

## USPS targets safety program for rural mail carriers

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Traffic accidents within the last six months involving rural mail carriers in the San Antonio area, including three fatalities, has prompted Big Spring Postmaster Richard Saxton to join the U.S. Postal

Service in promoting a safety campaign for rural carriers.

"Recently there has been five accidents, three of them fatalities, in the rural San Antonio area that happened as carriers were making left turns or were stopped at a mailbox," Saxton said.

"It's our responsibility to

make things safe. We need your help so that we can avoid these needless tragedies and continue to provide the best mail service in the world."

One of the 30-second public service announcements being released as part of the U.S. Postal Service's safety campaign says, "Many Texans anxiously

await the delivery of their mail six days a week. Along our county roads, your mail carrier must pull off and enter the highway dozens of times each day."

"Remember to always keep a safe distance where your mail carrier can see you. And please reduce your speed when you can see any vehicle pulled off

the side of the road. The U.S. Postal Service reminds you to watch out for us as we are watching out for you."

Saxton said there have been no such accidents in Howard County, but safety is a concern for everyone.

Rural route as well as city route drivers have been trained

in safe driving techniques and are continually reminded of the importance of safety, but the public must practice safe driving as well.

"We are asking the public to drive safely at all times, but to pay particularly close attention to postal vehicle especially in rural areas," Saxton said.

## Private groups boost parks

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

For the first time in history, an advocacy group of private citizens has been formed on behalf of Texas state parks.

"This group will be the ones to go to bat for us in the legislature," Big Spring State Park manager Ron Alton said.

The state parks are represented in the legislature by Texas Parks and Wildlife Department's executive director, Alton said, but "an advocacy group puts a whole new spin on things."

Texans For State Parks, based in Round Rock, about 15 miles north of Austin, held its first membership meeting in Austin Saturday.

Plans for 1998 and coordinating with the state parks' 75th anniversary celebration were discussed.

Big Spring's state park nearly became extinct in the early 1990s. However, public outcry saved the park from destruction.

The community began a petition drive immediately after the closure announcement. More than 20,000 signatures were gathered and presented to the governor within two to three weeks.

Today, the Big Spring State Park has been recognized for outstanding community support with the appointment of Alton to a statewide 75th anniversary advisory committee.

"I find it hard to believe the state parks have been in existence for 75 years and we're just now getting around to getting an advocacy group," Alton said.

Other states and the federal park system have had such groups for years, he pointed out.

Texas State Parks cover more than 650,000 acres and include 123 parks historic sites and natural areas and host more than 20,000,000 visitors per year, TPWD statistics show.

Texans For State Parks is a not-for-profit organization that supports the State Parks, State Historic Sites, and State Natural Areas of Texas.

Its mission is to preserve and enhance the state park system for the benefit of the people of Texas and their guests, its pro-

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Bauer second-grader Gabby Perez displays her medal she won for raising \$206 in the recent Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser. She is the daughter of Richard and Lydia Perez.

## Growing number of farmers ditch plow for no-till methods

LEXINGTON, Ill. (AP) — Jim Kinsella turns a spadeful of black soil on his 640-acre corn and soybean farm, exposing a pack of wriggling earthworms that signal an abundance of organic material.

The soil breaks apart easily in his hands and suffers far less from erosion caused by wind and water. Pheasants and other wildlife flit about in the crackling corn stalks left scattered on the land after harvest.

Kinsella's land is twice as rich in nutrients as it was when he first abandoned deep plowing 21 years ago.

"Farmers are still infatuated with tilling, but they are kind of living in the past," Kinsella said. "The soil plays out. You can only do that for so long."

Across America, an increasing number of farmers are turning to no-till methods to stop loss of topsoil and improve its organic content, conserve ground moisture and reduce runoff of pesticides and fertilizer into lakes, streams and rivers.

"Tillage is a disaster for the soil. It's like a hurricane coming through," said Steve Groff, who runs a no-till 135-acre vegetable farm in Lancaster County, Pa. "I'm going to leave this soil in better condition

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Florida farmer

than when I found it." In simple terms, no-till means just what it says: not plowing the ground, or at least disturbing the topsoil only minimally, to plant seeds.

Crop residue is left on the field over the winter to improve soil quality and stop erosion, and crops are rotated each year to cut down on diseases and insect infestations that take root if the same crop is planted year after year.

To be sure, thousands of farmers are still cranking up their tractors and plowing the land just as their fathers and grandfathers did.

Kinsella said those traditional methods are somewhat easier and do promote faster early growth in crops, because the

soil warms up faster and the nutrients are exposed. Beyond that, he said, many farmers view no-till as a fad with unproven economic consequences.

"Farmers are very traditional and they're very slow to change," he said. "There is a stigma to no-till."

Yet there are some economic benefits to the methods.

Because farmers don't repeatedly go into the fields to plow, on a typical 500-acre farm they can save up to 3.5 gallons of fuel an acre, \$5 an acre on machinery wear and maintenance costs and four 60-hour work weeks in labor time, according to the Conservation Technology Information Center. The center, based in West Lafayette, Ind., is a government-agribusiness partnership that promotes no-till methods.

Conservation Technology's latest statistics show three common conservation tillage systems accounted for almost 110 million acres of farmland in 1997 — or about 37 percent of the total acres planted. Conventional deep plowing with metal disks and blades was practiced on about 107 million acres, while reduced-till farming accounted for another 77 million acres.

## Credit Unions

### Recent Court decision may not effect many financial institutions

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The many credit unions that have remained within the law and abided by their original charter will not be affected by Wednesday's U.S. Supreme Court decision blocking membership expansion, according to the Texas Bankers Association (TBA).

"Their operations bring a diversity to the financial marketplace, but those credit unions which have gone outside of bounds and turned themselves into multi-million dollar entities can no longer expect to be treated as small-time operations that should not be taxed," Robert Harris, president of TBA.

According to TBA, in 1996, Texas banks paid \$1.25 billion in income taxes and \$42.8 million in Texas franchise taxes.

Jim Weaver, president and CEO of Big Spring's largest credit union, Citizens Federal Credit Union, said the court's 5-4 decision shows that not everyone is in agreement with the banking industry.

"Justice Sandra Day O'Connor wrote the dissenting opinion stating that banks did not have a standing to sue on this issue," Weaver said.

As for the size of credit unions versus the taxes banks pay and the profits they make annually, Weaver said the decision will only make credit unions stronger.

"Citizens has \$58 million in assets," Weaver said. "Some 70 percent of America's credit unions have less than \$10 million in assets. Some banks have loans out that are larger than the total assets of some credit unions."

The banking industry is trying to play with a double-edged sword, according to Weaver.

