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Toone calls Moore's relationship with council 'very good'

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

The status of the working relationship between Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. and the Big Spring City Council was brought up at the council's most recent meeting, and according to Moore Executive Director Danette Toone, the relationship is "very good."

"We're a team," Toone told the council. "If we're against each other then the city of Big Spring (people) becomes the big loser," Toone said.

Toone did suggest the council and

Moore might consider having an open dialog on a periodic basis.

Toone also delivered her quarterly report concerning the status of Moore and projects currently on the drawing board.

Signal Homes, which began manufacturing ahead of its projected schedule, recently received a Texas Department of Commerce grant for employee training, according to Toone.

"Signal has hired 45 new people since I gave the council my last quarterly report," Toone said.

Toone also updated the council on the expansion Fiber Glass Systems Inc.

made as a result of a \$50,000 grant from Moore.

The council was also informed that the city of Big Spring has also made the short list of a conglomerate company, a manufacturer, which recently made a site visit to Big Spring, as it considers relocation.

According to Toone, Big Spring was joined on that list of site visits by the cities of Amarillo, Lubbock and Abilene.

Moore is also working with a local company, by trying to bring in a manufacturer/supplier of raw materials it uses.

"The local company has made contact with six companies that produces the raw materials the company uses, which means having a big advantage by having a manufacturer (of the raw materials needed) in the same town," Toone said.

Despite the prospects Moore has for new industry in Big Spring, one of the ongoing programs aimed at local businesses is the Enterprize Challenge.

Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch oversees the program along with Moore's Business Retention and Expansion Committee.

Local residents interested in the

Enterprize Challenge were required to submit a business plan summary to Moore by April 2, and must submit a business plan of no more than 20 pages long to Moore by Aug. 4.

According to Welch, several summaries were submitted by the April 2 deadline, but are currently being screened by the committee for eligibility as a basic business. The committee meets again on Wednesday.

After the committee has screened the plan summaries, Welch said the committee will announce which entrants

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Meagan's battle with leukemia ends

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Meagan Stanley, whose blonde hair, deep blue eyes and mischievous smile captured the heart and soul of a community,

lost her 12-year battle for life Friday morning.

Meagan, who turned 17 on Jan. 14, was in Medical City Hospital in Dallas when she died.

Survivors include her parents, Dickey and Cinda, and her brother, Logan.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday at First United Methodist Church with Rev. Tom Fuller, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Hereford, officiating.

She was first diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma, an adolescent cancer, in the summer of 1994.

After winning that battle, Meagan faced another after she was diagnosed with leukemia on Feb. 13, 1996. The leukemia was said to have developed as a result of chemotherapy she received while undergoing cancer treatments.

During the course of the can-

cer treatment, which included week-long stays in Dallas for chemotherapy, Meagan maintained a positive attitude.

In a May 1995 story in the *Herald*, Meagan talked about the treatments:

"I get pretty sick with them, and I have to stay out of a lot of activities if my blood count is low because of the risk of infection."

But Meagan always seemed to have that infectious smile on her face ... she always seemed to find the positive in what appeared to be the dark lining of a cloud.

"I've had so much support through all of this, I can't name everyone involved," she said. "I have a special friend named Rusty who stayed with me through everything all of last summer and is still there when I need him. He always has a smile and a joke for me."

Meagan's cancer was discovered after she had experienced months of back pain.

"We go in (to the doctor) expecting a disk problem and suddenly the doctor says she has cancer," Cinda said in that May story.

Meagan said that while the discovery scared her, there was a measure of relief as well.

"At first I was really upset and scared, but I was kind of relieved to know what was wrong," she said. "Then, I just decided I needed a really positive attitude and I wasn't going to let this stop me."

Thirteen months ago, the community joined in Meagan's fight as more than 900 persons gave blood in an effort to find a bone marrow donor as the youngster joined the list of some 11,000 persons waiting on a bone marrow transplant.



Meagan plays with Oakley, her cockatiel.



Meagan received support from diverse corners, such as President Bill Clinton and radio talk show host Rush Limbaugh.

Meagan's family had left a note for those who participated in the blood drive:

"On behalf of Meagan and the National Bone Marrow Program, we would like to thank you for your support. Although you have given in Meagan's name, you have offered the greatest gift, 'the gift of life,' to someone who is in need. What greater gift can one offer than the gift of life. Just as Jesus offered his blood to provide a better life for each of us, you have lovingly offered the gift of life to others. May God richly bless you with good health and loving friends."

In July, hopes were raised, then dashed, when Meagan's family was told that a donor had been located in Canada. After locating the person, however, further testing revealed they weren't a perfect match.

Meagan was one of three teens whose battles with leukemia became news across

West Texas. Gatlin Howland, a 15-year-old Big Spring High School freshman lost his fight on Dec. 31, 1996 while Bobbie Bryson, an all-state basketball player from Ozona continues her fight at St. Jude's Children's Hospital in



Meagan and the Forsan logo she painted.

Fryrear invited to present paper in Cairo seminar

By **CARLTON JOHNSON**
Staff Writer

If there is one thing that Big Spring is known for, it's wind, but Bill Fryrear, director of the local United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Agriculture Research Station, knows something else — wind erosion.

Fryrear has been invited by the general director of ICARDA, an international research center in Syria, to participate in a meeting of wind erosion experts scheduled for April 22-25 in Cairo, Egypt. Fryrear plans to leave on April 17.

The meeting will also be attended by officials from ICRISAT, a research center from Niger; as well as by representatives of the United Nations Environmental Project (UNEP) and the World Meteorological Organization (WMO).

Fryrear will present a paper on wind erosion modeling at the meeting.

"We have been working on a wind erosion model in Big Spring," Fryrear said. "The

results will be presented to the group in Egypt."

The title of Fryrear's paper is simple: "Modeling Wind Erosion."

"Big Spring is known for being the wind erosion measuring center of the world," Fryrear said. "Come to Big Spring and we'll show you, as well as show you how to model wind erosion."

Modeling means using a mathematical way of describing wind erosion, according to Fryrear.

"I will be in Egypt for about two weeks and will also meet with the Egyptian Desert Institute in Cairo," Fryrear said. "I have also been talking to them about wind erosion."

Fryrear has worked with these groups before, which, according to him, is one of the reasons he was invited to the meeting.

Fryrear has also received praise on the home front by Congressman Charles Stenholm as well as Lubbock USDA Director Dan Upchurch for his work with wind erosion.

In February, Fryrear and his staff traveled to Albuquerque, N.M., to present some of the accomplishments of the Big Spring research station in wind erosion to the Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS).



FRYREAR

Time to get Ambassadors tickets dwindling quickly

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Time is running out — and so are the tickets — for the Tuesday, April 29, performance of The Jazz Ambassadors of The United States Army Field Band.

The 7:30 p.m. performance at Big Spring City Auditorium is

co-sponsored by the Big Spring Herald and the Cultural Affairs Committee of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

All tickets for the concert are free, but there is no limited seating. Ticket holders must be seated by 7:15 p.m., when the doors will be opened to those who wish to attend but did not have tickets. Tickets are available at the front counter of the Herald, 710 Scurry, or at the chamber at Third and Gregg.

