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March 25, 2001

## WEATHER

Today:



TODAY 53°-56°  
TONIGHT 38°-42°

## Abby Janca third-runnerup at regional bee

Abby Janca, the Forsan eighth grader who won the Howard County Spelling Bee, was third runner-up at the regional bee in Lubbock. Abby went out on the fifth round.



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The winner was Mary Ester Ahern, representing Lubbock area schools.

## WHAT'S UP...

### MONDAY

Senior circle, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Big Spring Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., 1607 E. Third. Call Janis Dean.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Big Spring Rotary Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard College Cactus room.

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center.

Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria. People 50 and older are invited to participate.

Big Spring Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Terry Hansen.

Big Spring Duplicate Bridge Club, meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

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

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 West Third.

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## Unemployment dips to 4.1 percent here

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Unemployment continues to go down Howard County, according to statistics from the Texas Workforce Commission. County unemployment dipped to 4.1 percent for February.

During the same reporting period last year, the



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county reported a 5.2 percent unemployment rate. Last month, the county reported a 4.3 percent unemployment rate.

Virginia Belew, area manager for the local Texas Workforce Center, believes that Big Spring and Howard County should continue to have a drop in unemployment.

"I feel like the rate may continue to drop next month," said Belew. "We are getting additional jobs such as the State Veterans

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## Six-section Progress Edition debuts today

For the first time ever, the Herald presents its annual Progress Edition over a week-long period.

The first section, Education, is inserted in today's paper and focuses on public and private schools, teachers and students in the Crossroads area.

Monday's Living section will feature recreational and charitable pursuits, while on Tuesday, readers will find an emphasis on Agriculture, Industry and Oil.

Wednesday, the subject will be Government, with a special focus on Big Spring and Howard County. Thursday, we'll look and

## 2001: The Crossroads' Odyssey

A week-long series that takes an in-depth look at our community's past, present and future.

### Today — Education

Monday — Living

Tuesday — Agricultural, Industry and Oil

Wednesday — Government

Thursday — Hospitals and Health

Friday — Religion

Hospitals and Health. The series will conclude with a look at Religion on Friday.

We hope our readers will enjoy this year's Progress Edition and the change in format as much as we have

enjoyed bringing it to you.

Extra copies of the entire six-part series will be available at the Herald office beginning Monday, April 2, for those who would like them.

## Big day

### Deadline grows close to reserve a bus seat for Big Spring Day in Austin

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Tuesday is the deadline to make reservations for those planning to make the Big Spring Day in Austin trip by chartered bus.

"We've had a number of people indicate they plan to ride the bus, but not very many have actually registered yet," said Terri Davis, executive director for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, which is co-sponsoring the trip with Moore Development for Big Spring.

Big Spring Day in Austin, a day to give local residents an opportunity to visit the Texas capitol and thank legislators and other state officials for their efforts on behalf of the community, is scheduled for April 10. Reservations for the bus must be made by the end of business on Tuesday, however.

"It's a really nice bus," said Debbye Valverde, chamber secretary. "It has movies to watch and very comfortable seats. It's going to be a lot of fun and you won't have to worry about finding parking or anything once you get to Austin."

The bus will accommodate at least 50 passengers. It will leave Big Spring from Memorial Stadium parking lot at 5 a.m. and arrive back at about 10 that evening. The \$50 price includes breakfast en route to Austin and a box lunch on the capitol grounds. The evening meal will be dutch treat en route back to Big Spring.

Those who plan to participate in the observance but provide their own transportation are still asked to register at the Chamber of Commerce. They'll be asked to pay \$5.50 for a group lunch on the capitol grounds and wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The shirts are available at the Chamber office for \$25 each.

"Last year, we had more than 200 people from Big Spring make the trip to Austin," said Pam Welch of Moore Development. "We're hoping for more this time."

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David LeFever, snake handler and member of AMBUCS, holds a diamondback rattlesnake for spectators at the Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday, while at left, Wanda Lewis and big brother Ronnie Thompson appear fascinated by the many reptiles on display. The roundup continues from noon until 5 p.m. today at the Howard County Fair Grounds.

HERALD photos/Andra Medlin



## Group heads for Arizona to fetch Hangar 25 acquisition

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

A group of seven volunteers will leave Big Spring today on a mission to retrieve another aircraft for the Hangar 25 Air Museum.

The group will head for Tucson, Ariz., and the AMARC facility at Davis Monthan Air Force Base to bring a T-38 trainer aircraft to the Spring City.

The newest addition to the trainer collection will have nostalgic memories for the pilots and support personnel who were stationed at Webb Air Force Base. It will join the AT-11, the T-33 and the T-37 as examples of the types of aircraft used at the former Air Force Air Training Command facility.

Hangar 25 Air Museum also has a Harrier Jet, the nose of a B-52 and the fuselage of an A-10 rescue trainer.

The crew, consisting of

city of Big Spring employees Johnny Bedell, Steve Gray, Gary Osborne, Eddie Castillo and Gene Wilson will be joined by Hangar 25 board members retired Air Force Col. Jim Little and Jay Jarnes, who will assist in getting the aircraft back to its final resting place.

"We are really looking forward to receiving this aircraft for the hangar," said Little. "This is an airplane that was here when Webb Air Force Base closed and is still being used at training bases to train pilots today. It sort of completes the fleet of

trainers that were used here and since it was here when the base closed a lot of residents will still probably remember seeing it."

Little said that some work would have to be done on the aircraft.

"There's going to be some work to do to get the aircraft ready for display but that won't be a problem," said Little. "We have a great bunch of volunteers who are ready for the challenge. It will be a team effort."

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## Longtime Coahoma educator, college trustee dies Saturday

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

A long-time Coahoma resident who dedicated his life to the education of the young people in the community died on Saturday.

Robert Wayne (Rob) Ethridge, 71, of Coahoma, a Howard County Junior

College District trustee and a former Coahoma Independent School District administrator for 23 years, died in a Midland hospital.

"Rob was someone who was well respected by the people he worked with and worked for him, as well as the students," said Dr. Bill Kingston, CISD superintendent. "It was not uncommon that when his former students would see Rob several years later and they would tell him they appreciate the things he did for them."

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Eunice Thixton helps serve Ladd Smith a piece of homemade bread with homemade butter at "Around the World in 80 Bites." Thixton has held a booth at the Heritage Museum fund-raiser for eight years.

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OBITUARIES

**Daytina Rhea Blair Hulslander**

Memorial service for Daytina Rhea Blair Hulslander, 27, of Colorado City, was held Saturday, March 24, 2001, at Oak Street Baptist Church.

Mrs. Hulslander died April 27, 1998. She was born Aug. 21, 1971.

Survivors include three sons, Dakota Cliff Blair, Kenneth Aaron Blair and Randall Todd Blair, all of Colorado City; two daughters, Corienna Deann Hulslander and Dreamer Chathlynn Hulslander both of Midland, her mother, Elfie Ratliff of Colorado City; her brother, Todd White; and two aunts, Lupita Fryer of Big Spring and Louis Richardson of Austin.

**C.A. "Charlie" Nichols**

C.A. "Charlie" Nichols, 89, of Big Spring, died on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, at a local hospital. Funeral service will be held on Friday, March 23, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Don Snipes, pastor of Baptist Temple Church, officiating. Interment followed at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Nichols was born on Dec. 25, 1911, in Bowie



County and married Veda Rose Smith on Oct. 3, 1931, in Texarkana, Ark. He came to Howard County in 1937 and farmed until he retired in 1976.

He was a member of Baptist Temple Church and a member of Staked Plains Lodge No. 598 A.F. & A.M., Big Spring Chapter No. 178, Royal Arch Masons, Big Spring Council No. 117, Royal & Select Masters and Suez Shrine Temple.

Survivors include his wife, Veda Nichols of Big Spring; a daughter and son-in-law, Jerry and Landon Burchell of Big Spring; two grandchildren, Vicki Archer and husband, Greg, of Hobbs, N.M., and Keith "Corky" Burchell of Big Spring; one great-granddaughter, Kristen Richards of Indianapolis, Ind.; and five sisters, Wilma Stephens and husband, James, of Seminole, Macil Godwin of Abilene, and Eula Godwin, Ruth Herbolich and Quida Merle Copeland, all of Big Spring.

He was preceded in death by his parents, four brothers and two sisters.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children or Shriners Burn Institute, 610 Texas Ave., Galveston 77550.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

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**Glenn T. Guthrie**

Glenn T. Guthrie of Big Spring, passed away on Friday, March 23, 2001, at his home at the age of 91.

He is fondly remembered by his family as a loving, dry humored, generous, spiritual man with many talents.

He was born on the family farm north of Coahoma on Aug. 3, 1909, to the late Robert and Evie Guthrie. He attended school at Coahoma and graduated from Big Spring High School. He moved to Austin and received his bachelor's and master's degree from the University of Texas. There he met and married Sarah Maljoy of Tyler.

He began his teaching career at Coahoma High School and later served as principal. In 1946, he taught mechanical drawing at San Angelo Junior College and returned in 1948 to care for his family. In 1949, he began teaching in Big Spring High School and taught for 22 years. He retired in 1971 and was inducted into the BSHS Hall of Fame and a scholarship was presented in honor of his name in 1999 at Big Spring High School.

He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Big Spring and served as an elder and a Sunday school teacher for many years.

In his spare time, he was a fine craftsman of wood, meticulously creating an assortment of frames, chairs, boxes for bibles, dominoes, recipes and other items.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Sarah Guthrie of Big Spring; one daughter and son-in-law, Betty and

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Buck Lee of Big Spring; three grandchildren, Carol Joy Lee of Coahoma, Scott Lee and wife, Dorothy of Victoria, Craig Lee and his wife, Julie of Denton; and two great-grandchildren, Brooke Lee and Jamie Peake.

Graveside service is 10 a.m. Monday, March 26, at Trinity Memorial Park with the Rev. Diane Brown officiating.

A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Flynn Long officiating.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Glenn Guthrie Scholarship Fund c/o BSHS Exes Association, P.O. Box 1688, Big Spring 79721.

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

Paid obituary

**David Cano Martinez III**

A vigil service for David Cano Martinez III, 1, of Big Spring, will be held at 7 p.m., Sunday, March 25, 2001, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Funeral Mass will be 2 p.m., Monday, March 26, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with the Rev. James Plagens officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

David was born on Jan. 24, 2000, in Big Spring and was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

He is survived by his parents, Carmelia (Connie) Martinez and David Cano Martinez Jr. of Big Spring; his grandparents, Maria Mendez of Brownsville, David Martinez Sr. of San Angelo and Ray Hollandsworth of Midland; one great-grandmother, Anita H. Martinez of San Angelo; and a number of aunts, uncles and cousins.

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

**Rita Raney**

Funeral arrangements for Rita "Crickett" Raney, 78, of La Porte, formerly of Big Spring, are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. Mrs. Raney died on Friday, March 23.

**Robert Wayne (Rob) Ethridge**

Robert Wayne (Rob) Ethridge, 71, of Coahoma, died on Saturday, March 24, 2001, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral service will be at 3 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2001, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Elwin Collum, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma, officiating.

Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2 to 4 p.m., Sunday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born March 22,

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1930, in Abbott to Pat and Weeta Ethridge. His family lived in Gladewater until he was in sixth grade when his father was transferred to Kermit with Sun Oil Company. Rob attended Kermit public schools and graduated from Kermit high school in 1948. He attended Southern Methodist University as a "country" freshman in 1948 on a football scholarship until he volunteered for the U.S. Army in 1949. Mr. Ethridge served as a medic at Brook Army Medical Center at Fort Sam Houston and also played football on the BAMC team. After being discharged in 1952 he returned to SMU on a football scholarship and received his B.B.A. degree in Business Marketing in 1955. He taught physical education at Dallas Vickery Elementary School for one year. Then he joined the Texas Department of Corrections at Huntsville as athletic director/recreation officer where he remained for three years.

Rob married Marie Petty on March 9, 1957, in Big Spring. They lived at Huntsville until August 1959 when they moved to Coahoma. He received his master's of education degree in 1966 from Sul Ross University. His career at Coahoma lasted for 29 years. He served as teacher, coach, assistant principal, and then principal for 23 years at Coahoma Junior High School. After his retirement he was active in ranching and farming.

Mr. Ethridge was a member of First Baptist Church of Coahoma, life member of Texas State Teachers Association, member of the Permian Basin Secondary School Administrators, Texas Association of Secondary School Principals, National Association of Secondary School Principals, Howard County Teachers' Association, Phi Delta Kappa Honor Society, Red Rose Administrators Society, Retired Teachers Association, Coahoma Lions Club, former member and president of Howard County 4-H Adult Leaders' Association and had received outstanding Adult Leader Award for county and district, and served as a trustee of the board of Howard College which was very special to him. He loved Howard College and all its accomplishments, academically and on the athletic fields. Rob also loved playing golf with his 9 o'clock friends.

Survivors include his wife, Marie of Coahoma; one daughter and son-in-law, Robin Kim and Byron Harris of Big Spring; brother and sister-in-law Joe Paul and Velma Ethridge of Kermit; mother-in-law Dorothy Fowler of Big Spring; and special granddaughters Heather and Holli Harris.

Rob was preceded in death by his parents, Pat and Weeta Ethridge. Honorary pallbearers are all members of the Boaz Sunday School Class at First Baptist Church of Coahoma and the trustees



TEXAS LOTTERY

Lotto: 9,16,20,33,35,50

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

and the administration staff of Howard College.

The family suggests memorials to the Rob Ethridge Scholarship Fund at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home. www.npwelch.com

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Hope Hazlewood

Hope Hazlewood, 94, of Stanton, died on Friday, March 23, 2001, in a Midland nursing home. Graveside service will be 2:30 p.m. Sunday, March 25, 2001, at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton. Memorial service will follow at 3 p.m. Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp, pastor of First Baptist Church, Stanton, officiating.

She was born on July 16, 1906, in Kent County and married L. C. Hazlewood Sr. on June 8, 1929, in Portales, N.M. He preceded her in death on April 9, 1986.

She was a member of a pioneer Lea County, N.M., family and had lived in the Courtney Community in Martin County until moving to Stanton.

She was honored as a Texas Older Citizen in Stanton.

Mrs. Hazlewood was a member of First United Methodist Church and was an active member of the Friendship Sunday School Class for over 50 years. She was also a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, the Stanton Study Club and was the founding secretary director of Westex Telephone.

Survivors include one son, Cliff Hazlewood Jr. and wife Nelda; one daughter, Elaine Eiland and husband Paige, all of Stanton; seven grandchildren, Cathy Herzog of Odessa, Debbie Louder of San Angelo, Tere Garlington of Stanton,

Gordon Eiland of Whitehouse, Amy Barley of Celina, Paiga Lou Marsh of Sterling City and Craig Eiland of Galveston; 14 great-grandchildren; and one sister, Mildred Lasley of Hobbs, N.M.

She was also preceded in death by two sons, Malcolm Wayne Hazlewood and Danny Hazlewood.

The family suggests memorials to Methodist Children's Home, 1111 Herring Ave., Waco 76708 or to Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Paid obituary

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity from 8 a.m. Friday until noon Saturday:

**JUAN JUAREZ JR.**, 33, of 1505 W. First, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

**AMBER BENNETT**, 20, of 1501 Reid Road, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of driving under the influence - minor.

**MATTHEW FOWLER**, 17, of 3200 Auburn, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

**STEPHEN GAY**, 17, of 2603 Thorpe, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption.

**JAMES MOORE**, 33, of 506 N. Loop 250, Midland, was arrested on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

**JOHNNY ORTEGA**, 46, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1700 block of Donley, the 1400 block of Robin St., the 1500 block of Kentucky Way Ave.

**INTOXICATED SUBJECT/DRIVER** was reported in the 500 block of Main St.

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10:20 AM...Remembering Jesus at the Table  
6:00 PM...Members of One Another

**Monday**.....Baptism - Then What"  
**Tuesday**.....Growth Through Service -  
**Wednesday**.....Blessed Assurance

Monday - Wednesday at 7:00 each evening  
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Neona Shortes, 81, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
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www.npwelch.com  
I.M. "Loren" Gasselman, 61, died Wednesday. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Monday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 2:00 to 3:00 PM, Sunday at the funeral home.  
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# Howard College receives \$100,000 check

**Funds will keep Risk Management Academy running**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

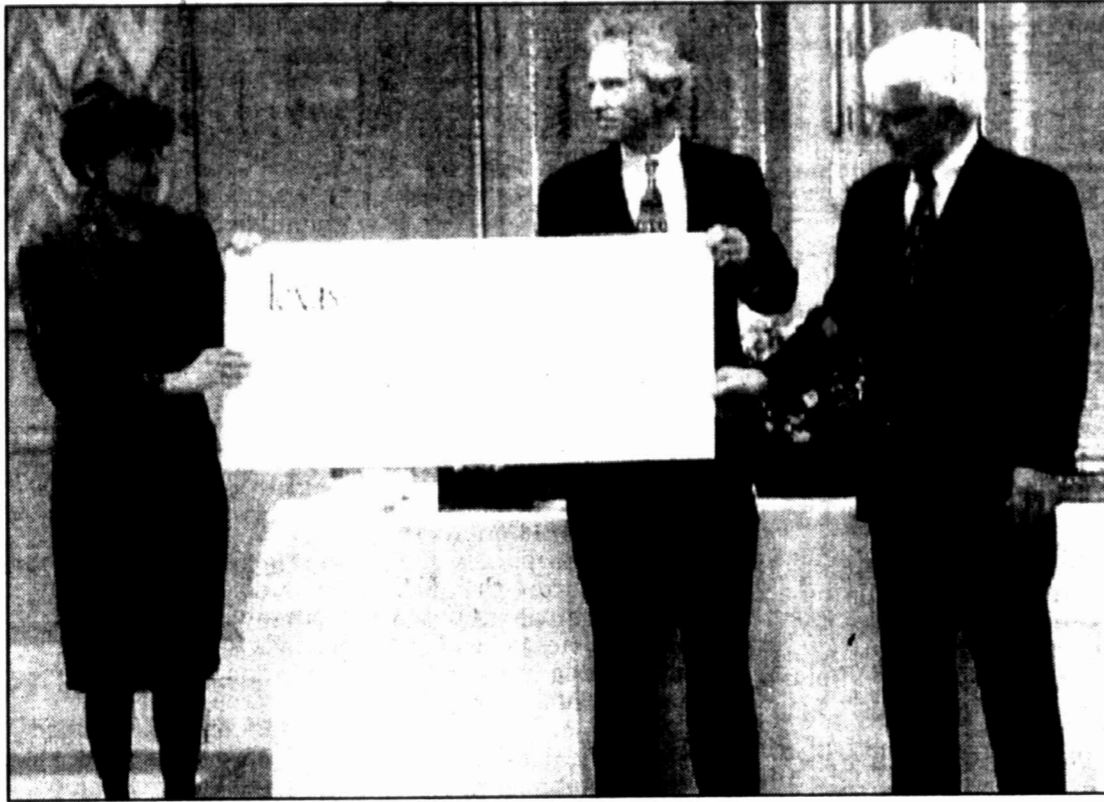
Howard College was awarded a \$100,000 check from the Texas Fund on Friday to continue the Risk Management Academy for another year.

"I am so pleased with how Howard College has taken this initiative and made the program so successful," said State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City). "When businesses get their workers trained they want to keep them on the job and anything we can do to help prevent injuries that would cause less efficient or missed work is a step in the right direction."

Now a year old, the Risk Management Academy has served as the training source for employers in the West Texas area, providing classes that minimize the risk of worker's compensation insurance claims from a variety of industries and businesses.

Counts, who was instrumental in getting the academy started, saw the need for training opportunities for small businesses in West Texas.

"In rural west Texas we have needs and to meet the needs of West Texas we have to come up with creative measures," Dr. Cheri Sparks, Howard College president said at the Risk Management Academy cele-



Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks receives a \$100,000 check from Terry Frakes, Texas Fund senior vice president of public affairs, to continue the Risk Management Academy while State Rep. David Counts (D-Knox City), right, look on.

bration. "David Counts is always coming up with creative ideas."

In the past year, the college has offered about 20 classes with students coming from Snyder, Odessa and Lubbock as well as Big Spring.

Companies such as Alon USA, West Texas Centers for Mental Health Mental Retardation and the Texas Department of Transportation have sent their employees to academy seminars.

"One of the most popular courses, we were pleasantly surprised to find out, was

ergonomics," said Stacy DeArmond, director of Workforce Training and Risk Management, a course to help workers avoid office work related injuries such as repetitive stress syndrome.

During the past year, the Academy has offered classes on OSHA regulations and crop dusting. The academy's partnership with the Texas Fund allows classes offered in the West Texas area at a price of \$15 to \$20 per person while the same course could cost a person up to \$300 in Dallas or Houston.

Courses are being taught by the same qualified instructors, many of which the Texas Fund provides to the academy, officials said Friday.

In the next year, the academy will expand by offering more health field-related courses.

"We will continue to offer the same classes as in the past year that have been very successful," said Joel Michaelis, dean of continuing education. "We will continue our effort by offering these types of classes to the health-related areas of Big Spring."

recorded a 3.7 percent rate and this time last year the rate was at 5.6 percent rate of unemployment.

Martin County, of which Stanton is the county seat, recorded a slight decrease from last month. The rate this month came in at 4.4 percent while last month a 4.2 percent rate of unemployment was recorded. Rates from a year ago showed a 5.3 percent rate.

Glasscock County indicated one of the lowest rates in this area at 2.8 percent, a slight increase from last month which was a 2.5 percent. This time last year the rate of unemployment was recorded as 2.7 percent.

## BIG DAY

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Activities will include the reading of a resolution on the floor of the House and Senate and a musical performance by Big Spring High School's "Rhapsody" group inside the capitol's rotunda. Everyone will participate in a box lunch on the capitol grounds, and an ice cream reception will be held for legislators and staff members. A group photo will also be taken on the capitol steps.

No special tours of the capitol building are planned, but members of the group will be able to take regular tours conducted by state employees.

Members of the committee planning the trip stressed the importance that the trip is planned to offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts.

"We're not going down there to complain about things that we think are wrong," Welch stressed. "We're going to be there to thank those people for the things they do for us."

For more information, or to make reservations, contact the Chamber at 263-7641.

## ETHRIDGE

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His career at Coahoma lasted for 29 years. He served as teacher, coach, assistant principal, and then principal for 23 years at Coahoma Junior High School.

"He will be missed tremendously by the people in Coahoma," said Kingston. "He was a great contributor to the young people in the community."

Ethridge had served on the Howard County Junior College District board for the last several years.

Survivors include his wife, Marie of Coahoma; one daughter and son-in-law, Robin Kim and Byron Harris of Big Spring; a brother and sister-in-law, Joe Paul and Velma Ethridge of Kermit; his mother-in-law, Dorothy Fowler of Big Spring; and granddaughters Heather and Holli Harris.

Family suggests memorials to the Rob Ethridge Scholarship Fund at Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring 79720.

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

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decommissioned, is a huge facility with more than 5,000 aircraft no longer being used by the military.

The group is expected to arrive back in Big Spring by caravan with the airplane on board Thursday.

"We will be keeping in touch with the folks back here to let everyone know exactly when we will be back," said Little. "It all depends on how things go once we get there as to what time of the day it will be but the folks at Hangar 25 will let everyone here know."

## JOBS

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Home. We have not seen any significant layoffs, and job opportunities continue to increase."

Bewle said in a 12-month comparison, Howard County put 228 more people to work and there were 146 few individuals unemployed.

The city of Coahoma reported an unemployment rate of 4.5 percent which

was a drop from 4.8 percent last month. A year ago the unemployment rate was 5.8 percent.

