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## Another setback at junior high site; Monterey struggles to catch up

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

The new Big Spring Junior High School construction project suffered another setback Monday.

A Lubbock worker's death Friday forced Monterey Construction Company, Inc. to postpone pouring of concrete terrazzo floors until later this week, said Ron Logback, assistant business manager for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Workers at the Lubbock site attended their co-worker's funeral Monday, postponing the pour's starting date by one or more days, Logback said.

More than 25,000 square feet of terrazzo will eventually be installed in the new junior high.

Terrazzo is white concrete mixed with marble chips and sanded to a high gloss. It is extremely durable and looks like speckled eggshells.

Sixty percent of the building will be floored in terrazzo, Logback said. Pouring will con-

tinue for two-to-three months. The pour marks the first step toward the finishing process, he said.

A statewide building boom is still making it difficult for Monterey to overcome delays caused by faulty mortar discovered last fall, job superintendent Milton Smith of Monterey Construction reported Monday.

Shortages of bricklayers, despite offers of \$22 an hour, have failed to produce the extra workers needed to put the project back on schedule, Smith

said.

"We could still use more help in the bricklaying area," Smith said. "But there's so much work going on in this area right now, and all over Texas."

Construction on the junior high building has been delayed since September 1997, when stress tests conducted by BSISD found 5 percent of the building's mortar failed to meet city standards and architectural specifications.

Patches of mortar are believed to have dried too quickly caus-

ing them to be brittle and possibly less durable.

During a series of meetings in January, the board discussed possible litigation and gave directions to the architect to pursue options to correct the deficient mortar, officials said.

Monterey Construction agreed to correct the mortar problems at no cost to the district.

Replacing the weakest mortar sections eventually pushed the junior high's opening date from August to December of this year.

Other subcontractors reported success in locating employees to stay on schedule. "I hired three people last week," said Virgil Graham, supervisor for Stover Electric.

The three Big Spring residents joined other employees in pulling wire in the classrooms, Graham said. As the project approaches completion, they will also install fixtures. Stover Electric is also working on construction at the new dorm being built for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

## County hopefuls in runoff

Kilgore, Metcalf vie for Prec. 2 nod

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

The day incumbent Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore and challenger John Wayne Metcalf have waited for for almost a month is here.

Voters will decide the Republican runoff election between Kilgore and Metcalf to see who will face Democrat Roosevelt Shaw in the November general election.

Polls opened today at 7 a.m. and will remain open until 7 p.m.

During last week's four-day early voting period, 359 early ballots were cast for the runoff.

Kilgore and Metcalf also went to a runoff in 1994 and had 318 people cast early ballots in that contest. Another 593 ballots were cast during the actual runoff for a total of 906 ballots.

Both candidates entered the 1994 runoff with Metcalf ahead of Kilgore following the primary election, but Kilgore was able to close the gap in the month after the primary and won the Republican nomination by just 14 votes.

Howard County voters are also casting ballots today to select a Republican nominee as Attorney General. That race is being contested by Barry Williamson and John Cornyn.

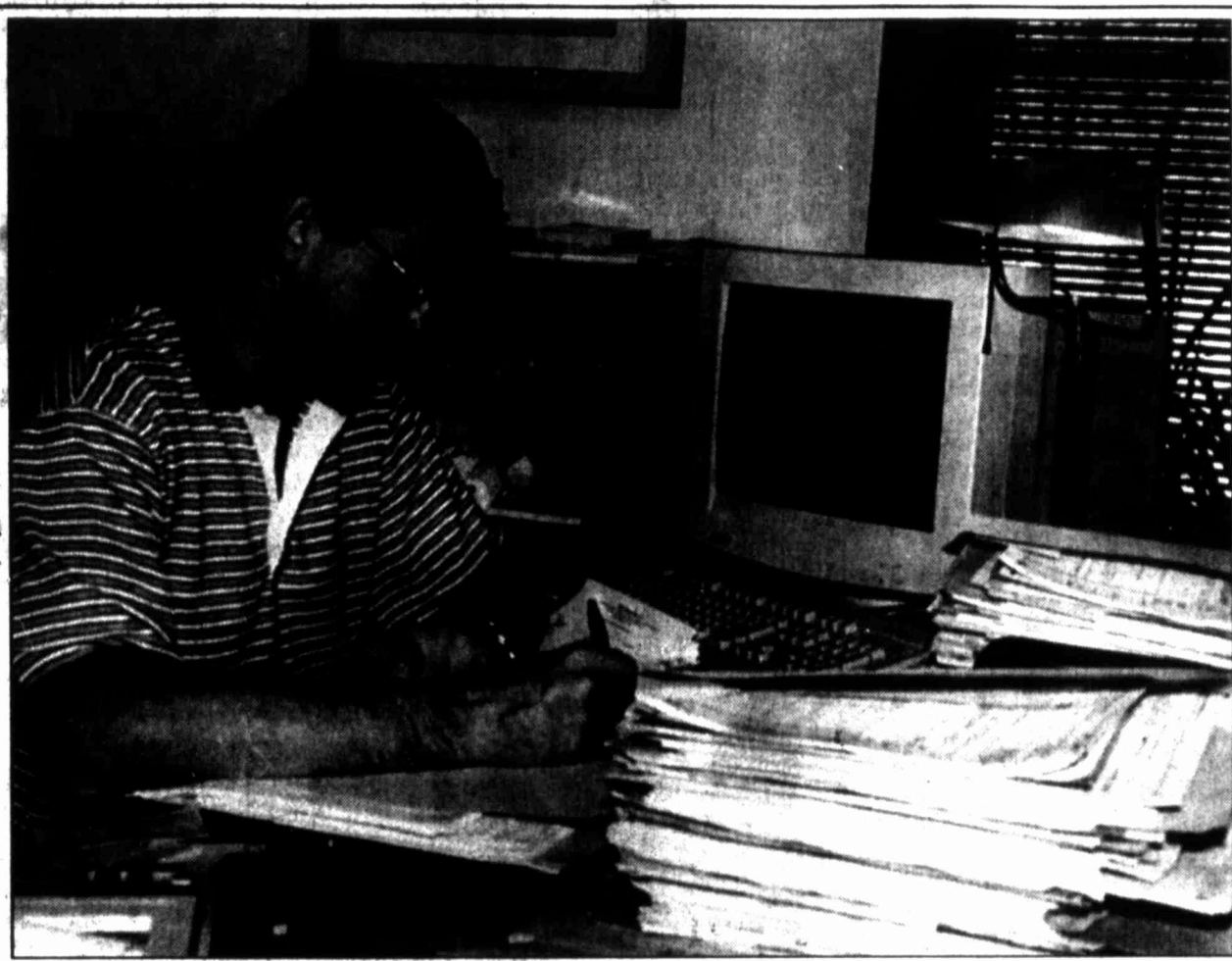
Also on the runoff ballot are two positions on the Court of Criminal Appeals. Place 1 is a race between Mike Keasler and Vicki Isaacks and Place 2 is being contested by Harvey Hudson and Cheryl Johnson.

For today's runoff, only two polling places will be used. Goliad Middle School for Precincts 101-112, 301-306, 401-408, 410, and 202-205 and 208. Precincts 207 and 409 will vote at Coahoma City Hall.

Only voters in Precinct 2 are able to vote in the county commissioners race, but those voters who didn't vote at all on March 10 or who are registered to vote but didn't may vote in other statewide runoff races.

Metcalf and Kilgore reached a runoff for the second time after voters gave them the majority of votes cast on March 10.

Kilgore received 451 votes (45.56 percent) to 356 votes (35.96 percent) for Metcalf in the primary.



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Certified Public Accountant Mark Morgan works on a pile of tax returns at his office Monday. Wednesday is the deadline to file your income tax returns. The local post office will be open from 9 a.m. to midnight Wednesday for last-minute filings.

## Annual tax deadline hits Wednesday

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Residents who have not yet filed their 1997 income tax returns have a little more than 24 hours correct the situation.

Postmaster Richard Saxton said the post office will close at 5 p.m. Wednesday and reopen at 9 p.m. and remain open until midnight.

"People will be able to buy

stamps, our windows will be open and we will offer full service for those three hours for late filers," Saxton said. "As long as people get their returns to us before midnight, they will receive an April 15 cancellation."

People filing late may also request an extension, but that still may not excuse any IRS penalty or late fee.

The important thing is to let

the IRS know what you're doing and how you intend to do it.

Despite the deadline being so close, there are still some helpful tax tips that can help late filers meet the deadline avoid the dreaded tax headache.

