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## Motor grader bids force commissioners into special meeting

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County Commissioners will have a special meeting at 10 a.m. Monday to reconsider a bid originally awarded last week to Caterpillar for two motor graders for the county's Road and Bridge Department.

On March 24, commissioners voted 4-1 to award the bid, with County Judge Ben Lockhart voting no because he didn't think the county's awarding of

the bid to Caterpillar was in order since the company's bid was a little more than \$5,000 higher than the next bid.

According to Lockhart, he didn't think the decision was in the county's best interest.

The commissioners voting in favor of awarding the bid to Caterpillar — Emma Brown, Jerry Kilgore, Bill Crooker and Sonny Choate — did not award the bid to the lowest bidder, which was John Deere at just over

\$157,000.

The only companies that submitted bids on the motor graders were Caterpillar and John Deere, both of which were represented at the March 24 meeting.

One of the main sticking points in awarding the bid was a buy-back deal as part of the bid.

Caterpillar was willing to offer \$130,000 in trade and John Deere representatives told commissioners that at this point and time it was not feasible

for them to do a buy-back deal as part of the bid.

In discussing the bid, Commissioner Sonny Choate said, "I think we ought to take the recommendation of the fellow who will have to drive the graders," referring to Road and Bridge Administrator Eddy Jameson.

Jameson told commissioners that dollar for dollar he thought Caterpillar would be the best buy for the county and that he'd go with the buy back deal.

After taking a closer look at the bids following last Monday's meeting, commissioners discovered that neither bid met the county's specifications for the two motor graders.

On advice from County Attorney Mike Thomas, commissioners have decided to seek new bids for the equipment.

At Monday's special meeting, commissioners will have to cancel the bid awarded last week as well as redefine the specifications for motor graders.

## FOLLOWING THE HUNT...



Four members of the Gayler family (from left) Max, Andrew, David and Sharon, get a little rest and enjoy hot dogs Saturday following the community Easter egg hunt sponsored by Taco Bell and Kentucky Fried Chicken.

## Annual meeting of cotton growers slated for April 11

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Lubbock-based Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) Inc., will have its 40th Annual Meeting on April 11 beginning with an 8:30 a.m. registration at the Lubbock Memorial Civic Center.

PCG covers a 30-county area in West Texas, including Howard and Martin counties.

The meeting will begin at 9 a.m., and is presented in conjunction with the Texas Cotton Ginners' Convention and Trade Show April 10-11.

Scheduled speakers for the meeting are John Burt, a conservationist from the U.S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Natural Resource Conservation Service, and Mary Atienza, director of the USDA Agricultural Marketing Service.

In addition to the scheduled speakers, producers will hear from newly elected National Cotton Council President Bill Lovelady of Tornillo and from Drs. Don Ethridge and Sukrant Misra of Texas Tech University.

Status reports will be provided on the Plains Cotton Improvement Program by Plains Cotton Improvement Committee Chairman Myrl Mitchell of Lenorah and on the High Plains Enhanced Boll Weevil Diapause Control Program by Boll Weevil Steering Committee Chairman Don Langston of Lubbock.

Also scheduled on the meet-

ing's agenda are reports from PCG President Jackie Burris, PCG Executive Vice President Donald Johnson, and the presentation of the 1997 Outstanding Cotton Agent Award.

"We have a very full schedule for this year's meeting," Johnson said. "As we prepare to celebrate the PCG's 40th annual meeting it is fitting that the program reflects the broad scope of PCG's activities."

Following the meeting, cotton producers will have an opportunity to earn continuing education units (CEUs) during a producer information workshop scheduled to begin immediately after the 1 p.m. CEU registration.

"It is hard to comprehend the tremendous positive impact PCG has had on the cotton industry of the High Plains through the years," Burris said. "Sponsoring producer oriented workshops like this is one way PCG helps keep High Plains producers ahead of the curve in terms of production techniques and technology."

Speakers for the workshop will be Texas Agricultural Extension Service (TAES) cotton specialist Dr. Randy Boman; Dr. James Leser of TAES; Dr. Dan Kreig of Texas Tech University; Danny Davis from the American Cotton Growers denim mill; Dr. Terry Wheeler from the Texas Agricultural

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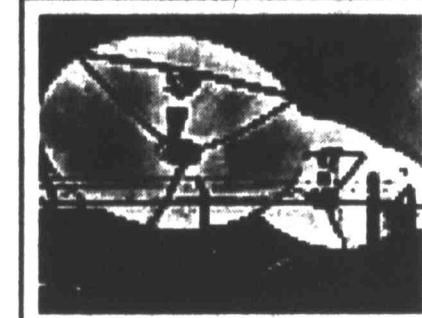
## Future bright for all television systems

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the final installment in a five-part series of articles concerning television delivery systems and the varied choices available to local residents as a result of technological improvements that seem to advance on an almost day-to-day basis.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
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For those who've seen the changes technology has made in television delivery to their homes during the past 30 years, there's one logical question: What does the future hold?

Plenty, the experts say. While there's no guarantee technological advances will be as sweeping as in recent years, the prospect of digital TV, improved satellite reception



### VYING FOR VIEWERS

TODAY:  
Sky seems the limit as cable, satellite systems continue to upgrade and expand.

systems and upgraded cable services promise a tomorrow of almost infinite possibilities.

There will be no overnight change, one local satellite system dealer said, likening today's cable and satellite options to the old Buck Rogers serials that starred Buster Crabbe. The future, he said, will be something more akin to Star Trek: The Next Generation.

Digital television seems to be

the key to the next leap.

Next month the Federal Communications Commission is expected to adopt a plan that gives TV stations new digital licenses to provide the new superior service — touted as the biggest industry advance since color TV in the 1950s.

As a result, FCC Chairman Reed Hundt wants to require every major network-owned station in the top 10 TV markets to

begin some digital broadcasts within 12 to 18 months of being licensed.

Broadcasters, however, say Hundt's timetable is unrealistic. They say digital TV will be available in the fall of 1998 at the earliest and only in the nation's biggest markets.

The National Association of Broadcasters claims a 12- to 18-month deadline doesn't give stations time enough to buy equipment, find sites for transmission towers and get Federal Aviation Administration clearance to put up the towers.

The FCC's digital licensing proceeding doesn't affect cable TV companies, which are not federally licensed.

However, Big Spring Cable TV manager Archie Kountz

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## Monday last day, but work day for Richardson

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Monday is the final day on the job for Howard County Extension Agent Don Richardson who is retiring after serving the agricultural community for 32 years.

But until that final day is done, Richardson is still reminding area producers of upcoming events this spring that may be of interest to them as they prepare for this year's growing season.

"The Ector and Midland



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The seminar is at the Midland County Extension office at 2445 Business Loop 20 in Midland," Richardson said.

Seminar topics will include spring management of pecan trees, nitrogen and zinc applications and tree populations in the commercial orchard.

Richardson said these discussions will be presented by Texas A&M horticulturist Dr. George R. McEachern.

Representatives from the Texas Department of Agriculture will be discussing the worker protection standards, required pesticide record keeping and laws and regulations regarding pesticides for agricultural production.

Licensed pesticide applicators will receive two continuing education units by attending this seminar.

"On April 8, the Permian Basin Ranch Nutrition Symposium will be at the Andrews County Exhibit Building just north of Andrews on Highway 385," Richardson said. "The County Extension offices of Howard, Andrews, Martin, Winkler, Ector, Midland, Ward and Crane counties are sponsoring this event."

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

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Today: Mostly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low in the 40s.

Monday: Mostly cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the 60s. Low in the 40s.

Extended outlook: Tuesday and Wednesday, partly cloudy with a slight chance of rain. Highs in the 70s. Lows in the upper 40s.

## Local unemployment rates almost unchanged

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
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Unemployment figures released this week by the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC) show that Howard County's unemployment rate for February was 4.3 percent, unchanged from January's rate.

The city of Big Spring reported a February unemployment rate of 4.9 percent, one-tenth of a percent higher than January's rate of 4.8 percent.

For the month of February, Howard County reported 13,923 people from a civilian labor force of 13,824 were employed. In January 13,251 people from a labor force of 13,852 were employed.

The city of Big Spring's 4.9 percent unemployment rate means 9,046 people from a civilian labor force of 9,510 were employed.

The 5.8 percent unemployment rate for the Odessa-Midland Metropolitan Statistical Area (MSA) placed 15th among the state's 27 MSA's.

Other counties in the Permian Basin reported various unemployment rates for the month of February, including Andrews, 4.7 percent; Borden, 1.7 percent; Dawson, 7.2 percent; Ector, 7.2 percent; Glasscock, 1.9 percent; Martin, 4.6 percent; and Midland, 4.3 percent.

By city, Permian Basin unemployment rates for February include Andrews, 4.9 percent; Lamesa, 8.6 percent; Odessa, 7.1 percent; Pecos, 11.8 percent; Stanton, 5.4 percent; Midland, 4.3 percent; and Rankin, 4.5 percent.

Overall, the state's unemployment rate fell slightly to 5.8 percent in February, one-tenth of a percent lower than the rate in January, according to the TWC.

The TWC reported that non-agricultural employment grew by 43,100 jobs, boosted by increases in the service sector.

The 5.8 percent rate in February was below the 6.1 percent rate in February 1996.

The Bryan-College Station MSA had the lowest unemployment rate of 2.4 percent. That was down from the 2.5 percent rate in January.



# Details sketchy on mass suicide victims

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Friends, sister say cult leader once loved life

ARANSAS PASS — To the world, he is a man on a videotape speaking wide-eyed of outspace and of joining a higher power; a man who killed himself and led 39 others to the same fate to accomplish that goal.

To friends and his sister, he is simply Herff — a gifted musician who was raised in the church, the son of a Presbyterian minister.

He was a man who loved life and lived it to the fullest until the day he joined the Heaven's Gate cult, eventually becoming its leader.

It is the previous life Louise Winant wants people to remember about her brother, Marshall Herff Applewhite. But even Winant knows, his death has become his legacy.

On Wednesday, the 66-year-old was among 18 men and 21 women whose bodies were found in a California mansion.

Pregnant woman killed in accident, baby survives

ARLINGTON — Police are looking for two men who were racing and cut in front of another vehicle, causing it to hit a curb and roll over, fatally injuring the pregnant woman who was driving it.

Harvest Nicole Alexander, 20, was pronounced dead from head injuries Thursday. She died less than two hours after doctors delivered a son, Hayden Bailey Alexander, prematurely.

The baby, who weighed less than 2 pounds, was listed in critical condition at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth early Saturday.

The accident occurred Wednesday night as a red Honda and a silver 1995 or 1996 Mitsubishi Eclipse with tinted windows were racing. Alexander was ejected from her pickup truck after it hit a curb and rolled over. The drivers didn't stop.

Alexander was only two blocks from home at the time of the accident.

Downtown area evacuated in wake of bomb threat

SAN MARCOS — A bank robber in a cowboy hat escaped with an undetermined amount of money Friday after placing a fake bomb on the counter of a downtown bank.

"He told her (the teller) if she called the police, he would set the bomb off from outside," said San Marcos Fire Chief Dan O'Leary.

O'Leary couldn't immediately say how many people were in the bank when it was robbed. But the incident occurred at what would typically be a busy time: about noon on the Friday before a holiday weekend and payday for city employees.

The fake bomb was about the size of a shoe box, with antenna sticking out, tape wrapped around it and a circuit board on the outside, he said.

The bank and several nearby buildings were evacuated, and traffic was rerouted in about a four-block area while experts dealt with the device, O'Leary said.

The police bomb squad from Austin was called in and determined the device was a fake before 3:45 p.m.

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Friends had wondered what became of Jeffrey Howard Lewis. Now they know.

Jeffrey Howard Lewis, 41, a former San Antonio massage therapist, was one of 39 members of the Heaven's Gate cult whose bodies were found in a San Diego-area mansion on Wednesday.

Texas-born cult leader Marshall Herff Applewhite, 66, also was among the dead, who apparently committed suicide.

Nine of his followers listed Texas addresses on their driver's licenses. But a check of those addresses found most of them to be post office boxes at mail-service stores scattered around North Dallas and its suburbs.

Four years ago, Lewis sold his possessions and left San Antonio to join the Heaven's Gate, a friend, David Tayloe, told television station KSAT in San Antonio on Friday.

Tayloe said Lewis considered

cult members as family.

"He told us that he wouldn't be communicating with any of his friends and to be happy for him, because this is what he felt was right for him," Tayloe was quoted as saying in Saturday editions of the San Antonio Express-News. "He gave us all big hugs and we all said goodbye."

Lewis, who worked as a masseur out of his house, informed the same friends he was selling everything.

"He called us to his house and told us he was getting rid of all his possessions, like his clothes and microwave, and joining a cult which had been really strong during the seventies," he told the newspaper.

Tayloe described Lewis as "free spirited."

"We hanged around in a close-knit group who listened to music and went camping together on a regular basis," he said.

Another of the dead, 59-year-

old Norma Jeanie Nelson, lived at a North Dallas apartment complex where she was remembered by a former neighbor.

"She told me that she was from Star Trek," said Cynthia McGowan. "We just looked at her in surprise. ... It just didn't dawn on us that she was in a type of cult. We thought that maybe she was crazy."

Denise June Thurman, 44, used to live at the Austin address on her license, said a man who answered the telephone there. However, he hung up without identifying himself to The Associated Press.

Robert John Arancio, 46; Betty Eldrie Deal, 64; and Cheryl Elaine Butcher, 43, all shared the same address — a Mail Boxes Etc. store in Far North Dallas. A telephone call to the store Friday night was not answered.

