange pronunciation of Pecos. Instead, they pull out maps and brochures from what seems like every town between Big Spring and El Paso.

They talk to the couple for about 15 minutes, explain how West Texans pronounce Pecos, ask them to sign the registry, and send them on their way armed with information.

Mamie Lee Dodds said the Minnesota couple are a fairly typical example of visitors to the center, which opened Oct. 15, operated by the Conventions and Visitors Bureau of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce. The center is staffed mainly by participants in the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program.

Linda Roger, chamber executive vice president, said the center has been "very positive."

"It has definitely met all of my expectations," she said. Her hope for the future is that the center will be able to pay its employees. The chamber still hopes to arrange for a separate building, perhaps a caboose, to house the center near its current location.

For now, center staff are developing their skills in promoting Big Spring and providing answers to the frequent questions.

"Oh, we get all kinds of questions," said Dodds, a long-time chamber volunteer who coordinates staffing of the tourist center.

Probably the strangest question she's been asked is, "What land are you selling?" When she responded that she was not selling land, Dodds related, the man said, "Oh, well, you look like a real estate agent."

Other visitors ask where they can eat a good meal, what they can do for entertainment, and where they could spend a night in Big Spring or nearby.

"Then you have the ones who say, 'Where's the bathroom?'" Dodds laughed.

"Seriously, though, without the center, I think most people who travel on I-20 wouldn't get accurate information (about Big Spring) or they'd pass it by altogether." The center allows the city to "reach out to travelers," she explained.

The tourist information center was once a storage closet. Rip Griffin's Service Center renovated the room for the tourist center's use.

Dodds said Rip Griffin's has provided a perfect space for the center, and working in such a busy place no doubt increases the number of visitors.

Volunteers staff the center from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and sporadically throughout the weekends. Dodds said more volunteers are needed.

With a variety of staff, Dodds said, the center has a unique "flavor." Her son Art Dodds, one of the most frequent volunteers, said he likes teaching travelers about West Texans.

"The reason I dress this way," he explained, indicating his western hat, boots and belt buckle, "is so people can see what a real West Texan dresses like."

Working at the center is different every day — a constant challenge, said Mamie Lee Dodds.

Senior project began in response to need for meals

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The Coahoma Senior Center Project began in response to the need for meals for senior citizens in the Coahoma area. According to Ruth Mitchel, chairperson for the senior citizens group, the organization has grown to more than 60 members in the past few months, and they have big plans for the upcoming year.

She said the meals delivery project is still under discussion, and fund raising plans are being considered to provide the money necessary to offer the service. But the big push for the group will be to provide their own meeting space.

"We're hoping to have a building of our own. Right now we're meeting at the Community Center (in Coahoma) at the city park. The city's not charging us anything, we

just have to provide our own supplies and clean up. We're making out just fine, but eventually we want to have our own building," Mitchel said.

She said the group formed when the Big Spring Senior Center was forced to announce that due to cost-effectiveness, meals could not be delivered to the Coahoma area. The center agreed to continue meal delivery while the Coahoma group organized.

"We're not into delivering any meals yet — we have to have some money — but we have some things in mind," she said.

The group decided to meet twice a month, on the first and third Tuesday at noon, and each meeting has been a covered dish luncheon with recreational activities scheduled after the meal.

Mitchel said the group has

electd officers and a board of directors, opened a bank account and a Post Office box, and staffed a telephone committee. The committee, comprised of Claudia Martin, Ruth Appleton and Mildred

Buchanan, contacts all the members twice each month to tell them about the upcoming meeting.

The board members meet once each month, on the last Thursday. They are Barbara Robertson,

Clara Justice, Ruth Appleton, Billy Jack Darden and Ronny Anderson. Vice-chairperson is Jack Martin, secretary is Jean Wynn and Mrs. Bufford Hull is the treasurer for the center.



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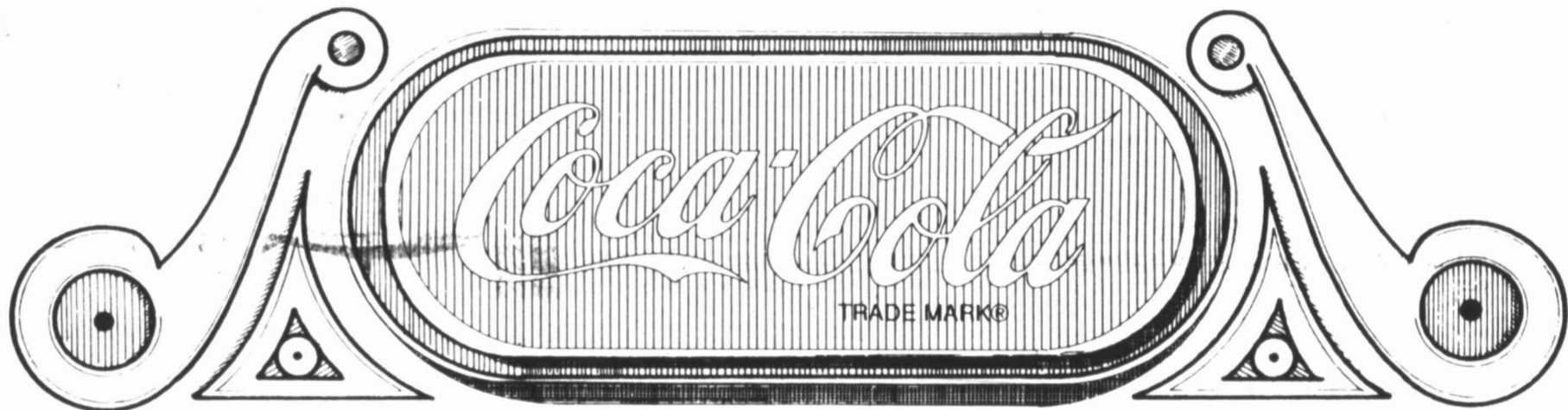
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Staff Writer
Tax abatements for factor compete in development.

Don Rey, accountant, Chamber of Commerce, participated in area tax development project. He would like to see a misconception about tax abatements. "People we're not saying."

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By GARY STURDIVANT

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Tax abatement strong incentive for economic development

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Tax abatement will be an important factor in Big Spring's ability to compete in the process of economic development, local supporters said.

Don Reynolds, a certified public accountant and Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce volunteer, participated with representatives of area taxing entities in studying the process. Reynolds said he would like to dispel some misconceptions the public may have about tax abatement.

"People need to realize that we're not going backwards," he said.

When Fina Oil and Chemical Company was originally approved late last year for abatement of a construction project, plant manager Jeff Morris called the move "aggressive" and credited taxing entities with concern for the future of the local economy.

Abatement, contrary to many people's understanding, does not mean a company pays no taxes, Reynolds pointed out. The dictionary definition of "abate" is "to lessen or decrease."

A company that receives tax abatement will pay no less taxes than the current appraised value of the property requires. Reynolds described the process as a "deferral of collecting taxes on the company's improvements."

Tax abatement allows a company to construct improvements and add jobs without increasing the tax collected for a period of time. The period of time and the amount of abatement are determined by the dollar value of improvements and the number of jobs created.

"We're talking about building a tax base for the future," he said. "(The established policy) protects the taxing entities. It's not a giveaway."

If the company does not com-

plete the project in the period of time specified, it must pay back taxes on the value of the improvements since abatement began, he noted.

"People are not giving up anything," he said. "Even if the value (of the company's property) drops, they pay the base (tax amount) and no less. They can pay more than the base, however."

Abatement policies may act as an "enticement" for companies considering a relocation, Reynolds said.

"When an industry... considers relocating to an area, one of the first questions they will ask is, 'Do you have a tax abatement policy?'"

By developing such a policy, Big Spring sends a message to prospective businesses that it is willing to compete, he added.

"We're saying we want industry, good industry," Reynolds said. Businesses and industries who

utilize the program may spend more because of its availability, he noted.

Existing businesses can utilize tax abatement for expansion, a prospect Reynolds said could become a boost to the local economy. Officials of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc., the corporation charged with economic development in the community, have cited growth of existing businesses as a priority.

"Eighty percent of growth comes from existing businesses," Reynolds said. "They want every advantage they can get."

"It comes down to return on investment. If we can entice you to spend \$20 million instead of \$5 million, we're going to see the benefits of that (expenditure)."

"This is a benefit to us, the taxpayers, because it develops a larger tax base," Reynolds explained. When the tax base of an area goes down, taxes are likely to

increase in order to fund necessary services. With a higher base, taxpayers carry less of the burden while receiving the same benefits.

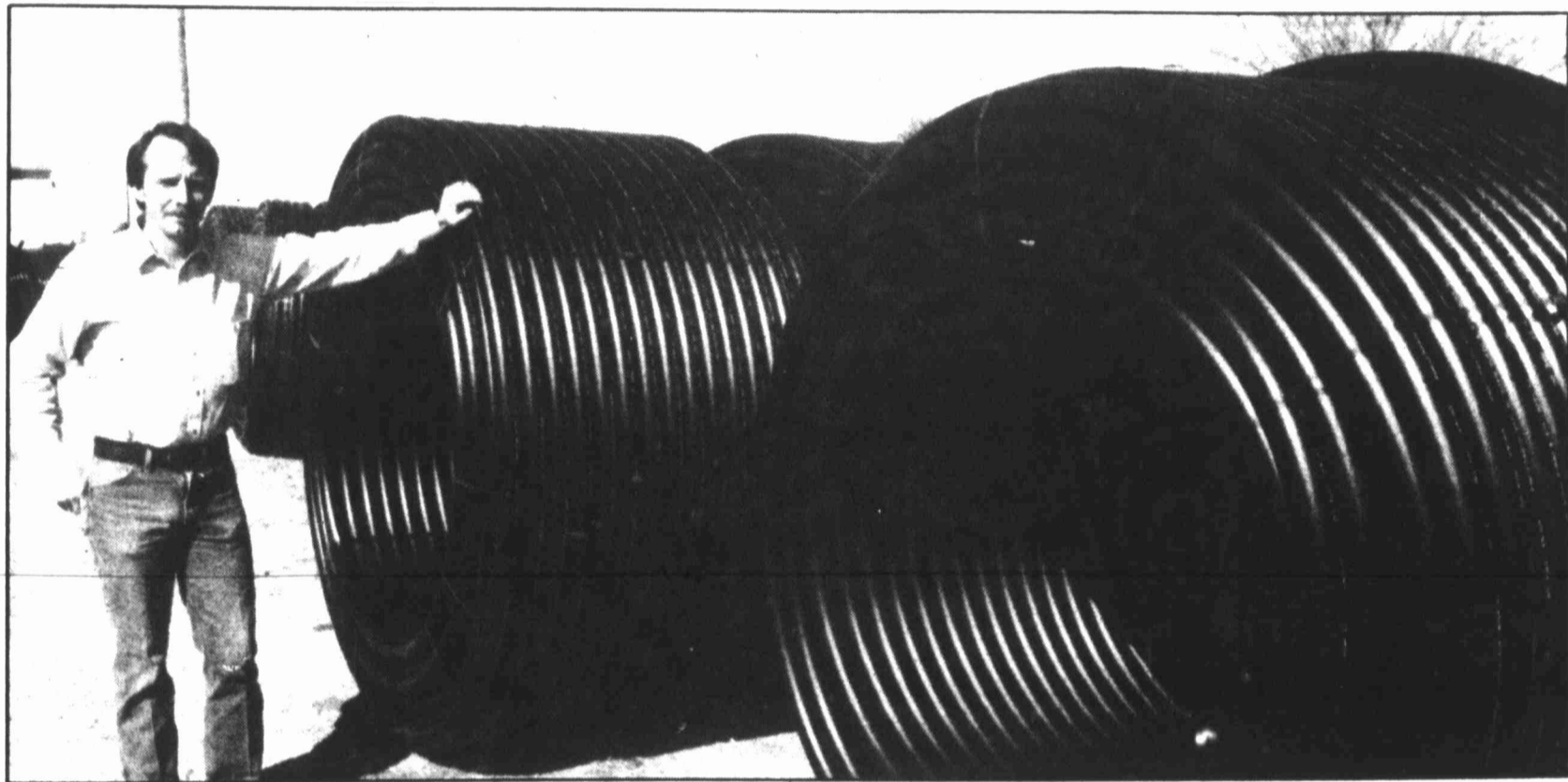
The local tax base has been "eroding" for several years, Reynolds said. Since the close of Webb Air Force Base and the oil "bust," the taxpayers have undoubtedly been shouldering more of the burden for funding services.

The abatement policies drafted locally target manufacturing businesses and industries, Reynolds explained. The program would likely not work well for "goods and services" oriented

businesses, he noted.

"It's not something the committee got together and said, 'We don't like this retailer or that retailer,'" Reynolds said. "It deals with guidelines laid out by the state of Texas."

Officials of the taxing entities learned about those laws this year when, after approving abatement at different monetary levels for Fina's project, they discovered that by law all entities must approve the same amount of abatement. The Howard County Commissioner's Court is responsible for setting the standard.



Danny Murley rests against a roll of polyethylene pipe at Co-Ex Pipe Company. Sales have been brisk for the 10-year-old company, which is the only manufacturer of its kind in the Permian Basin.

Business booming for Co-Ex Pipe

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Co-Ex Pipe Company has been producing polyethylene pipe for the Permian Basin for 10 years. The company was started in 1981 by local polymer pioneers, Granville Hahn and Raleigh Rittledge.

The pipe is strong and lightweight, and is used primarily in the oilfield. The polyethylene pipe, also known as "fast line", can be used to transport water, crude oil or gas, explained Plant Manager Danny Murley.

"The future looks real positive. We have more business now than in the last six or seven years," said Murley.

The plant, which employs 15 people, does most of its business in the Permian Basin, and in eastern New Mexico. The company has also been doing some business in South Texas where the slanted drilling is being done, explained Murley. "We've also been shipping quite a bit of pipe to Mexico," he added.

The pipe has been approved for use by all major oil companies, according to Murley.

Co-Ex makes pipe ranging in size

from 1/2-inch to 12 inches in diameter. Sections of pipe can be joined by using tools that heat and press the ends of the pipe in such a way that the seam where the pipe is joined is stronger than the pipe itself. The joints can be mitered to create any desired angle, and "T" and "Y" joints can be "welded" onto the pipe in order to create more complex pipe arrangements such as natural gas gathering systems.

For the last year, business has been so good at the plant that they have been unable to maintain much of their inventory. Because of this, the yard at Co-Ex has been

uncharacteristically bare. "We're working to fill the orders as they come in," said Murley.

The success of Co-Ex can be attributed to the fact that their pipe can be used in almost all phases of the oil business, and that they are the only producer of poly-pipe in the Permian Basin area.

In its early history, Co-Ex sales were unable to keep up with its moderate production resulting in occasional lay-offs for its employees. But, after this fitful start in the early 80s, Co-Ex has filled a profitable niche for itself in the Texas oil field's ancillary materials market.



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Mitchell County residents working hard for development

By PATRICK DRISCOLL
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — The population of Mitchell County may have shrunk — to 8,000, down about 1,000 since 1980 — but not the hopes of residents who want to beef up the economy.

"I think we have a good opportunity," says Elmer Martin, chairman of the Mitchell County Board of Economic Development. "I think we can gain in the next 10 years. We have things that are a plus for us."

Those things include plenty of good water, highways such as Interstate 20, a railroad and an airplane landing strip, Martin said.

But it takes more than that to bring in new industry and business. It takes work. And it takes some money.

Voters agreed in November 1989, when they approved a referendum to form the BED under a revised state law allowing counties under 50,000 to tax up to 5 cents per \$100 of property valuation to be used for economic development.

Because of surplus county funds, the Mitchell County BED, which has just begun its second year and is working on a \$28,000 annual budget, has not required a tax increase.

The five members appointed to the BED by the Commissioners Court have been working, without pay, on a half dozen projects. As a result, at least one business owner is now in the process of relocating a truck servicing center to a location on Highway 208, which goes to San Angelo.

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Truck center owner Ed Lee was approached by Mitchell County residents after a lease on the building he used in Sweetwater was up, Martin said. After a few meetings with BED and other county officials, he decided to buy the building where he is now locating his shop.

"He's got to do a few things to it," Martin said of the anticipated opening. "It hasn't been announced. It'll be announced pretty soon, the official opening."

The BED was also involved in helping Mitchell County join the 12-county Big Country Resource, Conservation and Development. As a member the county will receive help in locating grants and financing for projects to protect natural resources, improve water, sewage, solid waste systems, low income housing, flood protection and solid waste systems.

"Any city or county can come up with a plan of what they need and hopefully we can come up with grants and finances," Martin said.

Another project they have endorsed is a regional landfill proposed by National Waste & Energy Development, Pittsburgh, Pa., Martin said. However, a hazardous

waste incinerator operation proposed along with the landfill by NWED, is not endorsed by them, he said.

"We don't know anything about that (the safety of it)," Martin said. "We let the professionals (state and federal permitting agencies) handle that."

The BED is also working on locating a textile mill to the county as well as a few other projects, Martin said. "We might be able to get that through," he said of the mill.

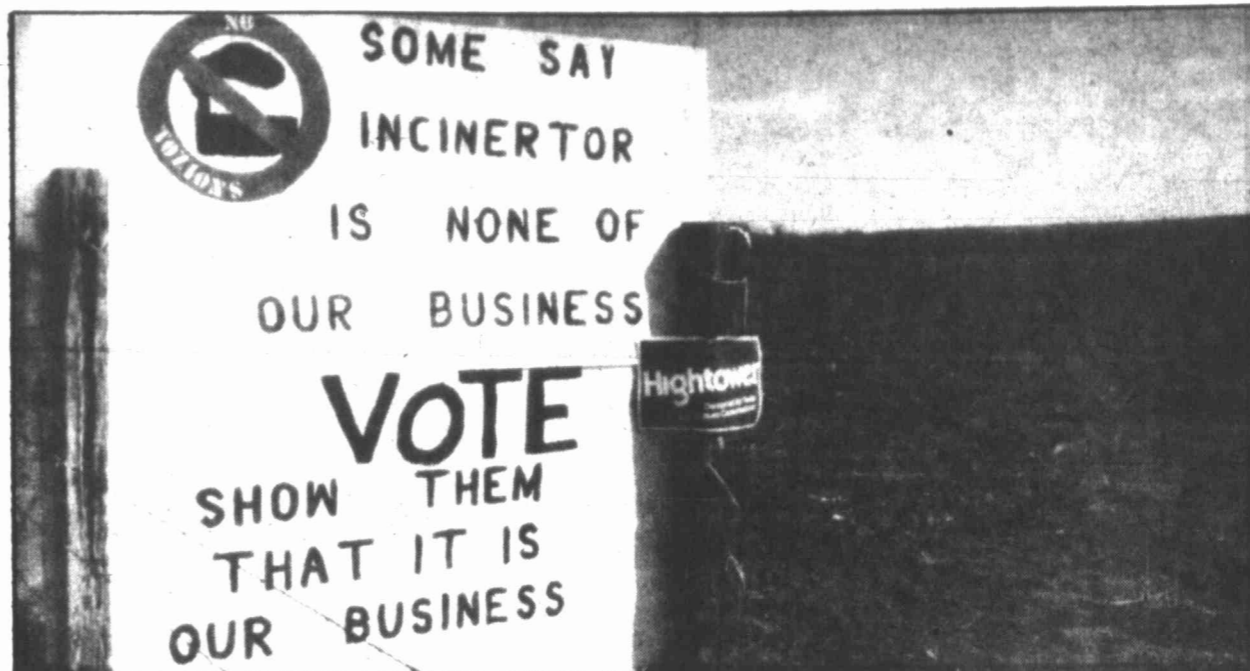
"Of course we may not get everything we're working on but we're going to try," he said.

While outlining the county's strong points, Martin said, "We still have one thing that many cities our size don't have. We have plenty of water."

"You have to look at water," he said. "If you don't have water, you can't grow."

He pointed out that they have two lakes; Lake Colorado City and Champion Creek Reservoir. They also have ample underground water in the eastern part of the county and water rights to Lake E.V. Spence if they need it.

Lake Spence is owned by the Colorado River Municipal Water District, which provides drinking water to Big Spring, Snyder, Midland, Odessa and Stanton.



Sign reflects controversy

COLORADO CITY — Leftover heat from the November general election is shown on this sign still posted west of the city. The Commissioners Court in March 1990 supported efforts by a Pittsburgh company to get permits for an incinerator

which would burn hazardous wastes. In return the county could collect \$1 million annually from fees. However, the proposed operation has stirred controversy.

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Memorial ceremony planned

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

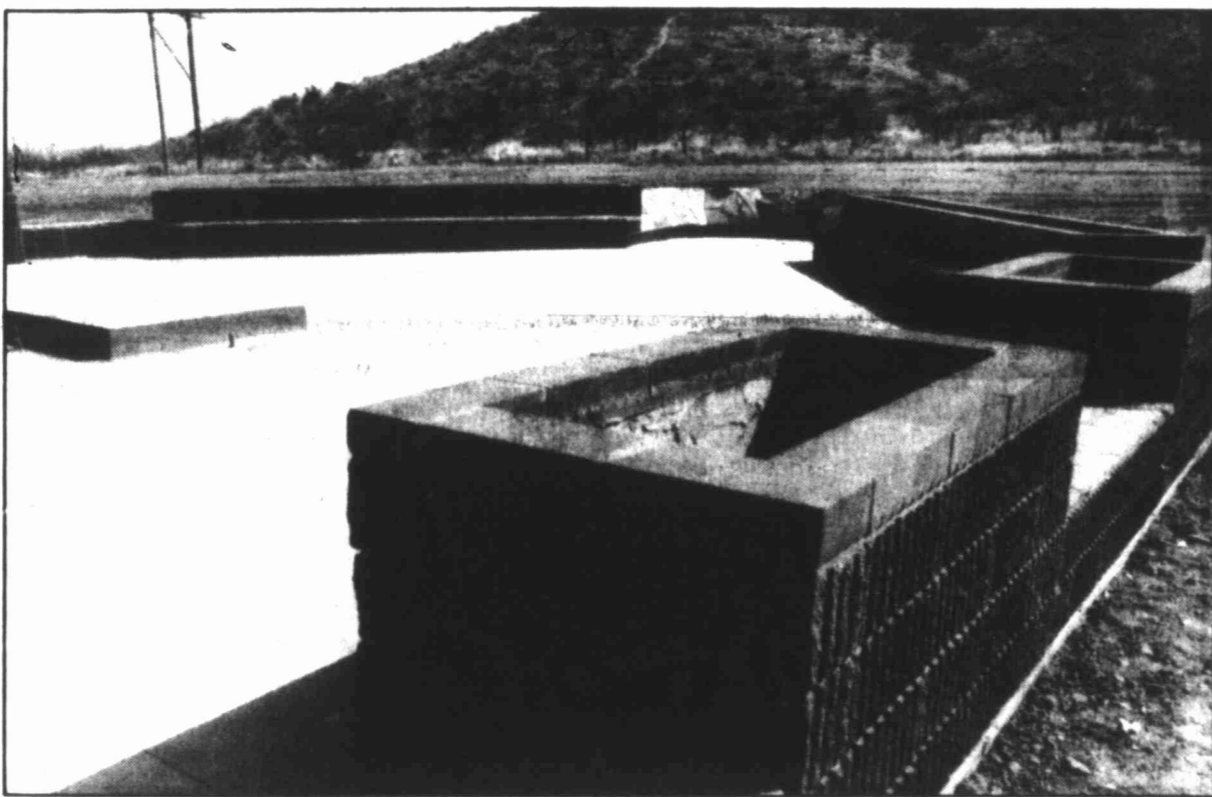
The plaza for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial nears completion, and will be ready to accept the monument upon its arrival.

