



Gary Cline, store director for PetSmart in Midland presents a check for \$10,000 to Fran Turrentine, manager of the Big Spring Humane Society. The money donated will be used for supplies such as cat litter and food as well as to complete 22 dog pens and to help defray the cost of spay and neutering.

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Andrea Medlin

BSISD

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another 504 on election day. Other results for early voting included Furqueron, 386; Sharp, 285; Fraser, 279; and Valdes, 181.

On election day, Furqueron received 354, Fraser drew 189, Sharp earned 212 and Valdes drew 103.

One reason for the wide discrepancy in votes received by candidates came from the cumulative balloting system which was used. Citizens were allowed three votes. They could cast all three votes for one candidate, cast two votes for one candidate and one vote for another candidate, or they could cast one vote for three candidates.

"The things I want to work on next are to get busy evaluating the junior high and help out in resolving the repairs and litigation," Furqueron said. "Another thing I want to work on is health insurance for teachers. It will be a difficult thing to do and may take some years to get the insurance up to an acceptable level."

Sharp said the next step for both new trustees to continue educating themselves

on board member responsibilities.

Both Furqueron and Sharp will have their first comprehensive meeting about the junior high building when the board meets with the district's attorneys on May 17 about litigation.

BSISD has filed suit to seek payment for past and future damages incurred when the ground under the foundation of the newly-constructed junior high building become unstable. The shifting has caused cracks in the floors and walls of the building, which is less than two years old.

AREA

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Other candidates included Don Hogan with 42 votes, followed by Guy Prater with 37 and Don Nell Luce with 34. Debra Sullivan received 32 and Jackie Hill received 22. There were no incumbents.

Sissy Wells and Brandon Luce were elected to serve their first term on the Coahoma Independent School District board as both candidates drew large community support.

Wells received the largest

amount of votes by 173 while Luce drew 167.

Other candidates in the CISD board race were Don Ewing, 83; Eddy Corse, 80; Beth Bowling, 75; and Ronnie Hipp, 51.

Incumbent Debbie Burt will not return for another term on the Forsan Independent School District as she was edged by a four-vote margin. She accumulated 90 votes while Tom Bill Kuykendall received 94 to 90. Allen McDowell will fill the other at-large position. He drew the largest amount of votes with 119. Robert Stapp Jr. received 40, Michael Forshee garnered 26 and Paul Spence received 25.

In the Glasscock Independent School District, Hillger and Niehues will return to serve for another three years on the school board after drawing 130 votes and 125 respectively. Fifty-four people cast votes for challenger Rose Pelzel.

Sands Consolidated School District voters sent both incumbents back for another term as a trustee. Blagrove received 76 votes and David Zant received 69 votes. Challenger Anacelto Casas Jr. garnered 57 votes.

News editor Bill McClellan

contributed to this article.

RESULTS

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Glasscock ISD

- Mike Hillger (I) — 130
- Tibby Niehues (I) — 125
- Rose Pelzel — 54

Coahoma Mayor

- Randy Overton — 68
- Bill Read (I) — 136

Coahoma City Council

- David Elmore — 119
- Jackie Hill — 22
- Don Hogan — 42
- Don Nell Luce — 34
- Guy Prater — 37
- Ricky Stone — 91
- Debra Sullivan — 32

Approximately five words are pronounced per minute that the student must spell correctly and have the correct accent marks at the right place.

About 80 percent of the words used in the spelling section are taken from the state published booklet and includes words such as prosthodontics, pyroclastic, radioecology, monothematic and endarterectomy.

Twenty percent of the words come from common language usage.

The students have been practicing for state competition since the beginning of the spring semester.

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recognized for their dramatic work during UIL competition this year.

Thomas was named best actor at both regional and

area contest and named to all-star cast at the district contest.

Graves was named to the all-star cast at regional and earned honorable mention at both area and district competition.

The cast competed with eight other schools from around the state at McCullough Theater on the University of Texas campus.

The FHS play, taken from the musical "Fiddler on the Roof," is set Czarist Russia at the turn of century and focus on poor Jewish peasants and how their lives change during the Russian revolution.

Cast and crew members included Thomas, Laura Moore, Graves, Keshia Christian, Kristen Newton, Kaci West, Heather Hise, Clay Vickers, Cliff Dunnam, Jarrett Hopper, Taylor Bristow, Ross Rhoton, Amy Braddock, Haley Burks, Lori Ellis and Cassie Christian

WATER

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from the tax, as are those in the Tubbs Addition and Sand Springs.

Several zone directors from Howard County will be elected at a later date.

The PBUWD was started in the early 90s and encompasses Martin County. A small portion of Howard County — primarily in and near the Knott Community — is already in the Permian Basin Underground Water District.

SPELLERS

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Burnsed said the students were very excited about their performance at the competition.

The competition is broken down to three parts including proofreading, where students attempt to recognize misspelled words. Errors may be in capitalization, use of accent marks or hyphens or in the actual spelling.

In the vocabulary section, students are tested on the meanings and origins of words. Lastly, students are tested on spelling.

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Political boundaries subject of fiery legislative dispute

AUSTIN (AP) — In one corner, weighing in with the backing of House Speaker Pete Laney and purportedly enough votes to pass his redistricting plan, is House Redistricting Chairman Delwin Jones.

In another corner, armed with a redistricting map more beneficial to the GOP, is a coalition of tenacious Republicans who sense they are on the verge of seizing control of the Legislature.

Jumping boldly into the fray is a defiant bloc of rural Republicans who are talking up their own plan and talking down the tactics of their big city GOP brethren.

Waging battles of their own are some minority legislators who argue that blacks and Hispanics aren't getting enough representation as legislative political boundaries are redrawn.

Let the redistricting bout begin.

Agitation that has been building behind the scenes and in the House Redistricting Committee is headed to the House floor for debate Monday.

Self-interest should be in ample supply, said Bill Miller, an Austin political consultant.

"This really is real-life 'Survivor.' By voting on a plan, they vote members out of office, they vote them off the team," Miller said.

Whatever action occurs in the House — or in the governor's office once he has the opportunity to sign or veto a redistricting bill — almost everyone agrees the matter will end up in court. Legal challenges have been the norm after previous redistricting sessions.

Redistricting is the once-a-decade redrawing of politi-

cal boundaries for the Texas Legislature, the state's congressional delegation and the State Board of Education.

The Republican Party of Texas suggests Jones' redistricting committee proposal is intended to protect incumbents and keep Laney, a Democrat, as speaker. Jones, by the way, is a Republican from Lubbock. He's a West Texan like Laney and is loyal to the speaker.

Jones contends his committee plan could lead to the election of 80 Republicans in the 150-member House.

Currently Democrats hold a 78-72 advantage. Republicans control the Senate, 16-15. The Senate is struggling to come up with its own redistricting plan.

"I set out with a dedicated effort to be fair to everybody," Jones said, adding

that he believes he has done that. He acknowledges that his proposal could allow Laney to keep the speaker's job through the 2003 legislative session.

Though Jones was joined by most Democrats on the redistricting committee in approving his plan, committee member Rep. Ron Wilson, D-Houston, voted against it, saying it dilutes black voter strength. He has indicated he also will present amendments to the plan Monday.

Jones has said he believes he has about 90 votes secured for his plan. So far, Laney has kept quiet publicly, leaving redistricting rhetoric to others.

Rep. Tom Craddick, R-Midland, and a veteran of three previous legislative

redistricting sessions, plans to propose a Republican alternative to Jones' committee plan.

"Clearly, Texas is a Republican majority," Craddick said.

"We think the people of Texas are entitled to have a shot at making a majority of the Texas House Republican, and we don't have that today."

That Republican alternative plan calls for more than 85 districts considered Republican and takes into account the state's voting trends in recent elections, Craddick said.

Busloads of Republican activists are planning to convene on the Texas House of Representatives in support that GOP plan.

The proposal would main-

tain 25 House seats in Harris County, unlike Jones' committee plan, which drops that figure to 24.

But Rep. Tommy Merritt, R-Longview, says Craddick and his cohorts are trying to keep a seat in Houston at the expense of rural Republicans. Merritt is the primary map drawer of yet another Republican alternative to Jones' redistricting plan.

"It's not about Democrats and Republicans, it's about rural representation versus suburban and urban," Merritt said.

Instead of an extra seat in Houston, Merritt's plan establishes an open seat in Comal County stretching westward and calls for 81 so-called Republican seats.

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IN BRIEF

Lady Steers take game one, 10-0
Big Spring's Lady Steers softball won 10-0 over El Paso Parkland Friday in Artesia, NM.

Basketball boosters schedule banquet
The Big Spring High School Basketball Booster Club has scheduled its annual basketball banquet for 6:30 p.m. Thursday at the Trinity Baptist Church.

Lady Steer booster club to honor athletes
The Lady Steer booster club will be honoring the female athletes at 6:30 p.m. Monday, May 14 at the Big Spring Junior High Cafeterium.

Howard County community night
The Midland RockHounds will host Howard County's community night scheduled for Saturday, May 19.

Bennett benefit tournament slated
The Chase Bennett benefit golf tournament will be Saturday, May 19, at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

It's missing
Results from the Big Spring softball playoff game are not available in detail as coaches failed to call in the game summary.

AREA GAMES
PLAYOFFS
JUCO BASEBALL
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BASEBALL
7 p.m. — Boston Reds at Oakland Athletics, ESPN, Ch. 30.
AUTO RACING
3 p.m. — Nascar Truck series, ESPN, Ch. 30.
GOLF
2 p.m. — Compaq Classic of New Orleans, final round, ABC, Ch. 2.

Ericsson holds second after two rounds in finals

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's Ross Ericsson holds second with a score of 67 in the saddle bronc event after two rounds. Rawley McFarland of Western Texas College won the saddle bronc event with a score of 78 while Texas A&M's Jimmy Thompson is one step closer to Wyoming and a spot in the College Nationals Finals Rodeo.