According to Dallas County records, Butcher and Arancio got business permits in August 1993 for Total Overcomers

Anonymous and Omega Agency. They gave a Richardson post office box for the business address.

In 1993, Total Overcomers Anonymous took out a full-page ad in USA Today, entitled: "UFO Cult Resurfaces with Final Offer." Recruitment videos were sent out, and many included the smiling face and voice of Applewhite.

Michael Howard Carrier, 48, listed as his address a Pack 'N Mall store in Richardson.

Susan Frances Strom, 44, listed a Postage Plus store in McKinney as her address.

Judith Ann Rowland, 50, of Dallas, also was among those who died. A woman who answered her phone Friday night declined comment.

A few of the dead cult members, who listed out-of-state addresses, had ties to Dallas. Three were officers of two Dallas companies in the mid-1980s, according to state records.

# Popular mayor, term limits collide in Houston

HOUSTON (AP) — Some might say having a popular mayor and a law limiting his time in office was a foregone collision.

Term limits approved in 1991 have supporters of Mayor Bob Lanier saying he should get to run for a fourth term — even though by law he can't.

And a Houston lawmaker has taken a bill to Austin to allow just that.

It's got the mayor going from bemusing to podium-pounding over the rising speculation that he will seek another term if the limit is extended from six years to eight years.

"I haven't tried to stop it, but I'm not trying to make it happen," says Lanier, who says he wrongly has been tagged with

being involved in the legislative lobbying effort.

Lanier, 72, says he likely won't run again but does not want to rule out a re-election bid.

"I don't want to appear to be a clear lame duck," the lame duck mayor says.

The term limits debate has some voters angry over what they perceive as an end run to circumvent the 1991 vote. Others say term limits was a bad idea from the beginning.

A House committee recently approved legislation sponsored by Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, that would let Lanier and three city council members seek their fourth two-year terms this fall.

It also would force a November referendum asking

voters to change the limits from three two-year terms to two four-year terms.

"The one problem with term limits is when you have a chief executive or even a city council person who is overwhelmingly popular, they don't allow for the continuation of that leadership," Wilson says.

A group of prominent business leaders backs the bill. They say Lanier needs another term to continue plans for a downtown baseball stadium and neighborhood revitalization.

The legislation still must go before the full House. A potential uphill fight in the Senate and skepticism from Gov. George W. Bush also loom.

Another bill calls for a November vote to change

Houston's terms to a two four-year-term cap. But it would not allow Lanier and others to seek a fourth two-year term.

Clymer Wright, a businessman who has considered a mayoral run, led the 1991 drive for term limits and says he'll fight plans to change them.

"There's some people obviously who think they need Mayor Lanier and only Mayor Lanier in office," he said.

Voters spoke in 1991 when they set the three two-year terms and then again in 1994 when they rejected changing it to two four-year terms, he said.

"Why do we keep having this turmoil about term limits? Because the politicians can't stand it" nor can special interest groups, Wright said.

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-Eugene Delacroix

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### OUR VIEWS

## Moates most deserving of ag producer award

In honoring Mike Moates as Agricultural Producer of the Year during Thursday's Ag Expo appreciation luncheon, the Agriculture Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce delivered recognition that seems long overdue.

The Luther farmer was honored for more than being a successful agricultural producer, but for his devotion to his God, family and community — a point made clear by his wife, Sheree, who admitted it had been difficult to keep the award a secret.

"God is first in his life and our family is second and this is the reason he's been successful," she said. "No matter how bad a year has been, Mike has always believed God would take care of things."

Moates has always been involved with 4H activities, and that interest has carried over to the rest of his family.

That commitment to young people has also been evidenced in his activities as president of the Howard County Farm Bureau, a position he's held for 11 years — longer than anyone else has ever served in the post.

He was instrumental in getting the popular "Ag in the Classroom" program designed to develop an appreciation for agriculture in elementary school children initiated in Howard County school districts several years ago.

He has served on a number of Farm Bureau committees and taken an active role in a number of local endeavors.

He currently serves as president of the county's 4H Adult Leader Association and an active volunteer in the 4H Beef Cattle Project.

Moates is also a deacon and Sunday School teacher at the Hillcrest Baptist Church and chairman of the Baptist Student Ministries Committee at Howard College.

In addition, he also chaired the committee that successfully helped pass the Big Spring Independent School District's bond issue in September.

And when it has come to agricultural production, he's worked closely with Howard County agents and the Holland Cottonseed Co. in developing planned cotton varietal demonstrations.

Such activism makes Moates a key cog not only in the agricultural community, but a valuable asset for our community as a whole.

We congratulate him on receiving the well-deserved honor, and the West Texas Ag Expo Committee on making an excellent choice.



## The price to pay for clean air and water

What would you think if Congress passed a law making it illegal to have a barbecue in your backyard or to use your fireplace or to drive your car to work?

Congress won't pass such laws — but those things may be outlawed anyway.

How so? Well, it's an interesting lesson in how liberty is taken away from the people by the backdoor, so to speak.

All Congress has done is pass the Clean Air Act. All that says in that the Environmental Protection Agency can set standards. We are all in favor of clean air, so congressmen can claim they've done nothing but just be good guys.

But the problem is this: If the EPA sets standards, then it must enforce them. And if, as it appears it is about to do, it sets ridiculous standards not based on sound science, then it

may well have to outlaw outdoor barbecues and fireplaces, as well as make car-pooling or use of public transportation mandatory, in order to achieve its standards.

The proposed new standards will almost surely put a lot of small businesses out of business, not to mention adding an easy 10 percent to everybody's power bills.

I know that when the Endangered Species Act was passed, I thought, "Well, that's OK. It just means you can't shoot eagles or other animals that are in danger of extinction. I'm in favor of that."

What I didn't know, of course, was that they would declare oddball insects and rodents, worms and minnows and obscure plants nobody but a botanist could identify as endangered. I didn't know that they would then say that in order to preserve the species, they have to preserve habitat no matter how much economic destruction and injustice they inflicted on people.

It's a big difference, and it has resulted in wholesale injustices and, in effect, the taking of private property without compensation.

If you owned 100 acres of

woodland, you probably wouldn't mind if a woodpecker lived in one of your trees. But then the feds come along and say that that woodpecker needs your 100 acres of timber to get three square meals a day, so you can't use the 100 acres.

You can, of course, continue to pay taxes on it, but you can't use it because that would disturb the woodpecker.

Nearly all evil is done in the name of doing good. It's no exaggeration to say that the greatest threats to the liberty of the American people today are environmental laws and the drug war.

Congress needs to seriously revise the Clean Air Act, the Clean Water Act and the Endangered Species Act. Unfortunately, the environmental extremists industry, heavily funded by federal grants, tax-exempt foundations and big corporations, screams so loudly at any thought of amending these laws that Congress, which is infamous for its cowardice, is scared to touch them.

But unless you want to live an environmental version of George Orwell's Big Brother dictatorship, you'd better find a way to inject a little backbone and common sense into

Congress.

What's missing from environmental legislation and enforcement is what is known as the "reasonable person" rule.

Environmentalism has become the new McCarthyism. Anyone who dares to suggest some reasonable amendment is branded an enemy of nature.

That doesn't sit too well with me because I hate an extremist the way Red Foxx hated midgets. I hope it doesn't sit too well with you. We can, given the limits of population and economic necessity, do a reasonable job of preserving the environment without

destroying the economy, trampling on the most basic of human rights and destroying what's left of our free society. But to do that, we must wrest the environmental laws and agencies away from the Green

What good are clean air and clean water if the only people left to enjoy them are an impoverished mass of slaves and a few rich masters? Smoke pollutes air, but fanaticism and bad laws destroy freedom.

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## Is Russia still among the superpower ranks?

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WASHINGTON — In a sense, Boris Yeltsin defined the mood and a measure of the problem moments before he and President Clinton began formal talks in Helsinki. It was a meeting, said Yeltsin, "of the presidents of the two great superpowers."

While the United States tries to redraw the map of Europe with a Western orientation, Russia struggles to convince the world and itself that it remains a superpower.

At the end of their two days of discussions Friday, it was clear that Yeltsin still was describing a Russian role far greater than the one Clinton and his NATO allies were willing to give their former adversary. The question at the summit's conclusion was how close they came to reconciling their differing perceptions and what it means for the future of the relationship.

NATO's expansion eastward to include some former Soviet allies is the issue that strikes most deeply at Russia's image of itself.

"Part of the opposition to NATO expansion is the perceived humiliation there," said Angela Stant, a Russian specialist at Georgetown University. "It seems to reinforce that the rest of the world is telling them, 'You really aren't that important anymore.'"

At their closing news conference, the two leaders described the NATO-Russia relationship in clearly different terms.

Asked about differences certain to arise between Russia and the Western alliance, Yeltsin replied: "The way we solve these issues is by consensus." That would imply a Russian veto over NATO actions, a condition Clinton was quick to reject.

"The short answer to your question is a voice, but not a veto," said the American president. To ease the pain, he added that "we are partners." "Partners, not adversaries" was the constant refrain when Clinton talked about NATO.

But it was in the economic area that he tried to give Yeltsin something to take back to Moscow.

"I am pleased to announce with the approval of the other G-7 nations that we will substantially increase Russia's role in our annual meeting, now to be called the Summit of Eight,

in Denver this June," said Clinton.

But even here the limit was clear. Russia is not in the same league as the seven industrial giants that make up the G-7. Much as Russia would like to see it happen, there is no move to make it a G-8. When that should happen, China would seem a likelier candidate.

Russia is not an economic power, much less superpower. Deputy Treasury Secretary Lawrence Summers made it clear at a briefing after the Clinton-Yeltsin news conference that the regular business of the G-7 "will continue to be discussed by the G-7 finance ministers." Russia is not yet being brought into those talks on what he called "core economic issues."

Robert Zoellick, who served simultaneously as counselor to the State Department and undersecretary of state for economic affairs during the Bush administration, said it was important to offer the Russians "a hand of cooperation and partnership where we can develop it."

But, he said, the West also must tell Russia that "if you're not ready for it or you're psychologically all hung up on NATO as an enemy, well, we

tried and we'll leave the door open as long as you're not acting hostilely, but we're not going to adjust our policies to your old psychology."

In only one respect could Russia aspire to superpower status: It still has thousands of nuclear warheads and the missiles to deliver them.

"We cannot, I think, be so certain of the future of Russian politics as to ignore the possibility — a possibility we do not expect — that we would again need to deter the Russian nuclear force," Walter Slocombe, undersecretary of defense for policy, told an American Bar Association breakfast Friday.

Georgetown's Stant believes that because of Russia's frustration over NATO expansion "the next few years are going to be quite rocky."

She predicted Moscow will remain vocal in its objection to the alliance moving closer to the Russian border and "will try to put up some countermeasures, but they're really too weak to do much about it."

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## Palestinian killed in clash with Israeli troops

RAMALLAH, West Bank (AP) — Israeli soldiers firing on stone-throwing rioters killed a Palestinian student Saturday, the first fatality in 10 days of clashes over Israel's construction of a housing project in east Jerusalem.

In another riot, Palestinians burned Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu in effigy. The violence came a day after President Clinton's Mideast envoy, Dennis Ross, ended a two-day trip to the region to try to rescue the faltering peace process. Ross said negotiations

could only move forward once calm was restored, an apparent criticism of Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat.

Israel has accused Arafat of orchestrating the recent riots in the West Bank, which were triggered by Israel's decision to build a Jewish neighborhood in east Jerusalem, the sector the Palestinians claim as a future capital.

Israeli security forces have been bracing for a violent weekend, with the protests expected to peak Sunday — or Land Day — which marks the expropria-

tion of Arab-owned land in northern Israel in the 1970s.

Palestinian activists in the West Bank have called for rallies and protest marches to remember the annexations. Checkpoints and military bases near Palestinian towns were reinforced with additional troops, and tanks and snipers were on standby.

Marwan Barghout, leader of Arafat's Fatah movement in the West Bank, said he expected violence Sunday as a result of Saturday's death. "This is the eve of Land Day and I think it

will cause an explosion," he said.

Arafat blamed Israel for the rioting. He said Palestinians "are against violence, especially the violence of (establishing Jewish) settlements and the Judaization of Jerusalem."

Arafat returned to Gaza on Saturday after a weeklong trip to Asia and Morocco. Israel has criticized his absence during the violence, and U.S. officials had to make several attempts to locate him and arrange a meeting with Ross last Thursday in Morocco.

## Wall Street 'scared to death' by interest rate hike

WASHINGTON (AP) — Alan Greenspan finally pulled the trigger on higher interest rates and two days later the bullet hit Wall Street.

One school of thought holds that the Fed under Chairman Greenspan waited too long to tap the economic brakes and might soon have to slam down harder to slow an economy that's generating too much inflation. That could start a classic boom-bust cycle that has brought on many recessions.

This fear of runaway growth

was a primary factor driving the market down last week and may trigger more swoons.

"The market is scared to death," said Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis. "The worry is that economic growth, inflation and interest rates will all be higher than we had been expecting."

The Dow Jones industrial average suffered a 140-point drop Thursday, eighth-worst point loss on record.

The stock market fall on the

interest rate hike news was a sobering wake-up call to the dangers that exist when the central bank embarks on a campaign to slow economic growth. The bank on Tuesday raised a key short-term interest rate by a quarter of a percentage point to 5.5 percent.

The Fed's aim is to dampen borrowing by making the cost of money — interest rates — more expensive. In that way, demand in sectors of the economy that depend on borrowing to finance purchases — such

things as homes and autos — will slow, helping to relieve inflationary pressures that arise when too much demand is chasing too few goods.

That's the plan anyway. The trouble is that manipulating interest rates to fine tune a \$7 trillion economy entails a good amount of guess work as to when to move and how.