Stanton was slightly up from last month with a 5.1 percent rate of unemployment compared to the 4.9 percent rate reported last

month. At the same time last year the rate was 6.1 percent, a full percentage rate higher.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Make plans now for our day in Austin

Want to have fun while doing something to benefit your community? Would you like to meet some of our state's most influential people, visit a historic site and learn more about how government works?

Big Spring residents have that opportunity on April 10 when they band together for Big Spring Day in Austin — a trip to our state capitol. More than 200 Big Spring people made the trip when the legislature was in session two years ago.

The main reason for the event is to let our state's lawmakers know what and where Big Spring is, and to thank them for their efforts. And in doing that, Big Spring rolls out the red carpet, so to speak. There will be a musical performance by Big Spring High School's "Rhapsody" group, a display of photographs depicting landmarks in the community and an afternoon ice cream party.

It's also a wonderful opportunity to see our state's capitol. Regular tours will be conducted by state employees for those who wish to learn more about Texas history and government.

In fact, we know of several families who plan attend. Arrangements must be made with your child's school in advance, of course, because April 10 is a Tuesday.

How you make your way to Austin that morning is your choice, but there is a special option if you act quickly. A bus has been chartered which will leave Big Spring from the Memorial Stadium parking lot at 5 a.m. and return around 10 that night. Cost is \$50 per person, and includes a quick breakfast and a boxed lunch. Bus reservations must be made by the close of business this Tuesday. To do so, call the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce at 263-7641.

Big Spring Day in Austin planning committee is again requesting everyone who makes the trip to purchase an embroidered shirt, available at the chamber office. They are \$25 each. Also, the committee asks that everyone who plans on attending register first at the chamber, whether or not they plan on using the chartered bus.

Big Spring Day in Austin is a great opportunity to show off our community while having a good time. We hope you'll consider being a part of it.

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# Public notice bills threaten tradition

By DOLPH TILLOTSON  
Guest Columnist

Texas has for decades worked to fully inform its citizens by requiring that public notices be printed in local newspapers.

Several bills now before the Legislature threaten that tradition of publishing important notices while allowing an exclusive publication on the Internet, at the option of state and local governments.

There is nothing wrong with using the Internet to expand public notice. That's already happening without much prompting by the state. However, for the foreseeable future, newspapers remain vital to the process of public notice.

The bills are SB 872 by Jon Lindsay (R-Houston) and SB 853 by Sen. Chris Harris (R-Arlington). Lindsay's bill would allow for Internet posting of public bid notices. Harris' bill is more sweeping and would allow publication on the Internet of all public notices required by state law.

In both bills, electronic publication could be instead of, not in addition to, publication in newspapers.

Let's say up front that newspaper publishers likely would lose revenue

because of the change. However, for most daily newspapers, legal advertising represents a small percentage of revenue, usually much less than 5 percent. The percentage for weekly newspapers is higher.

The real losers if this legislation passes would be the public.

In this debate, it is essential for all to understand the underlying purpose of such advertising; it is not just functional, aimed only at public officials and contractors who do business with the government. It is for everyone.

All citizens have a right to information about public bidding, meetings, tax foreclosure sales and adoption of new tax rates and budgets.

The fact is, not enough Texans have Internet access or use what they do have — at least not yet. A 1998 U.S. Department of Commerce study set Texas' statewide rate of access at only about 24.5 percent. Admittedly, that likely is somewhat higher today.

However, there remains an undeniable digital divide between those who have access to the Internet and those who don't. It appears obvious that those without Internet access are the most economically disadvantaged among us. Access also is much lower

in rural than in urban areas.

The best data available seems to be a June 2000 report titled "Government Services and Computer and Internet Use in Texas," compiled by the University of Texas. It concludes that about half of all Texans have at least limited Internet access, but fully half the polling sample agreed "the Internet is insufficiently available across the state to rely on it for providing government services."

Simply put, allowing Internet-only posting would put such information off-limits to all who do not possess the money, the skills and training, the hardware or software to surf the net. That's a bad idea.

It's an even worse idea when one considers how newspapers still may serve in this area.

Habit is an important part of what newspapers offer. The state of Texas has invested millions over the years in training citizens to look for public notices in their local newspapers. We should not toss this aside without a great amount of planning and thought.

Further, a majority of Texas newspapers already have their own Internet presence. The Texas Press

Association reports that more than half of the state's 550 newspapers have internet editions. Of those, 111 Texas newspapers currently are posting legal notices to the Internet.

In many cases legal posting on the Internet is a free service offered to enhance the value and reach of legal advertising published in the paper.

Surely there is a way to harness the power of a print-Internet partnership to serve the people of Texas better.

Some in the Texas Legislature may relish the notion of taking a small amount of revenue away from their local newspaper.

Others may sincerely believe the state should make more and better use of Internet technology. It is hard to argue with that notion. It's also logical, however, that expansion onto the Internet should be phased and appropriate to the growth in genuine Internet access and use.

The bills on the table today could essentially end access to huge quantities of public information for all but our most technologically advanced — and wealthiest — citizens.

It is an idea whose time has not come.

Dolph Tillotson is president and publisher of The Galveston Daily News.



# Defense cutbacks not good for economy

Is it fear, panic, disappointment, shock or all of the above? It is all of the above, and it is coming from unlikely sources: the U.S. military and its defense contractors.



JACK ANDERSON

President George W. Bush, like most Republican candidates, received the overwhelming support of America's fighting men and women and the contractors who supply them. It is a tradition that goes back to the Vietnam War era, when many service people linked the Democrats to the anti-war protesters. Now, however, they are having second thoughts. The president has begun a top-to-bottom review of the military, but his intent is clear: His administration is cutting

back. Sources tell us that there will be fewer missions abroad, fewer people in the military, fewer bases and fewer planes, tanks, missiles and ships.

There already are fewer defense contracts, and sizable defense-industry layoffs have already commenced. The cutbacks are so pervasive that in a recent gathering of "Beltway Bandits" — as Washington, D.C., defense contractors are dubbed — we listened as they asked each other whether there were any openings for "some very good people that we are about to lay off." The answers came back: "No, we were about to ask you the same thing."

Looking for homes for displaced employees was not all they had in common. They all had voted for George W. Bush. They had expected the president to increase supplemental contracts by executive order when he assumed office. They had expected to see increases in the defense

budget. To say that they are in a state of shock is an understatement. This news may not be greatly upsetting to most Americans, but think again. The administration's unilateral cutting of defense spending just as the U.S. economy is slowing down could cinch a recession. And this is not the old guns-or-butter debate. It is not even a guns-or-tax-cut debate. Rather, it is more philosophically based. The president simply does not share the global view held by every president since Herbert Hoover. Bush would say that he is no isolationist, but neither is he an interventionist.

The first test is already looming. When Yugoslavia began coming apart and regional conflicts erupted, America and its European allies took action, albeit belatedly.

Bosnia was the site of the largest conflict, but more recently, Kosovo became the center of attention. Throughout it all, the one

small, fledgling country in the area that was declared inviolate was Macedonia because it is the gateway to Greece. But now Macedonia is under attack by ethnic Albanians. Will Bush intervene? Will NATO intervene? And if not there, where? That question is much discussed in America's military by enlisted personnel and officers alike. It is being asked by those retired officers now employed by the "Beltway Bandits" because the top-to-bottom review is about more than the reallocation of money. It is about direction, commitments and geo-political philosophy.

Meanwhile, the military-industrial establishment is in disarray, and President Dwight D. Eisenhower's warnings about that establishment notwithstanding, this situation is not beneficial for the nation.

Cutbacks in this sector and at this time cannot be good for our security or our economy.

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# Contribution cap key to possible campaign finance compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Ford Mustang could cost \$25,000 in 1974. Sen. Mitch McConnell of Kentucky is fond of saying. That also was the year Congress imposed a \$1,000 limit on the political donations that individuals may make to candidates.

While McConnell's Mustang could cost \$25,000 or more today, the \$1,000 limit lives on, an aging reminder of the last major overhaul of the campaign finance system, and the possible key to compromise on a new one.

The limits on hard money donations will rise if a bill is to pass. "The only question is how much," Sen.

John McCain said last week as he maneuvered to hold together a shaky coalition behind a bill to ban soft money — the unlimited donations that individuals, corporations and unions make to political parties.

The legislation, co-sponsored by Sen. Russ Feingold, D-Wis., also would restrict political advertising by unions, corporations and outside groups in the weeks before an election.

"We're quite a distance apart" on a compromise on donation limits, McCain, R-Ariz., said Friday, and there are other hurdles to overcome if legislation is to pass Congress.

One test is likely early

this week: Sen. Chuck Hagel, R-Neb., is expected to seek a vote on his proposal to raise the individual donation limits while only capping soft money donations.

McCain said there was no guarantee of success for passage of a bill that has been scuttled by Republican filibuster several times in recent years. Fellow Republican McConnell, the leader of the opposition, has not yet responded favorably to the suggested trade.

A veteran supporter of those filibusters, GOP Whip Don Nickles of Oklahoma, publicly floated the outlines of a possible compromise. He told reporters he "could live with" the soft money

ban if the legislation allowed individuals to give more money directly to candidates and parties.

In addition to the \$1,000 limits on individual donations to candidates, there are other restrictions on donations to political action committees, national parties, state and local parties, and an overall ceiling on allowable donations per contributor.

At the same time, Nickles said he wanted to see other changes in the legislation, including one to lessen the impact of a provision requiring television stations to charge candidates less for campaign advertising.

Within 24 hours, McCain

told reporters he was open to changes. "I think we could negotiate with the broadcasters," he said Friday, repeating in public a point he had made privately in a meeting he and Feingold had with Nickles.

At the same time, McCain said he must be careful not to concede too much to Republicans in pursuit of a deal, lest Democrats who form the bulk of the measure's supporters start to fall away. Or, as he put it, "that you pick up somebody on one side, but they fall off on the other side" of the political spectrum.

Senate Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota said he strongly

opposed a tripling of the current \$1,000 limit, as Nickles suggested at one point. But he left room for compromise when he added, "I don't want to negotiate in front of a camera."

Within his own caucus, Daschle confronts a variety of different views on the subject.

Sen. Paul Wellstone, D-Minn., who favors public financing for elections, has said that a large increase in the donation limits could cause him to rethink his support for the bill. Under the current system, he said, "one-quarter of one percent (of Americans) contribute more than \$200 to candidates."

# President Bush on Congress: 'If you send it, they will spend it'

WASHINGTON (AP) President Bush appealed directly to the public on Saturday to tell Congress not to spend any more than what he is seeking in his budget blueprint.

"When money is left in Washington, there is a tremendous temptation for the government to use it. The point is simple: If you send it, they will spend it," Bush said in his weekly radio address.

"And this is why we need a balanced approach of moderate spending growth, debt

reduction, and meaningful tax relief. This is the plan that Congress is now considering, and I hope you'll give it your support."

Bush proposes limiting government growth to 4 percent and cutting taxes by at least \$1.6 trillion over 10 years. Senate Republicans on Friday discussed adding \$60 billion to Bush's tax-cut package, and the White House signaled its approval.

"Some in Washington do not think a 4 percent spending increase is enough. They want government to

take a much larger part of the surplus," Bush said.

"But think about it: For the past few years, average hourly wages have risen at a rate of 4 percent. If the taxpayer can get by on a 4 percent raise, the tax collector ought to be able to make do with 4 percent as well," the president said.

Bush said federal discretionary spending grew by 8 percent a year ago. "If this spending spree were to continue, we would drain the surplus by funding a permanently larger government,"

he said. "This would be bad for the taxpayer, and bad for the economy."

"My budget plan doesn't slam the brake on spending; it slows the growth of spending," he said. "It makes our increases in spending more realistic and reasonable. All in all my budget will provide the government with \$100 billion more to spend in 2002. Even by Washington standards that is a lot of additional money, and it is enough."

As he has since assuming the presidency in January,

Bush promoted an administration budget that includes increases in education and Medicare with cuts in agriculture, energy and other areas.

Bush has traveled to more than a dozen key political states since unveiling his economic plan, hoping to push wavering lawmakers to his side. He visited Maine on Friday and plans to travel to Missouri, Montana and Michigan this week. Aides also were preparing for what they said may be a major economic address

Tuesday.

In his travels, Bush tries to counter Democratic claims that his budget and tax policies favor the rich and jeopardize the surpluses.

With the economy faltering, congressional Democrats and Republicans are rallying around the idea of some tax relief this year. But they disagree on whether to pass cuts for 2001 as a stand-alone bill or attach them to Bush's 10-year, across-the-board income tax cuts.

# Parking lot spit helps police make arrest

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (AP) — Police tailing a murder suspect saw him spit in a parking lot, giving them DNA evidence they needed to arrest him in connection with the slaying of a waitress two years earlier, a newspaper reported Friday.

Robert Eric Denney, 19, faces trial in July in the 1998 stabbing death of Corey Parker, who worked at a bar in Atlantic Beach.

DNA tests concluded that Denney's saliva matched hair and blood at the victim's apartment, according to police records obtained this week by The Florida Times-Union.

Denney's lawyer, Patrick McGuinness, declined to comment.

Denney had been a neighbor of Parker in Jacksonville Beach when the 25-year-old woman was stabbed 84 times, prosecutors said. Denney later moved to Maryland.

Denney apparently suspected police were watching him last year and became meticulous about withhold-

# Two men are linked to separate 1980s murders after DNA testing

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Using DNA testing, police in Houston and Orlando, Fla., have linked two men to separate child murders from the 1980s.

In Houston, 40-year-old Michael Blane Brasher was charged with capital murder Friday in the 1982 rape and strangling of 14-year-old Lisa Dawn Hoag. He remained at large.

Brasher was a chief suspect at the time of the crime, but nobody could identify him, Detective Boyd Smith said. Brasher provided a blood sample

in connection with a traffic arrest that year, and DNA testing in 1999 matched it to semen collected from the girl's body, Smith said.

In Orlando, Franklin Reed was arrested Thursday on murder charges in the 1986 rape and stabbing of 13-year-old Molly Pittman.

Reed had initially passed a lie detector test and was cleared of suspicion, but a recent blood sample he provided matched DNA from the crime, sheriff's Cmdr. Bernie Presha commented.

ing possible physical evidence, saving cigarette butts at work to discard at home.

When asked outright for a saliva sample in July, Denney refused, according to authorities. Later that day, detectives saw Denney spit on the ground as he

paced the ground and smoked a cigarette outside his employer's back door in Easton, Md. Sgt. Billy Carlyle of the Jacksonville Beach Police Department swabbed up the spittle and had it tested.

Denney was arrested four months later.

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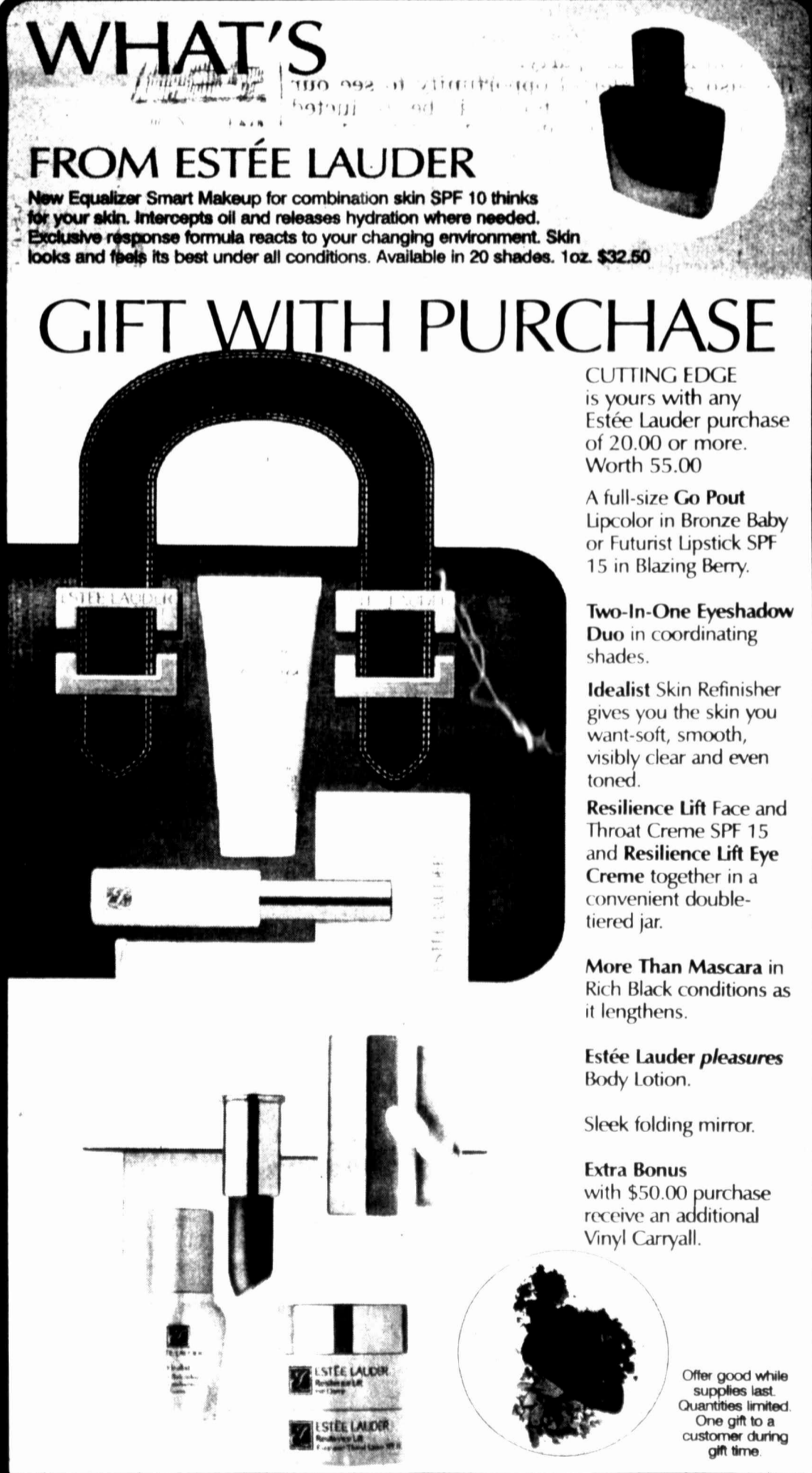
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# Census shows remote, rural Midwest towns face 'death spiral'

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The class of 2001 in the tiny town of Morland, Kan., is small enough to fit at a card table. When the four seniors graduate this spring, it will mark a beginning for them.

Morland High School — with 19 students — will hand out its diplomas in May, then close its doors, one more casualty of declining population in the more remote, rural towns of the nation's heartland.

"Some people are angry, some people are sad," says 27-year-old Principal Shelly Swayne, who grew up in a nearby northwestern Kansas town that lost its high school decades ago. "It's hard for us to see beyond our own boundaries. We see this as a single phenomenon happening to us. But it's a lot bigger than we are."

The 2000 census confirmed long-held suspicions: Many

small towns in isolated stretches of the Midwest and Great Plains are withering away.

Schools are closing, farmers are giving up and young people are moving out, leaving behind the elderly in communities struggling to keep their names on the map.

The latest census numbers show dozens of counties in South Dakota, North Dakota, Missouri, Nebraska, Kansas, Iowa and Illinois lost people in the 1990s. The decline came even as these states gained population; one of the biggest surges came from the influx of Hispanics, lured by work in meatpacking and poultry plants and other hard-to-fill jobs.

Cities grew and suburbia expanded into once-rural areas as farmland was plowed over to make way for housing subdivisions. In Indiana, Hamilton County, next to Indianapolis, grew

68 percent over the last decade.

Deep in the reaches of the Midwest and Great Plains, the century-long slide in population continues. In the last decade, according to the census:

- About half of South Dakota's 315 towns had no growth or fewer people.
- All but six of North Dakota's 53 counties lost residents.
- A dozen rural Kansas counties lost 10 percent or more of their population.
- The number of residents 17 and younger declined in 63 of 99 Iowa counties.

"It ends up being sort of a death spiral," says John Bailey, director of the rural policy program at the Center for Rural Affairs in Nebraska. "As communities get smaller, their schools, churches and business fade away. There's nothing to draw people to live there. These towns are on the

ropes now. In another generation, they could disappear."

Many young people already "take the first bus out of town," Bailey says. "Unless they go to work for their parents in a farm or ranch, there's no economic opportunity for them. They either go to college and never return or go to one of the big population centers."

Take Robbie Ellis. One of Morland High's last graduates, she will study accounting this fall at college in Colby, Kan., 56 miles from home. After that, she is uncertain.

"I want to drift around until I find the best job," the 18-year-old says. "It might or might not be Kansas." If it is, she says, it will not be in a small town, because there is no work there.

This kind of brain drain has long-range implications, says Paul Lasley, professor of sociology at Iowa State University.

"Not only do you lose well-educated young people who are going to become parents, but you lose the next generation putting down roots," he says. "What we really are seeing is a leadership void in a lot of those communities. Who's going to be the future leaders?"

It is a question Joseph Kingsley might be asking himself.

Kingsley has been town council president in Laconia, Ind., for 26 of his 69 years. Over the decades, he has seen the closing of his high school, grocery stores, restaurants and the pool hall.

The census recently reported his southern Indiana town had dwindled from a population of 75 in 1990 to 29 in 2000.

"It's going down right smart," Kingsley says. "We don't have no young ones staying on anymore. Half the residents here are old women — 75 to 80 years

old."

Kingsley has been working to get approval for a new sewer system, hoping it will attract business. He says, "Every time you go somewhere for money, they say you ain't got enough people. That's the excuse they use."

Kingsley left Laconia for just two years — to serve in Korea.

"I stayed here so long," he says, "I guess I never got a chance to get away."

At Morland High, Shelly Swayne and her students are looking ahead. Most of the students will transfer to a school 12 miles away.

Swayne says if circumstances were different, she might have remained at Morland most of her career. She enjoys walking to work, feeling secure at home, striking up a conversation with anyone she meets at the corner grocery.

"I want to stay here," she says. "But there's no reason for me to stay."

## Seattle asks: What will happen next?

SEATTLE (AP) — An earthquake rumbles. Mardi Gras celebrations turn violent. Microsoft battles a breakup order. Dot-coms fold. And now Boeing declares it's leaving home.

After an unbelievable string of misfortune, Seattle residents are wondering what bad news is yet to come.

"We are feeling a bit like an urban Job. What's next? Boils? A plague of locusts?" asked Seattle historian Walt Crowley, who runs a Web site called [www.historylink.org](http://www.historylink.org).

Microsoft, Amazon.com or Starbucks, there was Boeing. For years, the city's fortunes rose and fell with the aerospace giant.

In recent years, even though the economy has diversified, Boeing remains the state's largest private employer, and Seattle enjoys its worldwide reputation as Jet City — apparent-

ly more than Boeing values being known as a Seattle-based company.

On Friday, as Boeing executives considered Denver, Dallas and Chicago, this city acted like a jilted lover, wondering what went wrong.

Politicians and business leaders debated what they could have done to keep the

company from straying, with improving Seattle's snarled traffic at the top of the list.

Tim Foss, a telephone technician, said of all the recent bad news, Boeing's exit was the worst.

"It was a shock," he said. "It left people reeling. Boeing has always been synonymous with Seattle."

"The first signs of rust appeared in 1999, when a federal judge ruled against Microsoft in an antitrust suit, saying the software giant unfairly used its monopoly power to bully competitors. U.S. District Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson followed up with an order last summer that Microsoft be split in two. The case is now on appeal.

In December 1999, more than 50,000 World Trade Organization protesters poured into downtown streets. Gangs of anarchists smashed windows and vandalized cars, and police took on the crowds with tear gas and rubber bullets.

Two weeks later, the city canceled its New Year's celebration around the Space Needle after a suspected terrorist was arrested at the U.S. border, allegedly trying to smuggle bomb-making materials with millennial mayhem in mind.

