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## ON THE SIDE:

### Tumbleweed Festival

COLORADO CITY — Gun-fights, cow chip throwing, egg pitching, horseshoe pitching and a \$200 prize for the largest tumbleweed are all expected as part of the Tumbleweed Festival in Colorado City's Fort Wood Complex on Saturday.

A variety of events centered around a tumbleweed theme will be featured, said Billy Wood, owner of Wood's Boots and the Fort Wood complex.

The crowning point of the day's activity will be judging the biggest tumbleweed, with a \$200 prize to the winner. "We'll judge the biggest tumbleweed; anybody can enter it. It doesn't have to be from Mitchell County, it can be from Howard County, or Martin County or anywhere on the planet," Wood said.

A pair of Laredo Roper Boots will be given to the "ugliest person" bringing in a tumbleweed, he said. Judging for the events will be by Big Spring radio personality Tumbleweed Smith, he said.

A live band, the Don Price Band from Sweetwater, will be playing live at the festival from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m., Wood said.

The day's activities will begin at 10 a.m. and continue into the evening, Wood said. There is no cost for the festival and the public is invited.



### Goosey death

Video chef Edith Chiles (Julie Shirey) explains the joy of cooking to health spa manager John Stone (Ricky Mitchell) in Big Spring Community Theater's "Death by Chocolate." A review of the play is on page 7-A.

### Major accident

BIG SPRING — A pickup truck towing a gooseneck trailer struck a car Wednesday morning on Gregg Street, sending a 4-year-old Wyoming girl, a passenger in the car, to the hospital.

According to police reports, Heidi Solis, 4, Casper, Wyo., was taken by private vehicle to Scenic Mountain Medical Center with critical injuries. She was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital in Lubbock by a Flight for Life helicopter Wednesday afternoon, Scenic Mountain administrators reported.

The administrators said St. Mary's reported that Solis was in better condition today.

A Chevrolet Silverado pulling a gooseneck was southbound in the 1900 block of Gregg Street, the report said, when it struck a station wagon that was exiting a private drive and attempting to turn north.



### Local weather

Forecast for the Big Spring area: Partly cloudy tonight. Partly cloudy Friday. Low tonight mid 30s. High Friday 55 to 60. The high yesterday was 41, the low was 34.



BIG SPRING — A pickup truck lays on its top after hitting a curb and flipping over at the intersection of East Fourth and Tulane streets Wednesday afternoon. The driver of the pickup

was taken to Scenic Mountain Medical Center for possible injuries, with a passenger receiving no injuries.

## Accident near I-20 detour

BIG SPRING — The tragic accident two weeks ago at the Interstate 20-Birdwell Lane overpass apparently was the indirect cause of an accident Wednesday afternoon on East Fourth Street near the Days Inn.

Two weeks ago a Big Spring man was killed when his gasoline tanker truck plunged from the overpass, exploded and burned. The fire ruined the eastbound bridge and forced the Texas Highway Department to close both bridges.

On Wednesday, according to police reports, a tractor-trailer truck leased by Western Container was approaching the ramp to the eastbound lanes of I-20 where Fourth Street narrows from three lanes to two. The truck, traveling in the center

lane, began edging left as his lane merged with the left lane, the report said. A pickup truck in the left lane was attempting to pass the rig, but ran out of space as the lanes merged, the report said.

The pickup was forced to attempt a left turn onto Tulane Street when it slid sideways, hit a curb and flipped over, the report said, coming to rest on its top.

The driver of the pickup, Ricky Dean Creswell, 28, 1609 Owens, sustained possible injuries and was taken by private vehicle to Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The passenger, Daniel Halfmann, 30, 1102 Mulberry, sustained possible injuries. The driver of the tractor-trailer, Bobby Dale Clifton, 55, San Angelo, was uninjured.

According to the accident

report, the center lane of Fourth Street is intended for on-ramp traffic, and the left lane is intended for traffic turning left onto Tulane to reach the westbound lanes of I-20. However, the accident that closed a portion of I-20 has forced a re-routing of traffic, and signs on Fourth Street indicating access to I-20 West have been removed, the report said.

The resulting confusion apparently contributed to the accident, the report said. However, unsafe passing also was cited in the report as a factor.

Mike Chetty, resident engineer with the highway department, said the department is investigating the accident now.

"It's something we're looking into right now," Chetty said of signs marking the area.

## Companies recruit at college job fair

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — With cookies, pens and nail files, as well as applications and a lot of good advice, the Howard College job fair attracted nearly 200 prospective employees Wednesday afternoon.

Representatives from hospitals and law enforcement agencies made up the majority of the job fair participants. Each company set up a table and offered information and "freebies" to students and community members who dropped by the coliseum to see what was going on.

The Big Spring Police Department was out in full force, complete with a patrol car, its lights flashing. Sgt. Drew Bavin said "two or three dozen" police depart-

ments in the state are looking for recruits, including Big Spring.

The Department of Public Safety also sent representatives to the job fair. Recruiter Erwin Ballaita said the DPS was quite selective in its recruits and put them through a rigorous academy program in Austin.

Jerry Tilley with the Federal Bureau of Prisons was looking for students with supervising experience to fill jobs in corrections, maintenance, food service and health care in its 60 facilities. Tilley said the easiest way to make a career in the bureau is to start as a corrections officer or secretary-clerk.

The National Guard, U.S. Army and U.S. Navy were present, look-

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## Snake roundups cause concern

AUSTIN (AP) — Concern over the tradition of rattlesnake roundups is prompting the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to consider prohibiting use of gasoline and other dangerous chemicals to force rattlesnakes out of their dens for capture.

Typically, gasoline is sprayed into underground dens and caves and snakes are caught when they come to the surface fleeing the fumes in their dens.

However, studies show that the gasoline and other chemicals used to flush out snakes kill other animals, said Catrina Martin, a

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### Car fire

BIG SPRING — A structure fire at 1107 E. 11th Place at 4:36 p.m. Wednesday did \$25,000 worth of damage to property owner Arthur Tamplin's unattached garage and a car inside the garage.

The cause of the fire is unknown. It took the Big Spring Fire Department 90 minutes and 700 gallons of water to extinguish it, said Captain Larry Ringner.

## Expert: Gray not strangled

By BRADLEY WORRELL  
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — Medical evidence indicates Tammy Gray was not forcibly drowned, a medical expert testified today in 32nd District Court.

Dr. Robert Bright, a forensic pathologist with the Wilford Hall Medical Center in San Antonio, testified that none of the classic signs of strangulation were present in the Gray autopsy. Gray's husband, Travis Dale Gray, is being tried for the June 1988 murder of his wife.

Travis Gray's attorneys began their defense today, calling Bright as their first witness. The state rested its case on Tuesday after jury members heard the testimony of Dr. Patrick Besant-Matthews, who performed the autopsy on Tammy Gray's body.

Besant-Matthews, former Dallas County deputy chief medical examiner, had testified that injuries on Tammy Gray's body occurred

because she was strangled and drowned. Bright disputed those findings and said he concluded that Tammy Gray was not forcibly drowned after reviewing Besant-Matthews' report, as well as medical records and photos.

Additional testimony, related story on page 6-B.

"Virtually all of these injuries occurred while transporting the body in an unconscious state, while in treatment, or after death," Bright said.

Bright said he was concerned about Besant-Matthews' report because while it showed a knowledge of forensic pathology there was an absence of professional medical standards in his report. Bright testified that Besant-Matthews' findings could indicate Besant-Matthews was either

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## City agrees to help Corral meet needs

HERALD STAFF REPORT

BIG SPRING — The city has agreed to provide at least some support for the state hospital's growing former-patient center, allowing it to make needed expansions.

The City Council agreed during their regular meeting Tuesday to help The Corral, a community support center operated by the Big Spring State Hospital, with expansion plans. Big Spring will lease the unused portion of the building at 611 E. Third and in turn will lease the space to The Corral.

According to the lease agreement, the city will rent the space from former mayor A.C. "Cotton"

Mize for \$200 a month. About three or four weeks later, the city will be reimbursed by the state, which will sublease the space. The Corral already leases a portion of the building from Mize for \$500 a month.

W.C. Earnst, the hospital's associate director of community services, said The Corral decided to approach the city for assistance because the state's bureaucratic red tape could make leasing the space a one-year project.

"Since we need the space right now... this allows us to expedite — get the space and go ahead and relieve our situation," he said.

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Alice Amos, right, a student nurse at the Big Spring Veterans Administration Medical Center prepares to take a picture of Linda Briseno for

buttons the VA was making at the job fair Wednesday.

## School finance costly

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, reiterated his prediction that a tax increase, of maybe \$400 million, will be necessary to fund an equitable restructured state school finance plan.

"It's probably going to require a tax increase," Rudd said Wednesday on the second day of a specially-called session of the Legislature to come up with a new finance plan. The Texas Supreme Court in October declared the present system unfair to poorer school districts.

"This is not really an education session," he said. "It's a tax

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# Nation

## Sunday landing planned for shuttle

SPACE CENTER, Houston (AP) — Atlantis' all-military crew deployed a \$500 million spy satellite early this morning and now plans to return to Earth at midday Sunday, sources said today.