"The banking industry got Congress to pass legislation that allowed banks with fewer than 70 stockholders to be declared Subchapter S organizations, meaning they pay no federal income taxes."

Bright Bank in Dallas is such an institution and has \$1.7 billion in assets.

"We do not want to force anyone out of their existing financial relationship, no matter what the court ruling sets out," Williston said. "It has always been our desire to establish a consumers' common bond that will allow credit unions and community banks to compete fairly."

"IBAT has never wanted to put credit unions out of business, as has been claimed during the heated discussions that have occurred during this long-running court feud," Williston added. "In fact, the lawsuit in

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Jim Weaver

question was brought about because a very small portion of the nation's credit unions — less than 5 percent — chose to ignore a Congressional mandate in an effort to create a tax-exempt banking empire for themselves.

The Federal Credit Union Act of 1934 limits credit union membership to groups having a single common bond of occupation, association or well-defined community.

The intent of the act was to allow members of a church, factory or neighborhood to join together, combine their resources and extend credit to each other, which is how the law worked until 1982 when the NCUA expanded the common bond allowing totally unrelated employer groups to join a single credit union, according to IBAT.

Citizens is a community credit union and was also not the focus of the Supreme Court's ruling.

Weaver said the decision will not directly effect Citizens in any manner.

Weaver sent a letter to Citizens' members saying the decision was certainly a detriment to certain federally chartered credit unions.

The letter also stated, "Citizens is a community chartered credit union under federal law."

"I have no doubt that the U.S. Congress will rapidly address the issues raised by the court's ruling and pass the necessary legislation to protect the right of all consumers to freely choose which financial institution they do business with," Weaver added. "Citizens will be diligently working with pro-consumer groups around the nation to stop the large multi-state banks in their continuing attempts to destroy credit unions."

### WEATHER

Tonight:	Wed:	Thurs:	Fri:

Tonight, fair. Lows 40-45. Wednesday, mostly sunny and breezy. Highs mid 70s to near 80. Wednesday night, fair. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, Chance of showers Saturday, otherwise dry.

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## Valdes, Dawson declare for BSISD school board race

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Two candidates entered the Big Spring Independent School District board of trustees race this week.

Twenty-two-year school board veteran and president, Al Valdes, announced his plans to run for

a ninth-term Monday. First-time candidate Michael (Mike) Dawson filed for election Friday.

"The main reason I decided to run for the school board again is that I love the boys and girls and I'm very, very concerned with their educational achievement," Valdes, a retired FINA employee, said.

A former professional baseball player who moved to Big Spring from Cuba in 1949, Valdes says he has seen many a turbulent time during his board service. Compared to desegrega-

tion, mandated busing, and air-base closings, things now are "pretty quiet," he said.

He plans to continue to work on the new junior high building and fight for funding in the next legislative session.

"There is no telling what the next state legislature will bring to school finances," Valdes said.

His wife, daughter, daughter-in-law, along with several uncles and aunts are teachers. "I have been around teachers for a long time," Valdes announced. "I know the feelings of teachers."

Valdes is president of the Evening Lions Club, and has been a member of the First United Methodist Church for 42 years. He served on the YMCA board of directors for 25 years and coached baseball there for 26 years.

Dawson, a Texas State Trooper with 19 years' experience in law enforcement, said his candidacy is a name submitted for service.

He supports the current long-range goals of the school board

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OBITUARIES

Tommy C. Hubbard

Tommy C. Hubbard, 68, of Big Spring, passed away at 11:15 p.m. on Sunday, March 1, 1998 at Vencor Hospital in Dallas, following a long illness.

Services are 2:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 3, 1998 at Myers & Smith Chapel, with Rev. Roger Hubbard, pastor of Bible Church in Pampa, Texas, officiating. Burial will follow in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Tommy was born on Nov. 28, 1929 in Big Spring, Texas. He married Elisa Narbaiz on Nov. 21, 1973 in Lovington, N.M.

In 1932 his father, Balfour Hubbard, and S.L. Cooper started D&C Packing and in 1956, Tommy and his brother, Junior Hubbard, bought the company and established Hubbard Packing Co. In 1972, they moved to the new building, which he owned until his death. Tommy's son, Dick Hubbard, is now running the business.

He is survived by his wife, Elisa Hubbard of Big Spring; two sons: Dick Hubbard of Big Spring and Mike Hubbard of Coppel, Texas; two stepsons: George Narbaiz of Minnesota and Gilbert Narbaiz of Texarkana; two sisters: Elnora Hart and Pauline Woods, both of Big Spring; two grandchildren: Eric and Ryan Hubbard, and two nephews and three nieces.

He is preceded in death by one daughter, Kasey Lynn Narbaiz on Oct. 2, 1997; his parents: Balfour S. Hubbard and Dollie Mae Campbell Hubbard and one brother, Junior Hubbard on Aug. 10, 1969.

Pallbearers will be Domingo Rocha, Jimmy Olivares, Manuel Valenzuela, Mark Morgan, Aaron Combs and Gary Witte.

(Paid obituary)

Garland Sanders

Garland Sanders, 89, of Big Spring, died Monday, March 2, 1998 in a local hospital.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Baptist Temple Church with Rev. Don Snipes, pastor, officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Mr. Sanders was born March 16, 1908 in Caldwell County, Texas and married Dorothy Stroup on Sept. 9, 1933 in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on Nov. 2, 1981. He later married Maedell Bennett in 1982.

His family moved from Caldwell to Borden County in a

covered wagon when he was only 5 or 6 years old and he spent the rest of his life in this area.

A pilot for many years, he also farmed and owned and operated Garland Sanders Trucking Co. He was still operating it and driving at the time of his death.

He was a charter member of Baptist Temple Church.

Survivors are his wife, Maedell, of Big Spring; three sons: Ronnie Sanders of Houston, Derrell Sanders of Fort Worth and Robbie Sanders of Big Spring; one brother, Cliff Sanders of Austin; one sister, Eula Mae Smith of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Ruth Springer

Ruth Springer, 74, a former long time resident of Lenorah, died Saturday, Feb. 28, 1998 in Granbury.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday in Lenorah Baptist Church with Glenn L. Ward of Granbury officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton.

Mrs. Springer was born Jan. 1, 1924 and married Denver Allen Springer on May 6, 1942 in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 24, 1997.

She was a member of the Lenorah Baptist Church and served as pianist and organist for many years before moving to Granbury seven years ago.

Survivors are two sons: Allen Springer of Midwest City, Okla. and Preston Springer of Granbury; two daughters: Carolyn Ruth Ward and Virginia Mireles, both of Granbury; two brothers: Raymond Stout of Bossier City, La. and Jack Stout of Trinity; a sister, Mary Stout Maxey of Arlington and eight grandchildren.