On Jan. 31 of last year, 88 people died off the California coast in the crash of a jet operated by Seattle-based Alaska Airlines.

Throughout the year, the faltering fortunes of many Internet companies shook the confidence of Seattle's high-tech industry.

Last month, Mardi Gras celebrations turned ugly, as marauding groups attacked people on the streets, killing one and injuring 70. The next day, on Feb. 28, Seattle was rocked by a magnitude-6.8 earthquake, its largest in 52 years.

Throw in a drought, described as the state's worst since 1977, and rising energy costs because of California's power crisis, and Seattle was ready for a bit of good news.

What it got instead: Wednesday's announcement from the Boeing Co. that it is moving its corporate headquarters from the city it has called home for 85 years. The economic hit was small, since Boeing's huge aircraft-manufacturing plants are staying put, and only about 1,000 of the company's nearly 80,000 employees in Washington state will be relocated.

The psychological impact was huge. Before there was

Microsoft, Amazon.com or Starbucks, there was Boeing. For years, the city's fortunes rose and fell with the aerospace giant.

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## CLUB NEWS

**The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR**

The Captain Elisha Mack Chapter, NSDAR, met March 10, at the Big Spring Country Club.

Regent Lola Kelley welcomed members and our guests, Dorothy Barrow and Morgan McKinney.

Our nomination of local veteran Elton "Buck" Turner (a former POW) has been selected "Outstanding Veteran Patient" at the state level and at the South Central division level.

The VAVS DAR Deputy Representative Sue Ann Damron reported that the Big Spring, San Angelo and Midland chapters prepared heart-shaped bags of candy that were distributed to all the VA patients on Valentine's Day.

Junior member Ann Witherspoon has been asked by the State Regent to be the personal page to

Registrar General Barbara Harrell at this month's state conference in Houston.

June Reid presented an excellent program entitled "Wives of the Signers of the Declaration of Independence."

She recounted the stories of many of the wives of the patriots who signed the famous document.

Katie Lara and Dottie Britton were the hostesses for this meeting.

The Saint Patrick's Day and patriot decorations were beautiful.

Dottie Britton won the door prize, a patriotic apron.

The next meeting will be April 7 at the Big Spring Country Club at noon.

**Big Spring Art Association**

The Big Spring Art Association met March 20 at the county library.

Bonita Lyght gave instructions on scratch board painting and those present completed a painting.

Judy Gibbs announced

that the club's area show will be at the Big Spring Mall. Jacque Swagger of Monahans will be the judge. Entries are May 5, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The show will continue at the mall the following week.

Lonnies Nichols, Kay Smith, Sue Bagwell and Judy Gibbs were accepted in the Odessa Show at the Ellen Noel Art Institute.

The group won several awards. Smith won the Betty Lynch award in the Midland Art Show at the Museum of the Southwest.

Arlys Scott won first place in the Tipping of the E.ush Contest and her painting will be displayed at Citizens Credit Union.


Estell Howard's will be at Big Spring Banking Center.

Jean Money's at the court house annex, Gibbs' paintings at Al's Barbecue and Dell's Cafe, Smith's at the Chamber of Commerce and Lyght's at Santa Fe Sandwiches.

Guests were Inez Petty, Jennifer and Elizabeth Petersen.

Hostesses were Lyght and

### "Our Family Committed to Serve"



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*Danny Henniken, Assistant Manager*

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#### GOLF

1:30 p.m. — Championship, NBC, Ch. 9.

## IN BRIEF

### Coahoma rallies for win in Midland

The Bulldogettes used a couple of Lady Mustang errors to post a 4-1 win over Midland Christian Friday.

The Bulldogettes trailed early but scored the tying run in the third and never looked back.

Coahoma will travel to Abilene to face Breckenridge Tuesday.

### Steers suffer loss to Andrews Friday

The Steers made a conscious effort Friday as they suffered a 13-6 loss to Andrews.

Ryan Guinn, Jason Choate and Ragan Phillips scored five of the Steers runs.

Guinn hit a three-run homer over the right field wall in the fifth but the Steers couldn't recover after falling behind in the third.

The Steers travel to San Angelo Tuesday for a 4 p.m. matchup with Lakeview's Chiefs.

### Women's softball seeking players

The Big Spring United Girls Softball Association is seeking women 20 and older to play fast pitch softball.

Registration is \$30 and teams are now forming.

For more information call Alicia Buzbee at 264-0216.

### Industrial league softball sign-ups

Anyone wanting to participate in the softball league, the sign-ups and entry fees deadline is Friday, April 6.

The entry fee is \$385 and there is a 20 roster sign-up limit.

For more information contact Sally Grant at 393-5237 or 268-4728.

### Athletic department offers physicals

The BSISD Athletic department is offering athletic physicals for anyone in the sixth through 11th grade.

The physicals are required for students who wish to participate in athletics entering the seventh or ninth grade or those who do not already have one.

Physicals will be given at BSISD auditorium Saturday, March 31, at 9:45 a.m. for sixth graders, 10:30 a.m. for eighth-11th graders.

### Lifeguard certification course offered

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

Registration is limited to 12 people. You must be at least 16 years of age and be able to swim 500 yards.

The cost is \$100 per person. The fee includes first aid and CPR certifications. To register come by 801 Owens St.

### IT'S MISSING

Results from the Howard's rodeo, baseball and softball teams are not included in today's edition of the Herald because coaches failed to call in information from the game. Steer track results will be available Monday's.

### ON THE AIR

#### Television COLLEGE BASKETBALL

1:30 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, Regional finals, CBS, Ch. 7.

#### NBA

11 a.m. — San Antonio Spurs at Miami Heat, NBC, Ch. 9.

5:30 p.m. — L.A. Lakers at Sacramento Kings, NBC, Ch. 9.

#### GOLF

1:30 p.m. — PGA, Players Championship, final round, NBC, Ch. 9.

## Bobby Knight is Texas Tech's newest Red Raider

LUBBOCK (AP) — The energy generated five years ago when Texas Tech made it to the Sweet 16 returned when Bob Knight was introduced to thousands of boisterous fans as the Red Raiders' new coach.

"It's the greatest thing that could happen to the program, ever," said Albert Lusky, a sophomore among about 7,500 students and fans who gathered at the two-year-old United Spirit Arena to hear the hiring announced.

After missing his first college season since 1963-64, Knight's exile from college basketball ended Friday when he signed a five-year, \$1.25 million deal with Tech. With other incentives, the salary comes

to about \$400,000 annually, athletic director Gerald Myers said.

"I remember when we went to the Sweet 16 several years ago, and that was so exciting. I feel that excitement starting to come back now," Lusky said. "Especially with the new arena, I think it's going to be a really, really exciting time to be involved in basketball at Tech."

The announcement was not as enthusiastically received in Indiana, where some still bemoan his departure.

"He might have finally found a state big enough to fit his ego," Indiana graduate Bob Weith said.

Most in the Tech crowd seemed to love Knight's brashness. Before he even put his "Guns Up," the

school's spirit hand gesture, the "General" had his newest soldiers in line for combat.

The fiery coach asked the fans to stay for a news conference and encouraged them to react to questions. At one point, when a reporter asked for a follow-up question, Knight declined. When the reporter insisted, Knight asked the audience, "How many of you want to hear a follow-up from this guy?"

The crowd booted loudly.

When the same reporter later asked Knight about anger management, the coach said, "My wife has this great saying, 'If the horse is dead, get off of the horse,' and you should adhere to that, too. The horse is dead."

Knight's temper contributed to his firing from Indiana in September. He coached the Hoosiers to three national titles.

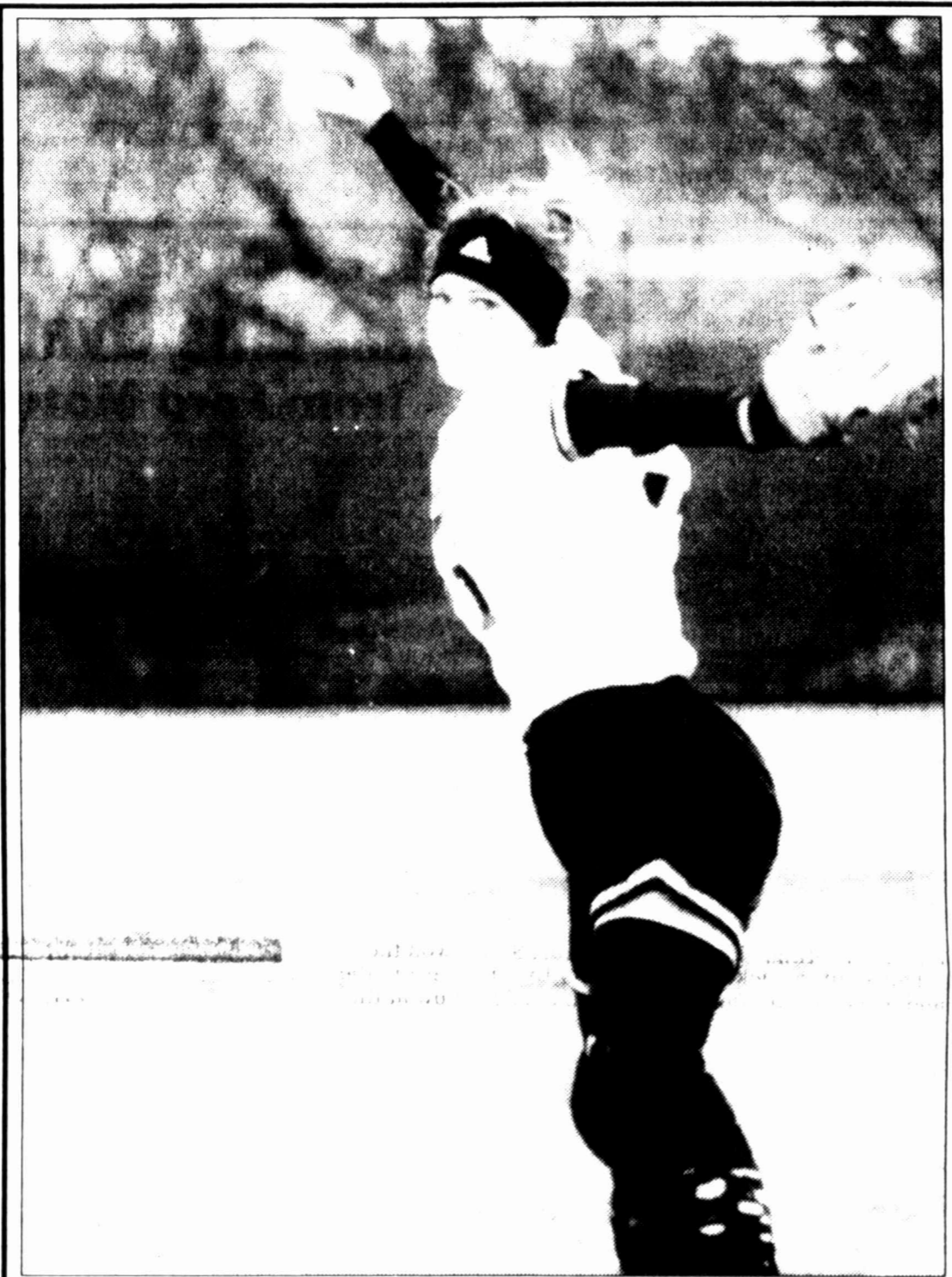
Knight was brash, defiant and unapologetic for the events that led to his September firing at Indiana, including grabbing one of his players by the neck during practice.

Asked about his behavior at Indiana, Knight replied:

"I'm not sure what the pattern of unacceptable behavior was, except that I was told about four things that happened three years, eight years, 11 years and 22 years prior to that."

"I think that's kind of a funny pat

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Lady Steers' Christina Gwyn (21) throws a pitch during Big Spring's 10-0 win over Levelland. Gwyn pitched a no-hitter and finished the game with 13 strikeouts.

HERALD photo/Jim Ferro

## Pitching ace, big batters run past Levelland in five

By KAMILAH WARD  
Sports Writer

Laura Olague said it best, "We just did what we love to do."

Doing what they love to do must account for the Lady Steer's success in the first half of district play.

And Saturday's chilly weather didn't stop the Big Spring Lady Steers as they continued their run in District 44A softball action behind the strong pitching of Christina Gwyn and a few big hits in the first and fifth innings to take a 10-0 win over Levelland's Lady Lobos.

Gwyn captured her sixth district win upping the Lady Steers' record to 15-7

on the season and a perfect 6-0 in district.

It's hard to say if it was Gwyn's 13-strikeout no-hitter or the team's 10-run, 13-hit performance.

Either way, the Lady Steers seem to be making a bold statement about where they stand in 44A and where they plan to be at the end of April.

Gwyn opened the game with a stand up double to left, driving in Amy Jackson and Erica Stewart for the early 2-0 lead before scoring a run of her own.

Defensively, the Lady Steers' work was kept to a minimum as Gwyn seemed to mow down the Lady Lobos in every inning. She was assisted twice by

Bridget Cain and Trista Casey on a couple of ground balls to second. Other than that, Levelland had a hard time connecting.

The offense was twice as nice for the Lady Steers after scoring three runs in the first, Cain scored a run in the second and Tracy Padilla scored in the fourth on Gwyn's base hit to left field.

"We didn't let up," said Olague after the win. "We didn't give them a chance to stay in the game."

The Lady Steers' fifth-inning performance was a prime example of the team's effort, as they

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## Lady Steer linksters open district; tennis team takes fifth place

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Lady Steers' golf team began the first round of District 4-4A.

The Lady Steers stand in sixth place after finishing with a first round total of 398 just 10 shots behind Levelland's A team for fifth. The total included the best four scores from each team.

Sarah Anthony shot a round of 95 to lead Big Spring's A team. Jessica Hicks followed close behind with a 96, while Brittney Griffin shot 99 for the day. Angela Payne shot a 108 while Megan Pudliner rounded out the group with 140.

Jessica Woodward was the lone golfer for the Lady Steers second team. She shot 134 in her first 18 holes.

Other scores included Andrews who leading the first round with a total of 326: Jessica Thames 80, Megan Hall 81, Ashley Robb 82, Jessica Thruston 83 and Kerri Self 85; Snyder A totaled 339: Katie Kerley 83, Kellie Dodson 84, Kara Harrison 85, Andra Lancaster 87 and Lauren Day 89; Andrew B totaled 363: Halli Richards 79, Britney Subia 91, Randi Taylor 95, Marci Street 98 and Lindsey Aurn 100; Snyder B totaled 373: Christian Curry 85, Catherin Whitworth 90, Hailey Putnum 95, Paige Smith 103 and Kami Troat 113; Levelland A totaled 388: Tamara McDonald 80, Lori

Barnard 89, Carrie Cash 107, Amber Pinkert 112 and Lindsey Stansifer 120; Plainview A totaled 400: Haley Horne 90, Katie Long 103, Jessica Newman 103, Amanda Lewis 104, Ali Pohlmeier 107; Lakeview A totaled 413: Tisha Montez 89, Ashleigh Hoffman 105, Kelli Cooper 106, Fallon Bradford 113 and Stephanie Chambliss 137.

ODESSA — The tennis team placed fifth at the Odessa Bob Clark Tournament Saturday. It was their first tournament since competing in the Odessa tournament over a month ago.

The doubles team of Alex Edgeman and Jay Schroff combined for a fourth place finish while Michael Roffers and Brian Wingert finished in eighth.

In singles action, Derek DeHoyas finished fourth and Zach Smiley took ninth place.

In the girls' doubles, Meghan Roffers and April Ward landed a tenth place finish while Mindy Partee and Annette Richardson finished eleventh.

In singles action, Heather Parnell placed twelfth. Parnell competed in the BRTC tennis tournament in Lubbock and received gold for both her doubles and singles matches. She played five singles and three doubles matches with partner Lori Vasquez from Lubbock.

The team will travel to the San Antonio Friday.

## HOWARD COLLEGE SPORTS BRIEF

HERALD Staff Report

MIDLAND — Howard College Lady Hawks' softball team swept their competition Friday after posting wins over Garden City, Colby College and Seward College.

In game one, De'Shaun Drake was the winning pitcher as Howard pulled out a close 5-4 win over Garden City. Valerie Goetz went 2-for-3 with two RBIs.

Brandy Smith was the winning pitcher in the second game as the Lady Hawks blasted Colby 8-0. Samantha Ward went 2-for-2 with two RBIs while Amanda Michael and Drake both added a couple of RBIs. Michael returned to the

mound in the Lady '94 win over Seward. Ward and Diana Faulkner both hit home runs while Devon Melby went 4-for-4 in the game.

In Saturday's action, the Lady Hawks advanced to the championship game to face Midland's Lady Chaparrals after blowing by Colby 16-1 in the semi-final game. Smith was the winning pitcher while Faulkner hit a two-run homer.

TUCSON, AZ — The Hawks' baseball team, posted an 8-1 win Friday over Arizona Western after splitting the first two games of the Cactus Classic at Reed Park. Their record on the season is 24-9-1 and 8-4 in conference.

## Big Spring Bowling Association honors annual

HERALD Staff Report

Julia Walraven led the recognition list Friday when the Big Spring Women's Bowling Association honored winners from its annual tournament and paid out more than \$1,150 in prize money during the annual BSWBA banquet.

Walraven took first place in two events, winning in singles with a score of 687 and the all events handicap crown with a 1,992-point total.

The all events scratch winner was Joyce Davis with 1,689 points. Her win in that category was no surprise to the tournament field, since she has won that division every time she's entered the tournament.

In doubles, Bonnie Barber and Barbara Stanley teamed for a first-place point total of 1,313, while the foursome of Rosaleen Hector, Sheila



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Beeler, League Officer of the Year was Betty Daily. Lockie Schooling was posthumously inducted into the association's Hall of Fame. She had bowled in local, state and national tournaments for more than 50 years and bowled in two leagues each week until two months prior to her death in January at the age of 92.

In addition to tournament awards, the BSWBA also recognized bowlers for special achievements during the year.

Pattie Hill was honored as Bowler of the Year, while the Golden Age Award went to Wanda

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Here is a list of winners from the Big Spring Women's Bowling Association's annual tournament:  
Teams: 1. Deal With It (Rosaleen Hector, Sheila Armstrong, Diane Robinson, Dena Zant), 2,556; 1,344; 2. Strike Chasers (Mara Escobar, Brenda McCright, Arne Gutierrez, Vicki Lopez), 2,525; 1,105; 3. Gutter Duster (Shawn McCutchan, Grace LeBarre, Charlene Cook, Jeff Moore), 2,516; \$80.  
Doubles: 1. Bonnie Barber and Barb Stanley, 1,313; \$130; 2. Brenda McCutcheon and Mara Escobar, 1,311; \$102; 3. Betty Boatman and Gwend Smith, 1,287; \$77; 50.  
Singles: 1. Julia Walraven, 687; \$74; 2. Bethany Everett, 681; \$62; 3. Irene Yarnes, 677; \$52; 4. Mara Escobar, 673; \$46; 5. Jan Graham, 671; \$40; 6. Donna Brown, 666; \$34; 10.  
All Events Handicap: 1. Julia Walraven, 1,992; \$97; 2. Mara Escobar, 1,989; \$76; 3. Cathy McMurtrey, 1,967; \$58.  
All Events Scratch: Joyce Davis, 1,689.

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# Lady Raiders fall to Purdue; Xavier posts upset over Tennessee

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Once again, Purdue's triumph is bittersweet.

Katie Douglas hit a short runner with 30 seconds left and the Boilermakers took advantage of early foul trouble by Texas Tech's best post player for a 74-72 win Saturday in the NCAA Midwest Regional semifinals.

That set up a matchup Monday night with Xavier as Purdue (29-6) tries to duplicate its title run of two years ago after losing in the second round of the NCAA tournament last season.

The bad news for Purdue was that freshman Erika Valek, a native of Lubbock, Texas, tore a ligament in her right knee with just over four minutes left after scoring 13 points. She got hugs from her hometown team after the game.

"We've gone through a lot this year, but it's never easy," said center Camille Cooper, who had 17 points on 8-of-11 shooting. "It's still a bit unnerving. But I don't think it would be Purdue if we didn't have a little adversity."

"We just rallied together and tried to win the game for her."

The win was also for Tiffany Young, a popular Purdue player who was killed by a drunk driver a few months after the 1999 championship season. Young was a native of nearby Hillsboro, Ala., and much of her family was on hand Saturday.

Texas Tech freshman Jia Perkins scored 18 of her career-high 29 points in the second half to rally the Lady Raiders (25-7) from a 10-point deficit. The Lady Raiders had made the regional finals in two of the last three seasons.

"There were a couple of times when we could have folded, but we didn't,"

Texas Tech coach Marsha Sharp said. "We kept playing hard and trying to make every play to give ourselves the win."

"I think we'll be back."

Pierson, who had 28 points last weekend against Virginia Tech, had just five points and one rebound in less than 13 minutes and fouled out with 5:54 left. She attempted only three shots.

"It really was a major, major problem for us to try to create offense without her on the floor," Sharp said.

Perkins hit two free throws then nailed a 3-pointer with 2:22 left to tie it 70-70.

Douglas hit one of two free throws 20 seconds later and Texas Tech missed layups on consecutive possessions.

Douglas slipped along the baseline to score in traffic with 30 seconds left, making it 73-70. Perkins missed a 3 with Douglas rebounding and drawing the foul.

"I thought Perkins' look was probably as good a look as you can get, at that point in time," Sharp said. "And it just didn't go."

Douglas sealed the win with a free throw with 11.9 seconds left. Perkins made a layup with four-tenths of a second to go but time ran out with Purdue's inbounds play.

"I think the last two minutes we really picked it up and played like it was our last game," the senior All-American said.

Amber Tarr had 11 points for Texas Tech while Katrina O'Neal scored all eight of her points in the second half and had five steals. Perkins, who was 3-of-4 from 3-point range, also had four assists.

She took little satisfaction in her performance.

"You can look at how many points I scored, but that's not what I look at," Perkins said. "I look at the

outcome of the game."

With four starters at least 6-1, Purdue had little trouble pounding it inside early and often against Texas Tech's zone to take a 41-33 halftime lead. The Boilermakers scored the first basket of the second half and had 44 points in the paint.

"I thought our kids did a nice job of going inside early," Purdue coach Kristy Curry said. "We thought if we went in often and we were the aggressor and did the things we had worked on the past few days we could put (Cooper) in that position."

Now, the team must figure out a way to overcome the loss of one of its sparkplugs.

"There's no question Erika's our energy, she's our enthusiasm," Curry said. "This team's been through so much. I just feel so bad. But this team can overcome anything they want to overcome."

## Xavier 80, Tennessee 65

Xavier pulled off a stunning upset, knocking Tennessee out of the NCAA tournament, sending the Lady Vols to their earliest exit in seven years.

The Musketeers overcame top-seeded Tennessee's height advantage and athleticism with sharp shooting and outstanding team play to earn an 80-65 victory Saturday in the Midwest Regional semifinals.

Xavier (31-2) built a 10-point lead in the first half, fought off Tennessee's repeated comeback attempts and, remarkably, won going away.

Tennessee's unmatched tradition, which includes six national championships, and all of Pat Summitt's coaching acumen could not save the Lady Vols (30-3) in this one.

It was the earliest Tennessee has been elimi-

nated from the tournament since a loss to Louisiana Tech in the 1994 regional semifinals. Instead it will be fourth-seeded Xavier, which never has come this far in the tournament, advancing to Monday night's regional final.

## Louisiana Tech 78, Missouri 67

Leon Barmore wasn't ready for retirement — and neither were his Lady Techsters, who are back in the NCAA final eight despite an off-season upheaval.

Takeisha Lewis, taking over as Missouri's front line got into foul trouble, had 20 of her 27 points in the second half as Louisiana Tech relied on its tournament poise to beat the Tigers 78-67 Saturday and reach the East Regional final.

