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March 17, 2002

**WEATHER**

Today:



**PARTLY CLOUDY**  
TODAY 64°-65° TONIGHT 44°-45°

**VITA workers to help with taxes Monday**

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance volunteers are assisting local residents with their 2001 income tax returns.

The volunteers are the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive, from 9 a.m. to noon each Monday through April 1.

Those interested are asked to bring their 2000 tax return, W2s and 1099 forms along with their tax booklet and other documents showing their 2001 income.

For more information, call Dorothy Kennemur, VITA volunteer, at 398-5522 or 267-1628.

**WHAT'S UP...**

**MONDAY**

Big Spring Howard County Retired Teachers Association meets for lunch at 11:30 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

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

DAV chapter 47 meets at 6:30 p.m. at 610 Abrams.

Christian Singles Fellowship meets from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at First United Methodist Church youth hall. All singles are welcome.

**TUESDAY**

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

Big Spring Evening Lion's Club, noon in the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

Big Spring Rotary, noon in the Howard College Cactus Room.

Big Spring Band Boosters meets at 6 p.m. in the high school band hall. All band parents are invited to attend.

Big Spring Shrine Club meets at 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at First and Goliad. All Masons are welcome to attend.

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**Vietnam Memorial Committee ready for dance, chili supper**

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Members of the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial Committee are making final preparations for their second annual VMC Chili Supper and Dance scheduled for Saturday.



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Tickets for the chili sup-

per, which will be from 4:30 p.m. to 7 p.m. at the LaVerdera building, located on the north service road of Interstate 20, are \$5 per person. The dance will begin at 9 p.m. and continue until 1 a.m. with music provided by the band "New Company."

Also planned between 7 p.m. and 10 p.m. will be a "Casino Night," with gaming provided by Scott Emerson's Big Casino Parties.

Those wishing to take part

in the casino activity will be able to purchase \$500 in gaming chips for \$20. Following the casino night's three-hour run, winners can use their winnings to bid on a number of prizes in an auction.

Funds raised will go toward upkeep of the Vietnam Memorial.

"We're constantly needing funds just to keep the memorial kept up," explained Jerry Groves, the committee's publicity chairman. "A lot of the members

of the committee put a bunch of their own money into maintaining the memorial, but there's no way we can do this by ourselves. We need help from the community. Luckily, the community has always responded."

"It costs us a minimum of \$3,000 per year just to pay our utility bills," he added.

"And that doesn't include materials and equipment needed to keep the grounds and do essential maintenance."

Among the auction prizes

already secured are a gift basket from Halfmann's Creations, two box seats to a Midland Rockhounds game, dinner for two at the KC Steakhouse, a bean bag chair from Allan's Furniture, gift certificates from the Gold Rush, a NASCAR racing set from Auto Zone, a Dillard's gift certificate from Morrison Supply, an autographed photograph of the San Antonio Spurs' David

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**Learning to cope with tragedy**

*Talking with others helps student deal with shootings at her school*

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Faith in God and speaking about her experience helps local college student Lynn Davis heal each day after surviving a school shooting and hostage situation more than nine years ago.

"It is like the it happened yesterday," Lynn said. "Talking about it helps me get over it."

On May 1, 1992, Eric Houston, a Lindhurst High School drop-out, entered the school's campus in Olivehurst, Calif. He proceeded to shoot and kill four people, wound several others and take the students hostage for eight-and-one-half hours.

Lynn, who was just 15 at the time, was one of the hostages.

Houston had lost his job and blamed teacher Robert Bren for his struggles.

"Basically he blamed the fact he could not hold down a job because he did not have a diploma and that was all Mr. Bren's fault," Davis said.

Houston walked into the school with a sawed-off shot gun, entered Bren's classroom and shot him. He also shot and killed a student in the class, Judy Davis, who was Lynn's cousin.

Houston would eventually kill two other students, Jason White and Beamon Hill.

Among the wounded was another of Lynn's cousins, Mireya Yanez, who is now confined to a wheelchair, and Lynn's friend, Wayne Boggess, who was shot in



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student Lynn Davis prepares for a candlelight vigil for victims of violent crimes. Davis survived a school shooting and hostage situation when she was 15 years old.

the head and body. The wounds left Boggess permanently disabled.

Houston was found guilty and is currently on death row for the killings.

Lynn said she still has not cried over the incident, although numerous years have passed. Talking about her experience helps, though.

Last year, the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf student, held a can-

dlelight vigil in the Elbow community for victims of violent crimes and she encourages victims to speak about their experiences.

"I will never forget. I don't know if I can forgive him (Houston), but I'm trying to," she said.

Lynn has continued on with her life.

Having hearing problems most of her life, she is studying to become an

interpreter at the college and plans to become a psychologist, working with deaf or hard-of-hearing children.

And she has accepted the events that took place that first day in May.

"What happened, happened for a reason," Lynn said.

"I feel I would not be the person I am today if I had not gone through that."

**ISD**

*Candidates lining up to run for area school boards*

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Candidates intend on running for an area school board will have two more days to file when area schools resume classes on Monday.

Coahoma Independent School District will have a race as Candy Parish has



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decided to seek a term on the board. Both incumbents John Wayne Metcalf and Cindy Neff have filed their intent return to the board.

Neff is currently finishing her first term on the board. She has two children attending Coahoma schools, daughters Kalea and Savannah.

"I feel like we have done a lot of good these last few years," Neff said.

Neff said she wants to be a part of helping the district get the schools up-to-date on technology and the new testing standards.

"I would like to be a part of our community," she said.

The Coahoma ISD administration building will be open for anyone interested in running for one of the two at-large positions.

Incumbents Dale Humphreys and Marty Whetsel will seek another term on the Forsan Independent School District board. The board has three at-large positions up for elections this year.

Humphreys has 10 years

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**Thursday night's gala crowd at La Posada will have lots to bark about**

By BILL MCCLELLAN

News Editor

Whether you have a soft spot for animals or would just like to take a shot at winning a night "on the town," you can have a good time and help raise funds for a local non-profit group Thursday at the La Posada Restaurant.

It's the Howard County Humane Society's "gala" auction — an effort to generate monies for the group's building fund.

"We are trying to get an inexpensive building we can use to quarantine new animals for a few days right after we get them," said Kathy Johnson, Humane Society vice president. "They really need to be separated from the other animals until we can make sure they are healthy and

free of diseases."

It's no small fund-raiser. Businesses and individuals all over the city have donated their time — and in some cases their expertise — to make it a showcase event.

"Oh, we have tickets for Southwest Airlines, a condo on a beach in San Diego, a condo in Maine, a painting and art lessons, a full-course dinner for six people — just all kinds of things," said Johnson.

The dinner for six will be prepared by Mr. and Mrs. Stan Partee, Dr. and Mrs. Rudy Hadad and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Hayes. The painting and art lessons are donated by local artist Sheree Moates. Blum's and Chaney's Jewelry are donating items, and there is also

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Snyder residents Matthew Bass, 3, held by his mother, Rachel enjoy a Empire apple slice smothered with peanut butter by demonstrator Christine Baker Saturday while shopping at H-E-B.

