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## Positively... Big Spring

### St. Mary's holds dedication for Thomas courtyard

St. Mary's Episcopal School this morning had a service of dedication for its "Teri Thomas Memorial Courtyard."

The courtyard, a tree and bench were dedicated to the memory of Thomas, a teacher at the school who died Dec. 20 in a car accident while on a family vacation.

She was a second grade teacher at St. Mary's, where she had taught for nine years.

Many families, clubs and groups have given memorials to two funds in Thomas' honor, one to help pay for improvements at the school and another to endow a scholarship.

Construction on the outdoor memorial was completed by John Richard Sparks, Pam Morgan, Phillip Welch, Tim Feagins, John Rodriguez and St. Mary's Episcopal School students.

### WHAT'S UP...

**TODAY**  
 □ Rackley-Swords Chapter 379 Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.  
 □ American Legion Post 506, 7 p.m.  
 □ Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

**FRIDAY**  
 □ AMBUCS, noon. Brandin' Iron Restaurant.

**SATURDAY**  
 □ Dance 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third. Everyone welcome.  
 □ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.  
 □ The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

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

**TUESDAY**  
 □ Intermediate line dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

### WEATHER

Tonight:



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**TONIGHT** 60°-63°  
**FRIDAY** 87°-90°

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## Poppy sales Saturday to benefit vets

By **DEBBIE L. JENSEN**  
Features Editor

Saturday is Poppy Day, when members of the Veterans of Foreign Wars will sell red poppies to benefit former soldiers who now face hard times.

"This will benefit our veteran's fund," said VFW Post 2013 Commander Leo Welch, a veteran of the Normandy invasion in World War II. "That fund helps veterans in need, with any kind of need they may have."

The VFW supplies needy and

down-on-their-luck vets with everything from hygiene items to gasoline, Welch explained.

VFW members will be at various locations throughout Big Spring on Saturday, selling the bright red "buddy" poppies. The small flowers, assembled by disabled veterans, have a wire stem that can be inserted into a buttonhole.

The poppy sale goes back to a poem written during World War I, explained VFW member Al Scott. He is a World War II veteran who fought at Midway in 1942.

"Poppies grew in Flanders Field, which was a battlefield and is now a national monument," he said. A WWI soldier in battle is said to have started a poem about the field, but died before completing it. The story is told that the poem was finished by another poet, and the red flowers it describes became a symbol of sacrifice and service.

Donors will receive a flower no matter how much they give — a dollar or two, loose change.

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Leo Welch, commander of Post 2013 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), and Al Scott show some of the "buddy poppies" they will be distributing Saturday. VFW members will be at various locations throughout Big Spring giving the poppies to people who make a donation to support veterans in need.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

## Big Spring-savvy class graduates tonight

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Leadership Big Spring graduates will gather tonight to receive certificates and discuss their experiences with the program.

"This was a nice experience. I work at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, but I live in Midland, so this gave me a good way to see and get to know the City of Big Spring," said Nancy Edge, a faculty member at the college.

"The people in the class were very nice, and I picked up lots of good information about leadership. My favorite part of the program was the visit to the prison system, because that's one place I couldn't go unless I was part of a group," she said.

Terri Newton, executive vice president for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, said 17 individuals will receive graduation certificates at the completion dinner.

"This will be informal. We'll meet, and eat and talk about the year. Mayor Tim Blackshear will be the speaker for the evening," Newton said.

Leadership Big Spring is in its 16th year of providing an opportunity for local residents to learn more about the community.

Participants spent one day a month in the program, attending tours, and learning various aspects of the local community, including agriculture, industry, education and government.

Also, utilities and communication and medical services



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were covered by the group. In addition, each member was required to attend three community meetings, ride with a police officer and take part in a community project.

Katie Kinman, who works for Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union, said she "thoroughly enjoyed" her participation in the program.

"I would recommend this to everyone. It was great, it truly was. I've lived in Big Spring for 36 years, and I learned a lot about my community that I did

not know," Kinman said.

She said she was apprehensive about the ride with a policeman, but once the trip was under way, she felt relaxed.

"Then I thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and learned some interesting things. I also learned a lot more about cotton farming than I knew, and the leadership classes offered by

Liz Lowery were very useful," Kinman said.

The program kicked off in September, when the 17 classmates enrolled and began with an ice-breaker and leadership workshop.

Liz Lowery, of Howard College, taught the leadership

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## Vandals

### 13-year-olds charged with destruction at middle school

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Police have arrested two 13-year-old Goliad students and placed them into custody, charged with the vandalism discovered at the school May 10.

"We received information from Crimestoppers and at the school, and these juveniles will have a detention hearing today," said Sgt. Roger Sweatt, public information officer with BSPD.

Sweatt said several juveniles, about four or five, were questioned immediately after that vandalism that flooded several buildings and destroyed several windows at the school.

"This is considered a state jail felony," Sweatt said.

Once the youths were questioned, the two in custody confessed to the acts, Sweatt said.

Punishment for the pair may range from detention at the Texas Youth Correctional facility, incarceration in a juvenile detention facility, as well as intensive probation, Sweatt said.

Also, these arrests have pro-

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## Big Spring seniors presented with scholarships, awards



Seniors at Big Spring High School received scholarships to Howard College during a year-end awards assembly today.

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**  
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School seniors received more than \$100,000 in scholarships and awards today, making this one of the best years ever for college-bound BSHS graduates.

"I want to welcome all parents, grand parents, relatives and seniors. It is an honor to have you present at our Senior Awards Assembly," said Big Spring High School principal Kent Bowermon.

Ann Duncan, financial aid director at Howard College, presented scholarships bestowed upon graduating seniors.

"We have more scholarships to present this year than we have ever presented at this time in the past," Duncan said. "It is an honor for those who have gone that extra mile for academic excellence."

Award winners took the stage and received their individual recognition.

Those who received scholarships and awards are:

Big Spring Masonic Lodge Mirebeau B. Lamar Award-Travis Gray

Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce-Alison Woodall and Ashley Burson

Glenn T. Guthrie Scholarship-Drew McKimney, Keely Patterson & Thomas Garza

Association of Texas Professional Educators-Laura Contreras and Amanda Bair

Hispanic Women for Progress-Stephanie Castaneda, Melissa Cortez, Larissa Adkins and Zac Odell

NAACP presented 12 awards for academic excellence

U.S. Army Reserve Scholar Athlete Award-Yuching Li and Thomas Garza

U.S. Marine Scholastic Excellence-William Beckworth

Permian Honor Scholarship Foundation-Heather Burt and Beatrice Trevino

Howard College Keating Scholarship-Josh Hadley and Keely Patterson

Ex-Students of Classes 1955-56-57 Broussard

BSHS Class of '65 Memorial Scholarship-Blake Proffitt

Howard County Bar Association-Matthew Holt

Jane Guin Thomas Nursing Scholarship-Yuching Li

Marcy Elementary PTA Scholarship-Larissa Adkins

4-H Awards-Slick Boatler Scholarship-Gold Star Award-Lindsay Moates

F.F.A. Award-Lochie Musgrove

First Bank of West Texas-Karen Martinez

Delta Kappa Gamma Scholarship-Rachel Ray

Sonic Scholarship-Larissa

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## MDA Lockup generates \$10,243 from Big Spring

HERALD Staff Report

Howard County residents raised more than \$10,000 to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association in a one-day "lock-up" Wednesday.

Forty-nine Big Spring volunteers donated their time to participate in the effort, held at Big Spring Mall.

MDA officials in Midland said this morning that the effort raised \$10,243.51. That's down from the \$13,749 raised by the Big Spring lock-up last year, but it's not a complete count either, said Josie

Covington, MDA district secretary.

"We are having pledges coming in so we're hoping will reach that amount that Big Spring donated last year," Covington said. "We usually have pledges coming in a month or even six weeks after. And several volunteers indicated to us that they were going to continue to bring in more funds."

Muscular Dystrophy is a degenerative disease of the muscles for which there is no

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Alf Marsh, general manager with Western Container Corp., makes phone calls to "get out of jail" Thursday at the Big Spring Mall. Marsh was one of 49 Big Spring citizens helping out with the Muscular Dystrophy Association Lockup.

HERALD photo/Gina Garza

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OBITUARIES

Facundo "Bill" Rodriguez

Rosary for Facundo "Bill" Rodriguez, 81, Sand Springs, was 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Funeral mass was 2 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 1999, at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church with Rev. Christopher Coleman officiating. Burial will follow in the Coahoma Cemetery.



RODRIGUEZ

Mr. Rodriguez died Monday, May 17, at Westwood Medical Center in Midland following a long illness.

He was born on Feb. 28, 1918, in Presidio. He married Soledad Rosales on Feb. 27, 1941, in Big Spring. He was a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, and he was a member of the Crusillo. Mr. Rodriguez had worked for Starin & Sons Construction as a heavy equipment operator.

Survivors include: his wife, Soledad Rodriguez of Sand Springs; four daughters, Lasara Ontiveros of Sand Springs, Eloisa Gonzales of Coahoma, Isidora Morphis and Maria Lownes, both of Sand Springs; two sons, Ruben Rodriguez and Martin Rodriguez, both of Sand Springs; two brothers, Rafael Rodriguez, Jr. of Stanton, and Gavino Rodriguez of Big Spring; one sister, Altigracia Heredia of Knott; 23 grandchildren; and 36 great-grandchildren.

The family will be at 107 N. Main in Coahoma.

Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Jack Leonard Smith

Howard County Pioneer, Jack Leonard Smith, was born on Oct. 27, 1906, in Bowie County near De Kalb. He passed away on Tuesday, May 18, 1999, at the age of 92. In 1918, the Smith family moved to West Texas to farm and ranch.



SMITH

He married Susie Ina Thames on Dec. 17, 1927, in Howard County. Mrs. Smith passed away on Nov. 30, 1987. They lacked two weeks being married 60 years.

Mr. and Mrs. Smith lived on their farm in the Fairview Community for many years. In 1957, they moved to their home at 1911 Scurry Street. After retiring from farming, Mr.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

21th & Johnson 267-4288  
Facundo Rodriguez, 81, died Monday. Funeral services are 2:00 PM today at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Burial is in Coahoma Cemetery.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331  
Jack Leonard Smith, 92, died Tuesday. Services were 4:00 PM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Smith was a building contractor and built several homes in the area.

Mr. Smith was a member of Calvary Baptist Church. He worked many volunteer hours at Calvary Baptist on maintenance and carpentry work. He served as an usher at Calvary for 42 years. He had previously been a member of the Prairie View Baptist Church in the Fairview Community where he served as the Church Treasurer. He was also on the Knott School Board. He will be remembered as a hard-working, honest and good man.

Survivors include: four daughters and two sons-in-law, Mary Sue Walker, Jewel and Bill Stovall and Leola Newton, all of Big Spring, and Helen and Richard Rowe of Commerce; eight grandchildren, Steve Newton, Rick Stovall, Larry Newton, Gary Newton, Melanie Walker English, all of Big Spring, Karen Stovall Gale of Venus, Peggy Newton Paty of Saudi Arabia and Sandra Rowe Fernandez of Commerce; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, David Smith of Meridian and Bill Smith of De Kalb; sister, Bonnie Reed of De Kalb and sister-in-law, Sybil Smith of Big Spring.