The following are some of the more frequent and often asked questions by people

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## DeAnda makes first try for mayoral post

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

For the first time in several elections, the race for Big Spring mayor has multiple candidates, including former city councilwoman Pat DeAnda.



DeANDA

DeAnda is challenging incumbent Tim Blackshear, who is seeking his third term, and local resident Wendell D. McDonald.

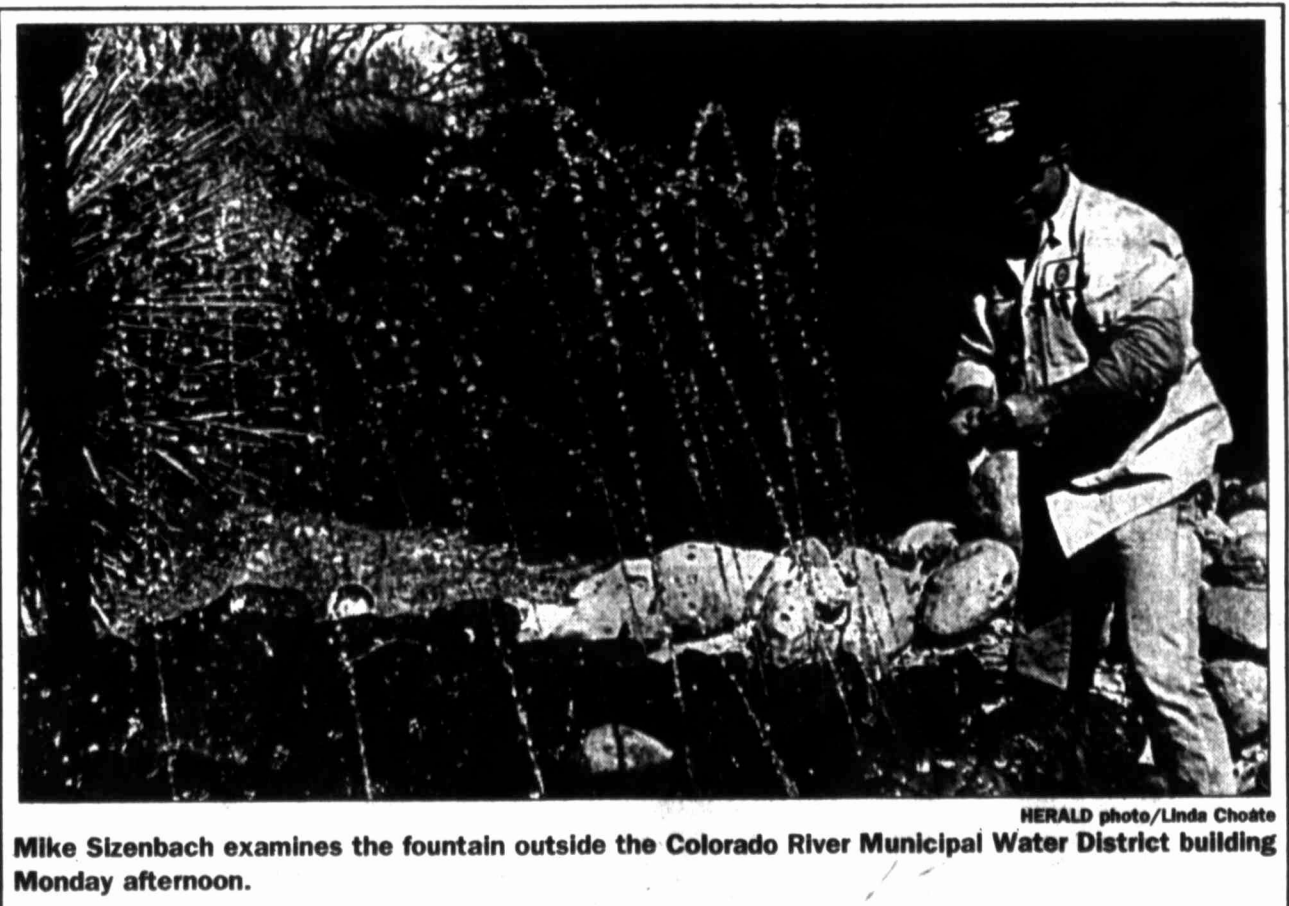
According to DeAnda, experience and confidence is something that she is not lacking.

"Having been on the council for three terms, I feel very confident that I know the inner workings of the city," DeAnda said. "I have experience with the budget and am very capable of frugality when it comes to dispensing taxpayers' money."

"I have always believed that we have been entrusted with this by the taxpayers and must expend with caution and respect to those who foot the bill," DeAnda added. "I have proven my ability to work well with fellow council members in securing the best results for a majority of the citizens of Big Spring."

DeAnda has earned a reputation of not avoiding hot issues

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Mike Sizenbach examines the fountain outside the Colorado River Municipal Water District building Monday afternoon.

## Metcalf throws hat into ring for CISD school board

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

A hotly contested race in the Coahoma Independent School District shows seven candidates vying for two at-large school board positions.



METCALF

Challenger Jesse Lee Metcalf, 33, says he decided to

run for board because "the community has been so good to me and my family, that I thought it was time that I try to give back some of what they've given me."

The Coahoma native and father of two attended Coahoma schools, and now coaches Little League in his hometown.

Keeping things "running smooth," is his primary goal. "I want to keep everything running well," he said, "and consider all the teachers."

The current school board is doing a good job, he said in a recent interview, and no

changes are necessary.

"Those people up there have been doing a good job. Sometimes it is stressful, and I appreciate what they do, and their time. They spend a lot of time up there," he said.

Metcalf hesitates to make promises, because "you have to get there and see how things run."

When it comes time to make a decision, he said, "you have to weigh both sides. I think you need to talk among the board members, discuss it a little, then make your mind up."

Studies should come before sports, he vowed. "I think the kids need to do their studies first, and then they need to think about sports."

School board duties would be a learning experience, he said. "I want to learn more about school business. I think I would be fair on everything that came across."

His brother, John Wayne Metcalf, is seeking election to the County Commissioners' Court. Jesse Metcalf says this

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### WEATHER

Tonight:



Wed:



Thurs:



Fri:



Tonight, clear. Lows 45-55. Wednesday, sunny and breezy. Highs 80-85. Wednesday night, fair. Lows in the 40s. Extended forecast, Thursday through Saturday, Dry. Lows in the 40s. Highs in the 70s.

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**OBITUARIES**

**James M. Gibbs**

Committal service for James M. Gibbs, 74, Midland, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at Resthaven Cemetery in Menard.

Mr. Gibbs died Monday, April 13, in a Big Spring hospital.

He was born on Sept. 23, 1923, in Pioneer, and married Maxyne Cox on June 11, 1943, in Kerrville. He was a manager of Y.O. Ranch in Kerr County for 10 years and also managed a ranch in Colorado. He had served as Chief of Police in Menard law enforcement. He had lived in Midland for the past four years. Mr. Gibbs was a Presbyterian. He served in the United States Navy attached to the 2nd Marine Division during World War II.

Survivors include: his wife, Maxyne Gibbs of Midland; two sons, Gary Gibbs of Bonham, and Glyn Gibbs of Houston; two daughters, Darla Nickell of Canyon, and Macky Pitts of Midland; nine grandsons; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren.

Local arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

**Julian Duran**

Rosary for Julian Duran, 62, Big Spring, will be 7 p.m. tonight at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel led by Horace Yanez. Funeral service will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, April 15, 1998, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating. Burial will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Mr. Duran died Monday, April 13, in a local hospital. He was born on Dec. 21, 1935, in Big Spring. Mr. Duran was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and had worked as a welder for West Texas Gravel and Pavers in Lubbock for 23 years. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one brother, Margarito Duran of Amarillo; three sisters, Isabell Runyan, Felix Gonzalez, both of Big Spring, and Augustina Cortinez of San Antonio; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

**John Bob Dare**

Funeral service for John Bob Dare, 36, Vernal, Utah, formerly of Hobbs, N.M., will be 11 a.m. Thursday, April 16, 1998, at the Latter Day Saints Church in Hobbs, N.M. Burial will be in Prairie Haven

**Memorial Park.**

Mr. Dare died Saturday, April 11, north of Vernal, Utah, in a rock climbing accident.

He was born on Aug. 21, 1961, in Hobbs, N.M.

Survivors include: a daughter, Rachel Deon Dare of Vernal, Utah; his mother, Rebecca (Becky) Moore of Big Spring; and a sister, Jennifer Wilson of Midland.