The Jazz Ambassadors is a select group of military musi-



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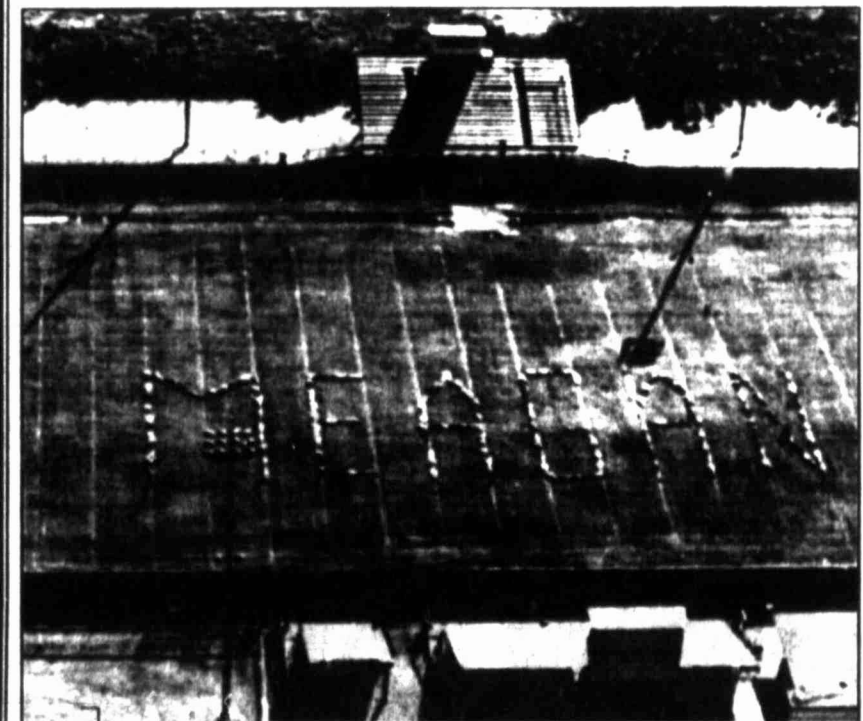
cians who use their talents to bring the Army to the American public.

Created in 1969, the Jazz Ambassadors is a component of the U.S. Army

Field Band. Each year this elite big band travels thousands of miles throughout the nation to perform free concerts.

The musicians of the Jazz Ambassadors have earned widespread acclaim with their distinctive musical styling. They show remarkable versatility in their handling of tunes ranging from the swing sound of the 30s to the popular songs of today's youth.

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To let her know they were thinking of her, schoolmates spelled out "M-E-A-G-A-N" on the high school football field.

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TODAY'S WEATHER	
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Today: Partly cloudy. High in the upper 50s. Low in the mid 30s.
Monday: Partly cloudy. High in the mid 60s. Low in the 40s.
Extended outlook: Tuesday, partly cloudy. High in the upper 60s. Low in the 40s. Wednesday, partly cloudy with a high in the 70s. Low in the 40s. Thursday, partly cloudy and warmer. High in the 80s. Low in the 40s.

COAHOMA RECYCLES

Irene LaMarr (left), a member of Coahoma, Clean and Proud mans the collection point for recyclable goods near the Little Scooper Market grocery in downtown Coahoma. LaMarr said many concerned residents took part in the recycling effort, which is scheduled to continue on a monthly basis. Loma Jean Wynn was one of the first to show up Saturday morning.

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OBITUARIES

Meagan Stanley

Meagan Shea Stanley, 17, of Big Spring died on Friday, April 11, 1997...

She was born on Jan. 14, 1980, in Big Spring, Texas...



STANLEY

She was a member of First United Methodist Church and participated in the Signal Mountain and High Sky Ensembles...

Survivors include her parents, Dukey and Linda Stanley...

Her funeral service will be held at the Kelly Ruchledge, Kasper Baker, Gary Simer...

The family suggests memorial contributions to the Big Spring Community Center...

als to: Meagan Stanley Bone Marrow Fund at State National Bank...

Roberto S. Gonzales

FORT WALTON BEACH, Fla. A rosary service for Roberto S. Gonzales...

Mr. Gonzales was born on Oct. 28, 1934, in San Antonio and died April 8, 1997...

He attended public schools in San Antonio and Galveston and also attended Howard College...

Survivors are his wife, Josefina M. Gonzales of Mary Esther, Fla...

Daniel E. Fivash

AUSTIN Funeral service for Daniel E. Fivash, 86, of Austin, a former resident of Big Spring...

Mr. Fivash died Thursday, April 10, 1997, in Austin. He is survived by his wife...

Beruce Siken

Beruce Siken, 70, of Big Spring, died April 5, 1997. Survivors include his wife...

Dr. Allen Fisher

Dr. Allen Fisher, 81, of Stanton, died April 11, 1997. He was born on June 2, 1915...

Baptist Church in Stanton, where he was a long time choir member and Sunday School teacher.

He was also a member of the American Osteopathic Association, Lions Club, Texas Osteopathic Medical Association...

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Sue K. Fisher of Stanton; a son, Scotty Fisher of San Marcos...

Memorials may be made to the First Baptist Church Choir, P.O. Box 1168, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Area meetings

HOWARD COUNTY COMMISSIONERS COURT

Howard The County Commissioners' Court will meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Monday in the commissioners' courtroom on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse...

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

STANTON - The Stanton City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in the council chambers at the Stanton City Hall...

EYEGLOSS CLINIC



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett: Dr. Tommy Wilks adjusts a pair of glasses for one of the people who showed up for the Lions Club Eyeglass Clinic on Saturday.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

GRADY ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

LENORAH - The Grady Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 7:30 p.m. Monday in the Grady ISD Board Room to consider and discuss the following items:

- Selection of board members for the Springer Merit Award Committee.
Discussion of school finance issues.
Adoption of a resolution concerning the May school trustee election of unopposed candidates.

FORAN ISD BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FORAN - The Foran Independent School District Board of Trustees will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday to discuss and consider the following items:

- Awarding bids for roof repairs.
Adoption of a calendar for the 1997-98 school year.

STANTON CITY COUNCIL

STANTON - The Stanton City Council will meet in regular session at 7 p.m. Monday in the council chambers at the Stanton City Hall to discuss and consider the following items:

- An ordinance establishing electric service quality standards.
The possibility of installing a street light at the intersection of First and Benedict Streets.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 4,4,3 CASH: 5:4,11,16,22,27 LOTTO: 10,15,25,28,33,47

\$30,000 to \$50,000. The winner or winners of the challenge will be announced at Moore's annual meeting in October.

Jazz

Continued from page 1A Many of these performers are also adept composers and arrangers. Their original compositions are sprinkled throughout each program.

MOORE

Continued from page 1A actually qualify as a basic business - a requirement to participate in the challenge.

Under the rules of the challenge, entrants must document that at least 75 percent of their company's sales would be outside Howard County.

BRIEFS

THE BIG SPRING BAND boosters will meet Tuesday, April 15, in the BSHS band hall at 7 p.m.

A MEDICAL FUND HAS been set up at First Bank of West Texas on Big Spring and in Coahoma for 19-year-old Chris Roberts.

Form for requesting tickets for The Jazz Ambassadors. Includes fields for name, address, city, state, zip, and number of tickets requested.

Compare Your CD Rates

Table comparing CD rates from Edward Jones. Columns include term (1, 2, 3 years), APR, interest rate, and minimum deposit (\$5,000).

Advertisement for Edward Jones featuring a photo of a woman and contact information for the Big Spring office.

Advertisement for MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL. Located at 24th & Johnson, 267-8288.

Advertisement for VALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home. Located at 218 Gregg St., 267-4337.

Advertisement for WHEAT. Home & Appliance Co. 267-2722.

Advertisement for The North American Corp. 267-2722.

Advertisement for Park & Puff. Hair salon services.

Advertisement for The North American Corp. 267-2722.

Advertisement for Park & Puff. Hair salon services.

Advertisement for Dakotas Flowers & Gifts. Features a globe and text: 'You've Got The Whole World In Your Hands!'

Your love, so our biggest hearts.