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OBITUARIES

Mary Wright

Graveside service for Mary Wright, 70, of Big Spring is 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 19, 2002, at Thatchmann Cemetery in Athens, Ala.

Mrs. Wright died on Tuesday March 12, at her residence.

She was born on July 2, 1931, in Calvert. She moved to Big Spring from Dallas in 1948. She was a Baptist.

Mrs. Wright worked as a certified nurse's aid at the Big Spring Care Center and retired in 1996. She has also worked several years for the 7-Eleven convenience stores as a clerk.

She is survived by one son, Johnnie Cooper of Athens, Ala.; one daughter, Sheila Crockett of Big Spring; one sister, Essie Marie Wrightsil of Big Spring; and one grandson.

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

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Robinson, a gift card from Wal-Mart, an oil change from Avis-Kent Lube and bird baths from McMahan Concrete.

Other prizes for the auction include a porcelain doll, pinstripping at Gillihan Paint and Body, three mini-blinds from the Decorator Center, an 80-pound freezer pack from Lil' Sooper Market in Coahoma, a 6-foot Afghan pine from Howard College, two sets of wine glasses, a 40th anniversary season ticket sheet autographed by Mark Stepnoski of the Dallas Cowboys, and autographed pennant and photograph from the Dallas Stars, a painting from Gloria McDonald, a bath set by Origins and gift certificates from Harris Lumber and Cain Electric.

While the committee continues to sell granite bricks that will be engraved and set inside a wall surrounding the memorial's monolith — an initial order of almost 400 should soon arrive — the members' primary focus at the moment is the chili supper.

Both projects will provide funds to help maintain the facility.

Although the first deadline for the brick project has passed, the committee is still selling bricks that can be engraved with the names veterans or anyone else the purchaser wants to have memorialized.

The bricks can be engraved with up to three lines of 14 characters per line and are priced at \$30 each. Application forms can be picked up at Athletic Supply in the Big Spring Mall and at the Sparenburg Building downtown.

Both fund-raisers are of paramount importance to

members of the committee, who stress they need help in maintaining the memorial that draws visitors from all over the nation each year.

The projects represent the two fund-raising events the committee is allowed to hold each year by law.

"That's one of the reasons that it's important that we have success on both these fronts," committee president Gene Wilson explained. "Our tax-exempt status limits the number of fund-raisers we can have each year, so we need people to take part in both of these efforts."

Anyone wishing to make a tax-deductible contribution toward the memorial's upkeep can mail them to: Vietnam Memorial Committee, P.O. Box 2854, Big Spring 79720.

Independent School District board. Anyone interested in filing can call 353-4347.

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an evening for 10 people — a special party at the Heritage Museum.

There are certificates for oil changes, movie passes, artwork, collectibles, and meals from many of Big Spring's best restaurants.

"It's the biggest fund-raiser we have ever had. We've had others, but this is the first really large function for the Humane Society, which is supported entirely by donations," said Johnson.

Viewing of the items to be auctioned starts at 6 p.m., with the event itself starting at 7 p.m. There will also be a silent auction and other special prizes. The group will also be selling memberships to the Humane Society for those who are interested. The cost is \$20 and includes a Humane Society T-shirt.

The festivities will be held in the restaurant's Fireplace Room.

There is no admission charge. Finger foods will be served and a cash bar will be open. Dress is casual.

"It's open to anyone who would like to come and help the Humane Society. There is no charge. You do not need an invitation," said Johnson. "You don't have to buy a thing if you don't want to, just come on out and have a good time."

BOARDS

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of experience on the board after being appointed to fill a term in 1992. Humphreys is married to Beverley and the couple have one daughter, Joy, a senior at Texas Tech University.

"We are getting a new superintendent this year and I want to see some of the things started under Mr. (Jim) Yancey (Forsan ISD superintendent) through," Humphreys said.

The other seat on the board is held by Donnie Andrews, who has not filed.

Filing information may be picked up at the Forsan ISD administration office.

All three Howard College trustee incumbents, Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Marie Ethridge, have filed their intention to seek another term. Challenger Joyce Crooker will also make a run at one of the at-large positions, insuring the college will hold an election.

Howard County residents interested in running for a position may pick up filing packets at the president's office.

No challengers have filed for the Big Spring Independent School District's two single-member district trustee positions. Both incumbents — Irene Bustamante, representing District 1, and Larry McLellan, representing District 3 — are seeking reelection.

Anyone intending to run can pick up filing packets at the administration building, 708 E. 11th Place. Candidates must live in the district they plan to represent. Only residents within District 1 or 3 may vote in the election.

So far, not even the incumbents have filed for the Stanton Independent School District or Glasscock County Independent School District board races.

The two at-large positions on the Glasscock County ISD board held by Jimmy Eggeneyer and Karla Hoelscher are up for elections.

Anyone interested in running for the District 3 position held by Johnny Louder and District 4 position held by Todd Smith can file at the Stanton ISD board administration office.

Seeking to return to the Grady Independent School District board are Tony Sawyer, representing District 3, and Brad Tunnell, representing District 4. Filing is being held at the Grady ISD administration office.

Incumbents Billy Reed and Martin Nichols will seek another term on the Sands Consolidated

From each cow, a burst of electricity?

SUNNYSIDE, Wash. (AP) — It's a little bit like the old saying, when life gives you lemons, make lemonade.

Dairies have given the Yakima Valley an abundance of cow manure, and one day it might be used to make methane to power electric plants.

To that end, Energy Northwest, a public power group that owns the region's only nuclear power plant, is considering teaming up with dairy farms in Washington, Oregon and Idaho to develop "cow power."

The goal is to build a 3- to 4-megawatt electrical power plant fueled with "biogas," or manure-derived methane.

"We've been working with the dairy industry for 10 to 15 years, trying to solve the manure waste problem," said Ivan White, president of Sunnyside Inc., the economic development group for this central Washington city of 14,000.

Sunnyside, in Yakima County, is one of the locations Energy Northwest is considering, along with northwestern Washington's Whatcom County, Boise and Twin Falls, Idaho, and Tillamook, Ore.

Yakima County alone has 85,000 head of dairy cows and tons of manure — a highly renewable resource. The Northwest accounts for 8 percent of the nation's dairy farm business.

Current technology makes

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it possible to get about 0.3 kilowatts of electricity from manure per cow, and in some European studies up to 0.9 kilowatts, said Stan Davison, business development specialist for the Richland-based utility.

One kilowatt is enough to power 10 100-watt light-bulbs.

The manure-to-methane process begins in a big digester tank, which acts as a mechanical stomach. It's filled with a slurry of manure and water, and the bacteria present in the waste turn the manure into methane while thriving in the 130-degree temperatures of the tank.

The methane rises to the top — it's lighter than air — and it's piped off to power a modified pair of diesel generators outfitted with spark plugs.

The remaining fiber in the tanks settles to the bottom. Liquid squeezed out of the fiber makes fertilizer and the dry fiber makes compost.

A biomass power plant would need access to a dairy, room to build the plant and access to transmission lines.

"The real issue is high capital costs," Davison said. "If you ignore the capital costs, the fuel is free — it's a byproduct of milk. It's something you're going to be producing anyway. You might as well handle it as fuel as handle it as waste."

