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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## Blood drive set at SWCID on Thursday

United Blood Services will be at SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf from 1 until 4 p.m. Thursday.

The drive will be in the gymnasium. For an appointment, call 264-3700.

Donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh more than 110 pounds and be in good health. They also need proof of identification and should know the names of any medication they have taken within the past 30 days.

## 'Kaleidoscope' reservations needed now

"Kaleidoscope," a children's fashion show and brunch to benefit St. Mary's Episcopal School, will be held Saturday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The show is set from 10 a.m. until noon and will feature children of all ages showing off play and dress attire from area stores. Reservations are necessary because brunch will be served and seating is limited. Admission is strictly by donation; there is no fee.

Those who plan to attend should call the school office at 263-0203 as quickly as possible.

## WHAT'S UP...

### TODAY

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

### THURSDAY

□ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp No. U42060, Herman's Restaurant, 7 a.m.

□ The Coffee Club will meet at Gale's Sweet Shoppe at 10 a.m.

□ Kiwanis Club meets at noon in the Howard College Cactus Room. Call Billy Smith.

□ Masonic Lodge No. 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

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## 'What I Did' advances to area

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Big Spring High School one-act production of "What I Did Last Summer," advanced on to area contest as the ensemble cast



HAYNES

qualified Tuesday at district competition in Snyder.

"We had good, strong acting," said Tim Haynes, BSHS theater instructor. "The kids worked as a group and did a great job."

The cast can now focus on competing against six other schools in the area contest that will be held in Snyder on April 6.

Several BSHS students walked away with awards at

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the contest Tuesday.

Ana McLaughlin and Toryn Haynes was named to the all-star cast while Lacey Knight and Haley Haynes received honorable mention.

Jeremy Knight earned the outstanding lighting/tech-

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## 2001: The Crossroads' Odyssey

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

Sunday — Education

Monday — Living

Tuesday — Agricultural, Industry and Oil

Today — Government

Thursday — Hospitals and Health

Friday — Religion

## Big day

### Reservations being taken for another charter bus to state capitol April 10

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Managing Editor

Response to Tuesday's deadline to make reservations for seats on the Big Spring Day in Austin chartered bus trip has Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials exploring the possibility of securing a second bus for the trip.

"We're looking at the possibility of adding another bus right now," said Terri Davis, executive director of the chamber, which is co-sponsoring the April 10 trip with Moore Development for Big Spring.

"What's happened is that we've more than 20 kids from the Junior Leadership program who've signed up to go, and right now Howard College is making plans to send three vans of students," Davis explained.



DAVIS

"So we're hoping we can maybe combine them and fill another bus. Plus, we're still interested in hearing from anyone who wants to go and wasn't able to get their reservation made yesterday."

"The thing we want to stress is that we want anyone who's interested in making the trip to Austin to contact the chamber," she added. "Even if we can't get a second bus filled, we'll work to make sure there's a ride for them. We want to make sure everybody who wants to be a part of Big Spring Day in Austin has a chance to go."

Big Spring Day in Austin provides 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.

The bus (or buses) will leave Big Spring from the Memorial Stadium parking lot at 5 a.m. and arrive back

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HERALD Photo/Andrea Medlin

Debbye ValVerde, secretary for the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce, puts together courtesy packets for the vendors who will participate in the Ag Expo and Ag Appreciation Luncheon Thursday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

## Only a few tickets still remain for Ag Appreciation Luncheon

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Thursday's Ag Appreciation Luncheon seems to be drawing a lot of attention throughout the Crossroads area — only a few tickets remain for the noon event at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"We are standing at prob-

ably over 450 tickets already picked up," said Debbye ValVerde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce secretary.

"We're excited about the turnout and we're excited about Susan Combs coming."

Combs, Texas Agriculture Commissioner, will be guest speaker for the event.

which also recognizes the Ag Producer of the Year and the Agribusiness Person of the Year.

The luncheon is free to area farmers and ranchers, but they are asked to pick up their tickets in advance at the Chamber of Commerce. Others can par-

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## Capehart project bid awarded

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

As expected, Coker Pipeline Rehabilitation of Scottsville has been awarded the contract for wastewater line replacement in the city's Capehart Addition.

That action took up the majority of Tuesday's Big Spring City Council meeting, as council



DARDEN

members discussed whether a cured-in-place method of dealing with the problem would be better than a trench and replace method. They decided on the cured-in-place method and awarded the contract to Coker, which bid \$239,958.94. The concrete lines date to the 1950s.

"The cured-in-place method has been on the market for a while, but it has just recently become competitive in cost," Todd Darden, city public works director, told the council.

Darden explained that the company would run a camera through the lines to

check for collapsed pipes and other problems. Once any problem areas are repaired, a component is placed inside the existing pipe.

"They run hot water in there, which causes the material to adhere to the inside of the pipe. As it cools, it hardens," Darden said. "Basically, they are forming a pipe within the pipe."

The advantage over the trench and replace method is that streets don't have to be torn up, which would cause an inconvenience for

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## Group ponders faster Internet access through area-wide cooperative

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Faster access to the Internet through a cooperative effort was what moti-

ated more than 50 Howard County leaders to gather Tuesday at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"There is a real frustration in small communities that are not getting technological advancements very quickly," Kent Sharp, Moore Development for Big Spring executive director, told the group. "The 11



SHARP

non-profit entities represented here, I would hope can band together and focus on a cooperative agreement with themselves to make this happen."

Bandwidth was the key word tossed around at the meeting. A broader bandwidth would allow businesses, schools and individuals to access the Internet faster — making it possible for such technology as live video, which could enhance education, health care, conferencing and more.

"There are endless opportunities with the bandwidth, the problem is getting the bandwidth here," said Sharp.

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## Thanks to college student, customer's \$200 recovered

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

When you hear about youth these days being a lost cause, consider again.

Howard College freshman Paige Stallings is a Lake Jackson student who works as a waitress at Cowboys Steakhouse and Restaurant on FM 700. She takes pride in her job.



STALLINGS

One day last week, a customer, Pauline Fulesday, came into the restaurant with her daughter to eat lunch. When they had finished, Fulesday reached into her purse to get money to pay the ticket. She took out an envelope from a bank. Thinking she had already taken the money out, she discarded the envelope by placing it on the table underneath the salt and pepper shakers. She proceeded to pay the ticket with money from her purse and left the restaurant.

Stallings noticed the



HERALD photo/Carl GRAHAM

Pauline Fulesday holds the bank envelope she had discarded, thinking it was empty. It contained \$200.

## TABC arrests dancers at local nightclub

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Four exotic dancers listing out-of-state addresses found themselves housed at the Big Spring City Jail overnight after they were arrested on public lewdness charges Tuesday night in a local nightclub.

Texas Alcoholic Beverage Commission (TABC) agent James White and Big Spring Police Department officers made the arrests at Martha's Hideaway on North Birdwell Lane where

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OBITUARIES

Gladys Shortes

Gladys Shortes, 88, of Ackerly, died on Tuesday, March 27, 2001, at her residence. Funeral service will be at 10 a.m., Thursday, March 29, 2001, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Gaylon Lamb, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



She was born on Nov. 6, 1912, in Megargel and married Vernon Shortes on Dec. 5, 1935, in Archer City. He preceded her in death on Nov. 24, 1993. Mrs. Shortes graduated from Megargel High School and came to Ackerly in 1945. She was a member of Ackerly Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons and daughters-in-law, Dan and Eva Shortes and Don and Glenda Shortes all of Ackerly; three grandchildren, Kelley Shortes and Danae Shortes both of Lubbock and Russ Shortes of Austin; and a sister, Leona Colgan of Megargel.

She was also preceded in death by her daughter, Barbara Gale Shortes on Feb. 15, 1939, her parents, three sisters and two brothers.

The family suggests memorials to New Mexico Christian Children's Home, HC 69, Box 48, Portales, N.M. 88130-9411.

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

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award. It was the second award Jeremy has earned for his work in lighting technician. He also received the award at the South Zone competition last Thursday.

Along with BSHS, Snyder High School also advanced with its production of "Taming of the Shrew."

"What I did last Summer," is a play taking place at the end of World War II based on the recollections of a young man during a summer vacation in Canada when the father was at war.

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home around 10 p.m. The \$50 price includes breakfast en route to Austin and a box

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Gladys Shortes, 87, died Tuesday. Services will be 10:00 AM Thursday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. Rita (Crickett) Ramey, 78, died Friday. Memorial graveside services will be 10:00 AM Monday, April 2, 2001 at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

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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. 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.

More than 200 people made the trip to Austin two years ago and Davis said a like number and maybe even more will be going this year.

"I'm really surprised and and thrilled at the interest the young people in our community have shown," Davis said. "We're going to have an extremely representative cross section of our community down there — young people, senior citizens, educators, business people, city and county governments."

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," Pam Welch of Moore Development 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.

COUNCIL

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residents, Darden told the council.

Work on the extensive project there is 3,200 linear feet of six-inch pipe and 3,100 linear feet of eight-inch pipe is expected to begin in the summer. Payment for the project comes through a matching grant. Big Spring resident Wesley Carroll appeared before the council to complain about a large number of dogs in his area along Roberts Drive. Carroll urged the council to consider an ordinance that would limit the number of animals a family could have in the city limits.

Carroll was told that the Animal Control Committee will be meeting April 4 to begin considering such an ordinance. That meeting is currently set for noon in council chambers, however, the council has asked the committee to reschedule it for 5:30 p.m. so that more citizens can attend.

In other business, the council rejected an ordinance to appoint election judges and establish an early voting ballot board. The ordinance would be necessary because the May 5 city election can be canceled neither Mayor Russ McEwen nor District 5 Councilwoman Joann Smoot drew a candidate during the filing period.

Council members approved a grant for the Drug Abuse Assistance Education (DARE) program, the Howard County Tax

Assessor's budget and a final plat of the Belarco Subdivision along FM 700. New Social Security Administration offices will be constructed on that site.

The council also approved a lease agreement with the YMCA, which is planning to construct a skate board and roller blade park. The city will lease one-third of an acre of land along Owens Street to the YMCA for the sum of \$1 a year.

LUNCHEON

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take of the barbecue meal for \$8 each. Those tickets are also available at the Chamber.

"We have a few tickets left. If we fill up the floor, we'll just put people in the stands," ValVerde said. "Also, we want people to know that they are more than welcome to come and listen to Susan Combs if they don't want to eat. There is no cost for that. We are asking them to please sit in the stands though, and leave the floor area open for those who are having lunch."

The luncheon is again being held in conjunction with the Ag Expo, which will begin at 10 a.m. Thursday and conclude at 3 p.m. Howard County Extension Service will be offering programs to area producers as early as 9 that morning. Those attending may be eligible to receive continuing education units for attending. Topics to be covered will be result demonstrations conducted in Howard County in the 2000 crop year and an economic analysis of Round-up Ready cotton in dryland will be evaluated.

At 2 p.m., the public is invited to an educational program put on by the Extension Service on the growing of tomatoes and peppers and how to make salsa.

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

CO-OP

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A technology task force, chaired by Joel Michaelis, dean of continuing education for workforce training at Howard College, was formed more than a year ago to study how to keep Howard County abreast of the latest changes in technology. Several months ago, a consulting firm, R.W. Beck, was hired to make an assessment of the county's technological assets and needs. R.W. Beck is expected to announce the findings of its report, as well as make some recommendations, in a few weeks, Sharp said.

Tuesday's meeting was held to let representatives of the entities know about the project. The group heard from several people, including Sharp, Michaelis and Howard College President Dr. Cheri Sparks.

"I relate it to the CRMWD (Colorado River Municipal Water District)," said Sparks. "Years ago, the decision was made that we'd be sure of having the water we needed in the future."

Sparks said that it is important now to make sure Howard County has the technology infrastructure it needs for the future as well, for both the benefit of its youth as well as to attract business and industry to the area.

Although the group was told that there are a number

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AROUND THE TOWN

of possibilities, the basic scenario presented was that a cooperative purchase the bandwidth on a wholesale level. Then, as a non-profit corporation, it would allow others to access the service for a fee. This could include private companies, which could then provide the service, the group was told.

"Right now, they (local Internet providers) can't offer this type of speed. This would give them that opportunity," Sharp said. "It would be great if Southwestern Bell or someone would come in and say... we'll create this and you can just go back to what you are doing. But I don't think that is going to happen," Sharp said. "But we do have an indication that they might work with us on something like that."

Those in attendance mentioned that as a non-profit cooperative, grants would likely be available to help with the project, which is estimated to cost between \$400,000 and several million dollars, depending on the type of system.

No decisions were made at Tuesday's meeting. Sharp told those present that he would ask R.W. Beck to make a presentation of its findings to the group in the near future.

Among those attending were representatives of the Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan school boards and city councils, West Texas Centers for MHMR, CRMWD, Howard College, Howard County, Moore Development and the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

GOOD DEED

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envelope while clearing the table.

"I was cleaning off the table and the envelope was sort of hidden under the salt and pepper shakers," Stallings said. "I picked it up and looked inside to see if it was empty before I threw it in the trash. Inside of it were two one-hundred dollar bills, so I took it up to Mr. Hobbs (owner Johnny Hobbs), hoping he would know who it might belong to. He has lived here a long time and knows a lot of people. Sure enough, he knew who was sitting there and called her if she was missing anything."

"I got a telephone call from Johnny Hobbs asking me if I were missing anything," said Fulesday. "I told him I had an envelope from the bank for \$300 and it might be that but I would have to look. He said he had a bank envelope but it wasn't quite that much and to come on down and we could talk about it. Sure enough, it was what I had gotten at the bank earlier on."

Fulesday said because Stallings was so honest she just had to give her \$20 for a reward. "I know it wasn't a lot because if she had wanted she could have kept the entire amount and no one would have probably been the wiser," Fulesday said.

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"But with so many of the young generation taking the blame for what such a small few do, I thought she should get some recognition for her honesty. Her parents apparently raised her right."

Owner Johnny Hobbs would agree wholeheartedly with that. "She is one girl I will have no trouble in trusting with anything," said Hobbs. "You don't find them like her in this business every day. I am glad she works for us."

DANCERS

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the women were dancing.

The four women — Roxanne Umona, 31, and Rachel Harwood, 21, both of San Bernadino, Calif.; Jennifer Britten, 24, of Sioux City, Iowa; and Nicol Simola, 23, of Riverside, Calif. — were released on \$1,000 bond each this morning after having been arraigned on the Class A misdemeanor charges by Municipal Judge Timothy Green.

White indicated that owners of the nightclub may have violated city ordinances and additional charges may result from the incident.

MARKETS

Noon quotes provided by Edward Jones & Co.

AT&T	224.5
Archer-Daniels	13.32-26
Atmos Energy	21.98-02
BP AMOCO	49.26-62
Chevron Corp	86.15-1.68
Compaq	19.57-64
Cornell	7.4 nc
Dell	27 1/8
Du Pont	41 17-1.28
Exxon Mobil	78.73-1.91
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Intel Corp	28 1/4
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Texaco Inc	64.77-1.43
Texas Instrument	34.34-1.91
TXU	39.26-73
Total Fina	67.89-1.29
Unocal Corp	34.5-35
Wal-Mart	48.42-1.87

POLICE

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

- ROBERT DIAZ, 18, of 1111 Ridgeroad, was arrested on charges of TYC warrants and possession of marijuana.
- JOSE LUNA, 36, of 611 S. Douglas, was arrested on a charge of driving while license invalid.
- LONNIE CLANTON, 51, of 400 Moss Creek Road, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- RANDY JOHNSON, 36,

of 604 Baylor, was arrested on charges of driving while license invalid and unsafe backing.

• YESENIA GARZA, 18, of 900 S. Scurry, was arrested on a charge of assault/family violence.

• ROXANNE UMONA, 31, of San Bernadino, Ca., was arrested on a charge of public lewdness.

• RACHEL HARWOOD, 21, of San Bernadino, Ca., was arrested on a charge of public lewdness.

• JENNIFER BRITTEN, 24, of Sioux City, Ia., was arrested on a charge of public lewdness.

• NICOL SIMOLA, 23, of Riverside, Ca., was arrested on a charge of public lewdness.

• BERTHA HINOJOS, 29, of 1100 NW 3rd, was arrested on local warrants.

SHERIFF

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

• LATISHA KAY BUS TAMANTE, 19, of 508 State, was arrested on a charge of assault causing bodily injury. (BSPD)

• JOE JESSE RODRIGUEZ JR., 24, of San Angelo, was arrested on charges of issue bad check, no liability insurance and local warrant.

• JOE SPENCER, 36, of 1515 E. 17th, was arrested on a charge of parole violation. (HCSO)

FIRE/EMS

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

- 8:12 a.m. — 100 block of Colorado Road, medical call, one patient transported to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- 2:36 p.m. — 2300 block of Gregg, medical call, one patient transported to VA Medical Center.
- 5:11 p.m. — 1600 block of M.L.K., medical call, one patient transported to residence.
- 11:11 p.m. — 3000 block of Sherman, trauma call, service refused.