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TEXAS BRIEFS

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Judge rules NFL did not conspire against Astrodome

HOUSTON — A judge has made a ruling in the ongoing dispute between the Houston Astrodome and the Houston Oilers. The two sides have been fighting over who is responsible for the \$2.5 million in revenue lost because of the team's cancellation of its Astrodome contract. A federal judge ruled Friday that the National Football League did not conspire with the Houston Oilers to help the team break the contract, Houston television station KRIV reported. "The league has never interfered to help the Oilers illegally," U.S. District Judge Lynn N. Hughes wrote in an opinion. "The dome has not articulated a rational plan that the conspirators might be seeking to accomplish." With concurrence from NFL officials, the Oilers canceled the Aug. 19 preseason game against the San Diego Chargers because of problems with the Astrodome's artificial turf.

Former officer accused of shooting chief found dead

DALLAS — Jim "Cowboy" Theis, a former Farmersville police officer accused of trying to murder his police chief, has been found dead of an apparently self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head, investigators said. The body of Theis, 56, by a neighbor about 7 a.m. Friday, seated in a two-seat swing in the back yard of his son's home in the rural Collin County town of Blue Ridge. He was fully clothed and holding a snub-nosed, .38-caliber revolver in his right hand, said Lt. Larry Smart of the criminal investigations division of the Collin County Sheriff's Department. Theis had been scheduled for a competency hearing Thursday to determine whether he could stand trial on attempted capital murder charges in the April 3, 1995, shooting of former Farmersville Police Chief Greg Gorden. Gorden was wounded in the hands by shotgun blasts after suspending Theis.

Arlington mayor's daughter arrested on drug charges

ARLINGTON — The 17-year-old daughter of Arlington mayor Richard Greene has been arrested on two counts of possession of a controlled substance. Amy Greene spent three hours in jail late Thursday, then was released after her father posted bond. Mayor Greene said the family spent two hours Friday morning getting the teen-ager professionally evaluated for a drug treatment program. Miss Greene told her father her first encounter with drugs was a month ago. "We've got to try to help her work her way out of it and back to a healthy normal life, if that's possible for her. Being the mayor's daughter certainly doesn't help that situation in a case like this," Greene said. Greene and a friend, Melissa Stanley, both juniors at Arlington Martin High School, were arrested by officers staking out an apartment complex where they believed drugs were being sold. After Stanley left the apartment and returned to Greene's vehicle, officers asked to search it. Police said they found two cigarette packages containing small plastic bags with less than a gram of amphetamine and cocaine in each.

Are cartoon pinatas intellectual property?

McALLEN — Raymondville merchant George Thomas Pitts was crossing the U.S.-Mexican border as usual, his van crammed with 21 pinatas resembling cartoon characters ranging from Barney the dinosaur to Fred Flintstone. But this time, unlike the previous two dozen trips he's made with the Mexican papier-mache creatures, U.S. Customs officials warned him he may be breaking the law. Pitts, 59, said he was told the figures may constitute a violation of intellectual property rights — legally protected concepts or ideas. The agents at the Pharr International Bridge kept the pinatas. Pitts estimates that losing the pinatas cost him about \$90 in sales.

Doctors' mistakes: Critics want penalties in 'go quietly' deals

DALLAS (AP) — Something went wrong during Alexandra Katada's birth in May 1993. Dr. Michael S. Phillips had just delivered her twin sister, Lauren, with no problems at Baylor Richardson Medical Center. But Alexandra was lying in a difficult position, with neither head nor feet toward the birth canal. Phillips and a nurse tried turning the baby within the womb. Finally, he used forceps to pull the baby out feet-first. "He said, 'Don't be surprised if she has a broken collarbone, because I felt something snap,'" recalled the twins' father, Shigeru Katada, a 37-year-old software administrator. "It seemed like everybody was very quiet." Alexandra suffered a crushed spinal cord and a fractured right elbow. She was virtually paralyzed from the chest down and suffered damage to her respiratory muscles. Wracked with pneumonia and confined to an iron lung, the brown-eyed 9-month-old died of respiratory

failure on Valentine's Day 1994. Katada and his wife, 35-year-old Sandra, believed Phillips should have done a Caesarean section instead of attempting to deliver the second baby vaginally. Their suspicions were sharpened when their attorney, Les Weisbrod, told them at least two other babies had died during or after delivery by the same doctor. The year after Alexandra's death, Phillips quit practicing at Baylor Richardson. He says he left because the spread of managed care in Dallas-Fort Worth was making it difficult for him to make ends meet as a solo practitioner. But Weisbrod, who last year helped the couple win a \$1 million settlement from Phillips' insurance company, says three physicians at various hospitals have told him they served on confidential committees looking into allegations Phillips had committed misconduct. Weisbrod believes the obstetrician gave up privileges at Baylor Richardson and another

hospital in exchange for no formal action being taken against him. Such "go quietly" deals are legal. But hospitals are supposed to report them to the state medical board, which then decides whether to investigate. If a hospital fails to do so, however, state law provides no penalty. And some industry insiders say that should change. "I do believe the board needs either some kind of administrative penalty authority over the hospital, or some kind of authority to refer it to another agency that would have regulatory authority over the hospital," said Tim Weitz, former general counsel of the Texas State Board of Medical Examiners. Charles Bailey, general counsel of the Texas Hospital Association, agreed. "From a consumer standpoint, I think it makes sense," Bailey said. "Sometimes I think that hospitals will be concerned about it because the physicians are concerned about it, and the

hospitals don't like upset doctors." Texas Medical Association lawyer C.J. Francisco said he couldn't say whether or how state law should be changed to foster better hospital reporting. But he said the association supports laws that keep bad doctors from skipping from hospital to hospital. In the Katadas' case, the hospital reported no action against Phillips to the state medical board. The Katadas filed a complaint with the board after settling their lawsuit, and they say Phillips is now under investigation. Board officials say the law prohibits them from confirming or denying that. The state medical board has taken no disciplinary action against Phillips. Phillips is practicing obstetrics at Primary Medical Clinic in Midland and has admitting privileges at Midland Memorial Hospital. He denies he did anything wrong in the Katada case and that he left the other hospitals to avoid sanctions.

Texas may be in line for two extra House seats

WASHINGTON (AP) — Step aside, New York. When Texas' robust population gains are tallied in the next census, the Lone Star State in all likelihood will surpass New York to become the second-largest presence in the House of Representatives. Texas currently boasts the third-largest House delegation with 30 seats. California is first with 52, New York second with 31. House seats are apportioned on the basis of states' population. When the 2000 Census is completed, some seats in the Northeast and Midwest are expected to migrate to Texas and other booming Sunbelt states. On the basis of population

projections for 2000, the Congressional Research Services estimates that 11 seats will shift. Texas, Arizona and Georgia each could pick up two seats, according to a recent CRS report. Colorado, Florida, Montana, Nevada and Utah could gain one seat apiece. The big losers would be New York and Pennsylvania, losing two seats apiece. One-seat losers would be Connecticut, Illinois, Michigan, Mississippi, Ohio, Oklahoma and Wisconsin. Congressional researchers note that projections of future population shifts are iffy. "Nevertheless, as imperfect as population projections are, they provide a rough basis for anticipating what representation in

the House may be after the next reapportionment," the report said. The House is limited to 435 seats. Each state is guaranteed one seat and the others are then distributed on the basis of the population count mandated each decade under the Constitution. After the 1990 Census, Texas picked up three seats. The state's population is projected to hit 20.1 million in 2000, an 18 percent increase from 1990's count. CRS estimates that only 11 other states will achieve a more rapid pace of growth, led by Nevada with a sizzling 56 percent hike. Raw gains in seats don't automatically translate into new

clout for a state. There are many other intangibles: Lawmakers' seniority, their committee assignments and ranking in the party leadership, among them. Despite the fact that nearly half of the Texas delegation is comprised of freshmen or sophomores, Texas has plenty of clout. Texas holds the No. 2 and No. 3 slots in the House Republican leadership, chairmanship of the House Ways and Means Committee and Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, and a slew of other prized positions. Preparations for taking the 2000 Census are being watched carefully because the results equal dollars and cents.