Arrangements under the direction of Chapel of Hope, Hobbs Funeral Service, Hobbs, N.M.

**Quita Shryack**

Service for Quita Shryack, 64, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Monday, April 13, 1998, at University Medical Center in Lubbock.

**METCALF**

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may cause confusion in voters' minds, so he is keeping his campaign low-key.

"I think people know me, because I've always lived there," he said. "If it's the Lord's way, I'll get it."

He has coached the Braves, an 8-to-12-year-old Little League team, for the past three years and been a member of the Little League board for two years. Within the past decade he served nearly a full term on the Coahoma City Council before moving outside the city limits, forcing him to give up the position.

After graduating from high school he worked on the family farm, then spent five years with Carroll Auto Parts, Inc. Today he works with his wife as a Xerox agent-owner at GNA Sales in Big Spring.

He and his wife are members of Big Spring's Primitive Baptist Church.

Other candidates in the Coahoma election are challenger Becky Holleman, Walter Lee, Jessie Lee Metcalf, Cindy Neff and Leroy Walker. Incumbent Hubert Rowden is also seeking re-election, while incumbent John Wayne Metcalf stepped down to pursue a county commissioner's position.

Elections will be held Saturday, May 2. Early voting will take place April 19 through April 28.

**DeANDA**

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as well as confronting issues that left her standing alone at times.

"I have proven that I will not skirt issues and will front them when they threaten to negatively impact too many citizens in our community," DeAnda said. "Overall my involvement with all facets of the city and council stand on their own merits."

As for concerns, DeAnda says one of the biggest complaints she hears from citizens is they don't understand what is going on in city government.

"I want to work to make city government people friendly," DeAnda said. "Too many times when people don't fully understand the issue at hand they will not ask so as not to sound dumb. As an educator, I firmly believe that there are no dumb questions."

"As a matter of fact, when on the council, I found myself asking many questions that others were afraid to ask in order not to sound dumb," DeAnda added. "In teaching, I have also learned that in order to see the light of comprehension I must reduce all things to the lowest terms. In that thinking I believe that it can be done and I want to work to that end."

Infrastructure is also an ongoing concern for many residents, according to DeAnda.

"There has never been a time since I was on the council that

work has stopped along these lines," DeAnda said. "People must understand that the city does what it can with what it has. So much needs to be done in order to make it healthy and safe for all citizens."

"Also, it must look enticing to people entering Big Spring in hopes of relocating businesses and families," DeAnda added. "The appearance of a city is a big determining factor in people wanting to be here. I think that there is more that can be done and I am ready to bring forth some innovative ideas to accomplish this."

DeAnda says her first term on the council taught her that impressions are not always true.

"When I first served on the council, I was under the impression that city employees were not only the laziest bunch of workers but we overcompensated as well," DeAnda said. "By the time I finished my first term, I knew the opposite was true. Like all else in our community the city and all that is associated with it is the most visible, and naturally, the easiest to criticize and blame for all that is wrong."

DeAnda says the current council and city manager have made strides to improve this and should commended, but she has found it hard to understand how city employees will ever get ahead when any pay raise they receive is instantly lost to an insurance increase.

"I see myself as a progressive person who is inclusive in vision," DeAnda said. "We have a diverse community that ranges in age and I believe everyone is vital to Big Spring and has much to offer."

**TAX**

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attempting to do their own tax returns:

**Is it taxable?**

Most people know that wages from a job are part of their income, and if they have enough, they will have to pay taxes on them. But what about profits from hobbies, interest, dividends or unemployment compensation? They are also part of gross income -- the same as wages and any other income that's not specifically excluded by law. All gross income is added together to find out if one owes tax and how much.

**What do I do about awards, prizes and other winnings?**

Awards, prizes from contests or drawings, gambling or other cash winnings are taxable income. Trips, cars and other noncash prizes are included in income at their fair market value.

**Are tips are income too?**

Tips are taxable income and must be reported as wages on the tax return. This includes the value of noncash tips, like passes, tickets, goods or services. Employees must give a written report to their employers each month they get tips of \$20 or more.

**Must I pay taxes on odd jobs too?**

People who make \$400 or more working for themselves or doing jobs on the side will probably owe self-employment tax. This is a Social Security and Medicare tax for people who work for themselves. They will need to file Form 1040 as well as Schedule SE.

**Is canceled debt considered income?**

If a financial institution, credit union or government agency cancels or forgives a debt of \$600 or more, the person who owed the money will get Form 1099-C showing the amount. This form is also sent to the IRS. The canceled amount is income and must be reported on the tax return.

**Is everyone's income taxable?**

Anyone who earns or receives income from sources in the United States needs to deter-

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mine if they must file a tax return. This applies to everyone, not just U.S. citizens or residents.

**How do I handle foreign income?**

U.S. citizens or residents who receive income from outside the United States must report all of it on the tax return unless all or part of it is exempt by U.S. law.

**RAP**

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say that it unfairly punishes pensioners, while having no effect on the industry the bill is targeting.

By attaching the provision to a large budget bill at the last minute, the legislation was never debated on the house floor, nor funneled through the committee hearing process, critics also state.

It simply appeared on the budget bill and was voted into law along with the budget. Many legislators may not have known it was there, critics argue.

The lawsuit charges the state with violating Texas constitutional law in three areas:

- It attempts to legislate general law through a budget rider.
- It violates the constitutional mandate requiring retirement fund managers to make decisions based on sound financial principles.
- Free speech is threatened because the statute is so vaguely worded.

**BRIEFS**

**ANIMAL VACCINES WILL BE** given on Saturday, April 18, at the Coahoma Fire Department, 214 N. First, from 9 a.m. to noon and 1:30 to 5 p.m. The cost is \$5 for rabies and \$10 for distemper/parvo. For more information call the Coahoma City Hall at 394-4287.

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL** is selling six flavors of frozen cookie dough in three-pound tubs for \$10 each. The sale begins Tuesday, continuing through April 20.

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**CONCERNED WOMEN FOR AMERICA** of West Texas will welcome David Barton, nationally recognized speaker on American history, Thursday at 7 p.m. in Big Spring High School Auditorium. He will speak on "America's Godly Heritage," an uncensored view of American political and religious history. For information, call 263-0140.

**JUNIOR AND SENIOR BIG SPRING** High School parents who care about their children, are asked to attend the After Prom Party planning every Monday at 7 p.m. in the Big Spring High School Library. For more information call Susan McLellan at 267-5759 or Lee Ann Rollins at 267-4959 or 264-5072.

**CORRECTION**

The police report appearing in the Monday, April 13 edition of the Herald contained incor-

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rect information. Police department officials confirm that Heather Arn, 16, was not arrested and that her name was listed on the police blotter by mistake.

**SHERIFF**

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

- MICHAEL JAMES MARTINEZ, 21, was arrested for contempt of child support order.
- DARRELL GENE TRAWICK, 35, was arrested for bondsman off-bond/failure to identify, bondsman off-bond/public intoxication, and revocation of probation/driving while license suspended.
- ERNEST CLARK, 57, was arrested for issuance of bad check.
- RICHARD JAMES WHITE, 21, was arrested for revocation of probation/fleeing from the police officer, revocation of probation/theft.
- KRISTINA KAY HEMBREE, 24, was arrested for thwarting compulsory attendance law.

**MARKETS**

May cotton 62.25 cents, down 3 points; May crude 15.26, down 6 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents higher at 37; cash steers steady at 66; April lean hog futures 51.50, up 12 points; April live cattle futures 67.80, down 32 points.  
courtesy: Delta Corporation.  
According to Edward D. Jones, the daily stock market was unavailable. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

**POLICE**

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

- SARA FANNIN, 18, was arrested for theft.
- GEORGE GONZALES, 33, was arrested for public intoxication.
- DERRICK WILBERT, 17, was arrested for no driver's license.
- TERESA WALKER, 28, was arrested on local warrants.
- WILLIAM BARGFIELDT, 42, was arrested for possession of marijuana.
- PAUL MAXWELL was arrested for possession of marijuana.
- MISTY CLAYTON, 17, was arrested for theft.
- JERRY HANKINS, 29, was arrested for public intoxication.
- DONALD MCCOMMONS, 58, was arrested for theft.
- FOUND PROPERTY reported at the police station.
- THEFT reported in the 600 block of Gregg, the 1400 block of S. Main and the 400 block of

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Robert Francis Penner, 79, died Friday. Graveside services will be at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, at Grove Hill Cemetery in Dallas.