According to Charlie Lewis, president of the Vietnam Vets Memorial Committee, the plaza is ready for the arrival of the memorial, which should be the first or second week of May.

The cement work, on which the monument will rest, has been completed. The monument consists of an 8-foot high, 4-foot wide, black-granite obelisk resting on a one and 1/2-foot base of the same material. The obelisk is constructed of three-inch granite-veneer slabs supported by an internal steel framework.

This memorial differs from the "wall" memorial in that no names will appear on the monument. "31 oak trees will be planted around the memorial, representing the 31 men from Howard County listed as KIA (killed in action). Three trees will be off by themselves to represent the three MIAs (missing in action) from the county," said Lewis.

The only remaining work on the plaza has to do with the landscaping and sprinkler system. "The trees are about half paid for,



Construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Big Spring is nearing completion. The plaza is ready and waiting for the black granite obelisk.

which should arrive in May. The Memorial Committee plans a ceremony at the site on May 27.

we're still accepting donations for that," explained Lewis.

The Vietnam Vets Memorial Committee, a non-profit organization, plan a ceremony to take place at the memorial site on May 27, according to Lewis. The site is located at the base of Scenic Mountain, between the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf campus and the National Guard armory.

Those from Howard County to be memorialized include: Sam S. Allison, George R. Andrews,

Howard L. Bartley, Walter R. Blalock, Richard D. Brewer, John M. Chappell, Raymundo Gomez, Robert B. Green, Robert E. Griffith, William T. Hale, Arthur Hernandez, Ismeal Holguin, Eddie D. Hollandsworth, John R. Humphrey, Terry D. Kinman, Donnie R. Martin, Rosendo Monata, Dean Moore, Michael M. O'Brian, James E. Oxley, Augustine C. Paredes, Charles H. Penn, Ronald G. Perryman, Inzar W. Rackley, Raynaldo Sanchez, Robert L. Sander, Richard

A. Spangler, David E. Taylor, Lewis M. Thomas, Gene Vaughn and Raymond A. White III.

"We want it to be plain and dignified, said Don Boling of the Vietnam Vets Memorial Committee. "It's really more for the living than for the dead. It may help people who lost their sons, brothers and fathers in Vietnam," he added.

Donations can be made to the Vietnam Vets Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring, TX 79721.

High school group tries to help others

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Altruism took a beating during the '80s and the "me" generation, but the members of The Leos Club of Big Spring High School are dedicated to their philosophy of community service.

Officers of the Leos include: Josh Hamby, president; Gena Grizzard, vice-president; and Melanie Glickman, secretary.

Recently, the group has been involved with cleaning up trash from parks and areas where people gather, collecting money at the high school for Operation Desert Oasis, and the Adopt an Angel Program in which the Leos chose a boy from the Salvation Army and bought him clothes for Christmas. Working with the Lions Club, the group helped sponsor White Cane Day, a fundraiser to buy glasses, provide eye exams, and sight-saving operations. The Leos also correspond internationally with similar clubs in other countries.

The Leos were the first civic organization to sign up with the Adopt a Spot program. The Leos signed on to clean up the spring at Comanche Trail Park. The ongoing project involved wading in to fish out trash and other debris, explained Glickman. Many weekends were spent diving into the water to clean up bottles and cans at the bottom of the spring. "We pulled a dead cat out of there once; that was gross," Glickman said with a

shudder.

Many students join organizations in order to "flesh-out" their resume. While many colleges like to see service organizations listed on the entrance form, the Leos are driven by a higher purpose. After all, when a student can fill out that "organizations to which you belong;" line with something that requires no service work at all, why suffer through community service work and the lack of recognition the Leos endure?

When asked why they do this, Glickman said, "Nobody cares. I look around at the high school and see all those kids doing nothing and I think, if we're the future, someone has to."

The Leos are currently working (in conjunction with other groups nationwide) on the "Christmas in April" project. After collecting donations of materials and money, they will be doing work on houses in which low-income families, handicapped, and elderly people reside.

"The Leos is a youth organization sponsored by the Evening Lions Club of Big Spring," said Bob Noyes of the Lions Club. "These kids identify their own projects and run their own organization," he added.

Being a Leo is no picnic. The donations they receive are mixed with liberal amounts of elbow grease, and made to go a long way.

Record enrollments continue at Howard College campuses

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Enrollment at Howard College continues to increase, and Linda Conway, dean of admissions, said the number of students has more than doubled in the last four years.

For the spring semester of 1986, Conway's first year as dean of admissions, she said enrollment was 1,490, and for spring 1991, the number of students is 3,161. This total includes all campuses, for both part-time and full-time students, she said.

"Two areas have grown. The Fitness Center during the summer has more students over there than normally take just a P.E. (physical education) course. Students are taking one class with P.E. for the same price of \$40. A lot of them have taken advantage of that," she said.

"And we've restructured the nursing program," she added.

The nursing program, for vocational nurses, is now set up on a semester basis instead of a yearlong, August to August path, she said. With this new structure, licensed vocational nurses may obtain the registered degree without taking prerequisite courses.



"Now it's more streamlined. When they complete the vocational nursing certificate, they can easily go into the ADN (associate degree nursing) program without taking the leveling courses. Now students

can receive their vocational nursing degree, go to work and continue going to school for the ADN," Conway said.

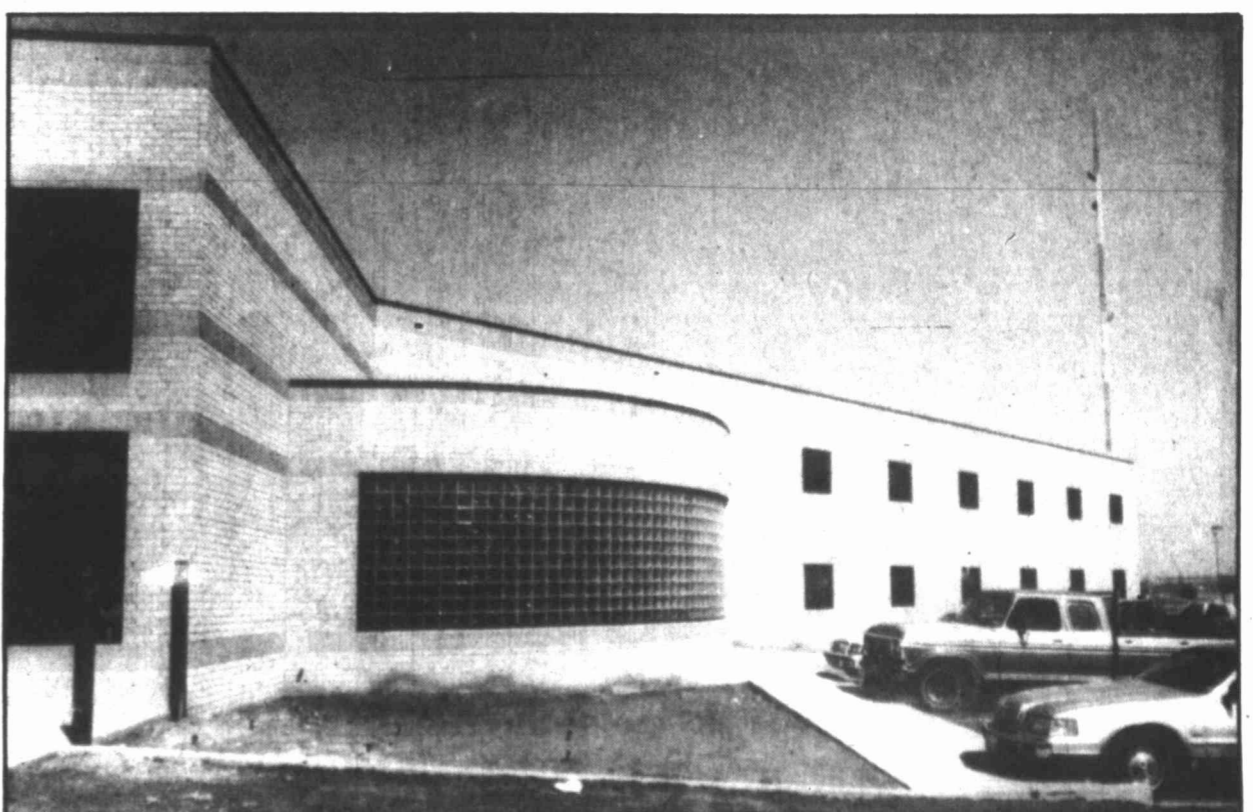
HC has also increased the programs offered at the federal prison. There are more than 350 students enrolled in adult vocational classes, as well as the traditional history, government and computer science classes offered at the prison, she said.

"Traditionally, community colleges have more part-time students than full-time because of their mission, but ours hovers close to 50-50 all the time," Conway said.

She said another reason for the increase is the additions to the dormitories. "Anytime you increase the dorm space, (increases in enrollment) go into all areas," she said.

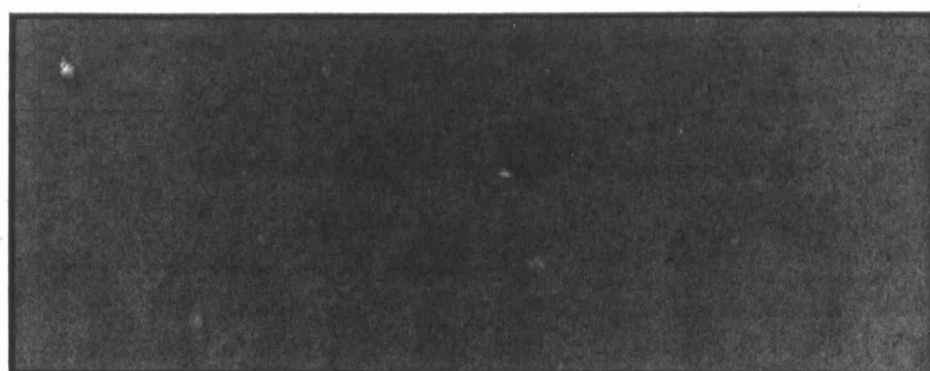
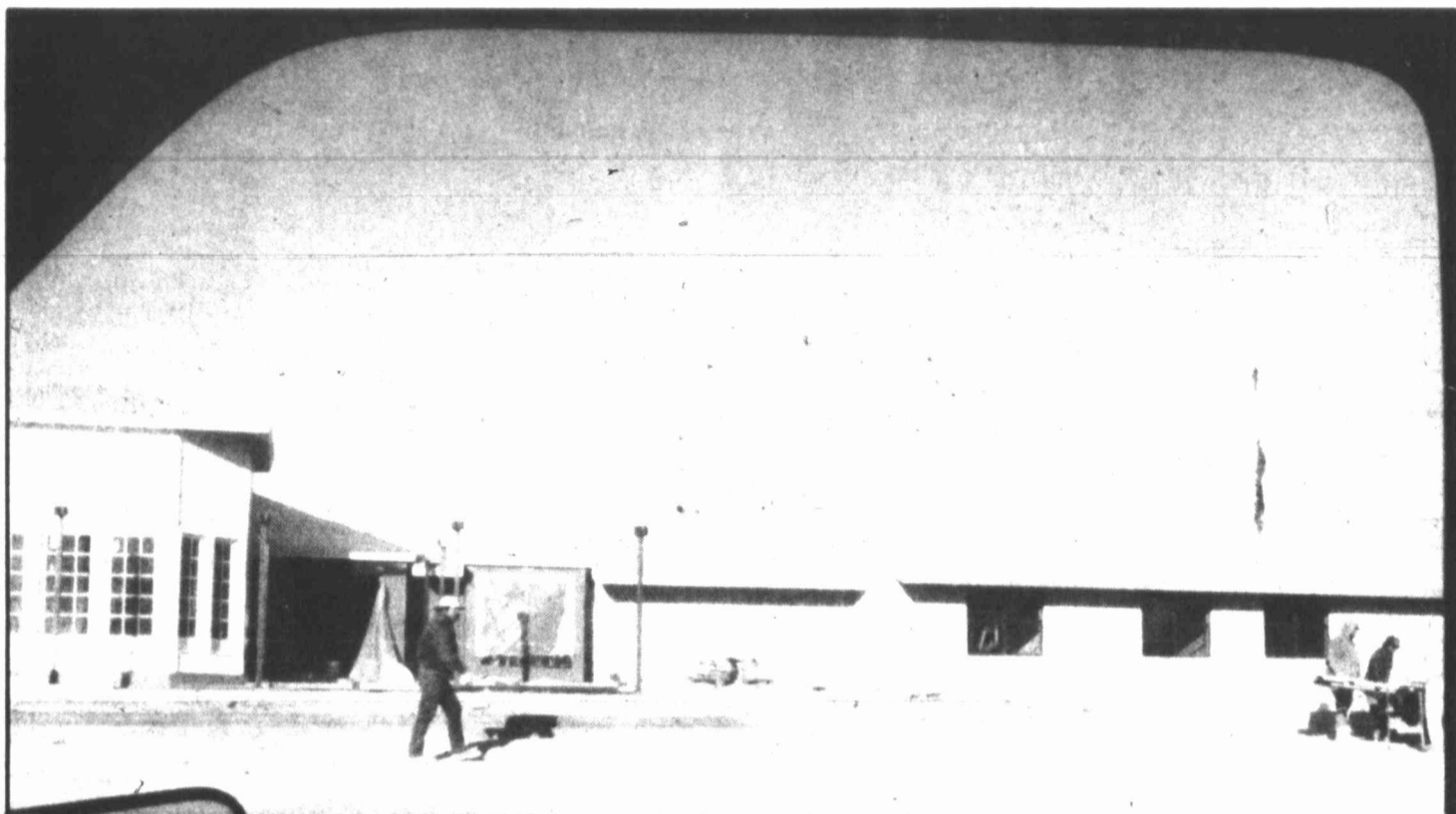
But with the increase in students, Conway said, the support staff at the college has not increased. She said new personnel will be hired if the legislature approves the funding.

The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board named Howard College the fastest-growing community college in 1990.

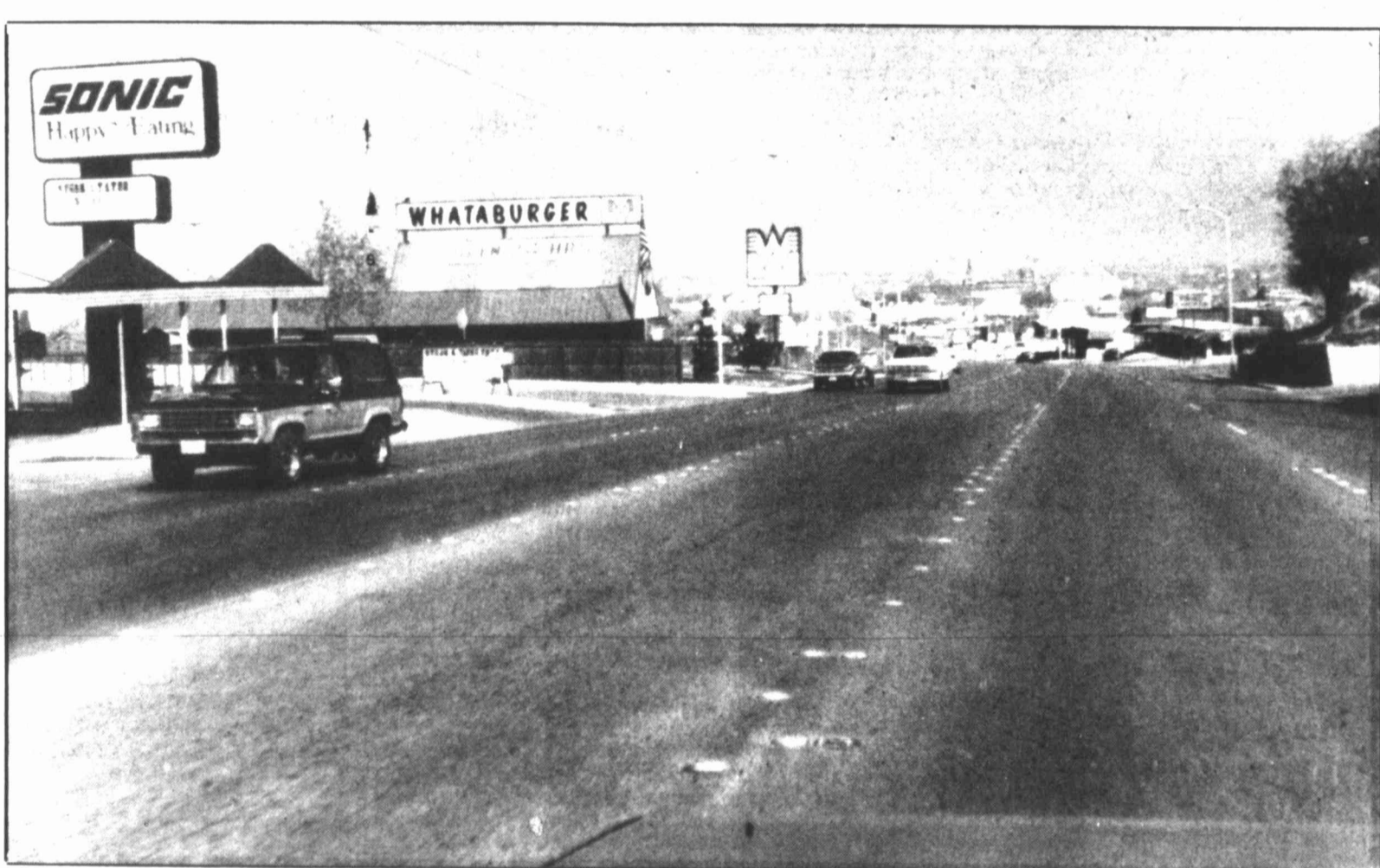
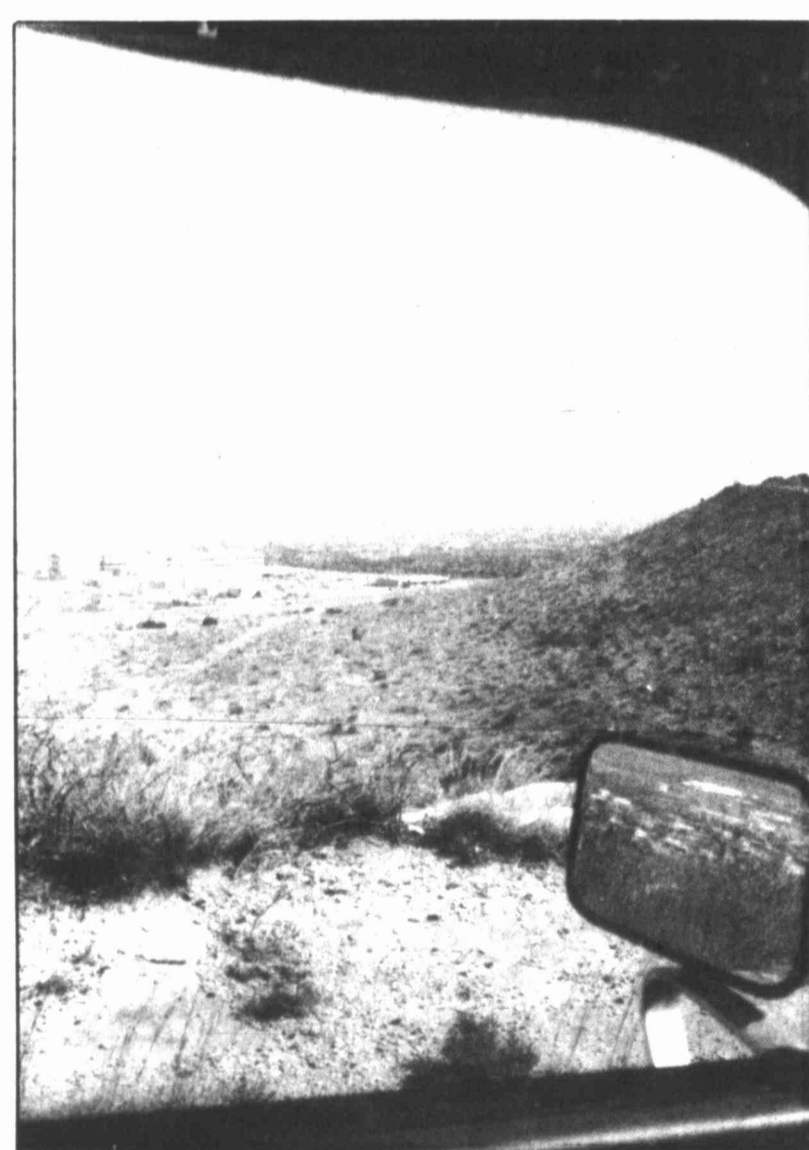


Howard College recently increased its dormitory space on campus by adding on to existing men's and women's dorms. Dean of Admissions Linda

Conway attributes part of the growth of the college population to the new living space.