Brooke Lassiter had 25 points, including five in a quick flurry with just under two minutes remaining after Missouri — a 10th-seeded team playing in NCAA women's round of 16 for the first time since 1982 — had closed within four

points.

The Techsters are in a regional final for the fourth consecutive season, even though Barmore retired for 17 days before being coaxed back last year and Tech lost six key players and two assistants coaches from a regional final team.

Lewis got the Techsters in front in the second half, but it was the 5-foot-9 Lassiter who kept them there.

With Louisiana Tech leading 64-60 and trying to run down the clock, Lassiter slowly brought the ball over the time line, drove to the baseline and back out, then hit a fallaway as the clock shot ran out.

Then, quickly getting off the floor, she jumped up and made a steal off the inbounds pass, hit a layup and finished off the three-point play by making the free throw to increase Tech's lead to 69-60 with 1:38 remaining.

Ayana Walker added 14 points and 12 rebounds for the Techsters (31-4), who have won 19 consecutive games — second best in the country to Xavier's 21 — en-

route to Monday's regional final.

Barr had 11 points and Tracy Franklin had 10 for Missouri.

## Connecticut 72, North Carolina State 58

Connecticut wasn't about to let anyone steal its "C."

Diana Taurasi gave defending champion Connecticut a big lead with her 3-point shooting and the Huskies overcame a slapdash second half to beat North Carolina State 72-58 Saturday and reach the East Regional final.

Not even the presence of Steelers coach Bill Cowher and his wife, Kaye, a former N.C. State player, could rally the Wolfpack, who tried motivating themselves by wearing practice jerseys bearing Connecticut's trademark "C" design.

Taurasi, the nation's most heavily recruited high school player a year ago, had 24 points — 19 in a first half.

Sue Bird had 16 and seven assists as UConn won its ninth in a row in NCAA tournament play.

# Freshman leads Red Raiders to win over Oklahoma State

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Freshman Brent Fossum went 3-for-4 with an RBI to lead Texas Tech to a 2-0 win Saturday over Oklahoma State.

The game was suspended in the bottom of the seventh inning Friday due to storms in the Lubbock area.

Brandon Roberson (5-3) got the win. Blake McGinley retired six straight batters to earn his fifth save of the season.

Texas Tech picked up an insurance run in the bottom of the eighth when Fossum scored on a fielder's choice. Cowboy catcher Rob Watson failed to get on the base on the throw from third baseman Zach Cates.

Josh Merrigan (4-3) took the loss for Oklahoma State.

## Texas 8, Oklahoma 1

Albert Montes pitched a complete game for Texas to lead the Longhorns to an 8-1 victory over Oklahoma in front of a season-high crowd of 5,269 at Disch-Falk Field

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on Saturday.

A two-out, RBI-single from Ryan Brooks and an RBI-double with two outs from Jeff Ontiveros in the bottom of the second gave Texas a 2-0 lead.

The Sooners then cut the lead to 2-1 with a RBI-single from shortstop Sergio Garcia in the fifth, but could not inch any closer. The Longhorns expanded their advantage to 5-1 on a two-RBI double from Sam Anderson in the sixth and a RBI double from Ryan Hubele in the seventh.

Montes (5-2) allowed only one run on nine hits while striking out six, while OU starter Rocky Cherry (5-2) suffered the loss.

## Baylor 12, Kansas 0

Kelly Shoppach went 3-for-5 with 3 RBIs as Baylor defeated Kansas 12-0 Saturday afternoon.

Josh Scott (4-2) went 6-2/3

innings for the win, holding the Jayhawks scoreless and striking out six.

Matt Williams went 3-for-4 with a double, a home run, and 3 RBIs for Baylor.

Pete Smart (6-1) took the loss, giving up four runs in six innings.

Doug Dreher went 3-for-4 with two doubles for Kansas.

## Texas A&M 1, Kansas State 0

Todd Deininger threw a complete-game shutout, just what Texas A&M needed, as the Aggies beat Kansas State 1-0 Saturday afternoon.

Deininger (2-3) held the Wildcats to two hits and struck out four for the victory.

Kevin Theiss hit a solo home run in the fifth for Texas A&M.

Kevin Melcher (0-2) took the loss throwing six innings and giving up six hits.

Kasey Weishaar and Ty Soto had one hit each for Kansas State.

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### NCAA - WOMEN

Regional Semifinals  
Saturday, March 24  
Louisiana Tech 78, Missouri 67  
Connecticut 72, N.C. State 58  
Regional Championship  
Monday, March 26  
Louisiana Tech (3) vs. Connecticut (31.2), 6:07 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL  
Saturday, March 24  
Xavier 80, Tennessee 65  
Purdue 74, Texas Tech 72  
Regional Championship  
Monday, March 26  
Purdue (29.6) vs. Xavier (13 p.m.)

MIDWEST REGIONAL  
Saturday, March 24  
Notre Dame (30.2) vs. Utah State (27.5) vs. Vanderbilt (27.5) vs. Iowa State (27.5) vs. Virginia Tech (27.5)  
Regional Championship  
Monday, March 26  
Semifinal winners, 8:07 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL  
Regional Semifinals  
Saturday, March 24  
Duke (30.3) vs. West Virginia (27.5) vs. Oklahoma (28.5) vs. Washington State (28.5)  
Regional Championship  
Monday, March 26  
Semifinal winners, 9:07 p.m.

THE FINAL FOUR  
At The Savvis Center  
St. Louis  
National Semifinals  
Friday, March 30  
East champion vs. Midwest champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
Midwest champion vs. West champion, 6 or 8:30 p.m.  
National Championship  
Sunday, April 1  
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

### NCAA - MEN

EAST REGIONAL  
At First Union Center  
Philadelphia  
Regional Semifinals  
Thursday, March 22  
Southern California 80, Kentucky 76, UCLA 63  
Regional Championship  
Saturday, March 24  
Southern California (32.4) vs. Kentucky (32.4) vs. UCLA (32.4) vs. Kentucky (32.4), late

SOUTH REGIONAL  
At The Georgia Dome  
Atlanta  
Regional Semifinals  
Friday, March 23  
Michigan State 77, Gonzaga 74, Penn State 72  
Regional Championship  
Sunday, March 25  
Michigan State (27.4) vs. Gonzaga (27.4) vs. Penn State (27.4) vs. Gonzaga (27.4), 1:40 p.m.

MIDWEST REGIONAL  
At The Alamodome  
San Antonio  
Regional Semifinals  
Friday, March 23  
Arizona 56, Mississippi 56, Illinois 80, Kansas 64  
Regional Championship  
Sunday, March 25  
Arizona (26.7) vs. Illinois (26.7) vs. Mississippi (26.7) vs. Kansas (26.7), 1:40 p.m.

WEST REGIONAL  
At Arrowhead Pond  
Anaheim, Calif.  
Regional Semifinals  
Friday, March 23  
Arizona 56, Mississippi 56, Illinois 80, Kansas 64  
Regional Championship  
Sunday, March 25  
Arizona (26.7) vs. Illinois (26.7) vs. Mississippi (26.7) vs. Kansas (26.7), 1:40 p.m.

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scored five runs and finished the game with no errors.

Olague, Whitman and Nicole Chesler scored runs in the bottom half to give the Lady Stars a 7-4 lead.

The game's final score was 7-4.

## Is some Venus?

KEY BISCAYNE

Andre Agas when he beat brother, Phil, in a match for the first time in 17 years.

So, like man and sisters, Agas pathize with Venus Williams their sibling rivalry large crowds witness titles at stake. "Every time I play, there is additional elementing and sibling that I couldn't imagine," Agas them as a family against each other big arena, it must be said. They make it cult. Almost every tennis agrees that rivalry awkward speculation that of their matches predetermined unpredictable Richard.

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**Saturday, March 24**  
Louisiana Tech 78, Missouri 67  
Connecticut 72, N.C. State 58  
**Regional Championship**  
**Monday, March 26**  
Louisiana Tech (31-4) vs. Connecticut (31-2), 6:07 p.m.  
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**Saturday, March 24**  
Xavier 80, Tennessee 65  
Purdue 74, Texas Tech 72  
**Regional Championship**  
**Monday, March 26**  
Purdue (29-6) vs. Xavier (31-2), 7:07 p.m.  
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**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
**Saturday, March 24**  
Notre Dame (30-2) vs. Utah (28-3), late  
Iowa State (27-5) vs. Vanderbilt (23-9), late  
**Regional Championship**  
**Monday, March 26**  
Semifinal winners, 8:07 p.m.  
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**WEST REGIONAL**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
**Saturday, March 24**  
Utah (33-3) vs. Southwest Missouri State (27-5), late  
Oklahoma (28-5) vs. Washington (21-9), late  
**Regional Championship**  
**Monday, March 26**  
Semifinal winners, 9:07 p.m.  
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NBA STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE		WESTERN CONFERENCE	
Atlantic Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Philadelphia	48	21	69%
Miami	41	27	60 1/2%
New York	41	27	60 1/2%
Orlando	37	32	53%
Boston	30	38	44 1/2%
New Jersey	24	48	33 1/2%
Washington	17	52	24%
Central Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
Milwaukee	43	25	63 1/2%
Charlotte	40	29	58%
Toronto	37	32	53%
Indiana	31	37	45%
Cleveland	25	43	36%
Detroit	25	44	36 1/2%
Atlanta	21	49	30%
Chicago	12	56	17%
Pacific Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	20	71%
Utah	46	21	68 1/2%
Dallas	43	25	63 1/2%
Minnesota	41	28	59 1/2%
Houston	38	31	55 1/2%
Denver	33	36	47%
Vancouver	20	51	28%
Midwest Division			
W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	49	20	71%
Utah	46	21	68 1/2%
Dallas	43	25	63 1/2%
Minnesota	41	28	59 1/2%
Houston	38	31	55 1/2%
Denver	33	36	47%
Vancouver	20	51	28%

COLLEGIATE BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through March 24, listed by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors.

Rank	Team	Record
1	Rice	21-5
2	Stanford	18-5
3	Arizona St.	19-5 1/2
4	Georgia Tech	16-4
5	Nebraska	17-4
6	Miami, Fla.	21-6
7	South Carolina	19-4
8	Notre Dame	13-2 1/2
9	Louisiana State	17-5 1/2
10	Clemson	14-5
11	Tennessee	20-3
12	Southem Cal	15-8
13	Alabama	22-3
14	Stetson	20-3
15	Central Florida	21-5
16	Florida St.	18-6
17	Oklahoma St.	19-5
18	Pepperdine	16-7
19	Mississippi	18-5 1/2
20	East Carolina	18-5
21	The Citadel	20-6
22	Middle Tenn. St.	17-2
23	Baylor	18-7
24	Wake Forest	17-4
25	Texas	16-12

NCAA - MEN

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**Philadelphia**  
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Southern California (24-9) vs. Duke (32-4), late  
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**SOUTH REGIONAL**  
**At The Georgia Dome**  
**Atlanta**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
**Friday, March 23**  
Michigan State 77, Gonzaga 62  
Temple 84, Penn State 72  
**Regional Championship**  
**Sunday, March 25**  
Michigan State (27-4) vs. Temple (24-12), 3:40 p.m.  
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**MIDWEST REGIONAL**  
**At The Alamodome**  
**San Antonio**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
**Friday, March 23**  
Arizona 66, Mississippi 56  
Illinois 80, Kansas 64  
**Regional Championship**  
**Sunday, March 25**  
Arizona (26-7) vs. Illinois (27-7), 4 p.m.  
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**WEST REGIONAL**  
**At Arrowhead Pond**  
**Anaheim, Calif.**  
**Regional Semifinals**  
**Friday, March 23**  
Arizona 66, Mississippi 56  
Illinois 80, Kansas 64  
**Regional Championship**  
**Sunday, March 25**  
Arizona (26-7) vs. Illinois (27-7), 4 p.m.  
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TRANSACTIONS

**BASEBALL**  
**American League**  
**DETROIT TIGERS**—Released C Scott Servais.  
**KANSAS CITY ROYALS**—Agreed to terms with OF Treadwell Hubbard on a minor league contract.  
**OAKLAND ATHLETICS**—Optioned OF Eric Byrnes to Sacramento of the PCL. Assigned C Cody McKay and INF Miguel Cairo to their minor league camp.  
**SEATTLE MARINERS**—Released INF Harvey Hargrove, INF Brian Hertel, INF Kevin Olivaski and C Kirk Peirce.  
**TORONTO BLUE JAYS**—Released INF Mickey Morandini. Optioned RHP Bob Fife to Syracuse of the International League and OF Dwayne Wise to Tennessee of the Southern League. Assigned OF Chris Latham to their minor league camp.  
**NEW YORK METS**—Optioned RHP Jerrod Riggan to Norfolk of the International League. Reassigned INF David Howard, C Jason Phillips and OF Darren Bragg to their minor league camp.  
**BASKETBALL**  
**National Basketball Association**  
NBA—Fined Portland Trail Blazers

NHL

**Friday's Games**  
Carolina 5, Pittsburgh 3  
New Jersey 4, Vancouver 0  
Florida 4, Washington 1  
Dallas 2, N.Y. Islanders 1  
Colorado 4, Boston 2  
Detroit 6, N.Y. Rangers 0  
Columbus 6, Calgary 4  
St. Louis 5, Chicago 1  
Anaheim at Los Angeles, (n)  
Carolina at Buffalo, (n)  
Atlanta at Montreal, (n)  
Philadelphia at Toronto, (n)  
Washington at Tampa Bay, (n)  
Ottawa at Nashville, (n)  
Edmonton at Phoenix, (n)  
**Saturday's Games**  
Vancouver at Minnesota, 1 p.m.  
Calgary at Chicago, 2 p.m.  
Boston at N.Y. Rangers, 6 p.m.  
Pittsburgh at New Jersey, 6:30 p.m.  
St. Louis at Dallas, 7 p.m.  
N.Y. Islanders at Phoenix, 8 p.m.  
**Monday's Games**  
Philadelphia at Ottawa, 6 p.m.  
Montreal at Carolina, 6 p.m.  
Buffalo at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
Columbus at Edmonton, 8 p.m.  
San Jose at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

H.S. BASEBALL POLL

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UIL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association. Rankings are through March 19.

Class	Rank	Team
Class 5A	1	Bellair
	2	Lufkin
	3	The Woodlands
	4	Duncanville
	5	Houston Lamar
	10	131
	11	131
	12	131
	13	131
	14	131

RODEO LEADERS

**Through March 18**  
**ALL AROUND COWBOY**  
1. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, 47,745  
2. Jesse Ball, Camp Crook, S.D., 42,592  
3. Cash Myers, Athens, Texas, 24,794  
4. Cody Oll, Orchard, Texas, 23,106  
5. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, 19,635  
6. Scott Johnston, Gustine, Texas, 18,399  
7. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, 13,781  
8. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., 11,910

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scored five runs on six hits and finished the game with no errors.  
Olague, Whitney Hufford and Nicole Chessworth all scored runs in the fifth to give the Lady Steers an 8-0 lead.  
The game's final play mirrored Gwyn's first at bat, as she finished 3-for-4 on the day with a line drive to center, bringing in Stewart and Jackson for the game-ending runs.  
The Lady Steers will travel to Plainview to face the Lady Bulldogs at 5 p.m. Tuesday.

Is something awry in Venus-Serena rivalry?

KEY BISCAVNE, Fla. (AP) — Andre Agassi was 14 when he beat his older brother, Phil, in a tennis match for the first time. They never played again. So, like many brothers and sisters, Agassi can sympathize with Venus and Serena Williams, who stage their sibling rivalry before large crowds with tournament titles at stake.  
"Every time I watch them play, there is always an additional element of sibling and sibling going on that I couldn't even bear to imagine," Agassi said. "For them as a family to compete against each other in such a big arena, it must be difficult."  
They make it look difficult. Almost everyone in tennis agrees that the sisters have dealt with the rivalry awkwardly, raising speculation that the results of their matches might be predetermined by their unpredictable father, Richard.  
The family denies it, and such suspicions might be unfair. But they're almost impossible to disprove, and they have tainted the WTA Tour while threatening the Williams family's lucrative endorsement empire.  
"It is not good to have the credibility of the game called into question," said Bart McGuire, executive officer of the women's tour.  
Long-simmering speculation boiled over last week when Venus, citing knee tendinitis, pulled out at Indian Wells shortly before her semifinal match against Serena, her younger sister and best friend.  
There had been no hint of the injury previously in the tournament, and the crowd reacted to the withdrawal by booing the family.  
The controversy became a supermarket tabloid cover story — a reflection of how their celebrity transcends sports, as the sisters ruefully noted.

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# One more test for Kelly — a Sunday date with Tiger Woods

PONTE VEDRA BEACH, Fla. (AP) — Jerry Kelly wasn't fazed by the pressure of The Players Championship or the perks that come with winning. On Sunday, he'll find out if he can handle the final round paired with the best player in the world.

While the unheralded Kelly plodded along with only a few mistakes in a solid round of 2-under 70, Tiger Woods fired off a collection of sensational shots and holed a 60-foot birdie putt on No. 17 to get into the final group his third tournament in a row.

Despite a bogey on the last hole, Woods had a 6-under 66 to finish only two strokes behind Kelly going into the final round on a Stadium Course that is getting firmer, faster and more unforgiving.

Kelly was at 11-under 205, his only two bogeys coming

on the par 3s.

"Tiger is going to be nervous, too," Kelly said. "He hasn't won this tournament, either."

Woods, who has won every other important event on the PGA Tour, was at 207 along with Masters champion Vijay Singh (70). Another stroke back was Scott Hoch, who bogeyed the 18th for a 71.

At stake Sunday is a chance for Kelly to win for the first time on the PGA Tour, become an instant millionaire from the \$6 million purse and earn a three-year pass into the Masters, the one major championship he has never played.

No one has ever got his first PGA Tour victory in The Players Championship, the tournament considered a fifth major because of the tough field and demanding course.

Woods only shrugged when asked how Kelly might feel.

"I haven't been in that position," he said. "The first tournament I won wasn't The Players Championship, it was out in Las Vegas. To have this as your first victory would be pretty impressive. This golf course is not easy."

Woods was spectacular throughout the day, even when he was spraying the ball all over the Stadium Course early in his round. From a fairway bunker on the No. 4, his approach over the stream caught the back of the green and spun back within a foot of the hole.

He made par on No. 6 from the trees, splitting the middle of two tall pines and clearing a 40-foot palm near the green to within 30 feet for a two-putt. He also hit a flop shot out of mangled

rough on No. 8 to 12 feet and made par with a putt that broke about 12 inches.

Then, he really got it going.

Seven strokes behind Kelly and facing the crucial part of the course on the TPC at Sawgrass, Woods finally gave himself a decent chance to reach the par-5 11th in two and took advantage with an approach to 2 feet for an easy eagle.

His wedge stopped 6 inches from the hole for birdie on the next hole, and then turned the final three holes in a series of thrills and adventures.

He rolled in a 20-foot birdie putt on the 16th after having to chop out of thick rough above the green, and then gave the raucous gallery packed in around the island green on the par-3 17th something to cheer.

His 9-iron narrowly avoid-

ed going in the drink, stopping on the strip of grass between the green and the bulkhead. The putt covered 60 feet, drifting to the left as it reached the ridge, then breaking sharp and fast back to the right.

"I'm glad it hit the hole or it would have been off the green," Woods said.

It did, just barely. The ball caught the right edge of the hole and disappeared if not, it probably keeps going another 8 feet. Woods turned and gave a huge upturn to the fans.

Undecided between 3-iron and 2-iron off the tee, Woods tried to smoke the 3-iron and pushed it into the rough, with no chance to reach the green. He had to make a nice chip out of the rough a 5-foot putt to make bogey.

"It absolutely was a stupid decision on my part on the

tee shot," Woods said. "I picked the wrong club, but so goes it. I'm bummed because it was a bogey."

Kelly came out firing, too, with birdies on the first two holes and a great chip to save par after plunking a spectator with a wild approach shot to the right of the fifth green.

His first bogey came on No. 8, which dropped him into a tie with Paul Azinger.

Azinger disappeared with bogeys on four of the next five holes and a triple bogey on No. 14, dropping seven shots on six holes. He finished at 74 and was at 210.

Woods was in the final group at Dubai, where a double bogey on the final hole cost him a victory against Thomas Bjorn. Two weeks later at Bay Hill, he turned two bad drives into birdies to win by one stroke over Phil Mickelson.

## KNIGHT

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tern over 22 years," he said as the crowd cheered.

Myers presented Knight with a red sweater vest. He said he expected that the coach would don his trademark red sweater when the weather turned colder.

"This is without a doubt the most comfortable red sweater I've had in six years," said Knight, known for wearing sweaters on the Indiana sideline for 29 seasons.

Indiana University spokeswoman Susan Dillman said the school's president and athletic director wish him well. "We wish him luck in that red sweater," Dillman said.

Knight appeared to stumble over the words "Red Raiders" a few times while referring to his new team. He also mispronounced school president David Schmidly's name several times. And he referred to the Lady Raiders, who remain alive in the NCAA tournament, as the "women's Red Raiders."

In a flash of his traditional self-confidence, Knight said, "I'm not right all of the time, but when it comes to this game, I'm right most of the time."

Knight said he is giving \$10,000 to the school's library because it "is the heart and soul of the university."

Knight also said he was intent on delivering a team that the fans would enjoy watching. Tech already has a successful women's basketball program.

Schmidly said he was looking for immediate improvement with the men.

"A year from now, when they start talking about Texas Tech, I think they're going to say we're the school where both the women and the men are champions," Schmidly said.

There are no behavior-related clauses in the employment contract, other than the standard requirements of all Tech employees, Myers said. Tech policy states that "cause for termination includes failure to perform duties, actions that are detrimental to the university, and any violation of university, Big 12 or NCAA rules."

The salary puts him a little behind other coaches in the Big 12 Conference. Some of the higher-profile programs pay much more: Larry Eustachy at Iowa State makes at least \$900,000 in total compensation.

Myers said the hiring would give the Red Raiders

instant national credibility.

"I think this is the beginning of something special," Myers said. "We've got the opportunity to make this program competitive at the highest level of college basketball."

Knight, 60, was the only serious candidate to replace James Dickey, even though about 100 of the university's 900 faculty members signed a petition advising against the move.

Indiana axed Knight for breaking a no-tolerance behavior policy imposed after a series of behavior problems. His list of outbursts is almost as long as his list of coaching accomplishments.

Knight's most infamous flare-up in a game was tossing a chair across a court. Years earlier, he was convicted for hitting a Puerto Rican policeman before a practice at the Pan American Games.

Other transgressions include kicking his son's leg during a game and allegedly choking a player in a practice. The final straw was when he grabbed the arm of a student who referred to the coach by his last name.

Knight did not seriously consider any coaching jobs until this one. Tech officials first met with him early this month in Florida, four days before Dickey was fired.

Tech is counting on Knight to improve a program stuck in reverse since reaching the school reached the Sweet 16 in 1996. NCAA sanctions that cost nine scholarships over the last four years were part of the problem.