Julian Duran, 62, died Monday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM Tuesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Services will be 2:00 PM Wednesday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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# Low turnout seen as likely in today's runoff elections

AUSTIN (AP) — Republican voters today were picking their nominee for attorney general, while both parties also tidied up a little work left undone in the March 10 primary.

But state elections officials said they aren't expecting too many of the state's 11.5 million registered voters to pitch in.

"Projecting statewide voter turnout for the April 14 races is at best going to be unscientific and at worst a shot in the dark," said Jane Dees, spokeswoman for Secretary of State Al Gonzales.

"We are expecting 3 (percent)

to 5 percent in the GOP," she said Monday. No estimate was made for Democratic turnout, since there is no statewide runoff in that party.

Republicans have three: attorney general and two seats on the Texas Court of Criminal Appeals.

Also, three Democratic U.S. House runoffs and two GOP congressional runoffs are being held, along with runoffs in eight Texas House of Representative districts.

Ms. Dees said the secretary of state's office didn't tally early voting that took place last week.

Spot checks with county clerks found a widespread lack of interest.

Travis County reported 4,701 ballots cast out of nearly 483,000 registered voters; Harris County reported 11,364 out of about 1.9 million voters; Bexar County reported 15,781 out of 781,000 voters.

Turnout for the March 10 primary was so low it broke a 30-year-old record. Only 1.26 million people voted in March, a turnout of just over 11 percent.

The highest-profile runoff campaign has been for the GOP attorney general nomination.

Incumbent Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson and former Texas Supreme Court Justice John Cornyn squared off in a bruising month-long bout. Williamson finished first with 38 percent and Cornyn second with 32 percent of the primary vote.

Since then, each has tried to lay claim to the conservative title and pick up supporters from third-place finisher Tom Pauken. The winner advances to face Democrat Jim Mattox, who was elected to the job in 1982 and 1986.

Officials of both Cornyn's and Williamson's campaigns said they expected about 200,000 votes to be cast in that race.

In the other elections, Vicki Isaacs and Mike Keasler seek the nomination in the GOP race for Place 1 on the Court of Criminal Appeals, while Harvey Hudson and Cheryl Johnson seek GOP Place 2 on the same bench.

In the state House runoffs, two incumbents still have challengers.

Rep. Gilbert Serna, D-El Paso, faces challenger Manny Najera, in District 75. Rep. Nancy

Moffat, R-Southlake, faces Vicki Truitt, a physician recruiter from Keller, in District 98 near Fort Worth.

Heading the list of congressional runoffs is San Antonio's District 20, where Democratic voters are deciding on their nominee for the seat being vacated after 38 years by Rep. Henry B. Gonzalez.

The race pits former state judge Charlie Gonzalez (Henry's son) against former San Antonio councilwoman Maria Berriozabal. The winner meets Republican James Walker in November.

## Campaigns to make, and to break, accord begin in N. Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — Several hundred thousand glossy copies of Northern Ireland's peace accord landed on people's doorsteps throughout the country today, the start of a month-long sales pitch that could culminate in a visit from President Clinton.

The British government's radio and TV ads inundating the airwaves here gravely intone "It's your choice" but avoid calling outright for a "yes" vote in next month's referendum — so fearful are officials of stoking the Protestant majority's longstanding unwillingness to compromise.

"Obviously we need a resounding 'yes' vote. But the dominant political slogan here for a long time has been 'Ulster Says No,' so it can be counter-productive to just come out and say it," said one of the government's spin doctors at Britain's Northern Ireland Office.

The Northern Ireland office is one institution that will see many of its powers gradually returned to local politicians if the agreement is ratified in the May 22 vote.

Someone at the office last month leaked the government's confidential battle plan for wooing public opinion in event of a referendum. It outlined that influential leaders from inside and outside the province would be mobilized to sell the benefits a "yes" vote would bring.

That specter of government-approved "stooges" and "collaborators" is forming a key note of warning in the Protestant firebrand Ian Paisley's campaign for public rejection of the accord.

"They've got their brainwashers on standby from here to the White House, whose job it will be to wrap up this betrayal, this appeasement, this surrender to the IRA, as the price of peace," Paisley

said. That's one reason why Clinton noted during a White House reception Monday for former U.S. Sen. George Mitchell that he's unsure whether a visit before the referendum would help or "undermine the chances of success."

Three Protestant parties tried to prevent Mitchell, the triumphant chairman of Northern Ireland's peace talks, from taking his position when they started in June 1996.

The largest party, David Trimble's Ulster Unionists, shared the view that the Clinton administration and Americans in general were biased toward the north's Catholic minority, but eventually accepted Mitchell.

The other two — Paisley's Democratic Unionists and Bob McCartney's United Kingdom Unionists — now blame Trimble for giving the kiss of life to a process preordained to get their enemies, the IRA-allied Sinn Fein party, an equal place in a reformed system of government.

Both parties withdrew from the talks last year following an IRA truce that got Sinn Fein into negotiations.

In actuality, the deal clinched Friday among the Ulster Unionists, Sinn Fein and six other parties raises the most fundamental questions for Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams, who Clinton helped draw in from the political wilderness in 1994.

The Irish Republican Army started bombing and shooting in 1970 in hopes of smashing Northern Ireland, a state that the IRA and Sinn Fein has refused to accept.

The British abolished the state's Protestant-dominated parliament — but 26 years later, this accord invites Sinn Fein to take seats in a new Northern Ireland Assembly.

## Merger wave raises concerns among consumer groups

WASHINGTON (AP) — Could the wave of huge bank mergers result in dangerously big institutions that could fail and be bailed out at taxpayers' expense?

The latest outbreak of financial merger mania has some lawmakers and consumer activists wondering whether the banking industry may be making itself more vulnerable by thinning its ranks and putting a heavier burden on each bank's resources.

Closer to home, critics have evoked the specter of the multi-billion-dollar taxpayer bailout of this country's savings and loan industry in the late 1980s. Just as banks have been reaching into new areas such as securities, insurance and real estate, the S&L debacle was at least partly blamed on the thrifts expanding beyond their traditional mortgage and other businesses into riskier ventures.

The bank merger wave could bring U.S. taxpayers "severe financial exposure," Frank Torres, legislative counsel for Consumers Union, warned

Monday. "If the business goes under, will a taxpayer-financed bailout follow?"

Torres also warned that these large consolidations could mean higher banking fees because of less competition, fewer choices for consumers and even a loss of privacy as huge one-stop financial companies promote other financial services to existing customers.

"Bigger banks mean bigger fees," said Edmund Mierzwinski, consumer program director for the U.S. Public Interest Research Group. "Studies have confirmed that bigger banks use monopoly muscle to charge their customers higher fees than small banks and credit unions do."

These concerns gnawed at Washington policy makers well before Monday's twin shockers: NationsBank Corp. and

BankAmerica Corp. announcing a \$62.5 billion marriage to create a coast-to-coast banking giant, and Banc One Corp. and First Chicago NBD Corp. saying they will unite in a \$28.9 billion deal to form the dominant bank in the Midwest.

But the latest news sharpened the anxiety, coming on the heels of last week's announcement of banking giant Citicorp's planned megamerger with brokerage-insurer Travelers Group.

Also, the Justice Department's antitrust division on Friday approved the \$16.6 billion merger of First Union Corp. with CoreStates Financial Corp. after the banks agreed to sell off 32 CoreStates branches in Pennsylvania.

The Federal Reserve conditionally approved the deal Monday.

While Congress wrestles with legislation to revamp the Depression-era laws that prohibit banks from getting into the brokerage or insurance businesses, some lawmakers are contemplating proposals that would restrict future bank mergers.

Sen. Arlen Specter, R-Pa., has said the trend toward bigger mergers merits the "renewed attention of Congress."

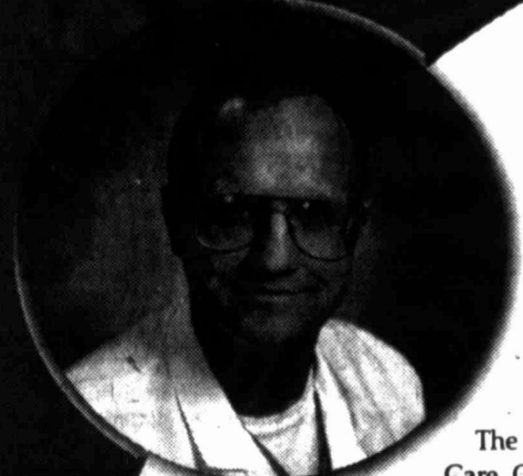
"We have seen a real epidemic of mergers," Specter said Monday. "I'm skeptical about the public interest being served."

