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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## North Birdwell Lane Methodist plans chili feed

A local church will be offering a gift to the community Saturday night. Area residents are encouraged to come out and fill up their stomachs.

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church is offering a free chili supper complete with hot dogs and Frito pie to everyone in the community.

"This is our gift to the community," said pastor Joel Miller. "We have been growing this past year and we want to let everyone know they are invited."

The event will begin at 5 p.m. and last until either the church runs out of chili or people stop coming, Miller said. The church is located at 2702 North Birdwell Lane.

This is a no-charge "lets get acquainted or re-acquainted" event, Miller said.

## WEEKEND TICKET

TODAY

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

SATURDAY

The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

American Legion Post 506 will have a fish fry Saturday, March 17 from 12 to 3 p.m. at \$6 per plate. Carry out and delivery available. 3203 West Hwy 80. 263-2084. Everyone welcome.

The Potton House, 200 Gregg, a restored historic home, is open from 1 to 5 p.m.

The Texas A&M Club, 7 p.m. in the home of Hayes and Dorothy Stripling. Elections for officers for the next year will be held and plans will be made for the second Aggie Auction, this summer.

Dance, 8:30 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third. Members and guests welcome.

Big Spring Squares. Call 267-7043 or 263-6305 for more information.

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## A&M Club wants to help others receive an education

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Applications are now available for the Howard County A&M Club scholarships for area students who have been accepted into Texas A&M University.



NIKLASCH

"I believe that it is important for our kids to go to college to further their education whether it's to TAMU, our local community college or a technical trade school, as they further their education," said president Mike Niklasch. "If student wants to go to TAMU and needs financial help, it's here for them."

The scholarships are open to students of any classification who are in financial need, have good grades,

### TO APPLY

Contact Mike Niklasch at 268-9649 or Hayes Stripling at 267-6810.

show citizenship and have been accepted to Texas A&M University.

"It is getting harder and harder to get into A&M," Niklasch said. "A student has to have good grades to get in, and we want them to maintain the grades."

Niklasch said he looks for students who are active, not just on the campus, but also have extra-curricular activities in the community either through a job, volunteer work, church or other.

"We encourage the students to return the forms as soon as possible," he said. To apply for the scholar-

ships, contact Niklasch at 268-9649 or Hayes Stripling at 267-6810 to receive an application form.

Scholarship forms need to be completed and returned to Niklasch at P.O. Box 3281, Big Spring 79721, by June 15.

Last year the club gave out six scholarships totaling around \$3,000 and Niklasch expects the club will give out around the same amount of scholarships this year.

## Western eyes production increase

Manufacturer set to invest \$5.6 million in local plant

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

Western Container Corporation announced Thursday it will invest \$5.6 million in its Big Spring plant this year — a move that will result in a 40 percent increase in manufacturing capacity.

The investment is prompted by a 15 percent growth in demand for its products last year, and a similar growth is forecast this year. Western Container makes plastic bottles for Coca-Cola bottles.

The capital investment will fund a new blow molding line capable of producing 38,000 bottles per hour, as well as supporting infrastructure and equipment, said Al Marsh, general manager of the plant.

It is expected to result in a 40 percent increase in manufacturing capacity to meet near-term and long-term growth needs. Along with the new equipment, four new jobs will be immediately added, Marsh said.

Start-up of the new line is scheduled for May.

"Some equipment we are



Al Marsh, general manager of the Big Spring Western Container Corporation facility, stands beside a production line. The company announced Thursday that it is investing \$5.6 million in a new blow molding line.

bringing in from Switzerland, some from Germany. It's being manufactured and assembled to our specifications," said Marsh. "That takes time, and then it will take more time to get it over here, set it up and test it, so we're looking to for start-up in early May right now."

When Western Container's Big Spring plant first started manufac-

turing operations in 1980, it made 30 million bottles. Last year, the Big Spring plant shipped 700 million bottles. The growth in demand has been fueled by an increased use of recyclable PET plastic bottles for carbonated soft drinks as well as the introduction of Dasani, the Coca-Cola Company's brand of bottled water.

Marsh noted that the \$5.6

million investment follows a project in conjunction with Moore Development For Big Spring Inc., which assisted with funding for a new 8,000-square-foot office complex for the plant. That opened up floor space inside the plant to accommodate the new manufacturing line.

"We are really pleased

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

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## Jail inmate faces felony counts now

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

A Howard County inmate is now facing four counts of aggravated assault of a public servant, a first degree felony that carries a punishment range of not more than 99 years or less than five years, after an altercation with jailers Thursday morning.



WALKER

According to Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker, the incident all began around 10:25 a.m. Thursday morning.

"One of the inmates, 56-year-old Albert Resendez, was being prepared to take to court on a misdemeanor charge of criminal trespass," said Walker. "When the jail staff advised Mr. Resendez that he would have to be secured with handcuffs and a belly chain and have leg irons on he became verbal and stated he wasn't going to be treated like an animal."

"After the officers explained to him that it was standard procedure and he calmed down, the jail staff attempted to secure him," continued Walker. "When they did so, Resendez grabbed a belly chain and immediately began swinging it."

Walker said that Resendez struck Sgt. Noel Hull in the face and head with the chain. At that time, other staff members reacted and took the inmate to the floor in order to secure him.

A lengthy struggle followed which resulted in minor injuries to Chief Deputy Gary Pritchett, Chief Jailer Bobby Roever, Jail Paramedic Jose Gonzales and Jailer Harold Bentley.

"Sgt. Hull was transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center by ambulance and was treated for lacerations to the face and

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## Railhead Days make tracks for Colorado City

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

COLORADO CITY — It's time once again for Railhead Days here.

According to Leigh Ann Erwin, Chamber of Commerce manager, another busy weekend is on tap.

"We have 80 vendors so far and we



ERWIN

are expecting this to increase even more by early Saturday morning," said Erwin. "We have vendors from Brownwood, Abilene, Odessa, Post, Lubbock, Andrews, Amarillo, Oklahoma and many other places in Texas as well as Oklahoma and New Mexico."

Doors will open at 9 a.m. Saturday and close at 6 p.m. while Sunday's schedule will be from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Some of the new attractions will be the Rock Wall Climb, a Gyroscope, a

Power Jump and for small children, a mini-train and pony rides.

The Gyroscope is made of circular tubing and people are strapped into it by their hands and feet and spun head over heels. The Power Jump is a reverse bungee jump in which riders are sprung into the air and pulled back by an elastic cord.

"These are fun attractions for the entire family," said Erwin. "We always try to have something for the smaller children as well, such as the pony rides and

the trains."

Among the items the vendors will have include clothing, candles, jewelry, sports memorabilia, leather goods, woodcrafts, satellite TV services and dolls.

As always, there will be plenty of food booths outside to satisfy almost any taste. There will be Poverty Hill Catering, Nix's Barbecue, the Rotary Club and the Knights of Columbus among others that will be serving up food and drinks.

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## Former residents release new CD

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Two former Big Spring residents have released a new CD and it is already getting quite a bit of play in Nashville.

Weldon Myrick, a 32-year veteran of the Grand Ole Opry staff band, and Eddie Owen of Odessa teamed up once again after playing together in the late 1950s with a group called the Circle 4 Ramblers.

The other half of the group was Ben Hall, who played guitar, and his wife Dena, who played the stand-up bass.

Before departing for Nashville almost 40 years ago, Myrick was a Big Spring police officer who would often moonlight playing steel guitar. Owen said

Weldon Myrick played steel guitar for Bill Anderson's band for a number of years before playing for Connie Smith and her band.

Myrick set a goal early in life to one day play on the Opry stage.

"Weldon loved to get together with people in the music business," said Owen. "He got to know Buddy Holly, Sonny Curtis and Johnny Duncan among many others in the recording industry. He had several songs recorded that were big locally including 'Only Seventeen' that he wrote himself. On the flip side was a song called 'Season

for Love."

Myrick played steel guitar for Bill Anderson's band for a number of years before playing for Connie Smith and her band. Anderson discovered Smith and helped get her career started.

Myrick played the steel on her career-making hit "Once a Day" and it is also on the 14-song CD that has just been released.

On the CD, 11 songs feature Myrick on the steel guitar without vocals. Owens joins Myrick on vocals for the other three with old standards such as "Curtain In The Window," "It's All Your Fault" and "Invitation To The Blues."

"Steel guitar solos include 'Legend in My Time,'" I'm

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Courtesy photo

Former Big Spring residents Weldon Myrick, left, and Eddie Owen recorded a new CD in January called "Texas to Tennessee." The two played together more than 40 years ago as part of the Circle 4 Ramblers.

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OBITUARIES

Olivia "Bimbo" Moreno

Olivia "Bimbo" Moreno, 48, loving sister, aunt and friend lost her battle with cancer on Wednesday, March 14, 2001, and has gone to see her master. A vigil service will be held at 7 p.m. this evening at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m. Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, officiating. Burial will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



Olivia was born on April 16, 1952, in Big Spring. She attended Borden County schools in Gail and completed high school in Coahoma. Olivia had worked for West Texas Security Systems and Ujohn's before caring for her parents, Bill and Christine Moreno who have both preceded her in death.

She is survived by five loving sisters; Terrie Moreno Wilson of Junction City, Kan., Carmen Moreno Brooks and Hope Moreno Lopez, both of Big Spring, Gloria Moreno Mirelez of St. George, Kan., and Elvira Moreno Castillo of Hermleigh; three loving brothers, Thomas Moreno and Ernest Moreno, both of Big Spring, and Willie Moreno of Justiceburg; one sister-in-law, Leonicia Moreno and three brothers-in-law, Madaleno Castillo, Arthur Lopez and Esefio Mirelez; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Eugene Brisenno, Lane Griffin, Joe Harding, Chris Lopez, Rick Mirelez and Aron Salazar. Honorary pallbearers will be Brandon Brooks, Alex Castillo, Mac Castillo, Mike Castillo, Nick Lopez and Jason Lopez.

The family asks that all contributions in Olivia's memory be made to the American Cancer Society,

c/o Lucy Bonner, P.O. Box 2121 Big Spring 79721, Big Spring or Community Care Hospice, 1510 Gregg St., Big Spring 79720.  
Paid obituary

John Puga

A vigil service for John Puga, 63, of Big Spring, will be held this evening at 8:30 p.m. at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral service will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 17, 2001, at St. Thomas Catholic Church with the Rev. James J. O'Plagens, officiating. Burial will be at Mount Olive Memorial Park.



Mr. Puga was born on Jan. 15, 1938, in Big Spring and was a lifetime resident. He had worked for the City of Big Spring for a number of years until retiring due to his health. He married Clara Villa on Dec. 8, 1965, in Big Spring. He was a member of St. Thomas Catholic Church and a Cursillista.

Survivors include: his wife, Clara Puga of Big Spring; one daughter, Juana Puga of Weatherford; three sisters, Andrea Nunez and Adelia Gutierrez, both of Big Spring, and Eva Chavarria of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

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

Andres E. "Shorty" Salgado

Funeral service for Andres E. Salgado, 78, of Stanton, was held today, March 16, 2001, at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Father Arturo Pestin, officiating and Deacon Ernie Sanchez assisting. Burial was at St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.

Mr. Salgado died Tuesday, March 13, at his residence.

He was born Nov. 10, 1922, in Barrancos, Chihuahua, Mexico. He was a cotton gin laborer and a rancher.