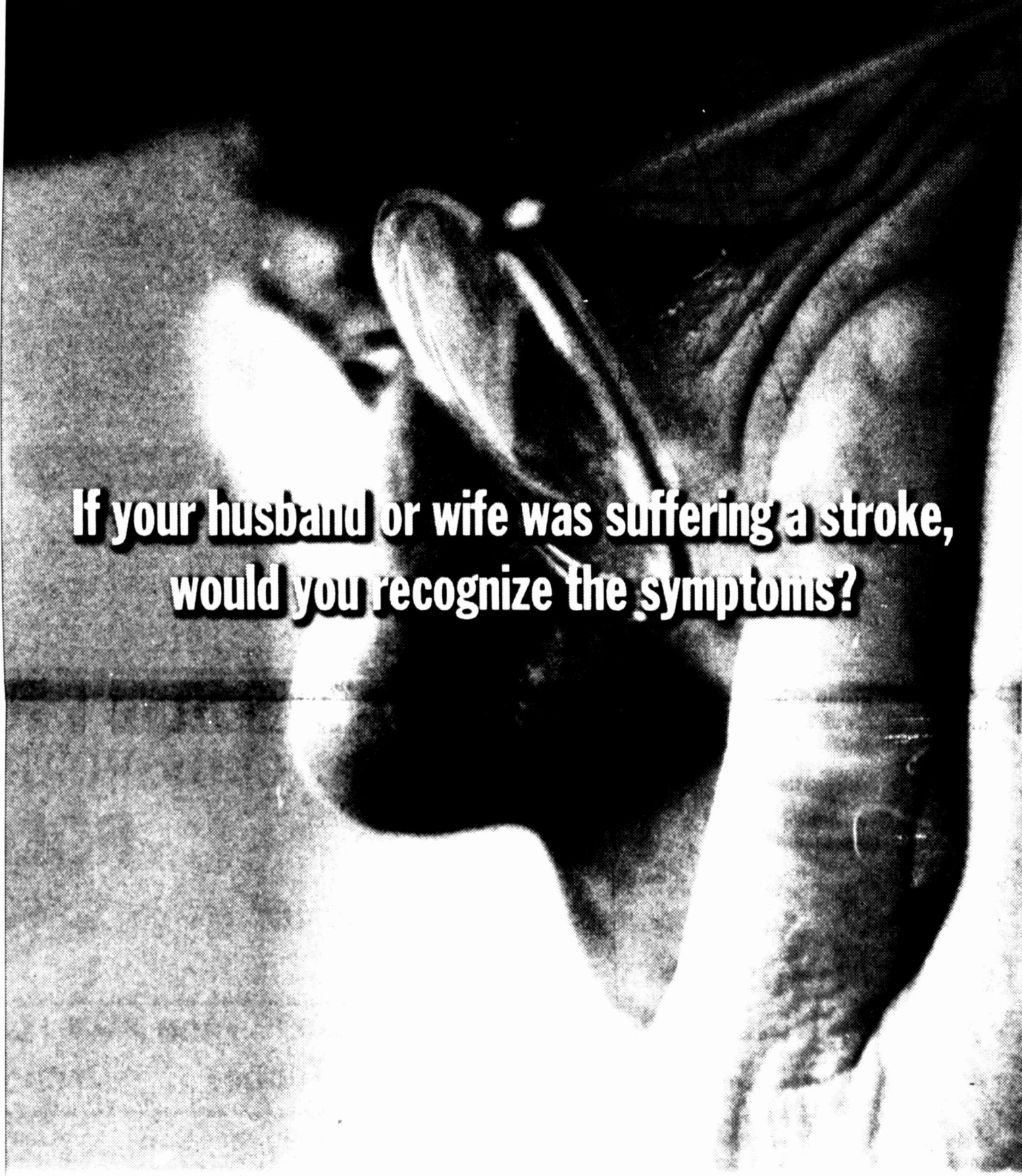
Knight, whose programs have always followed NCAA rules and had high graduation rates, should help the Red Raiders become more of a factor in the competitive Big 12, which sent five teams to the NCAA tournament.

The season before Knight was hired by Indiana, the Hoosiers went 7-17, 3-11 in Big Ten. They were 17-7, 9-5 in his first season and went on to win four consecutive Big Ten titles from 1973 to 1976.

Overall, Knight has amassed a 763-289 career record while coaching at Army for six years and Indiana for 29.

Besides three national championships, his record includes 11 Big Ten championships and an Olympic gold medal in 1984.

Knight is 117 victories behind former North Carolina coach Dean Smith.



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**Early**  
The first mail "15th Annual D Diamonds Gala out more than a and we've already tremendous res are so pleased t this year's gala Spring Country May 4. A recept ing fabulous fin will begin at 7 p Jody Nix and th Cowboys — who entertained gal the past 14 year kick off a dance Hats off to our project volunteer at the Commun Relations office and stuffed the 500 invitations. thanks goes out Hallman for pri invitations. The tation will be pr mailing at the A monthly volunte day.  
If you did not invitation and v attend, please ca office at 268-7536

# Looking for solutions

An organization to improve and promote health care in Big Spring, a pediatric cancer treatment center and converting the Settles Building into a retirement center were solutions elementary students came up with to enhance Big Spring as a regionally-recognized medical center.

About 35 gifted and talented elementary students voluntarily gave up their Saturday morning and part of their afternoon to help find solutions at the 2001 Gifted and Talented Round-Up held at Bauer Magnet School Saturday.

The event challenged city-wide GT students to find what can be utilized to enhance Big Spring as a regional medical center.

"Each presentation used the assets already in place in the community," said Beverly Jeffcoat, fourth and fifth grade GT facilitator for the Big Spring Independent School District.

Placed into three core groups, the students went about trying to find a solution to the difficult subject matter by first being presented with the problem, then learning subject matter vocabulary.

Then each group met with community experts ranging from medical, city and county government, education, business and media

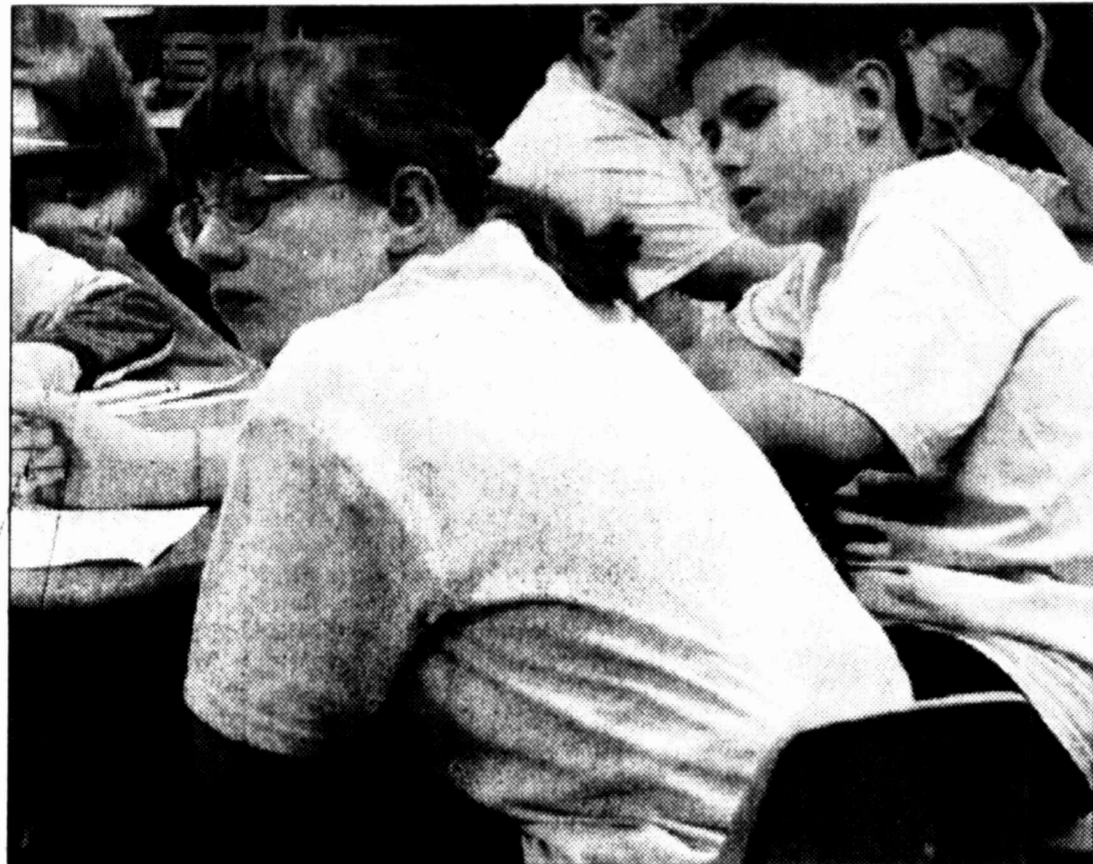
fields to ask questions, take notes and gain an understanding of the experts' viewpoints.

Following the question and answer portion, the groups meet with their group leaders to acknowledge the trends in the local medical community, then formulate patterns and rules for evaluating the situation.

With the rules established, the groups then began brainstorming for solutions.

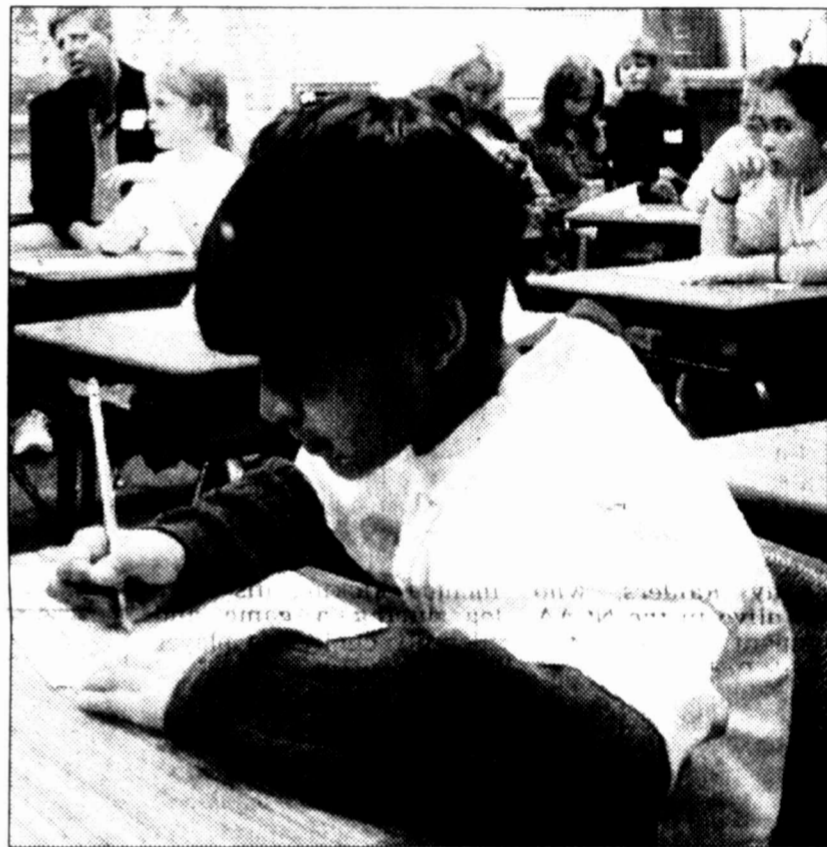
And they brainstormed, each group developing three different solutions.

"One group came up with a pediatric cancer treatment center," said Jeffcoat. "They based it on the impact it would have for the child to leave town for treatment. They had the idea of offering to pay for some of the medical school expense for doctors who would then agree to stay in Big Spring for a certain amount of years."



Gifted and talented students held a brainstorming session Saturday at Bauer Magnet School to help discuss what can be utilized to enhance Big Spring as a regionally recognized medical center. At left, Jessica Stone, a fourth-grade Kentwood Elementary student, and Chad Chalker, a fifth grader at Moss Elementary, listen closely to answers from community speakers. Below left, Adrian Randle, Howard College trustee, receives a question from Lauren Bryant, a fifth grader from Bauer. And below, fourth grade Bauer student Suraj Patel carefully writes notes on the information community leaders gave to the students.

Story and photos by  
Lyndel Moody



Another group presented the idea of turning the Settles Building into a retirement center that would include medical and therapy offices, indoor recreation and some limited shopping.

The third group recommended establishing an organization to support and promote the medical assets the city already has as well as bringing in more advanced equipment.

Jeffcoat said all groups mentioned the friendly people, pleasant climate and other special features to attract and keep medical personal.

The brainstorming is an annual event for the gifted and talented program with most of the work directed by the parents of the students.

In January, parents meet with teachers and decided the subject matter. They work during the event by leading the problem-solving groups and acting as facilitators.

"There is no way we could consider doing this

if our parents were not heavily involved, and our community leaders," said Jeffcoat.

The students work on real problems that are impacting the world, learning about the situation, analyzing the problem then brainstorming for answers.

That's the purpose of the event as well as the focus of the gifted and talented program — to train the students to think like scholars.

Students learn to think like scholars by taking a subject matter and studying it through in depth and complexity to find a solution or at least to understand the difficulty of the situation, Jeffcoat said.

"The state of Texas says these kids are bright and are our future," Jeffcoat said. "The only people limiting them is the adults that say they are only children."

## Early response to Denim and Diamonds has been tremendous

The first mailing for the "15th Annual Denim and Diamonds Gala" was sent out more than a week ago, and we've already had a tremendous response. We are so pleased to be holding this year's gala at the Big Spring Country Club on May 4. A reception, featuring fabulous finger foods will begin at 7 p.m. And Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys — who have entertained gala patrons for the past 14 years — will kick off a dance at 8 p.m.

Hats off to our monthly project volunteers who met at the Community Relations office March 6 and stuffed the more than 500 invitations. A special thanks goes out to Robin Hallman for printing the invitations. The final invitation will be prepared for mailing at the April 9 monthly volunteer work-day.

If you did not receive an invitation and would like to attend, please call our office at 268-7536.

The reception — "A Touch of Class in the Style of the Old West" — and the dance are sponsored by the Dora Roberts Foundation.

KWES-TV Anchor Jay Hendricks has graciously agreed to emcee our Volunteer Awards Luncheon April 24 in the Allred building auditorium. Volunteers are honored with service awards, and recipients of the prestigious Jack Y. Smith Award, the Regional Volunteer, Rookie of the Year and the Star Award winner will be announced.

This is shaping up to be a huge event. To make reservations, please call 268-7536.

Volunteer Suzanne Markwell and the community relations staff will be attending Big Spring Day in Austin on April 10 to gain education to assist the volunteers with patient needs from our state lawmakers and to say thank you for their support of Big Spring State Hospital.

Twelve volunteers, the community relations staff, along with CEO Ed Moughon and Assistant Superintendent W.C. Earnst will attend the State Volunteer Conference in Houston on March 30-April 1. This is always a fun time for the volunteers to visit, network and come back with new ideas to keep the hospital's volunteer program growing and improving.

The Neighbors and Newcomers group toured Big Spring State Hospital on March 8 and were greeted with an introduction by Moughon and a presentation by ATD Music and

Recreation Supervisor Dana Boes.

We invite community groups to use the hospital for one of their monthly meetings and learn more about the hospital. You may phone 268-7535 for more information.

More than 50 Seminole H.S. psychology students sat in on classes in the Activities Therapy Department on Feb. 26 and listened to an informative talk by Psychologist Dr. Tom Dawson, Ph.D. Public Information Coordinator Valerie Avery traveled to Snyder March 8 to speak to Snyder High School students on Career Day.



BILLIE RUSSWORM

Our chapel is in need of Bibles — new or used. Our patients are always asking for Bibles to read, and it breaks our heart to turn them down, but our supply has been depleted.

If you don't have any Bibles to donate, cash dona-

tions are accepted to purchase them. They are available at a cost of \$3.50 each. We would encourage clubs, churches and Sunday School classes to take this on as a service project.

We always are in need of your magazines. We ask that the issues not be more than 12 months old. Please bring them by our office, right inside the south entrance to the hospital. Donations are accepted during normal business hours, 8-5, Monday-Friday. For patient safety reasons, we ask that donations not be left outside if the office is closed.

Social Work Month is celebrated in March. Big Spring State Hospital is blessed with many caring social workers who assist our patients and families while in the hospital and upon dismissal. The Social Work staff is voting for Social Worker for Year, and the honored employee will be recognized at a later

date. Big Spring Independent School Teachers Dwayne Wheat, Brenda Banks and aide Sandra Martinez were honored with a reception March 9 in the Activities Therapy Department building. Moughon and ATD Director Gail Zilai presented the three teachers with fruit baskets for their work in teaching adolescent patients on the Big Spring State Hospital campus. The reception was held in conjunction with Texas Public Schools Week.

On a sad note, our condolences are extended to the family of Erma Steward, who passed away Feb. 18. She had touched the hearts of many patients, volunteers and staff members at Big Spring State Hospital for many, many years.

Billie Russworm is Director of Community Relations at Big Spring State Hospital.

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## Many things ongoing at VA Medical Center

**Employee of the Month** Each month Cary D. Brown, Chief Executive Officer, recognizes an "Employee of the Month." These employees are nominated based on their exemplary service to our veterans and fellow co-workers. Hearties Maples was named Employee of the Month for the month of February. The nominee wrote, "Ms. Maples has been in our service for six months and has done an outstanding job. She is not hesitant to help others in the service. She has been a tremendous help to the Accounting Techs. They have been behind and without even asking for her assistance, she has been helping them in various different ways to help them get caught up. The accounting techs, as well as myself, are very appreciative of these efforts and feel she should be recognized."

**International Year of Volunteers 2001**  
The United Nations General Assembly passed a resolution on Nov. 20, 1997, declaring the year 2001 as the International Year of Volunteers (IYV). With its main objectives of increased recognition, facilitation, networking and promotion of volunteering, the IYV provides a unique opportunity to highlight the achievements of the millions of volunteers worldwide who devote time to serving others, and to encourage more people globally to engage in volunteer activity.

The Department of Veteran Affairs Voluntary Service (VAVS) is the largest centralized volunteer program in the Federal Government. In fiscal year 2000, VAVS volunteers contributed a total of 13,420,838 hours of service and VAVS member organizations and individuals contributed approximately \$40 million in gifts and donations in support of VA health care. It is impossible to calculate the amount of caring and sharing that these VAVS volunteers give to veteran patients.

If any group, organization or corporation can share of their time and talents, please share it with our veterans. If anyone has questions regarding volunteering, please do not hesitate to contact the Volunteer Office at West Texas VA Health Care System, 264-4824. Please consider reaping valuable rewards by giving of your time to help a veteran.

**National Social Work Month**  
March is National Social Work Month. VHA (Veteran Health Administration) is the largest single employer of master's prepared social workers with more than 3,900 social workers on staff. There are other social workers in positions outside the Social Work classification series (care line managers, program directors, health systems specialists, etc.).

There are 262 social workers at the seven VHA facilities in the State of Texas. VHA operates the largest and most comprehensive clinical training program for social work graduate students, training between 750 and 800 students each year.

**Study Finds Vaccinating Healthy Adults Against Flu Could Save Nation \$1.3 billion**

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Routine annual influenza vaccination of all working adults could save the nation as much as \$1.3 billion each year, according to a U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs' (VA) study published in the March 12 issue of *The Archives of Internal Medicine*, published by the American Medical Association. Current medical guidelines recommend routine flu vaccinations only for people age 50 and older, and other high-risk groups.

The VA study, which examined health, labor and economic statistics in a sophisticated computer mode, took into account rates of illness from influenza, time lost from work, hourly wages, the costs of vaccination, and other direct and indirect costs. Results showed that on average health costs would be reduced \$13.66 per person vaccinated. If all the nation's 94 million full-time workers, ages 18 to 64, received the vaccination, these savings would total nearly \$1.3 billion annually.

The flu affects up to 25 percent of the American population each year. Symptoms include fever, sore throat, cough, headaches and weakness and may last up to a week. Traditionally, only high-risk groups such as the elderly, for whom flu-related health-care costs can reach into the billions annually, have been targeted for vaccination. But even among the general population, the flu causes up to 75 million lost workdays and 22 million doctor visits each year, according to 1995 figures. Half of flu cases result in a visit to a primary-care physician.

VA research provides improved medical care for veterans, as well as the general population. Through its unique affiliation with medical schools, VA plays a crucial role in educating future physicians in research and clinically oriented areas.

**Welcome New Employees**  
Big Spring VA Medical Center welcomes the following new employees: Ronnie Ruiz, Medical Administration Service; Raymond Martinez, Engineering Service; Jackie Tibbets, Engineering Service; Marge Salhus, Social Work Service; Steven Wright, Medical Administration Service; Michael King, Canteen Service; Dr. Tuana Diep, Medical Service.

**Upcoming Events**  
March: American Red Cross Month, National Nutrition Month, Women's History Month, Social Work Month, 3/4-Hug a GI Vet Day, 3/17-St. Patrick's Day.

*Iva Jo Hanslik is temporarily the Community Relations Coordinator at the VA Medical Center. She may be contacted at (915) 264-4824.*

## GETTING ENGAGED



Tina Harrell and Lynn Ingram Jr., both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows Aug. 12, 2001, at Lynn and Charlie Ingram's Garden with Justice of the Peace Quail Dobbs officiating.

She is the daughter of Jean Lee and Robert Cisar, both of Big Spring.

He is the son of Donna Brown and Lynn Ingram Sr.; and the grandson of Wanda Kunkle, all of Big Spring.



Cheryl Platte and John Reed, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows May 19, 2001, at Baptist Temple Church with Bill Brooks officiating.

She is the daughter of Larry and Jackie Platte of Big Spring.

He is the son of Bob and Judy Reed of Big Spring.

## MILITARY

Army Pvt. Victoria Chavez has graduated from the unit supply specialist advanced individual training course at Fort Lee, Petersburg, Va.

She was trained in receipt, storage, issue and accountability of individual, organization and installation supplies and equipment and included training in maintenance of small arms.

Chavez is the daughter of Maria and Jose Chavez of Big Spring. She is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Air Force Senior Airman Miguel A. Mata has graduated from the Airman Leadership School at Edwards Air Force Base, Rosamond, Calif.

It is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills and it is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Mata is an electrical-environmental specialist with the 412th Test Squadron.

He is the son of Miguel F. Mata of Big Spring and Pauline Santos of Dallas.

The senior airman is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School.

## STORK CLUB

Jacobe Ryan Strain, March 12, 2001, 10:22 p.m., five pounds 15 ounces and 19.5 inches long. Parents are Jacob Strain and Priscilla DeLeon of Big Spring. Grandparents are Benjamin and Mary Ann DeLeon of Big Spring; and James Strain of Big Spring and Terina Strain of Austin.

Zachery Mykel Rios, March 9, 2001, 8:14 p.m., Odessa Regional Hospital, five pounds 6.7 ounces and 18.5 inches long. Parents are Emma Bermea and Pat Rios of Big Spring. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Juan M. Bermea and Mr. and Mrs. Luis Rios Sr., all of Big Spring.

Cody Ray Steagald, March 16, 2001, four pounds 17 1/4 inches long. Parents are Charlene and William Steagald of New Brunfels. Maternal grandmother is Kathy Barganier. Paternal grandparents are Nena and Abel Cruz of Big Spring.

Casey Jay Steagald, March 16, 2001, three pounds 11 ounces and 16 3/4 inches long. Parents are Charlene and William Steagald of New Brunfels. Maternal grandmother is Kathy Barganier of Big Spring. Paternal grandparents are Nena and Abel Cruz of Big Spring.

## HUMANE SOCIETY



Pictured is Trudy - Brown, Dachsund mix, 5 yr., very loving, female.

Blue - Heeler mix, 2 yr., male, neutered.

Choco - Chow mix, 1 yr., female, spayed.

Duchess - Basset mix, light tan, very loving, female, spayed.

Joe - Heeler mix, 1 yr., very smart, male, neutered.

A.J. - Border Collie mix, 2 yr., male, neutered.

Queezer - Black Lab mix, 2 yr., male, neutered.

Pretty Bow - Australian Shephard mix, 5 yr., very good nature, female, spayed.

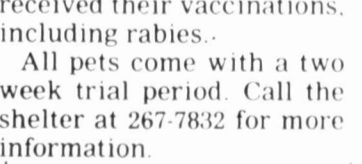
Gypsv - Black Lab mix, 2 yr., female, spayed.

Hercules - German Shepherd mix, 2 yr., male, neutered.

Many, many more - come see!!

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

All pets come with a two week trial period. Call the shelter at 267-7832 for more information.