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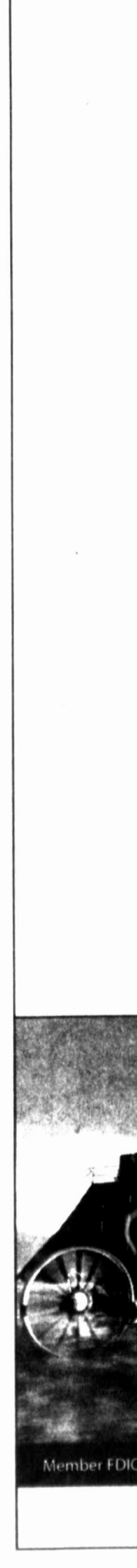
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# New county software takes aim at hot check writers

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners on Monday approved \$4,600 for a failure-to-appear software package that has capabilities to tie into the existing software packages of the three justices of the peace offices.

The software will allow each justice to utilize the computer to file out-

standing traffic tickets that have been written by Howard County sheriff's deputies and Department of Public Safety personnel.

The county has a contract with a private company to collect outstanding traffic tickets. If the driver fails to pay the ticket in the specified time, the individual's driver's license cannot be renewed, thereby becoming invalid, until the ticket has been taken care of.

County Attorney Mike Thomas told commissioners that beginning in April, hot checks will be filed as "theft by check," a Class B misdemeanor, instead of "issue of a bad check" which is a Class C misdemeanor.

This means there will be higher fines and court costs and possible jail time incurred for hot check writers.

In other business, Tracy Tarter, a certified public

accountant, gave a presentation of the annual financial report. She said the county was in good financial order despite tax revenue being down somewhat. She said that assets actually increased by almost \$500,000, due in part to the tobacco settlement money to the county.

The commissioners court also read a resolution proclaiming the month of April, as April Awareness

for sexual assault, child abuse, and crime month in Howard County.

"I call on all citizens, government agencies, public and private institutions, businesses, hospitals, and schools to promote awareness of the problems associated with sexual assault, child abuse and crime," said County Judge Ben Lockhart.

"Together we can stop the violent crimes."

## As evidence ruled out, man's trial on gun charge abruptly ends

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

This one was over almost before it ever began.

Trial began Tuesday morning in 118th District Court for Enrique Hinojos of Big Spring who was charged with the unlawful possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. He was also facing a felony charge of possession of marijuana in a drug-free zone or a school zone.

However, in a twist of events, the jury was dismissed shortly after they reported for jury duty.

Judge Robert H. Moore III ruled that evidence seized in the search could not be used in the trial.

Without the evidence, prosecuting attorney Robin Orr did not have a case; therefore the case and the defendant were dismissed along with the jury.

"The defense attorney filed a motion to suppress the search," said Orr. "Without the evidence being allowed to be entered, the judge had no alternative but to dismiss the defendant. That is his job and the reason we have a judge, to make those decisions."

Representing Hinojos were court-appointed lawyer Wayne Frost of Midland and Arthur Parras of Houston.

## House appears ready to embrace Bush budget

WASHINGTON (AP) — The House moved toward embracing a \$1.94 trillion budget for next year mapping President Bush's vision of deep tax cuts and curbed spending, even as he duelled with Democrats over his insistence Congress give "immediate stimulus to the economy."

The Republican-led House planned to endorse the president's budgetary blueprint Wednesday. It would be the first vote by either chamber of Congress on Bush's overall tax and spending plans, which face a sterner test next week in the evenly divided Senate.

"Today's a big day," Bush proclaimed in a Cabinet Room strategy session with Republican House and Senate leaders.

The measure lays the groundwork for Bush's proposed 10-year, \$1.6 trillion tax cut plan, steers \$2.3 trillion toward debt reduction over the same period and limits spending for many programs in 2002 to 4 percent more than this year. That is half the spending growth that lawmakers and former President Clinton approved last year.

"President Bush is at the helm, and he is making a

great deal of history," said Rep. David Dreier, R-Calif., as Wednesday's debate began.

The GOP plan also sets aside Medicare surpluses for overhauling that program, including \$153 billion over 10 years for a new prescription drug benefit.

Democrats readied their own budget with a smaller tax cut, more debt reduction and additional money for prescription drugs, aid for schools and other initiatives. Bush's tax cut is so big that it would crowd out other programs and risk reviving annual federal deficits and eroding the trust funds, they argued.

"My Republican colleagues pretend they can give a tax cut to the very rich without hurting Social Security or Medicare, without hurting education or the environment," said Rep. Martin Frost, D-Texas.

The Democratic budget was fated for defeat.

Congress' budget, which does not need the president's signature, maps broad tax and spending goals that are enacted in detailed bills later. This budget covers fiscal 2002, which begins next Oct. 1.

## Forsan HS one-act play advances; Coahoma named alternate to area

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Forsan High School's one-act play will compete at area contest after advancing from district competition, while Coahoma High School earned the alternate position in University Interscholastic League competition Saturday.

"The judge like our music, our lights and set design," said Jim Rhodes, Forsan drama teacher. "We have a strong student, Michael (Thomas) in the lead part. The judge really bragged on him and he bragged on the other students."

Forsan High, along with Plains High School, will take its production to Post on April 7 to compete with six other schools for a chance to qualify for regional competition.

FHS students competed against six other 3-2A schools in district contest with their production of "Tevya and His Daughters," part of the musical "Fiddler on the Roof."

Thomas was named to the all-star cast

while Codi Graves and Laura Moore were named honorable-mention all-star cast.

Other cast members of Forsan High's play include: Keshia Christian, Kristen Newton, Kaci West, Heather Hise, Clay Vickers, Cliff Dunnam, Jarrett Hopper, Taylor Bristow and Ross Rhoton. Crew members are Amy Braddock, Haley Burks, Lori Ellis and Cassie Christian.

Coahoma High School was named an alternate at the district competition with its one-act production of "Chamber Music."

Coahoma students Natalia Tucker and Crystal Atkinson were named honorable mention all-star cast while Marianne Mullins and Amber Choate were named to the all-star cast. Other cast members are: K.K. Kellar, Tiffany Hancock, Jessie Bennett, Jackie Molina, Kasey Huckabee and Garrett Cornett.

Understudies were Christina Grove, Nathasha Mitchell and Tiffani Paige. Crew members were Leslie Martin, Tim Spurgin, Natalie Rodgers, Christy LaRue, Brittney Prater, Steven Mendez, Amanda Jones and Tonya Willard.

## Dog owner faces murder charge in deadly attack


SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — A woman whose dogs mauled a neighbor to death outside her apartment has been charged with murder, and her husband was charged with involuntary manslaughter.

Marjorie Knoller and Robert Noel were arrested Tuesday night. The two, both attorneys, earlier had testified in front of the San

Francisco grand jury.

Knoller, 45, who was present at the time of the attack, was charged with second-degree murder, involuntary manslaughter and keeping a mischievous dog.


They were to be arraigned within the next few days.

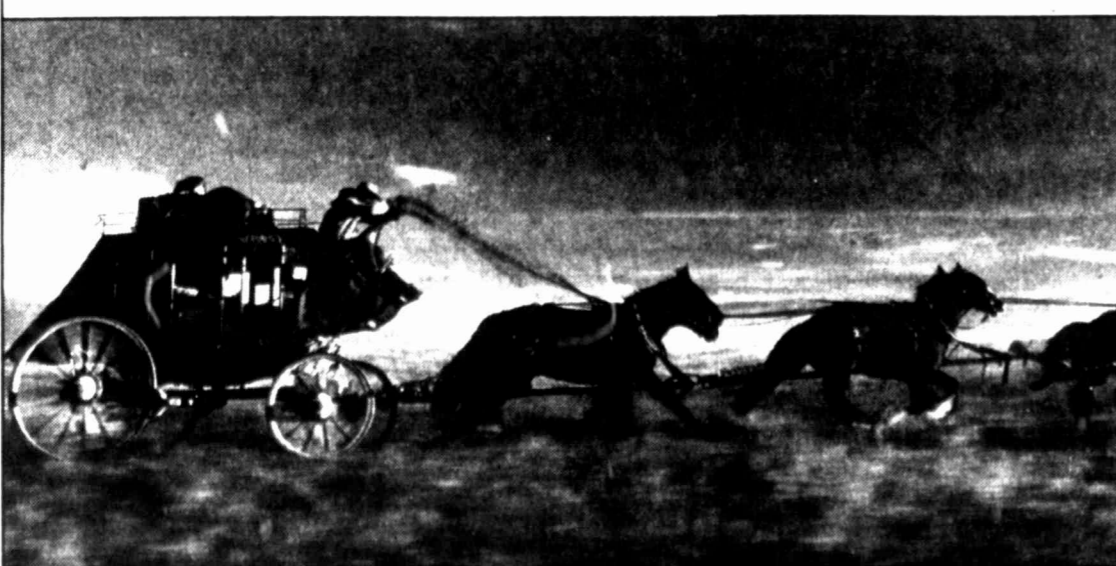


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OUR VIEWS

Health fair improves our quality of life

Oops! Forgot to reserve your booth for Health Fair 2001? No problem, the folks at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce are making things easy for you.

Realizing that many of us have a number of projects going on right now, the chamber committee that organizes the annual health fair has extended the deadline for reserving your booth at the lower, \$75, fee. That gives you until the end of this week to do so; after that, the fee will increase to \$100.

The fair, scheduled April 21 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, is expected to feature at least 65 booths filled with information and screenings aimed at creating better health for local residents. If you have something to offer, this is your chance to join this huge event.

Past year's fairs have included such screenings as blood pressure, blood glucose and PSA, the blood test for prostate cancer. Information handed out has ranged from new health-oriented products to services that are available right here at home or just a short drive away.

Organizations like the American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and Alzheimer's Association typically have a presence at the fair, as do our local clinics, hospitals and many of our physicians' offices.

The community-wide health fair has been a mainstay in the Crossroads for 15 years. It attracts citizens of all ages, from children to seniors with programs aimed at health, safety and well-being.

Reserve your booth now, save a little money, and join this effort at improving the quality of life for all of us.

OTHER VIEWS

Maybe the idea sounded sensible in 1971 when the Texas Legislature was about to pass the Clean Air Act.

Spokesmen for industry argued that all the industrial plants that were operating, or then under construction, should be exempted from the requirements. Legislators were told that the plants had a potential life span of five to eight years. After that, new plants would replace them and they would be brought under the act and have to meet air emissions standards.

Well, as we have seen before, the best-laid plans of mice and legislators often go awry.

Hundreds of plants that were supposed to be replaced in five to eight years are still operating today, 30 years after they were exempted from the Clean Air Act under that grandfather clause. Their unregulated smoke contributes vastly to Texas' smog and pollution problems in the state's largest cities.

One member of the Legislature in 1971 was Corpus Christi's Frances "Sissy" Farenthold, the only woman serving in the House then. Farenthold, now an attorney in Houston, said, "I thought the Grandfather Loophole was a bad idea in 1971. I felt it weakened the protection of public health and the environment. Back in

1971, I could have expected that my hair would be white by now, but I did not expect this loophole to still be in effect."

Two years ago, the Legislature passed Senate Bill 7 to deregulate the electric utility industry in Texas. Under that legislation, power plants that were grandfathered in 1971 must reduce emissions by 2003 or close down. But that still left the loophole open for more than 750 other polluting plants. To fix that, the Legislature passed a bill to set up guidelines for firms to participate in a voluntary program — the Voluntary Emissions Reduction Program, or VERP.

You will not be surprised to learn that there have been few volunteers. Only one plant on the state's grandfather inventory had obtained a VERP permit by this Jan. 15. Another 13 of the more than 750 grandfathered plants have applied for a VERP permit. The voluntary plan is not working, at all.

The Legislature this session should write an obituary for Grandfather Loophole. This generous exemption given polluting industries in 1971 should never have lasted this long. Hearings in the House Environmental Regulation Committee began Tuesday on two bills that are up for consideration this session.

CORPUS CHRISTI CALLER-TIMES

Campaign finance reform is dead, folks

Campaign finance reform is dead, no matter what finally happens on the McCain-Feingold campaign finance reform bill. So long as unions can spend several million dollars in unreported and involuntary funds to elect candidates of their choice while others' hands are tied, political abuse will follow. And none of the proposed bills begins to deal with the problem.

Unions are the biggest source of real campaign abuse — yet their political clout has allowed them to be treated differently than any other political group. Unions once existed largely to represent their members in collective bargaining. No more. With more than 40 percent of the AFL-CIO membership now made up of government employees, politics has become the business of Big Labor. Yet much of the money unions spend on politics goes unreported. Worse, the money comes from individuals who have little to say in

how their money is spent. In the 2000 election, unions spent about \$75 million of direct "hard money" contributions to federal candidates, but as much as \$800 million in a combination of "soft money" and hidden contributions. Where does this money come from? Union "hard money" comes from voluntary donations to union political action committees, but "soft money" comes right out of union dues. And union dues aren't always voluntary.

No one forces you to join the National Rifle Association or the Sierra Club, so presumably if you pay dues to organizations such as these, you approve of their political activities. But if you work at a job covered by union contract, you're forced to pay money to the union — so-called agency fees — even if you adamantly disagree with its political positions. These fees — usually equivalent to the amount of union dues — are supposed to cover the cost of collective bargaining. But the unions use the money for a great deal more, including funding political activity directly and indirectly. And those forced to pay agency fees have nothing to say about how their money is spent.

In 1988, the Supreme Court ruled that employees could ask for a refund of that portion of their fees that went toward politics and other activities unrelated to collective bargaining, but the decision has been widely ignored by the unions and is difficult to enforce. As a result, unions have huge treasuries to spend as they choose, with virtually no system of checks and balances.

But the problem goes beyond coercion in the way in which the money is collected. Many unions spend the money illegally, too, but their activities are difficult to detect.

Unions are allowed to spend money communicating with their members on issues or publicizing their endorsements of candidates. They may also register union members and their families and get out the union vote on Election Day. They can also assign union staff to political campaigns, so long as the cost doesn't exceed campaign contribution limits. But some unions go way beyond these legal activities, printing and disseminating campaign literature for use with non-union as well as union households, using union-staffed phone banks to call non-union households, assigning

union "volunteers" to work in campaigns while paying them salaries. I saw some of these abuses when I was an official for the American Federation of Teachers from 1974 to 1983. If anything, the problem has gotten much worse in the last 20 years.

Yet the politicians — especially the Democrats, who receive 90 percent of union political contributions — aren't willing to take on the unions and end these abuses. What's more, the taxpayers subsidize union political activities twice. Unions themselves are tax-exempt organizations, as are some other nonprofit organizations that engage in political activity. But unlike most other nonprofit political advocacy groups, unions get a second tax subsidy because union dues are tax-deductible to the individual paying them while contributions to other lobbying and political groups are not.

If unions can get away spending tax-deductible dues in partisan political activity, if they can coerce non-members into paying for these activities, and if they can continue to hide their actions from public scrutiny, campaign finance reform will exist in name only.



LINDA CHAVEZ



The dance hall at London, Texas

"I don't look like there's much here, but there really is on Saturday nights," says Billy Ivy, owner of the London Hall, a historic saloon and dance hall in the Kimble county community of London, population 100.



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London Hall is one of the oldest dance halls in Texas, dating back a hundred years or more. Billy has several other businesses in town, including a grocery store, an art gallery and liquor store. "Busy, busy," says Billy. London Hall is open Saturday nights from 9 until 1. Occasionally it opens for a Sunday matinee. The saloon is open during the week. When she bought the place, she made some changes.

"I enlarged the dance floor and put in air conditioning. Before then, there were flaps that you opened to the outside to get a breeze. But I haven't done anything to the outside." Usually about three hundred people dance on a Saturday night in London. But hunting season is her busy time.

"That's when we have maybe a thousand." She advertises London Hall in Fredericksburg, Brady, Sonora, and San Antonio.

"Everybody comes to London," she says. The old wooden tables and benches are original. The stall door in the men's restroom is a car door. Above the urinal in the men's room is a painting of a tree out back, which once served as the place where men relieved themselves in the days before indoor plumbing.

Billy takes care of the dance floor with loving care. "I rule that with an iron hand. We heat our wax and apply it when it's warm and rub it in by hand, then polish it. We do that about twice a year. Our floor is about three thousand square feet. It's a good one."

She says dancing on concrete is tiring.

"It's not so tiring when you have a nice, slick surface."

Some famous bands have played there: Darrell McCall, Johnny Gimbel, Johnny Bush, Hank Thompson, Jody Nix and Jerry Jeff Walker. Her patrons like a variety of music.

"They like the Schottisches, Polkas, Cotton-Eyed Joe, some of the new songs. We have people of all ages. The younger ones like the bebop stuff, you know, the Texas Swing. When the customers want to hear something, they'll request it and the band accommodates them."

Billy grew up in London. Her family has been in the area since the 1800s. She learned to dance at London Hall. The place serves as a community center at times. Weddings have been held there.

