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## WEATHER

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## Guest pianist will be featured with symphony

Guest pianist Cynthia Bauhof Williams will join the Big Spring Symphony on Saturday for a performance of George Gershwin's "Rhapsody in Blue."

The performance is set for 8 p.m. at the Municipal Auditorium and will be the third for the symphony's season. Guest conductor Gary Lewis of Texas Tech University is returning for the event.

Tickets for the performance are \$10 for adults, \$8 for senior citizens and \$5 for students. Advanced tickets can be purchased at the symphony office, 808 Scurry Street; Blum's Jewelers; Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce; Dunlap's; First Bank of West Texas; the Heritage Museum; and Faye's Flowers.

## WHAT'S UP...

**MONDAY**  
Senior Circle, 4 p.m., SMMC. Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics. People 50 and over invited to participate. Call 268-4721.

**TUESDAY**  
Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.  
Big Spring Downtown Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center, Whipkey Room.  
Big Spring Rotary meets at noon, Howard College Cactus Room.

**WEDNESDAY**  
Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.  
Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.  
Big Spring Downtown Lions Club meets at noon, Howard College Cactus Room.  
Duplicate Bridge Club meets every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club.

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## Brushing, flossing not just a game at dental fair

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

The Dental Clinic at Howard College was packed Saturday morning with kids eager to learn about good dental care.

Actually, the kids might have been more interested in the free candy, door prizes, games and the "Shrek" video on TV at the fair, but they learned anyway.

Harvey Jiminez was there with his brother Harold.

"We flossed, trying to get tartar, cavities and particles out of the teeth," he said. "Because a toothbrush is too big for that. And throwing the beanbags in the mouth, and practicing the proper technique in brushing."

Harvey was talking about three games designed by dental students.

One game involved using string to practice flossing, substituting the fingerprint-covered fingers of dental student Deanna Herm for teeth.

"Teaching the kids how to floss and why you floss," she said. "Because your brush can't reach between your teeth."

Other games involved throwing beanbag teeth into a cutout of an open mouth and brushing dry-erase "plaque" off a diagram of teeth.

"What we're here to do is teach them a concept of good dental hygiene care," said instructor and Clinic Director Jeri Farmer. "We're having games that relate the concepts of brushing and flossing and good nutrition, and they're all based on a game. Then we also have puppet shows and door prizes."

Developing the games was an assignment for the college's students, Farmer said.

"They each were required to come up with some sort of game, puppet show or whatever, but it was each their own idea," she said. "The stu-

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Saul Natividad practices flossing on the fingers of Deanna Herm, dental student at Howard College, as Danny Gutierrez looks on. The game was one of many at the Howard College Dental Fair Saturday morning.

## Spell it out

### Local youngsters prepare for county bee

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Champion, C-H-A-M-P-I-O-N, Champion

The top 10 Howard County spellers are hoping to win that title Thursday in the 2002 Howard County Spelling Bee.

All the contestants from the fourth through eighth grade qualified for the county-wide spelling bee by proving their skills in their schools contests.

The competition sponsored by the *Big Spring Herald* begins at 4:30 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Cafetorium, 624 E. Sixth St.

The winner of the Howard County Spelling Bee will advance to the Regional Spelling Bee March 9, in Lubbock's McInturff Conference Center.

The Regional Spelling Bee champion will advance to the national meet May 26-June 1, in Washington D.C.

A runner-up in the Howard County Spelling Bee will be named in the event the Howard County Champion is unable to advance.

This year's contestants from Big Spring, Coahoma and Forsan schools are:

Victoria McDowell, a Forsan Junior High School eighth-grader, is the daughter of Vicky and Allen McDowell. She won her school spelling bee with the word "kerchief."

James Dunn, the son of Kathy and Hank Dunn, is a 14-year-old eighth-grade Big Spring Junior High School student. He won the school spelling bee with the word "heartsick."

Coahoma Junior High School seventh-grader, Rebecca McEndree, a 13-year-old, is the daughter of Willie and Gina McEndree. Rebecca won the school bee with the word "ogre."

Twelve-year-old Eric



McDOWELL DUNN McENDREE WELCH  
TACKETT LEOS GOMEZ BOWEN

Welch, a sixth-grade St. Mary's Episcopal student, won the school spelling bee with the word "detective." Eric is the son of Philip and Nancy Welch.

The Goliad Elementary spelling champion this year is 11-year-old Philip Tackett, the son of Elmer Tackett. The sixth-grade student won the school bee with the word "predecessor."

Doporito Leos won the Bauer Magnet Elementary spelling bee with the word "pastel." The 11-year-old fifth-grader is the daughter of Irma and Johnny Leos.

Ten-year-old Ventura Gomez, a Washington Elementary fifth-grader, is the daughter of Damasio and Nancy Gomez. She won the school spelling bee with the word "morbid."

James Bowen, the son of James and Alma Bowen, conquered the Moss Elementary spelling bee with the word "toggle." James is a 10-year-old fifth-grader.

Marcy Elementary's spelling bee champion is 9-year-old Jake Hernandez,



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the son of Karla Oliva. The fourth-grader won the spelling bee with the word "angels."

Kentwood Elementary fourth-grader Hannah Weber, 9, is the daughter of Franklin and Molly Weber. Hannah won the spelling bee with the word "tattle-tale."

Cindy Michaelis, executive director of the United Way of Big Spring and Howard County, will return as the pronouncer for this year's event.

Judges will be Robin Ritchey, Big Spring Junior High School librarian; Marilyn Clark, Big Spring State Hospital Director of Quality Oversight; and Debbie Jensen, a freelance writer and former features editor for the *Herald*.

## Early voting Polls open Monday for local, statewide primaries

By BILL McCLELLAN

News Editor

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican Party primaries gets under way Monday at the Howard County Courthouse.

Registered voters can cast a ballot from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays through March 8, and on Saturday, March 2, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Election day is Tuesday, March 12.

"We do it (open the poll on Saturday) as a courtesy to those who work late hours during the week. Hopefully they are off on Saturday," said County Clerk Donna Wright. "We usually have 100 vote and sometimes more."

The clerk's office is also taking applications for mail-out ballots from individuals who are over 65 or physically disabled. Parents who have voting-age children in college elsewhere can also call to request that a mail-out ballot be sent to their child. The last day the clerk's office can mail out a ballot is March 5.

There are a number of key offices up for election in the two primaries though the only locally-contested races are on the Republican ballot.

In the race for Precinct 2 county commissioner, Republican incumbent Jerry Kilgore is facing a challenge from Perry W. Gamble. The winner will face Democrat Jerry Crawford in November's general election. The race for Precinct 4 commissioner pits Roy Don Beauchamp and Walter Brumley Jr. in the Republican Party. The victor will face Democratic incumbent Gary Simer in November. And for Precinct 1, Place 2, peace justice, David Mohn and Kathryn

Wiseman are running on a winner-take-all Republican ballot. There is no Democrat seeking that office.

There aren't any locally contested races in the Democratic Primary.

Howard Countians will, however, have lots of other choices, as many offices in state government are up for election. The race generating the most interest of late has been for the Democratic nominee for governor between Dan Morales and Tony Sanchez. There are actually two other Democrats running for that office — Bill Lyon and John Worldpeace. The Democratic nominee will challenge incumbent Republican Rick Perry in November.

Also drawing a lot of attention has been the race for U.S. Senator. On the Republican ticket are Douglas G. Deffenbaugh, Dudley F. Mooney, John Cornyn, Bruce Rusty Lang and Lawrence Cranberg. On the Democratic ticket are Ed Cunningham, Ken Bentsen, Victor Morales, Ron Kirk and Gene Kelly. Other offices on the ballot include those for court justices and board of education members.

All early voting takes place on the first floor of the courthouse. However, voting on election day will take place at a number of consolidated precincts throughout the county. Those voting in the Democratic primary should know, for instance, that the number of polling places has been reduced from 19 to seven this year.

"We've consolidated the Democratic polling locations before for constitutional amendments, but this

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## Local bachelor's program part of HC board agenda

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Area college juniors and seniors may soon have the option to earn a bachelor's degree in organizational management without leaving Howard County.

Howard College administrators plan to discuss with trustees the possibility of a partnership with Lubbock Christian College to offer the bachelor's degree program at the Howard College campus.

"The program is about 18 to 20 months long," Howard College president Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "The student attends class once a week for about four hours."

Lubbock Christian instructors will come to the Howard College campus to teach the curriculum courses.

Students will earn their degree from Lubbock Christian.

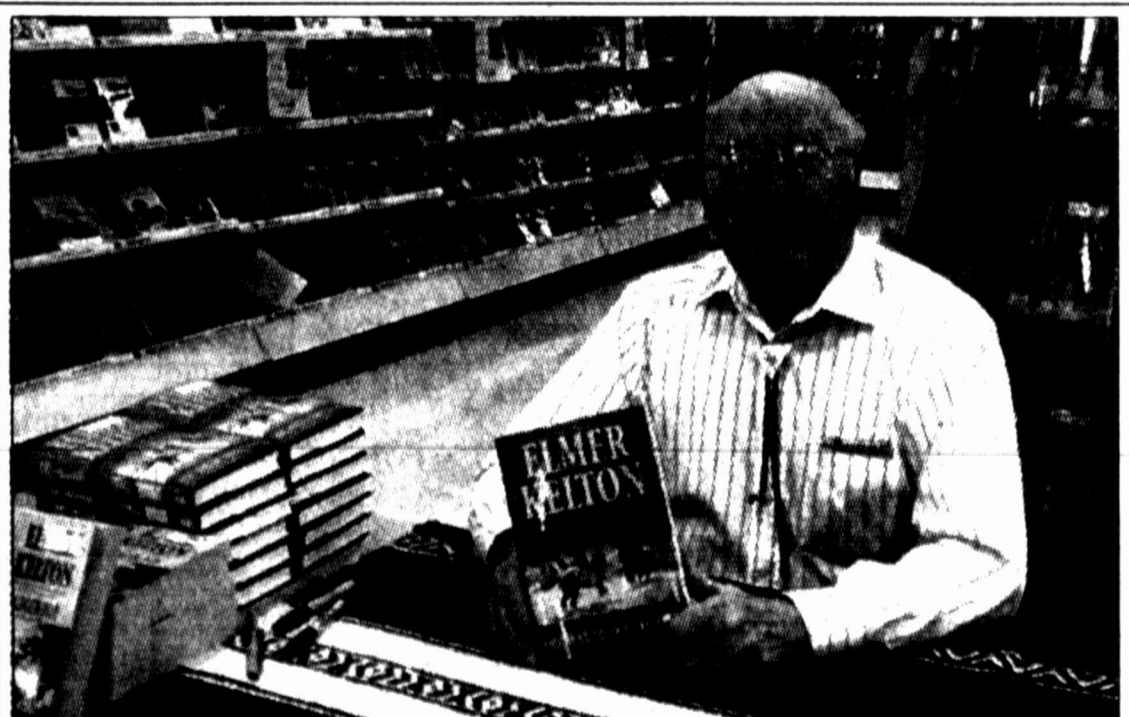
The proposed program is currently offered at Midland College.

Currently the nearest bachelor's programs for Howard County residents and the surrounding area are in the cities of San Angelo, Lubbock, Odessa, Abilene and Midland.

To qualify, students must be 25 years or older, meet the minimum grade point average and have 60 or more hours in transferable credit hours from an accredited college or post secondary institution.

Administrators will present the program at the board of trustees meeting

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Western author Elmer Kelton of San Angelo held a signing of his newly-released 39th novel, "The Way of the Coyote" at the local Wal-Mart Saturday. The book, the third in his "Texas Ranger" series, has been chosen to receive the Western Writers of America's Spur Award. The prize, Kelton's seventh, honors his book about a boy who has grown up with Indians and his readjustment to white society.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Lou Pybus

Mary Lou Pybus, 78, of Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, in an Odessa hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Monday, Feb. 25, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle and Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Dudley Mullins, pastor of East Fourth Street Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Mrs. Pybus was born on Sept. 21, 1923, in Roff, Okla., and married W.D. (Bill) Pybus on Dec. 9, 1943, in Midland. He preceded her in death in January of 1976.

She was a member of the Baptist Church. She worked for Hemphill Wells and Dunlaps for 28 years.

Survivors include two daughters and sons-in-law, Doris and Don Hanson of Odessa and Mary and Sonny Edwards of Red Oak; three brothers, James and Grover Jones of Oklahoma and Jimmy Knous of Houston; five sisters, Imogene Neill of Abilene, Yvonne Ash of Seattle, Wash., Betty Whitehead of Kirkland, Wash., and Sue Lee and Ruby Bryant, both of Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Christopher Hanson, Yvette Carroll, Brian Edwards and Michael Hanson; and three great-grandchildren, Wesley Edwards, Ransom Edwards and Logan Hanson.

The family will receive friends at Nalley-Pickle and Welch Funeral Home today from 6 to 7 p.m.

The family suggests memorials to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26460, Austin, Texas, 78755-0460.

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

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Sally Ann Bristol, 67, died Friday. Memorial services will be at 1:00 PM Monday at First United Methodist Church. Burial will be Tuesday at Lovington, New Mexico.