The estimated cost of building such a plant is about \$2,800 a kilowatt. Wind power, by contrast, costs about \$1,000 per kilowatt.

But on average, a wind farm only produces at 30 percent of capacity over the course of a year, while a cow-powered plant can produce at 90 percent. That virtually evens the costs, Davison said.

"Over the years, there have been a number of people promoting methane digesters. The one thing they're always lacking is capital," said Jay Gordon, a Lewis County dairy farmer and director of the Washington State Dairy Federation, which represents about 650 family dairy farms in the state.

The profit margin is thin, Davison said. So Energy Northwest's next step is to approach utilities to see if there's enough interest in such a project to pay for it.

In Oregon, Portland General Electric is working cooperatively with dairies in Boardman and Salem on digester projects at no cost to the farms, said Joe Barra, director of distributed energy for the utility.

MEETINGS

GLASSCOCK COUNTY INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

7 p.m. MONDAY

The GCISD board of trustees will meet in the boardroom of the administration building, 308 W. Chambers, Garden City.

Items on the agenda include:

- Consideration of approved budget amendments
- Consideration of election judges and clerks.
- Consideration of baccalaureate services.
- Consideration of textbooks adoptions for 2003-2004 school year.
- Consideration of blood borne pathogen exposure control plan.
- Consideration of employee retirement incentive plan.
- Consideration of personal matters.

FORSAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

7 p.m. MONDAY

The FSISD board of trustees will meet in the Forsan High School library.

Items on the agenda include:

- Requests from Bobby Doe and Paul Spence to address the board.
- Consideration of State Health Insurance Plan.
- Consideration of taking proposals for workers compensation, property and casualty and unemployment insurance.
- Consideration of textbook certification.
- Consideration of renovations and school housing.
- Consideration of personnel including coaching positions, counselor contract, athletic director contract and teacher's contract.

COAHOMA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT

7 p.m. MONDAY

The CSISD board of trustees will meet in the board room of the administration building, 600 Main St., Coahoma.

Items on the agenda include:

- Consideration of a request to waive the transfer rule.
- Consideration of teacher and professional support staff contract recommendations.
- Consideration of lowering the minimum age for senior citizens passes to age 60.
- Consideration of the lease with the city for the lot at the bus barn.
- Approval of sale for district vehicles.
- Approve of the district textbook committee report.
- Discuss the re-designation of fund balance.

tion of fund balance.

- Discuss teacher health insurance program.

REGION F WATER PLANNING GROUP

10:30 a.m. MONDAY

The Region F Water Planning Group will meet in the Howard College Fireplace Room in the Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Items on the agenda include:

- Approval of minutes.
- Report from TWDB.
- Presentation of infrastructure financing report.
- receive public comment on infrastructure financing report.
- Authorize CRMWD to submit draft IFR to TWDB on or before May 1.
- Presentation of scope of work.
- Receive public comment on scope of work.
- Finalize scope of work contingent upon public comment received at public meeting to be held on March 28 and authorize CRMWD to submit scope of work to TWDB on or before April 1.
- Discuss population projections.

POLICE

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

- **BARRY ANDREW MADISON**, 24, of 604 W. Fourth, Stanton, was arrested on a local warrant.
- **JAMES ROBERT BRYAN II**, 33, of 1726 Buttnerut, Abilene, was arrested on charges of theft of more than \$50 but less than \$500, failure to identify as a fugitive from justice and on an Arkansas warrant.
- **JEFFERY SCOTT COX**, 20, of 404 N. Collage, Coahoma, was arrested on a charge of public intoxication — minor.
- **JOSUE PENA**, 20, of 614 State was arrested on three grand jury indictments.
- **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 800 block of E. 13th street where \$245 worth of damages to a structure and \$165 worth of damage to glass window panes occurred.
- **ASSAULT CLASS C** was reported in the 1000 block of Nolan.
- **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 200 block of Settles.

CORRECTION

In Friday's edition, the name of a newly filed candidate for the District 1 seat on the Big Spring City Council was incorrectly listed as "Jim Henson." The candidate's name is "John Henson."

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# Woman who drowned her five children gets life sentence

HOUSTON (AP) — The tormented woman who drowned her five children in a bathtub was sentenced to life in prison, following a trial that sparked debate over the consideration of mental illness and postpartum depression in murder prosecutions.

A jury of eight women and four men delivered the sentence Friday after just 35 minutes of deliberations, rejecting the option of condemning Andrea Yates to death by injection.

After the jury returned its punishment, Russell Yates reiterated his support for

his wife, who had pleaded innocent by reason of insanity.

"I believe in Andrea," he said. "She's the victim here not only of the medical community but also the justice system."

Andrea Yates turned to her attorneys and smiled as she realized her life had been spared. As the 37-year-old was led from the courtroom by officers, she looked back toward her mother and siblings.

Yates must serve at least 40 years behind bars before she becomes eligible for parole.

To impose the death penalty, the jury had to decide unanimously that Yates poses a continuing danger and that there were no mitigating circumstances against executing her. The jury answered no to the first question and therefore did not have to consider the second.

On Tuesday, jurors had found Yates guilty of murder in the June 20 deaths of 7-year-old Noah, 5-year-old John and 6-month-old Mary. They rejected defense claims that severe psychosis from postpartum-depression drove her to kill.

"We're obviously disappointed in the verdict of guilty," Russell Yates said. "Obviously, it could be worse if she had been given the death penalty."

Charges never were filed in the deaths of Paul, 3, and Luke, 2.

Prosecutors said they accepted the jury's decision to sentence Yates to life in prison.

"Every case involving the death of a child is horrific," Assistant District Attorney Kaylynn Williford said. "Magnify that times five with what these children went through."

"Everyone is trying to make this a woman's issue or a political issue, but the issue to me is five dead children. None of those children chose to die, they fought for their lives and they need to be remembered appropriately. Someone can be mentally ill and know right from wrong."

Joe Lovelace of the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill said the Yates case should be a springboard to change how an insanity defense can be presented in Texas.

Under state law, attorneys cannot explain to jurors that

a verdict of innocent by reason of insanity doesn't mean a defendant is immediately free. The defendant would be kept in a state mental hospital until deemed healthy enough to be released.

Gov. Rick Perry, speaking to a meeting of the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors on Friday, said he didn't think any laws need to be revised.

"I don't see any reason to change the process we have in place today," he said. "I trust the jury system in the state of Texas so I will respect their decision."

## Regulators warn of bogus health care plans

DALLAS (AP) — Unlicensed health care plans offering low premiums may be tempting to employers struggling to provide insurance for their employees, but Texas Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor says many such plans are scams that disappear without ever paying customers' claims.

The commissioner said Friday that his office has shut down three unlicensed plans in the last 12 months that sold bogus policies pledging to cover more than 20,000 Texas workers. State regulators are investigating as many as 11 other plans.

"It's a real troubling trend," Montemayor told The Dallas Morning News

for Saturday's editions. "Rising premiums have made employers vulnerable to sales pitches for cheap health insurance sold by unauthorized insurers."