Survivors include: his wife, Juana Salgado of Stanton; six sons, Juan Salgado, Frank Salgado and Bibian Salgado, all of Stanton, Ernie Salgado of San Antonio, Nestor Salgado of Mesa, Ariz., and James Salgado of Big Spring; 11 daughters, Elia Villa, Ramona Montez, Andrea Cazares, Lupe Gonzales, Socorro Jimenez, Rosa Gonzales, Gloria Lopez, Soila Moncada, Nellie Moreno and Delma Melendez, all of Stanton, and Mary Gomez of Luther; two sisters, Jesuita Valles and Benigna Montez, both of Stanton, two brothers, Anastacio Salgado of Stanton and Ismael Salgado of Midland; 51 grandchildren; and 31 great-grandchildren.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Stanton Memorial Funeral Home & Chapel.

Robert Creech

Funeral service for Robert Creech, 65, of Odessa, is pending with Gilbreath

Funeral Home in Stanton. Mr. Creech died Thursday, March 15, in an Odessa hospital.

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with the spirit of partnership that exists between the Big Spring community and Western which allowed us to take advantage of these new opportunities," Marsh said.

"If we hadn't been able to do that, we would not be able to invest this year. It allowed us to open some existing space so that we can add this equipment," he explained.

Western Container Corporation is headquartered in Midland and operates five plastic soft drink bottle manufacturing facilities which supply Coca-Cola bottling locations in the Southern and Western regions of the United States.

Other manufacturing locations are in Houston, Rancho Cucamonga, Calif., Benicia, Calif., and Hattiesburg, Miss. The Hattiesburg plant is undergoing a previously announced \$13 million expansion project.

TRADE DAYS

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Irwin said that the Chamber of Commerce will be sponsoring a give-away throughout the two days. Vendors will be donating door prizes plus the City National Bank and the First National Bank are donating savings bonds that will be drawn for on Saturday and Sunday.

"This is usually one of our largest of the three yearly Railhead Days we hold," said Erwin.

The event will take place in the Railhead Building at First and Elm Street.

ASSAULT

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head," said Walker. The sheriff said paramedics also checked on Resendez' condition. He was treated at the scene by Gonzales and fire department paramedics for a small cut on the nose, and refused any other treatment, Walker said.

Walker said he was appreciative of the quick response by the Big Spring Police Department and the city EMS crew.

"I want to express my sincere appreciation for the prompt response and the assistance provided by the Big Spring Police Department and to the EMS crew," said Walker. "It was truly a great effort on their part."

Walker said he has placed Resendez on a 15-minute watch while he remains in the Howard County Jail.

CD

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not Lisa." "Oh, Lonesome Me." "Right or Wrong" and many others. His last cut on the CD is a gospel medley.

According to Owen, Myrick is currently work-

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ing an a Web site that will allow orders for the new CD over the Internet.

"In the next week or so you will be able to go to www.weldonmyrick.com and order the CD," said Owen. "I think it will be selling for around \$15 plus shipping and handling. They are not quite finished with the site, but should be very soon."

While Myrick continues playing in Nashville, Owen stays busy as the president of his own business in Odessa, The Decal Mart.

"We sell decals, name plates rubber stamps, stencils, flags and other items," said Owen. "I enjoy my visits to Nashville to visit Weldon and I appreciate him letting me be a part of his latest CD. It brought back a lot of memories of the old days."

SUPPORT GROUPS

TODAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad. Open to all substance abusers.

•AA, 615 Settles, 8 p.m. Big Book Study.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

SATURDAY

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly. Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

SUNDAY

•AA, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

•NA 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad. Call 268-4189 (pager no.).

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

BRIEFS

BIG SPRING DUPLICATE BRIDGE CLUB, meets Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club. New members are welcome. \$4 fee. Contact Janell Davis at 267-2656 for more information.

"PARENTS WHO CARE" WILL MEET, Monday, March 19, at 7:30 p.m. at the Big Spring High School library. All parents of the junior class are invited to attend as they prepare the "After Prom Party" for this year's senior class. For more information contact Lori Pudliner at 264-3641 or 267-7622.

TO ORGANIZE A TEAM for Relay for Life, the community-wide campout that is a fund-raising event for the American Cancer Society, call Linda

TEXAS LOTTERY

Pick 3: 5,9,8

Cash 5: 6,12,20, '36

Lottery numbers are unofficial until confirmed by the state lottery commission

Billington at 399-4408, or Gloria McDonald at 263-1234. Relay is planned May 11-12 at Blankenship Field and 65 teams are expected to participate.

THE UNITED GIRLS SOFTBALL ASSOCIATION, will hold sign-ups from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday, March 3rd, 10th and 17th at the Big Spring Mall.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today:

• ADAM HERNANDEZ VALENCIA, 40, of 608 NW 5th, arrested on charges of driving while license suspended and on possession of a controlled substance.

MARKETS

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Table with 2 columns: Stock Name and Price. Includes AT&T, Archer-Daniels, Atmos Energy, BP AMOCO, Chevron Corp, Compaq, Cornell, Dell, Du Pont, Exxon Mobil, Halliburton, IFCO Systems, IBM, Intel Corp, NUV, Patterson Ener, Pepsico Inc, Phillips Petro, SBC Comms, Sears Roebuck, Texaco Inc, Texas Instrument, TXU, Total Fina, Unocal Corp, Wal-Mart, Wal-Mart/Mexico, AMCAP, Europacific, Prime Rate, Gold, Silver.

FIRE/EMS

The following is a summary of the Big Spring Fire Department and EMS:

7:51 a.m. — 400 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

7:53 a.m. — 300 block of Gregg, traffic accident, service refused.

10:15 a.m. — 900 block of Goliad, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

10:36 a.m. — 100 block of East Fourth, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

12:18 p.m. — 500 block of Birdwell, medical call, one patient transported to SMMC.

1:11 p.m. — SMMC, one patient transported to residence.

9:03 p.m. — 2700 block of Gregg, trauma call, one patient transported to SMMC.

RECORDS

Thursday's high 64,

Thursday's low 29

Precip. Thursday 0.00

Record high \*\*\*

Record low \*\*\*

Average high \*\*\*

Average low \*\*\*

Month to date 0.09

Year to date 2.58

Sunrise Saturday 6:54 a.m.

Sunset Saturday 6:55 p.m.

Sunrise Sunday 6:52 a.m.

Sunrise Sunday 6:56 a.m.

\*\*\*indicates statistics not available.

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activities between 8 a.m. Thursday through 8 a.m. today:

• ELVERA ANN STILLWELL, 34, of Forsan, was arrested and held for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

• JOHN DANIEL RENTERIA, 22, of 1509 Vines, was arrested on two capias warrants.

• WESLEY DALE CLARK, 45, transient, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

• HECTOR RUBEN CASTENADA, 17, of 1513 Sycamore, was arrested for consumption of alcohol by a minor.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 2200 block of Lynn.

• BURGLARY OF A MOTOR VEHICLE was reported in the 2200 block of Cecilia.

• BURGLARY OF A BUILDING was reported in the 1700 block of Wasson.

• DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE was reported in the 2600 block of Chanute Drive.

RITE THEATRE 263-7480. THE RITE Theatre is now playing 1st run movies. The STAR Theatre has CLOSED for the season. \*Exit Wounds (R) Daily 7:10 & 9:40 Fri. Sun. 2:10 & 4:40. Save The Last Dance (PG-13) Daily 7:00 & 9:30 Fri. Sun. 2:00 & 4:30. Down To Earth (PG-13) Daily 7:30 & 9:20 Fri. Sun. 2:20 & 4:20.

CINEMA 4 \*15 Minutes (R) Daily: 7:20 Fri. & Sat. 10:00. See Spot Run (PG) Daily: 4:50 & 7:30 Fri. & Sat. 9:30 Sat. & Sun. 2:00. Sweet November (PG-13) Daily: 4:30 Fri. - Sun. 1:40. Crouching Tiger: Hidden Dragon (PG-13) Daily: 4:40 & 7:10 Fri. & Sat. 9:50 Fri.-Sun. 1:50. The Mexican (R) Daily: 4:20 & 7:00 Fri. & Sat. 9:40 Fri.-Sun. 1:30. ADULTS: \$5.50 \$3.25 ALL MATINEES, CHILDREN & SENIOR CITIZENS \*PASS RESTRICTED

"LIVE IN CONCERT" "ST. PATRICKS DAY" PYRO - TECHNICS AND VIRTUE TECHNO / W HIP HOP 1008 E. 11th Place 7:00 P.M. SATURDAY FOR INFO 264-0819 OH YEA DON'T FORGET TO WEAR GREEN

Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home 267-6331 www.npwelch.com. Clyde Angel, 90, died Monday. Services will be 2:00 PM Friday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Helen Opal King, 80, died Wednesday. Services will be 4:30 PM Friday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Coahoma Cemetery.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL 24th & Johnson 267-3298. Olivia "Bimbo" Moreno, 48, died Wednesday. Vigil service will be 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Immaculate Heart of Mary. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park. John Puga, 63, died Thursday. Vigil services are 8:30 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral mass will be 11:00 AM Saturday at St. Thomas Catholic Church with burial in Mt. Olive Cemetery.

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# Unions oppose McCain-Feingold campaign finance bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Organized labor has joined the opposition to a bipartisan campaign finance bill, possibly complicating prospects for legislation that was thought to have its best shot at passage in years.

The AFL-CIO long has pushed for reform. But union officials said Thursday the bill by Sens. John McCain, R-Ariz., and Russ Feingold, D-Wis., to be debated next week is so flawed that they would rather leave current laws in place.

Also Thursday, President Bush reaffirmed he would stop short of the sweeping ban of so-called soft money contributions to political parties in the McCain-Feingold bill.

In a one-page "statement of principles" sent to lawmakers, Bush said he wants to ban corporate and union donations to political parties. He would not ban individuals' party donations, as McCain and Feingold would.

"I think we ought to get rid of labor union and corporate soft money," Bush said.

Bush said he would update limits on individual giving to candidates and national parties, but he did not specify what caps he favors.

He also called for "full and prompt disclosure" of political donations and expenditures and said he favored legislation that would bar corporations from using their funds for political

activities without the permission of shareholders, and to require unions to get their members' approval before using dues for such activities.

The AFL-CIO, which represents 66 unions with more than 13 million workers, is fighting measures in the McCain-Feingold bill that would prohibit unions and corporations from running issue ads 60 days before an election and would limit coordination of political activity between special

interest groups and candidates.

"It is effectively a blackout on unions and corporations," said Larry Gold, general counsel for the AFL-CIO, which spent \$16 million on issue ads in the 1999-2000 election cycle.

Republican leaders generally oppose the McCain-Feingold legislation and have blocked previous reform efforts, but have promised two weeks of debate. With Democrats controlling 50 of the 100

Senate seats, passage appeared more promising.

But organized labor's opposition tangles the political dynamics. Unions are among the strongest supporters of Democrats — who have provided much of the backing for McCain-Feingold.

A couple of Democrats "may be getting a little nervous, or maybe even looking for an exit sign," McCain said. "We always knew this was going to be tough."

## Panel approves \$787 million for raises, benefits

AUSTIN (AP) — A Senate Finance Committee unanimously approved \$563 million in state funding Thursday for state employee pay and benefit raises. Another \$224 million in federal funding would go toward pay increases.

"We couldn't come up with enough, but it's certainly a substantial increase over what we did in better economic times," said committee Chairman Rodney Ellis, D-Houston.

The plan includes a 5 percent across-the-board pay raise for all state employees. The employees must receive a minimum raise of \$100 per month.

In addition, correctional and juvenile correctional

employees would receive an additional \$6 per month per year of service in each of the next two years.

