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## State using CRMWD's experiences as pattern for weather modification

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Weather modification, called cloud seeding by many, is a process that people involved in the industry think should be expanded, especially in view of the results the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) has had in the last 28 years.



COUNTS

State Rep. David Counts, chairman of the House Committee on Natural

Resources, and members of the Interim Subcommittee on Rainfall Enhancement Programs were in Big Spring Thursday for a public hearing on cloud seeding.

Subcommittee Chairman Tracy O. King told local and state officials that he is excited about rainfall enhancement and that he believes that state should expand its rate of involvement.

"If you're going to talk about weather modification, I think you should come to where all of the research is being done," Counts said.

"Through trial and error, the Colorado River Municipal Water District has gotten rid of a lot of mistakes others won't have to go through where cloud seeding is concerned,"

Counts added. "We've had our successes and we've had some failures."

George Bomar, senior meteorologist for the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), said weather modification can involve a number of processes, but the main interest is rain enhancement.

"We sometimes view rain enhancement as a drought alleviation measure," Bomar said. "Cloud seeding is actually at its least efficient point in times of drought. Weather modification should be used as a long-term strategy."

CRMWD began seeding clouds in the summer of 1970, according to Bomar.

"We wouldn't be here today talking about cloud seeding without the

rainwater from seeded clouds than we have from unseeded clouds," Bomar said. "We need more resources to do more research."

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## Kid's College

### Annual program set to begin at HC on Monday

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Children and youth will have an opportunity to take courses in astronomy, art, computers and many other subjects during Kid's College, beginning at Howard College Monday.

Kid's College, which gives children ages 6-12 a variety of learning experiences in a fun format, begins Monday at 8 a.m. and runs through June 11.

Modeled after a summer camp, children spend four hours a day working in groups on entertaining projects geared to their age range, explained Kid's College Director Charla Lewis.

"We've always had a really positive experience," said parent Teresa Warrington. "It's a terrific program."

Kid's College is a summer enrichment program, said Lewis. A total of five classes will be offered. Children are divided into small groups according to age, she explained, and are closely supervised by a high school or college-age student.

Each class lasts about four hours. Topics to be covered this year include the popular computer and art courses.

Astronomy lessons will be offered for the first time. A highlight will be a class in theatre and drama, including instruction in stage makeup, backstage scenery, and costuming, Lewis said.

A basic sewing class for boys and girls balances out the program. "This is something both boys and girls need to know as they get older — how to take care of their clothes," she added.

Teachers in the program are hobbyists who love to teach and "want to pass their craft on to others," explained Lewis.

Besides the chance to learn new and interesting things, the highlight of the program for most children is the final graduation ceremony, she said.

"The other big thrill for the students is that as they go through the graduation ceremony on June 11 they get to shake Dr. Sparks' hand," she said, referring to Howard College's president.

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Big Spring postmaster Richard Saxton (left), St. Mary's headmaster Carol Hanes and real estate agent Ellen Phillips were on the phone Thursday in an attempt to make "bail" to get out of the Muscular Dystrophy Association jail at Big Spring Mall.

## Hangar 25 contract to be let soon

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Earlier this spring, the activity surrounding Big Spring's Hangar 25 Restoration Project is slightly behind what was originally predicted by architect Steve Ellinger, vice president of Abilene-based Cadco Architects-Engineers Inc., but the construction phase is just around the corner.

McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Manager Nelda Reagan potential bidders on phase two of the project, which is the construction phase, made pre-bid visits to the hangar site before bids were submitted.

"We had a pre-bid meeting on May 5 here at the airpark," Reagan said. "Potential bidders met with the architect, receive bid specifications and did a site visit of Hangar 25."

Bids were expected to be opened around May 19, but the

process actually took place earlier this week. The awarding of the construction contract is expected to be announced within another couple of weeks.

As for the flavor of the project, Ellinger said, "A little bit of Webb Air Force base is coming back to life after 20 years."

More than 100th commemorative name plaques have been purchased from the Hangar 25 Restoration Committee in support of the project.

All plaques sold to date help benefit the restoration of Hangar 25, but the committee will not stop there, according to Committee Chairman Jerry Worthy.

"Other plaques sold will help fund the operation of the hangar as well as various exhibits," Worthy said.

Project officials describe Hangar 25 as a very unique project. "It will be the only real air-

craft museum in a vintage hangar," Ellinger said. "The project is unique in that it has a theme that emphasizes the training type of plane. A lot of museums are dedicated to the bombers and fighter planes, but we're dedicated to the training type aircraft."

The planes the committee hopes to have on permanent display in the hangar include the AT-11, T-33 (F-80 in the Korean War), T-38 Talon and T-37.

"As far as we know there is not another museum in the world like this," Ellinger said. "One purpose of the museum will be educating the public about what went on during the war years and at Webb. This education will be done in a classroom (similar to a briefing room) capable of seating 45 people."

The hangar, once complete,

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## BBB warns of "square foot" pricing

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

As people begin summer projects around their homes, so do scam artists.

The Permian Basin Better Business Bureau (BBB) is warning area residents to pay attention to any quotes received regarding contracting work to be done on their property.

BBB President and CEO Dick Rowland said some contractors may be using a "per square foot" measure for pricing, while most contractors use a "per square

yard" measure.

"When you receive one bid for \$4 per yard, and another for 90 cents a foot, the 90 cents sounds cheap until you remember that there are nine feet in a square yard," Rowland said. "Then the bid turn into \$8.10 per square yard. The same comparison should be used for roofing work, landscaping and any other similar projects."

Sometimes, a traveling crew comes into the area, promoting a greatly reduced price for work, according to Rowland, but if you stop to compare, by

converting the prices to the same standard, you get a true picture of the comparison.

A few of these traveling crews are in the Permian Basin now.

"There is nothing wrong with good competition because that's what makes the free enterprise system work," Rowland said. "It's just that you have to be sure you know what the real comparisons are, and the quality of the workmanship."

In most cities in the Permian Basin, a permit is required before any contracting work may begin.

## BSISD

### McQueary: District will have a big deficit budget for next school session

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District "will definitely have a deficit budget next year — a big deficit budget," said Superintendent Bill McQueary told the board of trustees Thursday.

Building projects, computer upgrades, and other expenses may force the district over budget by as much as \$1.5 million, Superintendent Bill McQueary said.

"These are strictly preliminary numbers," said McQueary, "they could change drastically over the next two months."

Estimates are difficult without revenue information, said McQueary, but a major dip in the fund balance, or the amount a district keeps in savings, should be expected.

"You've been building that fund balance, knowing this day was going to come," said McQueary. "You've been very conservative in physical supplies in the district, and you're going to need it."

The district is hoping to "draw the line at \$4.6 million," down from \$6.1 million, McQueary added.

A healthy fund balance is about two and one-half times one month's operating expenses, according to the TEA, McQueary said. Big Spring schools spend about \$2 million per month, for a target fund balance of \$5 million.

This is the first time the board has received budget information early, said McQueary. Last year's board asked for information in advance of the annual workshop in order to better prepare for budget workshop sessions in July.

All recommendations were the result of meetings between "site-based decision making teams" (schoolwide committees made up of faculty, staff, administrators and others) and school officials, said McQueary.