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### Tennessee, Old Dominion meet for women's national basketball crown tonight

CINCINNATI (AP) — Old Dominion needed help from every player to reach the championship game of the NCAA women's basketball tournament. Tennessee just had to rely on one.  
But when that one is Chamique Holdsclaw, that's more than enough.  
Holdsclaw simply took over the game and led Tennessee, the defending national champion, past Notre Dame 80-66 in Friday night's semifinals. And all she did was draw a big ho-hum from her coach.  
"Not anything new," coach Pat Summitt said. "She can take over the game. She wanted to win, she wanted the ball."  
Thus, tonight's championship game becomes a matchup between a school that always has been prominent in the sport and one that used to be.  
Old Dominion beat Stanford 83-82 in overtime, getting 18 points each from Clarisse Machanguana and Ticha Penicheiro and 17 from Nyree Roberts. Summitt caught part of their act before the Lady Vols played.  
"They impressed me," said Summitt, whose

team lost to Old Dominion 83-72 on Jan. 6. "You talk about winning and not shooting the ball particularly well at times, but they know how to make plays."  
"Penicheiro is terrific at the point. She played one of the best games I've seen her play tonight."  
Tennessee (28-10) is playing in the finals for the third straight year and the seventh time overall. The Lady Vols stood 10-6 after their loss

to Old Dominion, but now are in a position to win their fifth national title.  
Old Dominion (34-1) once was one of the prime players in the women's game and won the national title in 1985. This is the Lady Monarchs' first trip to the Final Four since then, and they've fashioned a 33-game winning streak with a group that includes two players from Portugal (Penicheiro and Mery Andrade) and one from Mozambique (Machanguana).  
"They're playing with a lot of confidence," Summitt said. "They have an attitude. They're mentally tough."  
The Lady Monarchs needed that toughness against Stanford (34-2). They battled back from a 15-point halftime deficit to take the lead, only to see Stanford score four points in the final 26 seconds of regulation to send it into overtime.  
The game wasn't decided until Penicheiro made a free throw with 50 seconds left to break an 82-82 tie and Stanford missed three shots in the final nine seconds.  
"This basketball team never ceases to amaze

me," Old Dominion coach Wendy Larry said. "They continually find a way to win and when they go down 15, they don't die."  
Old Dominion shut down Kate Starbird after the Stanford All-American burned the Lady Monarchs with 21 first-half points on 7-for-8 shooting, including four 3-pointers. Starbird was 0-for-6 in the second half and finished with 26 points.  
There was no shutting down Holdsclaw, a 6-2 sophomore who can dribble behind her back, slash to the basket, post up or hit jump shots. She made 13 of 25 shots Friday night and added five rebounds, four steals, three assists and two blocks.  
"She's the best player in the nation," Notre Dame coach Muffet McGraw said. "She can do it all. In situations like this, great players step up."  
Added Notre Dame guard Beth Morgan, "She seemed to do whatever she wanted — at will."  
Morgan scored 18 points, while Katryna Gather led the Irish (31-7) with 26 points and 13 rebounds.

### Scott Hoch shoots 65 to close gap

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Just when it looked like Steve Elkington would make the Players Championship a runaway, Scott Hoch shot the round of the tournament to trail by just two strokes after Saturday's third round.  
Elkington started the day with three consecutive birdies and led by as many as five strokes but Hoch's 65 — two strokes better than anyone else shot on a gusty, overcast day — and two closing bogeys by Elkington made it tight.  
No one else was within five strokes of Elkington, whose 68 put him at 13-under-par 203 to Hoch's 205.  
"I basically did what I needed to do," Elkington said. "It shortened who can win a little bit. If I play good, I've probably got to beat one or two guys. If I don't, I bring more in."  
Billy Andrade and Tom Purtzer were at 208, Kirk Triplett was at 209 and PGA winner Mark Brooks was at 210 along with Tommy Tolles and Larry Mize.  
Hoch was the only player able to apply any pressure to Elkington on Saturday, making seven birdies and no bogeys.  
"I got no clue where that came from," said Hoch, who has never finished higher than 13th in 13 Players Championships, missing the cut seven times.  
Hoch needed only 25 putts in the third round and used a mere 81 putts so far this week. He made six birdies in the first 12 holes and saved his great round with a scrambling par on No. 18.  
Hoch's 65 came on a day when only 23 of the 76 players broke par and the course average was a 73.  
Elkington, who played with methodical precision until hitting uncharacteristic poor iron shots on Nos. 17 and 18, had his third round in the 60s in the tournament.  
Continuing his brilliant iron play, six of Elkington's seven birdie putts were within 10 feet and three were 2-footers.  
In 1995, Elkington was rewarded with his biggest year, finishing fifth in the Masters, sixth in the British Open and winning the PGA Championship.  
Since his son Samuel was born Feb. 25 of this year, Elkington has won at Doral and played near-perfect golf at TPC.

### Hawks split key series with FPC

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor  
Howard College's Hawks got two-thirds of their Easter wishes granted this weekend.  
That's because the Hawks, fighting to stay alive in the hunt for a post-season playoff berth, won two of three baseball games with Frank Phillips College at Jack Barber Field.  
On Friday, the Hawks split a doubleheader, winning the first game by the 10-run rule, 12-2, before losing the second, 10-4. On Saturday, the Hawks 10-run ruled the Plainsmen again, this time 14-1.  
Howard improved to 19-12 overall and 7-9 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play while Frank Phillips dropped to 10-19 and 4-11.  
League-leading New Mexico Junior College (26-6, 11-3) split with Odessa (20-12, 8-7) on Friday, taking the nightcap 10-4 after losing the opener 4-1. No score was available on Saturday's single game.  
El Paso (18-13, 8-8) was on the road for a three-game series at San Diego City College, including an 8 p.m. (CST) doubleheader Saturday night.  
"It was a good win," Hawks Head Coach Brian Roper said after Saturday's win. "We bounced back after a tough loss (in game two Friday). We didn't play a particularly sharp game, but we'll take the win."  
Looking back, it could be said that Saturday's game was never in doubt — although it took more than enough time for the Hawks to get their bats cranked up.  
Howard took a 1-0 lead in the first when William Hawkins walked, then advanced to third on a pair of passed balls by catcher Omar Villanueva. Hawkins scored when shortstop Rolanda Ortiz booted a ground ball by T.J. Runnells.  
The Hawks added two runs in the third when Eric Absher and Jason Kirk opened the inning by drawing walks.  
Villanueva's third passed ball of the game allowed both runners to advance and Absher scored when Villanueva allowed a called ball four to Jerome Acosta to get away from him. Kirk then scored on a sacrifice fly by Dominick Barrett.  
A stellar defensive play in the top of the third kept FPC off the scoreboard when, with one out, Villanueva and Pedro Colon each singled off starter Ryan Price.  
Michael Majeski then singled deep to Absher in right on a hit-and-run and looked to have a pair of RBI as the two runners were only about 10 feet apart rounding third.



Howard College catcher Nathan Nelson prepares to throw to second on a steal by Frank Phillips College. Howard won Saturday's game 14-1, to take the series 2-1.

Absher fielded the ball cleanly and hit second baseman Brian Phillips with the throw on the fly. Phillips turned and threw to catcher Nathan Nelson, who bowled over Villanueva and tagged Colon — then raised his arm from a prone position to show the home plate umpire that he still had the ball.  
After calling both runners out to end the inning, the plate umpire wound up tossing the Plainsmen's coach, who was arguing the call.  
That left the Plainsmen — who have but one coach — with a pair of players in the coaching boxes and management by committee as the Hawks scored two more in the bottom of the third, two in the fourth, three in the fifth and four in the sixth to end the contest.  
Howard got a complete game from Price, a Roswell, N.M. freshman. Price scattered five hits and walked one while striking out seven. He also hit one batter.  
The Hawks, who managed their first five runs on just one hit, wound up with nine safeties, including home runs by Hawkins and pinch-hitter Wesley Jennings. Hawkins also had a double.  
Howard travels to Vernon for a doubleheader Tuesday, then

#### Saturday's Game

Frank Phillips	Howard
Colson	Phillips 2b
Majeski rf	Hawkins 1b
Ortiz ss	Runnells ss
Byrne dh	Nelson c
Benavidez 3b	Kubish c
Jones 2b	Flumke 1b
Cliff lf	Absher p
Belt lb	Jennings ph
Villanueva c	Kirk dh
	Acosta 3b
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Totals	

Score by innings: FPC 000, Howard 000  
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#### Frank Phillips

Colson (L)	3	1	7	6	8	2
Byrne	2	1	5	5	3	1
Cliff	2	3	2	2	0	0
Howard						
Price (W)	7	5	1	1	1	7
WP-Price, PB-Villanueva 5, BB-Price (Bryant), T-144, A-125.						

#### Friday

#### Game One

Frank Phillips	100	010	0	7	1
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Parotte, Solano (5) and Villanueva, Jones and Nelson, W-Jones, L-Parotte, 2B-FPC; Giles, HC: Phillips 2, Hawkins, Runnells, Nelson, HR-FPC; Majeski, HC: Phillips, Flumke, T-1:37, A-75.

#### Friday Game Two

Frank Phillips	100	110	007	10	13	3
Howard	100	000	300	4	10	6

Absher and Villanueva, McIntyre, Ledbetter (8), Lant (9), Martin (8) and Nelson, W-Baker, L-Ledbetter, 2B-FPC; Bryant, Benavidez, HC: Phillips, Runnells, HR-FPC; Bryant, T-2:23, A-75.

### Dave Stockton takes lead in Dominion

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dave Stockton says improved putting enabled him to parlay six birdies during a stretch of seven holes into 6-under-par 66 and a one-shot lead Saturday after two rounds of the Dominion Seniors tournament.  
"It's just gotten a little better each time," said Stockton, who entered the final round Sunday 9-under at 136. "The state of my game has been pretty good except for my putting. That is where I've turned it around."  
He demonstrated that during

the round. After four pars, Stockton made a birdie with an 18-footer, then parred the sixth hole before his run of five straight that ended with a 25-footer at No. 11.  
Former Dominion champion Chi Chi Rodriguez was a stroke back after a 67. David Graham was two strokes off after a 69. Larry Gilbert (70) and first-round co-leader John Jacobs (71) were at 6-under.  
Stockton started the day as part of a pack tied for sixth, two strokes off the lead.

"It was fun to pass a bunch of guys on the board," he said. "It was a good round. I made some putts."  
Rodriguez, who like Stockton opened the Southwestern Bell-sponsored event with a 69, went 2-under-par on the front nine. Then he birdied four out of five holes after a bogey on No. 10.  
"I'm scoring better," Rodriguez said. "I'm driving the ball extremely long again. I'm putting well even though I missed a 2-foot putt on No. 17."

### Hingis tops Monica Seles in Lipton final

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — The two finalists cradled their trophies and shared a smile in the sunshine, then lined up for photos, with Monica Seles standing in Martina Hingis' shadow.  
Seles is four inches taller, but Hingis towers over women's tennis. The Swiss Miss needed only 44 minutes to beat Seles 6-2, 6-1 Saturday in the final of the Lipton Championships.  
"I almost didn't make one mistake," said Hingis, 26-0 this year. "It was just a perfect

### NCAA's finale goes to the 'Cats

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Even with their star having an off-night, the Kentucky Wildcats will have a chance to repeat as champions.  
With Ron Mercer scoring 19 points on 7-of-21 shooting, Kentucky's other players came through and the undermanned Wildcats limped to a less-than-spectacular 78-69 victory over Minnesota on Saturday night.  
Kentucky (35-4) will play for the national championship Monday night against Arizona, which beat North Carolina 66-58. The one thing known for sure are the national champions will be called Wildcats.  
It will either be Kentucky with its seventh title, or Arizona with its first.  
Mercer, who had 20 points in the national championship game against Syracuse last season as a freshman, couldn't get untracked against Minnesota (31-4). A 50 percent shooter during the season, Mercer was 3-of-13 in the first half as the Wildcats took a 36-31 lead and bothered by leg cramps in the final 20 minutes.  
The Golden Gophers, who were hounded by turnovers against Kentucky's varied pressure defense, still hung in during their first ever Final Four appearance.  
They took their first lead of the game with 10:51 to play on a 3-pointer by Bobby Jackson. It was also their last.  
Kentucky broke from a 54-54 tie with a 14-3 run with five players, none of them named Mercer, scoring the points. Cameron Mills almost matched the season in the run, with five points, including the 3-pointer that capped it and made it 68-57 with 4:18 to play.  
First, Arizona stunned No. 1 Kansas. Then, the Wildcats conquered Dean Smith's mighty North Carolina Tar Heels. And now, Arizona is only one more improbable victory away from its first NCAA title.