One much loved grandson, Mark Walker, preceded him in death as did sons-in-law, Jerrold Walker and Lindell Newton, his parents, John W. Smith and Mary Elizabeth McMillan Smith, four sisters and three brothers.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 4 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 1999, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Rev. Herbert McPherson, pastor of Calvary Baptist Church, will officiating. Grandson-in-law, Warren Gale, will represent the family by giving the eulogy.

Pallbearers will be his grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be made to Meals on Wheels, P.O. Box 765; Big Spring; 79721-0765 or a favorite charity. The family will greet guests at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday evening.

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

Martha Aubrey Hethcoat

Service for Martha Aubrey Hethcoat, 79, Wolforth, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Friday, May 21, 1999, at the Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. John Ballard officiating. Burial will be in the City of Lubbock Cemetery.

Mrs. Hethcoat died Tuesday, May 18, at Covenant Lakeside Hospital.

She was born on April 5, 1920, in Kingston. She married Charlie Hethcoat, Jr. in 1943. He preceded her in death in January of 1986. She then married George Burke in 1970 in Killeen. He died in August of 1989. Mrs. Hethcoat was raised in Big Spring.

Survivors include: two sons, Charles Hethcoat, III of Houston, and George Hethcoat of Lansing, Kan.; a sister, Lillie Clement of Lubbock; two brothers, Glen Aaron of Midland, and William Travis Aaron of Amarillo; and two grandsons.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association; P.O. Box 264060; Austin; 78755.

Arrangements under the direction of Franklin-Bartley Funeral Home.

Mary Helen Salazar

Service for Mary Helen Salazar, 26, Colorado City, will

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be 3 p.m. Friday, May 21, 1999, in the Kiker-Seale Chapel with Rev. Olger Valle, Rev. Robert Cantu and Rev. Rocky Salazar officiating. Burial will follow in the Mitchell County Cemetery.

Ms. Salazar died Monday, May 17, in a local hospital. She was born on June 9, 1972, in Colorado City, and had been a lifelong resident. She was a member of the Church of God of Prophecy.

Survivors include: a daughter, Brianna Coronado of Colorado City; a son, Alex Coronado, Jr. of Colorado City; two sisters, Sharon Rodriguez of Big Spring, and Mary Alice Arocha of Midland; and a brother, Jesse Salazar, Jr. of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home, Colorado City.

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known cure. The funds go to aid in research as well as to help patients in the Permian Basin who have neuromuscular diseases.

Volunteers attempted to raise \$750 each through pledges. Those who were short of the goal were placed in "jail" at the Big Spring Mall. They were allowed to make phone calls to generate enough funds to make "bail."

LEADERSHIP

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portions of the program. Charlie Kosh of Fina coordinated the various tours.

The program concluded in April with visits to Moore Development for Big Spring, city government, the police department and the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute.

Other tours were taken to Family Hospice, Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, Warren Chiropractic, the VA Medical Center and Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

The leadership group also visited the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, Moss Elementary, BSISD's Athletic Training Center and Howard College.

And the group walked through TXU Electric, KBST Radio, The Big Spring Herald, Energas and TCA Cable.

In November, the group toured Fina and Western Container, and in December went to Rape Crisis/Victim Services, State National Bank, Big Spring Mall and Heritage Museum.

Receiving certificates of graduation tonight are (alphabetical):

Leigh Corson, City of Big Spring; Andrea Earle, Convention and Visitors Bureau; Nancy Edge, SWCID; Clay Grizzle, Howard College; and Mike Hammock, TXU Electric.

Also, J. Roger Huff, First Church of the Nazarene; Katie Kinman, Cosden Employees FCU; Hijinio C. Moreno Jr., Opportunities of the Permian Basin; and Cathy New, Big Spring FCI; and Diane Posey, VA Medical Center.

And Wes Robbins, VA Medical Center; Katrina Rogers, SWCID; Carl Smoot, Norwest

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Bank; Dana Tarter, Howard County Extension Agent; Roy Taylor, Beacon Manufactured Housing; Pete Thiry, YMCA; and Gayla Williams, Howard College.

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even checks will be accepted. "The couple of dollars you might give will benefit a vet," Welch said. He added that the annual Poppy Day is timed to take place about a week before Memorial Day observances begin.

VANDALS

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vided police with more leads connected to the second vandalism at Goliad, reported May 14.

"We have received more information we are using to work on these cases. We have several leads to follow up in connection with the second criminal mischief," Sweatt said.

Thus far, cooperation between students, Goliad faculty, parents and police has been good, Sweatt said.

"We've gotten goods cooperation from every one we've talked to," he said.

The monetary loss for the vandalism at the school has not been determined.

"We can say it is a substantial loss, when we consider the materials and the man hours required to correct the damage," said BSISD Superintendent William McQuay.

Goliad principal Brenda Gainey confirmed that one of the juveniles arrested was expelled from school at the time the vandalism occurred.

AWARDS

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Adkins and Arthur Olague  
New Club Awards-Lindsey Brown  
Kiwanis-Key Club Scholarships-Drew McKimney and Branda Ortiz  
B.S. Downtown-Lions Club Scholarship and Queen-Kylee Welch  
Daughter of the American Revolution-Ashley Burson  
Navy Scholastic Leadership Awards-Alison Woodall, Ashley Burson and Yuching Li  
Coca Cola Scholarship Awards-Billy Beckworth and Cindy Landin  
Pat Lawrence Scholarship-Drew McKimney  
Roland Atkins Scholarship-Josh Long  
Julie Wenick Scholarship-Stephanie Lewis

Industrial Technology/Drafting Awards-Thomas Garza, Victor Loredo, Jared Huseman, Abraham Payne, Joe Owens, Javier Gonzales, Eduardo Galvan, Jorge Parra, Carlos Vierra  
News West 9 Award-Yuching Li  
BSHS Science/Math/Chemistry Award-Larissa Adkins  
Stenholm Art Competition-Yuching Li, Zac O'Dell, Heath Burt, Annette Wennerborn and Stacy Hughes  
BSHS Art Awards-Zac O'Dell, Yuching Li-Outstanding Student Awards  
Career Colleges & Schools of Texas Scholarships-Josh Bodine and Brian Curran  
Theatre Arts Awards-Delana Noble, Annette Wennerborn, Jonathan Hull, David Moore  
Fine Arts Awards-David Gunn-All State Choir, Matthew Holt-All State Band, Dusty Clayton-All State Band  
BSHS French Awards-Sieglinde Robinson, Joshua Hadley, Matthew Holt and Amanda Barr  
USAF Mathematics and Science Award-Billy Beckworth  
Dr. Reddy's Scholarship-Josh Long  
Academic Challenge-Matthew Holt, Rachel Mathis and Josh Hadley  
National Honor Society Scholarships-Alison Woodall and Ashley Burson  
I Dare You Leadership Award-Thomas

NHS-Highest Honors Recognition-Crystal Denton and Anthony Mendoza  
NHS-High Honors-High Recognition-Jesus Aguirre, Lore Michelle Broussard, Heather Michelle Burt, April Lynn Gibson, Joshua Travis Hadley, Sterling Allen Hillman, Matthew Travis Holt, Cindy Marie Landin, Kate Jean Leannah, Stephanie Ann Lewis, Karen Martinez, David Curry Moore, Jennifer Elizabeth Morgan, Zachary Robert O'Dell, Rachel Ray, Sunshine Mikki Scarbrough, Jennie Joe Tedford, Beatrice Anita Trevino, Meredith Leigh Ware, Drew Richie Wegman, Annette Doris Wennerborn  
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Perfect Attendance-Five Years-Arthur Olague, Alison Woodall  
U.I.L. Scholars Awards-William Beckworth, Lore Michelle Broussard, Ashley Burson, Thomas Henry Garza, Lauren Marie Hillman, Sterling Allen Hillman, Matthew Travis Holt, Cindy Marie

TEXAS LOTTERY

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission.

PICK 3: 5,3,0

LOTTO: 2,3,5,22,23,30

Garza Student Council District Scholarship/Awards-Thomas Garza  
Radio Shack/Tandy Scholars-Larissa Adkins, Ashley Burson, Robin Dickens, Yuching Li, Alison Woodall  
Ruth Rutherford Academic Scholarships-Lacy Lyons, Delana Noble, Rachel Ray  
Scholarship Awards-Wayland Baptist Pioneer Scholarship-Rachel Ray  
Sandhills Rodeo Scholarship-Rachel Ray  
Dora Roberts Foundation Scholarship-J.J. Aguirre  
Abilene Christian University Scholarship-Robin Dickens  
Permian Honors Scholarship-Heather Burt  
Texas Tech MacFadden University Scholar-Lauren Hillman  
Texas A&M President's Achievement Scholar-Ansela Osorio  
University of New Mexico-William Beckworth  
Angelo State University-Beatrice Trevino  
West Texas A&M University (Residence Hall Scholarship)-Robin Dickens  
Odessa College (Golf Scholarship)-Sammy Rodriguez, Jr.  
Honors Awards  
Honors Recognition-Vanessa Dawn Adams, Brian Heath Bailey, Darshna Dilip Bhakta, Tiffany Michelle Birrell, Slaten Montgomery Broyles, Robert Allen Burris, Stephanie Castaneda, Dusty Dan Clayton, Grace Clemons, Casy Dean Cowlley, Anthony Carrasco Cruz, Zelma Vermette Evans, Samantha Lee Granado, David Bryan Gunn, Christopher Michael Hernandez, Jared Andrew Huseman, Justin Mark Kaczynk, Joshua Todd Long, Daniel Ray Makowsky, Anita Marquez, Janizic Martinez Marsch, Jennifer Lauren McLaughlin, Leslie Kay McLeane, Jason Bradley Mims, David Curry Moore, Shelly Kay Mundell, Arturo Olague, Jr., Christopher Allen Olson, Branda Guadalupe Ortiz, Ariscela Osorio, Susan Harber Poston, Sean Justin Quenga, Sieglinde Anne Robinson, Brent Michael Schroder, Matthew John Simer, Jennie Joe Tedford, Juanita Valdez, Juan Paul Vazquez, Kylee Melissa Welch, Justin Erroll Williams, Mark Edgar Williamson, Stephanie Ann Wright  
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Principal's Leadership Award-Thomas Garza  
TASSP All-State Academic Team-Alison Woodall-Commended Scholar  
Academic Excellence Awards-Straight A's for 4 years-Larissa Adkins, Ashley Burson, Robin Dickens, Yuching Li, Drew McKimney, Zachary O'Dell, Alison Woodall  
American Legion Awards-Post 506, Thomas Garza and Yuching Li-Post 355, Drew McKimney and Lindsay Moates  
Valedictorian-Alison Woodall  
Salutatorian-Ashley Burson  
National Honor Society-Larissa Adkins, J. J. Aguirre, Billy Beckworth, Lore Broussard, Ashley Burson, Heather Burt, Crystal Denton, Robin Dickens, Thomas Garza, April Gibson, Josh Hadley, Lauren Hillman, Sterling Hillman, Matt Holt, Cindy Landin, Kate Leannah, Stephanie Lewis, Yuching Li, Karen Martinez, Drew McKimney, Anthony Mendoza, Lindsay Moates, David Moore, Jennifer Morgan, Zach O'Dell, Keely Patterson, Rachel Ray, Sunny Scarbrough, Jennie Tedford, Beatrice Trevino, Meredith Ware, Drew Wegman, Annette Wennerborn, Alison Woodall  
Howard College Scholarships  
Allison D. Woodall-Valedictorian and Honors Scholarship  
Ashley Burson-Salutatorian and Honors Scholarship  
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General Academic Scholarship-Joshua Bodine, Nichole Hunnington, Bandy Rollins, Wendell Lawrence  
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## House set to debate electric deregulation

AUSTIN (AP) — Legislation to overhaul the state's electric utility market is still evolving as lawmakers attempt to make the bill beneficial to businesses as well as residential customers.