Gary Kinard, 52, died Thursday. Rosary will be at 7:00 PM Sunday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral services will be at 4:30 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

Lydia Marquez Montano, 55, died Saturday. Wake vigil will be at 7:00 PM Monday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass is pending for Tuesday.

John M. Tkagut, 80, died Friday. Services are pending.

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Bette McKenzie

Bette McKenzie, 79, of Midland died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002.

No services are planned. A native of Huron, S.D., she moved to Texas in the mid-1970s and to Midland in the early '90s.

She is preceded in death by her parents, her husband Robert and an infant daughter, Mary Margaret.

Survivors include a son, J.R. (Skip) McKenzie of Big Spring and one grandson.

Friends are invited to make memorial contributions to Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas, 79702.

Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home in Midland.

Sally Anne Bristol

Sally Anne Bristol, 67, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center following a long illness.

Memorial services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at First United Methodist Church with Dr. J. Weldon Butler of Lubbock officiating. Burial will be Tuesday at City Cemetery in Lovington, N.M.

Born July 31, 1934 in Lovington, N.M., she was a member of a pioneer Lovington family, the daughter of Truett M. Blackmon and Ita Rennels Blackmon. She was a nurse for Dr. H.W. Gillett in Lovington and Dr. K.A. Wolfenbarger in Albuquerque, N.M. She had lived in Big Spring since 1966, moving here from Albuquerque. She was a contract maintenance worker at Webb Air Force Base and was a member of First United Methodist Church of Big Spring where she was active in the choir, Methodist Youth Fellowship and United Methodist Women.

Survivors include her husband, Harlan Bristol of Big Spring; a son, Alan Bristol of Corsicana; two daughters, Connie Ruth Cavasos of Homer, Alaska, and Susan Ita Holley of Sachse; a step-daughter, Barbara Stokes of Council Bluffs, Iowa; her mother, Ita Nole of Big Spring; a sister, Barbara Ruth Skeen of Kennewick, Wash.; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Memorial contributions can be made to the First United Methodist Church or any children's charity. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Lydia Marquez Montano

Lydia Marquez Montano, 55, of Big Spring died Saturday, Feb. 23, 2002, at her home following a short illness.

Arrangements are pending with Myers and Smith Funeral Home.

Irene M. Pitcock

Irene M. Pitcock, 69, of Big Spring died Friday, Feb. 22, 2002, at Morit Care

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Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at West-Kjos Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn., with the Rev. James Wasmuth officiating. Burial will follow in Atlanta Lutheran Cemetery in Rural Lake Park, Minn.

A native of Ogema, Minn., she graduated from Waubun High School in Waubun, Minn., and attended business college in Detroit Lakes, Minn. She later moved to Big Spring. She enjoyed spending time with her grandchildren, visiting with friends, playing bingo and attending garage sale.

She was preceded in death by her two husbands, John Tow and Bill Pitcock; her parents, Harry and Emma Donley; and a brother, Orville Donley.

Survivors include a daughter, Kimberly Naumann of Austin; a son, Jim Tow of Ogema, Minn.; seven grandchildren; and three brothers, Lyle Donley and John Donley, both of Ogema, Minn., and Glenn Donley of Callaway, Minn.

Arrangements are under the direction of West-Kjos Funeral Home in Detroit Lakes, Minn.

VOTING

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is the first time they've been consolidated for the primary," said Wright.

That decision — which came from the county Democratic Party's executive committee — was largely to save expenses.

"There were 19 Democratic polling places last time and only 700 people voted. It just doesn't seem to warrant having that many polling places," said Wright. "And, it's hard to get election judges. We still don't have election judges for all the polling places."

In contrast, the Republican Party has utilized five precincts, with an average total number of ballots of more than 2,000.

There are some 18,682 registered voters in Howard County, according to the county clerk's office.

Election day polling places are as follows:  
**Democratic Party**  
Precinct Nos. 101-103, 106-115, North Side Fire Station, 100 NE Eighth.

Precinct Nos. 104-105, Knott Fire Station, 7310 W. FM 846.

Precinct Nos. 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.

Precinct Nos. 207, 405, 407-409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Ave., Coahoma.

Precinct Nos. 302-303, 305, Goliad Middle School, 2000 Goliad.

Precinct Nos. 208, 304, Elbow School, CR 818 and Nichols Road.

Precinct Nos. 401-404, 406, 410, 11th and Birdwell Fire Station, corner of 11th Place

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**Republican Party**  
Precinct Nos. 101-115, 202-205, Washington Place School, 1201 S. Birdwell Lane.

Precinct Nos. 207-409, Coahoma Community Center, 300 N. Ave., Coahoma.

Precinct Nos. 208, Forsan School, Forsan.

Precinct Nos. 302-305, Marcy Elementary, 2101 Wason Road.

Precinct Nos. 401-408, 410, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, corner of Kentucky Way and Birdwell Lane.

For more information or to request a ballot by mail, call the clerk's office at 264-2213.

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12:30 p.m. Monday at the Howard College boardroom in the campus' student union building.

In other business, administrators will update trustees on the \$785,000 renovation project for the SouthWest Institute for the Deaf Student Union Building.

Trustees will consider preliminary plans and construction method for the \$94,000 SWCID pedestrian plaza project.

"The pedestrian plaza will tie the four buildings together," Sparks said. "It will connect the buildings by walkways. We are going to have lighting, trees and an area students can congregate."

Both projects are funded through state legislative appropriations.

In other capital projects, the study on the possibility of constructing a new state-of-the-art theater building continues, Sparks said, and administrators will update the board on their findings.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Consideration of the vision and mission statements and update on planning process;
- Consideration of bids including a Hewlett-Packard printer and the T-1 connection service;
- Report on insurance renewal;
- Consideration of district administrative officer contracts.

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dents actually do get a lot out of this. This is an opportunity without the stress of classroom and graded environments for them to actually learn to work with small children and to deal with the public a little bit more."

This year's fair was themed on that lovable green ogre, Shrek, and his friends.

"Usually what they want to do is pick a concept, something that's been a recent movie, something that the children can relate to that's still out there," she said.

Farmer said the fair usually draws between 75 and 150 youngsters, and by 11:30 a.m. this year's had already attracted more than 100.

Commercial cloning of pets two years away, company says

HOUSTON (AP) — The day when Fluffy the cat or Spot the dog can be commercially cloned is only about two years off, according to the company that funded the first cloning of a cat.

But the ethical and moral debate about pet cloning is well under way.

Last week, Sausalito, Calif.-based Genetic Savings & Clone announced its work with Texas A&M University's veterinary medicine school in College Station to clone a cat was successful with the Dec. 22 birth of a female domestic shorthair called "cc" for "copycat."

Lou Hawthorne, chief executive officer of Genetic Savings & Clone, said Friday researchers expect to successfully clone a dog by the end of the year. Commercial cloning of cats and dogs is expected within two years.

While the cost at first will probably be somewhere in the low five figures, it will eventually drop into the low four figures, he said.

"We're committed to affordable cloning for pet species. But we can't lose money on it," said Hawthorne, whose company will have spent \$5 million on the project by the time a dog is cloned. "We're looking at factory methodologies... automating aspects of cloning that are not automated right now."

POLICE

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

- **CALEB GOOD**, 18, of 2525 Ent was arrested on a warrant from Anderson County, Kan.
- **MATTHEW GILLIAM**, 20, of 3203 Cornell was arrested on a charge of unlawfully carrying a weapon.
- **RAYMOND RODRIGUEZ**, 34, of 805 N. Scurry was arrested on a

charge of making alcohol available to a minor.

- **ENRIQUE GALVAN**, 17, of 1314 Mesa was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol.
- **ARTURO SOLIS**, 18, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of minor in consumption of alcohol and possession of marijuana.
- **KIMBERLY BRETZ**, 28, of 605 E. 12th St. was arrested on a charge of driving with an invalid license.
- **WILLIAM DUNAWAY**, 40, address unknown, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication.
- **AMADOR RIOS JR.**, 20, of 1200 Dogwood was arrested on four local warrants.
- **DEVIN LEE AVANT**, 22, of 610 George was arrested on charges of driving while intoxicated, unlawfully carrying a weapon and prohibited license.
- **AGGRAVATED ASSAULT WITH A DEADLY WEAPON** was reported in the 1000 block of South Nolan Street.
- **ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 3600 block of Dixon.
- **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 2100 block of South Scurry, the 800 block of South Owens and the 1800 block of East FM 700.
- **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 500 block of Abrams and the 4000 block of West Highway 80.
- **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 600 block of East FM 700.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported near the intersection of FM 700 and Birdwell Lane, the 1600 block of Bluebird Street and the 800 block of South Nolan.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported:
  - In the 1600 block of Bluebird Street. A white 1989 Lincoln reportedly received \$200 damage.
  - In the 500 block of East 15th Street. An automobile in the area reportedly received \$1,500 damage.
  - In the 300 block of Circle Drive. The home was reportedly damaged for \$40.
  - **THEFT** was reported in the 2600 block of Gregg. A purse or wallet worth an estimated \$80 was reported stolen.
  - **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported in the 600 block of Linda Lane. Someone reportedly entered the home by kicking the rear door, causing \$150 damage.
  - **UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 3200 block of Greenbriar. A blue 1977 Chevrolet was reported stolen.

Escaped in No

RALEIGH, N.C. An escaped Texer was arrested Saturday, March 23, after he overpowered officers on a pickup truck.

John Williams, 33, was arrested p.m. after police with him for an hour, said Earnhardt of Police Department.

Police evacuated fourth floor of the Inn where Roland was staying and made phone. During the search, Roland was on himself a police, but even himself up.

Earnhardt said there were found in the Roland was also.

"We were v that no one was ing this," Earnhardt said.

Parked outside was the gray pickup belonging to the Hurt, the gun attacked before Feb. 17.

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## Escapee caught in North Carolina

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP) — An escaped Texas murderer was arrested at a North Carolina motel on Saturday, almost a week after he overpowered a corrections officer and fled in a pickup truck.

John William Roland III, 33, was arrested around 5 p.m. after police negotiated with him for about an hour, said Lt. Tom Earnhardt of the Raleigh Police Department.

Police evacuated the fourth floor of the Red Roof Inn where Roland was staying and made contact by phone. During negotiations, Roland made threats on himself and toward police, but eventually gave himself up peacefully, Earnhardt said.

There were no weapons found in the room and Roland was alone.

"We were very pleased that no one was hurt during this surrender," Earnhardt said.

Parked outside the hotel was the gray pickup truck belonging to Sgt. Wesley Hurt, the guard Roland attacked before dawn on Feb. 17.

Roland had been tracked to the Red Roof Inn through a stolen credit card he was believed to be using, Texas Department of Criminal Justice spokesman Larry Todd said.

"We plan to file felony

escape charges against him, which could get him another life sentence since he used a weapon in assaulting the sergeant during the escape," Todd said.

Roland was serving a life term at the Robertson Unit, near Abilene, for gunning down former roommate Thomas Columbus Barrett. He had been in prison since 1993.

Hurt was treated at a hospital for cuts and scrapes. He told investigators Roland had threatened to kill him before the inmate took his keys and drove away in his truck. Prison officials are conducting an internal investigation into the breakout.

The manhunt heated up Thursday when a credit card belonging to Hurt was used at a motel early Thursday in Missouri, then later at a Super Kmart in Terre Haute, Ind. The shopper, believed to be the fugitive, left the store about five minutes before police arrived.

The FBI, along with a SWAT team from the local police department, tracked him Saturday afternoon to the motel where he was captured, Todd said.

Roland was in the custody of Raleigh police Saturday evening. It was unclear when an extradition hearing would be scheduled, Earnhardt said.

## Mascot nickname under scrutiny

DALLAS (AP) — Frisco's superintendent of schools says he will recommend that board members change the mascot's name from the Fighting Coons to Fighting Raccoons to avoid racial insensitivity.

Superintendent Rick Reedy said Friday that the controversial mascot could be embarrassing for some students.

"I feel that all decisions we make must come down to what is right for kids," Reedy said. "It's important for students to be able to be proud of their school, and that includes its mascot name. If one student is made to feel uncomfortable, that is one too many."

The board will vote on Reedy's proposal at a March 4 meeting.

Some parents in Frisco, one of Texas' fastest growing cities, say the mascot is offensive.

The mascot was created in 1924 when, supporters say, no one attached any racial significance to the name.

But Frisco resident Pete Campbell, whose two sons play football at Frisco High School, said the issue struck home for him when he saw other black children wearing T-shirts emblazoned with the name.

Last year, Campbell asked school trustees and Reedy to call the mascot by its full name.

"I'm elated," resident Pete Campbell, who is black, said of Reedy's recommendation. "I didn't want to strip the school of their tradition, but something had to be done. This is the right and proper thing to do."

The district already has changed the name of the school's stadium from Coon Memorial to FISD Memorial.

## The proof is in the algae

### Top science fair project focuses on effects of fertilizer

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer  
Fertilizer, optical illusions and rock-and-roll music were the subjects of winning entries in this year's Big Spring Junior High School Science Fair.