Some of the items on the

table this year include:

- A recommended \$700,000 salary increase for teachers;
- A \$200,000 expenditure required to make the district completely paperless, as required by the Texas Education Agency by the year 2000. The money will be used to purchase 66 new computers, and put dataports on all existing machines, said McQueary;
- Food service computer upgrades, at a cost of \$84,920. "We feel like we would gain funding" said McQueary. "A lot of students fall through the cracks."

Kids often don't alert the district that they qualify for free lunch funds as they enter middle school and high school, he said. Efficient tracking of these students would bring more federal funds to the district. "We feel like it'll be a wash — it would be that valuable to us," McQueary told the board;

• A \$200,000 budget item to transform Goliad into an elementary school. "Modifications in restrooms, drinking fountains, exits, blackboards and other things to fit the school to a smaller size elementary child," are necessary, said McQueary;

• A career and technical lab, at a cost of \$200,000. Partially funded by TEA loans, the lab was approved last year and is definitely on the boards for next year.

In other business, the six present board members approved:

- Allocation of \$53,566 in federal vocational education funds for start-up costs for the Cisco Systems Academy, career support center aide, travel, software upgrades and materials;
- Forwarding of accountability rating evaluations for the district's alternative school to the TEA;
- Acceptance of resignations for Claude McKiddy, special education diagnostician and Johnny McGregor, BSIS science teacher. McGregor was tapped to be principal of Elbow Elementary next year, said Murray Murphy, assistant superintendent;
- Hiring of three teachers, Dana Mayfield, Charley Ogle and Dennis Smiley;
- Revision of the district's code of conduct to forbid possession of drug paraphernalia.

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## WEATHER

Tonight



Tonight, fair. Lows 65-70. Saturday, mostly sunny. Highs around 103. Saturday night, fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Extended forecast, Sunday through Tuesday, Fair. Lows mid 60s to lower 70s. Highs upper 90s to near 106.

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## March for Jesus tops local activities for weekend

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fundraisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721.

You may also fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710

## WEEKEND TICKET

Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• Country and western dance, tonight from 7:30-10:30 at the Spring City Senior Citizens Center. Music will be provided by CW & Company.

• The Heritage Museum, today from 9-5 and Saturday from 10-5 at 510 Scurry.

No special displays are currently at the museum, although visitors can learn about the railroad's role in the development of the region as well as the history of Big Spring and Howard County through standing displays.

plays.

The museum is also the site of the world's largest collection of longhorns as well as an extensive doll collection.

• March for Jesus, Saturday, 9:30 a.m., Howard County Courthouse. Gather at the Courthouse at 9:30 and march at 10. A worship service will follow.

• The Pottor House, a restored historic home, Saturday from 1-5 p.m. at 200 Gregg.

• Vietnam Memorial, corner Swords and Rackley just east of SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf.

The Memorial pays tribute to those men and women who served in Southeast Asia and includes a granite memorial, UH-1 helicopter and F-4E Phantom II jet.



# Mississippi jails three men in 32-year-old firebombing murder

HATTIESBURG, Miss. (AP) — It took 28 years to convict the man who killed civil rights leader Medgar Evers. The family of his colleague Vernon Dahmer hopes justice is finally catching up with his killers, too.

Dahmer's family said the recent conviction of Byron De La Beckwith in Evers' death encouraged them to push Mississippi investigators to reopen the case against suspects in Dahmer's death.

Former Ku Klux Klan Imperial Wizard Sam Bowers and two other men were jailed Thursday in the 1966 firebomb death of Dahmer, who was targeted because he offered to let blacks pay poll taxes at his

store.

"When we saw the (Evers) case moving to success, that's when we started thinking maybe we've got a chance," said Vernon Dahmer Jr., who escaped the fire that killed his father.

Bowers, 73, one-time head of the White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, and Charles Noble, 55, are accused of murder and arson under indictments shelved since the late 1960s and reactivated Wednesday.

A judge set bond for both at \$200,000.

Deavours Nix, 72, was charged with arson and released on his own recognizance because he has lung cancer.

Bowers was tried four times in the case during the late 1960s — three times in state court and once in federal court — and set free when juries deadlocked.

Prosecutors say the renewed investigation has yielded new evidence they believe will mean a conviction this time. They won't give details other than to say it includes new witnesses.

Dahmer's son Vernon Jr. told The New York Times the most important new evidence came from a man who came forward last year, saying he was a teenage protégé of Bowers and overheard him and Nix discuss the plot to bomb the Dahmer home.

"We want them to have a very, very speedy trial," Mississippi Attorney General

Mike Moore said. "It's been 32 years and we think it's time justice is served."

All three suspects are from Laurel, about 90 miles southeast of Jackson, the state capital.

Bowers was Imperial Wizard of the secretive White Knights of the Ku Klux Klan during the 1960s. The White Knights were linked to a number of firebombings, murders and harassment of civil rights leaders in Mississippi.

Bowers served six years in prison for federal convictions in another notorious case, the 1964 deaths of civil rights workers James Chaney, Andrew Goodman and Michael Schwerner in Philadelphia, Miss.

Authorities said two carloads of Klansmen bombed the Dahmer family home Jan. 10, 1966, after the announcement that residents could pay their poll taxes at Dahmer's store near Hattiesburg. Dahmer, a 58-year-old official of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, returned fire through his front door while his wife and children escaped through a back window.

Juries convicted three men in the case. But Bowers, who was identified in testimony as masterminding the raid, was not among them. Bowers has said he is innocent.

Evers, field secretary for the NAACP, was gunned down in

his driveway in 1963. Beckwith was tried twice in 1964, but both trials ended with deadlocked juries. The case was reopened and he was convicted in 1994.

The revived Dahmer investigation gathered steam following published reports in March that Bowers, in a conversation with an FBI informant, admitted tampering with a jury in 1968 to ensure he stayed out of prison for ordering the fatal firebombing.

"We're certainly glad they've got it to a point where it can be brought back to trial," widow Ellie Dahmer said from her house, built on the foundation of the one that was burned.

"There's a long way to go. This is just the beginning."

# Casket price war making its way through funeral industry

NEW YORK (AP) — Even in death, a bargain is a bargain.

And this is a big one: a casket for up to 75 percent less than the price charged by funeral homes, with delivery anywhere at any time and a choice of 40 styles.

The deal offered by Direct Casket started after the Federal Trade Commission told America's 23,000 funeral homes several years ago that they had to accept caskets purchased elsewhere and couldn't charge a handling fee for doing so.

The change has helped fuel a morbid competition, a sort of a David vs. Goliath bout between big mortuaries and small retailers. Small wonder: the average cost of burying someone can now top \$5,000, with the casket the single most expensive item at about half the total.

Direct Casket opened its new storefront shop Thursday in New York City, squeezed between a dry cleaners and a pet shop. The sign on the teal awning reads, "Caskets Sold Directly To Consumers. 1-800-

73-CASKET."

Inside, shiny open coffins with price tags are visible to pedestrians peering through the shop windows. The markup is 100 percent, but at funeral homes it sometimes is 300 percent to 500 percent.

"I saw an ad in the paper that caught my eye — 75 percent off. And then, it was almost like walking into a department store, very comfortable. It didn't keep you feeling down," said Robert Rawls, who bought a casket in which to bury his brother.

