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## Ag Expo, lunch slated Thursday

The annual Ag Expo and Appreciation Lunch will be held Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Expo, which is free to the public, begins at 9 a.m. and will run until 4 p.m. A lunch will begin at 11:30 a.m., followed by the introduction of the producer of the year. State Rep. David Counts will present the award.

Tickets to the lunch are free for all area farmers and ranchers. They must be picked up at the chamber prior to the event, however. The lunch is open to non-producers at \$8 per ticket.

The Ag Expo is presented by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the West Texas Ag Expo Committee.

## WHAT'S UP...

### MONDAY

□ Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third.

### TUESDAY

□ Beginning line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

### WEDNESDAY

□ Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room  
□ Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park.

□ Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.

□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.

□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Masonic Lodge NO. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

### FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS (American Business Club), noon, Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

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## MS Walk organizers upbeat about next Saturday's event

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Organizers and participants are gearing up for another successful MS Walk in Big Spring on Saturday.

The walk, to benefit the West Texas Division of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, was held locally for the first time last year. It drew nearly 200 walkers and raised more than \$15,000 to

benefit sufferers of the disease and fund research for a cure.

"Big Spring is on target. We are very excited," said Lucia Gray, with the MS Society in Midland. "Walkers can still call in and register by phone, or fill out a brochure and mail it in. We'd like to have registration in advance, because that really helps us out."

Local co-chairman for the event, Troy Tompkins, said he is upbeat about this second annual event.

"I'm feeling very positive," he said, adding that last year's success is a little bit intimidating. "I look at it as a challenge, a competitive type thing. It causes me to see the stick having been raised."

About 150 walkers have already registered, in 20 teams. All Star Sports is donating T-shirts for the teams, with partial proceeds going toward the MS Society as well.

Participating, he said, shows a person's level of commitment to MS sufferers, but also to the community as a whole.

"It shows a person's involvement in the community, and their concern for the well-being for others," he said. Besides, it's just fun, he added.

"We have a really fun walk, a scenic walk," Tompkins said. "And we have a great lunch."

Add to that the comradeship of a crowd,

and you have a great way to spend several Saturday hours, he said.

"Everybody gets together and has a great time."

On Saturday, participants will begin signing in at 9 a.m. at First Baptist Church, and walkers will step off at 10. Their route runs through the Coronado subdivision and into Comanche Trail Park, returning to the church.

Walkers collect pledges for the efforts, and participants can win prizes depending on the amount of money raised. Top prize is two round-trip airline tickets.

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TOMPKINS

## Ssssssssnake roundup coming

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

You can watch them, race them, buy parts of them. Heck, you can even eat them if you want.

They're rattlesnakes, and next weekend Howard County Fairbarns will have piles and piles of them in all sizes.

Big Spring Chapter of the American Business Club hosts its annual Rattlesnake Roundup and it promises a little something for everyone.

"It's a lot of fun, and educational," said Dennis Burns, chairman of the event.

They'll be buying snakes as early as 1 p.m. Friday, but for spectators, most of the fun takes place Saturday and Sunday.

Handlers will give demonstrations with live snakes beginning at 10 a.m. Saturday. Skinning demonstrations will also be given, as will demonstrations and information about the gathering and use of snake venom.

"They explain what to do in case you encounter one, what not to do, and a lot of information on snakes in general," said Burns.



HERALD photo: Jimmy Kirchenbauer holds 'em high during the 1989 roundup. This will be the 37th year for the event in Big Spring.

## Rattlesnake hunters better beware: new laws can carry a powerful bite

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Rattlesnake hunters who capture 10 or more reptiles must now have a \$15 resident commercial collector's permit from the state of Texas.

This new regulation by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission became effective Jan. 1 of this year, and limits the harvest of certain nongame species of animals within the state.

"We want a better handle on these resources," said John Herron, TPW diversity program director. "This permit is not intended to ban the use of these resources, just get an idea of their numbers."

Local state park manager Ron Alton said the permit may

be purchased wherever Texas hunting and fishing licenses are sold, or by calling 1-800-TX-LIC-4-U for credit card purchases.

"If you have less than 10, you need no permit, but if you have 10, you'd better have a permit," Alton said.

Fines are \$500 per snake for each snake over the limit of 10, he said.

"Snake number 11 is \$500, and two snakes over the limit is \$1,000, and three snakes are \$1,500. If you're going snake hunting, just get the \$15 permit, and then you don't have to worry about it," Alton said.

The \$15 permit is for Texas residents. Non-residents must purchase a \$50 commercial collector's permit. And anyone who buys nongame wildlife for the purpose of resale is now

required to have a \$50 resident non-game dealer permit. Non-resident dealer permits are \$200.

"We want to get a handle on the number of animals being harvested. We want to monitor the number of animals disappearing out of the state. Some dealers are making a killing off of the state's resources," he said.

Along with monitoring the rattlesnake population, TPW is also hoping to learn more about the animal itself, he said.

"Rattlesnakes are one of the most understudied species there is, and they definitely serve their purpose," Alton said.

Wildlife biologists suggest

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## Drug bust

### Sheriff's office finds 10 pounds of marijuana during warrant execution

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A Big Spring man is out on bond, facing drug-related charges after an informant's tip led Howard County Sheriff's Office to his home with a search warrant.

Twenty-six-year-old Angel Villa of 906 West 6th St. was charged Friday with possession of more than four pounds of marijuana with intent to distribute and with possession of a controlled substance and drug paraphernalia.

Deputy Lonnie Kincanon said the investigation started with an informant's tip.

"We were informed that Angel Villa was in possession of approximately 30 pounds of marijuana. We obtained a search warrant and when we

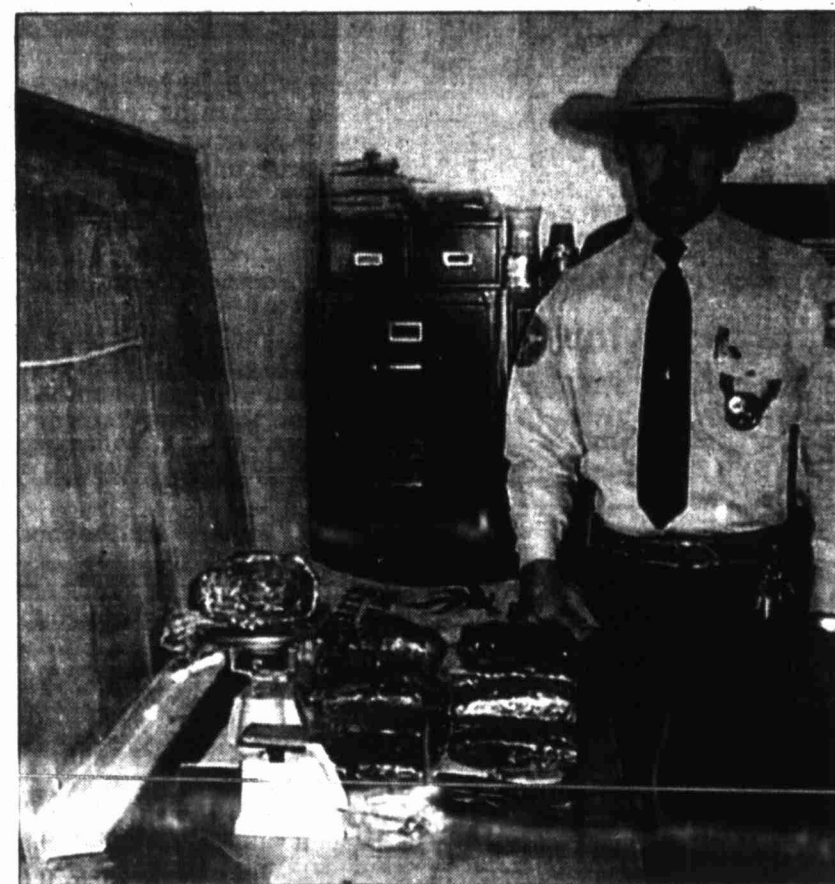
executed that warrant we found 10 pounds of marijuana in compressed brick form, wrapped in cellophane," said Kincanon. "We also found a set of Triple Beam scales, commonly used in the Big Spring area in the processing of drugs."

"We also found a trace amount of cocaine and some drug paraphernalia," the deputy said of the search, which occurred about 4 p.m. Friday.

Kincanon said the unaccounted for amount of marijuana may have already been distributed.

He said the sheriff's office had recently received information that marijuana had made its way from Mexico to Howard County last week.

"We are currently working on a conspiracy investigation that may related to this case," Kincanon said.



HERALD photo/Bill McClellan  
Howard County Sheriff's Deputy Lonnie Kincanon is pictured with 10 pounds of marijuana and drug paraphernalia taken after a search warrant was served at a local residence Friday.

## Area's water resources, needs being assessed by 21-member regional group

By **BILL McCLELLAN**  
News Editor

A 21-member group charged with adopting a regional water plan in this area will get back to doing just that in a meeting Monday at the Texas A&M University Research and Extension Center in San Angelo.

"We started in our region in March of last year and we've been dealing with administrative kinds of things," said John Grant, chairman of the Region F Regional Water Planning Group and manager of the Colorado Municipal Water District.

Region F includes Howard,

Glascock, Martin, Borden,

Mitchell and 28 other counties.

Monday's meeting will deal largely with groundwater and the overall scope of the project.

The group met in Menard and Fort Stockton in February to address groundwater issues and that information will be presented Monday. Meetings on March 30 to address surface water will be held at the Student Union on the Odessa College campus and the Adams Street Community Center in Brownwood.

The meetings are in response to Senate Bill 1, a comprehensive water legislation, signed into law June 1997 by Gov. George W. Bush. Its purpose is to ensure that water needs will be met as the state enters the 21st century. There are 11 regions in the state, each with its own planning group.

"We are trying to determine

how much water we have, what the population is, what our water needs will be in 50 years and how we are going to meet those needs," said Grant.

An engineering group is currently putting together information about the region, he said.

"Nobody knows everything about the water usage and where the water is, so we've been trying to hold some technical workshops."

Monday's meeting will include a presentation from the Texas Water Development Board on groundwater availability modeling.

Among the business items are a financial report from the CRMWD, legislative issues and appointment of Regional Water Planning Group members. Of the 21 posts, two are vacant.

"It's been real challenging. See **WATER**, Page 2A



HERALD photo/Gina Garza  
Liz Lowery, left, president of Greater Big Spring Rotary Club, presents a check for \$200 to Lezlie Kurklin and Malcolm Pointon of the Harley Owner's Group. The money is going towards the purchase of a thermal imaging camera for the Big Spring Fire Department.

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OBITUARIES

Donald Gene Dunn

A Native American graveside ceremony for Donald Gene Dunn, 41, Colorado City, formerly of Big Spring, will be 3 p.m. Sunday, March 21, 1999, at the Colorado City Cemetery. Mr. Dunn died Wednesday, March 17, in a Lubbock hospital.

He was born on Aug. 29, 1957, in Odessa. He attended school in Big Spring and Colorado City. He became a certified welder working primarily in the Dallas and Fort Worth area. He had recently moved back to Colorado City and was employed by Signal Homes, Big Spring.

Survivors include: his mother, Yolande Dunn of Colorado City, and a brother, Earis Dunn, also of Colorado City. Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

Pamela York

Pam York, 42, of Amarillo, formerly of Big Spring, died March 3, 1999 after an illness. A memorial service was held at the First United Methodist Church, Shamrock, on March 9, with the Rev. John Dorn, pastor, officiating. Graveside services followed at Llano Cemetery in Amarillo, under the direction of N.S. Griggs & Sons Funeral Directors.

Mrs. York was born in Groom and had returned to Amarillo from Big Spring in 1995. She was employed by the United States Postal Service in Shamrock, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. While in Big Spring she worked at Rip Griffin's Country Fare Restaurant and Ponderosa Restaurant. She is survived by: her daughter, Alysha York and three sons, John York and Jason Painter, of Amarillo and Randy Wilson of Fayetteville, N.C., two brothers, Bill Hodges and Wesley Farr, of Amarillo; her sister-in-law Marsha Sturdivant-Jones and her husband Vance, of Big Spring, her mother-in-law Sandy Sharp of San Angelo, her brother-in-law Allen York and his wife Denise of McKinney, four nieces and four nephews, and her good friends Dean Wilson and Donna Altman, of Amarillo.

She was preceded in death by her husband, John York, of Big Spring. Paid Obituary

Kyleen Anne "Kay" Pavlovsky

Service for Kyleen Anne "Kay" Pavlovsky, 57, Snyder, will be 2 p.m. Monday, March 22, 1999, at the Wright Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, Snyder, with Wayne Horton officiating.

Mrs. Pavlovsky died Friday, March 19, at the Cogdell Memorial Hospital after a brief illness. She was born on July 6, 1941. Survivors include: his wife, Mary Evelyn Bibrey of Big Spring; one son, Billy Ray

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Bibrey of Odessa; two daughters, Sharon Ann Aguirre and Kathy Lynn Barganier, both of New Braunfels; his mother, Beatrice Riley of Odessa; one brother, Curtis Bibrey of New Braunfels; one sister, Maxine Hensley of Odessa; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. The family suggests memorials to either the Youth Fund or Building Fund at Birdwell Lane Baptist Church; 1512 Birdwell Lane.

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

MS WALK

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Multiple sclerosis is a disease that randomly attacks the nervous system. Symptoms range from numbness to blindness and paralysis. Those with the disease gradually lose control over their bodies.

It usually is diagnosed in those between the ages of 20 and 40, and its progression is unpredictable. Scenic Mountain will be the start-finish sponsor this year. Furr's also plans to donate lunch for the walkers and other volunteers who assist in the event. Media sponsors are the Big Spring Herald and KBST radio station.

Call the MS Society at (915) 570-8248 for more information about the walk.

ROUNDUP

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Monty Stalcup, of Fort Worth, will be the featured handler. He will bring a few other types of snakes with him to show people what they look like, said Burns. He'll also bring different types of rattlesnakes.

Rattlesnake races will take place during the day. "We find four individuals to race each other with a rattlesnake," explained Burns. "We make up a racetrack and you try to get your rattlesnake to reach the end before the other racers. It's very fun. People love to do it and people love to watch it."

There will be several booths, offering everything from dried skins to other products made from rattlesnakes. For those who want a taste, rattlesnake meat will be offered. For those who don't, there will be the traditional hotdogs and other things to eat. An arts and crafts show will be in the front fairbarns.

The roundup will continue from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday. At 5 p.m. trophies will be awarded for most pounds of snakes brought in, heaviest snake and snake with the most rattles. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children age 4 through 11.

PERMITS

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the permit is needed to provide a basis for management of non-game wildlife in the future, and to help determine any need for regulating their population, according to the TPW.

Along with rattlesnake, other non-game species that require a permit are certain turtles, rabbits, lizards, salamanders, bats and frogs, among others. Under the new law, anyone 17 or older in possession of 25 or more examples of these species, collectively, is required to have the \$15 resident permit, or \$50-nonresident permit.

However, an exemption is made for teachers of accredited schools provided the non-game wildlife specimens are being used for educational purposes. Herron said the permit applies to wild and captive native Texas wildlife, but does not apply to aquatic animals possessed under a bait dealers permit. Also, bobcat, cougar and coy-

Happy Birthday Chris Lopez Love Mom, Dad, Vella, Rick, Nancy, Corey & Diamond.

ote limits the permit to live animals. Also parts of an animal, such as the skulls, teeth or quills, are also exempted. Other animals that require a permit to hunt and possess more than 10 or any one species or more than 25 total specimens are certain mice, porcupines, certain squirrels, prairie dogs, gophers and moles.

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because the region is so big, trying to get everybody involved," said Grant. Monday's meeting will begin at 10:30 a.m. The TAMU Research and Extension Center is located at 7887 U.S. Highway 87 North.

The public is invited to attend any of the planning group meetings. "We encourage the public to come," said Grant. Other counties in Region F are Andrews, Brown, Coke, Coleman, Concho, Crane, Crockett, Ector, Irion, Kimble, Loving, Mason, McCulloch, Menard, Midland, Pecos, Reagan, Reeves, Runnels, Schleicher, Scurry, Sutton, Tom Green, Upton, Ward and Winkler.

Texas woman hits the jackpot at Louisiana casino

BOSSIER CITY, La. (AP) — A Texas woman became a millionaire during an overnight visit Saturday to Casino Magic. Sai (pronounced, 'Say') Smallwood, 51, of Decatur, Texas, won \$1,180,352.96 on an IGT Progressive 25-cent 'Wheel of Fortune' slot machine shortly after 3:30 a.m., casino officials said. "I knew I had hit something big, but I figured only about \$20,000," she said. "Finally, someone pointed to the one million dollar figure and told me that's what I had and all I could say was 'Oh, my God!'"

It was Smallwood's second visit to the Bossier City casino. She said she had spent about \$300 during the course of her visit and was down to her last \$5. "When I sat down in front of the 'Wheel of Fortune' machine, I said 'This is my last five dollars, so come on baby!'" Smallwood received a check for \$55,476.59, the first of 20 annual installments Saturday afternoon. She said she plans to "buy a lot of clothes" with her winnings and help her grown children.

Police arrest two Texans with more than 1,800 pounds of cocaine

FOGELSVILLE, Pa. (AP) — Two Texas men were arrested Saturday after more than 1,800 pounds of cocaine was found stuffed in six crates in the tractor-trailer truck they were driving on Interstate 78, near Allentown, Pa. State police said the cocaine had an estimated street value of \$40 million to \$50 million. Arrested were William Dale Ener, 59, of Pasadena, Texas, and his passenger, Clyde Lavon Smith, 55, of Houston, police said.

BRIEFS

ANNUAL AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION charity golf tournament, Big Spring Municipal Golf Course April 17. Sign up at the Municipal Golf course for four-person scramble, must have A,B,C,D player (open to all). \$200 per team

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(includes cart and green fee). All proceeds of this event go to the Howard County Chapter of the American Heart Association to help in the fight against heart disease.

A FREE TRIP TO San Antonio is being offered to a volunteer for the Howard College Dental Hygiene Department. Students are seeking a volunteer who has not had a professional tooth cleaning in at least five years to accompany them on the overnight trip, all expenses paid.

The volunteer's teeth will be cleaned as part of the students' examination for certification. Call Laurie at 264-7446 for more information. Howard County Commissioners Court will convene at 10 a.m. Monday to consider cost-cutting measures. They include: reduction of the work week for county employees; increase in the cost of dependent coverage to employees; increase in the cost of insurance co-play to employees; a longevity freeze for county employees.

Other items on the agenda include a request for temporary help in the sheriff's office, an election computer proposal, drawing for members of the grievance committee, court-house security, constitution and by-laws of the volunteer fire department and an amendment to a resolution regarding the West Texas Narcotics Enforcement Task Force. Also on the agenda are requests to go out for bids on aggregate, asphalt and prime oil.

THE TEXAS AGRICULTURE EXTENSION Service will sponsor the Texas Community Futures Forum - Open Forum Tuesday.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, also known as Meals on Wheels, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, we need you. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR the "Don't Mess With Texas" Trash Off, scheduled for Saturday, April 10 in the community. Groups, individuals and organizations are asked to give a few hours of their time to help with this city-wide cleanup effort. Call 263-4607 to volunteer.

MEETINGS

Forsan ISD trustees will convene at 7 p.m. Monday to discuss a calendar for the 1999-2000 school year. Also on the agenda are voting in the Region 18 EOC election, approval of textbook committee recommendations, Cap Rock Electric options and concurrent enrollment plans. Glasscock County ISD board will convene at 8 p.m. Monday to consider contracts for instructional and support personnel. Appointment of an election judge is on the agenda, as are finance and budget issues for the 1999-2000 school year. Martin County Commissioners Court will convene at 9 a.m. Monday to consider a resolution seeking increased funding of the soil and water conservation program.

SUPPORT GROUPS

SUNDAY Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting. NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.). MONDAY TOPS Club (Take off pound sensibly), weigh-in 5 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m., Birdwell Lane Church of Christ. Project, Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting. Alzheimer's support group, 7 p.m., Canterbury South, 1700 N. Lancaster, first Mondays of each month. Call Galynn Gamble at 263-1271. The topic for Nov. 2 will be on "Validation therapy, connecting with your loved one."

Narcotics Anonymous, 6 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.). Alzheimer's support group, 6:30 p.m., Marcy House, 2301 Wason. Call 268-9041. Association of Retarded Citizens of Howard County meet 7 p.m. the first Monday of each month at 806 E. Third Street, the HARC bingo building. Call 264-0674 for more information.

Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center,

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for R&R collections and a resolution opposing SB 143 and HB 1645 regarding water rights.

Coahoma ISD trustees will convene at 7 p.m. Monday to consider nomination of an individual to the Howard County Appraisal Board.

Other items will be the Region 18 ESC board election, adoption of textbooks, budget amendments and an executive session on discussion of employment contracts and other personnel matters.

POLICE

Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

- ACCIDENT/MAJOR in the 900 block of Willa and at Goliad and FM 700.
-DUSTIN PAYNE, 17, was arrested for public intoxication.
-ANTONIO GUTIERREZ, 37, was arrested for assault family violence.
-DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 400 block of N. Gregg and the 600 block of McEwen.
-SEXUAL ASSAULT was reported in the 100 block of Canyon Drive.
-THEFT was reported in the 1800 block of Gregg, 300 block of Gregg, 2500 block of Wason, 3700 block of Conally, and 300 block of State.
-DRAG RACING/RECKLESS DRIVING was reported in the 2100 block of Carl.
-DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1200 block of E. 16th.
-ACCIDENT/MINOR was reported at I-20 north service road and Hwy 87, and Seventh and Main.

SHERIFF

Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Friday and 8 a.m. today:

- PATRICIA ANN MCINTIRE, 42, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/possession of a controlled substance.
-BRIAN LOEL JOHNSON, 18, was arrested for possession of marijuana (two ounces) and possession of drug paraphernalia.
-RICKY DALE HICKS, 19, was arrested for theft.
-MARILYN STEWART POPE, 42, was arrested for bond forfeiture, possession of controlled substance, motion to revoke probation driving while intoxicated, driving while license suspended.

meets the fourth Monday of each month at 6 p.m. at 409 Runnels, Clyde Alsup Building. TXAMI meeting to follow. For more information call 263-0027 or 267-7220.

-The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220.

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# Voucher opponents say program would cost schools \$2.8 billion

AUSTIN (AP) — Public schools in six urban counties could lose as much as \$2.8 billion over five years under a legislative proposal to allow thousands of students to get taxpayer-funded vouchers for private school tuition, opponents of the idea said Friday.

"Public school budgets would have to be cut at every neighborhood school to make up for the money spent to send a select few children to private and religious schools," said Carolyn Boyle of the Coalition for Public Schools.

The coalition's members include teacher, parent, school board, school administrator and some religious groups.

Voucher supporters immedi-

ately disputed the projection, which assumes all 143,888 children eligible for vouchers in Bexar, El Paso, Dallas, Harris, Tarrant and Travis counties would take advantage of the program. It's estimated that vouchers would be worth about \$4,000 per student.

"In no place in the United States have more than 10 percent of eligible students ever participated" in a voucher program, said Chuck McDonald, consultant to the pro-voucher group Putting Children First.

"There is a reality check here, and the reality is the financial impact is almost nothing on the public schools," he said, given the assumption that 10 percent will participate. "We have a \$20

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Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo

billion budget for education in the state."

Under a bill written by Senate Education Committee Chairman Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, the voucher program would be a five-year trial that he says would test whether the idea improves education.

The program would be restricted to students in the six counties who didn't perform

satisfactorily on the most recent Texas Assessment of Academic Skills reading, writing or math sections.

The students would have to be participants in the free and reduced-price lunch program that targets low-income students, and they couldn't have been enrolled in a private school during the current or preceding school year.

The voucher would be 80 percent of the state and local public school funding for the student's education.

The school district the student otherwise would attend would get the rest of the public education money.

Bivins said even using the coalition's numbers, public schools would keep more than \$715 million to spend on other students because an average of \$1,000 per voucher student would stay with each school.

"I think the assumption that every child would take advantage of this borders on impossible," he added. "But that's one of the things we're trying to learn — will parents be interested in doing this?"

"The main reason to try it, of course, as I've said all along, is there could possibly be an improvement in student performance," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush and Lt. Gov. Rick Perry, both Republicans, are among supporters of trying a pilot voucher program as part of a larger focus on education.

Groups backing vouchers say such a program would help children by giving parents a choice and injecting competition in the public school system.

"What we'd like is for those students and those parents who want an opportunity to choose a more suitable education setting to be able to do that," McDonald said.

## Woman gets 11 years for contract on husband

BEAUMONT (AP) — A Port Arthur woman was sentenced Friday to 11 years in prison for talking her lover into killing her husband, from whom she was separated.

Tami Reed Cohen, 36, pleaded no contest last week to conspiracy to murder. The bullet-riddled body of her husband, Robert Reed, 44, an attorney, was found 12 years ago in his office.

Reed's body was found in the back room of his littered office

on Sept. 30, 1986. He had been shot four times.

The Cohens met through a personal ad and married in 1985. At her trial, Ms. Cohen testified she was devastated when she discovered on her wedding night that Reed was impotent. She described the marriage as a "daughter-father relationship."

Ms. Cohen, who remarried and moved to Pennsylvania, was 23 and separated from her husband when he was killed.

Prosecutors contended she plotted with her then-lover, Mitch Roy Little, to kill her husband for his insurance money.

Little was convicted of murder in 1987 and is serving a life sentence. He implicated Ms. Cohen, but refused to testify at her 1994 trial, which ended in a mistrial.

Ms. Cohen faced up to 20 years in prison. Her lawyers sought deferred probation, in which the conviction would have been erased if she success-

fully completed probation.

In his 1993 statement, Little said the idea to kill Reed was her idea.

"Tami brought up the idea that we should kill Bob and collect his insurance money," Little said. "She said we could get the money and go to Mexico and live."

According to Little, Ms. Cohen was in the hospital recovering from breast-lift surgery the night Reed was killed.

## OPEC expected to approve production cuts amid oil glut

LONDON (AP) — Now comes the hard part.

Saudi Arabia and other key OPEC members, which recently agreed to slash oil production by 2 million barrels a day, must find a way to back up their bold words with action to keep crude prices climbing.

Ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, meeting Tuesday in Vienna, Austria, will be under pressure to honor the commitment if they are to end the global oil glut that has sent prices plunging to a 12-year low.

The conference is something of an anticlimax, however, since Saudi Arabia and other members announced March 12 after a meeting in the Netherlands that they had agreed with two non-OPEC exporters to slash production.

The meeting has "had the wind taken out of its sails by prior agreement between some major players, and all that's left for the conference is to get some kind of ratification," said Leo Drollas, chief economist at the Center for Global Energy Studies in London.

If, as expected, the oil ministers formally approve the new output caps, analysts will be anxious to see whether OPEC can muster the will to enforce

them, and for how long. Cheating on production quotas has been a chronic problem.

"Talk is cheap. Whether OPEC can really make these cuts remains to be seen," said Mark Redway of the London brokerage T. Hoare and Co.

The conference comes at a time of slack global demand for oil, due largely to financial turmoil in Asia and a mild winter that lessened demand for heating oil in North America and Western Europe.

Iraq has contributed to an excess supply of crude by exporting larger volumes under a U.N.-sponsored oil-for-food program. Iraq is barred from freely exporting its oil by United Nations sanctions imposed after its invasion in 1990 of Kuwait, a fellow OPEC member.

Overall oil inventories in January were only slightly lower than October's record level of 2.82 billion barrels, said David Knapp, editor of a monthly market report for the Paris-based International Energy Agency.

"Without some action," he said, oil tankers "are going to start backing up at the ports because nobody wants them."

The cuts agreed to by OPEC members would take effect April 1.

## Truck accident kills two, scatters \$800,000 in dimes

GORE, Okla. (AP) — Fatigue may have played a role in a truck accident that killed two men and left a load of 8 million dimes scattered along a highway, troopers say.

The American Armored Transport truck veered off Interstate 40 shortly after 6:30 a.m. Friday. Oklahoma Highway Patrol investigators suspect the driver fell asleep.

The truck went over an embankment,

went airborne and struck a second embankment, then burst into flames.

The bodies of driver Jason C. White, 25, of Mount Pleasant, Texas, and passenger Daniel J. Moore, 25, of Chandler, Texas, were found in the burned cab, the patrol reported.

The truck was traveling from Denver to the Federal Reserve Bank in Little Rock,

Ark., carrying \$800,000 in newly minted dimes. The dimes went flying on impact, said Lt. Jack Rosenberg.

U.S. Secret Service agents, Oklahoma Highway Patrol troopers, Sequoyah County sheriff's deputies and state Transportation Department workers were on the scene Friday evening, using tractors to scoop up the coins.

## Businessman wins eviction battle with his mother

TYLER (AP) — Vernon Rowden, 74, has five days to move out of the home she has lived in since 1964. She's being evicted — by her son.

On top of moving out, Ms. Rowden must also pay \$1,500 in attorney fees to her son, businessman Jerry Rowden of the small East Texas town of Whitehouse.

County Court at Law Judge Randall Rogers ruled in the son's favor Friday, but said he wasn't happy about it.

"You have to follow the law, even if you're not really thrilled about where the law goes," Rogers said outside the courtroom.

The younger Rowden has tried to force his mother and sister — who provides care for the mother — to move out since 1996. He owes \$40,000 on the home and says the women aren't paying any rent.

The debt stems from a loan Rowden obtained to pay off \$21,000 he and his father owed to the IRS from 1991.

In 1997, Rowden wrote a letter to his mother and sister, asking

them to leave.

"I would not like to evict my own mother and sister but you are not helping matters much," he wrote. "I have been extremely patient."

Vernon Rowden and her late husband moved to Tyler 35 years ago and opened Tyler Aluminum Products. They later made their son a partner, according to Scott Spitzer, his

sister's attorney.

Spitzer said the parents gave Jerry Rowden the deed to their home and drew up a lease agreement that said he would receive \$450 rent per month for about a year.

After a bank loaned Rowden \$30,000 to pay the IRS debt, Rowden's father paid \$250 each month to his son, his share of the \$500 monthly bank loan. His

mother continued making the payments for three years after the father died, but she stopped payments in 1996, Spitzer said.

Jerry Rowden's lawyer, Howard Britain, said the case is about more than money. He called it more of a family matter than a legal one.

But his sister doesn't agree. She wants her mother to live out her days in the house.

## Blood-bank builder benefits from her own labors of love

DALLAS (AP) — A woman who is nationally recognized for recruiting donors and building up blood banks in North Texas is benefiting from her own efforts after receiving a heart transplant.

Marilyn Hughes has spent nearly 10 years arranging drives for Carter BloodCare.

On Friday, she was resting after undergoing a heart transplant at Medical City Hospital that required five units of extra blood.

Even in her weakened state, Mrs. Hughes asked her surgeon to use the situation to publicize the area's critical need for blood.

**In the midst of our sorrows, we wish to express our heartfelt thanks and appreciation to our many relatives, friends and neighbors for the kindness and sympathy shown us in the loss of our beloved father, grandfather & great-grandfather.**

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OUR VIEWS

A 'for' eradication vote is investment towards our future

Some 3,400 or so cotton producers and landowners in the six-county Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone have begun receiving ballots for an April 8 referendum on whether or not to establish a weevil eradication program in the 500,000 or so acres. We share the beliefs of members of the Growers Advisory Committee, as well as dozens of other producers and landowners with whom we have visited, that the future of our agricultural economy lies in the passage of this issue.

Cotton farmers have battled the boll weevil, actually a beetle originally from South America, ever since it entered this country in Mississippi in 1907. We finally have the technology to eliminate it, despite its prolific breeding habits. But in order to be able to do that, two-thirds of those eligible voters casting ballots must vote in favor of the program. There is opposition to the program. Some say there is no weevil problem in the proposed zone, which includes all of Howard, Dawson, Martin and Ector counties and the major portions of Borden and Midland counties.

Some say the cost is excessive. At \$6 per acre for dryland and \$12 per acre for irrigated, the cost is far more reasonable than losing a crop to the boll weevil. How expensive is it to know that you lost 100 or 150 pounds per acre, at 60 cents per pound, just because that \$6 or \$12 assessment was "too" much? Just one year of losing 150 pounds of 60 cent cotton per acre would pay for the eradication program for five years - taking it into the maintenance phase. Eliminating the boll weevil is a numbers game. By reducing the surviving weevils by 90 percent per year, you've done away with them five years in - and you've increased your production and yield along the way.

Instead of a cost, the eradication program is an investment ... an investment both in the future of the individual producer as well as in our region. The only time the boll weevil eradication program costs is if those eligible voters fail to approve it - and that cost is one we're afraid none of us wants to try and calculate. Please - for the cotton producing future of our region - join the Southern Rolling Plains, Rolling Plains Central and Western High Plains in voting to establish this program and approving the assessment. Investments pay returns. This is an investment in our future.

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The Lord works in mysterious ways

There wasn't a lot of clapping and shouting of "Amen's" as I grew up in the Methodist church in the North Mississippi Conference. Things back in Louie, Miss. were pretty simple in the 1950s and 1960s. I haven't been back in the past six years or so, but little had changed on the surface on my last visit. The town, which amounted to 479 people, according to the 1950 Census, was on the east side of U.S. Highway 49 West, which was so-designated because it split up at Tutwiler, with U.S. 49 East coming down through Greenwood.



JOHN H. WALKER

The two roads came back together at Yazoo City, once again becoming a singular U.S. 49. When I grew up in Louie, it was in another time. A time of black and white ... or, should I say, of White and black. I went to Louie Elementary School and Louie Junior High, which was located near the center of town - four buildings strung along a campus that faced south. There was the two-story elementary building, which also housed a typical 1940s-era gymnasium. You know the type ... an arched roof with elevated bleachers on one side ... dressing rooms underneath the bleachers. Next was a new cafeteria. I know it had to have been built while I was in school, but for the life of me, I don't remember where we ate before it was completed. Walking along the canopied sidewalk, you came to the main school building. An older, brownish brick with a dark tile roof was predominant. The building housed the auditorium, library and all classes from the sixth grade up in addition to the principal's office - where you could buy two pencils for a nickel or a pack of Blue Horse notebook paper or a wirebound notebook, also Blue Horse with the little coupons to cut out. Just to the east of that building was another new building - the ag and home-ec building, which is where my Boy Scout troop also met. There weren't many students on campus. In 1959, for example, my sister was valedictorian of a class of 12. I think there were 15 or 18 students in my eighth grade class in 1964, the last year I was in Louie. Just to the west of the campus, just past Miss Chris Upshaw's house, was the Louise Methodist Church. It was the church I grew up in ... the one where I learned the words to "The Old Rugged

Cross" and "Love Lifted Me" and all of those wonderful old hymns from the Broadman Hymnal. To show you how much some things have changed since those days, I remember my classmates and me leaving school and walking up the street to the church, filling inside for a morning revival service. Wouldn't the Supreme Court hiccup over that one? The revival I remember was one featuring two evangelists, and Robert Byars and I sat next to each other in the choir, each trying to impress a beautiful little brown-eyed girl named Judy Sanders. We didn't just go to the Methodist Church for revivals, but to the Baptist as well, and we started our school day with the Pledge of Allegiance and a prayer. I grew up in the Methodist church. My Mom's grandfather Lankford was one of the first circuit-riders in Mississippi, and we spent the better part of one summer tracking down little churches - like Pea Ridge Methodist over by Yazoo City - that he started. I can't really tell you when I started to move away from the church, but as sure as there's 24 hours in a day, it happened Little by little, my attendance waned until it was easier to lie in bed and think I was too tired to go to the house of the Lord. But all my life, I've heard that "God works in mysterious ways" and as my late friend

Jerry Clower would have crowed, "Ain't it so?" Called on by Jody Nix to help publicize our Rain Rally, I found myself wondering more why I was in a conference room in a church than how I could help the effort. Then, during the rally, the most amazing feeling came over me. Yes, as someone who hadn't been inside a church, other than for funerals, in over a year, I have to admit I felt out of place ... but as I told Everett Bender, I had this jump-up-and-down-kid-in-a-candy-store feeling as well. And as we gathered to give thanks to the Lord for the rain, I knew why Jody had called me - because the Lord works in mysterious ways. I can tell you that there's never a time when life is too complex or mysterious that we can't make time for God. In fact, it's probably when we find life seeming to be too complex or mysterious that we need to open our heart to Him. Maybe we need to get back to the basics of life ... to our foundations, whether they were in Louie, Mississippi or the other side of the world. I know that my life is richer because I was given that opportunity. Now, if I could only find out what happened to Judy Sanders.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Responses to this column should be directed to this newspaper.)



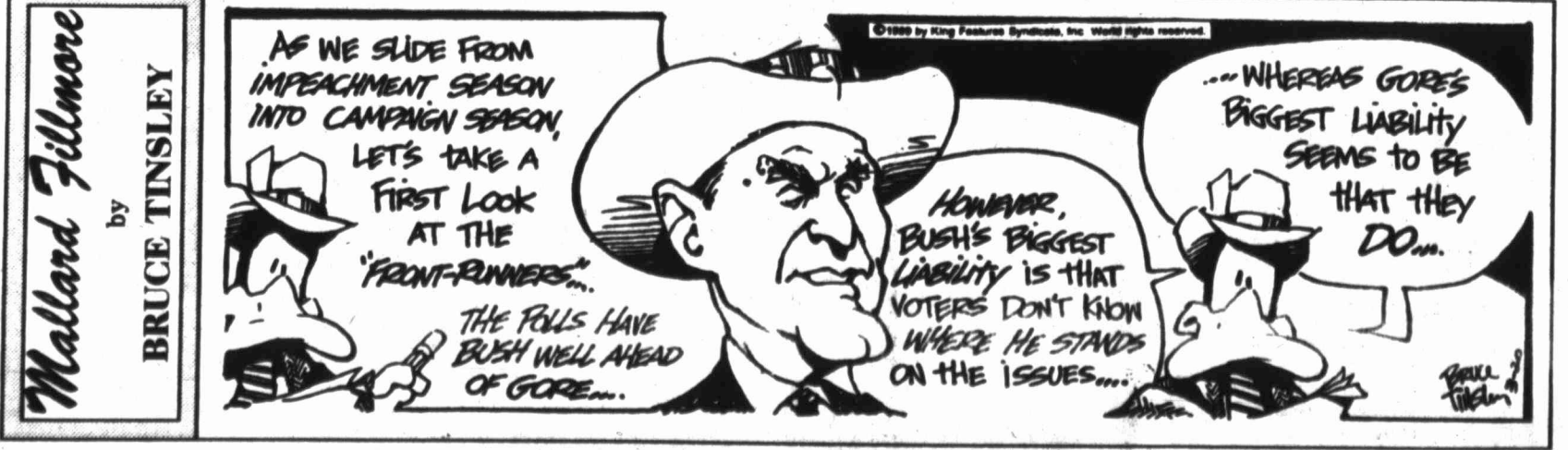
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Mansfield, 96, still calm amid the furies

WASHINGTON (AP) - Once, after a frustrating day of running the place, Sen. Mike Mansfield was heard to observe: "You can do anything in the Senate, provided you have the patience and live long enough." Mansfield's patience is legendary. And he just turned 96. He met his own tests. He served as Senate majority leader longer than anyone else. After retiring from the Senate in 1976, he became U.S. ambassador to Japan for 12 years. Since retiring, again, he has been a senior adviser on Asian affairs to Goldman Sachs & Co., the investment firm. He's in the office five days a week after a brisk morning walk and home by midafternoon to be with Maureen, his wife of 66 years, whom he credits for all of it, as the partner who pushed him from dropout to college professor to Congress as a Democrat from Montana. Indeed, with the Montana Legislature considering a Mansfield statue at the state Capitol in Helena, he said he wasn't interested in it, unless it is of both Mansfields. She

got him where he is and she deserves the credit, Mansfield said over a birthday lunch last Tuesday. At the U.S. Capitol, a reception room just off the Senate floor was named the Mansfield Room in his honor the year after he left Congress, ending his 16 years as majority leader. He rarely returns to the Capitol, although his office is only seven blocks away. No need, Mansfield always said. When it was time to go, it was best to be gone. His tenure as leader spanned the tumultuous years of civil rights demonstrations and legislation, of the escalating war in Vietnam, of Lyndon Johnson's Great Society and Richard Nixon's downfall in Watergate. Mansfield played a major role in all those issues, but he ventures no list of achievements and long ago rejected the idea of writing a memoir. He said that's up to historians and that he doubted they would say much of him. He has that wrong. In the history of the Senate, the years of his leadership are described as "Mike Mansfield's Senate." A book entitled "Mike Mansfield, Majority Leader: A

Different Kind of Senate," is being published this spring. Another, on his role in U.S. policy toward Asia, in a year or so. That's the one issue that gets him talking past the terse comments that were his trademark in the Senate years. China policy, for example, which he says should be handled issue by issue, not by tying trade, human rights, strategic concerns and now alleged nuclear espionage into a single package. He doubts it will be pried apart and figures that the nuclear spying allegations will be a political issue without waiting for facts on what really happened. While Mansfield is a Democrat, he reached beyond party lines. In his book, Francis R. Valeo, who was secretary of the Senate while Mansfield was the leader, recalls the senator's unwavering advice to Johnson against expanding the U.S. role in Vietnam. In 1968, Mansfield, asked his advice, told Johnson not to fill a military request for 200,000 more troops, saying the way out of Vietnam was negotiation, not escalation. Valeo recounts what fol-



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# Allied forces stand ready for go-ahead on airstrikes in Yugoslavia

WASHINGTON (AP) — An allied fleet of warships and attack planes, including the U.S. Air Force's most powerful, is ready for a possible bombardment of Yugoslavia that likely would begin with dozens of pilotless cruise missiles fired at critical points in the country's air defense network.