Elaine Harwell took first place in the fair with her exhibit on the effects of large amounts of fertilizer on plant life.

"One day when we were going to Odessa, it was after a rain and I noticed where the water had collected," Harwell said. "A few days later we were going back along the same road and where the water had been, all the grass had died, and I wondered why."

"It shows that fertilizer, while it may help crops, it kills the other natural living things in nature."

Elaine Harwell on her first-place project

Harwell used jars of algae with varying amounts of mineral fertilizer in her experiment, she said. While small amounts of the substance cause abundant growth, she found large doses of the fertilizer tended to kill off the green pond scum.

"It shows that fertilizer, while it may help crops, it kills the other natural living things in nature," she said. "And it shows that



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Winners of the Big Spring Junior High School Science Fair. Shown are, front row left to right: Lucy Yanez, third place; Erin Griffin and Kathryn Weissmann, second place; and Elaine Harwell, first place; back row left to right, honorable mentions: Ryan Tannehill and Caleb Choate, most creative experiment; Colln Hunnicutt, most outstanding data; Alyssa Rains and Kelci McAdams, best overall appearance; and Raegan Ritchey and Danielle Barrow, best oral presentation.

just a little bit causes a bloom, which is even worse because it kills fish."

The second place project focused on optical illusions, said Erin Griffin.

"It's over seeing from a different perspective," she added. Griffin was joined in her project by Kathryn Weissmann.

Lucy Yanez took the third place trophy with her project on the effects of music on concentration.

"What I did was take one

class, a sixth-period class, and give them a quiz," she said. "Then I gave the quiz to the seventh-period class except with music to see who gets the better grade."

Yanez said the performance of the seventh-period class was not helped by the music of Linkin Park.

"The class that didn't listen to music did better than the class that did," she said.

The top three entries in the science fair qualify for the regional fair at

University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

"Honorable mentions in the science fair included:

- Best Oral Presentation: Raegan Ritchey and Danielle Barrow.

- Best Overall Appearance: Alyssa Rains and Kelci McAdams.

- Most Creative Experiment: Ryan Tannehill and Caleb Choate.

- Most Outstanding Data: Colln Hunnicutt.

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## OUR VIEWS

# Don't delay, vote as soon as polls open

Early voting in the Democratic and Republican Party primaries begins Monday and we'd encourage our readers to cast their ballot soon. Polls will be open at the Howard County Courthouse from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. weekdays and from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. The early period ends March 8. Election day is March 12.

One reason for voting is the unpredictability of our West Texas weather. We all know it's been an unseasonably warm winter, but as anyone who has lived in our area for long can attest to, the only thing you can count on is that the weather will change.

Another reason to vote in the next few days is human nature. The fact is, the longer we put things off, the less likely we are to ever get them accomplished. Too many other things come up, and suddenly we find ourselves out of time.

There are a number of key races in the two primaries. On the Republican ballot, for instance, Precinct 2 County Commissioner Jerry Kilgore faces a challenge from Perry W. Gamble. The victor will face Democrat Jerry Crawford in the general election. In the race for Precinct 4 commissioner, Roy Don Beauchamp and Walter Brumley Jr. are running for the right to face Democratic incumbent Gary Simer in November. And for Precinct 1, Place 2, peace justice, David Mohn and Kathryn Wiseman are running on a winner-take-all ballot.

There are no locally contested races in the Democratic Primary, though there are many at the state level. Perhaps generating the most interest is the battle between Dan Morales and Tony Sanchez for governor. There are actually two other Democrats running for that office: Bill Lyon and John Worldpeace. The winner will face incumbent Republican Rick Perry in November.

Another contest with plenty of candidates is the bid for U.S. Senator. On the Democratic ticket are Ed Cunningham, Ken Bentsen, Victor Morales, Ron Kirk and Gene Kelly. On the Republican ticket are Douglas G. Deffenbaugh, Dudley F. Mooney, John Cornyn, Bruce Rusty Lang and Lawrence Cranberg.

There are another dozen or so races involving state offices, court justices and board of education members.

We hope you will take time to study the candidates, then make your choice at the polls. Real soon.

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# Arrogance and unwarranted assumptions

A dangerous amount of hubris seems to be settling over Washington like fallout from a bomb. Hubris, of course, is the combination of arrogance and unwarranted assumptions.

Recently, Sen. Joe Lieberman, D-Conn., said our "victory" in Afghanistan proves that we are the "most militarily powerful country in the history of the world." That's hubris, not to mention ignorance of matters both military and historical.

We didn't fight in Afghanistan. We bribed warlords to do the fighting. We just bombed light infantry troops who had no air defense using advanced weapons. The outcome was no surprise and no proof of our military power. Sorry, Sen. Lieberman, but you're going to have to wait until we attack somebody besides tiny and/or impoverished

nations before you can properly evaluate our military prowess.

I don't think we could beat Russia or China, and certainly not the two of them fighting together. I don't think we could beat North Korea without spilling more American blood than the American people would tolerate. An American military officer told me that our own estimate of casualties in the event of a war with North Korea is about 72,000 in the first day or two of the war. I presume that number includes South Koreans. Furthermore, China showed in the first Korean War that it would not allow the United States to install a puppet government on its border. What makes the wizards in Washington think that the Chinese have changed their minds on that point?

As much as we might not wish to admit it, we haven't won a war in anything close to a fair fight since 1945. We were fought to a stalemate in Korea; we were driven out of Vietnam. Since then we have "whipped up on" such major military powers as Panama, Grenada,

Yugoslavia (from the air only), Iraq and now the Taliban. That doesn't prove anything except that a lot will beat nothing to speak of.

It is patriotic to love one's country and one's people and, in our case, the Constitution. It is not patriotic, however, to jump on the bandwagon every time a politician develops delusions of grandeur from bullying some small country. President Bush seems to be indicating that we don't need the support of Europe or anyone else to do what we please. That is exactly the kind of arrogance that caused the defeat and ultimate destruction of the British Empire.

Our relationship with Russia is a thousand times more important to our national security than a dictator in Baghdad, yet President Bush is indicating he will jeopardize that to pursue a vendetta against Saddam Hussein. That would be a strategic blunder of immense consequences.

Furthermore, it's not too smart to put countries on notice that you plan to get around to making war against them. For one

thing, it surrenders initiative. North Korean might decide not to wait until we're ready. Iran and Iraq might decide to put aside their enmity while they face a common enemy. Iran or Iraq is not without options. Either one could destroy the oil facilities in the Persian Gulf states or lob some missiles at Israel and start a general war. Mr. Bush might then discover what it's like to fight a general war without a single ally.

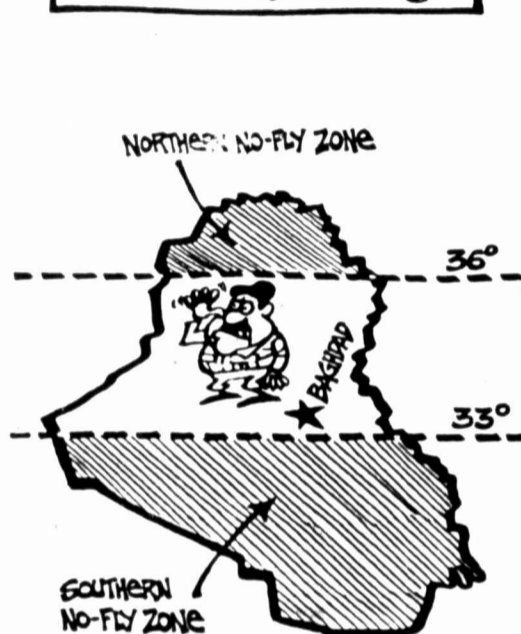
And finally, I wouldn't call our foray into Afghanistan either a success or a victory until the last American soldier is out of the country. Afghanistan is like the tar baby in the Uncle Remus stories. It's always been easier to go into Afghanistan than to get out. Right now, the government we put in power controls only Kabul. In other words, Afghanistan is far from being stabilized. And even the warlords we paid to fight the Taliban don't like us. Nor has bin Laden been found. Lots of loose ends yet to be tied up.

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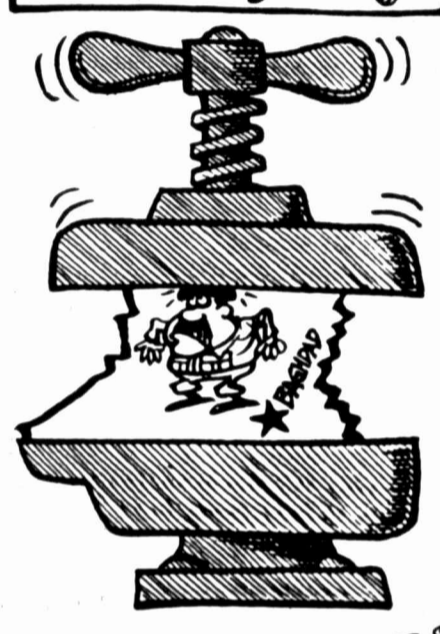


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### Old Iraq Policy



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## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
An open letter to Big Spring Independent School District residents regarding the District leasing of the building at 521 S. Main:

My reason for asking that this lease be discussed during our Feb. 14, 2002, board meeting concerned public perception inquiries. This lease approval and extension beyond August of 2002 should be a function of the entire board of trustees rather than the administration. When a board or any other public entity that deals with public tax funds contracts with a member of the board, that transaction should be conducted in an open public meeting where the nature of the transaction is known and clear to any member of the board or public. That has not been the process with this lease for at least the last few years.

I believe placing an employee of the district in a position of approving or not approving a contract, lease, or rental of a service offered by any member of the elected oversight board, council, or commission should be avoided; that is what an elected board is for.

Our board votes on salary and employee benefit increases for district employees, which in this situation has resulted in public perception inquiries of conflict of interest.

The Big Spring

Independent School District taxpayers will be paying for approved junior high construction and air conditioning improvements to local schools including Anderson Kindergarten for another 20 years. Our superintendent has a viable plan in the developmental states to both relocate the Personalized Achievement Center and utilize Anderson. This proposed plan will alleviate the concerns of taxpayers that bond improvements to this campus are being abandoned and that this building will fall into a state of disrepair while we continue to lease space downtown.

Our Personalized Achievement Center has an excellent track record of reaching goals and raising student performance. As our superintendent has indicated, student acceptance guidelines into this program have been changed. Our district will respond to those changes to provide the means for these students to excel.

I want to personally and publicly apologize to the patrons of the Big Spring Independent School District for the oversight in the leasing of the building at 421 S. Main. I incorrectly stated to a number of personal inquiries since August 2001 that this lease was a multiple-year lease rather than year-to-year

without inquiring of our district staff, who always provide accessible and accurate information for the asking. I assumed the lease was a multiple-year because the lease had not been brought to the board for approval in my four years in office. I will not assume where questions of public fund expenditures arise again.

Big Spring is a small community, trust is essential in our way of life in West Texas. Our board is no different than any other elected body in our county. This building lease has not been handled illegally as some have assailed me. It is impossible in a county our size to not have transactions involving our elected officials, who do to the nature of their employment offer services to the different public taxpayer-supported entities. It is wrong to criticize the public service of honest, hardworking, and ethical individuals as illegal when the facts clearly show only procedural and public perception problems.

Our board members' telephone numbers are all listed in the phone book and I believe all members always welcome public input. I continue to encourage any parent, taxpayer, voter or patron to not hesitate to contact any member with any concern.

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# Family

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# Families must relive grief after grisly discovery at crematory

NOBLE, Ga. (AP) — Gary Lee Cann died just before medical insurance approval came for the liver transplant he'd hoped would save his life, and for the past 16 months his widow has worn a locket containing what she thought were her husband's cremated remains.

But his funeral home used Tri-State Crematory, where about 300 bodies were found over the last week randomly piled in pits, caskets and above-ground vaults on a 16-acre pine grove behind the crematory.

Now Bobbie Cann says she can't know for sure if her locket holds her hus-

band's ashes.

"I feel doubly robbed," said Cann, a Chattanooga mother of two teen-age children. "I felt all along that I had a little of him with me."

Crematory operator Ray Brent Marsh, 28, is charged with 16 counts of theft by deception for allegedly discarding the bodies instead of cremating them. Investigators estimate the recovery of all the bodies to take up to eight months, with the count growing each day.

Cann, like hundreds of others who believed their loved ones were cremated, want to know why this hap-

pened, even though the answer may never ease their pain.

"Why was there no regulation?" she said. "How many years has it been going on? I think the government is responsible somehow."

For the families, the gruesome discovery causes a "most unusual kind of grieving" mixed with a "lot of anger, mistrust and bitterness," said Ronald Barrett, a psychology professor at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles who specializes in issues surrounding death.

"The next of kin consider themselves responsible for

making sure the funeral is executed and that is an important responsibility," Barrett said. "When you've done everything by the book and made sure the funeral and final rites are done properly, only to find the professional you have relied on failed you, you feel very violated."

Respect for funeral traditions, as well as customs that go back hundreds of years, have been passed on for generations, and most funeral directors honor and understand them, he said.

"People who are given the care of the dead ... that is considered a sacred trust, to

be given the honor of preparing the bodies," Barrett said.