Rep. Bernard Sanders of Vermont, Congress' lone independent and a member of the House Banking Committee, has warned that some of the big U.S. banks involved in mergers have significant loan exposure in shaky areas such as Asia.

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## OTHER VIEWS

If share prices in New York, which have sucked in money from all over the world like a black hole, should plummet, the effect of the plunge will be felt worldwide, not just in the United States. It would be better for the Federal Reserve Board to adopt a somewhat tighter monetary policy. Considering the slowing growth of the U.S. economy, the chaos in Asian economies and the approaching congressional election in the United States this fall, it may be difficult to press a big increase in interest rates. Still, some departure from the present neutralist approach is necessary.

Personal investment in the United States has gained significantly, not only in stock values, but property values as well. There are hints of a renewal of property inflation, which was also seen in Japan as the asset-inflation bubble expanded. The Bank of Japan was late in taking remedial action here because it was distracted by price stability. That lapse should not be forgotten.

Asahi Shimbun, Tokyo

With a vivid if somewhat inexact historical analogy, the head of one of Japan's best known postwar corporate successes has captured Japan's mood of deepening uncertainty: "U.S. President Herbert Hoover triggered worldwide recession," the head of Sony Corp., Norio Ohga, said Thursday. "I just hope remarks by Prime Minister Hashimoto won't trigger a worldwide recession." However rough his comparison, Ohga's words deserve attention.

Ohga does put his finger on a key problematic element of Japan's place in the world economy today. "Japanese politicians' thinking is very domestic thinking," he said. "We are operating globally and our prime minister should have such global thinking. Japanese politicians' only interest is in what has happened in their constituencies. When we point this out to them they can hardly understand what we are talking about."

However much Japan might tire of or even resent hearing such unsought advice, whether from foreigners or exceptional Japanese like Ohga, it cannot avoid the reality of what is now happening.

The crisis might not be as acute as Ohga suggests. But it is serious and will be harder to overcome because of the attitudes he rightly condemns.

Sydney (Australia) Morning Herald

In Northern Ireland politics, as well as war, is characterized by a "stop and go" attitude: massacres and truces, great hopes and secret meetings.

Just a few hours away from April 9, indicated by British Premier Tony Blair as a deadline in the negotiations, the Protestants branded a draft peace accord unacceptable and rejected it.

Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble was under pressure. He cannot bear the present Irish government's role.

This government is the most nationalistic one in the last 15 years, and has the merit of a real economic miracle which has brought Ireland to meet European standards.

Asking for a change in the draft accord might only be an effort of re-affirming London's power over Dublin, and not necessarily a denial of the peace process.

La Repubblica, Rome

The prime minister could have sat tight in Downing Street, waiting to step in dramatically at the last minute.

Instead, Tony Blair flew to Belfast yesterday, risking all to find a way out of the Irish peace crisis.

There have been other tough moments in this long drawn-out process. But this one is so close to tomorrow's deadline, it looks blacker than before.

Yet there is still everything to play for. The Ulster Unionists, while rejecting the Mitchell document, did not walk out.

While there is talk, there is hope. The Unionists may well have a valid point that the blueprint favors the nationalists.

But they are wrong to treat it as if it were a final solution. It is not. On the contrary, it is simply a starting point for discussion and negotiations.

Daily Mirror, London

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# You should learn firearms before writing about them

A wire service writer recently described the M-1 carbine, a civilian version of which was used in the Arkansas shooting, as "powerful."



Charley Reese  
Columnist

Such misstatements of fact give shooters a big laugh and further undermine the credibility of journalism. Nevertheless, the ignorance of firearms that is regularly demonstrated by reporters and editorial writers is understandable, if not excusable.

With the ending of the draft, most younger Americans today have no military experience. That was often the first exposure urban Americans had to firearms. And, of course, children born and growing up in urban areas rarely have the opportunity, as we country kids did, to use firearms. I received my first rifle when I was 8.

Nevertheless, journalists have an obligation to get the facts straight, and there are plenty of reference works. God

knows they would not call the National Rifle Association. It is the oldest American organization promoting marksmanship and sports shooting, but the anti-gunners have apparently intimidated many journalists into thinking, like Pavlov's dog, that the NRA is the "gun lobby."

OK, they can get a catalog from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. They publish many fine reference works on firearms and cartridges (as well as other subjects), and because Handgun Control, the premier anti-rights brain-washing organization, is probably unaware of the existence of Krause Publications, the reporters won't have to fret that they'll be frowned at for using their resources.

The M-1 carbine, far from being powerful or potent as it was described, is underpowered; it's barely more than a pistol cartridge. Power, of course, is determined by the bullet, not the gun. Power is measured by muzzle energy. For the M-1 carbine, commercial load, the muzzle energy is 965 foot-pounds. For comparison, the .44 magnum pistol cartridge (Dirty Harry's favorite) generates more than 1,000 foot-pounds of muzzle energy.

Journalists have also been duped by politicians into calling semiautomatic rifles assault weapons.

My 30-30 deer rifle can generate more than 1,800 foot-pounds of energy. In other words, the lowest-powered sports rifle generally considered acceptable for deer hunting is twice as powerful as the M-1 carbine described by the reporter as "potent" and "powerful."

Many civilians have the false impression that any arm associated with the military is high-powered. In fact, most infantry weapons are medium-powered. Military designers today are more interested in durability, rate of fire and portability of ammunition than in high power.

I don't know how many times I've read reports describing the bullet used in the AK-47 and SKS as "high-powered" or "high-velocity." It is neither. The bullet -- the 7.62x39mm -- generates only about 1,400 to 1,500 foot-pounds of energy, and its velocity (depending on the load) runs between 2,300

and 2,500 feet per second. That is less energy than my 30-30 generates and less velocity if I use a 100-grain bullet, which can travel at 2,600 feet per second.

Journalists have also been duped by politicians into calling semiautomatic rifles assault weapons. They are not. The factual definition of an assault rifle is quite simple: It is a rifle that has a selector switch so it can be fired either semiautomatically (one shot per pull of the trigger) or automatically. To my knowledge, none of the semiautomatics banned under the false label of assault weapons was an assault weapon.

Besides, any weapon that fires automatically has been regulated since 1934, available only from special dealers to purchasers who obtain a special license and pay a transfer tax to the U.S. Treasury.

People can have any opinion they want on the subject of guns, but journalists have an obligation to get the facts straight. If they are going to write about firearms, they have an obligation to learn something about them.

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# Her courage too much for capitol

She is the one woman Bill Clinton wooed and abused who has class.

Dr. Joycelyn Elders, fired as surgeon general of the United States for speaking the truth, still has no patience for pussy-footing. "I was called the 'Condom Queen.' Well, put the crown on my head, and I'll sleep in it," Elders says in a voice rich as Arkansas bottom land.

Critics ask why doesn't she tell children that condoms break and preach abstinence instead. Abstinence is fine, she says. Everyone's for abstinence.

"But the vows of abstinence break far more easily than condoms!" she thunders. It is amazing how someone with common sense and courage stands out in the public arena like blood on snow. You would think those basic commodities might be commonplace, de rigueur even, in politics, or at leadership levels.

But then a gutsy, open-minded, down-to-earth Joycelyn Elders comes along and people really don't know what to think, or to do. Politicians and bureaucrats look pale and silly in contrast.



Rheta Johnson  
Syndicated Columnist

One look at her -- this church-going professor of pediatric endocrinology who has been married to the same man for 38 years and looks like your favorite aunt -- and conservatives went into apoplexy.

Pat Buchanan called her the leader of "post-Christian paganism." Alan Keyes accused her of believing "the lives of oppressed people are worthless" -- this about a woman who grew up in an Arkansas sharecropper's shack, one of eight children.

Conservatives demonized her, but it was Bill Clinton who let her down. He cut her loose and threw her back like you might a trash fish when your boat already is full. He wimped out.

Elders is philosophical about the forced resignation. Clinton, she says, had been "torn up in the mid-term elections." And, she writes, "he knew for sure that I was not going to change."

There was disappointment, of course, heading back home to Arkansas. But no looking back. "The president has not been in touch with me since then, nor I with him," Elders writes in her autobiography.

"Honestly, I don't know what we would say to each other. I feel we both probably understand what happened."

So do most of us with IQs larger than our hat sizes. Clinton sacrificed Elders because she made waves. There was cumulative damage done, of course, dating from Day One of her 15 months in office. She talked truth too much. Then her son was sentenced to 10 years in jail on a drug offense. Her political enemies were delighted.

But it was Elders' characterization of masturbation as "part of human sexuality" that tore it. Denial ain't just a river in Egypt.