The sources, who spoke on condition that they not be identified, said the satellite was smoothly placed into orbit this morning and that Atlantis is now set to land at 10:34 a.m. PST Sunday at Edwards Air Force Base, Calif.

Because of a Pentagon-imposed news blackout on the Atlantis mission, NASA will give no details on activities of the five-

member crew. But in a three-sentence statement released today, NASA confirmed that the "expected landing day" is Sunday. The agency did not say what time the landing would be.

"The (Atlantis) crew is doing well and orbiter Atlantis continues to perform satisfactorily," the Mission Control announcement concluded.

The cargo carried into orbit by Atlantis was a 37,300-pound satellite capable of taking super-sharp photographs and listening in on electronic communications around the world, according to sources who spoke on condition of anonymity.

## Baker agreeable to foreign aid cuts

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Bush administration would go along with cuts to the two largest recipients of U.S. foreign aid — Israel and Egypt — if it were part of a broader, across-the-board reduction in aid to other friendly countries, Secretary of State James A. Baker III told Congress today.

"We're willing to stand up and be counted" on such a cut in aid if Congress allowed the administration more flexibility to use the limited money where it is most needed," Baker said.

Responding to a question by Rep. David Obey, D-Wis., chairman of the House Appropriations subcommittee on foreign operations, Baker said administration support would "depend on whether we do it in a non-discriminatory manner."

In recent travels in the Middle East, Baker said, he has not found any significant reduction in the threat to peace. But he added: "At the same time, we must find a way to respond to changes in Eastern Europe, in Panama and in Nicaragua."

Baker said he did not want to see a repetition of the current year's budget crunch, in which some friendly countries that expected U.S. aid got little or nothing because 90 percent of the aid budget was already earmarked by Congress for certain other recipients.

His comments marked the first time the administration has specifically said it could accept cuts to Israel and Egypt, which get the largest slice of U.S. aid as a result of their participation in the Camp David Middle East peace accord a decade ago.

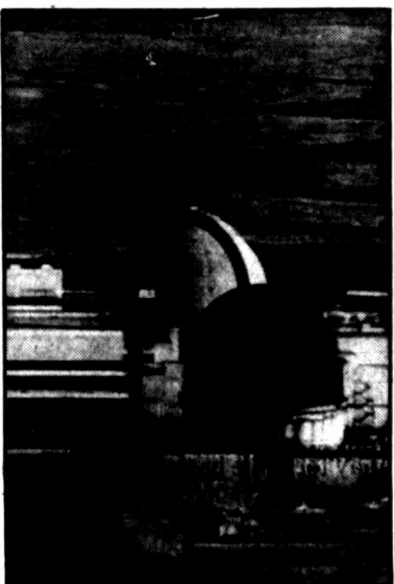
## NRC grants license to Seabrook

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — The Nuclear Regulatory Commission today licensed the Seabrook, N.H., nuclear power plant to begin producing commercial electricity after a two-decade battle marked by mass protests, lawsuits and bankruptcy.

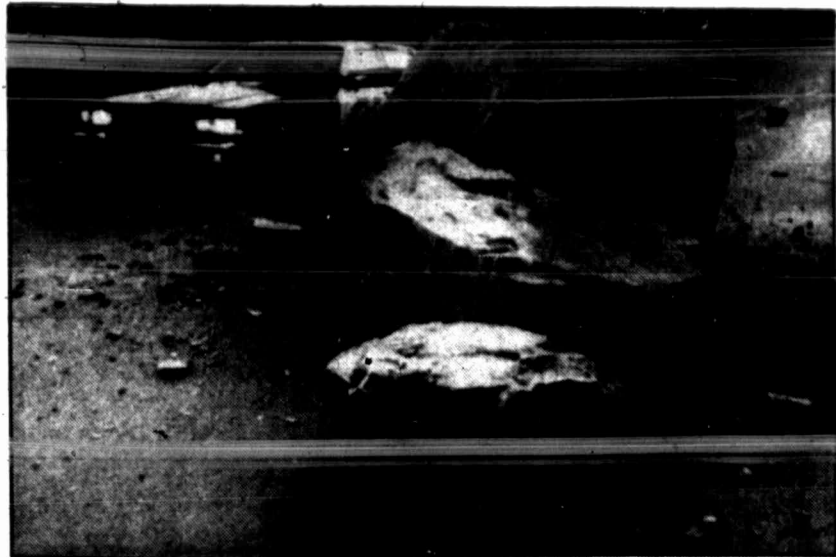
The NRC decision, made in a 3-0 vote ratifying recommendations by the commission's staff and several lower-level boards, sets the stage for the 1,150-megawatt reactor to begin operating at full power.

Anti-Seabrook groups in New Hampshire and officials in neighboring Massachusetts, meanwhile, were pursuing several legal efforts to block the plant's operation.

The NRC placed a stay of up to 14 days on the license to permit legal challenges.



POWER PLANT LICENSED



MOUNT BALDY VILLAGE, Calif. — A California Highway Patrol car makes its way around boulders the size of a small car which were knocked into the road leading up to Mount Baldy by an earthquake which hit Southern California Wednesday afternoon.

## Southern California jolted by earthquake

UPLAND, Calif. (AP) — California's strongest earthquake since the World Series tremor triggered rock slides, broke windows, collapsed a warehouse wall and reminded the region's residents that they live on shaky ground.

Wednesday's quake, measuring 5.5 on the Richter scale, was centered near this city 40 miles east of Los Angeles. It swayed skyscrapers in Las Vegas, 230 miles to the northeast, and was felt as far south as San Diego, 150 miles away.

No major damage was reported. Two people suffered broken legs and one woman went into early labor, said City Councilman Tom McGilloway. He had no details on how the injuries occurred.

Numerous aftershocks, including one of 4.8 magnitude 3 1/2 hours after the 3:43 p.m. quake, kept people on edge.

About 25 Upland residents evacuated an apartment building to spend the night in a Red Cross shelter, McGilloway said.

"It felt like somebody picked up the building and dropped it a couple of times," said police Lt. Don Manning in nearby Ontario. "It was like we went up a foot, then down a foot, then up again."

More aftershocks were expected, and the U.S. Geological Survey in Pasadena warned that a 5 percent chance existed of an even larger quake within three days.

It was the strongest quake in California since the Oct. 17 one in the San Francisco Bay area, which struck as Game 3 of the World Series was about to begin. That quake, measuring 7.1, killed 67 people and caused \$7 billion in

damage.

Southern California Edison said 6,000 customers temporarily lost electrical power. The utility said the San Onofre nuclear plant remained in operation.

Workers leaped out of windows and dived off a loading dock as a 20-by-70-foot wall collapsed at an auto parts warehouse in nearby La Verne.

"Everything happened so fast trying to get 70 people out of the warehouse it's amazing nobody got seriously hurt," said supervisor Stan Sokolowski.

A boulder twice the size of a car blocked a main two-lane road through the San Gabriel Mountains. Rock slides blocked mountain roads at several other points north of Upland.

The quake, centered five miles below the surface, ruptured a fault running from the northeast to the southwest, said seismologist Kate Hutton at the California Institute of Technology. It followed a 3.6-magnitude quake at 12:37 p.m.

The quake was felt as a fairly short jolt at the epicenter but lasted more than 20 seconds in downtown Los Angeles, said Caltech spokesman Hall Daily.

The worst recent Southern California quake struck the Whittier area Oct. 1, 1987. It measured 5.9 and, together with a 5.3-magnitude aftershock Oct. 4, killed eight people, injured more than 200 and caused \$358 million in damage.

The Richter scale is a measure of ground motion as recorded on seismographs. An earthquake of 5 can cause considerable damage and 6 severe damage.

# World

## Icy winds, snow bring new misery

LONDON (AP) — Icy winds and heavy snow brought new misery today to storm-battered Europe where this week's turbulent weather has claimed 80 victims from Ireland to Greece.

Britain, France and West Germany suffered the highest casualties and the worst damage from uprooted trees, downed power lines, blocked roads and flooded villages.

Some towns along Denmark's North Sea coast were also flooded.

Gale-whipped seas devastated the seaweed harvest off Wales, denying Welshmen their tradi-

tional St. David's Day breakfast delicacy of Laverbread which is made with the plant.

Eighteen people were reported killed in Britain, 17 in France, 16 in West Germany, nine in Belgium, seven in Switzerland, six in Italy, three in East Germany, and one apiece in Austria, Greece, Ireland and the Netherlands.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana interrupted a week-long skiing holiday in Switzerland and flew to Wales in freezing rain and driving wind to meet some of the 800 residents evacuated from the seaside resort of Towyn after its sea wall broke.

## Soldiers shoot demonstrators

SRINAGAR, India (AP) — Soldiers shot to death at least 18 Moslem protesters today who were marching toward a prayer ground for a pro-independence demonstration. The government said the shootings were in self-defense.

In another incident today in Jammu-Kashmir state, a senior state government official, P.N. Handoo, was shot to death. Police blamed Moslem separatists.

Ghulam Rasool Mir, who said he was injured by the army gunfire, said the trouble started when some soldiers passing by the procession in trucks snatched a flag held by march leaders.