For \$1,195, he got "Going Home," a steel casket with a blue crepe interior. It cost \$1,400 less than a comparable one at the average funeral home, Direct Casket president Ray Silvas said.

After the 1994 FTC ruling, his Van Nuys, Calif.-based company helped break a virtual lock on casket sales by funeral directors.

Silvas' seven stores, five in California and two in New York City, are among about 100 such

businesses nationally that have changed the way America deals with death — at least financially.

Conglomerates have bought up many small, family-owned funeral parlors, leaving three giants to dominate the \$25 billion industry and handle one in every five funerals.

Silvas, a 32-year-old former social worker, runs stores that sell about 4,000 caskets and gross \$3.7 million a year. He's taken the burying business online, too, with a company Web site. And he fills unusual orders, too.

A Nigerian diplomat recently ordered a mahogany coffin flown to Africa for the burial of a tribal chief, he said. A woman called to ask for one that could fit her German Shepherd. And another customer bought a coffin for use as a wine rack.

Kelly Smith, spokesman for the Milwaukee-based National Funeral Directors Association that represents 15,000 professionals, said that while retail stores such as Direct Casket

"give consumers another option, we have members with prices that are competitive, too."

The nation's largest casket manufacturer, Indiana-based Bateson, stays far away from the cut-rate business.

"We will distribute only to licensed funeral directors, and our caskets come with a warranty," company spokesman Joe Weigel said.

At Direct Casket, prices start at \$295 for a plain pine coffin used for Orthodox Jewish rites, compared to an average funeral home cost of \$695, as priced by Direct Casket. The most expensive item is a \$3,495 bronze casket with a brush lacquer top and a tufted velvet interior that Silvas said normally sells for at least \$10,000.

The 24 coffins on display and 16 more available from a catalog are made by six manufacturers who have asked Silvas not to release their names.

"They're afraid they'll lose business, because we're undercutting the funeral homes," he

said.

Officially at least, funeral homes are not resisting the changes. It's the law.

"But when people are grieving, it's not like buying a car. You need to be very careful," said Terry Hemeyer, spokesman for Houston-based Service Corp International.

one of the three industry giants.

"We have very high-quality merchandise, and with these retailers, you don't know when they get their caskets," he said. "Besides, a lot of people would rather have one place where they can shop."

## JEAN BIGAR'S HOROSCOPE

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR SATURDAY, MAY 30:**  
Key in on communications this year. Make an effort to develop greater inner stability and security, so you can handle any upheaval. View life with the wonder of a child. Temper high imagination and creativity with common sense. If you are single, you could be subject to a sudden infatuation. While traveling or attending a seminar, you could meet someone different and exciting. If attached, your relationship takes an inspiring turn. LEO helps you get organized.

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

**ARIES (March 21-April 19)**  
You get your fair share of excitement. Look at events as positive rather than stressful. Staying locked in the same patterns makes you boring and creates rigidity. A friend invites you to try another way. Tonight: Where the fun is.\*\*\*\*

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
Someone in charge triggers changes. He makes a demand that could upset you, but you need to meet it. Don't back off; stay centered, and know what must be done. Family proves to be a source of solace. Isolate yourself from aggravation. Tonight: Entertain at home.\*\*\*

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
You laugh easily, adjust and discover humor in everything. Invite a family member on an adventure with you — a day trip, picnic or visit to the museum. In a different atmosphere, someone can open up. Tonight: Your charming wit makes the night.\*\*\*\*

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Expenses could be out of whack. The time has come to put your foot down. Someone's

response startles you. Listen carefully to his point of view, but remember that no one is responsible for your checkbook but you. Don't play ostrich. Tonight: Take in a movie.\*\*\*

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Step back; don't become involved in the uproar. Laughter is important; you can gain perspective when you resort to it. View someone's unpredictability as a gift rather than a liability. Go with excitement. Others respond to your energy. Tonight: Draw in what you want.\*\*\*

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Take some time off. Your nerves are frayed, and you need some repose. You have pushed as hard as you can. Put your feet up, and curl up with a good movie or book. Screen out anything that doesn't feel right to you. Make this your day of rest. Tonight: Do your own thing.\*\*

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Aim for what you want. A child or loved one just isn't predictable now, no matter how much you would like him to be. If single, you could find someone very exciting, but don't count on anything becoming more permanent at this point.

This person needs space. Tonight: Whoop it up.\*\*\*\*

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
Accept responsibility, even if you feel that others are coming down on you hard. Be sensitive to an offer. Not everyone sees eye-to-eye with you, especially a roommate or family member. Recognize how very little control you have over this person. Tonight: In the limelight.\*\*\*

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
Let go of structure, and be willing to take a risk. A friend's invitation lures you toward adventure. Go with it. Be easygoing in the face of the unexpected. When plans change, go with the flow. Someone appreciates your perspective. Tonight: Try a new type of cuisine.\*\*\*\*

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Getting close to someone causes disorientation. You can't have things the way you want now. Trying to control others is impossible. Let go, and enjoy relating to someone. That person shares many intimacies, perhaps shocking you. Tonight: A romantic dinner for two.\*\*\*\*

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
You go wild! Others wonder what is going on with you, as

you become increasingly unpredictable. Maintain a sense of humor, and allow more laughter in your life. A partner tries to control you. Do your own thing, and be responsible for yourself. Tonight: Life of the party.\*\*\*\*

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
Get into a favorite hobby or pastime. You feel pushed beyond your limits. Think through a decision that might not be comfortable for you. Go within, and discover what is bothering you, then be willing to state your limits. Get extra errands and work done. Tonight: Make it stress-free.\*\*\*

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# Lawmakers scrutinize Texas Department of Criminal Justice operations

AUSTIN (AP) — State lawmakers expressed concern Thursday about a rising number of crimes being committed by ex-convicts. They also warned Texas Department of Criminal Justice Director Wayne Scott to take better fiscal control of industries involving prison labor.

TDCJ and the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles were under review by the Sunset Advisory Commission, which determines if state agencies should be continued.

TDCJ received an overall favorable review from Sunset Advisory Commission staff members who compiled a 222-page analysis of the state's largest agency as well as the Board of Pardons and Paroles.

But TDCJ, which has an operating budget of more than \$2 billion and 39,000 employees, received close scrutiny from

lawmakers about accounting of its prison industries and for a recidivism rate that increased from 35 percent in 1984 to 53 percent in 1992.

In Texas, the recidivism rate is calculated as the percent of inmates returning to prison within three years of their release.

"It looks like nothing's working when I look at the recidivism rate increasing by 20 percent," said Sen. Chris Harris, R-Arlington. He also was upset that commission staff couldn't present data more current than 1992.

"I am bothered by doing a rewrite of policy based on 1992 figures," Harris said.

According to the commission report, prison officials use vocational education as a means of decreasing recidivism. But the report said TDCJ fails to maximize the job training potential

of its inmate work system.

Rep. Allen Hightower, D-Huntsville, chairman of the House Corrections Committee and a member of the Sunset Advisory Commission, said more information is needed about the ex-prisoners who return to a life of crime after their release from prison.

"If it's drug and alcohol offenders who are most responsible for the recidivism going up, then that would help us figure out where our money would be better spent, on rehab for those folks," Hightower said.