The companies offer rates as low as \$150 per family per month, a fraction of the going rate of \$500 or more.

The National Association of Insurance Commissioners said that it has seen an increasing number of such cases nationwide as employers try to avoid paying higher premiums.

Small business owners, who have seen the greatest increases in premiums, find the rock bottom offers particularly attractive, officials say.

"They are desperate to get their folks covered, and they can't cope with market premiums," Montemayor said. "They receive a fantastic deal and presentation and they go for it."

"The problem is that sooner rather than later the guys abscond with their money, and everyone is left with a pile of bills."

Employers could end up being required to pay the bills out of their own pockets, Montemayor said.

Last week, Texas insurance regulators announced they had closed American Benefit Plans of North Richland Hills, which had sold policies covering as many as 8,000 people. A district judge froze the assets

of American Benefit Plans and ordered it to cease business operations in the state.

The attorneys representing American Benefit Plans could not be reached by the newspaper for comment.

Brenda Palatnick, owner of Accu-Type printing shop in Addison, bought into a plan her insurance agent said would cost 25 percent less per employee per month.

"Everything was going fine until six months into it and our employees started getting notices of denial of claims," she said.

Subsequent problems, and unpaid bills totaling \$40,000, forced her to file a complaint with the Texas Department of Insurance.

## Perry says school finance system must be reformed

FORT WORTH (AP) — The state's school finance system must be reformed but it won't be a quick or easy fix, Gov. Rick Perry said Friday.

"I think Robin Hood, basically, is an unworkable and unfair system overall," he said at a Fort Worth hotel during the Texas Associated Press Managing Editors annual conference.

Perry, a Republican who is campaigning for governor, said school finance will be a major issue in the 2003 legislative session.

In Texas, where there is neither a statewide property tax or personal income tax, public schools are primarily funded with local property taxes and state and federal money.

Many school districts have reached a state-mandated property tax cap, meaning residents are paying high local taxes as schools struggle for funding. Those property-rich districts also say they are sending too much funding to poorer schools under the state's so-called Robin

Hood law. "Robin Hood is a very divisive plan," Perry said. "My hope is we can sit down and find an equitable solution."

Perry did not give details of how the state can funnel more money to poor districts without raising taxes, saying he trusts legislators to find a solution.

Perry's Democratic opponent in the November election, multimillionaire Laredo businessman Tony Sanchez, has not specifically spoken about Robin Hood, but has vowed to increase instructional funding by lowering administrative costs.

"He is looking to bring 30 years of business and management experience to the governor's office," campaign spokeswoman Michelle Kucera said. "Education is his top priority."

Sanchez advanced to the general election by beating former state attorney general Dan Morales in the primary. Perry was unopposed in the GOP primary.

## Cost of attending Texas A&M University set to go up

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Students planning to attend Texas A&M University will soon have to dig deeper into their pockets.

On Friday, the Texas A&M System Board of Regents is expected to approve a plan that would add \$30 per semester credit hour starting next fall. The new costs are being called "enhancement fees."

The increase would mean that some-

one taking 13 hours, what A&M considers full-time attendance, would pay an extra \$390 a semester.

Only new enrollees — including freshmen, graduate students and transfers who enter A&M starting in the summer — would pay the new fees.

A&M officials say the fees are needed to free up money now tied down in libraries and computers for things

such as salary increases and underfunded departments.

"I don't know if we'd need to fire people, but we'd certainly need to cut programs" if A&M doesn't find extra revenue, said A&M Provost Ronald Douglas.

The four fee categories are advising services, bursar services, computer access/instructional technology and library use.



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OUR VIEWS

# Yet another spring break rushes on by

It was over so quick! Spring break, that time of the year some of us love and others dread, went by almost before we could... well, ring a bell.

Monday, it's back to school for students, and back to work for those adults fortunate enough to have had the time off. Hopefully, you got some rest and had some fun.

For students, it marks the start of the downhill run (we hope it's not uphill for you) toward summer — a kind of passing of time, one more step toward graduation. For teachers and parents who had some time off, it's back to work, perhaps a little revitalized, a little more "fresh."

For those parents who had to juggle schedules between work and home or a baby-sitter, it's a return to a more normal routine.

And for all of us motorists, it's time to remember once again to be careful, especially in school zones. Watch for students, most notably the younger ones who are sometimes prone to pay less attention to traffic than what's going on in "their world" at any given moment.

We hope you had a good break. The bell's about to ring.

OTHER VIEWS

Six months after the terrorist attacks on the United States, peoples and countries of the world have to deal with new realities that challenge long-established values and beliefs. Sept. 11 caused sea changes in various domains. But, it also asserted the fact that certain aspects of humanity can never change.

The world should never again have to witness the terror which was unleashed on New York and Washington. And it should move toward eliminating all sorts of conflicts and frustration on which terrorists feed. This is a goal which the use of force alone cannot achieve.

Beyond the horror,

anger and frustration that they have provoked, the attacks were a painful reminder of the urgency of addressing regional crises and finding comprehensive and just solutions to conflicts that have deprived millions of people of their basic human and political rights.

After the attacks, too many people spoke about an inevitable clash of civilizations, between the West and Islam.

The attacks of September should bring nations together in the common fight against terrorism. It should not push them apart in line with the designs of the terrorists who perpetrated them.

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# We face too much debt in any case

The Bush administration is asking Congress to raise the federal debt limit by \$750 billion. I hope Congress says no.

The federal government's present debt stands at about \$6 trillion. Raising the limit would allow the government to borrow more. The annual interest costs of this debt now are more than \$362 billion. Those were the costs in fiscal year 2000, and incidentally, in that fiscal year, the interest costs exceeded the Defense Department's appropriation.

For a while, there was a lot of talk about surpluses, though this was based on accounting tricks that would make Enron executives blush. Now the talk is that we have a war, and so we need to run deficits that not even accounting tricks can hide. This is very dangerous for the future of our country.

The \$6 trillion debt is a real debt owed to real people and corporations, both

domestic and foreign. Politicians used to say in less sophisticated days, "Oh, don't worry, after all, we owe this money to ourselves." No one can get away with that baloney anymore. We owe it, in global terms, mostly to a handful of rich people and big corporations. They expect to get paid, and should the day come when they doubt the ability of the U.S. government to pay, they can wreck our economy by dumping the bonds on the market.

Nations, like corporations, can effectively go bankrupt, and for the exact same reason: outgo exceeds income. In theory, governments can't go bankrupt because of their power to tax. That's their theory. Practically, there are limits to how much you can tax before people revolt.

Furthermore, no matter what your rate, people with no income or low income aren't going to have much money to kick into the kitty. And either no or low income increasingly looks like the future for all but a small percentage of American workingmen and -women.

This \$6 trillion debt represents money already

spent, and our children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren will have to pay it without receiving anything for it. We have consumed whatever the \$6 trillion bought, and instead of being responsible and manly, we dumped the cost of our indulgence on the backs of future generations.

There is a group of pretty sensible congressional representatives who belong to what they call the "Blue Dogs" coalition. They are fiscally conservative Democrats, and they are pointing out that the Bush administration is asking for this increase in the debt ceiling without having offered any plan at all to fix Social Security and Medicare, both of which are heading for a train wreck unless adjustments are made. In other words, the Bush administration has no financial plan.