Angela "Brooke" Reed and Daniel Scott Higginbotham, both of Lubbock, will exchange wedding vows June 30, 2001, at First Baptist Church in Big Spring with Jeff Donnell, youth pastor, officiating.

She is the daughter of R. C. and Delynda Reed and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Barker and Joyce Reed all of Big Spring.

He is the son of Kenny and Patti Brown of Big Spring and Kelly Higginbotham of Odessa.

## ON THE MENU

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**  
MONDAY-Smothered steak, mashed potatoes, seasoned mixed greens, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
TUESDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, carrots, salad, milk/rolls, pie.  
WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce, mixed vegetables, salad, garlic bread, milk, cake.  
THURSDAY-BBQ chicken, beans, potato salad, cornbread, milk, pudding.  
FRIDAY-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, green beans, fruited gelatin, milk/rolls, cookies.

**WESTBROOK SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, gravy, creamed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, syrup, honey, milk.  
TUESDAY-Home made pizza, corn, lettuce wedge, peaches, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Ham, macaroni & cheese, sweet peas, white cake with chocolate icing, sliced bread, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chalupas with cheese, tossed salad, corn, jello, milk.  
FRIDAY-Beef stew with vegetables, cheese or peanut butter sandwiches, banana pudding, milk.

**SANDS SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, french fries, wacky cake, milk.  
TUESDAY-Bar-be-que chicken on a stick, steamed rice, ranch style beans, cherry cobbler, hot rolls, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef & cheese chalupas, corn, salad, peach cup, milk, crackers.  
THURSDAY-Roast beef w/gravy, greenbeans, sliced potatoes, hot rolls, milk.  
FRIDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, salad, blackeye peas, fruit, batter bread, milk.

**GARDEN CITY SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Grilled chicken, au gratin potatoes, blackeyed peas, cake, hot roll.  
TUESDAY-Frito pie, corn, peaches, brownies.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti, green beans, fruit, hot roll, cookie.  
THURSDAY-Beef stew, cheese sauce, oranges, cornbread, crackers.  
FRIDAY-Fish sticks, tater tots, slaw, cobbler, light bread.

**COAHOMA SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Nacho grande, salad, fruit mix, milk.  
TUESDAY-BBQ sausage (sub sandwiches), mashed potatoes, corn, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken spaghetti (corn dogs), peas, salad, milk, rolls.  
THURSDAY-Baked ham (chili dogs), cheese potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.  
FRIDAY-BBQ beef on bun (burritos), baked beans, chips, fruit, milk.

**ELBOW ELEMENTARY**  
MONDAY-Chalupa, salad, corn, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Chili-mac casserole, salad, fruit, crackers, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Tuna salad sandwich, fresh vegetables, potato chips, bananas, milk.  
THURSDAY-Weiners, macaroni & cheese, green beans, fruit/sliced bread, milk.  
FRIDAY-Stir fry chicken, egg roll, brown rice, lemon pepper vegetables, fortune cookies, apricots, milk.

**BIG SPRING SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Pizza, potato rounds, garden salad, peach cup, milk.  
TUESDAY-Roast turkey w/gravy, garlic mashed potatoes, green beans, spiced apples, hot roll, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Taco, salad, carrot sticks w/ranch, red beans, & rice, grapes, milk.  
THURSDAY-Chicken nuggets, macaroni & cheese, rosy applesauce, jello/fruit, hot roll, milk.  
FRIDAY-BBQ on bun, pickle slices, french fries, ranch style beans, rainbow freeze bar, milk.

**STANTON SCHOOLS**  
MONDAY-Hot dog on a bun (burrito), corn, vegetable sticks, pears.  
TUESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce (steak fingers), corn, tossed salad, applesauce gelatin, french bread.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef taco, taco shell, (corn dog), pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread.  
THURSDAY-Baked chicken (baked fish), potatoes au gratin, blackeye peas, strawberry shortcake, hot rolls.  
FRIDAY-Sloppy joe on a bun (grill cheese), french fries, beans, peaches.


## WHO'S WHO

The following local students were named to the Dean's Honor Roll for the fall 2000 semester at Abilene Christian University: Natalie Anderson of Big Spring, graduate of Marshall High School;

Zachary Leslie of Big Spring, graduate of Big Spring High School; Brittany Roberson of Big Spring, graduate of Big Spring High School; Kathleen Meadors of Big Spring, graduate of Forsan High School; Taylor Johnson of Big Spring, graduate of Big Spring High School; and Robin Dickens of Big Spring, graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Texas qu ended I the sea before i many hunters, season postmor sizes how lit- tle we really know about the ultimate American game bird.

In South Texas, the hunting was expected to be great. But for the most part, it was mediocre. One ranch near Hebronvi 30 to 50 covey o Neighboring r bled over the s birds.

**Quail Facts:**  
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## Airline industry merger mania seen as bypassing Southwest

DALLAS (AP) — Amid the scuttlebutt of actual and potential mergers in the airline industry, one name is conspicuously absent: Southwest Airlines.

The low-cost carrier, known for its antic chief executive and quirky commercials, has rarely pursued other airlines. Company officials say they're not interested in acquisitions.

As for being a target itself, experts say other airlines would be repelled by the

cost and culture shock in taking over Dallas-based Southwest, which eschews reserved seating and bypasses the nation's busiest airports.

"Our business model really doesn't fit with any other airline, so I don't think there's any likelihood of Southwest acquiring or being acquired by any other airline," said James Parker, who will take over as chief executive in June from Southwest's legendary co-founder, Herb Kelleher.

United Airlines, the largest carrier in the world, shook the airline industry last year by announcing it had agreed to buy US Airways.

Fort Worth based American Airlines, the No. 2 carrier, answered in January by buying Trans World Airlines out of bankruptcy.

And reports of other possible deals in the works have persisted: Delta buying Continental, Northwest buying Continental, or one of the big carriers buying

America West or Alaska Airlines.

But no mention of Southwest. The biggest reason, industry observers and analysts say, is money.

"I can't see them as a target. It would be very expensive with their stock price at such a high multiple," said Ray Neidl, an analyst with ING Barings.

Southwest's market capitalization of about \$13 billion is greater than the combined values of United, American and Delta.

Even if they could afford Southwest, executives at other companies might not know how to manage its mix of low fares, short flights and lack of meals or reserved seating, say industry observers, many of whom gush about the low-fare carrier.

"It's a different breed. It would be almost impossible to run Southwest as it's been run," said Stuart Klaskin, co-founder of an aviation consulting firm in Coral Gables, Fla.

From 1971, when it started with three planes serving Texas, to its current nationwide operation with more than 330 planes, Southwest has made only two acquisitions, with mixed results.

In 1985, it paid \$60.5 million for Muse Air and tried to run Muse as a separate full-service carrier, but the experiment flopped and Muse folded.

In 1993, Southwest bought small Morris Air for \$129 million. That deal worked out much better.

## Local youth grabs a winner at two shows

Special to the Herald

Megan Knight of Big Spring took the Reliant Astrodome spotlight as one of 14 winners in the popular calf scramble earlier this month.

Knight, a Howard County 4-H student at Forsan High School, was one of 28 contestants who attempted to catch one of only 14 elusive calves, halter it and bring it into the winners' square in the middle of the 1.86 acre arena.

In exchange for successfully capturing one of the calves, Knight will receive a \$1,000 calf purchase certificate donated by Rotary Club of Houston Heights.

The certificate will be used for the purchase of a registered beef heifer which she will raise under the supervision of Aaron Custer and David Kight, her County Extension Service agents.

"Each calf scramble participant has worked hard to earn his or her place on the arena floor and each is a winner before the scramble even starts," said Tom Baker, chairman of the calf scramble committee and one of nearly 13,000 volunteers who make the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo a success.

"Those like Megan who are successful in the scramble have a one-in-a-lifetime



Howard County 4-H student Megan Knight was one of 14 winners in the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo calf scramble. Pictured above are, from left, scramble representative Gary Nesloney, Knight and donors Diana and Joe Rice.

opportunity. For her, this is just the beginning of a year full of challenges, hard work and excitement," added Baker. "Many times the scrambler and his or her donor become lifelong friends because of the bond they have formed during the scramble year."

Although the scramble itself is entertaining, a serious side of the event begins once the show is over.

The heifer becomes the basis of a year-long project

in which the scrambler must personally raise the heifer, groom, fit, feed and care for her.

Next year, Knight will bring the heifer back to the Houston Livestock Show to participate in a special competition.

Throughout the year, she must keep accurate and detailed records of the animal's progress, submitting records to both the show and the donor chronicling the heifer's development.

The winner's agricultural science teacher or County Extension agent must supervise the entire project.

Once Knight has fulfilled her year of commitments to the scramble program, she will be awarded a \$250 cash prize toward covering expenses.

Megan also traveled to San Antonio, successfully catching a calf during their calf scramble. Her prize money awarded in San Antonio is \$800.

## Ag luncheon

### Producers urged to get their tickets for annual appreciation luncheon

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Area farmers and ranchers who have not picked up their tickets for the Ag Appreciation Luncheon should do so early this week.

"The tickets are free to farmers and ranchers, but we need to have some sort of count so we will know how many people to prepare for," explained Debbye Valverde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce secretary.

The luncheon is set for noon Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Guest speaker for the event will be Susan Combs, Texas Agriculture Commissioner.

The luncheon is held in conjunction with the Ag Expo, which will begin at 10 a.m. Friday and conclude at 3 p.m. Howard County

Extension Service will again be offering programs to area producers, who can receive continuing education units for attending.

Large exhibits of machinery will not be allowed on the floor because this year the luncheon will be held in the center of the coliseum, with booths taking up space around the perimeter.

In addition to Commissioner Combs, the luncheon will feature the naming of the Ag Producer of the Year and the Agribusiness Person of the Year.

The luncheon is held to express appreciation to farm and ranch families for their significant contribution to the local economy. Tickets are available at the chamber office and at various farm-supply businesses in Howard County.

Luncheon tickets are also available to non-producers at a cost of \$8 each and may be picked up at the chamber.

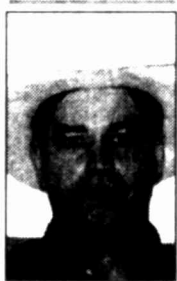
For more information about the luncheon or Expo, call Valverde at 263-7641.



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## Quail populations are declining across the Lone Star State

Texas quail season ended Feb. 25, but the season was over before it started for many hunters. A hunting season postmortem emphasizes how little we really know about the ultimate American game bird.



DAVID KIGHT

In South Texas, the hunting was expected to be great. But for the most part, it was mediocre. One ranch near Hebronville reported 30 to 50 covey days. Neighboring ranches grumbled over the scarcity of birds.

**Quail Facts:** Quail hunter numbers have declined 49 percent

since 1981. Participation (as registered in hunter days) has dropped 39 percent since 1981.

Eighty-seven percent of quail hunters believe bird numbers have declined in their area.

**High-Flying Economics:** The average Texas Quail Unlimited member spent \$10,354 quail hunting in 1999.

Sixty-five percent of the expenditures were made in destination counties.

Nineteen percent of QU members surveyed said they bought property for quail hunting in the past 10 years.

Quail hunting in 1999 was worth \$1.33 billion in direct expenditures, \$3.33 billion with standard economic multipliers.

The decline in quail hunting since 1981 costs the

Texas economy about \$3.45 billion per year.

The average quail bagged costs the hunter \$207 or \$552 a pound.

The average price of a quail lease in the top five reporting counties was \$446 per acre.

Quail leases ranged in price from \$1 to \$10 per acre.

Only 17 percent of landowners reported leasing their property for quail.

In North Texas, the hunting was expected to be poor and mostly it was. Some North Texas areas did just fine. Dr. Dale Rollins hunted three times in Fisher County and moved 18, 22 and 24 coveys. Rollins is an extension wildlife specialist with Texas A&M University. Quail are his passion and he understands how unpredictable they can be.

One thing is certain. Quail are declining in most of their native range. They already have slid off the radar screen in some southeastern states that once defined bobwhite hunting style.

Georgia calculates a 70 percent drop in its statewide quail population since the 1960s and estimates that the scarcity of bobwhite quail is costing Georgia \$43 million a year in hunting-associated revenues.

The mule-drawn wagon of the southern plantation quail hunt was reinvented in Texas as a customized hunting truck. Less romantic, maybe, but just as expensive and far more practical.

Quail hunting is an addiction more costly than designer drugs. Rollins recently surveyed 250 Texas

Quail Unlimited members and found they spent more than \$10,000 each during the 1999 hunting season.

Expenditures included \$2,900 in lease fees, \$2,300 in dog expenses and more than \$2,100 for quail-hunting vehicles. The average hunter in the survey traveled 402 miles for each quail hunt.

Quail hunters in Rollins' survey hunted 16 days and brought 50 birds to bag. That's a cost of more than \$200 per quail. Like blue-chip stocks, bobwhite quail are linked to money. As quail become less plentiful, their value escalates. It's the law of supply and demand. Money is double important, because Rollins is helping to spearhead a request to the Texas Legislature for \$3.7 million to fund a Texas Quail Decline Initiative (TQDI).

The money would be used for education, research and habitat restoration. Four quail specialists would be hired and scattered around the state at Overton, Vernon, Uvalde and Weslaco. Those specialists would help educate interested landowners on management practices necessary to stop the quail slide.

Much of this information already exists and more is being revealed each year. Oklahoma State University researchers working on Dallas businessman T. Boone Pickens' Mesa Vista Ranch in Roberts County proved the impact of last summer's scorching temperatures on overgrazed habitat.

Courtesy Texas Parks and Wildlife  
Oklahoma State

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For more information, call the Howard County Extension Service at 264-2236.



Metcalf Copiers had a ribbon-cutting ceremony Friday at its new location, 501 Birdwell Lane. Pictured from left are Clarence Hartfield, Big Spring Ambassador; Mandy Hobby, employee; Lori Metcalf, owner; Jill McLeod, employee; and Sherry Wegner, Ambassador.

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\*\*\*\* Use the pleasant nature of the moment to escape. Do something you have been putting off that you enjoy, like a walk in the forest or mountains. Invite another to join you, packing a lunch or planning on eating out. Renew your mind and body while letting go of recent stress. Tonight: Call a loved relative or friend at a distance. TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You don't need to say much -- or do anything, for that matter. You might want to loll around the house. Whatever you do, no one pushes you, so you shouldn't push, either. A partner expresses enthusiasm and wants your company. Tonight: Plan your Monday. GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Though you might find a lazy quality to this

moment, you opt to get together with friends. A relationship develops softer undertones because of your willingness to participate. Support a friend, realizing just how important your backing is. Tonight: Respond to another's overture. CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Others come to you. You might want to make a decision about how much more responsibility you want to take on. Invite family and friends over for a fun, last-minute dinner. Others readily pitch in. Another might want more, emotionally, from you. Tonight: Express more of your leadership characteristics. LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* Give in to a natural escapist tendency so your imagination rules and your day-to-day cares dissolve. Make plans accordingly, opening up to new places and ideas. You opt for the exotic and different. You become a child again. Let your laughter warm others. Tonight: Don't head home right away. VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* A partner decides to open the door and let you into his mind. Avoid judging. Just let the bonding happen. Another does appreciate you, and he lets you know it. Rearrange furniture or freshen up your office. Tonight: Thoughtfulness counts. LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Listen to another carefully and discuss what is on his mind. Your sensitivity to others must come out. You could find it difficult to cater to someone who is somewhat bellicose or rebellious. Still, you can get past the moment if you want. Run errands and maybe go to the movies with friends. Tonight: Let another make the first move. SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* You often push very hard to meet all your responsibilities. Put your feet up and relax. You might not be sure of what you want and expect from those around you. Try having no expectations! Be willing to spend money to make the day and your life

easier. Tonight: Consider a gym membership. SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Dig into your child-like side and frolic away. If you have kids, they will love this delightful side of you. Friends will also laugh and join in. Give up worries. Start a new hobby you have been thinking about, even if it might seem silly. Why not enjoy yourself? Tonight: Heat up the night. CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Establish better rapport with someone close to you, like a roommate or family member. You might not always be so willing to share what is going on with you. Discussions make you feel well cared for. Don't hesitate to reveal a source of frustration and difficulty. You get support and suggestions. Tonight: Happy at home. AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Pick up the phone and make plans to get together with someone. Catching up on another's news makes both of you happy. Get together for a long brunch

or perhaps a walk through a flea market or gallery. Relaxing with friends helps you recharge. Tonight: You don't have to go far. PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Be more in touch with your financial needs. Don't talk. Sit down and work out your budget. Then follow your budget. Some of you might do your taxes to see just how much you and Uncle Sam will exchange. Rethink recent work and budgetary decisions. Tonight: How 'bout a treat? BORN TODAY Singer Aretha Franklin (1942), musician Elton John (1947), actress Sara Jessica Parker (1965) For America's best extended horoscope, recorded by Jacqueline Bigar, call (900) 740-7444, 99 cents per minute. Also featured is The Spoken Tarot. Callers must be 18 or older. A service of InterMedia Inc., Jenkintown, Pa. Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at http://www.jacquelinebigar.com. © 2001 by King Features Syndicate Inc.

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Wife refuses to remain in father-in-law's house

Dear Ann Landers: My son and his wife have been married for two years and have a lovely 10-month-old daughter. They have been living in my father's three-bedroom house. They recently separated because my daughter-in-law announced that she refuses to live in my father's house one more day. My father is an elderly man, and most of the time, he lives in the home of his widowed lady friend. However, he

also maintains his own house and lets the grandkids live in it rent-free. The only condition is that they keep a bedroom available for him when he decides to stay there, which is about twice a month. This bothers my daughter-in-law terribly. She becomes upset when my father brings his female friend. Also, I'm sure she would like to fix the place up, but they must get Dad's permission for every little change, and he becomes annoyed if they move something around without asking him first. I understand a young couple should have a place of their own, but with today's housing market, it is hard to find a home they can afford. My son wants to

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my parents again in the summer, and this time, I would like to stay for three weeks. Every time I bring up the subject, Jed tells me our family should never be separated and he cannot go through another depression like the one he had last summer. Ann, I am suffocating. I don't want to start an argument with Jed, but I need some space or I will lose my mind. Am I wrong to want to spend a few weeks with my parents? How can I get Jed to calm down? -- Suffocated in New Jersey Dear N.J.: Why is Jed so dependent? Is he afraid something terrible will happen while you are away from him? When you and the children are visiting your folks, is there a place Jed can go? How about a weekend fishing trip with his buddies? The depression Jed suffered last summer sounds like an ongoing problem. Perhaps medication would help. This man needs more assistance than you can provide. Please check with a professional for guidance. © 2001 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



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The First-year

By JOHN A. MOSS Managing Editor

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By DEBBIE L. JEL Features Editor

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## TODAY: EDUCATION

### 'The joy of teaching people to learn'

First-year teacher filled with the desire to inspire despite concerns about education's future

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

What does the future hold for education?

Nobody knows for sure, but perhaps the best insight belongs to teachers who are just beginning their careers.

That may be particularly true in the case of Laine Lawson, a first-grade teacher at Marcy Elementary School, who spent several years raising her own children before returning to college, receiving her teaching certificate and is now in her first year as a classroom teacher.

For Lawson, teaching is a calling — one she's known since she was in the fifth grade. It's a desire she equates to a minister's call to preach the Gospel.

"You don't teach for the money ... you teach because you know in your heart that's what you're supposed to do," Lawson explains. "People teach because they get joy from teaching people to learn. It's something I've known I'm supposed to do for a long time."

"When I was in the fifth grade, they took our class down to a first-grade classroom to help tutor some of the younger kids," she recalls. "I wound up helping a little boy who'd been having trouble reading. While I was working with him, he looked up at one point with this beaming smile and said, 'Wow! I was reading!' I've known ever since that teaching was what I wanted to do ... what I was supposed to do."

Lawson says she hasn't been disappointed with her

*'We live in a high-tech age, and these kids are going to have to have these math and computer skills or they aren't going to survive.'*

Laine Lawson

experience as a first-year teacher.

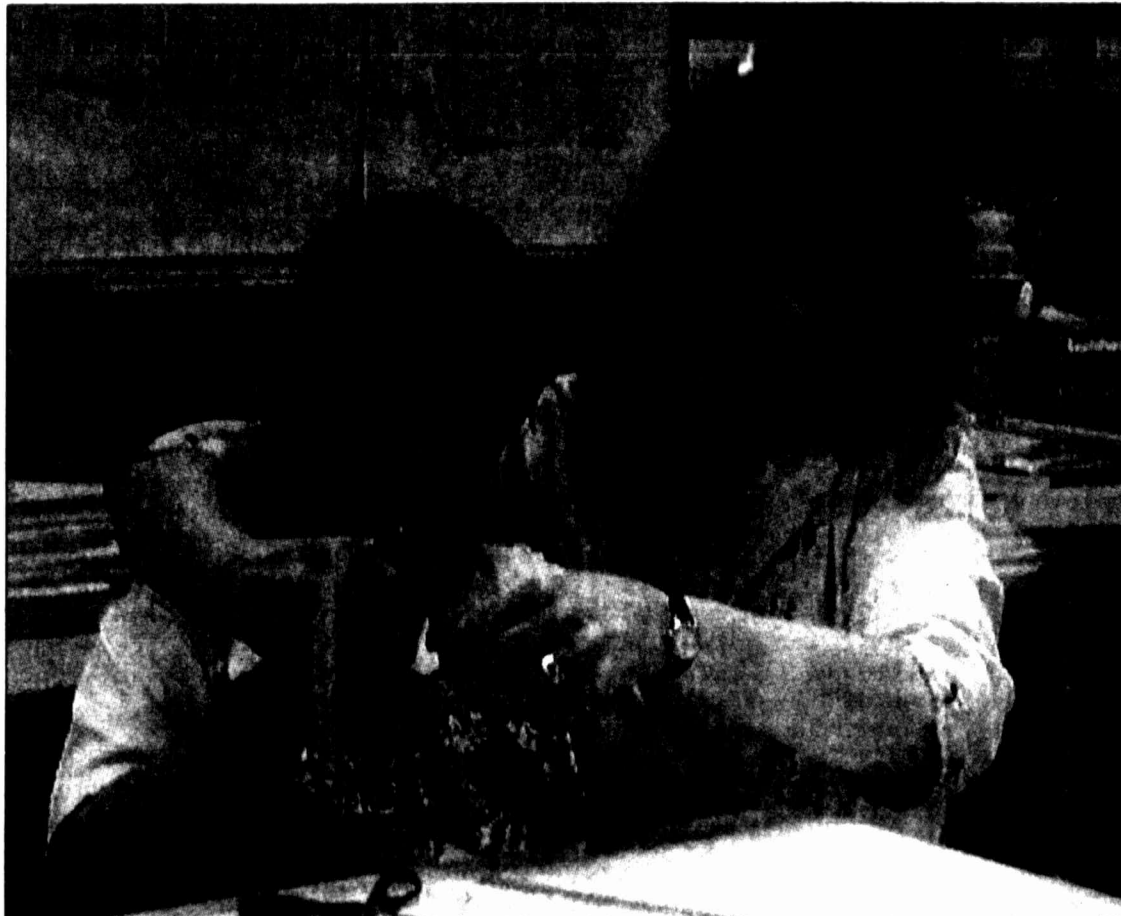
In fact, teaching is everything she thought it would be, reaffirming her career decision.

"My first-year class is wonderful ... very, very good," Lawson explained. "I think if all teachers had the same kind of experience I've had this year, fewer of them would quit after the first year. Unfortunately, a lot of them do."

"They're eager to learn and they get so excited when they realize they can do something they couldn't do before," she added. "That's especially true for the kids that have older brothers and sisters. You can see them learn something new and see the satisfaction they get. They recognize they can do something that their older siblings have been doing, and start feeling as big as they are."