Today you have to shake your head in disbelief that this wise, witty woman was drummed out of a job where she could have done so much good. As Elders says, "It's all those things that we can't talk about that's killing us."

Elders was in Atlanta to speak to AIDS activists. The luncheon was for Positive Impact Inc., a group that provides mental health programs for people affected by HIV and AIDS.

She is a real hero in the AIDS community. Sick people don't have time for a lot of polite chitchat or doublespeak. They appreciate her take-no-prisoners approach.



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## Red-hot Stevens hits three homers in Rangers' 10-1 win over Tigers

ARLINGTON (AP) — Lee Stevens says he struggles when he swings for the fences. The ball was jumping off his bat anyway Monday night and three ended up in the right field seats. Stevens had the first three-homer game of his career to back Bobby Witt's six-hit pitching over 6 2-3 innings as the Texas Rangers routed the Detroit Tigers 10-1.

"When I start looking for homers, that's when I get into trouble," Stevens said. "I was looking to be aggressive and swing at strikes. This is a good park for left-handed hitters. It was a special night for me because I've never done it before."

The lefty-hitting DH had bases-empty homers in the second and fifth before connecting on a two-run shot in the seventh to give him five for the season. Attempting to become the 13th player to homer four times in a game, he walked in the eighth.

Stevens isn't trying to become obsessed with home runs and took the walk when reliever Doug Brocail pitched carefully to him in the eighth. "It was important for me not to get out of hand and swing at everything he threw up there," Stevens said. "So I was happy to get the walk and keep the inning alive."

Rangers manager Johnny Oates said

the key to Stevens' big night was that he did not give in to the Tigers pitchers. "He made them throw strikes," Oates said. "He's a legitimate hitter when he does that."

Juan Gonzalez added a two-run homer for the Rangers, who have won four of five.

Witt (1-0) gave up six hits over 6 2-3 innings in getting his 125th career win. The right-hander's bid for a 10th career shutout ended in the seventh when Joe Randa doubled, moved up on a ground-out and scored on a balk to make it 5-1.

"We've all become accustomed to

Bobby," Oates said. "We know he's going to give up some baserunners. I can pull my hair out, but then he works out of trouble. He gave us a chance to win tonight until the offense got going."

In the seventh, Ivan Rodriguez followed Gonzalez's homer with a double, and Stevens homered to give the Rangers a 9-1 lead.

Detroit starter Brian Moehler (0-2) allowed five runs and eight hits in 4 2-3 innings.

Texas got an unearned run in the first, aided by Detroit errors, and Stevens made it 2-0 in the third with a 412-foot shot into the upper deck in

right.

Stevens' second homer came on the first pitch of the fifth, making it 3-0. Tigers manager Buddy Bell said his team is playing hard despite its 3-8 record.

"I would question some teams' heart but not these guys," Bell said. "We could easily run off a streak in the other direction and that's what we have to look for."

Notes: Witt has pitched parts of 11 seasons with the Rangers. His other 25 wins came with Oakland (23) and Florida (2). Charlie Hough is the only other pitcher with at least 100 victories for the Rangers.

## Lady Mavs win final meet; Runnels girls finish fourth

HERALD Staff Report

SWEETWATER — Goliad's Lady Mavericks closed their season by chalking up a fifth straight team championship in their division of the Sweetwater Junior High Relays.

The Lady Mavs piled up 158 points to take a 29-point margin over Andrews' in the meet's seventh-grade division.

In the meet's eighth-grade division, Runnels' Lady Yearlings scored 101 points, but managed no better than a fourth-place finish.

Rachelle Guinn and Ashley Tuttle opened Goliad's romp with first-place finishes in the field events — Guinn taking the top spot in both the triple jump and the long jump, while Tuttle won the high jump.

While Guinn was taking the two wins, teammate Carli Wise was scoring points with a third in the long jump and a sixth in the triple jump. In addition, Dana Lockhart finished fourth in the long jump, while Sterling Burchett was fifth in the triple jump.

The double points provided by relay wins also boosted the Lady Mavs' total. Goliad teams motored to first-place finishes in the 400-meter, 800-meter and 1,600-meter relays.

Lockhart and Wise also provided first-place points in the 400 meters and 300-meter hurdles, respectively.

In the 400, the Lady Mavs not

only had Lockhart's winning time of 66.90 seconds, but Amanda Sellars' second-place clocking of 67.34 and Lacey Mendoza's sixth-place finish.

Brock and Stacey Vaughn added point in the 300 hurdles, finishing fourth and fifth, respectively.

Guinn and Wise picked up more points in the 100-meter hurdles with third- and fifth-place finishes, while Stormie Huff and Esha Ward added second- and third-place finishes in the 100 meters.

Ward was third place in the 200 meters, while Eye Tobar was sixth in the 1,600 meters.

Runnels' only top finish of the meet came in the shot put where Amber Mayes turned in a 29-10 1/2 throw. She later added a fourth in the discus, while teammate Trista Casey finished fifth.

The rest Runnels' field events points came from Latrisha Rollins' third-place in the long jump, Paige King's sixth in the triple jump and Meghan Pudliner's fifth in the high jump.

Rollins, Pudliner and King combined with Chelsea Churchwell for a 54.65 clocking in the 400-meter relay, good enough for second place.

Rollins, Bridget Cain, Pudliner and Shelby Tissue finished third in the 800-meter relay, while the 1,600-meter relay foursome of King, Rollins, Cain and Pudliner finished fourth.



HERALD photo/Jim Pierra

Big Spring center fielder Mandi Lance (2) makes a catch on the fly during the Lady Steers' 1-0 win over Andrews last week. Lance and her teammates play host to Pecos' Lady Eagles today at 5 p.m. at the Roy Anderson Complex.

## Barnes immediately imposes discipline on Longhorn players

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas players were jolted to awareness.

Less than 60 seconds into a team meeting on Monday, their new coach, Rick Barnes, let the directionless Longhorns know that they would be getting plenty of direction from now on.

There was no warming up. No soft lead-in.

"He told us he was going to be hard on us," said junior co-captain Kris Clack, a loyal supporter of Tom Penders, who resigned as Texas' winningest coach after four players revolted last month.

"He asked us to be willing to do whatever he asks us to do to get this team together," Clack said. "I think it will work. You need discipline."

The former Clemson coach's new rules include no facial hair, no earrings, no hats in

buildings and no headphones on campus.

Anyone who's late to a team meeting or workout will cause the entire team to run. There will be mandatory team breakfasts throughout the season — every day, not just game days.

The tough stance is a contrast from Penders, who took a decidedly soft approach with this year's team, saying that if he would have come down hard, players would have transferred. They almost did anyway.

As it stands now, of four players who went to athletic director DeLoss Dodds on March 8 to complain about playing for Penders, only freshman guard Luke Axtell is transferring.

Barnes met with Axtell Monday morning, but couldn't convince the 6-foot-9 freshman guard to change his mind.

## Local Special Olympians fare well in Water Valley

HERALD Staff Report

WATER VALLEY — A number of Special Olympians from Howard County took top places Saturday in a track meet.

The Howard County teams' top finishes came at the very outset when Tommy Lasiter finished first in the 25-meter assisted walk, followed by teammate Teresa Gutierrez in second.

Choyia Baker took a first, while Cynthia Valasquez and Leticia Anguiano tied for second-place in the 50-meter walk, while D'lene Wylie was first in the 50-meter dash. Pat Laneave and Carrie Parker shared second place in the 50-meter sprint, while Terri Valasquez was third.

In the 100 meters, Jennifer Hernandez and Sandy Mach finished third and fourth, while Geneva Capetilla added another first-place finish for the team in the 400 meters.

In the 400-meter girls' relay, Laneave, Mach, Parker and Wylie combined for a second-place finish.

In the boys' events, Oscar Faubion and Fred Earhart took a one-two finish in the 50-meter walk, while Steven Mills finished second in the 50-meter dash.

The Howard Countians swept the 100 meters with Stephen

Lawson taking first place, Seth Kirn finishing second and Raphael Aguirre and Josh Hernandez tying for third. Charles Wallace added fifth place.

Stacy Wells and Robert Edwards added another one-two finish in the 400-meter walk.

The team entered two four-somes in the 400-meter relay, with the squad of Aguirre, Kirn, Hernandez and Lawson taking second place, while Edwards, Mills, Wallace and Wells finished third.

In field events, Howard County's jumpers fared extremely well. Jennifer Hernandez took first place in the standing long jump, while Wylie was second, Laneave was fourth and Mach was sixth in the girls' division, while Aguirre was first and Kirn was second in the boys' division.