Johnny Bush wrote a song, "The Ballad of London Hall."

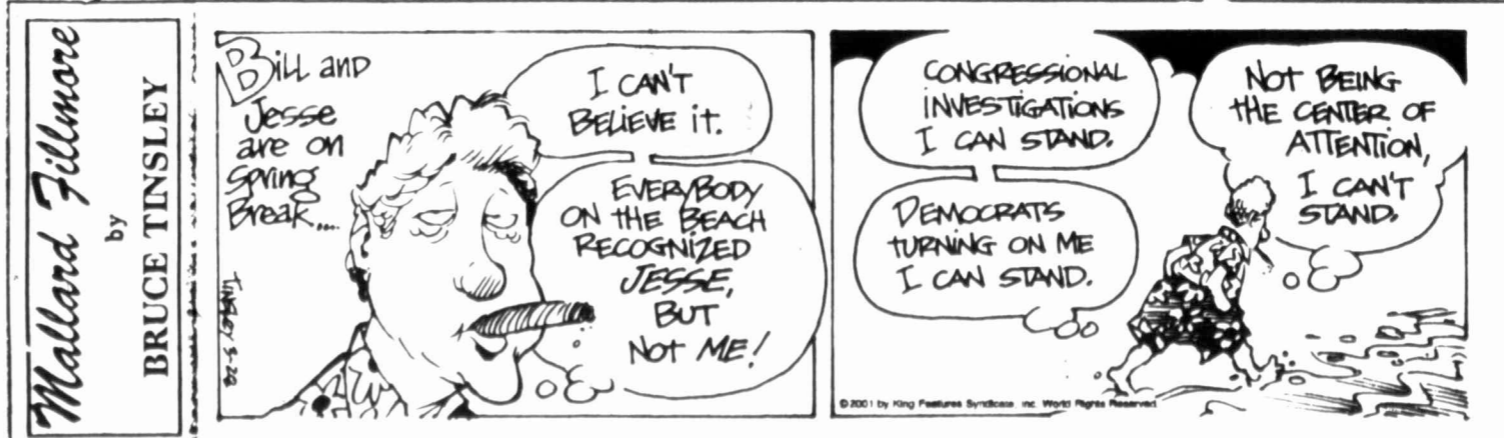
It contains the phrase "It's been like this every Saturday night for a hundred years or more. They two-step with their baby 'cross the London dance hall floor."

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Kitchen

When it comes to higher expectations, food handlers take care of themselves. A survey conducted in the country, where prepared meals in kitchens, they follow food safety practices — including, preparing ingredients at proper temperatures and cross-contaminating. Of the 106 households surveyed in 81 cities out the United States...

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Thursday, March 29, 2001: Speak your mind. You'll know what you want. relationship giving new tone to you helps you receive what you want. (you charismatic personality at Popularity soars rounds you. If you are like several potent: Get to know each other before making a couple more Happiness surrounds GEMINI adores y The Stars Show of Day You'll Dynamic, 4-Pe Average, 2-So-so, ARIES (March 19) \*\*\*\* Speak your dream might do with your ch can mobilize y and express it moves others. / finally occurs. Express your at that it means so another. Do halfway. Tonigh favorite spot. TAURUS (Apr 20) \*\*\*\* Your intuition another plays, your actions. I with someone today. While ve tive, this person he seems. Be ca making decisi could be overly Tonight: Treat something new. GEMINI (May \*\*\*\* You bloom sent atmosphere more of what you need. A friendship developing into. Reach out for Make an effort more of yours what you want. I block you now. T your call.

CANCER (June 22)

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LEO (July 23-31)

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## Kitchen safety and sanitation: Would you pass this inspection?

When it comes to food safety, consumers have higher expectations of other food handlers than they do of themselves. According to a survey conducted across the country, when people prepared meals in their own kitchens, they failed to follow food safety and sanitation practices — hand washing, preparing and storing ingredients at proper temperatures and avoiding cross-contamination.

Of the 106 households surveyed in 81 cities throughout the United States and

Canada, cross-contamination occurred in 76 percent of kitchens; neglecting hand washing occurred in 57 percent; and improper cooling of leftovers occurred in 29 percent of kitchens. At least one critical violation was found in 96 percent of homes — a violation that could lead to food-borne illness — with an average of three violations found.

Major violations such as storing foods without cover, improper thawing, and smoking, eating, drinking or chewing gum while

preparing food were observed. In the end only one house received an acceptable rating, while none received an excellent rating.

How do you suppose your kitchen would rate? Well,



DANA TARTER

consumers wouldn't have to spend a lot of time or effort to upgrade their own practices. Some things that would help include: avoiding cross contamination, washing hands at appropriate times during meal preparation, cooking and reheating foods to appropriate temperatures and cooling leftovers properly.

In many cases people just do not know the basic food safety principles, so educating yourself is a must.

And while we are on the

subject of just not knowing, let me share a few tips for eating food from the restaurant buffet. Yes, using a clean plate each time you go back to the buffet is appropriate and required! Touch only the handle of the serving utensil and don't let it touch your plate.

The glass guard that covers the top of the buffet is there for a good reason -- so you don't sneeze, cough or drop hair or something like that in the food -- so keep your head above it.

Last but not least -- supervise children at the buffet -- this is the best way to teach them good safe practices.

Believe me these are just a few of the things that I notice at buffets.

Remember the game we played as children, "You've got germs, and I've got shots!" It's true -- you've got germs, I've got germs -- but you don't want my germs and I don't want your germs so educate yourself on appropriate food safety matters.

## HOROSCOPE

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Thursday, March 29, 2001:

Speak your mind this year. You'll end up with what you want. A special relationship gives a whole new tone to your life and helps you receive more of what you want. Others find you charismatic and full of personality and ideas. Popularity soars. Luck surrounds you. If you are single, you are likely to meet several potential suitors. Get to know each of them before making a decision. If you are attached, relate as a couple more often. Happiness surrounds you. GEMINI adores you.

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

### ARIES (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Speak your mind. A dream might have a lot to do with your choices. You can mobilize your energy and express it in a way that moves others. Agreement finally occurs naturally. Express your affection so that it means something to another. Do nothing halfway. Tonight: Out at a favorite spot.

### TAURUS (April 20-May 20)

\*\*\*\* Your intuition about another plays a big role in your actions. Be careful with someone you meet today. While very attractive, this person is not what he seems. Be careful about making decisions. You could be overly sensitive. Tonight: Treat yourself to something new.

### GEMINI (May 21-June 20)

\*\*\*\* You bloom in the present atmosphere. Ask for more of what you want and need. A friendship could be developing into a lot more. Reach out for another. Make an effort to share more of yourself. Go for what you want. No one will block you now. Tonight: It's your call.

### CANCER (June 21-July 22)

\*\*\*\* Step back and think before you take a stand with someone. One-on-one relating takes you to a new level with a superior or higher-up. Carefully consider your options. Take a stand, and others will follow. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

### LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)

\*\*\*\* Aim for what you want. A foreigner or a distant element plays a big role in what happens. Someone you meet today could become instrumental to your well-being and your long-term goals. Express your caring. Don't hold back. Your warmth means a lot to others. Tonight: Where your friends are.

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

\*\*\*\* Deal with money matters head-on. You have a golden opportunity, or so it seems. Another wants to acknowledge you in a way that means something to you. Your public image blossoms, bringing a special offer or perhaps a pay raise. The only answer is

yes. Tonight: In the limelight.

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

\*\*\*\* Reach out for another. You make a difference on a level that is very special to someone. Another's inner beauty touches you deeply. Choose to take the high road, and detach. Understanding builds between you and a special person. Tonight: Relax with a favorite TV show or movie.

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

\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating rewards you in an unprecedented way. You care about another. Let this person know of your willingness to go out of your way for him. Don't worry so much about a day-to-day matter. Answers surface quickly, thanks to your openness. Tonight: Quality time with a loved one.

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

\*\*\*\* Accept another's caring gesture. This person means well. All sorts of possibilities exist here. Others seek you out to such an extent that you might need to screen your calls. Follow a feeling involving a call or making plans. You will be right on. Tonight: Be with the one you love.

### CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 20)

\*\*\*\* Dig into work. Develop a stronger relationship with a co-worker who means well. Together, you make a strong team. A family member wants to make you more comfortable. Accept his offer. Consider a new addition to your home. Tonight: Get some exercise.

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

\*\*\*\* You have a gentle way with a special person in your life. Express your caring in a way that counts. Your loving, nurturing side emerges, making others feel more comfortable. Let your imagination flow into your work as well as into your personal life. Tonight: Enjoy yourself wherever you are.

### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)

\*\*\*\* An expense proves to be worthwhile. A family member expresses caring. Build security around an investment that might involve real estate. Right now, your instincts serve you well. You make the right decision at the right moment. Tonight: Your home is your castle.

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## READERS' CORNER

### A Sweet Symphony of Praise

There's always been birds to sing  
And brighten up the days,  
Regardless of what's happening  
They still lift their voice in praise.

Whether there is rain or sun  
The birds are sure to sing,  
You can hear them every day  
Praising God for everything.

Rain means a refreshing bath  
A renewed world and home.  
The birds sing just the same  
The sweet symphony goes on.

Birds have perfect faith  
That's why they can fly.  
They depend on God alone  
Or they wouldn't even try.

The Master opens wide His hand  
The birds are fed each day.  
There's always been birds to sing  
A sweet symphony of praise.  
*by Martha Anderson Peugh*

A Prayer of Gratitude  
Lord, today as I stood in  
the warmth of the early  
spring sunshine  
My eyes filled with tears  
at all the beauty that was  
slowly unfolding before me.  
Trees that have stood bare

and forlorn all winter are  
now dressed in various  
shades of green.

Some even sport blossoms  
of pink, white and lilac.  
The dreary gray skies of  
winter are gone, replaced by  
a bright blue that seems  
endless.

Tiny seeds that have  
braved the coldness of winter  
now burst into little  
shoots of green that will  
turn into many beautiful  
flowers come summer.

The cold, silent gray sky  
of winter is silent no more  
as the birds fill the air with  
their joyful singing.

And Lord, I, too feel the  
longing to express my joy at  
being alive to enjoy the  
beauty of today.

For today is a gift that is  
priceless.

I thank you my Heavenly  
Father for every day that  
you have blessed me with.

I ask your forgiveness  
when I fail to see the beauty  
and blessings in each and  
every day.

Please help me to remember  
that just because I don't  
see them, that it doesn't  
mean they aren't there.

For sometimes they are  
hidden and I must look for  
them, and every day does  
have its fair share of beauty  
and blessings if one just  
looks for them.

Amen.  
"Sing to the Lord all the  
earth." I Chronicles 16:23  
*By Lana Anguiano*

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National Championship  
Monday, April 2  
Semifinal winners, 8:18 p.m.

NCAA - WOMEN

THE FINAL FOUR  
The Savvis Center  
St. Louis  
Friday, March 30  
National Semifinals  
Purdue (30-6) vs. Southwest Missouri State (29-5), 6 p.m.  
Connecticut (32-2) vs. Notre Dame (32-1), 9:30 p.m.  
National Championship  
Sunday, April 1  
Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

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National Invitation Tournament  
Semifinals  
At Madison Square Garden  
New York  
Tuesday, March 27  
Alabama 74, Detroit 63  
Tulsa 72, Memphis 64  
Championship Round  
Thursday, March 29  
At Madison Square Garden  
New York  
New Place  
Detroit (25-11) vs. Memphis (20-15), 5:30 p.m.  
Championship  
Alabama (25-10) vs. Tulsa (25-11), 8 p.m.

TRANSACTIONS

Tuesday's Sports Transactions  
By The Associated Press  
BASEBALL  
American League  
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Reassigned C Mark Johnson, RHP Matt Ginter, 3B Joe Crede and OF Mickey Christensen to Charlotte of the International League. Reassigned C Mark Dalesandro to their minor league camp.  
CLEVELAND INDIANS—Optioned 1B Danny Peopies and RHP Jamie Brown to Buffalo of the International League. Reassigned LHP Tim Byrdak and CF Tim Laker to their minor league camp. Released RHP Arel Prieto and OF JB Butch Huskey.

NBA STANDINGS

Table with columns: Conference, Team, W, L, Pct, GB. Includes Eastern Conference Atlantic Division, Western Conference Midwest Division, and Pacific Division.

to Fresno of the PCL. Announced the contract of Doug Mirabeli to their minor league camp. Released RHP Arel Prieto and OF JB Butch Huskey.  
TAMPA BAY DEVIL RAYS—Reassigned OF Josh Hamilton to their minor league camp. Released RHP Matt White to Durham of the International League.  
TEXAS RANGERS—Purchased the contract of C Doug Mirabeli from the San Francisco Giants.  
NATIONAL LEAGUE  
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Reassigned 1B Enrique Durazo, RHP Gerardo Guzman and C Ken Huckaby to Tucson of the PCL. Reassigned LHP Troy Brohawn and C Melvin Rios to their minor league camp.  
CINCINNATI REDS—Assigned C Matt Walbeck to their minor league camp. Optioned INF Brandon Larson to Louisville of the International League.  
FLORIDA MARLINS—Claimed LHP Horacio Estrada off waivers. Placed RHP Abel Fernandez on the 15-day disabled list.  
HOUSTON ASTROS—Reassigned INF Mandy Lopez to their minor league camp.  
LOS ANGELES DOGERS—Placed 3B Adrian Beltre on the 15-day disabled list, and LHP Carlos Perez and INF Dave Hansen on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to March 23.  
MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Placed SS Mark Loretta and RHP Everett Sull on the 15-day disabled list. Reassigned OF Mark Swersey to their minor league camp.  
NEW YORK METS—Named Mike Williams field operations manager and Sue Lucetti stadium manager.  
SAN DIEGO PADRES—Placed LHP Sterling Hitchcock and RHP Carlton Londer on the 15-day disabled list. Acquired 1B Aaron McNeal from the Houston Astros for SS Cristian Benes. Purchased the contract of SS Chris Gomez from Portland of the PCL.  
SAN FRANCISCO GIANTS—Optioned RHP Joe Nathan, RHP Kurt Ainsworth and RHP Ryan Vogelsong

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association  
CHICAGO BULLS—Signed F Steve Goodrich. Placed G Bruce Drew on the injured list.  
MIAMI HEAT—Activated C Alonzo Mourning from the injured list. Placed F Don MacLean on the injured list.  
SEATTLE SUPERSONICS—Signed Nate McMillan, coach, to a four-year contract.  
FOOTBALL  
National Football League  
NFL—Named Jim Connelley managing director of NFL Europe.  
MINNESOTA VIKINGS—Agreed to terms with DE Lance Johnson and DE Ken Knapman.  
HOCKEY  
National Hockey League  
NHL—Suspended Dallas Stars' D Denay Hatcher for two games without pay for elbowing St. Louis Blues' D Jeff Finley in a game on March 25.  
CHICAGO BLACKHAWKS—Announced Al Schemen coach, stepping down and assistant coaches Denis Savard and Al MacAdam will assume the coaching duties for the remainder of the season.  
COLUMBUS BLUE JACKETS—Called up F Bill Bowler and F Sean Semster from Syracuse of the AHL.  
TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING—Recalled D Mark Koppanen from Detroit of the IHL.  
NHL  
Tuesday's Games  
New York 7, Tampa Bay 1  
Pittsburgh 4, Buffalo 1  
Calgary 3, Columbus 0  
San Jose 3, Los Angeles 2, OT  
Today's Games  
Boston at Toronto, 6 p.m.  
Carolina at Washington, 6 p.m.  
Islanders at NY Rangers, 6 p.m.  
St. Louis at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.  
New Jersey at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.  
Montreal at Florida, 6:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Minnesota, 7 p.m.  
Ottawa at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.  
Dallas at Vancouver, 9 p.m.  
Thursday's Games  
Chicago at Pittsburgh, 6:30 p.m.  
Montreal at Tampa Bay, 6:30 p.m.  
Rangers at NY Islanders, 6:30 p.m.  
Toronto at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.  
Phoenix at Nashville, 7 p.m.  
Colorado at Calgary, 8 p.m.