For example, a correctional officer with 10 years of experience who currently earns \$23,380 would earn a total of \$5,622 more during the two-year period. That's on top of the general raise that all state employees would receive.

Gary Anderson, executive director of the Texas Public Employees Association, called the raises a "huge step forward for the state of Texas."

"We have said all along that if the alarming trend of higher and higher employee turnover were ever to be addressed, it would have to

be with a significant pay raise that applied across the board to all state employees," Anderson said.

A special working group studying state employee pay raises, one of the legislative session's hottest issues, made the recommendations to the finance committee.

The committee members said they were limited by the tight state budget.

"If I had it my way, I would double this," said Sen. Gonzalo Barrientos, D-Austin, head of the group.

State employee groups had called for an 8.25 percent pay raise for all state workers, which would cost the state about \$1 billion.

Last month, the House Appropriations Committee

in its budget proposal allocated \$118 million to fund pay and benefit increases for about 31,900 prison employees. That was \$171 million short of what the Texas Department of Criminal Justice asked for.

After the chambers' committees complete their individual proposals, the two sides will work out a budget compromise that will head to floors for a final vote.

State agency heads repeatedly have told state budget writers this session that their employee turnover rates are too high and that they are losing skilled workers to businesses that can pay better wages.

A state audit released in December showed the

## Restaurant owner, hotel clerk share in big reward

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — Seven Coloradans were given a total of \$425,000 in reward money Thursday for helping capture seven Texas fugitives.

The rewards were distributed during a private ceremony at police headquarters because some recipients did not want to be identified. The size of each reward varied according to the recipients' role in tracking down the inmates.

The seven inmates broke out of prison Dec. 13 and fled to Colorado. They were captured in late January on a tip from the owners of the Woodland Park RV park where they had passed themselves off as a church group.

Lowell Cannady, the police chief of Irving, Texas, distributed the reward money. The inmates are accused of a killing Irving Officer Aubrey Hawkins during a Christmas Eve robbery.

Rewards went to Jim Heitzmann, manager of the Hungry Farmer restaurant in Colorado Springs where two of the inmates left a van, and Melissa Christenson, a clerk at a Holiday Inn where the pair booked a room. The other recipients were not identified. One person sent two lawyers to pick up the check.

Heitzmann said he would split his money with seven restaurant workers. One of the workers spotted the van and all of them checked to see if it was connected with the inmates. Heitzmann called police.

He said police have always encouraged him to call about something suspicious. "If it's nothing, don't worry about it. Could turn out to be the Texas Seven, too," he said.

Christenson, 19, called police after Patrick Murphy Jr., 39, and Donald Newbury, 38, checked into the hotel, paying in cash and showing false identification. Photos of the fugitives were posted at the front desk.

Murphy and Newbury surrendered hours later. Four other inmates were arrested peacefully in an RV two days earlier and a fifth committed suicide as authorities closed in.

Christenson said she did not know a reward was being offered. Still holding the unopened envelope, she said she would use the money to "pay off bills, definitely, go on vacation, save what I can."

The mobile home park owners, Wade and Gina Holder, were expected to get a reward but did not attend an announcement after the private session.

## Open container law passes in Texas Senate

AUSTIN (AP) — Open containers of alcohol would be banned in vehicles by a bill approved in the Senate on Thursday, allowing Texas to recoup some federal highway money.

The legislation also requires people convicted of a second drunken driving offense to have an alcohol breath monitor installed in their cars.

Both provisions satisfy requirements of the federal government, which is diverting \$3 million from Texas highway construction funds into traffic safety programs because the state doesn't comply, said Sen. Jane Nelson, R-Flower Mound.

That will increase each year if the state law isn't enacted, she said.

"The added attraction of being able to save our highway construction dollars is an incentive, I think, for some senators," said Nelson, the bill's sponsor.

But, she said, her chief concern is saving lives.

"I am horrified that Texas is number one in alcohol-related traffic deaths and I think if we pass this legislation it will certainly save lives," Nelson said.

In 1999, Texas had 1,734 alcohol-related traffic fatalities, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation. California was second with 1,351 alcohol-related fatalities.

Passage of an open container law is one of the top goals of this legislative session of Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

The Senate approved the bill on a non-record vote.

The measure makes it a Class C misdemeanor punishable by up to a \$500 fine to have open containers in the passenger areas of a vehicle on a public road.

Currently only the driver can be charged with possessing an open container of alcohol, and then only if a law officer sees the driver consuming its contents.

A Texas House committee has approved an open con-

tainer bill similar to Nelson's. It awaits action by the full House.

In the 1999 legislative session, similar bills passed both the House and Senate. Both versions died before either was given final approval and sent to the governor, even though the diversion of federal highway dollars loomed as a threat.

Nelson's bill also sets new punishments for a second drunken driving offense in a five-year period. An ignition locking device would have to be installed that prevents anyone from operating the vehicle if a breath analysis detects alcohol.

Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said he was concerned that the vehicle ignition locking device is technology that is not well-developed and is only offered by one vendor. But he said he is willing to work on addressing that question as the bill moves along in the Legislature.


"I'm always worried about

passing legislation that targets just one vendor," he said.

A spokesman in Nelson's office said later in the day that there are in fact six companies offering the devices and that older technology in the devices is being updated. On the Senate floor, Nelson said the device costs about \$75 plus a monthly maintenance fee. The convicted drunken driver would have to pay for it.

An alternative of impounding the offender's vehicle might penalize other family members who need to drive the car, she said.

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each week, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **KAY SMITH**, Big Spring Art Association member, whose award-winning watercolors will be printed in 2002 in a nationally published art book. It will be Smith's second time in print.

• **BIG SPRING KIWANIS CLUB**, on another successful pancake supper.

• **SCOTT SWIFT**, Grady High School student's first-ever National Merit finalist.

• **HOWARD COUNTY**, which had an increase in population of 4 percent, up from 32,343 in the 1990 census to 33,627 in the 2000 census and the **CITY OF BIG SPRING**, which had an increase of 9.27 percent, up 25,233 from 23,093.

• **JOEL DE LA GARZA**, named senior vice president of First Bank of West Texas in Coahoma.

• **LOREN CHANDLER**, Scenic Mountain Medical Center chief executive officer, who has been promoted to executive vice president and chief operations officer of the acquisition team at Brandywine Hospital in Pennsylvania.

*Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.*

OTHER VIEWS

For most women the ultimate debasement of body and spirit is rape. Yet, despite its history as mass retribution for ethnic or national grievances, it has never been accorded the status of a major war crime — until now.

A temporary United Nations tribunal, convened to judge three former Bosnian Serb commanders charged with wartime sexual violence, convicted them of enslaving Muslim women and girls in "rape camps" during the Bosnian war.

The camps were located in or near a predominantly Muslim town during the 1992-95 war in Bosnia-Herzegovina. More than 60 witnesses told of being repeatedly attacked, some over a period of months.

The defendants were accused of more than 30 counts of crimes, including rape, torture and enslavement. Rape was used by members of the Bosnian Serb armed

forces as "an instrument of terror," said the presiding judge in delivering the guilty verdict. The commanders were sentenced from 12 to 28 years in prison.

Assessing guilt in this instance departs from the historical view of such offenses. During World War II, the Japanese military enslaved thousands of women, forcing them to serve as prostitutes for its forces. But international tribunals convened after the war did not treat that as war crimes.

Various women's groups and Amnesty International hailed the trial and its findings as a significant advance in recognizing the human rights of women. It should prove to be just that in the years ahead. After centuries of legal and moral tolerance, there is now a precedent establishing sexual violence in time of war as a crime of war. It was a long time coming.

VICTORIA ADVOCATE

Sacred places and someone who cares

The skiff bumps across Henderson Lake at a rhythmic clip, scattering egrets and ducks and turtles from logs.

We are following an abandoned oil-company canal, traveling perpendicular to insanity and the interstate. At a distance I can see the packed highway above me, part of about 15 miles of twin bridges that span the Atchafalya Basin.

Last week, same time, I was on that road, headed west, idling in place for a couple of hours as Louisiana state troopers cleared wrecks in both directions, one near Denham Springs, the other near Breaux Bridge. Friday nights on most of this nation's interstates are a bona fide natural disaster, and the lovely Atchafalya Basin bridges are no exception. Beneath four lanes, the swamp is an exotic and dark oasis for wildlife and

recreation. Above the swamp, a traffic jungle.

By the way. The president is coming to Louisiana today, stopping in Lafayette to sell his tax plan. Unless he tosses the script, the president's pitch will be short and simple. He'll trot out a typical local family as a stage prop and hear a few Cajun fiddles. He won't tarry. He won't be talking about much besides taxes.

A focused Bush certainly won't be talking about the nation's dangerously congested highways and what the next strategy should be for getting from place to place in this crowded country. Now that the interstates are bumper-to-bumper, what happens?

I often wonder what motivated sleepy-eyed President Eisenhower to take such a radical, practical — a few said Communist-inspired — step to build the nation's first interstate system. It seems a much more direct solution to an everyday problem than you get today from any politician, far too concrete and visionary.

Times were simpler then, I guess.

Bush says education is a top priority, but at this pit stop he probably won't talk about the public-school cri-

sis going on right now, right here in this state. Teachers are staging "sick-outs" in protest of low pay and a governor loath to correct that.

Raising teacher pay is far too obvious a way to improve public schools to be the plan of choice for politicians. They'd rather debate the merits of a voucher plan that would drain public schools not only of money but of students.

The local family Bush chose to illustrate his tax-cut benefits, by the way, has two teachers in it. Both reportedly work two jobs to make ends meet.

My little boat rocks along, past pipe that once carried oil from this swamp but now rusts in place like a long-lost, once-cherished necklace. This trip Bush won't be talking about his proposed solution to the energy crisis, either, but if he did, it no doubt would involve mention of his year to drill in the Alaskan wilderness. Anyone who thinks that's a good idea should take a Louisiana boat ride, where oil companies have come and gone and left paraphernalia and pollution behind as proof they've been. Some places

should be sacred. The swamp is one. Alaskan wilderness is another.

"Tax cut" has a nice ring — like "clean air" or "apple pie." But cutting taxes or raising them doesn't in and of itself solve problems. To get anything done there has to be money, of course, but there's something far more important than that. There have to be worthy ideas behind that money.

Somebody has to come up with new, revolutionary ideas for solving the real problems of a new century. Politicians need to end the tug of war on the purse strings and think about how they will use our money once they decide how much of it they want. "Selling" a tax cut to the working class is about like selling ice cubes on the beach. Especially if you neglect to tell them what you're taking away with the other hand.

But I'd much rather hear ideas than idle promises about tax cuts, retro or otherwise.

I'd rather hear that someone is thinking, at least, about something more than throwing a bone back to the masses.

We need a leader willing to rock the boat.



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School shooting: We're failing our kids

By MELISSA STOELTJE  
Guest Columnist

Once again, images we've become tragically familiar with scenes flashed across our TV screens: Students weeping in parking lots; parents frozen in fear. Once again, we read the familiar story line: Outsider kid goes nuts, seeks revenge via father's gun. Once again, a large suburban school in middle America is the scene of carnage.

On March 5, 15-year-old Andy Williams became the latest disturbed young male to vent his rage at school, leaving two dead, 13 injured. Officials could divine no motivation for his actions, they said. "There is no real answer," said a district attorney.

That's a cop-out. Disentangling the threads of why kids such as Williams kill is complicated. It's tempting to grasp at surface answers: violent video games, ugly music, the accessibility of firearms, which is a huge part of the problem, but not all of it. Not to excuse

Williams' terrible crime, but we must look at underlying forces that led him to grab that gun.