Lester Wilbanks

Lester Wilbanks, 90, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 1, 1998 at Comanche Trail Nursing Home following a lengthy illness.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Herb Anderson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be in Mount Olive Cemetery.

Mr. Wilbanks was born on June 22, 1907 in Tyler and moved to Big Spring from California on March 1, 1952. He married Callie Rutledge on Nov. 17, 1933 in Shreveport, La. She preceded him in death on Nov. 17, 1989. He later married Mary Janice Robinson on June 11, 1990 in Big Spring.

A member and deacon of Calvary Baptist Church, he was also a member of the Hot Potato Band and the Kentwood Country and Western Band. He served as a fire prevention officer at Webb Air Force Base for 16 years.

Survivors are his wife, Mary, of Big Spring; one son, Bob Wilbanks of Big Spring; one daughter, Betty Smith of Jacksonville, Texas; three stepsons: Roy Robinson of Durango, Colo., Larry Robinson of Odessa and Paul Robinson of Houston; two stepdaughters: Dale Irene Robinson Gibble of Missouri City and Marian London of Temple; nine step-grandchildren and two step-great-grandchildren.

Enoch Lewis Blewett

Enoch Lewis Blewett, 70, of Joshua, died Monday, March 2, 1998 at his residence.

Service will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday at First Baptist Church in Joshua with Rev. Richard Blair officiating. Burial will be at 1 p.m. Thursday in Trinity Memorial

Park, Big Spring.

Mr. Blewett was born Dec. 1, 1927 in Megargel.

A veteran of the United States Air Force, he married Tommye Anne Hill on Aug. 14, 1958 in Big Spring and lived here until 1967 when he moved to Fort Worth. He moved to Joshua in 1969 and had resided there since.

Survivors are his wife, Tommye Anne, of Joshua; five daughters: Kelle Anne Kirkland of Santa Fe, N.M., Velare Keryl Blewett of Joshua, Kaye Lynne Lees of Hobbs, N.M., Kris Suellen Wrinkle of Amarillo and Rebecca Karyn Blewett of Austin; a brother, Tom W. Blewett and six grandchildren.

Pallbearers are Harry Rouse, A.J. Cain, Louis Stallings, Tom Patty, Ray O'Neal, Ed Riley, Tom Nichols and Tom Gilmer.

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motional literature reads.

Its goals are to:

• Provide a united front for users of state parks and related groups on park matters of shared concerns.

• Serve as an information resource for interested persons on state park matters.

• Educate park users, legislators and the general public about state park matters.

• Support stable and adequate financing for the state park system.

• Work in partnership with local state park support groups and other interested groups on state park matters.

• Advise the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and Commission on state-wide matters of importance to state park users and related groups.

Memberships are available for \$5 for youth (under age 18), and from \$25 to \$5,000 for individuals. Group memberships range from \$25 (youth, under age 18) to \$5,000 for businesses.

Information is available by contacting Ron Alton at Big Spring State Park, 263-4931, or writing to Texans For State Parks, P.O. Box 506, Round Rock, TX 78680.

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and says he has pledged to extract the best possible education for the district's students while realizing the district's taxpayer limitations.

One drop-out is too many, he said. "Big Spring is a great place to raise kids and I am optimistic of the future of our school district and our community," he added.

A San Angelo native, Dawson moved to Big Spring in 1976. He is a graduate of Howard College and attended Angelo State University. He has served on the Big Spring City Council's Ambulance Advisory Board, is active in the Big Spring YMCA Youth Basketball League, Little League, and the Big Spring Youth Soccer Association. He and his wife, Evelyn Dawson, have one son, a second-grade student at Kentwood Elementary School.

BIG SPRING  
AROUND THE TOWN

Three at-large, three-year positions are contested this year. Incumbent board member Steve Fraser, the vice-president of a wooden palette company, has said he will run again.

Eight-year veteran member Glynn Mouton announced her retirement this year, citing a lessening of direct personal involvement with the district.

The filing deadline is April 2 at 4:30 p.m. Applications may be filed in English or Spanish at the Big Spring School Business Office between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Cumulative voting rules, where each voter may vote one, two, or three times per candidate, were introduced this year. Board members say these rules may be confusing. A campaign to educate voters on the new rules is planned, school board officials said.

Elections will be held on May 2. Early voting runs from April 13 through April 28, in the County Clerk's office at the Howard County Courthouse.

SPRINGBOARD

IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.

TODAY  
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.

•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•Coahoma Senior Citizens luncheon, 11 a.m., Coahoma Community Center.

WEDNESDAY

•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

•Line-dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

Texas Lottery PICK 3: 8,5,3  
CASH 5:4,19,23,30,38

•State Board of Education Candidate for District 15 Judy Strickland will be at the Howard County Library from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. Come and meet her.

RECORDS

Monday's high 58  
Monday's low 27  
Average high 66  
Average low 34  
Record high 90 in 1974  
Record low 4 in 1917  
Precip. Monday 0.00  
Month to date 0.00  
Month's normal 0.03  
Year to date 1.84  
Normal for the year 1.37

MARKETS

March cotton 66.50 cents, up 55 points; April crude 15.36, up 2 points; Cash hogs 50 cents higher at 34.00; cash steers \$1 higher at 60; April lean hog futures 48.55, down 15 points; April live cattle futures 65.05, down 2 points.

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Texaco	55% + 1/16
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Unocal Corp	37% + 1/8
Wal-Mart	46 15/16 + 1/8

Amcap	16.89-17.92
Euro Pacific	28.85-30.61
I.C.A.	30.08-31.92
New Perspective	21.41-22.72
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	296.50-397.00
Silver	6.32-6.36

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Monday  
4:52 a.m. — 1000 block Baylor, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

8:37 a.m. — 1600 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.  
1:39 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

4:10 p.m. — 1200 block Mesquite, medical call, service refused.

9:09 p.m. — 1000 block W. 4th, medical call, service refused.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• DOYLE RAY MEARS, 23, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/possession of marijuana.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• JUAN RANGEL, 37, was arrested for possession of marijuana with intent to deliver.

• GUADALUPE MORENO was arrested for public intoxication.

• RUNAWAY reported in the 500 block of NW 7th and at the police station.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/VEHICLE reported in the 200 block of W. Marcy.

• CRUELTY TO ANIMALS reported in the 3200 block of Auburn.

• THEFT reported in the 1700 block of Marcy and the 1800 block of Gregg.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 500 block of S. Benton; the 600 block of Caylor and the 2400 block of Morrison.