The crowd retaliated by hurling stones, and the troops fired into the air and then on the crowd,

said Mir, who was admitted to Soora Medical Institute in Srinagar with injuries in the head and legs.

In New Delhi, a government spokesman said the army opened fire after the mob attacked one of the vehicles. "The firing was more in self-defense because the mob had become violent," he said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with regulations.

There have been daily protests in Srinagar for the past week promoting the Moslem secessionist movement. With today's reported deaths, 135 people have been killed since the government began a crackdown on Moslem militants Jan. 20.

Most of the victims have been Moslems killed by soldiers.

## Sixteen die in luxury hotel fire

CAIRO, Egypt (AP) — Fire whipped by strong winds raced through a luxury hotel early today, killing 16 people and injuring 70, including many who broke bones jumping out windows or sliding down bedsheets to escape, authorities said.

The dead included at least one American, said U.S. Embassy spokeswoman Marcelle Wahba. She refused to release details of the victim. Three Americans were seriously injured, said police Brig. Abdel-Rehim el-Kenawy.

The fire burned for nine hours at the six-story Heliopolis Sheraton northeast of Cairo, which had neither fire alarms nor sprinkler systems. Tourism Minister Fuad Sultan said the blaze started accidentally in the Nubian Tent restaurant, which was attached to one of the three blocks of the T-shaped hotel.



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# MHMR seeks public input

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

BIG SPRING — A hearing Wednesday in Amarillo sought public comment on Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation's six-year plan for services to persons with mental illness and mental retardation.

Bob von Rosenberg, superintendent of the state hospital here, said it was just a standard plan, "but it does reflect our priorities and that's why we want public input — to find out the public's priorities."

The draft six-year plan calls for \$2.5 billion to serve the 114,973 mentally ill people who are currently served by the department plus a targeted 94,349 people who are not yet in department programs.

The plan also calls for \$1.7 billion to serve the 37,325 mentally retarded people within TDMHMR programs and the 25,313 people without TDMHMR service.

The 1992-97 plan would change the function of state hospitals, decreasing the number of acute care beds and increasing the number of beds for mentally ill people with long term care needs. The department wants to establish a psychosocial rehabilitation program in each state hospital that would offer community living skills, training, social support networking, social adjustment and vocational training for the mentally ill.

The state hospitals would eventually shift to psychological rehabilitation centers working closely with community-based services. They would also collaborate with medical schools and universities as training and research centers according to the plan.

In addition, the department wants to develop supported housing programs for mentally ill people as an auxiliary to residential treatment programs. It also plans to increase case management services that enable the mentally ill to live in the community.

Von Rosenberg said the emphasis on services in the community is an excellent trend. "We can treat people close to home and use the state facilities for more complicated cases," he said.

"The plan recognizes the need

for the whole system, the state centers, the hospitals and the community program," von Rosenberg said.

He said the Big Spring State Hospital already operates several community services and will increase its programs in the next few years, without jeopardizing its chronically ill and acute care services.

"We pioneered the concept of placing former patients in foster care, board and care and nursing homes out here and then providing follow-up with clinic services," von Rosenberg said.

Mental health services have targeted mentally ill children and adolescents who exhibit severe emotional or social disabilities and adults who have schizophrenia, major depression, manic depressive disorder and other severely disabling mental disorders as populations needing care in the nineties.

Older adults, minorities, rural residents, mentally retarded people suffering from mental illness, mentally ill people suffering from substance abuse problems, the homeless, hearing impaired people and mentally ill offenders will also receive priority attention.

"We're especially interested in children's services," Von Rosenberg said. "Our biggest need in community programs in West Texas is for mentally ill children and adolescents. Our system for caring for the children isn't adequate but it's like opening a Pandora's box."

Von Rosenberg said the hospital had applied for a grant to fund more children's programs but had lost out to TDMHMR centers in Dallas, Austin, Longview and Harlingen.

Mental retardation services have targeted people with mental retardation who have severe health needs or physical impairments or severe behavior problems, those who need vocational and independent living skills and those who are criminal offenders as populations needing care.

Students leaving the public school system and people with autism will be department priorities in the next six years.

As with the state hospitals, state

schools would focus more on serving the medically fragile mentally ill people and those with extreme behavior problems under the plan. The department would develop more case-management programs, independent living communities and support services to enable more mentally retarded people to live outside the schools.

All these concepts cost money and current funding levels are insufficient, the strategic plan said. State resources support only 15 percent of people with mental illness and mental retardation. Nevertheless, the plan is vague about funding sources.

It assumes that Medicaid, federal funds, local funds and general revenue will grow at the rate of 15 percent a year for six years.

The expenditure for each mentally ill client would increase from \$3,450 to \$5,200 over six years and the expenditure for each mentally retarded client would increase from \$16,000 to \$23,000 over six years under the plan.

"Our biggest problem is money," von Rosenberg said. "There's the hope that local communities can help out but in West Texas the money's not there. It will have to come down to state funding."

Texas ranks 49th among states in expenditures per capita for mental health services. If funds were doubled, the state would rank 16th in the nation.

It ranks 37th among states in expenditures per capita for mental retardation and 44th for community-based services. Doubled, the state's expenditures would rank 8th in the nation.

"Texas is underfunded compared with other states. In a state as rich as Texas is, that's shocking," said von Rosenberg.

"Having a plan is one thing but having a commitment to fund it is another. The citizens need to get behind it and say 'let's fund this,'" he said.

Other public hearings are scheduled for El Paso, Lufkin, San Antonio, Houston and Harlingen through March 14. For more information call Buddy Matthijetz at (512) 465-4620.



## Getting to know you

OLD ORCHARD BEACH, Maine — A pair of dogs get acquainted during low tide at the Old Orchard

Beach in Maine last week.

## Military fails to give 'leg up'

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Vietnam-era program intended to give low-aptitude and disadvantaged youth a "leg up" on life by lowering standards for entry into the military was a failure, a study concludes.

Allowing those people to enter military service did not improve their lot later in civilian life, said the private study conducted for the Defense Department.

"In fact, in terms of employment status, educational achievement, and income those who never served were better off than those who had been in the military," said the study.

"These data provide no evidence to support the hypothesis that military service offers a 'leg up' to low-aptitude and disadvantaged youth as they seek to overcome their cognitive and skill deficits and compete successfully in the civilian world," the study said.

"Project 100,000's social promises were not kept," social scientist Janice H. Laurence said in testimony today before the House Veterans' Affairs subcommittee on oversights and investigations.

Project 100,000 was the name given by Defense Secretary Robert S. McNamara to the social engineering effort under which the military was viewed as a stepping stone for social advancement.

The study raised questions about current proposals to encourage the use of the military to help youth overcome their social and educational disadvantages. It also questioned whether large numbers of veterans are entitled to remedial help.

Rep. Lane Evans, D-Ill., the committee chairman, said today the hearing was needed to determine whether Project 100,000 was a legitimate "Great Society" social program.

"Or was Project 100,000 a calculated, even cynical, means to satisfy the manpower needs of the armed forces and at the same time lessen domestic opposition to the war in Vietnam?" he asked.

Laurence is a senior scientist with Human Resources Research Organization, the Alexandria, Va.-based group that conducted the study for the Defense Department.

The study raised the ethical question of whether lower-aptitude people should be excluded from the military except in times of national peril.

## Grandma feel bad about tot's burn

DEAR ABBY: I have a 2-year-old granddaughter. I have been watching her now and then while her parents have a night out. I have been watching her since she was born, and I love her very much.

Well, the last time I was watching her — I had her at my place — she accidentally burned her little hands on my kerosene heater! They were minor burns, but all the same, burns. This is the first time anything like this ever happened while she was in my care.

Of course, I immediately applied ice cubes to her hands and thanked God it wasn't more serious. Only a grandmother would know how terrible I felt.

My problem is this. I called my daughter the following day to find out how the baby was, and she told me she was up all night. Abby, she made me feel so bad — she gave me no comfort at all. I love my grandbaby so much and she loves me, and my daughter knows it.

I am afraid that I am not going to be asked to watch the baby anymore because of this. I usually visit them a couple times a week, but now I feel horrible — too horrible even to go over to visit. Am I wrong to let it bother me like this? What's the best way for me to handle this? — FEELING HORRIBLE

DEAR FEELING HORRIBLE: Your daughter's anger and disappointment will fade with time, as they should, and so will your feelings of guilt — so don't dwell on this. Learn from it.

You say that you applied ice to the baby's burns. Perhaps you should be aware that there is a better way to treat minor burns. According to the American Medical Association's Handbook of First Aid and Emergency Care (Random House): "Minor burns such as a sunburn, or by a brief contact with hot objects, hot water or steam, should be treated by placing the burned area immediately under cold running water, or by applying cold-water compresses (using a clean cloth) until the pain subsides. Applying ice, butter, grease, sprays, ointments or home remedies is not recommended." Those who baby-sit children should take the time to investigate first aid and CPR classes. And, people who anticipate a visit from a child who is old enough to crawl or walk should "baby-proof" their

homes. This means having all sharp items out of reach, as well as cleaning powders, bleach, roach and ant powders, rat poison, etc.— anything that a child might come upon and "sample" by tasting. This includes the medicines that Grandma sometimes carries in her purse.