We know he came from a broken home. Was a scrawny "wannabe skater" whom peers routinely humiliated, robbed. He drank, smoked pot. All of this speaks to a child adrift. I ask: Where was Dad? Did he never say, "Son, you seem down. What's up?" Was there no adult in Williams' life who cared enough to listen to his pain, teach him skills to deal with it?

"Of course there's an answer," says child expert Diane Ross Glazer. "This boy was running on empty. He spends most of his day at school, which is probably torture, then he goes home and smokes and drinks to fill the emptiness." Williams attended a school of 1,900, the kind of place where it's easy to get lost or miss whatever life-lines are thrown.

"And all the focus thus far has been on reducing aggression in kids," says psychologist Myrna Shure.

"But the kids involved in the major school shootings, from Columbine to now, haven't been 'aggressive' kids. They've been victims, outcasts."

America wants to turn school shootings into a law-and-order issue, but at core it's a mental-health issue. Some have called childhood depression a "hidden epidemic."

"What it can look like is a kid who is quiet, meek, maybe tormented by peers," says school psychologist Susan Swearer. "Then one day the child just can't take it anymore. He snaps."

Not to deny urban schools their problems, but what is it about suburban schools that seems to breed such massacres? Experts cite cliques, pecking orders, parents too busy to pay attention to their kids. I watched my son watch the news from California. He, too, attends a large suburban campus. The odds of this happening at your school are small, I told him. I know, Mom, he said, trying to sound casual.

But no parent can guarantee safety anymore. Schoolyard bullying, spurned high school romances these things have been around forever. What's new is the number of angry, dysfunctional young males floating about in anonymous schools unplugged from family, from support systems. Add guns, and is it any wonder blood results?

President Bush called the shooting "a disgraceful act of cowardice." The real cowardice belongs to a nation unwilling to face the need for deep-seated change: in our education systems, gun laws, a pervasive corporate culture that puts profits before family, a society that creates "winners" and "losers," a political will that pours billions into missiles but not the mental-health systems that might've saved a drowning soul like Williams.

But we won't do any of those things. We'll shake our heads, click our tongues.

And gasp anew when tragedy strikes again.



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The letter can be mailed to Ron Alton, One Scenic Drive, Big Spring 79720. His name or address shouldn't be on the letterhead copy!

Alton will forward these letters to the West Texas Men of Integrity, who will channel them to the PK-Colorado offices. March 26th is the deadline.

First Assembly of God

This Sunday will be a special celebration of praise and thanksgiving at First Assembly of God. Pastor R.T. Havener and the congregation will be celebrating the completion of a complete remodeling and refurbishing of the interior of their building. You are invited to join them in both the 10:40 a.m. and 6 p.m. service as they celebrate and thank God for these beautiful improvements.

Pastor Havener will be continuing a series of sermons at 10:40 a.m. on the seven last utterances of Jesus on the Cross. The message this Sunday will be entitled "Why Hast Thou Forsaken Me."

In the evening service at 6 Pastor Havener will speak on "The Millennial Reign of Christ." This message is the sixth in a series of messages on "End Time Prophetic Events." This sermon will deal with the thousand years when Christ will rule here on this Earth and will

explain what life will be like and the form of government and much more. You are invited to join Pastor Havener and the congregation at Fourth and Lancaster for this exciting day of worship.

Baptist Temple

Baptist Temple Church Women's Enrichment Ministry presents Bonnie R. Wheat author of "God Gives a Song" Thursday, March 22, 2001, beginning at 6 p.m. A nursery will be provided. For more information please call the church office at 267-8287.

We are preparing for "Worship Revival" with Evangelist Jeff Payne beginning March 25 at 9:45 a.m. and 6 p.m., and continuing Monday - Friday at 7 p.m. Come join this time of revival and see what blessings God has for you!

First Christian Church

Dr. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church will deliver the sermon, "Repentance: Poor Little Misunderstood Word" at the 10:50 a.m. worship service. The youth will meet at 4 p.m. for activities under the leadership of Ricky Simpson.

On Wednesday night we will take a break from watching our video series on the death and resurrection of Jesus and participate in St. Mary's Episcopal's Lenten Program. Their program begins at 6 p.m. with an All-Parish Pot Luck Supper. At 6:30, Dr. Watson will present the program: "The Meaning and Practice of Lent in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Saturday, March 17, 2001:

Take your time to think and reflect this year. You gain by seeking out information carefully and verifying it with your own inner sense. You will take strong steps, whether they are professional or personal. You will want to change your image and/or profession. If you are single, you are likely to meet someone special soon. This person could change how you feel about relationships. If attached, you two revive your bond this year. CAPRICORN will always be your friend.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Confusion clears. You feel more at peace with someone than you have for a while. Take your time when considering changes. Start talking with another about travel plans. You might want to do something different this year. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Make phone calls and reach out for others. You have a way of bringing others together. News from a friend that is overdue appears shortly. Review recent spending, with an eye to a long-term goal. Discuss this with a partner or loved one. Tonight: Go to a music spot.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* Someone makes over-

tures that make you smile. Not everything is as it seems. Refuse to be cornered by another's thinking. Your understanding makes a big difference in the outcome of events. Listen to a parent or someone you respect. Get going with your taxes. Tonight: Party with a loved one.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* If you aren't going to a St. Patrick's Day party, consider orchestrating your own celebration at home. News from a friend or loved one at a distance does make a big difference in how you feel. Bring others together. Celebrate the moment and the day. Tonight: Where the action is.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Dig into a project with a partner or friend, and you'll bond deeply. You could misread a child or loved one. Express your happiness and positive feelings. Others respond to your high energy and caring. You even make work fun. Tonight: Put up your feet.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)

\*\*\*\* Your wild imagination knows no limits. Feedback from others gives you important direction. A relationship could be changing. As a result, you might want to arrange a domestic situation. Take your time and think about what you are doing. Tonight: Do only what you think is fun.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)

\*\*\*\* You might want to stay close to home. Invite others

over to join you. A project you have been putting off can no longer be put on hold. Understand what another is really saying. Clarity in communication remains key. Tonight: Order in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)

\*\*\*\* Discussions take you down new avenues. What might seem like an emotional or financial bonanza could prove to be most tempting. Establish limits with a clear eye. You understand a lot more than you reveal. Recheck a financial agreement. Tonight: Out and about.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

\*\*\*\* Discussions within the home or your immediate family complete a circle. You might not understand where another is coming from. A change you have been pondering could be taking far too long. Don't hesitate to start acting on it. Tonight: Your treat.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

\*\*\*\* You're in the mood for celebration and enjoying yourself. You might feel as if you could paint the town green, whether you are Irish or not. Invite some friends to celebrate. News confirms something you heard in early February. Tonight: It is your call.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

\*\*\*\* You might want to establish limits within a relationship. Though you're not exactly sure where you

are going, changes are afoot. A relationship could be developing into more of a friendship, or a friendship into a love relationship. Understand the possibilities. Tonight: You don't have to spill the beans.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* Recognize what you have been avoiding for the past month and a half. Don't hold back any longer; instead, express your feelings meaningfully. Understand what it is that you want from your work and life. Tonight: In the limelight.

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Mother obsessed with her daughter's wedding

Dear Ann Landers: My mother has been obsessed with my wedding for as far back as I can remember. She has described the gown and veil I should wear, the floral bouquet I should carry, and has also decided where the ceremony should take place, what food she wants served, and so on. When I was older and didn't date much, her constant obsession was upsetting and depressed me. She would buy brides' magazines and occasionally bring home items "for the future reception," such as cake toppers, fancy cutting knives and champagne flutes. I told her to please stop, at least until I found someone to marry, but she would not listen. There were months when we barely spoke to each other.



ANN LANDERS

Two years ago, I met someone special and moved out East to be with him. We hope to be married sometime in the near future. The problem, of course, is that my mother wants to take over. She insists that I get married in my hometown and says she has all the

plans in place. When I told her I want to be married here, she said I was being unfair and threatened not to come to the wedding. I am not even officially engaged yet, and my mother is driving me to distraction about "the wedding." Please help me work this out.

-- At the End of My Rope Out East

Dear End of Your Rope: Lord deliver us from mothers who want to relive their lives through their daughters. Fate has given you one of those.

The questions you have asked are ones you must find answers to yourself. I cannot help you. I don't know your mother's age, her state of mental health, whether there are other daughters in the family, and how your fiancée feels about her aggressiveness and her insistence on taking charge.

You must decide how much "direction" you are willing to tolerate, and let her know when she has exceeded the limit. Don't be afraid to stick to your guns. This is YOUR wedding, and you should have the final say.

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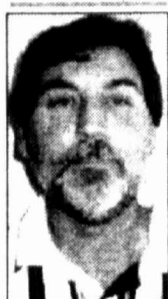
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## There are so many things God can teach us during times such as spring break

As I write this article I am getting prepared to take my children on a whirlwind trip to Big Bend and the Davis Mountains for spring break. When this article is published I'll already be back. So I can't tell you what we experienced in the mountains, but I can tell you what we hope to experience.



JIMMY WATSON

We hope that spring break will literally help us break away from the busy distractions of life just long enough to catch a sight, a sound, a smell, a touch and a taste of God's good creation. I call this "Spring Break Theology." Just when winter is beginning to loosen her cold, stiff hands from our collective throats (literally, for those of us who suffer allergies), spring comes along, awakening our five senses to the wonder of nature.

Theologically, there are several things I hope my children will learn on this trip. I will discuss these items in the order of our proposed itinerary. First, on Monday we will visit Big Bend National Park. My children have rarely seen mountains this majestic. The mountains tell us that God was not content to create a flat, dull, boring world. Instead, this world is full of "ups and downs," "peaks and valleys," "highs and lows." The "highs" should never be taken for granted in this life. God has created life to be complicated and while mountain-climbers can often make it on their own, it is far better to work together to "scale the slopes" of life.

Monday evening we hope to see the Marfa "lights." I've never heard a good explanation for these mysterious lights, although there has to be one. Nevertheless, I hope that my children sense from this experience that, despite the progress of science in the last few centuries, there is still a great deal of mystery in God's creation.

Not everything can be explained. Not everything has an answer. I want my

children to learn that they don't have to have an answer for everything, whether they are observing strange lights or contemplating the mysteries of God. I want them to remain "open" to possibilities and potentialities as long as they live.

On Tuesday we will visit the old fort at Fort Davis. Here I hope my children will develop a greater sense of being connected with history. When we ignore history we tend to become narcissistic. We think the world revolves around us and always has! When we fail to see history we also fail to see God acting in history. And if we don't understand that, then we are less likely to perceive God acting in the present. I also want my children to learn that the history of humanity has not always been "nice."

Forts are symbolic of sin. Old western forts were built simply because relationships had been damaged or severed between people. I want my children to see a fort that is a relic of the past rather than a source of power and evil in the present. Maybe they will sense that God has acted in history in a way that inevitably brings forgiveness and peace out of hate and war.

Finally, on Tuesday evening we will join a "star-gazing party" at the observatory. What I want my children to learn, theologically, at this point is very obvious. God's creation is beyond description. It defies our imaginations.

When we look through powerful, but limited, telescopes at the stars and planets, we can't help but fall on our knees in humility. I happen to share the theological perspective that as the universe expands, so does God. If that is true, then Spring Break will come to mean, for us, a time when religious pride and arrogance is "broken." Our view of God will hopefully expand in such a way that typical teenage narcissism and anthropocentrism will be broken on the altar of the utter majesty of God's universe.

Finally, my hope is that my children will discover a God that cannot be put in a box, much less seen through the lens of a telescope.