Hightower also said inmates with shorter prison sentences should be fast-tracked into vocational education programs, rather than sitting on waiting lists while inmates serving 20

or 30 years take part in the programs.

On the matter of cost-accounting, at least three different reports have found TDCJ's systems are so inefficient that prison officials are unable to determine if industries involving inmate labor are making or losing money.

TDCJ's Texas Correctional Industries division operates 42 production facilities and three warehouses, all run by prison labor. Products include garments, bedding materials, state license plates, inspection and registration stickers, cleaning supplies and furniture.

In fiscal year 1997, the industry program received \$20.5 million in appropriated funds. But the accounting is so poor that

the program can't assess production costs, efficiency of its factories or the profits and losses of its operations, according to the Sunset Advisory Commission report.

"There is an accountability problem in TDCJ," Hightower said. "They have done a poor job of accounting their profits and losses. They are negligent in doing that."

Scott, who took over as TDCJ director in 1996, told lawmakers that the accounting system for years was ineffective because it had been done manually and was about to be handled on a database.

"We have the capability to make things better," Scott said. He added that he has changed leadership of the industry pro-

gram and is implementing recommendations from a comprehensive state audit of the program.

Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, chairman of the Sunset Advisory Commission, then said, "You know several other directors have sat here, just like you, and promised the same thing."

The commission's most significant suggestion regarding the Board of Pardons and Paroles was to add the parole board chairman to the TDCJ board as a non-voting member.

The report said the move would increase coordination between the panels. Current parole board Chairman Victor Rodriguez said he had no problem with the proposal.

## Two weddings are too close for worried groom's comfort

DEAR ABBY: My fiancée and I are getting married in early September. We are both in our early 30s and this is the first marriage for both of us. We have been planning our wedding since last fall, and everyone, including a number of out-of-state family members and guests, is looking forward to sharing this special day with us.



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

Last month, my stepbrother decided to get married three weeks after our wedding. This is his third marriage in 10 years. My fiancée and I are upset that he is not taking into account the conflict this presents to our family and friends—especially those who must make more than one set of travel arrangements. We are taking our wedding day and marriage very seriously and feel my stepbrother's impulsiveness is distracting everyone.

To top it off, we are planning a long honeymoon and weren't even supposed to be in town on the day of my stepbrother's wedding. I'm afraid we'll look like the "bad guys" for not showing up at his wedding. Should I tell our guests they do not have to travel twice in one month? Should we cut our honeymoon short? — WORRIED GROOM, NASHVILLE, TENN.

DEAR GROOM: You need not cut short your long-planned honeymoon to accommodate your stepbrother's more recent arrangements. It is up to the prospective guests to decide if they can attend two weddings in the same month. Continue with your plans and change nothing.

DEAR ABBY: This is regarding the letter from the patient who objected to the questions she was asked by her doctor's receptionist. Patients should know that doctors, nurses and medical receptionists have heard everything. Nothing shocks us.

A receptionist frequently

needs to know a patient's problem(s) in order to know which physician in the group should see him or her. Some problems are not seen by her physician and are referred elsewhere. But you were 100 percent right when you told the woman to discuss her feelings with her doctor during her next appointment.

In the middle of my solo G.P. practice (before I retired), I noticed that my patient load had dropped more than 50 percent in a very short period. When I investigated, I found my receptionist had informed patients calling for an appointment that I was fully booked for weeks, or I no longer saw new patients for various reasons. None of this was true.

When I confronted my receptionist, she told me she thought I was working too hard and should see fewer patients! I had never turned patients away, and I enjoyed seeing and diagnosing new patients and treating them.

From then on, I gave all patients a questionnaire inquiring how courteously and thoroughly my staff and I had treated them — had they been given an appointment promptly, etc. No signature was required.

My philosophy has always been: Every doctor makes mistakes, but the better and more thorough the physician, the fewer mistakes are made. — MARK H. HOPP, M.D. (RET.), GARDEN GROVE, CALIF.

DEAR DR. HOPP: Regardless of how talented the health care provider, I suspect that the practice of medicine is like every other business in that the importance of good customer relations cannot be underestimated. However, in medicine it's called a good bedside manner — even if the patient is vertical.

Abby shares more of her favorite, easy-to-prepare recipes. To order, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$3.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, More Favorite Recipes, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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## Beanie Babies used to lure victim, police say

GRAND PRAIRIE (AP) — Police believe a 10-year-old girl was assaulted by a paroled child molester who used Beanie Babies to lure her into a house across from her school.

Billy Dwayne Geer, 32, is being sought on an arrest warrant issued in connection with the May 7 attack, police said.

Authorities were notified May 13 after a school crossing guard noticed the girl coming out of the house. Upon questioning, the girl said Geer had given her \$25 and two Beanie Babies, said

Detective Alan Frizzell.

Investigators later determined she had been assaulted.

Geer was paroled in July 1991 after serving three years of a 10-year sentence for aggravated sexual assault of a child, records show. His parole expired in April.

He also had five previous convictions in Tarrant County, including a 1987 charge of indecency/fondling, officials said.

Geer registered in September with police as a convicted child molester. But school officials

said Geer's name and address, across from Dickinson Elementary School, were not on the latest list issued in January.

Alan Patton, a spokesman for Grand Prairie police, said Geer's name should have been on earlier lists given to the district.

His name may have been mistakenly excluded from the most recent list because the department is updating its sexual-offender database, Patton said.

Principal Gary Gilbreath sent a letter with Geer's picture

home to parents on Thursday, the last day of school.

Teachers and parents said Geer was a familiar sight in front of the school during a two-to-three-week span leading up to the reported assault.

"We all saw him out there the past couple of weeks before all this happened," said Susan Moore, who teaches talented-and-gifted students at Dickinson. "We wondered if what he was doing selling toys from his front yard wasn't against the law."

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A reception will follow in the church parlor.

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**CLUB**

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Adult Club of East Fourth Street Baptist Church met at 9:30 a.m. Tuesday, May 19, on the church parking lot for a trip to Colorado City. The group ate lunch at the Sportsman Paradise Club on the lake, then visited several antique stores.

Those making the trip were Garland and Gerry Rudd (drivers), Ida Belle Bankston, Latrice Davis, Lennis Couch, Thelma Roberts, Dorothy Taylor, Mable Wilson and Ola Lee McMullan. Club dues and birthday money were collected from members and a gift of appreciation given to the van drivers.

**City FCE Club**

A luncheon was held on May 22 at 11:30 a.m. in the home of Mildred Callihan for the City Family and Community Education Club. Seven members and Dana Tarter, Howard County Agent, were present.

Jowilli Etchison, Frances Zant and Irene Priebe will represent the county at the State FCE meeting in Corpus Christi on Sept. 15-17.

Newly elected officers are Jowilli Etchison, president; Rogelle Dohoney, vice president; Irene Priebe, secretary-treasurer; Frances Zant, delegate; and Mildred Callihan, reporter.

Mildred Callihan discussed a new product, Hydrodyne, which is a process under testing for tenderizing meat. This process of underwater shock-wave causes minor structural damaging of the muscle cells of meat, yielding instantaneous tenderness and uniformity of tissue.

The City FCE Club will meet again on Sept. 11, in the home of Frances Mason.

**Retired Teachers**

Shirleen Brown from Scenic Mountain Medical Center

Home Health presented a program, "Education on Home Health," at the May meeting of the Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association. She was assisted by Wanda Gamble and Kathy Dunn.