Street scenes



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There are many scenic and not-so-scenic views of Big Spring that can be observed from the interior of a car. From the top left photo, going clockwise: Workers continue construction on the new Comanche Trail Nursing Center; trash piles up on a vacant lot; South Gregg Street during the day, sans teenage cruisers; a view of Big Spring from the top of the state park on a dusty day; kids run and play on the slides at Comanche Trail Park.

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Fitness center grows as users shrink

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The Harold Davis Fitness Center has been in operation less than a year and it is growing tremendously.

Director Roy Green said the center started with a membership of 226. Now, nine months later, more than 1,100 people have used the facilities in Big Spring's newest workout center. Green said the present enrollment of the center is 781.

"This program has done better than I expected," admitted Green. "I knew it would be big, but I didn't realize it would be this big so quickly. We've attracted this many people with just our circuit and walking track."

The center consists of a walking track, which encircles the former Howard College gymnasium, and a circuit of weight and aerobic machines.

All members are examined by Dr. Guy Owens, who has a Ph.D. in exercise and physiology, said Green. Members are put on various programs according to their health.

The fitness center began modestly. The college already had an exercise program for its employees. Then Director of Auxiliary Programs Jan Foresyth and Vice President of Administrative Services Terry Hansen visited Odessa College's fitness center. They were so impressed they suggested it to fellow Howard College officials, and plans for the fitness center were made.

The Harold Davis Fitness Center was officially opened June 4. "It was a good idea to use the old gym. It had been vacant for about 10 years," said Green.

The cost to use the center is \$79 for a 16-week period; members are urged to work out three times a week. It also counts as a one-hour semester credit.

Green is assisted by eight part-time employees. There's always a person at the door to check identification and a person in the workout area to make sure the members are using the proper procedures.

Fifteen laps around the track equals a mile. The weight and aerobic circuit consists of 24 stations, and patrons spend 30 seconds at each station. A video



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Sue Sanders rides one of the aerobic machines while Stacey Massingill strengthens her arms by lifting weights in the above photo. In the photo below, the walking track around the gym floor is

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Roy Green

tape tells when to start and stop. The entire program takes about 30 minutes.

Green said the biggest plus of the program is convenience. "It only takes about an hour and a half a week to do the whole program," he said. "A lot of times you don't have much time to work out."

He said the physical examination is an added plus. "It consists of a coronary rest profile, body fat composition, blood pressure test and flexibility check. We make sure a person is physically able to do the circuit," said Green.

Green said the current goal of the club is to add four stations to the weight and aerobic circuit

and some stationary bikes.

Green says it's a lot of fun. "It's been one of the most exciting things I've been in contact with in the last five years, with the exception of having a baby." He was referring to wife Deborah having the couple's first child, Darius Jerrell.

Green says the club attracts people from all levels. "We have a cross-section of everyone. They're as young as 17 and as old as 72. Some are doctors, lawyers and teachers."

"Some of the people say they've never been on the Howard College campus until they've come to this class. It's a great public relations tool."



YMCA offers wide range of programs

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

The Big Spring YMCA had a very successful year according to Executive Director Gary Wollenzien, who's been at the helm for three years.

The YMCA staff includes 15 part-time employees together with Program Director Linda Perez; Office Manager Maggie Gonzales; Maintenance Supervisor Ramiro Salazar; Jackie Rushing, custodian; and Russ McEwen, gymnastics director.

The YMCA has 16 members on the Board of Directors. They are: Conrad Alexander, Lisa Brooks, Troy Fraser, Cheri Furqueron, Roy Green, Robert Hayes, Donna Jackson and Laura McEwen. Rounding out the group is Larry McLellan, Murray Murphy, Stan Partee, Linda Roger, Carl Smoot, James Welch, John Yater and Tim Yeats.

The YMCA offers a variety of programs, and has very convenient hours. It is open every day of the week with hours as early as 6 a.m. and closing as late as 9 p.m. The use of the building can also be rented for private functions.

Activities include free weights, Nautilus, various aerobics classes,

swimming, volleyball, basketball, country and western dance lessons, self-defense classes and racketball.

The fee for an adult member is \$17 per month; youth, \$5 per month; family, \$25 per month; and senior citizens \$10.50 per month.

Wollenzien said the Dora Roberts Foundation played a major role in helping the YMCA purchase a personal computer, replace the entire heating and air conditioning system and replace the roof.

A participating membership drive was conducted, with John Yater and Al Valdez as co-chairmen. As a result, 172 members joined. Also in 1990, a current support campaign was conducted. Larry McLellan and Linda Roger headed the drive. It raised \$12,328, which was matched by an anonymous donor.

Future plans include purchasing a van to transport children in the after-school program, remodeling the lobby ceiling and hallway, and perhaps a new swimming pool.

New programs scheduled for this year include jazzercise and tap and jazz dance lessons by Jill Beall Havink; spiritual self-defense by Jordan Yee and step aerobics by Maria Stahl.



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Children splash around in the swimming pool during spring break as they take part in the YMCA's vacation day care program. The Y offers a variety of programs for the entire family.

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Al's Hickory House Bar-B-Q is a family-owned business, and the family takes pride in the products and services they offer. "Good food and good service at a reasonable price has always been our philosophy," states Ms. Hughes.

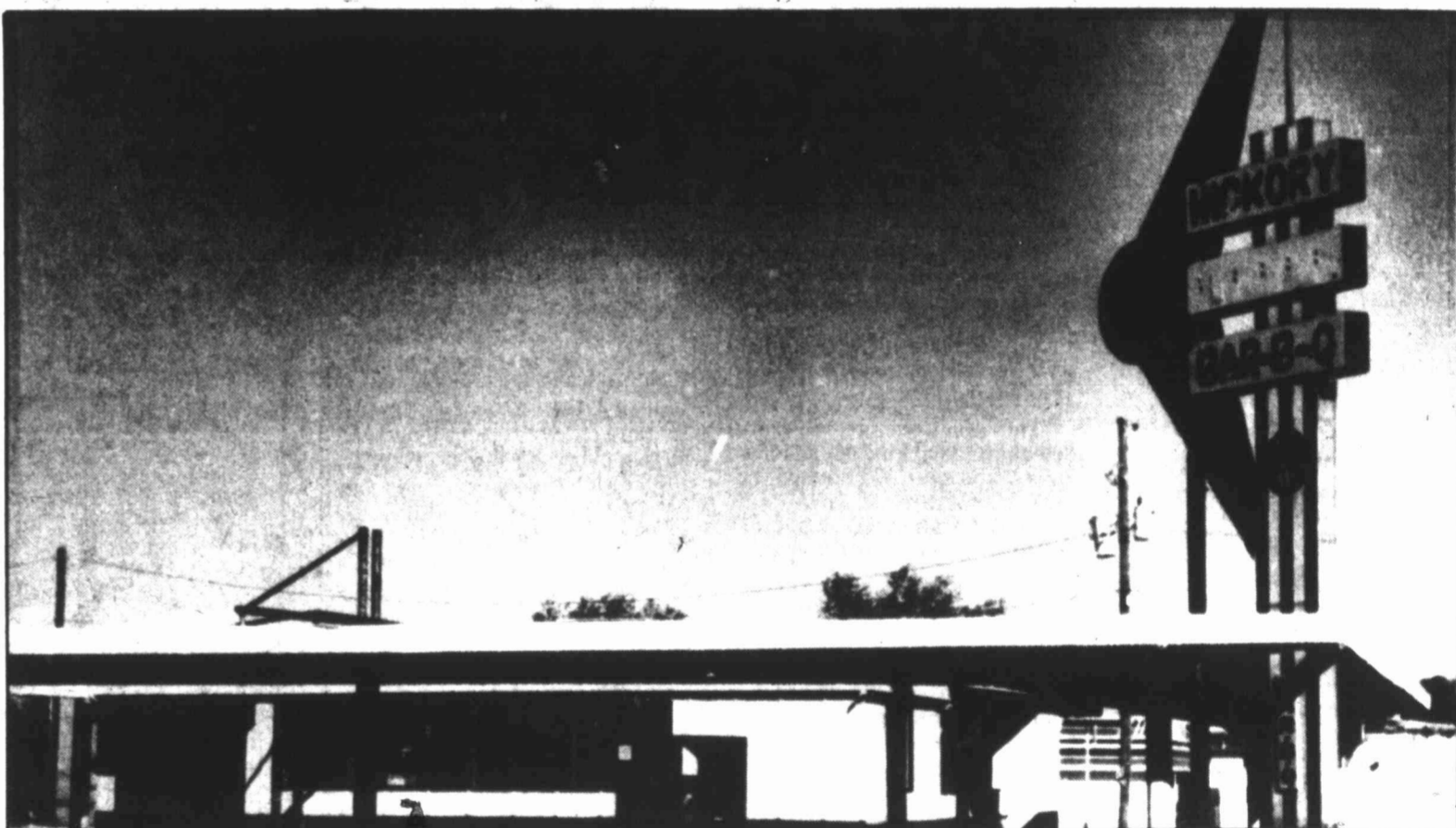
"Most of our employees have been with us for many years," she said. Lilly Ruiz about 14, and Bobby Garcia and Edward Garcia for 9 years each.

Al's Hickory House has a convenient drive-in window and they welcome called-in orders. They can cater from 10 to 1,000 people, said Ms. Hughes.

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Disabilities Act halts discrimination against handicapped

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

The American Disabilities Act, signed into law by President Bush July 26, 1990, has scheduled the first phase of Article II, Public Service and Public Transportation, to become effective Jan. 26, 1992, and the other laws will become effective over the next seven years.

This act, composed of five articles, will prevent discrimination in employment, public accommodations, private transportation, and telecommunications, as well as public service and transportation, for persons with disabilities.

Bob Coltrane, admissions counselor at the SouthWest Colleague Institute for the Deaf, said,

"This is long overdue. I'm not sure but that the legislation back in 1974 that granted equal rights for minorities and women, through oversight failed to add the handicapped in there. This led to situations where the handicapped have been discriminated against."

"I can already see how the ADA is changing the quality of life for deaf people. With the Texas-Relay in effect, you wouldn't believe how excited deaf people are to have the service. It opened up avenues of communication for deaf people that hearing people have had for many years. Now deaf people can access the same," Coltrane said.

According to the Handicapped Requirements Handbook, a disability is defined by law as a

"condition that impairs a major life activity, a history of such a condition, or regarded as such a condition." More than 900 conditions are considered disabling, such as epilepsy, heart disease and diabetes. Contagious diseases, such as tuberculosis or AIDS, and a past history of alcoholism or drug addiction are considered disabilities, and employers may not refuse to hire a disabled person, provided the applicant can perform the essential duties of the job.

Companies must provide "reasonable accommodations" for disabled persons, unless doing so would result in an "undue hardship," effective July 26, 1992, for employers of more than 25 persons,

and effective July 26, 1994 for employers of 15 to 24 persons. Job descriptions may be necessary, and the burden will be on the employer to prove the applicant is not qualified for the position.

Employers will be prohibited from asking about disabilities or to include such questions on applications. Penalties for non-compliance include reimbursement of back wages and payment of court costs and attorneys fees for plaintiff's litigation.

Public and private transportation, and public accommodations that must allow access to the disabled, include hotels, motels, libraries, theaters, bowling alleys, restaurants, retail businesses, buses, and shuttle vans.

Regardless of whether the business receives federal funding, disabled persons must be allowed equal access to these and other services.

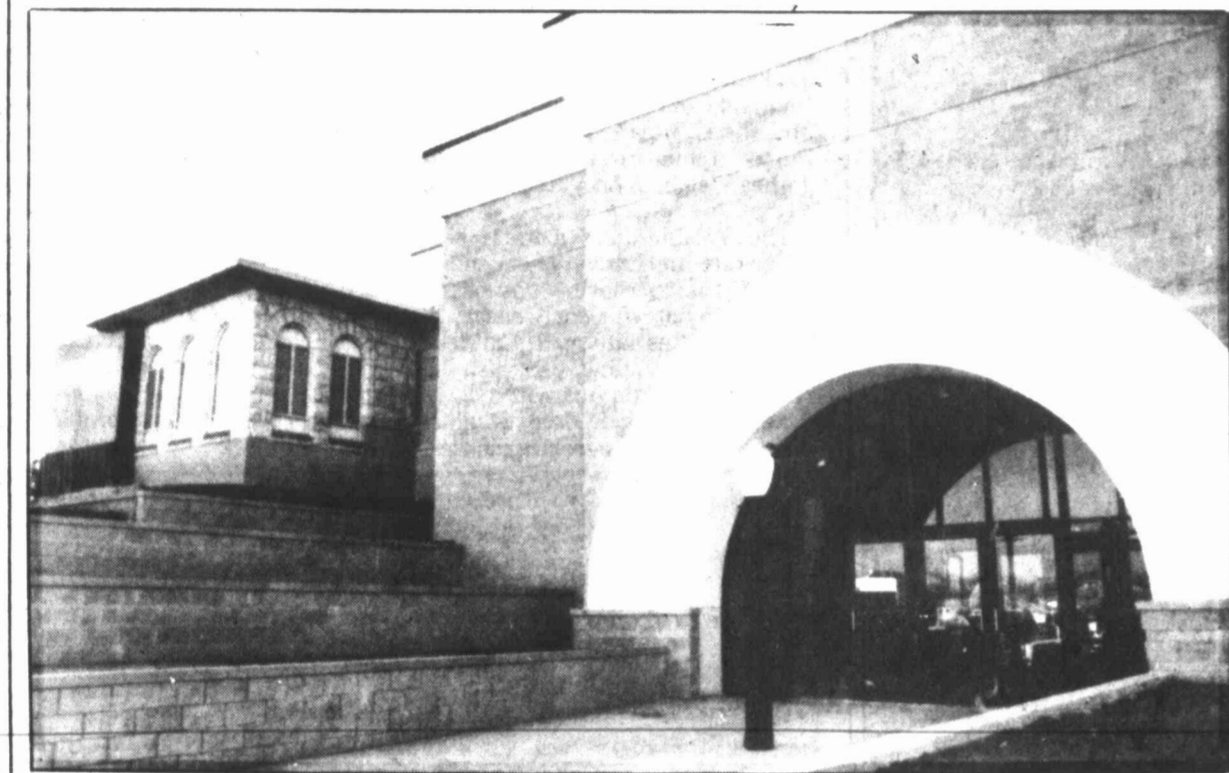
All states are required to implement a relay-communication service for the disabled, similar to Relay-Texas that began service in 1990. All federally-funded public service messages on television must be closed-captioned.

Title V outlines penalties for non-compliance, and gives the right of lawsuits against states for failure to comply. Regulations for each of the articles is due from the supporting government office no later than July 26, 1991. A list of "infectious and communicable diseases which are transmitted

through handling of the food supply," and the "methods by which such diseases are transmitted," will be forthcoming from the office of the U.S. Secretary of Health and Human Services, and will be updated each year.

But the court system may have the final say over the extent and ramifications of the law.

Coltrane said, "If deaf (or handicapped) people don't use this — if they see a violation and walk away, for whatever reason — then it's not going to work. It will take some litigation, some cases, to clear up the nebulous areas, the broad general areas, like what is 'reasonable accommodation?'" he said.



Herald photo by Tim Appel

The new addition of the Heritage Museum has been completed, with grand opening ceremonies slated for April 4. The two-story structure will triple the museum floor space, enabling the museum to bring in larger exhibits.

Museum expands space, exhibits

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

The Heritage Museum has big plans in 1991.

With the addition's grand opening ceremony set for April 4, curator Angie Way and her staff are planning exhibits and expansion to utilize the new space.

Way said she and others involved are very excited about what the building has to offer.

"We're moving onward, not only to explore the possibility that new size has brought us, but to do the same with our programs," Way said.

"We really appreciate the support of our members in making this happen," she added. The renovation was funded by donations from many local people and foundations, including the Dora Roberts Foundation, American Petrofina, Marie Hall, and J.E. and L.E. Mabree.

The land was donated by Olive Ruth Cowden.

Designed by local architect Phil Ferqueron, the plans have gone through a number of changes since their beginning in 1984.

Way credits executive members Wade Choate, Janice Rosson, Kyle Choate, Robert Buckner and Katie Grimes with much of the planning and direction for the project. She added that trustee Joe Pickle and others

from the group had given valuable insight.

At present, work by J.W. Little Construction Company is "almost down to the days," she said.

The addition, a two-story structure, has space for a gift shop, large exhibit rooms, storage space and a work room with access to a loading dock for large items. A large gift shop area will allow the museum to increase its profits from the sale of souvenir items, and a meeting room has space for an expanded video library.

Way plans exhibits on the railroad, oil and ranching as part of the museum's expansion into large exhibit areas.

In the large open area downstairs, a salute to the railroad and its influence on local culture is planned. Way said she still needs donations of railroad-related artifacts.

"The items we get now will determine what kind of exhibit we have," she said. Way added that tools, photographs, clothing items and anything related to the era would be welcome.

The loading dock and an enclosed temporary exhibit area will allow the museum to bring in traveling exhibits, Way noted.

"You have to not only have space and facilities (to be allowed to house traveling exhibits), you

have to meet requirements for security, temperature and humidity," she noted. The new space has a greatly increased capacity to regulate humidity and temperature.

While exhibits will stay with historic themes, Way said she hopes there will be something for everyone.

"I wanted a museum that anyone who came in could find an exhibit just for them," she said, adding that special areas were planned for children.

The museum's expansion project will eventually become a blending of old and new buildings and making use of both, Way said.

"We hope to increase our endowment for the future," she said.

"This is a major project because we're not just building a building, but also seeing through its funding. We're very dedicated to our purpose — preserving the area's rich history."

The grand opening, still in the planning stages, will be a "Texas Black Tie" affair, much like a cinema premiere, Way explained.

"There will be old movies showing, paparazzi, artists and some (theatrical) vignettes," she explained. "It's going to be a lot of fun for everyone involved."

Potton House more accessible with new caretaker, longer hours

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

For the Potton House, Big Spring's historic home, 1991 looks to be a very good year.

With the recent employment of Nita Currie as caretaker and tour guide, and a commitment from the Heritage Museum for support, the home's future is bright.

The house, located at 200 Gregg, is open each Tuesday through Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Currie, who guides tours and maintains the historic site, the home is beginning to seem like her own.

"I feel a little more like it's mine every day," Currie said. "I used to be afraid to do anything, but now I know more about what I can and can't do." Currie cleans and cares for the furnishings as well as the house itself.

Her devotion to the home started after she completed an inventory of all its contents, Currie said. After the museum took over management of the home, curator Angie Way wanted an inventory completed soon.

"Looking through stacks of letters, notes, books and mementos gave Currie a new perspective, and

increased her interest in the home's former residents.

"No one really knew what was here," Currie said. "I inventoried everything, down to tiny mementos. I learned a lot (about the Potton family and the home) that I can use in my tours. The (visitors) are always interested in it."

"I still get some of the stuff out and re-read it," she confessed.

Way said although the home "serves as its own interpreter," Currie has become invaluable in directing visitors to receive maximum benefit from the monument.

Renovations currently underway include roof repairs and stabilization of the structure, built of Red Pecos sandstone in 1901. Funding is not yet certain, although the Dora Roberts Foundation has contributed money for minor repairs.

Administrative costs will be paid by a donation from local historian Polly Mays and the city of Big Spring. The city still pays utilities and major maintenance costs, Way pointed out.

"One of our goals (when the museum was granted management of the house) was to identify areas of the house that would need

preservation and care," she said. Architect Phillip Furqueron, who designed the museum addition, has donated some of his expertise to the house improvement project. He identified major areas of deterioration.

"This information will be useful in future fundraising and grant-writing efforts," Way said.

Admission charges for the house and museum, now combined into one fee, will also aid in renovation funding, Way said. Visitors can pay \$2 for adults and \$1 for children to visit both sites.

Way said Currie's interest will have great benefits for the home.

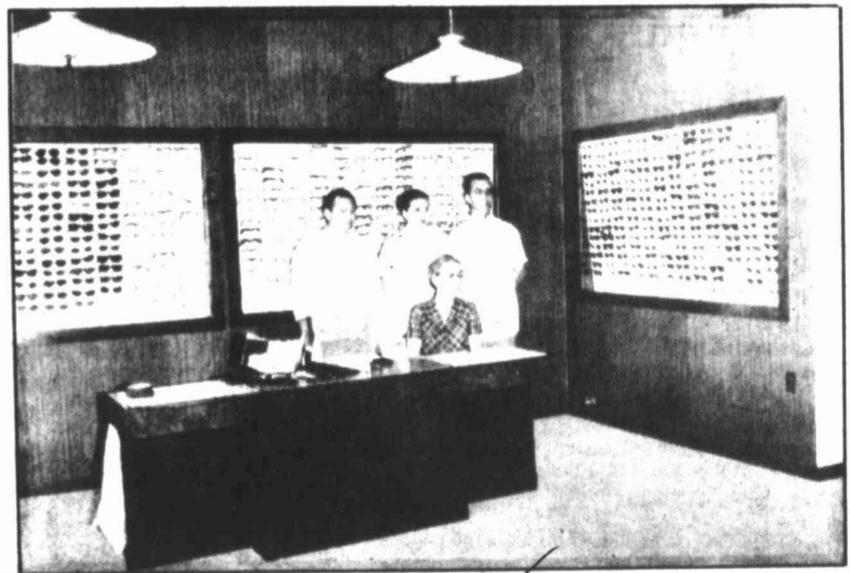
"We're very pleased to have her," Way said. "She works quite independently for the good of the home."

Currie said she's happy to be there.

"Everyone comments on how nice it is to have someone there regular hours," she said. "I think it's a good idea. You need one person who's interested in the Potton House."

"You just can't stay down here every day and not get interested in it," she said.

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DeAnda: Education key to brighter future

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Pat DeAnda, a Big Spring City council member, said education, employment and economic development are three major problems facing Hispanic Americans today.

Viola Barraza, a member of the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees, said obstacles have hindered growth among the Hispanic community.

"Obstacles are excuses," she said. "If you look for them, they are always there. I see our minority community slowly but surely overcoming these obstacles, economically, educationally and personally."

Although America's Hispanic population is very diverse, with members from many countries, DeAnda said she is most concerned with those of Mexican origin.