In the girls' softball throw, Parker, Anguiano, Vasquez and Baker took first place, while Geneva Capetilla, Donna Brown and Gutierrez were second and Valasquez was third.

In the boys' softball throw, Hernandez, Lawson, Edwards and Lasater finished first, while Stacy Wells and Fred Earhart were second.

Wallace finished third, while Faubion and Hal Porter were fourth. Mills rounded it out, finishing fifth.

## BSST swimmers tie for top finish with Andrews

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring Swim Team (BSST) and a group of youngsters from Andrews dominated an eight-team invitational meet staged at the Big Spring YMCA, tying for first place in combined points.

In addition to the swimmers' performances, the meet marked the first use of Big Spring's new Colorado Automatic Timing System (CATS) with underwater electronic touch pads and digital readout of lane times and ranks. The new system puts Big Spring on a par with current technological standards in competitive swimming.

Two of the BSST's swimmers, Karl Brode and Martina De Los Santos, turned in performances that made them high-point award winners in their divisions.

Brode took high-point honors in the 8 & Under boys' division with first-place finishes in the 25 freestyle, 25 backstroke and

25 breaststroke. He also posted a second-place clocking in the 25 butterfly and a third in the 50 freestyle.

De Los Santos was the girls' 13-14 division individual champion, posting first-place finishes in the 50 freestyle, 100 backstroke, 100 butterfly and 200 individual medley. In addition, she finished second in the 100 breaststroke.

Her teammate, Nadia Torres, was first in the 100 breaststroke, third in the 100 freestyle and the 100 butterfly and fourth in the 50 freestyle.

Will Liggett turned in enough strong finishes to close the meet in second place in the boys' 11-12 division's individual standings. In addition to swimming the 50 breaststroke to a personal best of 39.20 seconds, he finished first in the 100 individual medley and was second in the 100 freestyle, 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke.

Lauren Sage had first-place finishes in the 8 & Under girls'

division's 50 freestyle and 100 IM. She also entered three events in the 10-under age group, finishing third in the 50 butterfly, fourth in the 50 backstroke and fifth in the 50 breaststroke.

Her younger sister, Kelly, finished second in the 8 & Under breaststroke and was third in both the 25 freestyle and 25 backstroke.

In his first meet, Chris Harris finished second in the 8 & Under boys' 25 backstroke and third in the 25 freestyle.

Colin Hunnicutt garnered fifth-place finishes in the boys' 10 & Under division's 50 backstroke and 50 butterfly. He also finished sixth in the 50 freestyle.

In girls' 10 & Under action, Kendra Weeks finished second in the 50 butterfly, fifth in the 50 breaststroke and eighth in the 50 freestyle. Sohanna Tubbs was fourth in the 100 IM, seventh in the 50 butterfly and eighth in the 50 breaststroke. In

her first meet, Tiffany Richards finished 11th in the 50 backstroke and 13th in the 50 freestyle.

In the girls' 11-12 division, Katy Hunnicutt was sixth in the 50 backstroke, seventh in the 50 freestyle, eighth in the 50 breaststroke and ninth in the 100 freestyle. Courtney Davila was 10th in the 50 backstroke and 12th in the 50 freestyle.

Mark Sheedy also made a strong showing in the boys' 11-12 division events. He was second in the 100 freestyle and the 50 butterfly and third in the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke. Scott Thomas was fourth in the 50 breaststroke and fifth in the 50 backstroke, while Chris Stokes placed third in the 50 breaststroke, was fourth in the 100 freestyle and sixth in both the 50 freestyle and 50 backstroke. Erin Partee rounded out the team's scoring with a fourth in the 50 butterfly and fifth-place clockings in the 50 freestyle and 100 freestyle.

## SPORTS BRIEFS

### SMMC fun run, fun walk set for Saturday

Scenic Mountain Medical Center has scheduled the first ever "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Fun Walk for 8 a.m. Saturday at the Big Spring State Park.

Entry fees for the event will be \$10 per runner which includes entry into the park. Trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers.

For more information, contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1211, Ron Alton at 263-4931 or the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

### Golf toumey slated with 'Relay for Life'

A four-person scramble golf tournament benefiting the American Cancer Society has been scheduled for April 25-26 at the Big Spring Country Club in conjunction with the Relay for Life.

Entry fees will be \$75 per player plus cart fees. Team will include A, B, C, and D players.

For more information, call 267-5354.

### 4-H shooting sports team meeting set

The Howard County 4-H shooting sports team will have its first meeting of the season at 6 p.m.

Monday, April 20, at the Howard County Courthouse.

According to Van Gaskins, one of the team's coaches, any youngster between the ages of nine and 18 years of age interested in skeet or trap shooting, including beginners just learning the sport, are urged to attend the meeting.

### Lady Steers banquet set for May 11

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club will hold its annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet at 7 p.m. Monday, May 11, in the Garrett Hall at the First United Methodist Church.

The banquet will be catered by Al's and Son Bar-B-Que.

Tickets, priced at \$8.50 per person will go on sale Monday, April 13, at Big Spring High School, Athletic Supply, Neal's Sporting Goods and at Faye's Flowers.

For more information, call 263-4921.

### CGA scholarship toumey set for May 9-10

The Big Spring Chicano Golf Association has scheduled its sixth annual Scholarship Fund Tournament for Saturday and Sunday, May 9-10, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Entry fees, which include dinner and a dance, are priced at \$150 per two-man team.

A new car will be presented to the first player to make a hole-in-one on the par 3 No. 4 hole on Saturday by the New Car Dealers Association of Big Spring.

For more information and tee times, contact the Comanche Trail Golf Course pro shop at 264-2366.

### Lady Steers booster meeting rescheduled

The Big Spring Lady Steers Booster Club has rescheduled its meeting originally set for Thursday to 6 p.m. Monday in the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School to make final preparations for the annual Lady Steers Athletic Banquet.

The banquet, set for May 11, will honor the softball, basketball, track and volleyball teams, as well as the cheerleaders, trainers and managers.

For more information, contact Kelly McBee at 393-5672 or Shirley Johnson at 267-1541.

### Summer youth baseball league results

The Colts chalked up a pair of wins over the Astros in early season play matching teams from the American Little League Majors program.

In the first meeting, the Colts took a 6-3 win behind the 12-strikeout pitching performance of Joshua Pedigo who was also 2-for-3 at the plate. He joined teammate Bryson Hall, who had a double in a 2-for-3 showing, in leading the offensive production.

Ryan Tannehill took the loss for the Astros. Offensively, he ripped a triple in a 1-for-3 showing at the plate, while teammate Ryan Wegman went 3-for-3.

In the second game, Hall and Jerry Deporto combined to scatter two Astros hits and struck out seven in a 12-0 shutout.

Deporto led the way offensively with a 3-for-4 showing that included a double, while Anthony Franco was 2-for-4 with a double.

The Astros' only hits came from Wegman, who had a double, and Tannehill.

### Big Spring netter takes consolation win

Drew McKimmey, a junior at Big Spring High School, won the consolation title at the Plano Wilson Championship Junior Major Zone USTA Tennis Tournament.

McKimmey took a 6-2, 6-3 win over Austin Haden of Fort Worth in the consolation final.