DEAR ABBY: Recently you printed a letter from "Albany Grandmother," who said that she had waited two months for an acknowledgment from her granddaughter to whom she had sent a check for Christmas.

When she called to inquire about it, the girl said, "For goodness sakes, Gram, all you have to do is look through your canceled checks from the bank!"

Abby, please tell that grandmother to find that canceled check, frame it and mail it to the ingrate of a granddaughter with a note saying, "Hang this on your wall; it's the last check you'll see from Gram." — CINDI FROM NEW ORLEANS

DEAR ABBY: I recently went to a local medical clinic for a routine physical checkup. I was given an examining physician I had never seen before.

I have carried a scar on the inside of my left wrist for 30 years and no doctor has ever questioned me about it. Then all of a sudden this doctor asked, "What's this?"

When I told him I had had a ganglion tumor removed many

years ago, he said, "Oh, I thought perhaps you might have tried to take your life some years ago."

I was very indignant and said, "I beg your pardon, Doctor, but I am 56 years old, have been examined by many doctors, and never has any doctor suggested such a thing!"

He replied, "Well, we doctors have to be suspicious of every clue we come across."

I then said, "Excuse me, Doctor. This is not a 'clue' to anything, and I resent the insinuation."

He then proceeded to examine my other arm and noticed a faint mark on my wrist from my watchband. "Look," he said, "Here's another one — are you sure you never attempted suicide?"

Abby, a doctor should be able to tell the difference between a mark caused by a tight watchband and a botched suicide attempt. In any case, I considered his attitude to be unprofessional and cavalier, and I am going to report him to the head of the clinic.

I told a friend about this, and she said perhaps the doctor was trying to be humorous. What are your thoughts? — NO NAME OR CITY, PLEASE

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Health spa manager John Stone (Ricky Mitchell) confronts journalist Margaret Daniel (Lisa Brooks) over a bit of sleuthing she's done in his office in Big Spring Community Theater's "Death by Chocolate."

## 'Death by Chocolate' is good entertainment

By ERIN BLAIR  
Staff Writer

In the mood for something silly tonight? Why not check out Big Spring Community Theater's latest production, "Death by Chocolate." Epic theater it's not, but then, they're not the Royal Shakespeare Company, either.

"Death by Chocolate" is a mystery melodrama of the broadest stripe, where the puns fly fast and furious and the characters are written and played larger than life (literally — plump people and fat jokes abound).

BSTC has fun with the piece and it shows.

"Death by Chocolate" begins and ends with gunplay, just so you know it's a murder mystery. Set at a health resort a few days before its grand reopening (the previous owner may have committed suicide), the play features a motley crew of characters, each hiding a secret.

There's Lady Riverdale, the resort's new owner, who made her fortune in chocolates (the reader can already guess that this will be a major clue in unraveling the crime). But has she always been so proper? Where did she get her business experience, anyway?

As played by Cloetta Shotts, Lady R. is a commanding figure on stage. She's pompous and grandiose, with a fine command of the grand gesture and the put-down tone when speaking to her peons. As her plans come apart, she moves and speaks with less class. Her vaguely Eastern accent turns brassy.

Shotts' performance is uniformly good. She's consistent and in the major role she holds the play together. Her scenes with Ricky Mitchell (her resort manager) and Jean Shotts (her gym manager) are great. She's the perfect straight-woman for their buffoonery.

Mitchell's role as John Stone requires him to transform from a sneeze to sleuth while keeping the puns and punchlines coming. He accomplishes that and more.

Mitchell is the most effusive of the actors. He grossly overacts the part, which is just what it needs. His voice booms across the stage and he does wicked Groucho and Columbo impersonations. Mitchell's comic timing is right on and his good humor seems to infect everyone in his scenes: they're funnier around him.

Because he is so good, he could be even better. He could hit the punchlines even harder and modulate his voice a bit to accommodate the softer-spoken actors. Either that or they could all borrow a little louder.

Jean Shotts plays Ralph Deadwood, a thug-turned gym manager with a passion for lifting weights. Shotts really hams up his part, flexing his muscles and talking in a wonderfully thick and stupid voice. His diatribe against "fat executives on fat cigar butts getting fit" is witty.

His scenes with Lady R. have the passion and antagonism that only married life can bring. They make a very believable couple (funny about that). He also interacts well with Mr. Stone, to whom he bears a striking on-stage resemblance. Too

bad Deadwood eats the chocolates in the first act.

Another victim who really shines in her role is Julie Shirey as famous video chef Edith Chiles. Shirey puts a Minnesota twist on a shrill and outrageous takeoff of Julia Child, gesticulating wildly with her wisk. It's a star turn. Shame about her sweet tooth.

Keith Toomire starts off subdued as Dick Simmering, the effeminate aerobics instructor, but gets more comfortable with the role in the second act. Since it's such a stereotypical part, Toomire ought to take advantage of the melodramatic license and really camp it up. He's a little too soft-spoken and his mincing gait is more a limp than anything. He looks cute in dayglow, though.

James Bursleson directs the play and also performs in the second act as Ed Parlor, the mystery writer who is writing the play of "Death by Chocolate." Yes, this is one of those horribly annoying self-conscious theater pieces that analyzes itself within the action. Parlor may or may not be the author of the whole thing (Paul Freed holds the copyright on it).

Bursleson plays Parlor as a mild-mannered guy with a pipe. He's at his best when he and Mr. Stone team up to bungle their way through the mystery. He could be sillier. He could also get his lines down better.

Chris Wingert plays the butler, Alfred Mellox, who may or may not have done it. Wingert's performance is properly starchy and dour and he walks ramrod-straight. He takes his character to the limits of spoof and it works. His low voice doesn't travel very well, however.

Karen Wingert is Sweetpea Meadowbrook, the enormously depressed daughter of the late Henry Meadowbrook (a cameo role by Rick Hamby). It's a difficult role to critique because Sweetpea mainly shuffles across the stage and mutters through the food she continually crams in her mouth, but Wingert brings a touch of genuine pathos to the part. Her final speech (correctly enunciated) stops the silliness dead for a moment and almost makes viewers rethink their dismissive judgment of melodramas. Almost.

As a journalist who wants the dirt on the resort, Lisa Brooks does a good Deborah Norville impersonation but she's subdued in the role. Not until she's frisking around with Mr. Stone does she come to life.

Melissa Shelton as Dyslexia, the secretary (her name is a running gag) and Charlotte Shelton as Ann, the resort's nurse, do fine with their small roles. Melissa Shelton is on crutches not as part of her characterization but because she twisted her knee last week. As Dyslexia, she's everyone's straight-woman, a thankless task. Charlotte Shelton makes a good ditzy nurse with a pill habit.

"Death by Chocolate" plays tonight through Saturday at 7:30 p.m. in the Municipal Auditorium. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for children and seniors.

It's good entertainment. Everyone in your crowd should be amused.

## Miller's 'The Crucible' to open in Odessa

ODESSA — One of the most controversial plays of our time opens March 2, 8 p.m. at the Permian Playhouse of Odessa, Inc. The production continues March 3, 9 & 10th.

Arthur Miller, who won the Pulitzer Prize for his "Death of a Salesman" is one of the most important American playwrights. His play "The Crucible" is about one of the most momentous pages in American history — the witch trials in Salem, Mass. in 1692. Miller wrote the play using actual historical events, characters and facts; however, the play, opening in 1953, was also written as a protest to the infamous U.S. Senate "trials" created by Senator Joe McCarthy, during another era with a different type of "witch" hunt. It became one of the most hotly discussed subjects of the time, because of its applications. It is a tale of bigotry and self-righteousness on the part of those who manage to be the first to accuse others. The play is also a cur-

rent parallel as we witness the tracking down of other kinds of chosen "heresies."

Miller has declared that every one of the characters in the play had a similar role in the terrible episodes of 1691, in Salem when 19 persons were hanged as witches on the hearsay of hysterical accusers, while others "saved" themselves by "confessing" to pacts with the Devil. Then as today people lie to "save" themselves from those who are the loudest to accuse.

Miller focuses most of the attention of "The Crucible" on the fate of a young farmer's wife, accused of witchcraft by a slut of a girl who hopes that thereby she might eventually replace the wife in the affections of the husband — and the doom that this husband also meets when he attempts to extricate his wife from the unfounded charge before the prejudiced authorities.

"The Crucible" follows John Proctor (David Kloesel) and Elizabeth Proctor (Jan Stephens) through the accusations of Abigale

Williams (Shawn Cole) continuing the whole ordeal to the final opportunity for Proctor to save his life by confessing to something he knows is a lie to the last of the drum rolls at the foot of the gallows. Bill Weir will appear as the unctuous, overbearing deputy-governor Danforth who presides over the trial. Charles Moore will portray Reverend Hale who becomes appalled at the hysteria that overwhelms Salem and Mark Gard will appear as Reverend Parris who, panic-stricken, whips up the orgy of bigotry to save his own position. Miquela Hamilton, Laura Barnes, Beth Leckbee and Twila Elder are the allies of Abigale whose lies launch all the hideous persecutions. Rebecca Nurse, who is "the very brick and mortar of Christian faith" and who reminds everyone that "Let your fear nothing. There is another Judgment that waits us all," is played by Brenda Tucker. Others in the cast include Elray Hawkins, Nancy Johnson, Tom Taylor, Bill Callen-

dar, Raymond Jay Edwards, Johnny Blue, Bill Taylor, Suzan Brame and Karen Clay.