"We have a number of options on the airstrikes, so I wouldn't look at this as a one- or two-bomb affair," U.S. Army Gen. Wesley Clark, the supreme allied commander in Europe, told reporters at his NATO headquarters in Belgium.

Defense Secretary William Cohen ordered seven additional Air Force planes to Europe on Friday to join roughly 200 other American warplanes awaiting orders to attack. That is all the air power U.S. military officials in Europe say they need for punishing assaults on Yugoslav military targets.

President Clinton told a White House news conference that the goal of NATO air strikes would be to weaken the Yugoslav army's ability to attack independence-minded ethnic Albanians in Kosovo. He suggested the Yugoslavs already

had caused enough civilian deaths in Kosovo to merit NATO action.

"The threshold has been crossed," he said. "I would hate to think we would have to see a lot of other little children die before we could do what seems to me to be the right thing to do to prevent it."

Clinton declined to say whether NATO would set a deadline for acting in Kosovo. International monitors left Kosovo on Saturday. Afterward, heavy fighting was reported in the province, and Yugoslav tanks and other armored vehi-

cles were seen on the move toward the area.

In Washington, Clinton's national security team was meeting Saturday at the White House on Kosovo. A senior administration official refused to characterize it as an emergency meeting but said "we're deeply concerned about the situation on the ground."

The allies appear united in support of military action against Yugoslavia. Questions remain, however, about whether NATO should declare a pause of one or two days after an initial wave of attacks to

give Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic a chance to capitulate. U.S. officials fear a pause would undermine support for bombing.

If Milosevic responded to the initial attacks by using his army to punish the Kosovo Albanians, it is unlikely NATO would pause. Instead, officials said, NATO probably would escalate its attacks.

Between 350 and 400 allied aircraft are designated for the air campaign, in addition to a fleet of U.S. and allied ships.

Most are on station at Aviano Air Base in northern Italy.

Some are in Germany and England.

There is no American aircraft carrier in the area, but the Navy has four surface ships and two submarines in the Adriatic Sea capable of firing Tomahawk cruise missiles. A British sub in the area also has cruise missiles.

Cruise missiles are a weapon of choice for the opening barrage of an air campaign because they eliminate the risk of losing pilots to Yugoslavia's extensive air defense network of SA-6 and other surface-to-air missiles, or SAMs.

# After three trials, tables turned on cops, prosecutors

WHEATON, Ill. (AP) — Through 14 years, seven veteran cops and prosecutors doggedly pursued Rolando Cruz for the killing of a little girl. They testified against him, argued his guilt, helped send him to death row twice.

They pressed on despite evidence that another man may have been the killer, despite repeated losses in appeals courts, despite a campaign by religious leaders, law school deans and journalists who were convinced Cruz was innocent.

Now, the four DuPage County sheriff's deputies and three former county prosecutors are about to face Cruz in court again — this time, as defendants. And he is a witness against them.

In a trial expected to begin this week, the seven men sworn to uphold justice are charged with doing the opposite: lying, creating evidence and conspiring to railroad Cruz for the 1983 rape and bludgeoning death of 10-year-old Jeanine Nicarico.

"It's fairly apparent that what's operating here is a very high-pressure case with very high stakes, and a tragically mistaken belief that they had the right guy. And a willingness to go beyond the line to secure a conviction because of that belief," special prosecutor William Kunkle said before a

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—Tim O'Neill, law professor

judge imposed a gag order.

Wrongful conviction cases are not rare; neither are public corruption indictments. But legal experts say they cannot recall anything like the DuPage case, in which law officers are charged with crimes for ostensibly carrying out their official duties.

"Basically these guys are accused of cooking a case. It's a breathtaking allegation," said Tim O'Neill, a professor at John Marshall Law School in Chicago.

Starting in 1985, juries twice found Cruz and fellow defendant Alejandro Hernandez guilty of murder. Every decision was overturned on appeal. Then, during Cruz's third trial in 1996, came a stunning turnabout.

A supervisor in the sheriff's department reversed his previous testimony, casting doubt on

a cornerstone of the prosecution — that Cruz revealed incriminating details to detectives in a 1983 statement describing a "vision" or "dream" about the crime.

Circuit Judge Ronald Mehling didn't even need to hear the defense. He found Cruz innocent in a scathing decision that added judicial force to years of criticism of authorities' handling of the case.

"Somebody is not telling the truth," he told a packed courtroom.

Shortly after Cruz was freed and before charges against Hernandez were dismissed, Kunkle — best known for prosecuting mass murderer John Wayne Gacy — was appointed to investigate the investigators.

In December 1996, a grand jury indicted three former DuPage County assistant state attorneys: Thomas Knight, now in private practice; Patrick King, now an assistant U.S. attorney; and Robert Kilander, now a DuPage County judge.

Also indicted were detectives Thomas Vosburgh and Dennis Kurzawa and lieutenants James Montesano and Robert Winkler of the county sheriff's department.

All are charged with conspiracy to obstruct justice and conspiracy to commit official mis-

conduct. The police face additional charges, including perjury.

Defense attorneys contend it's unbelievable that seven men, some of whom did not know each other well or like each other much, would engineer a decade-plus conspiracy through three separate administrations in the state's attorney's office.

"This was not the best-run investigation in the world. There were mistakes made," said Terry Ekl, Knight's attorney. "Kunkle put this investigation under a microscope and he has found nothing to justify this indictment."

Much of Kunkle's case relies on past trial testimony and court statements from the defendants. He has no recordings or witnesses to outline how the alleged conspiracy developed. Instead, he cites actions that he contends must have been done in concert.

The prosecution's star witness is expected to be Cruz, whom Kunkle admits was a "world-class liar" in 1983. At the time, Cruz filled cops' ears with tidbits — true and false — about Jeanine's death. He later claimed he was trying to win reward money.

"There's no way you can right this wrong," Cruz said earlier this year. "But you can punish them."

# Clinton orders federal, state anti-gun strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton on Saturday directed federal law enforcement officials to work more closely with local authorities to thwart illegal gun sales and expand the prosecution of criminals who use guns.

Seated by Attorney General Janet Reno, two city police chiefs and other officials, Clinton said in his weekly radio address that the Justice and Treasury departments would report to him with "a plan to reduce gun violence by applying proven local strategies to fight gun crime nationwide."

As an example, he cited a program run by the Bureau of Alcohol Tobacco and Firearms and federal prosecutors in Richmond, Va. "Project Exile" uses current federal laws to deny bail to gun offenders.

Gun murders dropped in Richmond by 41 percent between mid-1997 and mid-1998, Clinton said. Richmond's police chief, Jerry Oliver, attended Clinton's address, as did Chief Robert Olsen of Minneapolis.

"Guns have magnified the malevolence of crime," Clinton said, adding that disarming criminals remained his top crime-fighting priority.

But Wayne Lapierre, execu-

tive vice president of the National Rifle Association, who also voiced support for "Project Exile," rejected the president's approach.

"What has magnified the level of crime is the fact that we are not doing the most common sense thing at all, which is confronting criminals directly and take them off the street," Lapierre said.

Lapierre accused Clinton of introducing the measures to fend off expected criticism of his administration's gun-crime prosecution record at a Senate hearing Monday.

Clinton noted that the nation's crime rate has dropped by more than 20 percent since he took office in 1993. But he said too many people still are killed by guns — 14,000 in 1997, for example.

The president directed Reno and Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, who oversees the ATF, to:

- Increase investigation and prosecution of significant firearms violations, including illegal possession and the trafficking of guns.
- Expand the tracing and mapping of "crime guns" and coordinate the sharing of ballistics identification technology.

# Airline, flight attendants stay mum over details of agreement

PHOENIX (AP) — Flight attendants and America West Airlines met Saturday to resolve the wording of a tentative agreement that averted a strike which could have stranded 100,000 travelers over the weekend.

"The basics are there. We want to make sure there's no room for differences in interpretation," said Deanna Clarkson, spokeswoman for the Association of Flight Attendants.

The deal, announced after midnight EST Friday, when the 2,300 flight attendants were free to walk off the job, ended a fight that brought the nation's ninth-largest carrier to the brink of a strike.

Jeff Zack, another union spokesman, said details would not be available until Monday.

A union official who asked to remain anonymous said the agreement did not completely close the \$16.5 million gap between the company's last offer and union demands.

The deal, subject to approval by union members, has not yet been set for a vote.

America West Chairman William Franke said the contract "addresses the principal concerns of both parties."

Union president Bill McGlashen said the deals gives flight attendants "fair wages, a per diem and work rules that will improve our quality of life."

# Law student sues her school

HOUSTON (AP) — Wendy Anderson hopes she can put her legal knowledge to use in her first court case: She is suing her law school.

Ms. Anderson, who is representing herself, claims officials at South Texas College of Law deceived her about just how long she would have to attain a 2.0, or C, average.

Ms. Anderson, who started classes in January 1997, was temporarily expelled from the school in June 1997 because she failed to notch a C average, according to a lawsuit she filed in state district court. Ms. Anderson did not flunk any classes, according to her suit.

School spokeswoman Sheila Hansel told the Houston Chronicle on Friday that Ms. Anderson has been readmitted

to the school and is currently doing "very well academically."

In her lawsuit, Ms. Anderson claimed she chose South Texas College of Law, which is affiliated with Texas A&M University, partly because school literature assured her she would have at least two semesters to attain a grade-point average of 2.0.

"As an older student, it had been some time since I had been in school," Ms. Anderson said in court papers. "I knew that I would potentially require a couple of semesters to familiarize myself with analytical thinking and writing."

Ms. Hansel said she did not know what school literature Ms. Anderson might have received, but officials denied that she was treated unfairly.

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

## ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\*You can clear the air today. Don't allow others to cast negativity on your ideas. Using your sense of humor allows new beginnings. Discuss a long-cherished dream. Your well-being brings others to the forefront to talk about their feelings. Tonight: Hanging out.

## TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\*You are personality plus. Confusion surrounds plans. You could be starry-eyed about another. Pinch yourself and be reality-oriented. Use your instincts in money dealings; you'll come out way ahead as a result. Talk about what is on your mind. Tonight: You could spend more than you think!

## GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\*Much is going on behind the scenes. You could be oddly euphoric about a relationship or someone new in your life. Listen to a friend; he means well! Make plans for a late lunch and doing something you absolutely enjoy together. Be as realistic as possible. Tonight: Whatever puts a smile on your face.

## CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\*Getting together with others is a lot of fun. You could be unclear about a partner and his intentions. You might be wearing rose-colored glasses. Another view could be helpful, but you aren't in the mood to hear it! Use your instincts with someone you put on a pedestal. Tonight: Think about work.

## LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\*Be what you want and be aware of its implications. You might feel sure of yourself, but it is unlikely that you are seeing everything. Make time to get together with an in-law or friend later in the day. Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

## VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\*Plan on a day outing where you can let your hair down. You'll be amazed by what a change of scenery can do for you. Others relax as you do. Talk about feelings. You might discover how special someone is. Relish the moment. Tomorrow you can do a reality check! Tonight: Prepare for the

work week.

## LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\*Share your deepest feelings. How you view another could change substantially, once you clear out the mist in your eyes. Discuss financial ramifications and emotional needs in a relationship. Make calls later in the day. Tonight: Try a new restaurant.

## SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\*Others have a lot to share. Let them clear their feelings, though you might not be sure how grounded they really are. Trying to get a project done might not be your agenda today; there are many distractions. Make time for an important talk with a partner. Tonight: Could have great romantic potential.

## SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\*Take time to get that extra snooze in or perhaps clear your desk. Don't worry so much about time. You need that time off. Make plans as late in the day as possible, when you are more in the mood to socialize. Tonight: Once you start, you could play the night away.

## CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\*You might not always see things as others do; that is especially so right now, with spending. You might think you are on target, but be careful of just how much you risk. Count on making the most of the day-time hours, when you are full of energy. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

## AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\*You don't have the whole story, but you may not want to deal with it right now. If you feel like staying close to home, do it. You feel good there; invite others over. A loved one or child delights you; he's blooming right before your eyes. Tonight: Indulge that loved one.

## PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\*Reach out for others and make calls. Your intuition helps you understand what others want. Don't project your feelings onto another. Be clear about what is being said to you. Visit over a leisurely brunch; catch up on news. Plan on spending time later on a home project. Tonight: Don't push.

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## Child's 'lazy eye' can be corrected if caught in time

DEAR ABBY: I'm writing you on behalf of the children in this country who are in danger of losing their eyesight to amblyopia or "lazy eye." Parents are often completely unaware there is any problem with their child's vision. Because amblyopia usually affects only one eye, children can see — but have only monocular vision. Children don't realize they should be able to see through both eyes. One child was diagnosed after a bump to the eye. When he said, "I can't see the television; I hurt the eye I see with," his mom, a licensed optician, had the first indication that something was wrong!



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Abby, 2 to 3 percent of the population has amblyopia. When this condition is detected before the age of 3, approximately 95 percent recover their vision. After the age of 6, it can be difficult to totally correct. Parents need to be sure their young children receive a comprehensive examination that checks the functioning of each eye.

For parents and children who are well aware of amblyopia, I am happy to report that there is a new support program for them. The Eye Patch Club offers suggestions and support for dealing with the challenges posed by amblyopia. — MARK RUTTUM, M.D., DEPARTMENT OF OPHTHALMOLOGY, MEDICAL COLLEGE OF WISCONSIN

DEAR DR. RUTTUM: I was shocked to learn that one preschooler in 20 has a vision problem that could cause permanent loss of sight if left untreated. The Eye Patch Club, sponsored by Prevent Blindness America (also known as the National Society to Prevent Blindness), is a tool that parents of children with amblyopia can use to help them strengthen their "lazy eye." Patching or covering the stronger eye forces the weaker eye to work. The patient wears the patch for a few weeks (or longer), which helps to strengthen vision.

Of course, the child must regularly visit the eye doctor to measure improvement in the amblyopic eye. And, at first, a child may feel frustrated while wearing the patch over the stronger eye. That's where the Eye Patch Club lends support. Prevent Blindness America not only offers The Eye Patch Club, it also provides information about the warning signs of eye trouble in children, ideas

on how to make a trip to the eye doctor fun and easy for children, and more detailed information about amblyopia. For free information, call 1-800-331-2020. (What an appropriate telephone number!)

DEAR ABBY: A while ago I read a letter in your column about a 17-year-old named Brandon McCoy who, every year on his birthday, has a party and asks his friends to bring gifts for charity. It inspired me to model my own attitude after Brandon's giving spirit.

I too am 17. I love parties, so last Christmas I hosted a party and requested \$5 donations. It was a huge success! I raised more than \$100 for a local home for abused children and had a great time doing it.

I'd like to thank Brandon for the inspiration. Society tends to have a negative view of teenagers, but he is living proof that we're not all bad. — MARYBETH BARTELT, ST. LOUIS

DEAR MARYBETH: I'm pleased that Brandon's story touched and inspired you. Acts of generosity, especially on the part of activist teens like you and Brandon, enhance the quality of life for all of us and deserve to be acknowledged.

DEAR ABBY: I am 74, and for the past three years, due to health problems, have been unable to write legibly. When e-mail came along, I got a computer. It brought me great joy to know that I could communicate with my family and friends of a lifetime. I have always been a writer and love to receive mail from people I care about, but I became frustrated when I could no longer write "thank-you" cards to them.

My question: Is it better to acknowledge my thanks via e-mail so the response is immediate, or wait for the days when I must use the ability to write and sign a card? Personally, I prefer knowing they received my gift no matter how they let me know. — RUTH PHILLIPS

DEAR RUTH: Those who care about you know about your difficulty with writing. If using a computer makes it easier to communicate with your family and friends, then do so. Perhaps you can also use it to design your own personalized thank-you cards.

Everybody has a problem. What's yours? Get it off your chest by writing to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, Calif. 90069. For a personal reply, please enclose a stamped, self-addressed envelope.

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## Oscars look on world history, Hollywood's own

LOS ANGELES (AP) — This weekend's Academy Awards ceremony will offer a history lesson and a lesson from history.

There will be plenty about World War II, with "Saving Private Ryan," "The Thin Red Line" and "Life is Beautiful." And there is the Elizabethan era, as represented by "Shakespeare in Love" and "Elizabeth." All five films are best picture nominees.

The 71st awards ceremony is also haunted by Hollywood's own history, with an uproar over the lifetime achievement award for director Elia Kazan, whom many have never forgiven for naming names before the House Un-American Activities Committee a half-century ago.

It all sets the stage for an intriguing Oscar ceremony. The suspense over who's going to win in many close races is matched by the question of what will happen when the 89-year-old Kazan takes the stage in front of thousands at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion on Sunday night.

This was the year the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts and Sciences was trying hard to bring more attention to the awards, though the Kazan flap was clearly not what it had in mind. It scheduled the ceremony on a Sunday for the first time, instead of Monday.

The ceremony caps months of fierce Oscar campaigning by studios in the Hollywood trade papers — a dramatic change from last year's onslaught by "Titanic," which amassed 11 awards to tie "Ben-Hur" for the record.

The marquee matchup is the best-picture duel between "Shakespeare in Love," with a leading 13 nominations, and

"Saving Private Ryan," with 11. "If a film is in the past and has a historical feel to it, it seems to have more weight and substance than modern-day stories for the Academy, and I think Academy voters look for films that have a certain amount of substance," said Oscar historian Robert Osborne.

Based on earlier peer awards, Steven Spielberg has the inside track for best director (for "Saving Private Ryan") and the writers of "Shakespeare in Love" and "Out of Sight" were the front-runners for the original and adapted screenplay honors. Gwyneth Paltrow was a favorite for best actress for "Shakespeare in Love."

But the other races were tossups.

The best actor category looked like Tom Hanks' to lose (for "Saving Private Ryan"), but then Roberto Benigni picked up a Screen Actors Guild award for "Life is Beautiful." The supporting actor and actress races also were question marks.



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### IN BRIEF

**Hawks roper, bull rider hold onto NMJC leads**  
Howard College's Cody Owens and Chad Castillo continued to hold their leads in calf roping and bull riding through the first go-round of the New Mexico Junior College Rodeo in Lovington, N.M.  
Owens led all calf ropers with a 10.1-second clocking, while Castillo was the bull riding field's leader after having posted a 78-point ride.  
Jeremy Hughes split third and fourth place in the first go-round of bull riding with a 74, while Darrell Triplett split second and third place in the saddle bronc competition.

**Odessa posts three-game series sweep over Hawks**  
Howard College's Hawks simply couldn't get their bats in gear Friday, as they dropped a 6-0 decision to Odessa College's Wranglers.  
Odessa followed that with a 7-6 win in 10 innings in the first game of a Saturday doubleheader and capped the weekend with a 7-1 victory.  
Sophomore Nick Webb absorbed the pitching loss, allowing four Odessa runs in the first inning and two more in the second.  
The losses left the Hawks with a 26-8 record overall and 9-3 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play.  
After taking a 6-5 lead into the bottom of the 10th inning of the first game Saturday, Duite Welch gave up a one-out single, then saw two dropped balls in the outfield allow the Wranglers to take the win.  
The Hawks will play host to McMurry University's Indians at 1 p.m. Tuesday.

**Big Spring UGSA's registration continues**  
Officials with the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association have announced that registration will continue until April 9 at All-Star Sports, formerly Neal's Sporting Goods.  
Parents should bring each child's birth certificate and registration fee of \$25 when signing up their children for the league.