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NOV. 3, 1998  
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Precinct 205 - Kentwood  
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Precinct 208 - Forsan

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(915) 267-6331  
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MYERS & SMITH  
FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL  
24th & Johnson 267-8288  
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# Searchers discover La Salle's flagship

AUSTIN (AP) — The wrecked flagship of French explorer La Salle has been found by searchers using modern-day technology and some old-fashioned luck, an official with a search group says.

The discovery of the L'Aimable, a ship large enough to haul 11 18-wheeler, came Feb. 23, but wasn't announced until Monday — Texas Independence Day.

It was three years ago that searchers found La Salle's personal ship, the much smaller La Belle, in Matagorda Bay. It was an archaeological project that attracted worldwide attention and yielded hundreds of thousands of artifacts.

The latest find could be even bigger, experts say.

"This is a very significant shipwreck that certainly will contain more artifacts than the La Belle," said Wayne Gronquist, an Austin attorney and president of the National Underwater and Marine Agency.

The agency discovered the L'Aimable covered with sand in about 20 feet of water, Gronquist said.

Authorities are not saying exactly where the find was made.

"There is a tremendous danger that treasure hunters will go out and try to collect the artifacts, and we're not going to allow that," said state Sen. Ken Armbrister, D-Victoria.

"This ship is larger than the La Belle, over 100 feet long. It was the supply ship for La Salle's colony — carrying four cannons, two blacksmith shops, 4,500 pounds of lead, 60 kegs of wine and all the personal belongings of the people who were on board," Gronquist told the Austin American-Statesman.

"It will be a wonderful time capsule of this 17th century French settlement."

Gronquist and Jim Bruseth, director of antiquities protection for the Texas Historical Commission, said state experts will supervise the recovery of artifacts at the site, just as they did for La Belle.

Historians say the L'Aimable ran aground in February 1685 while trying to enter Matagorda Bay, which some historians think La Salle mistook for the mouth of the Mississippi River.

In the early 1680s, La Salle had been exploring the lands west of the Great Lakes and the Mississippi.

King Louis XIV of France commissioned him to establish a settlement at the mouth of the Mississippi to lay claim to the vast adjacent lands.

La Salle had four ships when he left France in July 1684. They were La Belle, L'Aimable, Joly and St. Francois.

Joly, a military escort ship, returned to France once the expedition reached the mouth of Matagorda Bay, according to George Fred Rhodes, chairman of the Calhoun County Historical Commission.

La Belle managed to navigate the channel into the bay, but the Aimable a broad-hulled ship called a flute, ran aground and broke apart on a sandbar.

Left with minimal supplies and one small ship, La Salle's colony of about 180 people moved inland and established Fort St. Louis near present-day Port Lavaca.

# Eight arrested in theft of millions from armored car

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (AP) — While the FBI spent five months looking for David Scott Ghannt, authorities say his accomplices in a \$17 million heist were living the high life — a new car, a new home, even breast implants for one.

As Ghannt and seven others await hearings on charges from the October theft, authorities still have a big unanswered question: Where's most of the money?

Ghannt, 28, was arrested Sunday at Playa del Carmen, Mexico, near the island resort of Cozumel.

He was brought back to Charlotte, where a federal grand jury in October charged him with bank larceny after a van load of cash was stolen from a Loomis, Fargo and Co. warehouse.

In addition to Ghannt, who repaired helicopters for the Army during the Gulf War before becoming a Loomis, Fargo armored car driver, seven other North Carolina residents were arrested Monday.

They are Steve and Michelle Chambers; Kelly Jane Campbell, a former Loomis employee and Ghannt's alleged love interest; Michael McKinney; Thomas Grant; his brother, Eric Grant; and Eric Payne.

Six were charged with aiding, abetting and counseling the commission of a bank larceny, being accessories after the fact and hindering Ghannt's capture. It was unclear this morning whether Eric Grant, who turned himself in later Monday, faced the same charges.

The other six appeared in leg irons Monday before U.S. Magistrate Carl Horn, who ordered them jailed until a bond hearing Thursday.

Two of the suspects — Steven Chambers and McKinney — plotted to kill Ghannt under the guise of bringing him more cash in Mexico, according to arrest affidavits. No related charges have been filed.

While \$14 million is still missing, court documents paint a picture of lavish spending by some of the defendants after the robbery.

According to court documents, federal agents began looking at the spending habits of Steven and Michelle Chambers after being tipped by a confidential informant suspicious of "their sudden wealth."

Chambers himself was a former FBI informant who had provided information "on a then future Loomis armored car robbery which never materialized," the documents said.

Within 24 days of the real heist, Chambers went from a mobile home to a \$635,000 home in Cramer Mountain Country Club, authorities said. His wife, they said, got breast implants and used cash to purchase a 1998 BMW Z3 sports car.

From Oct. 6 through Feb. 20, the couple made 47 deposits totaling \$271,500 at a Belmont bank, and at one point Michelle Chambers tried to get an official bank check with \$200,000 in cash, authorities said.

Investigators also discovered the couple had bought a furniture business for \$100,000 and purchased a \$43,000 diamond ring.

The court documents said Payne's lifestyle also changed immediately after the theft.

He took a three-week vacation and bought a Harley-Davidson motorcycle and Chevrolet Tahoe, and his wife quit her job as a receptionist, affidavits said.

As for Ghannt, he was reported missing by his wife Oct. 5, the same day the armored car company reported the theft and said one of its vans was missing. Authorities found his pickup truck next to the Loomis building.

After the robbery, surveillance tapes and photographs showed a man believed by authorities to be Ghannt putting bags of money onto a cart in the vault at Loomis, Fargo's offices in Charlotte, and then into a company van. The van was later found with \$3 million inside.

It was the second heist at Loomis, Fargo last year. In Jacksonville, Fla., a year ago, a Loomis, Fargo employee pulled a gun on two co-workers in a \$18.8 million robbery.

All but \$186,000 from that theft — believed to be the biggest in U.S. history — was recovered in a storage building in Mountain Home, N.C.

# U.N. council warns of 'consequences' if Iraq violates deal

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — The Security Council has warned Iraq of "severest consequences" if it violates a deal to open presidential palaces to U.N. arms inspectors, but key members said it did not give a green light for a U.S. attack if Baghdad breaks the accord.

In Iraq today, Foreign Minister Mohammed Saeed al-Sahhaf said the resolution was a "face-saving" measure for the United States but promised that Baghdad would not violate the agreement.

"If there is any real meaning in this resolution, then it is the adoption and the endorsement" of the agreement, al-Sahhaf said in an interview with Associated Press Television. "The rest is some kind of political rhetoric."

In a unanimous vote Monday night, the 15-member council endorsed the accord signed last week in Baghdad by Deputy Prime Minister Tariq Aziz and U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan to open the palaces and avert a threatened U.S.-British attack.