Thompson's ride was one of the best of the night. He had trouble briefly at the start, but settled in and scored high.
"I really charged her real hard and got back in time with her," Thompson said of the horse he drew.
Tyson Thompson of Western Texas College finished second in bareback with a score of 71 and Daniel Maddox of Tarleton State scored 70.5 points to finish third.
Logan Knibbe of Texas' Hill College and Bryan Mann of Wharton County Community College (Texas) were the only two bull riders able to stay on for the required eight seconds in Friday night's session. Eight other riders were bucked off.

Knibbe got the top score with a 76, while Mann scored a 67.
Wesley Kimble of Cochise (Ariz.) College won the steer wrestling with a time of 4.1 seconds. He edged Clint Buckleew of the University of Arizona, who got his steer down in 4.2 seconds. Rodney Roach of Northeastern Texas Community College was third in 4.5 seconds.
Shelly Selmon of Tarleton State was the top barrel racer with a time of 16.49 seconds.
Some 300 collegiate rodeo athletes from 38 colleges in Texas, Arizona, Louisiana and New Mexico are competing in the three-day event. Finals in all events were held Saturday night.
Associated Press contributed to this story.

Area Playoff Roundup...



Bulldogs top Antelopes in opening round, make most of two base hits

By CARL GRAHAM
Staff Writer

COAHOMA — Coahoma Bulldogs advanced to the next round of the state baseball playoffs after defeating Post Antelopes Friday night, 4-1. Coahoma made the most of just two hits off Post ace pitcher Michael Huff, who notched seven strikeouts but gave up eight walks and hit three batters.

The Bulldogs drew first blood in the first inning with two outs when Luke Bowlin reached base on an error. Starting Bulldog Pitcher Anthony Herrera drew a walk followed by Braden Wegner who also reached first on an error — that allowed Bowlin to score and Herrera to move up to third base. Huff ended the threat by striking out Edie Gonzales.

The Dogs added another run in the third inning when first baseman Travis McMillan slapped a double to open the inning. McMillan moved up to third on a steal and then came home when Herrera grounded out. Wegner ended the inning by grounding out to the shortstop.

Herrera took a line drive shot in the shin during the fourth but was able to finish up the inning. Chase Ward came in to relieve him in the fifth.

The Dogs managed two more runs in the sixth when Huff, with two outs, got in control trouble by giving up three walks and hitting a batter that pushed across the runs. Herrera and Ward combined for three strikeouts with Herrera taking the win while Ward was credited with a save.
Even with all of the game site changes made (Snyder to Post to Coahoma), Coahoma was able to come out ahead.
Coahoma Head Coach Brad Hart was proud of his team's play.
"I was proud of our guys," said Hart. "They stayed in it and were focused the whole time. You know you never know how you are going

to come out and especially when you don't know where you will play because of the weather. But they came out ready to play and they got the job done."
Coahoma will now face Wall in the next round of the playoffs. The game is set for Thursday in Abilene (the time and field will be announced).

Bulldogettes run past Lady Mats

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma's Bulldogettes are going for second to none in their run to state.

The Bulldogettes area round game against Wall High was exemplary of that of fact as Coahoma took a 10-0 win Friday in Midland.

The winning pitcher was Amber Bingham who gave up a single hit, struck out eight and walked one.

In the third inning, Kayla Smith led off with a single followed by Kenni Kay Buchanan's walk. Kortney Kemper hit a double driving in two runs, while Brandie Hart drew a base on balls. Stephanie Sparks singled, driving in two more runs for the Bulldogettes.

In the fourth inning Smith singled, Buchanan reached first on a throwing error and Kemper walked, loading the bases.

Karen Sterling singled, driving in the fifth run while Hart hit a triple for three RBIs. In the sixth, Megan Earhart singled and scored the 10th run on Bingham's bunt. Smith and Buchanan added strong defensive efforts for the Bulldogettes.

Coahoma will face Stinnett West Texas in the Regional Quarter Finals Tuesday at 5 p.m. in Plainview.

Steers' playoff run goes down to wire

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Big Spring Steer baseball was at it's finest Friday and they showed great effort Saturday as they tried to make a playoff run.
But after a 4-3 win over Canyon High in game one Friday the Steers fell to the Eagles, 8-7 and 11-10 in games two and three of the University Interscholastic League Area Round playoff game.

They were in true Steer form Friday and it's hard to say whether Clint Bamert's 10 strikeouts or Ragan Phillips play of the game at third base topped the game. Either way you look at it, the Steers showed they were up and ready for the playoff challenge.

"This game was real important to us. We had to come out and play hard right out," said Bamert.
Right out of the starting gates, the Steers showed they were not here to lay down and go home. They opened with Jason Choate's base hit to right field and just kind of flourished from there. Phillips, who finished 3-for-4 in the game hit a double deep to bring in Choate for the early run. The Steers trailed 2-1 after one complete but were able to take the lead, 3-2 in the third inning.

"We let some runners on early but our defense worked well enough for us," said head coach Pat Loter.
The Eagles (18-11-1) managed to tie the game in the fifth. But because of Phillips

heroics at third base, that was the only run Canyon would score in that inning.

With the game knotted 3-all, Heath Gregory, got a base hit, stole two bases and rounded out the bases for the final run of the game on Jason Birmelin's sacrifice to center field.

Defensively, the Steers were on top of their game.
"I have gotten to where I don't think about it when the ball is hit," said Bamert. "I know they have my back in the out field."
Phillips, who made the play of the game, ripped a number of his shots deep.

"The guys and I have been working really hard. We would come during practice and see STEERS, page 10A

Grady's Schuelke headed to Tennis state meet

By KAMILAH WARD
Sports Writer

Like most state hopefuls, Clint Schuelke has been working on his "A" game as he will join a number of West Texas qualifiers in the University Interscholastic League State Tennis Championships held Monday and Tuesday at the Lakeway World of Tennis on the University of Texas, Austin campus.

Schuelke will represent District 11-1A from Grady High School in the boys' singles. Schuelke is familiar with the trip to Austin as he has competed in regionals all four years and will be making his third trip. Schuelke, who stands at 5-feet-8 inches tall weighing about 130

pounds, was an all-district running back and line backer for Grady. He was also all-district in basketball and will play in the All-Star game in Lubbock, Saturday, July 21.

Schuelke will face Jeron Stedehouder of Nueces Canyon in round one. With a win in the quarterfinals, Schuelke will face the winner between Brandon Connelly of Trenton and Greg Dickerson of McLeod.

Conference 1A, 2A, and 3A will play at Lakeway World of Tennis, while Conference 4A and 5A will play at the Penick-Allison Tennis Center.

Conference 1A, 2A and 3A — Monday, 9 a.m. Boys' Double Quarterfinals, 10 a.m. Girls' Doubles Quarterfinals, 11:30 a.m. Boys' Singles Quarterfinals, 1 p.m. Girls' Singles Quarterfinals, 2 p.m. Boys' Doubles — Finals, 3 p.m. Girls' Doubles — Semifinals, 4 p.m. Girls' Singles — Semifinals, Finals — Tuesday, 9 a.m. 1A, 2A and 3A doubles followed by 1A, 2A and 3A singles.



Grady High School's Clint Schuelke takes a swing during the regional tennis tournament. Schuelke, who is a multi-sport competitor in District 11-1A will compete in the UIL State Tennis Championships for the third time in his career. He has gone to regionals all four years for the Wildcats.

Courtesy photo

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The results from Friday night...
Texas A&M, 74, 2. Tyson T...
Western Texas College, 71...
Madison, Tarleton St., 70.5...
Steer Wrestling — 1. Kimble, Cochise College, 4.2...
2. Clint Bucklewell, 4.2...
3. Rodney Roach, North Texas CC, 4.5...
Team Roping — 1. Gabe...
2. (tie) Scott Brown...
3. A&M-Kingsville and Sh...
Texas A&M, 7.9; Jay J...
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Texas, 25; Suzuki, Seattle...
C Delgado, Toronto, 24; M...
Toronto, 24; J González, C...
24...
RBI — Ramirez, Boston...
J González, Cleveland, 33...
Kansas City, 26; R Palmer...
26; B Borne, Seattle, 25...
Toronto, 24; A Rodriguez, Te...
C Delgado, Toronto, 24...
HITS — Suzuki, Seattle...
Ramirez, Boston, 44...
Toronto, 38; Knoblauch, Ne...
40; J González, Cleveland...
Hillenbrand, Boston, 37...
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DOUBLES — Greer, Tex...
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6; J Encarnacion, Detroit, 3...
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HOME RUNS — C Delgado...
12; Quinn, Kansas Ci...
A Rodriguez, Texas, 9; MR...
Boston, 9; J González, Clev...
Batista, Toronto, 8; M...
Toronto, 8; O'Neil, New York...
STOLEN BASES — Knoblauch...
York, 12; Soriano, New York...
Civilliano, Tampa Bay, 6...
Minnesota, 7; Cameron, Se...
Cedeno, Detroit, 7; Suzuki...
6; Durham, Chicago, 6; H...
Detroit, 5; Borne, Baltimore...
PITCHING — 4 Dec...
W Roberts, Baltimore, 4.0...
1.93; Radke, Minnesota, 5.0...
2.23; See, Seattle, 5.0...
2.37; Quint, Toronto, 4.0...
0.0; Moyer, Seattle, 5.0...

Twins top Royals in American League, improve to 20-7

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The Minnesota Twins are leaving the Kansas City Royals and other small-market rivals behind. Off to their best start ever, the AL Central-leading Twins beat the Royals 6-2 on Friday night to improve to 20-7. With the road victory, the surprising Twins moved a game behind Seattle for the best record in the major leagues. "I'll take our chances any day against anyone else," outfielder Jacques Jones said after the victory, tempered by the loss of David Ortiz for at least six weeks with a

broken right wrist. Ortiz, hurt trying to score in the fourth, left after homering in the fifth. The designated hitter was 3-for-4 and is hitting .311 with six homers and 18 RBIs. Rain forced the postponement of Chicago's game in Texas, washing out Jerry Narron's debut as the Rangers' manager. The third base coach took over the team after Johnny Oates resigned earlier Friday. Chicago led 6-0 in the fourth when play was stopped. Mark Redman (2-3) allowed one run and seven hits in 5 2-3 innings for Minnesota's victory.