While presidents present requests in the form of a budget, the constitutional authority for all expenditures and revenues lies with Congress. Let us urge our representatives to toss the Bush budget in the trash can and construct a more responsible budget that will not jeopardize future generations.

There are two better ways

to pay for the war than borrowing at interest. One, you can cut existing, nonessential programs and spend that money on the war. Or you can enact a temporary war tax, so that we can pay as we kill. All these war hawks among the neoconservatives should welcome a war tax, since they are such hot-to-trot advocates of war.

The Pentagon says that five months of war in Afghanistan — and it's far from over — have cost \$30 billion. As I've pointed out, that's because we are using million-dollar bombs launched from multimillion-dollar aircraft to blow up pickup trucks and kill a few scraggly guerrillas hiding in caves. The al-Qaida and Taliban dead are the most expensive casualties in human history. That's a cruel irony, because they themselves were dirt-poor, wearing mostly rags and carrying worn-out Soviet rifles and rocket grenades.

I know the president wants to protect the country, but if he bankrupts us in the process, he will have done more damage than the terrorists.

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# Arthur Andersen was hired to fight itself

In January we wrote about the real culprit in the Enron fiasco, stating, "... if the financial information disseminated by the auditors is false or misleading, then employee stockholders, like all stockholders, have a legitimate legal complaint."

"... A public company does not produce financial statements; its auditors do. The typical give-and-take between a company and its auditors usually has the company fighting to include revenue and defray expenses, but not always. Occasionally a company will do the reverse to lessen its tax liability, though this is more customary with privately held companies. In short, public companies like to show profits because their stocks



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will trade higher, whereas private companies like to show losses because their taxes will be reduced. Either way, the decision is not made by the company, but by the auditor. So if there is a complaint about Enron's financial statements, place the blame where it belongs: with Arthur Andersen.

These facts do not mean that Enron executives are blameless. Evidence will tell the tale. "On March 14, the Justice Department issued an indictment against Arthur Andersen, primarily alleging that the partnership had obstructed justice by engaging in the mass destruction of documents relating to Enron. As a result, the survival of Arthur Andersen, one of the nation's Big Five accounting firms, is now in question."

The cornerstones of auditing are integrity and competence. Initially, Arthur Andersen executives vowed adherence to the first and to the second, essentially claiming they had been duped by Enron. But

it was their job not to be duped. The investing public relies upon audits of publicly traded companies when they make their investment decisions.

Now, according to the U.S. Justice Department allegations, Arthur Andersen was well aware that much was amiss with the Enron audit, and this led to the destruction of what Justice officials described as "tons" of documents. By this scenario, incompetence was not a factor.

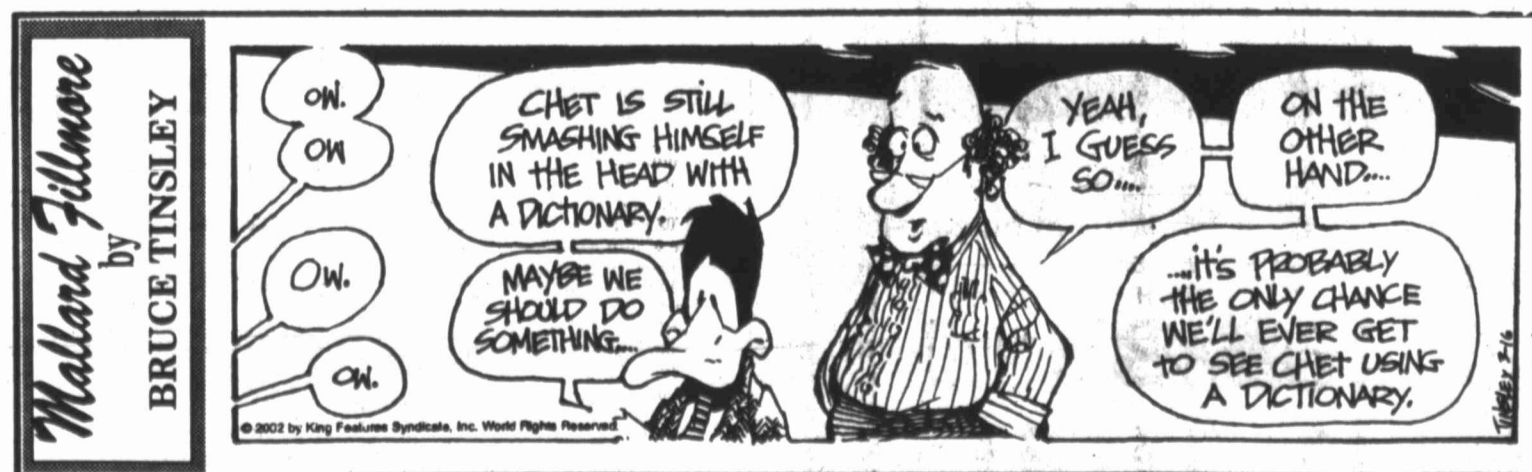
This leaves integrity. Here we need to be careful about righteous condemnation.

The real problem is that the Securities and Exchange Commission allows auditors to also be consultants, even though the subject has been repeatedly debated in Congress. By their nature, auditing and consulting are in conflict because consultants inevitably end up advising companies on how to improve their situations with the auditors. If this scenario played out in a

courtroom, it would be as though the prosecutor (representing the people) and the defendant's attorney were both being paid by the defendant. Clearly, the people would lose every time.

It is this inherent flaw in the system that undermines the integrity of the system, and it is safe to say that Arthur Andersen has not been the only firm affected by it. If a company fires its auditors, the new auditors are highly unlikely to offer opinions that would differ markedly from the fired auditors. But consulting is another matter. Companies often look for aggressive consultants, consultants who will advise and fight for the company. And who are they there to fight: the IRS, the SEC, various other entities — and the auditors.

So Arthur Andersen was hired to fight itself, and it would appear that their consulting arm defeated their auditing arm. But if Arthur Andersen goes under, consulting will have indeed won a Pyrrhic victory.



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# Andersen contesting move barring it from new federal work

WASHINGTON (AP) — The beleaguered Arthur Andersen accounting firm is contesting a government move barring it from new federal contracts even as it plans to fight an indictment charging obstruction of justice in the Enron affair.

The General Services Administration suspended both Andersen and Enron from new federal business on Friday, citing evidence of misconduct a day after the grand jury indictment was announced by the Justice Department.

The indictment charged Andersen with obstructing justice by destroying thousands of documents and deleting computer files related to its audit of Houston-based Enron, the collapsed energy

giant.

The indictment was the first criminal charge in a case that has roiled the White House and Congress and dissolved the retirement savings of thousands of current and former Enron employees.

Current federal contracts — some \$35 million for Enron and \$60 million to \$90 million for Andersen — are not affected by the action announced by the GSA, which oversees many of the contracts for the rest of the government and is Enron's biggest federal client.

Andersen said it would contest the suspension.

Managing partner Ira Goldstein said firm representatives planned to meet with the GSA on Monday to persuade the agency to reverse

its decision. The suspension is "not based on the quality... of our government work," he said.