WPHL

Tuesday's Game  
New Mexico 3, El Paso 2

DOUBLE TROUBLE

WEEK 28 RESULTS: La Raza split with Pin Heads 4-4, Pin Heads over Strike Zone 6-2, The Other Team over Country Corner Cafe 5-3, Wild Bunch over Kary & Terry Remodeling 6-2, Wanna B's over Pin Heads 6-2, La Raza over Strike Zone 6-2, hi sc team game La Raza 781, Wild Bunch 752. The Other Team 743, hi hdp team game La Raza 877, Wild Bunch 863. The Other Team 743, hi hdp team series Wild Bunch 2445, La Raza 2439.  
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BOWLING SCORES

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WEEK 28 RESULTS: The Other Team over Country Corner Cafe 5-3, Wild Bunch over Kary & Terry Remodeling 6-2, Wanna B's over Pin Heads 6-2, La Raza over Strike Zone 6-2, hi sc team game La Raza 781, Wild Bunch 752. The Other Team 743, hi hdp team game La Raza 877, Wild Bunch 863. The Other Team 743, hi hdp team series Wild Bunch 2445, La Raza 2439.  
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REDEO LEADERS

Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association  
Women's Professional Rodeo Association  
Through March 26  
ROUND COWBOY  
1. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$47,745. 2. Jesse Bai, Camp Creek, S.D., \$43,628. 3. Cash Meyer, Athens, Texas, \$25,669. 4. Cody Ohi, Orchard Texas, \$23,106. 5. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$19,635. 6. Scott Johnson, Gustine, Texas, \$18,048. 7. The Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$13,781. 8. Chad Hagan, Leesville, La, \$12,674. 9. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., \$11,910. 10. Butch Paschal, Airport, Texas, \$10,487. 11. Herbert Theriot, Poplarville, Miss., \$8,718. 12. Bobby Harris, Gillette, Wyo., \$8,530.  
BARREL RIDING  
1. Larry Sandwick, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$25,430. 2. Forest Bramwell, Pagosa Springs, Colo., \$21,718. 3. Fred Ober, Charleville, Idaho, \$20,776. 4. Darren Clarke, Denton, Texas, \$20,430. 5. Scott Montague, Fruitdale, S.D., \$20,151. 6. Deb Greenough, Red Lodge, Mont., \$19,683. 7. William Pittman II, Wrentham, Mass., \$18,035. 8. Mark Gomez, Nickerson, Kan., \$16,930. 9. Robert Bowers, Brooks, Alberta, \$15,807. 10. Pete Hawkins, Weatherford, Texas, \$15,323. 11. Joe Ketter, Roy, Wash., \$15,002. 12. Jason Jeter, Fort Worth, Texas, \$13,961. 13. Marvin Garnett, Belle Fourche, S.D., \$11,784. 14. Rocky Steagall, Clovis, Calif., \$11,776. 15. Clint Corey, Powell, Butte, Ore., \$11,572. 16. Bobby Mote, Redmond, \$10,484. 17. Eric Swenson, Bonham, Texas, \$10,239. 18. Ian LeJeunesse, Morgan, Utah, \$10,113. 19. Chad Klein, Jackson, La., \$9,816. 20. J.D. Garnett Jr., Belle Fourche, S.D., \$9,602.  
STEER WRESTLING  
1. Birch Nwagulu, Buffalo, S.D., \$34,422. 2. Teddy Johnson, Checotah, Okla., \$22,918. 3. Todd Suhm, Brighton, Colo., \$21,294. 4. Charles Harris, Modesto, Calif., \$21,078. 5. Cody Browne, Willcox, Okla., \$20,429. 6. Tadud Durvall, Checotah, Okla., \$19,713. 7. Bob Lummus, Folsom, La., \$18,539. 8. Bryan Fields, Conroe, Texas, \$17,135. 9. Joey Beltz, Salem, N.J., \$15,420. 10. Mickey Gee, Wichita Falls, Texas, \$14,483. 11. Rod Lyman, Victor, Mont., \$14,139. 12. Steve Fuzelle, Riverdale, Wyo., \$13,809. 13. T.W. Parker, Wendell, Idaho, \$13,229. 14. Mark Belcher, Santa Fe, Texas, \$12,894. 15. Sam Davis, Checotah, Okla., \$12,818. 16. Lee Graves, Calgary, Alberta, \$12,641. 17. Janel Lehr, Empora, Kan., \$12,596. 18. Ole Berry, Fairview, Okla., \$11,910. 19. Dean Finney, Wheatland, Wyo., \$11,290. 20. Mike Garthwaite, Merritt, B.C., \$10,303.  
TEAM ROPING (HEADING)  
1. Speed Williams, Jacksonville, Fla., \$22,603. 2. Richard Eguren, Jordan Valley, Ore., \$21,597. 3. Frank Graves, Poplarville, Miss., \$22,773. 4. Steve Fuzelle, Okla., \$22,818. 5. Clay Tury, Billings, Mont., \$16,203. 6. Bobby Hurley, Ceres, Calif., \$15,042. 7. Kevin Davis, Checotah, Okla., \$12,818. 8. Matt Tyler, Weatherford, Texas, \$12,145. 9. Jason Stewart, Royal City, Wash., \$11,033. 10. Joe Beaver, Huntsville, Texas, \$9,551. 11. Jake Barnes, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$8,899. 12. Wade Wheatley, Stephenville, Texas, \$8,477. 13. Paul Patska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,413. 14. Travis Tryan, Billings, Mont., \$7,764. 15. Chuck Speck, Alba, Texas, \$7,406. 16. Charles Pogue, Ringling, Okla., \$7,026. 17. Jerry Powell, Alpine, Texas, \$6,802. 18. Tee Woolman, Llano, Texas, \$6,734. 19. T.J. Smith, San Mateo, Fla., \$6,714. 20. Shane Hatch, Fruitland, N.M., \$6,636.  
TEAM ROPING (HEELERS)  
1. Rich Skelton, Llano, Texas, \$22,603. 2. B.J. Campbell, Benton City, Wash., \$21,597. 3. Morley Joe Patska, Turlock, Calif., \$20,303. 4. Kory Koozot, Sudan, Texas, \$19,102. 5. Caleb Twiselman, Santa Margarita, Calif., \$16,203. 6. Mike LeMay, Checotah, Okla., \$15,042. 7. Martin Lucero, Stephenville, Texas, \$12,180. 8. Clay O'Brien Cooper, Glen Rose, Texas, \$12,145. 9. Bryce Campbell, Benton City, Wash., \$11,033. 10. Tom Bourne, Chawick, Cave Creek, Ariz., \$8,550. 11. Kyle Lockie, Ivanhoe, Calif., \$8,477. 12. Cory Patska, Lexington, Okla., \$8,413. 14. Michael Jones, Stephenville, Texas, \$7,913. 15. Matt Robertson, Augusta, Mont., \$7,764. 16. Todd Trammell, Millspie, Texas, \$7,406. 17. Britt Bokius, Claremore, Okla., \$7,026. 18. Wayne Folmer, El Paso, Texas, \$6,802. 19. Tyler Magnus, Llano, Texas, \$6,734. 20. Shannon Frascht, Alva, Okla., \$6,606.  
SADDLE BRONC RIDING  
1. Tom Reeves, Eagle Butte, S.D., \$35,536. 2. Jesse Bai, Camp Creek, S.D., \$26,642. 3. Glen O'Neill, Water Valley, Alberta, \$24,705. 4. Red Lemme, Mud Butte, S.D., \$21,279. 5. Rod Hay, Willowood, Alberta, \$20,451. 6. Mike Oulter, Utopia, Texas, \$18,350. 7. Rod Warren, Valley View, Alberta, \$17,888. 8. Bud Longbrake, Dupree, S.D., \$17,710. 9. Ryan Makstov, Geysler, Mont., \$17,275. 10. Cliff Moore, Glaston, Texas, \$16,923. 11. Denny Hay, Mayerthorpe, Alberta, \$13,312. 12. Scott Johnson, Gustine, Texas, \$13,124. 13. Brian Brewer, Ree Heights, S.D., \$12,917. 14. Shawn Morehead, Dixon, Utah, \$12,454. 15. Chance Dixon, Heppner, Ore., \$12,375. 16. Todd Frax, Junior, Wyo., \$12,146. 17. Dan Montessoro, Billings, Mont., \$11,351. 18. Travis Autrey, Mountair, N.M., \$10,205. 19. Dan Black, Maple Creek, Saskatchewan, \$10,137.  
BARREL RACING  
1. Janet Stover, Rusk, Tx, \$29,442. 2. Sherry Cervi, Marana, Ariz., \$28,084. 3. Charleyann James, Gustine, Tx, \$17,220. 4. Tona Wright, Moriarty, N.M., \$15,403. 5. Janae Ward, Addington, Ok, \$11,937.

BASEBALL

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because it's probably safer to do that for me in my mind," Torre said. "I don't want to be sorry. He's getting better. If it's going to cost him a week, let it be that way."

In Tuesday's games, it was Boston 11, New York Yankees 2; Texas 10, Cincinnati 3; Atlanta 7, St. Louis 5 in 10 innings; New York Mets 5, Montreal 4 in 11 innings; Houston 7, Los Angeles 5; Detroit 4, Cleveland 3; Minnesota 10, Pittsburgh 5; Kansas City 9, Tampa Bay 3; Philadelphia 2, Toronto 0; Florida 6, Baltimore 2; Seattle 15, Anaheim 2; Chicago Cubs 6, Colorado 1; Oakland 9, San Francisco 5; Arizona 12, Chicago White Sox 5; and San Diego 10, Milwaukee

Red Sox 11, Yankees 2

Trot Nixon hit a pair of solo homers off Roger Clemens, and Chuck Knoblauch threw out a runner at the plate for his first assist as a left fielder.

Rangers 10, Reds 3

Andres Galarraga homered, Ruben Mateo homered and doubled, and Bo Porter drove in three runs.

Braves 7, Cardinals 5

Chipper Jones returned to the lineup after missing five games with a sore left thumb and went 1-for-2 with a walk. Rafael Furcal hit a two-run homer in the 10th.

Mets 5, Expos 4

Brian Rose, acquired from Colorado on Monday for Mark Leiter, gave up two runs and four hits in four innings.

Astros 7, Dodgers 5

Tony Eusebio and Keith Ginter hit back-to-back homers to start the fourth inning.

Tigers 4, Indians 3

At Winter Haven, Fla., Brian Moehler, bypassed as

Detroit's ace, tuned up for the regular season by allowing one run and six hits in 6 2-3 innings.

Twins 10, Pirates 5

Bobby Kielty went 4-for-4 and David Ortiz and Brian Buchanan hit consecutive homers and had three RBIs each.

Royals 9, Devil Rays 3

Dee Brown went 2-for-4 and drove in four runs for the Royals, who scored four runs off starter Travis Harper.

Phillies 2, Blue Jays 0

Amaury Telemaco allowed three hits in 6 1-3 innings, and Scott Rolen and Jimmy Rollins each had run-scoring singles.

Marlins 6, Orioles 2

Cliff Floyd and Charles Johnson homered.

Mariners 15, Angels 2

Carlos Guillen had a grand slam and a triple, driving in five runs.

Cubs 6, Rockies 1

Jason Bere allowed five hits in seven shutout innings, and Ricky Gutierrez went 3-for-4 with a two-run homer, a two-run single and a double.

Athletics 9, Giants 5

Jason Giambi, Olmedo Saenz and Jose Ortiz homered, and Johnny Damon added four hits and scored three runs as the A's won for the 13th time in 15 games, improving baseball's best spring training record to 19-9.

Diamondbacks 12, White Sox 5

At Tucson, Ariz., Frank Thomas hit three solo homers off Armando Reynoso, raising his spring total to five. Jim Parque was 4-for-6 for 11 runs — eight earned — and 14 hits in 4 1-3 innings.

ROUNDUP

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Alexander 23 for Washington.

Spurs 93, Hornets 79

Tim Duncan scored 24 of his 34 points in the first half and grabbed 19 rebounds as host San Antonio dealt Charlotte its third straight loss.

The NBA-leading Spurs reached the 50-victory mark for the 11th time since joining the league in 1976.

Duncan shot 12-for-12 from the line and 11-for-19 from the field. Derek Anderson added 16 points for San Antonio.

Jamal Mashburn had 22 points, seven rebounds and

six assists for Charlotte.

Kings 124, Knicks 117, OT

Peja Stojakovic scored 12 of his 29 points in overtime, and Chris Webber had 39 points and 15 rebounds as Sacramento rallied past visiting New York.

Kurt Thomas scored a season-high 23 points and shot New York into overtime with a dramatic 3-pointer — just the second of his career — with 6 seconds left in regulation.

Doug Christie scored 17 points, and Jason Williams had 16 points and eight assists for the Kings. Webber passed the 10,000-point mark for his career stats.

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1999 Ford Taurus, seat, program car. Was \$13,995.
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Parent's shocked by daughter's pregnancy

Dear Ann Landers: You think you've heard everything? Well, listen to this. Our daughter, age 32, dropped a bombshell on us last week. We are still trying to get over the shock. She told us she got pregnant through the use of a sperm donor.



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"Peggy" never dated anyone seriously. She said her biological clock was running out and she wanted a child more than anything in the world. She concluded that waiting for the right man was pointless and the sperm bank was the best way to go. We are warming to the idea of being grandparents, but are not sure what to tell family and friends who inevitably will say, "I had no idea Peggy was married."

I realize the details are nobody's business, but there still has to be some explanation of where this baby suddenly came from. Can you offer any suggestions? We need help. -- Midwest Grandmother-70-Be

Dear M.G.T.B.: Put this ball where it belongs -- in Peggy's court. Ask HER what you should say when people express astonishment at the news of her impending motherhood. The decision she has made is going to require a lot of courage. I wish her luck. She is going to need it.

Dear Ann Landers: Several months ago, I read a letter in your column

about pensions available to women whose husbands had died while on active duty, even though the widows had remarried. My second husband died a few years ago, making me eligible for this pension. I called the number you provided, and within a month, I was receiving benefits. I am retired and living on a fixed income, and the monthly benefit from this pension has made my life much easier.

I am writing not only to thank you, but to ask you to repeat the information. If I had missed your column that day, I would not have been aware of the pension, and that would have been a real loss. -- Grateful in California

Dear Grateful: I continue to receive letters from war widows, telling me how grateful they are that I printed that information. Once again, here it is:

The Dependency and Indemnity Compensation (DIC) is paid to the surviving spouse when the death of the veteran happened while on active duty, if the death was in some way associated with a recognized service-connected disease or injury, or the veteran was rated as permanently and totally disabled from a service-connected disability. In the past, if a widow remarried, her benefits were discontinued permanently. The new change is that benefits will once again be paid to those surviving spouses if the subsequent marriage was terminated by death or divorce.

For more information, readers can contact the VA's toll-free number, 1-800-827-1000, and speak to a vet-

erans benefits counselor. Dear Ann Landers: You recently printed a Gem of the Day that said, "Have you noticed that very few people go to the doctor when they have a bad cough or a cold? They go to the theater or a concert and sit next to you."

Well, I DID go to the doctor. In fact, more than one doctor. I was told my cough was due to an allergic reaction to irritants such as cigarette smoke or strong perfumes. As a result, I no longer go to concerts or the theater or even to church. A lot of people criticize me and say I use my coughing as an excuse to avoid going places. How do I respond to these people? -- Mrs. E. in Lubbock, Texas

Dear Mrs. E.: Why do you feel the need to respond to those mean-spirited folks? Just smile and say, "What a generous soul you are. Thanks for being so understanding." That should settle their hash. Meanwhile, check out another allergy doc. Some advances have been made.

Dear Ann Landers: This is in response to "Liz in New York," whose college friend refused to press the elevator button, saying it was not proper etiquette. You said you had never heard of such a thing. Well, Ann, there may be no hard and fast etiquette rules regarding pushing elevator buttons in office buildings, but there ARE such rules if you live in a college dormitory.

Our college dorm houses 750 students in a 12-story building. The elevators are old and go very slowly. During freshman orienta-

tion, I was informed of "elevator etiquette," which says if it is faster to get to your floor by walking up or down a flight of stairs, then do it.

At our school, common courtesy dictates that you press the floor button only if your floor is more than one flight above or below the buttons already pressed. In addition to saving time, this also ensures that we will use our leg muscles every now and then, which, as you know, never hurt a college kid. -- Emerson College Student, Boston, Mass.

Dear Emerson College Student: You win this one. Any cardiac physician will tell you that climbing stairs is also a wonderful way to exercise those heart muscles. (I've been doing it for years.) It may leave you a bit winded, but it will also give you an exhilarating feeling of accomplishment -- not exactly like climbing Mt. Olympus, but what the heck.

Lonesome? Take charge of your life and turn it around. Write for Ann Landers' new booklet, "How to Make Friends and Stop Being Lonely." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$4.25 (this includes postage and handling) to: Friends, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562. (In Canada, send \$5.15.) To find out more about Ann Landers and read her past columns, visit the Creators Syndicate web page at www.creators.com.