Miles Simon, rejected by Smith four years ago, scored 24 points and Mike Bibby shook off a horrible start to hit four 3-pointers down the stretch as Arizona defeated North Carolina 66-58 Saturday night.  
The Wildcats (24-9), winning a game for the first time in three Final Four appearances, will play in Monday's championship game against Kentucky, a 78-69 winner over Minnesota in the second semifinal played Saturday.  
North Carolina (28-7), which won its previous 16 games, shot 31 percent and committed 17 turnovers. The Tar Heels, who

reached the Final Four 11 times in Smith's 36 years, won't get a chance to bring their coach his third title in the same season in which he broke Adolph Rupp's coaching victory record in 1983.  
Arizona, which stunned Kansas in the Southeast Regional semifinals, was the only team that wasn't a top seed in its region to reach the Final Four. Bibby finished with 20 points, including six 3-pointers, for Arizona, which shot 33 percent.  
Vince Carter had 21 points, but only five on 2-for-7 shooting in the second half, as North Carolina ended its season the same way it began — with a loss to Arizona. The Wildcats defeated the Tar Heels 83-72 in the Tipoff Classic on Nov. 22.  
The Wildcats led only 47-42 with 9:50 to play before Bibby and Simon scored all their team's points during a 14-4 run that made it a 15-point game.  
Simon, who still has the rejection letter he received from Smith hanging on his bulletin board, began the stretch with a 3-pointer.  
Bibby, a freshman who missed 10 of his first 13 shots, then hit a 3-pointer to make it 53-42. After two baskets by Serge Zwikker sandwiched Simon's 15-footer, Bibby hit two more 3-pointers for a 61-46 lead.  
North Carolina scored the next seven points, but the cool Bibby made another 3-pointer to put Arizona up 64-55.  
The game still wasn't wrapped up, though, as the Wildcats missed the front ends of three consecutive 1-and-1 free throws while Carter made a dunk and Ed Cota hit a 3-pointer to bring the Tar Heels within six points.  
But Carter, Shammond Williams and Cota missed 3-pointers, and Donnell Harris made two clinching free throws with 27.8 seconds left.

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# Hours spent fishing Lake Ivie down in 1996

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Boyce Hale  
Outdoors Writer

A while back, three hunters from the Big Spring area whom I will call Jim, Jack and John, went hunting in Colorado. They arrived at their remote cabin site near the timber line the day before hunting season. Their outfitter delivered the horses, and the three hunters worked most of the day getting everything ready for the big day.

At dawn the next morning, they took to the woods, and during the next two days, they killed two deer and one large bear.

They stored their kills in the back room of the cabin and covered them with a tarp.

After this was done, Jim asked, "Wanna' celebrate?"

"It's okay with me," Jack agreed.

"Yeah man, I'll go for that," John added.

Jim set glasses and Jack got the bottle of spirits, and John edged up close and asked, "Would you fill my glass to the top?"

Jack poured and they drank, and they continued to drink well into the night when suddenly there came a loud knock at the door. All three just stared at each other. Then Jim said, "Why don't someone open the door."

"Okay, okay, I'll do it," Jack said as he wobbled to the door.

He opened the door and there stood a game warden.

"Would you like a drink Warden?" Jack wanted to know.

"Just a cup of coffee would do," the game man replied.

The veteran warden had seen about everything around hunting camps, and without hesitation, he asked, "Have you killed any game?"

"Yeah, and we did good too," Jim answered.

"Mind if I see," the warden asked.

Jim led the way to the back room with Jack and John at his heels. Once in the back room, he pulled the tarp off the 8-point buck. It had been shot between the eyes.

Jack spoke up by saying, "That's nothing, look at mine," and he pulled the tarp off a 10-point deer.

Sure enough, this 10-pointer also had a bullet hole squarely between his eyes, and again the warden said, "Nice shooting."

Old John couldn't stand it any longer as he almost shouted, "Aw, that's nothing, you should see what I got."

He pulled the tarp off a huge black bear, saying, "See I told you!"

"Unbelievable," the warden said as he looked at the hole between the bear's eyes, "but how do you explain a hole in each of his front paws?"

Searching for words, John muttered, "Well, you see, when my partner turned on the spot light, he ... he ... uh!"

## INDIANAPOLIS

Clem Haskins, who led Minnesota to its first Final Four berth over and first Big Ten title since 1982, was named college basketball coach of the year by The Associated Press.

Haskins received 37 votes from the national panel. Eddie Fogler of South Carolina was second with 22 and Roy Williams of Kansas was third with 10. Haskins has a 203-140 record in 11 seasons at Minnesota and is 302-213 in 17 seasons as a college coach.

## NASHVILLE, Tenn.

White Sox management held Albert Belle out of Friday's exhibition against the Cleveland Indians, so Belle's first at-bat against his former teammates will come June 3 at Comiskey Park.

Belle left the Indians after eight years when he signed a \$65 million, five-year deal in November with Cleveland's AL Central rival.

## MINNESOTA TWINS

Optioned OF Brent Brice to Salt Lake of the PCL. Sent RHP Jose Parra outright to Salt Lake.

## NEW YORK YANKEES

Optioned RHP Ramiro Mendoza and OF Shane Spencer to Columbus of the International League.

## OAKLAND ATHLETICS

Optioned RHP Dane Johnson to Edmonton of the PCL.

## CHICAGO CUBS

Optioned OF Ozzie Timmons to Iowa of the American Association.

## FLORIDA MARLINS

Placed LHP Matt Wiseman on the 15-day disabled list. Recalled RHP Jay Powell from Charlotte of the International League.

## NEW YORK METS

Acquired RHP Barry Manuel from the Montreal Expos for cash.

## ST. LOUIS CARDINALS

Placed RHP Brian Barber, RHP Andy Benes and LHP Danny Jackson on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 23.

## FOOTBALL

National Football League

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed WR Tony Martin to a one-year contract.

SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Traded 1997 first-round, second-round, third-round and fourth-round draft picks to the Atlanta Falcons for 1997 first-round and third-round draft picks.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

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SKIING

U.S. SKIING—Announced the resignation of Thomas Karlsson, men's alpine coach.

## WEDNESDAY

No activities scheduled

## THURSDAY

Big Spring Lady Steers golf at San Angelo Lake View

Coahoma Bulldogettes varsity softball vs. Hermleigh at Snyder, 6:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY

Junior Varsity baseball tournament at Steer Park

Big Spring varsity tennis at San Antonio

Coahoma Bulldog varsity baseball at Eldorado, 5 p.m.

Big Spring Steer varsity/junior varsity softball vs. Sweetwater, 5 and 6:30 p.m., Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Coahoma Bulldogettes varsity softball vs. Abilene Wylie at Coahoma, 6:30 p.m.

Howard College Hawk baseball at Navarro Junior College, 2, 1 p.m.

## SATURDAY

Forsan track at Sterling City

Junior Varsity baseball tournament at Steer Park

Big Spring boys golf vs. Pecos, Big Spring Country Club, 9 a.m.

Big Spring Invitational Relays, Blankenship Field

Big Spring Steers baseball vs. Pecos, 1 p.m., Steer Park

(To list your school-related athletic activity, please send schedule to Sports Department, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. You may also fax your schedule to 264-7205 or leave a voice mail at 263-7331, ext. 236.)

## LOCAL BRIEFS

Deadline for entry into the Big Spring Softball Association's summer leagues is Tues.

All men's or coed teams who have already entered — or teams wanting to enter — are required to attend an organizational meeting Tuesday at 7 p.m. at John Wesley's Pick Pocket Billiards, 102 E. 3rd.

Several teams are close to being made, but need coed players. If you want to play on a coed team, call Chuck Martin at 264-9236 before Tuesday.

## INDIANAPOLIS

Tim Duncan won't deny that he occasionally thought about leaving Wake Forest early to cash in on the NBA dollars that have lured so many other underclassmen away from college basketball.

"He just never thought about it for very long."

"At some point, I did," Duncan said Friday as he accepted The Adolph Rupp Trophy presented by the Commonwealth Athletic Club of Kentucky to The Associated Press Player of the Year. "That's in the past. I'm a lot stronger and my game has steadily improved."

Duncan was the first Player of the Year since Calbert Cheaney of Indiana to play four years of college basketball. The last three winners — Marcus Camby of Massachusetts, Joe Smith of Maryland and Glenn Robinson of Purdue — all left for the NBA as undergraduates.

Duncan received 72 votes in nationwide balloting. The only other player in double figures was junior Raef LaFrentz of Kansas, who had 11.

Duncan finished as the 10th player in major college history with more than 2,000 points and 1,500 rebounds and his 481 blocked shots were second on the career list.

And he is anxious to join them. Not too anxious, though, to rush the issue.

"I'm only 21," he said. "That's a short period of time. Hopefully, I have a lot of years left to do a lot with."

## EAST PISCATAWAY, N.J.

Bill Herrion of Drexel turned down the job as basketball coach at Rutgers, less than 24 hours after being offered the position.

Herrion, 58, has posted five straight 20-win seasons in his first year at Drexel, a 47 record and three NCAA Tournament appearances over the past six years at the school in Philadelphia.

Tom Penders declined an offer from Rutgers to remain as head coach at Texas earlier this week.

## RICHMOND, Va.

Richmond hired John Bellein of Canisius College as head basketball coach.

Bellein, 44, had a 89-62 record in five years at Canisius, including 17-12 this season. The Golden Griffins made three postseason appearances in five years, including a berth in the NCAA Tournament.

## COLORED

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## One possible explanation for the decrease in the amount of fishing may be the decreasing catch rates of largemouth bass.

Between 75 and 85 percent of the hours spent fishing at Ivie in 1994, 1995 and 1996 were directed at largemouth bass and the catch rate of largemouth bass dropped from 1.26 bass per fishing hour in 1994 to 0.65 bass per fishing hour in 1996.

This decline in catch rates was expected. The reservoir opened in 1990 with a tremendous number of young bass which had never seen a hook.

Now those bass have seen just about every lure known to man and are much more wary about biting things that fall into the water and start wiggling. However, 0.65 bass per hour is still more than twice as high as the state average catch rate for largemouth bass.

This story was told to me by Repps Guitar, owner of Dibrell's Sporting Goods store.

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# Reflections of the Our Lady of Mercy Academy in Stanton

Sophie White was five years old when she first saw Our Lady of Mercy Academy at Stanton. She had come, with her parents and her little brother, to visit her older sister Ruth who was a student there.

She still remembers the trip, in a Model-T truck, from their farm home at O'Donnell, and her first glimpse of the convent buildings from the Caprock. Inside the school, she thought the red carpet on the stairway and the red velvet upholstery

of the French Provincial furniture in the office very grand indeed.

When she was 17, Sophie enrolled at the Academy. At first, she was homesick. She did not go home until Thanksgiving, and her family, busy with a bumper crop at O'Donnell, were unable to visit her.

But soon she was totally involved in life at the boarding school. Each day the girls got up early, dressed, and went to Mass. Then they had breakfast and began their school day.

She remembers her teachers fondly. Sister Mary Stanislaus taught piano, and Sister Mary Aloysias was her classroom instructor.

Once Sophie receive a serious scolding from her. Working to pay part of her tuition, it was Sophie's task to clean the din-



**SOPHIE WHITE**  
ing room after each meal. Periodically, she had to oil the pine floors. One time she applied a little

too much oil. Sister Aloysias, who was a rather large lady, slipped and fell resoundingly on the floor. "She was pretty unhappy with me," Sophie recalls.

When they were not busy with their studies, the girls enjoyed games, dancing, and playing the piano in the large recreation room. Their favorite game was Pollyanna, played somewhat like Monopoly.

Sophie planned to return to the Academy the next year, but in June, 1938, three weeks after school was out, a tornado ripped through Stanton, demolishing the church and much of the school. Miraculously, no one was injured.

The Sisters of Mercy decided not to rebuild the school, which was opened in 1894. With improved transportation, the

need for a boarding school had diminished. Enrollment had also declined because of the Depression.

Today only one building remains. It housed a chapel on the ground floor; the nuns slept in the little upstairs rooms. Interested citizens have organized Martin County Convent, Inc. to preserve this historic sight.

The building was part of the Carmelite Monastery begun by German Catholic priests in 1881. The monastery did not prosper, and a tragedy further discouraged the priests.

One of the young seminarians, who was also from Germany, asked to be released from the priesthood. His request had to be approved by the church in Rome.

The only means of communication was by letter, which was

very slow. The young man became discouraged when the weeks passed and he did not hear. In despair, he took his own life. Ironically, the long-awaited letter arrived the day after his death.

The monastery was closed, and the priests sold their property to the Sisters of Mercy, who added more buildings and established the convent and boarding school.

Sophie says, "I look back upon my life at the Academy with nostalgia. I really grew up then. It was sad to see the school close."

Her sister Ruth became a nun and trained as a nurse. She spent most of her career in Slaton. Sophie and her husband farmed and ranched at O'Donnell. They moved to Big Spring in 1986.

## Unsolved mysteries can boggle the mind

Unsolved Mysteries? There is a television program on unsolved mysteries dealing mostly in criminal subjects. That's not the kind I want to write about. It's doubtful that anyone, at one time or another, hasn't had an unexplained mystery in his or her life. Even our religion is based on faith and in part, things we must believe in, are by faith alone.

More than a year before my first child was born, I dreamed of having a son. The clearest part of the dream was the child as a toddler just beginning to walk. When the time came, I knew in my heart the baby would be a boy. It was. When he was beginning to walk, it was as if I was dreaming his looks all over again, exactly. Unsolved mystery!

Years later, on our farm in Martin County, a reoccurring dream bothered me. It was during the time Big Spring had a bomber base. In my dreams, a plane would fall just south of our house and always burned while I tried desperately to rescue the pilot. Later a plane did fall and explode but it was two

miles south of our house instead of in our field nearby. All five airmen were killed. When all parts had been cleared away by the Air Force personnel, my husband and I walked over the area finding a few items which had been missed. Walking over the area caused a terrible feeling but in the following years the dream of the falling plane NEVER occurred again. Unsolved Mystery!

Perhaps the most mind boggling of all was a "Time" magazine. Here you need a bit of background. There was a Mr. Harmon or Harmond (I can't recall exactly) who delivered butane to our farm (out of Big Spring). As was customary at that time, if a traveler was at your home about mealtime he would be invited to share a meal. Mr. Harmon happened by one day while we were preparing to eat our noon meal. We insisted he dine with us. I don't recall ever seeing a may enjoy a meal more and he complimented and raved about the good country food, especially the corn bread and fresh sweet butter. Numerous times afterward he was a noontime guest. We became good friends but never knew much about his life outside of the delivery business and that he lived in Big Spring.