Chicago-based Andersen, which had been making some \$4 billion a year providing auditing and consulting services, now is on the ropes as a string of its blue chip corporate clients have walked away from it.

Andersen also attacked the indictment Friday, saying it was "riddled with factual and legal errors." The company disputed the Justice Department's allegation that the document destruction was widespread throughout Andersen.

The "vast bulk" of its Enron documents were retained, Andersen said.

The company also specifically

denied that its British operation destroyed any documents related to Enron's collapse.

Andersen plans to move quickly to fight the indictment — possibly to ask a judge to dismiss it, attorneys for the firm have said.

At the least, the lawyers said, Andersen intends to demand that the government spell out which employees it believes were responsible and what they did. The firm may also request the proceeding be moved from Houston to another city.

A court appearance in the case was scheduled for Wednesday.

Explaining the cutoff of Enron and Arthur Andersen from more federal work, the GSA said: "To qualify as a responsible contractor, a company or individual must

have a satisfactory record of integrity and business ethics."

"Enron, its subsidiaries, certain former corporate officials and one former Andersen official have engaged in misconduct and caused internal control irregularities that seriously impact their suitability to receive government contracts," the GSA said.

"Andersen has been indicted under one criminal count of destruction of documents."

Enron, in a statement, said it was "unfortunate that the GSA is taking action based on allegations and speculation."

The company especially objected to the ban including its subsidiary Portland General Electric, which it noted has not been part of the allegations against Enron.

## Bush says American children have raised millions to help educate their Afghan peers

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush said Saturday that American children have raised \$4.5 million to help the youth of Afghanistan in the five months since he asked each youngster to earn \$1 and send it to the White House.

"America's children have been extremely generous in helping the children of Afghanistan," Bush said in his weekly radio address. He said much of the money is used for school supplies such as pencils, notebooks, crayons and soccer balls.

When the Afghan school year begins this month, many women and girls will be setting foot in a classroom for the first time, he said.

"This will be a remarkable moment in the history of Afghanistan," Bush said. "Under the new government of a liberated Afghanistan, educating all children is a national priority. And America, along with its coalition partners, is actively helping in that effort."

Afghanistan's education system has been suffering

since the Soviet invasion in the early 1980s, and it nearly ceased functioning altogether in the mid-1990s under Taliban rule.

The Taliban forbade girls under 9 to attend school, and boys' schooling often was limited to Islamic teachings.

The nation's new curriculum is temporary but includes subjects such as math, science, Islamic studies, friendship and awareness of land mines, said Nazar Muhammad Karyab, adviser to the Afghan Education Ministry.

Since the war in Afghanistan began, the United States has sent more than four million textbooks, written in the Afghan languages of Pashto and Dari.

Before year's end, the United States will have sent almost 10 million textbooks to Afghan children, Bush said.

"These textbooks will teach tolerance and respect for human dignity, instead of indoctrinating students with fanaticism and bigotry," he said.

## Bush joins in St. Patrick's Day parade honoring Sept. 11 firefighters, police

CHICAGO (AP) — President Bush marched through a sea of green Saturday in a St. Patrick's Day parade that mixed politicking with a tribute to the fallen from Sept. 11.

Cheers and "thumbs up" signs from an enthusiastic crowd greeted Bush, who waved and blew kisses and shook hands with fire officials. Signs along the downtown route read "Welcome President Bush. We are Proud Americans." U.S. and Irish Republic flags were displayed.

Bush got out of the presidential limousine and walked a few blocks, flanked by GOP Gov. George Ryan and Democratic Mayor Richard M. Daley.

The participation of the Republican president came in advance of Tuesday's statewide primary that fea-

tures hotly contested GOP races for governor and U.S. Senate. Farther back among the marchers were candidates hoping to drum up support from last-minute voters.

Bush later had lunch with Daley and Ryan, who is not seeking re-election, at a restaurant and was completing the daylong trip by returning to the presidential retreat at Camp David in Maryland.

Chicago goes all out for St. Patrick's Day, dyeing the Chicago River green. Bush walked over shamrocks painted on the asphalt along the parade route and was serenaded by a group of bagpiper players.

The parade paid tribute to the Rev. Mychal Judge, the Catholic chaplain of the New York City Fire Department who died in the attacks on the World Trade Center.

## Al-Qaida moving money again U.S. official says

WASHINGTON (AP) — Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida network has stepped up its financial activity markedly in recent weeks, suggesting some leaders are reasserting control and may be seeking to finance more attacks against American interests, a U.S. official says.

The increased flow of money corresponds with a recent increase in communications among surviving al-Qaida members, the official said, speaking only on condition of anonymity.

The communications, detected by U.S. intelligence, have occurred among small groups of al-Qaida fighters and some Taliban allies, officials said.

Much of the activity is centered in northwestern Pakistan — near the Afghan border — although some money and communications are going elsewhere, one official said.

The activity suggests some known al-Qaida leaders are re-establishing control over surviving elements of the terrorist network, the official said, declining to name the leaders. U.S. intelligence has detected a significant boost in money transfers within al-Qaida to people who could use it to prepare attacks on American interests, although the official offered no specifics on potential attacks.

"There's lots of signs al-Qaida is reconstituting itself," said Vince Cannistraro, a former CIA counterterrorist chief. "Internet traffic has picked up enormously. Money is moving around. There is some evidence leadership is active."

The fate of many of al-Qaida's top commanders is unknown. While several have been killed in the

Afghan war, and a few captured, many are believed to have hidden in caves in Afghanistan to wait out the U.S. bombing campaign.

Bin Laden has been silent for months. U.S. intelligence has had vague hints he remained in the Afghan-Pakistan border region. Officials have few doubts he is still alive.

President Bush last week

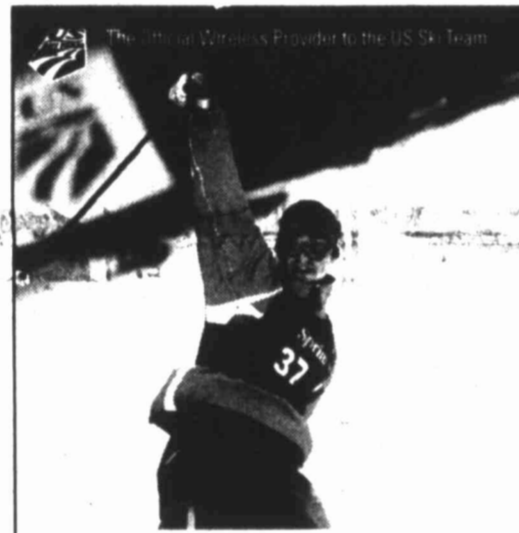
called him "marginalized," and intelligence officials, during classified briefings to congressional leaders, suggested he had been wounded and may be quietly recovering somewhere. But they acknowledge there is no hard evidence on his condition.

Cannistraro said finding bin Laden remains as important as ever.

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## Store uses 'wanted' posters to combat shoplifting

PITTSBURGH (AP) — A grocer is cracking down on shoplifters by merging cutting-edge digital technology with crime-fighting methods straight out of the Wild West — "wanted" posters.