Jimmy Watson is pastor of First Christian Church.

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## CHURCH NEWS

### Southwest Festival of Gospel Music

The Trinity Baptist Church auditorium will host the Fourth Annual Southwest Festival of Gospel Music tonight at 7, 810 E. 11th Place. Gospel groups, including the Brashear's, the Master's Touch, Homeland, Shade Tree Gospel and The Herrin Family, are scheduled to perform.

Tickets are available at the door for \$8 each, or in advance at the church, East Side Baptist, KBYG, the Master's Touch Bookstore and Nannie's Attic, for \$6 each.

For information, call Don Clevenger, (915) 366-8166.

### College Baptist Church

We will be hosting a vacation Bible school rally on Saturday from 1-4 p.m. The rally will be a theme-interpretation and a clinic for all those using or are interested in Life Ways Truth Tracker Material. This is open to everyone in the community.

Serendipity, a woman's ministry at CBC will be Monday from 6-8 p.m. The theme will be spring cleaning and the menu will include taco salad and pretzel salad for dessert.

A special presentation will be given by Linda White, and all those attending are asked to bring a bar of soap. All soap will be donated to the Hospitality House.

A nursery is provided through sixth grade.

Ten girls and three sponsors of Koinonia went to Fort Worth for a four-day mission trip. They worked in a soup kitchen and a food bank.

### North Birdwell Lane United Methodist

North Birdwell Lane United Methodist Church members urge everyone to come out to the church at 2702 North Birdwell Saturday for chili, beans and hot dogs.

This is being offered to the entire community as a gift from the members.

Everyone is invited and encouraged to come as early after 5 p.m. as possible so

they will be sure to be served. Serving will end whenever the food is gone. This is a no-charge "lets get acquainted or re-acquainted" fun event.

In addition to being a neighborhood block party this is a community-wide block party.

All young people ages 6-12 who are interested in spending an hour or so studying the Bible, learning crafts or just visiting and having a good time are urged to have their parents contact Pastor Joel Miller at 263-2536 or Madeline Boadle at 267-2203. They have formed a group called "Kids 'N Fun" which will meet each Tuesday at 4:30.

Be sure to mark your calendars for the week of June 18-22 for the second annual Vacation Bible School. Plans are underway for an exciting study of travel through places and events of the Bible.

More details will be available as we continue with plans. Anyone wishing to have the pleasure of working with young people, please contact Pastor Miller.

Exciting things are happening at North Birdwell. If you do not have a church home, we invite to come and participate in this loving, spirit-filled church. Worship service begins at 9:30 a.m. with Sunday School classes beginning at 10:30.

### Kingdom Class at FUMC

Nancy Patrick, our first teacher, and two members started and named the Kingdom Class. We grew to eight members and William Moren became the teacher. We grew to 12 members and out of the library to our present location of Youth Hall and near the kitchen. We have a teacher Shelley Smith Erin, who replaced William.

We have had Rummage Sales each Summer since 1990. We have had Annual Dinners since 1990. (Back then it was held at lunch on Aug. 4.) It is now held in April or May at supper.

We teach adult mentally ill and mentally retarded members and any other adult who would like to join or visit us.

We have always given to local charities. We vote on how, where and the amount we spend on charities. We bought Bibles for our class two times. We are planning

awards and games in Garret Hall and a dinner at Furr's Cafeteria.

Our class officers are: Shelley Smith, teacher, William Moren, president, Jamerson Phelps, vice president, Marty Thursten, treasurer, Rita Ray, secretary and Ricky Winn, sergeant at arms.

Elections are held each year in July. Class is from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. Come visit and join us for our Bible Study. We have donuts, coffee, Kool Aid (artificially sweetened) and tea for refreshments.

### St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Lent's "Stations of the Cross" service will be today, March 16, beginning at 12:05 p.m. in the church. "Stations of the Cross" will be held every Friday until Palm Sunday.

The Brotherhood of St. Andrew will have their monthly meeting and breakfast on Saturday, March 17, starting at 8 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

The St. Therese's Guild of Parish Gardeners will meet this Saturday, March 17, 8:30 a.m. We will be working in the Bennett Garden. Please bring your gardening tools.

The Episcopal Church Women will have a meeting on Sunday, March 18, 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

On Monday, March 19, the Vestry will meet at 5:30 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

St. Mary's 2001 Lenten Program's theme is "How Lent is Observed in My Tradition." Area clergy from a variety of Christian traditions will discuss the meaning and observation of Lent in their churches. On Wednesday, March 21, our guest speaker will be the Rev. Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church. The program begins at 6 p.m. with an All-Parish Pot Luck Supper. The presentation will begin at 6:30 p.m. Child care will be provided. All are welcome.

### Coahoma Church of Christ

Ted Kell will be returning for a sermon series at Coahoma Church of Christ on Sunday, March 25, 2001.

The theme for his series of lessons will be "Deepening Our Roots of Faith." The gospel meeting will continue through Wednesday, March 28. Ted will speak at 9:30 a.m., 10:20 a.m., and 6 p.m. on Sunday and at 7 p.m. Monday through Wednesday.

There will be a fellowship dinner following the Sunday morning services. Everyone is welcome to come hear the word of God and then share in the meal with us. Call 394-4277 for more information.

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For more ir call 264-2366.

### Last chance sign-up for sc

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There will be certification offered March April 1 at the l Family YMCA.

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To register cc Owens St. or s tration fee to t P.O. Box 1428.

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#### COLLEGE BASKET

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#### GOLF

Noon — LPGA

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### IN BRIEF

#### Varsity netter scores gold in tournament

Lady Steer's Vicki Parnell competed in the BRTC tennis tournament in Lubbock.

She won the gold in all of her singles and doubles matches.

She played five single matches and three doubles matches with partner Lori Vasquez from Lubbock.

#### Chicano golfers to hold Sunday tourney

The Chicano golf association will hold its monthly golf tournament at the Comanche Trail golf course.

The tournament will be a full person selective drive and all players must register by 9:45 Sunday.

For more information call 264-2366.

#### Last chance to sign-up for softball

The last chance for the United Girls Softball Association sign-ups will be 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

#### Lifeguard certification course offered

There will be a lifeguard certification course offered March 30-31 and April 1 at the Big Spring Family YMCA.

The cost is \$100 per person and the fee includes first aid and CPR certifications.

To register come by 801 Owens St. or send registration fee to the YMCA, P.O. Box 1428.

#### Little league baseball umpires needed

The Little League Umpires Association is looking for anyone interested in umpiring baseball games this season.

For more information, call Don Hogan at 267-7421 or 394-4938 after 6 p.m.

#### Little league softball umpires needed

Umpires are needed for girls fast-pitch softball for girls ages 4 and up.

For more information contact Pat at 264-0634.

#### Youngs' Spring softball tournament

There will be a softball tournament March 23-25 at Comanche Trail Park.

The entry fee is \$110. The deadline to register will be 9 p.m. March 22.

For more information contact David at 697-5705 or Bryan at 264-6673.

### AREA GAMES

#### TODAY

##### JUCO BASEBALL

• New Mexico Military at Howard College. Noon.

##### JUCO SOFTBALL

• Howard College at Pima Tournament.

##### H.S. SOFTBALL

• Coahoma at San Marcos Tournament.

• Big Spring at Andrews.

### ON THE AIR

#### Radio

##### H.S. SOFTBALL

6 p.m. — Lady Steers at Andrews, KBST 1490 A.M.

#### Television

##### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

NCAA tournament, regional coverage, first round games

##### Men

11 a.m. — East Regional, CBS, Ch. 7.

6:30 p.m. — West Regional, CBS, Ch. 7.

##### Women

6 p.m. — Missouri vs. Wisconsin, ESPN, Ch. 30.

##### GOLF

Noon — LPGA, second round, ESPN, Ch. 30.

3 p.m. — Bay Hill Invitational, second round, USA, Ch. 38.

## All-district selections recognize a number of local players

HERALD Staff Reports

After a close run at the third place spot in district to qualify for the playoffs, the Lady Steers finished the season at 18-9 overall and 6-7 in district. Senior guard Melissa Forth and freshman guard Kim Wrightsil received all-district selections. Forth was named to the second all-district team while Wrightsil received newcomer of the year.

Other honorees in District 4-4A went to Plainview's Chelsi Welch who was named most valuable player while Plainview's Danny Wrenn was named coach of the year. The other co-newcomer of the year honors went to Andrews' freshman Brittney Courtney.

The first team honors went to

Snyder's Ashley Delce, Plainview's Alesha Robertson and Stephanie Shaw as well as Levelland's Mika Robertson and Tawanna Flowers.

Second team all-district honors were awarded to Frenship's Stacy Russell, Estacado's Dana Davis, Plainview's Brittany Reinart and Andrew's Katie Fariss.

The third team honors went to Levelland's Tara Vaughan, Frenship's Jennifer Bagwell, Snyder's T'Leah Eicke, Estacado's Amber Shephard and Plainview's Tojijay Thompson.

In district 3-2A, senior guard Kortney Kemper was selected as the most valuable player. The Bulldogettes ended their season in style making a run in the playoffs after winning the area champi-

onship over Colorado City.

Newcomer of the year honors went to Stanton's freshman Kristi Bridges, while Seagraves junior Quneshia Griffin received defensive player of the year.

The first team all-district selections included Coahoma's Karen Sterling, Brandie Hart, Kynzi Roberts; Plains' Chelsi Wagnon; Stanton's Jessica Thompson; Seagraves' Soli Quintanilla, E. Terrell, C. Wilson; Colorado City's Alison Lopez, Kassi Redwine and Vanessa Quintero.