Industrial and large commercial business customers withdrew support for the measure last week in protest of a provision, added by Rep. Kevin Bailey, D-Houston, which they said could significantly increase their monthly electric bills.

Bailey said Wednesday that they had reached a compromise that would lower the cost for those customers — which range from department stores to oil refineries — while continuing to benefit residential consumers.

"It enhances the benefits for residential rate payers," Bailey said. "We actually come out a little bit better, it's very small, but nevertheless it's better."

"At the same time (it) reduces the hit on the big industrials by drifting the payment of stranded costs to all businesses more equitably," he said.

Bailey added an amendment last week directing the Public Utility Commission, which regulates electric rates, to find a more equitable way residential and small business customers can split the cost of "stranded investments" with larger industrial and commercial businesses.

Those investments stem mostly from debts associated with older power plants not likely to be profitable once competition begins. That cost is factored on to monthly utility bills.

Under the compromise, Bailey said, a more equitable formula is used to spread out the costs of stranded costs.

"So I think it's a good agreement. It protects those industrials that were most upset," Bailey said.

"It still benefits consumers tremendously. It's one of the biggest benefits financially to consumers in a long time," Bailey said.

The disagreement was expected to be the biggest hurdle in the legislation when it was debated in the House.

"With that agreement — assuming everybody stays on it — I would think that we have avoided the biggest fight and it should probably go pretty well," Bailey said.

The bill by Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Austin, has already passed the Senate and is expected to be debated in the

### AT A GLANCE

#### WHAT WE HAVE NOW

The state's electric system breaks down into three parts: generation — the making of electricity; transmission — transporting the electricity; and distribution — the delivery of electricity to customers.

Under Wolens' bill the Public Utility Commission would continue to regulate the transmission lines, but anyone could generate and deliver the electricity to consumers.

#### CUSTOMER CHOICE

Customers served by investor-owned utilities, including Dallas-based TU Electric and Houston Lighting and Power, would be able to choose a new electric company starting Jan. 1, 2002. The state's nine private utilities sell about 82 percent of the electricity in Texas.

Cooperatives such as Pedernales and city-owned utilities such as Austin and San Antonio could choose to remain monopolies in their geographic areas.

#### REDUCED RATES

The rates of investor-owned utilities would be frozen until Jan. 1, 2002. The companies would then reduce their rates 6 percent and competition would begin. Lawmakers hope that competitors will enter the market and offer an even lower price to sway consumers to leave their current provider.

The incumbent companies wouldn't be able to lower their rates or compete for three years or until competitors take away a portion of their customers.

#### STRANDED COSTS

Utilities could continue to recover the costs of building power plants that may not be cost-effective in a competitive market through a fee on monthly electric bills. The estimates for this cost vary.

#### ENVIRONMENT

Utility power plants that have been grandfathered from clean air laws must reduce their air pollution by Sept. 1, 2003 or close down. The cost for the upgrades would be billed to ratepayers.

House today.

Gov. George W. Bush has come out in its favor. "I hope the electric deregulation bill makes it to my desk," he said Wednesday.

## President Clinton defends Kosovo strategy

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Clinton, defending his strategy in Kosovo, says the U.S.-led NATO bombing campaign is the only alternative to letting Serb troops butcher ethnic Albanian civilians.

With British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook on his way here for a show of solidarity, Clinton was at pains Wednesday to explain his course of action in the Balkans conflict.

"All I can tell you is I'm convinced I've done the right thing," he said.

Cook, who was due to meet with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright late today, said all the NATO allies had agreed not to send ground troops into Kosovo until "the

endgame" to secure a cease-fire.

"My visit to Washington is designed to demonstrate the solidarity of the alliance," he said Wednesday night in London.

While Britain has advocated preparations for a ground war in case the air attacks fail to produce results, another NATO ally, Germany, is dead set against it.

"I am against any change in NATO strategy because I believe it is beginning to take effect," German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder told a news conference in Brussels, Belgium.

Clinton stirred speculation about U.S. policy Tuesday when he said no option should be ruled out on the use of ground troops, although he also said

NATO should continue on its present course of airstrikes.

Previously, the president had said he had no intention of introducing ground troops into Kosovo.

Albright faced quizzing before a Senate subcommittee today before her meeting with Cook.

Congress is divided on the administration's strategy in the conflict, now in its ninth week. Some members question U.S. involvement, others would send in ground troops, and still others are critical of Clinton's tactics against the Serb-led Yugoslav government.

There is also considerable backing for the president.

Clinton, speaking at a Democratic fund-raiser in New York on Wednesday, said "a lot

of people have questioned what I have done and how I have done it in Kosovo."

He said the NATO airstrikes were "the best available way" to retaliate against the Serbs for massacres against ethnic Albanians in the Kosovo province of Serbia, the dominant Yugoslav republic.

The alternative would have been "sitting on my hands, letting those people be butchered and thrown out of their homes and plundered," Clinton commented.

The State Department reported at least 500 Serb soldiers had deserted in Kosovo province, and said it was a sign that Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic was "feeling the heat."

## School shooting in Georgia leaves several wounded

CONYERS, Ga. (AP) — Several people were shot today at a high school as students were gathering for the day. A person was in custody.

None of the injuries were believed to be life-threatening, said Bonnie Knight, a spokeswoman for Rockdale County schools.

The shootings happened about 8 a.m., or about 15 minutes before classes were to begin at Heritage High School, near Conyers, a town east of Atlanta.

"Somebody arrived with a

gun and some people have been hit, maybe four or five," Ms. Knight said. She did not know if the injured were students or teachers.

The person who fired the shots was taken into custody almost immediately, she said.

The shooting took place in a common area of the school, near a cafeteria where some students were eating breakfast.

"Some guy was in front of the girls' bathroom in the common area, just firing off shots," said sophomore Bill Price.

Students initially thought it was a prank, he said. "Then people just took off running. Then we looked at one of our friends, and his foot was bleeding."

The injured were taken to Rockdale Hospital in Conyers.

Kate Whiting, a junior at Heritage, said she arrived just after the shots were fired.

As she drove up, other students warned her away, she said.

"They told me, 'Leave, get out, somebody has a gun and they're

shooting."

Students gathered outside the school on a track after the shooting, then began boarding buses to head home.

The shooting was exactly a

month after the April 20 slaughter at Columbine High School in Littleton, Colo., where two students killed 13 people before taking their own lives.

Heritage High, which has about 1,300 students, has no metal detectors but does employ a campus policeman and has surveillance cameras.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Congratulations, Crossroads Area high school grads

Beginning Friday evening, the community will begin another season of high school graduations. Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan, Garden City, Sands, Stanton, Grady and Borden County schools will all send another class of seniors out into the world.

Our high school graduates have so many choices, so much promise, and their parents — understandably — are filled with so much pride.

It may seem like only yesterday that they started school for the first time, nervously fidgeting among the other kindergarten students. In most cases, graduation is the cap on 13 years of public school education. There has been a lot of hard work in those years, much time spent studying, listening and learning, working toward this goal.

Many will not stop with this milestone, but head for another — college, military service, a trade school or certification program. Some will leave the community in search of greener pastures. Some, not finding anywhere else they prefer, will return "home" with new experiences under their belts.

Whatever our community's graduates plan for the near future, one thing is certain: They owe a great debt to the place they have called home.

To all Crossroads high school graduates: Remember that whether you love it, hate it or just tolerate it, your community has helped to shape many of your attitudes. It has provided you a "point of view" for seeing the world.

And whether you took advantage of them or not, the community also gave you plenty of opportunities to hone your skills and learn new ones, to help others, and to learn much.

At this point, you may not fondly recall many of your "hometown" experiences, but rest assured you will one day.

Remember to thank your parents, teachers, counselors and other mentors. For years now, they have nurtured and supported you, in hopes that some day you would become a community leader.

Whatever choices you make now, keep your own best interests in mind. But listen to your parents and mentors as well. Without them, the road to this point would have been much longer, the way more difficult. Congratulations to all of you, and good luck in whatever lies ahead.

## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
This past week our church had the privilege of hosting a revival. The services were attended by many people in our community. We would like to thank Chuck Williams, John Walker, Debbie Jensen, and Bob Rumpff of the Big Spring Herald for their help in assisting us in our promotional efforts. We also thank Lee's Rentals, Johansen's Nursery, Herman's Restaurant/Miss Royale, The Masters Touch, and TCA Cable for their help.

We would also like to thank several school officials for allowing Ken Freeman to take a timely message to our schools. These are: Bill McQueary of BSISD, Kent Bowerman of BSHS (principal), Lee Rushing of BSHS (Bible class teacher), Bill Tarleton of Runnels (principal), Brenda Gainey of Goliad (principal), Susan Alexander of Forsan HS (TCA sponsor), Ron Baker of Coahoma Jr. High (principal), Deborah Gullatt of Sands CISC (counselor).

Our school officials do very much for the well-being of our children, and we are thankful that they desire to make our children better people as well as better students. We support them through prayer as they

guide our children — especially during this time of general unrest throughout the nation. We pray that they would have wisdom and discernment as they deal with the juvenile pranks and threats that some students choose to perform.

One of the greatest moments of our revival was Thursday night when over a dozen ministers stood on our platform to introduce themselves and their churches to the crowd of over one thousand. History shows that times of revival and spiritual-awakening happen because of prayers and cross denominational efforts. Our city has seen several events that have combined these two.

We are excited to see churches and Christians come together for one cause. We are grateful for ministers in our community such as James Sanders of Christ's Community Fellowship who are willing to work with other churches for the greater cause.

If there is ever anything we as a church can do for our city, please let us know.

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# Constitutional tinkering can be dangerous

By **WALTER R. MEARS**  
AP Special Correspondent

WASHINGTON (AP) — As a soapbox for a pet issue, proposing an amendment to the Constitution has become a political habit — more often for can't-win changes than for real ones.