"Although Hispanics are making progress in educational attainment, we lag behind non-Hispanics," she said. "It is evident that the thrust of our efforts must be encouraging our students to stay in school."

Teachers should be an integral part of that process, said DeAnda, who teaches at College Heights Elementary. Parents should become involved as well, she added.

"As parents we must realize that our children's education is the key to a brighter future. . . . While demanding the best education, we must also know that the responsibility for the education of our children . . . must continue in our homes."

Ganas, or desire, is the element parents should instill in their children, DeAnda said.

With education often comes employment, but sagging

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economies have left many minorities without opportunities, she noted.

According to the U.S. Department of Commerce Bureau of Census, *Hispanic Population in the United States, March 1989*, the largest proportion of Mexican-Americans work in low-paying jobs.

"This no doubt creates a fertility in our people that no matter how hard they work, they are destined to live from hand to mouth," DeAnda speculated. Since the oil "bust," she added, gaining those manual labor jobs has become more difficult.

In Big Spring, the prevailing notion is that if you don't highlight these very real problems facing those who are struggling to survive, it isn't happening. . . . DeAnda said.

Minorities representing their community have helped the cause of civil rights by serving as role models for youth, Barraza said. She named Pat DeAnda, city council member; David Gomez, Howard College trustee; and Louis Brown, Howard County commissioner among those whose election has been an asset to the Hispanic community.

"These people are serving as role models and mentors," she said. "I'm optimistic and I personally feel that there is and there will continue to be more minority

representation both on a local and a national level."

Barraza said groups such as the Blue Blazers, NAACP, Chicano Golf Association, Amigos del Barrio, Alsa, Rotary and the Northside Community Center have been positive influences. "We are also fortunate to have . . . Margaret Trevino, special populations recruiter (at Howard College) and several minority teachers and administrators who have all done an excellent job."

DeAnda said she sees some gains in the political and social awareness of Hispanics locally. Groups are beginning to enlighten themselves and their communities as to the importance of voting and participating in government, she noted.

Barraza noted the proliferation of minority citizens in careers and fields once overwhelmingly dominated by whites. "All of these I would consider gains," she said.

A problem exists in our "me" oriented society, DeAnda said.

Too often the attitude is "if it doesn't affect me, it's not my problem," she added. "If more of us were to look at things (realistically) we would see they affect all of us and our way of life."

The language "barrier" should become a bridge, Barraza said.

"We (Hispanics) had to learn English to survive, but I was proud to learn both," she said. "There should be more (cooperation) in languages."

Barraza related an experience that shaped her attitude toward language.

"When I was in elementary school, at the Airport school, there was a girl who sat in front of me who couldn't speak any English. I used to translate everything for her, and I would get in trouble for it. The teacher would say, 'We don't speak Spanish in this class.' The girl would cry everytime she had to try to speak English. . . ."

"Finally I had to say to her, 'Look, I'm getting in trouble for speaking Spanish because I'm trying to help you. It's time for you to learn English.' I helped her practice and she learned English. She wasn't afraid to speak it."

In her job as a therapist technician at Big Spring State Hospital, Barraza said she encounters similar situations in which an understanding of the difficulties a non-native English speaker faces would be useful.

The local community is strong in community service, DeAnda noted, and she credits the Big Spring Police Department with "cleaning house" to rid the community of drugs and other negative influences.

Barraza said the community has "a lot going for it. We all need to develop an attitude of working together to solve these problems, even if they aren't in our own front yards."

A recent increase in the number of local residents of Hispanic descent has increased the need for representation, awareness and strength, she said. "I have high hopes."

NAACP pushing work and educational goals

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

Hebrew Jones, president of the Howard County National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, said education and economics, interrelated concepts, are vital to members of the black community.

"We're losing a lot of jobs," Jones said. "We're in a much worse situation than we were before."

Elizabeth Ferguson, an active member of the organization, said lack of motivation may be a factor.

"It's hard to really motivate the black community," said Ferguson, a newcomer to Big Spring. She said her opinion does not represent that of the local NAACP.

Jones and Ferguson agreed that blacks and other minorities are being "robbed" of college educations by cuts in financial aid.

"They can't get financial aid as easily," Jones said. "So many people don't qualify, but they can't afford to pay for college either. They're right in between the two."

Ferguson added that blacks are under-employed because of the lack of educational opportunities.

Young people no longer recognize the value of a college education, Jones said.

"They see their parents having achieved these advanced degrees and not getting the position that the degree calls for. They don't see why going to (college) is worth it," he said.

"Having a mentor in the community would help," Ferguson said. "One of the hardest things to do is set goals for yourself when there's no one there to help you focus."

Jones said he would like to see education locally about the value of affirmative action programs. The common misconception that affirmative action is the "quota" system has hurt minorities, he said.

"It (affirmative action) is not saying you should hire someone just because he's a minority," Jones said. "If you're qualified for the position and you have the credentials, you should get the job."

Activism has seemed to remain constant, Ferguson said.

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we've actually made are little." Jones said black community leaders have not sustained the kind of positive activism encouraged by Martin Luther King. Calls for violence as a catalyst for change are not contributing to the cause of civil rights, he added.

"If you look at the people with the 'hot heads,' they'll always have followers. But watch the mentality of the people following them. They have nothing to lose anyway."

Ferguson said violence defeats the purpose of activism.

"Violence does not exhibit intelligence," she said. "To win civil rights with violence is like holding a gun to someone's head. That's not the way to do it."

Jones said he fears crime, including drug use, will likely increase in a community where jobs are in short supply.

"This will happen especially among the lower classes," he said. "That's what we have to guard against."

Prospects for economic development in the community give him hope, said Jones, a 26-year area resident.

"I'm hopeful about anything the city of Big Spring can do for minorities and the city as a whole," he said. "I hope things start to turn around."

He added that tax abatement and such programs should be utilized as much as possible to benefit the area.

Ferguson said her hope is that minority representation in the community will increase. She said she would like to see a black citizen elected to the city council, school board, or other governing body.

"I'd like to see people looking at the person, not the skin color," Ferguson said. "There are still too many people afraid of speaking their minds because of some (racial) misunderstanding. We need to break that barrier."

Howard College, SWCID expand programs

By DEBBIE LINCECUM
Staff Writer

The Howard County Junior College is expected to continue to grow in both numbers and programs in 1991, officials said.

The four campuses are currently in their 15th consecutive semester of enrollment growth; the college district was recently dubbed "The fastest growing college in the state."

"We've become a very good option for area high school students," said President Bob Riley. "Economics plays a role in that, but we've created the perception that we are a viable option."

"We've worked very hard on that image," agreed Vice President for Institutional Advancement Dr. Cheri Sparks. "Howard College has always had an important role in the community, but in the last 10 years, it has changed."

While Howard College focuses more on marketing itself to the surrounding area, SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf will focus on more out-of-state recruitment, said Administrator Ron

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President Bob Riley

Brasel.

"Because we're so new, we need to continue to tell people about who we are and what we do," he said.

Riley added that many factors set SWCID apart, including its majority of deaf faculty and low tuition rates.

Plans for the future include creation of a rodeo club — the beginning of competitive sports for SWCID students; renovation of the newly-acquired student union building; and increased recruiting efforts.

The rodeo club idea came out of the recent visit of the American Deaf Rodeo Association during SWCIDfest last year, Brasel said.

"We got some contacts from that," he explained. "We thought this was something our students could do on an individual basis."

Sparks said the club would probably work closely with Howard College's rodeo team. The new building, acquired

recently through the federal government, was part of Webb Air Force Base. While some offices have relocated to the building, and the auditorium is ready for use, work is needed on the heating and cooling systems, Brasel said.

Officials said high on their list of priorities is construction of a gymnasium on the SWCID campus.

Riley said the college's master facilities plan, created by a group of architectural design students from Texas Tech University, will include necessary adjustments for projected growth. In the future, he said, he hopes to implement a day care center, a new classroom facility and better handicapped access.

Sparks said efforts will continue to measure the effectiveness of the college programs.

"We're going to seek answers to some questions we have," she said. Riley added that quality of

students and instruction would be scrutinized in the near future. The college's "open door" enrollment policy, he said, will not change.

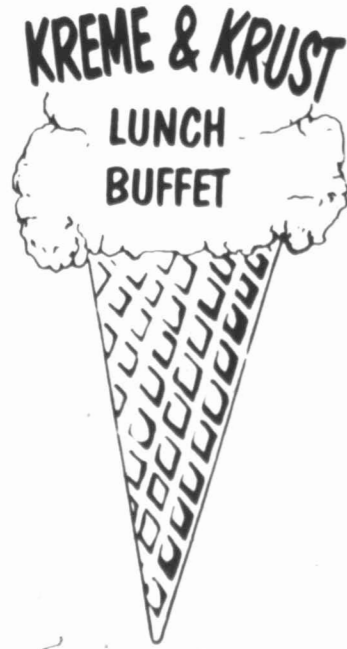
Administrators said it has long been a goal of the college to offer a scholarship to every high school graduate in Howard County. The project would require large amounts of funding, but officials said they are optimistic about the chances of giving everyone in the area the option to attend college.

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Incoming freshmen test their computer skills at a career fair during SWCID's fall registration. More than 100 students from around the country come to SWCID each year. SWCID is one of a very small number of colleges in the United States where classes are signed rather than spoken.

SWCID's future looks bright

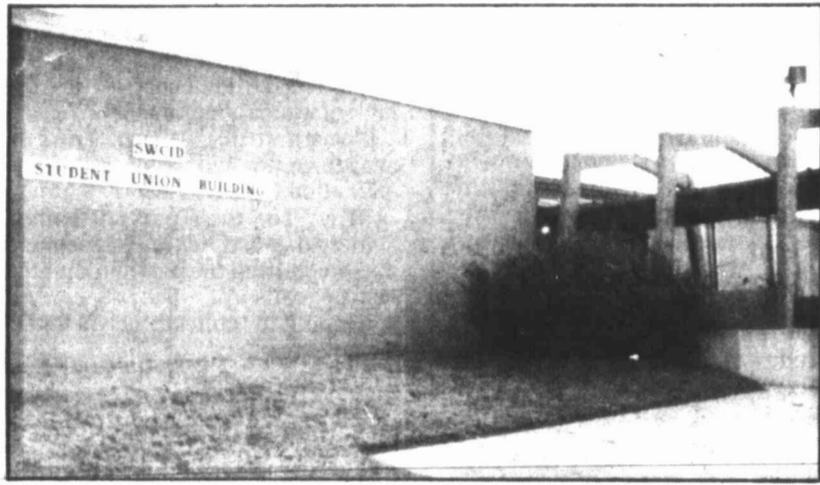
By RON BRASEL

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf (SWCID), frequently referred to as the third college for the deaf, was established on the former Webb Air Force Base by the Board of Trustees of the Howard County Junior College District on Nov. 6, 1979, with a second vote of approval on March 3, 1980. The name of the college evolved over the years to what is today the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf of Howard College (SWCID).

Some 14 general objectives that delineated the purpose of the institution were developed for SWCID in 1981. The curriculum for SWCID was created to be like that of a typical two-year college program, with emphasis given to vocational training for deaf students. With the state of Texas emphasizing basic skills in reading, writing and math, SWCID also stressed a developmental studies program in addition to college transfer coursework. The legislature that established SWCID also provided for training of hearing students in those college programs which would in some way provide a service to deaf individuals.

SWCID has continued to hire qualified deaf and hearing role models and professional faculty and staff. Student Services has also played an active role in the growth of the college. SWCID has continued to provide interpreting services for the deaf, tutoring, personal and job placement counseling, manual communication training, numerous recreational activities, supervised housing and audiological assessment.

Acquisition of property, including some 65 acres with buildings, was vital to the establishment of the college. The buildings currently being used include the former Webb Air Force Base hospital, two dormitories, a residential maintenance building and storage buildings, and a



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The Student Union Building, acquired in 1990, provides meeting and recreational facilities.

building which includes an auditorium, a recreational center and spacious rooms to be used for campus expansion.

SWCID has managed to remain a vital part of the Big Spring community, develop numerous vocational certificate and degree training programs, implement a strong developmental studies program and provide academic college transfer coursework to a variety of deaf students from Texas as well as from across the nation. SWCID's funding has stabilized and the renovation to existing buildings has continued. The numbers of students has stayed at or above 100 since 1986.

For 1991, SWCID anticipates an increased growth due to out-of-state recruiting efforts. In addition to campus landscaping, renovations to a new Student Union Building will be a high priority for SWCID in 1991. A 2+2 sign language program is being proposed with the Big Spring Independent School District. This program will allow high school students to begin sign language classes and then complete a degree in Interpreter Training. Additional improvements will be made in the

residence halls and the administration/instructional building.

Plans are underway to begin a rodeo club at SWCID beginning Fall 1991. A summer leadership training program for deaf and hearing impaired students is scheduled for Summer 1991. SWCID-Fest, which is planned for April 12-13, will not only be a fun weekend event for SWCID faculty, staff, students and alumni, but will also provide SWCID with potential recruiting opportunities for 1991.

SWCID has been involved in developing legislation to consider substituting the SAT-II tests for the TASP tests for deaf and hearing impaired students. Real-time captioning and field testing of professional educational exams for the disabled are also pieces of legislation that SWCID officials and other educational and community agencies will be working on during this legislative session.

The future of the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf is brighter than ever. SWCID will continue to strive for quality educational for deaf post-secondary students and to anticipate the educational challenges of the future.

Workers get parks ready for spring use

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

City parks are gearing up for spring, while Scenic Mountain State Park awaits word on a new supervisor.

Work crews are busy at several city park locations. Efforts to maintain the parks have been increased to ensure the parks will be ready for the upcoming warm weather.

The baseball fields at Cotton Mize Park are being readied for softball season, said Assistant City Manager Tom Decell. He explained that the infields are currently being re-surfaced with a granular rock called "chat".

A considerable amount of work is also underway at the Comanche Trail Park, explained Decell. The barbecue grill at the Old Settlers Pavilion is being rebuilt, and Big Spring Draw, which runs through the golf course, is receiving some landscaping and drainage work.

Minor repairs and maintenance are being conducted at the city pool. Decell reiterated that there are no plans to close the pool, and said the Parks and Recreation Board is discussing long-range plans for the facility. Decell explained that the board is talking about ways to make the pool more attractive to the public, such as building a water slide or other such additions.

The State Park at Scenic Mountain is still in limbo following the loss of manager Richard Grube. "We have not received permission from the state to advertise the vacancy," said District Manager Tom Palmer. Grube was promoted to Mission Tejas Park in East Texas, leaving the ranger as the only full-time classified position at the park. Although a letter of request has been sent to the state, there has been no reply regarding Scenic Mountain's request for a new manager.

The picturesque road through the state park is popular with local residents. "Walking the mountain" is a common form of exercise in Big Spring. Palmer explained that, although the ticket booth is often unmanned, people wishing to use the park are welcome to do so. The ranger may stop by to distribute permits for those wishing to use the playground and picnic areas, or permits can be obtained at the ranger's office.



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Big Spring is fortunate in having many city parks, in addition to Comanche Trail Park and the Scenic Mountain State Park. The A.B.C. Park, above, is fenced and has a play area for children. The Birdwell Lane Park, below, has a new Frisbee golf course. The notice on the post explains the layout of the course.



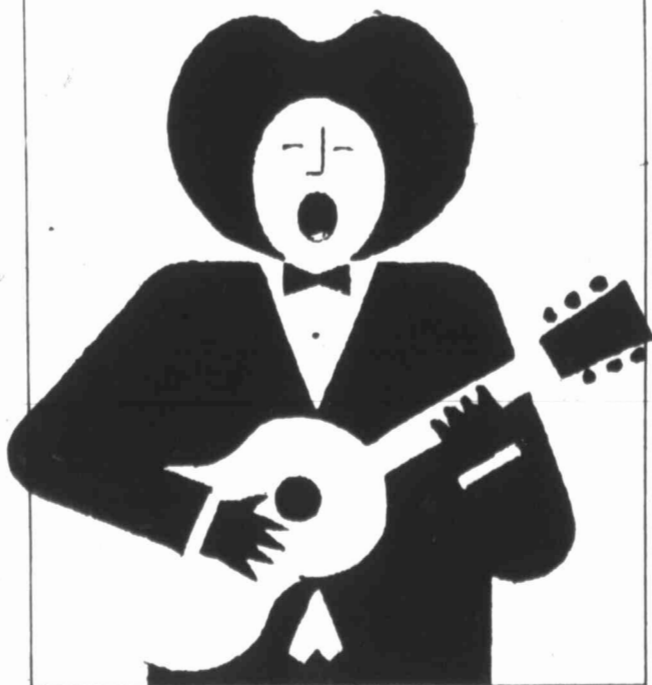
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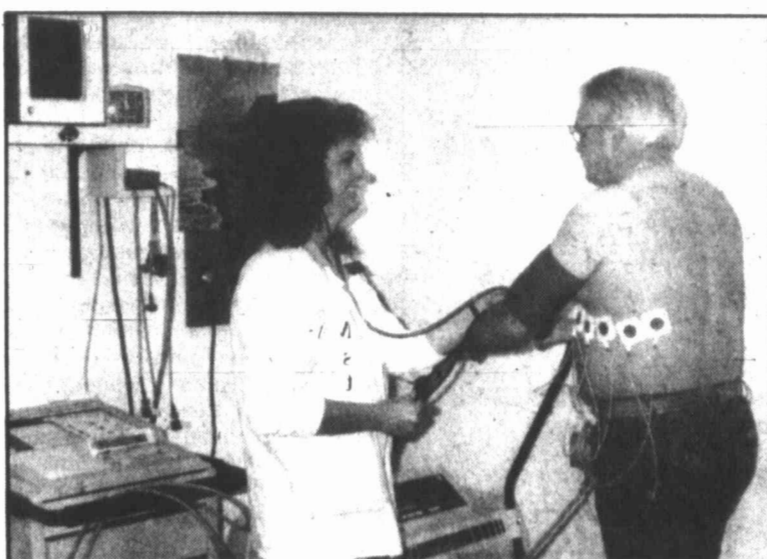
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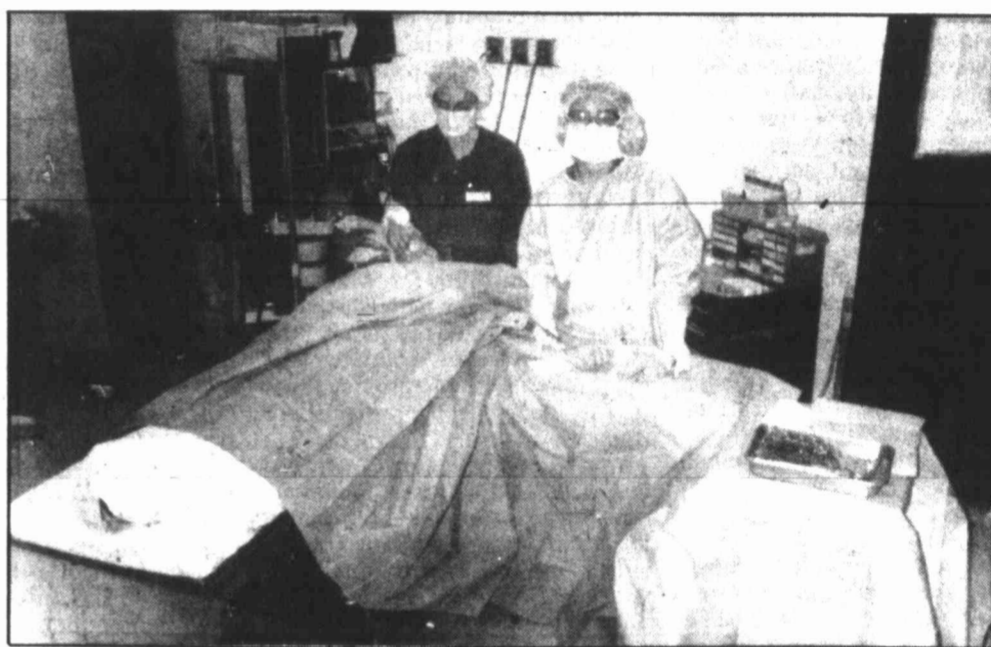
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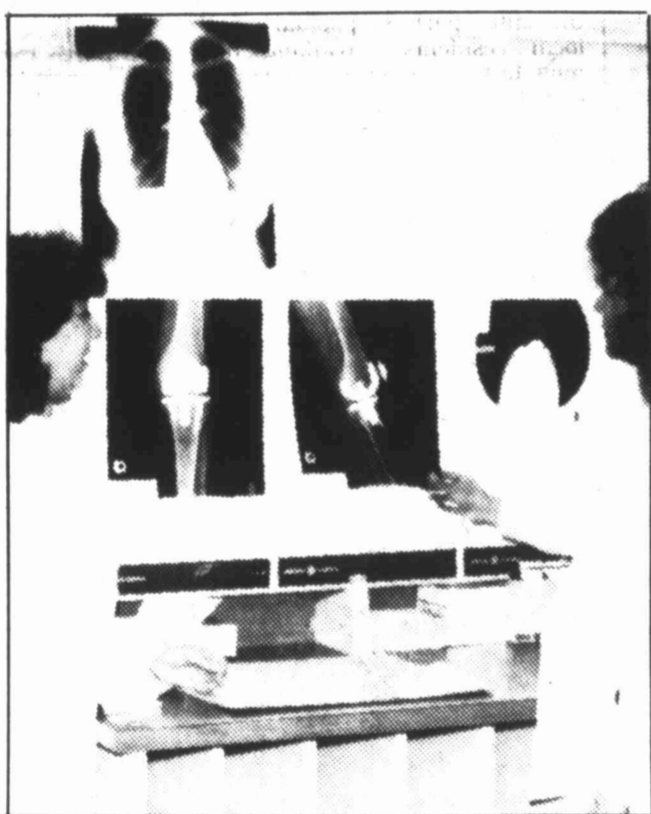
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ALLERGIES, FACIAL AND PLASTIC SURGERY, OTOLARYNGOLOGY: Lee Paul Fry, M.D., F.A.C.S., H. Allen Anderson, M.D., F.A.C.S., Keith Walvoord, M.D., F.A.C.S. (Consulting)

West Texans troubled with allergies can often be helped through our E.N.T. Department. Allergy consultations, skin testing, immunotherapy and desensitization are offered, as well as cosmetic surgery procedures and auditory testing.