Miller wrote of his visit to Salem — "In the museum, full of relics of the witch-hunt, all is silent. An old man, looking like a retired professor, is reading a document. Two middle-aged couples come in from their automobile and ask to see the pins: The pins the 'spirits' stuck the children with. The pins are in the courthouse, they are told. They look about at the books, the faded fragments of paper that once meant John Proctor must hang tomorrow, paper that came through the farmhouse door in the hand of a friend who had a half-determined, half-ashamed look in his eyes.

"Salem was taken from the Hebrew, Shalom, meaning peace, but now in my mind and in the streets it is a dark word."

"The Crucible" will play March 2-10, each Friday and Saturday, at 8 p.m. Be a witness to history. Call 362-2329 for your reservations.

## Midland theatre stages 'Pippin'

Midland Community Theatre's "Pippin" is a love story, a musical and a magic show. The Broadway hit, on stage through March 11, is a modern story based on a medieval tale.

All of the actors, dancers and singers are volunteers. The set, costumes and lighting were designed by MCT's professional staff and created by volunteer labor. It's a theatre where everyone has an equal chance for creativity, from the colorful set drapes to the long swords.

According to Midland Community Theatre's executive director Don Bachmann, the show is rated PG and could be enjoyed by young people over the age of 10. Memberships and single tickets are available. There are Sunday matinees as well as Sunday 8 p.m. performances. For reservations or information call the box office, 682-4111.

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The proposed rates are on file with the Public Utility Commission of Texas, and are available for public inspection at the offices of GTE Southwest Incorporated. Persons who wish to intervene or otherwise participate in these proceedings should notify the Commission. The deadline to intervene in this docket is 3:00 p.m., March 19, 1990.

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### A swinging dance

DETROIT — Detroit Red Wings' Joe Kocur (left) and New York Islanders' Ken Baumgartner exchanged dance steps and punches in the first period of their NHL game Wednesday night at Joe Louis Arena. The Red Wings went on to beat the Islanders 4-3.

## Record setting hurler has surgery

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Jon Peters, who set a national high school record with 33 consecutive victories at Brenham, has undergone arthroscopic surgery on his pitching elbow and will be red-shirted by Texas A&M University in his freshman season. Dr. Jim Andrews operated on Peters last Friday in Birmingham, Ala., after Peters developed pain in his right elbow during an intrasquad game after six months of rest. The Associated Press learned. The elbow bothered him after just two innings. Andrews called the operation a

success and said Peters should be able to return at full strength next year. Andrews said there was no ligament or cartilage damage. Peters, 19, hurt the elbow during a high school all-star game in the Astro dome last summer, walking off the mound after 1 1/3 innings. He hurt it again pitching in a summer league. A&M coach Mark Johnson had been careful with Peters, trying not to rush him into action too soon this spring. "I appreciate the concern Texas A&M has shown for career," said Peters, who returned to school this

week and has resumed his studies. "I think I'll be able to contribute next year. This might be the best thing for me in the long run. There was some pressure on me to be able to step right in." The No. 22 ranked Aggies of the Southwest Conference are loaded with pitching talent and Johnson hadn't planned on pushing Peters into the starting rotation. Peters had a 54-1 overall record at Brenham High School, including 22 shutouts and five no-hitters. He had 612 strikeouts in 370 innings. He broke the national record of 51 straight victories on April 29, 1989.



JON PETERS

## Duncanville girls put streak on line

AUSTIN (AP) — The Duncanville Pantherettes, owners of the longest winning streak in Texas girls' basketball history, are again the center of attention at the University Interscholastic League's state tournament. Duncanville is going after its third straight Class 5A championship. The Pantherettes (35-0) have won 95 straight games. They broke the mark of 92, set in 1974-77 by Waco Midway, two weeks ago against North Mesquite. "I was relieved," coach Sandra Meadows said after her team broke the record. "It had been a real pressure situation for the kids as well as for me." "It felt great to break the record, but now we can go about our business and shoot for the state championship," Meadows said. The tournament trip is the 14th for the Pantherettes, also a state record. Dallas South Oak Cliff is the only other Class 5A team to win back-to-back titles, in 1977-78.

While Duncanville, which also won a title in 1976, has been to the tournament more than any other team, it takes on an opponent Friday making its first trip in Seguin (30-5). Houston Yates (29-3) plays Lubbock Monterey (32-1) in the other Class 5A semifinal Friday. Yates sent six teams to the tournament in the 1980s, winning a championship in 1983 and finishing second in 1984. "We're starting off the 1990s right," said Yates girls' coach VonDonna Bircher. "We've had a special feeling about this team this year." Yates is sparked by 5-6 guard Antoinette Issac, a senior who is considered one of the top three players in Texas. Issac is averaging 18 points, 15 assists and eight steals and is being recruited by Houston, Texas, Kansas State, Colorado and Stephen F. Austin. "I've been waiting for four years to go to the tournament," Issac said. "This year we've got a chance to go win it."

Nazareth in Class A also is on track for its third straight state title and 11th overall. Nazareth is 31-3 and has won 22 straight. Zavalla faces Nazareth, which won six straight championships in 1977-82, in the semifinals today, while Moulton (38-4) and Munday (27-7) meet in the other first-round game. Moulton is making its 13th trip to the tournament, but has yet to win a title. The Bobkittens hold the state record for tournament losses with 13. In Class 4A, Cabell meets newcomer Dallas Lincoln (24-6) in one semifinal, while Waco Midway (34-2) and Katy Mayde Creek (24-10), also a first-timer, battle in the other game. In Class 3A, Edna (30-3) is matched against Canton (33-4), and Abilene Wylie (30-2) plays Groesbeck (32-5). Canton has won 23 straight. Wall (31-2) will face Tatum (28-4), and Marion (36-1) will take on McGregor (30-3) in Class 2A. Marion has a 32-game winning streak.

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Brothers testify in Gray trial

By BRADLEY WORRELL Staff Writer COLORADO CITY - Murder defendant Travis Dale Gray made ominous remarks about the fate of his wife before her drowning death in Lake Colorado City, relatives of Tammy Gray testified Tuesday.

Tammy Gray's brother Larry Payne testified in 32nd District Court on Tuesday that Travis Gray told him the night before his sister died that it would be his last chance to ever dance with her. Payne testified that he and Travis Gray were sitting at a table in the Brass Nail II on the evening of June 22, 1988, hours before his sister's death, when Gray told Payne: "Did you enjoy dancing with your sister?"

Defense attorney Michael McLeaish immediately blasted Payne's testimony. "He told you this was the last time you'd ever dance with your sister? You didn't think that was a pretty incriminating statement?"

Gray's brother Dean Payne also testified that he overheard Gray making threatening remarks to his sister, Payne, who lived with his sister and brother-in-law from January 1988 until Tammy Gray's death in June.

remark could have meant that Travis Gray and his sister were reconciling, and that she would not be coming to the Brass Nail to dance anymore, he said. "Then you found out your sister was dead (the next day)... and you said, 'By God, that was a death threat. A little light bulb went off in your head,'" McLeaish jabbed.

Payne said he believed in the principal that a person is innocent until proven guilty. Asked a second time if he believed Travis Gray killed his sister, Payne replied, "No sir."

Gray then reportedly swam back to the shore to get an air mattress to use as a flotation device for his wife. When he returned to the water he saw his wife face down in the water with one arm over her head, Majors said of Gray's remarks.

Tuesday: O.D. Majors, chief investigator for the Mitchell County Sheriff's Office, said Tammy Gray may have died in about 7 feet of water in an area of Cooper's Cove on property that belonged to Gray's mother. Majors said when he arrived at the scene of the drowning in the early morning hours of June 23, 1988 he noticed a radio, towels, slip on shoes and an air mattress near the lake shore.

Majors said a statement given by Gray to authorities indicated his wife's death was an accident. Gray, in a recorded statement, told the sheriff's office that the two swam to a rock near the shore of Lake Colorado City.

Majors said he talked to Gray when he was hospitalized, and again at the Sheriff's Office on June 30. McLeaish objected to testimony taken from Gray, saying that his client was under medication and not advised of his rights when Majors talked to Gray in the hospital. He also charged that Gray was never told he was a suspect in his wife's death or what charges he faced.