But a foundation study of the amendment process suggests that there is more political tinkering than before, and it could make unwarranted changes more likely.

The hard questions are, of course, what is warranted, and should constitutional amendments be used to deal with social policy issues that seem surmounting now but may not last.

Citizens for the Constitution, a bipartisan organization of former members of Congress, federal officials, lawyers and scholars, suggests the process should be restrained by guidelines to determine whether an amendment should be considered.

They say constitutional amendments should deal with topics of lasting importance, not only immediate political concerns, and then only when it can't be done by other means. They also want a firm deadline set for ratification of amendments that Congress does approve. In practice, most

amendments now include a seven-year limit, but that can be changed.

By their standards, the amendment up next, to permit Congress to ban desecration of the American flag, shouldn't be approved.

The flag-burning amendment has become a regular exercise in Congress. Senate Republican leaders plan a vote on it this month; it has narrowly failed there before and, by current estimates, may again.

It takes two-thirds votes in both houses of Congress to approve an amendment and put it up for action by the states; three-fourths of them must ratify to change the Constitution.

The flag-burning amendment was written to overturn a Supreme Court decision that invalidated laws against desecration, on First Amendment grounds. The case stemmed from a demonstrator's burning of a flag outside the Republican National Convention hall in 1984.

Opponents of the amendment argue that while they are as opposed to flag-burning as anyone on the other side, it is not a menace that warrants changing the Bill of Rights.

"Such particularized amendments may ... be perceived as the political victory of one faction in a particular historical moment," the Citizens for the

Constitution study says. "Flag desecration is not an immortal form of political protest; we cannot know whether political dissidents will have the slightest interest in this gesture generations from now."

Actually, they don't seem to have much interest now, except in sporadic episodes meant to irritate sponsors of the amendment.

The flag and balanced budget amendments are two that have come close to clearing Congress to go to the states. The equal rights for women amendment got to that point, but wasn't ratified. The last amendment adopted, in 1971, gave 18-year-olds the right to vote.

So the foundation study that warns against littering the Constitution with constant changes would seem to overstate the case.

Still, introducing constitutional amendments is a growth business in Congress, and in the last session, nine moved past the point of just talk to committee or floor consideration.

This year's crop is already growing. There are the perennials, among them flag-burning bans, an amendment to permit prayer in public schools, to overturn the Supreme Court decision legalizing abortion, for a balanced budget, for congressional term limits, and for to

end the electoral college system in favor of the popular election of presidents.

Another proposed amendment would permit the line item veto, a power granted presidents by the last Congress but overturned by the court.

There's also an amendment to make future amendments easier to adopt, by opening a route that wouldn't depend on Congress.

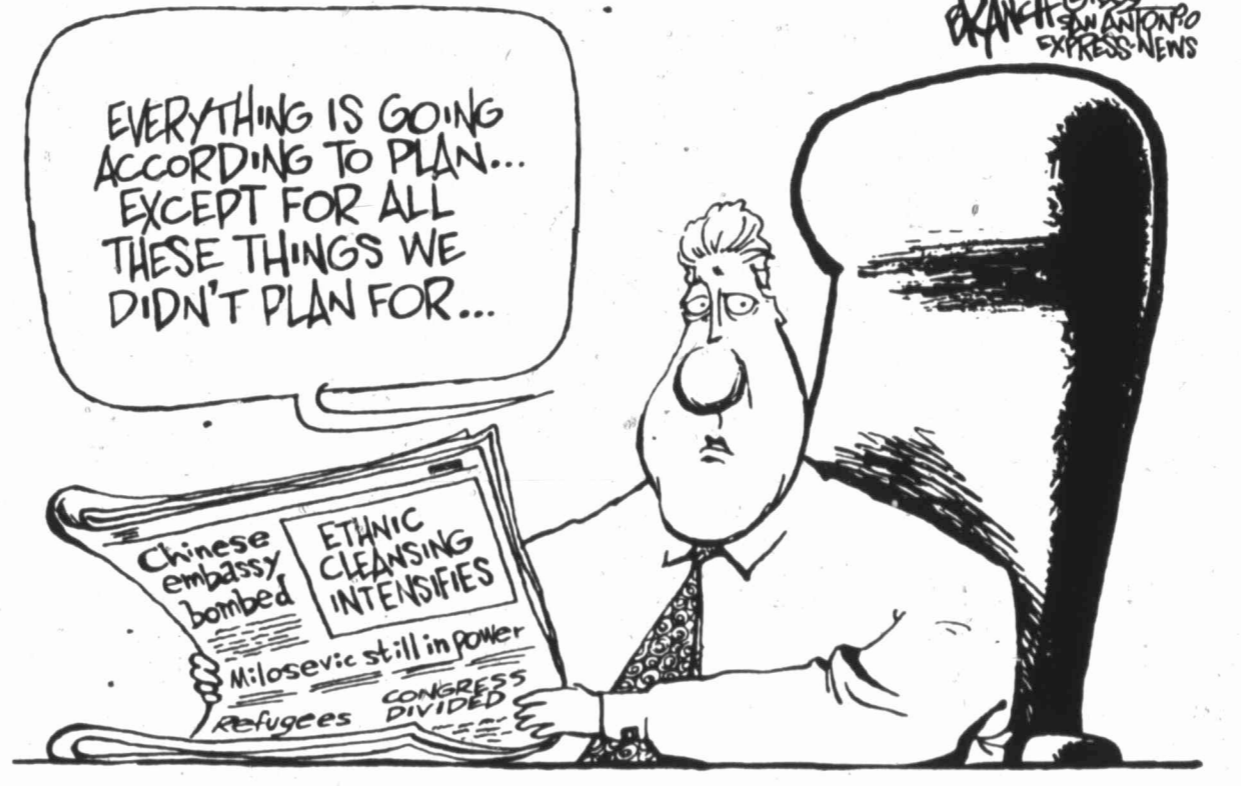
That would allow two-thirds of the state legislatures to approve an amendment, subject to congressional disapproval by two-thirds votes.

The final step still would be ratification by three-fourths of the states. One amendment would write into the Constitution a provision to put the Social Security and Medicare trust funds outside the federal budget.

The House already has killed one just-for-show amendment this session, the annual income tax day measure to require two-thirds votes in Congress to approve tax increases. That Republican fixture failed, as usual, by 57 votes.

More than 11,000 amendments to the Constitution have been introduced since 1789, but only 33 cleared Congress and only 27 were ratified.

*Walter R. Mears is vice president and special correspondent for The Associated Press.*



## Winding thoughts along the river

A dead cow and the honeysuckle were waging holy war in my nostrils. I tried not to look at the cow, whose bloated was lodged beneath a tree that had fallen across the river. It made for a stinking snarl of natural mishaps.

But there were sweet sights as well. The laurel was beginning to bloom, and the rocky riverbanks looked like a wedding chapel where the bride's chosen color is pink.

I was completely happy. The spring storms of last week had filled the little river that wraps around my house. Last month you could almost walk across the Little Tallapoosa, but now it's navigable again, rushing as it does toward my takeout point in a pretty little Carroll County community called Victory.

You don't ever float this river without a few surprises. Last trip I saw otters, wood ducks, a black snake stretched to its full length on the bank. I saw a barred owl so sleepy that for several moments it didn't bother flying away.

Rowing a boat gives you time to think. This is no white water ride, no challenging run that rates a number. You simply get in the Winder-made canoe in my back yard and float with the current for about 10 miles. At Victory you drag the boat out and ride home in the old Ford truck with both windows open.

I thought about a lot of things in the three hours it took to make the familiar trip. I thought about getting rich by designing a children's board game based on the river run. It would feature Dead Cow Pass and Laurel Lake. Collect \$200, go straight to Victory.

I thought about the latest movie I'd rented, "Elizabeth." It played loose with history, went heavy on gratuitous sex and severed heads and, naturally, was nominated for seven Academy Awards. When they weren't lopping off heads, they were dancing.

I think I prefer Bette Davis' portrayal of Elizabeth I in "The Private Lives of Elizabeth and Essex." Its dialogue was tiresome — mostly Elizabeth protesting to Essex that she was too old and ugly to be the object of his affections — but Bette Davis did old and ugly well. It must have taken some makeup artist hours to paint her that white.

When I got through thinking about the failures of Hollywood, I thought about TV. Curiosity had gotten the better of me, and, like everybody else, I watched the first few minutes of "Saturday Night Live" to see

Monica's comedy debut. That pathetic girl is getting some lousy advice from somewhere. (I knew Gilda Radner, and you, Monica, are no Gilda Radner.)

Thinking about Monica led me to thinking about serious things, too, about wars against Yugoslavia that end up making the Chinese see red, about a Dole who favors some gun control, about Jesse Jackson as secretary of state.

(Someone who had pulled a Rip Van Winkle the last two years would be hopelessly lost if you told him the wench who flashed the president and almost toppled the government was appearing live on "Saturday Night," the first lady is contemplating a run for office in a state where she's never lived, and Jesse Jackson is just home from rescuing American POWs in a war against the Serbs.)

As I floated past the gravel bar where my nephew Ben once planted a flag, I thought about Columbine High, and how home schooling might not be such a bad idea after all. The newspaper's News for Kids this week featured stories about anorexia, school shootings and a 15-year-old convicted of murdering a 13-year-old at a bus stop. (Our Weekly Readers used to report on anti-litter campaigns and the moon landing.)

Then, thank goodness, I reached the end of the run at Victory, and I thought about supper all the way home.

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CROSS RIVER, It's 9:10 a.m., Thurston, 18, is taking the cafeteria Westchester County High School, passing Upperware containers with spicy Buffalo wings. Lunchtime comes early for many of the students at John Jay at 5:30 a.m., during school buses are studying chemistry by 7:15. Some sleep experts by parents' observation what it takes to get out of bed — say schedule runs counter to teenagers' natural

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## Big Spring High School, Borden County and Garden City name their top two graduates

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Awards include: Who's Who Among American High School Students, Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence, The United State National Leadership Merit Award, The United States National Science Award, The National Collegiate Mathematics Award, Outstanding Marcher-band, Texas State Band Solo/Ensemble.

High School Activities include: Spanish Club-Vice President, National Honor Society, Marching Band-Lieutenant and Section Leader, Concert Band, Academic Challenge Team, JV Tennis Team.

Her future plan is to attend Texas A&M University, major in biomedical science and work toward a degree in veterinary medicine.

Big Spring High School Salutatorian is Ashley Burson, daughter of John and Charlotte Burson. She has maintained a grade point average of 4.0.



BURSON

Her high school activities include: National Honor Society, Band, Spanish Club-President.

Athletic accomplishments include: Varsity Cross Country and Track.

Achievements while in high school include: National Young Leaders conference in Washington, D.C., Who's Who Among American High School Students, Texas Celebrations of Educational Excellence, Presidential Academic Fitness Award, President's Award for

Educational Excellence, "A" Honor roll-Kindergarten through Grade 12, All-Region Band, Optimist Club Outstanding Student Female Award-Youth Appreciation Week.