### IT'S MISSING

Details on the Coahoma Bulldogs' games with Miles on Friday and Merkel's Lady Badgers on Saturday were not available as the Herald went to press Saturday night.  
In addition, results from the Big Spring Lady Steers track team that took part in the Sweetwater Relays were also unavailable.  
Coaches from those teams did not call in their reports.

### ON THE AIR

- Television**  
**AUTO RACING**  
11:30 a.m. — NASCAR Winston Cup TransSouth Financial 400, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
3 p.m. — CART FedEx Grand Prix of Miami, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.  
11 p.m. — World of Outlaws Silver State Shootout, TNN, Ch. 35.  
**COLLEGE BASKETBALL**  
**Men**  
1:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, regional finals doubleheader, CBS, Ch. 7.  
**NBA BASKETBALL**  
11:30 a.m. — Los Angeles Lakers at Orlando Magic, NBC, Ch. 9.  
**GOLF**  
1 p.m. — Senior PGA Liberty Mutual Legends, final round, ABC, Ch. 2 and Ch. 8.  
2 p.m. — PGA Bay Hill Invitational, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.  
4 p.m. — LPGA Standard Register Ping, final round, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**HOCKEY**  
2 p.m. — Pittsburgh Penguins at New York Rangers, Detroit Red Wings at Philadelphia Flyers or Colorado Avalanche at Chicago Blackhawks, FOX, Ch. 3.  
7 p.m. — Carolina Hurricanes at Dallas Stars, FXS, Ch. 29.  
7 p.m. — Los Angeles Kings at Phoenix Coyotes, ESPN, Ch. 30.  
**TENNIS**  
11:30 p.m. — ATP Lipton Championships, ESPN, Ch. 30.

## Duke, Kentucky move closer to another Final Four

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Duke and Kentucky, the two most successful NCAA tournament teams of the 1990s, are both one win away from another Final Four.  
Top-ranked Duke beat Southwest Missouri State 78-61 Friday night to reach the East Regional final, while defending national champion Kentucky defeated Miami of Ohio 58-43 to advance to the Midwest title game.  
Scott Padgett scored 14 of his 17 points in the second half and Kentucky dominated the boards 37-18 against Miami, which got 23 points from star Wally Szczerbiak but almost nothing from his teammates.  
"You're not going to stop Wally Szczerbiak from scoring, he's too good a

player," Kentucky coach Tubby Smith said. "What you want to do is make sure the other guys don't beat you. It's just an unbelievable performance by our team."  
Trajan Langdon scored 24 points as Duke won its 30th straight game. The Blue Devils, who won their first two NCAA tournament games by an average of 41 points, weren't quite as dominant against 12th-seeded Southwest Missouri. "Anything would have been a let-down," Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski said. "We've been playing great basketball, actually unusually great basketball."  
Duke's opponent in today's East Regional final will be sixth-seeded Temple, which beat Purdue 77-55.  
The Owls broke the game open after Purdue picked up two early technical

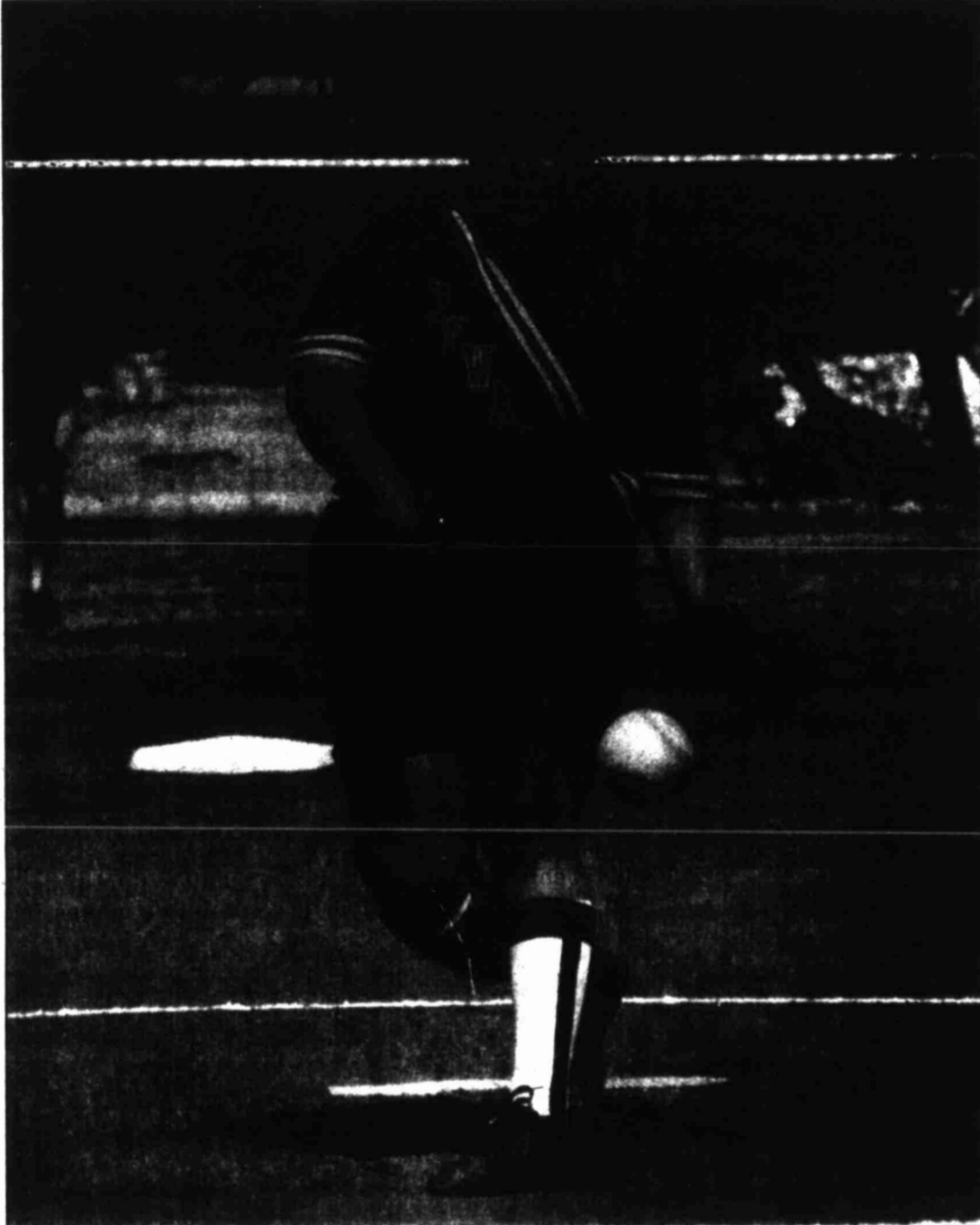
fouls. Temple then scored eight straight points to start the decisive 30-7 run.  
"It kind of gave us our momentum," said Mark Karcher, who led the Owls with 21 points, including eight in the big run. "Every time we got the ball back, we executed our offense. It got us in the flow of the game and everybody just ran the script."  
Kentucky will play top-seeded Michigan State today for the Midwest Regional title. The Spartans held Oklahoma to 33 percent shooting in a physical 54-46 victory Friday night.  
Midway through the second half, Michigan State All-American Mateen Cleaves collided with Oklahoma star Eduardo Najera, and both players crumpled to the court. Najera was unconscious for several minutes and came

away with a concussion, bruised breast bone, chipped tooth and a cut on his chin that required six stitches. Cleaves also lay nearly motionless for several minutes but, like Najera, later returned to the game.  
"It was an ugly game," Cleaves said. "But the guys are coming through. We've come together as a team and we're in the Great Eight."  
Duke and Kentucky each have won two national championships and made four trips to the Final Four this decade. If they make it to the Final Four this year, they would meet in the national semifinals in St. Petersburg on March 27. That would be a rematch of last year's memorable South Regional final in which Kentucky overcame an 18-point deficit to beat Duke 86-84.

## Lady Hawks sweep Midland

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Howard College's Lady Hawks jumped back into the Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAAC) chase over the weekend, sweeping four straight games from Midland College's Lady Chaparrals on Friday and Saturday.  
After taking 7-0 and 5-1 wins in Friday's series-opening doubleheader, the Lady Hawks saw Midland arrive at the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex in a much more determined frame of mind.  
But Howard got almost the same type of pitching from Maria Lopez and Brandy Smith they displayed on Friday, and the result was a 3-0 Lady Hawks win in the opener and a 6-2 win in the second game.  
"Pitching is the name of the game," Lady Hawks coach Andy Mace noted following the sweep. "It's at least 85 percent of the game in softball and both Maria and Brandy did a great job. Neither one of them were as dominant today as they were yesterday, but they did a great job of competing ... pitching their way out of trouble."  
Of course, Lopez — a sophomore transfer from Eastern Oklahoma where she earned second-team All-America honors under Mace a year ago — was rarely in trouble.  
In Friday's opener, the only game of the day that figured in the WJCAAC standings, Lopez scattered four Midland hits and struck out 10 in going the distance.  
Then, in Saturday's first game, she benefited from strong defensive play by her teammates. She allowed just three hits, but struck out only three as she improved to 14-5 on the year.  
"We played great defense the entire series," Mace said. "We only committed two errors in four games. I don't think any of our kids were as emotionally charged as Midland was today when the game started, but we played our way into the same type of intensity we'd had on Friday."  
Howard scored all its runs in the fourth inning of Saturday's opener. The game-winner came when second baseman Andrea Padias scored on a single by third baseman Diana Julian.  
Josie Rosovich then reached base on a walk and first baseman Karen Brand delivered a double to round out the scoring.  
The nightcap saw Smith go the distance, improving her record to 12-5 on the season as she scattered seven Midland hits.  
One of the few bright spots for the Lady Chaps came when former Big Spring Lady Steers standout Melissa Martinez blasted a fourth-inning offering from Smith and sent it towering out of the park in left field.  
By that time, however, Howard had things well in hand.  
Although the Lady Chaps jumped out on top with a run in the top of the first inning, the Lady Steers answered with all the runs Smith would need in the second.  
Josie Rosovich got the Lady Hawks rally started by drawing a walk and Brand singled, setting the stage for Kristine DeVoss, who delivered a two-run double.  
DeVoss scored a few moments later when right fielder Christy Shaffer singled.  
Center fielder Carlee Ledford initiated



Howard College pitching ace Maria Lopez delivers a strike en route to a 10-strikeout performance in the Lady Hawks' 7-0 win over Midland College's Lady Chaparrals on Friday. Howard swept the four game series, improving to 26-10 on the season and 4-2 in conference play.

another three-run burst in the Howard third, as she and Lopez led off with back-to-back singles. Julian then doubled to score Ledford and Brand hit a sacrifice fly that scored Ricka McKee, who'd come on to run from Lopez.  
Catcher Teresa Johnson, who'd homered in Friday's second game — her sixth of the season, capped the rally with a single that plated Julian.  
"These were a lot closer games than the scores indicated," Mace noted, again stressing the quality of play Midland has displayed this spring.  
"We beat a pretty good team four straight this weekend ... we're beginning to put it back together," he added, noting that the Lady Hawks have now won 10 of their last 12 games. "We just went through a stretch there where we weren't hitting the ball very well and weren't playing very good defense."

That was most certainly not the case in Friday's games, as the Lady Hawks pounded out 10 hits in each game.  
Rosovich did most of the damage — going 2-for-3 in the first game with a double and a three-run homer, then capping that with a solo homer in the second game.  
Johnson, who managed just one hit in the opener against Midland's Marissa Underwood, came back in the second game to go 3-for-3 including the home run, and Ledford added a 2-for-4 showing.  
The Lady Hawks, now 26-10 on the season and 4-2 in WJCAAC play, were scheduled to host Cisco in a doubleheader at 1 p.m. Monday. But that game has been indefinitely postponed.  
They will travel to Ranger for a 1 p.m. Friday doubleheader.  
Howard will then take on Howard Payne in a 1 p.m. twinbill at Brownwood on Saturday.

## Torres making transition to collegiate track competition

If there was ever any question about his dedication ... and there once was ... Marco Torres went a long way toward answering critics this past week.



JOHN A. MOSELEY

Torres, a distance running standout at Big Spring High School in 1998, is currently in his freshman year at South Plains College where he's a member of the Texans' cross-country and track teams.  
And after a personally frustrating fall cross-country campaign, Torres says the spring semester has been much more enjoyable.  
So much so, in fact, that while half of his teammates spent spring break on the beaches of South Padre Island last week, Torres was training with his for-

mer Steers teammates at Blankenship Field.  
"Things are much better now ... much better," Torres said Thursday afternoon taking a short break from offering pointers to Rolando Ledesma, his successor as the top distance specialist on this year's Steers squad.  
Used to being one of West Texas' best distance runners, Torres found it difficult to finish well behind a number of Kenyan teammates during cross-country meets this fall.  
As a result, Torres found himself sometimes questioning his decision to sign with South Plains.  
"I think that's just something most people have to get used to when they move up to collegiate competition," he explained. "You have to get used to new coaches, new teammates ... everything. It's tough ... it really is."  
Primarily a 1,600 meters and 3,200 meters specialist in high school, Torres is playing a somewhat different role at

South Plains where he's currently running the 1,500 meters, the 3,000-meter steeplechase and a leg on the Texans' 4x400-meter relay.  
During a couple of indoor meets this spring, he also ran the 600 meters, finishing second at the Texas Tech meet in Lubbock.  
The previous weekend the Texans made their first outdoor appearance of the spring and Torres posted a 4:02 clocking in the 1,500, just five seconds off the NJCAA national championships qualifying mark of 3:57.  
"I'm right where I want to be in the 1,500 right now," he explained. "We're running in Tech's outdoor meet this next week and I think I'll have the qualifying time there."  
"I really want to get that out of the way and be able to relax a little," he added. "I think I'll probably have even more fun then."  
What's more, he said he'd like to have an opportunity to spend more time con-

centrating on the steeplechase. He'll run his first competitive race in that event this weekend in Lubbock.  
"So far, all I've been doing is practicing for it," Torres said. "But I think I'm really going to like running it. First of all, it's something different ... really breaks the boredom. It's also a real challenge. It's demanding, but it's something I think I've got a chance to be good at."  
While the steeplechase's seven track-wide hurdles make the 3,000-meter race challenging, they're nothing compared to the water jump.  
"You'd be surprised how easy it is to slip and fall in that water," Torres said. "I've fallen a couple of times during practice ... that's not a bit of fun. Believe me, those Kenyan guys will step on your head when you do that."  
John A. Moseley is sports editor of the Herald. His column appears on Wednesdays and Sundays.

## White's 17 Ks power 'Dogs

HERALD Staff Report

COAHOMA — Junior left-hander Delvin White allowed just two hits and struck out 17 Friday evening in pitching Coahoma's Bulldogs to sole possession of first place, momentarily, in the District 3-2A baseball standings with a 5-1 win over Post's Antelopes.  
The Bulldogs, who evened their record to 6-6 overall, improved to 2-0 in district play, giving them a half-game lead of Tahoka in the district standings.  
Tahoka pulled back into a tie for the league lead on Saturday afternoon, however, taking a 3-2 win over Plains.  
"We didn't just pound them (Antelopes)," Coahoma head coach Scott Lewis said following the victory, "but we did a good job of putting the ball in play ... coming up with big hits when we needed them."  
"The important this is that we didn't make any errors," Lewis added. "We played good defense behind Delvin. Of course, a lot of the credit goes to Delvin. It's a lot easier to play an error-free game when your pitcher's striking out 17 batters."  
The Bulldogs jumped out to an early lead with a run in the bottom of the first inning Friday night, then added what proved to be the game-winner in the second.  
By the end of the third inning, the Bulldogs owned a 4-0 lead and White had long since settled into virtual cruise control.  
The Antelopes managed to score their lone run in the fifth inning, but Coahoma's Luke Bollin answered back with a two-out, RBI double in the sixth to wrap up the scoring.  
Catcher Aaron Ovalle led the way offensively for the Bulldogs, coming up with three of Coahoma's eight total hits.  
In addition to Bollin's double in sixth, Walt Bordoloi, and Cody Teeler both added two-base hits.  
The Bulldogs now travel to Olton for a 7 p.m. Tuesday district game.

SPORTS EXTRA

**TRANSACTIONS**

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
 Boston Red Sox—Optimized LHP Brian Barkley and RHP Jim Jeter to Pabst of the International League. Reassigned OF Pedro Valdes to their minor-league camp.  
 Cleveland Indians—Optimized RHP J.D. Brannaman and LHP Jimmy Hamilton to Akron of the Eastern League. Assigned RHP Jamie Brown, RHP Dave Tenenbaum and RHP Mike Walker to their minor-league camp.  
 Detroit Tigers—Optimized RHP Matt Drews to Toledo of the International League. Assigned RHP Ryan Core to their minor-league camp.  
 Kansas City Royals—Assigned INF Joe Vitek, LHP Rick Krneda, RHP Joe Rizo, RHP Kenier Stearns, RHP Dave Swartzbaugh, INF Rico Rossy, and OF Steve Gartrater to their minor-league camp. Released OF Tony Tarasco. Sold the contract of LHP Rony Fickett to the Texas Rangers.  
**Minnesota Twins**—Optimized OF Brian Buchanan and RHP Brent Stenzel to Salt Lake of the PCL. Assigned RHP Jose Espinal, LHP Kevin Ohme and C Matt LeCros to their minor-league camp.  
**Seattle Mariners**—Sent RHP Maximiliano De La Riva outright to Tacoma of the PCL. Optimized LHP Jordan Zimmerman to New Haven of the Eastern League.  
**National League**  
 Chicago Cubs—Optimized INF Ramon Martinez and LHP Phil Noto to Iowa of the PCL. Assigned RHP Scott Wanket to their minor-league camp.  
 Los Angeles Dodgers—Announced the retirement of Ralph Aul, vice president of Latin American programs. Aul will continue to work as special advisor to President Bob Grubbs.  
**Montreal Expos**—Optimized LHP Ted Lilly, RHP Guillermo Mota, 1B/OF Fernando Seguin, INF Jose Fernandez and OF Chris Stowers to Ottawa of the PCL. Reassigned C John Pickett and INF Geoff Blum to Ottawa, and OF Peter Berenger to Harrisburg of the Eastern League.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
 NBA—Suspended Portland Trail Blazers guard Rivaldo for one game without pay and fined him \$7500 for kneeling and shouting Sacramento Kings guard Barry Doolen's name during a game.  
 Atlanta Hawks—Signed G Jeff Sheppard to a 10-day contract.  
 Cleveland Cavaliers—Re-signed G Michael Stuber.  
 Los Angeles Clippers—Activated F Brian Skinner from the injured list. Placed F Rick Richardson on the injured list.  
**Continental Basketball Association**  
 Fort Wayne Fury—Placed F Evinc Gray on the injured list and F Darryl Muraugh in the developmental reserve list.  
 Idaho Stampede—Placed G Rater Wilson on the injured list and F Darryl Muraugh in the developmental reserve list.  
 Rockford Lightning—Traded F Darrin Robinson to Fort Wayne for F Jeff Knaggs.  
 Yakima Sun Kings—Placed F Tremaine Fowles on the roster and C Robinson Smith on the developmental reserve list.  
**Football**  
**National Football League**  
 Oakland Raiders—Signed QB Steve Bork to a one-year contract.  
 Dallas Cowboys—Re-signed P Tony Stewart and DT Nathan Davis to one-year contracts.  
 Jacksonville Jaguars—Named John Bonamigo assistant special teams coach.  
 New York Jets—Traded QB Glenn Fry to the Seattle Seahawks for a 1999 seventh-round draft pick.  
 San Diego Chargers—Agreed to trading with the St. Louis Rams for a 1999 sixth-round draft pick.  
**Arena Football League**  
 Arizona Rattlers—Signed QB Sherman Crosswhite.  
 Florida Rogators—Traded OL DL Wiley, RB Jason Clark and WR DL Alex Sheil to New Jersey for DL Willie Gaston and OL DL Rob Spivey.  
**Grand Rapids Rampage**—Named DeJuan Wise line coach. Waived DS Darin Hader.  
**New England Sea Wolves**—Awarded OL DL Johnny Feiga from waivers.  
**Tampa Bay Storm**—Traded WR QB Travis Perry to Buffalo to complete a previous trade.  
**HOCKEY**  
**National Hockey League**  
 Edmonton Oilers—Recalled C Darryl Dornier and RW Kevin Brown from waivers of the AHL. Assigned W. D. Stone to Hamilton.  
 New Jersey Devils—Sent F Sasha Leung to Albany of the AHL for conditioning.  
 Phoenix Coyotes—Assigned C Daniel Briere and RW Travis Hansen to Springfield of the AHL.  
 Pittsburgh Penguins—Signed D Greg Adams and assigned him to Pittsburgh of the AHL.  
**American Hockey League**  
 Kentucky Thoroughblades—Announced G Sean Gauthier has been returned by the San Jose Sharks and G Terry Wiseman has been returned by Richmond of the ECHL.  
**St. John Flames**—Announced that G Max Grunke has been assigned to Rochester of the ECHL.  
**Westchester Icecats**—Signed RW Brad Galt.  
**International Hockey League**  
**Grand Rapids Griffins**—Received W. D. Stone from assignment from Pittsburgh Penguins. Announced G Greg Adams has been returned by the Chicago Blackhawks. Traded RW Darryl Dornier to Saint John of the AHL for G Mike Leung.  
**East Coast Hockey League**  
 Daytona Bombers—Added D Dave Leavelle and C Chris Winter to the roster.  
**South Carolina Stingrays**—Signed LW Steve Zink and D Jason Higgins.  
**United Hockey League**  
 Miami City Stallards—Received G Darryl Dornier from assignment from the Washington Capitals.  
**West Coast Hockey League**  
 Reno—Suspended Bakersfield