Glen Stassen, a Christian ethics professor at Fuller Theological Seminary in Pasadena, Calif., said while some families may believe the body is a shell for the soul, they are still hurting because the way the bodies were treated was "so disrespectful."

"The only way for healing to come to the families is to eventually come to some forgiveness," he said. "This is horrible but we are all sinners and we all need forgiveness. They won't experience healing until they can

do some forgiving."

Bob Vandenberg, president of the National Funeral Directors Association, traveled to Noble last week and spoke to funeral home directors and family members with whom they are working. From what he saw, Vandenberg said "it took a lot of energy" and intensive labor to discard the bodies rather than cremate them, which would have cost on average \$25 a body.

"No one will ever know unless Mr. Marsh decides to tell his story, why and how," said Vandenberg, a funeral director in Clinton, Mich. "I hope he will."

## Hundreds join search for missing girl

SAN DIEGO (AP) — Hundreds of volunteers joined the search Saturday for a missing 7-year-old girl after the arrest of a neighbor and the discovery of bloodstained evidence lent grim urgency to the task of finding her.

The volunteers, carrying bright red tags to mark potential evidence, set out early for the foothills and desert east of San Diego to hunt for any sign of Danielle van Dam, whose gap-toothed smile adorns thousands of missing person fliers.

Danielle's parents, Damon and Brenda van Dam, said they were encouraged by the arrest Friday of David Westerfield, a 49-year-old neighbor, on suspicion of kidnapping their daughter.

They urged volunteers to continue helping with the

22-day-old search.

"We've got to focus. We've got a job to do, and that's to find Danielle," Damon van Dam said. "There's still a little bit of hope that we will get her back."

Danielle's parents discovered their daughter missing the morning of Feb. 2. Police believe she was abducted from her second-floor bedroom of the family's north San Diego home sometime after her father put her to bed.

Westerfield, a divorced father of two grown children who lives two doors away from the van Dams, has a 1996 conviction for drunken driving but no violent criminal history, police said.

Investigators began focusing on the self-employed engineer shortly after Danielle disappeared. He

was at the same bar for a while that night where Danielle's mother, Brenda, went with friends while Damon van Dam stayed home with their daughter and two sons.

Westerfield set off in his motor home to the beach and desert the next day.

Authorities said they found traces of Danielle's blood in the motor home and on an article of Westerfield's clothing. They also confiscated child pornography from his home, Police Chief David Bejarano said.

Westerfield will be arraigned Tuesday.

Many volunteers Saturday said their own children's safety made the search compelling.

"It just hit home," said Steve Cassarino, a father of two.

## White powder at Army base negative for anthrax

ATLANTA (AP) — An Army spokesman said Saturday that a suspicious package found at the U.S. Army Reserve Command headquarters building at Fort McPherson did not contain anthrax.

The results on the powder, found in a plastic bag inside the building on Friday, were nearly 99 percent accurate, Sgt. Johnny Beatty said Saturday.

"We need to wait the full 24 hours to be 100 percent sure," Beatty said. The final results were expected

Saturday evening from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Beatty said the CDC wasn't able to determine what the substance was because the sample was too small.

A field test done Friday had indicated the possible presence of anthrax, but Lisa Swenarski, a CDC spokeswoman, had said these tests often "have a lot of false positives."

About 1,000 people work in the building. Joe Handley, a spokesman for the Army Reserve Command, said

most of the military personnel have been inoculated with the anthrax vaccine, but not the civilians.

FBI agents were investigating.

The Reserve Command oversees all Army Reserve units in the contiguous United States except for psychological operations and civil affairs units. As part of normal security for the building, everyone has an identification badge and anyone who does not work there must be escorted, Shields said.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Overman strokes hole in one

D.W. Overman of Big Spring had a hole in one Wednesday at Comanche Trail Golf Course. The feat came on No. 1 with a tight lie 7-wood.

Witnesses were Bob Buchanan, Henry Mexia and Henry Garcia.

#### Little League sign-up scheduled

All boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 12 interested in playing on a Big Spring Little League team can sign up from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday through at the Big Spring Mall.

The final registration session will be 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday, March 2.

Players must bring their birth certificate.

#### Planning meeting slated for Tuesday

Parents of youth attending Elbow or Forsan School interested in getting baseball/softball for the district are encouraged to attend a planning meeting at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Brandin Iron. For more information, contact Mike and Brenda Parker at 263-4528 or Bobby and Ronda Doe at 263-8813.

#### Industrial softball league sets meeting

The Big Spring Men's Industrial Softball League will hold a meeting at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday at John Wesley's.

Anyone interested in having a team is encouraged to attend.

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

#### Softball tournament scheduled in Stanton

The "Pre-Spring Bash for Cash Men's Softball Tournament" has been scheduled for March 2-3 in Stanton.

Fees are \$110 per team and a 6-home run format will be used. The deadline for entries is Feb. 28.

For more information, call Michael Paul at 631-4361 or call Jose at 631-2846.

#### Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, sponsored by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, has been scheduled for March 2-3 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

Class sessions are set for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Steve Pointevint and Boyce Hale will be instructors.

Any hunter born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, is required to successfully complete the TP&WD course by state law.

For more information, call Hale or Pointevint at 267-7891, 264-7033 or 267-6957.

#### Little League umpires needed

Anyone interested in umpiring Little League baseball is encouraged to contact David Roman at 263-1631 (work) or 263-4688 (home, after 6 p.m.). First meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Saturday at the American Little League Field.

#### Coahoma LL slates registration, draft

Boys interested in playing on a Coahoma Little League team can still sign up from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, during the draft.

## Nichols co-coach of year; 3-2A All-District Team named

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma's Kim Nichols was named co-coach of the year and area teams flooded the roster as the 3-2A All-District Boys' Basketball Team was announced Saturday.



NICHOLS

Nichols guided the Bulldogs to a 16-9 finish and a trip to the area-round playoffs, where Coahoma narrowly lost to Eldorado 60-59 in a thriller Friday night.

Two of Nichols' players, 6-3 senior Chase Ward and 5-9 junior Chase Davis, were named to the first team. The Bulldogs' Randall Rich, a 5-10 senior, and Toby Jackson, a 6-1 junior, were named to the second team, while teammate Kelby

Coahoma loses thriller to Eldorado, Page 7

Kemper, a 6-3 sophomore, was chosen co-newcomer of the year.

Sharing that spot with Kemper was Forsan sophomore Josh Helmstetter — just one of several Forsan players selected for post-season honors.

Zach Johnson, a 6-1 senior; Wes Longorio, a 5-11 junior; and Matt Ellis, a 6-1

junior; were all named to the first team. Trey Kuykendall (5-9 junior) was named to the second team.

Stanton's Paul Chandler (6-1 senior) was named to the first team and court-mates Ryan O'Donnell (6-0 senior), Ryan Kelly (5-11 senior), and Chris Ramos (5-10 junior), were named second-team all-district.

Plains' Marc Johnson shared co-coach of the year honors with Nichols. Most Valuable Player for the 3-2A

was Plains' Jared Bell, a 6-4 senior. Colorado City's Jacobie Russell (5-10 sophomore) was defensive player of the year.

Rounding out the first team were Jerod Newland (6-0 senior), Moises Gonzales (5-9 senior) and Tanner Hamm (6-2 senior) of Plains; and Tyson Zigler (6-1 senior) and Jonathan Spear (5-11 jr.) of Colorado City.

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## Plainview outguns Canyon

Lady Bulldogs earn second straight trip to state dance

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

It wasn't the barn-burner Panhandle girls' basketball followers had predicted for the past year ever since Plainview topped Canyon 56-53 on the same floor of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum one year ago.

But Saturday's Region I Class 4A Girls Basketball Tournament final between Canyon (31-2) and Plainview (33-1) was an extremely physical match-up that Plainview dominated from the get-go.

The Lady Bulldogs earned their second consecutive trip to Austin with a hard-fought 64-47 win over rival Canyon.

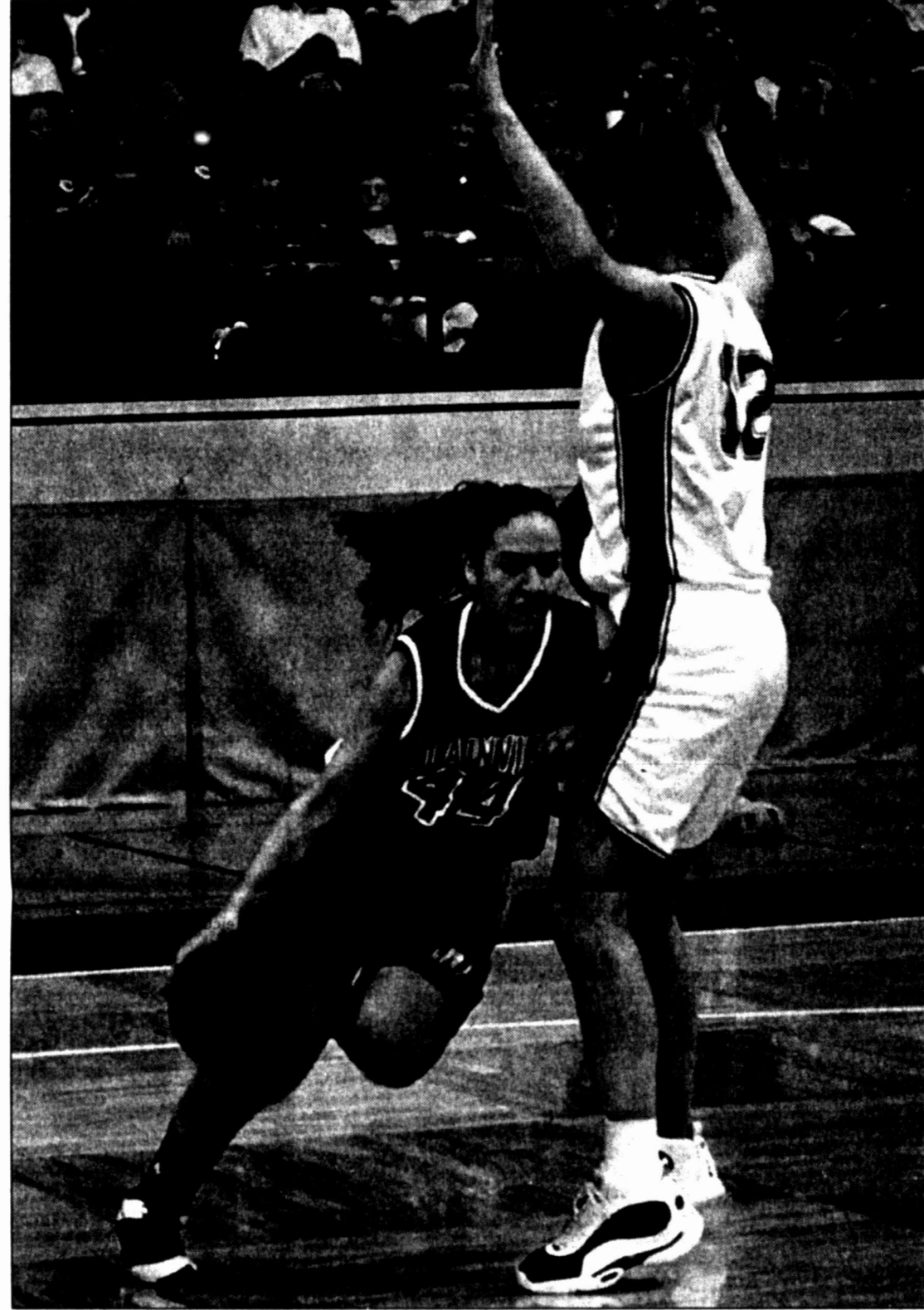
In addition to Plainview, Dripping Springs and Dallas Lincoln have earned state tournament berths. The Angleton-Beaumont Ozen game was not available at press time.

The Lady Bulldogs edged Dallas Lincoln last year for the gold medal.

Two years ago, Canyon earned the 2000 tournament trip en route to a state championship. Plainview won the 2001 Region I finals in Big Spring before earning another state championship for Region I.

Plainview hopes to make it two in a row, but Saturday, they first had a tall test in Canyon, which featured inside threat 6-5 Kalee Carey. Canyon Head Coach Joe Lombard said following the game that he had hoped to capitalize on Carey's height. Plainview's tallest player is 5-11 Alesha Robertson.

"We thought, we could get off to a better start feeding Carey inside," Lombard



Plainview's Chelsi Welch (44) drives past 6-5 Kalee Carey (12) of Canyon but was felled for traveling. Both girls were named to the Region I 4A All-Tournament Team. Plainview outlasted the Lady Eagles for the region crown, 64-47.

"Unfortunately, we didn't make many shots." Plainview seemed more confident this year over Canyon — a team, long known for its lengthy string

of state championships, 13-year Head Coach Danny Wrenn said. "I just felt like this year, we had the better ball club," Wrenn said. "Our

confidence was huge." Plainview came out storming as sophomore Sarah Hauk fed Robertson

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## Hawks must win out, count on some help to make playoffs

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Howard College's backs are against the wall as they head into their final week of the regular season with games against No. 5-ranked South Plains College and New Mexico Junior College.