"I had to make adjustments and make them start swinging the bats," Redman said. "I felt like I did a good job of that, dodging those early bullets and getting out of the jams." Kansas City's Brian Meadows (0-4) gave up five runs and 11 hits in 4 2-3 innings. "Any mistake I make right now is getting hit," Meadows said. "I was coming in with it and left it out over the plate and he hit it. I can't leave it over the plate to a guy like Ortiz because that's what is going to happen to it."

Pinch-hitter Brian Buchanan homered off Doug Henry in the seventh after replacing Ortiz. Minnesota's Doug Mientkewicz had his 15-game hitting streak snapped. He was 0-for-1 with three walks. Mike Sweeney homered for Kansas City, 11 games behind the Twins in the AL Central.

Mondesi had a solo homer in the fifth and a three-run drive into the left-field upper deck in the sixth. The second put the Blue Jays ahead 4-3 against Paul Abbott (0-1). Steve Parris (2-2) gave up three runs and five hits in 5 1-3 innings, sending Seattle to just its second loss in 13 games.

Yankees, who have won six of eight. New York trailed 5-3 before scoring twice in the seventh, and Brosius capped the comeback with a home run off Chad Paronto (1-2). Mike Stanton (2-1) pitched two hitless innings, and Mariano Rivera got four outs for his eighth save.

Blue Jays 8, Mariners 3 Raul Mondesi matched his career high with six RBIs, going 4-for-4 with two homers and two doubles for Toronto at Seattle.

Yankees 6, Orioles 5 Scott Brosius hit a tiebreaking homer in the eighth inning as New York rallied to win in Baltimore. Paul O'Neill had a single, double and triple for the

Indians 8 Devil Rays 6 Ellis Burks drove in four runs with a homer and double as Cleveland won its sixth straight. Bartolo Colon (4-2) won for the third time in as many starts on the road.

After six-year span, Cardinals finally beat Glavine, Braves

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Tom Glavine dominated St. Louis for six years. J.D. Drew concentrated on ending that streak. "You have to make yourself stay focused against him. You can't be anxious," Drew said after the Cardinals defeated Glavine and the Atlanta Braves 4-2 Friday night. "He's been around the game long enough that he knows how to pitch you. He gets you in trouble with his pitches out of the zone." Glavine (4-2) had been 7-0 with a 2.82 ERA in eight starts against St. Louis since a 7-3 loss at Atlanta-

Fulton County Stadium on June 10, 1995. Glavine allowed eight hits and five walks in 6 2-3 innings, giving up a tying double to Drew in the sixth, followed by a sacrifice fly by Albert Pujols and a two-run single by Edgar Renteria in the seventh. "Honestly, I don't know what my record against them is," Glavine said. "I had a streak going against them that was good, but if I knew the reason for it, I would have used it tonight." In other NL games, it was New York 4, Arizona 2; Colorado 9, Pittsburgh 3; Chicago 4, Los Angeles 0; Houston 8, Montreal 4; San

Diego 11, Cincinnati 5; Florida 9, Milwaukee 6; and San Francisco 4, Philadelphia 2. At Turner Field, Dustin Hermanson (2-1) gave up one run and four hits in six innings, and Dave Veres got six outs for his third save. Hermanson departed with a cramp in his right calf, appearing to injure himself on a sixth-inning grounder by Chipper Jones. Dave Veres got six outs for his third save.

his first save and 421st of his career. Timo Perez singled off Miguel Batista (0-1) to break a 2-all tie in the seventh at Shea Stadium. Rick Reed (4-1) allowed two runs and six hits in eight innings as the Mets won for the third time in four games. Rockies 9, Pirates 3 Greg Norton's second homer in two days finished off a four-run fifth inning for Colorado at Pittsburgh. Todd Helton added a 443-foot homer and drove in three runs as the Rockies dealt the Pirates their fifth

loss in six games. Mike Hampton allowed three runs — two earned — and five hits in 7 2-3 innings, beating Pittsburgh for the seventh time in his last eight decisions. Bronson Arroyo (2-3) gave up five runs and nine hits in 4 1-3 innings. Cubs 4, Dodgers 0 Kevin Tapani (4-1) allowed four hits in seven innings at Wrigley Field, and ex-Dodger Todd Hundley's sacrifice fly sparked a three-run seventh. Damon Buford, Ron Coomer and Gary Matthews Jr. also drove in runs for

the Cubs. Chan Ho Park (3-3) left with a lower back strain in the seventh, allowing two runs and five hits in six innings. Astros 8, Expos 4 Wade Miller (5-1) took a perfect game into the sixth at Olympic Stadium and allowed three runs, four hits and four walks in seven innings. Craig Biggio got his 2,000th career hit, and Jeff Bagwell hit a disputed three-run homer in the fifth, the first of three homers off Javier Vazquez (2-4). Darryl Ward hit a solo shot later.

All-Texas second-round series

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Dallas coach Don Nelson says it's experience he's after for his young Mavericks. An NBA title, he says, is out of reach. San Antonio's Tim Duncan says Nelson is just talking. "They're not here to get experience," Duncan said Friday as the Spurs prepared for an all-Texas showdown in the Western Conference semifinals. "They're here," the All-Star forward said, "to win the series, just like we are." The Mavericks, fresh off their stunning, come-from-behind victory over Utah to win their first-round series 3-2, face the Spurs in a best-of-seven series beginning Saturday in San Antonio. While the Spurs have been resting since Monday night, when they beat Minnesota to take their opening series in four games, the Mavericks overcame a 2-0 deficit with three straight wins. At Utah on Thursday, they trailed by as many as 17 points in the second half. But Steve Nash, who was scoreless through three quarters, hit two 3-pointers during a 15-2 run and then made another to tie it at 79 with four minutes left. Calvin Booth hit the go-ahead layup with 9.8 seconds left for the win, and Michael Finley finished

with 33 points. "We always play better when our backs are against the wall," Nash said. In their first playoff appearance since 1990, the Mavericks became just the sixth team in NBA history to survive the first round after trailing 2-0. Nevertheless, Nelson said he doesn't see the young team going all the way. "I'm not trying to fool anybody," he said. "I don't think we're capable of winning the world championship. ... We want to go as far as we can go and just play as hard as we can play. "We feel in the future this team is going to have a chance to win the championship," he said. "It's not this year. Hopefully, it will be one of the coming years. And hopefully I'm the coach then. We're not going to wait a long time. The experience is what we're after. We got it, and we just feel so blessed." Experience is one thing the Spurs already have. The 1999 NBA champions have made it to the second round five times in the last seven years, and they have reached the playoffs in 11 of David Robinson's 12 seasons. San Antonio beat the Mavericks in three of four games this season, twice by 12 points. In the opening game of the season series,

Dallas won by two points. "We're going to have to guard two big guys that have been dominating all season long," Dallas forward Juwan Howard said. "But they're going to have to play defense too." That seems to be the Spurs' biggest concern: the Mavericks' ability to surge from behind and score a lot of points, fast. "They're so explosive," Robinson said. "They may not be as consistent as Utah, but they're capable of coming back and putting up a lot of points."

STEERS

Continued from page 9A spend a little extra time hitting," Phillips said. "I don't know what happened to us, we just started playing together and the game started coming around." Sure enough the win was a momentum builder. But game two and three, which went down to the last play, just didn't favor the Steers. The Steers fell 8-7 after rallying back in the fifth, trailing 8-1. The lone run was scored by Ryan Guinn's solo home run to left field in

the fourth. Birmelin tripled, driving in two runs and later rounded the bases for the score. Mike Smith came in for two shot homer and Gregory got an RBI single to bring the score to 8-7. In game three, the Steers went back and forth with the Eagles taking an early 6-1 lead in the second on Eric Chavez' hook slide to home plate. But the Eagles struck back and tied the game 6-all. Big Spring regained the lead 8-6 on Choate's RBI single. But Canyon was able to tie the game in the bottom of

the third before taking the lead for good in the fifth. The Steers made a comeback in the top of the sixth on Jon McKinnon's RBI single scoring Birmelin. Jason Thomas also singled batting in a runner. On the final playoff game, Guinn, who hit a number of shots deep, carried the final pitch to the wall but was robbed by as Justin Ramos made the catch. Canyon will go on to face Pecos Eagles. The Steers finish their season off 13-16 on the season.

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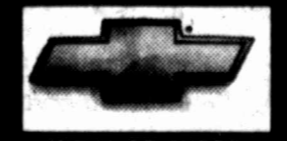
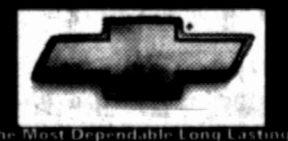
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RODIO RESULTS

The results from Friday night's session at the National Intercollegiate Conference Finals Rodio in Hobbs, NM.
Bareback — 1. Jimmy Thompson, Texas A&M, 74. 2. Tyson Thompson, Western Texas College, 71. 3. Daniel Maddox, Tarleton St., 70.5.
Steer Wrestling — 1. Wesley Kimble, Cochrise College, 4.1 (seconds). 2. Clint Bucklewey, Arizona, 4.2. 3. Rodney Roach, Northeastern Texas CC, 4.5.
Team Roping — 1. Gabe Jones-Dustin Mueller, Hill College, 6.2 (seconds). 2. (tie) Scott Brown, Texas A&M-Kingville and Shane Brown, Texas A&M, 7.9. Jay Johnson-Jed Middleton, Texas Tech, 7.9.
Saddle Bronc — 1. Rawley McFarland, Western Texas College, 78. 2. Ross Erickson, Howard College, 67. 3. Barton Edmondson, Tarleton St., 66.
Soot Tying — 1. Kelsey Cox, Texas A&M, 9.9 (seconds). 2. Brandee Brock, Tarleton St., 10.2. 3. (tie) Angela Oisen, Tarleton St., and Charlean Rosson, Cochrise College, 10.7.
Breakaway Roping — 1. Jill McFarland, Southwestern Texas JC, 3.3 (seconds). 2. (tie) Kayla Hiers, Cochrise College, 4.1. Tiba Smith, Western Texas College, 4.1.
Calf Roping — 1. Joseph Gernertz, Western Texas College, 10.1 (seconds). 2. Price Phillips, Southwestern Texas JC, 10.5. 3. Ryan Brockenbush, Tarleton St., 11.
Barrel Racing — 1. Shelly Seimon, Tarleton St., 16.49 (seconds). 2. Jody Jackson, Southwestern Texas JC, 18.60. 3. Lesli Howells, Hill College, 16.82.
Bull Riding — 1. Logan Kribbe, Hill College, 76. 2. Bryan Mann, Wharton County Community College, 67.