INTERNAL MEDICINE: Abdul R. Baluch, M.D., A.B.I.M., William A. Riley, M.D.

An Internist is the specialist who diagnoses and treats most adult medical illnesses. Several of our Internists have completed additional years of subspecialty fellowships, and because of this advanced training, an Internist is able to offer diagnostic knowledge and procedures a general practitioner cannot. Treadmill testing, Holter Monitoring, executive physicals, and Stress and Diet counseling are just a few of the services offered through this Department.

NEPHROLOGY: Gary D. Newsom, M.D., A.B.I.M. (Consulting)

Nephrology is the medical specialty which manages and treats kidney problems and kidney failure, mainly through dialysis. This Department works closely with our Dialysis Unit to provide local care to those patients who would otherwise have to travel out-of-town for this service.

OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY: Melvin A. Porter, M.D., A.B.O.G.

This branch of medicine deals with special problems and concerns of women—caring for women throughout pregnancy, labor and delivery, and medical and surgical treatment of the female reproductive system. Cyrosurgery, colposcopy, laparoscopy and sterilization, routine Pap smears and breast exams are just a few services offered by this department.

ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY: Robert P. Hayes, M.D., F.A.A.O.S.

The orthopaedic surgeon deals with bones, ligament and tendons, and preservation and restoration of function of the skeletal systems in his specialty. Orthopaedic procedures at the Clinic range from setting bone fractures to outpatient arthroscopy to major surgery such as total hip, knee and shoulder replacements. Another important

area of orthopaedics is sports medicine and treatment of back pain, much of which responds favorably to physical therapy.

PEDIATRICS: B.R. Owen, M.D., F.A.A.P.

Children are the pediatrician's patients. A pediatrician is a specialist trained to deal with childhood disease and developmental problems. Immunizations, annual checkups, and allergy testing are services available in Pediatrics. Our pediatrician works closely with ambulance and air transport systems to insure quality medical care for critically-ill newborns and pediatric patients who require referral.

PODIATRY: Carlos Dimidjian, D.P.M.

Podiatrists specialize in examination and treatment — both medical and surgical — of all foot problems. Hammer toes, tumors, skin disorders, ingrown toenails, and ligament injuries are common problems treated by podiatry. Early attention to foot disorders may lead to earlier diagnosis of serious systemic disorders.

PSYCHOLOGY: Ron L. Cohorn, Ph.D.

Psychologists provide evaluation and treatment of emotional and adjustment disorders. Marital and family counseling, as well as hypnosis for weight problems, pain, smoking and stress management are available through our psychologist.

SURGERY (GENERAL AND VASCULAR): Donald E. Crockett, Jr., M.D., F.A.C.S., Carlos Garza, M.D., and James E. Mathews, M.D., F.A.C.S.

Complete surgical care is offered by our surgeons — removal of diseased or malfunctioning gallbladders and appendixes, and hernia repairs. Surgical procedures to relieve blockages of blood vessels of the arms, legs, neck and back are performed, along with endoscopy, which allows the surgeons to diagnose and treat problems in the digestive system. Our surgeons also remove polyps, do biopsies and cauterize skin lesions.

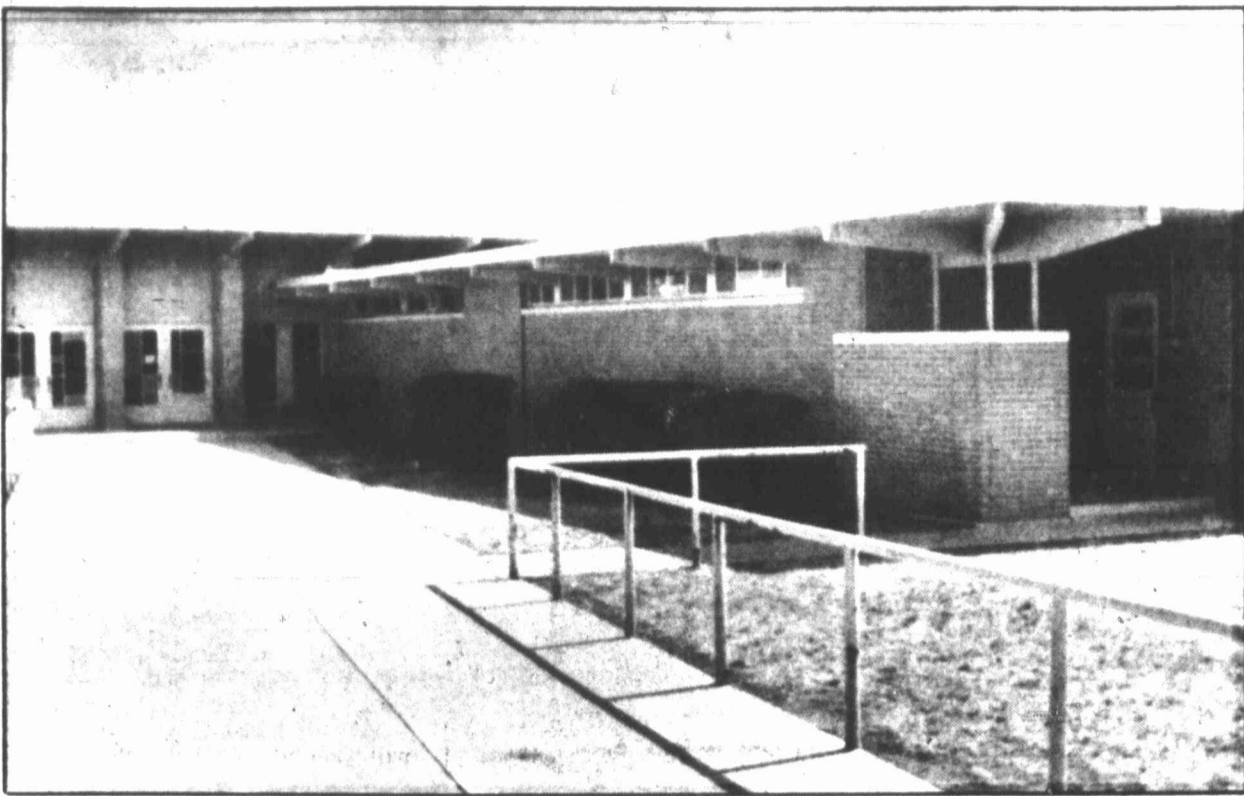
RHEUMATOLOGY: William A. Riley, M.D.

Rheumatologists are physicians who specialize in treating people with conditions such as arthritis, osteoporosis, gout, bursitis, and lupus. Joint injections help to relieve painful joints, along with the most effective medications available today — all these enable the patient with arthritis to lead a more comfortable life, which is the goal of the rheumatologist.

UROLOGY: James W. Cowan, M.D., D.A.B.U., F.A.C.S., Rudy I. Haddad, M.D., D.A.B.U., F.A.C.S.

Urologists treat disease of the urinary tract and conditions of the male reproductive system, and often deals with problems that require surgical intervention. However, urologists also treat non-surgical problems such as urinary tract infections, and evaluate male infertility and male sexual dysfunction. Urological procedures offered through the Clinic include cystoscopy, correction of incontinence, vasectomies, bladder dilatations, with simple procedures being done on an outpatient basis in Texas Surgery. Now Available: Prostate Cancer Evaluation with Ultrasound, Lithotripsy — Kidney Stone Crusher.

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A citizens advisory committee, appointed by the BSISD, recently completed a study of the district's school buildings. The group recommended using Goliad Middle School for fifth and sixth

grades and construction of a new school for seventh and eighth grades. Goliad currently houses the sixth and seventh grades.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Group advocates new school

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District may call for a bond election in the fall of 1991 to provide a new junior high school. The Citizens Committee for School Improvement recommended to the school board that a new junior high is needed to replace Runnels.

In the last meeting of the committee, a tour of Runnels was conducted by officials, and surveys were distributed to each member. These surveys asked specific questions about school facilities, and the 26 members who completed the form agreed two-to-one to build a new junior high school.

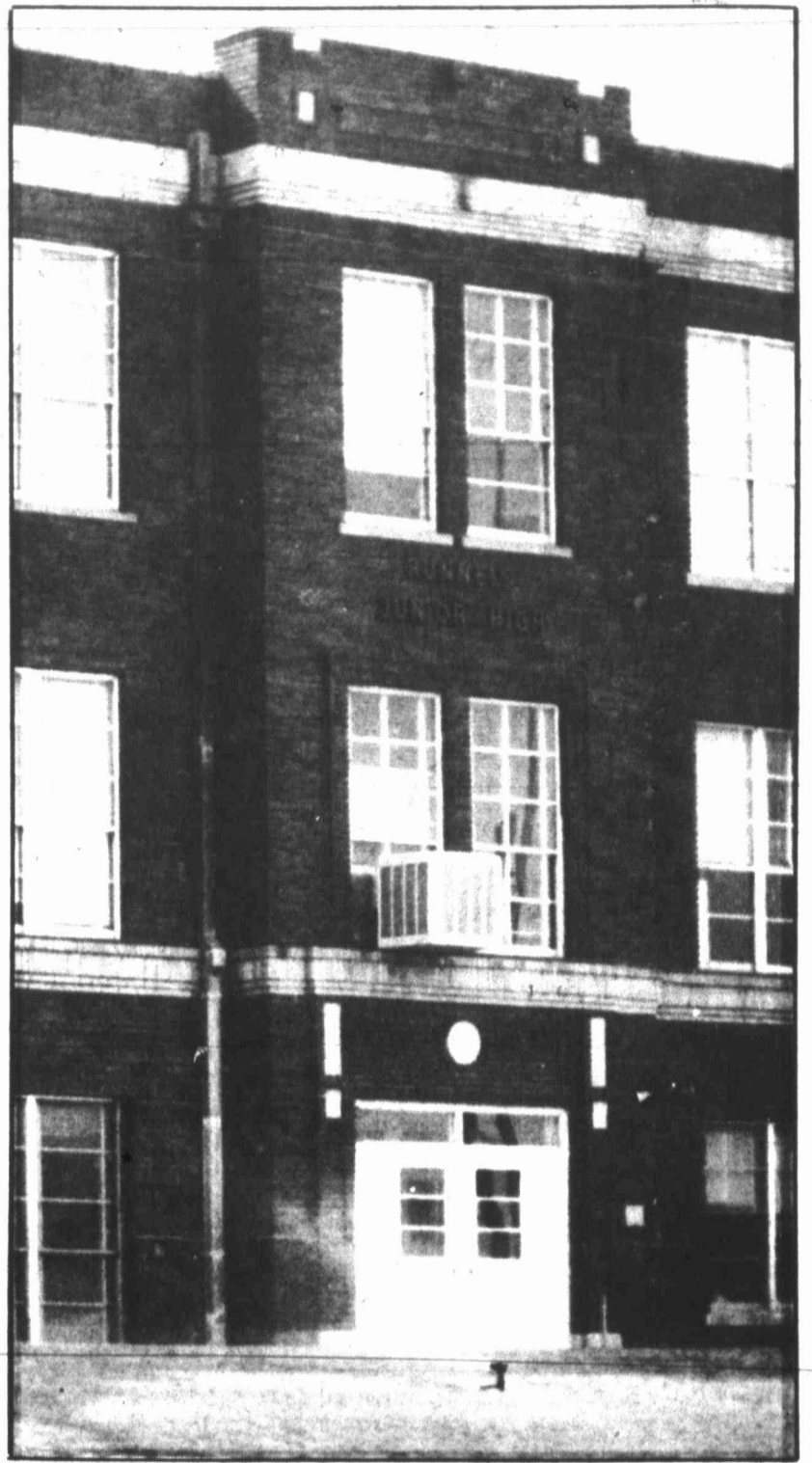
Runnels does not comply with handicapped accessibility laws now in effect, and does not meet current fire safety codes. According to Burr Lea Settles, fire marshal, the school is as fire-safe as possible, within the guidelines of an old building.

Runnels, built in 1916, does not have state-regulated lighting in classrooms, and needs complete electrical work to replace wires added after the building was constructed. The building also contains asbestos, has heating ducts running through the classrooms, hot water pipes within reach in the hallways, and termites in the mortar.

The cost of building a new junior high school would require passing a \$7.8 million bond. Renovating the structure would cost \$6.5 million, and Tommie Huckabee, architect and advisor for the committee, said if renovation is half the cost of new construction, then new construction is more feasible.

The committee also considered the need for a new elementary school to replace College Heights. Superintendent William McQueary said all the elementaries are filled to capacity. If another school is built for elementary students, current overcrowding problems will be solved, and an additional 10 classes will be available for growing enrollment.

A new junior high school could be built at the Boydston site, north of the YMCA on Seventh Street. The committee discussed building an elementary school south of Goliad



A citizens advisory committee recently voted to recommend the construction of a new junior high school to replace Runnels Junior High, built in 1916. The BSISD board may call for a bond election in the fall to pay for a new building. The cost of replacing Runnels is expected to be \$7.8 million.

Herald photo by Tim Appel

Big Spring ISD board turns to citizens committee for advice

By BILL McQUEARY

The Big Spring Independent School District began a detailed study in 1990-91 of possible building proposals to meet the future needs of the children of the district. This study brought into focus five years of building and facility studies of previous boards and administrations. In the mid-1960s, the BSISD was growing at a steady rate and the board's need to provide adequate facilities culminated in the approval of a \$5.5 million bond issue.

Big Spring and the Big Spring ISD have gone through drastic changes since the 1964 election. The loss of Webb Air Force Base, coupled with the loss of student enrollment, necessitated the closing of several schools. These events placed the BSISD in a maintenance trend with its schools and other facilities. The greatest challenge these events have created is the maintenance of buildings that are quite old.

Although, the enrollment of the BSISD has stabilized and shown signs of increasing over the last three years, which has caused some overcrowding problems, the overall need has been established to replace buildings that were built from 1916 through 1938.

Because the Board of Trustees of the BSISD believed that the community must be involved in planning and evaluating facilities, a Citizens' Committee for School Improvement was formed. This committee was asked to study the needs of the district, evaluate plans and proposals, and to provide input to the board concerning these proposals.

Forty-one citizens studied numerous publications, studied architectural proposals and plans, discussed options and proposals, analyzed tax implications, evaluated boundaries and numerous other concerns related to new facility planning. They also toured facilities and participated in

a summative evaluation. This evaluation was presented to the Big Spring Board of Trustees. The board is currently studying the proposals and the committee evaluations.

One of the proposals is for the construction of a new junior high (grades seven and eight) to replace Runnels. Another proposal is the building of a new elementary school to replace College Heights. Additional improvements at other schools are also being studied. Decisions concerning these and other proposals will be addressed by the board in future months.

The Big Spring ISD continually tries to provide the best possible education for the boys and girls of Big Spring. It welcomes all citizen input.

The Big Spring Independent School District meets in regular session on the second Thursday of each month at 5:15 p.m. in the BSHS Board Room. The public is invited to attend all meetings.

Middle School, on Goliad Street.

Committee members also discussed the future of the Runnels building if another school is constructed. Some suggestions include remodeling the structure to preserve the history, using the space for other business, or razing the area.

McQueary said, after the questionnaires were returned and tallied, there might not be a need for the committee to meet again. The purpose, he said, was to gain insight and input from community members on existing school facilities, and to generate ideas to solve the problems of Runnels.

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Patients receive top priority at VA Medical Center

By PATRICIA ATKINS

The year 1990 was an exciting year for personnel at the Big Spring VA Medical Center.



PATRICIA ATKINS

Looking back over Fiscal Year 1990, we received excellent reports from the Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations (JCAHO); acquired 24 additional positions for Nursing Service, Psychiatry Service, and the Information Resource Management (IRM) Section; recruited a highly qualified Chief of Staff and filled other key clinical positions; and completed several construction projects. Most importantly, our fine staff, supplemented by a dedicated group of volunteers, continue to provide quality medical care to veterans in a sensitive and caring manner; so say the overwhelming majority of veterans who participate in patient satisfaction surveys at the facility. In the face of continuing resolutions that hamper operations, and budget uncertainties that make patient care management difficult, medical center staff continue to breathe life into our credo: 'When a veteran walks in the door of this medical center, that veteran is number one.'

That message was relayed to the medical center employees by Conrad Alexander, Medical Center Director, on Oct. 17, as the Department of Veterans Affairs found itself under another "continuing resolution" at the onset of Fiscal Year 1991.

The VA weathered that storm and saw a 1991 VA budget of \$31.3 billion. While the 1990 budget for the Department was a \$2.1 billion increase over the 1990 budget, the proposed 1992 VA budget of \$33.2 billion will be the largest ever. The healthcare request totals \$13.3 billion and includes funding increases for aging veterans programs, drug abuse treatment, patient environment improvements, and medical sharing agreements with the Department of Defense (DoD). While the details for the proposed 1992 budget were only released in February 1991, the budget will allow us to continue to improve the healthcare programs at the Big Spring VA Medical

Center for the West Texas veterans.

Looking back on 1990, we can see many changes that took place at the VA Medical Center.

"We celebrated the completion of the outdoor walking/jogging track and all-purpose court which provide outdoor rehabilitative recreation areas for our patients," said Alexander.

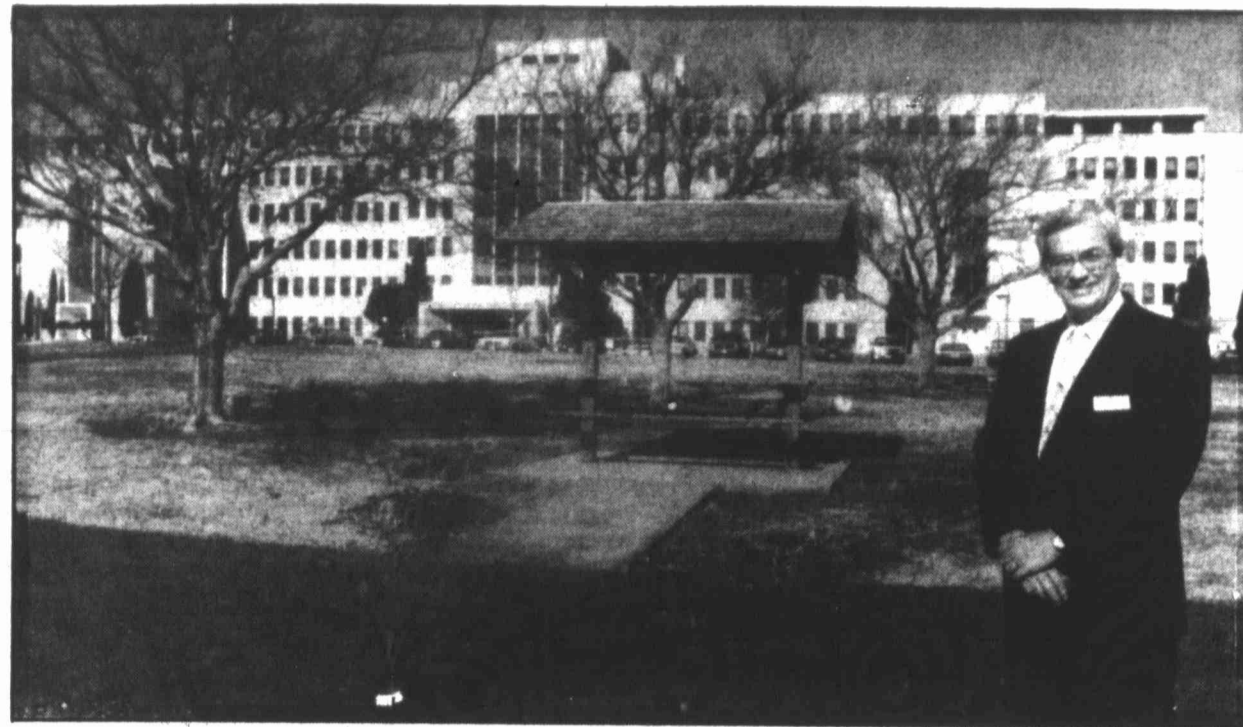
The newly constructed gazebo provides an excellent environment for patients to hold therapeutic group sessions as well as enjoying picnics and visiting with their families. In the same area, the patients can often be found tossing horseshoes and shooting baskets during breaks in their treatment plans.

Other improvements seen in 1990 included a newly remodeled ambulatory care area which provides a third outpatient waiting area for the comfort and convenience of the 29,015 patients expected to visit the facility in 1991. Seven additional examining rooms for medical, surgery, and psychiatry clinics completed the year-long outpatient construction project.

The Department of Veterans Affairs is the largest healthcare system in the free world and over one-half of the healthcare professionals receive some part of their training from the department. The Big Spring VA facility continues to have very active academic and clinical training programs. Our principle affiliates are Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center (TTUHSC) for ophthalmology residents, dietetic interns, and interior design students; Howard College for Associate Degree in Nursing training, and dental hygiene students; Scenic Mountain Medical Center Radiology Technician training; and Odessa College for instruction in physical therapy.

This medical center was recently selected as one of twenty-six facilities to participate in a special pilot project approved by Congress to eliminate rotation tours for registered nurses (RNs).

"Big Spring VA Medical Center received 12 full-time RN positions to initiate the program, and we are presently recruiting to fill those positions. Our facility was also selected for the 'Total Quality Management' (TQM) pilot program. TQM is a purposeful and systematic approach involving methods of assessing daily operations to assure things are done right the first time and quickly



Conrad Alexander, director of the VA Medical Center, stands by the new walking track in front of the facility. The medical center celebrated its 40th anniversary in 1990.

solve problems," said Alexander.

Nurses continue to take advantage of Tuition Support/Tuition Reimbursement Programs that allows them to further their education while continuing their employment.

Another most promising linkage has been the sharing agreements between the VA and the Department of Defense (DoD). By pooling their resources to help each other, economy in procurement and avoidance in duplication of expenditures can be realized. The Big Spring VA Medical Center presently has sharing agreements with Dyess Air Force Hospital in Abilene and Goodfellow Air Force Clinic in San Angelo. A third agreement is pending approval with the U.S. Naval Reserve in Midland. Agreements are also in place with Scenic Mountain Medical Center for mutual use of specialized

resources, and with Big Spring State Hospital for mutual aid in the event of laundry equipment failure. We continue to receive accolades for our grounds maintenance, which is made possible by the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institution through a unique sharing agreement whereby inmates at the prison are utilized to maintain the property.