The Hawks first meet the Texans — up a notch from No. 6 in the national polls — Monday at 7:50 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum in their last home contest.

They travel to Roswell, N.M., Thursday to close out the regular season.

Howard must win out and Midland College has to lose at least one game of their remaining contests against Odessa College, who has clinched Region V tournament berths along with SPC and last-place Clarendon College.

"We're basically in a surviving mode where we have to win out to even have a chance to make the playoffs," first-year Head Coach Chris Jans said. "We have to win both games, and Midland has to lose one of their two remaining games and we'd be in."

The top four teams advance to the Region V Tournament in Lubbock during March.

Howard (18-10, 6-6) could have made their road to a regional tour

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## Lady Hawks plan sophomore lineup against No. 3-ranked SPC

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

The Lady Hawks will close out their regular season Monday at home by starting five sophomores in a match-up with league co-leader South Plains College.

South Plains College (26-1, 9-1) is ranked third in the NJCAA polls. Their only loss of the season comes at the hand of No. 23 Midland College — the 2001 NJCAA National Tournament finalist.

Howard College (8-18, 2-9) is not in contention for a post-season tournament berth, but Head Coach Joey

Wells expects them to continue to compete.

"It's just one of those things where we've been playing a lot harder," Wells said. "If we play as hard as we did (Thursday night against Frank Phillips College), we'll be competitive."

Frank Phillips (15-13, 5-5) slipped past Howard College, 68-61, Thursday in Borger. Howard had several chances to win it down the stretch but could not get over the hump.

"I think the kids played hard and played as hard as we could," Wells said. "Usually we have players go through the motions. But we missed four lay-ups, not because of lack of effort but because they were going

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## Lady Steers lead Big Spring High tennis team to good showing

By CONNIE EDGEMON

Special to the Herald

ODESSA — The Big Spring High School Steer tennis team made a good showing here, especially on the girls' side.

"The girls came to play tennis. They showed up and carried the team," to its fourth place finish overall

behind Midland Lee, Odessa Permian and San Angelo Central, said Coach Sarah Corse.

Ninth grader Veronica Villarreal won the tournament, easily defeating her 5A opponents. Heather Parnell finished 10th after a disappointing first round against San Angelo Central's No. 1 singles player.

Coach Corse reiterated that "the girls have just gotten better every match."

"This is great preparation for our next season or two. I couldn't be happier with them."

Jay Shroff won consolation after losing his first-round match. Michael Roffers and Brian Wingert

also won the consolation round after dropping their first-round match.

Derek DeHoyos placed ninth, winning only his first-round match. Ryan Vela and Michael Williamson finished 11th. Their first-round match was

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The top 25 teams in the men's college basketball polls in parentheses and ranked:

1. Kansas (48)
2. Maryland (19)
3. Duke (4)
4. Cincinnati
5. Alabama
6. Oklahoma
7. Gonzaga
8. Florida
9. Marquette
10. Stanford
11. Pittsburgh
12. Kentucky
13. Oklahoma St.
14. Arizona
15. Oregon
16. Illinois
17. Miami
18. Georgia
19. Ohio St.
20. Southern Cal
21. Wake Forest
22. Virginia
23. Indiana
24. W. Kentucky
25. UCLA

The top 25 teams in the women's college basketball polls in parentheses and ranked:

1. Connecticut (44)
2. Stanford
3. Oklahoma
4. Tennessee
5. Duke
6. Vanderbilt
7. Louisiana Tech
8. Purdue
9. Baylor
10. South Carolina
11. Colorado
12. Kansas St.
13. Iowa St.
14. Minnesota
15. Texas
16. Florida
17. Texas Tech
18. Old Dominion
19. North Carolina
20. Colorado St.
21. Boston College
22. Notre Dame
23. Georgia
24. Virginia Tech
25. Cincinnati

Through Feb. 17

1. Georgetown, Ky. (9)
2. Biola, Calif. (1)
3. Oklahoma Baptist (2)
4. Southern Polytech, Ga.
5. Union, Tenn.
6. McKendree, Ill.
7. Missouri State, Mo.
8. Azusa Pacific, Calif.
9. Barat, Ill.
10. Spring Hill, Ala.
11. Columbia, Mo.
12. Cumberland, Ky.
13. Faulkner, Ala.
14. Carroll, Mont.
15. Southern-New Orleans
16. Edward Waters, Fla.
17. Science & Arts, Okla.
18. Houston Baptist, Texas
19. Olivet Nazarene, Ill.
20. Dillard, La.
21. Oklahoma City
22. Westmont, Calif.
23. Martin Methodist, Tenn.
24. Lewis-Clark State, Idaho
25. Huston-Tillotson, Texas

Through Feb. 17

1. Oklahoma City (12)
2. Southern Nazarene, Okla.
3. Union, Tenn.
4. Montana-Western
5. North Georgia
6. Campbellsville, Ky.
7. Houston Baptist, Texas
8. Central State, Ohio
9. Oklahoma Baptist
10. Georgetown, Ky.
11. Cumberland, Ky.
12. Lambuth, Tenn.
13. Mobile, Ala.
14. Brescia, Ky.
15. Oklahoma Christian
16. Trevecca Nazarene, Tenn.
17. Freed Hardeman, Tenn.
18. Fresno Pacific, Calif.
19. Dillard, La.
20. Columbia, Mo.
21. Life, Ga.
22. Lewis-Clark St., Idaho
23. Azusa Pacific, Calif.
24. Xavier, La.
25. Shorter, Ga.

Through Feb. 17

1. Schoolcraft, Mich. (9)
2. Coffeyville, Kan. (5)
3. San Jacinto, Texas (1)
4. Dixie, Utah (1)
5. South Plains, Texas
6. Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.
7. Indian Hills, Iowa
8. Arizona Western
9. Southern Union, Ala.
10. Allegany, Mo.
11. North Dakota State
12. Georgia Perimeter
13. Jackson State CC, Tenn.
14. Spartanburg, S.C.
15. Washburn Valley, Ill.
16. Daytona Beach CC
17. Sheridan, N.Y.
18. Moberly, Mo.
19. Southwestern Illinois
20. SW Mississippi CC

Through Feb. 17

1. NE Oklahoma A&M (6)
2. Gulf Coast, Fla. (1)
3. South Plains, Texas
4. Seward County, Kan.
5. Jefferson, Mo.
6. Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.
7. Trinity Valley, Texas
8. Westharrow, Texas
9. Copiah-Lincoln, Miss.
10. Arizona Western
11. Iowa Western CC
12. Meridian, Miss.
13. Salt Lake, Utah
14. Western Nebraska CC
15. Tyler, Texas
16. Seminole C.C.
17. Washburn Valley, Ill.
18. Ricks, Idaho
19. Chattahoochee St. Tech.
20. Daytona Beach CC

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Coahoma's Bulldogs fall to Eldorado in area round playoff thriller, 60-59

HERALD Staff Report

SAN ANGELO — In a Class 2A area round playoff game accented by offensive streaks from both teams, Eldorado nipped Coahoma 60-59 here Friday night.

The loss ends a strong season by the Bulldogs, who finished 16-9 overall. Eldorado, 22-12, will go on to play Reagan County.

Eldorado's Eagles overcame a 4-0 deficit at the game's outset to race past Coahoma early. Senior Tony Fay led the comeback with 10 of Eldorado's 20 first-quarter points.

The Bulldogs, led by first-team all-district players Chase Ward and Chase Davis, rolled up 31 third-quarter points. The 'Dogs, who switched from a zone to a man-to-man defense, raced past the Eagles to lead 53-46 heading into the final period.

The fourth quarter belonged to Eldorado, however, though Coahoma had its chances. The Eagles rallied to go ahead in the game with just over a minute remaining. Coahoma could have tied or gone in the lead from the charity stripe, but missed both shots and Eldorado rebounded.

As time ticked away, Coahoma was forced to foul — several times, in fact, because the Bulldogs had only been charged with four fouls up to that point. Finally, Fay stepped to the line. His free shot missed and the Bulldogs rebounded.

Coahoma got off a couple of late shots, but they wouldn't go down, and Eldorado was able to celebrate the victory.

Fay led all scorers with 22 points, followed by teammate Richard Barajas with 13. Ward's 21 led Coahoma, which also got 13 from Davis and 10 from Toby Jackson.

Eldorado 60, Coahoma 59. Eldorado — Jones 6, Fay 22, Herrera 9, Barajas 13, Gonzales 6. Totals 21 17.

COAHOMA — Davis 13, Kemper 7, Haile 3, Ward 21, Jackson 10, Rich 5, Totals 24 7-18 59.

Three-Point Goals — Eldorado 5 (Fay 4, Herrera), Coahoma 4 (Davis 2, Rich, Ward).

Eldorado 20 13 13 14 60 Coahoma 10 12 31 6 59

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Other second-team selections were David Salazar (5-9 junior) and Marquise Lenard (6-3 senior) of Colorado City and Russell Davis (6-3 junior) and Kyle Wilson (6-0 sophomore) of Seagraves.

Honorable mention went to Brent Huff of Forsan; Rickey Richters of Coahoma; Joseph Rodriguez of Plains; Gabriel Valles and Aaron Smith of Seagraves; Cole Arthur, Chris Spear and Patrick Spear of Colorado City; and T.J. Savage, Ruston Pardue and Tullie Louder of Stanton.

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who scored nine of her 11 points in the first half. Oklahoma signee Chelsi Welch found Tojinyay Thompson who nailed a three-pointer.

Lady Eagle Brooke Baughman, who has verbally committed to Texas Tech, found Carey on the inbound play to cut it to 5-2, but junior guard Elyse Newland fed tournament MVP Robertson for a trey. Newland followed with her own three-pointer.

Carey made two more baskets as Canyon trailed 15-6 after one quarter.

Baughman and Carey hit two more field goals in the second quarter to bring Canyon within 17-10, but Plainview closed out the half with scoring from Robertson, Hauk, Dana Reinart and Newland, who went two-for-two from the charity stripe.

The 5-6 starting guard, who doesn't get the accolades that Welch, Robertson and Thompson receive, would go on to finish the contest 12-for-12 from the free throw line and finish with a team-high 19 points.

"She just knocked them down from the free throw line," Wrenn said. "She played great."

Welch, who had a seven-point output in the semifinals Friday night, nailed a three-pointer and three other baskets. But the sophomore Reinart, who came off the bench sparked Plainview with two three-pointers in the third quarter after Plainview led 25-14 at half.

Plainview attempted 16 free throws in the fourth quarter, missing two. Canyon, down 44-26 after three quarters got 12 points from Baughman, including two three-pointers in the final 8:00. Starter Haley Hobson hit one trey and two field goals.

Only three Lady Eagles scored. Hobson, Baughman and Carey — as Canyon shot 40 percent or 18 of 45. Plainview was 20-35 with a 51.3 percent output. Plainview shot 90 percent

from the charity stripe, and Canyon was 64 percent.

"I'll say this, they're better than us," Lombard said. "We could've played better, but they're better than us. They've got three players (Welch, Robertson, Thompson) that are as good as anyone in the state of Texas."

Plainview earned a trip to the regional finals with a 77-55 win over a feisty Southlake Carroll team. Canyon broke away from Forth Worth O.D. Wyatt in the second half for a 44-24 win.

Plainview did suffer a huge loss when senior Amber Lees — a force off the bench, who scored eight points Friday night in a quarter and a half of play — fractured her upper arm during the second quarter.

Lees, whose sister Addie is also a reserve player on the Lady Bulldogs, tangled with Carey for the ball and both fell to the ground.

"I hated it for her," Wrenn said. "I hate it for any kid. She worked hard for our team."

Lees was given the Sixth-Man Award for a non-starter. Other members of the Region I, Class 4A Girls Tournament were MVP Alesha Robertson, Plainview; Anna Vaughn, Southlake Carroll; Chelsi Welch, Tojinyay Thompson, Plainview; and Kalee Carey, and Brooke Baughman, Canyon.

Robertson and Baughman scored 37 points apiece during the two-day tournament. The first-ever Sportsmanship Award, which was voted on by game officials, was given to the city of Canyon, including its fans, players and coaches for showing sportsmanlike behavior during the weekend.

The award will be repeated on the boys' side this weekend when the Region I Class 4A Boys Tournament gets underway Friday in the first of a double-header at 6 p.m.

Several teams, including Lubbock Estacado, Canyon, Randall, North Crowley, Fort Worth Polytech,

Canyon, Fort Worth Dunbar and Fort Worth Eastern Hills are looking for one of four invitations to this weekend's final at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Plainview 64, Canyon 47

PLAINVIEW: Dana Reinart 35 12 9; Elyse Newland 37 12 12 19; Sarah Hauk 37 0 0 6; Tojinyay Thompson 26 0 0 5; Amber Lees 0 0 0 0; Addie Lees 0 0 0 0; Alesha Robertson 4 5 2 2 11; Chelsi Welch 5 9 3 4 14. Totals: 20 39 18 20 64.