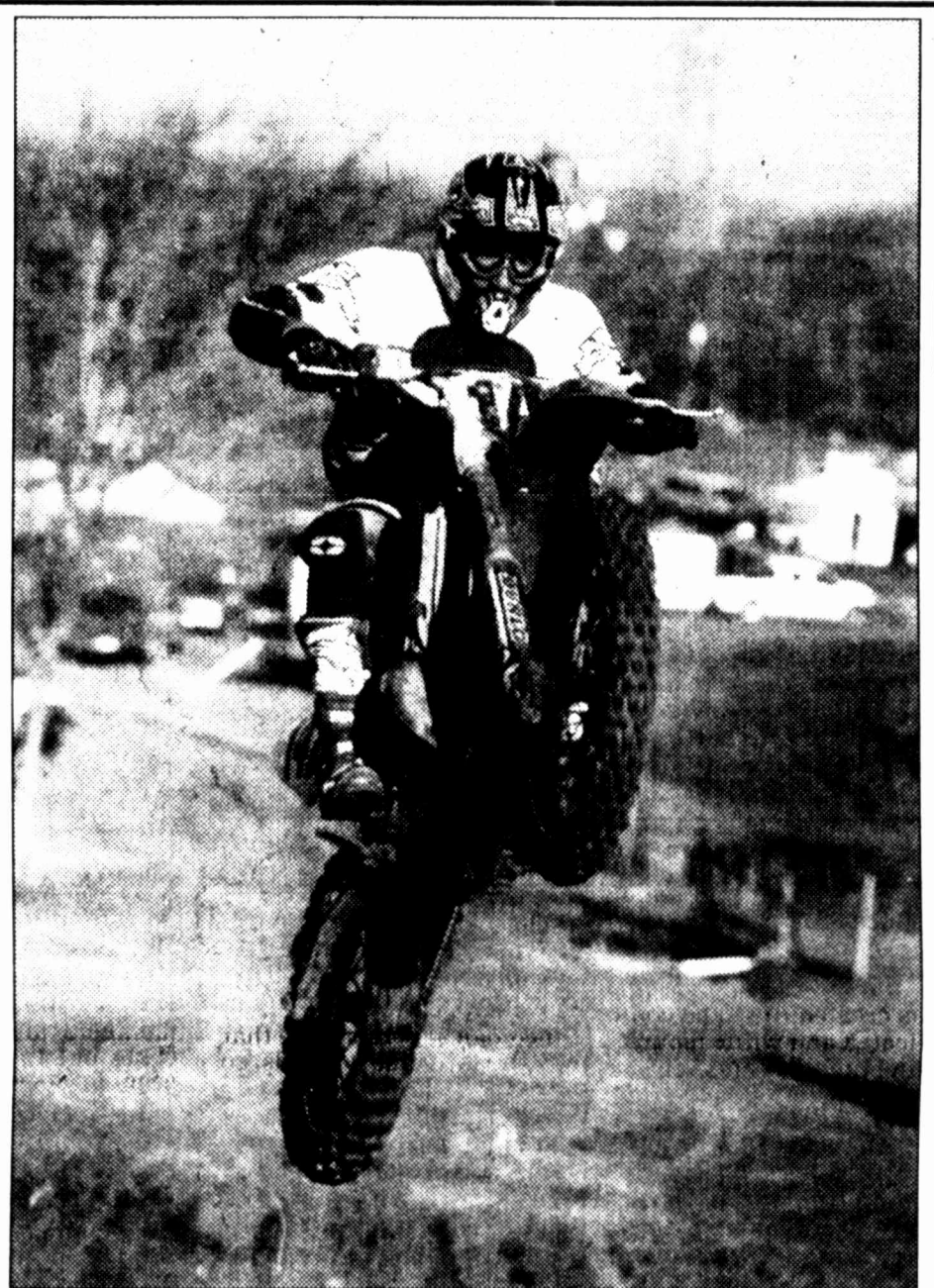
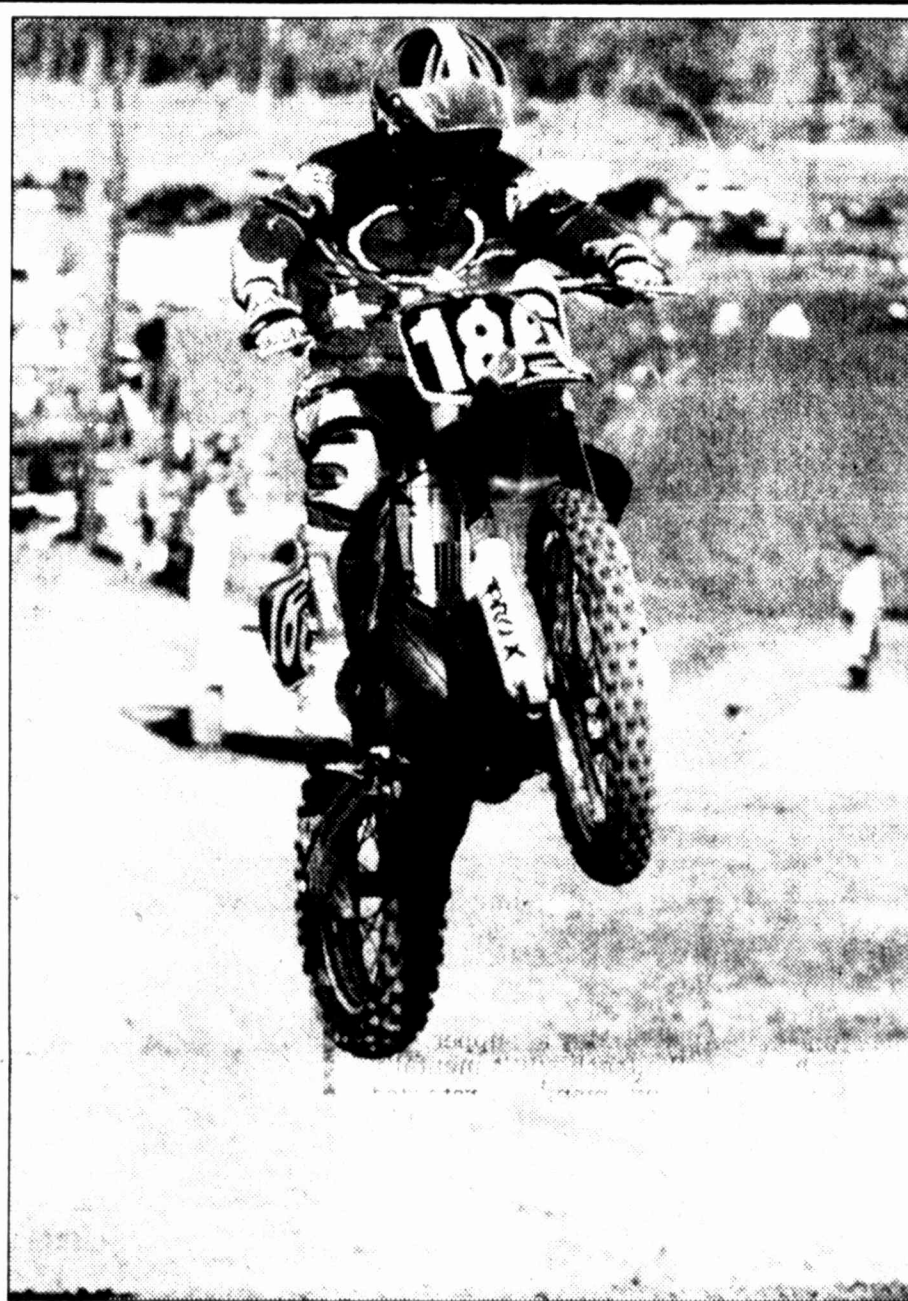
The second team all-district selections went to Coahoma's Crystal Atkinson; Stanton's Lyndsey Newell and Christy Salgado; Seagraves' S. Rodriguez; Forsan's Codi Graves and Chelsea Burgess; Plains' Lexi

Warren and Chelsea Blount; Colorado City's Kim Rivera and Teri Pharris.

All-district honorable mentions were Coahoma's Kenni Kay Buchanan, Ashley Lang, Lauren Nichols, Stephanie Sparks, Kayla Smith and Rachel Williams.

For the boy's 3-2A district selection, Colorado City's Marquise Lenard was named as the most valuable player while the wolves head coach Barry Kimball received coach of the year honors. The Co-newcomer of the year honors went to Colorado City's Jacobie Russell and Coahoma's Chase Davis. The Co-defensive player of the year award went to Stanton's Clay White and

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Duane Fulgham and Ben Moses take a couple of jumps during the Texas Winter Series competition at Village Creek. Both boys are members of the RJRDB motocross team and have competed in a number of races since they began racing. The next test will be to qualify for AMA Youth Nationals to be held in Hurrican Mills, TN.

## Motocross teamsters are riding in style

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

It's a sport unlike any other — Motocross racing!

It involves a lot of concentration, hard work and skill, but even more obvious, it demands tons of nerve.

The RJRDB Motocross race team consists of five members, Ryan Wester, John Rieland, Ryan Vaffar, Duane Fulgham and Ben Moses. And if you haven't noticed, the name speaks for itself.

What started out as a bunch of friends racing together ended up a year later as a team of racers. Although the team is a young group, some of the members consider racing as an added part of their everyday living.

Fulgham has been racing since he was 12 years old and five years later it all still seems to come naturally for him.

His father, Kenneth Fulgham who raced in town when there was a track at the Optimus Club knows

how much work it takes for these guys to be racing so well at the different levels.

He recalled a time, about a year and a half ago, when his son was racing at New Holm near Lubbock. He was going through rhythm sections when he fell off and was paralyzed for about five hours. He was air lifted to a hospital in Lubbock and when he finally woke up the first words uttered from his mouth to his father were, "I need a faster bike." From then on it's been one race after another.

The motocross team competed in the FMF/Honda of Houston, Texas Winter Series traveling to Wortham, Texarkana, Lake Whitney and Village Creek in Ft. Worth all finishing in excellent standings in their division.

The winter season usually isn't as busy as the summer season for the team but the guys got the opportunity compete among a number of other racers.

Fulgham finished in fourth place in the 250cc intermediate division,

Moses placed seventh in the 125cc division while Wester who competed in both divisions, placed 17th in the 250cc division.

For the team, practice plays a major part in the preparation process. For Fulgham, practices consist of lifting weights throughout the week and getting practice time on the bike doing various runs. The team practices at the West Texas Motocross Park in Midland and the gravel pit in Coahoma.

On average, the team races about two times a month and compete every month during the summer. There are four competing levels starting with beginner, novice, intermediate expert and professional. Moses, who seems to have a lot of potential, has been moving up pretty quick. He started out as a beginner and since his 14th place finish in his first race, he has moved up to novice. Rieland hasn't been racing very long but has also moved up to the novice level.

Of course, the other side of racing

like many sports is the cost that comes with the territory. The average bike may run about \$6,000. After getting the proper adjustments to fit the rider as well as new pipes the cost could shoot up another three grand. But when you're a talent like the RJRDB team, then it's well worth it.

For some of the guys, a professional career may be of interest. If the team keeps moving up the ladder not only will they draw the fans and sponsorship but they'll open the gates for a flood of opportunities.

The team is preparing for the Texas Summer Series but what's next on the team's agenda is to qualify for the Loretta Lynn Ranch AMA Amateur and Youth National Championship in Hurricane Mills, TN.

In order to qualify, the guys have to get through the regional competition held at Village Creek. If the guys qualify that weekend then they'll be on their way to nationals March 25.

## Upsets highlight NCAA tournament's first round games

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Seeded low and lightly regarded, Hampton, Georgia State and Utah State rocked the NCAA tournament.

Upsets and close calls filled the first half of the tournament's opening round Thursday, with 15th-seeded Hampton punctuating a wild four-game set in Boise, Idaho, in West Regional games.

Last year, three teams seeded 10th or lower won first-round games. With just half the first round completed, five double-digit seeds have advanced to the second round.

Hampton beat second-seeded Iowa State 58-57. No. 11 Georgia State beat sixth-seeded Wisconsin 50-49, and 10th-seeded Georgetown stopped No. 7 Arkansas 63-61. Third-seeded Maryland avoided an upset, holding on for a 83-80 win over

George Mason.

The combined seven-point margin of victory in the Boise subregional shattered the previous record for the closest four-game regional. The four games at the 1998 East Regional in Washington, D.C., were decided by 17 points, as was the 1986 Midwest Regional in Minneapolis.

In other first-round upsets, No. 13 Kent State beat fourth-seeded Indiana 77-73 in a West Regional game in San Diego, and No. 12 Utah State stopped No. 5 Ohio State 77-68 in overtime in an East Regional game in Greensboro, N.C.

Tarvis Williams flipped in a 4-footer in the lane with 6.9 seconds remaining as Mid-Eastern Athletic Conference champion Hampton stunned Iowa State.

Jamaal Tinsley missed a layup with 1.2 seconds to go, setting off a

celebration as the Pirates (25-6) and their fans stormed the floor.

Hampton, making its first NCAA tournament appearance, became the fourth 15th seed to beat a No. 2 since the tournament expanded to 16 seeds per region in 1985.

"It was a great win. I thought our kids persevered," coach Steve Merfeld said. "They took control of the game, but we just hung in there and hung in there."

The Cyclones (25-6), who came within one game of the Final Four last season, left the court in shock.

"It's just devastating to go out like this," Iowa State guard Kantrail Horton said.