**NBA STANDINGS**

Saturday's results not included

**EASTERN CONFERENCE**

**Atlantic Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	18	5	.783	—
Orlando	18	7	.720	1
Philadelphia	14	9	.609	4
New York	14	10	.583	4 1/2
Washington	9	14	.391	9
Boston	8	13	.381	9
New Jersey	4	19	.174	14

**Central Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Indiana	16	7	.696	—
Milwaukee	13	9	.591	2 1/2
Atlanta	14	10	.583	2 1/2
Detroit	13	11	.542	3 1/2
Cleveland	11	10	.524	4
Toronto	10	12	.455	5 1/2
Charlotte	8	14	.364	7 1/2
Chicago	7	17	.292	9 1/2

**WESTERN CONFERENCE**

**Midwest Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	19	5	.792	—
Houston	15	9	.625	4
San Antonio	15	9	.625	4
Minnesota	14	11	.560	5 1/2
Dallas	8	17	.320	11 1/2
Denver	6	18	.250	13
Vancouver	5	19	.208	14

**Pacific Division**

Team	W	L	Pct	GB
Portland	19	5	.792	—
L.A. Lakers	17	9	.654	3
Seattle	12	10	.546	6
Phoenix	12	12	.500	7
Sacramento	11	14	.440	8 1/2
Golden State	10	14	.417	9
L.A. Clippers	1	22	.043	17 1/2

**Regional Championship**  
 Monday, March 22  
 Louisiana Tech-LSU winner vs. Colorado State-UCLA winner, 11 p.m.

**THE FINAL FOUR**  
**At San Jose Arena**  
**San Jose, Calif.**  
**National Semifinals**  
 Friday, March 26  
 East champion vs. Midwest champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
 Midwest champion vs. West champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
**National Championship**  
 Sunday, March 28  
 Semifinal winners, 8 p.m.

**NJCAA-MEN**

**At Hutchinson, Kan.**  
**Friday, March 19**  
**National Semifinals**  
 Trinity Valley, Texas 66, Daytona Beach, Fla. 61, Daytonia eliminated.  
 Western Nebraska, 100, North Dakota-Williston 64, North Dakota eliminated.  
 Meridian, Miss. 69, Bacone, Okla. 63, Bacone eliminated.  
 Indian Hills, Iowa 103, Weatherford, Texas 93.  
 Barton County, Kan. 103, Kennedy King, Ill. 90  
**Finals Round**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
**Seventh Place**  
 W. Nebraska 66, Trinity Valley 57  
**Fifth Place**  
 Meridian 74, Dixie 73  
**Third Place**  
 Game 25—Weatherford, Texas (33) vs. Kennedy King, Ill. (29.7), late  
**Championship**  
 Game 26—Indian Hills, Iowa (36:1) vs. Barton County, Kan. (35:2), late

**NJCAA-WOMEN**

**At Salina, Kan.**  
**Friday, March 19**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
 Connors State, Okla. 79, Walters State, Tenn. 53, Walters St. eliminated.  
 Meridian, Miss. 76, Southern Idaho 69, Southern Idaho eliminated.  
 Weyburn, Ind. 70, Sheridan, Wyo. 70.  
 Trinity Valley, Texas 89, Midland, Texas 89, Central Arizona 89, Gulf Coast, Fla. 76  
**Finals Round**  
**Saturday, March 20**  
**Seventh Place**  
 Game 23—Connors State, Okla. (33:2) vs. Meridian, Miss. (26:6)  
**Fifth Place**  
 Game 24—Seward County, Kan. (33:3) vs. Vincennes, Ind. (27:3)  
**Third Place**  
 Game 25—Midland, Texas (33:5) vs. Gulf Coast, Fla. (30:3), late  
**Championship**  
 Game 26—Trinity Valley, Texas (35:0) vs. Central Arizona (30:4), late

## Steers linksters finish fourth

HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — Big Spring's Steers couldn't keep pace with Sweetwater's Mustangs during Saturday's second round of the Fort Stockton Invitational Golf Tournament and slipped to a 313-325, 638 total the left them tied for fourth place with the host team.

The tournament gave a strong indication of what to expect this week when the opening round of the District 5-4A tournament gets under way at 10 a.m. Saturday on the Big Spring Country Club layout.

Andrews' Mustangs took the team title, posting a 309-297, 606 total, while San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs finished second with a 309-311, 620.

Sweetwater, which rebounded with a 314 during Friday's opening round with a 307 on Saturday, finished one stroke behind Lake View at 621.

"After having played against Andrews, Lake View and Sweetwater in just about every tournament we've gone to, we know what to expect this week," Steers coach Gary Simmons said following Saturday's round.

"We're capable of playing with the front runners, but we've got to play our best golf ... can't afford to be up and down like we were this week."

The host Panthers managed a 321-317, 638 total tied with Big Spring for fourth, while Odessa Permian was two more strokes back at 328-314, 640. So was El Paso Burges at 323-317, 640.

Big Spring's Sammy Rodriguez managed to tie Lake View's Dillen DiJulio for medalist honors, only to lose on the first hole of a sudden-death playoff.

Rodriguez finished the tournament with a 76-70, 146, while DiJulio posted a 71, 75, 146.

In addition to Rodriguez, the Steers were paced by Heath Bailey's 73-81, 154.

Richard Gaitan added an 81 and 168 for the Steers, while Rudy Gambo's 81-80, 170 and Zach Hall's 91-91, 182 rounded out Big Spring's scoring.

Big Spring's Jamie Womble was entered in medalist only competition and finished the tournament with an 89-89, 178.

## Green, Morgan maintain hold of lead at Legends

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla. (AP) — The breeze was steady and the putters cooled off, but the leaders remained the same Saturday in the Legends of Golf.

Hubert Green and Gil Morgan combined for a 5-under 67 to finish the second round of the best-ball tournament with a three-stroke lead at 16-under 128.

In second place are Jay Sigel and David Graham, who shot a 3-under 69 to finish at 131.

The team of George Archer and Simon Hobday shot a 67 to finish at 132 in this unofficial seniors event, sponsored by Liberty Mutual.

They were one stroke ahead of John Mahaffey and Tom Wargo, who shot 70, and Tony Jacklin and Larry Ziegler, who finished at 67.

The new World Golf Village Slammer and Squire Course wasn't nearly as forgiving as on the opening day, when the top two teams each scorched the front side at 8-under in perfect weather conditions.

"It played more difficult today," Graham said. "There were 18 holes of wind instead of nine holes of wind."

It took Green and Morgan seven holes to muster their first birdie. Green sank a 5-foot putt after a well-placed 4-iron on the par-3 hole, then celebrated by high-fiving his partner and telling the crowd how relieved he was.

"It got the monkey off our backs," Green said. "It was like a sigh of relief. We were going backwards and we felt like, my gosh, we're giving this thing away and it's not even Sunday."

He birdied No. 8 as well to push himself and Morgan to 13-under and regain the lead they lost thanks to Graham's hot putting touch early in the round.

Graham, the Australian with four career senior tour victories, sank a 20-foot putt for birdie on the par-3 second hole, leaving Sigel to do nothing but pick up the tee shot he had hit to six feet.

Graham followed with another birdie on No. 3, but the two some went seven holes without another birdie and finished the day with just three.

"To get a bad day behind us and still be in second, we feel

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# Western Nebraska, Meridian take early games at NJCAA men's finals

HUTCHINSON, Kan. (AP) — Khalid Coursey had beaten Meridian (Miss.) with a last-second shot earlier this year.

Meridian guard Jamal Brown wasn't going to let it happen again Saturday the game against Dixie (Utah).

Dixie took a rebound with 14 seconds left, did not call a time-out and could only manage Maurice Baker's closely guarded jumper that fell short.

Meridian held on for fifth place 74-73 in the NJCAA Tournament.

"I was very surprised," Brown said. "When we played them before, he (Coursey) penetrated and beat us. It was my fault we lost. I wanted to make sure that didn't happen again."

Weatherford (Texas) (33-3) played Kennedy-King (Ill.) (29-7) for third place and Indian Hills (Iowa) (36-1) played Barton County (Kan.) (35-2) for the championship later Saturday.

Western Nebraska defeated Trinity

## Trinity Valley takes women's JUCO crown with 77-53 win

From staff and wire reports

SALINAS, Kan. — Trinity Valley's Lady Cardinals lived up to their No. 1 ranking Saturday, taking a 77-53 win over Central Arizona in the championship game of the NJCAA National Women's Basketball Tournament.

The Lady Cardinals advanced to the title game with a one-sided 89-64 win over Western Junior College Athletic Conference and Region V champion Midland College's Lady Chaparrals.

Earning their fifth straight appearance in the finals, the Lady Cardinals

shot 53 percent from the field and took advantage of 23 Midland turnovers.

Midland rebounded during Saturday's third-place game to take a 78-70 win over Gulf Coast (Fla.) Community College, the second straight team from the WJCAC to finish third nationally.

Howard College's Lady Hawks had that honor a year ago after losing to Trinity Valley in the semifinals.

Midland did manage to out-rebound Trinity Valley in Friday's semifinal contest, 46-38, but virtually everything else went the Lady Cardinals' way.

Trinity Valley broke open a tight 12-12 game with a 14-point run in the first half, breaking away to as much as a 23-point lead in the first 20 minutes.

Kanya Larkin paced the Lady Cardinals with 13 points, while Sparkle Smith and All-American guard Yakia Barnes had 12 each.

Catherine Lida rounded out Trinity's double-digit performances with 10 points.

Midland got a game-high 18 points from Fatime Nidaye, but none of the other Lady Chaps managed to hit double figures.

line jumpers.

Meridian led 72-69 on Brown's jumper. Dixie came back for a 73-72 lead with 1:27 left on free throws by Rudy Williams and Roban.

More free throws, two by Meridian's Ronald Murray, finished the scoring with just more than a minute to go.

In the seventh-place game, Western Nebraska jumped to an early lead on the way to beating Trinity Valley.

Western Nebraska (32-6) led by as many as 17 points in the first half and maintained a 35-22 lead at halftime.

"This year, sometimes we relaxed when we got a big lead," said Cougars guard Tyron Anderson, who led all scorers with 22 points. "We didn't want to do that in the last game of the season."

Western Nebraska held off Trinity Valley (25-11), but Trinity Valley was within 58-55 in the final minutes before the Cougars pulled away.

## IOC wants details from Coles, ex-wife on expensive gifts

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP) — IOC president Juan Antonio Samaranch said today he is asking IOC member Phil Coles, the Australian's ex-wife and Greek Olympic officials for more information regarding expensive gifts the Coles were said to have received.

A day after the International Olympic Committee's executive board announced it was investigating the case, Samaranch said the committee was sending letters to Coles, his former wife Georgina Coles and the Greek Olympic Committee.

"The case of Mr. Coles is still open," Samaranch said at a news conference. "We will take the final decision in a few days or weeks. We are sending more letters to ask for more information. With this information, the executive board of the IOC will take the final decision."

Samaranch was asked whether he felt any sympathy for Coles or believed the Australian has been the victim of a media "witch hunt."

"The problem of Mr. Coles is not about sympathy or not sympathy," he said. "We have to act on the facts we get."

Georgina Coles, who split with Coles in a bitter divorce almost six years ago, sent a fax to IOC officials Friday in which she said the couple received a gold-and-diamond necklace and cufflinks, which she turned into earrings, while visiting Athens, which made an unsuccessful Olympic bid in 1990.

The items have been appraised at \$6,300 — far beyond the IOC's \$150 limit on gifts from bid cities.

Already slapped with a severe censure for accepting lavish travel in the Salt Lake City bid scandal, Coles could be expelled if the board finds he previously violated the rules.

Sydney Olympics chief Michael Knight has called on Coles to "stop the pain" by

quitting the board of SOCOG, the organizing committee for the 2000 Games. But Coles said Friday he would not resign from the SOCOG board or the IOC.

In giving the matter to the executive board, the IOC abolished a five-member investigation panel that produced six expulsions, four resignations and 10 warnings in the IOC's worst scandal, the million-dollar vote-buying scheme of Salt Lake City's successful 2002 bid.

That took the case out of the control of Dick Pound, an IOC vice president from Canada who headed the ad hoc panel and is a longtime friend of Coles.

Coles appeared before the executive board Friday and said he "appreciated the opportunity to explain the situation."

He said he would remain on leave from the board of the organizing committee for next year's Summer Games in Sydney, Australia, "until the matter is resolved."

Samaranch confirmed today that South Korean executive board member Kim Un-yong, the highest-ranking official implicated in the Salt Lake case, still was under investigation.

"The case of Mr. Kim is still open," he said.

Kim received the most severe degree of warning from the IOC inquiry panel and was told he would face expulsion if evidence emerged to prove he knew that Salt Lake bidders paid for his son's salary at a telecommunications company.

Kim and Pound are bitter rivals. By taking the case out of Pound's hands, Kim's chances of being expelled appear greatly reduced.

On another issue, Samaranch announced that U.S. Olympic Committee president Bill Hybl had accepted his offer to serve on a new reform panel — IOC 2000 — that will recommend structural changes to the IOC.

## Traveling-man Zeile happy to be a Ranger

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Todd Zeile is happy to begin 1999 as a Texas Ranger. He'd be even happier if he could finish 1999 as a Texas Ranger.

In the last four years, Zeile has played for seven different teams. He's been traded in the middle of the season four times and been a free agent twice.

Only once in that span has he played with the same team from the start of the season to the finish.

Last year was the wildest yet for Zeile, as he was traded from Los Angeles to Florida then to Texas. It was especially rough on him because he had taken less money to sign with the Dodgers, his hometown team, and hoped to play there the rest of his career.

"It was more difficult than usual on a personal basis because I spent only about six weeks with my family in the

course of a six-month season," Zeile said. "But I ended up in a good place, on a positive note, and I've just really worked hard this winter to look forward to coming here for this season."

Zeile's world was turned upside down on May 16. The Dodgers, in a bitter contract dispute with catcher Mike Piazza, shipped him and Zeile to the Florida Marlins.

"There wasn't any real indication or reason to think that trade was going to take place," said Zeile, who had closed on a house in Southern California about 10 days earlier. "I had signed there with the intent to stay and I think they signed me with the intent to have me play there. ... A lot of strange circumstances had to be right at the same time for that deal to happen."

Zeile signed when the O'Malley family ran the

Dodgers as a close-knit, low-turnover bunch. But the franchise has undergone a massive overhaul since new owner Rupert Murdoch has taken over, and the Piazza trade was the biggest shakeup of all.

The Marlins made the deal to unload big-salary players on the Dodgers and to turn around and trade Piazza and Zeile for prospects.

Piazza was moved quickly; Zeile wasn't. He played 66 games in Florida, more than he played for the Dodgers or Rangers last season, all the while knowing he could be traded any day.

Zeile was finally sent to Texas for two marginal prospects on July 31. He played 52 games for the Rangers, who won their second AL West title in three years. Although Texas was swept from the first round of the playoffs by the New York

Yankees, Zeile hit a team-best .333 in the series.

Overall, Zeile hit .271 last year with 19 home runs and 94 RBIs. None of those numbers are career bests, but they're all above his career average.

Zeile, 33, will be a free agent again after this season, so there's the chance his resume could expand beyond St. Louis (1989-95), the Chicago Cubs ('96), Philadelphia ('96), Baltimore ('96), Los Angeles, Florida and Texas.

For now, though, he's hoping for a productive year hitting behind Juan Gonzalez, Rafael Palmeiro and Ivan Rodriguez.

"Zeile is a good offensive player, year-in and year-out," said Rangers manager Johnny Oates.

Zeile said he doesn't care where he is in the lineup as long as there are guys on base ahead of him.

## UConn, Ohio State finally headed to NCAA's Final Four

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Finally, barely, Connecticut is in the Final Four while Ohio State's little guard helped seal its biggest victory as the Buckeyes beat St. John's and took another step in one of the best turnarounds in college basketball history.

Gonzaga's NCAA tournament magic evaporated in the frantic final few minutes Saturday against the Connecticut's relentless defense and strength on the offensive boards as the Big East champions pulled out a 67-62 victory.

"I'm not sure we had to work any harder for a victory all year," coach Jim Calhoun said. "We didn't play our great game, but we played our heart game."

Connecticut's All-American, Richard Hamilton, scored 21 points and Khalid El-Amin gained redemption after a horrendous 0-for-12 shooting game by making two free throws with 34.4 seconds remaining.

Kevin Freeman, who had 13 points and 15 rebounds — 10 off the offensive boards — iced it with two free throws with 6.2 seconds to play.

Connecticut (32-2), the No. 1 seed in the West, was a much-publicized 0-3 in regional finals under Calhoun in the 1990s. After it was finished, the players doused their coach with water and the Husky fans chanted "Final Four! Final Four!"

It was never easy against the scrappy Zags (28-7), who never trailed by more than six points despite an ugly shooting day from Matt Santangelo (1-for-9) and Richie Fraham (2-for-11).

Gonzaga shot just 35 percent (20-for-57) and was only 5-for-21 on 3-pointers. Connecticut wasn't much better at 37 percent and was 0-for-9 from long-range.

The difference was on the boards, where the Huskies out-rebounded the Zags 47-33, including 21 offensive rebounds.

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## LOCAL BOWLING RESULTS

## WEDNESDAY NITE TRIO

## WEEK 25

RESULTS-The Astros over Spanky's 6-2, Loan Stars over BSI 6-2, Western Auto over Comet Cleaners 6-2, H&R Block over Fiesta Dodge 6-2, Back-N-Action over Bowlaroma Pro Shop 8-0, Arrow Refrigeration over Robertson Body Shop 6-2, Alley Cats over KC Steakhouse 8-0, M&M's split with Slow Starters 4-4, American State Bank split with Morehead Transfer 4-4, Lulu's Family over A Timeless Design 6-2, Allan's Furniture over Big Spring Music 6-2; hi sc game men Larry Rose & Jim Nipp 232, hi sc series men Jerald Burgess 620, hi hdp game men Larry Rose 273, hi hdp series men Leroy Clint 729; hi sc game women Faye Stoker 223, hi sc series women Faye Stoker 582, hi hdp game women Faye Stoker 268, hi hdp series women Faye Stoker 717; hi sc team game Robertson Body Shop 590, hi sc team series Robertson Body Shop 1702, hi hdp team game Alley Cats 722, hi hdp team series Arrow Refrigeration 2101.

STANDINGS-Arrow Refrigeration 143-57, Loan Stars 125-75, Comet Cleaners 115-85, American State Bank 113-87, Big Spring Music 112-84, KC Steakhouse 111-85, H&R Block 108-92, Robertson Body Shop 105-95, Western Auto 99-101, Slow Starters 98-102, Allan's Furniture 98-102, Back-N-Action 95-105, BSI (unopposed) 93-99, Spanky's 91-109, The Astros 87-111, A Timeless Design 86-114, Fiesta Dodge (postponed), 85-107, M&M's 78-122, Lulu's Family 75-101, Morehead Transfer 67-133, Bowlaroma Pro Shop 38-34, Alley Cats 34-38.