Each meal he had with us seemed a special delight to him. After a time a new driver came by and we learned Mr.

Harmon had died. About two months later, my husband and I had to leave the house to run some errands. At that time, no one ever locked a door.

Neighbors were at least a mile or more away and no one ever bothered anything. When we returned home, the first thing catching my eye was a magazine lying on my sewing machine.

I distinctly remembered closing and covering the machine with a dresser scarf just a short time before we left. Upon further investigation, we learned it was a "Time" magazine and was for that current week and was addressed to Mr. Harmon at his Big Spring address. Strange! We asked around, no neighbor had been to our house that day. No one had seen a vehicle, nothing. I kept the magazine and read every printed word thinking there might be a message of some sort. If there was, I failed to discover it.

How did that magazine addressed to a deceased man get on my sewing machine? We never learned the answer! Unsolved mystery! I kept the magazine for a long time.

Why we did not try to contact his home I am at a loss to explain. Perhaps we felt some logical explanation would surface. After all these years, I wish we had tried to contact his folks or checked out where he lived. Maybe he didn't have any folks or wife. I can't recall him ever mentioning anyone.

## Know the symptoms of prostate cancer

Last year, 300,000 men were diagnosed with prostate cancer.

It is now the most common type cancer among American men. Although 75 percent of cases are found in men 65 and older, younger men are

immune says the Department of Health and Human Services.

The prostate is a walnut-sized male gland surrounding the urethra, located just below the bladder, next to the rectum.

Little was heard about prostate cancer until recent years. Prostate cancer survivors such as Bob Dole and retired General Norman Swazkopf helped bring about awareness of the disease by publicly discussing their treatments.

Although researchers don't know the exact cause of prostate cancer, they have identified the following risk factors:

1. The disease becomes more common after men pass age 50.
2. The risk is greater in men with close relatives who have the disease.
3. African American men have the highest rate of prostate cancer.
4. A diet high in fat is associated with a higher incidence of advanced prostate cancer.

There are often no symptoms

in the very early stages of the disease. When symptoms do appear they may include: 1. Burning or painful urination. 2. Inability to urinate or difficulty in starting or stopping flow. 3. Weak or interrupted flow. 4. The need to urinate frequently—especially at night. 5. Blood in the urine or semen. 6. Continuing pain in the lower back, pelvis or upper thighs.

But these symptoms may also be caused by several other non-cancerous conditions. Although no single test is conclusive, researchers say new tests are making detection easier.

Once diagnosed, there are several treatment options

including one or a combination of therapies such as radiation, hormones or surgery.

In addition, pharmaceutical researchers are now working on approximately 25 new treatments for the disease.

For more information contact: Cancer Research Institute "The Prostate Cancer Initiative"; 681 Fifth Ave.; New York, N.Y.; 10022-4209. Telephone 1-800-33-CANCER. Also: The Matthew Foundation for Prostate Cancer Research has trained operators who will answer your questions and send you information. Telephone 1-800-234-6284.



**Myrtle Griffith**  
Columnist



**Wanda Denson**  
Columnist

## PRIME POEM

### Beneath a Cross of White

Far away, on a sunkissed isle,  
across the deep blue sea,  
In the meadow land  
by the waters,  
I fancy I can see.

A brow eyed lad  
lies sleeping  
beneath a cross  
of white,  
and the wild birds  
sing,  
their sad, sad songs  
there in the  
bright sunlight.

A boy with laughter  
in his eyes  
adventure in his  
heart  
turned aside his  
boyhood dreams  
to man the guns  
of war.

He survived the bloody  
battle  
on the island of  
Saipan  
than gave his  
life for freedom  
on the isle of Tinean

Peace lies over  
hallowed spot  
where Wayne and  
comrades sleep  
the birds still sing  
their glad songs  
there in the ironwood  
trees.

Nature sings a  
lullaby  
on the spot there  
where he died;  
moon beams dance  
upon the cross  
beneath the cross  
he lies.

The cliff still stand,  
as timeless guards  
there on that  
hallowed spot  
the birds still sing  
their glad songs,  
for they have  
not forgot.

Gently swaying can brakes  
play sweet, soft  
melodies  
bright white flowers

blooming, promise  
sweet, eternal spring.

The wild birds sing,  
their glad songs,  
to a lad so young  
and brave,  
the sun shines in  
the meadow,  
stoops low to  
kiss his grave.  
By: Bernice Reed Jones

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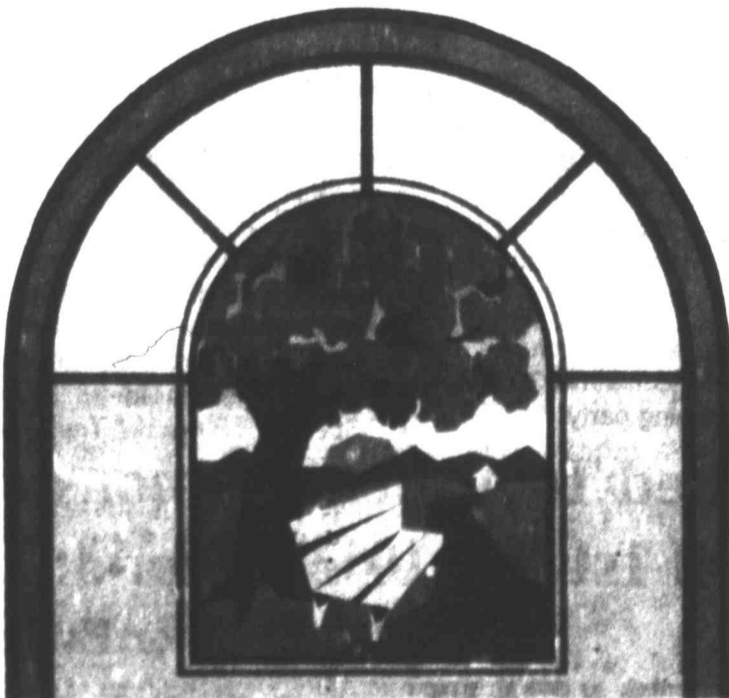
Joined the Marine Corp on  
Oct. 29, 1943, just a short while  
after his 18th birthday.  
Gave his life on the battle-  
field on Tinian Island, Aug. 16,

1944.  
For a short time he lived in  
Big Spring. He was the son of  
the Rev. Ben and Mrs.  
Ferguson.

The family moved to Lee's,  
Texas, 20 miles south of Big  
Spring. Brother and sister  
Ferguson were the founders of  
Lee's Baptist Church, just a  
small one room church in the  
West Texas oil field. Back in  
the thirties, this was where I  
knew Wayne and his family.

Sing a song of sadness  
back in his boyhood  
days,  
the same sun that he  
played in then  
stoops low, to kiss his grave.  
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## Easter is time to reflect on sacrifice Jesus made



By KELLIE JONES  
Features Editor

Easter is a time to reflect on the sacrifices made for us many, many years ago.

Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice by dying on the cross and gave us everlasting hope when He rose from the dead three days later.

When you think about His life, you remember one of His disciples betraying him, having nails driven through His hands and wearing a thorned

crown.

His own Father turned away from Him when God saw all the sins of mankind being put on Jesus while hanging on that cross. Even as Jesus was dying, he was thinking of others when He said, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do," reads Luke 23:34.

"For God so loved the world,

that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," reads John 3:16.

The Pharisees were afraid of Jesus and the power a carpenter from Jerusalem had. The chief priests demanded Pilate crucify Him because "they claimed Jesus had perverted the nation and would not give

tribute to Caesar, saying He himself is Christ a King," stated Luke 23:2.

After the crucifixion, Christ's body was wrapped in linens and placed in a tomb with a rock in front of it. That Sunday morning, an angel rolled the rock away and sat on it.

"(The angel's) countenance was like lightning and his rai-

ment white as snow; And for fear of him the keepers did shake, and became as dead men. And the angel answered and said unto the women, Fear not ye: for I know that ye seek Jesus, which was crucified. He is not here: for he is risen, as he said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. And go quickly, and tell his disciples that he is risen from the dead; and, behold, he goeth before you into Galilee; there shall ye see him: lo, I have told you," the angel stated in Matthew 23:3-7.

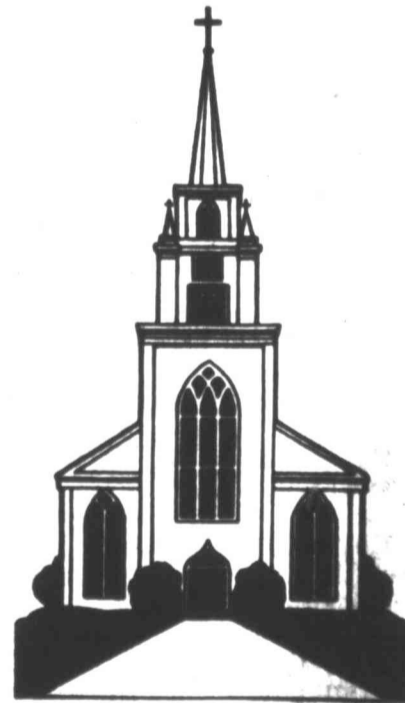
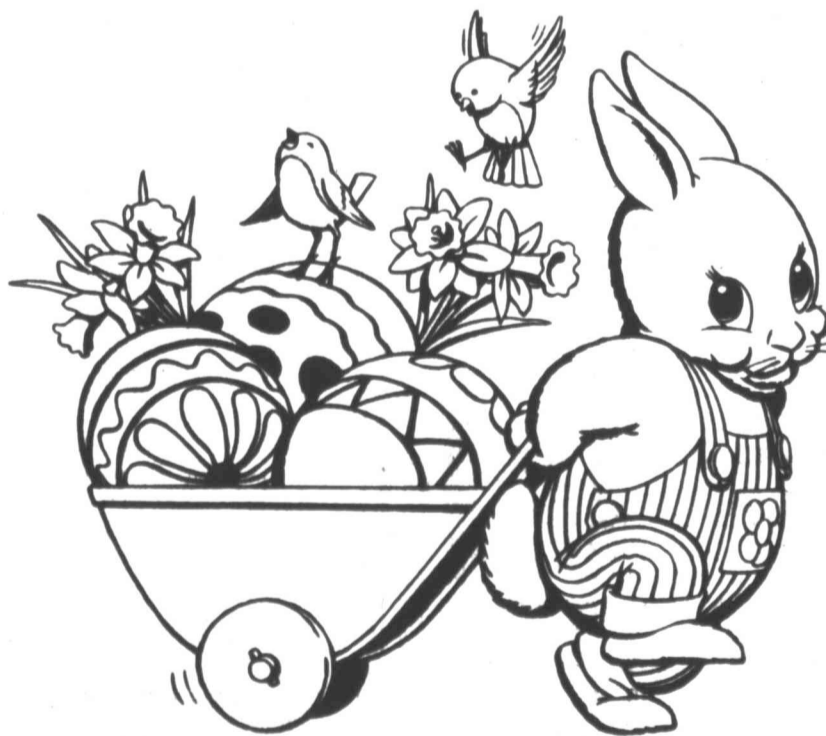
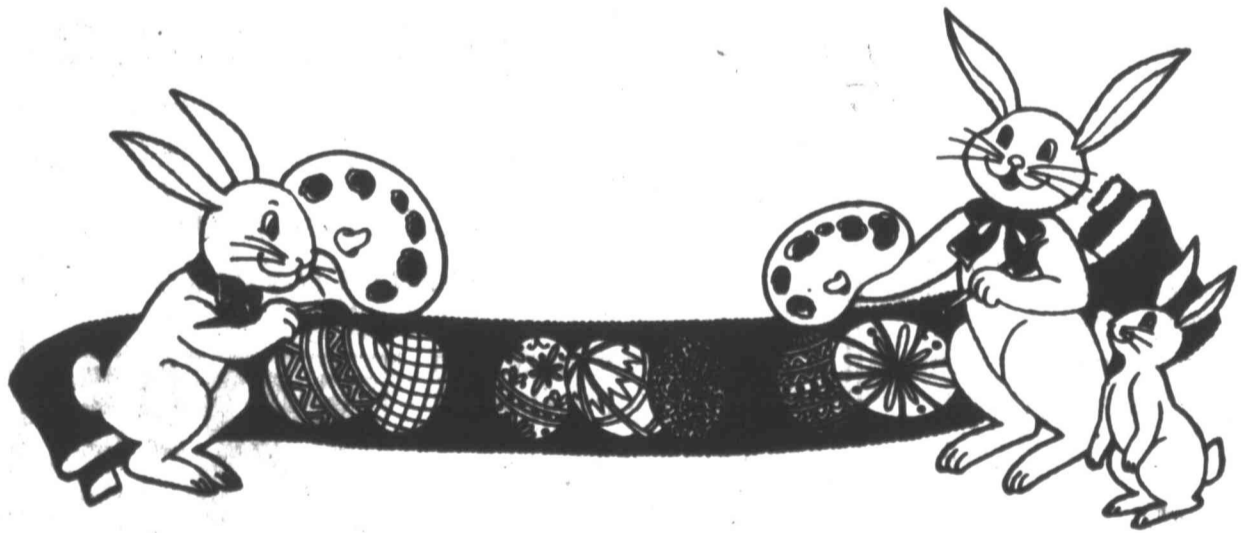
The Lord then met with his 11 disciples and instructed them to go and teach all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost. "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world," Jesus said in Matthew 23:19-20.

It is fitting for Easter to be in the spring as the season represents renewal and growth. What better time than Easter to renew one's faith and to grow as a Christian.