Jeff Dennis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joel Dennis, was named Valedictorian of Borden County High School. Jeff has maintained a grade average of 101.74 during high school.

Jeff is a member of the National Beta Club and participated in the UIL literary meet in science and math. He advanced to regional in current events and issues. Jeff was voted Most Likely to Succeed and was a captain of his basketball team.

Jeff has numerous accomplishments in basketball: All District (past three years), Academic All State TABC, Academic All State 6-man, All Region 6-man and All State 6-man, State Qualifier in discus.

He plans to attend Texas Christian University this fall.

Colt McCook, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles McCook was Salutatorian of Borden County High School.

He has maintained a grade average of 99.99 for the four years. Colt is a member of the National Beta Club and participated in the UIL literary meet in number sense,

science, and math. Colt was voted "Mr. B.C.H.S." He was a captain of the football and the basketball team.

Sports accomplishments include: All District (four years), Academic All State TABC, Academic All State 6-man, All Region TABC, All Region six man football, Most Valuable Player six man basketball & All State, Most Valuable Player in District.

Colt plans to attend Abilene Christian University and major

in Youth and Family Ministry.

Tiffany Kujawski is Valedictorian at Garden City High School with a 4.0 Grade point average. She is a three-year member of the National Honor Society and currently serves as president. Tiffany participates in cross-country, track, basketball and tennis. She is a cheerleader and the president of GCISD High School student council.



KUJAWSKI

Tiffany's many academic honors include Texas Academic Excellence Award, regional qualifier in UIL science, Who's Who in American High School Students, and the National Merit Science Award.

After graduation she hopes to earn a biomedical engineering degree at Texas A&M University and pursue a career as a pediatrician. Her parents are Daniel & Jean Ann Kujawski.

Salutatorian at Garden City High School is Steven Hoelscher,



HOELSCHER

with a 3.9 grade point average. He is a three-year member of the Beta Club and National Honor Society. Steven participates in basketball and football and has been named to the All-District team the last three years. He is president of the senior class.

Steven's academic honors include the Texas Academic Excellence Award, Outstanding Gifted 7 Talented Student, State UIL Qualifier in science, Who's Who Among American High School students, National Science Merit Award, All American Scholar and a member of the 2nd place State Decathlon team.

Steven has been accepted to Texas A&M University and plans to major in computer science. His parents are Harold & Ann Hoelscher.

## Successful genealogy research requires finding sources first

Hello. In my first article I set out to introduce myself, and to explain the purpose of my column. Each week, I will explore a new source for documentation materials, and the best way to get access to these records.



BOBBY RAWLS

First of all, you need to start with yourself. Get all available records on yourself, and get the desired information from these records — that is, the birthdate, place of birth, etc., to confirm that the information is correct. Clerks have been known to put down the wrong info., and parents have been known to give the wrong data.

Next, start your search by talking to relatives and friends, and ask them what they know about the family — where they lived, where they came from, (state, county, district, territory, etc.), what their occupations were, any military service, etc.

Much-needed information can be culled from friends as well as relatives, especially if these friends were lifelong or known for many years. They may have picked up information from your relatives that is known only to them. It will not come out unless you ask.

Birth certificates and death certificates are very important to research. A birth or death certificate will in most cases, list the parents of that individual, as well as his, and sometimes the parents' place of birth.

They are very important especially in the early 1900s. Some states had birth and death certificates as early as the 1850s and in New England,

some of their records go back to the 1600s.

Courthouses are essential in getting the required documents, but not all courthouses have the staff or time for searching their records for your relative. In addition to that, there are restrictions as to the records you may have access to. Birth certificates are restricted to family members if the birth occurred less than 50 years ago.

In that case, you must show just cause in getting the document, and supply verification of who you are and your relationship to the individual, as well as your purpose or use of the document. Death certificates have the same guidelines except the elapsed time is 25 years. The indexes for these records are in the Texas State Library in Austin.

Remember the most important part of your search is documentation. Knowing where you got the information and where you have these stored is needed to confirm at a later date.

In coming weeks, I will discuss other research tools and how to use them — census, deeds, wills, military records, cemeteries, church, Bible, school, probates, etc. I will also help you in using your computer programs for storing and printing your acquired information.

You and I will each get a better understanding of what these records are, and how to use them.

If you know of any information that will help in some one's research, please let me know, and I will share that with our readers.

Editor's Note: Bobby Rawls can be contacted through the Big Spring Herald. Call 263-7331, ext. 236, or send him a letter in care of the Herald at P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring. You can also e-mail him at bsherald@xroadstx.com.

## Preparation and planning help kids make move to new city

QUESTION: We're going to move to another state in a few months. I know it's going to be tough for my children, who have so many little friends at school. How can I get them ready for life in a new city?



DR. JAMES DOBSON

DR. DOBSON: Moving to a new school or a new town can be an unpleasant experience for children, but there are some ways to make it easier for them.

Preparation and forethought are the keys. Educator Cheri Fuller recommends that those who are about to relocate call a family meeting to talk about what's going to happen. Begin to lay plans together. It's sad to say goodbye to good friends, and it's hard to make new ones. Try establishing pen pals for your children in the new school long before the move is to occur. Relationships can blossom through the mail so that the kids are not entirely unknown in the new location.

It's also helpful to create curiosity about the new city or neighborhood you're moving to. Write to the state tourist bureau or to the Chamber of Commerce and ask for brochures and maps. When your children begin to understand the adventure of moving, they may develop a more positive attitude toward leaving. A bit of preparation and a healthy dose of communication can help clear the way for a smoother journey to a new home.

QUESTION: When my wife left me for another man, I felt like the whole thing was my fault. I still feel that way. I had never even looked at another woman, yet here I am taking the blame for her affair. Rationally, I know I'm being very unfair to myself, but I can't help it. Or can I?

DR. DOBSON: It is the typical reaction of a rejected spouse like yourself to take full responsibility for the behavior of an unfaithful spouse. The wounded partner — the person who was clearly the victim of the other's irresponsibility — is the one who suffers the greatest pangs of guilt and feelings of inferiority.

How strange that the one who tried to hold things together in the face of obvious rejection often finds himself or herself wondering: "How did I fail? I just wasn't good enough to hold my spouse. I am nothing, or my partner wouldn't have left. If only I had been more exciting as a sexual partner. I drove my spouse away — I wasn't pretty or handsome enough. I didn't deserve my spouse in the first place."

The blame for marital disintegration is seldom the fault of the husband or wife alone. It takes two to tangle, and there is always some measure of shared blame for a divorce. However, when one marriage partner makes up her mind to

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## Will suburban New Yorkers allow schoolkids to sleep later?

CROSS RIVER, N.Y. (AP) — It's 9:10 a.m., and John Thurston, 18, is tablehopping in the cafeteria at northern Westchester County's John Jay High School, passing around a Tupperware container filled with spicy Buffalo chicken wings.

Lunchtime comes joltingly early for many of the 970 students at John Jay, who get up at 5:30 a.m., drag themselves onto school buses at 6:30 and are studying chemistry or calculus by 7:15.

Some sleep experts — backed by parents' observations of what it takes to get a teen-ager out of bed — say that sort of schedule runs counter to adolescents' natural body rhythms

and dims their performance in school, at work and even behind the wheel.

Edge-of-dawn school starts exist elsewhere around the country, but districts increasingly have been moving away from them. On Tuesday voters in the Katonah-Lewisboro district get the chance to do the same.

It won't be cheap. The district was forced to sell some of its school buses in 1991 when state aid was cut suddenly, so each remaining bus has to make three trips every morning instead of two. That compelled staggered starting times: 7:15 a.m. for high school, 9:10 for middle school and 8:15 or 8:20 for four elementary schools.

It will cost \$1.33 million to buy the 14 buses needed to allow the high school and middle school to start at 7:55 a.m. and the elementary schools to start at 9. An average household will be assessed an extra \$132 a year in taxes for six years.

Supporters of the school ballot proposition say a new schedule would:

- Be better for high schoolers' health.
- Avoid having kids at roadside bus stops in the dark.
- Allow teachers at the high school and middle school to more easily discuss courses and student transitions.
- Bring middle-schoolers

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## SCHOOL NEWS

### Sands Schools

May 10-11, the Sands Mustangs completed in the Region 9A-East UIL Academic Competition at Ira.

Seventy-one students competed, which represented half of the total number of students in the elementary and junior high grades. The Mustangs entered all 33 elementary events, placing in 32, and entered 22 of 24 junior high events, placing in 20.

Eric C. Skiles, UIL Academic Coordinator, said, "We are thrilled with our students. We competed in every elementary event and placed in all but one of those events! That's an incredible accomplishment."

Zelda Bilbo, Elementary Principal, said "I'm extremely proud of our students. They always give 100 percent when we ask them to do something".

The following students were involved in UIL:

Elementary — Kindergarten: Sadi Chavera, Jennifer Gomez, Landon Parker, Casey Roberts.

First: Jesse Daniel, Johnny Rogers, Ashli Stockton, Tyler Ware.

Second: Garreff Barnett, Brittini Blagrove, William Carson, Morgan Fisher, Tamara Nichols, Mason

### Parker

Third: Kayla Gomez, Chelsie Grantham, Ronnie Peacock, Mary Rogers, Melony Ruiz, Lydia Teichroeb, Crystal Ybarra.

Fourth: Guy Dean Barnett, Alberto Briseno, Kiefer Dutton, Erik Gutierrez, Garrett Nichols, Zane Owensby, Kenneth Peacock, Samantha Peacock, Dannon Ramey.

Fifth: Matthew Benavidez, Dan Campbell, Dee Fryar, A. J. Gutierrez, Trent Rogers, Cevan Smithson, Javier Varela, Santos Ybarra.

Sixth: Ashley Allen, Marcelo Barraza, Kandis Carson, Nedy Flores, Marlena Gomez, Valerie Gonzales, Tisha Lucio, Ryan Mathis, Shaunessy Peacock, Corey Ramey, Travis Roberts.

### Junior High

Seventh: Steven Barraza, Krista Blagrove, Ben Campbell, Graciela Diaz, Audra Kennemer, Cindy Martinez, T'Auna Reed, Roseanna Sanchez, Emy Sanchez, Kevin Wiley, Brandon Woods, Chelsy Ybarra.

Eighth: Roxanne Castro, Sally Flores, Hollie Gibbs, Tinsey Grigg, Joann Gutierrez, Chris Mathis, Stephanie Reddin, Sheridan Silipo, Mary Varela, Amanda Watkins.

Slice of life!

## NEWS FOR PARENTS

### Kids wear the darndest things

Cheer, the laundry detergent, is sponsoring a contest for parents whose kids "wear the darndest things." Grand prize will be \$10,000 in a savings bond, and the winning child will appear in national advertising. Also 10 finalists will receive a trip to Las Vegas for the parent and child, to model the outfit at a Cheer finals event.

To enter, send a photo of your child in his or her favorite, most colorful outfit, the more creative the better. Along with it, attach an essay (100 words or less) highlighting why it is your child's favorite outfit and how it expresses his or her personality.