Annan said if his deal holds, he believed "we will be moving on to a period when Iraq will complete its obligations and the council can begin thinking of lifting the sanctions" imposed more than seven years ago.

The resolution, drafted by Britain and Japan, declared that "any violation (of the Annan accord) would have severest consequences for Iraq."

In Washington, President Clinton hailed the agreement and called on Iraq "to turn the commitment it has made into full compliance."

"Tonight's unanimous vote of the United Nations Security Council sends the clearest possible message: Iraq must make good on its commitment to give the international weapons inspectors immediate, unconditional and unrestricted access to any suspect site, any place, any time," Clinton said in a statement.

U.S. Ambassador Bill Richardson said the vote was a victory for the United States, noting the resolution included the "severest consequences" warning that Washington had demanded.

Several council members insisted that the resolution was not a blank check for U.S. military action unless the council authorizes it.

The United States has maintained that it has sufficient authority to use force under several resolutions enacted since 1991.

British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook agreed.

"It has always been our position that there was already existing legal authority for military action to enforce the existing undertakings from Iraq and that is not changed by this resolution," Cook said on BBC radio.

France, Russia, China and others have disputed that interpretation.

"No one can ignore the adoption of the memorandum today and attempt to bypass the authority of the Security Council," said Russia's U.N. ambassador, Sergey Lavrov.

"The resolution contains nothing that would go beyond the boundaries of any of the agreements achieved by the secretary-general in Baghdad," Annan said it was now up to the Iraqis to comply.

"Whether the threat to international peace and security has been averted for all time is now in the hands of the Iraqi leadership," he said.

Under Annan's agreement, Iraq agreed to allow U.N. inspectors, accompanied by diplomats, to visit eight presidential palaces that Baghdad had placed off limits.

# Poll: Mattox leading Demo race for AG

AUSTIN (AP) — Former Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox holds a comfortable lead in the Democratic primary race for his old job, according to the latest Texas Poll.

But the survey showed high numbers of undecided voters in that and nearly all statewide races, making them tough to call.

The poll, published today by several Texas media outlets, showed 46 percent of likely Democratic voters planning to vote for Mattox in the March 10 primary.

Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet and perennial candidate Gene Kelly each drew 8 percent in the poll. Nearly 40 percent had no response, said they were undecided or supported none of the candidates named.

The Scripps Howard Texas Poll of 1,001 adult Texans was conducted by telephone Feb. 16-26. It has a margin of error of plus or minus 6.4 percentage

points in the Republican primary and plus or minus 6 percentage points in the Democratic primary.

In the Republican race to replace Democratic Attorney General Dan Morales, who is not seeking another term, the poll showed Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson with 25 percent of the vote to 14 percent for former state GOP chief Tom Pauken.

Former state Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn had 8 percent.

Fifty-three percent remained undecided, didn't answer or supported none of the candidates in the GOP race for attorney general.

James Riddles, a political science professor at Texas Christian University, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram that the high number of undecided voters makes most statewide races a tossup.

"I think it's impossible to know how to predict the out-

come of the election," Riddles said. "My guess is that if there's low turnout, that obviously would benefit the guy who's ahead right now. But it's hard to interpret nonresults."

Other poll results showed GOP land commissioner candidate David Dewhurst, a Houston businessman, and state Sen. Jerry Patterson running neck-and-neck at 23 percent and 24 percent, respectively.

Forty-one percent remained undecided in that race.

The Republican race for railroad commissioner is also close, according to the poll. Former Secretary of State Tony Garza and former U.S. Rep. Steve Stockman had 23 percent and 24 percent, respectively. Forty-six percent were undecided.

In the Democratic race for railroad commissioner, Hunsville lawyer Joe B. Henderson leads Austin realtor Gary Dugger by a 19 percent to 7 percent margin, but 66 percent were undecided.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Hawks show mettle on way to playoffs

For the fourth time in the past five years, the Howard College men's basketball team has qualified for the Region V tournament. While that in itself is not earth-shattering news — Howard has a history of qualifying teams for the playoffs — there's something about this squad that sets it apart from its predecessors.

When head coach Tommy Collins looked at his squad in the preseason, he had every reason to be confident about a successful season. There was experience, talent and depth to be found in the Hawks' 1997-98 roster.

That was last year. Since then, as the saying goes, things happened. Before the season even started, four players were kicked off the squad after being arrested on drug charges. And a fifth was allowed to stay at Howard, but would have to sit out the first semester.

A sixth player, who was penciled in as the team's point guard, became homesick and left school the first day of classes. And two more players left in the early going, leaving Collins with 10 players.

The early part of the season was spent trying to get new players accustomed to each other and develop some sort of team chemistry. That effort received a jolt in December when Collins learned that the team's leading scorer, guard/wing Darryl Green, was leaving school to care for his ill mother.

Now, a team with only nine players on roster and a 7-9 record began play in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference, one of the toughest junior college leagues in the country.

Surprisingly, the Hawks tore through the conference schedule, winning six games and losing just one in the first half of league play.

But the injury bug wasn't through with Howard. Starting guard Ron Bartholomew suffered a broken leg in January, and a recent foot ailment has sophomore Elmer Brown on the sidelines.

Somehow, though, the Hawks have persevered, and succeeded. They finished the regular season tied for third place in the WJCAC, qualifying the team for the regional tournament.

"They've really persevered through a lot of problems," Collins said. "You've got to be impressed by what they've accomplished through a lot of adversity."

And you can be impressed with Collins, as well. Holding this team together and keeping it focused, despite all the setbacks, is no small feat. In fact, there are some who swear Collins did it all with smoke and mirrors.

There's more to it than that, however. This team learned grit somewhere along the way. It wouldn't surprise us to discover that the team's determination was a trait learned from its coach.

## OTHER VIEWS

Unless there is a demon lurking in the details, the agreement reached between Kofi Annan and Saddam Hussein has averted, at least for now, a U.S. attack that might have taken a substantial toll on Iraq's population. Confronted with the threat of devastating air strikes, Hussein backed down and pledged to give United Nations inspectors full and unfettered access to all suspected weapons sites. The big question now is whether Hussein, who ignored a similar commitment just last November, will live up to his promises this time or quickly resume scheming to sabotage the inspections program and preserve his capacity to make weapons of mass destruction. Given his deep-rooted instinct for duplicity, no one would be surprised if Hussein made this new agreement with no intention of honoring it. For all the worthy diplomatic efforts undertaken to resolve peacefully the face-off with Iraq, in the end it was Washington's clear willingness to unleash a torrent of rockets and bombs that brought Hussein

to his senses. It will take that same threat of destruction to make him keep his word.