MLB STANDINGS

American League Standings: East Division (Toronto, Boston, New York, Baltimore, Tampa Bay), Central Division (Minnesota, Cleveland, Detroit, Kansas City, Chicago), West Division (Seattle, Anaheim, Texas, Oakland). National League Standings: East Division (Philadelphia, Florida, Atlanta, New York, Montreal), Central Division (Chicago, Cincinnati, Milwaukee, Houston, St. Louis, Pittsburgh), West Division (Los Angeles, Colorado, San Francisco, Arizona, San Diego).

MLB LEADERS

BATTING—Mientkiewicz, Minnesota, .402; Ramirez, Boston, .389; Gonzalez, Cleveland, .370; Macias, Detroit, .354; Stewart, Toronto, .350; Stewart, Seattle, .348; Olerud, Seattle, .343.
RUNS—Stewart, Toronto, 26; Cameron, Seattle, 26; Rodriguez, Toronto, 24; Suzuki, Seattle, 24; Delgado, Toronto, 24; Mondesi, Delgado, 24; Gonzalez, Cleveland, 24.
RBI—Ramirez, Boston, 34; Gonzalez, Cleveland, 33; Quinn, Kansas City, 26; RPalmeiro, Texas, 26; Boone, Seattle, 25; Fullmer, Toronto, 24; Rodriguez, Texas, 24; Delgado, Toronto, 24.
HITS—Suzuki, Seattle, 46; Ramirez, Boston, 44; Stewart, Toronto, 41; Knoblauch, New York, 40; Gonzalez, Cleveland, 40; Hillenbrand, Boston, 37; 5 are tied with 36.
DOUBLES—Greer, Texas, 13; MJSweeney, Kansas City, 12; Gonzalez, Cleveland, 11; Elmarz, Seattle, 10; Burks, Cleveland, 10; 9 are tied with 9.
TRIPLES—Guzman, Minnesota, 6; Encarnacion, Detroit, 3; 11 are tied with 2.
HOME RUNS—Delgado, Toronto, 12; Quinn, Kansas City, 9; Rodriguez, Texas, 9; Ramirez, Boston, 9; Gonzalez, Cleveland, 9; Tbatista, Toronto, 8; Mondesi, Toronto, 8; Hill, New York, 8.
STOLEN BASES—Knoblauch, New York, 12; Soriano, New York, 11; Williams, Tampa Bay, 8; Lawton, Minnesota, 7; Cameron, Seattle, 7; Cedeno, Detroit, 7; SuzUKU, Seattle, 6; Durham, Chicago, 6; Higginson, Detroit, 6; Borjczyk, Baltimore, 6.
PITCHING—14 Decisions: W: 4-0, 1,000; 2-23; Seife, Seattle, 5-0, 1,000; 2-37; Quantrill, Toronto, 4-0, 1,000; 2-0; Moyer, Seattle, 5-0, 1,000.

LOCAL BOWLING

WEEK 33 RESULTS—Four Way Gin over Blawarna 6-2, Wells Fargo over Midlands Western Wear 6-2, Glickman Army over Allan's Furniture 6-2, Santa Fe Sandwiches over Tough As Nails 8-0, BSI over Classic Rock 9-3. BSI team game Bowla-rama 9-0, Four Way Gin 8-0, Wells Fargo 8-0, h hdp team game Bowla-rama 3-90, Four Way Gin 9-58, BSI 898, h sc team series Bowla-rama 2-05, Four Way Gin 2-46, BSI 2-27, h hdp team series Four Way Gin 2-702, BSI 2-624, Bowla-rama 2-615, h sc game Mark Dobek 289, Chris Munoz 214, James Rawls 255, h hdp game Chris Munoz 309, Mark Dobek 214, James Rawls 268, h sc series Richard Rowden 693, Mark Dobek 667, James Rawls 628, h hdp game Johny Ramirez 726, Richard Rowden 711, Mark Dobek 682.
STANDINGS—Allans Furniture 83-318, Allan's Furniture 62, BSI 79-411, Wells Fargo 75-45, Santa Fe Sandwiches 64-56, Four Way Gin 3-65, Bowla-rama 51-69, Classic Rock 64-3, Tough As Nails 36-84, Wards Western Wear 36-84.

TRANSACTIONS

BASEBALL
Major League Baseball
COMMISSIONER'S OFFICE—Fined New York Mets manager Bobby Valentine, C Mike Piazza and RHP Turk Wendt undisclosed amounts for actions during a series in St. Louis last weekend.
American League
KANSAS CITY ROYALS—Purchased the contract of OF Trenidis Hubbard from Omaha of the PCL. Designated OF Raul Ibanez for assignment.
TEXAS RANGERS—Announced the resignation of Johnny Oates, manager. Named third-base coach Jerry Naron manager for the remainder of the season.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
ATLANTA BRAVES—Sent RHP Kerry Ligtenberg to Richmond of the International League. Recalled OF Bernard Gilkey from Richmond. Transferred RHP Scott Subokwak from the 15 to the 60-day disabled list.
CINCINNATI REDS—Signed INF Juan Castro to a two-year contract extension, through the 2004 season, and C Kelly Stinnett to a contract extension through the 2003 season. Called up INF Brandon Larson from Louisville of the International League. Options Larson to Louisville following Friday's game.
LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Waived LHP Carlos Perez.
INDIANAPOLIS INDIANAS—Placed OF Geoff Jenkins on the 15-day disabled list, retroactive to May 2. Recalled RHP Allen Leavitt from Indianapolis of the International League.
MONTREAL EXPOS—Placed OF Tim Raines on the 15-day disabled list. Purchased the contract of OF Curtis Pride from Ottawa of the International League.
NEW YORK METS—Sent RHP Brett Hitchhite and LHP Justin Brunette to Norfolk of the International League.
BASKETBALL
National Basketball Association
LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Waived C Keith Cross.
National Football League
DENVER BRONCOS—Signed LB Len Woodall and FB Tony Carter. Released K Steve Lindsey.
NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released OL Max Lane.
WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Agreed to terms with FB Derrick Bennett to a one-year contract.
HOCKEY
National Hockey League
NHL—Suspended Toronto Maple Leafs F Teo Dombi for the remainder of the playoffs for elbowing New Jersey Devils D Scott Niedermayer in the head. S. Canada's playoff game.
MONTREAL CANADIENS—Signed RW Oleg Petrov to a two-year contract.
PHILADELPHIA PENGUINS—Recalled O Milan Kralj from Wilkes-Barre-Scranton of the AHL.
COLLEGE
STANFORD—Agreed to terms with Pat Dennis, men's basketball coach,

Oates' resignation doesn't change Rangers' problems

ARLINGTON (AP) — The resignation of Johnny Oates as manager didn't address the main problem for the Texas Rangers: they have the worst pitching staff in the major leagues.
No matter how many runs the big Texas bats such as Alex Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro provide, most of the time they can't score enough.
Texas pitchers allowed at least six runs in 16 of 17 games going into Saturday night. And that doesn't count the six runs the Chicago White Sox scored off Doug Davis in the first 3-2-3 innings Friday night before rain wiped that game out.
"I think everybody in here feels a little bit responsible," said No. 1 starter Rick Helling. "I know I haven't done my job personally. I think a lot of guys can say that about themselves."
The starting pitchers in particular.
Texas' five-man rotation, unchanged from the end of last season when the Rangers lost 91 games, has a cumulative 7.42 ERA. The entire staff has given up more runs and hits than any other team and has an ERA of 6.72, more than a full run above the second-worst White Sox (5.42). The league average is 4.36.
"In the first month of the season there was no way to fathom that we would have pitched so poorly," Oates said Friday after announcing his resignation. "That is the biggest valley between my expectations and what we accomplished."
But Oates, not the pitchers, took the fall for the team's 11-17 record — the worst start since 1985. Oates saved team executives from the inevitable decision to fire him, saying he had done all he could to turn things around.

Then again, Oates can only work with the players and pitchers provided for him.
General manager Doug Melvin accepted much of the blame for the departure of his longtime friend. He should, since he is ultimately responsible for putting the team together.
"As general manager, I personally have not been able to get the pitching to where we wanted to," Melvin said.
Melvin shook up the baseball world last winter when Texas signed Rodriguez, the 25-year-old All-Star shortstop, to a \$252 million, 10-year contract that is the richest in sports history. The Rangers also signed free agent sluggers Andres Galarraga and Ken Caminiti.
That didn't solve the real problem.
Big-name pitchers such as Mike Hampton and Mike Mussina couldn't be convinced to follow A-Rod to Texas. The drawn-out search for pitching continued.

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Monarchos withstands foul claim to win Kentucky Derby

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — Monarchos ran the second fastest Kentucky Derby in history, then had to withstand a foul claim to get the impressive victory Saturday at Churchill Downs.

Monarchos finished the 1 1/2 miles in 1:59 4-5, only two-fifths of a second off the track record set by Secretariat in 1973. But moments later jockey John Velazquez, who finished second on Invisible Ink, claimed the winner, ridden by Jorge Chavez, had interfered with him at the quarter-pole.

The stewards needed little time to reject the claim. No winner in a Triple Crown race has ever been disqualified.

"I touched nobody," Chavez said. "I was clear. My horse was exploding. I didn't even see him."

Monarchos charged through the stretch to win

by 4 1/2 lengths and justify Chavez's high opinion of him.