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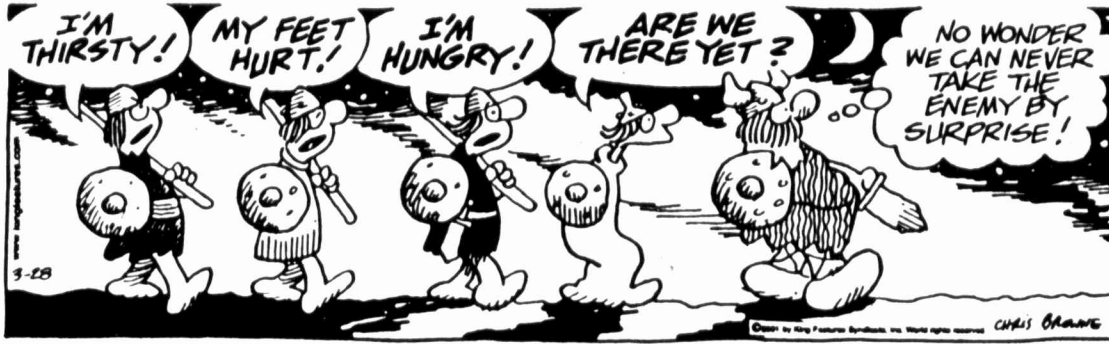
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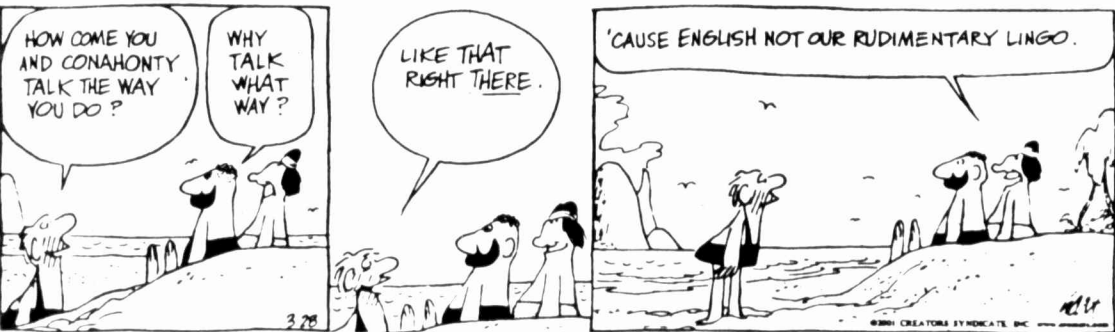
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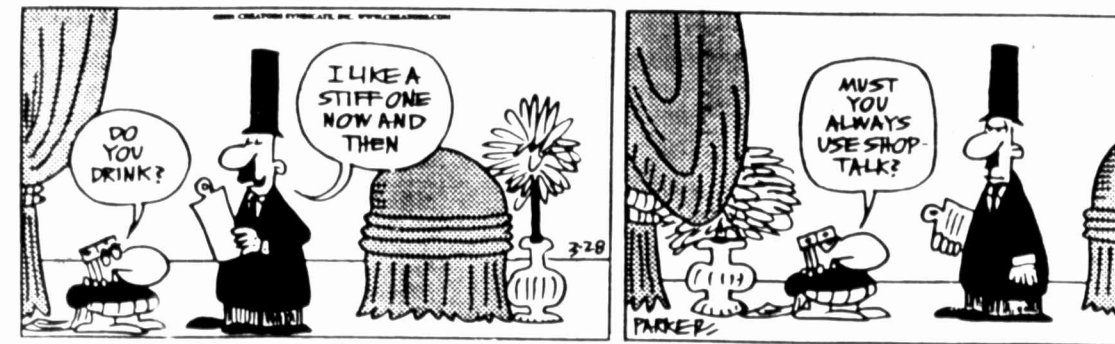
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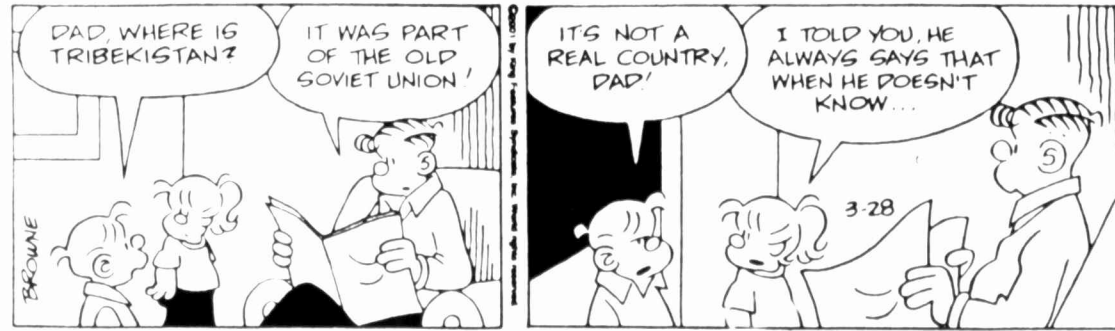
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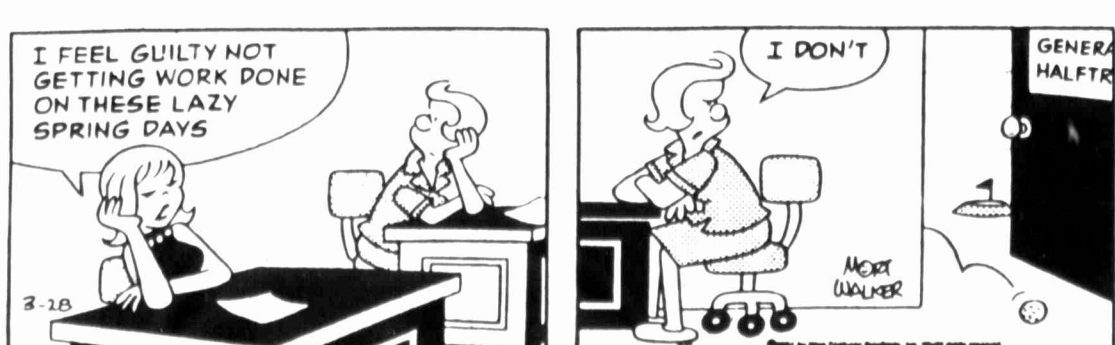
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Wednesday, March 28, the 87th day of 2001. There are 278 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 28, 1969, the 34th president of the United States, Dwight D. Eisenhower, died in Washington at age 78.

On this date: In 1834, the U.S. Senate voted to censure President Jackson for the removal of federal deposits from the Bank of the United States.

In 1854, during the Crimean War, Britain and France declared war on Russia.

In 1896, the opera "Andrea Chenier," by Umberto Giordano, premiered in Milan, Italy.

In 1898, the Supreme Court ruled that a child born in the United States to Chinese immigrants was a

U.S. citizen.

In 1939, the Spanish Civil War ended as Madrid fell to the forces of Francisco Franco.

In 1930, the names of the Turkish cities of Constantinople and Angora were changed to Istanbul and Ankara.

In 1941, novelist and critic Virginia Woolf died in Lewes, England.

In 1942, during World War II, British naval forces raided the Nazi-occupied French port of St. Nazaire.

In 1943, composer Sergei Rachmaninoff died in Beverly Hills, Calif.

In 1979, America's worst commercial nuclear accident occurred inside the Unit Two reactor at the Three Mile Island plant near Middletown, Pa.

Ten years ago: Tens of thousands of supporters of Boris N. Yeltsin marched in Moscow in defiance of President Mikhail S. Gorbachev's ban on rallies. Fire seriously damaged the U.S. Embassy in Moscow.

Today's Birthdays:

Former White House national security adviser Zbigniew Brzezinski is 73. Sen. Frank Murkowski, R-Alaska, is 68. Country musician Charlie McCoy is 60. Movie director Mike Newell is 59. Actress Conchata Ferrell is 58. Actor Ken Howard is 57. Actress Dianne Wiest is 53. Rhythm-and-blues musician Milan Williams (The Commodores) is 53. Country singer Reba McEntire is 46. Actor Max Perlich is 33. Rapper Salt (Salt-N-Pepa) is 32. Actor Vince Vaughn is 31.

Answer to previous puzzle

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Newsday Crossword

TORCH SONGS by Bob Lubbers  
Edited by Stanley Newman

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BSPF

By DEBBIE L. JEN  
Features Editor

It takes more than a badge and a gun to be a police officer these days. In fact, in coming months, Big Spring Police officers will join the high-tech revolution, adding laptop computers to their cars. The computers will be added gradually, but are already in some vehicles. Assistant officers will be using reports as well as checking warrants and tickets at a crime scene traffic stop.

"The officers will use their notes at the scene and then get back to the car and they can do the report then," Lonnie Smith, "Ogden" said. "I've been around for 20 years and I've never seen this before. This will speed up the process quite a bit. Having the police 'wired' with computers will also allow them to fully implement the computer-assisted patching program already using, he said.

"The officers have a laptop will be that," Smith said. Computers have been used for years in crime locally, but

Fire Many h... training in by lo firefigh

By LYNDEL MO... Staff Writer

Fighting fire than pointing a hose toward a burning structure. It takes education and commitment to constantly learn new techniques.

"Most people don't realize the amount of math involved," said Brian Jensen, Big Spring Fire Department chief. "It's a lot of throwing water."

Big Spring spends about four months a year on training for its firefighters. A trained firefighter has to be able to handle a lot of things, including a lot of water pressure, enough to douse a fire, not too strong to hurt a person handling the hose, Jensen said.

"There is a lot of information to have to learn," Jensen said. "The BSFD firefighters. Our guys will be tested for a month and test for a month. Odessa score on the list," Jensen said. "It shows the excitement we are providing. A firefighter is in high demand here," he continued. All firefighters

# 2001: The Crossroads' Odyssey

A supplement to the Big Spring Herald March 25-30, 2001

## TODAY: GOVERNMENT

### BSPD utilizing new technology in fight against crime

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN  
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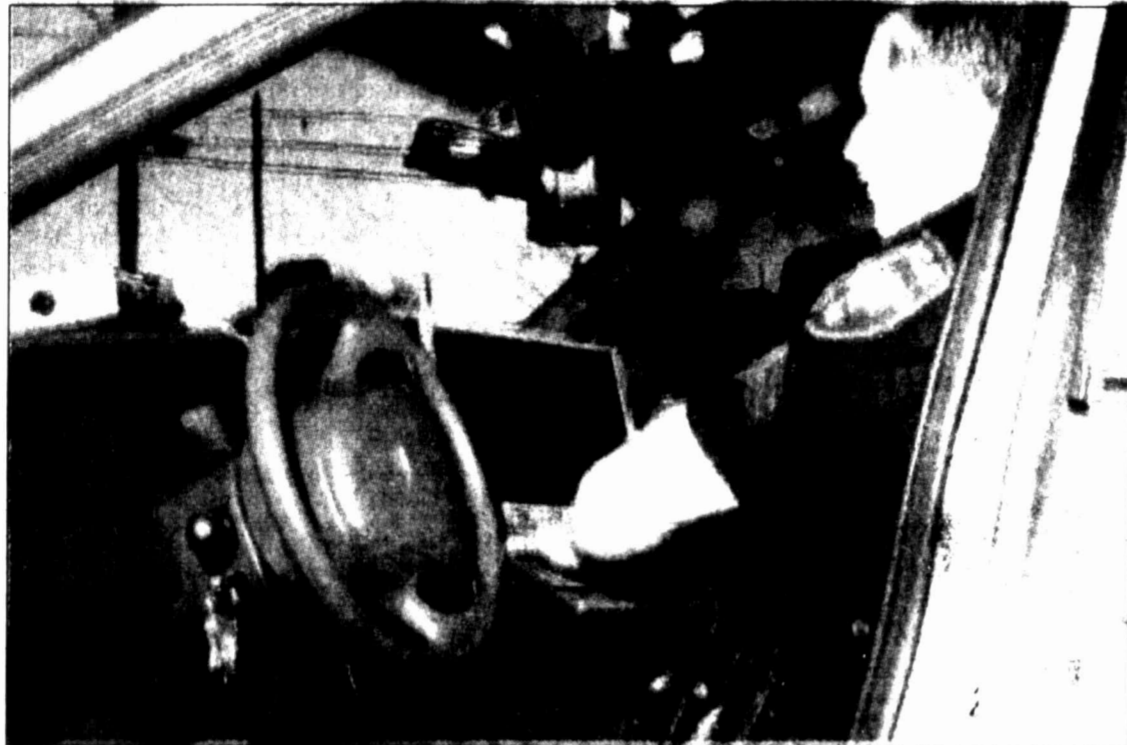
The computers will be added gradually, but are already in use in some vehicles. They assist officers with preparing reports as well as checking warrants on subjects at a crime scene or traffic stop.

"The officers will take their notes at the scene, and then get back in the car and they can type up the report then," said Chief Lonnie Smith. "Once they get accustomed to the keyboard and using the laptop, this will speed up the process quite a bit."

Having the police cars "wired" with computers will also allow the department to fully implement the computer-assisted dispatching program it is already using, he added.

"The officers having use of a laptop will build on that," Smith said.

Computers have been used for years in fighting crime locally, but until now



Above, Big Spring Police officer Thad Thomas works on a laptop computer in his patrol car, one of the first to be equipped with the sophisticated system. At right, Thomas' car also has a video camera installed next to the rearview mirror that records all traffic stops.



Courtesy photos

they were located mainly at the police station. Patrol officers had to prepare

their reports by hand, which were transcribed

base by secretaries, Smith said.

are typed directly into the database, this will speed up the paper trail," he said.

In addition, when an officer makes a stop, he can use a CD to check for warrants on a subject as well as calling in the license plate and driver's license to the dispatchers, Smith added.

The laptop computers were purchased through grant money.

New technology for police cars doesn't stop there. When the department got a new shipment of patrol cars earlier this month, three of them were scheduled to be equipped with video cameras.

The cameras, which are mounted next to the rearview mirror facing forward, assist in documenting the activities of the officers and suspects, and are expected to help in prosecutions, Smith said.

The new cars are different, as well. The department has purchased Chevrolet Caprice vehicles instead of the standard Ford. The new cars may have a slightly different look than their older counterparts, but the decals and paint will remain the same, Smith said.

High-tech extends to protection of officers, including bulletproof vests, and the department is implementing a program to replace all vests every five years, Smith said.

"It's been five years since

a fund was started by our citizens to buy the vests for our officers, and now we are using what is left in that fund, along with some city money, to start a replacement program," Smith said. "These vests typically have a five-year life expectancy."

A new government-funded program will match up to half of the cost of the vests; the replacement of vests will start with patrol officers, who have a higher exposure, the chief said.

Accident investigation also received a boost from technology recently, as the department purchased a laser measuring device.

The device is expected to make measuring the distances in accident scenes easier and quicker. Computer software to go with the device will draw up the scene based on measurements entered by the officer investigating, Smith said.

"Instead of three to six officers needed at a scene, this cuts it back to two or three," he said. "This also reduces the time needed at a scene from three or four hours to 30 minutes to one hour."

Several of the officers taking on some of this new technology will also be new to the force. The department has two students in the academy who will finish about the end of May.

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### Fire department....

#### Many hours training put in by local firefighters

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Fighting fires is more than pointing a water hose toward a burning structure.

It takes education and commitment to constantly learn new techniques.

"Most people don't realize the amount of math involved,"

said Brian Jensen, Big Spring Fire Department fire chief. "It's a lot more than throwing water on a fire."

Big Spring firefighters spend about four months in rookie school learning, among many things, the effect water has on different chemical compounds and the chemical properties of a substance.

A trained firefighter regulating water flow into the hose needs to make sure the water pressure is strong enough to douse the fire but not too strong to put the person handling the hose in danger, Jensen mentioned.

"There is a tremendous amount of information they have to learn," he said.

The BSFD trains its own firefighters.

"Our guys who leave here and test for Midland and Odessa score on the top of list," Jensen said. "That shows the excellent training we are providing."

"A firefighter/paramedic is in high demand in the state," he continued.

All firefighters are Texas



JENSEN



Above, Big Spring firefighters Arnold Solis, left, and Steve Davenport leave the station to respond to a fire. At right, Shawn Grandt, left and Marcus Tatro carry out a gurney from the department's ambulance. About 70 percent of the firefighters have emergency medical training.

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Lyndel Moody



Commission on Fire Protection (TCFP) certified and every year the department updates its knowledge by sending employees to school.

Some firefighters perform independent training, Jensen mentioned.

"Those are great guys," he said. "They bring that information back into the fire department."

Also, firefighters perform

building inspections to help businesses bring up to date any code violations and to help the personnel become familiar with the building in case the structure catches on fire.

Firefighting has changed since former fire marshal Burr Lea Settles, who retired last year, first started out. Back then, Settles said, training consisted of new rookies being given

clothes then heading out to a fire.

The BSFD is staffed with 64 personnel. Fifty-nine employees perform 24-hour shift work with 48 hours off.

Carl Condray is the fire marshal responsible for fire prevention education, fire inspection and investigation as well as an arson investigation. Condray is

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### Mass casualty incidents require cooperative effort

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Every once in a while, county and city emergency agencies respond to mass casualty incidents requiring a cooperative effort to get the job done.

Such was the case when an Americanos passenger bus crashed on Interstate 20 after hitting a patch of ice around two miles from the Mitchell County line.

The accident sent 33 people to Scenic Mountain Medical Center in the early hours of Jan. 2.

Big Spring, Mitchell County and Coahoma EMS, along with Department of Safety troopers, Big Spring police and Howard County sheriff deputies, responded to the accident while freezing rain and snow fell.