Your prayers, concern, food and most of all, love, sustained us through the illness and death of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother. Her faith and love will live with us always. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts.
The Family of Mary Newell

\$\$\$ CASH PRIZES \$\$\$

BIG SPRING STATE PARK FUN RUN/WALK
April 19, 8:00 a.m.
Late Registration 6:30 a.m.

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Clinton urges agencies to grant family leave for employees

WASHINGTON (AP) — The nation's 1.9 million federal employees would be eligible for 24 hours of unpaid leave to meet family obligations under a directive President Clinton signed Saturday.

Clinton hoped the move would spur an intransigent Congress into guaranteeing the benefit for private-sector workers.

"Don't ask people to choose ever between being good workers and good parents. We can help them to do both," the president told lawmakers in his weekly radio broadcast.

In an appeal to middle-class parents first proposed in his re-election campaign, Clinton wants to expand the Family and Medical Leave Act to give workers unpaid time off to attend parent-teacher conferences, take a child to the doctor or dentist, find child care or

help an elderly relative with medical appointments.

Republicans in control of Congress generally oppose the bill as government intrusion on business decisions, and Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., made clear in January that he had no plans to act on it.

Trying to circumvent Congress as much as his authority allows, Clinton sent a memo Saturday to the chiefs of 100-plus federal departments and agencies, asking them to make expanded family and medical leave available to their employees immediately.

"Wherever possible, I want workers to have access right now to essential time off for family obligations," he said. "Families occasionally need these small pieces of time to take care of their own."

While the president has no legal

authority to set leave policies for agencies and his memorandum did not have the binding effect of an executive order, White House officials said it did have moral authority and they expected all agencies to incorporate expanded family leave into their routine policies.

The directive prompted quick criticism from Rep. Bill Goodling, R-Pa., chairman of the House Education and Work Force Committee. He accused Clinton of "ignoring the separation of powers that is included in our Constitution."

"Any change to the FMLA — even one affecting a smaller percentage of the American work force — demands careful consideration by the Congress and should not be done by presidential edict," Goodling said shortly after Clinton's action.

The original 1993 legislation, which was also opposed by Republicans and vetoed by President Bush, guarantees workers up to 12 weeks off without pay in order to care for a newborn or adopted child, to attend to their own serious health needs or to care for a seriously ill parent, child or spouse.

Saturday's move by Clinton dovetailed with two other White House initiatives meant to showcase a commitment to parents and children: this week's conference on early childhood development and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's call for improved child care.

Stressing that being a parent is "the toughest job any person can have," the president said Thursday's daylong White House Conference on Early Childhood Development and Learning would explore what the latest brain

research says about how children learn and grow.

He cast it as a "call to action" to parents, businesses, care givers, the media, the religious community and government "each to do their part to enhance the earliest years of life."

Mrs. Clinton was expected to play a prominent role in the conference, starting Monday.

In her regular newspaper column last week, the former attorney lamented the uneven quality of child care services around the country: "I, like many working mothers, have seen examples of child care that run the gamut from shameful to superlative."

She called for higher pay and better training for child care workers and advocated government child-care subsidies for low-income parents and welfare mothers seeking jobs.

Israel eases West Bank, Gaza closure

HEBRON, West Bank (AP) — Despite continuing street clashes, Israel announced Saturday it would ease its closure of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and allow 20,000 workers to reach jobs in the Jewish state.

For weeks, Palestinians have clashed with Israeli troops, but rioting Saturday took a new form: Palestinians and Jewish settlers threw stones and empty bottles at each other, while police forces on both sides tried to restrain them.

Two dozen settlers gathered on the roof of a settler compound and pelted Palestinians in a market below with rocks, slightly injuring one shopper.

Israeli soldiers climbed onto the roof to stop the stone-throwing, but other settlers continued to drop stones from balconies and windows. Palestinians in the market, angered that Israeli troops did not do more to stop the barrage, threw stones at the soldiers and at the settler compound. Shopkeepers closed

their stores.

A few streets away, Israeli troops fired rubber-coated steel pellets and stun grenades at Palestinian rioters who threw stones and fire bombs at the troops and toward settler homes. Israel radio said five Palestinians, including a policeman, were wounded.

Palestinian police formed a human chain, using vehicles as a barrier, to prevent rioters from reaching the Israeli-controlled downtown area of divided Hebron. After five hours of unrest, the streets were quiet with settlers and Palestinians indoors.

Yasser Arafat's Palestinian Authority controls 80 percent of Hebron while Israel still controls the downtown area, home to 500 Jews and 15,000 Palestinians.

There have been daily clashes in the West Bank since Israel last month began construction of a Jewish neighborhood in a section of Jerusalem where the

Palestinians want to establish a future capital. The Palestinian Authority broke off security cooperation with the Israelis in response to the construction.

A statement Saturday from the Palestinian Cabinet said the unrest "reflects the persistence of our people in resisting settlements." The Cabinet blamed Israel for violating peace agreements and said Israel would bear responsibility for the consequences of the construction.

Israel sealed the West Bank and Gaza Strip — barring most of the territories' 2 million Palestinians from entering Israel — after a March 21 suicide bombing in a Tel Aviv cafe that killed three Israeli women and the bomber. The militant Palestinian group Hamas claimed responsibility for the bombing.

Saturday, the defense minister announced an easing of the closure to take effect Sunday at 4 a.m. According to an army statement, 20,000 Palestinians

will be allowed to enter Israel to go to work.

In addition, 50 trucks carrying imported goods will be allowed to enter the West Bank and Gaza each day from Israel, and trucks accompanied by Israeli troops would be allowed to leave the West Bank.

Meanwhile, Israel's opposition Labor Party announced it would hold a general meeting next week to debate whether it would join the government of Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu if such an offer was made.

Netanyahu said he was considering asking the dovish Labor Party, which signed the first peace accords with the Palestinians, to join his government. Netanyahu hinted his right-wing coalition partners may not support a final peace settlement.

Many Labor party members are likely to oppose a unity government unless Netanyahu softens his hard-line policies.

Shroud of Turin survives cathedral fire

TURIN, Italy (AP) — The burial cloth many believe shrouded Jesus Christ survived its second brush with fire in 465 years — but officials said Saturday the gorgeous Baroque chapel that housed it suffered incalculable damage.

Authorities were still assessing the impact of Friday's late-night fire at the San Giovanni Cathedral in Turin and its Guarini Chapel, home of the Shroud of Turin.

The shroud in its silver urn was snatched from the flaming chapel by firefighters who hammered their way through four layers of bulletproof glass. But the flames devastated the shroud's marble-faced chapel, the wooden dome of the cathedral and much of the Royal

Palace nearby.

Radio Vatican called it "an apocalypse" and recalled that the shroud had been saved from another fire in Chambery, France, more than 450 years ago. "For the shroud, history repeats itself," it said.

Investigators are still trying

to determine the cause of the fire. Police say it might have been a short circuit.

The shroud was Crusader booty taken from Constantinople to France in 1353. After it was scorched in the 1532 fire, it was taken to Turin.

The family of Eva Valdez wishes to thank all those who sent flowers and food and for the kindness of sympathy expressed for the loss of our loved one. Special thanks to Dr. Garza, Dr. Carrasco and Dr. Shroff and the hospital staff of Scenic Mt. Medical Center, the Knights of Columbus and the Holy Name for the lovely flowers sent, Myers & Smith.