## DOUBLE TROUBLE

## WEEK 35

RESULTS-The Four of Us 6-2, 4 for 1 2-6, Professional Health Care 8-0, Bob's Custom Woodworking 0-8, Killer B's 4-4, Looney Toons 4-4, Strike Force 2-6, Santa Fe Sandwiches 6-2; hi sc team game The Four of Us 766, Killer B's 712, 4 for 1 686; hi sc team series The Four of Us 2042, 4 for 1 2016, Killer B's 2011; hi hdp team game The Four of Us 892, Professional Health Care 821, Killer B's 818; hi hdp team series The Four of Us 2420, Professional Health Care 2392, 4 for 1 2391; hi sc game ABC Adrian Brown 224, Gerald Dunlap 223, Junior Barber 204; hi sc series ABC Adrian Brown 603, Gerald Dunlap 593, Junior Barber 541; hi hdp game ABC Gerald Dunlap 242, Adrian Brown 238, Arthur Moffett 229; hi hdp series ABC Gerald Dunlap 650, Arthur Moffett 629, Adrian Brown 627; hi sc game WBC Elaine Reiland 193, Wakenda Dunlap 192, Peggy Hückabee 190; hi sc series WBC Peggy Hückabee 511, Elaine Reiland 504, Wakenda Dunlap 503; hi hdp game WBC Amanda Robertson 242, Wakenda Dunlap 239, Judy Robertson 226, Monette Rowden 226; hi hdp series WBC Wakenda Dunlap 644, Monette Rowden 625, Amanda Robertson 624; most over ave game ABC Gerald Dunlap 47, Arthur Moffett 42, Donald Robertson 34; most over ave series ABC Arthur Moffett 68, Gerald Dunlap 65, Donald Robertson 43; most over ave game WBC Amanda Robertson 57, Wakenda Dunlap 51, Monette Rowden 39; most over ave series WBC Wakenda Dunlap 80, Amanda Robertson 69, Monette Rowden 64.

STANDINGS-Santa Fp Sandwiches 141-75, Killer B's 134-82, The Four of Us 128-88, Strike Force 110-106, 4 for 1 105-111, Professional Health Care 104-112, Looney Toons 91-125, Bob's Custom Woodworking 51-165.

## LADIES MAJOR

## WEEK 25

RESULTS-Psycho Psysters 0-8, Neighbors Auto Sales 8-0, A&B Farms 0-8, Big Spring Music 8-0, Wynns Winners 2-6, Something Else 6-2, Dream Team 6-2, Carlos' 2-6, Barber Glass & Mirror 2-6, Rainbow Brite 6-2, Green House Photography 6-2, Mis-Haps 2-6, Cline Construction 6-2, Day & Day Builders 2-6, Rocky's 2-6, Pack-Sender 6-2; hi sc team game Big Spring Music 782, Something Else 696, Dream Team 635; hi sc team series Big Spring Music 2108, Something Else 1869, Dream Team 1826; hi hdp team game Big Spring Music 947, Cline Construction 895, Something Else 893; hi hdp team series Big Spring Music 2603, Cline Construction 2506, Dream Team 2483; hi sc game WBC Alice Ewing

241, Joycee Davis 210, Mavis Greer 206; hi sc series WBC Joycee Davis 565, Alice Ewing 540, Cindy Loveless 516; hi hdp game WBC Alice Ewing 282, Diane Ewing 254, Mavis Greer 248; hi hdp series WBC Diane Robinson 685, Cindy Loveless 678, Alice Ewing 663; most over ave game WBC Alice Ewing 77, Diane Ewing 50, Mavis Greer 43; most over ave series WBC Diane Robinson 82, Cindy Loveless 66, Kathryn Senter 49.

STANDINGS-Rainbow Brite 122-78, Pack-Sender 121-79, Big Spring Music 120-80, Dream Team 109-91, Cline Construction 106-94, Neighbors Auto Sales 106-94, Day & Day Builders 105-95, Green House Photography 104-96, Barber Glass & Mirror 101-99, Wynns Winners 100-100, Something Else 98-102, Rocky's 88-112, Psycho Psysters 88-112, Mis-Haps 86-114, A&B Farms 80-120, Carlos' 74-126.

## GUYS &amp; DOLLS

## WEEK 26

RESULTS-Greenhouse Photography over Dell's Cafe 8-0, Jim's over BSI 6-2, Head Hunters Beauty Salon over Hesters Mechanical 6-2, Karat Patch over Big Spring State Park 6-2; hi sc game men John Gibson 214, hi sc game women Ernestine O'Dell 212; hi sc series men Ken Beeler 539; hi sc series women Fern Lewis 523; hi hdp game men John Gibson 237; hi hdp game women Ernestine O'Dell 258; hi hdp series men Jim Reese 623; hi hdp series women Fern Lewis 664; hi sc team game Jims 708, hi hdp team game Greenhouse Photography 847; hi sc team series Head Hunters Beauty Salon 1932; hi hdp series series Greenhouse Photography 2455.

STANDINGS-Jim's 142-66, Head Hunters Beauty Salon 100-108, Dell's Cafe 96-112, Karat Patch 95-113, BSI 93-115, Hester's Mechanical 92-116, Greenhouse Photography 90-118.

## TUESDAY COUPLES

## RESULTS

White Motor, Co. Stanton over LG Nix-Dirt Co. 8-0, Carlos Restaurant over KC Steakhouse 6-2, BSI over Scurry Rentals 6-2, Professional Health Care over Morris Robertson Body Shop 6-2, Double R Cattle Co. over Tonn Cleaners 6-2, A Timeless Design tied Dub's Wonders 4-4, Parks Agency, Inc. (unopposed), Cowbo's (unopposed) Hardison Appliance (postponed); hi sc game men Michael Elliott 242; hi sc game women Joycee Davis 232; hi sc series men Mike Shankles 629; hi sc series women Joycee Davis 626; hi hdp game men Christopher Ragan 290; hi hdp game women Joycee Davis 253; hi hdp series women Joycee Davis 740; hi hdp series women Joycee Davis 6898; hi sc team game KC Steakhouse 785; hi hdp team game Double R Cattle Co. 946; hi sc team series KC Steakhouse 2184; hi hdp team series Carlos' Restaurant 2661.

STANDINGS-White Motor Co. Stanton 136-80, Hardison's Appliance 120-88, BSI 117-99, A Timeless Design 113-87, Tonn Cleaners 112-104, Double R Cattle Co. 108-108, Scurry Rentals 108-100, KC Steakhouse 106-110, Morris Robertson Body Shop 106-110, Professional Health Care 103-113, Parks Agency, Inc. 102-106, Ups & Downs 102-106, Dub's Wonders 97-119, Carlos Restaurant 95-130, LG Nix Dirt Co. 86-130, Cowbo's 85-115.

## GUYS &amp; DOLLS

## WEEK 27

RESULTS-Karat Patch over Hesters Mechanical 8-0, Big Spring State Park over Head Hunters Beauty Salon 6-2, BSI over Dell's Cafe 6-2, Greenhouse Photography tied Jim's 4-4; hi sc game men Thomas Daily 210, hi sc game women Fern Lewis 212, hi sc series men Thomas Daily 563; hi sc series women Fern Lewis 524; hi hdp game men Thomas Daily 244; hi hdp game women Fern Lewis 257; hi hdp series men Jim Reese 677; hi hdp series women Fern Lewis 659; hi sc team game Jim's 714; hi hdp team game Greenhouse Photography 850; hi sc team series Jim's 2054; hi hdp team series Jim's 2453.

STANDINGS-Jim's 146-70, Big Spring State Park 130-86, Karat Patch 103-113, Headhunters Beauty Salon 102-114, BSI 99-117, Dell's Cafe 98-118, Greenhouse Photography 94-122, Hesters Mechanical 92-124.

## Steers thins finish second at Andrews

## HERALD Staff Report

ANDREWS — The lack of a 1,600-meter relay team and three straight scratches in the long jump by senior star Tory Mitchell are probably all that kept Big Spring's Steers from taking the team championship Saturday at the Andrews Invitational track meet.

The Steers finished with 118 points, just 13 points behind Andrews' host Mustangs in the team standings.

"We were just a few nickel and dime points away from winning it," Steers coach Randy Britton said following the meet. "Our kids competed awfully well, though. If I hadn't put several kids that could have picked up those points with the junior varsity, we'd have won the meet."

While Mitchell failed to post a jump in the field events, he was more than impressive on the track, winning the 100 meters with a 10.2-second clocking, blistering to a 20.78 in the 200 meters and anchoring the Steers sprint relay team to a first-place finish.

Mitchell, Jason Woodruff, Colby Ford and

Doug White posted a time of 43.2 seconds in winning the relay. White finished third in the 100 meters with an 11.07 and Woodruff was fifth with an 11.7.

In the 200 meters, where Mitchell won easily, White was third with a 23.8 clocking. White added a first place in the 400 meters with a 50.3 clocking, while Blair Nutting was fourth at 54.8.

The Steers' only other first-place finish came in the 800 meters where Rolando Ledesma posted a 2:03.8 clocking. He added a third-place in the 1,600 meters with a 4:51, while Mike Martinez followed in fifth place with a 4:54.

Martinez finished the 3,200 meters in second place with a 10:32.0 time.

The rest of Big Spring's varsity points came in the triple jump and long jump. Ford finished second in the triple jump with a 40-01/2 leap, while Nutting was fourth at 37-4. White finished second in the long jump with a 19-31/2 effort, while Ford was fourth with a 16-7.

The Steers JV also displayed several strong finishes, despite not being able to

field a team in either of the relay races. As a result, they finished with 94 team points — third behind Monahans and Hobbs (N.M.) teams.

Kyland Wagner provided the young Steers' with a first-place finish in the pole vault, while Jeremiah Baeza added another in the shot put. Keith Newton added a fourth in the shot, while Adam Partee was sixth.

Baeza came back to finish fourth in the discus, while Newton was fifth.

The remained of the Big Spring JV's field events points came from Sam Gray's second-place finish in the long jump. He added to that greatly on the track, winning the 100 meters and finishing second in the 200 meters.

Willis Morrison took first-place finishes in both the 110-meter high hurdles and the 300 intermediate hurdles.

Mike Smith finished third in both those races.

Joey Rosas capped Big Spring's scoring in the junior varsity division with a fourth-place finish in the 1,600 meters.

## Errors cost Lady Steers in 4-3 loss to Prowlers

## HERALD Staff Report

FORT STOCKTON — Errors ... eight of them ... spoiled what might have been a thrilling come-from-behind District 5-4A softball victory for Big Spring's Lady Steers, as they dropped a 4-3 loss to Fort Stockton's Prowlers on Friday.

In the process, the Lady Steers wasted a spectacular pitching performance by senior Jessica Canales and left first-year head coach Dan Arista simply shaking his head.

"It's just a shame we didn't do a better job of playing behind her," Arista said of Canales' distance-going loss in which she struck out five and allowed just four Fort Stockton hits. "She

pitched one of her best games ever and we just didn't back her up. That's all there is to it ... none of their runs were earned."

The Prowlers opened the game by scoring a pair of unearned runs in the bottom of the first inning, and until the seventh frame, it appeared that would be all they'd need.

In the top of the seventh, however, the Lady Steers managed to manufacture three runs to take a 3-2 lead.

Leticia Hernandez opened the inning with a single and moved to second when Misty Padilla reached base on an error.

Shortstop Amy Jackson blasted a shot deep to the fence, but Fort Stockton's outfielder managed to make a spectacular play

on the ball, robbing Jackson of an extra-base hit. She then added insult to injury by doubling Hernandez off second.

Undaunted, Canales stepped up and ripped a single to plate Padilla. First baseman Juanita Valdez then drew a walk and Cicely Paradez singled to score Canales, tying the game.

Lindsey Marino then gave the Lady Steers the lead when she doubled to plate Valdez.

Unfortunately, a lead off single in the bottom of the inning and three Big Spring errors allowed the Prowlers to score two more unearned runs and escape with a 4-3 win.

"What's really frustrating is that we've been trying to stress that we can't afford to make

errors like that," Arista noted. "They saw today why we've been harping on that."

"They were pretty devastated by the way we'd battled back into it and then let it get away from us on another set of errors," he added. "But I think we'll be all right. I kind of like what I saw in their eyes after we got home last night. I think the lesson's finally taken hold."

The Lady Steers, now 18-7 overall and 1-1 in district play, return to league play Tuesday when they play host to San Angelo Lake View's Maidens at 4 p.m.

Following that game, they travel to Snyder on Friday for a 5 p.m. showdown with the Lady Tigers.

## Agassi upset at Lipton, angry about Davis Cup

KEY BISCAIYNE, Fla. (AP) — Andre Agassi is out at the Lipton Championships, and he's done with Davis Cup.

Hurt by his serve and hampered by a sore hamstring, Agassi lost his opening match Saturday at Lipton to first-pumping Slovakian Dominik Hrbaty, 1-6, 6-3, 6-2.

Agassi, ranked ninth, has yet to reach a final or beat a top-20 player this year, so the loss wasn't as big a surprise as what

came next: His pledge to quit Davis Cup.

Last year Agassi tied Bill Tilden's U.S. record of 16 consecutive Davis Cup victories, but he said he's angry about the recent firing of the U.S. team physician, a personal friend.

"That's the last straw for me," he said. "I'm done with it. I never say never, but I'm never playing again."

Agassi's declaration is a big blow to the Americans, because

Pete Sampras earlier said he won't play Davis Cup this year. USTA officials couldn't be reached for immediate comment.

In women's second-round action, defending Lipton champion Venus Williams won her opening match against Tara Snyder, 6-3, 6-4, and No. 2 seed Lindsay Davenport beat Sabine Appelmans 6-0, 6-3.

Jana Novotna and Anna Kournikova also advanced.

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"I don't think we'd have the doors open if we didn't have volunteers," said Ruthie Gilbreath, victim services volunteer coordinator.

RC/VS will start a training session for volunteers April 5. It will continue each weekday evening for two weeks, for a total of 40 hours of training.

Male or female volunteers must be 18 years old, pass a background check conducted by the agency, and be willing to wear a pager at specified times. Most important, though, they must be willing to take on a very challenging job.

"They've got to be willing to help other people who are in trouble," explained Shann Thomas, victim services coordinator. "It's a big commitment."

Volunteers have to be willing to respond immediately to calls that could come in the middle of the night, or at all hours of the day. They will be called to respond to the police department, sheriff's office or hospital, where the victim of a crime will be waiting.

"A lot of time there may be no friends or family that can come be with the victim," Thomas said. The volunteer advocate is expected to help the victim understand the process that will occur. He or she should wait while the statement is being taken or rape exam is being done, and then help the victim find a way home or to another safe place.

"A lot of times you don't understand the commitment that's required until you experience it," said Fredi Frank, a volunteer for the agency for five years. "It can be hard to take the pager sometimes. You do still have a family life, but you just have to understand that you may have to leave."

Volunteers are required to keep all information confidential, not even revealing it to their spouse. They cannot reveal their own last name to the victim or her family.

But volunteers can keep in touch with RC/VS to find out how the victim is doing, or the status of her case. And sometimes, victims will ask staff members how a certain volunteer is doing.

"You will be surprised what a big impression you've made in the victim's life," Gilbreath said. "You are a lot of times the first person that was there for her in this extremely difficult time in her life."

RC/VS guides crime victims through the court system from the initial report through prosecution of the perpetrator. It also seeks compensation for victims that can be used for medical costs, counseling and even funeral expenses if a murder has occurred.

They serve not only primary, or direct, victims of crimes, but also the secondary victims — family members and others touched by the violence. In 1998, RC/VS worked with 932 people in its coverage area of Howard, Glasscock, Mitchell, Martin and Borden counties.

Gail Earls is the executive director of the non-profit agency, and she, Thomas and Gilbreath make up the paid staff. Everyone else working with the agency is a volunteer.

That's part of what makes them vital.

"It's a good way to give back to their community," Thomas said. "And you realize you can help someone else through a difficult time."

Gilbreath agreed.

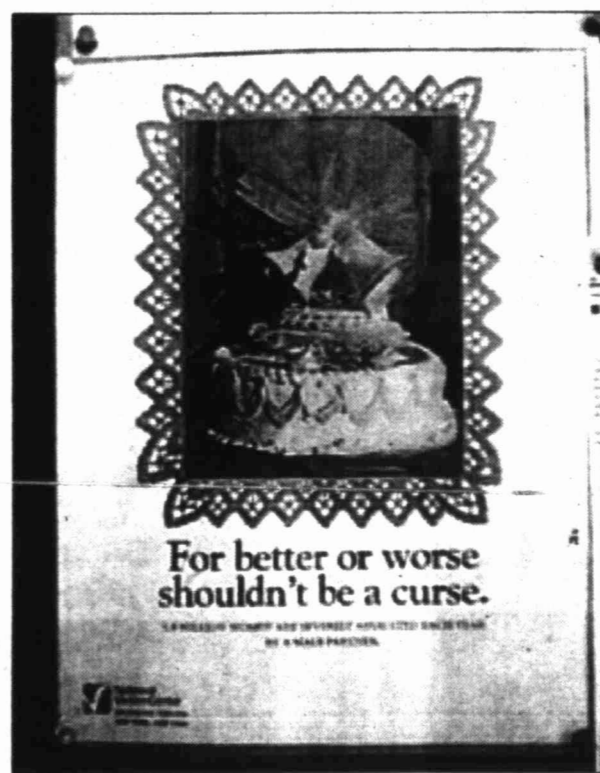
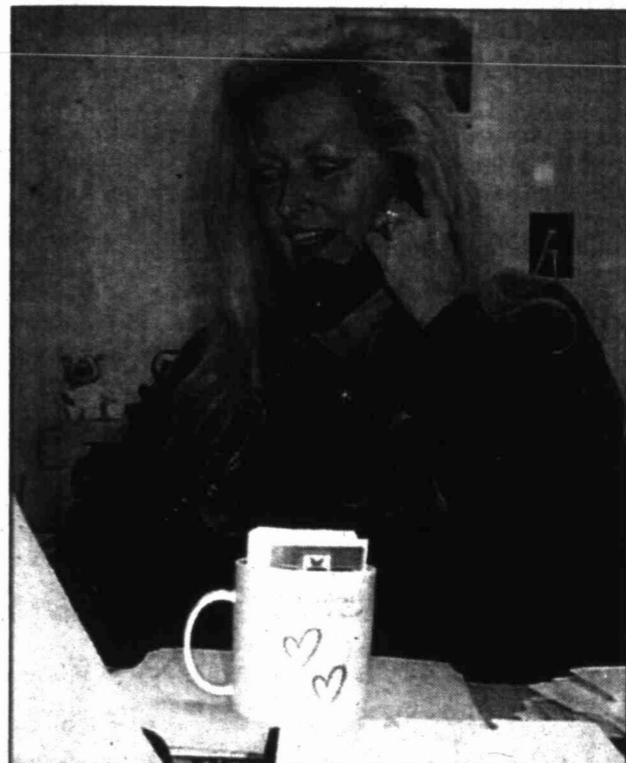
"Seeing the things we see, it makes you realize how much you have. It makes you grateful."

Frank said even with a stressful life that has included a full-time job, her time spent with RC/VS has been worth it.

"After a stressful day at work, even if I got called out at night, I found the satisfaction of helping someone else made it worth it," she said. "A lot of times you realize the victim really needed to confide in someone."

Male volunteers would be helpful, staff members said, because not all victims are female, and many times there may be a boyfriend or husband of a female victim who needs to have things explained.

If you can volunteer some time with Rape Crisis/Victim Services, call them at 263-3312. In order to start training in the next group, you should sign up no later than Monday.



In the photos: Top, left, Shann Thomas is victim service coordinator for Rape Crisis/Victim Services. Top right, Ruthie Gilbreath is volunteer coordinator. Above, Fredi Frank is a volunteer with five years of experience. Above and at right, posters hanging in the agency's office reflect its concern for women and children, who are often victims of crime.

Story and photos by Debbie L. Jensen

## 'Denim and Diamonds' is one of most-awaited parties

"Denim and Diamonds 13th Annual Reception and Dance" will be April 30.

It has come along way from the first event 13 years ago to the present. Now, it is one of the most awaited parties of the year, and the best yet, with this year's reception being held in the home of Stan and Sue Partee, 711 Belvedere. The dance will, once again, be at the Stampedes with Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys playing.