As a more mature first-year teacher, Lawson is convinced a great deal in education has changed since she was a public school student in East Texas and later in the Houston area.

"From what I've seen from my class and relating back



At left, Marcy Elementary School first grade teacher Laine Lawson helps 7-year-old Hector Martinez during class. Below, Lawson gives 7-year-old Damarkus Smith some assistance at the computer.

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to when I first started taking education classes in college in the late '70s, everything is being pushed back these days ... students are having to learn things earlier and earlier," she said, explaining that she began taking education classes at Abilene Christian University in 1974 but left school to get married and did not return until the youngest of her two children started school. She received her degree from UTPB in 1999.

"What we're doing these days is having children learn things younger ... we're putting more on them," Lawson added.

"When I was in the first grade, you basically learned your letters, numbers and colors and started learning to read in the second semester. Then you started honing reading skills in the second grade."

"Now, we're starting that process in kindergarten and we begin mastering reading skills with first graders," she continued.

The real difference is in mathematics, however. "I don't remember doing much multiplication and division work when I was a first grader, but those are skills we're teaching them

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### Retiring teacher's goal was 'tap into their eagerness'

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

For nearly 40 years, Julie Shirey has been using music to communicate with young people.

The longtime piano teacher and part-time music education teacher spent the last seven years working in the public schools. She will retire in May and return to her first love, teaching piano, and civic work in the community.

"I loved the kids; teaching was wonderful," said Shirey. "The paperwork was not what I counted on."

After all, four decades had passed since Shirey earned her degree and credentials for public-school teaching. And since then, she had scarcely entered a classroom, except as a substitute or part-time at a private school.

That's partly why, when administrators asked her to take over for a teacher who left at mid-term seven years ago, she said no.

"I was very busy; I had 47 private piano students. I was teaching at Howard College and I was the choir director for First Christian Church," Shirey said. But when she finally agreed to take the job, she found it was enjoyable, and the benefits were good.

So she quit her church and college jobs, and juggled piano students, not replacing any that quit. She started splitting her time between Kentwood and Moss elementary schools. Two years later, she was at Moss full-time.

"When I'm about 80, I think I'll find out I got to these kids," she said. Activities in her class may have been considered strange at first.

"Most every day, we spend time closing our eyes and just listening to classical



Above, Julie Shirey plays the piano alone one early morning while waiting for her classroom to fill with children at Moss Elementary. At right, a group of students gathers around their music teacher to sing. Shirey will retire from teaching in the public school system in May.

*'The fact that I can maybe affect a child's life: that's why I do it.'*

Julie Shirey

music," she said. "I've got some kids that have been doing that in my class since they were in the first grade, and to them, it's not strange at all."

Shirey said she was touched the first time she noticed some of the roughest, most unruly kids with their eyes closed, directing an imaginary orchestra in time with the music.

Other lessons included interesting tidbits about famous composers, such as Brahms' love of red-checked underwear. Her students learned about the music of Broadway, and when they studied the composers of Europe, Shirey had maps and even pictures from her own vacations to

show. On Fridays, students were allowed to bring their own music, with styles ranging from opera and Tejano to rap, country and western to rock 'n' roll.

"My main objective is to get them to appreciate music," Shirey said. "And I wanted to expose them to different types of music. Some of them, if they didn't hear it in my class, where would they ever hear it? Later on in life, they may hear some of this music and recognize it."

Besides, she said, recent studies have shown what she has long known, listening to music is not only relaxing, it develops the brain in ways science has

only recently begun to understand.

It's that kind of effect Shirey would like her years as a teacher to have had.

"The fact that I can maybe affect a child's life," she said, "that's why I do it."

But the red tape educators must wade through every day just to get the job done, Shirey would rather forget.

"Some of the younger teachers are probably used to it," she said. "But there are just too many rules and regulations. ... You've got to be a lawyer, a babysitter and a psychologist. When do I get to be a teacher?"

Still, her seven years in the public school system came with many benefits, Shirey said.

"I've learned a lot in this time," she said. "But these new teachers could probably teach me something."

And she laments how

much it seems that children have changed since she first chose the classroom as a career.

"They are exposed to so much, the violence, the hatred on TV and in the video games," she said. With so many demands on their time, and so many choices, Shirey said, chil-

dren today seem to rely less on their own creativity.

Still, if a teacher can tap into it, their eagerness to learn is heartening, she added.

"I'm going to miss it," she said. And true to form, Shirey added she won't really leave it all behind. "I really plan to substitute teach."

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## Math, science are top-rated musician's favorite subjects

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

You would hardly guess that 18-year-old Coahoma High School senior Monica Chen has been named one of the best flute players in the state for 1A-3A schools.

"Music is just a hobby," Chen said.

The 2001 graduate participated on Feb. 10 in the Association of Texas Small School Bands (ATSSB) concert held in San Antonio. She earned the top position in the band after competing in district, region and area try-outs.

Chen began playing the flute in eighth grade, a year after she and her mother, Lu, arrived from China to join her father, Weinan, who was a research resident at the United States Department of Agriculture.

Chen said leaving her home was not easy. "I miss my family," she said. "I still miss them. It was a hard decision to leave."

Chen now has a 7-month-old brother, Nicholas.

Then 13-year-old Chen had very limited English when she began to attend Coahoma Independent

Flutist **Monica Chen**, a Coahoma High School senior, has earned first chair for Class 1A-3A schools in Texas. The senior only arrived in the U.S. from China while a seventh grader.



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School District as a seventh-grader and now she is a strong contender to become the class valedictorian.

She also wanted to join band, but she only played the violin, so the band director let her join as a violinist.

The Coahoma senior is also involved with student council, is in the National Honor Society and participated in UIL math and number sense contests.

This year, Chen also qualified for the state solo and ensemble contest held

at Hardin-Simmons University in Abilene for piccolo and flute solos.

"I walked in the break room and heard Chen's judge raving about this flute player he had heard," Barker said. He soon realized the performer was Chen.

But the musician said her real love is math and science.

"When I graduate I plan to go to Texas Tech and earn a dual degree in chemical engineering and computers with a minor in chemistry," she said.



Marcy Elementary School first grade teacher **Laine Lawson** helps seven-year-old **Andrea Casino** during class. Lawson is in her first year as a teacher.

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## DESIRE

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now." Lawson explained. "That's necessary, though. Today's students are going to have to be more advanced mathematically than we were. We live in a high-tech age, and these kids are going to have to have these math and computer skills or they aren't going to survive."

Technology, however, has produced teaching tools that have become important additions to the classroom.

"Computers are excellent learning tools," Lawson notes. "They're different and exciting. The children love them and they're good at it. Regardless of their capabilities in other areas, every one of my kids can operate a computer."

"That can only help with learning," she added. "They (computers) make them enjoy learning. Today we don't just have the child read 'Oh, look, see Spot run!' We have them read that while they see Spot running across the computer screen."

But Lawson will admit to having concerns about the future of public education in Texas and they center

primarily on the effect the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) and standardized testing.

"Right now in Texas, I think we're headed toward a situation where we've got children who can take a standardized test rather than students that are being taught the broad-based knowledge many of us received as children."

"I realize there's a need for accountability for teachers and I agree with that," Lawson continued. "But it creates somewhat of a dilemma, because there's almost too much pressure on some of these children."

"I think we've made the TAAS too important," she explained, noting that students who enter the system in the 2002-03 school year will have to pass the third-grade TAAS to advance to the fourth grade. "That's a trend that concerns me. I really hope it doesn't get to the point where you have to pass a standardized test every year. I think we'd be doing a great disservice to these children, especially those who simply don't take tests well."

Most importantly, Lawson says she wants to see chil-

dren enjoy childhood.

"I want to see our children being children," she explained.

"Childhood is such a short time in our lives, we need to let children enjoy being young. If we put so much pressure on them to perform they're going to lose that. And I think our society will lose if we don't let them have the time to be children. We need to remember that play is important to being a well-rounded person."

Being a parent of two school-aged kids, Lawson also stressed the importance of limiting homework for younger students.

Most parents work during the day, meaning that they often don't return home until at least two hours after their children leave school.

"If a child has to spend two or three hours doing homework, when are they going to get to play; when do they get time to do the fun things they need to do with their parents?" she asked.

"That doesn't mean we need to do away with all homework. I guess you could call it a 'necessary evil,' but I'd like to see less of it."

## Cross-country motivates, calms Garden City High School senior

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Trying to catch 18-year-old Michelle Fuchs, who will be a 2001 Garden City High School graduate, may be tough: She is one of the fastest runners in her class.

Fuchs, a third-place finisher at the state 1A cross-

country meet this year, has been involved with cross-country and track since she was in junior high school.

"I started when I was real young," Fuchs said. "A coach got me interested and in the first cross-country meet I placed third."

Fuchs has also competed at the state level in track

and hopes to make her third trip this year.

But running is not just about competition.

"I enjoy running, especially cross-country," she said. "I have time to think and be alone. I have time to myself. I enjoy that part of the day."

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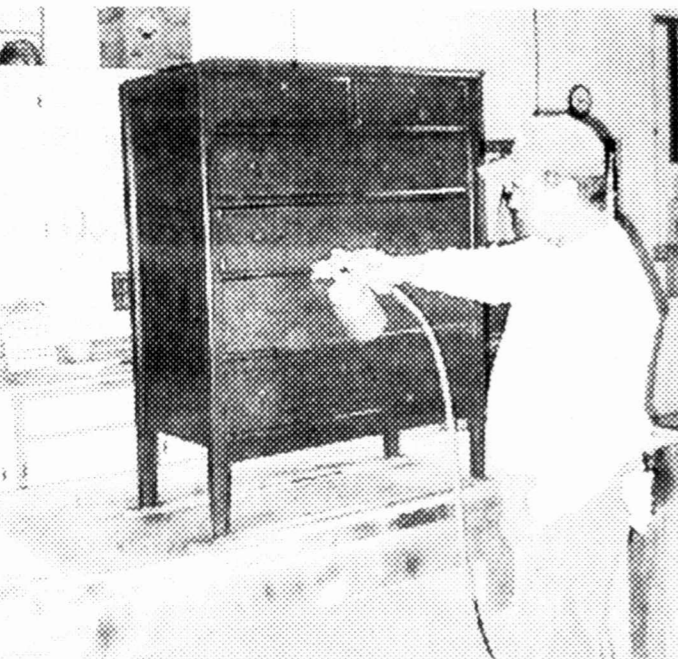


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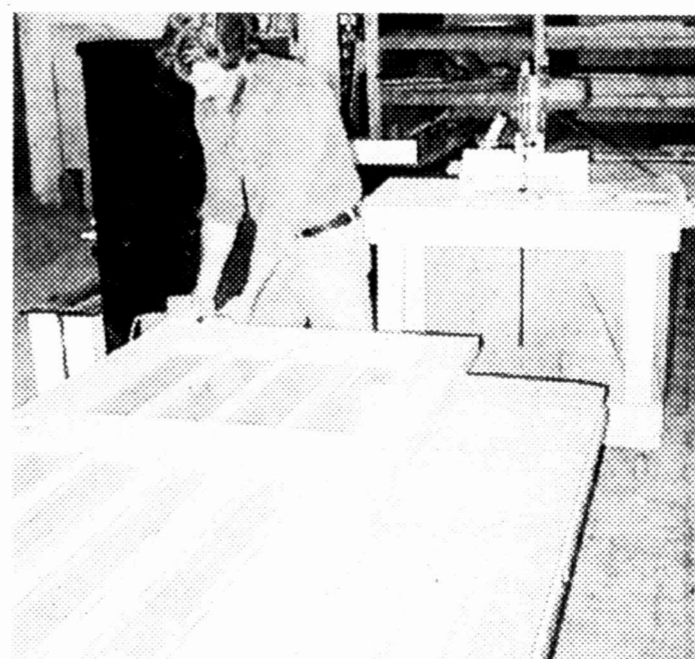
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Self-motivated, Fuchs prefers the pressure of performing solo than on a team.

"If I have a bad run in competition, it's my own fault," she said. "It makes me motivated and train harder than in a team sport. It's all up to me, good or bad."

Born and raised in Glasscock County, Fuchs is the daughter of Barbara and Dennis Fuchs, a farm family in the St. Lawrence community. She has two brothers, both farmers in Glasscock County, and a sister who is attending Texas Tech.

Some of her favorite memories are traveling with her family on vacations.

"I like to be with my family," she said. "The small places and national parks are times that can't ever be repeated. My family is really close. We enjoy being together."

A senior in high school, she is involved with National Honor Society, Beta Club, president of Family Career and Community Leaders of America, (FCCLA), also class president, involved with one-act play and takes piano lessons.

Fuchs said she enjoys going to a small school because of the freedom to participate in activities without having to compete with fellow classmates for a position.

"I like the idea you are free to do what you want," Fuchs said. "In other schools you have to try out. Here you can do everything you want to do."

Fuchs hopes to run competitively in college and is considering Angelo State University in San Angelo or Texas A&M University in College Station.

Currently she is undecided about her career path but



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Eighteen-year-old Michelle Fuchs placed third at the state 1A cross-country meet and hopes to make her third appearance at state in track.**

is considering a degree in agriculture business.

But she knows she is ready for a change.

"I am ready to try out the city life," she said. "Get some experience of it and see what it is like." But this small-town girl thinks she will eventually return to the farm.

"Down the road, I would like to have children who grow up in the county," she said. "It's a neat atmosphere."

"You can throw your backpack in the hall for lunch, return later and everything is still there. You can trust people."

St. Mary's Episcopal expanding its reach

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
Features Editor

With the addition of a sixth grade, St. Mary's Episcopal is expanding its reach and increasing its programs for the 2001-2001 school year.

"The changes will enable St. Mary's to further meet our mission statement, which calls for children to be creative, critical thinkers, moral people and curious about learning," said head of school Carol Hanes. "This helps us channel everything toward helping our children meet these goals."

The additional class of students won't be the only new faces around the school next year, either. Hanes will be replaced with a new head of school as soon as the board can hire one. She resigned late last year to take a teaching position with Howard College.

Adding a grade means additional space is needed, and that fits with the school's long-term plan to add a building, Hanes said. A multi-purpose building that can house physical education, art and music programs is in the planning stages.

A temporary building will serve the school's purposes until the new structure is completed; computer equipment will be housed there



St. Mary's fifth grade students Justin McCrea, left, and Eric Welch, were studying for the Howard County Spelling Bee after school recently. The school might gain an edge in the county-wide contest next year when it adds a sixth grade to its programs.

HERALD photo/Debbie L. Jensen

to make room for the additional classroom.

A renovation of the school's front office area, including the enclosure of its hallways, is also in the future. That will be helped by the recent donation of some large pieces of limestone from TexaStone.

Hanes said while the board believed the time was right to add sixth grade, no more grades are likely to be added in the near future.

"The jump to junior high is a huge one," she said. "We would need to add much more to the curriculum and I don't see the school doing that now."

The addition of sixth grade, Hanes has said,

seemed right since the Big Spring Independent School District added the grade to its elementary program, with all public sixth graders attending Goliad Elementary.

Seventh and eighth grade students now attend Big Spring Junior High School before making the transition to high school.

But course offerings will continue to be added at St. Mary's, including a strings program that will begin next fall. Students will learn to play the viola by the Suzuki method from local teacher Terri Gray.

"This is a highly respected method for teaching musical instruments,"

Hanes said, adding that it is also used successfully with the piano.

Sixth graders at St. Mary's will be allowed to choose from band, choir or strings, learning with the group one day and in individual lessons the next. The string program will be expanded all the way down to the school's 3-year-olds if parents would like, she added.

St. Mary's currently educates a total of 134 students from age 3 through fifth grade. In addition to a curriculum of language arts, math and science, students take classes in music, art, Spanish, computers and physical education.

Grady student inspired by brother's struggle

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Because of a family tragedy, 18-year-old Grady High School Senior Kristyn Hambleton may have found her calling in life.

On a day in 1997, the day after Kristyn's father, Chris, had undergone chemotherapy to combat Hodgkin's disease, the family learned that

Kristyn's brother, Philip had been involved in a car accident.

That accident would leave him in a wheelchair.

According to Kristyn, medical personnel only encouraged Philip to exercise his upper body, and his exercise equipment was designed for someone who had full use of his legs.

At the time of the accident, the family thought Philip might never be able to walk, but after a surgery last summer, he has been able to take a few steps. His physical therapist told him after the surgery that Philip should have been exercising his legs the whole time.

According to Kristyn, Philip never gave up on his dreams or gave in to his problems. And his struggle

is Kristyn's inspiration.

"I am really inspired by him," she said.

From that experience, Kristyn decided to earn a degree in kinesiology and mechanical engineering for the purpose of designing machines for people with handicaps.

"I like lending a helping hand."

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## Biblical-based education offered at Maranatha Baptist Academy

By ANDREA MEDLIN  
Staff Writer

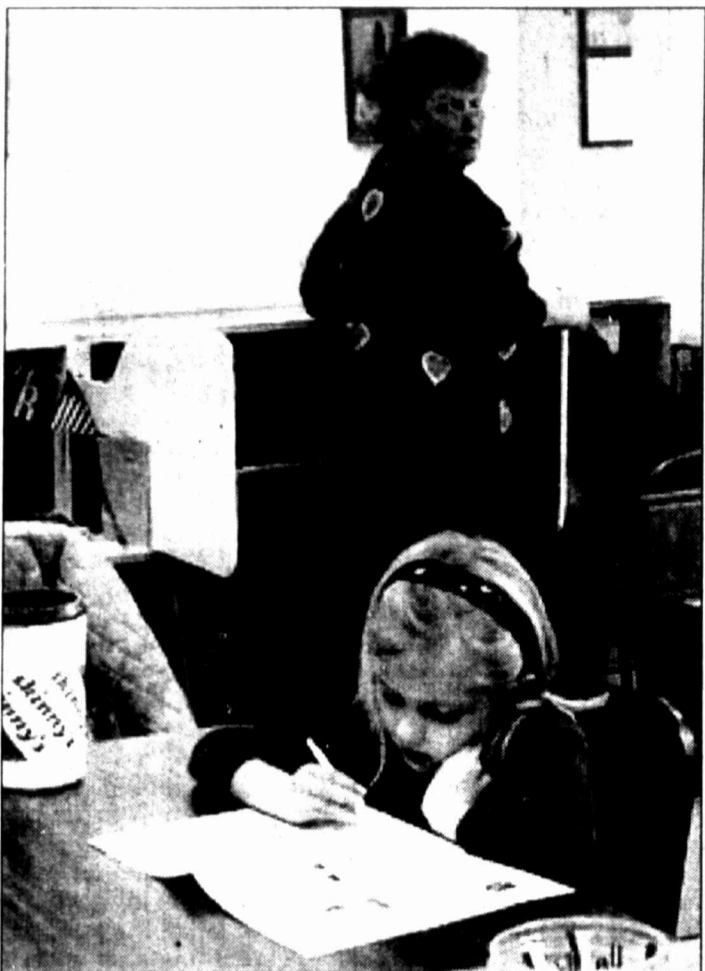
Maranatha Baptist Academy has seen several moves and an increase in enrollment since it was established in 1989.

The Christian private school began in Sand Springs, then was moved to Hillcrest Baptist Church. When it was closed at Hillcrest, Lillian Bohannon and Sandy Samuels founded what is now the Maranatha Baptist Academy at a location on Eleventh Place. Bohannon now serves as the school's director.

Despite all of the moves and changes, the founders and even some of the former students remain loyal to the school. The staff includes former students Jamie Davis, who is now secretary, and Arthena Jones, kindergarten teacher.

Samuels acts as financial secretary and has a background in nursing and the military. She is also employed by West Texas Centers for MHMR.

Now located in what used to be the S&H Green Stamp store at 903 Johnson, the academy boasts 25 students enrolled, compared to the 14 it had when it began.



HERALD photo/Andrea Medlin  
Alyssa Griffis concentrates on her current assignments while Sandy Samuels looks on at Maranatha Baptist Academy. The private Big Spring school offers a Christian learning environment and curriculum that is based on the Bible.

All grades are now included and the tuition has increased to \$186 per month. There are scholarships available. See MARANATHA, Page 5

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hand to people," she said. And she is listening to her brother about suggestions on what modifications she can make to improve exercise equipment for those with disabilities.

"He knows what would have helped him," she said. The Hambletons moved to Lenorah from Midland when Kristyn, who will be a 2001 graduate, was in the seventh grade. The change was different for the city girl.

"When I first moved out here, the kids were talking about sheep, goats and tractors," she remembers. "I said to them, 'You actually have those things at your house?'"

Kristyn soon learned to enjoy living in a small town and appreciates the camaraderie from her schoolmates and neighbors. When the family had problems, there would be one neighbor or several at the door with food ready.

A strong candidate for valedictorian, Kristyn is involved in basketball, UIL math and science, one-act play and has been the school's Wildcat mascot for the last four years.

"It was a blast being the mascot," she said. "I could be crazy and rambunctious. I enjoyed teasing the little kids."

Her favorite class in school is biology, and she is interested in how the mus-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
Eighteen-year-old Kristyn Hambleton, who will be a 2001 graduate of Grady High School, served as the Wildcat mascot during her four-years of high school.

cles work.

"It's cool how everything works together," she said.

After graduation, she plans to attend Midland College for the next two years then transfer to Texas Tech University in Lubbock.

As for that difficult year — 1997, Kristyn said she would not change it.

"It was a hard year that made me strong but not one I want to repeat," she said. "All the experience made me who I am and set my outlook on life."

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## Forsan student's love of athletics has him eyeing coaching career

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Athletics is not just an activity, but a way of life for 17-year-old Forsan High School senior Jarrett Hopper.

"I am not satisfied unless I know I have done my best," Hopper said.

Hopper, the son of Janice and Jimmy, is involved with numerous school activities such as basketball, tennis, golf, one-act play, debate and is a student trainer.

His real love is sports, and Hopper plans a career in secondary education as a teacher and a coach.

"I like the age group in high school," Hopper said.

A big influence in his life, he added, have been two of his uncles, Steve Park, an athletic coach at Forsan Independent School District, and Charles Skeen, a retired girls' basketball coach that took his Follett High School team to capture the state championship three years in a row.

And Hopper eyes those rings every time he visits Skeen.

"Seeing the state championship rings on his finger makes me want to get one when I am a coach," Hopper added.

Another big influence on his life is his 23-year-old brother JaCoby, who makes

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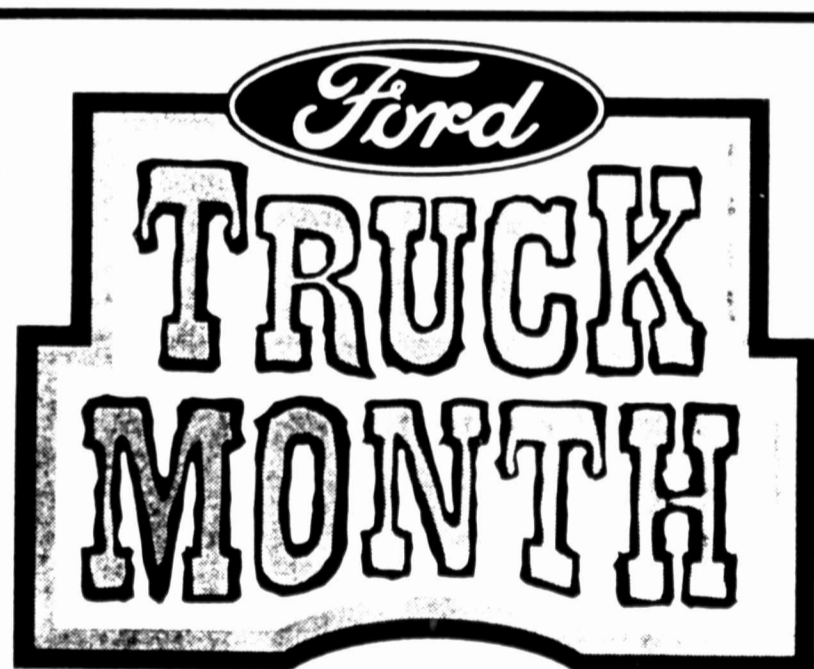
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"He gets mad when I lose," Hopper said. "I have always had Hopper with me other nearby events."