"Initially two Big Spring units were dispatched to the scene because they knew our response time would be slower," said Department of Safety Trooper Weldon Jones said at the time. "They surveyed the situation and let everybody know what was happening."

Arriving on the scene, Jones said he saw emergency services working together.

*"I was proud that all the agencies worked together in this crisis. Everybody working together as a team helped get the job done."*

— Sheriff Dale Walker

"When I arrived I saw patrol cars, volunteers who had given up their cars so victims would have a place to sit down, people standing, injured people on the ground and people still in the bus," he said in the earlier interview. "The fire department was there cutting a hole in the top of the bus — all of this on a sheet of ice."

"Big Spring Fire Department emergency services was dispatched immediately and Ron Phillips of the BSFD was in the first ambulance on the scene."

"It ranged from people who were not hurt walking around to injured people

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# Census 2000

## Officials say boost in population is positive sign for Big Spring

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

Big Spring has seen a gain in population of 2,140 since the last census, a sign community leaders cite as a positive one.

"It's a sign that we are moving in the right direction," said Leigh Corson, assistant to the city manager. "Not only have we grown, but it shows we are retaining population as well, which has been very difficult for rural West Texas communities."

Census figures have Big Spring's population now at 25,233, up from 23,093 after the 1990 census.

That's in sharp contrast to some area communities such as Snyder, Sweetwater and Colorado City, which all experienced a decline in population. Snyder, for instance, lost more than



CORSON DAVIS

1,400 residents over the 10-year period. Statistics indicate that the Scurry County seat dropped in population from 12,195 to 10,783. Sweetwater dropped from 11,967 to 11,415.

The increase in population locally could have some advantages, said Terri Davis, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"Retail stores and restaurants consider population when looking at moving into a city. There are differ-

### CENSUS 2000: CITY POPULATION CHANGES

City	2000	1990	% Change
Big Spring	25,233	23,093	+ 9.27
Coahoma	932	1,133	-17.74
Colorado City	4,281	4,749	-9.85
Snyder	10,783	12,195	-11.58
Sweetwater	11,415	11,967	-4.61

ent population levels, and 25,000 was the next big step for us, so we are hoping that will make a difference," Davis said.

"I think, too, that this speaks well for us with some of the projects we are working on such as Ports-to-Plains and the truck reliever route. We can show that our population is, in fact, growing, and therefore our needs are growing," Davis said.

One of the reasons for the upswing in population is

the increase over the past 10 years in prison inmates, who are counted as Big Spring citizens during the census.

"Some people look at that as a negative, and it's not," said Davis. "We have a lot of families of inmates who come to Big Spring often and eat here, purchase gasoline here and stay in our motels. Some families even move here to be closer to a loved one that is incarcerated."

An agreement with

Cornell Corrections approved by Big Spring City Council on Tuesday indicates that the city benefits well from its prison population. The city receives some 77 cents per day per inmate.

Local officials say the population hike might not have much bearing on applications for grants and the like, at least from the city's standpoint.

"Texas Community Development grants, which are the types of grants the city seeks for things like water and sewer line replacement, have a higher threshold," explained Corson. "Cities over 50,000 become entitlement cities

and don't have to compete like we do for those funds. There has been some discussion on the federal and state level of lowering those thresholds to 25,000. Certainly, if that were to happen, we would be sitting pretty now."

The next step, said Davis, is to see how the increase in population can be made to work for Big Spring.

"Now we have to put our heads together and see what the next level can bring us," she said. "This is a positive 'goal' that we have surpassed. Now we need to continue to look for the future and see how we can use this to help us grow even more."

## County wasn't expecting to redistrict but pleased population is up 4 percent

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Census numbers indicated that Howard County has grown enough in population over the last 10 years to require redistricting.

"We will be redistricting but based on a minor increase of population, I don't see it as a major process," said County Commissioner Bill Crooker.

According to census figures, Howard County grew by 4 percent in the last 10 years, up from a population of 32,343 in 1990 to 33,627 in 2000.

"I am extremely pleased with the increase," Crooker added. "This is a demonstration of the community making progress, and I believe this is a good omen for the future."

"I was hoping the community would at least hold our own or have a small gain," he continued. "I am delighted."

According to Virginia Belew, Texas Workforce Center area manager, the demographics and statistical data from the census will impact not only the amount of money to fund

job training and youth pre-employment programs, but also potential businesses.

For the TWC, statistical analysis of the census data should show the workforce makeup of Big Spring's labor force along with the medium income and other information potential business use in deciding to

locate in the area.

The data indicating Howard County has increased in population might show that the decrease of people in the workforce may be caused by the community having more worker's retiring, she said.

Texas grew in population in the last 10 years by 22.8

percent while in west Texas many rural counties fell in population such as Martin, 4.2 percent; Glasscock, 2.8; Andrews, 9.3 percent; Borden, 8.8 percent; Scurry, 12.2 percent; Sterling, 3.1 percent.

West Texas counties showing an increase in population are Midland, 8.8 percent; Ector, 1.8 percent; Tom Green, 5.6 percent; Lubbock, 9 percent; Dawson, 4.4 percent; and Mitchell shot up by 21 percent.

### COUNTY POPULATION COMPARISON

County	2000	1990	Diff.	Percent
Borden	729	799	-70	-8.8%
Dawson	14985	14349	636	4.4%
Ector	121123	118934	2189	1.8%
Glasscock	1406	1447	-41	-2.8%
Howard	33627	32343	1284	4.0%
Lubbock	242628	222636	19992	9.0%
Martin	4746	4956	-210	-4.2%
Midland	116009	106611	9398	8.8%
Mitchell	9698	8016	1682	21.0%
Nolan	15802	16594	-792	-4.8%
Pecos	16809	14675	2134	14.5%
Reeves	13137	15852	-2715	-17.1%
Scurry	16361	18634	-2273	-12.2%
Sterling	1393	1438	-45	-3.1%
Taylor	126555	119655	6900	5.8%
TomGreen	104010	98458	5552	5.6%
Ward	10909	13115	-2206	-16.8%

### POLICE

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When they have passed state exams and been made certified officers, they will be ready to go to start to work.

In addition, three officers already certified are undergoing in-house training now. One patrol officer has been transferred to detectives, filling a vacancy there.

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## Focus

### Horton

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

When Stephen Horton decided to run for Big Spring City Council, he had one thing on his mind.

"I came in with a agenda north and west town. They loved it and I wanted to see it up," she says. "What was going on east part of town south part. I want to hear about it else."

That was in 1998, although she still lives in her district - I she sees things differently.

"Now, I have to work for the city. I think that's an important part of council membership. Horton, a registered with the V.A. Center. "We don't have agendas now. We're ductively and in think each council has the entire c and in mind."

Horton says the focus, combining hard-working staff, has moved forward. Within a year, she points out, has set aside funding for its waterline improvements. Creek Lake and Trail Park Swim "Those are the really proud of "Take the replacement. We so much money water leaks, course, water c We still have lea but now we have

# Focused harmony

## Horton ran for the council for one purpose; now she focuses on the entire community

By BILL McCLELLAN  
News Editor

When Stephanie Horton decided to run for Big Spring City Council, she had one thing on her mind. "I came in with an agenda. My agenda was the north and west sides of town. They looked awful and I wanted to clean them up," she says. "I didn't care what was going on in the east part of town or the south part. I didn't even want to hear about anything else."

That was in 1993, and although she still looks after her district — District 1 — she sees things a lot differently.

"Now, I have learned to work for the city as a whole. I think that's the most important part of being a council member," says Horton, a registered nurse with the VA Medical Center. "We don't have any agendas now. We work productively and in harmony. I think each council member has the entire city in heart and in mind."

Horton says that kind of focus, combined with a hard-working, dedicated staff, has moved Big Spring forward. Within the past year, she points out, the city has set aside additional funding for its EMS service, waterline replacement, improvements at Moss Creek Lake and Comanche Trail Park Swimming Pool.

"Those are things I am really proud of," she says. "Take the water line replacement. We are losing so much money with all the water leaks, because, of course, water costs money. We still have leaks all over, but now we have stepped up

waterline replacement — starting with the areas that need it most. It's not going to happen overnight. But eventually lines will be replaced throughout the city.

"Studies had shown that we already had the best quality ambulance service. So we added more funding so the service because it's vital to the citizens of Big Spring," she says.

In order to aid the service, the city increased its subsidy from \$125,000 a year to \$250,000, while the county upped its contribution from \$65,000 to \$130,000.

"I'm excited about the swimming pool, too," says Horton. "It's going to be more family-oriented when

water cannons, a fountain, picnic tables — it's going to be something we can be proud of."

As for cleaning up District 1, Horton has spearheaded much of the effort.

"It needs a lot more, but we have come a long way," she says.

But she also knows that her district has received extra attention because it includes the downtown area as well as much of the old Webb Air Force Base.

"We've torn down the Apache Bend Apartments, the Airpark Grocery, Howard House, the Permian Building, plus we renovated a building at the Airpark to house Wilderness Camp inmates. That allowed us to



Stephanie Horton, a registered nurse with the VA Medical Center, has served on the Big Spring City Council since 1993. Above, she stands in front of council chambers. At left, she visits with Laquana Lewis, federal women's program manager, after Federal Correctional Institution Big Spring honored her and other women for their contributions to the community.



it opens up again (in May). There will be a lot of improvements, including

increase the number of inmates from 100 to 160, which made it possible to do

more in terms of clean-up," she said. The Wilderness Camp is

under the Texas Department of Criminal Justice. The inmates perform many duties, from clean-up of litter, to construction.

"Those weren't all of my projects, not by any means, but I am glad they took part in my district," Horton says with a smile. "Really, they benefit all of Big Spring."

Horton points to increased projects at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark, culmination of the Beals Creek project and upgrades of the water and wastewater treatment plants as other positive steps for Big Spring over the past few years.

"During my years on the council, I have seen a lot of improvement in Big

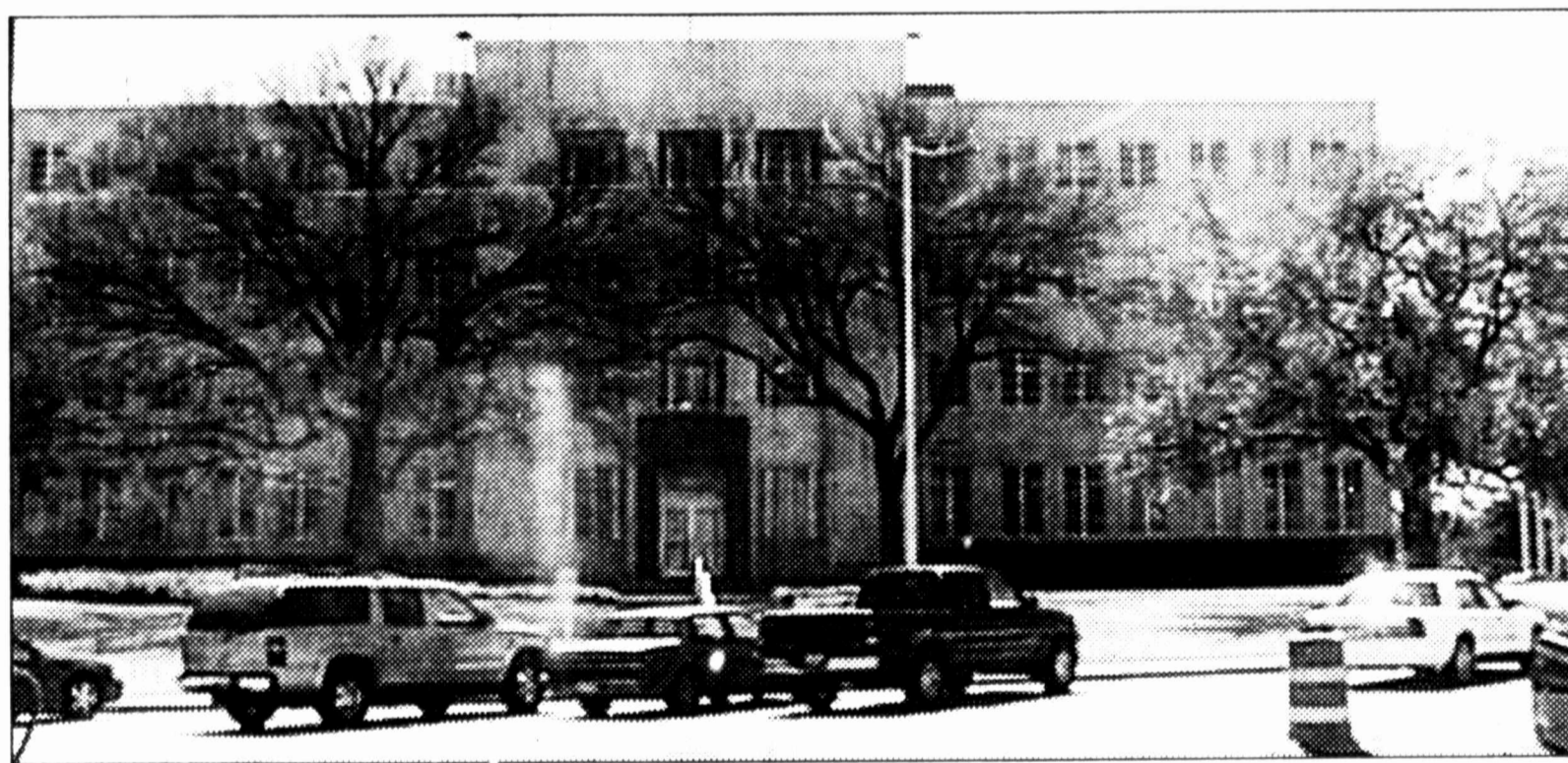
Spring," she says. "I think we're definitely headed in the right direction."

"We have a very strong city staff. Everyone has a productive part. This enables the council to go ahead and make the right decisions," she adds. "If we didn't have the quality of employees working for the city that we do, we would not be as successful."

Horton and her husband, Danny, have two children, 12-year-old Brittiany and 10-year-old Rebekah. She is president of the choir at Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, where she is a member. She is also former president of the NAACP, and is involved in numerous civic activities.

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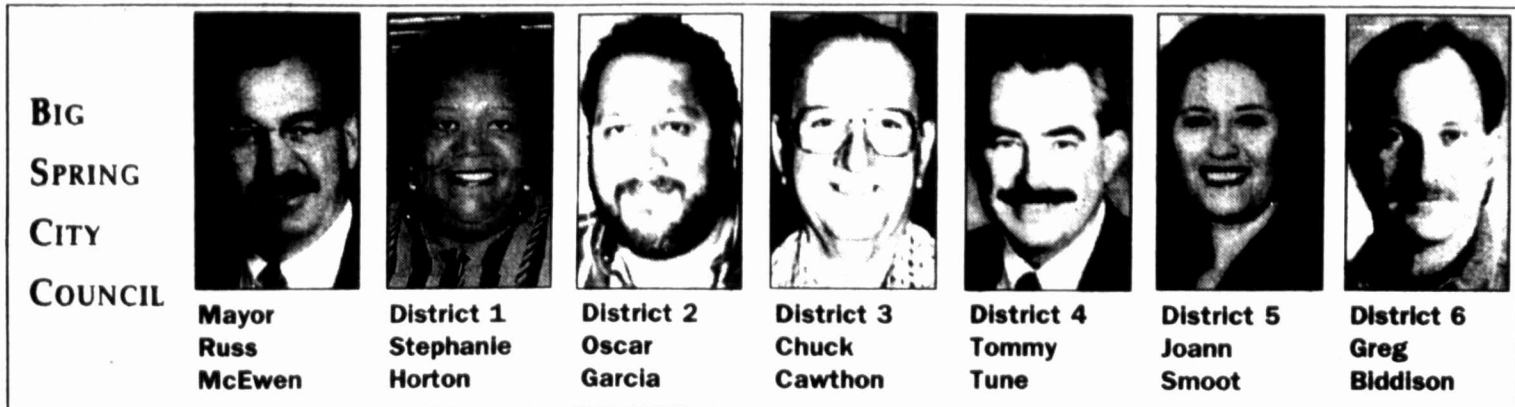
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## City climbs out of the red, into the black

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**  
News Editor

It was just a few years ago that the city of Big Spring was in the red financially.

"The general fund was in the red; the Airpark fund was in the red," said Gary Fuqua, who was hired as city manager in 1995.



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But that's changed now. "Each year, we've worked toward financial stability while also trying to improve our employee compensation package," Fuqua said. "Our last audit report showed that we are ahead of sched-

ule, and we feel real good about that."

The audit indicates that the city has \$1.4 million in its general fund and \$1.8 million in its Airpark fund.

"The auditors recommend cities have enough reserve funds for three months of operations, so we're not there yet," said Fuqua, who noted that Airpark funds cannot be used for general city business. "Three months would be about \$3 million. So we've got some work to do. But in a five- to six-year period we've gone from being in the red to where we are now."

While the immediate task had to be on getting the city out of financial woes, staff and council members have also focused on the future.