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NOTICE OF AN APPLICATION TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS No 14-1008B Notice is given that COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT P.O. Box 869 Big Spring, Texas 79721 applicant, seeks to amend Certificate of Adjudication No. 14-1008, as amended pursuant to 511.122, Texas Water Code, and Texas Water Commission Rules 31 TAC SS295.1, et seq. Certificate No. 14-1008, as amended, includes authorization to maintain E.V. Spence Dam and Reservoir on the Colorado River, the reservoir to divert water from the reservoir for municipal, industrial and mining purposes. The certificate, as amended, also authorizes operation of a water quality enhancement diversion system on Lake E. Spence, the Colorado River, the Colorado River and on Beals Creek, tributary of the Colorado River. The water quality enhancement facilities include diversion of a part of the highly mineralized low flows of the Colorado River from a point in Mitchell County into an off-channel storage reservoir known as Barber Reservoir in Mitchell County and from a small reservoir in Howard County on Beals Creek into Red Draw Reservoir in Howard County on Red Draw tributary of Beals Creek. The diverted water is used for mining and industrial purposes. The certificate, as amended, includes diversion points on Lake E. Spence, the Colorado River, the reservoir on Beals Creek and Red Draw Reservoir. The amended certificate also authorizes a total impoundment in E.V. Spence Reservoir, Red Draw Reservoir and the reservoir on Beals Creek of 488,760 acre-feet.

Majors said Gray's remarks differed slightly on the two occasions he spoke to him. Asked by the defense for specific differences in statements, Majors replied, "The only thing I can tell you is he was in no shape to talk on the 25th."

Majors acknowledged that he used information he gleaned from Gray during the hospital interview to further his investigation June 30.

Pete Rosenbaum, an insurance and financial planning expert, testified that Travis Gray had a \$25,000 life insurance policy on his wife with Rosenbaum's company. The agent testified Gray told him he had a total of \$189,000 in insurance on his wife.

Melvin Berry, a psychiatric nurse at the Big Spring State Hospital where Gray works, testified that he was aware Gray was having a relationship with a fellow employee, Melissa McLaughlin shortly before his wife's death. She and Travis Gray are now married.

Berry said he talked to Gray about his relationship with McLaughlin because hospital policy prohibits relationships between employees and their supervisors. McLaughlin was Gray's supervisor.

Melissa Gray testified that she became friends with Gray after first working at the hospital. "He helped me a lot when I first started working there," she said. Melissa Gray acknowledged the two spent time together, on and off the job.

"We was always good friends, it wasn't love or anything," she said. Melissa Gray testified that Travis Gray lived with her briefly on two occasions before the death of his wife, but said he later told her he could no longer see her because he was attempting to reconcile with his wife.

"He did not want the divorce, at all," Melissa Gray said. Asked if it was because he did not want to lose custody of his children that he didn't want the divorce, Melissa Gray replied, "He just didn't want to lose his marriage... He told me our relationship was over."

About three days after he was released from the hospital, Melissa Gray said Gray called her and she spent about two hours at his house talking. She said people were sympathetic toward Tammy Gray's relatives but did not show a lot of concern for him.

Melissa Gray said she began living with Gray in Big Spring, Texas, July 1988. County Attorney Hardy Wilkerson, who also has a private practice, testified that he prepared divorce papers for Tammy Gray in April 1987. The divorce papers were never served but the suit was still pending at the time of her death, he testified.

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## Names in the news

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Pop star Stevie Wonder says justice is sweet following a jury's rejection of a \$25 million claim that his Oscar-winning song "I Just Called to Say I Love You" was stolen from another songwriter.

The plaintiff, Lloyd Chiate, claimed Wonder's song, part of the movie soundtrack for "Woman in Red," was taken from a song he co-wrote titled, "I Just Called To Say."

"I knew the truth in my heart all along," said Wonder. "I'm very sorry a lot of people had to spend a lot of precious time in this courtroom. But I do appreciate and respect justice."



STEVIE WONDER VALERIE HARPER

Wonder, 39, offered to try to smooth over the dispute by writing a song with Chiate and Lee Garrett, co-author of "I Just Called To Say," and donate the proceeds to charity.

NEW YORK (AP) — Actress Valerie Harper says the suicide of

Joan Rivers' husband shook her out of the doldrums after she was fired from her top-rated NBC sitcom.

"The week I was fired was the same week that Joan Rivers lost her husband. I thought, 'My God, I'm blessed.' Think of people with real problems, who live with illness, with drive-by shootings in their neighborhoods," Harper told USA Weekend magazine in Sunday's edition.

In her new show, "City," Harper appears opposite her old show, "The Hogan Family." She said she had some fears about becoming a Hollywood pariah when she sued producers of "Hogan."

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## Jeanne Dixon's Horoscope

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**CELEBRITIES BORN ON THIS DATE:** Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev, author Tom Wolfe, actress Jennifer Jones, rock star Jon Bon Jovi.

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19): The work scene is complicated today; be cooperative. A prominent person is impressed by your logic. A campaign to pave the way for important changes will benefit from your original thinking.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20): Conversations with your co-workers could prove instructive. Ignore office gossip who think they have all the answers. Take direct action in monetary matters. Your instincts will not lead you astray.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20): Some of your high hopes could be dashed by events beyond your control. Strangers may be involved. Adopt a more conservative approach

in financial matters. A loved one will share good news later today.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22): Anything linked to travel enjoys favorable influences. You are successful in finishing a project. Artists, writers and composers have a rewarding day. Regular practice will sharpen your skills.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22): Seek the services of a lawyer and you could avoid expensive court costs. A letter sheds new light on a close relationship. Resist the temptation to embroil the truth; stick to the facts.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22): A work project may go awry. Figure out how to improve your presentations. Bank loans are easier to obtain than in the past. Your popularity is on the rise. Romance is favored tonight.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22): Your professional contacts help you crystallize your financial plans. Keep your ambitions in line with reality. A cozy chat with a friend or relative will help heal a recent wound. Forget old grievances.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21): The business scene is active and somewhat confusing today. An early-

morning conflict gives you cause for concern. By late afternoon, you are focused on boosting your income. Romance needs nurturing.

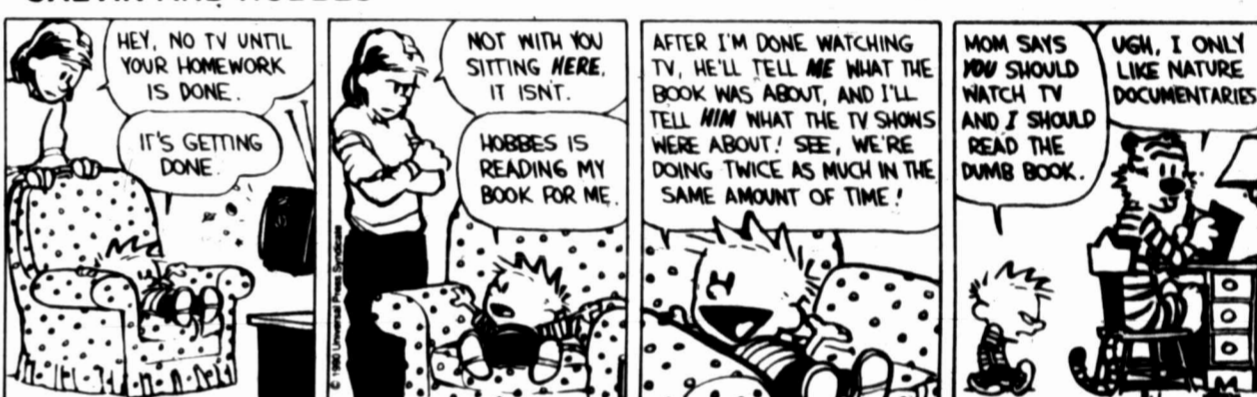
**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21): The day gets off to a promising start; thank to someone who has your best interests at heart. The news about a credit application or an investment is good. A bonus is possible.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19): Your outlook could be pinched by a special obligation. A friend will help you find a way to handle the situation. Communication regarding distant affairs is vexing. Be patient.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18): With few exceptions, everything falls into place where your financial dealings are concerned. Concentrate on routine tasks late in the day. Do not build your hopes too high in the romance department.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20): Your efforts at work will bring delightful monetary rewards. Someone is too gullible. Make certain you do not become the victim of wrong information. A business associate may have romantic designs on you.

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### ON THE SIDE:



#### Putting practice

STANTON — Stanton High School golfer Kelly Inman lines up a putt during practice here recently.

#### Nice rain, more needed

STANTON — The biggest rain of the year soaked enough topsoil for farmers to plow it under, but the county remains in a drought with the year's total rainfall still below average.

Chances of more rain today were 30 percent, said Meteorologist Todd Shea of the National Weather Service in Midland. That drops to no chance of rain Friday and this weekend, he said.

This weekend should also become warmer and mostly sunny with temperatures in the mid 60 degrees, he said. The high Friday is expected to be near 60, under partly cloudy skies.

Today's high, under mostly cloudy skies, is predicted to be in the upper 40 degrees and the overnight low in the low 30s. Winds of 10-20 mph this morning are expected to subside to 5-15 mph this afternoon and Friday.

The low temperature this morning was 33. The high Wednesday was 51.

Meanwhile, the 61 inches of rain from Wednesday brings the yearly total to 1.34 inches, said Grover Springer of Lenorah, who measures rainfall for the National Weather Service in Lubbock.

It has rained three other times this year, he said. The last time was Feb. 20 when .47 of an inch fell.