CHICAGO TRIBUNE

With Myrlie Evers-Williams stepping down, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People has chosen the veteran legislator and civil rights worker Julian Bond to replace her as chairman. In Mr. Bond, the nation's oldest civil rights organization has selected a solid, charismatic figure with proven credentials and a steady compass on race relations. The group endured sharp program cuts to wipe out its (\$3 million) deficit under the three-year tenure of Ms. Evers-Williams, who it is now clear, has done a fine job of untangling a bureaucratic mess. New policies have yet to be articulated, but given that the battle for racial justice is far from complete, it is good to see the N.A.A.C.P. back in the fray with a team of committed leaders.

THE NEW YORK TIMES

# Same sex discrimination — is this for real?

By BONNIE ERBE  
Scripps Howard

My American Heritage Dictionary defines "discriminate" as follows: "To make distinctions on the basis of class or category without regard to individual merit; show preference or prejudice. 1. To perceive the distinguishing features of; recognize as distinct."

Now, maybe I'm crazy, but I'm having a bit of trouble with a new class of discrimination lawsuits in which members of one class are accused of discriminating, intentionally or unintentionally, against members of the same class.

To wit, the Supreme Court this term will determine whether white men can discriminate against other white men, and the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission is pursuing a case against a female restaurant owner who unintentionally discriminated against women.

In the men's case, one off-shore oil roustabout named Joseph Oncale was threatened with rape, physically violated in a sexual way and generally terrorized by other male co-workers. When he complained to his supervisors that other males (a supervisor among them) were assaulting him

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thusly, his complaints were ignored and his pleas for help were casually dismissed.

During Supreme Court oral arguments, a majority of the justices seemed poised to hold that indeed, same-sex discrimination is a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act, the same federal statute that is employed against more traditional sex discrimination, that most often of men against women.

In the women's case, the EEOC is doggedly pursuing the female owner of one of the most famous restaurants in America, Miami Beach's Joe's Stone Crabs. The female owner was found guilty last summer by a federal judge of unintentionally hiring an all-male wait staff. Damages are to be assessed later this year. Between 1986 and 1991 not one of the 108 waiters hired was a woman. Joe's wait staff is known to earn as much as \$50,000 in tips alone. So even though most of the restaurants managers are women, the

mostly-male waiters earn considerably more than their mostly-female managers.

Joe's owner, Jo Ann Bass, laughs off the legal pursuit as some sort of joke, because she's known as a progressive pillar of her community. Still, she uses the stale excuse of not having been able to find "qualified" women to hire — you know, they did not appear at her door, so she felt she did not have to go locate them. Excuse me, but how many qualifications does one need to wait tables? Ms. Bass says most women are incapable of carrying 40-pound trays, a necessary part of waiting tables at Joe's.

Curiously enough, however, since being sued by the EEOC, Joe's has managed to assemble a wait staff which is 25 percent female, and the women it has hired are hauling around those 40 pound trays just fine.

Despite the apparent culpability of both parties, it still seems that the term "discrimi-

nation" is misused. Can one "discriminate" against a class of which one is a member? The theory behind illegal discrimination is to pick out a characteristic belonging to someone else that is different from one's self, and to treat that person dissimilarly on account of something about that person that is beyond his or her control.

The EEOC has defined two types of sexual harassment or discrimination on the job. First there's "quid pro quo," discrimination in which requests for sexual favors are tied to promotions or other conditions of employment. Then there is the so-called "hostile environment," in which the behavior at issue interferes with an individual's ability to do the job or creates a hostile environment.

But if people of the same sex are now going to begin suing each other over alleged discrimination, it seems to this stickler for grammatical exactitude that something other than sex discrimination should be the charge.

(Bonnie Erbe, host of the PBS program "To the Contrary," writes this column weekly for Scripps Howard News Service. Her E-mail address is 102404,3317@CompuServe.com.)



### Once a geek, old flame is now hip

My family was a keyboard family. The same way certain adults drove Fords, others only Chevrolests, my parents swore by keyboard instruments, not stringed ones. Nuts to catguts.

Not that any of us Grimseys really played much of anything. My older sister and I took piano lessons for years and mastered a few recital duets. She tackled the more difficult bass half with authority; I did a timid treble.

And Daddy, of course, played Webb Pierce records. When I begged to quit piano and take up guitar — folk singing was cool back then — Daddy laid down the law. If I wanted to do piano lessons, I could take accordion. Those were the options. It was 1965. I was 12. We struck a deal.

What girl could foresee the hellish halls of junior high and the torment of a tall boy named Zane Smith? Zane followed me

with his long arms making exaggerated squeezing motions and his voice uttering a wheezing donkey's bray. It was a great joke, all at my expense, of course.

Then there was the curse of competence. As bad as I'd been at piano, something about what the French call a "poor man's piano" came easily for me. I won second place in a local talent show. You should have heard me on the "Twelfth Street Rag." In one sense, my timing was perfect; in another, it was bad.

Mine was the generation of Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin, neither of whom played the squeeze box. Guitars and rock were hot; accordions were Saturday nights at home, watching Lawrence Welk. Or, as an Associated Press writer recently analyzed it: "By then the accordion was beginning to buckle under the weight of musical and social revolution."

The accordion was a joke. A bad, Zane Smith joke. In high school I bought a guitar with my own money and taught myself chords. I put my geeky accordion away, back in the darkest corner of the closet. As an adult, I played occasionally, but only while alone or in the company of close

friends. There was a brief period of jammng with a bluegrass fiddler, but we both lived so deep in the Alabama piney woods I figured nobody would know.

Once, in the 1980s, I was short of cash and tried to sell Old Blue in the classifieds. There were no takers.

In the 1990s there were distinct signs of an accordion comeback. I heard faint recordings, in country music, in commercials and movies. The Cajun music revival showcased melodeons, made them cool actually. I even bought one of those. I felt I deserved it.

While in France it was a thrill to find that entire weekends in picturesque villages were devoted to accordion festivals. And it wasn't a joke, but popular tradition.

The French grooved on accordion.

Then I read that AP story about accordions, about how they're becoming hip. A music company reported it sold 20 percent more accordions this year. Billy Joel and Paul Simon used accordions in recent recordings. Irish music has become more popular and it, too, features accordion parts.



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## Lady Steers' Hughes, Lott named all-district; Light top newcomer

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
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Although Big Spring's Lady Steers saw their string of six consecutive District 4-4A basketball titles come to an end this season, they still managed to take their share of individual honors when the league's coaches met to select their all-district team.

"There were some surprises," Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor said when the all-district voting was announced. "Of course, there usually are."

With the Lady Steers not having won the district title, Taylor realized someone else would dominate the balloting for this year's honor team. Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs, who usurped Big Spring's crown, took the lion's share of honors with junior post Vanessa Lehrmann being named the district's most valuable player and C.E.