Entries will be judged both on the photo and the written description. Children entered should be age 5-12. Send the color photo and essay to: Cheer Kids wear the darndest things contest, P.O. Box 4045, Grand Rapids, Minn. 55745-4045. Include your name, address, daytime phone number, name, age and address of the child. Photos will not be returned. Entries must be received by July 16.

## COMMUNITY NEWS

A TWO-WEEK FINANCIAL WORKSHOP course is being offered for individual investors who want to learn more about setting investment goals and objectives.

The classes will meet on May 25, May 27, June 1 and June 3 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Howard College Tumbleweed Room.

Seating is limited and will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Call 267-2501 to reserve a seat.

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be closed on May 27, from 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. It will reopen at 2:30 p.m. WIC services will be open for the day. For more information call 263-9775.

**SLEEP**

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home in time to care for grade-school siblings.

Health has received the most attention. Some sleep experts say teens would perform best if high school started closer to 10. Mary Carskadon of Brown University has found that most adolescents need more than nine hours of sleep for optimal alertness but their body clocks keep them from going to bed early enough to get that much before the alarm rings.

"Their brains are still on their pillows," she says. A survey reported in the Journal of the American Medical Association also found that students' grades reflect the amount of sleep they get.

"What we are seeing is sleepy children, tired children at the end of the day, and it's having an effect, we believe, on their health and their performance," says Cheryl Schwartz, president of the Katonah-Lewisboro school board. "The teen-agers are just being asked to start functioning on an intellectual level at too early a time."

As 16-year-old Courtney Dwyer says on her lunch break, "My next class is a double period in math. I guarantee I'll be asleep."

But proposition opponents say the schools are already high-achieving and there's no reason to shift schedules. An analysis of recent test scores puts John Jay in the top rank of area high schools. It sends 94 percent of its seniors to college.

Delaying the start of classes "would be that much more civilized," acknowledges Superintendent Karen McCarthy. "On the other hand, I certainly can understand people who say, 'Karen, I just can't afford it.'"

In Kirkland, Wash., where the start time at Lake Washington High School was changed from 7:30 to 8 a.m. four years ago, Principal Paul Gentle says, "If I could, I'd make it 9 o'clock — and someday my goal is to get it there. In my judgment, it's ludicrous to send kids to school at 7:15."

He says first-period attendance is much better and "teachers tell me much more gets done because the kids are awake."

In Minnesota, where the state medical association urges high schools to open no earlier than 8 a.m., Edina High School shifted its 7:25 start to 8:30 in 1996, and Minneapolis schools went from 7:15 to 8:40 this year.

Surprisingly, most of the John Jay students interviewed about the proposition oppose it — because they like the 1:52 p.m. dismissal.

"I've got more time to hang out with friends," says Chris Caruso, 17. "I'd much rather have extra time in the daylight than on a freezing morning in the winter."

"Early is good," says Elizabeth Wright, an 18-year-old senior. "I can work after school and it means you have enough time." She admits, however, "If I go to a 9 o'clock movie on Friday night, I fall asleep at 10."

Administrators say more and more students are being driven to school to save 15 or 20 minutes of bus time. One recent morning, a steady stream of cars drops students at the front door while, in the back, the buses drop off 20 at a time. Kids trudge into school, some dragging softball bats or lacrosse sticks. In winter, Mrs. Schwartz says, they carry flashlights.

In the cafeteria, meanwhile, three pots of coffee are waiting.

**Fort Worth school wins national reading contest**

FORT WORTH, (AP) — Reading is fun for students at Waverly Park Elementary. So is winning.

The 540 students at Waverly Park enjoyed a neighborhood parade, complete with kazooos and a convertible carrying Snoopy, on Wednesday after winning the Reading Is Fundamental National Reading Challenge.

The school is the first in Texas to win the honor, and it wasn't easy. Waverly topped some 17,000 other schools nationwide by reading a total of 10,285 hours, 23 minutes during a two-week span in February. That's an average of 19 hours per student, more than any other school.

"It's exciting," said Charlotte Sanders, a neighbor who was among those who came out for the parade. "We're real proud of them. It's quite an honor the school has received."

Riding with Snoopy in the convertible was RIF Chairwoman Lynda Bird Johnson Robb, daughter of President Lyndon B. Johnson.

"Daddy would be so proud," Ms. Robb told an overflow audience of parents, teachers and students who packed the school auditorium.

She presented students with the Margaret McNamara Readers Cup, a silver cup named for the woman who founded RIF 30 years ago. Prizes also included 500 books for the children and \$250 to buy more books. Matching prizes brought the cash total to \$750.

"It was an all-out school effort," said Rosemary Lindsey, who added that her daughter Meredith, 9, read for pleasure for hours on end.

John McQuien, 9, was responsible for 58 hours of the total. Inspired by his mother, Carol McQuien, John became obsessed with solving a mystery she concocted to motivate the young readers. She coordinated the RIF contest at Waverly Park.

Ms. McQuien and Principal Mary Jane Marshall announced that a box of books had been stolen. By reading anything they wanted and recording the time spent reading, students could get clues to the missing books.

Classmates said John was frantic to get the clues.

"I was reading two, four, six hours a night," he said. "I set my watch

for 'laps per hour.' I didn't even want to stop."

Friends said he read half the books in his third-grade classroom.

"He made excuses to get to the library," said Jennifer Farley, 9, who did her share of reading. "He kept his library card in his pocket, he was so desperate."

Asked if he was going to keep up the pace, John said, "I'm going to cut it down a little."

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behave irresponsibly, to become involved extramaritally, or to run from family commitments and obligations, she usually seeks to justify her behavior by magnifying the failures of her spouse. "You didn't meet my needs, so I had to satisfy them somewhere else," is the familiar accusation. By increasing the guilt of her partner in this way, she reduces her own culpability. For a husband or wife with low self-esteem, these charges

and recriminations are accepted and internalized as indispensible facts.

You must resist the temptation to take all the blame. I'm not recommending that you sit around hating the memory of your wife. Bitterness and resentment are emotional cancers that rot us from within. However, I would encourage you to examine the facts carefully.

Ask yourself these questions: "Despite my many mis-

takes and failures in my marriage, did I value my family and try to preserve it? Did my wife decide to destroy it, and then seek justification for her actions? Was I given a fair chance to resolve the areas of greatest irritation? Could I have held her even if I had made all the changes she wanted? Is it reasonable that I should hate myself for this thing that has happened?"

If you examine objectively what has occurred, you might

begin to see yourself as a victim of your wife's irresponsibility rather than as a worthless failure at the game of love.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444, Colorado Springs, Colo.; 80903.



**We're Proud of the Class of '99**

<p><b>William J. Dean</b> Forsan High School <i>It took a little time to educate but William's gonna graduate.</i> Love, Your Family</p>	<p><b>Larissa Gail Adkins</b> BSHS 1999 Graduate We are very proud of you. Love - Mom, Dad, Leshe and Landon.</p>	<p><b>Matthew James Piercefield</b> BSHS 1999 Way to go Matt, we are so proud! We love you. Mom, Dad, Michael &amp; Kyle</p>	<p><b>Tanya</b> We are so proud of you. Remember you can do all things thru Christ. Keep looking ahead &amp; don't look back. Remember your teaching &amp; your fear in God. <b>Love You Tons,</b> Dad, Mom, Pat &amp; Stef</p>
<p><b>"Congratulations"</b> We are very proud of you. Love, Mom, Dad, Rena, Allie &amp; Randy.</p>	<p><b>Congratulations Baby Doll</b> We love you and are very proud of you. Mom, Grandma, Uncles, Aunts, Sisters, &amp; Cousins.</p>	<p><b>Alison Deen Woodall</b> BSHS-Class of '99 <b>Valedictorian</b> We are so proud of you! May all of your dreams and wishes come true. We love you! (Gig em) Mom, Dad, Colin and Matt</p>	<p><b>Congratulations! John Ethan</b> Anderson Kindergarten We are very proud of you! Love Mom &amp; Dad</p>
<p><b>Carson-Newman lookout!</b> Here comes Kurt. Believe in yourself. Love Mom, Dad, Monika, Paul, Quinton &amp; Toby.</p>	<p><b>Timothy Davila</b> Anderson Kindergarten <b>Congratulations!!</b> Good luck in the years to come! Love Mom, Tony &amp; the girls.</p>	<p>We are proud of you. Good luck in everything you do. Aim high and follow your dreams. May God Bless You. <b>We Love You!</b> Mom, Richard, Brandon &amp; Grandma</p>	<p><b>Congratulations</b> Chris Olson Good luck in the future &amp; God Bless You! Great job on a year well done! Love Always!! Rhonda</p>
<p><b>Coahoma High School</b> <b>Tim Hatcher</b> We are very proud of you! Good Luck in College. Love, Mom, Dad &amp; Tammy</p>	<p><b>Congratulations</b> <b>Anthony Mendoza</b> Big Spring High Love Mom</p>	<p><b>East Fourth St. Dairy Queen</b> <b>Kristi Morton</b> Westbrook High School</p>	<p><b>East Fourth St. Dairy Queen</b> <b>T.J. Tatum</b> Coahoma High School</p>

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### IN BRIEF

#### Big Spring UGSA slates holiday ragball tourney

A co-ed Memorial Day Ragball Tournament has been scheduled for May 28-30 at the Roy Anderson Complex. Sponsored by the Big Spring United Girls Softball Association, the tournament will be a round robin, double-elimination event. Teams will have a maximum of 15 players, ages 11 and older, and entry fees will be \$10 per player. For more information, call Jo Ellen Canales at 263-3623 or 267-1884, or Deanie Burdette at 268-9756.

#### Howard College slates girls' basketball camp

Howard College will conduct its annual Lady Hawks Girls Basketball Camp at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum beginning June 14 and continuing through June 17. The day camp's sessions are set for 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Wednesday, with the final session set for 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Thursday. Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery will head a staff that includes high school coaches and members of the Lady Hawks team. A fee of \$100 per player will be charged and campers can register at 9 a.m. on June 14. For more information, call Corkery at 268-9930 or 264-5043.

#### Friday is deadline to sign for Steers hoops camp

Jimmy Avery and his Big Spring High School Steers coaching staff have scheduled their first ever Steers Basketball Camp for June 1-4 in Steer Gym. The camp, open to youngsters in the second through eighth grades will be conducted with sessions between 9 a.m. and noon each day. A fee of \$45 per camper is required. The deadline for application submissions is Friday. For more information, call Avery at 264-3641.

#### HC Hawks to host Sunday Little League skills camp

Coach Brian Roper and the Howard College Hawks baseball team will hold a Little League skills camp from 2-4 p.m. Sunday at Jack Barber Field. Players should bring their glove, bat, cap and sunscreen with them. There is a \$10 registration fee and participants are asked to arrive no later than 1:45 for registration. The camp is open to youngsters of all ages.

#### Camp of Champs weight camp starting June 1

The West Texas Camp of Champs weight camp begins June 1 at the Athletic Training Center at Big Spring High School. The camp is open to participants in grade 5 and up. For more info, call Ricky Long at 264-3662 or 263-0519.