Annual achievement awards were presented. President Doris Huijbregtse accepted the Bell Ringer Award on behalf of the local unit for meeting state organizational requirements.

Loma Jean Wynn received the Community Volunteer Service Award.

Public relations awards went to Don Green, Eunice Thixton, and Jean Warren.

Betty Addy and Loma Jean Wynn were presented with Membership Award for their successful efforts to increase membership by 20 percent from the preceding year.

The next meeting of the organization will be Aug. 17.

**Borden names top 1998 graduates**

Bryce Dye, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chet Dye, has been named Valedictorian of Borden County High School. His grade point average for four years is 3.98.



DYE

Bryce is a member of the National Beta Club, participated in the UIL literary meet in science, math, number

sense and calculators. He was a cast member of the one act play, performed in band and was captain of football and basketball teams.

He was also named Mr. BHS and Most Likely to Succeed.

His future plans include college at Angelo State University. Tera Stamper, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gregg Stamper, was named Salutatorian of Borden County High School. She has maintained a grade point average of 3.93 for four years.

Tera is a member of National

Beta Club, a state qualifier in 4-H and FFA judging events. She is president of the Spanish Club and reporter for the senior class.

Tera was voted most likely to succeed, participated in band, basketball and track.

Tera will attend Texas Tech University.



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**CHURCH**

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Steelman holds both Bachelor and Master of Music degrees from the University of Texas at Austin. She is an accomplished violinist and flautist, and is active as a guest performer in churches throughout the Permian Basin.

St. Mary's summer schedule with one service of Holy Communion at 9:30 a.m., will begin on Sunday, June 7 and continue through Sept. 6.

Vacation Bible School starts Monday, June 1, at the First Presbyterian Church from 9 a.m. to noon. We will have a week filled with Bible stories, crafts, games, snacks, songs, skits, and treasure hunts. Be sure to register before Monday as the space is limited.

Michael Mitchell, organist/choirmaster at First Presbyterian Church of Big Spring, invites the community to an inaugural concert in their new Yates Concert Series. The concert will be held on Sunday, June 7, at 5 p.m., and will feature guest organist Stephen Hargreaves. The 90-minute concert will showcase many organ favorites.

First Presbyterian Church is located at Eighth and Runnels. Admission is free and a nursery will be provided.

**Coahoma Church of Christ**

Coahoma Church of Christ will be having Vacation Bible School beginning Sunday, June 7 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. each evening through Wednesday, June 10. The theme is Star Trek: A Journey to Heaven. The VBS is for ages nursery through sixth grade. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games and snacks.

**Baker's Chapel Church**

Baker's Chapel Church will sell barbecue dinners Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Dinners will consist of choice of one meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans and dessert.

Dinners will be served at 911 N. Lancaster or call for delivery, 267-7158.

Dinners are \$5 for single meat, \$6 for two meats, \$7 for three meats or \$8 for all four meats. Dinners may be delivered by calling 267-7158. Place orders after 1 p.m. on Friday or anytime Saturday morning.

Proceeds from dinner sales will go toward projects for the Senior Choir.

**Baptist Temple Church**

Baptist Temple Church, 400 11th Place, is having its 5th Sunday Singing Service starting at 6 p.m. The public is welcome and a nursery is provided.

**Christ's Community Church**

A youth group fundraiser car wash for Christ's Community Church will take place Saturday from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at Tire Time Rentals, 511 S. Gregg. All donations will be accepted.

**Hot new book is griller's dream come true**

By BEVERLY BUNDY  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — The Jamisons have surely forgotten more about grilling than most of us will ever know.

Luckily for the rest of the world, the couple has written it all down in a series of books. The latest is 'Born to Grill: An American Celebration' (Harvard Common Press, \$27.95), following up the James Beard Award-winning 'Smoke & Spice' and 'Sublime Smoke.'

This time, Cheryl Alters Jamison and Bill Jamison move beyond the smoke pit to 500 pages' worth of charcoal and gas grills. And they're not snobs, this New Mexico pair, eschewing convenience for the rustic authenticity, albeit mess, of charcoal. They say the more often you grill, the more likely you are to appreciate gas (as long as the particular grill will get hot enough).

This is a sensible pairing of equipment with fare, not the George Hirsch silliness of putting everything, including saucepans, on an outdoor flame. Some of the offerings are especially intriguing: Grilled bananas for ice cream along with smokin' chipotle coleslaw and coffee-basted spareribs seem inspired, once we consider them.

If you don't have the Jamisons' other two barbecue titles, buy this one and work back. If you already have the other two, by all means add the latest. And don't forget 'Born to Grill' when Father's Day rolls around next month.

**PEPPERED TUNA STEAK WITH HORSERADISH CREAM**

Serves 4  
Lemon pepper paste:  
1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice  
1/2 teaspoon vegetable oil  
1/2 teaspoon coarse-ground black pepper  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt or other

coarse salt  
2 (1-inch thick) tuna steaks, preferably yellow fin, about 1 pound each

Horseradish cream:  
1/2 cup sour cream  
1 tablespoon prepared horseradish

2 teaspoons grated mild onion or onion juice  
1/2 teaspoon kosher salt or other coarse salt

At least 1 hour and up to 4 hours before you plan to grill the tuna steaks, prepare the paste, combining the ingredients in a small bowl. The mixture will be very wet. Coat the steaks with the paste, cover them and refrigerate.

Remove tuna from refrigerator and let sit, covered, at room temperature for about 30 minutes. Blot any accumulated liquid from surface of steaks.

Fire up the grill for a two-

level fire capable of cooking first on high heat (1 to 2 seconds with the hand test) and then on medium heat (4-5 seconds with the hand test).

Transfer steaks to well-oiled grate and grill uncovered over high heat for 2 minutes per side. Move tuna to medium heat and continue cooking for an additional 2 to 3 minutes per side, leaving a distinct pink center. If there is any resistance when you turn the fish, re-oil the grate. If grilling covered, sear both sides of the fish first on high heat, uncovered, for 2 minutes; finish the cooking with the cover on over medium heat for 4-5 minutes, turning once midway.

Serve steaks immediately, halved for 4 diners, with dollops of the horseradish cream. For a summer supper, pair the tuna with new potatoes and string beans, dressed with vinaigrette and served warm or chilled.

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By JOHN A. M  
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## Orioles thump Rangers

BALTIMORE (AP) — Roberto Alomar treats controversy in much the same fashion he deals with dirt on his uniform — he simply whisks it away and turns his attention to playing baseball.

Ever since he spit at umpire John Hirschbeck in September 1996, Alomar has been forced to cope with the wrath of booing fans on the road. This week he's faced a different kind of distraction — trade rumors.

The Baltimore Orioles disclosed last weekend that they have discussed trading their second baseman to the New York Mets. Instead of stewing about it, Alomar elevated his game.

Alomar went 3-for-3 and scored three runs Thursday night as the Orioles handed Texas its fourth straight defeat, 5-2. In the process, Alomar gave Baltimore officials reason to believe that they might be wise to hold onto him after all.

Lenny Webster had a season-high three RBIs and Doug Drabek pitched seven strong innings for the Orioles, who have won four of five after a nine-game skid.