"He has everything he needs to win the Kentucky Derby," Chavez said after Monarchos won the Florida Derby on March 10 at Gulfstream Park. "I've never been on this kind of horse."

Only Ron Turcotte, who rode Secretariat, has been on this kind of horse in the Derby.

Invisible Ink, a 50-1 shot, finished a nose in front of Congaree, who was 4 lengths ahead of Thunder Blitz. Favored Point Given was another 2 1/2 lengths back in the field of 17 3-year-olds.

It was the first Derby victory for Chavez, trainer John Ward and owner John C. Oxley. And it came after Monarchos' second-place finish to Congaree in the Wood Memorial, a loss that did not disturb Ward.

"For getting a horse ready for a mile-and-a-quarter, it was a perfect prep," Ward said of the Wood.

Monarchos returned \$23, \$11.30 and \$8.80.

Invisible Ink, who almost died last spring, returned \$46.60 and \$21.20. Congaree paid \$7.20.

"We reviewed it two or three times and felt he had not substantially put himself in a position where he impeded," chief steward Bernard Hettel said in explaining why Monarchos' victory was allowed to stand.

Completing the order of finish after Point Given were: Jamaican Rum, A P Valentine, Express Tour, Fifty Stars, Startac, Millennium Wind, Arctic Boy, Songandapray, Balto Prayer, Dollar Bill and Keats. Talk Is Money did not finish.

Songandapray, ridden

by Aaron Gryder, took the lead shortly after the break and ran the fastest first half-mile in Derby history — 44 4-5 seconds. That was three-fifths faster than Top Avenger ran it in 1981. That time was equaled by Groovy in 1986.

Ward had said during the week that Monarchos was feeling aggressive and wanted to mix "with anyone who comes along. He'll get his chance."

The Kentucky-bred gray colt, bought for \$175,000 in a February Florida sale of 2-year-olds, made the most of his chance.

The Derby had to be a bitter disappointment for Bob Baffert, trainer of Point Given and Congaree, who was trying for his third Derby victory in six years.

"I didn't like the way he looked at the three-eighths pole," Baffert said of Point Given.

He added that jockey Gary Stevens said the horse "wasn't handling the surface the way he normally does."

Monarchos was out by himself ahead of only four horses going into the clubhouse turn. Down the backstretch, Arctic Boy moved up inside of him but he paid him no mind.

Then Chavez started pumping on Monarchos and tapped him with the whip to get him going. The colt moved along the rail and along the far turn the colt was slung to the outside, where he passed horses to get into position for his winning charge.

Down the stretch Monarchos came to collar Congaree just before the 16th pole. Once he got the lead, the race was over.

Monarchos earned \$812,000 from a purse of \$1,112,000 to boost his career earnings to \$1,605,630 for

four wins, a second and a third in seven starts. The son of Maria's Mon, who broke from the 16th post just inside of Point Given, now has won four of five starts this year.

It was the second Derby for the 55-year-old Ward and the 64-year-old Oxley, who has owned thoroughbred horses for 27 years and owns a 220-acre farm near Midway, Ky. In Oxley and Ward's previous Derby, in 1995, they finished 15th with Jamabalaya Jazz and 17th with Pyramid Pete.

The 39-year-old Chavez was riding his fifth Derby.

"It's the everyday discipline of 'Take care of your horse and he'll take care of you,'" said Ward, a native and resident of Lexington, Ky.

"I'm the only hardboot in the game," Ward said before the race, laughing. "I'm as Kentucky as bluegrass."

Raptors' comeback complete with 93-89 win over New York

NEW YORK (AP) — Vince Carter showed he can be successful in the postseason. The rest of the Toronto Raptors showed he doesn't have to do it alone.

Carter scored 27 points and got just enough help down the stretch as the Raptors beat the New York Knicks 93-89 Friday night to win a playoff series for the first time. Toronto came from a 2-1 deficit to win the best-of-five series 3-2.

Burdened by foul trouble, sloppy ball handling and an inability to hit shots late, the Knicks — just two years removed from reaching the NBA Finals — failed to make the second round for the first time since 1991.

Toronto plays at Philadelphia in the first game of the conference semifinals on Sunday.

"The monkey is off our back. We're moving on to bigger and better things," Carter said with a wide smile. "We saw this as a good opportunity to make a name for this franchise."

He took most of the criticism last season when he shot 30 percent from the field as Toronto was swept in the first round by New York.

And he had to absorb verbal shots from, among others, teammate Charles Oakley after spotty play allowed the Knicks to take a 2-1 lead in this series.

On Friday, though, Carter was on the mark when he had to be, making sure Toronto didn't fold after it allowed New York to whittle a 13-point deficit to one.

And he had help. Alvin Williams scored half of his 18 points in the fourth quarter, Antonio Davis finished with 14 points and 12 rebounds, Oakley scored 12, and Chris Childs — acquired from New York at the trading deadline — added 10 points and nine assists.

"Look at the score. It was in the 80s and I only had 20 or 30 points, so that is a 50-point loss (without him). You have to get the rest from somewhere, and it was a team effort," Carter said. "I think we grew together as a team. Guys just settled down and stuck together."

He hit what might have been the shot of the game after the Knicks used a 1-2 run to pull to 73-71 on a layup by Kurt Thomas with about 8 minutes left.

With victory seemingly slipping away, Carter stemmed New York's roll by hitting a 3-pointer to make it 76-71. It was far from over — New York still had time to miss four shots when trailing by two — but the basket rejuvenated Toronto.

Latrell Sprewell scored 29 points for the Knicks, then questioned his teammates' effort.

Sorenstam in position for another victory

STOCKBRIDGE, Ga. (AP) — Befitting her methodical personality, Annika Sorenstam loves to make lists. There's little doubt what she'll have at the top of her agenda Sunday.

Win another golf tournament.

Sorenstam was positioned for her fifth victory of the year on the LPGA Tour, shooting a 6-under-par 66 Saturday to trail the leaders by just one stroke after the second round of the Chick-fil-A Championship.

"I'm always crunching numbers," said Sorenstam. "I look at how many fairways I hit, how many greens I hit. I plan my way around the golf course."

Defending champion Sophie Gustafson, Beth Daniel and Heather Daly-Donofrio were on top at 9-under-par 135.

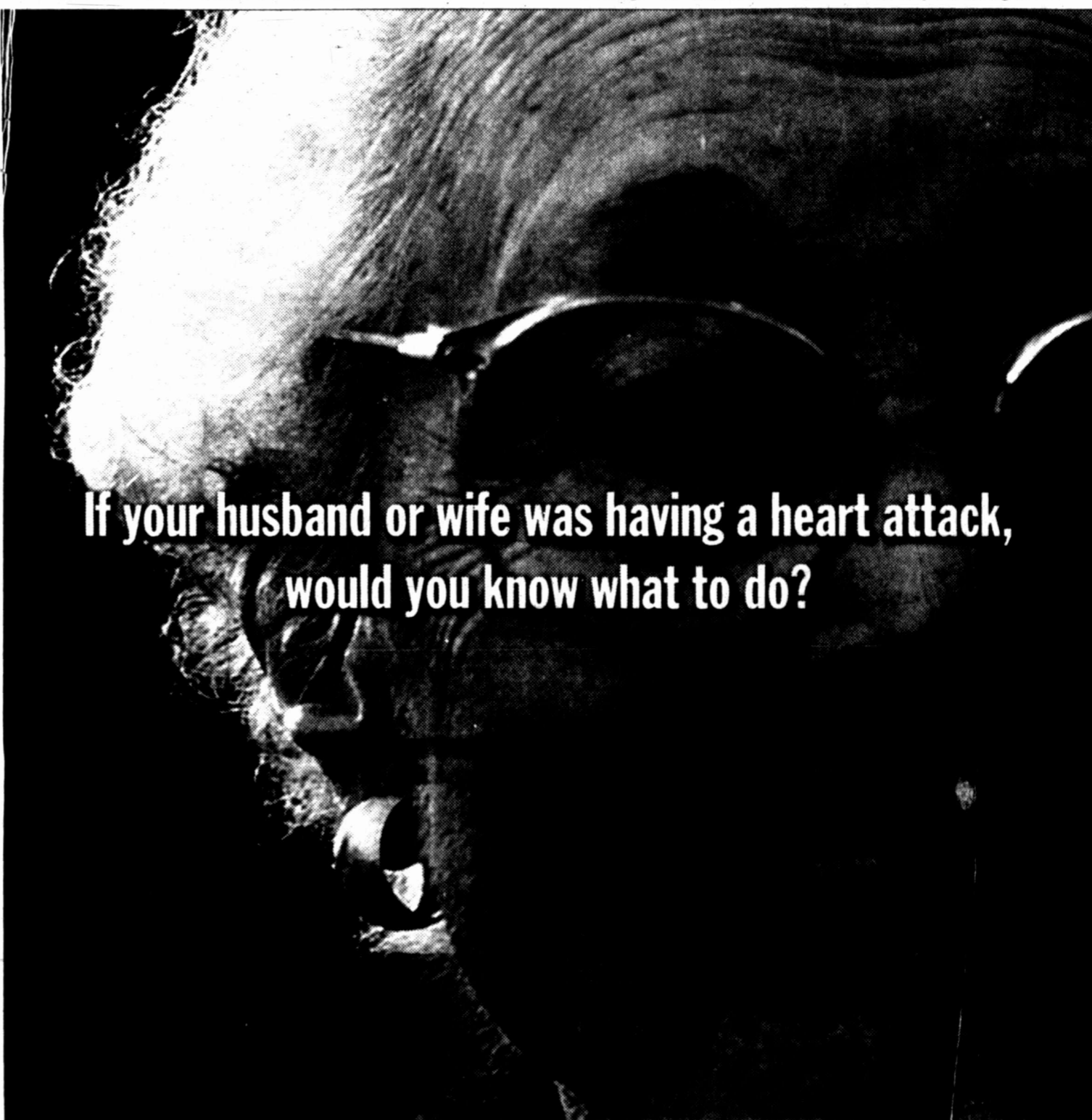
But the largest gallery followed Sorenstam, who won four straight tournaments in March and April. She will begin the final round of this three-day event tied at 136 with Catriona Matthew.