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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

You cause more problems than you are aware. Stay at home to get centered. Share a domestic project with a favorite friend. It will go faster and even be a source of pleasure. Family matters take high priority. Tonight: Order in. ****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Use your imagination to communicate and make plans. Others support your fun ideas. However, be realistic about your limits. If you feel off or need time to yourself, take it. Others are highly responsive to your energy. Tonight: Talk up a storm. ****

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Your more possessive side emerges with those in your day-to-day life. Be careful with a friend who is hard on you. You are more centered than you have been. Expenses could be out of whack; be realistic about them. Tonight:

Microwave leftovers, then relax. ****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Someone you care about is unusually exacting. This might be an indirect way to get your attention. Reach out for others, and make plans to get together. A leisurely lunch proves relaxing and fun. Getting away freshens your outlook. Tonight: Traipse around town. ****

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You have little choice but to take a back seat. Your sense of humor is piqued by another's response. A change in plans might be in order. Take this time off to yourself. Get centered, and handle some personal matters. Tonight: Finish off takes! ****

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) A friend stuns you, and you want to change plans to join him. It is OK, because another might not be up to snuff. Friends are

full of celebration, as you meet for a spontaneous get-together. Energy is high; make the first move with a new friend. Tonight: Throw a party. ****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Take charge, and handle responsibilities. It serves a dual purpose; on some level, you are not in the mood to hang out with a difficult partner. Also, you need to focus on other matters. Instincts are right on. Shop for work clothes. Tonight: You are a force to be dealt with. ****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Remain sure of yourself, even if in some way you are treading new ground. A friend is instrumental, and encourages you. Take a day away from normal patterns; you'll feel renewed. Opt for a day trip, or decide to attend a seminar. Tonight: Catch a movie. ****

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) A loved one disappoints

you. Stay even with another. One-to-one relating aids in making a decision. A friend or associate could make a difference in your choices. Tonight: A little closeness goes a long way. ****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Determine what is happening with a family member. Stay anchored, and follow through on what is important. Socializing with friends is a big relief. Your ability to relate makes a party even better. Tonight: Go out with friends. ****

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Be nurturing with someone who has a misconception. If this person is going to hear you, you will have to work this through with precision and caring. A financial decision plays into the day. You are in control, whether you feel it or not. Tonight: Get a head start on

tomorrow. ****
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Your imagination knows no limits. But when acting on your multiple ideas, you could damage your checkbook. Have a reality check. Partners seek out your company. A mistake today could have long-term implications. Tonight: It's romp time. ****

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Hair stylist without a clue gives unkindest cut of all

DEAR ABBY: I am sitting here half-bald after a horrendous trip to two hairdressers.

The first did such a terrible job that I was forced to go elsewhere to get my hair repaired. I went to the first salon for a simple trim. Although I explained what I wanted and even showed a picture to the hairdresser, I had the uneasy feeling she didn't understand. At that point, however, my hair had already been washed and I felt as though I had no choice but to go through with the haircut.

When she was finished, I was left with a disaster on my head. My hair was much shorter than I'd requested, with two thin layers that didn't blend together. I looked ridiculous and the hairdresser knew it. She asked me if I wanted her to take a little more off the top to help blend the layers, but I quickly said no. She charged me \$24, which I reluctantly paid. I then had to pay more money to correct the disaster on my head.

After hours of combing, curling and crying, I am turning to you for advice. Can you help me and others like me by answering: After getting a "bad vibe" from a stylist, is it socially acceptable to refuse service (even after he/she has washed your hair)? What is the best way to find out what a stylist's concept of an inch is? If you are dissatisfied with your haircut, can you refuse to pay for it? ALL CHOPPED UP AND NO PLACE TO GO

DEAR ALL CHOPPED UP: You have my sympathy. If it's any comfort, your experience is not that uncommon. Clear communication is the

key. You should discuss your expectations in advance, and make sure they are clearly understood before any work is done on your hair. If you are uneasy, you can leave at any time, even if your hair has already been shampooed. You should not have to pay for anything that is not satisfactory. Reputable salons will not insist that you do.

DEAR ABBY: I am a 50-year-old housewife. After 31 years of marriage, my husband suddenly asked me for a divorce. Over the years he has given me some very nice pieces of jewelry. I don't want to sell any of it unless I really need the money. It has a lot of sentimental value. Besides, I have seven daughters, two daughters-in-law and several granddaughters whom I would like eventually to inherit my jewelry.

My quandary is this: I would like to continue wearing these pieces occasionally. I also want to continue to wear my wedding rings since, to my way of thinking, I am still bound by the marriage vows we took (twice).

Is there any etiquette governing my situation? -WONDERING IN TEXAS

DEAR WONDERING: You may continue to wear all of your jewelry in any manner you wish. However, you are

still a relatively young woman, and divorced women who entertain the idea of someday marrying again often have the stones from their wedding and engagement rings reset into another kind of ring, which they wear on their right hand.

You would be wise to specify which pieces of jewelry you would like each family member to have. I urge you to consult a lawyer and put it in writing.

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Sands' Johanna Martinez competes in the long jump preliminaries during the District 15-A track meet at Ackerly Friday.

Sands sweeps 15-A track meet

HERALD Staff Report

ACKERLY — Sands' boys and girls teams won team championships here Friday at the District 15-A track-and-field meet.

Sands qualified 11 individuals and both relays for regionals in the boys competition and five individuals and all three relays in the girls' division.

The Lady Mustangs received tough competition from Grady, edging out the Lady Wildcats, 139-134 in team competition. Sands' boys, meanwhile, won in a cakewalk, scoring 184 points compared to only 110 for runner-up Blackwell.

Individually, Sands' girls qualified Trisha Nichols (3,200 and 800 runs), Hollie Zant (800

run), Mendi Floyd (100 hurdles) and Brienne Fryar (1,600 run) for the Region II-1A track meet, which will be held in two weeks in Abilene.

The Lady Mustangs also captured first place in the 400 relay (Laci Webb, Johanna Martinez, Jessica Peacock and Laura DeLeon), second in the 800 relay (Webb, Martinez, Peacock and DeLeon) and first in the 1,600 relay (Zant, Nichols, DeLeon and Martinez).

In boys' competition, Sands qualified Josh Richter (triple jump and high jump), Josh Long (shot put), Michael Wiggington (discus and 300 hurdles), Diego Porras (1,600 and 3,200 runs), Robert Cisneros (800 run) and Jerrod Beall (110 hurdles) for the regional meet.

DISTRICT 4-4A TRACK RESULTS

Here are results from the District 4-4A track and field meet, held Friday at Andrews (top two finishers in each event qualify for the regional track meet):

Varsity girls

Team totals — Big Spring 236; Lake View 133; Andrews 97; Pecos 53; Fort Stockton 51; Sweetwater 15.

High jump — 1. Hill, Big Spring, 4-10; 2. Armstrong Pecos, 4-10; 3. Espino, Fort Stockton, 4-10; 4. Mathews, Andrews, 4-10; 5. McWherter, Big Spring, 4-8; 6. Sutton, Andrews, 4-8.

3,200 run — 1. Watson, Lake View, 12:38.04; 2. Arenivas, Pecos, 12:46.56; 3. Wilson, Big Spring, 12:50.77; 4. Leffeste, Lake View, 13:24.77; 5. Chavez, Andrews, 13:36.16; 6. Powell, Lake View, 14:23.12.

Triple jump — 1. Owusu, Big Spring, 35-10.25; 2. Lott, Big Spring, 35-7.25; 3. Hill, Big Spring, 33-1.5; 4. Bullock, Lake View, 31-8.75; 5. Kuhn, Lake View, 30-1; 6. Williams, Sweetwater, 29-6.25.

Shot put — 1. Cole, Big Spring, 37-1; 2. Williford, Lake View, 35-5; 3. Esquivel, Andrews, 32-10.25; 4. Paredes, Big Spring, 32-2.25; 5. Rios, Andrews, 31-10; 6. Barrera, Pecos, 30-6.75.

Long jump — 1. Owusu, Big Spring, 15-6.75; 2. Lott, Big Spring, 15-2.88; 3. Hill, Big Spring, 15-2.38; 4. Espino, Fort Stockton, 14-8.5; 5. Kuhn, Lake View, 14-4; 6. Bullock, Lake View, 13-11.