Georgia State, led by former Maryland coach Lefty Driesell, knocked off the sixth-seeded Badgers to set up a second-round showdown with the Terrapins.

"I told my team this might be the greatest win I've ever had," said Driesell, fired by Maryland 15 years ago. "We came back in the second half and showed what kind of club we have."

Georgia State's Darryl Cooper made a four-point play and a steal to set up the game-winning basket in the final minute. The win wasn't sealed until Wisconsin's Mark Vershaw missed two free throws with 3.2 seconds to play.

Kevin Morris led Georgia State (29-4) with 18 points. Mark Vershaw had 19 for Wisconsin (18-11), which played in the Final Four last year.

Maryland (22-10) used Steve Blake's late 3-pointer and Juan Dixon's two free throws with 4.9 seconds left to beat George Mason

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EAST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 15
Kentucky 72, Holy Cross 68
Iowa 69, Creighton 56
Boston College 68, Southern Utah 65
So. California 69, Oklahoma State 54
Utah State 77, Ohio State 68, OT
UCLA 61, Hofstra 48
Duke 95, Moremouth, N.J. 52
Missouri 70, Georgia 58

Second Round

Saturday, March 17
Boston College vs. So. California, 4:30 p.m.
Kentucky vs. Iowa, 30 minutes after previous game
Duke vs. Missouri, 12:10 p.m.
UCLA vs. Utah State, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 22
Kentucky-Iowa winner vs. Boston College-Southern California winner
Duke-Missouri winner vs. UCLA-Utah State winner

Regional Championship

Saturday, March 24
Semifinal winners

SOUTH REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 16
Virginia vs. Gonzaga, 11:25 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Indiana State, 30 minutes after previous game
Michigan State vs. Alabama State, 6:40 p.m.
California vs. Fresno State, 30 minutes after previous game
Texas vs. Temple, 11:30 p.m.
Florida vs. Western Kentucky, 30 minutes after previous game
Penn State vs. Providence, 6:50 p.m.
North Carolina vs. Princeton, 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round

Sunday, March 18
Oklahoma-Indiana State winner vs. Virginia-Gonzaga winner, 1:15 p.m.
Michigan State-Alabama State winner vs. California-Fresno State winner, 30 minutes after previous game
Florida-Western Kentucky winner vs. Texas-Temple winner, 1:30 p.m.
North Carolina-Princeton winner vs. Penn State-Providence winner, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 23
Michigan State-Alabama State-California-Fresno State winner vs. Oklahoma-Indiana State-Virginia-Gonzaga winner
North Carolina-Princeton-Penn State-Providence winner vs. Florida-Western Kentucky-Texas-Temple winner

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 16
Illinois vs. Northwestern State, 11:15 a.m.
Tennessee vs. Charlotte, 30 minutes after previous game
Kansas vs. Cal State Northridge, 6:40 p.m.
Syracuse vs. Hawaii, 30 minutes after previous game
Wake Forest vs. Butler, 11:30 a.m.
Arizona vs. Eastern Illinois, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 23
Illinois-Northwestern State winner-Tennessee-Charlotte winner vs. Kansas-Cal State Northridge-Syracuse-Hawaii winner
Arizona-Eastern Illinois-Wake Forest-Butler winner vs. Missouri-Mississippi State winner

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

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WEST REGIONAL

First Round

Thursday, March 15
New York 88, Toronto 72
L.A. Lakers 125, Detroit 119, OT
Seattle 108, Milwaukee 102
Dallas 103, Minnesota 83
Houston 108, New Jersey 106
Boston 105, Phoenix 101

Second Round

Sunday, March 18
Oklahoma-Indiana State winner vs. Virginia-Gonzaga winner, 1:15 p.m.
Michigan State-Alabama State winner vs. California-Fresno State winner, 30 minutes after previous game
Florida-Western Kentucky winner vs. Texas-Temple winner, 1:30 p.m.
North Carolina-Princeton winner vs. Penn State-Providence winner, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Friday, March 23
Michigan State-Alabama State-California-Fresno State winner vs. Oklahoma-Indiana State-Virginia-Gonzaga winner
North Carolina-Princeton-Penn State-Providence winner vs. Florida-Western Kentucky-Texas-Temple winner

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 25
Semifinal winners

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THE FINAL FOUR

Saturday, March 31
East champion vs. West champion
South champion vs. Midwest champion

National Championship

Monday, April 2

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EAST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 16
Wisconsin vs. Missouri, 6:07 p.m.
Georgia vs. Liberty, 30 minutes after previous game
Villanova vs. Drake, 4 p.m.
North Carolina State vs. Delaware, 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 17
Connecticut vs. Long Island University, 6:05 p.m.
Maryland vs. Colorado State, 30 minutes after previous game
Penn State vs. Texas Christian, 6:05 p.m.
Louisiana Tech vs. Georgia State, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Sunday, March 18
Louisiana Tech-Georgia State winner vs. Wisconsin-Missouri winner, 11:37 p.m.
North Carolina State-Delaware winner vs. Villanova-Drake winner, 5:35 p.m.
Connecticut-Long Island University winner vs. Maryland-Corolario State winner, 8:07 p.m.
Penn State-Texas Christian winner, 7:05 p.m.

Regional Championship

Monday, March 20
Connecticut-LIU-Maryland Colorado State winner vs. N.C. State-Delaware-Villanova-Drake winner, 10:37 a.m. or 1:07 p.m.
Georgia Liberty-Wisconsin-Missouri winner vs. Louisiana Tech-Georgia State-Penn State-TCU winner, 10:37 a.m. or 1:07 p.m.

Regional Championship

Monday, March 20
Semifinal winners, 6:07 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL

First Round

Friday, March 16
Texas vs. St. Mary's, Calif., 4:30 p.m.
Tennessee vs. Austin Peay, 30 minutes after previous game
Clemson vs. Chattanooga, 5 p.m.
Xavier vs. Louisville, 30 minutes after previous game
Virginia Tech vs. Pennsylvania, 30 minutes after previous game
LSU vs. Arizona State, 5:07 p.m.
Purdue vs. UC Santa Barbara, 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 17
Kent State vs. Cincinnati, 4:38 p.m.
Stanford vs. St. Joseph's, 30 minutes after previous game
Maryland vs. Georgia State, 2:20 p.m.
Hampton vs. Georgetown, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Thursday, March 22
Stanford-St. Joseph's winner vs. Kent State-Cincinnati winner
Hampton-Georgetown winner vs. Virginia Tech-Denver winner, 6:35 p.m.
Purdue-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. LSU-Arizona State winner, 8:07 p.m.

Regional Championship

Saturday, March 24
Tennessee-Austin Peay-Texas St. Mary's, Calif. winner vs. Xavier

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Midwest Regional

First Round

Friday, March 16
Florida State vs. Tulane, 6 p.m.
Iowa State vs. Howard, 30 minutes after previous game

Second Round

Saturday, March 17
Michigan vs. Virginia, 10:07 a.m.
Notre Dame vs. Alcorn State, 30 minutes after previous game
Iowa vs. Oregon, 8 p.m.
Utah vs. Fairfield, 30 minutes after previous game
Colorado vs. Siena, 6 p.m.
Vanderbilt vs. Idaho State, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Semifinals

Saturday, March 24
Notre Dame-Alcorn State-Michigan-Virginia winner vs. Iowa-Oregon-Utah-Fairfield winner, 7:07 p.m. or 9:37 p.m.
Iowa State-Howard-Florida State-Tulane winner vs. Vanderbilt-Idaho State-Coloredo-Siena winner, 7:07 p.m. or 9:37 p.m.

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 18
Washington vs. Old Dominion, 4 p.m.
Florida vs. Holy Cross, 30 minutes after previous game
Oklahoma vs. Oral Roberts, 6:30 p.m.
George Washington vs. Stanford, 30 minutes after previous game

Regional Championship

Sunday, March 18
Florida-Holy Cross winner vs. Washington-Old Dominion winner, 7:35 p.m.

Regional Championship

Monday, March 19
Duke-Wisconsin-Milwaukee winner vs. Baylor-Arkansas winner, 6:37 p.m.
Rutgers-Stephen F. Austin winner vs. Southwest Missouri State-Toledo winner, 4:35 p.m.
Oklahoma-Oral Roberts winner vs. George Washington-Stanford winner, 8:37 p.m.

Regional Semifinals

Saturday, March 24
Duke-Wisconsin-Milwaukee-Baylor-Arkansas winner vs. Rutgers-Stephen F. Austin-Southwest Missouri State-Toledo winner, 9:07 p.m. or 11:37 p.m.

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(18-12). Dixon and Byron Mouton scored 22 points each for Maryland. Play begins Friday in the South and Midwest regions.

Kentucky 72, Holy Cross 68

Consecutive 3-pointers by Tayschaun Prince broke a second-half tie as Kentucky held off Holy Cross.

Prince scored 12 of his team's final 14 points and finished with 27 points, while Keith Bogans added 17 for Kentucky. Jared Curry led Holy Cross with 16 points.

Iowa 69, Creighton 56

Reggie Evans scored 16 of his 19 points in the second half to help Iowa to its fifth straight victory.

Evans was 13-of-15 from the foul line, including 12-of-13 in the final 10 minutes. Duez Henderson added 16 points and Dean Oliver had 15. Ben Walker and Livan Pyfrom scored 11 points apiece for Creighton.

Boston College 68, S. Utah 65

Troy Bell scored 16 of his 18 points in the second half as Boston College outlasted 14th-seeded Southern Utah.

Xavier Singletary added 15 points to help Boston College to its win.

Jeff Monaco scored 26 points for the Thunderbirds. Southern Utah had a chance to tie it at the buzzer, but Justin Sant's 3-point attempt hit the front of the rim.

Southern Cal 69, Oklahoma St. 54

Sam Clancy had 22 points and 13 rebounds, and Jeff

Trepagnier added 17 points for Southern California

The Cowboys made just nine of 26 shots and missed nine of 10 free throws in the opening 20 minutes.

Utah St. 77, Ohio St. 68, OT

Curtis Hobbs scored eight of his 14 points in overtime as Utah State won its first NCAA tournament game since 1970.

Bernard Rock scored 18 points and Tony Brown 17 for the 12th-seeded Aggies (28-5), who had lost nine straight tournament games. Ken Johnson led the Buckeyes with 14 points, 14 rebounds and five blocks.

UCLA 61, Hofstra 48

UCLA closed with a 24-5 run to snap the nation's longest Division I winning streak at 18 games.

Earl Watson scored 13 of his 15 points for the Bruins in the first half. Dan Gadzuric scored 14 points and added 13 rebounds. Billy Knight led with 17.

Duke 95, Monmouth 52

Jason Williams scored 20 of his 22 points in the first half and Shane Battier added 21 points and 10 rebounds.

Duke tied a school record with 18 3-pointers to improve to 51-14 in the NCAA tournament.

Missouri 70, Georgia 68

Clarence Gilbert hit a 15-foot jumper with 0.9 seconds to play as Missouri held off a furious Georgia rally.

Georgia overcame an 11-point deficit to tie it on Rashad Wright's 3-pointer with 22 seconds left.

ALL-DISTRICT

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Colorado City's Andrew Spear.

The first team selections included Colorado City's Chase Pharris and Kevin Wright; Plains' Eddie Gallego, Adam Garcia and Jared Bell; Stanton's Jeremy Hull and Keith Cook; Coahoma's Chase Ward; and Seagraves' Daniel Webb.