"This is pretty much the way I played those four weeks," said Sorenstam.

She hit every green in regulation, racking up six birdies in machine-like fashion. Her only slip came at No. 12, where she missed a 3-foot putt to save par.

Her attempt to break Nancy Lopez's 23-year-old record of five straight victories was halted by a 43rd-place finish in the Longs Drugs Challenge.

After taking a week off, Sorenstam looks eager to start another winning streak in the Atlanta-area tournament where Lopez serves as official host.



If your husband or wife was having a heart attack, would you know what to do?

Pressure or chest pain that spreads to the neck, shoulders or arms. Difficulty breathing. Nausea. Sweating. Dizziness. As many times as you've heard about these symptoms of a heart attack, why are they so much harder to recognize when it's you? The fact is, they may — or may not — indicate a serious emergency. But the risk you take in waiting to seek medical attention could be a life or death decision.

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Prayerful ACTS

Nine of 10 Americans say they pray, but how do they make time for it, and does it translate into action?

With the busy pace of life in this 21st Century, there seems to be less time for everything — for spending with our children, for relaxation, for exercise. And prayer, too, is feeling the pinch, say many experts.

Thursday was the National Day of Prayer, observed in Big Spring by a large gathering at the Heart of the City Park. Several hundred of the community's faithful gathered to listen to word and song focused on how to improve their lives, their relationship with God, and their community. The most common exhortation was pray, and do it without ceasing.

"God is not interested in people who know how to pray," said Sam Segundo, pastor of Family Victory Faith Center, during the event. He said God wants to hear from his people. "Pray every day, not just one day out of the year."

A recent Gallup Poll found that nine of 10 Americans said they pray, and three of four said they make it a daily ritual. During Thursday's observance, those in attendance were told that religious leaders and lay people meet regularly in Big Spring and the surrounding area to pray for the community.

But the way people pray has changed. Few heads are bowed over a fast-food lunch on the run, and fewer families even have time to sit down together at meals, a time when prayer was common. Between work, volunteer work, children's school and other activities, families may have difficulty making time for organized prayer outside of church. And even regular church attendance is said to be dropping.

Jimmy Watson, pastor of First Christian Church, said people probably pray in a more impromptu way during these hectic times.

"You are just talking to God, expressing your real needs, your feelings, your relationships," he said. He said possibly the biggest misconception about prayer is that God is like "a candy store man" the faithful go to in order to get something for themselves.

"Prayer should be a response to life lived in the shadow of God," Watson said.

Roger Huff, pastor of First Church of the Nazarene, said the Bible is full of examples of people making earnest prayers in response to God's work in their lives. The prayer of Mary when she learns that she will bear the Christ child, he said, is probably the best example.

"To know what must be going through her mind at this news, for her to turn to God and say, 'My soul doth magnify the Lord,' that's just an awesome example of simple obedience," Huff said. He named Jesus' prayer in the garden before his arrest and crucifixion as another example.

"This is an example of the depth that God expects us to go to. No matter what, he's going to do what God has told him to."

Citing examples such as Isaiah and Samuel, who were called by God to work for him, Huff said few people today "take the time to get that close to God."

"You can't touch God, you can't hear God, and there's a tendency to become lackadaisical about him," Huff said. Those who seek a "burning bush" experience, he added, must make time to "get into the presence of God."

Steve Stutz, pastor of St. Paul Lutheran Church, said prayer could be the starting point for a renewed community. At Thursday's gathering, he called Big Spring a "diverse and magnificent" place that is also divided. In a later interview, he said he hoped to encourage religious groups to pool their resources to make positive change.

"Through prayer and meditation and listening, we must discern what are the problems in our community," Stutz said. "Ultimately, we've got to have human hands and feet and mouths that actually do something that will make a difference."

Our faith, he said, should be "shown forth by deeds." Poverty, homelessness and other social ills, he said, can be conquered by a united front of people of faith.

In his speech Thursday to the prayer gathering, Segundo said God would come to the aid of the community.

"God is eager and earnest to answer prayer," he said. "Throw your hands up in the air and say, 'God we need you.'"



Above, local pastor Steve Stutz speaks at the podium while pastor Sam Segundo waits in the background Thursday during the National Day of Prayer service at Heart of the City Park. At left, prayer service participants clap, smile and enjoy the event. Below, ministers and speakers gather before the service for prayer.

Photos by Andrea Medlin
Story by Debbie L. Jensen



Telemarketer made her once-in-a-lifetime offer ... twice

When I decided to leave my job and spend more time at home with my daughter, I never expected how excited I would get at the sound of the phone's ring.

But conversation with a 2-year-old can only go so far to satisfy that need for human contact. We talk plenty, but much of it ends with the unanswerable questions that little kids are so good at. One of Hannah's favorites is, "What's happening?"

Once she starts in with "What's happening?" she might never stop. If you aren't careful, you could get stuck in a loop and never get out. It usually ends with me changing the subject.

So each time the phone rings, I hope it's a friend,

"You called me BACK? Didn't you get the message last time? I don't want to buy whatever it is you're selling. I HUNG UP THE PHONE." I was ranting, and it wasn't pretty.

someone calling me back about a story I'm working on, or someone from church calling about our latest project there.

Most of the time, though, I'm disappointed. It's most

often a telemarketer, especially between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. You know, there's the telltale click when you answer the phone, and then the sound of background chatter.

Most of the time, I don't talk long to these phone salespeople. I find them

annoying most of the time, and just consider them a part of life. I try to just decline the offer and hang up quickly. But sometimes,

I can't help myself.

One day last week, I picked up the phone with, "Hello!" (We are among the dinosaurs who don't have Caller ID since my husband believes it's evil, like using a map when you travel.)

I heard the click, and then the chatter. I imagined the boiler-room setting. The woman's voice said she wanted to help me take advantage of a special one-time offer and all she needed to do was verify my address.

"No," I protested. "You just want to sell me something. I'm not buying."

"No," she answered. "I want to give you the opportunity to take advantage of this one-of-a-kind, one-time offer."

"Well, how much does it cost?" I countered.

"For the low introductory price of \$329, you can ..." she began.

I cut her off. "Ha! I told you you wanted to sell me something! No!"

I hung up, satisfied that this time, I had won.

The phone rang within two seconds. I answered. Click. Chatter.

"Mrs. Jensen, if you will just let me explain ..."

Wait a minute, she was calling me back! The telemarketer, who had just been hung up on, was calling me back!

I cut her off. "You called me back?" I asked, my voice rising. Hannah looked up from her game. I don't think she's heard me raise my

voice too many times, and it had her attention.

"You called me BACK? Didn't you get the message last time? I don't want to buy whatever it is you're selling. I HUNG UP THE PHONE." I was ranting, and it wasn't pretty.

"Don't call me again, and take me off that list, whatever it is you do. Remove, whatever. JUST DON'T CALL ME AGAIN!"

She cut me off this time.

"You're rude," she said, and hung up. I stared at the phone, wondering what planet I had landed on.

"Mom," Hannah asked, obviously uneasy, "what's happening?"

Debbie L. Jensen, former features editor of the Herald, is a freelance writer.



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WEDDINGS

Love-Moore

Bethany Tamara Love of Dallas and David Bradford Moore of Carrollton exchanged wedding vows April 28, 2001 at the Chapel on the Hill at Abilene Christian University with Gary Hubbard, minister of First United Methodist Church in Ralls, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Denise Love of Abilene; and the granddaughter of Charles and LaQuita Hicks of Brownwood, formerly of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Robert and Vernice Moore of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Bruce Love and wore a Mon Cheri gown made of dulciana satin, french tulle and alencon lace. It was a traditional silhouette style with full apron front, contessa neckline and royal monarch train. It was encrusted with seed pearls, lace appliques, iridescent clear sequins, rosettes and had a floating lace border. She carried a bouquet of hand tied nosegay of 24 osiana roses, lavender hydrangeas and cream stock tied with sheer white ribbon.

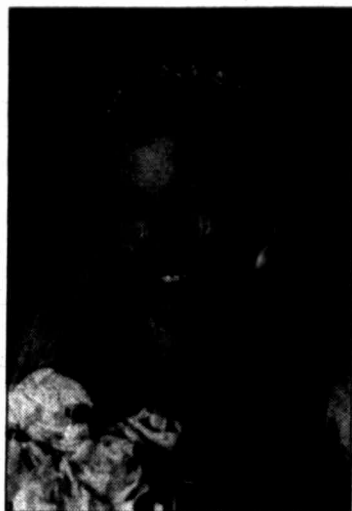
Laurel Love of Kenosha Wis., sister of the bride, served as maid of honor.

Andrea Corkran of San Angelo served as bridesmaid.

Aaron Hubbard of Lubbock served as best man. David Mayes of Stephenville served as groomsmen.

Brandon and Clinton Haile of Big Spring, cousins of the bride, served as ushers. Taylor Haile of Big Spring, cousin of the bride, was candlelighter.

A reception was held on the lower level of the Chapel on the Hill. The bride's cake was four tiered sitting atop



MRS. DAVID B. MOORE

a silver plateau decorated with fresh flowers and a ribbon of Queen Ann's Lace around the bottom of each layer. Each tier was filled with a different filling, including coconut pineapple, raspberry and peach. The groom's cake was a three tiered chocolate cake filled with chocolate mousse and frosted with chocolate frosting. It was decorated with fresh chocolate dipped strawberries and drizzled with chocolate.

The bride is a 1995 graduate of Big Spring High School, a 1997 graduate of Howard College and a 1999 graduate of Angelo State University with a BBA in marketing. She is assistant manager of the Sherwin Williams Company in Richardson.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School, attended Howard College and graduated from Angelo State University with a BBA in management. He is assistant manager of the Sherwin Williams Company in Irving.

After a wedding trip to Playa de Carmen, Mexico, the couple will make their home in Carrollton.