Discus — 1. Williford, Lake View, 121.2; 2. Villa, Andrews, 116-8; 3. Valdez, Big Spring, 116-6; 4. Armstrong, Pecos, 111-6; 5. Marquez, Pecos, 106-4; 6. Lowe, Andrews, 104-8.

100 hurdles — 1. Hill, Big Spring, 15.44; 2. Carrasco, Andrews, 15.91; 3. Hughes, Lake View, 16.05; 4. Mathews, Andrews, 17.05; 5. Haynes, Sweetwater, 17.23; 6. Munoz, Fort Stockton, 17.59.

400 relay — 1. Big Spring, 50.16; 2. Fort Stockton, 51.44; 3. Lake View, 52.86; 4. Andrews, 53.06; 5. Sweetwater, 54.67; 6. Pecos, 55.10.

400 dash — 1. Wright, Lake View, 1:01.50; 2. Alexander, Fort Stockton, 1:02.01; 3. Hall, Big Spring, 1:02.13; 4. Henderson, Big Spring, 1:04.45; 5. Carrasco, Pecos, 1:07.10; 6. Hale, Sweetwater, 1:07.52.

300 hurdles — 1. Carrasco, Andrews, 49.80; 2. Hughes, Lake View, 49.83; 3. Mathews, Andrews, 51.95; 4. Rocha, Big Spring, 54.94; 5. Arguello, Big Spring, 55.25; 6. Haynes, Sweetwater, 56.09.

800 run — 1. Phifer, Big Spring, 2:25.9; 2. Wright, Lake View, 2:31.88; 3. Watts, Andrews, 2:36.50; 4. Holly, Andrews, 2:37.51; 5. Arenivas, Pecos, 2:40.30; 6. Parent, Pecos, 2:40.70.

200 dash — 1. Cline, Big Spring, 25.99; 2. Owusu, 26.20; 3. Farr, Big Spring, 26.44; 4. Espino, Fort Stockton, 26.60; 5. Esquivel, Andrews, 27.99; 6. Carrasco, 28.15.

800 relay — 1. Big Spring, 1:48.27; 2. Lake View, 1:52.32; 3. Pecos, 1:57.17; 4. Andrews, 1:57.59; 5. Fort Stockton, 2:02.02.

1,600 run — 1. Wilson, Big Spring, 5:53.07; 2. Leffeste, Lake View, 6:04.06; 3. Watson, Lake View, 6:07.98; 4. Chavez, Andrews, 6:09.68; 5. Parent, Pecos, 6:14.85; 6. Harper, Lake View, 6:26.50.

1,600 relay — 1. Big Spring, 4:16.38; 2. Lake View, 4:19.63; 3. Andrews, 4:33.41; 4. Pecos, 4:44.18; 5. Sweetwater, 4:46.22.

Varsity boys

Team totals — 1. Andrews, 127; 2. Lake View 126; 3. Big Spring, 102; 4. Sweetwater, 100; 5. Pecos, 75; 6. Fort Stockton, 23.

High jump — 1. Reed, Sweetwater, 6-4; 2. Amos, Sweetwater, 6-2; 3. Bolinger, Andrews, 5-10; 4. Chesshire, Andrews, 5-8; 5. Jones, Lake View, 5-8; 6. Bueno, Andrews, 5-6.

3,200 run — 1. Haby, Lake View, 10:42.07; 2. Torres, Big Spring, 10:48.56; 3. Sanderson, Big Spring, 10:48.92; 4. Rodriguez, Andrews, 10:51.75; 5. Heckler, Andrews, 10:57.09; 6. Rivas, Andrews, 10:57.24.

Triple jump — 1. Reed, Sweetwater, 44.7.75; 2. Mayfield, Andrews, 42.9.75; 3. Jones, Lake View, 42.4.75; 4. Williams, Sweetwater, 41.7.75; 5. Joines, Lake View, 39.8.75; 6. Hayes, Fort Stockton, 39.3.

Shot put — 1. B. Brownlee, Pecos, 56-4; 2. J. Brownlee, Pecos, 50-9; 3. Crille, Lake View, 49-2.25; 4. Gray, Lake View, 45-10; 5. Parent, Pecos, 45-4; 6. Proctor, Lake View, 45-3.5.

Long jump — 1. Mitchell, Big Spring, 20-4.75; 2. McVea, Big Spring, 20-1.25; 3. Williams, Sweetwater, 19-10.25; 4. Williams, Andrews, 19-8; 5. Green, Big Spring, 19-1; 6. Amos, Sweetwater, 18-11.25.

Discus — 1. B. Brownlee, Pecos, 171-5; 2. J. Brownlee, Pecos, 160-11; 3. Brewster, Big Spring, 155-7; 4. Proctor, Lake View, 155-1.5; 5. Crille, Lake View, 154-9.6; 6. Dulin, Andrews, 140-11.

Pole Vault — 1. Truelove, Lake View, 12-0; 2. Wheeler, Andrews, 12-0; 3. Carson, Pecos, 10-6; 4. Marta, Pecos, 10-0.

400 dash — 1. Lujan, Andrews, 50.34; 2. Palafox, Sweetwater, 50.63; 3. Daniel, Lake View, 52.25; 4. Chesshire, Andrews, 52.76; 5. Shoals, Sweetwater, 52.86; 6. Linthicum, Lake View, 55.16.

100 dash — 1. Mitchell, Big Spring, 10.27 (new meet record); 2. Brown, Sweetwater, 10.75; 3. Binix, Lake View, 10.88; 4. Green, Big Spring, 10.96; 5. Smith, Lake View, 10.98; 6. Vasquez, Fort Stockton, 11.06.

110 hurdles — 1. Williams, Andrews, 14.12; 2. Barnes, Sweetwater, 14.74; 3. Edwards, Big Spring, 14.95; 4. Kessler, Andrews, 15.61; 5. Long, Lake View, 15.99; 6. Lawdermilk, Big Spring, 16.03.

300 hurdles — 1. Williams, Andrews, 39.87; 2. Kessler, Andrews, 40.99; 3. Barnes, Sweetwater, 41.92; 4. Florez, Pecos, 42.04; 5. Lawdermilk, Big Spring, 42.95; 6. Solis, Sweetwater, 43.10.

400 relay — 1. Lake View, 42.63; 2. Big Spring, 42.67; 3. Fort Stockton, 43.88; 4. Pecos, 46.70; 5. Andrews, 50.0; 6. Sweetwater, disqualified.

800 run — 1. Lujan, Andrews, 1:58.94; 2. Daniel, Lake View, 1:59.16; 3. Sepeda, Sweetwater, 2:00.24; 4. Lopez, Andrews, 2:01.99; 5. Linthicum, Lake View, 2:03.00; 6. Rodriguez, Pecos, 2:09.01.

200 dash — 1. Mitchell, Big Spring, 21.26 (new meet record); 2. Jones, Lake View, 21.96; 3. Brown, Sweetwater, 22.47; 4. Smith, Lake View, 22.73; 5. Bueno, Andrews, 22.89; 6. Green, Big Spring, 23.02.

1,600 run — 1. Torres, Big Spring, 4:46.75; 2. Haby, Lake View, 4:48.17; 3. Rodriguez, Pecos, 4:48.81; 4. Villacres, Pecos, 4:54.87; 5. Heckler, Andrews, 4:55.19; 6. Gonzales, Fort Stockton, 4:55.63.

1,600 relay — 1. Andrews, 3:26.93; 2. Sweetwater, 3:27.61; 3. Lake View, 3:30.81; 4. Fort Stockton, 3:33.44; 5. Pecos, 3:47.62; 6. Big Spring, 3:56.01.

BOYS

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the 3,200 run.

Toma McVae, competing with an injured quadriceps muscle, finished second in the long jump, 3 1/2 inches behind Mitchell.