Webster hit a run-scoring grounder in the second inning and a two-run single in the fourth to stake the Orioles to a 3-0 lead.

## 'Dogs romp to 8-4 area win over Tahoka



By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

SNYDER — Coahoma's Bulldogs were simply too much for Tahoka's Bulldogs to handle.

Coahoma, its sights set on a second straight trip to the UIL Class 2A state baseball tournament, posted an 8-4 come-from-behind win over Tahoka in an area playoff game Thursday at Snyder's Moffett Field.

The win, which improved Coahoma's record to 16-3, sends the Bulldogs into the Region 1 semifinals where they'll face New Deal, an 11-3 winner over Wellington on Tuesday, at 5:30 p.m. Monday at Howard College's Jack Barber Field.

As was the case a week earlier when Coahoma dealt Stamford a 7-1 shelling in bidistrict play, Trey Morgan's red-clad 'Dogs had too much pitching, too much hitting and too much defense for Tahoka to handle.

"It was just a total team effort," Morgan said after watching his team rally from a 4-0 first-inning deficit, literally shutting the door on any hope Tahoka may have held for an upset.

Tahoka saw its season come to a close with a 10-11 record.

"We were a little tight early ... everybody was," the Coahoma coach added. "We made a couple of throwing errors and walked a couple of people there in the first inning that put us in a hole, but in a way that's was good for us.

"We hadn't been in that position in a long time," Morgan continued. "The kids did a great

job of regrouping and battling back."

After giving up four unearned runs in the top of the first inning, Coahoma found its composure and began chipping away at Tahoka's lead, while sophomore lefthander Delvin White literally dominated in the final six innings.

White, who needed a little time to realize the home plate umpire was not going to call knee-high strikes, adapted to the high strike zone and turned a combination of devastating curves and drops into a two-hit, 16-strikeout performance.

Coahoma chalked up 10 hits, White coming up with two of them in a 2-for-3 performance, including a run-scoring double in the third that tied the game at 4-4.

White's teammates began chipping away at Tahoka's lead in the top of the first when lead off hitter Jerry Mann slapped an infield single and swiped second, the first of six stolen bases Coahoma would record.

Tahoka catcher Gary Chapa's throw to second on the play sailed into the outfield, allowing Mann to reach third and he scored moments later when Vincent Garcia rounded out to short.

Coahoma added two more runs in the bottom of the second. White led off with a single to right and was replaced on the base paths by courtesy runner Cody Teeler, who promptly swiped second.

Tahoka's Michael Garcia managed to strike out T.J. Green, but designated hitter Jeremy Green ripped a double to left, driving in Teeler, and scored a

little later on an error.

What proved to be the game winning run came in the Coahoma third. After White had deadlocked the game with his double, Teeler again replaced him on the base paths and scored on T.J. Green's single to center.

While Coahoma stranded a runner at third in the fourth inning, it added a little insurance with two runs in the fifth.

Catcher Aaron Ovalle led off the inning with a walk and courtesy runner Lance Montealeone stole second.

White drew an intentional walk with one out, but that tactic backfired when T.J. Green and Jeremy Green ripped back-to-back singles to make it 7-4.

Coahoma's final run came in the bottom of the sixth when Mann led off with a single to right that Tahoka's Brad Rangel misplayed, allowing the speedy center fielder to reach third. Vincent Garcia then chalked up his second RBI of the game, again on a groundout.

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Carlu, 2b	2	Mann, cf	4
Chapman, 1b	3	V. Garcia, ss	3
Wise, 3b	1	Ovalle, c	3
Chapa, c	3	Montealeone, cf	3
Ranger, rf	1	Lan, 1b	0
Dewon, 3b	1	White, p	0
M. Luna, lf	2	Teeler, cf	0
Arku, lf	3	T. Green, rf	3
Garcia, p	0	J. Green, dh	3
Vinga, ss	1	Hancock, 2b	0
J. Luna, cf	2	Bordson, 2b	3
		M. Garcia, lf	3
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Score by Inning	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Tahoka	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Coahoma	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0

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HERALD photo/Jim Fiero  
Coahoma lefthander Delvin White prepares to release a curve ball delivery to Tahoka's Auggie Cantu during Thursday's 8-4 area playoff victory. White struck out Cantu in the confrontation. In fact, he struck out a total of 16 batters, while allowing just two hits in going the distance.

## Lady Steers' Belew becomes first Howard softball signee...

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Honey Belew knew what she wanted. Thursday morning, she got it.

Belew, whose clutch hitting and air-tight defense at second base helped lead Big Spring's Lady Steers to two straight Class 4A regional semifinal berths, became the first player to sign a national letter of intent to play softball for Howard College's Lady Hawks.

Spurning a scholarship offer from Midland College and a chance to play with high school teammates Jessica Cobos and Melissa Martinez, Belew said she had no intentions of playing anywhere else once Howard announced it was starting its women's fast pitch program.

"I just felt like I'd played here (Big Spring) since I was five years old and that someone who's played here all that time should be the first person to sign," she explained, adding that she's looking forward to playing for Mace, who has taken Eastern Oklahoma State College's Lady Mountaineers to the last two NJCAA national tournaments in Hutchison, Kan.

"I think Coach Mace is going to be great for this program," she said, noting that the new Howard coach had contacted her before taking his Eastern Oklahoma team to Hutchison. "He just wanted me to hold off signing with Midland and said he wanted me to play for him at Howard."

While Belew said she was flattered that Midland College had offered her a scholarship, she said the new Lady Chaps program had never really been an option in her mind.

"Something just kept telling me I needed to stay

here," she explained. "Something just wasn't right. I don't know what it was, but I really wanted to play here."

Belew did admit, however, that it will be strange finding herself playing against Martinez and Cobos next season.

"It's going to be weird playing against Melissa and Jessica because we've been teammates for a long time," she added. "I guess it will be like it was a long time ago in the USGA summer leagues when we were on different teams."

Mace said Belew met all the criteria he looked for in recruits.

"My players are going to be good people first, good students second and then good players," he explained. "We're absolutely thrilled to get Honey, because we're convinced she fits that bill."

It just seemed to make sense to make her our first player signed and I think it's significant that she wanted to be our first player," Mace continued, adding that he plans on approximately 75 percent of his team being made up of players from West Texas.

"The administration here wants a program that as much as possible pulls its players from schools that the rest of its student body comes from," he added. "I think we're going to be able to do that."

The new Lady Hawks coach directed kudos to Wes Overton's Lady Steers program and the support it has received from the community.

"Honey's come from a strong program and she's played under a good coach," Mace noted. "It really impresses me that Big Spring High School has only had a program for two years and is looking at building a \$300,000 field. That says a great deal about the program you've built here and the community's commitment to the sport."



HERALD photo: John A. Moseley  
Big Spring Lady Steers star Honey Belew, flanked by her parents, Don and Roxy Belew, becomes the first player to accept a softball scholarship from Howard College, while Big Spring coach Wes Overton and Lady Hawks coach Andy Mace look on.

## ...and former Bulldogette Audra Bingham is second to sign



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley  
Former Coahoma Bulldogettes star Audra Bingham, flanked by her parents, Carolyn and Billy Bingham, signs her scholarship offer from Howard College, becoming the second player signed to the Lady Hawks new softball program. Howard coach Andy Mace and Bingham's younger sister, Amber, look on.