Saldivar-Franco

Nelda Yvette Saldivar of Big Spring and Daniel Franco of Ackerly exchanged wedding vows May 5, 2001, at the Dora Roberts Community Center with Judge Green officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Fidel and Lupe Saldivar and the granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Roman Estrada and the late Profidio Saldivar.

The groom is the son of Ishmael and Mary Franco of Ackerly and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Geronimo Rodriguez and the late Mr. and Mrs. Ersano Franco.

The bride was given in marriage by her father Fidel Saldivar and wore a gown by Lili International from California. It was an A line dress with the border decorated with pearls down to the train. She carried a bouquet of 24 fresh lipstick roses with blue satin ribbon.

Jolain Monico served as maid of honor.

Kayla Franco, daughter of the groom, and Valinda Saldivar, daughter of the bride, served as flower girls.

Timmy Casazers served as best man.

Candlelighters were Kayla Marie Franco, daughter of the groom and Valinda Saldivar, daughter of the bride.

A reception was held at



MRS. DANIEL FRANCO

the Dora Roberts Community Center with music provided by Estrada's Entertainment.

The grooms cake was a chocolate cake and the brides cake was a four tier strawberry cake decorated with white fresh lipstick roses.

The bride is a 1986 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1994 graduate of Sul Ross University. She is presently employed by the Federal Bureau of Prisons.

The groom is a 1984 graduate of Sands High School and a 1986 graduate of Spartan School of Aeronautics in Tulsa, Okla. He is presently employed by the TDCJ in Lamesa.

After a wedding trip to San Antonio the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

GETTING ENGAGED

Lance

Mandi Lance and Brandon Rodgers, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows June 16, 2001, at Hillcrest Baptist Church. The bride is the daughter of Lonnie and Vernetta Hill of Big Spring and Paul Lance of Odessa. The groom is the son of Jimmy and Carolyn Rodgers of Big Spring and the grandson of Johnnie and Mary Rodgers and Jack McNew and the late Ruth McNew.



Cohn

Stephenville, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Craig and Martha Neighbors of Carlsbad, N.M. and Gary and Kimberly Cohn of Tigard, Ore., and the granddaughter of Robert and Jan Noyes and Juanita Eckert of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Dr. Diane Taylor of Canyon.



Jennifer Nichol Cohn, of Stephenville and Christopher James Harist both of Stephenville will exchange wedding vows May 19, 2001 at Agape Way Family Church of Stephenville with pastor Alan Brunson of the Agape Way Family Church in

of Luis and Maria Flores of Big Spring, plays a key role aboard the Anchorage. As a boatswain's mate, he maintains and preserves exterior ship surfaces and deck equipment. Flores believes it is a rewarding job.

"I enjoy being the leading seaman and teaching the new seaman how to drive the ship and train them for all ship evolutions," said Flores, a 1999 graduate of Big Spring High School.

At nearly three football fields long and 20 stories high, the San Diego-based Anchorage, with its crew of 324, is designed to transport and launch amphibious craft and vehicles with their crews and embarked Marines in support of amphibious assault operations.

The ship couples a well deck with a flight deck to give greater dimension to the Navy's troop and vehicle lifting capability. Primarily designed to transport pre-loaded heavy landing craft to the shore and

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IN THE MILITARY

The secret to the success of naval operations in places such as the Persian Gulf, Bosnia, Kosovo and East Timor is the quality of sailors like Big Spring's Martin C. Flores.



FLORES

Without volunteers such as Navy Seaman Flores, the Navy could not be forward deployed around the world, ready to respond to a crisis 365 days a year. Recently the dock landing ship USS Anchorage returned from a deployment to the Western Pacific and Indian Ocean with a three-ship amphibious ready group, which also included the amphibious assault ship USS Tarawa and the amphibious transport dock ship USS Duluth.

The mission of the ARG is to help provide stability in the regions it is assigned to patrol through forward presence. Comprised of approximately 2,100 Marines, the ARG is prepared to support humanitarian and peacekeeping missions or conduct sustained combat operations as directed by the president.

During the Anchorage's recent deployment, the crew provided food, lodging and medical aid to the teams in Aden, Yemen, who were providing assistance to USS Cole, which was bombed in October 2000.

The Anchorage also visited ports in East Timor, Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong. While in East Timor, the crew of the Anchorage participated in several community relations projects.

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WHO'S WHO

Lisa Iden Underwood has been selected as the District 17 PTA "Educator of the Year."

Lisa teaches elementary physical education at Waters Elementary in Lubbock. She was recognized at the annual PTA spring conference on April 18 at the Lubbock Civic Center.

She has taught for the Lubbock Independent School District for 11 years. She has also been featured on News Channel 11's "Teacher You Can Count On," and has been mentioned in the "Employee Spotlight" for the LISD newsletter "The Reporter."

Underwood was named the American Heart Association's "Coordinator of the Year" in 2000. Waters Elementary was the first school in Lubbock and in the region to ever raise more than \$10,000 for the American Heart Association.

She is a 1985 graduate of Sands High School and also attended Howard College and Texas Tech University where she is a 1989 graduate. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Iden of Big Spring and is married to former Big Spring resident Scott Underwood. They have a 5-year-old son, Grant.

Local students who were recently recognized as outstanding students and persons at the 33rd Annual Awards Ceremony at Cisco Junior College on April 23 were: Catherine Jaure of Big Spring, who was accepted to Phi Theta Kappa, and Orlena Evans, also of Big Spring, who made the Dean's List.

Mike Conley, a government and economics teacher at Coahoma High School, was honored during a recent banquet hosted by the Mu Gamma Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi at Angelo State University.

Conley was nominated as "an educator who truly touches lives and who is set apart from all others," by 1998 Coahoma graduate Rebecca Mae Choate, who currently serves as the chapter's vice president.

Choate delivered a speech recalling "true to life lessons" taught by Conley that aren't found in textbooks; the challenge to dream bigger dreams; and the constant encouragement and support he continues to offer his students long after they graduate.

Special guests attending the banquet were his wife, Carrie, and daughters, Megan and Elizabeth. Choate's mother, Darla Estill, and grandmother, Darlene Hipp, were also special guests.

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Dates: Monday, June 4, 2001 - Friday, June 29, 2001
Time: 8:15 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.
Place: Goliad Elementary School

This program is designed for Spanish speaking Kindergarten or grade 1 students in need of language arts/math instruction in Spanish. Regular Summer School has also been scheduled.

For registration information:
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Mrs. Aguirre, Director of Curriculum
Phone: 264 - 3600

Como parte del programa escolar de verano, El Distrito Escolar Independiente de Big Spring ofrecerá la Escuela de verano en Español para los niños que hablan español y que ingresarán a el Kindergarten o el Primer grado en el año escolar 2001 - 2002.

Fecha: Lunes 4 de Junio, 2001 - a el Viernes 29 Junio, 2001
Horario: 8:15 A.M. - 12:45 P.M.
Lugar: Escuela Primaria Goliad

Este programa está diseñado para los estudiantes que hablan español y van a ingresar a el Kindergarten o a el primer año. El programa ayudará a los estudiantes a desarrollar destrezas en español en las materias de lenguaje y de matemáticas. Escuela regular de verano también ha sido planeada.

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Prairie chickens now strutting their stuff in vanishing ritual

WRAY, Colo. (AP) — Fifteen minutes before daybreak you'll hear them. Low, reedy moans that float up the gulch like phantoms on the wind.

To see them you'll have to wait. And wait. And wait some more.

You must hunch behind a camouflaged tarp with a dozen bug-eyed bird watchers at an hour so ungodly, even the farmer down the road hasn't yet stirred.

Afraid to so much as wipe your nose, lest you spook them, you are dressed preposterously in a ski outfit to avoid frostbite, 300 miles from the nearest downhill run.

All this for dancing chickens?

"Don't move," hisses birder Bob McCready of the Nature Conservancy. "Just wait. It'll be awesome."

This could take hours. If it happens at all.

The Greater Prairie Chicken, once a staple on

sodbusters' rotisseries, is nearly extinct in most of its Great Plains range from Canada to Mexico.

The few survivors are vanishing beneath the blades of combines and bulldozers. Disappearing with them is their mesmerizing courtship dance that entices otherwise normal people to become sunrise voyeurs for a few chilly weeks a year.

One hundred springs ago, the grasslands boiled with millions of prairie chickens in heat. Hunting thinned their flocks before World War I.

The prairie chicken's dismal fate is shared by most of its winged neighbors. A study by biologist Fritz Knopf of the U.S. Geological Survey shows that grassland birds are experiencing a steeper and more widespread decline than any other group of vertebrate animals in

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Petroleum engineers find niche in teaching

WACO (AP) — For nearly a decade, Sam Bartlett and his wife worked in the oil industry as petroleum engineers.

Bartlett, with a bachelor of science degree from the University of Texas, was doing pretty well for himself, living in Houston and earning upwards of \$70,000 by the mid-to late 1980s.

But the oil industry was in a downturn, and cutbacks were becoming frequent. The job, Bartlett said, was "very corporate."

"It just wasn't a whole lot of fun," he said. Besides, Bartlett and his wife, Doris Tingle, wanted to start a family and the couple didn't want to raise their children in the fast-paced environment of Texas' largest city.

So he and his wife turned their focus toward Lorena, where Bartlett grew up. The pair wanted to stay in science but there was not a great demand for petroleum engineers in Central Texas.

Then they looked at teaching. After considering several universities, they learned of the alternative certification

program at Tarleton State University in Stephenville. At age 37, Bartlett went back to school.

Across Texas and the country, school districts for years have addressed teacher shortages through alternative certification programs.

In such programs, college graduates in other professions go through additional training, change careers and become teachers.

Texas alternative certification program was born out of House Bill 72, the mid-80s education reform legislation that also included the no-pass, no-play regulations, said Texas Education Agency spokeswoman Debbie Graves Ratcliffe.

Initially, however, the program wasn't intended as a tool to fill teacher vacancies, although there was a "minimal teacher shortage" at the time, Ratcliffe said.

Instead, the alternative certification process grew from a debate swirling over the quality of teacher preparation programs at Texas colleges and the question of whether student-teachers

were spending too much time in how-to-teach classes vs. subject-matter classes like science, she said.