Would you want to go through what Jesus did? He knew the crucifixion was coming yet He didn't ask God to take him away. Instead, he stayed and sustained false accusations, betrayal, ridicule, nails in his hands, thorns in his head and yes, even death.



Children from Marcy Elementary rush to find some Easter eggs during a hunt Thursday afternoon at Marcy House.



## Our modern symbols of Easter have meaning

Four of my grandchildren spent a week with us in mid-March. They are the first signs of spring to me, better indicators than the first leaves on the mesquite trees. It's always after they go home that Easter comes.

For the past 20 years or so, I've gotten into the habit of thinking the date for Easter Sunday was set by the school boards to fall somewhere around two weeks after spring break.

But school boards are not responsible. Our Easter symbols and customs are based on religious beliefs. It was the Roman Emperor Constantine who set the date for Easter.

Born in 275 A.D., he was the first emperor of Rome to

become a Christian. Under his reign, Christians gained the freedom of worship, and the church was recognized as a legal body.

He was the first emperor to fight a battle under the sign of the cross. Before the battle at the Milvian Bridge, he was told in a vision that if he fought as a Christian, he would win. The first two letters of Christ's name (in Greek,

chi and rho) were painted on his soldiers' shields, and they won the bridge that crossed the Tiber River.

It was at the first general council of bishops in the year 325 Constantine set the method of determining the date of Easter Sunday: It falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon on or after March 21. It cannot come before March 22 or after April 25.

Constantine embraced the cross, not as a political tool, but as a religious belief. The hot cross bun we see today began as a special cake eaten in many parts of the world as a part of the Easter celebration.

Each cake has a cross of icing on its crust to signify victory

over death.

New Easter clothes may mean nothing but a good selling season to merchants, but the idea and meaning came from Christian practices ages ago. An old English rhyme says in part, At Easter Let Your Clothes Be New...

Through the meaning of the custom is somewhat lost, we know that there was once a ceremony called 'clipping the church.'

On Easter Sunday, children dressed in their best clothes, gathered around the church and formed a circle. By joining hands, they 'clipped,' which means embraced, the church.

Even the Easter Bunny has its connection to a sacred

belief.

In ancient Egypt, the rabbit symbolized birth and new life. Some considered it a symbol of the moon and the moon determines the date of Easter.

The children's story that an Easter Bunny brings the Easter egg probably comes from an old German legend.

It says a poor woman dyed some eggs during a famine and hid them in a nest as gifts for her children at Easter.

When the children found the nest of eggs, a big rabbit sat guarding them, but hopped away as they approached. The children then spread the story the rabbit had brought the eggs.

The egg itself has always

been seen as a sign of new life, and the custom of exchanging eggs began in ancient times. The early Christians of Mesopotamia were the first to use colored eggs for Easter. In some European countries the eggs are all colored red, to represent the joy of the resurrection.

And one last thing, which wasn't mentioned in the books I read, but, to me, is a part of Easter.

How often it occurs after the first warm breath of spring, we are chilled again, by the last cold touch of winter.

It is symbolic to me as a Christian, of a life without hope, without Christ. It is called the Easter spell.

Eunice Choate  
Columnist

## ANNIVERSARIES

### Mathie

Mike and Frances Mathie celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a reception and renewal of wedding vows on March 22 at their old house on Johnson hosted by their children.

He was born in Akron, Ohio, and she was born as Frances Townsend in Brownfield. They met on a blind date at the NCO Club set up by an Air Force friend at Webb. They were married on March 22, 1972, in Snyder. Mr. and Mrs. Mathie have five children: Ethel Lorraine Headrick, Leon, Kan.; Pamela Ann Richards, Audrey Gail Baker, both of Big Spring; Aubrey Charles Davis, Oklahoma City, Okla.; and Truman Lynn Davis, deceased. They also have 10 grandchildren.

They have lived in Big Spring during their entire marriage. Mr. Mathie retired from the Air Force in 1970 and from the VA Medical Center in 1992. Mrs. Mathie previously worked for the Big Spring State Hospital and Webb Air Force Base. She is a housewife. She is also involved in a crochet club



MR. AND MRS. MIKE MATHIE

and both are volunteers at the VA. Mrs. Mathie enjoys crocheting and being a volunteer at the VA. Mr. Mathie enjoys being with his grandchildren and volunteering at the VA.

This was their comment about their 25 years of marriage, "Both have had bad times but we have come through it with flying colors."

### Gilbert



MR. AND MRS. HUBERT GILBERT, NOW AND THEN

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Gilbert celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 22, 1997, with a dinner at Furr's hosted by their children.

They were married on March 20, 1937, in Wills Point, their hometown. They moved to Quitaque in 1942 and farmed until moving to Big Spring in 1957, where Hubert managed the tractor shop for EP Driver Implement. They have four

children: Brenda Harwood, James Gilbert, Charles and Marian Buzbee, and Andy and Drewilla Lopez, all of Big Spring; 12 grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

He retired from Broughton Ford Tractor Inc., and Mrs. Gilbert is a retired nurse.

The couple was given a five-day, four-night trip to Branson, Mo.

All photos must be picked up within 30 days of publication or they will be discarded.

### STORK CLUB

Hannah Irene Minchew, girl, March 17, 1997, 8:45 p.m., seven pounds seven ounces and 20 1/2 inches long; parents are Kent and Teresa Minchew.

Grandparents are Curtis and Mary Averette, Big Spring, and Jim and Jean Minchew, San Angelo.

Great-grandparents are S.J. and Iva Belle Kamm, Union City, Okla., and Gertrude Davis, Selma, Ala.

Kayla LeAnn Sanders, girl, Feb. 17, 1997, 2:33, six pounds 10 1/2 ounces and 19 inches long; parents are James and Michele Sanders, Coahoma.

Grandparents are Billy and Gloria Sanders, Coahoma, and Haynes and Sharon Howle, Lubbock.

Lekay Jenson Yarbar, girl, March 21, 1997, 7:36 a.m., six pounds three ounces and 19 inches long; parents are Luke

and Leslie Yarbar. Grandparents are Tommy and Gwyn Dunnam, Richard Yarbar, and Jonetta Hesson, all of Big Spring.

Victoria LaNell Martinez, girl, March 22, 1997, 10:07 a.m., seven pounds six ounces, 19 1/2 inches long, parents are Ricky and Teri Martinez.

Grandparents are Fred and Betty Pace and Adelado and Paula Martinez, all of Big Spring.

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## WEDDINGS

### Miars-Kelso

Evalyn Dawn Miars, San Angelo, and Corby King Kelso, Bronte, were united in marriage on Feb. 28, 1997, at Immanuel Baptist Church in San Angelo.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Smith, San Angelo, and Bob Miars, Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Kelso, Bronte.

The couple stood before two spiral candelabras, two 15-branch candelabras and a unity candle.

Vocalist was Jennifer Millican.

She was given in marriage by Bryan Miars, her brother.

Maid of honor was Carrie Bright, San Angelo.

Angelia Canter, San Angelo, and Lavonne Cox, Big Lake, were the bridesmaids.

Flower girl was Chelsea Cook, daughter of the bride, San Angelo, and ring bearer was Aaron Collier, cousin of the bride, San Angelo.

John Morrow, Brownwood, was the best man.

Cody Hartman, San Angelo, and Duff Kelso, Harriett, served as groomsmen.

Kirk Kelso, Austin; Kirby Hartman, San Angelo; Chad Collier, San Angelo; and Jode Walker, San Angelo, were ushers and candlelighters.

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

The groom's table featured a



MRS. CORBY KELSO

chocolate cake with chocolate dipped strawberries and chocolate shavings, boot-shaped mints, picture of bride and groom, and spurs and an old lantern.

The bride is a 1991 graduate of Central High School, San Angelo. She is a pharmacy tech at the Wal-Mart in San Angelo.

The groom is a 1987 graduate of Bronte High School and a graduate of Tarleton State University with a BS in Ag Business. He is employed by ranches and is a substitute teacher in the San Angelo Schools.

Following a wedding trip to Montego Bay, Jamaica, the couple will make their home in Harriett.

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### IN THE MILITARY

Marine Pvt. Joe A. Guerrero, son of Miguel F. and Francis E. Mata, Big Spring, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego, Calif.

He successfully completed 12 weeks of training designed to challenge new Marine recruits both physically and mentally.

He is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Weldon Gibbs has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Midland.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

Gibbs, a student at Big Spring High School, will report to Fort Knox, Radcliff, Ky., for military basic training July 9, 1997.

He is the son of Jane and L.C. Gibbs III of Big Spring.

Marine Pvt. Jesus Martinez, son of Mary A. Fuentes, Colorado City, recently completed basic training at Marine Corps Recruit Depot, San Diego.

He is a 1996 graduate of Colorado City High School.

Melanie E. Bell has joined the United States Army under the Delayed Entry Program at the U.S. Army Recruiting Station, Abilene.

The program gives young men and women the opportunity to delay enlistment into the Army for up to one year before reporting to basic military training.

She will report to Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo., for military basic training May 28, 1997.

She is a 1996 graduate of Colorado City High School and is the daughter of Ronnie C. Bell, Colorado City.

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Jason R. Thompson, son of Rinnie J. and Lela J. Thompson, Big Spring, recently reported for duty at Naval Air Station North Island, San Diego.

The 1990 graduate of Canute High School joined the Navy in December 1990.

## NEW IN TOWN

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WHO'S WHO

The 25th Annual West Texas Regional National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program was at Wayland Baptist University in Palestine, Texas on March 21 and 22. The winners were judged on academic, leadership and communication skills. The program was divided into two divisions by age: the junior division (ages 13-15) and the senior division (ages 16-18) and also included optional talent and beauty competitions with a separate panel of judges. Three new teen-agers in the program did well.

Miss Lauren Miller of Big Spring, daughter of Elton and Heidi Miller, is the '97 West Texas National Teen-Ager. Miller, 14, competed in the Junior Division. She is an eighth grade student at Santa School in Ashkerly. Lauren was awarded a \$500 cash tuition scholarship, a \$1,000 full scholarship to John Robert Powers School of Modeling in Dallas, a color portrait, her winner's banner, two trophies, a \$500 tuition scholarship to Wayland Baptist University, a \$4,000 tuition scholarship to the University of Charleston Academic, a \$2,000 renewable (valued at \$8,000) tuition scholarship to Southern Western University, a bouquet of roses, and a Certificate of Recognition. Miller is competing in the Texas National Teen-Ager Scholarship Program at Baylor University in Waco June 13 and 14. This was Miss Miller's second year to participate in the program.

Miss Keely Patterson of Big Spring, daughter of Sam and Linda Buchanan of Big Spring and Mark Patterson of Dilks, Texas, is the second runner-up '97 West Texas National Teen-Ager. Patterson, 15, also competed in the Junior Division. She is a sophomore at Big Spring High School. Patterson was a finalist in the talent competition with her capella rendition of the Christian song, "The Middle Man." She signed her song as she sang. Keely was awarded five trophies: a Certificate of Recognition, a \$200 modeling scholarship, a single rose, and four tuition scholarships with a total value of \$30,104. This was Patterson's first year to participate in the program.

Miller and Patterson were sponsored by numerous family members and friends as well as the following local businesses that they would like to thank publicly: Cat Construction, Best Western, Reeves Co., Dr. Fred Jones, Big Spring Pharmacy, John Egan, Howard & Smith Funeral Home, Nelly-Polke & Welch Funeral Home, Great Street Cleaners, Bobbie Nix with Mary Kay, the Medicine Shoppe, the Big Spring Herald, Dr. Dimidjian, Highland Animal Clinic, Torn Cleaners, Ebro's Furniture, La Contessa Beauty Salon, Bob Brock Ford, Dittrell's, Texas Auto Sales, Sap Brasbury with Century 21 Realtors, Neal's Sporting Goods, Mason Lawn and Garden, Dr. David Ward and Shea's.

Miss Shell Biagrove, 13, daughter of Stan and Carl Biagrove, Ashkerly, was also one of the six finalists in the Junior Division. Biagrove was awarded a trophy, a \$500 tuition scholarship to Wayland Baptist University, a \$200 modeling scholarship and a Certificate of Recognition.

This year was the first year for Howard College to be associated with the program. The senior award winner received a \$750 tuition scholarship to Howard College.

Marie Isabel Cardenas, a Family and Consumer Sciences Education major in the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech University, is student teaching this spring at Big Spring High School, under the supervision of Mrs. Jill Wilbanks. Mrs. Cardenas is teaching courses in Advanced Child Development and Consumer and Family Economics. Upon obtaining a BS in General Family and Consumer Sciences Education with teaching certification, Mrs. Cardenas hopes to teach home economics in the Big Spring area.

The Omar Burleson Foundation has selected four individuals and one alternate to serve as Omar Burleson interns in the Washington, D.C. office of Congressman Charles Stenholm.

Serving as one of the July interns will be Joshua Bowman of Big Spring. He is a senior majoring in mass communications at Hardin-Simmons University.

Other finalists in the selection process was Will Crockett, a freshman at Baylor University, from Colorado City.

The Associated Collegiate Press named Abilene Christian University's 1995-96 Prickly Pear yearbook All-American with four marks of distinction.

Jennifer Riddle, 1996 ACU graduate from Stanton, worked as the editor of the academic section for the Prickly Pear, and Eric Ham, a senior broadcast journalism major from Ashkerly, worked as the sports editor for the Prickly Pear.

This is the sixth time the book has earned the honor, the first time since 1989.

The Spring City Senior Citizens Center and school lunch menus can be found on page B5. Prime of Your Life! can be found on page A8.