The past year saw the expansion of the Dual Diagnosis Program (DDP) which accepts veterans who require intensive treatment for alcoholism or drug addiction in addition to another psychiatric disorder. This program brought eight additional full-time employees to the medical center to implement and administer the program.

Employees work diligently to show their support to the community by their active involvement in

the United Way; the American Heart Association's Celebrity Waiver Dinner, the Christmas in April project; the Christmas Parade; and the outside Christmas decorations competition, which brought us first place in the commercial category.

A new Operation Care and Share program initiated this Christmas was well received by the elderly residents administered to this year. The "Peace on Earth" sign, designed and built by Engineering Service personnel as a part of our Christmas decorations, remained on display through the Desert Storm conflict and, due to several requests, will be left on display through the Easter celebration.

During the Mideast crisis, employees showed their support by sponsoring a one-day "Send a Note with a Coke" drive to help send 10,000 cases to the military person-

nel serving in Saudi Arabia. According to Alexander, 346 12-packs of cokes were sold in the six-hour effort. And more recently, five employees participated in a golf tournament which raised \$2,500 to produce and send cassette tapes containing local humor and music to the troops.

The Big Spring VA Medical Center was involved in contingency planning to receive DoD casualties resulting from Operation Desert Storm. A comprehensive plan to receive and treat casualties was developed as part of the VA/DoD Contingency Plan. This planning effort was successfully coordinated with other VA facilities and the William Beaumont Army Hospital, Fort Bliss, El Paso.

Elevators, installed 40 years ago, will soon be replaced with state of the art elevators at a cost of approximately one million dollars. A plan to expand our energy conservation computer system to allow better monitoring of sensitive environmental equipment is being developed at an estimated construction cost of \$260,000. Additional engineering projects are primarily geared to fire and safety improvements in the medical center, including installation of a \$250,000 sprinkler system throughout the facility.

"For the past several years, growing consumer awareness, coupled with increased complexity of the healthcare system, has resulted in an increasing number of patient concerns and requests. One response to consumer expectations is the development of a position of Patient Representative. Pat Atkins was named to the newly created post," said Alexander. The center believes the presence of a Patient Representative makes a definite statement to patients, their families, the community, and the staff at the facility. Pat may be reached by calling (915) 264-4839, or you are welcome to stop in and visit with her at the medical center.

United Way pleased by community support

For the Herald

Encouraged by the success of the 1990 drive, the Big Spring United Way is taking steps to improve methods of continuing to educate the public about the organization.

Murray Murphy, 1991 United Way president, said the organization was very pleased at the response from the community last year, enabling the United Way to surpass its goal of \$220,000 by more than \$40,000.

"The success of the 1990 drive allowed us to contribute an additional \$6,250 to both the Northside Community Center and the Salvation Army," Murphy said. "This demonstrates to the public the real purpose of the theme of the United Way... helping the ones who need the help in our community."

Murphy said the two agencies had lost federal funding due to a decline in unemployment percentages based on the population of the city.

Murphy said educating the public was the key to last year's success, and plans for strengthening that program are being formulated.

"It is our goal to keep the United Way name in front of the public year-round, not just during the fundraising campaign," Murphy said.

"We plan to do this in such a way that we won't interfere with other individual agencies who conduct fundraisers during the early part of the year."

In addition to strengthening the educational process, Murphy said the United Way is planning to add a computer system this year.

"This will improve the accounting system, speed up billing and allow a more timely, accurate picture of where we are," he said. He added it will also lighten the work load of Executive Director Sherrie Bordofsky.

Jeff Morris, manager of the Fina Refinery, has been named as the 1991 drive chairman. He will be assisted by Jim Purcell, State National Bank. Murphy said plans are in the process of being formulated for the 1991 campaign. He said the individual agencies within the United Way will submit budget requests in June.

Once the budget requests are in, Murphy said the board of directors will begin work on establishing a "healthy budget goal" and look for ways to improve help to the agencies.

"With the help of our dedicated volunteers and the community, we can look forward to another successful year," Murphy said.

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State Hospital being refurbished

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Frequent visitors to the Big Spring State Hospital may notice the new trees lining the streets, but the real changes are taking place inside the buildings. In an effort to refurbish the 53-year-old structures, the administration began work on the buildings in 1990 and will continue for the next two years, Edward Moughan, assistant superintendent for the hospital, said.

"What started this was us thinking about customers and customer service. We're focusing on upgrading the environment. We've long had an excellent reputation for health care and efficiency, but we found we had something to learn in customer service. We don't get a lot of Christmas cards from our ex-patients," he said.

He said there are plans to construct the Activities Therapies and Rehabilitation Building on the south side of the grounds, with a view of Scenic Mountain. This new area will have classrooms, an aerobic and exercise room, music and art therapy studios, a shopping mall to replace the patient clothing room currently in use, a restaurant to replace the patient's Canteen and an atrium with glass patio doors for patient recreation.

"This will be the first new building since the late '60s or early '70s. The state has let its institutions ride, but this is the beginning of a new era for institutions," he said.

A playground for patients' children will also be constructed,

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Assistant Superintendent Edward Moughan

and all the outdoor furniture will be replaced, he said.

"We're going to convert part of the chapel to a family visiting center. Some patients said we 'have no place for my kids,' when they visit. We'll staff the family center Saturdays and Sundays for visitors. We have 70 to 80 visitors each weekend," he said.

Moughan conducted a walk-through tour of the renovations and pointed out changes in all but one of the buildings.

"We're the only state hospital that has gone to carpet in the patient care areas. The push in the mental health field has been more psychiatrists, more psychologists, more doctors, better staff. This is 1991 and we're talking about carpet, but the focus is for customer service," he said.

He said the management staff decided to spend the night in the hospital to observe first-hand the conditions the patients experience.

"We did that a year-and-a-half ago, and we've done it since then. We found that the food was too bland, the tea and coffee tasted bad because we didn't use RO (reverse osmosis) water, and most of the staff admitted they stayed up all night. Most people like privacy, and don't do well sleeping in

strange places, with strange people," he said.

To remedy the privacy issue, the dormitory-like rooms with eight beds in each have been converted to privacy cubicles, built to state-regulated specifications. The state department of life safety included such restrictions as walls that do not meet the ceiling or the floor, but still provide an enclosed area for each patient, and no doors without windows.

Previously, the rooms were large, open areas, and, when the hospital was built, capable of housing 1,100 patients. "We try to keep it to 340 or less now," Moughan said.

The short-term mental health unit, where patients are expected to recover and be discharged in three months or 2qza has received the first of the renovations, on the first floor. The second floor of that building is under construction now, he said.

All of the buildings received carpeting, to cut down on the echo problem and to lessen the institutional atmosphere, he said. Only the geriatric unit, for the seriously ill older patients, did not receive the carpet, except in the day room, and Moughan said now the administration realizes that was a

mistake. He said carpet will be installed in those patient rooms as well.

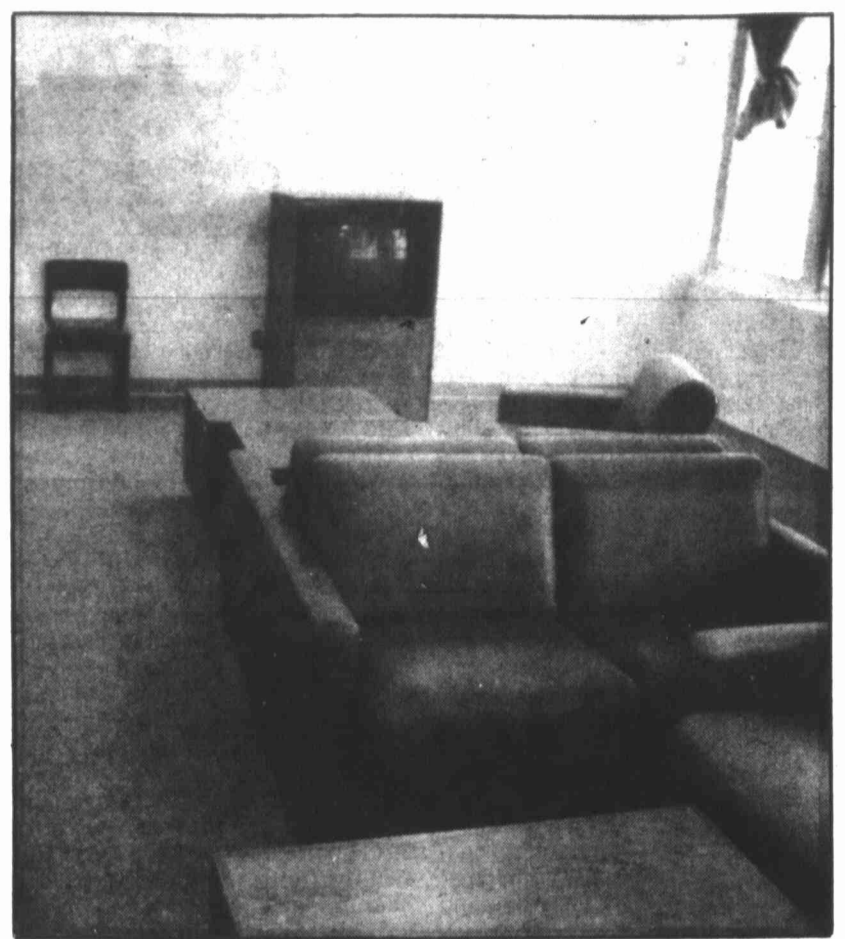
Other changes include upholstered furniture to replace the vinyl-covered sofas and chairs. The televisions were encased in Plexiglas to prevent destruction, but now are installed in entertainment centers with easy access for all patients. New pictures, plants, wall coverings to cover the masonry brick walls and pastel-painted baseboards complete some of the decorating.

He said the furniture must have attached cushions to prevent patients from welding them around, and the pictures and furnishings were bolted to the floor or anchored to the walls before the renovations.

"Some of our colleagues have been very cautious. We had a debate about floor lamps. But the patients treat everything nice. We've not had any problems. The patients have been very respectful," Moughan said.

"This is a big, cavernous hospital. But some of it is beautiful; the masonry ceilings and walls and the terrazo floors. And the non-smoking policy greatly improved the environment, too," he said.

"It's the little things," said Moughan, indicating the blue and clear-colored windows in one building. "No one cared how things looked, and we're trying to improve the environment. This won't cure mental illness, but it may give the patients self-respect, confidence in their care and make their visit more comfortable."



Herald photos by Tim Appel

Major changes are currently underway at the Big Spring State Hospital, with renovations on both the interior and exterior of the buildings. Antiseptic green walls and old curtains in the top photo are making way for wallpaper and new carpet in the above photo to achieve a warmer atmosphere in two day rooms in one of the wards.



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Alcohol and drug treatment to focus on dual diagnosed abuser

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

As part of a new provision added to the May 1989 joint resolution of the Texas Mental Health and Mental Retardation Department and the Texas Commission on Alcoholism and Drug Addiction, the Big Spring State Hospital is phasing in dual diagnosed patients in its substance abuse program.

Tom Cripps, coordinator for substance abuse with TMHMR in Austin, said the new provision, effective Feb. 12, defined the boundaries of client diagnosis for each bureaucracy.

According to the provision, Cripps said, TMHMR is responsible for clients with "severe, persistent mental health and mental retardation," and TCADA is responsible for the client with the single diagnosis of substance abuse.

Fredda Arney, unit administrator for the program, said dual diagnosed patients are divided into two groups, the Chemically Abusing Mentally Ill, and the Mentally Ill Chemically Abusing.

She said, "The CAMIs are those whose problem is more chemical. If they get off the substance abuse, their mental illness may be controllable. The MICAs have mental illness more severe than chemical illness."

Cripps explained, "MICAs are persons who's primary problem, the reason they're in the hospital, is mental illness. But in addition to their prescribed medication, they're also taking alcohol, marijuana or cocaine, and the abuse of other chemicals will affect the benefits of their medication."

The CAMIs may also need medication, Arney said. But the problem lies within treating the drug abuse. Traditional substance abuse treatment involves Alcoholics Anonymous and the 12

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**Fredda Arney,
unit administrator**

Step program, which allows no chemicals of any kind.

"We've got people who need minor tranquilizers, and they have to go through the 12 Step program and lie," said Arney, adding there is a six-step program being used with the CAMIs program that recognizes mental illness separate from chemical dependence.

"We encourage them to participate in whatever support group they feel most comfortable in. We teach medication management, and they must maintain a drug-free life to reach their goals, but drugs refer to recreational drugs, not prescription medication," Arney said.

She said one of the unit's three social workers has experience working with dual diagnosed clients, and is responsible for developing the treatment program. Drug education, symptoms management, and relapse prevention are some of the programs to be used, she said.

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Both agencies agree that community-based substance abuse treatment programs are needed, and TCADA will fund a portion of

the programs.

Cripps said, "The way TCADA funds, some money (must) be developed locally, so they set reimbursement rates lower than 100 percent of cost."

Ed Moughon, assistant superintendent at the BSSH, said substance abuse clients will continue to receive treatment at the facility until TCADA and local communities fund their own programs for the Howard County catchment area.

"We've found that it's fairly cost effective to have community-based substance abuse programs," Moughon said.

"One reason we're moving slow is the training needs. We want to get the staff skilled for working with these clients," Moughon said. He said experts in the two fields have conducted staff training, including a doctor from New York, and Dr. Harry Davis, who has 27 years in the field.

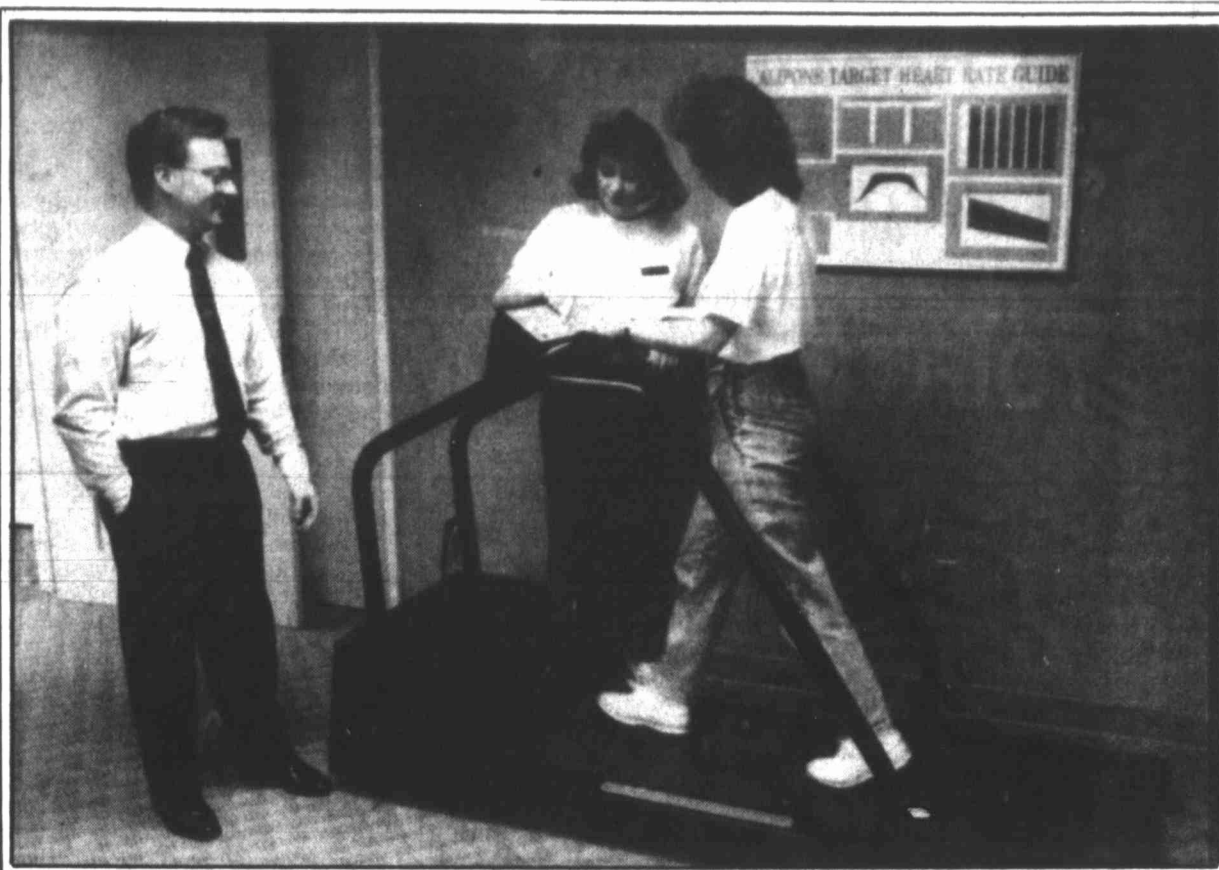
Moughon said TMHMR will be responsible for finding transitional residences, or half-way houses, for the dual diagnosed clients who successfully complete the programs.

But Cripps said financing these facilities remains difficult. "Our half-way house funding leaves us with several problems in client treatment."

Moughon said, "These are clients that show up in the system anyway. Their stay may be longer than those in substance abuse programs."

Arney said the counselors and social workers are ready for the change.

"The staff is geared up. We're as ready as we can be. We know how to swim, now we've got to get in the water. We're treatment-team oriented, and we're excited. We work for a good hospital, with good administration and good leadership," she said.



John Yater and Lisa Williams watch a treadmill test at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center recently. The treadmill, used in such things as

cardiac rehabilitation, was purchased from proceeds from last year's golf tournament benefiting the center.

Changes underway at center

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center has three projects soon to be underway, and director John Yater said the staff is very excited about the changes.

The first change involves remodeling the center to include an observation room with a one-way mirror for parents to view their children in therapy. The new area will replace the old audio testing booths not in use, and will also be equipped with an intercom system.

"This will make the other areas more efficient. The observation room will allow parents to know what's happening in therapy, and then mimic that therapy at home," said Yater, adding that adults may also use the viewing room for therapy when the spouse doesn't want to be in the room with the therapist and patient.

Yater said another change in the center will be the addition of an abdominal and lower back exercise machine. The \$5,000 piece of equipment will be included in

the Work Hardening Program that began 22 months ago.

"This program simulates work on the job, so there is less likelihood of re-injury, and the patient is better prepared to return to work. They say a healthy stomach means a healthy back, and this will be used on back injury patients to strengthen the stomach," he said.

"But the big project we're all excited about is the Cardiac Rehabilitation program for heart patients or post-heart surgery patients or diagnosed angina patients. We'll provide phase two cardiac rehabilitation," Yater said.

The new therapy involves purchasing a treadmill, upper body bicycles, a stair machine, and stationary bicycles. Remodeling the center with a nurses' station, complete with video terminals, will allow patients to be monitored for the course of the exercise program on an electrocardiograph using wireless telemetry.

"The physicians are very ex-

cited about this. Big Spring has a desperate need for this. Now patients are driving to Lubbock and Odessa," Yater said.

The new equipment and program will cost \$70,000, and Yater said half of that expense is funded to date. He expects the other 50 percent to be funded by July, when they will begin the project.

He said the new program will require a doctor's referral, and stress tests to determine the peak limits for the exercises. The center will have crash carts and defibrillators on hand, and the nurses' station will have a view of both the exercise room and the swimming pool.

Yater said he toured several hospitals which offer the program, and this one is patterned after All Saints Hospital, on a smaller scale.

The program is reimbursed by most insurance companies, he said, but the inability to pay will not preclude anyone from the program. The center's fees are based on a sliding scale, and open to anyone who needs them, he said.

Museum's name reflects its mission

The Heritage Museum of Big Spring, organized in 1970, is the successor of the West Texas Memorial Museum founded in 1932. The new name was chosen deliberately to reflect its mission. For the new Museum, preservation of the heritage of western

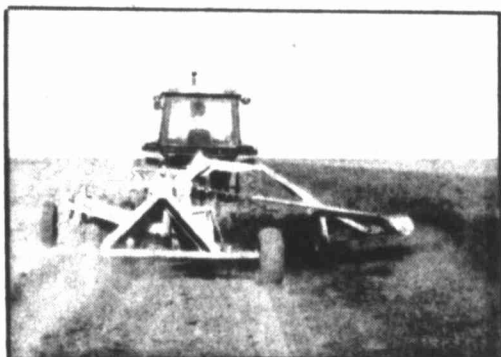
Texas was the goal; and this has been accomplished largely through the collection of paintings by frontier artist H. W. Caylor, and displays of pioneer items and artifacts. The Museum published "Caylor" in 1981, a collector's album containing some 50

color plates of representative works of the pioneer Big Spring area artist. Net proceeds from the sale of the book are used to fund and encourage other works. (From "Gettin' Started: Howard County's First 25 Years," by Joe Pickle.)

HOWARD SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT 1990 ANNUAL REPORT



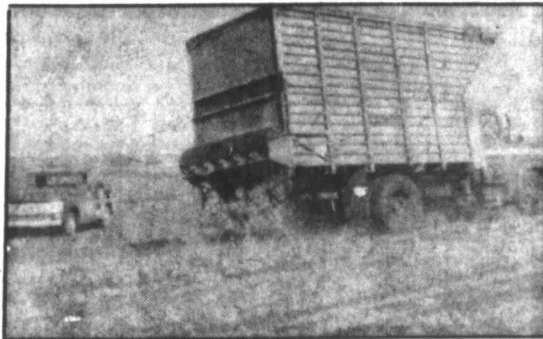
Milo or forage sorghum can be planted in the crop rotation during the summer months to reduce wind erosion. During the last cultivation in September small grains, such as rye, wheat or oats, can be interseeded into the cotton to act as a crop rotation system to reduce wind erosion.



In 1990, 1,333,320 feet of parallel terraces were constructed in the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District. These terraces were constructed to reduce water erosion on highly erodible land with water erosion problems. Terraces can also improve water conservation and improve cropland production. Some of the highly erodible cropland that is terraced will require terraces to control active water erosion that has not been controlled by the use of management practices. If terraces are required to control water erosion of fields, the terraces must be built by December 31, 1994 in order to maintain eligibility for farm program benefits. Through donations from farmers and a grant from the Texas Water Commission, the District purchased two laser instruments for installing terraces. These laser instruments have drastically reduced the number of hours required to stake terrace systems and have allowed us to efficiently stake more terraces.