CANYON: Brooke Baughman 8 20 46 23; Brittany Johnston 0 3 0 0 0; Kalee Carey 7 10 1 3 15; Sierra Wilcox 0 4 0 0 0; Kristy Keeling 0 0 0 0; Chelsi Friemel 0 0 0 0 0; Haley Hobson 3 8 2 2 9; Nique Allen 0 0 0 0 0. Totals: 18 46 7 11 47.

Score by quarters: Plainview 15 10 19 20 64; Canyon 6 8 12 21 47.

Three-point goals: Plainview 6 (Reinart 2, 3, Newland 1, 3, Thompson 1, Robertson 1, Welch 1, 2, Hauk 0), Canyon 4 (Baughman 3, 10, Hobson 1, Wilcox 0, Keeling 0).

Rebounds: Plainview 25 (Robertson 8, Welch 5, Newland 4, Reinart 3, Thompson 2, Amber Lees 1), Canyon 26 (Johnston 5, Allen, Hobson 4, Baughman, Carey 3, Wilcox, Keeling 2).

Total fouls: Plainview 18, Canyon 20. Fouled out: Thompson, Hobson. Technical fouls: none. Assists: Plainview 13 (Welch 4, Reinart, Newland, Thompson, Robertson 2, Hauk 1), Canyon 11 (Johnston 3, Baughman, Carey, Friemel, Hobson 2, Wilcox 1). Turnovers: Plainview 14 (Newland 5, Welch 4, Thompson 3, Team 2, Reinart, Robertson 1), Canyon 22 (Team 7, Baughman 5, Carey 4, Friemel, Hobson 2, Wilcox, Keeling 1). Blocked shots: Canyon 1 (Carey). Steals: Plainview 7 (Welch, Team 2, Reinart, Newland, Thompson 1), Canyon 1 (Hobson).

Records: Plainview is 33-1. Canyon finishes the season 32-2.

tie kept them in it." Shamielka Buckley scored a season-high 34 points, going 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

"She just didn't miss anything," he said. "She played great."

Tamesha Graves paces South Plains College with 16 ppg and 5 rebounds a game. Carla Sintra has 10.5 point and six rebounds.

"(South Plains College) is coming off a loss to Midland, and we might catch them at a good time," Wells said. "They might be looking for the regional tournament and not worried about us."

"They are really tough. It's a tough match-up. They're a great team, and they're very well-coached. We're looking forward to our last home game. We'll start all our sophomores. It will be a good game."

Returning sophomores Shamielka Buckley, Chris Carmicheal, Latasha Mathiew and Shanekqua Campbell will start the contest, along with sophomore guard Afton Stowers.

Jans said. "We were never in the situation where we were within striking distance. We did not play as if we were competing for a spot in the playoffs and though (FPC) is not competing for one, they had the sense of urgency. Plain and simple, we did not go up there with the right frame of mind. And it showed."

Howard had a chance at one point to cut Frank Phillips' lead to 13, but five attempted three-pointers went awry.

"If our guys played the way we played the other night, we'll get beat twice easily (this week)."

And Howard is facing two formidable opponents. South Plains College owns one league loss — its opening match-up with New Mexico Military

Institute. And NMMI has the bragging rights of knocking off one of the top five programs in the country.

"We're going to play against a team that is in the middle of an awesome season. They're nationally ranked, and they've lost two games. One thing about our players is they certainly forget their last game quicker than the coaches do. They'll be in a good frame of mind by Monday and use that to their advantage, and we'll devise a plan to put us in a position to win."

Jans predicts his charges to be confident Monday night. The last time the two squads met in the Texan Dome, the Texans escaped

with a three-point win. Howard had the lead with 6:00 to play, but Jans admits that "South Plains did not have one of their better outings, and I expect them to be ready to go."

"I'm sure they'll want to play well, plus their coach, Steve Green, used to coach at Howard."

Four players who score in double figures pace South Plains College. Renaldo Majors (15.6 ppg), Jonathan Woods (12.5 ppg), Allen Haynes (12.5 ppg) and Marcus Jackson (10 ppg). Woods and Jackson pull down seven boards an outing.

Howard is led by sophomore Zach Moss of Pompano, Fla. (16.3 ppg) and Rodney Blackstock of Greensboro, N.C. (16.4 ppg).

The Hawks coaching staff has warned Howard's players to stop digging themselves a hole in the first half. Usually, the Hawks can shoot themselves out of it, but they were unable to do it Thursday in Borger.

Jans said it is particularly important that they don't do that against No. 5-ranked South Plains College.

"We have obviously put ourselves in situations numerous times this season and have found a way to get back in the game," Jans said. "And as a staff, we've always talked even as late, if we continue to do that, we're going to put ourselves in such a deep hole, we won't be able to get out of and that would be a shame."

LADY HAWKS

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hard. We just waited too long to stop their runs.

"At this point, it was just nice to see them going hard. The girls did a good job executing. We got the exact shots we wanted. We just didn't make them. They played great. If we had made some of those shots, we win the game. Their hus-

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berth a little easier by beating Frank Phillips College (9-19, 3-9) Thursday in Borger. But the Plainsmen jumped out to a 17-2 lead, and the Hawks never recovered, falling 98-75.

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# Olympics: U.S. breaks through in bobsled

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — The streaks are over — one just days old, the other decades.

After winning two straight silver medals, U.S. skier Bode Miller finished 25th in the Olympic slalom. And after 46 straight years of futility, an era running from Elvis to Britney, the U.S. men's bobsledders finally won a medal.

Make that two medals — a silver and a bronze.

Miller was disappointed. The bobsled teams were ... delirious, out of their minds with glee. They climbed into the stands, high-fived the fans, hugged each other in celebration.

Although the gold medal went to Germany 2, driven by Andre Lange, second place — not to mention third — was every bit as sweet to the Americans.

"We came out here wanting a medal of any color — it didn't matter," said Todd Hays, driver of silver-medal winning USA-1. "What an amazing ending."

USA-1, piloted by ex-college linebacker Hays, was in third place before a fourth and final run that earned

the silver. USA-2, with captain Brian Shimer in his fifth and final Olympics, led his squad from fourth into a bronze.

"After 16 years, this is a fairy tale ending," said Shimer. Asked if he might reconsider retirement, the 39-year-old Shimer was adamant: "That's it. I would never come back after that finish."

Hays, as he promised, burst into tears when the results became final.

It was the first U.S. men's bobsled medal since the four-man team took bronze at Cortina, Italy, in 1956.

U.S. double-medalist Apolo Anton Ohno was disqualified after a collision with Japanese skater Satoru Terao in the 500-meter short track.

The bobsled results solidified the American hold on second place in the overall medals race.

On the last weekend of the games, Germany continued to lead all countries with 35 medals (12 gold, 16 silver, seven bronze).

The Americans were second with its best-ever 32 medals (10-12-10), followed by

Norway with 22 (11-7-4).

**MEN'S SLALOM:** Bode Miller, the U.S. skier who had already won a pair of silver medals in his first two races, staggered to a 25th place finish Saturday in the men's slalom. It ended his personal Olympic winning streak at 10 days — he first medaled on Feb. 13.

**MEN'S HOCKEY:** The Russians not only showed up for the bronze medal game, they won it.

One day after a bitter 3-2 loss to the Americans, the Russians bounced back with a 7-2 thumping of heavy underdog Belarus. The Russians, led by a pair of goals from Alexei Kovalev, scored five answered goals after Belarus evened the game at 2-2 in the second period.

The gold medal game

between the United States and Canada was set for Sunday.

**CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING:** Just as his Web site proclaims, Johann Muehlegg is the "king of Solider Hollow." Muehlegg, a German who became a Spanish citizen in 1999, won his third gold medal of the games in the 50-kilometer classical race. Russian Mikhail Ivanov won the silver, while Estonia's Andrus Veerpalu took the bronze.

**SPEEDSKATING:** Two-time defending gold medalist Claudia Pechstein of Germany, in a world record performance, took the gold in the women's 5,000 meters. It was her second gold of the games, and made her just the second speedskater to ever win three consecutive Olympic titles.

# SWIMMERS

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sophomore. Petrowski swam in the prelims of the 200 relay finals for Clark, who was ill for that race.

Of the seven who competed at the Lee and Joe Jamail Texas Swim Center, only Clark is a senior. Joining Hughey and Petrowski as underclassmen are Carrasco and Pike, both juniors, and Sheedy and Liggett, who are sophomores.

Midland Christian's varsity squad and defeating 5A school junior varsity teams including Odessa High, Permian High, Midland Lee.

Vishal Shroff and Jake Smiley won the JV doubles tournament.

"All, in all, it was a successful weekend; we could have done better on the varsity boys' side but we know now what we have to work on," said Corse.

# TENNIS

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a tough three-setter that could have gone either way.

The Big Spring JV team playing in the B draw of this tournament came in second, losing only the

# Big Spring boys run distances well at Monahans track meet

HERALD Staff Report

MONAHANS — Big Spring High School's boys made a strong showing in the distance events at the Monahans Relays here Saturday.

Daniel Garza led Big Spring to a 1-2-3 sweep in the 3200 meter run with his time of 10:54. Andy Cuellar came in at 11:12 and teammate Daniel Leos clocked an 11:21.

Garza also took second place in the 1600 meter run with a time of 4:52. Leos placed second in 5:01 and Jacob Marquez was on his heels in third place at 5:03.

The Steers' Pat Gonzales took first place in the 400 meters with a time of 58.9. David Garza was sixth with a 57.8 clocking.

In other results, Jarod Phillips flashed a 16.7 for second place in the 110 meter hurdles; Jacob Marquez placed fourth in the 800 meters with a time of 2:08; and Sam Gray was fifth in the 100 meter dash with a time of 11-flat.

David Lopez placed fifth in the discus with a throw of 121 feet.

Big Spring's sprint relay team of kyland Wegner, Josh Matthews, Tommy Moore and Gray placed sixth. A time was not available.

Monahans won the meet with 99 points, followed by Fort Stockton with 86, Pecos with 81, Crane with 76 and Big Spring with 71.

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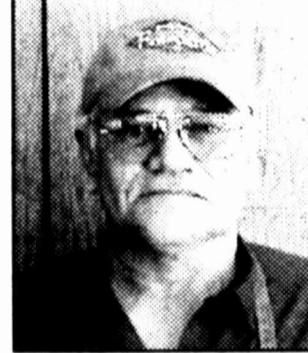
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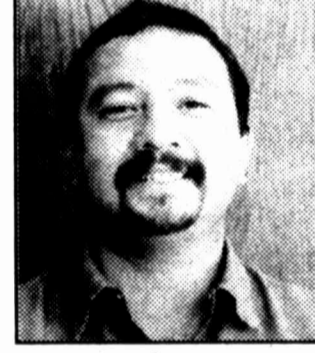
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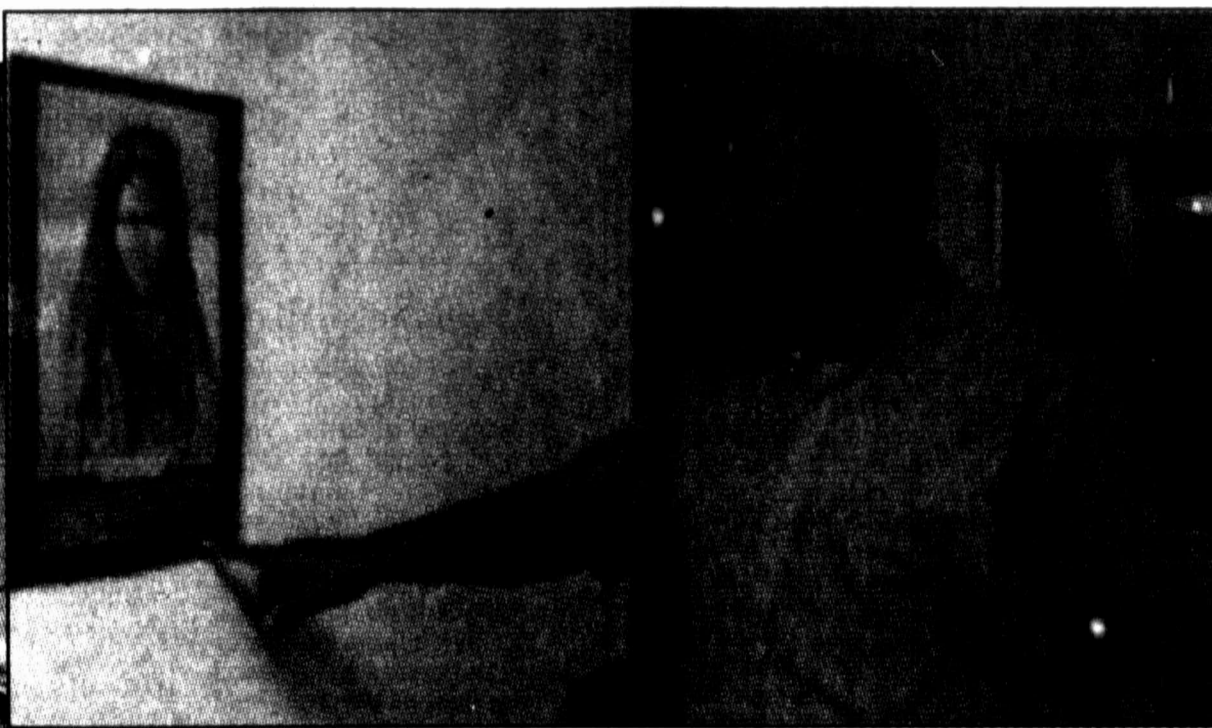
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## Celebrating Black History Month



February is Black History month and although there were many contributions to American history by Blacks they are seldom mentioned in our classrooms.