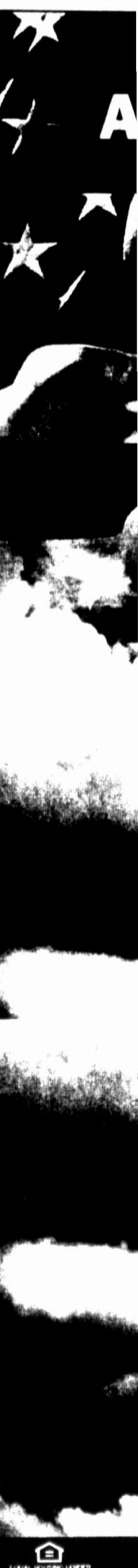
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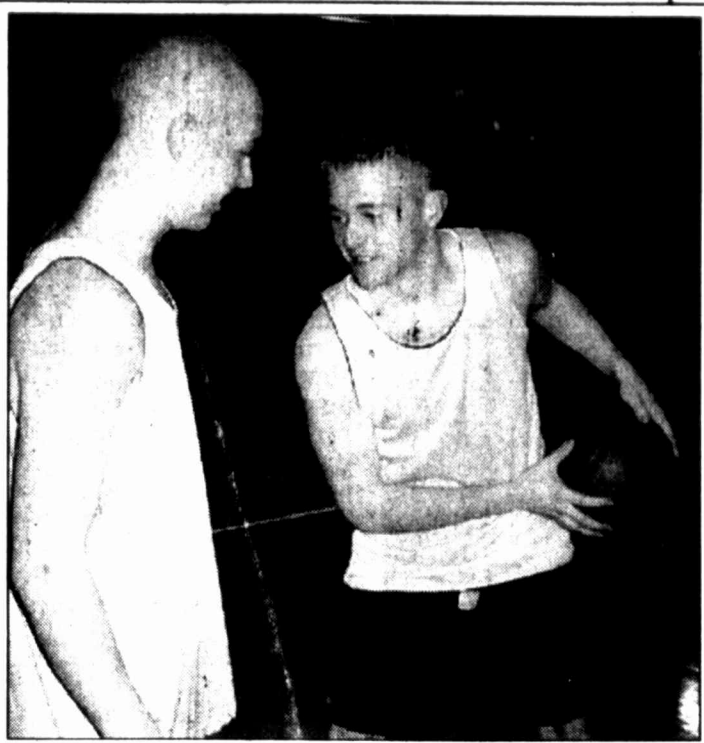
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Seventeen-year-old Jarrett Hopper, right, who will be a 2001 graduate of Forsan High School, practices basketball after school with Dustin Baker. Hopper plans to become a high school coach and teacher.

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every one of Jarrett's games.

"He gets more upset when I lose than I do," Hopper said. The brothers have always been close, Hopper said. They either visit with or call each other nearly every day.

Hopper said his father is also very supportive, flying in to watch many games.

The most important aspect of sports, he said, is that it encourages someone to be competitive, molding them into a better person, strong both mentally and physically.

Though losing is difficult for Hopper, he said he learns lessons from his losses.

"It's easier to be a bad loser than a good loser," he added.

And Hopper takes competition into other aspects of his life including debate.

"Debate is using your

brain instead of your brawn," he said.

But Hopper also enjoys a laugh and his involvement with one-act play allows him to use that creative side.

"I love to make people laugh," he said. "At school I am known as the jokester."

Not one to sit around, he also stays active.

"I help out with odd jobs like cleaning up yards," he said. "I basically like to stay busy." He also likes to lift weights and play sports with his friends when he is not at school.

Hopper has gone to Forsan schools all his life and expects to graduate in 2001 in the top 15 percent of his class.

"I like smaller schools," he added. "Everybody knows everybody and teachers have more one-on-one contact with the students. It is the same with athletics."

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ship discounts and labor is often traded for tuition.

The curriculum is the phonics-based Accelerated Christian Education (ACE) that was developed by Dr. Donald Howard of Plano in 1963. Howard's son was dyslexic and what was termed at that time as "hyperactive."

The prepackaged, individualized curriculum teaches all subjects from a biblical standpoint. For example, science lessons are supported by the Bible, and Darwin's theory of evolution is called a false theory.

For Bohannon and Samuels, the school has brought what they believe is lacking in public schools back to the classroom and into the lives of children.

For example, Bohannon, who serves as director, said the school is not accredited.

"I will not run the school according to government regulations," she said. "The government should not usurp God's authority."

Not having to rely on the government also frees the school from racial quotas, Bohannon said. However, almost every race is represented in the classroom, including Hispanics and blacks.

Consideration for enrollment is given to anyone of any belief, Bohannon said.

"If I cannot fulfill their needs then I recommend homeschooling," she said.

Bohannon said there is a significant increase in violence, drug use and premarital sex among youth today, and attributes this to the government removing religion and moral teachings in the public school system.

Parents must be involved in their children's education, she said. "Homeschool, to me, is the best way to teach a child."

Morality, ethics and the doctrines of God are essential to the spiritual well-being of a child and must be supported by the parents as well as the school, Bohannon added.

Life skills and biblical morals, geared toward the children's level, are included in the Wednesday Chapel Time that is overseen by the Rev. Doug Shelley, pastor of East Side Baptist Church.

Bohannon earned a "Doctor of Christian Ministry" degree from Salt Lake Baptist College shortly before starting the academy after it had closed at Hillcrest. She said she wanted to establish the academy because her son was making poor grades and was getting into fights at the public school he attended, fights that were a result of the teasing he received because

of his beliefs.

Bohannon said her son's behavior and grades greatly improved after attending the academy. When asked about the quality of education she received, Davis said she believes she has received all the education she required while attending the school.

In the one-classroom environment with separate tables for each grade, the students learn at their own pace and receive individual attention by the teachers.

One child from another grade, either a grade above or below, is often assigned to read to one of another grade level. As a result of this interaction, all grades benefit and learn from each other, says Bohannon.

The children are also engaged in other activities that will take some to state

and national competition each year, including chess, track and field events, ping pong, singing, speaking, plays and puppet shows. After graduating the academy, students who want to go to college take the SAT and ACT in Texas or the TASP as required by the college.

Bohannon said some Maranatha graduates have been offered scholarships from Ivy League schools such as Princeton, Yale and Harvard.

Her students, Bohannon said, are very well adjusted.

"They have God on their side to help them make it through life," she said. As for Maranatha, Bohannon said she plans to continue the academy "for as long as God tells me to," and continues to encourage parents to homeschool their children.

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# Career in the sciences is what inspires Big Spring senior

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Eighteen-year-old Richard Key, who will be a 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School, has many career opportunities, but plans to spend his life in science.

"I like science and how it works," Key said. "Math makes the world go round."

Key is considering several career possibilities, including becoming a flight surgeon, a pilot or an oral surgeon. He plans to attend the New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M.

"I am going to see if the military life is for me," Key said. "In one year I may decide to transfer to the Air Force Academy."

But Key is not limiting his choices, and is considering becoming an oral surgeon.

"I will have my degree doing what I want to do and

helping people," he said. Key knows something of the dental field since his father, John, is a local dentist.

John has always shared his love of science with Richard, explaining exhibits and events to Richard when the family traveled or visited museums.

In fact, one of Richard's childhood memories was witnessing the lift-off for the maiden voyage of the shuttle Endeavor when he was in the third grade.

Whatever field he chooses, John has put his support behind his son.

"I have always told him that it does not make a difference whether you're a brick layer or a professional but give your best in your particular area," John said.

As a junior, Key was the only student from the area to participate in a National Aeronautics and Space

**Eighteen-year-old Richard Key, a Big Spring High School senior, is planning a career in science.**

**Key plans to attend New Mexico Military Institute in Roswell, N.M. and is considering becoming a military pilot.**

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Administration (NASA) pilot program, the Texas Aerospace Scholars, for high school juniors. He spent three months researching and performing assignments for NASA over the Internet and spent a week in Houston with 24 other students in his group. As a sophomore, Key participated in the Hugh

O'Brien Leadership Conference, HOBY, in Amarillo designed to train future leaders.

In the top 25 percent of his class, Key participates in Key Club, Rotary Interact Club, VICA Club, Spanish Club and the Golf team. Very active in the Boy Scouts of America, Key earned the Eagle Scout, the highest award.

His participation in Boy Scouts has given Key the opportunity to enjoy the outdoors by water rafting and taking a 50-mile hiking trek, among other activities. He also helps with Scout Camp Long Horn as a rock climbing, rappelling and wilderness survival instructor.

"As a little kid, he never liked to stay inside and play with video games," said his mother, Sherri. "He was always outside."

# Sands High School's Smithson likes teamwork from horseback

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

As a rodeo team-roping competitor, hard work makes up 18-year-old Seth Smithson's life but he enjoys what he does and does not want to change.

"My dad does it and I grew up around it," Smithson said.

Smithson, who will be a 2001 Sands High School graduate, competes in rodeos all over the nation traveling nearly every weekend for competitions.

And he is very good at his sport, but it takes work.

"Many people think he is born being that good," said Dero Shaw, who practices with Smithson and ropes with him sometimes for competition. "Seth is out there nearly everyday, sometimes roping in 30-mile-an-hour wind."

According to Smithson, team roping is where two people attempt to rope a steer by horseback, one roping the hind legs and one roping the head.

"The sport is getting really popular in Texas," said his father, Tommy. Seth



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**Eighteen-year-old Seth Smithson will be a 2001 Sands High School graduate. Smithson plans to attend Howard College and be active in the college's rodeo program.**

grew up in the country helping his father ranch cattle, goat and sheep.

"He has been helping me around the pasture and has been roping since he was a

little kid," Tommy said. The Smithsons moved from Iraan to Ackerly about four years ago and

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# Stanton senior's goals reach to the stars

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
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Eighteen-year-old Stanton High School senior Gracie Ann Villa always wanted to travel far away — all the way to outer space — but she will settle for creating the technology to send others there.

"I love math," Villa said "I like being able to know what a graph is going to look like before I work on it."

The daughter of Patty Ramos and Emilio Villa Jr., Gracie is considering the field of aerospace engineering, and she attributes her desire to go into that field from her freshman physical science teacher.

"Mr. (Rocky) Stone was unique," she said. "He was the first one to put being an astronaut in my head. You need teachers to love what

they do to make you want to do that."

Gracie admits her favorite subject was physical science, but says she loves science and math in general.

Her goal is to work for National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA). She changed her career choice from astronaut to aerospace engineering after she became pregnant when she was a high school sophomore. Quitting school was not an option.

"I did not want to be statistic," she said. "I wanted to be more than that girl who was pregnant in high school."

So she juggles being a student, a student leader of her school and the responsibilities of motherhood to her daughter, Guerida. Gracie is the student council president and the Spanish Club president.

"I think it is important to motivate other students to get involved," she said.

She is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America, the National Honor Society, the Family Career and Community Leaders of America and Texas Association of Future Educators.

She also attempts to motivate the students to abstain from sex while in high school by speaking to classes about her own situation and the difficulties of motherhood and being a student.

"I tell them not to take the chance of getting pregnant," she said.

Fourth in her class, Villa also takes college courses, some via the Internet. Villa said she enjoys going to a small school because she could know every student's name and the teachers all knew her.

For now, Villa is hoping to attend St. Edwards College in Austin and eventually transfer to Notre Dame. In the end, she said, her hard work will create financial security for her daughter and herself.

"I am excited about leaving this little town and seeing other places," Villa said, adding that she is also a little sad about leaving her friends.

"We are all going different paths, but we plan to visit with each other."

**Eighteen-year-old Gracie Ann Villa, a Stanton High School senior, conducts a student council meeting. Villa plans to follow a career in aerospace engineering.**

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## SMITHSON

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have a horse training facility. Seth's parents also teach at Sands Consolidated Independent School District — Tommy teaches chemistry and physics and Seth's mother, Debra, is a prekindergarten teacher.

Seth is involved with activities including basketball, football, the National Honor Society and he is the senior class president. He is also third in his class.

Seth led the South Plains in rebounds for basketball in the 5 through 1A schools. He also was chosen to play on the all-star basketball team.

And he juggles this with competing in rodeo's during the year.

"I am gone somewhere nearly every weekend until sports start," he said.

Team roping is an expensive sport, and Seth takes on the responsibility of

handling the expenses and making the travel arrangements that sometimes takes him to Tennessee, Mississippi, Utah, California, Arizona, Colorado and New Mexico.

Seth enjoys being with his family, even his 12-year-old brother Cevan, and living in small towns.

"Everybody is friendly," Seth added. "Lots of people think there is nothing to do in the country but there really is."

Following graduation, Seth plans attend Howard College for the rodeo program and follow a career in the arena.

"I want to rodeo the rest of my life," he said.

As for graduation, he looks forward to the event with excitement and sadness.

"I will miss all my friends from school," he said. "We had a really good time this year."

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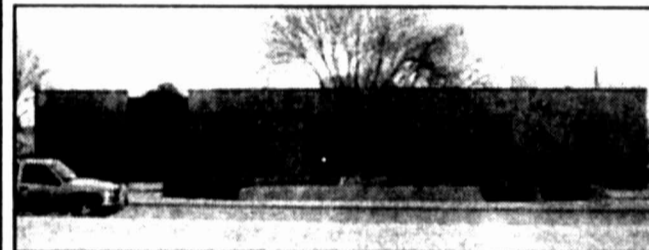
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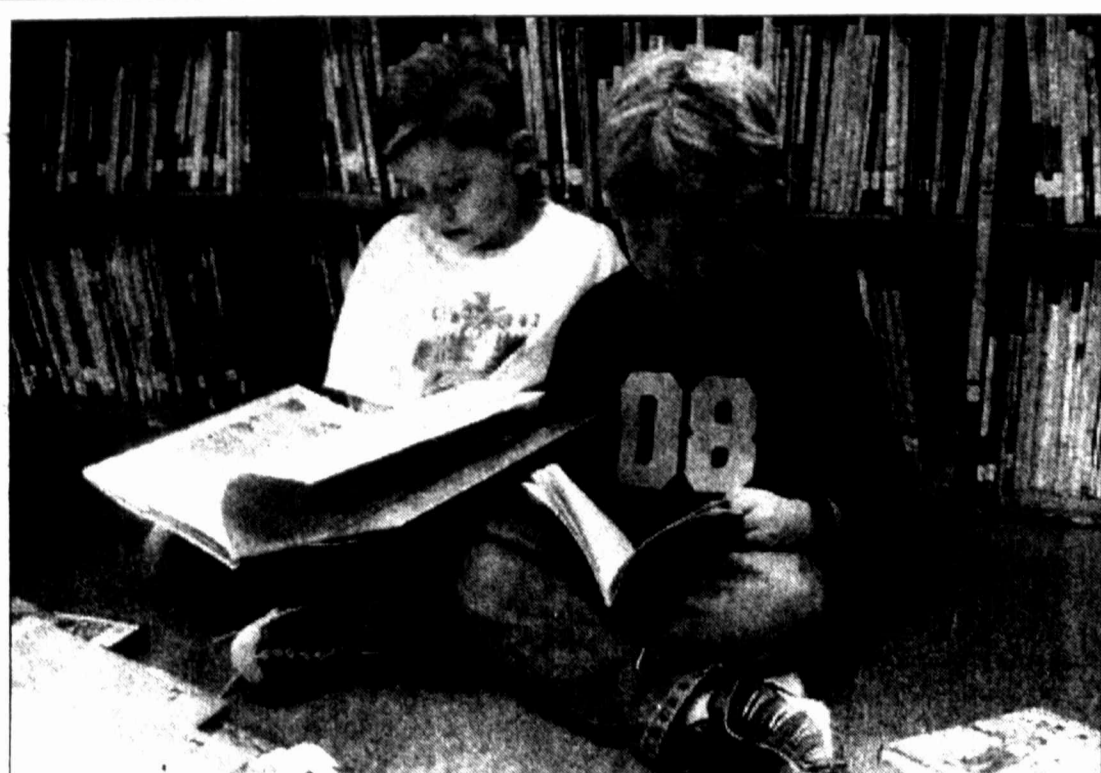
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At left, Marcy Elementary first graders Seth Yarbor, left, and Stormy Emery read during a "Stop, Drop and Read" event at the school earlier this month. Below, left, Sandy Samuels, co-founder of Maranatha Baptist Academy, helps Pete Acosta with a question about his assignment.

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Above, Reba Smith and Emily Key ate a special breakfast of green eggs and ham during Bauer Elementary School's observance of author Dr. Seuss' birthday March 2. At left, St. Mary's Episcopal School fifth graders Callie Partee, left, and Kathryn Krager study some classroom materials during a recent school day. The girls will have the choice next year to continue their studies at St. Mary's or go to public school.

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## Howard College embraces changing needs of students

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College embraces the 21st Century prepared to meet the needs of a growing student population and communities alike through hands-on laboratories that provide students more than classroom instruction.

"We received a grant that allowed us to purchase \$40,000 worth of equipment, 13 pieces in all. With this equipment, which consists of training modules within a mobile laboratory, we are able to provide our industrial technology students with more than classroom instruction," said Linda Conway, vice president of instruction for Howard College.

Conway said the addition of the mobile equipment, which will be used on the San Angelo and Big Spring campuses, answered the needs of business and industry leaders, who sought assistance from Howard College in locating qualified employees.

"The instructors can set up different scenarios for students to have hands-on practice. The students will not go out into the field with all their knowledge coming out of a book. They will be able to recognize a situation. That's the main point," Conway said.

And as enrollment on all four Howard County Junior College District campuses continues to increase, Howard College will contin-

## SWCID is 'jewel' in HC crown

HERALD Staff Report

The SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, truly a jewel in the crown of Howard College, is the only self-contained, two-year college for the Deaf in the country.

And as student enrollment continues to grow on the SWCID campus, a new residence hall addition is set to open its doors later this year.

"We are excited about our new residence hall addition, which are nearing completion. This residence will also provide housing for our married students when one or both spouses are attending SWCID," said Dr. Ron Brasel, SWCID Provost.

Funded entirely through state appropriations,

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ue to seek ways to offer increasing technology to students.

"We have several projects we are currently working on in the way of instructional design and equipment," Conway said.

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Federal grants, such as Carl Perkins and Title V monies, will assist Howard College in answering the needs of students and businesses alike, she said. A special grant allowed Howard College to create the Center For Teaching Excellence, thereby providing up to date technology and training for educators within the Howard College 13-county and 28-independent school district-service area.

More federal funds are expected to expand this program within the coming year. Also, the Howard College Auditorium will also undergo a complete facelift within the next year, as plans are being finalized now to renovate the building. Once the facility is restored, it will be possible to convert the traditional theater setting to a dinner theatre, giving Howard College a truly unique facility that will be a treasure for the campus and the entire community.

Completion on the expansion is set for sometime early in 2002. This project will enlarge the auditorium, as well as provide state-of-the-art acoustics and seating for theatre patrons within the community.

"I am excited about the auditorium project," said Howard College theatre instructor Clay Grizzle. "We have developed a quality theatre program at Howard College which grows in student enrollment each semester, and we're looking forward to the renovations for our theatre," he said.

Along with the increased size in the stage and back stage areas of the auditorium, a Black Box Theatre classroom is also included in the renovation plans, he said.

Another opportunity for students on the Big Spring campus came when Howard Cottage opened its doors in Fall 2000. This fulfilled the

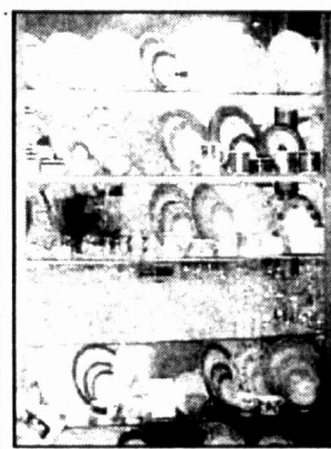
dreams of more than 20 years of faculty, staff and students in the district. The child development center provides an academic setting for Howard College students, as well as giving excellent care to the children enrolled in the program. The center allows students to bring their children to campus for quality child-care while parents attend class. The Cottage is available for children of employees, as well community members as space allows.

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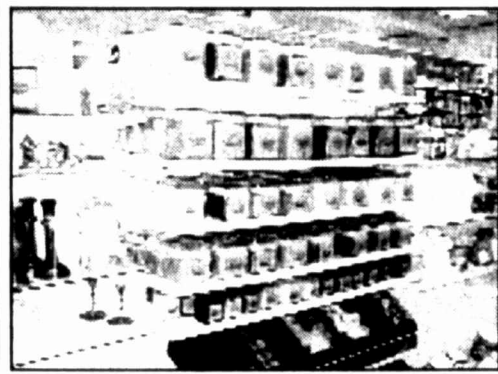
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New and returning students form lines during a registration period for Howard College. The college has seen continuing increases in enrollment for the last several years, and at the same time has been increasing its slate of programs.

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SWCID

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SWCID was created through the diligent effort on the part of trustees in 1979. Its educational programs that serve the deaf and hard of hearing.

Many new additions to the SWCID campus have been completed or are under way now. The Activity Center was finished this past year, allowing for sports activities.

The first wing of Burke-Mehan Residence Hall was completed two years ago. This living facility quickly filled, and administrators saw the need for additional living facilities. For that reason, new additions to the residence halls are being completed to provide married and family housing.

The Diagnostic Center, the first of its kind in the West Texas area, was



At SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf, students have more choices about academic and technological programs of study.

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recently completed. At this facility, a full-time audiologist as well as rehabilitation counselors for deaf and hard of hearing students will pave the way for securing diagnostic services and educational assistance for deaf and hard of hearing populations of all ages.

The Graphic Arts Technology Program, which began in Fall 2000, contin-

ues to increase, as do the Dental Laboratory Technology and Construction and Building Technology programs. The Interpreter Training Program and Paraprofessional for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing programs remain popular for those individuals who choose to work within the deaf community.

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Project Head Start early childhood educational program. At Howard College, a student finds a community college with the resources that provide a satisfying educational experience as well as the finest in academic and vocational programs.

With more than 500 full-time and part-time employees for the district within the four different campuses, Howard College maintains a high level of academic excellence.

Small class sizes provide personal attention for each student, and all faculty and staff place a student's welfare and interests at the top of the priority list.

The Howard College campus at San Angelo offers a wide range of vocational

training for students. The liaison between HC and Angelo State University helped create the West Texas Training Center, a cooperative effort between HC, ASU and the San Angelo Independent School District. This new facility is expected to meet the growing demands of a technologically-advancing workforce within Texas. WTTTC opened its doors to students this year.

The Lamesa campus of Howard College showed record enrollment this spring, nearly doubling in student population from 1999 to 2000.

This fall, 126 students are enrolled in classes at the Lamesa campus. These courses may fit the vocational needs of students, or they may be academic

courses designed to transfer to a four-year institutions.

Many other projects are currently under way for the college as well. The new STEPS Learning Laboratory at Howard College sees more than 200 students each week, providing tutoring in a variety of subjects. This computer-aided tutoring allows each Howard College student a chance to succeed in college through state-of-the-art programs with professional tutors.

Howard College has diversified through the years to meet the changes in society and technology, while maintaining the ideals that were a part of its inception — that is to be a community college that is affordable and friendly — and a vital part of the community.



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Local and state dignitaries, students and staff gathered at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf in April of 2000 for a ribbon cutting to mark the opening of a new activities center for the school. The building features a gymnasium, weight room, aerobics center and other facilities for student use.

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