In Howard County, the Conservation Reserve Program has increased landowner and operator interest in increasing wildlife numbers and species. In 1989 and 1990, about 1500 pheasants were released in Howard County by land owners and operators in the hope of birds becoming adapted to the county. The local Farm Bureau and the District co-sponsor a symposium on improving wildlife habitat in Howard County.



During harvest time, gin trash can be spread on cotton land and can be counted as a rotation with cotton, and act as a high residue rotation to reduce wind erosion.



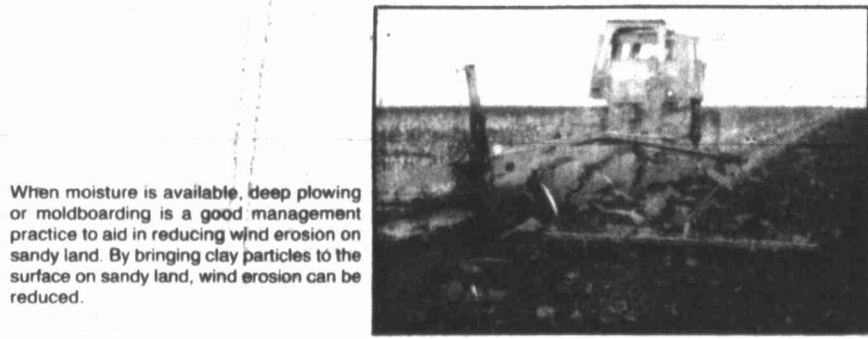
In 1990, 46 acres of annual vegetated waterways were shaped. These waterways are being constructed to handle outside water and to provide a stable outlet for terraces when a high rainfall occurs in a short period of time. If money is available, cost share assistance for constructing waterways and terraces may be obtained from the Great Plains Conservation Program, the ACP Program and the mini-LTA Program.



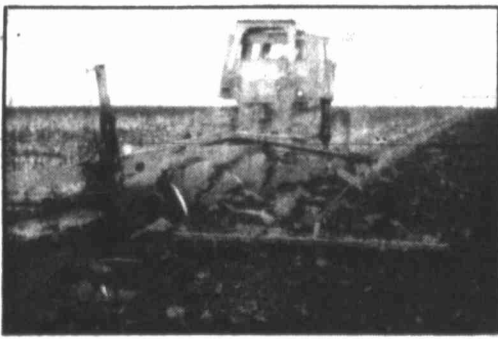
Some landowners with CRP land have constructed wildlife ponds to provide a reliable water source for wildlife species, such as pheasants, ducks, sandhill cranes, quail and dove. Improved water sources will aid in increasing the population of game birds. Due to increased interest of managing CRP land for wildlife benefits, native grass mixtures have been seeded on CRP land the past two years. Some of the desirable grass species for wildlife are Kleingrass, Plains bristlegass, sand dropseed, switchgrass, blue panicum, and Alkali sacaton. Some owners have planted wildlife food plots containing such plants as milo, millet, Maximilian sunflower, Illinois bundleflower, Russian olive, plum, sumac, and four-wing saltbush.



Wind stripcropping of cotton with strips of either forage sorghum, milo, or small grain is one way of reducing wind erosion. The windstrips need to remain standing until about April 1st to help reduce wind erosion.



When moisture is available, deep plowing or moldboarding is a good management practice to aid in reducing wind erosion on sandy land. By bringing clay particles to the surface on sandy land, wind erosion can be reduced.



Rangeland improvement through good grass management. Chesley Wilson, District Technician is shown examining the growth of Arizona cottontop grass, following chemical aerial spraying of Mesquite trees and deferred grazing for 90 days by livestock.



Every year the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District promotes a tree windbreak program. Tree windbreaks aid in reducing wind erosion and help beautify our environment. Some of the most popular trees are Afghanistan pine, Arizona cypress, redcedar, and Austrian pine. Wildlife packets, containing seedlings of species suitable for food and cover for quail and pheasant, deer, turkey, or squirrel, are also available.

HOWARD SWCD ACCOMPLISHMENTS FOR 1990

Terraces	1,333,320 feet
Waterways	46 acres
Wind Stripcropping	56,210 acres
Conservation Cropping System	70,100 acres
Crop Residue Use	15,250 acres
Deferred Grazing	40,250 acres
Proper Grazing Use	61,200 acres
CRP Contracts Administered	185/29,855 acres
Food Security Act Plans Developed	155 plans
Mini-LTA Contracts Written	6 contracts
Great Plains Contracts Written	17 contracts
ACP Referrals Served	46 referrals

DIRECTORS ELECTION

Directors election was held October 13, 1990. Neil Fryar was reelected to Subdivision 1 and Ray Russell was reelected to Subdivision 2. Directors for the Howard Soil and Water Conservation District are Neil Fryar, Carroll Choate, Ray Russell, Bobby Cathey and Loyd Underwood. The directors provide technical assistance to landusers through the Soil Conservation Service, USDA. The responsibilities of the District are to protect the soil and water resources within the District, conservation education, review and approve Food Security Act plans, conservation contest for local youth and to furnish technical assistance to anyone who has a soil and water conservation problem.

HOWARD SWCD MEETING DATE

The District Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of each month at 2:00 P.M. in the Soil Conservation Service Field Office located on the Lamesa Highway. Technical assistance is provided to anyone regardless of race, creed, religion or National origin.

STATEMENT OF REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES 1990

	State Fund	Trust Fund
Revenues Collected	\$26,611.13	\$7,856.30
Expenditures	20,946.30	8,987.40
Balance 1990	1,165.88	2,254.32

The amount of money generated by the Howard SWCD and the Soil Conservation Service is of importance to the community financially. During 1990, the dollar contribution to the local economy was about \$1,583,450.00.

Drag boat races draw many to lake

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

Moss Creek Lake comes alive in August with the annual Drag Boat Race and Lake Fest.

This will be the second year of the event, and it should be bigger and better than last year. Several classes of drag-boat racing will be featured, including the 200-plus mph top fuel hydroplane. "Some of these boats throw a rooster-tail 75 feet high and 300 feet long," said Robbie Sanders of the Southern Dragboat Association board of directors.

The race at Moss Creek Lake is now part of the Southern Dragboat Association circuit of races that begins May 4 in Houston, Sanders explained. In addition to the racing action, fans last year saw parachute jumpers, water-ski and jet-ski demonstrations.

Drag boats compete for times in a straight quarter-mile, explained Sanders. "This year I'm going to try to bring in some hydroplanes for a circle-track race. They're something to see," he said.

The races also provide a boost to city coffers. Just the people involved in racing took up 200 to 300 motel rooms last year, according to Sanders. Each boat has several people that travel with it. "Last year, I listed the Days Inn as our headquarters. It filled up, the one across the street filled up, and I think they filled up about half of the Mid Continent Inn," said Sanders. "About 80 percent of the people watching the races last year came from out of town, some as far away as El Paso and New Mexico."

The race and lake fest is due

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Robbie Sanders

solely to the efforts of Saunders. Beginning in 1978, Sanders asked the city council for permission to use the lake for this event. After several years and several city councils, he was finally given a green light.

Using his own money and what sponsorship he could raise, Sanders put together a world-class show on the first try. "I spent \$28,000 putting the race together, and I made back all but about \$600," Sanders said.

"It's a perfect lake for drag boats," said Sanders. A very successful racer in the alcohol-flat-bottom class, Sanders has lost only one race in the last three years.

For additional fun, Sanders had some races and classes for anyone to enter. "I had brackets for people who wanted to race their ski-boats or jet-boats. It was a lot of fun," said Sanders.

"There were people watching that who said, 'I know who that is, my boat's faster than his,' so there will probably be more entries next year," he added.

"Last year, the Chamber of Commerce didn't get one negative response," said Sanders. "They said that's the first time they had an event where no one called in a complaint."

Birth truly a 'Special Moment' at SMMC

By GARY SHANKS
Staff Writer

With new equipment and facilities, the labor and delivery department of Scenic Mountain Medical Center is said to be state-of-the-art by those who work there.

The hospital has installed two Jacuzzi whirlpool baths in their "Special Moments" labor and delivery rooms. "We have the Jacuzzis to treat post-partum pain and discomfort — that puts us on a par with any of the larger cities," said Dr. Darrell Herrington of Scenic Mountain.

"Within the last six months we've added epidural anesthesia, and ambulatory fetal monitoring," said Herrington. He explained that epidural anesthesia allows the mother to be alert during the birth without feeling the pain of the birthing process. "It's the Cadillac of anesthesia," said Herrington.

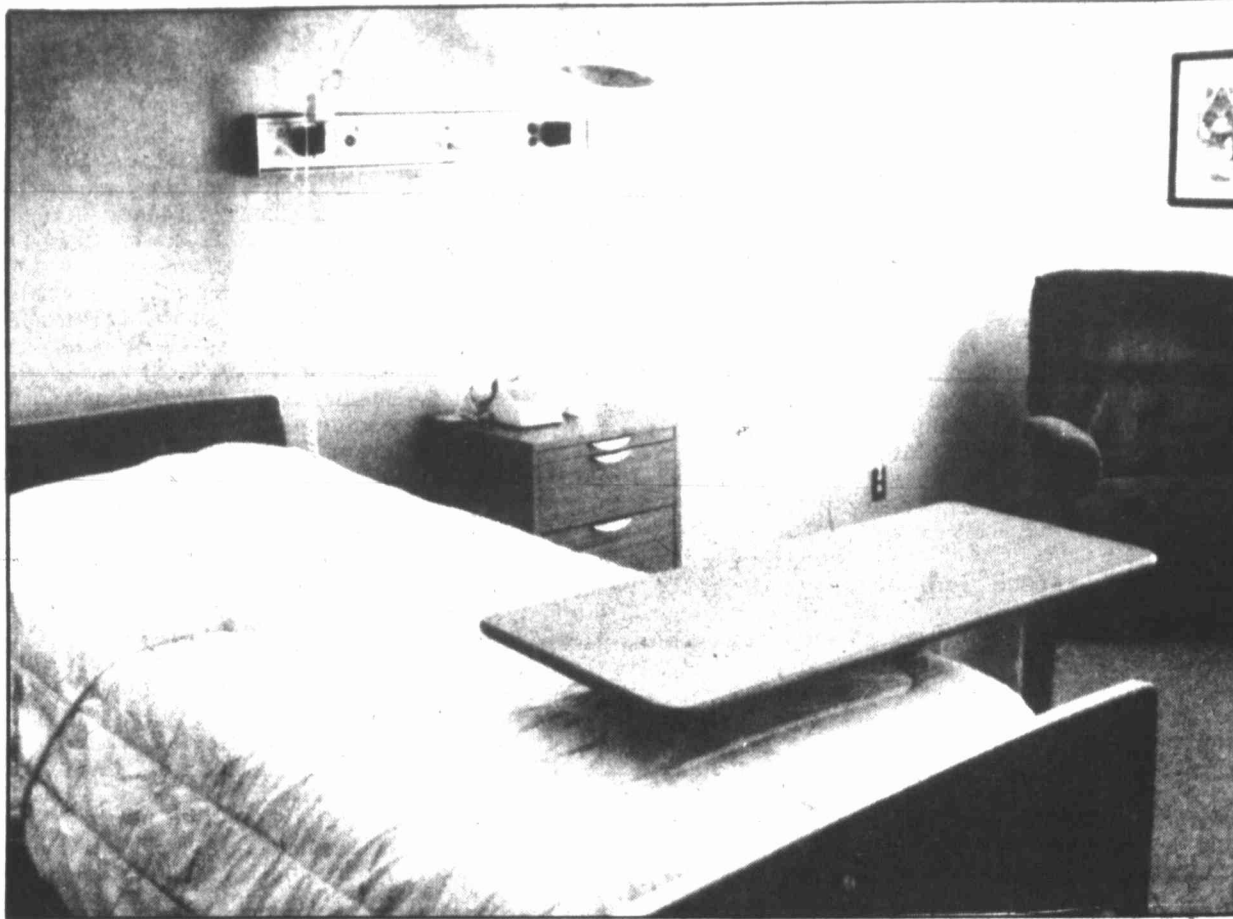
With the older fetal heart monitors, the patient in labor had to stay in bed connected by wires to the device. According to Herrington, however, the ambulatory fetal monitor is a wireless device that allows the mother freedom to walk around or sit up in a chair while her baby's heart rate is carefully watched.

Along with the new facilities, the hospital administration is seeking to bring a new obstetrician into the community. "We are actively recruiting one, maybe two, OBGYNs," explained Shirleen Brown, the Director of Nursing at Scenic Mountain.

"We can use another physician of that type," said Dr. Herrington, "and we are now meeting with potential candidates."

Initiated in 1988, the Special Moments program is now coming to fruition. Traditionally, expectant mothers would labor in one room, be moved to a delivery room for the birth, and then be moved to a recovery room following the birth. Women who use the Special Moments program, however, can labor, deliver and recover in one room. The Special Moments rooms are made more homelike, with carpet and furnishings to provide a more familiar environment for the mother.

"The mother can keep the baby in the room as long as she likes," said Brown. The program has liberal visiting hours for family and friends to be with the mother and infant. "In some hospitals the visiting hours are very strict," ex-



Herald photo by Tim Appel

Special Moments rooms allow mothers to go through labor, delivery and recovery in a homey environment. The program allows new mothers to keep their babies in the room as long as they like and has liberal visiting hours for family and friends.

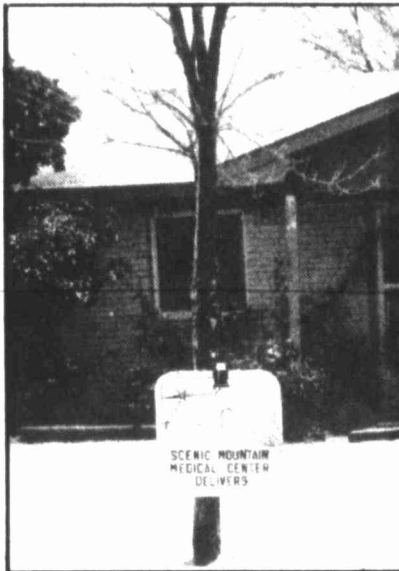
plained Dorothy Haro of Scenic Mountain.

"The rooms were pretty, the whirlpool was nice, relaxing," said Suzanne Delgado. Delgado is one of the first Special Moments mothers to use the new rooms with the whirlpools. "They gave us a (candlelight) steak dinner. We had our other child with us, so the nurses set another place," she added.

According to Haro, Special Moments fathers are allowed to participate in all phases of the birth experience. To be eligible for the program, however, fathers must have completed the prepared childbirth (Lamaze) class.

"Scenic Mountain Medical Center offers a comprehensive package of education for childbirth and parenting of the newborn," writes Rebecca Moughan. Moughan is an instructor for Scenic Mountain and teaches the Baby Basics, breast-feeding and sibling classes.

"In the five-week (Baby Basics)



course, parents and parents-to-be are taught the skills they will need to provide basic care for the newborn," writes Moughan. "The class also explores developmental and psycho-emotional needs of the

infant," she added.

According to Moughan, the two-hour sibling course gives some much needed attention to young children in the family. These siblings must make a big adjustment when a new brother or sister joins the family.

In the past, some people have chosen to have their babies in the larger birthing clinics in Midland and San Angelo. Herrington explained that using these out-of-town clinics can be dangerous because there is not always sufficient time to make the drive, and because some of the clinics have been known to induce labor artificially at 39 weeks, which goes against sound medical practice.

The doctors and staff hope that the community will take advantage of the new state-of-the-art birthing facilities here in Big Spring. "When you are five minutes away from the doctor's office, you have the assurance that care is quick, accessible, and ongoing," said Herrington.

Fossil remains found

There have been numerous finds of mammoth skeletons in Big Spring and the Coahoma area. Other remains found in the vicinity include Buettneria Howardenses, an amphibian that lived here some 200 million years ago. The creature became extinct in the Triassic Period of the Mesozoic Era, just as dinosaurs were beginning to appear on the

scene. Buettneria Howardenses belongs to the thick-skulled group, the Stegocephalians which grew to a length of 15 feet. The head was covered with bony plates.

(From "Gettin' Started: Howard County's First 25 Years," by Joe Pickle.)

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Neal moved to Big Spring March, 1973. He bought the pharmacy from Mort Denton in August, 1976, located at 600 Gregg. The pharmacy was relocated February, 1990 to its present location, 1901 Gregg. Neal has tripled its space and added Neal's Sporting Goods, located at 1903 Gregg.

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Scenic Mountain Medical Center continues to advance its technology to meet the needs of the community. Shown above, left, is the main lobby of the hospital, with its comfortable waiting area. At right is the emergency room. Herald photos by Tim Appel

Hospital tries hard to please patients

By M. Edward Cunningham
Executive Director

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has been a partner with the community since its inception in 1938. Through the years, Scenic Mountain has always worked hard to serve the community.

Since accepting the position of Executive Director of the facility in August, I feel we have made significant progress toward meeting our goals. The philosophy of our hospital is that patient care deserves the highest priority.

I believe that all patient problems, no matter how big or how small, must be addressed. We have instituted a policy of hospital rounds Monday through Friday, seeing all patients who have been admitted to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. During the daily

rounds the patients are visited and are asked about any positive or negative items which need to be discussed. In most cases complaints can be investigated and corrected within a short period of time.

As with any business, items that are not addressed immediately can mushroom into major situations. All patients are encouraged to discuss concerns with the administrative staff or myself so that a solution can be formulated to alleviate future dissatisfaction. During my involvement in civic organizations and speaking to various clubs, I have encountered comments which have eluded to major problems at Scenic Mountain Medical Center. After investigating the situations and responding to the individuals involved, usually there was a logical

explanation or a minor correction to solve the situation. Therefore, to make our hospital a better place, we must all get involved and work together on the positive as well as negative items that arise. If you are confronted with a problem, direct the individual to the administrative staff or myself to review, respond and/or correct the situation.

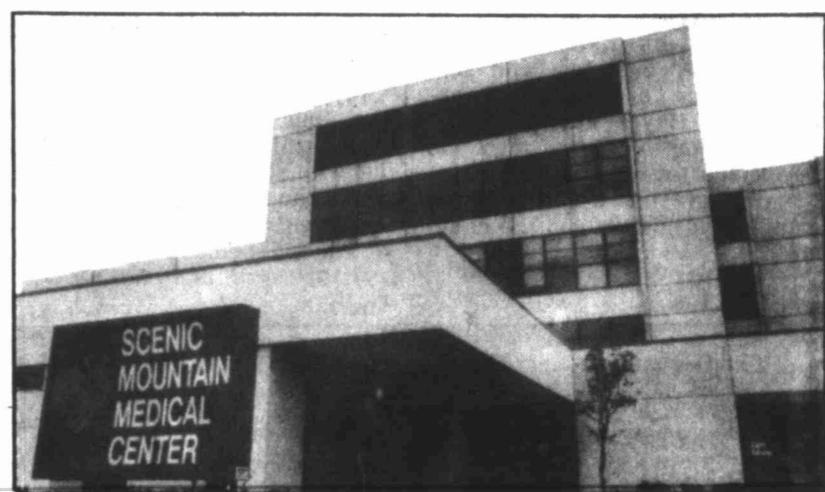
Scenic Mountain Medical Center continues to advance its technology for the medical needs of the community. Some examples of these items are: O.B. remodeling, laproscopic cholecystectomy (gallbladder surgery), finalizing an agreement for local MRI service, and becoming the first hospital in Texas other than the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston with endoscopic carpal tunnel release

capabilities.

The hospital is continually recruiting physicians to support our community. We are currently searching for physicians with specialties in Obstetrics/Gynecology, Internal Medicine and Otolaryngology.

We at Scenic Mountain Medical Center are proud to be a part of Big Spring and the surrounding area and share in its heritage. We will continue to support the community, through such programs as D-FY-IT, the American Heart Association, the Chamber of Commerce, and tuition programs at Howard College, and with the vast amount of tax dollars that we pour into the community.

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Clinic working to attract more doctors to Big Spring area

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Malone Hogan Clinic plans to increase its number of physicians, with specialties in internal medicine and obstetrics and gynecology, over the next year, according to the president of the clinic, Dr. Robert Hayes, orthopedic surgeon.

He said the clinic hired a person dedicated to recruitment two months ago, and Rhonda Hayes, medical staff coordinator, has traveled to Lubbock and New York to interview doctors for the clinic.

Hayes said about seven to eight doctors are currently considering coming to Malone Hogan, as internal medicine specialists, to replace physicians who retired or moved from the clinic.

"The basic problem we have recruiting physicians here is attracting the spouse, the wife, to any small, rural area. There's a big adjustment for the wife, and that has been a stumbling block through the years. It's also one of the greatest reasons why people leave, because the spouse is unhappy. I have several years experience in medical administration and recruitment, and I've run into these types of problems continuously," Hayes said.

In addition to internal medicine physicians, the clinic is also actively recruiting an obstetriciangynecologist to join the clinic staff.