There were four such posters on a wall at Dan Serafin's Food Market on Friday, each showing an alleged crime in progress.

Serafin, whose grandfather opened the grocery in Erie 76 years ago, said signs notifying the public they are being monitored didn't work.

"You don't see a simple written warning now, you see the end result," Serafin said. "There is no doubt the cameras are real and the people on the camera are busted."

Shoplifting has dropped off dramatically since the wanted posters went up, Serafin said, and he feels much safer.

"My dad is 75 and he's been punched and kicked trying to stop somebody

who was shoplifting a \$2 product," he said. "We're not putting our lives on the line for that stuff anymore. You can run away, but I've got your picture and somebody is going to recognize you."

Despite a population of about 100,000 people, Serafin said Erie is still a small town where "everybody's connected and word travels fast."

Defamation lawyers said Serafin could be at risk of misidentifying the innocent — but said if evidence of theft is clear, they would not waste their time going to court.

"These are private people and they would only have to show negligence (in placing the posters)," said Dan Berger, a Pittsburgh attorney who specializes in defamation suits. "That being said, it would be difficult to find a jury that would award punitive or compensatory damages to a person clearly shown on tape stealing."

The grocery uses an 18-camera digi-

tal video system created by ADT Security Services Inc. of Boca Raton, Fla.

Serafin said when he puts up a poster, there is no doubt the person was shoplifting.

"I can show you second by second the person taking a bottle from the shelf, tell you what the product was and at every point where the bottle is going down his sleeve," Serafin said. "Then I can show him walking out of the store without paying."

Officials at ADT Security said they have never heard of someone printing wanted posters using their equipment, but said Serafin is doing nothing illegal.

"It's certainly an unusual practice to put wanted posters out in public to view," said Lisa Ciappetta, an ADT product marketing manager. "But as far as privacy issues go, the 6 o'clock news doesn't ask for permission to use images of bank robberies on TV."

## Family of six found dead in apparent murder-suicide

McMINNVILLE, Ore. (AP) — Teachers noticed the four Bryant children had been absent for days, so school officials stopped by, only to find the curtains drawn.

Their father, a landscaper, didn't return calls about contract work that was left undone.

But it wasn't until worried neighbors approached two Yamhill County sheriff's deputies who were in the area Thursday night on an unrelated call that the gruesome truth was discovered: the family of six had been shot to death in an apparent murder-suicide.

The children — ages 8 to 15 — were found in their beds, dressed in their night clothes. Their mother, 37-year-old Janet Ellen Bryant, was found on the floor in the master bedroom.

Robert Bryant, 37, who is believed to have murdered them before turning the shotgun on himself, was found in the living room, said Yamhill County District Attorney Bradley C. Berry.

"It was a horrible sight," Berry said of the deaths, which rank among Oregon's worst mass murders. The motive was not known.

The children were last at school on Feb. 22, and the shootings are believed to have occurred the following night, he said.

Karen Richey, assistant

superintendent for the McMinnville School District, said teachers had noticed the children's absence from school and several attempts were made to contact the Bryants.

"We had people knocking on the door several times," but no one ever answered the door, she said.

At first school officials weren't alarmed, because it is not uncommon for students to be absent during the flu season, she said.

Two Yamhill County sheriff's deputies were in the area Thursday night when neighbors asked them to check on the family.

The deputies used a ladder to look into a window in the rear of the house and spotted Robert Bryant's body.

The Bryants moved last summer to Oregon from the Sacramento, Calif., area, where they had lived for nearly a decade, according to Mark Messier, a family friend. Court records show that before they moved, Bryant had filed for bankruptcy.

Messier said the family's move came as a surprise.

"Their uncles and aunts and grandparents all loved those kids, and they wanted to maintain contact, but Rob wouldn't let them," Messier said. "We don't even know when they moved. They just up and went."

## Bayer Corp. issues partial drug recall as FDA investigates possible tampering

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Federal regulators said Friday night they are investigating allegations that at least 13 vials of an immune deficiency treatment drug made by Bayer Corp. may have been tampered with by someone outside the company.

Bayer said someone diluted at least 13 vials of its liquid drug Gamimune N with saline. The company is recalling about 8,000 of the vials distributed nationwide, and the Food and Drug Administration is investigating.

Bayer said it knew of no patients harmed by the diluted drug, and was unsure what effects it would have on a patient.

Gamimune N is used by about 20,000 patients with weakened immune systems, including bone marrow transplant recipients.

Bayer said it believes the tampering occurred after the drug left its North Carolina plant and is limited to two lots handled by a single distributor, which the company refused to identify.

"We have really isolated this incident to the two lots," said company vice president Michael Fournel. "We have no reason to believe the other lots are affected."

Bayer makes two million vials of Gamimune N each year.

The FDA said it is com-

fortable with Bayer's limited recall decision.

"I think at this point the information indicates that the actions taken by Bayer are appropriate," said Steve Masiello, director of the office of compliance and biologics quality.

Bayer said customer complaints earlier this year that their vials of Gamimune N contained uncharacteristically cloudy liquid prompted it to recall one lot on Feb. 1. Fournel said the company has since received 500 vials from that first lot. Several of those vials showed obvious signs of tampering, Fournel said.

Bayer began recalling the second lot Thursday. Fournel said the company

waited that long because it didn't conclude until Monday that someone had tampered with the drugs.

Earlier this month, a Kansas City, Mo., pharmacist pleaded guilty to diluting two chemotherapy drugs made by Eli Lilly and Co. and Bristol-Myers Squibb. Prosecutors said Robert Courtney made hundreds of dollars extra per dose.

Pittsburgh-based Bayer Corp. is a subsidiary of German conglomerate Bayer AG.

The company voluntarily removed the anti-cholesterol treatment Baycol from the U.S. market last August after the FDA linked it to 31 deaths.

## Tragic loss of son causes irreparable damage to family

Dear Ann Landers: Eighteen months ago, my 12-year-old son was shot and killed by his 17-year-old cousin while the two of them were watching television. My nephew said the gun discharged accidentally. My wife blamed me for allowing our son to spend time with my side of the family, and she divorced me. We still have a good relationship, but too much has happened for us to get back together again.



ANN LANDERS

My nephew was sentenced to two years for involuntary manslaughter and is spending the time in a juvenile detention center. He will be out next year. I cannot face the fact that he will be walking around free while my son is dead. I cannot forgive him, and the injustice eats at me every day.

Don't tell me to get counseling. It will not bring my son back. Nor am I going to hurt my nephew, much as the idea appeals to me, because it will only make matters worse. However, I do want him to spend the rest of his life remembering his cousin and honoring his memory. I want him to suffer forever, like me.

Please, Ann, I am going out of my mind with hatred for this nephew, and I'm afraid of what I might do when he is released from prison. Do you have any words of comfort? — A Lost

Father in a Cold Climate

Dear Lost Father: My heart aches for you. Counseling will not bring your son back, but it may help you come to grips with your terrible loss. I also urge you to contact The Compassionate Friends. This fine organization gives support to parents whose children have died. The address is: P.O. Box 3696, Oak Brook, IL 60522-3696, or call 1-877-969-0010 ([www.compassionatefriends.org](http://www.compassionatefriends.org)). Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you.