"That's a good bit below average. We should have more than that," said Springer who has been measuring rainfalls for 40 years. "Of course we've really had a dry spell."

At this time in 1989, which was considered a drought year, a total of 1.59 inches of rain had fallen, he said. The total rainfall in 1989 was 8.11 inches. He said an average annual rainfall is 18-20 inches.

District Conservationist Alvin Riddle with the Martin County Soil and Conservation Service said that the recent rainfalls haven't helped farmers that much.

"As far as any underground moisture goes it hasn't helped us that much," he said. The rain allowed farmers to plow the top six inches of soil but that was it. It was too dry to do even that before Wednesday's rain, he said.

"You can dig down 6-7 inches and it's going to be dry," he said.

#### Slammer slumber party

FORT WORTH (AP) — A judge who wants to hold a jail house party is sure the well-heeled will pay \$100 each for the chance to slumber in the slammer.

"For one night, we could be operating the largest hotel in the city," said Tarrant County Judge Roy English, who proposed a sleep-over party in the 1,400-bed jail at a session Monday of the county Commissioners Court.

The party would show off the new jail, built to ease overcrowding, and raise money for a worthy cause — either a memorial to slain Tarrant County police officers, or a charity such one that helps the homeless, English said.

## Rudd: Tax hike highly probable

By PATRICK DRISCOLL  
Staff Writer

AUSTIN — Rep. Jim Rudd, D-Brownfield, reiterated his prediction that a tax increase, of maybe \$400 million, will be necessary to fund an equitable restructured state school finance plan.

"It's probably going to require a tax increase," Rudd said Wednesday on the second day of a specially-called session of the

Legislature to come up with a new finance plan. The Texas Supreme Court in October declared the present system unfair to poorer school districts.

"This is not really an education session," he said. "It's a tax

session."

Rudd, who was appointed by Gov. Bill Clements in November to the Governor's Task Force on School Finance, said he and other members of the task force will introduce a plan but he may not sup-

port it.

"Initially I'm going to have to introduce it, the three of us on the Governor's Task Force (will have to)," he said. "The question is how workable is it."

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"It's probably going to require a tax increase. This is not really an education session. It's a tax session." — State Rep. Jim Rudd.

bably today or tomorrow," he said. "Within the bill there's no tax increase. It's probably going to require a tax increase to fund it."

Rudd said in January that he would sign a tax bill, saying that he wants every district to get better and not half get worse and half get better. He predicted then that a tax increase would be necessary.

He said Wednesday that cutting funds in some areas would be too

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## Williams prepping for next pageant

By JOHN McMILLAN  
Staff Writer

LAMESA — Miss Martin County was crowned last August, but she isn't sitting idly on her throne.

Cherise Williams, 18, said she is busily preparing for the Miss West Texas pageant, to be held this summer in Odessa. The pageant is associated with the Miss Texas and Miss America contests.

"I would like to do really well in the Miss West Texas pageant and represent Martin County in a good way," the Lamesa High School senior said Monday. "When I go, I represent everyone in Martin County."

The county is well represented by her, said Gwen Sawyer, who is in her 11th year as producer and director of the Miss Martin County pageant. "She's just a very sweet, outgoing person, very mature for her age," Sawyer said.

Williams, who lives in Three League, is the daughter of Ralph Williams. Her mother, Gwen Williams, died 1 1/2 years ago.

Sawyer said she is expecting about 10 contestants for the 1990 Miss Martin County pageant in August, and about 15 contestants for the Junior Miss pageant that month. She sends letters of invitation in March and April to prospective contestants, who are sponsored by organizations and businesses, Sawyer said. Contestants must be residents of Martin County, she said.

To present herself as effectively as possible at the Miss West Texas pageant, Williams said she is consulting the judges from last year's Miss Martin County beauty pageant. They are giving her advice on which clothing colors complement her features the best, she said. They have also put her on a weight program to tone up her arms and legs, she said. "That's especially important in the swimsuit competition," said Williams, who cuts a svelte figure at 6'0" and 130 pounds.

Williams said "the judges are a lot stricter on the higher level of competition."

As with the Miss Martin County pageant, Williams said she plans to sing Christian songs at the Miss West Texas pageant.

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LAMESA — Cherise Williams, who was crowned Miss Martin County in August, will represent this area in the Miss West Texas pageant, to be held in Odessa this summer.

ing Christian music, because that's what I sang at church and what I've grown up singing," Williams said. "I have to give all my credit to God, because he's first priority in my life. When he's on my side, I can accomplish my goals. Even if I fail, it's okay because I did the best

After she was crowned Miss Martin County, Williams said, members of her youth group at the First Baptist Church of Lamesa kidded her. She remembers them saying things like "You're Miss

I could."

Asked about the prospect of becoming Miss America, Williams said, "Of course that would be exciting, but right now I'm taking it one step at a time, and I hope to do my best at Miss West Texas."

The next step for Miss Martin County will be a singing performance at a March 9 benefit concert for the Martin County Convent Foundation. Williams plans to sing two songs for the event — "Forever Friends," a Christian song, and "Nobody Loves Me Like You Do," a country love song. The performance will be held at 7:30 p.m. in the Stanton High School auditorium.

The concert will be the third event in which Williams has participated during her reign as Miss Martin County. The other two were the Martin County Fair in August and a Christmas parade in Stanton.

The last event of her reign, of course, will be the turning over of the crown at the next Miss Martin County pageant. The Miss Martin County pageant follows the Miss West Texas pageant.

In the meantime, Williams said, she is enjoying the attention she receives at events she attends on behalf of the county. The position is not as high-profile as some might think, however. People don't approach her on the street to ask whether she's Miss Martin County, Williams said.

Most of the people who can identify her as the reigning queen are other young women who competed in the event and have become friends of hers, she said. "I see a lot of people I met through the pageant," she said. "It's fun when you run into them and get to stop and talk to them."

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## Boy given alcohol dies; mother may be charged

FORT WORTH (AP) — A 5-year-old boy who was given 10 ounces of bourbon by an adult party guest and urged to "drink it like a man" died Wednesday, and police say they are looking into charges against the boy's mother and others.

Raymond Thomas Griffin II, known as "Tinky," died at Cook-Fort Worth Children's Medical Center at 8:45 a.m. Wednesday, nearly 11 hours after his family agreed to disconnect life support systems.

The boy was given about 10 ounces of alcohol — roughly the equivalent of a fifth of alcohol for an average adult — at a party Friday night at his home in Overman, south of Fort Worth, police said.

Doctors said the boy suffered irreversible brain damage after ingesting the bourbon and some beer and had a blood alcohol content of .55, which is five times the legal intoxication limit in Texas.

It was not clear whether Raymond's mother, Patricia Griffin, knew that the boy was being given liquor, or found out later when Raymond became ill.

The boy went to bed, but he awoke at 3 a.m. with a fever and began throwing up. Mrs. Griffin, 31, gave Raymond a cold shower and put him back to bed.

A neighbor called police about 2:45 p.m. after the boy began having seizures, police said. Doctors placed Raymond in a medically induced coma to stop the seizures.

Police said they are considering

seeking charges against Mrs. Griffin and others at the party.

"We are looking into all aspects (of the case) to make sure we don't omit anything," said Everman Police Chief Roger Larm. "Obviously, there is some kind of neglect if somebody takes 16 hours to call an ambulance for a child that's vomiting and in a fetal position."

Anthony Darron Jimerson, 21, of Forest Hills, allegedly poured the alcohol and told the child to "drink it like a man," police said. He is being held on \$100,000 bail on a felony charge of injury to a child. The charge carries a maximum 99-year prison term.

Jimerson, who remained in the Tarrant County Jail in lieu of \$100,000 bond Wednesday, could face other charges in connection with Raymond's death, said Gary Medlin, Tarrant County assistant district attorney.

"I'll be taking the case to the grand jury within the next month," Medlin said. "It's possible that he'll be indicted on murder now that the child has died."

The state Child Protective Services has begun an investigation to determine whether Raymond's mother should keep his younger brother, 2-year-old Rashad.

"The mother is being investigated. The others at the party are also being investigated," said Everman Police Detective J.D. Brown. "Whether additional charges will be filed on any of

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## Ready for regionals

ACKERLY — Members of the Sands Mustangs' basketball team go through their paces during practice Wednesday. The Mustangs are getting ready for an appearance in the regional tournament, to be held Friday and Saturday in Levelland. A related story and photo appear on page 1-B.

## Clayton's experience under fire

AUSTIN (AP) — On the eve of their second statewide televised debate, the two leading Republican candidates for governor were squabbling over government experience.

Kent Hance picked up the endorsement of 14 GOP state legislators on Wednesday, with the lawmakers saying oilman-rancher Clayton Williams would need on-the-job training if he were elected.

Williams' campaign called the endorsements "typical political lather" and said Williams is leading in opinion polls because he offers specific ways to pay for programs he wants to enact.

Williams, Hance, and candidates Tom Luce and Jack Rains are scheduled to appear in the Dallas debate tonight.

Citing Hance's record as a state legislator, congressman and railroad commissioner, the GOP lawmakers criticized multimillionaire Williams' TV advertising campaign, which has pledged a battle against politicians and bureaucrats.