Until the states education code was rewritten in 1995, regulations regarding alternative certification programs (ACPs) were somewhat lax to encourage different entities to design creative approaches, she said.

Today, the programs are used more to fill vacant teaching positions quickly and less expensively, moving away from the emphasis on alternatives to traditional programs, Ratcliffe said.

But despite the shift to use ACPs to address teacher shortages, the numbers of new teachers coming out of them have dropped in the last five years, according to statistics from the State Board of Educator Certification.

In 1996-97, when the SBEC first collected numbers, 2,635 educators were certified to teach in Texas classrooms through ACPs, said SBEC spokesman Patrick Shaughnessy.

The number peaked in 1998-99, when 2,702 teachers were certified through

ACPs, and had dwindled to 2,390 this year, Shaughnessy said.

Most ACPs in Texas are "filled to capacity," he said, noting that Gov. Rick Perry in his State of the State address urged legislators to expand alternative certification to increase the pool of teachers.

Bill Larmer is director of the Tarleton Model for Accelerated Teacher Education, the program through which Bartlett earned his teaching certificate.

While he said he has no concrete evidence, Larmer said the decline in participation in alternative programs can probably be attributed to the same force behind the teacher shortage: the economy.

"My intuition says that... there are so many opportunities and better opportunities for those with college educations that teaching is not as attractive as it was in years past," he said.

Larmer said he expects more programs to pop up across the state, particularly

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- FRIDAY-Cheeseburger, salad, french fries, ranch style beans, chocolate cake, milk.

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- THURSDAY-Hot dogs, chips, salad, relish/onions, cookies, fruit, milk.
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- MONDAY-Barbequed meatballs, cheese sticks, pinto beans, scalloped potatoes, applesauce, cornbread, milk.
- TUESDAY-Homemade pizza, corn, lettuce wedge, peaches, milk.
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- THURSDAY-Frito pie with cheese, tossed salad, ranch beans, strawberry cake, milk.
- FRIDAY-Sandwiches-bologna, peanut butter, or cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, french fries, goodie bars, milk.

COAHOMA SCHOOLS

- MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, milk.
- TUESDAY-Spaghetti (chili

- dogs/pickle spears), corn, salad, rolls, milk.
- WEDNESDAY-Beef/cheese nachos, ranch beans, peaches, milk.
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- FRIDAY-Hamburger, french fries, salad, fruit, milk.

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ly at community college, because the certification board has made it easier. Numerous community colleges have filed applications with SBEC to start programs, he said.

"In essence, SBEC has created an open market for alternative certification," he said.

The Region 12 Education Service Center in Waco, which serves school districts in 12 Central Texas counties, has offered such a program since 1992.

More than 1,800 teachers have come out of the program, which expanded to include classes in Killen in 1994, said Enka Cole, director of teacher preparation and certification for the Region 12 office.

Currently, 239 "interns" are teaching in Central Texas schools while going through Region 12s certification program, Cole said. In May, those 239 should be ready to take the state test all teachers must pass to earn their teaching certificate, she said.

The Tarleton Model for

Accelerated Teacher Education, or TMATE, requires would-be teachers to attend intensive training sessions for one summer, then spend a year in the classroom as paid interns, followed by another summer of classes at Tarleton.

Some 720 people have gone through TMATE since its inception in 1986, with anywhere from 50 to 85 entering the program each year.

Total cost for the program ranges from \$4,400 to \$5,300. That covers tuition, test fees and other costs everything except textbooks.

TMATE director Larmer said successful teacher candidates have a high level of maturity and are "responding to a calling" to serve students.

But even with maturity and experience in the business world, the guidance of a mentor for a new teacher is essential, Larmer said.

Lisa Cain, 35, earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from Baylor University in 1988. She got a job as a clerk at the Tribune-Herald but was disillusioned when it did not translate into a reporting job.

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North America.

The nation's breadbasket is home to 330 bird species. The populations of 70 percent are dwindling, Knopf reports.

In particular, conservationists worry about a baker's dozen of grassland nesters they've dubbed the

"Unlucky 13." The prairie chicken tops that list. Surveys show it is declining by 7 percent annually; some states have just a few hundred remaining.

"The greater prairie chicken is a signature species of the prairie, as vital to defining the landscape as bison," said essayist Christopher Cokinos,

former president of the Kansas Audubon Council. Here they come up the hill, finally.

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Related to grouse but plumper, they are weirdly resplendent in capes of white and brown striped feathers. Long, sharp tufts

point behind their bobbing heads like a chieftain's war bonnet. Their beady eyes are shrouded by fleshy yellow combs.

Chickens gone punk. In unison they drop their beaks, stomp the ground, fan their tails and flap their wings in a ritual that is part slam-dance, part square-dance.

WHO'S WHO

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Several students from Maranatha Baptist Academy High School took part in regional competition at the Big Country Baptist Assembly near Leuders recently.

Competition was staged in academics, arts, crafts, platform and athletic events. Those taking part from Big Spring were Pete Acosta, Matt Belcher, Tressa Carey Megan Reyes and Bruce Taylor.

Acosta took a first-place medal in checkers and was second in Pace Bowl and computer power point presentation.

Belcher took third-place ribbons in essay writing and chess, while earning second place in famous speech and Pace Bowl.

Carey won the vocal duet competition, while finishing second in clay sculpture and Pace Bowl. She was third in still life photography, fourth in poetry writing and sixth in table tennis.

Reyes took third place in spelling and pastel arts after winning first place in vocal duet and watercolor.

Taylor finished second in illustrated storytelling and Pace Bowl, was third in chess and the 1,600 meters and was sixth in table tennis.

All of the Big Spring youngsters will now advance to international competition scheduled for later this month at the University of Missouri in Columbia.

David Dibrell, a former resident of Big Spring and

currently Grand Master of Texas Masons, conducted a conference in Midland on Friday and was presented with a proclamation by Big Spring mayor Russ McEwen.

A native of San Antonio, the 63-year-old Dibrell grew up in Big Spring and graduated from Big Spring High School. He also attended Howard College before completing his education at the University of Texas at Austin. He married his high school sweetheart, Merlene Marie Mann. After college, Dibrell worked for the Southland Life Insurance Company in

Dallas. He later worked for Honeywell in Dallas. He was also worked for Tilling Hast and Co. in Atlanta before returning to Dallas and working for Logic Inc.

While serving as Logic's president, he was active in the National Trade Association, ADAPSO and served on its board and on a number of committees.

He joined the Masonic Lodge in December 1971 and became a Master Mason in March 1972. He was elected Grand Master of Texas Masons in December of last year.

Dibrell and his wife have spent a great part of their Masonic lives working for the Masons' youth programs and continue to not only support those programs but encourage other Freemasons to do the same.



DIBRELL

STORK CLUB

Keira, Regan and Shiloh Creswell would like to announce the birth of their brother, Quade Nelson Creswell, born April 18, 2001, at 6:12 p.m. to Ricky and Lynn Creswell. Quade weighed seven pounds 4.6 ounces and measured 19.5 inches long. The proud grandparents are Ed and Therese Sternadel, Billie Carr and Warren and Dorothy Willborn, all of Big Spring.

Paid announcement

Ashton Keith Parnell, boy, April 17, 2001, 5:59 p.m., six pounds 14 ounces and 20 inches long. Parents are Ashley Kennedy and Ja Roe Parnell. Grandparents are

Micky Kennedy of Big Spring, Rose Saverant of Kingsland, Rose Quintana and Victor Pruitt, Joe and DeLayne Parnell, all of Big Spring.

Jantzen Charles Shoultz, April 26, 2001, Midland Memorial Hospital, 1:23 p.m., seven pounds eight ounces and 19 inches long. Parents are Jim and Tammy Shoultz of Greenwood. Paternal grandparents are Jimmie and Vesta Shoultz, Forsan. Maternal grandparents are Bobby and Karen Eggemeyer of San Angelo.

Cheyenne Nichole Daves, girl, May 2, 2001, 11:44 p.m., five pounds three ounces and 18.5 inches long. Parents are Sandy and Michelle Daves.

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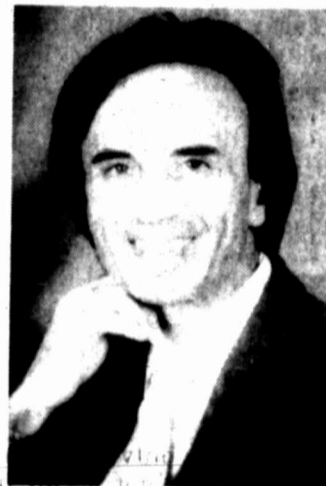
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"Deploying is important because we police the oceans, and learn more about different places," Flores said. "It is good to meet people from foreign militaries, get involved with helping them and compare our resources."

The deployment demands hard work standing watches, applying safety procedures and qualifying for more advanced duties. But it is also a time of rewards and great memo-

ries. "Learning and knowing about foreign cultures is interesting, as is how they live. Pulling into different ports was fun," Flores said.

Scott Allen Goodblanket Jr., graduate of Coahoma High School 1997, has graduated from the US Navy Recruiting Command Great Lakes, Ill., on Feb. 2, 2001. He is currently attending Sub Mariner School at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio. In conclusion to training in Texas, Scott will be furthering Sub Mariner training in Groton, Conn. to further his studies. He is the son of Scott Sr., and Marcia Goodblanket of Coahoma. Husband and father of proud wife and daughter Dolores and Valerie Goodblanket. In conclusion to training Scott and Dolores plan to make their first home in Washington State. Please



GOODBLANKET

wish them well as their journey begins. Congratulations Jr. We love you so much and are so proud of you!

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Jeffrey A. Rodriguez, son of Marlene F. and Charlie F. Rodriguez of 1413 Wood St., Big Spring, is halfway through a six month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Harry S. Truman, home ported in Norfolk, Va. He is a 1998 graduate of Big Spring High School.

Army Pvt. Jeremy D. Clanton has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

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Franks of Stanton, Clanton is a 2000 graduate of Stanton High School.

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