#### Registration extended for Crossroads leagues

Applications are now being accepted from teens interested in playing in the Crossroads Summer Basketball League. Students entering grades 9-12 and 1999 high school graduates are eligible. Games will start Monday, June 7 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum and at Steer Gym. A fee of \$55 per player includes a league jersey. For more info, call Matt Corkery at 268-9930 or 264-5043, or Sabrina McNair at 264-5306 or 264-5047.

### ON THE AIR

**Television**  
**MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL**  
9 p.m. — Houston Astros at Los Angeles Dodgers, FXS, Ch. 29.

**NBA PLAYOFFS**  
7 p.m. — New York Knicks at Atlanta Hawks, TNT, Ch. 28.  
9:30 p.m. — Portland Trailblazers at Utah Jazz, TNT, Ch. 28.

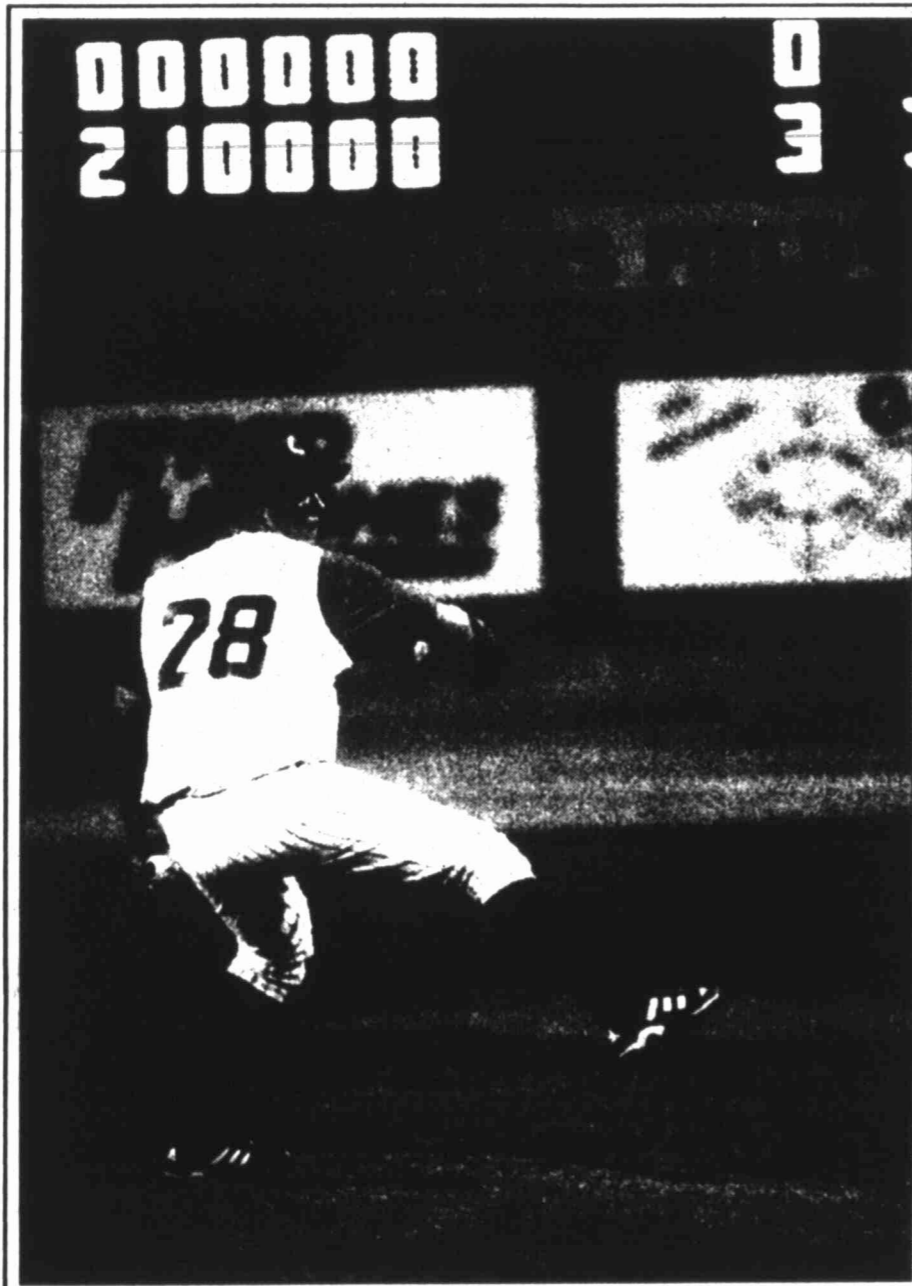
## Zimmerman relief, consecutive homers boost Rangers

ARLINGTON (AP) — During a week of high scores and home runs, Jeff Zimmerman is still thriving. Zimmerman pitched 2 1-3 perfect innings, tying a club record by retiring 23 consecutive batters, and extended his scoreless streak to 12 innings, helping the Rangers to a 7-6 victory over the Tampa Bay Devil Rays on Wednesday. Zimmerman (3-0) struck out four and has not allowed a baserunner since Magglio Ordonez reached on an error May 11 in Chicago. His 0.61 ERA is the lowest in majors for a reliever, along with batters' .084 average against him. His batters-retired streak tied Gary Mienke's 1990 club record. "I don't know what else I can say about him," Rangers manager Johnny Oates said. "It can't be this easy. He's got as good a command of three pitches as I've seen in a long time."

Zimmerman's dominance comes at a time when most pitchers are struggling at the Ballpark in Arlington. On Sunday, the Rangers tied a club record by allowing 24 hits in a 16-5 loss to Baltimore. John Burkett set a club record on Monday when he allowed 12 earned runs in a 13-3 loss to Tampa Bay. Jose Canseco has seized the major league home run lead with three in three games at the Ballpark, and Wednesday's game featured seven home runs. The last three Rangers starters have allowed a combined 26 earned runs. "Right now he's got to be as much on top of his game as possible," Devil Rays manager Larry Rothschild said of Zimmerman. "We haven't been able to touch his breaking ball. He knows how to use it versus left and right-handers." Rafael Palmeiro hit two home runs and the Rangers hit three consecutive homers for the second time in club history.

Palmeiro hit a two-run shot to right field off Devil Rays starter Bobby Witt in the third inning and had a solo shot to right-center in the fifth. He has five homers in the past six games and 11 this season. It was his first multihomer game of the season and the 20th of his career. With the game tied at 6 in the eighth inning, Lee Stevens singled off Scott Aldred (2-1) and moved to second when reliever Rick White walked Roberto Kelly. One out later, Tom Goodwin hit an RBI single to snap the tie and end the Rangers' three-game skid. Ivan Rodriguez had a two-run homer in the fifth inning off Witt, his seventh. Palmeiro and Todd Zeile followed with homers. The only other time Texas homered in three consecutive at-bats came last Aug. 28, when Juan Gonzalez, Will Clark and Rodriguez homered against Chicago.

Canseco's two-run homer off Rangers starter Mark Clark in the third inning was his fourth in four games and sixth in nine games. He now has 16 and is one ahead of Seattle's Ken Griffey Jr for the major league lead. Paul Sorrento hit a 491-foot home run off Clark in the second inning, the longest ever at the Ballpark in Arlington, eclipsing Canseco's 480-foot blast on June 6, 1994. It was also the longest in Tampa Bay history. Sorrento's towering shot on a 2-1 pitch nearly made it to a sidewalk behind a grassy knoll in center field. It was his ninth. "It looked like 490 feet," said Rothschild, whose team had its four-game win streak halted. Witt allowed six earned runs — on four homers — and six hits in 4 1-3 innings. It was his first start against Texas since being traded by the club last year.



Coahoma left-hander Delvin White prepares to deliver a pitch during the Bulldogs' 3-0 Class 2A area baseball playoff victory over Wall at McMurry University's Walt Driggers Field last week. The Bulldog junior allowed just 1 Hawks hit and struck out 18 in recording the victory. The Bulldogs will now face New Deal's Lions in the Region 1, Class 2A quarterfinals at 7 p.m. Friday at Snyder's Moffitt Field. Tickets at the game will be priced at \$3 for adults and \$2 for students. Friday's game will mark the second consecutive year the Bulldogs and Lions have squared off in the regional playoffs at Snyder. White and his Coahoma teammates will be making their bid for a third consecutive trip to the UIL state baseball tournament as the Region 1 champions.

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## As unbeaten, Como-Pickton becomes target

From staff and wire reports

Being unbeaten in the playoffs automatically marks a team. Being the only unbeaten team in any classification at the state tournament practically puts a bull's eye on your back. So does being the defending state champion. Such is the fate of Como-Pickton's Lady Eagles and Coahoma's Bulldogettes. The Lady Eagles enter their Class 2A state softball semifinal Friday against defending state champion Coahoma with a 26-0 record. With a shot at a state championship looming, Como-Pickton coach Debbie Tarrant said the focus is on what amounts to a one-game season, but the unblemished record is hard to ignore. "We really don't dwell on it," Tarrant said. "As we've come to the playoffs, it's tougher each game. But you keep adding to the wins and nothing to the loss column, and you keep thinking, 'Are we going to get to that point where we have to put a loss over there.'"

"We like to say we're the only unbeaten team, but it's not the main thing with us. We'd rather say we're in the top four in the state of Texas out of 227 teams when we started in February. We like that part better than we do the unbeaten part."

For first-year Bulldogettes coach Robert Royer and his team, simply being one of the final four isn't good enough. "Almost all of these girls were a part of the team that won it all last year," Royer explained. "Their focus all along has been to get back to the state tournament and prove they could do it again."

As for facing an unbeaten opponent, Royer says it helps put a little pressure on the Lady Eagles that would normally have been squarely on his team. "With us being the defending champions, you'd expect us to have all the pressure on us and have everyone shooting at us," he explained. "And, for the most part, that's still true this weekend. But Como-Pickton's coming in with the pressure of having to try and keep a perfect record alive."

The Lady Eagles aren't com-

plaining, adopting much the same attitude the Bulldogettes have carried throughout the season as the reigning Class 2A state champs.

Como-Pickton shortstop Jennifer Fouse, one of four seniors on the team, said the experience has been unforgettable.

"Whether we win or lose, we're going to look back on this and it's going to be one of the biggest things in my life," she said. "Going 28-0 would be great." The tournament comes as the school year is winding down, and Fouse said the time demands have begun to take a toll.

"It's really overwhelming," she said. "This weekend is state and a week from that we graduate. It's kind of hard to be preparing for softball when you're also thinking about graduating. I have to put all that aside right now."

While Fouse is seeing the end of her high school career, freshmen Stormie Mays and Lisa Kramer are at the start of theirs.

"People ask us what class we're in," said Mays, the starting left fielder. "We tell them we're freshmen, and they're surprised we're on varsity and going to the state tournament."

"It makes me feel good to know we haven't lost yet," said Kramer, the designated hitter. "If it is our first loss, then we'll have lost it at state."