"We know that the landfill is slated for closure in 2020, so we — and the county — have been setting aside funds. The intent is that by the time 2020 comes — if we do indeed have to close it — the money will be there," said Fuqua. "We put it in an interest-bearing account."

The cost is currently estimated at \$3.2 million, but it is reevaluated annually. "We didn't start the fund but we've increased it considerably," said Fuqua.

This fiscal year, city council members decided that the city needed to double its efforts at water and sewer line replacement.

"Like the landfill, we don't want future generations to be encumbered with financial problems, so we've stepped up the waterline replacement project," said

Fuqua. "These water lines are supposed to last 100 years or more. No one can say that for sure, because they haven't been around that long. But we do know that it should be many, many years before they'll have to be replaced again."

"We're always trying to look ahead, trying to take advantage of situations that arise, of new ideas."

Grants are one tool the city uses. Grants are helping with the Capehart Subdivision project and have been utilized for numerous improvements and facilities at the Airpark.

"Big Spring is my home, and I'm proud of it," said Fuqua. "I think our staff and our council are proud. They want our citizens to be proud of Big Spring, too."

## Social Security office expanding into new building this summer

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

The Social Security Administration office will soon be moving into a new building — as soon as it is completed, that is.

"We have some new requirements and needed a larger space due to technology additions," said Fredi Franki, manager of the San Angelo and Big Spring Social Security offices. "Many of the Social Security offices have moved or are being renovated."

The building will be constructed on FM 700 near the Energas office.

The structure will be built and owned by A1 Construction from Odessa and the Social Security Administration will lease the building.

The 500,488-square-foot building will offer several new additions, including a multi-purpose room, public

and employee restrooms, a larger waiting room and a self-help counter.

"Basically, this gives us better access to the people we serve," said Pat Gladden, assistant manager in the San Angelo and Big Spring offices.

Another new addition will be an interactive video conferencing room for new trainees. The room will allow employees to receive training without having to leave their family for an extended period of time, Gladden said, saving the Social Security office money as well.

According to Franki, the target date to move into the new building is in September.

The Social Security office in Big Spring currently employs seven people and is responsible for issuing Social Security cards as well helping with retirement, survivor and disability benefits, Gladden said.

## Big Spring prides itself on EMS training

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

With an average of about 3,000 calls per year, the Big Spring Fire Department (BSFD) Emergency Medical Service keeps firefighters on their toes.

The BSFD took over the emergency medical service in Oct. 1995.

"We are constantly integrating the ambulance service with the fire depart-

ment," said Brian Jensen, Big Spring Fire Department chief. "This has been ongoing for the last five years. Integrating the ambulance service gave a breath of fresh air to the fire department."

The BSFD provides emergency medical service to Howard County, covering an area of 901 square miles.

Approximately 70 percent of the firefighters have emergency medical training (EMT) including 31 para-

medics, five EMT intermediates certified and seven with EMT basic certified.

"Everyone has to be a firefighter," Jensen added, but not every firefighter had to receive EMS training.

"There has been tremendous support by the guys not required to get training that do," he said.

"They are to be highly commended because there is a lot of work that goes into becoming EMS trained."

In the future, the department plans to have every firefighter become a paramedic, he said.

The BSFD maintains six ambulances to serve the area with two units staffed 24-hours a day. The remaining are used as reserve units.

All engine companies currently have EMS personnel assigned to them that can help render medical assistance prior to the arrival of the medic unit.

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also a certified police officer.

Glenn Graves is the deputy chief of operations responsible for training, equipment and supplies.

The BSFD runs three shifts and deputy chiefs Larry Ringener, Steve Hedges and Alex Calvio are in charge of the day-to-day operations of one shift each.

Each fire station has one lieutenant and one driver for the engines and a medical unit attached. Stations are located at 1401 Apron Drive, 18th Street and Main Street, 11th Street and Birdwell, 100 NE Eight Street and 1701 Wasson Road.

The BSFD responds to an average of 250 fire every year, primarily structures fires.

Jensen attributes some of the drop in fire calls to the effort by the city to clean up the town, citing the removal of old buildings, while construction of new buildings includes more fire protection.

Additions to the fire department this year will include a purchase of a \$250,000 truck to replace a 1977 Mach engine and a purchase of two ambulances worth \$191,000.

As agencies such as the TCFP and the Texas Department of Health proceeded to go paperless, the BSFD is keeping up by doing its run reports on computer.

The BSFD can also be found on the city's web site at [www.ci.big-spring.tx.us](http://www.ci.big-spring.tx.us).

## TEAMWORK

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bleeding profusely," he said in an earlier interview. "There were several people still in the bus. It was not a good sight."

Because of the numerous injuries, Phillips contacted both the Mitchell County and Coahoma County EMS to assist.

Ambulance response time was slowed because of the icy conditions on the road that kept driving down to 30 or 40 miles per hour. Phillips said that was the fastest they could drive without sliding off the road.

Adding to the problem was the fact that many passengers did not speak

English.

Howard County deputy Juan Parra, who speaks Spanish, was at the scene and helped translate to the passengers. Deputy Tony Chavez, who also speaks Spanish, stayed with the passengers while they were at the hospital.

"A mass causality like this overwhelms resources," said Big Spring Fire Chief Brian Jensen. "All the emergency services worked well together."

"I was proud that all the agencies worked together in this crisis," said Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker. "Everybody working together as a team helped get the job done."

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By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
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For Texas Commission veteran Carl Knappe, military forces and those "thank you" job.

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# Working for the government

## A 'thank you' is all it takes to make Carl Knappe's day

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

For Texas Veterans Commission veterans counselor Carl Knappe, helping military forces veterans and those occasional "thank you's" makes his job.

"I assist veterans, their spouse or widows, and their children in filing claims to receive benefits entitled to them from the Department of Veterans Affairs," Knappe said.

The Texas Veterans Commission helps qualified persons file for pension, death benefits, educational assistance, home loans, insurance, hospitalization, outpatient care and other benefits.

The state of Texas also gives a number of benefits to veterans, including free driver's licenses and park admissions for disabled veterans as well as educational assistance.

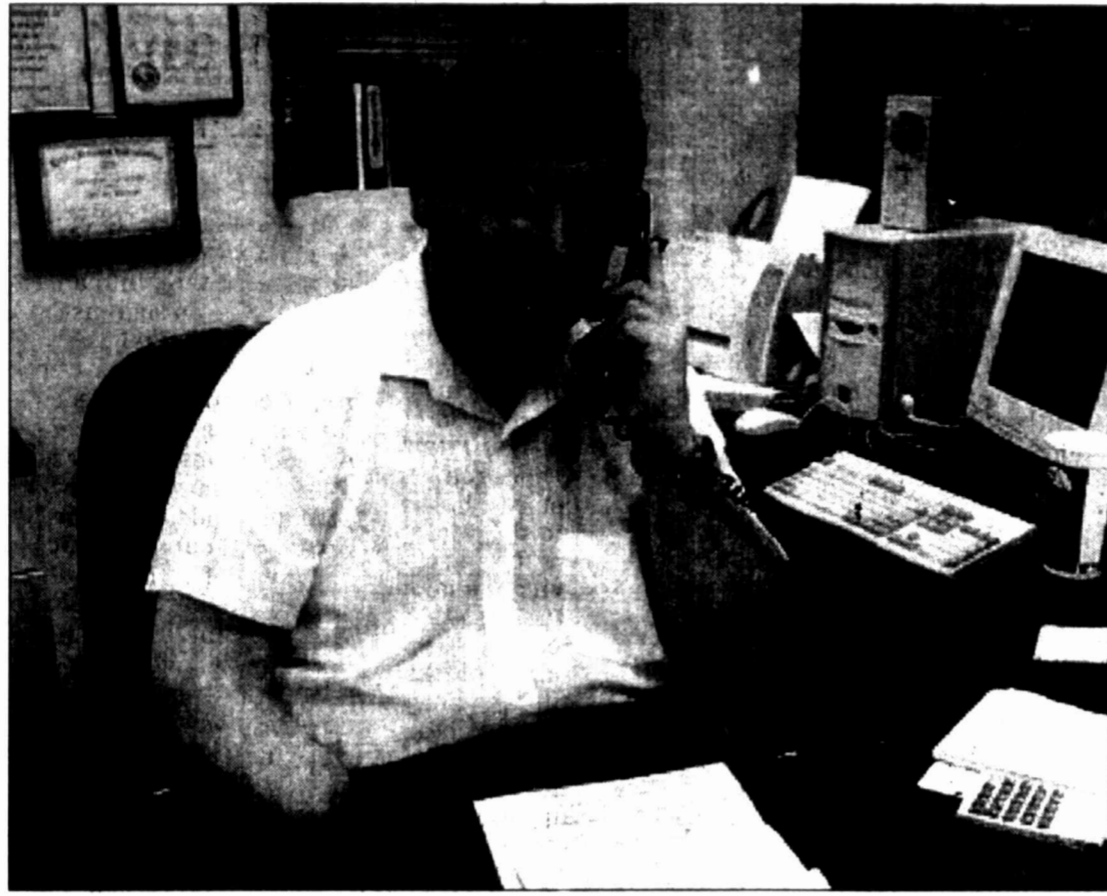
Knappe's primary responsibility is to help Texas veterans file to receive governmental and state benefits, but he can help any veteran from any state file from his offices in the VA Medical Center and the Midland County Courthouse.

Needless to say, Knappe's job involves paperwork — a lot of paperwork.

Writing was not what the Howard County native expected to be doing for a career.

"I wind up having to write letters for a living," he said in jest. "I have to explain and describe a situation to convince someone about the case."

A counselor for the last 11 years, the job includes deal-



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Carl Knappe, veterans counsel for the Texas Veterans Commission, helps veterans and their family members to file for benefits from the Department of Veterans Affairs.**

*"Every once in a while a veteran will come in and tell me thank you for helping them."*

ing with people on their last hope, some threatening to do him bodily harm, others threatening to do worse.

But he keeps coming back to help those veterans and their family members when he can.

"I like working with veterans," he said. "Every once in a while a veteran will come in and tell me thank you for helping them."

And those occasional

"thank you's" are the real reward of the job, he said.

Knappe is a disabled veteran himself, who lost his hand in a deer processing accident.

Serving as an electrician aboard the USS Enterprise in the last years of the Vietnam War, Knappe was home for a few days before his ship would set sail for the Middle East when the accident happened.

After his discharge,

Knappe worked various jobs for the city of Midland and was the assistant manager of Hastings there before he applied and was hired for his current position.

Married to Carletta and the father of 13-year-old Heather, Knappe said a government worker is just like any other person with stricter rules.

"All the people I know at the hospital are really caring and do their best in their job," he said. "The government worker is the family man or woman raising kids. They are in a job with stricter rules and regulations."

# Howard County poised for move into future, commissioners believe

By **CARL GRAHAM**  
Staff Writer

Ask long-time Commissioner Bill Crooker what kind of shape he feels the county is will be in over the next 5 to 10 years and he will give you an optimistic answer.

"I am well pleased with what is going on in the county now as well as down the road the next several years," said Crooker. "I am pleased we were able to make good use of the old library (into district court offices) and that we'll be able to move over there in the next few months. I believe the general downtown area has seen a lot of improvements."

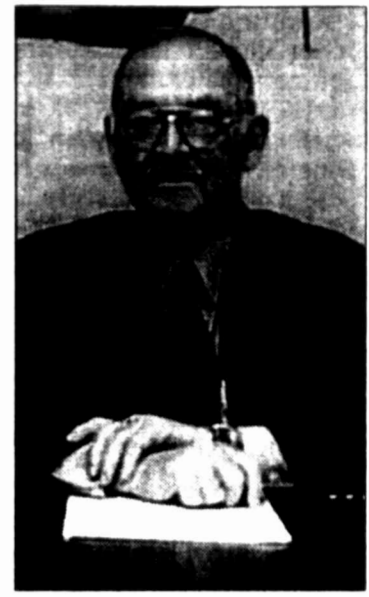
"The truck reliever route is going to become a reality in the near future. Ports-to-Plains is going to be real big and a real shot in the arm for us if we get it," he added. "There are a lot of things that make the future of county look bright."

Crooker feels there are some issues that will need to be addressed by the commissioner's court.

"We have been talking about the need of a new jail facility for some time now," he said. "But the reality of it is that in the foreseeable future it is something that will have to be addressed. I certainly have no idea how long we will be able to get by with what we have but with the growing number of inmates, I wouldn't think it will be too much longer."

He feels the roads are as good as they have looked in a long time.

"I think most everybody will agree with me when I



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say the roads are looking real good," said Crooker. "We don't receive near the complaints we once did. I feel that we have a handle on it and we have an efficient staff of personnel that take care of things."

Commissioner Jerry Kilgore echoes a lot of what Crooker said about the outlook for the future.

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# Commissioner has an open chair... and ear

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By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

Jerry Kilgore has been a Howard County Commissioner for Precinct 2 since being elected to office in 1994.

He has also been in the business of cutting hair for 42 years come this July. He is known as the hair-cutting commissioner.

Probably most people do a double take when he tells them he has been in the barber business that long because he doesn't look like he is much older than that. In fact, he will probably tell you he was just out of diapers when he first started.

"I was 16 years old when I went to barber college and began cutting hair," said Kilgore. "Actually I only intended to cut hair to help with expenses while going

to college but I liked what I was doing and haven't been able to give it up yet."

Jerry is the owner of Jerry's Barber Shop, located in the Big Spring Mall. He can normally be found between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. The shop is closed on Monday and that day he is usually busy with commissioner's court or other matters pertaining to his elected job, one he enjoys doing.

"I have always had an interest in how things in government work," said Kilgore. "I thought about running for office several times before finally giving it a try in 1990. I only lost by a few votes which was close enough to fuel my interest in running again."

So he tried again in 1994 and won, then was re-elected in 1998.

Kilgore says he gets a lot of feedback from his customers at the barber shop.

Kilgore said that is where he picks up a lot of good advice, at the shop while cutting hair.

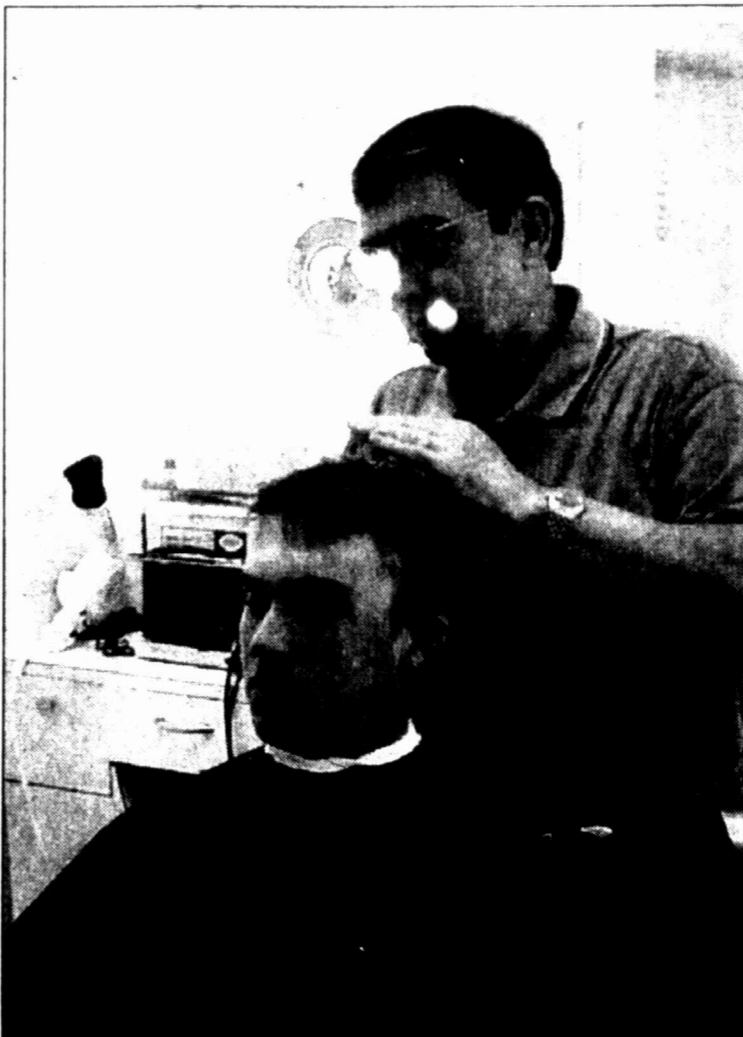
"A lot of customers come in and often give us feedback on how things are going on around my precinct," said Kilgore. "And we have a lot who are not from my precinct that will have a complaint about one thing or another and we pass it on to the appropriate commissioner. There seldom is a day goes by that I don't get some kind of a comment, mostly good though. At least the good ones outnumber the bad now which should say something."

As for the future, he is uncertain as to whether he will make another run but he said there is still a lot of unfinished business left.