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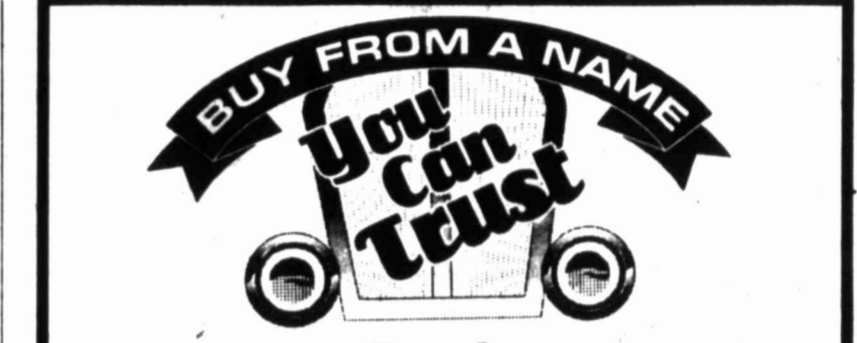
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T h e s e days it's very difficult to find and retain competent people. The wise employer knows that people do have lives, and those lives do not always neatly compartmentalize into eight-hour blocks.  
While some jobs, such as production-line workers, require 100 percent attention at every moment, most jobs simply require that a certain number of tasks be performed well and delivered on time. If workers can accomplish that, there is no reason why they can't be granted some slack to make phone calls, run errands, take extended lunches and work a flexible shift.  
Many companies are restructuring their requirements so that productivity is the only thing that counts. Telecommuting, flex-time and other freedoms that were not dreamed of 30 years ago are now encouraged.  
As we approach the millennium, companies now have a choice: Be inflexible and autocratic and pay the price in turnover and retraining costs, or structure their needs in such a way as to make the workers feel that they still control their lives. When I managed a graphics shop in the late '80s, I did this and had to fire only one employee for poor performance. Our turnover rate was far below the industry standard. —  
NOW SELF-EMPLOYED, PORTLAND, ORE.  
DEAR SELF-EMPLOYED: It will come as no surprise to anyone that I received a barrage of mail from people who thought my answer was wrong. (Only a few readers supported my answer.)  
DEAR ABBY: I made a big mistake. I got involved with a married man at work. Everyone in town knows about it, and I'm embarrassed and ashamed.  
His wife has filed for divorce and his kids aren't speaking to him. He told me his wife didn't understand him and she drank too much. I recently found out that I was not his first affair.  
I wish it had never happened, but now I feel obligated to stand by him because he's alone and it's partly my fault. He says he loves me and has no one else. I feel trapped, even though I don't really love him.  
I'd quit my job tomorrow, but I'm a middle-aged single parent and jobs are

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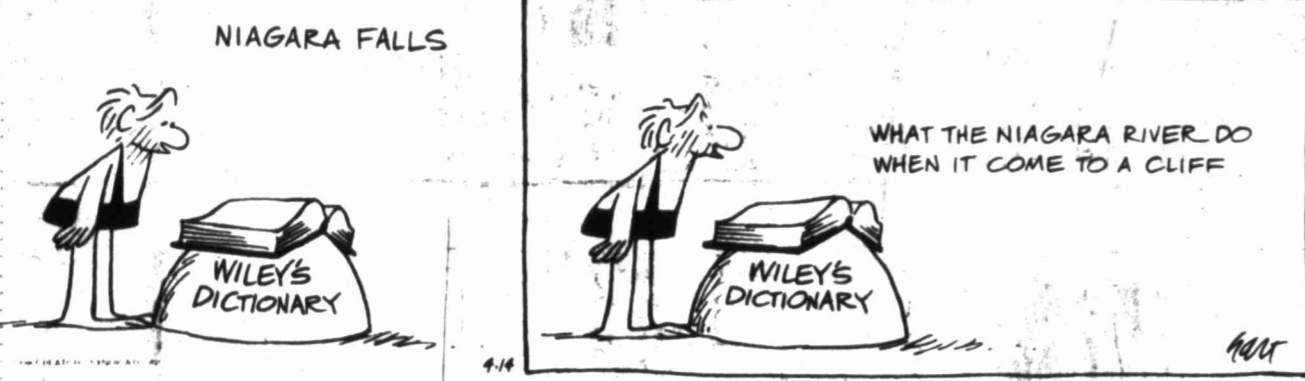
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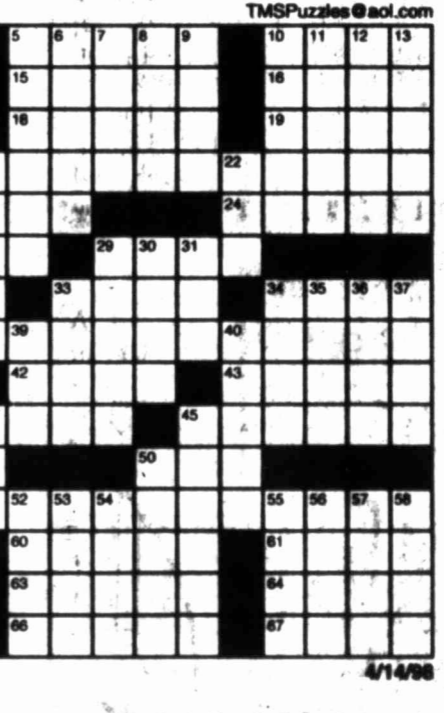
THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, April 14, the 104th day of 1998. There are 261 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On April 14th, 1865, President Lincoln was shot and mortally wounded by John Wilkes Booth while attending the comedy "Our American Cousin" at Ford's Theater in Washington. (Lincoln died the following morning.)

THE Daily Crossword

- ACROSS
  - 1 Piece of copper?
  - 5 18th-century r/d dance
  - 10 Pork product
  - 14 Filament
  - 15 Unburned brick
  - 16 Alberto Fujimori's country
  - 17 Complex problem
  - 18 This compared to that
  - 19 Cupid
  - 20 British language
  - 23 Maiden name lead-in
  - 24 Backstreet
  - 25 Reciprocal of a cosine
  - 29 Wild guess
  - 32 School of Paris
  - 33 Castle's stronghold
  - 34 On the sheltered side
  - 38 Interim ruler
  - 41 Makes a lawn
  - 42 Barracks beds
  - 43 Large northern constellation
  - 44 Asian holidays
  - 45 Muffle
  - 46 Bewildered
  - 50 Purpose
  - 51 Chess opening
  - 59 Ballerina's skirt
  - 60 Overact
  - 61 Amusement park thrill
  - 62 Canada, province
  - 63 Drawn breath
  - 64 First place?
  - 65 Lively dance
  - 66 Commissioner
  - 67 School official
- DOWN
  - 1 Breezy talk
  - 2 Per person
  - 3 Half a golf course
  - 4 Long journey
  - 5 Dark red gem
  - 6 Pithy saying
  - 7 Scads
  - 8 NY theatrical award
  - 9 Unskilled laborer
  - 10 Magic formula
  - 11 Jeopardy
  - 12 Got to one's feet
  - 13 Squishy
  - 21 Hebrides
  - 22 Flap gums
  - 25 Outfits
  - 26 Call back?
  - 27 For both sexes
  - 28 Matterhorn mountains
  - 29 Groups within groups
  - 30 Golf gadgets
  - 31 4 of dates
  - 33 Tie tie
  - 34 Taj Mahal city
  - 35 Blaze a trail
  - 36 Noun-forming suffix
  - 37 School on the Thames
  - 39 Chill
  - 40 Swelling
  - 44 Greek "T"
  - 45 Assimilate mentally
  - 46 Essence of roses
  - 47 Greenland town
  - 48 Italian sayan
  - 49 Do as well as
  - 50 Fall bloomer
  - 52 Marine shockers
  - 53 Send out
  - 54 Stellar blast
  - 55 SR-com equine
  - 56 Tarry
  - 57 Brainstorm
  - 58 Neighbor of Ark



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In 1775, the first American society for the abolition of slavery was organized by Benjamin Franklin and Benjamin Rush.

In 1828, the first edition of Noah Webster's "American Dictionary of the English Language" was published.

In 1902, J.C. Penney opened his first store, in Kemmerer, Wyo.

In 1912, the British liner Titanic collided with an iceberg in the North Atlantic and began sinking.

In 1931, King Alfonso XIII of Spain went into exile, and the Spanish Republic was proclaimed.

In 1939, the John Steinbeck novel "The Grapes of Wrath" was first published.

In 1968, the Matt Crowley play "The Boys in the Band" opened in New York.

In 1981, the first test flight of America's first operational space shuttle, the Columbia, ended successfully with a landing at Edwards Air Force Base in California.

In 1986, Americans got first word of a U.S. air raid on Libya (because of the time difference, it was the early morning of April 15 where the attack occurred).

Ten years ago: Afghanistan, Pakistan, the United States and the Soviet Union signed agreements providing for the withdrawal of Soviet forces from Afghanistan and creation of a nonaligned Afghan state.

Five years ago: Millions of black workers in South Africa went on strike to protest the slaying of activist Chris Hani. A U.S. government-funded study said that of 3,321 men surveyed, only 1.1 percent identified themselves as exclusively homosexual, a finding disputed by gay activists.

One year ago: Attorney General Janet Reno rejected Republican calls to seek an independent counsel to investigate campaign fundraising. James McDougal, who'd agreed to cooperate with Whitewater prosecutors investigating President and Mrs. Clinton, drew a three-year prison sentence for 18 felony fraud and conspiracy counts.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Sir John Gielgud is 94. Actor Rod Steiger is 73. Actor Bradford Dillman is 68. Actor Jay Robinson ("The Robe") is 68. Singer-songwriter Buddy Knox is 65. Country singer Loretta Lynn is 66. Actress Julie Christie is 58.