GETTING ENGAGED



Miss Melissa Ann Neel, Big Spring, and Jeffrey Emmett Engelke, San Antonio, will be united in marriage on Sept. 6, 1997, at Bethel Memorial Lutheran Church in San Antonio with Ben Neel, father of the bride, officiating. She is the daughter of Ben and Bonnie Neel. He is the son of Emmett and Dolores Engelke.



Norma Canstano, Big Spring, and Javier Arredondo, Lamesa, will unite in marriage on April 12, 1997, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. She is the daughter of Ponciano Canstano and Maria Canstano, Big Spring. He is the son of Rudy and Silvia Arredondo, Lamesa.

Mary Guerra-Jimenes and Marc Anthony Blake, both of El Paso, will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 1997, at Iglesia Bautista Trinity of El Paso with Rev. Francisco Almansa, pastor, officiating. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raul Guerra, Garden City. He is the son of 1st Sgt. Stephen and Sofia Collins Blake, El Paso.

**Readers Corner**  
Due to scheduling changes, Readers Corner will appear in the Wednesday, April 2 issue. Also, Recipe Corner for April will appear in the April 16 issue. Submissions for the May issues are now being accepted. You can mail, fax or drop them off at the Herald office. The address is 710 Scurry, P.O. Box 4123; Big Spring; 79721. The fax number is (915) 264-7205. Contact Kellie Jones at 263-7331, ext. 235 for more information.

Don't bother with Friedman's new book

God Bless John Wayne, Kinky Friedman. November, 1996. Bantam Books, New York, 248 pages, \$5.50.



Pat Williams Book Reviewer

If you avoid barroom language, coarse jokes, Jewish schtick, or ridicule of people, you probably won't want to read Kinky Friedman's God Bless John Wayne. However, you will miss some truly funny writing in which many sentences are written like one-liners from a comedy act. You will also fail to read Friedman's accurate and picturesque descriptions of various sites and areas of New York City.

Writing in the first person, Kinky is a Texan living in New York and working as an independent private eye. He describes his living situation as that of a messy bachelor living in a small, unkempt apartment with only his cat and cockroaches for company. His one-sided conversation with his cat gives the reader the opportunity to "hear" his thinking process, but frankly didn't add much to his characterization or the plot. Much of Kinky's time at home is spent lighting or smoking his cigar, talking on the "blower" (phone), or listening to the sounds made by the lesbian dance class that practices upstairs.

Kinky's cases seem to depend on a small circle of friends, most of whom have lifestyles as eccentric as his own. In God Bless John Wayne, Kinky reluctantly takes on the task of finding the biological mother of his

best friend, Ratso. Complications soon muddy the search when Ratso disappears, then is charged with the murder of his half-brother. After he is found and arrested for the crime, attempts are made on Kinky's life, leaving him to contemplate who is after whom, and what importance the search for Ratso's mother holds.

While Friedman's writing is overloaded with adjectives which often unnecessarily cloud the meaning of a simple object, he balances much of this with quotes of well-known and respected authors which he uses to describe pertinent situations. It's obvious Friedman is a well-educated man and has the ability to write compelling descriptions and an average plot, but the rather crude and boorish language will limit his audience.

Rating: (\*) = Save your time and money!

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## Agent's road to retirement covers 32 years

It is a strange feeling as I sit down to write what will be my last column for the *Herald* as Howard County's Extension Agent in agriculture. It has come a long way since the County Extension Horticultural Program Area Committee met with the staff of our paper and requested a weekly column from the office. It has expanded through the years to include a wide variety of topics on which we have tried to be timely for the season or the occasion. It has afforded me, at times, the opportunity to voice my opinion on a few things as well. A lot of things cross your mind on occasions such as this. During the last few years, I even entertained the idea of



Don Richardson  
County Agent

finally being able to tell a few folks just what I really thought! But, that just really isn't my style, I guess. Last weekend, I was humbled beyond words when so many friends turned out in honor of my retirement at the Dora Roberts Community Center. It is a county agent's dream to have a program where there is standing room only! This event was much better than any such dream could be. No value can be placed on just how important friends are. These friends represent a lot of experiences shared together. Thirty-two years as a county agent, more than half of which has been spent in Howard County, has been a real trip. Moments have been trying at times, but I guess I would not have traded jobs with anyone for the experiences I have had. These have been everything from attending a fine art and Santa Gertrudis bull sale in a big Dallas hotel to selecting black show steers by a kerosene lantern and pickup headlights at a remote ranch in New Mexico.

It's been watching ranch hands accidentally blow up a barn with stolen dynamite tied to buzzards to what to do with an abandoned baby — neither of which is a Texas A&M recommended wildlife management control program or a short course in parenting skills. It's been delicately trying to tell an elderly lady her prized plant was terminally ill to convincing a transplanted Northerner that just because Texas is a southern state, Dogwoods are not a recommended landscape tree here. I have shared droughts with our farmers and floods with junior rodeo workers and contestants. The pride I have when a 4H member won a class at a stock show or walked across the stage at A&M to receive a scholarship or award from a method demonstration is immeasurable. The miles I have traveled with 4H'ers and or their parents in search of projects and to and from stock shows will never be forgotten. We have shared so many parts of each

others' lives on these trips and established such bonds of friendship that they can't ever be broken. Many of these experiences have been just as much a learning experience for me as with the parents I have been with. I have learned to never take a paper tagged vehicle into Mexico and always have your paperwork in order for out-of-state travel...you might get caught on television for your district director to see. I have also had the opportunity to dine in the main dining room of the famous King Ranch and at the table of the most humblest of homes...but always with wonderful people. It is the people in a community that make an extension program and an agent. There is no secret formula in working with an agent. Just involve him. If you have a problem ask him about it. Involve him in project selection and discuss your goals with him. Check with him or her about scheduling a program. His calendar is as full as yours. If your plant or project

is not doing well, call him and don't wait until you have asked everyone else in the community about it and it is a terminal problem by the time you get around to checking with him. Call and discuss the problem and schedule him for a home visit when you can be around as well. Don't just sit around and wait for him to come by to see if you have a problem. He is busy helping those that have told him about theirs. If he is not in the office when you come by, call and make an appointment. He is probably out helping someone else at the time. He does not just sit around waiting for you to come by the office and don't make the mistake of letting someone else tell you what his or her job is. The district agent does that just fine and often enough. It is these shared moments between people and an agent that make experiences I have shared with you today in my final article so wonderful. Thanks to all of you for all these experiences and the sharing of your lives with me. It has truly been a trip!

## Property tax reform could hurt farmers

**HERALD Staff Report**

The Texas Farmers Union President Wes Sims is warning farmers to keep an eye on the property tax issue in Texas and make sure they aren't sold a "pig in a poke." "Although everyone would like to see property tax relief, farmers and ranchers should be careful," Sims said. "Property tax changes will only occur with the adoption of new taxes, which, if we're not careful, could put terrible financial burdens on the economically strapped farmers and ranchers in this state." Sims, himself a Sweetwater farmer, added, "The people of Texas have historically recognized the tremendous economic risk involved in agricultural production by exempting farm business purchases from the state sales tax." Some legislators have proposed paying for a property tax cut by expanding sales taxes, and including essential agricultural production expenditures such as agricultural machinery and equipment, veterinary services and motorized equipment repair, as well as, adding a 10 cents per gallon tax on gas and diesel. Additionally, residential use of electricity, gas and water could be subjected to a new sales tax. "As large corporations, including some that pretend to represent farmers and ranchers, fight to save their exemptions, we must be sure that more taxes are not shifted to Texas family farmers, ranchers and rural communities," Sims said. "We all want to see real property tax reform, but not at a cost greater than the savings that reform might generate," Sims added. "Texas farmers and ranchers should demand to see the real numbers and calculate the real cost of any changes before they make up their mind." Sims is urging all rural citizens to contact their elected officials in Austin.

## FUTURE FARMER



He's not old enough to drive one yet, but young Toian Feagins helps display one of the many pieces of farm equipment sold by Feagins Implement. Many of the pieces sold by Feagins, including several Case products, were on display at Thursday's 26th Annual West Texas Agricultural Exposition.

## Local resident honored by Hereford group

**By JOHN H. WALKER**  
Managing Editor

Malcolm Patterson, long-time Howard County rancher and businessman, has been awarded an honorary membership to the Texas Hereford Association. In an article that appeared in Texas Hereford, many of Patterson's accomplishments were mentioned: "Malcolm had been working as an analytical engineer for the Phillips Petroleum Co. for 18 years, but had wanted to try his hand at farming and cattle ranching. He and his brother Morris organized their partnership in 1950 and in 1953 bought 13 registered Hereford cows and a herd bull from Charley Creighton and then added more heifers from the Cauby Hereford ranch. They started to participate in all the nearby sales and shows. Later they entered into partnership with Jimmy Taylor, a close friend of theirs, who had a ranch in the Forsan area. Together they purchased 105 registered cows from Joe Ed Burnett and with these additional cattle were able to host their own sale along with Henderson-Stoker and Charley Creighton. "One thing he learned was about the time you get your herd bull up, a drought is going to come along and cause you to disperse with some of your herd or maybe all your keepers and then you get to start over. Malcolm and his partners were lucky. A couple came up from South Texas

where they had rain, looking for some Hereford cows bred to Brahma bulls, and they had what they wanted. "In the early 1980's Malcolm's brother became terminally ill, so they decided it was best to get their business divided up and to dissolve their partnership. Malcolm lost his wife in 1992 and on Jan. 1, 1993 sold his entire herd to Sammy Buchanan and leased his grass land to him. He misses his cattle, but most of all he misses his Hereford breeder friends. "During the 45 years covered by this material, the Patterson Brothers operated their farm, a general insurance agency, served on the board of directors (Morris) of the First National Bank (of Big Spring) and on the board of directors (Malcolm) of the First Federal S&L. They operated a ranch in Oklahoma, Malcolm was president of the Rotary Club and board of directors secretary for the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion and Rodeo. Malcolm had the pleasure of serving as president of the Howard County, South Plains, Sweetwater Area and West Texas Hereford associations. He was also elected as director of the Texas Hereford Association and the Concho Hereford Association. "He is very pleased and delighted to be selected to receive an honorary membership in the Texas Hereford Association. His entire experience in the Hereford business has been most pleasant mainly due to wonderful friends he has made over the years."

## New bill could change TIF assessments

AUSTIN (AP) — Telephone and pager companies would have to pay a 1.25 percent charge on their services to help pay for better technology at hospitals, schools and libraries under a bill tentatively approved by the Texas House. The Texas Infrastructure Fund (TIF) was established in 1995 when state lawmakers partially deregulated the local telephone industry. Telephone companies were told they would have to pay \$75 million over 10 years to the fund to

help hospitals, schools and libraries get wiring and hardware for better technologies. Paging and cellular companies were told they would have to pay another \$75 million toward the fund. But the mobile telecommunications companies filed a lawsuit against the plan. They said assessing their smaller revenues for the same amount of money as the much larger phone companies was unfair. A state district judge in Austin agreed and lowered the

assessments to 1.30 percent for all companies. That reduced the annual income from \$150 million to about \$93 million. Some mobile companies had been paying up to 6 percent of their revenues toward the fund to make up their share of the cost. The House on Monday approved a plan so that all companies will pay 1.25 percent. The bill, by Sen. David Sibley, R-Waco, was amended so that unregulated companies could include the charge in their rates. Regulated companies could ask the Public Utility Commission for permission to include the charge in their rates. The fund still will get \$1.5 billion but it may not take 10 years. Once \$1.5 billion is collected, the charge would be cut off. The bill, approved on a voice vote, requires a final House vote before going back to the Senate. The TIF bill is SB249.

## Several lawmakers oppose NAFTA truck provision

WASHINGTON (AP) — Nearly half of the House of Representatives is on record opposing a NAFTA provision that would allow Mexican cargo trucks unfettered access to U.S. highways. "Despite overly optimistic reports to the contrary, there has not been sufficient progress in addressing safety deficiencies to justify expanding privileges for Mexican motor carriers," 501 House Democrats and Republicans wrote President Clinton recent-

ly. The Teamsters union, which is coordinating opposition to the trucking rules, said the letter offers further proof of concern about roadway safety. "Clearly, there is a growing feeling in Congress that implementing the NAFTA trucking provisions is a dangerous idea," Teamsters spokesman Steve Trossman said Wednesday. The Clinton administration in December 1995 blocked implementation of the trucking

rule allowing Mexican trucks access to highways throughout California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas. Administration officials cited safety concerns, saying Mexican trucks frequently don't meet U.S. safety, weight, driver and insurance standards. Mexico bitterly protested the action, calling it a violation of NAFTA. Since then, both countries have been engaged in talks to end the dispute. The main sticking point has been a U.S. demand that Mexico step up inspections before trucks cross into the United States. A senior U.S. trade official told Congress this month that substantial progress had been made on the question of increasing inspection at the border. The ban won't be lifted until Mexican drivers are required to meet the same standards as U.S. drivers, said U.S. Trade Representative's office senior counsel Ira Shapiro. But the 201 lawmakers said

the trucking ban should remain in effect. "Declarations that all trucks, U.S. or foreign, must meet U.S. safety standards are meaningless without adequate oversight by competent inspectors," they wrote. Transportation Department officials didn't immediately return a call seeking comment. Texas Gov. George W. Bush and the other border-state governors have asked Clinton to lift the trucking ban.

## BUSINESS IN BRIEF

**INTEREST RATE**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Orders for big-ticket manufactured goods rose unexpectedly to an all-time high in February, providing some after-the-fact justification for the Federal Reserve's interest rate increases. Spurred by demand for communications and other electronic equipment, durable goods orders to U.S. factories increased 3.5 percent last month to a seasonally adjusted \$179.3 billion, the Commerce Department said Wednesday. Many analysts had anticipated a 0.5 percent decline. The rise came on top of a revised 4.1 percent gain in January, the best in four months and even better than the 3.5 percent originally reported.