Inventions such as peanut butter, the ironing board, traffic lights, mail boxes and etc., have undeniably added convenience to our lives. However, Black Americans have also made important discoveries and inventions that revolutionized the medical and scientific fields.

Granville T. Woods was known as the Black Edison because he was successful in marketing a telegraph system about the same time as Thomas Edison marketed his.

Although he had received a patent for his invention he was not able to convince Alexander Graham Bell to market his device. Later, however, he was awarded a patent for a similar device when he was challenged by Edison and was able to appropriate the funds to form his own company, the Woods Electrical Company.

He was then able to market his inventions including air brakes and an egg hatching machine.

The first gas mask that enabled firefighters and emergency personnel to enter smoky or toxic environments was invented by Garrett Augustus Morgan in 1912, an African American in New Orleans. Its design is similar to the equipment still in use today.

Ralph Gardner's research into plastics led to the development of hard plastics. He also was one of three African Americans who worked on the development of the atomic bomb as part of the Manhattan Project.

A Boston slave named Onesimus who was owned by the Puritan cleric, Cotton Mather, introduced the practice of inoculation during the smallpox epidemic of 1721. Though crude in nature (the skin was cut and the blood from an infected person applied to the wound) this proved to be successful and saved many lives.

Another innovative breakthrough discovery was blood preservation which was developed by Charles R. Drew who was also the first African American to receive the doctor of science degree in medicine. Dr. Drew proved that separating blood cells from plasma, or blood fluid, was easier to preserve than whole blood.

There are many more individuals who were instrumental in the development of our country, our culture, and our society, but as local pastor and former participant in both Desert Storm and Desert Shield, Michael Willard observes American history is not always objective. "A lot of this information is not taught in schools. History is taught from an anglo-centric viewpoint. People really don't see what Black History is really all about."

Leaders such as Martin Luther King Jr. have helped bring recognition and appreciation for individual rights of all Americans, but, to some who recognize these changes, there is still much that remains to be done.

Willard goes on to say that racial barriers are still prevalent and awareness is important, "Black History goes beyond black and white... it is American history and credit should be given where credit is due."

YeLonda Bess, pre-k teacher's aid at Howard Cottage Daycare, former member of the military, and world traveler, also encourages everyone to learn more about the contributions made by African Americans, "There's so much history Black people are a part of in the United States that is ongoing. They should be recognized and the advantages need to be remembered," she said.

Although slavery was eradicated more than a century ago its effects are still evident as pastor Willard explains, "Imagine being a child who is constantly told that he is less than a person and will never amount to anything. Psychologists will tell you that it takes 30 years to overcome that kind of abuse and there are many generations descended from those slaves."

His vision for the future is an optimistic one that includes people of all races, "My earnest desire is to be inclusive, to see us come together, to be civil, to not let biases affect our relationships."

Africans began making American history even before the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth Rock. The first Africans arrived in British North America by 1619. By the time of the Civil War, in 1861, more than four million African-Americans lived in the United States, however most were enslaved.

Despite slavery, many gained their freedom and fought for freedom for all Americans. Their bravery and many contributions, from entertainment and sport to science and technology, should be celebrated all year long.

Information in this article can be found in "1001 things everyone should know about African American History," by Jeffrey C. Stewart. — Andrea Medlin

YeLonda Bess, pre-k teacher's aid at Howard Cottage, provided a display of memorabilia she has collected or has received as gifts that demonstrates the diverse influences of African-American culture. The collection includes a native cloth and wooden carvings Bess purchased from a marketplace in Liberia. Michael Willard, pastor of Mt. Bethel Baptist Church, explains that many characters in the Bible were Black including the wife of Moses as indicated in one of the posters he had displayed in honor of Black History Month. Part of the display provided by Bess included magazine covers and articles on prominent African-Americans. Stephanie Horton leads the Mt. Bethel Choir at an event held at the VA Medical Center which included Gospel music and cultural cuisine. The event featured a proclamation by Mayor Russ McEwen.

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## Reader's Digest just doesn't appreciate good literature

From time to time I have sent in items to the Reader's Digest hoping to receive a nice check for acceptance in "Life in These United States" or some other department.

So far I have not met with success.

I don't understand it. I thought some of the items were really very clever. For example, once at Goliad we were preparing for Public School Week. The secretary, typing the program, inadvertently omitted the letter L from the word public. (This proves you can't depend on spellcheck.) She caught the mistake after running a few pro-

grams, but the teachers were quite amused at the thought of Public School Week. The principal, however, threatened anyone who sent the story to the Reader's Digest.

That was a while ago, so last year, figuring the statute on limitations had expired, I submitted it to the magazine. I haven't heard a word.



JEAN WARREN

My sister, Margie, has had no better luck. In the bulletin from her church in Lamesa, the secretary had omitted the letter G from the word sing. It came out — "Sin along tonight — Come and see the talent of your church in action."

She thought it was hilarious, but the magazine editors were not impressed.

A friend, LaRue DeViney, tried with this remark by her son, Don, when he was 4 years old. His little dog, Buff, had died and the family was consoling him with the thought that his beloved pet was in dog heaven. Finally, he asked his

mother, "When I get to human bein' heaven, do you think I could go over to dog heaven and see Buff?"

Of course, I have tried with remarks, like this one, by my granddaughters.

My daughter often counts to three when hurrying the girls to do something or to cease a particular activity.

Recently London was upstairs, busy in a closet, when her mother called, "Come downstairs now, London — one, two, three." London called back, "Can we change that to five?"

Annelise, who just

turned 2, was a Mother's Day Out when she asked the teacher for some juice.

The teacher told her to finish the water in her cup and then she could have some.

Annelise carefully poured the water on the floor and handed her cup to the teacher. I thought it was pretty clever, the teacher thought it was funny, but I doubt the story will get the editor's attention.

I know of one person who did make the Reader's Digest.

He wrote about his experience attending the Rose Bowl Parade.

The fellow in front of

him kept standing up to see the floats, thus obscuring Willis' view.

With his Polaroid camera, he took a picture of the gentleman's backside and handed it to him, explaining the situation.

Apparently this solved the problem.

But Willis did tell me it was four years from the time he submitted the story until it was published. Maybe I just need to be more patient.

Jean Warren writes a regular column for the Herald.

ANNIVERSARY



Marvin and Lola Lamb

Marvin and Lola Lamb celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Feb. 17, with a weekend at a honeymoon suite in Lubbock provided by their children. He was born in Quitman, Ark. and she was born in Big Spring. The couple met in Lubbock where she was attending Draughans Business College and he worked for Southwestern Bell Telephone Co. They were married Feb. 17, 1952, at a little country church in the Valley View community. It was the first church performed in the church, the first ceremony performed by the pastor, and the first and only marriage for the couple. They have two children, Donna Love of Big Spring and Jerry Lamb of Lewisville; four grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. The couple have lived in Big Spring since 1955, having transferred from Lubbock. He retired from Southwestern Bell in 1983. They also owned and operated Big Dipper Donut Shop for 14 years. They enjoy travel and the rockhounding hobby.

ENGAGEMENTS

Priscilla Marquez of Euless and Lane Rothell of Bedford will exchange vows April 27, 2002, at Indian Hills Baptist Church in Grand Prairie.

She is the daughter of David and Dorene Uhrick of Euless.

He is the son of Harvey and Rhonda Rothell of Big Spring.



Stephanie Webb and Christopher Clark, both of Fort Worth will exchange vows March 16, 2002, at the CEED building in Midland. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Steve Webb of Midland, the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Webb Jr. of Stanton, and the great-granddaughter of Mary Webb of Ackerly. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Clark of Odessa.



WHO'S WHO

Big Spring students who were named on the honor's list of Texas Tech University for the fall semester 2001 were Joy Diane Humphreys, David Curry Moore, Drew Richie Wegman, Daniel Clayton Holt, Kaci Michelle Hooser, Stacia Leigh Loftin, Brittney Dawn Prater, Steven Preston Prater, Tina Juacile Riley, Brittany Roberson, Jana Michelle Steward, Tatum Nicole Weeks, Julie Michelle Adams, Keele Ann Barnes, Heather Michelle Burt, Kenna Sue Cathey, Meng Chen, Elizabeth Anne Froman, Jeremy Heath Hedges, and Kelly Leigh Hollar.

Coahoma students named to the list were Meridith Kaye Barr and David Michael White. Big Spring students who graduated in December were Timothy Wayne Marino, Don Bradley Estill, Travis Glenn Hiltbrunner, Kimberly Diane Long, and Jennifer Kay Schafer. Coahoma graduate was Michael Lynn Brooks.

WEDDING



Thompson - Alejo

Nicolé Thompson (Alejo) and Julian Alejo exchanged wedding vows Feb. 2, 2002, at South Haltom Community Church in Watauga with the Rev. Joe Bernier of Hospitality House/College Baptist Church officiating. The bride is the daughter of Steve and Mona Thompson of Watauga and the granddaughter of Joe and Wanda Bernier of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Cherri Stockley of Watauga.

Music for the ceremony was by Kenny G and Shania Twain.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Steve Thompson and wore a sleeveless, satin dress covered with pearl beads and featured a ball length skirt.

She wore satin, elbow-length gloves and the veil was covered with pearl beads, was waste length and covered with net.

The bouquet was yellow and purple roses with white and purple streamers covered with pearl beads.

Maid of honor was Brandy Baxley of Justin, cousin of the bride. Bridesmaids were Crystal Baxley of Plano, cousin of the bride, Beth Precht and Heather Tow, both of Watauga, friends of the bride.

Flower girls were Victoria and Elizabeth Guest, friends of the bride.

Ringbearer was Zachary Dorn and Jerry Don Thompson, cousins of the bride.

Victor Ramirez, friend of the groom, served as best man.

Groomsmen were Andy Alejo, brother of the groom, Adam Thompson, brother of the bride, and Caleb Turker, friend of the groom.

Candlelighter was Alicia Alejo, sister of the groom.

A reception was held at South Haltom Community Church in Watauga.

The wedding cake was white, three tiered with lilac/purple roses, and featured two glass swans filled with purple and yellow silk flowers.

The groom's cake was chocolate, one tier and featured a picture of bride and groom painted on top.

The bride is a 2000 graduate of North Richland Hills High School and is employed by Micah McMuth Inc.

The groom is a 2000 graduate of North Richland Hills High School and is employed by K & N Plumbing Company.

After a wedding trip to Denton the couple made their home in North Richland.

NEWCOMERS

David and Bonnie Lambert of El Paso. He is the owner and operator of Texas RV Park of Big Spring.

Cole and Katie Walker of Midland. He is an engineer for the city of Midland. She is employed as the Howard County Home Economist.

Richard and Lucille Berard of Denver, Colo. They are retired and are employed by the Texas RV Park.

Adam and Sabrina Binnix and daughter, Alexandra, of San Angelo. He is employed by the city of Big Spring and is a police academy student. She is employed by Blue Bell Creameries.

Onyemachi and Ann Usuwa, daughters, Chizoba and Chioma and sons Nkenna, Chineme and Nnamdi of Woodbridge, N.J. He is a physician at the VA Medical Center.

Leticia Flores, son, Ruben and daughters, Haley and Elida of Sweetwater. She is employed in fast food service work.

HOWARD COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY



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## Face of unemployment: Not just well-educated dot-commers anymore

BOSTON (AP) — Priscilla Ramirez has never had stock options. She doesn't have high-tech skills. She has no MBA to fall back on. And she isn't spending her jobless months traveling through Asia.

She is 19, and simply wants work as a receptionist or office assistant to support herself and her year-old daughter.

She is also, a recent study argues, a more accurate picture of

unemployment than the laid-off dot-commers and hyper-educated entrepreneurs who have gotten most of the attention lately.

"My age right now, if you want to find a decent job, unless it's like Walgreens, it's really hard to get a foot in the door," Ramirez said, sitting in a classroom at the Boston community center where she has been taking a course to learn to write resumes and cover letters.

She has been unable to find a job since she graduated from high school. A half-dozen interviews have produced no offers that pay enough or meet her child-care needs.

The study, by economists Andrew Sum of Northeastern University and Robert Taggart of the University of Delaware, argues that young people ages 16 to 24 have been hit harder by unemployment in this recession than a

cursorious look at the numbers indicates. In fact, the study says this recession has been harder on younger workers than ever.

The U.S. unemployment rate, a relatively modest 5.6 percent overall in January, measures only active job seekers. The researchers focused instead on a broader measure that also accounts for jobseekers who have given up looking — in some cases, to go back to school.