Carmichael selected by his peers as 4-4A's coach of the year.

Lehrmann averaged more than 20 points per game in leading the Lady Mustangs to a championship playoff win over Andrews, as Sweetwater advanced into the second round of the playoffs before running afoul of state tournament qualifier Canyon Randall's Lady Raiders.

In addition, the Lady Mustangs garnered two more spots on the all-district team, as Lindsay Leperd and Kori Clemens, both upperclassmen, were honored.

With the exception of Lehrmann and San Angelo Lake View sophomore, the team was populated entirely by seniors.

With Andrews and Big Spring both reaching the second round of the playoffs before closing their seasons, it was no surprise that the all-district reflected that parity. Only cellar-dwelling

Fort Stockton's Prowlers failed to garner a spot on the honors squad.

Lady Steers guard Marlana Light, who transferred to Big Spring from Forsan for her senior season, was the coaches' pick for Newcomer of the Year honors, while classmates Kara Hughes and Keesha Lott.

Three Big Spring players — seniors Maggie Haddad, Nadia Cole and Traci Bellinghausen — also earned honorable mention accolades.

Rounding out the team were Andrews' Tami Sutton and Kayla Kimberlin, Pecos' Lorie Marquez and Penny Armstrong and Lake View's Stacy Bartz.

The selection process calls for coaches to nominate their players for the all-district team, but they are not allowed to vote for their own nominees — leaving the total number of votes possible at five.

### District 4-4A Girls Basketball All-District Team

Player	School	Class
Tami Sutton	Andrews	Sr.
Lorie Marquez	Pecos	Sr.
Lindsay Leperd	Sweetwater	Sr.
Kara Hughes	Big Spring	Sr.
Keesha Lott	Big Spring	Sr.
Hillery Lee	Lake View	Soph.
Kayla Kimberlin	Andrews	Sr.
Kori Clemens	Sweetwater	Sr.
Staci Bartz	Lake View	Sr.
Penny Armstrong	Pecos	Sr.

MVP: Vanessa Lehrmann, Jr., Sweetwater.  
NEWCOMER OF YEAR: Marlana Light, Sr., Big Spring.  
COACH OF YEAR: C.E. Carmichael, Sweetwater.

## Forsan's Rios qualifies for state lifting meet; Buffs prime for region

HERALD Staff Report

Forsan powerlifters continued to enjoy success during the weekend, in both girls' and boys' meets.

Queens lifter Connie Rios, competing in the 114-pound weight class, turned in combined lifts totaling 550 pounds to not only win her class in the girls' regional meet in Cisco, but was named the winner of the meet's Most Outstanding Lifter award.

Rios now advances to the girls' state meet in Killeen on March 27.

Buff lifters took part in a meet at Colorado City, and earned four placing finishes in

the final event prior to regional competition.

Dale Dolloff again led the Forsan lifters with a second-place finish in the 275-pound weight class, turning combined lifts of 1,215 pounds.

Teammate Daniel Smith added a third-place finish in the 132 class with lifts totaling 815 pounds.

Forsan also got fifth-place finishes from Dereck Wash in the 148-pound class, and Brian Mims in the 181-pound class. Wash's combined lifts totaled 755 pounds, while Mims lifted a total of 1,090 pounds.

The Buffs will return to Colorado City on March 14 for the boys' regional meet.

## HAWKS DRAW McLENNAN



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Guard Clifton Cook (5) sets up the Howard's offense during the Hawks' final home game of the season against Clarendon last week. The Hawks, who finished third in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference standings, will face McLennan Community College at 1 p.m. Sunday in the opening round of the Starburst Region V, Reg'on XIV Championship Tournament in Waco.

## Even shorthanded, Lady Steers romp to win in first meet

### Steers take sixth in boys' division

HERALD Staff Report

Piling up points from the outset Saturday, Big Spring's Lady Steers turned strong performances in the field events and two relay wins into the team championship in the girls' varsity division of the Sandhills Relays in Monahans.

The Lady Steers piled up 150 points to edge out San Angelo Lake View's Maidens, who finished the meet with 122 points, while Kermit was third in the girls' division with 96.

Big Spring's Steers, lacking the depth their female counterparts enjoyed, finished sixth in the boys' varsity division with 33 points, far off the pace of 184 points set by Lake View's Chiefs.

In junior varsity divisions, the Lady Steers JV again proved depth was the key, taking their division with 130 points, 10 more than the host Lady Lobo JV could muster and 20 more than Anthony's varsity.

The Steers JV was sixth in its division with just 18 points. Monahans won that division with 152 points, while Fort Stockton's JV was 10 points back and Van Horn's varsity was third with 77 points.

Despite being without the services of long jumper and triple jumper Keesha Lott and shot put specialist Nadia Cole, the Lady Steers took first place in the long jump with Angelica Hinojos' leap of 15-10 1/2, as well as second and third places in the shot with Leandra Williams and Karen Paradez.

Gina Valdez added a third-place finish in the discus and Alexis Casillas was third in the high jump, while a trio of Big Spring triple jumpers earned points in the triple jump.

Hinojos was second in the triple jump with 30-10 1/4, while Marlana Light was third and April McGee was sixth.

The Lady Steers JV was not as prolific in the field events, but got a first-place finish in the high jump when Melissa Flenniken cleared the bar at 4-10. They also got second-place finishes from Erin Matschke in the triple jump and long jump.

Bridgett Wilson chalked up

the Lady Steers first running events points with a fifth place in the 3,200 meters.

Big Spring's girls won both 400-meter relays and again put the top four in the track for the 800-meter relay.

The Steers' first points came from Marco Torres who won the varsity boys' 800 meters with a 2:00.7 clocking, while teammate Rolando Ledesma was sixth. In the JV division, Orlando Muniz took the young Steers' first win.

Vickey Chavez took a second place in the girls' junior varsity 800 meters, while teammate Miranda Viasana was fourth and Nikki Daniels was second in the 100-meter hurdles.

The Lady Steers varsity picked up more points when Lisa Rocha finished sixth in the 100 hurdles before the Big Spring girls dominated the 100 meters finals. Hinojos took a first in the event for the Lady Steers, while April McGee was third. The Lady Steers JV got a first-place clocking of 13.4 seconds from Melissa Forth, while Matschke was second and Angela McGee was fourth.

Colby Ford provided the Steers only points in the 100 meters, finishing fifth. Doug White added more points with a third-place finish in the 400 meters and the Steer JV got a fourth in the 400 from Blair Nutting.