"The seriousness of the problems that we face in Texas require more than a 30-second TV bite. They require more than the ability of someone to pump a tremendous amount of money into a campaign," said Rep. Jerry Yost, R-Longview.

Hance is "not somebody who just suddenly rode into my television set and jumped off his horse and said I've got the solution to all the problems," said Rep. Glenn Repp, R-Duncanville.

Williams' press secretary Bill Kenyon said the campaign was proud of its television message because "we've been talking about the issues that concern people."

"And we're the only candidate, including Kent Hance, who has outlined how we're going to pay for the proposals. I think people enjoy that kind of candor rather than the typical political lather that we hear out of Austin," Kenyon said.

Hance's staff, meanwhile, claimed that a poll conducted for the campaign shows Williams supporters deserting him after seeing a Hance TV ad which discussed a \$1,000 donation Williams made to Democratic gubernatorial candidate Jim Mattox.

Williams has called the campaign contributions to Mattox and Democratic candidate Ann Richards mistakes, but said he made them while a private businessman and before he considered entering politics.

In other political developments Wednesday:

• Supreme Court Chief Justice Tom Phillips' re-election bid was endorsed by all eight Republican state senators and 58 GOP members of the Texas House. Phillips' campaign called the backing "unprecedented."

• Democratic Agriculture Commissioner Jim Hightower picked up the endorsement of several consumer and environmental groups.

"He has tirelessly campaigned to reduce the use of dangerous pesticides and in favor of a sustainable agriculture technique that recently won the support of the National Academy of Sciences," said Bridget Shea, director of Texas Clean Water Action.

## ASCS news

To qualify for 1990 farm program benefits, Nestor Hernandez, CED of the Martin County ASCS Office, says farmers must certify that they will not violate sodbuster and swampbuster provisions of the Food Security Act of 1985 during the 1990 crop year.

Sodbusting is the production of an agricultural commodity on highly erodible land without the use of an approved conservation

plan. Swampbusting is the production of an agricultural commodity on wetlands converted for agricultural production after December 23, 1985.

"When the first request for program benefits is made in the 1990 crop year, farmers will be required to certify that highly erodible land conservation provisions will not be violated on any land in which they have an interest as owner,

operator, or producer," said Hernandez. "If a farmer does not accurately certify these provisions, he or she will be ineligible for program benefits for the crop year."

Hernandez said producers who have been cultivating highly erodible land that was exempt, must now certify that they are producing the crop under an approved conservation plan. Farmers with grandfathered land had until December

31, 1989 to get an approved conservation plan.

USDA program benefits include price and income supports, disaster payments, crop insurance, Farmers Home administration loans, farm storage facility loans and other program benefits.

Conservation certification is made when producers apply for the 1990 feed grain, wheat, cotton and rice acreage-reduction programs.

## Cherise

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Martin County reigning over the county.

"They didn't (intend) it in a mean way, but you know how kids are," she said. "They like to joke, but they've always been there for me."

Williams also said she does not get the impression that other girls at Lamesa High are jealous of her. "There are other girls at the high school that have participated in other pageants, so they know the feeling," she said.

Being Miss Martin County hasn't made her self-important, she said. "I don't take the credit in anything I do," she said. "I give all my credit to God, and to my relationship with him. If I didn't have him, I wouldn't be where I am today."

One benefit from being Miss Martin County, Williams said, is that "it taught me to express

myself and to learn to get up in front of large crowds and smile and be myself. I'm used to it. I'm real outgoing, not shy. So I love to perform."

Williams said the experience of being a beauty queen has made her more self-confident. "It's a lot easier for me to approach people, instead of waiting for them to come to me," she said. "I'm more comfortable around people."

Although beauty pageants have sometimes been criticized as placing too much emphasis on a woman's physical features, Williams said the personality of the woman comes across in the event.

"If you're not genuine in yourself, judges can see that," Williams said. "I've never been one to primp to try to be pretty. I just let whatever's on the inside come through, and that's what makes you pretty on the outside."

Beauty pageant contestants used to be labeled as "dumb but pretty," Williams said. But that image is changing: judges of today place a lot of emphasis on a woman's awareness of and involvement in the world around her, she said.

From what she's read about the Miss America pageant, Williams said, "The women that participate are starting to get respect as smart, and not just a beauty symbol."

Williams said she has encouraged contestants from Martin County's 1989 Junior Miss pageant to participate in the Miss Martin County pageant in August.

Asked if she has advice for aspiring beauty pageant contestants in Martin County, Williams said the nights before the public pageant are crucial. For the Martin County event, she said, the interviews and the evening gown and swimsuit

competitions are held in the two days before the pageant. "When you get in front of the judges, you have to make a (good) first impression," she said.

Not everyone can win, however. "It's always hard for the girls that don't win," Williams said. "You've made friends with them throughout the week, and you don't want that (their not winning) to come between your friendship."

For aspiring beauty queens, Williams also offers this suggestion: "I would tell them to always be yourself, to take good care of yourself, and that when you set a goal, keep going until you accomplish it."

Asked at what point a young woman should give up if she loses in beauty pageants, Williams replied, "I think it's something that you feel inside. You know when you've done the best you can."



**Stanton Jr. High**  
The seventh grade boys team includes, front row, left to right, Luis Castro, Woody Crow, Michael Martinez, Joey Foely, Jason Caffey, Trey Wood-

fin. Back row, left to right, J.J. Ortiz, David Torres, Kenneth Kendall, Jerele Lee, Wade Roberts, Corey Jenkins, Billy Marquez.

## Rudd

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controversial to get a majority of the Legislature to approve them. "Those are very difficult cuts," he said.

Because of other budgetary strains such as a new workmen's compensation system and a rise in the minimum wage which goes into effect in April, Rudd predicted that there will be a 1992 tax bill and it could be bigger than the one passed by the Legislature in 1986.

At least six major proposals, including one costing more than \$1 billion, for a new school finance system are before legislators right now, according to wire reports. The finance system which depends on a combination of state and federal aid and local property taxes, totals about \$13.5 billion a year, said State Comptroller Bob Bullock.

Rudd said that he did not know

how much funding the bill coming out of the Governor's Task Force would require but suggested that it may be around \$400 million. That would translate into a 1/4-cent sales tax increase, he said.

The Supreme Court ordered the Legislature to come up with a new plan by May 1. State funding could be cut off after that, Bullock said.

Also during this session, the Legislature will attempt to devise a single-district election system for state judges in the state's nine most populous counties, including Midland and Ector counties. Federal Judge Lucius Bunton of Midland ruled in November that the current at-large system dilutes minority voting strength.

Rudd said that he has not taken a particular position yet on any plans that are being suggested. A new plan could include non-partisan elections and a merit system in which judges are nominated or appointed by the Governor and elected or subject to recall elections by the voters.

"I just want to make sure that we get some quality people in there," Rudd said. However, he did say that a new plan should include voter input. "We want the people to have a voice," he said.

It is also possible that Clements may add to the agenda a proposal to lower state taxes on horse racing. "I think he's going to put it on the call," Rudd said. "So they can drop the tax on that."

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## Deaths

### Emma Alsop

STANTON — Emma Katherine Alsop, 89, of Littleton, Colo., died at Littleton Manor, Wednesday, Feb. 28, 1990, after a lengthy illness.

Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday in the First United Methodist Church in Stanton, with the Rev. Tommie Beck, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Resthaven Memorial Park, Midland, under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

She was born Nov. 21, 1900, in Midlothian, and moved to Stanton in 1938. She had lived in Littleton for the past seven years. She was married to Guy W. Alsop Nov. 30, 1923, in Midlothian. He preceded her in death July 9, 1974.

Survivors include one daughter, Betty Givens, Littleton, Colo.; two granddaughters: Katherine Givens, Flushing, N.Y.; and Sharon Givens, Littleton, Colo.

### Helen Little

BIG SPRING — Mrs. Virgil (Helen) Little, 73, Luther Community, died Tuesday Feb. 27, 1990, at her home.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Saturday at First Church of the Nazarene, with the Rev. Gary Smith, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Memorial Park, under

the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born Feb. 23, 1917, in Drascoe. She married Virgil Little June 7, 1936, in Winters. He preceded her in death June 29, 1963. She was a member of the First Church of the Nazarene. She came to the Luther Community in 1937. She and her late husband farmed there until the early 1960's.

Survivors include one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and Jerry Gorham, Goodman, Mo.; one sister, Lennis Couch, Luther; two nieces, four sisters-in-law, and three brothers-in-law. She was also preceded in death by one son.

Pallbearers will be Bob Goodwin, Larry Peterson, Hollis Kenemur, Rob Shive, Joe Blessingame, and Pete Rosenbaum. Honorary pallbearers will be Curtis Hood, Bud Smith, and Hollis Puckett.

The family suggests memorials to the First Church of the Nazarene building fund.

The family will be at 2507 Ann, Thursday evening; and at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Friday.

### Jesusita Hinojos

BIG SPRING — Jesusita Hinojos, 86, Big Spring, died Thursday, March 1, in a local hospital. Services are pending at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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