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Howard College softball coach Andy Mace didn't have to look too far outside Big Spring to sign the second player to his new Lady Hawks program, inking former Coahoma Bulldogettes pitching star Audra Bingham just a couple of hours after having signed Big Spring's Honey Belew.

Bingham, who pitched the Bulldogettes to the Class 2A state championship game in 1996, signed with Ranger Junior College two years ago, but family commitments forced her to leave school after just one month into her freshman year, meaning she'll have two years of eligibility at Howard.

For the Bingham — Audra's parents, Billy and Carolyn, and younger sister, Amber, were on hand to watch her accept Mace's scholarship offer — Howard College's decision to begin collegiate softball play is a dream come true.

"I wish Howard College had had a program two years ago when I graduated from high school," Bingham said. "This really is a dream come true, because I get to play and still be able to help my family when they need me."

Bingham's father was diagnosed with cancer just a month into her freshman year at Ranger. She left Ranger to return home and take care of her sister while her father underwent treatment in Albuquerque.

"They needed me here," Bingham said, adding that she'd never regretted leaving Ranger to return home. "And now that we're getting a program started here, I'm going to have the opportunity I always wanted."

"Besides," she added, "if I'd played at Ranger, my family would have only been able to watch me play a couple of times a year. This way they'll get to see me play."

Mace, who said there are several other players he's interested in signing from this year's Class 2A state championship team, said he was pleased to make Bingham Howard's first player from Coahoma.

"Audra's my first player from Coahoma, but I don't expect her to be the last," he explained. "From what I've seen, Coahoma has a tremendous fast pitch tradition. They're well coached and have some tremendously players that are going to be coming out of high school for several years to come."

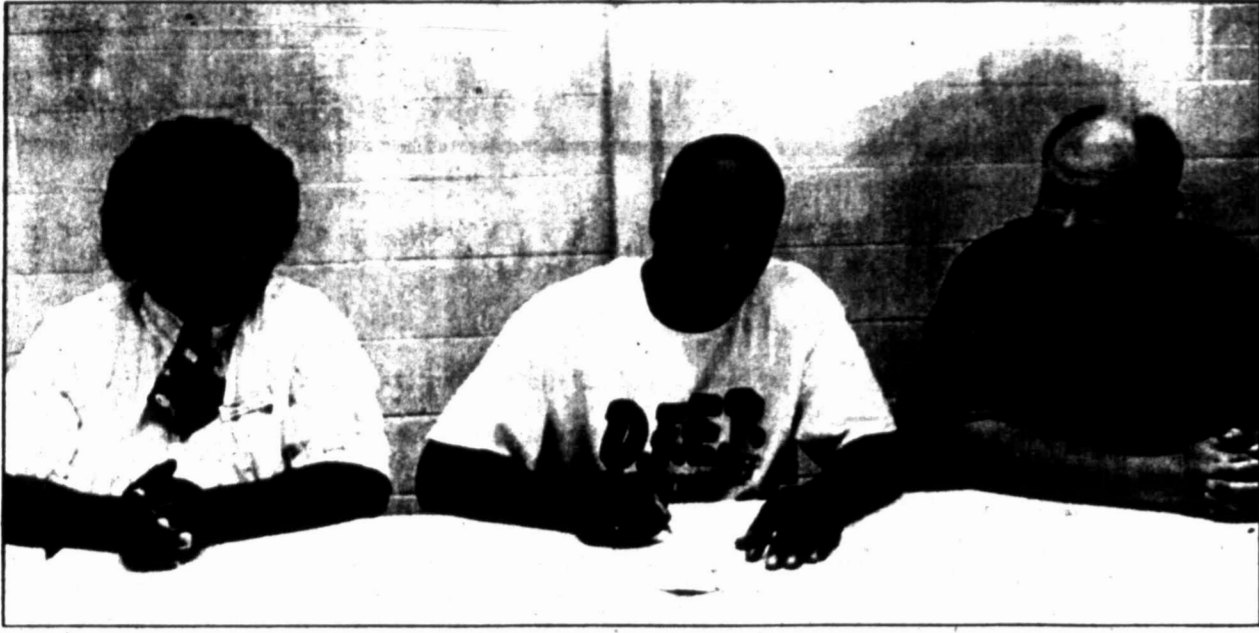
"Nothing breeds success like success," Mace continued. "From what I've been able to find out, in Audra we're signing a player that's going to play a lot for us. We want the best players from West Texas and we believe she's one of them."

"What's more, this is a chance for Howard College to help a young lady continue her education and still play fast pitch softball on a good team."

Mace stressed the importance of being able to recruit the top players from the Big Spring area, in addition to other strong West Texas high school programs.

"We're going to be trying to get the best kids from West Texas ... make that the bulk of our roster," he explained, saying he expects the Lady Hawks' roster to include somewhere between 16 and 20 players in its first year of competition. "We believe we can do that and play at the highest level nationally."

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Big Spring Steers fullback Antwoyne Edwards signs his national letter of intent to play football for Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, Ark., next season as his mother, Pebble Edwards, and Steers Head Coach Dwight Butler look on. Edwards, who rushed for more than 1,000 yards and earned both all-district and all-state honors in the Steers' season that saw them return to the Class 4A playoffs and take a bidistrict championship over El Paso Ysleta, chose Ouachita Baptist over offers from Sul Ross, McMurry and Kansas Wesleyan.

SPORTS BRIEFS

HC slates boys' hoops camp for June 8-11

Howard College has scheduled a boys' basketball camp for June 8-11 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The camp, which will be directed by Hawks Head Coach Tommy Collins, will be staffed with selected high school and college coaches, as well as Hawks players.

Camp sessions will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday and from 9 a.m. to noon on Thursday.

The camp fee will be \$95 per participant, which covers tuition, equipment, a noon meal and a camp T-shirt.

Players should bring shorts, a pair of basketball shoes, athletic socks, spending money and have a medical examination form completed by their doctor.

For more information, call 264-5040.

Black Gold Tennis Circuit event set for Big Spring

The Big Spring stop on the 1998 Black Gold Tennis Circuit has been scheduled for the weekend of June 5-7 at the Figure 7 Tennis Center in Comanche Trail Park.

Singles and doubles competition will be held for both boys and girls in four age divisions — 12 and under, 14 and under, 16 and under and 18 and under — as well as in men's and women's divisions. There will also be one mixed doubles division for all comers.

Entry fees are set at \$8 for one event, \$15 for two events and \$20 for three. All entries and fees must be received seven days prior to the tournament.

Entries should be mailed to Ralph Davis at 1606 Wood, Big Spring, Texas 79720.

For more information, contact Davis by calling 264-9229.

Texas Tech exes schedule golf touney for June 18

The Big Spring chapter of the Texas Tech Ex-Students Association will have a scholarship golf tournament June 18 at the Big Spring Country Club.

The four-man scramble will have an A,B,C,D format. Entry fees are set at \$60 per person which includes green fees, cart and dinner following the tournament. The deadline for entries is June 12.

Proceeds will go toward providing scholarships for area high school and Howard College graduates to attend Texas Tech.

For information, contact Hardy Wilkerson at 264-2220 or Roxie McDaniel at 267-3388.