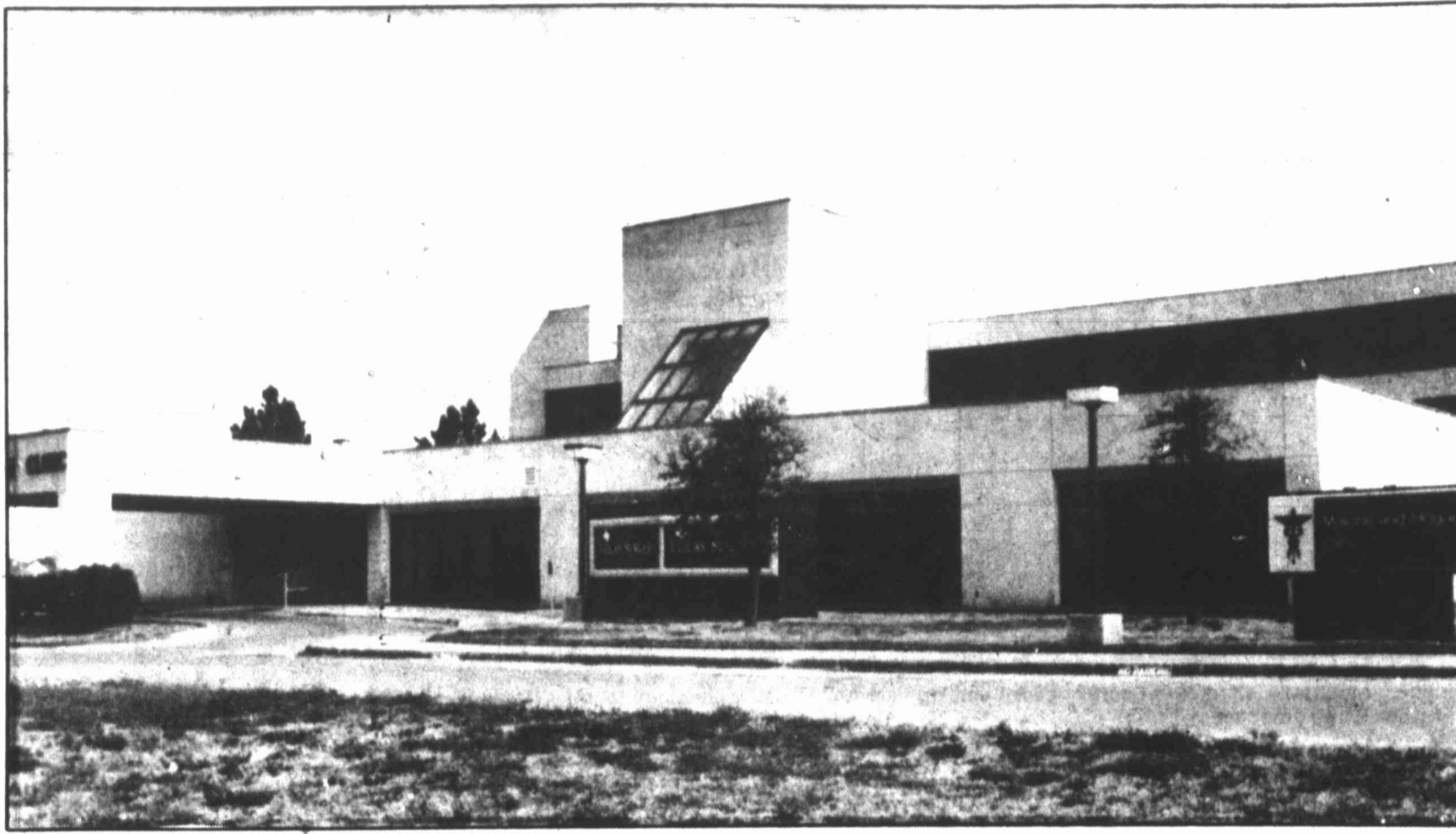
"The plans to expand out OBGYN are important because we currently only have one OBGYNist in the community. All the others we have never applied for privileges here, those from Odessa and San Angelo, and that's difficult on the patients, because if they have a crisis they have to travel a long way. This is one primary area we have to fill, and we should have another OBGYNist within the next 12 months," he said.

Hayes said other long and short term goals include recruiting a nephrologist, an internist who deals with kidney disease, to improve the dialysis unit in the clinic. Currently, Dr. Newsom comes from Lubbock two days a week. Also, an hematologist and an oncologist, or a doctor who specializes in cancer treatment, are the other internists the clinic is seeking.

"We'll have these sub-specialties in internal medicine to increase our service. This allows patients to be treated here instead of traveling to Midland or Lubbock," he said.

The clinic also plans to hire a full-time radiologist to increase services in the radiology department, including mammographies, X-rays and sonograms, he said. The clinic is also planning to purchase an MRI machine, in conjunction with Scenic Mountain Medical Center, and provide those services for patients.

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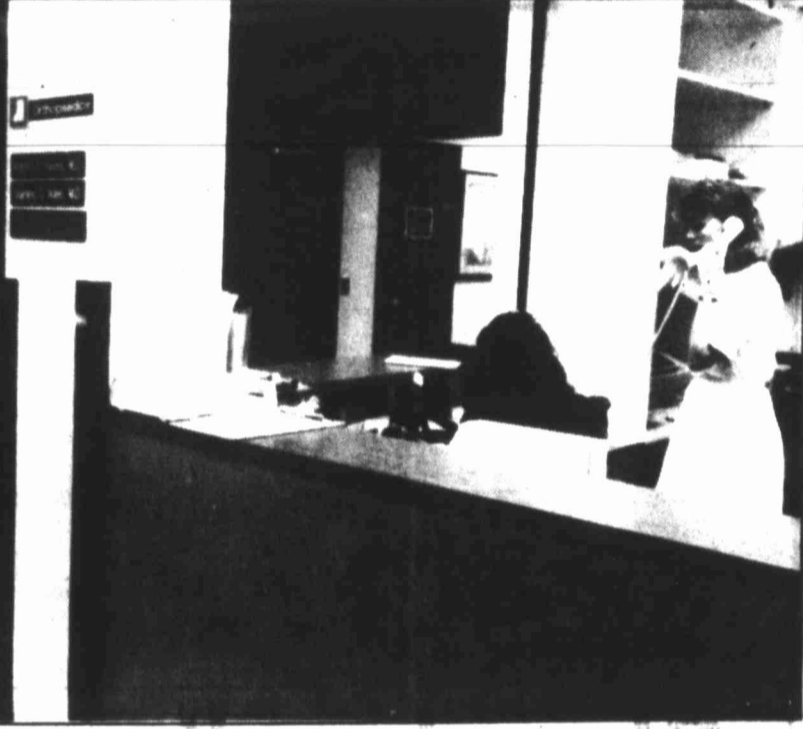
ty directly relates to the well-being of the medical community. Attempting to get feed-back from patients is another of my goals for the 1991-92. It's difficult to get mean-

ingful feedback from the community, but over the next 12 months, we will install a program to get feedback," he said.

"We've expanded the radiology

department, the physical therapy department, the dialysis department and the Texas surgery department (an out-patient

surgery facility). All these have set the stage and allows us to be in a position to offer physicians a better place to practice," Hayes said.



Malone Hogan Clinic has expanded the medical services offered by the clinic to West Texas residents, said Dr. Robert Hayes, clinic

president. Dr. Hayes's waiting area, above, left, is one of the many comfortable waiting rooms in the clinic. At right, Mickie Johnson

prepares to X-ray the arm of patient Michal Marquez in the radiology department of the clinic.

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Baseball's popularity growing in Crossroads Country

C-City begins baseball program

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

COLORADO CITY — Two years ago the Colorado Independent School District board brought up the subject of restoring high school baseball at Colorado City High School.

Last year the board decided to start a baseball program. This year the Wolves will be playing baseball for the first time since the late '60s.

Work on the high school baseball field in C-City is almost completed. The field is officially named A.W. Phillips Field, after a long-time league manager for the Braves, a summer league team. Until now the field was only used for summer baseball, and an occasional slow-pitch softball tournament.

Colorado City baseball coach Jerald Epperson said Colorado City was thinking about starting the program last year, but there was

no district available at the time. Now C-City will be in District 6-3A, along with Clyde, Ballinger, Comanche, Merkel, Wylie and Early. Like Colorado City, Ballinger, Comanche and Early have relatively new programs.

Renovations at A.W. Phillips Field included tearing down the hawkwire fence in the outfield and removing cable that ran down the foul lines. Now the field will be enclosed by a new chain length fence, said Epperson.

Epperson also added that new wire for the backstop had been put up. "We took up the old chat, red dirt around the base paths, and replaced it with a clay, sand mixture. We've also got a new pitcher's mound," Epperson said.

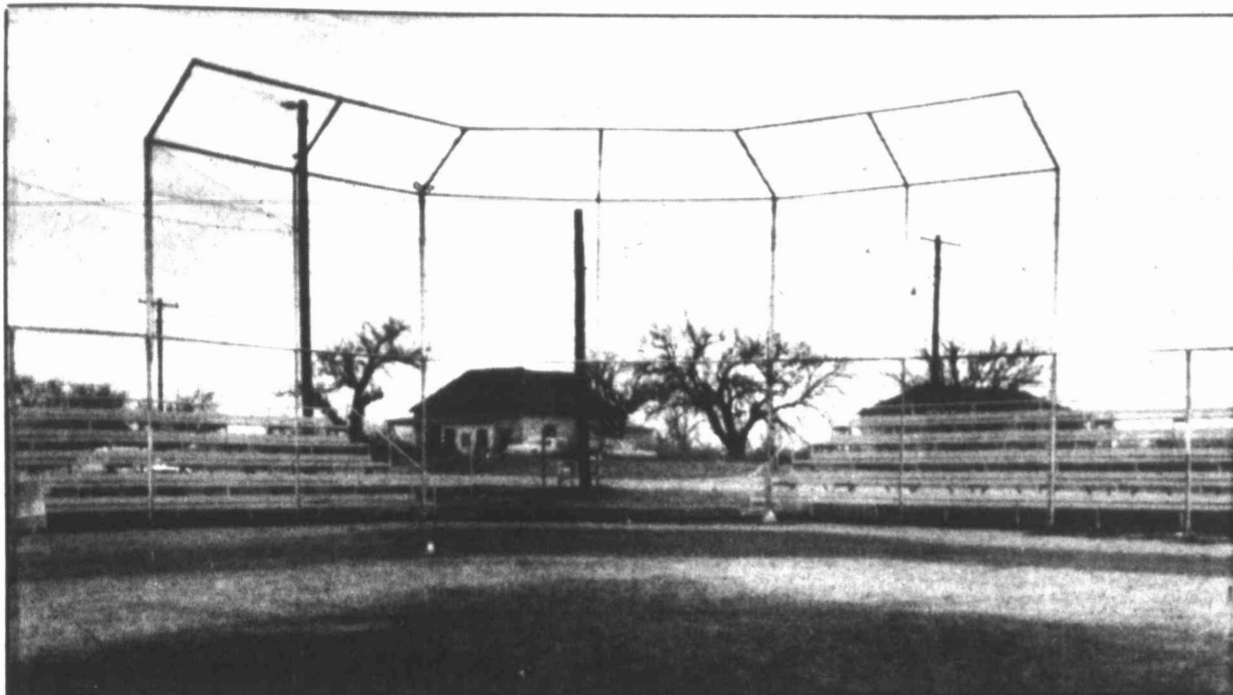
The field is also longer. Down the left field line it used to be 318 feet, now it's 321 feet. The right field line stayed the same at 324, but center field went from 333 to 360.

The former concession stand was also torn down and a portable one will be used for the time being, with future plans being made to build a permanent one. Epperson said there's also a new pressbox and a scoreboard was donated by the City National Bank in Colorado City.

Other additions include a batting tunnel along the south side of the diamond. Epperson said future goals include enclosing the entire field, pressbox, concession stand and bleachers, with a fence.

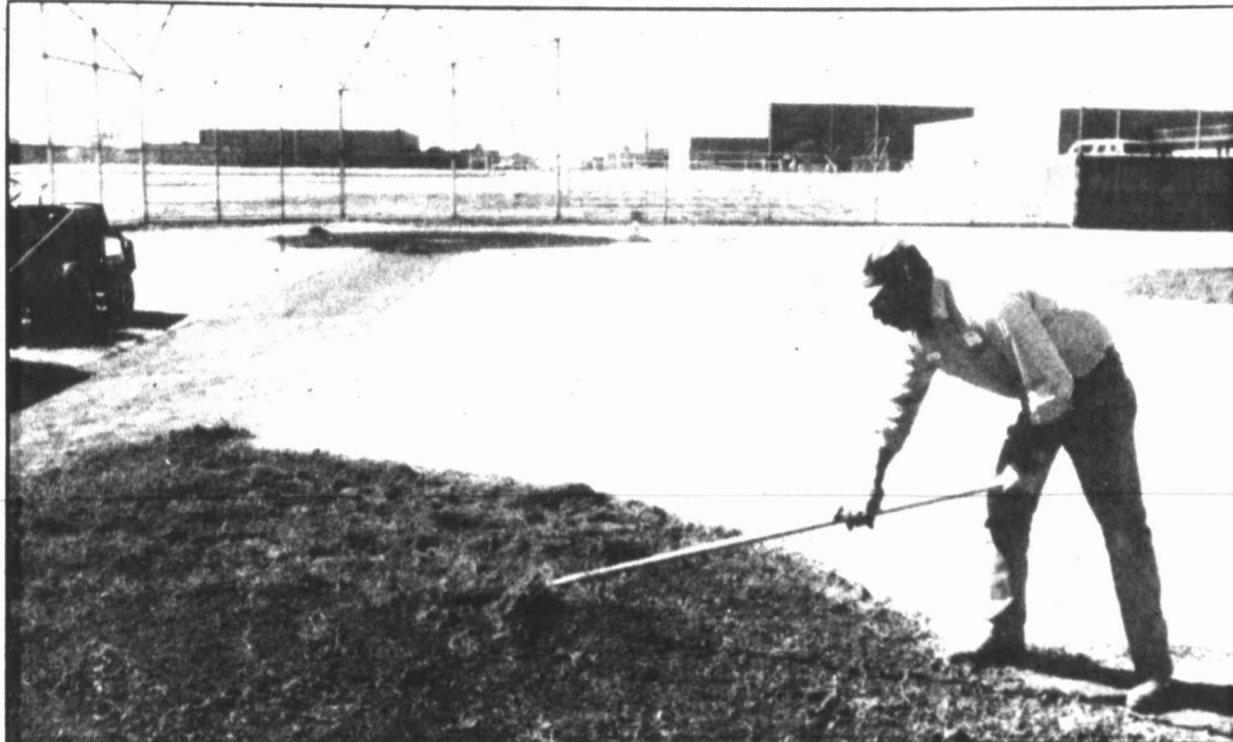
The field has lights, but all games will be played in the day with some weekend games beginning at 1 p.m., but most of the games being played at 4 or 5. "The district wants all day games mainly because none of the other fields have lights," said Epperson. "I'd like to play some night games, start around seven. That way we could get more people out."

Colorado City began the season Feb. 26 in Big Lake.



Renovations at A.W. Phillips Field in Colorado City were extensive and included tearing down the hawkwire fence in the outfield and removing cable

that ran down the foul lines. The field will be enclosed by a new fence, according to the baseball coach, Jerald Epperson.



The grass on Coahoma High School's new baseball field is starting to look good, thanks in part to maintenance man Jesse Brito's work. Coahoma

has been playing home games at the Roy Anderson Park in Big Spring while waiting for completion of their own home field.

Coahoma gets new ball diamond

By STEVE BELVIN
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — Last year was the beginning of a new era for Coahoma High School. It marked the first year the Coahoma Bulldogs have ever fielded a baseball team.

The Coahoma school board gave its stamp of approval two years ago, and CHS wasted little time in getting the ball rolling. Although they didn't have a field to play on or a district to play in, the Phillip Ritchey-coached Bulldogs began play last year.

Since it was the first year for the sport, Coahoma played a junior varsity schedule, and did relatively well, playing 500 ball. Since there was no diamond, Coahoma played its home games at Roy Anderson Complex in Big Spring.

But that's all changed now — the Bulldogs have a district and they'll have a home field. Construction on Bulldog Field, located east of the

"The field construction started the summer before last, it took a lot of dirt work. We planted some winter grass and everything's working out."

Steve Park

high school, is almost completed.

"The field construction started the summer before last, it took a lot of dirt work," said Coahoma Athletic Director Steve Park. "We planted some winter grass and everything's working out. Our maintenance man, Jesse Brito, has the field looking good."

The Bulldogs will compete in District 6-2A, which has only two schools that play baseball at the current time, Coahoma and Wall.

Park said Price Construction of Big Spring did the dirt work and a "fence company from Brownwood put up the galvanized fence." The diamond has a few movable bleachers right now, and the way the field is built, people can watch the games from their cars, said Park.

The field is 300 feet down the left field line, 298 feet down the right field line and 350 feet to center field. The basepaths consist of clay. Park said there will be no permanent concession stand, but any school organization wanting to sell food can use a portable stand.

There will be only day games played, with most games starting at 4 p.m. "The subject of lights hasn't come up. We'll cross that bridge when we get to it," said Park. He added that future plans include pouring cement where the bleachers and walkways are.

Coahoma will begin the season the first weekend in March.

Boy Scouts have busy year planned

By MARSHA STURDIVANT
Staff Writer

Howard County, joined by Glasscock and Borden counties, comprises the Lone Star District of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America. This year, two summer camps are planned, along with the Scout-A-Rama in April, and Troop 5 will celebrate its 60th anniversary.

Big Spring Mall will be the site for the Scout-A-Rama, an opportunity for the community to meet Scouts and see some of their work, Tom McCann, the new district chairman said.

"The Scouts will be there, displaying arts and crafts they're working on. They'll show some of the work they do to earn merit badges, too," McCann said.

McCann said the goal is to make people more aware of Scouting, and increase the number of boys participating in the programs. He estimates the Lone Star District has about 300 members now. Scouts will sell tickets to generate funds for their troop for \$1 each, with merchandise coupons from area merchants stamped on them. Scouting is open to any boy, from 6 to 18.

The Cub Scout Day Camp is tentatively scheduled for July 8 through July 12. The cost is \$20 to \$25 for the five-day program, and plans are to have the camp at Colorado City Lake's Hughes Aquatic Base. Boys will attend the camp mornings and afternoons, with one sleep-over scheduled at week's end, Warren Wallace, district executive, said.

The Boy Scout's Aquatic Camp is scheduled for July 15 to July 20 at the Hughes Aquatic Base in Colorado City. The cost is \$90 for five days and six nights, and a provisional troop is available for Scouts who want to attend the camp without their regular troop, Wallace said.

The Boy Scout summer camp is scheduled for four weeks, beginning June 3, at the Buffalo Trail Scout Ranch in the Davis Mountains. Wallace said, "This camp program is second to none." The program offers a wide range of activities, including Indian Lore and Mountain Man camping.

Mountain Man camping is done with "an old-time settlers view point, with black powder rifles," Wallace said.

The Scouts may also participate in a horse cavalcade into the mountains and backpacking. He said the Scouts anticipate over 200 boys will attend each week of the camp. The cost for the camp is about \$80 to

\$90, depending on the programs attended, Wallace said. Boy Scout Troop 5 will celebrate its 60th anniversary in May, and assistant troop leader Bob Abbott said there are plans for members from all six decades to attend the celebration.

"This will give a telescopic view of the history of Troop 5," Abbott said.

Tom McCann is the new district chairperson, Johnny Lou Avery has taken the position of finance chairperson, and Mike Coskey is the district commissioner. Volunteers are needed for other positions with the district committee. For more information about Boy and Cub Scouting in Big Spring, call Warren Wallace at 276-9551.

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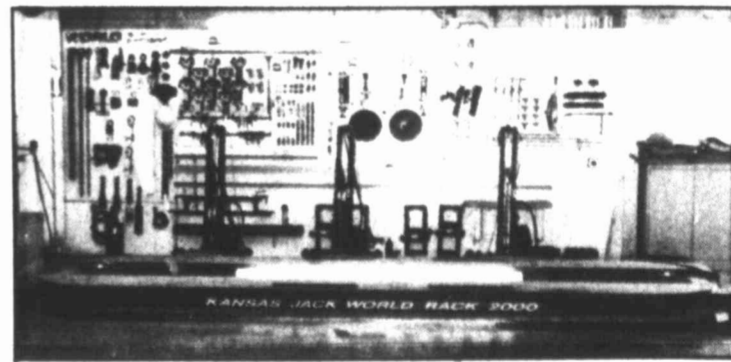
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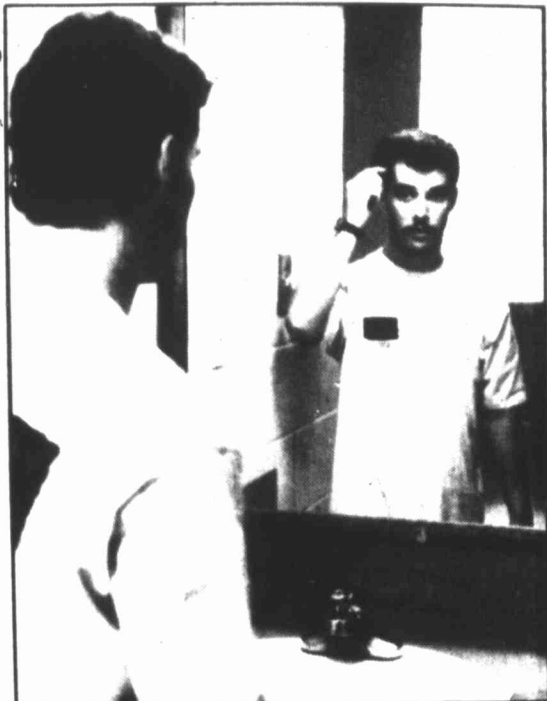
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Ann Carrillo, a Big Spring native, made the move to return to school after starting her family. Ann's twins, Maureen and Megan, are now 29 months. Their father is serving in Saudi Arabia off the coast of Kuwait in the Navy.



Time spent in the Computer Aided Instruction lab gives Ann the opportunity to reinforce the things she has learned and to prepare for new assignments.



Vance plans to teach junior high math so he has chosen the academic transfer course of study at Howard College. He plans to transfer to the University of Texas at El Paso after his graduation from Howard College.



Lunch in the Howard College cafeteria is also a time for club meetings. Vance is an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Baptist Student Union and the Howard College Ambassadors.



Part time work at Furr's Cafeteria and financial assistance from Howard College make it possible for Ann to attend school and take care of her family.



Ann's major in Associate Degree Nursing requires her to spend time not only in lectures but in clinicals, giving her the basic experience required of a Registered Nurse.



A work study position in the Financial Aid Office at Howard College has helped Vance pay for his education and has given him some very good work experience.



Vance was chosen to be a Howard College Cheerleader this year. Besides practice two afternoons per week, Vance must attend all home games and most out-of-town games.



Walking the mountain several days each week helps Ann relieve stress and stay in shape so she can stay on the move at school and at home.



A busy schedule leaves Ann studying late into the evening. Knowing that she will graduate in May 1992 and enter the workforce makes the hard work worthwhile.



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