The second team selections included Forsan's Taylor Bristow and Matt Ellis; Coahoma's Jay Chadwell; Stanton's Ace Keeshe; Colorado City's Ian Bassham and Cort Arthur; Plains' Jarod Newland; and Seagraves' Rodis David, Scott Lacy and Eduardo Gallegos.

Honorable mention included Coahoma's Randall Rich and Brad Long; Stanton's J.D. Ramos and Paul Chandler; Forsan's Dustin Baker and Zach Johnson; and Plains' Brett Squyres.

In District 11-1A, Ira's Morgan Clements was

named the most valuable player while teammate Celeigh Sterling was selected to the all-district team. Other honorees were Borden County's Mitch Henseley, Bekka Hensley and Bobby Kempf. Lacey Cox, Samantha Yates and Haley Madison represented Grady high school while Shelli Blagrove, Daisy Porras and Brandi Woods were selected from Sands high school.

District 11-A boys' selection named Westbrook's Erick Roberson as the most valuable player. Teammates Adam Roemisch and Chris Matlock also received all-district selections.

Other area selections were Grady's Clint Schuelke and Eric Tunnell; Ira's Nathan Smith, Bryce Wilkins and Eric Dickerhoff; Sand's Seth Smithson and Jeremy Renteria and Borden County's Trent Pepper.

Honorable mentions for Grady high school were Josh Tunnell and Cooper Tate. Sands received three honorable mentions, Lee Casas, Heath Webb and Dusty Floyd.

Knight pins interest in Tech on long friendship with Myers

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

LUBBOCK (AP) — When old friend Gerald Myers asked Bob Knight to come to Texas Tech to dedicate the school's new \$68 million arena, Knight didn't blink. He brought his Hoosiers south.

"I think that explains how I feel about Gerald, and that's really important to me," the former Indiana basketball coach said Thursday, a few hours after returning to Lubbock to discuss Myers' open head-coaching job.

With his friend of 30 years at his side, Knight told reporters he has brushed aside other job possibilities to focus on Tech.

"I've had contacts since talking to Texas Tech in different ways, and I've just said I don't have any interest," Knight said. "This is a situation that appeals to me tremendously."

"I think this is a community that I would really like. I think the people here are people that I would really like. ... If I coach here, I hope that we would put a team together that they could thoroughly enjoy."

Knight's enthusiastic comments came during his first visit back to the United Spirit Arena, where the Hoosiers won 68-60 on opening night, Nov. 19, 1999.

Meanwhile, at least 58 faculty members have put their names on an e-mail petition opposing Knight on grounds that his well-publicized outbursts would cast a shadow on the school.

During Knight's news conference, which kicked off a three-day visit to the campus, he took no questions.

The Hall of Fame coach, who led Indiana to three national championships and 11 Big Ten titles over 29 years, has sat out the past six months after being fired for violating a zero-tolerance behavior policy.

Now, Knight is being courted to succeed James Dickey, fired last Friday after going 9-19 in his 10th season as head coach. In the past few years, Tech has lost nine scholarships due to NCAA sanctions over unethical conduct.

Under university policy, the job must remain open for 10 business days, or until 5 p.m. March 23.

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**Large 1Bdrm home on 4 acres** near new veterans home. Lease and references required. \$200/dep. \$225/mo. 267-1131

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**Beautiful 11.7 acres in Carmeeste Estates.** \$21,950. Would divide. **Boosie Weaver Real Estate 267-8840**

**PUBLIC NOTICE** Lee's Self Storage located at 1602 E. FM 700 Road, will hold a silent auction, March 31, 2001 to satisfy a landlord's lien, starting at 9:00 a.m., and ending at 1:00 p.m. Following units are involved in the auction: Units #12, 21, 34, and 86. Rented by Mike Butler, Dahia Rivas, Aaron P. Bristow, Durwood Rutledge. These units contain household items, office furniture, and other miscellaneous items. Terms for the sale will be as per the end of the auction, removal of the items no later than the day following the sale, leaving the premises clean. Also displayed for sale will be some abandoned items and miscellaneous items from garage sales. Come look over interesting! 3115 March 16 & 21, 2001

**PUBLIC NOTICE** INVITATION TO BID Bids for the construction of Paving Replacement Howard County Library 500 Main Street Big Spring, Texas will be received at the Howard County Commissioner's Court Room located on the second floor of the Howard County Courthouse, 300 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas until 2:00 p.m. local time on Thursday, April 5, 2001. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time. Bids will be addressed to Honorable Ben Lockhart County of Howard Paving Replacement Howard County Library (Name and address of bidder) A mandatory pre-bid Conference will be held at the Howard County Library conference room, 500 Main Street, Big Spring, Texas on Wednesday, March 28, 2001 at 10:00 a.m. This will be a single lump sum contract and shall include all general work. Make proposals on unaltered proposal forms furnished by the Architect. Fill in all blank spaces and have the proposal signed by a legal officer or agent authorized to bind the Bidder to a contract. Each Bidder shall deliver their bid in a sealed envelope to the Owner or to the bid opening. Drawings and Specifications may be examined at the office of J. Phillip Furquerson Architect, 500 Johnson Street, Big Spring, Texas 79720, 915-267-3794. Copies of these documents shall be available at the office of the Architect in accordance with the instructions to Bidders. The refundable deposit will be \$50.00 per set. The Owner reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any formality in connection therewith. The Owner reserves the right to contract within 30 days following the bid opening. No bids may be withdrawn during this time. 3116 March 16 & 23, 2001

**PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS OF PROPOSED TEXAS HIGHWAY IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTS Sealed proposals for highway improvement contracts will be received by the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) until the date(s) shown below, and then publicly read.

**CONSTRUCTION/ MAINTENANCE CONTRACT(S)** District Abilene Contract 6067-85-001 for HERBICIDE TREATMENT in HOWARD County, etc will be opened on April 19, 2001 at 11:00 am at the District Office for an estimate of \$91,205.00. All prospective bidders are encouraged to attend the pre-bid conference for Contract 6067-85-001 to be held on April 03, 2001 at 9:00 am at the ABILENE DISTRICT OFFICE TRAINING ROOM. Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/or District Offices listed below. Bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contracts are available from reproduction companies in Austin, Texas at the expense of the contractor. NPO 3122

State Office Construction Division 200 E. Riverside Dr. Austin, Texas 78704 Phone: 512-416-2540

District Office(s) Abilene District District Engineer 4250 N. Clark Abilene, Texas 79601 Phone: 915-676-6800

Minimum wage rates are set out in bidding documents and the rates will be part of the contract. TxDOT ensures that bidders will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, sex, or national origin. 3113 March 15 & 16, 2001

**SPRING SPECIALS**  
Clean, Low Milage & Locally Owned Trade-Ins

**2000 Nissan Sentra GXE 4-DR.** - White, automatic, fully equipped, local one owner w/only 10,000 miles. **\$12,995**

**2000 Lincoln Town Car** - White, w/tan leather, all power, program car w/18,000 miles. **\$26,995**

**2000 Mercury Grand Marquis L.S.** - Blue w/cloth, all power, program car w/19,000 miles. **\$19,995**

**1999 Ford F150 Supercab XLT** - Red/tan tu-tone, tan cloth captain chairs, 5.4 V-8, all power, local one owner w/30,000 miles. **\$19,995**

**1999 Ford F150 XL** - Tan, automatic, 4.6 V-8, local one owner w/54,000 miles. **\$12,995**

**1999 Chevrolet Lumina L.S.** - White w/cloth, V-6, all power, local one owner w/only 22,000 miles. **\$11,995**

**1998 Buick Regal L.S. 4-DR.** - Green w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/26,000 miles. **\$13,995**

**1996 Toyota Camry L.E.** - White w/cloth, all power, local one owner w/60,000 miles. **\$10,995**

**1998 Lincoln Town Car** - Cypress gold w/leather, locally owned w/43,000 miles. **\$20,995**

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Sat. March 17, 2001  
10 AM - 12 PM

**The Real Estate Shop**  
2003 Gregg 263-7654

**GARAGE SALES**

- Garage Sale, Sat 4:00, Dixon - Misc. clothes of all sizes, tamales and burritos
- Garage Sale, Sat. Only 9-7 1713 Yale. Lots of clothes and misc. items.
- Great Yard Sale! Sat 7-3, 1706 Runnels. Something for everyone!
- 2604 Apache, Fr & Sat, 9-3. Daybed, toys, boys clothes-Girls So 6-8, home decor. New stuff Sat.
- 707 Highland, Sat 7-5. Antique piano, drop in stove, over range mic., dishwasher, misc.
- Backyard Sale, Sat 8-3, 2607 Larry. Household items, clothes, lots of misc.
- Big Carport Sale, Fri & Sat 7-1pm. Furn., craft, baby, misc., items. 1307 Barnes off S. Monticello
- Big Moving Sale! 2605 Cactus Sat 8-1, Rain or shine. Everything must go! Good prices
- Furniture, computer parts, wood arts & crafts, misc. Come see us at 2603 Carlton, Sat. & Sun. 9-7
- Garage Sale, 2402 Merrily, Sat. 17th 8-3pm. Dining room table/chairs, Lane rocker/recliner, Compaq comp., furn. toys, clothes, misc.
- Garage Sale, 3303 Cornell Fri & Sat 9-3. King size sheets, clothes, toys, lots of misc.
- Sat. 8-1pm 1751 Purdue. Kids, womens, mens clothing, toys, bedding, home decor., misc.
- Garage Sale, Sat. 8-2, 1413 E. 18th (18th & Virginia) Clothing, furniture, misc.
- Estate Sale Fri. & Sat. 2810 Ann. Avon, clothes, supplies, dishes, pots, pans, towels, sheets, books, blankets, luggage, yard tools, furniture, no sales appliance. NO SMALL BEFORE 9AM
- Huge Garage Sale 905 E. 14th. Rain or Shine - bunk beds, antique radios, piano, jukebox, dishes, toys, games, lot's more
- Inside Sale, 1605 Sycamore, Sat 8-7. Everything priced to sell NOW! Girls clothing 2-16 & Lg womens
- Sat. 9-2pm 300 Washington. Collectables, womens & mens clothing, portable dishwasher, Kenmore gas stove, lot's of misc., free pecans you pick up
- Saturday only Sleeper sofa, wooden shutters, mattress/box springs, lots of misc. 1516 E 17th
- Super Garage Sale, Sat. Only! 8-7, 1711 Morrison. Shop for a variety of good items!
- Yard Sale, 2702 Ann, Fri. & Sat. 8-2. Beanie Babies, household goods, china, crystal, silver, stereo, gifts, Christmas.
- Yard Sale, Fri & Sat, 500 N. 1st, Coahoma. 7-2. Exercise equip., lot misc.
- Inside Sale, 2210 Main, Thur. & Fri. 10-5. Linens, dishes, furniture. Boxes of misc. \$1 each.
- Inside Sale, Sat. Rain Or Shine, 8-7, 1100 Nolan. Lots of Misc. & Arts & Crafts
- La-Z-Boy chairs & pit groups, lot's of misc., bath & kitchen. Saturday 4407 Elder.
- Moving Sale: 2502 Carroll, Fri. - 16th, 12-dark; Sat. - 17th, 8-12.
- Moving Sale, Fri & Sat, 8-7 521 Hillside. Everything Goes!
- Moving Sale! Saddles, lawn mower, Med. scrubs, pool, clothes, children's books, furniture, etc. Sat. 8-3, 802 Edwards
- Remodeling Sale. Furniture, doors, dishwasher, oven, microwave, 13 TV, bikes, name brand girls clothes sz 3-5, home decor. Sat. Only 7:30, 2000 Merrily

**MARCH 16 2001**