Coahoma Super Hoops Camp is June 8-12

The Coahoma Super Hoops Basketball Camp has been scheduled for June 8-12 at Coahoma High School.

Open to players between the ages of 9 and 14, the camp's sessions will be conducted from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. each day.

Registration fees are set at \$50 per camper.

For more information, contact Kim Nichols at 394-4755 or 394-4535.

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Ragball tournament slated for June 12-13

The fourth annual Big Spring USGA Co-ed Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for June 12-13 at the Roy Anderson Softball Complex.

Team fees are set at \$10 per player with each team having no more than 15 players and no less than 12. Teams should have an equal number of male and female members 12 years or older.

For more information, contact Jo Ellen Canales at 263-3623.

BSHS tennis clinic set for next week

The 1998 Big Spring High School Summer Tennis Clinic has been scheduled for Monday through Thursday at the Figure 7 Tennis Center at Comanche Trail Park.

The four-day program will include intensive training from 9 a.m. until noon for all boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18.

The clinic fee is \$96 per participant. They should bring tennis rackets, a water jug, sunscreen, a hat, a towel and tennis shoes.

For more information, contact Jim Blacketer at 264-6834.

BSHS Camp of Champs set to begin on Monday

The 1998 Big Spring Summer Camp of Champs, a weight conditioning program sponsored by Big Spring High School, has been scheduled for June 1 through July 2.

Fees are \$35 per participant. The camp is open to any student entering the sixth grade or

above. For more information, contact Dwight Butler at 264-3662 or Ricky Long at 263-0519.

Rodeo golf tournament to benefit crisis fund

A golf tournament, held in conjunction with the Big Spring Cowboy Reunion & Rodeo has been scheduled for Thursday, June 18, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Proceeds from the tournament, which give players a chance to golf with PRCA cowboys, benefit the Justin Cowboy Crisis Fund.

Each team will be composed of A, B, C and D players, as well as a PRCA performer.

Fees for the tournament will be \$35 per player, which includes green fees, use of a golf cart and lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the teams finishing in the top three places.

For more information, contact Jack Birdwell at 264-2366.

Slow-pitch softball touney scheduled for June 12-14

The Big Spring Industrial League will host a double elimination men's slow-pitch softball tournament June 12-14 at Cotton Mize Field.

Trophies and a dozen balls will be awarded to the top three teams. Members of the first- and second-place teams will also receive individual trophies. All-tournament T-shirts will be given.

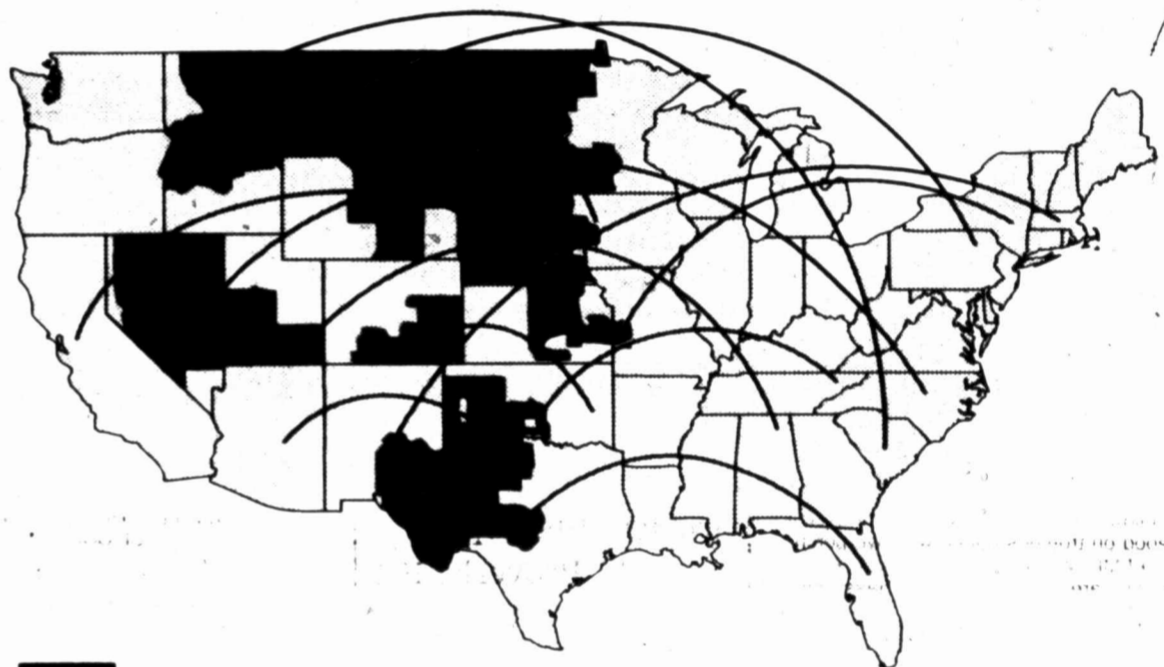
Entry fees are set at \$110 per team and the deadline for entries will be 7 p.m. Thursday, June 11.

For more information, contact Jesse Rios at 264-6129.

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Today is Friday, May 29, the 149th day of 1998. There are 216 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: One hundred and fifty years ago, on May 29, 1848, Wisconsin became the 30th state of the union.

In 1765, Patrick Henry denounced the Stamp Act before Virginia's House of Burgesses, saying, "If this be treason, make the most of it!"

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THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down words.

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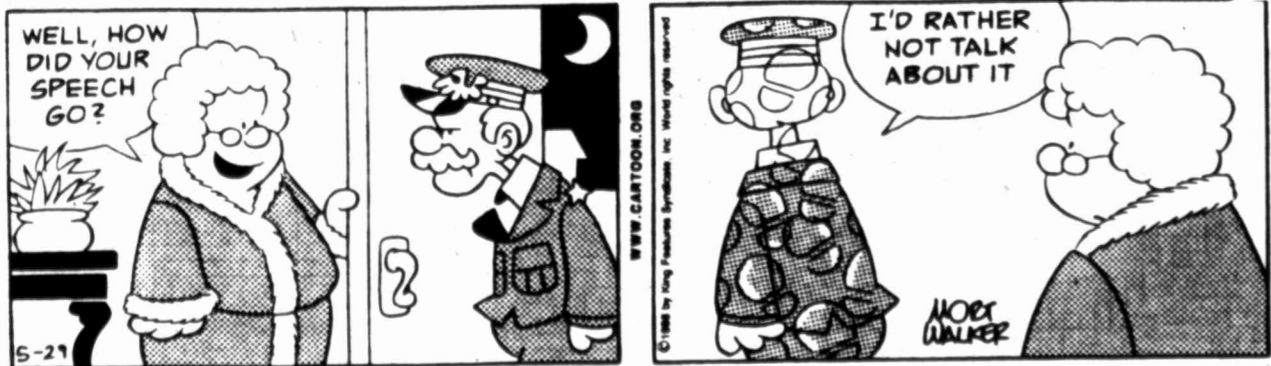
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Thursday's Puzzle Solved section with a grid and the solved words.

Park & Putt Miniature Golf Park & Driving Range advertisement.

Ritz 401 S. Main advertisement for Godzilla and other movies.

Big Spring Herald advertisement with contact information and office hours.

Cinema 1 Big Spring, TX advertisement for movie listings.