**BENNETT PLEAS**  
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — The charismatic head of a now-defunct foundation pleaded no contest to bilking insurance, universities and other nonprofit groups of more than \$100 million in what prosecutors called the biggest charity fraud in U.S. history. John G. Bennett Jr., 59, who promised nonprofit groups they could double their money through his Foundation for New Era Philanthropy, withdrew his innocent plea Wednesday. He faces up to 107 years in prison and \$28 million in fines. Bennett had planned to argue that a personality disorder and brain damage from two car accidents turned him into a religious zealot who did not believe his scheme was wrong. But a judge restricted use of that defense. If he wins an appeal of that decision, he will be allowed to withdraw his plea.

**TOBACCO CASE**  
WASHINGTON (AP) — Saying they have new proof that Joe Camel ads target children, federal investigators are urging an unfair-advertising case against R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co. Jodie Bernstein, the Federal Trade Commission's director of consumer trade protection, has recommended a lawsuit after reviewing information the agency says wasn't available three years ago, when it decided not to go after the highly successful Joe Camel cartoon character. "There is new evidence," FTC spokeswoman Victoria Straitfield said Wednesday, but she would not tell what it is or where it was obtained. Officials at R.J. Reynolds, the nation's No. 2 cigarette maker, questioned the existence of new facts.

**TARIFF CUTS**  
GENEVA (AP) — Nearly 40 countries cut a deal to eliminate customs duties on a wide range of information technology goods — a move expected to bring down consumer costs and expand new technologies in developing countries. Altogether 39 countries representing 92.5 percent of world trade have signed up to phase out all tariffs on computers, telecom equipment, semiconductors, software and scientific instruments by 2000. Some developing countries, however, will have a grace period of up to five years. The pact was proposed by the United States, the European Union, Japan and Canada late last year, making Wednesday's deal one of the fastest ever negotiated.

**EASTER CARDS**  
KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Hallmark Cards Inc. is wooing Christian consumers this Easter with its most explicitly Bible-based cards ever. Hallmark's "He Is Risen" line comprises just 17 of the 1,000 Easter cards it is offering this year. But the company hopes that will be enough to crack the market of what it calls "committed Christians" who patronize religious book-

# PUBLIC RECORDS

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Michael L. Reed  
grantee: Joe A. Martinez  
property: Lot 18, blk. 4, Monticello Addition  
filed: March 23, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Robert L. and Erin Lee Ivory  
grantee: David H. and Debbie Platter  
property: All that certain tract, parcel and block of land out of and part of the southeast 1/4 of section 14, blk. 33, T-8-S, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 17, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Mary Lou Horn Martin et/als  
grantee: Ronald W. and Kimberly A. Sheff  
property: Lot 2, and the north two feet of lot 3, blk. 15, Kentwood (Unit No. 2) Addition  
filed: March 17, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Thuy Lewis  
grantee: John Joseph Roemer, III and Kristin R. Roemer  
property: Lot 11, blk. 4, Western Hills Addition  
filed: March 17, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Michael E. and Robin L. Powell  
grantee: Kaddo F. and Panni Kothmann  
property: A 4.747 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 1, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: March 18, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: William R. and Marie D. Lepard  
grantee: Dennis and Gloria Watson  
property: Lot 19, blk. 4, Belvue Addition  
filed: March 19, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Frances Ringler  
grantee: Alton L. and Becky L. Fields  
property: Lot 11, blk. 2, College Park Estates  
filed: March 19, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Kenneth Howell  
grantee: Terry L. and Kelley S. Howell  
property: A 0.45 acre tract of land out of section 4, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: March 20, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Verma Lee and Pasco Buddy Enfield  
grantee: Jewel Strickland  
property: Lot 1 and the north 80' of lot 2, blk. 4, Wright's Second Addition  
filed: March 21, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Marcellus Weaver  
grantee: Kelly Newton Tucker  
property: The south 100' of lot 4, blk. 71, Original Town of Big Spring  
filed: March 21, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: Charles W. and Juanita Smith  
grantee: Charles W. Jr. and Della Smith  
property: All that certain parcel and piece of land out of lot 8, blk. 2, Lockhart Addition  
filed: March 21, 1997

**Warranty deed with vendor's lien**  
grantor: A.E. Kelley  
grantee: Eleanor M. Larocque-Fuhl  
property: A tract of land out of and part of section 5, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: March 21, 1997

**Substitute Trustee's Deed**  
Trustee's Deed:  
District Court filings:  
Divorce:  
Susan Denise Rose vs. Kenneth Joe Rose  
Belinda Gail Evans vs. Robert Lee Evans  
Yolanda Marie Gonzales vs. Manuel Gonzales  
Jennifer L. Hilger vs. Matthew Gerald Hilger  
Patricia Mindling vs. Michael Anthony Mindling  
Richard Harold Sayers vs. Kristi Kathleen Sayers  
Karen Sue Rutherford vs. Kenneth Lyle Rutherford  
Injuries & Damages:  
Randy Alan Moore vs. Donne Lynn Kinley, Egelet Transport, Inc., Crescent Hospitality, Inc., dba Big Spring Hospitality dba Days Inn dba Doc Holiday's, Big Springs Beverage Corp., Big Springs Operating Corp., and Big Spring Hospitality, LP  
Mendall L. Robnett vs. City of Big Spring  
Accidents, notes & contracts:  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Stanley L. Fraley and Ricky Robertson  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Agustin Salgado  
Citizens Federal Credit Union vs. Oland L. Potter  
Newcourt Financial U.S.A. vs. Terry Schaefer  
West Texas Gas, Inc. vs. Paul Kinsey, dba Paul's Trucking  
Zula Mae McCrery and Landon Burchell vs. Brian Jean Lewis  
Family:  
Ima Padron vs. Joe Rodriguez  
Maria Isabel Smithwick vs. Carlos Carbajal  
Leticia Gutierrez vs. Ruben Gutierrez  
Debra Ann Rawls vs. Brian Jean Rawls

**County Court records:**  
Warranty deed:  
grantor: Homer D. Sherrod  
grantee: Judy Fortnerberry  
property: All of lot no. 14, blk. 2, College Park Estates  
filed: March 14, 1997

grantor: Helen Louise White and Bobbie Jean Leonard  
grantee: A.E. Kelley  
property: tract 1 - Certain 655.62 acre tract of land out of and part of section 36, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.; tract 2 - Certain 310.04 acre tract of land out of a part of section 37, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 14, 1997

grantor: secretary of VA  
grantee: Harold and Ann Neagle  
property: Lot 13, blk. 23, Monticello Addition No. 7.  
filed: March 17, 1997

grantor: Rutillio L. Guevara  
grantee: Eudelia Guevara  
property: An undivided 1/2 interest in all of lots 5 and 6, blk. 18, Subdivision "C," Fairview Heights Addition.  
filed: March 17, 1997

grantor: James B. and Maxine V. Amstede  
grantee: Randall B. and Melinda A. Reavis  
property: A 9.6 acre tract of land out of the northeast 1/4 of section 44, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: March 17, 1997

grantor: David L. and Nika R. Garrity  
grantee: Claude and Patricia McKiddy  
property: A 2.0 acre tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 19, blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: March 17, 1997

grantor: Dennis Randall Smith and Linda Faye Smith  
grantee: Eva Virginia Byrd  
property: Tract no. two of the Paul W. Miller Subdivision of the West 8.25 acre tract out of a 40 acre tract out of the east 1/2 of section 44, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co.  
filed: March 18, 1997

grantor: Andrew M. Cuomo  
grantee: Kurt D. and Grace M. Savoyers  
property: A 1.01 acre tract, lot 26, Balise Subdivision, in the northwest 1/4 of section 48, blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR. Co., in Coahoma  
filed: March 18, 1997

grantor: Robert J. Br. and Marjorie E. Alexander  
grantee: Gerald W. Alexander  
property: A tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 20, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 18, 1997

grantor: Robert J. Br. and Marjorie E. Alexander  
grantee: Robert J. Alexander, Jr.  
property: A tract of land out of the northwest 1/4 of section 20, blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P Ry. Co.  
filed: March 18, 1997

grantor: Len E. and Iris H. Balcom  
grantee: Ernest S. and Emma Covatta  
property: All that certain parcel and piece

# ON THE MENU

## SPRING CITY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

**MONDAY** - Catfish; baked potatoes; spinach; collard greens; milk/rolls; fruit.  
**TUESDAY** - Chicken; potatoes; peas; salad; milk/rolls; fruit.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Beef tips; rice; fruited potatoes; vegetable salad; milk/rolls; pie.  
**THURSDAY** - Steak; potatoes; squash; fruit; milk/rolls; cake.  
**FRIDAY** - Fish; potatoes; collard; ome and tomatoes; milk/rolls; fruit.

**BIG SPRING BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY** - No School.  
**TUESDAY** - Pancake on stick or breakfast bagel, fruit juice, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Cereal choice, fruit muffin, chilled fruit, milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Breakfast packet or breakfast pizza, fruit juice, milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Pop tart or cereal bar sausage, chilled fruit, milk.

**LUNCH**  
**ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY FIRST CHOICE**  
**MONDAY** - No School.  
**TUESDAY** - Barbecue rib sandwich; carrot sticks; potato rounds; mixed fruit; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Mexican jambalaya; rice; corn; salad; apple; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Chicken nuggets; whipped potatoes; black-eyed peas; peaches; hot roll; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Hamburger; French fries; pinto beans; salad; orange cream bar; milk.

**SECONDARY SECOND CHOICE**  
**MONDAY** - No School.  
**TUESDAY** - Hamburger steak; carrot sticks; potato rounds; mixed fruit; hot roll; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Chef salad; crackers; apple; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Ham and cheese croissant; whipped potatoes; black-eyed peas; peaches; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Green enchiladas; French fries; pinto beans; salad; orange cream bar; corn bread; milk.

**ELBOW BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY** - Breakfast pizza; juice; milk.  
**TUESDAY** - Cereal; pop tarts; juice; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Breakfast burritos; juice; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Rice; cinnamon toast; juice; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Donut; sausage; juice; milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - Fish; hush puppies; peas; fruit; milk.  
**TUESDAY** - Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; green beans; peaches; hot roll; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Taco/sauces; beans; salad/cheese; fruit; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Bologna/cheese sandwich; fresh veggies; apple; chips; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Sloppy joe; fries; salad/pickle; milk.

**WEDNESDAY** - Steak fingers or stir-fry chicken; rice/gravy; tossed salad; green beans; fruit; hot roll; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Beef tips or hot tamales/chili; lettuce/tomato salad; pinto beans; pineapple; cornbread; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Sub sandwich or tuna sandwich; French fries; sandwich salad; apple wedges; cookie; milk.

**WESTBROOK BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY** - No School.  
**TUESDAY** - Cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Biscuits; sausage; fruit juice; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Cinnamon roll; fruit juice; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Cereal; toast; fruit juice; milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - No School.  
**TUESDAY** - Chicken strips; creamed potatoes; green beans; biscuit; syrup; honey; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Meat loaf; scalloped potatoes; broccoli with cheese; hot rolls; apple sauce; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Frite pie; pinto beans; tossed salad; cornbread; apple crisp; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Sandwiches; lettuce; tomatoes; French fries; goodie bar; milk.

**GRADY LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - No School.  
**TUESDAY** - Ham and cheese pochettes; peas; fruit; dessert and milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Steak fingers; mashed potatoes; green beans; rolls; dessert and milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Tacos; Spanish rice; fruit; dessert and milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Hamburgers; French fries; fruit; dessert and milk.

**COAHOMA BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY** - Oatmeal; toast; fruit; milk.  
The rest of the menu was not available.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - Steak fingers with gravy or corn dog; macaroni and cheese; black-eyed peas; pull-a-part bread; fresh fruit; milk.  
The rest of the menu was not available.

**GARDEN CITY LUNCH**  
**TUESDAY** - Chicken nuggets; gravy; mashed potatoes; green beans; fruit cup; hot rolls; low fat variety milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Beef chulupus; refried beans; corn; lettuce; tomatoes; ginger bread; corn tortilla shells; low fat variety milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Turkey with gravy; rice; green peas; Jell-o with fruit; better bread; low fat variety milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Hot dogs; chili; fries; ranch style beans; cookie; milk.

**SANDS CSD BREAKFAST**  
**MONDAY** - Cinnamon rolls; milk; juice.  
**TUESDAY** - Nutri grain bar; juice; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Cereal; milk; juice.  
**THURSDAY** - Frosted strawberry pop tart; milk; juice.  
**FRIDAY** - Hot cakes; syrup; sausage; milk; juice.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - Barbecue chicken; potato salad; lettuce and tomato salad; better bread; coleslaw; milk.  
**TUESDAY** - Country fried steak; mashed potatoes with gravy; green beans; hot rolls; fruit; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Taco salad; pinto beans; salad; cornbread; fruit; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Fish fingers with tartar sauce; carrot sticks; with dressing; pork and beans; better bread; fruit; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Spaghetti with meat sauce; corn; salad; better bread; pudding; milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - Not available.  
**TUESDAY** - Waffle mix or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
**WEDNESDAY** - Oatmeal; cinnamon toast or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
**THURSDAY** - Cheese tater; sausage patty or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.  
**FRIDAY** - Muffin; Canadian bacon or assorted cereal; buttered toast; fruit juice; milk.

**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY** - Not available.  
**TUESDAY** - Pizza or baked potato; bread; peas and carrots; mixed fruit; chocolate pudding; milk.

Thanks to all the Mommies and Daddies that came to our open house.



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