Those qualifiers, plus the 400 relay, give the Steers a serious chance at a regional title,

Britton said.

"We're going down there with the attitude that we can win it," he said of the regional meet, scheduled for two weeks from now in San Angelo.

"We've got a relay, we've got the sprinter, and we've got the distance runner."

GIRLS

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to win four of the five field events. This included 1-2-3 performances in the triple jump and long jump, with Jaclyn Owusu winning, Keesha Lott finishing second and Hill placing third both times.

The dominance continued once the competition shifted to the running events. The Lady Steers claimed the gold medal in the 400 meter relay in 50.16 seconds and never relented after that.

Hill in the 100 hurdles, Lott in the 800 run ... by the time the running finals reached the halfway point, the only question remaining was how big the victory margin would be.

Even when the Lady Steers didn't win an event, they had runners earn points — Big Spring scored in every event at the meet.

"I thought our only weak spot was the 300 hurdles, and we

caught a break ... and scored some points there as well," Kennedy said, talking about Lisa Rocha and Naomi Arguello scoring some surprise points in the event.

What made this year's team even tougher than last season's squad was its added strength in the distance events. Besides Phifer's win in the 800, Bridgette Wilson won the 1,600 run and finished third in the 3,200 run.

The Lady Steers qualified all three relays and 12 individual slots for the regional meet, which will be held in San Angelo two weeks from now.

Latisha Hall, one of the few seniors on the squad, savored the celebration following her team's third straight title.

"This is special," she said, "just to say you were on a team that won all those district titles."

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Masters' records in jeopardy in face of Tiger attack

AUGUSTA, Ga. (AP) — Change has always come slowly to Augusta National Golf Club and the Masters. Now Tiger Woods is shaking things up in a way no one could ever imagine.

Augusta, with the elegance of Magnolia Lane, the secrecy of its exclusive membership and a tournament that shuns corporate sponsors and has minimal TV coverage, offers a gentle glimpse at the past.

Woods has put on a show in the first three rounds of the Masters that forced everyone to take a hard stare at the future of golf.

His only competition seemed to be names like Nicklaus, Palmer, Player and Floyd, a quartet that won 14 Masters among them.

"The only thing I want is a green jacket in my closet," Woods said when asked what he needed to shoot on Sunday to win. "Whatever I have to do to win is fine."

It's always been said that the Masters starts on the back nine on Sunday. This year, it may have ended on the front nine on Saturday.

Beginning the third round with a three-stroke lead over Colin Montgomerie, Woods went head-to-head with him and dusted not only the Scotsman but blew away the entire field.

"I told my pop before I left someone was going to make a run, shooting at least a 66," he said. "I'm a little surprised no one made a run. But the tournament is not over yet."

A 32 on the front nine and a 65 for the round put Woods at 15-under-par 201 after 54 holes, nine strokes ahead of Costantino Rocca, 10 better than Paul Stankowski and 11 in front of Tom Kite and Tom Watson.

Asked if he had a chance to win, Rocca said: "Maybe I play nine holes — and under par, too."

Woods placed the perfect stamp on the round on the final hole when he spun a sand wedge back from the fringe behind the green to within a foot of the hole for a tap-in birdie.

"Tomorrow there is no chance unless I shoot 57," Stankowski said.

Woods' nine-stroke lead after 54 holes surpassed by one the Masters record set by Raymond Floyd in 1976. He now can take aim at the record nine-stroke victory margin of Jack Nicklaus in 1965 over Arnold Palmer and Gary Player.

"He's a boy among men, and he's showing the men how to play golf at Augusta National this week in the Masters," Watson said.

Woods can break the lowest score ever in the Masters, the 17-under-par 271 by Floyd in '76 and Nicklaus in '65. He can also be the youngest Masters winner. Nicklaus and Seve Ballesteros were both 23 when they won at Augusta.

And just a half-dozen years after Augusta National accepted its first black member, it may watch on Sunday as the green jacket is put on its first black champion — the first black to win any of the four major professional championships.

Woods' awesome length off the tee — he averaged 311.5 yards on Saturday — rock-solid concentration and unshakable belief that he should win make him an unlikely candidate to

fold in the final round, like Greg Norman did last year when he blew a six-stroke lead.

"His mind is like the mind I had when I was in my prime," Nicklaus said after finishing his round on Saturday. "He's very smart, very intelligent. That's why I don't think anything is going to happen to him tomorrow."

At times in Woods' whirlwind eight-month professional career, it seemed as if the hype was hurrying history in a way that was unfair to him, his contemporaries and those great golfers who came before.

But Woods' performance after a shaky front nine in the first round on Thursday left him playing this tournament against the record books and not the field.

And he played with confidence. Several times, he walked to pick the ball out of the cup even as the putts were barely halfway to the hole. Woods was finally shaken from his stoic stare on No. 11 when the massive gallery reacted to his birdie with a wild standing ovation.

He flashed that brilliant smile

again after his tee shot on the dangerous 12th hole safely cleared Rae's Creek — scene of so many watery disasters in Masters past — and plopped just 15 feet from the hole.

And on No. 13, he stared disapprovingly at the cup in bitter disappointment after making a mere human par. He had made two eagles and six birdies on his last eight par-5 holes until then.

When Woods rolled in a

birdie putt at No. 15, Stankowski looked up at the TV with an air of the inevitable and said, "Oh, is he 14 under now? That's encouraging."

On Friday, Montgomerie said his experience in major championships — he has a second and a third in the U.S. Open and a second in the PGA — would serve him well in his matchup with Woods, who was contending in a major for the first time as a professional.

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A look back at Coahoma's Kindergarten Rodeo



The 19th annual Coahoma Kindergarten Rodeo was held Tuesday, April 8, at the Elementary Gym in Coahoma. The "Kinder-Cowpokes" competed in everything from wild bronc riding and barrel racing, to the most rough of all events, bull riding.

One of the main events is the crowning of the queen and her court which consists of one princess from each kindergarten class and an overall queen. The 1997 Rodeo Queen was Alex Moore and her court princesses were Aricka Hart, Heather Scoggins and Rachel Tucker. Miss Texas Rodeo Teri Turner also made an appearance.

Special guests included world famous rodeo clown Quail Dobbs, with his guest, clown Gary Hedeman and his pony "Chigger."

Musical entertainment was provided by the Coahoma Kindergarten Choir, the Coahoma Kindergarten Band and fiddler Jody Nix.

Professional rodeo announcer Jody Carper was also on hand to provide assistance with announcing and music.

Other special guests included Tina LaRue and Debby Rodgers, who sang the national anthem, and Velma Ruth Woods who played the keyboards. Laura Lowery and Donna Bibb were recognized for their many years of dedicated service to the annu-

al rodeo.

This year's kindergarten teachers are Kathy Nichols, Karen Fitzgibbons, Charolette Upshaw, Lynette Sweeney and their aide Pam Carlile.