Working from federal unemployment data, the economists report that more than half of the 2.1 million jobs lost in this recession were among young people.

The percentage of employed young people fell 4 percentage points to 54.4 percent in 2001, nearly 3 points below its lowest level in the 1990-91 recession, the study found. The drop is nearly four times greater than that for older adults.

## Corrections officer earns big award

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer  
Twenty thousand dollars is a lot of money. It's also the amount Cornell Corrections is giving to a corrections officer at its Interstate Unit in Big Spring.

Sgt. Fred Holguin, of Forsan is the first winner in the company's Referral and Retention Program, which encourages employees to recruit new workers.

Holguin, a former Forsan mayor and currently mayor pro-tem, said he was surprised by the award.

"The warden, Joe Valencia, told me to come up here a little earlier," he said. "I know I made some mistakes down the line. I didn't know whether I did or not, but I thought I was in trouble. He's a nice man."

Last year Cornell's Referral and Retention Program paid employees \$100 for each new hire they referred, if that person stayed on the job for 30 days. Each referral also gave the employee a chance at the big prize, \$2,000 plus \$500 a month for 36 months, totalling \$20,000.

This year, the prize per referral has gone up to \$200. More than 3,000 Cornell employees nationwide compete for the same prize.

Holguin said the money couldn't have come at a better time.

"It's kind of a blessing because they discovered that my wife has sarcoi-



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Cornell Corrections' Sgt. Fred Holguin, center, accepts the first installment of his \$20,000 prize for recruiting from Big Spring Area Warden Dale Brown, right. Joe Valencia, site warden of Cornell's Interstate Unit where Holguin works, applauds the award.

sis, the same thing as lupus," he said. "Tomorrow I've got to take her to the hospital. This money's going to help."

Joe Valencia, warden of the Interstate Unit, praised Holguin.

"Fred is a sergeant with us," he said. "He's an excellent officer. An excellent employee. He's a good mentor, he sets an example for the employees. He knows policy and new employees come to him because of his maturity and his presence on the job."

Valencia said he doesn't know how many people Holguin referred through the program.

"I do know that at least two that he referred were hired," he said. "He may have referred more."

Dale Brown, warden over all four Big Spring Cornell facilities, said the sergeant has already started working on next year's prize.

"It's interesting to note, I think, that he also received a check for making a referral on next year's program already," he said. "It could-

n't have happened to a better employee to win the major award in that program, coming from Big Spring. We're the largest facility in Cornell's structure and it was good to see one of our employees win."

"Right now in Big Spring, the unemployment rate is somewhere around 3 percent, so people in this area have jobs," he said. "We need to get out and let people know we are a good employer with good benefits and bring them into our facilities."

## Energy

### Cap Rock Energy announces release of stock, completing transformation from co-op

Special to the Herald

Cap Rock Energy (CRE) has announced the release of 1,302,355 shares of stock to 26,634 former members of Cap Rock Electric Cooperative.

During a conversion process transforming the 62-year-old electric cooperative to a public stock company, Cap Rock Electric Cooperative returned all capital credits and membership interest to its members. Members were given the opportunity to redeem their capital credits and interest accumulated while members of the cooperative, in one of three ways — discounted lump sum cash payment, credit on electric bills or shares of stock in the newly created public stock company.

More than 69 percent of former members elected to receive stock.

"The number of members choosing to receive stock is a clear mandate to us from former members that they value our vision," said David Pruitt, president and CEO.

"It is definitely a sign that they are committed to our overall philosophy for growth and vision in our effort to position ourselves for the deregulated marketplace."

During the conversion process, CRE returned a total of \$23,862,259. Since 1992, Cap Rock Electric has paid a total of \$31,632,609 back to its members in discounted cash payment, credit on electric bills or issuance of stock. Typically, electric cooperatives return capital credits in 20-year cycles.

With the conversion, CRE not only becomes the first electric cooperative to restructure itself as a public

stock company, but also the first electric utility to go public in 60 years.

"Because there was no blueprint for us to follow, the process has been slower and more frustrating than we had anticipated," Pruitt said.

Cap Rock Electric was also the first electric cooperative to merge with non-contiguous cooperatives. The cooperative acquired Lone Wolf Electric Inc. in 1991, Hunt-Collin Electric Cooperative in 1992, and McCullough Electric Cooperative in 1999.

CRE's strategic objective is to become a national electric distribution company with community-focused local operating divisions.

"Our strategy for achieving this objective is to expand our customer base by acquiring small to medium electric distribution areas that have the potential for growth," Pruitt said. "We believe that an aggressive campaign of mergers and acquisitions will help us to increase our customer base and thus put us in a position to compete effectively in a fully deregulated marketplace."

Pruitt said CRE's strategy would aid its goal of achieving both weather-related and economic diversity in its customer base.

CRE is awaiting a response for stock exchange listing.

CRE supplies electricity to more than w34,000 meters in 31 counties in Texas. Its corporate office is located in Midland with service divisions in Stanton, Colorado city, Brady and Celeste, and has a management operation agreement with the city of Farmersville and a management agreement with Lamar Electric Cooperative in Paris, Texas.

## It's time to vaccinate your horses

Despite blustery days now and again, spring is just around the

corner, and animal health officials are urging owners to protect their equids, including horses, mules and donkeys against sev-



DAVID KNIGHT

eral mosquito-borne diseases before "bug" season starts.

Vaccines are available to protect equids against both equine encephalitis, better known as "sleeping sickness" and West Nile Virus (WNV). However, the shots are no value if they aren't given prior to disease exposure. These vaccines require two doses, administered several weeks apart, and full protection doesn't develop until four to six weeks after the second dose.

Cases of "sleeping sickness" or equine encephalitis occur sporadically in Texas equids, and on rare occasions, humans contract the mosquito-borne infection. Transmitted by mosquitoes that have fed on diseased birds, Eastern Equine Encephalitis (EEE) and Western Equine Encephalitis (WEE) causes swelling of the brain, resulting in staggering, convulsions and fever.

Veterinarians can administer an effective "two-way" vaccine to protect equids

against EEE and WEE.

Two injections, thirty days apart, are required, and the animal will need a booster shot annually or biannually.

Symptoms of these diseases include:

1. Staggering, falling or inability to rise
2. Illness affecting a large percentage of animals
3. Sudden death loss

For more information on this or other pertinent information, contact the Howard County Extension office at 264-2236.

## IN THE NEWS

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The record industry must provide documented proof it owns copyrights to scores of popular music works it seeks to protect in its lawsuit against Napster, a federal judge ruled in an order released Friday.

U.S. District Judge Marilyn Hall Patel also appointed an expert to review the documents, which officials for the recording industry's trade group say they are ready to provide.

The record labels are seeking damages from the once-popular online file-sharing network for allowing the copyright songs to be trafficked.

The judge also opened the door to legal discovery on Napster's claims that the labels misused their copyrights to dominate the growing online music distribution industry.

Napster said both rulings were significant victories for the embattled company, which has been offline since July.

"We are pleased that the

court granted Napster's request to examine two critical issues: the record companies' ownership of artists' copyrights and anticompetitive behavior that amounts to misuse of their copyrights," Napster general counsel Jonathan Schwartz said in a statement.

Cary Sherman, general counsel for the Recording Industry Association of America said Napster's allegations of misuse are without merit, which will be confirmed through the ordered discovery.

"We look forward to providing the court with evidence to refute Napster's claims," Sherman said in a statement.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — Thirty-three states are asking a bankruptcy court to block Enron Corp. executives from securing millions of dollars from the company for their legal defense.

"Enron's directors and officers should not be advanced money for their civil or criminal defense costs before the issue of

their individual liability has been resolved," Oregon Attorney General Hardy Myers, the lead attorney for the group, said in a news release Friday.

Thousands of Enron employees lost their retirement savings in accounts loaded with Enron stock as the company plunged into bankruptcy on Dec. 2. The energy giant and its executives face a growing number of lawsuits.

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge Arthur Gonzales is expected to hear objections to the advance fee request Wednesday in New York City, said New Mexico Attorney General Patricia Madrid.

"Enron is seeking an advance payment from bankruptcy court of at least \$30 million to pay for the defense costs of its officers and directors. I object," Madrid said. She said advancing of funds might accelerate depletion of insurance money while tens of thousands of innocent people have been harmed in the Enron collapse.



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The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Ambassadors hosted a ribbon cutting ceremony to celebrate the new location of Gale's Sweet Shoppes. Gale and his wife, Maurine Pittman prepare to cut the ribbon at the event.

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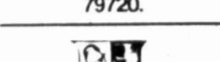
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**Readers offer suggestions on cause of painful sex**

Dear Ann Landers: I am writing in response to the letter signed "Hate Sex" in Washington State." She said intercourse was painful. This medical condition is called dyspareunia and can be caused by many conditions, both physical and emotional. You were right to recommend AASECT (American Association of Sex Educators, Counselors and Therapists). Counseling and medical treatment together can be extremely helpful.



ANN LANDERS

One of the possible physical causes of dyspareunia is a spasm of the pelvic floor muscle. As a physical therapist, I specialize in the treatment of this muscle dysfunction and help women learn to relax and contract the muscle in an appropriate manner. Please tell your readers to ask their doctors for a referral or call the American Physical Therapy Association at 1-800-999-2782 (www.apta.org). Elizabeth Shelly, Physical Therapist, Moline, Ill.

Dear Elizabeth Shelly: You were not the only reader to suggest physical therapy as a means of overcoming painful intercourse. I was amazed at the number of women who wrote to offer their suggestions. Read on for more: From Springfield, Ill.: I, too, suffered from painful sex. Several doctors told me the problem was my inability to relax, but the real culprit turned out to be a low-grade yeast infection. Baton Rouge, La.: My gynecologist finally diagnosed me with interstitial cystitis, which is a chronic inflammation of the bladder. Please tell "Hate Sex" she might have this problem.

Danbury, Conn.: Painful sex can be the result of a torn muscle after childbirth. That is what happened to me after my last baby was born. Atlanta: Please tell "Hate Sex" that she may have

endometriosis, a chronic disease that can cause excruciating pain during sex. Without treatment, this disease can make a woman infertile or worse. I was lucky. My doctor found it early.

Rochester, N.Y.: Tell "Hate Sex" that she might have vulvodynia. She can contact the National Vulvodynia Association at www.nva.org for more information.

San Bernardino, Calif.: After suffering with this condition for almost 18 years, my doctor finally checked my testosterone level and discovered it was way below normal. He gave me a cream that has made all the difference in the world.

Saltsburg, Pa.: Please tell that poor woman to have her gynecologist check her for vulvar vestibulitis. It's a condition where glands become inflamed.

Sacramento, Calif.: I, too, had pain during sex for years. I had a lot of tests and various diagnoses, but nothing helped. I finally located a Web site that suggested oxalic acid may be the problem. It recommended that I take 1,000 mg of calcium citrate a day and cut out all food with oxalic acid. Within a week, I noticed a lessening of the symptoms. Three months later, I am almost pain-free.

Graham, N.C.: The Vulvar Pain Foundation coordinates scientific research, testing, education, personal support and public outreach for a connective tissue disorder frequently characterized by painful sex. Safe treatment has been developed that is effective for many women. Please tell your readers to contact us at www.vulvarpainfoundation.org.

Dear Readers: Thank you for your invaluable assistance and your concern. However, before trying any of these remedies, my female readers should talk to their gynecologists. Take this column with you to your next appointment, and ask if any of these conditions apply to you. Good luck.

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1 Close, e.g.  
8 Uniting  
15 Where Bujumbura is capital  
16 Sanction  
17 Controversial  
18 Believers in elements  
19 Narrow tracks  
20 Barbara Roberts' pal  
22 Prier's need  
23 Handel hero  
24 Edison rival  
26 Mongoose prey  
27 Scoundrel  
28 Scrabble player's favorite flower  
30 Radiola maker  
31 Memorable musical family  
33 Groovy?  
35 Minority party  
36 Alfalfa's real first name  
37 Adams character  
40 Not off  
43 Astaire/Rogers destination  
44 Urging  
46 Average  
47 Troubles  
49 Faculty  
50 FDR concern of '33  
51 Boer leader  
53 Principal's deg.

- 54 Art class  
55 Examines  
57 Turn harsh  
59 Rattle  
60 Seat separator  
61 Becomes involved  
62 Office staff  
**DOWN**  
1 French philosopher  
2 Fruity liqueur  
3 Cause of some blowups  
4 Devices  
5 Tolkien tree creatures  
6 Subject of an '83 Reagan speech  
7 Revolts  
8 Worf and Deanna's superior  
9 Where St. Catherines is  
10 Pop hero  
11 Caesar's name  
12 State issuances  
13 Quiddity  
14 Hack work  
21 Unoff. title  
24 Children's Supermart, today  
25 Beat the heat, in a way  
28 Nijinsky jumps  
29 Master  
32 It means "under"

- 34 Jones quest  
37 Boston Massacre name  
38 Complaint  
39 Rest  
40 Villanova athlete  
41 Proximate  
42 Managers  
45 Impresario Grauman  
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50 Metallic word form  
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54 Dickens midwife  
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58 "Muskrat Ramble" composer

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