"It's really too early to say one way or the other as to my running again or not," said Kilgore. "There are still a lot of things ahead of us that I would like to see accomplished such as the completion of the new courtroom but I feel like we have made a lot of good changes over the past few years. Our roads are in much better shape now than they were when I came into office. I am also proud of the new library that was built with grant money and donations."

Kilgore believes the present commissioners court is a good one.

"I feel like everyone



HERALD photo/Carl Graham  
Howard County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore cuts the hair of Howard College baseball player Jamin Burke. While not busy with county matters, Kilgore is at his barbershop in the Big Spring Mall.

works well together," said Kilgore.





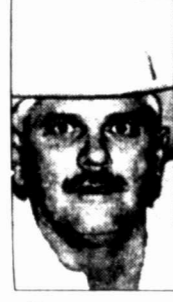
"We don't always see eye to eye on everything but we don't let it hinder us, we just move on to something else we do agree on. I believe we have a much more efficient commissioners court now," he commented.

Kilgore has been living in Howard County for 45 years.

He and his wife Darla have been married for 36 years and they have three children, all grown.

"We have twins Stacy and Tracy and a son David," said Kilgore. "They have blessed us with five grandchildren to spoil."

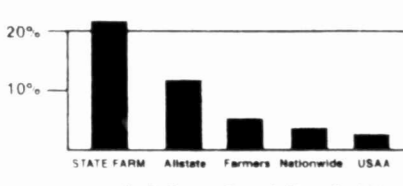
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## Howard pride

By LYNDEL MOORE  
Staff Writer

Being a county is like being in a big family. But it also takes training and a tremendous commitment. Each member of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department is exactly what the name implies — a volunteer.

"My wife and I are in the fire department," said HCVFD member Tommy Sullivan. "My husband and I have a brother and sister and we have a daughter. We have two daughters who are volunteers."

The department has 74 members who work 26 hours of a month as well as doing grass, strapping, even petroleum. The department covers 100 square miles of Howard County.

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## Howard County's firefighters pride themselves on dedication

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Being a county firefighter is like being in a family, but it also takes hours of training and a tremendous commitment. Each member of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department is exactly what the name implies — a volunteer. "My wife and brother are in the fire department," said HCVFD Fire Chief Tommy Sullivan. "We have husband and wife teams, brother and sister teams and we have a mother and her two daughters that are volunteers."



SULLIVAN



other volunteer fire department in the state of Texas," Sullivan said.

The volunteer firefighters train to respond to many different emergency situations, including hazardous material spills and oil field fires. Current training includes passenger train derailment in preparations for the possible Amtrak service through Big Spring.

The department also has a training center where firefighters can perform bookwork training on computers provided through the Howard County Commissioners Court.

Howard County volunteer firefighters require at least 20 hours of training before they can respond to a scene, and they continue to train to earn advancement.

The department responds to an average of 800 fire calls per year, Sullivan said.

Admitting that sometimes the firefighters see each other more than they do their families, Sullivan said the job is very serious work.

"This isn't a game," he said. "This is very serious."

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## Sheriff's office newly restructured

By CARL GRAHAM  
Staff Writer

On the first of January Howard County greeted a new sheriff to a four-year term of office.

Dale L. Walker was an upset winner over the incumbent, Republican William "Bill" Jennings, in a race that many thought would be closer than it turned out to be.

"I want to reunite the community with the sheriff's office," he said just after hearing he had won the race. "I will bring forward integrity and professionalism with a cost-effective service to the citizens of Howard County while providing equality and a caring service."

When the new sheriff came into office, he did not have to make wholesale changes in the department. All but three stayed on with the new administration.

Some promotions among present personnel and some new hires did take place, how-

ever. Gary Pritchett of Upton County was hired as the new chief deputy.

Others that are new hires are Deputy Pat Carte, who came from Roscoe and Deputy O'Brien Blakeney, who also came from Upton County.

Bobby Roever, formerly the nurse/jailer, was promoted to the position of chief jailer and former part-time dispatcher/jailer Misty Porter was brought on as a full-time dispatcher.

Other members of the department include Cliff McCartney, patrol sergeant; Herb Edwards, patrol sergeant; Ron Allen, investigator; Ed Covington, deputy; Tony Chavez, deputy; Brad Ingram, investigator; Scott Ginnetti, deputy; Juan Parra, deputy; part-time reserve deputy O.D. Majors; part-time reserve deputy Dean Restelli; chief dispatcher Nena Cruz; dispatcher/jailer Nicci Reid; part-time dispatcher Debra Parrish; clerk Dena Howard; and clerk Jennifer McKibben.

Others are jailers Sgt. Larry Torres, Michelle Puga, Sgt. Noel Hull, Lucas Rice,

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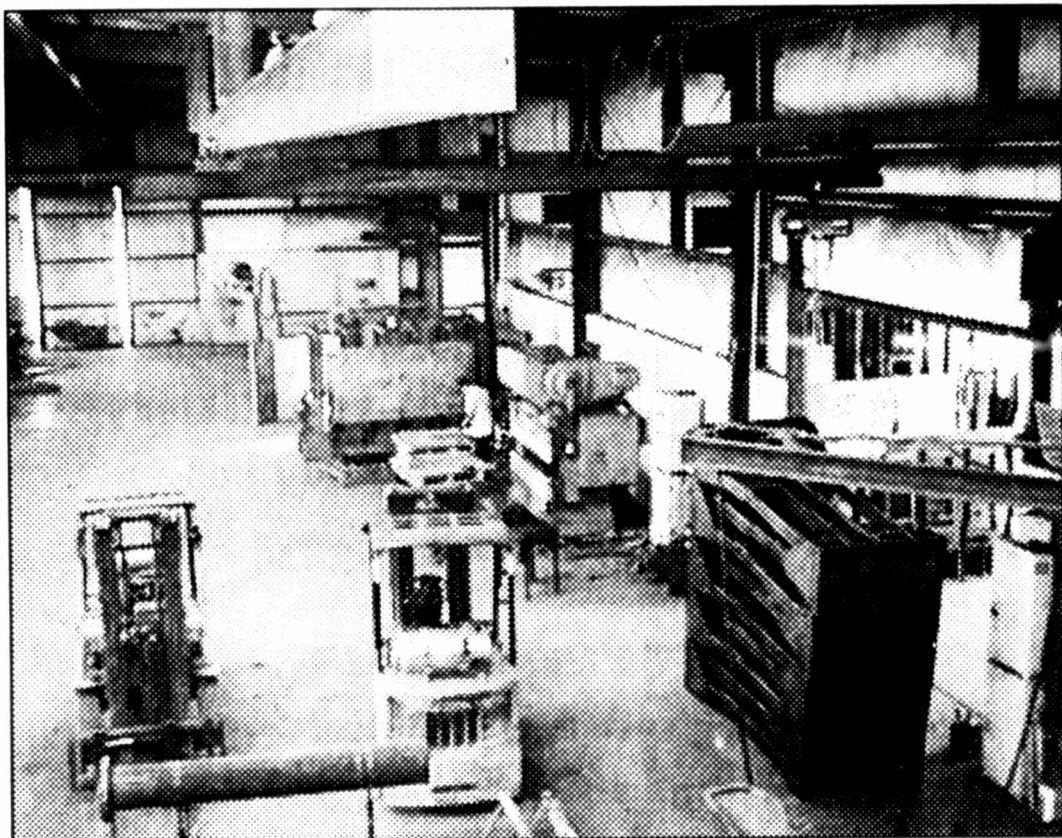
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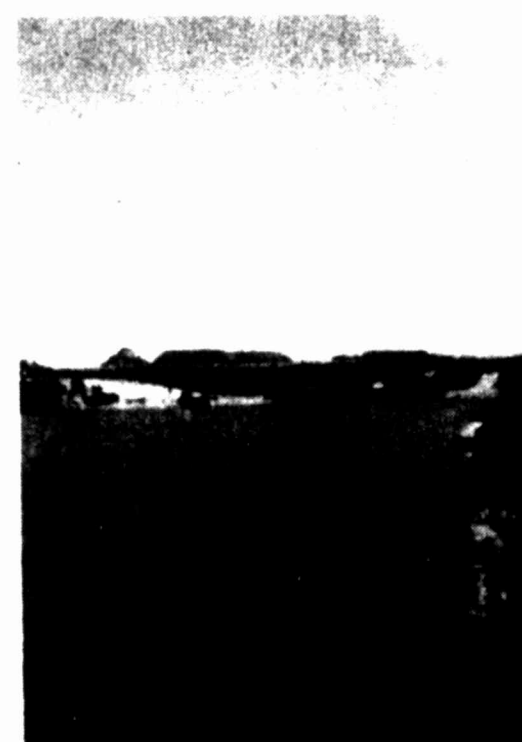
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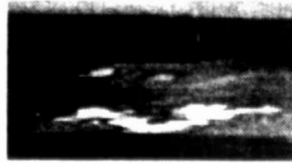
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Pioneer Women of the West

The Mini Page celebrates Women's History Month with a story about the pioneer women of the West.

Who were they?



Many Native American women had been living in the West for generations before the overlanders arrived. This photo was taken on a reservation in Idaho in the late 1800s. Mexicans were in the West, too.

The women of the West also included Asians who came by ship and South Americans who came by ship and overland.



Women often held the reins and drove the animals that pulled the wagons. This is an artist's idea of what life on the trail was like.

Overlanders from many different backgrounds traveled overland on foot and in covered wagons. Like the men, women were seeking a better life for themselves and their families. Along the trail, they suffered from disease, hunger and other hardships.

The Westward Movement



The Mississippi River was the dividing line between the East and West.

The movement from east to west in the United States started in the 1800s. The first arrivals were usually men. Gold was the big attraction between the years of 1843 and 1860.



The Great Plains is a vast area between the East and West. It includes parts of what is now Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, North and South Dakota, Montana, Wyoming, New Mexico, Texas and Oklahoma.

Land was the big attraction in the 1860s. In 1862, the U.S. government offered 160 acres to people who would settle parts of the West. They had to plant a crop, build a house and live there for five years before they could own the land. This was called "homesteading."

Home, sweet home

The building materials that were close by determined in what kind of house the pioneer woman set up housekeeping.

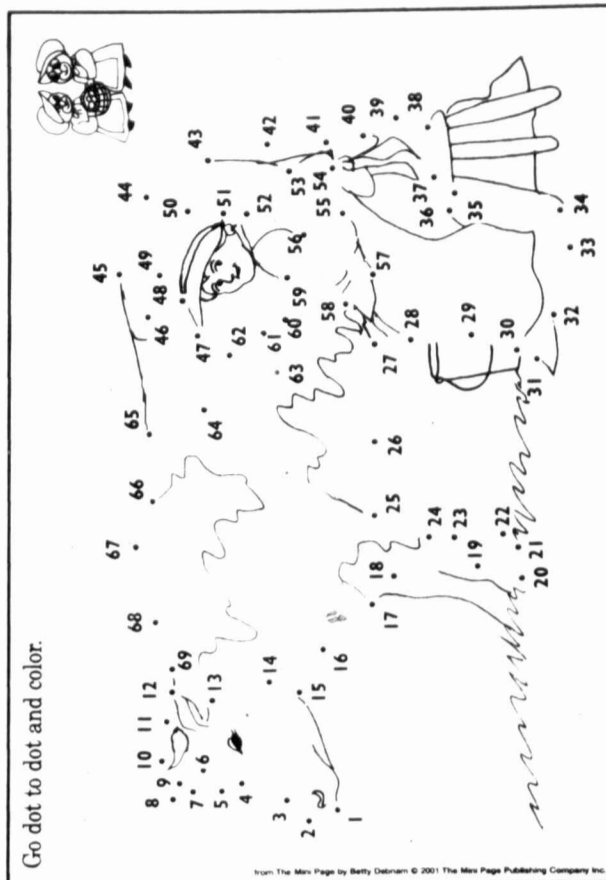


If there were trees available, families like this one in Colorado built their home of logs. Notice that most of the girls are wearing clothes from the same bolt of cloth.



African-Americans also came west after the Civil War. A family poses in front of their sod home in Nebraska. Sod homes were made of packed dirt cut out of the ground and stacked like bricks.

Native Americans might have built their tepees of buffalo hide. Pueblo Indians built apartment-like homes of stones coated with a mixture of clay and straw. Other families built adobe homes of mud bricks that had been baked in the sun.

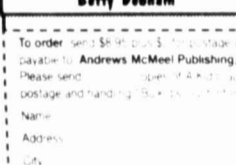


Go dot to dot and color.

Rookie Cookies Recipe Pioneer Biscuits. You'll need: 2 cups all-purpose flour, 1 teaspoon baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon baking soda, 1 teaspoon salt, 1 cup sour cream. What to do: 1. Combine all ingredients except sour cream in a large bowl. Mix well. 2. Stir in sour cream. Mix to make a soft dough. 3. Turn onto a floured surface. Knead about 2 minutes. 4. Roll dough to about 1/2 inch thick. Cut out biscuits using a cookie cutter or drinking glass turned upside down. 5. Place on a greased baking sheet. Cook in a preheated 400-degree oven for 12 minutes or until done. Makes about 1 1/2 dozen.



Kids! You're Invited to the White House. A Kid's Guide to the White House is a terrific behind-the-scenes look at a very special house. Written with the cooperation of the White House Historical Association, the book is full of fun, information, photos (some in full color) and puzzles that kids of all ages will enjoy.



Goldie Goodsport's Report Supersport: Rebecca Lobo. Height: 6-4 Weight: 185 Birthdate: 10-6-73 College: U. of Connecticut. One of the stars of the New York Liberty basketball team is forward Rebecca Lobo. She joined the team in 1997. In 1998 she led the team in several categories, including rebounds (6.9 per game) and blocked shots (1.1 per game). She was the youngest member of the 1996 Women's Olympic Team that won the gold medal. Rebecca played saxophone in her high school band. She graduated from college in 1995 with a degree in political science. She works with several charities. When her basketball career ends she would like to work in broadcasting. Some of her favorite foods are lasagna and cookies 'n' cream ice cream.

Meet mytown. One of the newest groups to hit the music scene is mytown, a group from Terry, Marc, Paul, Danny. Dublin, Ireland. The members are Terry Daly, Marc Sheehan, Paul Walker and Danny O'Donoghue. The band was formed in 1996 when the members were studying at a performing arts school. At the school, Marc was a choreographer. Paul was an actor, Terry was a graphic design student and Danny was studying music. Terry's favorite sport is soccer, and he likes chocolate chip cookies. Danny likes soccer and Chinese food. Paul likes soccer, and his favorite color is red. Marc likes playing video games.

MIGHTY FUNNY'S Funny Phonics. It's fun to learn phonics, or the way letters sound. This week's target sound is the one made by the letters EE as in the word tree. Brad: What does "climate" mean? Monica: It's what a boy does when he sees a tree! Les: What is red and says "Beep, beep"? Pat: A strawberry in a traffic jam! Gina: Why were the man's pants so short? Frank: Because they stuck out two feet!

Pioneer Women TRY 'N FIND. Words that remind us of pioneer women are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: WOMEN, ASIAN, WEST, AFRICAN AMERICAN, PLAINS, HISPANIC, CALIFORNIA, COWGIRLS, WASHING, COOKING, SOD, SEWING, PLANTING, MATERIALS, WORK, MOTHER, HARSH. FRONTIER WOMEN WORKED HARD!

Mini Spy... Mini Spy is plowing a field the way the pioneer women did. See if you can find: ladder, word MINI, doughnut, whale, pencil, letter Y, ruler, chicken, letter H, squirrel, heart, snake, number 3.

Pioneer Women of the West

Mary Temple Smith was the wife of a minister in Golden, Colo. Most men and women dressed up when they went out in public. This photo was taken in the late 1850s. We usually see photos of pioneer women all dressed up, posing for their portraits. There are few photos of women going about their daily chores. People thought these scenes were just too everyday to matter. Photographers were also just learning how to take pictures in the mid-1800s, and photos were expensive. Women and children often gathered dried cow and buffalo droppings to use as fuel out on the plains where there were no trees. Native Americans taught the pioneers how to use these "buffalo chips" and "cow chips" as fuel. Sewing the family's clothes by hand, pioneer women made use of every scrap of material. Preparing and cooking food on an open hearth was a never-ending chore. Gardening enabled families to have fresh fruits and vegetables. Boiling a mixture of animal fat and lye (ashes from hardwood fires) made soap. Getting water from a well or nearby river was a daily chore. Getting in the harvest required the help of all the family. Branding the cattle was one of many ranching chores. Bringing up the children included being a doctor and a teacher. Mothers taught children many skills. Families depended on help from the children to survive. The Mini Page is created and edited by Betty Debnam. Associate Editors: Anne Chamberlain, Lucy Lien. Staff Artist: Wendy Daley. The Mini Page thanks Nancy Niero, Kim Lennox and Trey Corkern of the Friends of the Astor House Museum and The Clear Creek History Park; and Elinor Packard of the Golden Pioneer Museum, Golden, Colo., for their help with this issue.

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