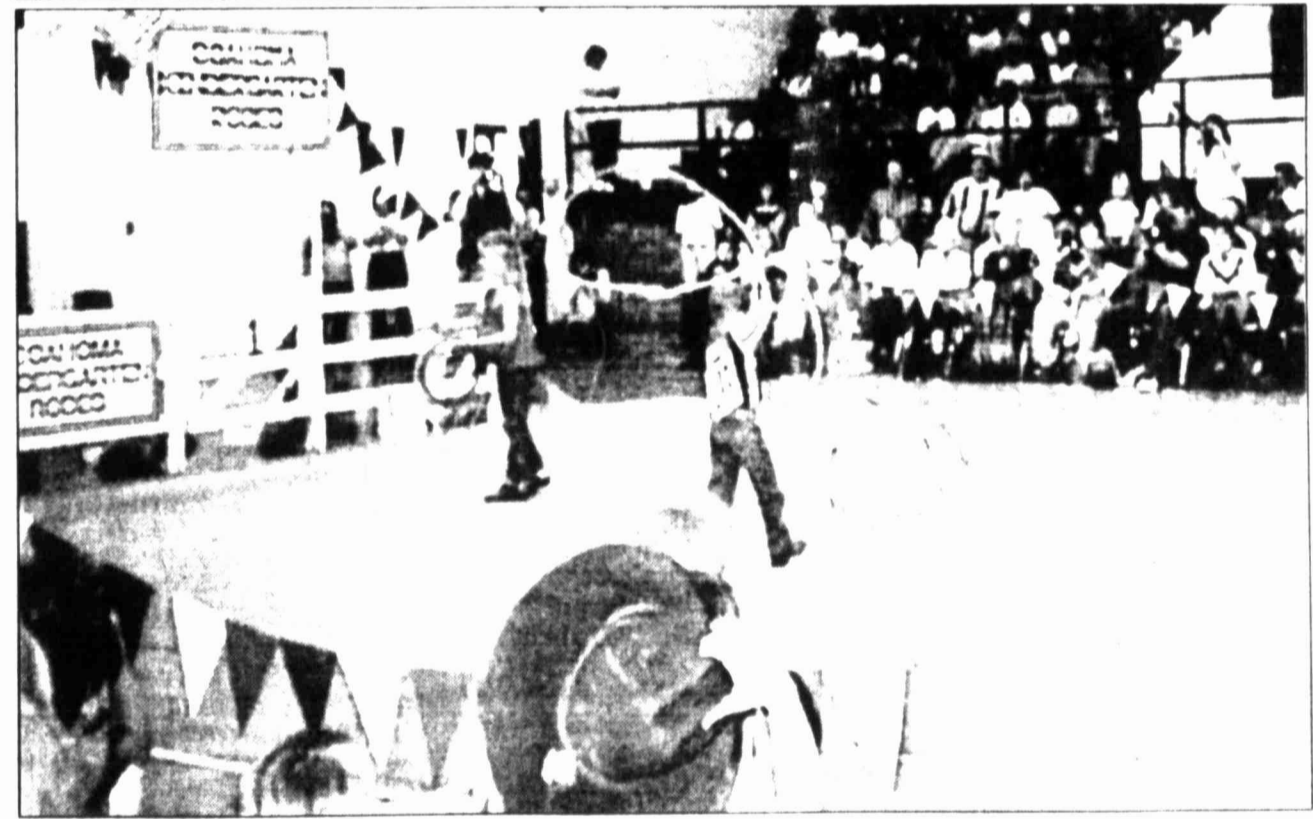
The cowpokes participating in the rodeo this year were: Jared Blythe, April Choate, P.J. Daylong, Karly Green, Quade Harris, Courtney Homfield, Brittani Huitt, Bonnie Keaton, Ashley Martin, Michael McNew, Shelbi Paige, Dylan Powell, Shandrea Praanschke, Christian Price, Daniel Requejo, Ashlie Richter, Andrea Rodriguez, Cody Sheppard, Kameron Smith, Rachel Tucker, Devin Adamson, Karl Brode, Matthew Brown, Kelsey Butts, Kim Calvert, Mel Dickerson, Justin Sons, Chase Claton, Kyla Clark, Megan Conley, Cayon Daniels, Malissa Dunn, Sasha Durrett, Isidro Gonzales, Victoria Gonzales, Aricka Hart, Camryn Herrera, Kayla Holleman, Kelly Lee, Brendan Payte, Garrett Poeggel and Corey Roberts.

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Clockwise: The Coahoma Kindergarten clowns (from left) Timothy Rodriguez, Braden Griffin, P.J. Daylong and Devin Adamson find a "Beechy Bug" with Quail Dobbs. Jared Blythe (left) and Justin Sons post the colors. The Coahoma Kindergarten cowpoke choir gets ready to sing. Laci Sterling and Kaeger Hunt (right) rope a loose steer in the arena. Paige Jackson runs her "horse" through the barrels in 11 seconds. Jody Nix plays the "Cottoneyed Joe" with some of the cowpokes.

Pennington, Caitlin Perkins, Ashley Rodriguez, Tom Sawyers, Krissy Schlipf, Laci Sterling, Sarah Stonerook, Brandy Winters, Mikey Mendoza, Starr Olivetti, Michael Reid, Alexis Ruiz, Heather Scoggins and Spencer Smith.



Goodbye is one of those things that is always hard to say

This is probably the hardest column I will ever write. I am leaving the Big Spring Herald to move to Houston.



Kellie Jones
 Features Editor

My husband, Keith, has been accepted to law school at the University of Houston and will start school in May. I have accepted a job at the Houston Chronicle as a copy editor and begin there April 28. I am excited about the possibilities that are ahead for us but at the same time, I am sad because

that means I have to leave here.

We've been talking about this possibility and knew it would happen sometime this summer but things got moved ahead when he decided to go to Houston instead of Texas Tech's law school. We are from the Houston area so it was an easy decision as to where we would move.

I do know there's a lot I will miss and I owe a lot to both John Walker and Chuck Williams. They have been so supportive and helpful to both me and Keith during this process. I could never work for a better place than here at the Herald.

During my job search in Lubbock and Houston, that realization hit me hard. I realized how much of a family the Herald staff is to me. I've been here three years and a lot has changed during that time.

I knew I could always rely on my co-workers and bosses to be

there for me during any troubled time I might have.

I thought I would only be happy to finally get a chance to return home, but that's not the case. I know I'll cry some when I leave that Friday. Please indulge me this one last time while I take this chance to thank those who have made this job and living in Big Spring such a pleasure.

Carlton Johnson, Gina Garza, Steve Reagan and John Moseley - Thanks for being such good friends to me and Keith. I will miss our trips to Forsan for lunch and all of the other places we went to vent our frustrations.

CJ, I hope someday I will get to work with another partner who is half as good as you are. I will miss all of the 'I've got to talk to you when you get a minute' conversations.

Gina, you've been more than a co-worker to me as we have cried and laughed about so

many things. I will miss your friendship.

Sandra Green and Saletta Tilley - Ladies, I could not have been such a good features editor without your assistance. The two of you are blessings to this newspaper and I want to thank you for all of your help from typing in the lunch menus to those "lovely" honor roll lists to pasting my pages and listening to me when I had a problem. Thanks.

Advertisement Department - I appreciate everything each of you has done for me throughout the last three years I've been here.

Deborah, I'll miss our talks outside during our "breaks" and our lunches when we got to talk about so many things.

Elizabeth, thanks for always understanding when I needed extra space for something I was working on.

Everyone else at the Herald - There are so many more

names I want to mention but even I have to limit my own space sometimes. Thanks to everyone involved with the Herald for making this such a great place to work.

All of those who have written for the life! section - Thank you, thank you, thank you. I really do appreciate the ministers who have submitted columns on Fridays, Dana Tarter who writes a column on Wednesdays and of course, my Prime of Your Life columnists and Eunice Choate.

I have really enjoyed working with each and every one of you. Thanks to those who have submitted items for both the Recipe Corner and Readers Corner.

Cody and Stacey - Thanks for everything! Whether it was putting a bicycle tire on Keith's bike, pumping gas or fixing the flats tires on my new car, we will really miss stopping by your service station.

I felt like we were more than just customers, we were friends. We wish the best to you and your family.

Big Spring Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association - I wish this group the best of luck in whatever they do to support the law enforcement personnel in this area.

Archie and Cindy Kountz - Thanks for making me feel welcome in Big Spring. I really enjoyed getting to know you and am grateful for everything you have done for me. Thanks.

Carla Bauer and fellow wallyball players - I have had so much fun playing that crazy game. Remember, "Be the Ball!" Carla, thanks for being such a great person and cook.

I have probably left some people out and I apologize. For all of those, thanks for your help and support during my career at the Herald. I'll miss this place.

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