It is not too late to be a part of the fundraiser. A benefactor is \$200 and up, patron \$100 and sponsor \$50. This entitles the donor to attend the reception, two dance tickets, and their names will appear on the invi-

tation. If you are interested in helping the Volunteer Council with this worthwhile project that will benefit BSSH patients, call 268-7535. The deadline has been extended to Tuesday, March 23. Tickets to the dance only are \$25 per couple and \$15 single and are available at the Community Relations office or at the door.

Do not ever wonder what the BSSH volunteers are doing. They are tireless and devoted to their cause. With Valentine's Day not even completed, they began working on letters for the D and D fundraiser, and they are making plans to attend the Annual State Volunteer Meeting in Austin April 9-11.

They will return only to go back to Austin to be a part of Big Spring Day at the Capitol, April 19. Then, the fundraiser April 30, and volunteer awards luncheon on May 13.

Our group has lost three more long-time volunteers recently. Grace Long, Gene Harrington and Joyce Russell. They all gave generously of themselves in very different ways.



KATHY JOHNSON

Grace served on the board, worked in the office and was always ready to help us in any way she could. Gene served many years on the Public Responsibility Committee and on the board. They attended state meetings and were involved in the fundraisers. Joyce served on the board and worked in the office and patient storeroom. They were all important as our friends and volunteers and we miss them.

Patient Rights employee, Mary Jane Phillips, is the facilitator for a patient group that is unique to Big Spring State Hospital. It is the Patient Council,

which meets weekly, and is open to all patients. Mary Jane started this group in 1994, the first in a state hospital, and possibly the only one in the nation. The council is truly the voice of the patients, and it is here that they are free to voice concerns, complaints and offer suggestions for anything they wish to discuss.

This group meets each Monday evening at 6:30 and outside guests are welcome. Because the patients are a valuable resource for information and ideas, the administration encourages participation and welcomes their input.

Many things have resulted from this council since 1994. New, private restrooms were a

suggestion of this group, and now we have them.

Better communication between patients and staff has become quite evident, in that Superintendent, Ed Moughon, attends many of these meetings in order to meet these patient needs directly. More activities in the evenings and on weekends are planned, including taking patients to ball games, plays and other community functions.

New games, books and movies have been purchased for on-unit entertainment in leisure time. Moughon's words, "The real test of BSSH's success does not come from how staff think we did...but from how our patients think we did."

# ANNIVERSARIES

## Heard



MR. AND MRS. HUBBARD HEARD, THEN AND NOW

Hubbard and Lena Heard will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on March 27, 1999, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ fellowship hall hosted by their family.

He was born in Everton, Ark., and she was born in Collinsville as Lena Click. They met in 1937 through his sister in Collinsville, Grayson County. They were married on March 31, 1939, in Durant, Okla. The couple have four children, Mildred Wooten of Corsicana, Robert Heard of Abilene, Joe Heard of Roaring Gap, N.C., and Jimmy Heard of Joshua. They also have nine grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.



Mr. and Mrs. Heard have lived in Collinsville. San Angelo, Jayton, Dicken, Aspermont and Guthrie during their marriage. They came to Big Spring in 1950. Presently, Mr. Heard is retired. He previously worked building a new high school, worked for K.L. Click Sand-Gravel Company and McMahon Gravel and retired from the State Hospital in 1989. They are affiliated with the Church of Christ. They enjoy traveling and their children and church. They would like to extend a special invitation to all friends to come help them celebrate.

## McGuire



MR. AND MRS. MONTY MCGUIRE, THEN AND NOW

Monty and Jean McGuire will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on March 27, 1999, from 2 to 5 p.m. with a "come and go" reception at 705 Johnson hosted by their children.

He was born in Mountain View, Okla., and she was born in Iredell as Jean Daves. They were introduced by mutual friends, Butch and Jack Cahila, in February of 1949, in Odessa. They married on March 26, 1949, in Seminole. The couple have three children, Beverly Hull of Big Spring, Susie Perry of Hermleigh, and Bobbie



McMillan of Uvalde. They also have seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire have lived in Sterling City, Seminole, Plainview, Ropesville and Big Spring during their 50 years of marriage. They are both retired. Previously, they worked in various convenience stores around town and for a building contractor and welder as well as a craft shop. They are affiliated with the Church of Christ. Mr. and Mrs. McGuire enjoy working in the yard and making crafts.

## Valles



MR. AND MRS. ESEQUIEL VALLES THEN, ABOVE, AND NOW, RIGHT.

Esequiel and Anita Valles celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on March 20, 1999, with an 11 a.m. mass at Sacred Heart Church, reception following at Lavedera Club and a dance in the evening hosted by their children and grandchildren.

They were both born in Big Spring, and she was Anita Holguin. They met at a dance and were married on March 17, 1949, at Sacred Heart Church. Mr. and Mrs. Valles have seven children, Angelita Salazar of Arlington, Esequiel Valles, Jr. of Big Spring, Raul Valles of Big Spring, Cruz Rodriguez of Melbourne, Fla., Nora Luevano of Big Spring, Robert Hernandez of Fontana, Calif., and Edward Hernandez of Clarksville, Tenn.



They also have 13 grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. The couple has lived in Big Spring their entire marriage. They are both retired. Previously, he worked for Sid Richardson Carbon Co. for 26 years. They are affiliated with Sacred Heart Church. Mr. Valles has coached baseball, girls softball, coached the Big Spring Boxing Club and served as constable for eight years for Howard County Precinct 1. They enjoy traveling and playing bingo. Mrs. Valles is a housewife. Besides raising their own children, they also raised three grandsons.

## GETTING ENGAGED



Chelsea Lynn Patridge and Michael David Webb will be united in marriage on May 27, 1999, in Lockney with Rev. Russell Harris, minister of the Main Street Church of Christ, officiating.

She is the daughter of Greg and Susan Patridge of Lockney. He is the son of Jerry Webb of Macon, Ga., and Lynn and Andra Adams of Big Spring.



Kendra Dawn Gamble and Justin Micheal McKenzie will exchange wedding vows on June 11, 1999, at Our Old House with Justice of Peace China Long officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Gamble of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. Steve Murphy of Coppell. Her grandparents are Prentice and Pat Gamble of Big Spring and Clarence and Chris Schaefer, Coahoma.

He is the son of Micheal McKenzie of Kerrville and Brenda McKenzie of Big Spring. His grandparents are Laquita Watson of Big Spring and Arvil and Dorothy, McKenzie, Ackery.



Laurie L. Wells of Big Spring, and William M. Green of Orfessa will unite in marriage on April 24, 1999, in Big Spring with C.A. Tonn officiating.

She is the daughter of Kay Court and James and Mary Wells, all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Judy Green of Ruidoso, N.M., and Mathel Green of Jal, N.M.



Melanie Jean Russell and Alan Leslie Fields, both of LaDonia, will exchange wedding vows on May 29, 1999, at the First Baptist Church of Honey Grove with Bro. Terry Paul Cunningham officiating.

She is the daughter of Debbie Russell of Sherman, and Larry Russell of Waco and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Russell of Big Spring and the late Mr. and Mrs. Laddie Lawson also of Big Spring.

He is the son of Sue Fields and Alvin Fields, both of Honey Grove.

## ON THE MENU

### SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes, broccoli, pea salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

TUESDAY-Chicken strips, baked potatoes, peas, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Meat loaf, whipped potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY-Pork chops, noodles, zucchini, tossed salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, waldorf salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

### STANTON SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza or baked potato/bread sticks, green beans, tossed salad, peaches, milk, fruit drink.

TUESDAY-Baked fish or corn dog, macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, fruit cup, french bread, milk, fruit drink.

WEDNESDAY-Beef tacos or burrito, buttered corn, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple cup, cornbread, milk, fruit drink.

THURSDAY-Baked chicken or beef tips steamed rice/gravy, peas & carrots, cherry shortcake, hot roll, milk, fruit drink.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, french fries, hamburger salad, fruit, cookie milk, fruit drink.

### BIG SPRING SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Rib sandwich (beef stew), potato rounds, pickle spears, mixed fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Turkey fryzz (deli sandwich), mashed potatoes w/gravy, green beans, brownie, hot roll, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Green enchiladas (chef salad), salad, border beans, apple, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce (ham & cheese sandwich), glazed carrots, coleslaw, sliced peaches, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Fishburger (pizza pocket), salad, french fries, corn on cob, lemon pie, milk.

### SANDS SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Burritos, salad, corn, cake, milk.

TUESDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, sliced potatoes, black-eyed peas, fruit, hot rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese tacos, pinto beans, salad, cornbread, cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken strips w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit or jello, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, fruit or cookies, milk.

### COAHOMA SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Chef salad (burrito/fries), fresh fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Shake & bake chicken (chili dogs), creamed potatoes, peas rolls, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corn dogs), spanish rice, pinto beans, cherry cobbler, milk.

THURSDAY-Sliced turkey (sloppy joe), brown gravy, sweeten rice, carrots, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Chili cheese fries, salad, crackers, milk, chocolate cake.

### ELBOW SCHOOL

MONDAY-Taco with sauce, corn salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pasta salad/ham, peas, fruit, crackers, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Sloppy joe, french fries, salad, pickle, milk.

THURSDAY-Weiners, pork & beans, potato salad, sliced bread, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak, mashed potatoes, peas, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

### FORSAN SCHOOLS

MONDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Steak fingers and gravy, whipped potatoes, English peas, hot biscuits, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hamburgers, french fries, salad, pickles and onions, pudding, milk.

THURSDAY-Soup and sandwiches, chips, salad, ice cream, milk.

FRIDAY-Chicken stir fry, egg rolls, rice, fruit, milk.

All items for the Sunday life! section is due Wednesday at noon. For more information call 263-7331, ext. 236 or 238.

## WHO'S WHO

Jennie Tedford, daughter of Rodney and Janet Tedford of Big Spring, has been accepted at Harding University for the Fall 1999 semester.



TEDFORD

Tedford is a senior at Big Spring High School where she is a member of National Honor Society, Who's Who Among American High School Students and concert band. Harding University is located in Searcy, Ark.

Louisiana Tech has announced the names of students on its winter quarter President's honor list.

Students must make at least a 3.8 academic grade point average on a minimum of nine semester hours pursued with no grade lower than a B.

Ares honor students include: Adam Clifford Markwell of Big Spring.

Kimberly Willborn Frenzel was recently named Paralegal of the Year in Texas. She attends Lamar University in Beaumont where she is on the Dean's list and President's list.

She works for a law firm in Beaumont.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Brice Willborn of Early, and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Willborn of Big Spring, and Mr. and Mrs. M.A. Lilly of Sand Springs.

Angie Nichols Rios was notified that she had passed the test to become a Certified Public Accountant. She is a tax accountant for KPMG in Midland.

She is the daughter of Halena and Danny Nichols, and the granddaughter of Melba and J.P. Nichols and Estelle Wozencraft, formerly of Big Spring.

The United States Achievement Academy announced recently that Vanessa Yanez, of Big Spring, has been named a United States National Award Winner in honor roll, leadership and science.

Yanez, who attends Big Spring High School, was nominated for the national award by Mrs. Cox, a counselor at the school.

She will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

Yanez is the daughter of Ricky and Alma Yanez of Big Spring, and the granddaughter of Pilar and Horace Yanez of Big Spring, and Dora and Julian Burciaga of Mexico.

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured: "Jacob" Light orange DSH male, 1 year plus, neutered.

Special Note: All dogs and cats presently available for adoption at the shelter have received their vaccinations, including rabies.

"Dainty Lady" DSH white/cream female, 2 years plus, spayed.

"Juliana" DSH orange tabby female, 1 year plus, spayed.

"Zach" DLH black with silver highlights, male, 1 year plus.

"Licorice" DSH silver tabby, female, 6 months old.

"Simon" DSH orange and white male, 2 years plus, neutered.

"Smokey" DSH tortoise shell female, 2 years plus, spayed.

"Jetson" DSH grey tabby, male, 2 years plus, neutered.

"Snowy" DSH solid white male, 1 year plus.

"Necie" DSH calico female, 1 year plus, spayed.

## Handling phone solicitors, picking a favorite season

Don't you get tired of telephone solicitors asking for everything from donations to selling something? I do! I've made a policy to refuse any and all telephone deals.



MYRTLE GRIFFITH

There are so many "con" people out there coming in on the wire. They do pick the most inconvenient times to call. However, this is still a free country so I know of no way to prevent these unwanted calls without going to an unlisted phone number. I do dislike being rude, but have learned to just hang up on a lot of this type of communication.

Now that gripe is off my chest; let's go to something more pleasant - shall we? It is a pleasant surprise when an unexpected source tells me "I always keep up with your articles in the Herald."

Recently, I spent three days in the hospital, and this happened to me twice during my stay from my personal doctor and again in the x-ray department. It made me feel so humble and grateful that my efforts could bring a measure of happiness to others.

Everyone has, or should have, a favorite season of the year. Each has its own claim to fame and beauty. Springtime, a time of renewed energy and rebirth after a long winter nap - flowers bloom, bare trees put out tender green leaves, birds sing, grasses cover bare areas with greenery, butterflies flit from blossoms showing off their fresh new colors. Honeysuckle, lilacs, roses and a parade of other blossoms perfume the air. Spring is indeed a lovely time of year.

All too soon, it advances into summer. Leaves darken and fields fill with promise of autumn harvest. Young animals, birds and insects scamper about. Long, hot days become the rule as time advances toward autumn and harvest time.

Here in the south, cotton fields begin to open up white fluffy cotton bolls, and all crops head for maturity. It is still a beautiful world made for man's enjoyment. Summer sneaks silently into autumn and again color blazes everywhere, especially in wooded areas where leaves try to out do one another by showing their brilliant colors.

People travel hundreds of miles each year to enjoy the colorful displays. Days become shorter with nippy nights and cool mornings. Winter is just around the corner now. It has its own brand of beauty in stark bare trees, ripened crops, sometimes a few snow storms create a fairyland and there is always Christmas with its lights, celebrations and colorful decorations.

So, which season is your favorite? Have you thought seriously about it lately? Mostly, we take nature's bounty for granted and grumble when things go against our wishes.

Sometime when you have nothing more urgent to do, think about the four seasons, and decide which is your favorite and why.

## STORK CLUB

Corey Tracer Beltran, boy, March 13, 1999, 11:37 p.m., eight pounds 6 1/4 ounces and 20 inches long; parents are Frederick and Shannon Beltran.

Grandparents are Richard and Deborah Gibbs of Big Spring, Daniel Beltran of Garland, and Maria and Joe Garcia of Richardson.

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## State Farm, Farmers and Allstate to lower premiums for auto insurance

AUSTIN (AP) — Spurred by a drop in claims and costs, Texas' largest three auto insurers — State Farm, Farmers and Allstate — will lower their average statewide rates, according to documents filed with the State Department of Insurance.

"While we generally like to see a reduction in auto rates, our analysts believe many companies could have lowered the rates much more significantly," said department spokesman Mark Hanna.

The department requires the companies to submit their rates

once a year, and changes were due Wednesday. The companies have 60 days to implement the new rates.

State Farm, the largest insurer in the state, covering more than 2.8 million vehicles, will lower its rates by a statewide average of 2.4 percent, starting May 15. The decrease includes a 10 percent discount to customers with homeowners insurance as well as auto coverage with the company.

State Farm customers should see lower rates for insurance against bodily injury, personal

injury protection, comprehensive and uninsured-motorist coverage, company officials said. But the rates for property damage liability, collision and medical payments coverage might increase.

Travelers Insurance will reduce rates by an average 7.7 percent, Farmers Insurance will trim its rates by an average 0.03 percent, while Nationwide will increase its rates by an average 1.3 percent, according to the Insurance Department.

Allstate will cut rates for liability coverage an average of 3.4

percent and for full coverage by .1 percent starting April 26, according to the company.

The decrease that a policyholder sees will depend on several factors including where they live and the kind of car they drive.

Rob Schneider, a senior policy analyst for Consumers Union, said the reductions are a "sign that companies are beginning to pass on the savings they receive from lower claims."

"We're happy to see that insurance companies are beginning to lower auto insurance

rates to reflect the windfall profits they received as a result of changes to tort laws," said Schneider.

Jerry Johns, an industry spokesman, said insurance rates have declined at an unprecedented pace in the past few years.

"Auto insurance rates are based on anticipated claim costs in the future, and many auto insurers are predicting these expenses will continue their downward trend," said Johns, president of the industry trade group Southwestern Insurance

Information Service.

Hanna said the department was satisfied with the reductions by some companies but feels others haven't gone far enough.

"We're going to be looking at each company very closely, and there is always the possibility of us working with companies to see if the rates couldn't be even lower," he said.

Although the Department of Insurance regulates the rates of most insurance companies in Texas, about 20 percent fall outside its jurisdiction.

### IN THE NEWS

Arthur E. "Art" Barrow has been named area engineer in the Big Spring Area Office of the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT).

The area office, under Barrow's direction, is responsible for design, construction and maintenance of all state and federal highways in Howard and Mitchell counties and, depending on the project, Nolan County.

An Austin native, Barrow began his TxDOT career in January 1983 as an engineering assistant in the materials and tests division in the Austin office. In October 1994, he was named director of coatings and traffic materials for that division. He remained in that position until assuming his new duties in Big Spring.

He is a 1982 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin and also holds a masters from UT. He was licensed a professional engineer in June 1987.

Barrow and his wife, Kelly, have two daughters — Brittney and Danielle.



BARROW

District 2 of the Texas Sheep & Goat Raisers Association (TS&GRA) will meet at 10:30 a.m. on Saturday, March 27 at the 67 Steak House in Big Lake.

TS&GRA officers will review pending legislation on the state and national level while directors to serve the district for the 1999-2000 term will be elected.

Current directors include Joel Dennis of Gail, Lynn Glass of Big Spring and Clayton Hugh Harris of Garden City.

District 2 includes Borden, Glasscock, Martin and Howard counties.

The third Concho Valley Cotton Conference will be held from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on March 30 at the San Angelo Convention Center.

The conference is sponsored by the Texas Agriculture Extension Service and the Southern Rolling Plains Cotton Growers Association.

CEU's will be issued for private, non-commercial and commercial applicators who attend the entire program.

To pre-register, or to get more information, call the Runnels County Extension office at (915) 365-5212, or the Tom Green County Extension office at (915) 659-6523 by 5 p.m. Monday. After that time, there will be a \$10 registration fee.

## PBZ producer has seen yield difference in protected fields

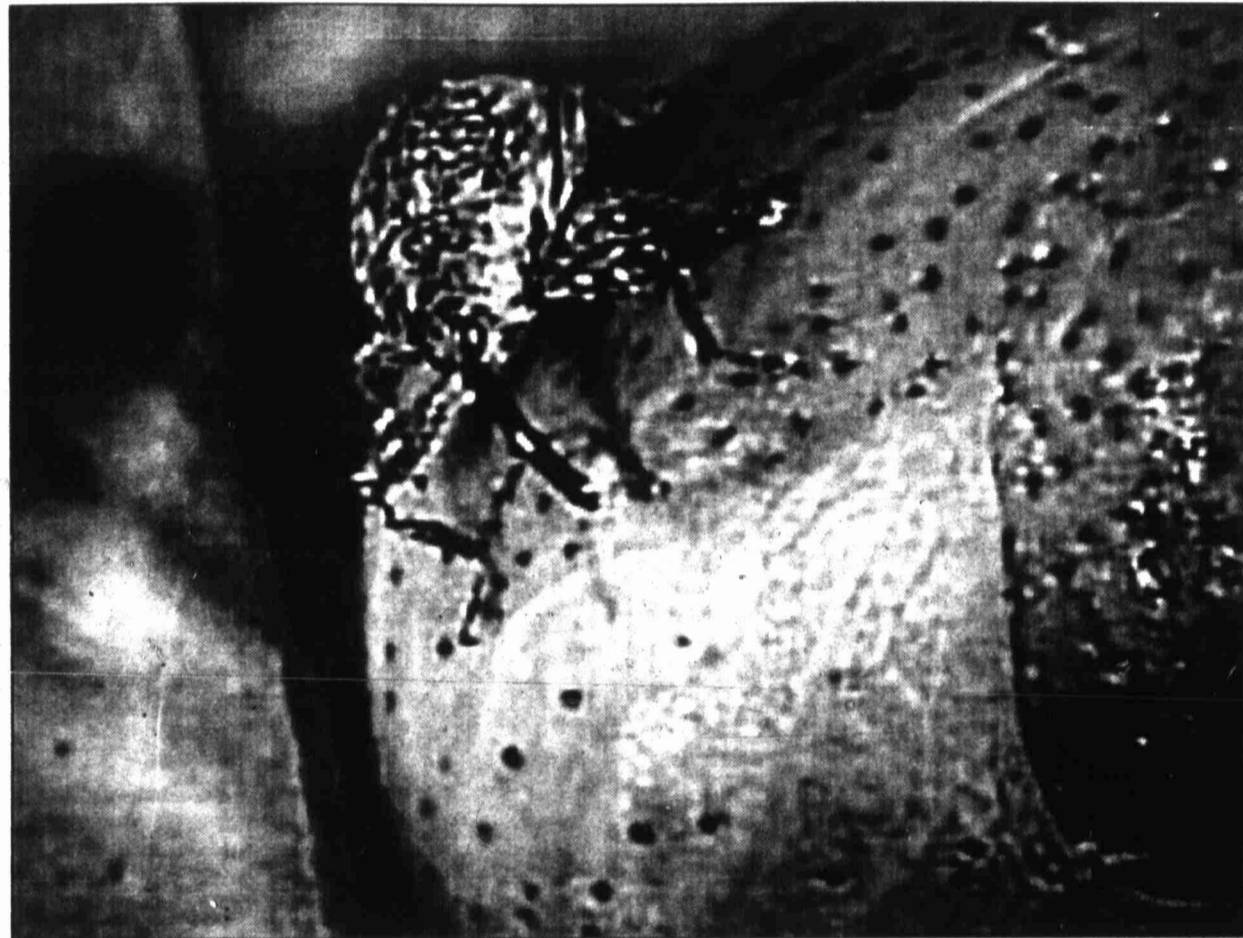
By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

David Barr, known just as well by his friends as "Shorty," has been raising cotton in the Vincent area for 36 years.