With three more seasons ahead, Mays said she doesn't expect there to be pressure for another state appearance in the future.

"We're not going to have the same team," she said. "We're losing seniors, but we're also having new freshmen come up."

The Lady Eagles cruised through the regular season, winning the District 13-2A title at 14-0. But six of their seven district opponents were of Class 1A enrollment, and three district wins came by forfeit when opponents didn't have enough players available.

Como-Pickton tuned up for the postseason with wins over Class 3A teams Pittsburg and

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## Hard-hitting Indians complete three-game sweep of White Sox

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Thirteen was the Cleveland Indians' lucky number against the Chicago White Sox.

The Indians scored 13 runs for the third straight game, routing the White Sox 13-7 Wednesday night to complete a series sweep.

Rickie Sexson led Cleveland's 13-hit attack, driving in a career-high five runs with his second career grand slam and an RBI single.

"Really, I'm not that amazed," said Sexson, who went 3-for-5. "On paper, this team can do it any night."

David Justice, Jim Thome and Manny Ramirez each drove in two runs for the Indians, who outscored the White Sox 39-16 and outhit them 48-23 in the series.

"Look at their numbers," losing pitcher Jim Parque said. "Everyone is batting above .300. The ones who aren't are hitting

.299." Sexson hit a grand slam with two outs in the fifth off Bryan Ward, his seventh homer of the season.

"Because we score all those runs doesn't mean we'll do it every night," Indians manager Mike Hargrove said. "Our goal is to score one more than the other guys. ... We don't go out looking to score 13 runs."

Justice had an RBI single and hit his 10th homer of the season for the Indians, who have won 11 of their last 12 games.

Charles Nagy (4-3) gave up only one run and four hits in eight innings, but the White Sox scored six runs in the ninth off Mike Jackson on Jeff Liefer's RBI single, a three-run homer by Carlos Lee and a two-run shot by Brook Fordyce.

In other AL games, it was Texas 7, Tampa Bay 6; Boston 6, New York 0; Anaheim 5, Baltimore 4; Detroit 7, Toronto 3; Kansas City 14, Oakland 3; and Seattle 7, Minnesota 0.

#### Red Sox 6, Yankees 0

Emergency starter Brian Rose pitched seven shutout innings and Jason Varitek went 4-for-4 with two homers as Boston beat slumping New York at Fenway Park.

The Red Sox, who replaced the Yankees as the AL East leader with a 6-3 win Tuesday night, increased their lead to 11 games with their 11th win in 13 games.

New York is 1-7 in its last eight games and 0-2 since manager Joe Torre returned from a two-month absence following surgery for prostate cancer.

Rose (1-0), recalled Wednesday from Triple-A Pawtucket to fill in for ailing rookie Juan Pena, held the Yankees to six hits.

#### Angels 5, Orioles 4

Andy Sheets hit a two-out, two-run double off Mike Timlin as Anaheim rallied to win in

See ROUNDUP, page 2B

## Spurs take 2-0 series lead over Lakers with 79-76 victory

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

After a poor second half, Tim Duncan was seeking redemption. He found it on a pass from Mario Elie.

With San Antonio trailing 76-75, Duncan scored on a jump hook over the Lakers' J.R. Reid to give the Spurs the lead with 8.4 seconds left. San Antonio went on to defeat Los Angeles 79-76 Wednesday night for a 2-0 lead in their Western Conference semifinal series.

"I wanted the ball, but the play wasn't exactly called for me. It was a team play," Duncan said. "I wanted to take the shot from the get-go."

"I wanted to redeem myself," added Duncan, who scored only six points in the second half before making the go-ahead basket.

Duncan led the Spurs with 21 points

and eight rebounds.

Game 3 in the best-of-7 series is Saturday at the Great Western Forum.

In the East, Indiana held off Philadelphia 85-82 for a 2-0 lead in their series.

The New York-Atlanta and Portland-Utah series resume tonight with the Knicks and Jazz leading 1-0.

The Spurs again slowed down Shaquille O'Neal with double-teaming and an assortment of players guarding him, but Kobe Bryant almost orchestrated a Los Angeles victory.

Bryant, who led the Lakers in scoring with 28 points, made a tough 3-pointer with 37 seconds left as the shot clock expired to give them the 76-75 lead. But he missed two foul shots with 18 seconds left that could have given the Lakers a three-point advantage.

"I missed them because my release

was horrible," Bryant said. "I think the last time that happened I was in the eighth grade."

The Lakers had two more chances to score, but couldn't convert.

"We got some good shots," Lakers coach Kurt Rambis said. "I thought as a whole we did a lot more good things than bad."

O'Neal scored 16 points for the Lakers — well below his 28-point playoff average going into the game — and shot 2-for-10 from the foul line.

"We had it and we fell again," O'Neal said. "We just have to go home and try to win two to even up this series."

O'Neal, who complained about the officiating after Game 1 when he went to the foul line 14 times, shot four less this

"I was in foul trouble with some questionable calls," O'Neal said. "I don't want to talk about that."

Earlier Wednesday, the NBA fined O'Neal \$7,500 for failing to leave the court in a timely fashion and verbally abusing officials after the Lakers' loss in Game 1.

The rowdy Alamodome crowd of 33,293 went wild when Duncan made his go-ahead shot. One of the spectators was Duncan's father, who was visiting San Antonio and watching in delight.

"It's huge," Duncan said, describing the moment. "It's bigger because my Dad's here, because he saw a great game."

Popovich said Duncan keeps his cool in clutch situations.

"He's not the kind of guy to get flustered," Popovich said. "He just competes and goes home."

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**HAGAR**

STRANGE HOW YOU CAN LIVE WITH A MAN FOR YEARS AND STILL NOT KNOW EVERYTHING ABOUT HIM

I JUST REALIZED I'VE NEVER SEEN HIS EARS!

BUMSTEAD, I'M SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GIVING YOU A RAISE

YOU'RE GIVING ME A RAISE ???

GOOD HEAVENS, NO! BUT I'M SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING GIVING YOU A RAISE

WELL, AT LEAST HE'S CONSIDERING IT

**B.C.**

WHO IS YOUR FRIEND TALKING TO?

WE THINK HE'S DELIRIOUS.

THAT'S NICE. EVERYBODY SHOULD BE HAPPY.

**GEECH**

HOMER, WHAT'S IT LIKE GETTING OLDER?

OH, I DON'T LIKE IT AT ALL.

NO, I MEAN WHAT DOES IT FEEL LIKE?

WELL, IT FEELS JUST LIKE IT DID WHEN I WAS YOUNGER.

ONLY A WHOLE LOT WORSE.

**WIZARD OF ID**

HERE IS YOUR SWILL!

DO YOU HAVE TO CALL IT SWILL?

OKAY, OKAY!.. HERE'S LAST WEEK'S 'SPECIAL'

**HI AND LOIS**

HOW DID YOU HANDLE THE "EMPTY NEST" AFTER YOUR KIDS WENT TO COLLEGE?

NOT WELL!

BY THE TIME THE YOUNGEST LEFT, THE OLDEST MOVED BACK IN!

**GASOLINE ALLEY**

Whilst we go down in th' vault t' exhume th' body...

...yo' run fetch 500 feet o' stout rope an' a 30-foot ladder!

We don't need all that stuff!

Dummy! I got rid o' him! Now lets rid th' vault o' th' money!

Yes'm! I'se gone!

**SNUFFY SMITH**

WHO'S THAT VARMINT LUKEY IS DRAGGIN' HOME FROM TH' CARD GAME??

**BEEBLE BAILY**

SIR, I HAVE A MESSAGE FROM GARGE

WHAT IS IT?

GEE... I FORGOT. UM... OH, NOW I REMEMBER...

HELP!

**BLONDIE**

**FAMILY CIRCUS**

**DENNIS THE MENACE**

"You have the right to remain silent!"

"RUN FASTER, JOEY! WE DON'T HAVE A PLAN B!"

**THIS DATE IN HISTORY**

225 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On May 20, 1927, Charles Lindbergh took off from Roosevelt Field in Long Island, N.Y., aboard the Spirit of St. Louis on his historic solo flight to France.

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Today is Thursday, May 20, the 140th day of 1999. There are

**THE Daily Crossword** Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

ACROSS

- "In Cold Blood" author
- Last of a switch?
- Faucet
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- Smooth wood
- Stairway in Italy
- Arab cloak
- Seasonal Florida city
- Heel
- Lulu
- Do over again
- Annapolis grad.
- Folklore monster
- "Tristram Shandy" author

DOWN

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- Supervise
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- Weep
- Unchanged
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- Bound bundle
- Fire flakes
- Moon goddess
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- Eugene
- Arabian Sea feeder
- Public march
- GOOP rival
- Felling
- O.T. book
- Swollen stream
- Board smoother
- Get away
- Quickly
- sprawl
- Warty amphibians
- ... nous (confidentially)
- Affirm
- Spare
- Poker pot starter
- Court
- B&O and Amtrak

On this date:

In 1506, Christopher Columbus died in poverty in Spain.

In 1799, French author Honore de Balzac was born in Tours, France.

In 1861, North Carolina voted to secede from the Union.

In 1861, the capital of the Confederacy was moved from Montgomery, Ala., to Richmond, Va.

In 1902, the United States ended its occupation of Cuba.

In 1932, Amelia Earhart took off from Newfoundland for Ireland to become the first woman to fly solo across the Atlantic.

In 1939, regular transatlantic air service began as a Pan American Airways plane, the Yankee Clipper, took off from Port Washington, N.Y., bound for Europe.

In 1961, a white mob attacked a busload of Freedom Riders in Montgomery, Ala., prompting the federal government to send in U.S. marshals to restore order.

In 1969, U.S. and South Vietnamese forces captured Apbia Mountain, referred to as "Hamburger Hill" by the Americans, following one of the bloodiest battles of the Vietnam War.

In 1970, some 100,000 people demonstrated in New York's Wall Street district in support of U.S. policy in Vietnam and Cambodia.

Ten years ago: During China's pro-democracy protests, Beijing officials ordered CBS and CNN to end their live on-scene reports. Comedian Gilda Radner died in Los Angeles at age 42.

Five years ago: Tributes poured in following the death of Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis. President Clinton said of the former first lady: "She captivated our nation and the world with her intelligence, her elegance and her grace."

One year ago: The House voted overwhelmingly to block future satellite exports to China. The government unveiled the design for the new \$20 bill, featuring a larger and slightly off-center portrait of Andrew Jackson. In Beverly Hills, Calif., Hollywood royalty bid farewell to "Frank Sinatra, who had died almost a week earlier at age 82, in a private, invitation-only funeral.

Today's Birthdays: Actor James McEachin is 69. Actor Anthony Zerbe is 63. Singer Joe Cocker is 55. Singer-actress Cher is 53. Actor-comedian Dave Thomas is 50. Musician Warren Cunniff is 47. Actor Dean Butler is 43. Ron Reagan is 41. Rock musician Jane Wiedlin (The Go-Go's) is 41. Actor Bronson Pinchot is 40.

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