Carrie Mercillott was fourth in the girls' varsity 400 and third in the 200 meters, while Rocha added a fourth in the 300-meter low hurdles. Daniels gave the Lady JV a first in the 300 hurdles, as well.

The Lady Steers JV dominated the 200 meters, also, Amanda Rubio winning the event, while Amanda Turney was fourth and Kristie Gunselmann was sixth. Jimmie Hawkins gave the Steers a fourth in the 200 meters before the milers took the track.

Wilson gave the Lady Steers third-place points in the 1,600 meters, while Torres won the boys' varsity event with a 4:31.0 clocking. The Lady Steers JV got third-place points in the event from Chavez, while Viasana was sixth.

The Lady Steers close out their total with a second-place clocking in the 1,600-meter relay at 4:18.5, while the Steer JV was fifth in the final event.

## Tech answers NCAA charges

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK — Texas Tech has responded to 18 allegations of NCAA rules violations, but the university's top attorney says details from the cumbersome document won't be available until later this month.

It will take two to three weeks to delete athletes' names from the more than 600-page document, Tech general counsel Pat Campbell said Monday. By law, the students' names must be removed from records before they're made public.

Tech is responding to NCAA charges released Nov. 3 after a 20-month investigation. At the time, NCAA enforcement director David Berst called the case

"major in nature."

On Oct. 2, the school admitted that administrative errors allowed 76 athletes to compete ineligibly in eight sports in the 1990s. Also, Tech awarded too many scholarships in football, baseball, men's golf and men's track.

The other 16 charges focus on men's basketball and football. Tech coaches, administrators and boosters are accused of academic fraud, providing unapproved benefits to players and failing to exert enough institutional control.

The response was required before Tech appears before the NCAA Committee on Infractions, probably on the weekend of April 24.

## Sele searching for fresh start with Rangers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Aaron Sele made a good first impression with the Boston Red Sox in 1993. Then he spent the next four seasons trying to match it.

Now, he's continuing the quest with the Texas Rangers, who traded outfielder Damon Buford and catcher Jim Leyritz to the Red Sox for Sele, pitcher Mark Brandenburg and catcher Bill Haselman in the off-season.

Sele admits it was time to leave Boston, giving him something in common with former teammate Roger Clemens, who went to the Toronto Blue Jays

last season and won his fourth Cy Young Award.

"Look what it did for Roger," Sele said. "It was one of those things where maybe people got a mindset one way about me. It's good to get the opportunity to change all that and go out and compete."

"I spent five years there and I love the city and the way the fans support baseball, even in all those hard times. It wasn't my decision to leave, but I'm happy to be in Texas."

Called up by the Red Sox in his third pro season in 1993, Sele was 6-0 in his first eight major league starts. He finished the season 7-2 with a 2.74 ERA

in 18 starts.

That's as good as it got.

After going 8-7 in 1994, Sele made only six major league starts in 1995 before a sore right arm sent him to the minors for the rest of the season for rehabilitation. He was 7-11 in 1996 with another visit to the disabled list in late August because of a strained muscle in his rib cage.

Sele led Boston in victories with a 13-12 record and 5.38 ERA last season, allowing 198 hits and walking 80 with 122 strikeouts.

"We didn't have a good team there," Sele said. "The only year we won was 1995 and that

was the year I was hurt. It's tough to play anywhere when you lose."

Sele's curveball, which wowed people his rookie year, is still his top weapon.

"He's rare in that he has the ability to throw his curve over the plate in today's strike zone," Rangers pitching coach Dick Bosman said. "That takes a lot of skill and ability."

But Bosman isn't ready to start assessing his newest starter.

"When a guy comes in here new I get to know him before I say anything," Bosman said. "I respect him for what he's done."

## SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

### Little League umpires meeting slated

The Big Spring Little League Baseball Association has scheduled a meeting for prospective umpires for 7 p.m. Monday at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 W. Third.

The association is in desperate need of umpires for the coming season and invites anyone interested in learning to call games to attend the meeting.

For more information, contact Donald Spence at 267-7780 or Michael King at 267-2939.

### Steers JV wins one, loses two in tourney

Big Spring's Steers junior varsity rebounded from losses at the hands of Andrews and San Angelo Lake View to take a 12-3 win over Kermit.

Arthur Olague turned in a masterful two-hit pitching performance in the win over Kermit, striking out eight.

The young Steers were led in hitting by Bowe Butler, who had five hits during the tournament, while Ricky Solis had four. Daniel Beauchamp had three hits, including a home run.

### Softball leagues seeking umpires

Church and industrial slowpitch softball leagues are currently seeking people interested in working as umpires this season.

Those interested are asked to attend an umpires meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday at 2225 Lynn Drive in Big Spring.

For more information, contact Ray Berry at 264-0890 or Jessie Rios at 264-6129.

### YMCA planning indoor soccer program

The Big Spring YMCA is currently taking registration forms from youngsters interested in taking part in an indoor soccer league.

No tryouts for the program will be held. All boys and girls from kindergarten through the sixth grade are encouraged to take part.

The deadline for registrations is Saturday. To contact YMCA officials, call 267-8234.

### 'Meet the Pro' tennis social is Saturday

A "Meet the Pro" tennis social has been scheduled for 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center.

Set as an afternoon of tennis fun for players of

all levels, the event will be a chance for members of the community to meet tennis professional Jim Blacketer, discuss their tennis needs and learn about upcoming tennis programs.

### Special Olympics coaches training slated

A number of Special Olympics programs are currently in need of volunteers willing to serve as coaches.

Anyone interested in helping coach bowling, softball, track and field or swimming is asked to attend a coaches' training school set for 10 a.m. Saturday at the Howard County ARC, located at 8:03 E. Third.

For more information, contact Kaye Wylie with Howard County Special Olympics at 264-5095 or Area 18 Special Olympics at (915) 684-5024.

### Spring break tennis camp scheduled

A spring break tennis camp has been scheduled for Monday through Friday, March 9-13, at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

The camp, which will have a limited enrollment will be designed for midstate, beginner

intermediate and advanced players.

Midgets, youngsters between the ages of 6 and 9 just learning the game, will have classes from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.. The five hours of camp instruction will be priced at \$30 per player.

Beginners classes will be from 10 a.m. to noon each day, while intermediate sessions are from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and advanced players' classes will be from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. The fee for those classes is \$65 per player.

For more information, contact Jim Blacketer by calling 624-6834.

### USGA softball registration continuing

Registration for youngsters interested in playing on a United Girls Softball Association team this season will continue through Friday at the Big Spring Mall.

USGA officials will man the registration booth from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. each day, and those signing up are asked to bring a copy of their birth certificate, regardless of whether or not they've played in the program before.

Late registrations will be accepted at Sound Decision from Saturday through March 16, but a late fee will be required.

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