During that time, there have been good years and there have been bad. Years when the rains came as if Barr himself had scheduled them and years like those in recent memory, where the ground has grown parched.

But there's another challenge to growing cotton in West Texas now, one that can destroy a crop without ever having been seen — the boll weevil.

The boll weevil, actually a beetle, came to Mississippi in 1907 from South America, and in little more than a decade, cotton had lost its title of king, felled by an insect so small that a whole family of them could bore into one small boll of cotton.



A mature boll weevil is shown on a cotton boll. The mature, or fourth stage of the weevil's life, is the only time it is accessible to where an eradication plan can be implemented.

Multiplying by the millions, an infestation of the little bug spoiled a field of cotton before the bolls opened to produce the white fiber that kept mills and garment plants running.

And here it is, more than 90 years later, that cotton producers like Shorty Barr find themselves still waging an economic war with the boll weevil.

But now, as Barr is quit to point out, there is a weapon — a multi-year eradication program that has been proven to work.

Barr knows it works.

The RPZ has an active eradication plan, while ballots were mailed Friday from Austin so that producers and landowners might vote on a plan for the PBZ.

"I'm right on the line," he says of his 1,600 acres, part of which is in the Rolling Plains Central Boll Weevil Eradication Zone (RPZ) and part of which is

in the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone (PBZ). "They chopped it off right there. I had weevils coming from one side to the other."

In those two fields — 200 acres protected from the boll weevil and 1,400 unprotected — Barr saw a dramatic difference in cotton planted on the same day back in 1997.

Planting 5409 DP&L seed on 36-inch rows in a 60 percent pattern, Barr saw a yield difference of 160 pounds per acre between the two fields.

"At 60 cents a pound, that's \$96 an acre," Barr said, "and the (five-year) assessment's (total) not but \$95."

Barr said it seems simple to him.

"We've got to pass it," he said of the ballot initiative.

Boll weevils aren't anything new to West Texas, Barr said, even though some opponents to the eradication plan claim there's not a problem.

"We've had weevils out here off and on for years. We used to plant varieties of cotton that made in September, but in the '60s, when the weevil came in, we got off that."

"Weevils have always been here, but they're here to stay now and we're out of (different cotton) varieties to try."

Barr pointed out that south-

ern states, like Mississippi and Alabama, have implemented eradication plans that have eliminated the weevil.

"We're not growing (cotton) as cheap as others now, because they've controlled the boll weevil and have their yield up."

"The only way we can get our production and yield up is to fight the weevil," he said.

Barr doesn't take kindly to those who scoff at the idea that the boll weevil is a threat to the area's economy.

"It's real serious to me," Barr said matter-of-factly. "In 1997

## Boll weevil a worry to landowners, producers and lenders

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Members of the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone's grower advisory committee have been beating the bushes for the past few months, working to educate landowners and cotton producers in the six-county area as to the reasons why they should vote to initiate a weevil eradication program.

"We felt that if we could educate the people, we could be successful," explained committee chairman Eddy Herm.

As a result, a total of seven educational meetings were held around the zone, which includes all of Howard, Dawson, Martin and Ector counties and part of Borden and Midland counties, culminating Wednesday with a spirited meeting in Stanton.

Proponents of the plan will tell you that the most opposition seems to be in Martin County, but again feel that if they can get folks to look past the proposed \$6 and \$12 per acre assessments for dryland and irrigated crops, they'll have a chance to get the measure passed.

Plans are already active and have been renewed in the Southern Rolling Plains Zone (Concho Valley) and the Rolling Plains Central Zone, which includes the remaining portion of Borden County as well as Scurry and Mitchell counties, among others.

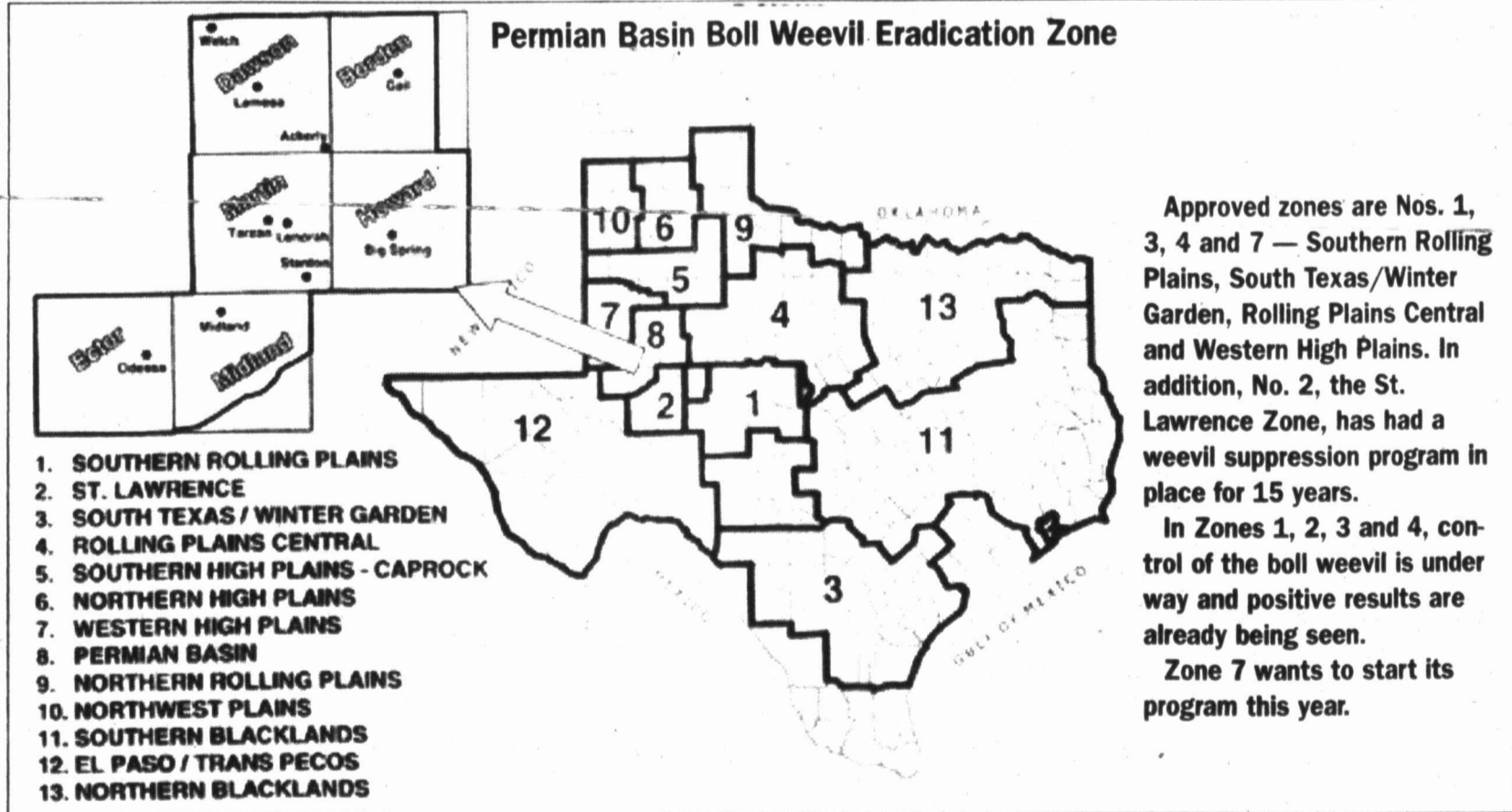
The Western High Plains Zone, which includes Andrews and Gaines counties, has approved the program and the St. Lawrence Zone has had a suppression program in place for 15 years.

As a result, there are more than just a few pairs of eyes watching what will happen in the Permian Basin Zone.

Because all of the surrounding counties are attacking the weevil, the Permian Basin Zone, should it approve the program, has been designated as a high-priority area because of its close proximity.

Martin County producer A.D. Reed said, "We can grow three crops in this area: cotton, cotton and cotton. We'd have at least 100 more pounds per acre without the weevil. At 60 cents, that would be a good chunk of money."

See WEEVIL, Page 5B



## Preparation time for planting many garden crops draws near

March brings warmer temperatures and hopefully, that much needed rain. As soil temperatures increase, planting for many garden crops draws near. The following are reminders for preparing for the upcoming growing season.

Prepare beds for planting flowers and vegetables. You may want to rent



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or buy a garden tiller to speed up the process. If you have a strong back, the old fashion way of using a gardening fork and shovel still does an excellent job.

Our soils in West Texas, have very little organic matter. A good rule of thumb is to add about four inches of organic matter to your beds in the form of peat moss, compost, or shredded pine bark. The organic matter helps to hold water and improves soil texture.

This is an excellent time to have your soil tested. Pick up a soil test kit here at the Howard County Extension office. The cost is about \$15. Knowing

the nutrient levels in your soil will help you determine the kind and the amount of fertilizer to apply to your flower beds and lawn.

Our normal last killing frost comes in late March or early April. After the danger of frost has past, set out the plants you started in January or February or the purchased plants from your local nursery or garden center.

Pruning of evergreens and summer flowering trees and shrubs should be completed in early March. DO NOT prune spring flowering trees or shrubs until AFTER they bloom.

Beware of close-out sales on bare-

root trees and shrubs. The chance of survival is rather low on bare-root plants this late in the season. Your best bet at this time of year is to depend on container-grown or balled and burlapped plants for landscape use.

Dig and divide summer and fall flowering perennials just before they initiate their spring growth.

Fertilize pecan trees with 21-0-0 or similar high nitrogen fertilizer early in the month and repeat after 30 to 60 days. Begin foliar zinc spray at bud break on pecans also.

Apply pre-emergent weedkiller to prevent germination of crabgrass,

grassburs and other summer weeds in your lawn. Use broadleaf weedkiller to eliminate dandelions, clover, henbit, chickweed, plantain and other non-grassy weeds in turf areas. Apply at recommended rates.

Look for black spot and powdery mildew on roses and apply fungicide at 10 day intervals. Be on the look out for fire blight on plants in the rose family such as pears, apples, Indian Hawthorn and other susceptible plants.

(David Kight is Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture. His office is in the basement of the Courthouse and his phone number is 264-2236.)

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**Who will run the  
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**The Texas Boll  
Weevil Eradication  
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Question:  
**How much will  
the program cost?**

Answer:  
**\$6/land acre dryland  
&  
\$12/land acre irrigated**

Question:  
**How long will  
the program last?**

Answer:  
**Eradication will be  
achieved in 4 years.  
Assessment collections will last  
10-15 years, depending on  
state/federal funding  
& interest rates.**

Question:  
**Can I afford this  
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Answer:  
**YES, just ONE boll per  
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Question:  
**Why is an  
eradication program  
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Answer:  
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WEEVIL

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"We're going to have to spray to make a crop, if we don't the weevil will eat us up. We're going to have to spray to make a crop, if we don't the weevil will eat us up..."

And just as producers are worried, so are lenders.

"Something's got to be done," said Bruce Griffith of First Bank of West Texas.

"It sounds like a pretty good program to me, and we sure have to get rid of the weevil."

Elwood Freeman of the Lamesa National Bank says getting rid of the boll weevil should be the top priority for West Texans.

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"Getting rid of the boll weevil must be the No. 1 priority for West Texas. We have no other option."

BARR

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it cost me \$120,000 and that would have been all profit.

"Our equipment's getting old and we haven't been able to replace any for a while."

"We need to make some money, because one of these days, it's (cotton production) gonna be back and we need to be ready."

He acknowledged that 1997 was a good enough cotton year, that his weevil-infested cotton made a bale an acre.

"But the cotton in the other zone was 160 pounds an acre better," he added.

Barr said the decision is simple for him.

"If I was a younger man, there's a lot of things I'd do differently," he said, "but not this. This is not a one-year deal... it's all-time and we've got to get rid of the boll weevil before it runs us out of business."

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JOB VACANCY NUMBER: 9 08 K503 555  
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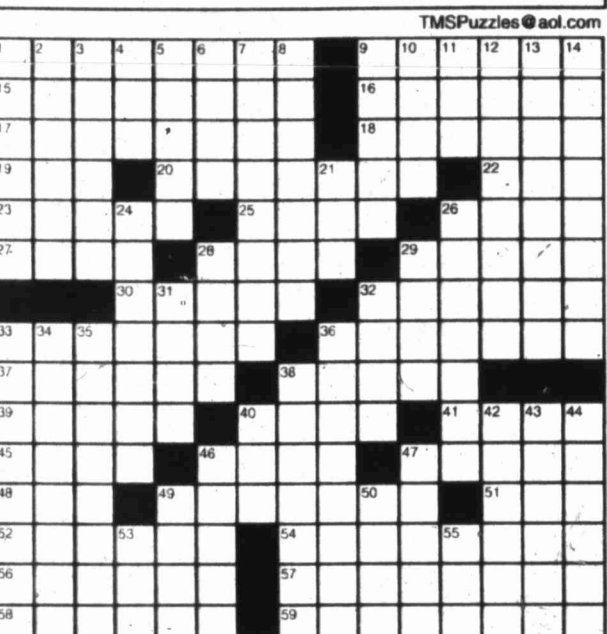
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**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

**ACROSS**

- 1 Calculated a mean
  - 9 Inscribed slabs
  - 15 Neighbor of Pennsylvania
  - 16 Capital on the Gulf of Mexico
  - 17 Sacred story set to music
  - 18 Warns
  - 19 Illuminated
  - 20 College in Evanston, Ill.
  - 22 Obtain
  - 23 West Point freshman
  - 25 Walloping wind
  - 26 Prohibits
  - 27 Judiciary Committee chairman
  - 28 Ben and Bobby
  - 29 Muslim spirit
  - 30 "Paris, "
  - 32 Whoopi's TV series, "Cafe"
  - 33 Star of "Major Dad"
  - 36 Ultimate car?
  - 37 Styx ferryman
  - 38 Winning position
  - 39 Inventor Howe
  - 40 False face
  - 41 Tabula
  - 42 Electronics company
  - 43 Groening or Dillon
  - 44 Ocean-current vortices
  - 46 Part of a TV
  - 48 Palliate
  - 51 Occupant abbr.
  - 52 Injured
  - 54 Old woman
  - 56 Forever in poetry
  - 57 Removes from housing
  - 58 Pee Wee and Della
  - 59 Wiry, African, grasses
- DOWN**
- 1 Lycist Green
  - 2 In truth
  - 3 On cloud nine
  - 4 Squaeal
  - 5 Became alert
  - 6 Paris station, du Nord
  - 7 "Silver Spoons" star
  - 8 Himalayan cedars
  - 9 Layered rock
  - 10 Statuesque
  - 11 First lady
  - 12 Becoming slower and broader, in music
  - 13 Sensory appendages
  - 14 Manhattan area
  - 21 Kaline and Jolson
  - 24 Stream of "electrons"
  - 26 Intolerance
  - 28 Yoked pair
  - 29 Poking blows
  - 31 Son of Seth
  - 32 Trunk coverage
  - 33 Dutch graphic artist
  - 34 Potassium or sodium compound
  - 35 Civil War film, "County"
  - 36 Water tanks
  - 38 Weariness
  - 40 de mer
  - 42 Out-and-out
  - 43 Appear as if
  - 44 Impose a fine
  - 46 Early Persians
  - 47 Italian port, "County"
  - 49 M. Descartes
  - 50 Improvise on the piano
  - 53 "Miniver"
  - 55 Hard: Fr.



By Bernice Gordon Philadelphia, PA 3/20/99

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**Tuesday, March 23, 1999...SALE TIME 1 P.M.**

Auction Location: Big Spring, Texas 12 miles West on FM 20, then 4.3 miles South on FM 818; or from Stanton, Texas 9 miles East on FM 20, then 4.3 miles South on FM 818 (Exit 165). Same being 1 mile North of Lomas Co-op Gin on FM 818.

Neil Fryar - Owner  
For more information call Cruce & Fletcher Auctioneers (806) 296-5050 or (806) 866-4201.

**Tract 1:** A 67.63 acre tract of land, more or less, being out of Section 31, Blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P, Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. Howard County Farm #1699, 491 lbs. Cotton Yield. Property Location: From sale site 1/2 mile North on FM 818 to the Northeast corner of this tract.

**Tract 2:** A 80 acre tract of land, more or less, being the S/2 of the W/2 of Section 42, Blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P, Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. Howard County Farm #1699, 491 lbs. Cotton Yield. Property Location: From sale site 1/8 mile East to the Northwest corner of this tract.

**Tract 3:** A 72.22 acre tract of land, more or less, being out of a part of the North 3/4 of Section 41, Blk. 34, T-1-S, T&P, Ry. Co. Survey, Howard County, Texas. Howard County Farm #1567, 445 lbs. Cotton Yield. Property Location: From sale site 1 mile West on CR 10, then 1 mile South on S. CR 3 to the Southwest Corner of this tract.

**Tract 4:** A 320 acre tract of land, more or less, being the N/2 of Section 23, Blk. 35, Abstract No. 76, Cert. No. 2497, T-2-N, Texas & Pacific Ry. Co. Survey, Martin County, Texas. Howard County Farm #1567, 445 lbs. Cotton Yield, 29 bu. Grain Yield. Martin County Farm #1637 80 acres in CRP Program at \$40 expires 2001. Property Location: From Big Spring, TX 19 miles West on Texas 176, then 4 miles North on CR A 3901 to the Northeast corner of this tract, or from Lenora, TX 6 miles East on Texas 176, then 4 miles North on CR A 3901 to the Northeast corner of this tract, or from Knott, TX 5 miles West on FM 846, then 2 miles South on CR A 3901 to the Northeast corner of this tract.

**Tract 5:** A 380 acre tract of land, more or less, being the S/2 of Section 17 & the South 80 acres of the NW/4 of Section 17, Blk. 35, T-2-N, T&P, Ry. Co. Survey, Martin County, Texas. Martin County Farm #1637, 420 lbs. Cotton Yield 210.6 acres in CRP Program at \$40 expires 2001. Property Location: From Big Spring, TX 19 miles West on Texas 176, then 4 miles North on CR A 3901 to the Southwest corner of this tract, or from Lenora, TX 6 miles East on Texas 176, then 4 miles North on CR A 3901 to the Southwest corner of this tract, or from Knott, TX 5 miles West on FM 846, then 2 miles South on CR A 3901 to the Southwest corner of this tract.

Farm Status: None of the farms are leased and no government payments have been collected.

**Minerals:** Sellers will convey surface only.

**Manner of Sale:** Dollars per acre X number of acres in each tract; as stated in above descriptions, to determine total sales price.

**Terms:** Cash. Successful bidders will be required to execute a real estate contract and deposit 10% of the total sales price.

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**Closing:** Closing of this property shall be April 30, 1999 or sooner.

**Possession:** Buyers shall take possession of property at closing.

**Survey:** Sellers will not survey the property. Sellers will rely on deeds in order to determine acre being sold.

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