Dear Ann Landers: My 48-year-old lesbian daughter is about to become a mother. Her companion conceived by artificial insemination, and the two of them plan to raise the child as their own.

My daughter has asked me to be the grandfather to this baby, but I'm not sure I should. After all, the child will not actually be related to me. My ex-wife insists that this is a joke and should not be taken seriously. My friends say they have never heard of any rules on the subject and I should make my own.

I am friendly with my daughter's companion, and their baby will have the companion's last name. What should I do? — Confused in Canada

Dear Confused: If your daughter is raising this child, you can be as much of a grandfather as you would like to be. In some instances, the non-biological parent legally adopts her partner's child. In that case, you should treat the baby as you would any

other grandchild.

I am sure this child would benefit enormously from having you as a grandfather, and I hope you will accept your daughter's offer.

Dear Ann Landers: Here's a prizewinning stupid crook story for you: A 31-year-old man in England approached a woman at a bus stop and tried to make a date with her. He wrote down his name and telephone number on her hand, and she later made a permanent note of it.

Twelve days later, a video captured the same man committing a robbery, and his face was shown on a police crime show. The woman at the bus stop recognized him and called the police. He was sentenced to nine years in jail. — Kentucky Reader

Dear Kentucky: And some people think romance is dead. Thanks for writing.

An old Irish blessing for St. Patrick's Day: May you live as long as you want, and never want as long as you live.

Drugs are everywhere. They're easy to get, easy to use and even easier to get hooked on. If you have questions about drugs, you need Ann Landers' booklet, "The Lowdown on Dope." Send a self-addressed, long, business-size envelope and a check or money order for \$5.00 (this includes postage and handling) to: Lowdown, c/o Ann Landers, P.O. Box 11562, Chicago, Ill. 60611-0562.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Steers suffer 11-4 loss to Frenship

Big Spring's Steers saw a 3-1 lead slip out of their hands Friday evening, as Frenship's Tigers turned big fifth and sixth innings into an 11-4 win in District 4-4A baseball action.

Jon McKinnon worked five innings on the mound and took the loss for the Steers, who dropped to 4-10 on the season and 1-1 in district play.

Right fielder Nathan Clements led the way offensively for the Steers, going 4-for-4 at the plate and driving in one run.

All told, the Steers managed 11 hits, as McKinnon went 2-for-4 with a double and an RBI, while Landon Adkins added a 2-for-3 showing at the plate.

Frenship had 10 hits off Big Spring pitching.

The Steers will again be on the road Tuesday, as they travel to Snyder for a contest against the Tigers set for a 7 p.m. start at Moffett Field.

#### Hawks sweep two from Odessa College

Howard College's Hawks swept Odessa College's Wranglers 12-9, 17-7 in a Western Junior College Athletic Conference doubleheader Friday at Jack Barber Field.

The wins improved the Hawks' record to 18-8 overall and 6-2 in conference play.

#### Sporting clay tourney scheduled for MDA

The third annual "Break Clay for MDA" sporting clay tournament has been scheduled for Saturday and Sunday, March 22-23, at Windwalker Farms in Stanton.

For more information, contact the Muscular Dystrophy Association in Midland by calling 570-4970.

#### Little League umpires needed

Umpires are needed to call Little League baseball games in the Big Spring area this season.

Anyone interested in umpiring is asked to contact David Roman at 263-1631, or at home, 263-4688, after 6 p.m.

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**PRO BASKETBALL**  
8 p.m. — Dallas Mavericks at Los Angeles Lakers, KBST-AM 1490.

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3 p.m. — IRL Copper World Indy 200, ABC.

#### COLLEGE BASKETBALL

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4 p.m. — NCAA Tournament, regional coverage, second round, teams TBA, CBS

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#### TENNIS

Noon — ATP Masters Series, Pacific Life Open, men's finals, ESPN.

#### TRACK

Noon — Southeastern Conference Indoor Championships, FXS.

## Southern Illinois sends Red Raiders packing early

CHICAGO (AP) — Bob Knight's first NCAA tournament appearance with Texas Tech went pretty much like his recent ones at Indiana.

The only difference after this first-round loss is that he's headed back to Lubbock, Texas, not Bloomington, Ind.

Jermaine Dearman had 17 points and 11 rebounds Friday night as 11th-seeded Southern Illinois beat Knight's Texas Tech 76-68 in an Eastern Regional opener.

"I'd have been disappointed eventually if we'd gotten beat in the championship game," said Knight, who won three national titles at Indiana before being fired in September 2000 for a "pattern of unacceptable behavior."

"Yeah, I'm disappointed, but also I can look at how we played and how they played, and they're just better at some things than we were."

Though he's 42-22 in 25 tournament appearances, Knight's teams have lost in the first round in five of his last seven trips. He hasn't been to the round of 16 since 1994.

And until now, the first-round losses have been particularly ugly. Indiana lost to Colorado by 18 in 1997, matching the Hoosiers' worst postseason defeat. That was followed by a 25-point blowout to St. John's in 1999, and a 20-point loss to Pepperdine in 2000.

But while Texas Tech was the sixth seed, this wasn't that much of an upset.

"I really was impressed with Southern Illinois right from the very beginning," Knight said. "They had a mental toughness that was really extraordinary. They were just tougher than we were all across the floor, and they maintained that the whole ballgame."

Kent Williams scored 17 for the Salukis, who won their school-record 27th game. Southern Illinois held Tech to just 39 percent shooting — and that was with Dearman and Rolan Roberts, their top defenders, starting the game on the bench.

The two missed their first start of the season after being late to practice Tuesday.

Andy Ellis and Kasib Powell had 19 each for Texas Tech, but leading

scorer Andre Emmett had just nine points.

"We didn't come ready to play tonight and if you don't do that, you're going to get beat," Ellis said.

Still, Texas Tech's turnaround this season was remarkable. The Red Raiders were 9-19 last season, and Knight took six holdovers, four junior college transfers, two freshmen and a walk-on and earned Texas Tech's first NCAA bid since 1996.

"I grew up watching him when he was back at Indiana," said Dearman, an Indianapolis native. "I don't know if I ever really wanted to play for him because I know the

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## Lady Steers edge Andrews

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Poised and focused, Big Spring's Lady Steers made the most of an aggressive style of play Friday in taking a 3-2 win over Andrews' Lady Mustangs in a crucial District 4-4A softball showdown.

In the process, the Lady Steers created a spot for themselves in the four-team logjam atop the 4-4A standings — improving to 10-8 on the season and 3-1 in league play. Andrews dropped to 21-2 overall and 3-1. The two are joined on the district leaderboard by San Angelo Lake View's Maidens and Snyder's Lady Tigers.

The Lady Steers will have an opportunity to trim that list to at least three Tuesday when they play host to Lake View at 4 p.m. on the Big Spring ISD Softball Complex diamond.

Although the Lady Mustangs entered the showdown with just one loss on the season, there was little question that Big Spring dominated.

"We had a lull or two there offensively, but this was a very big game and these girls responded," Lady Steers head coach Dan Arista said following the win. "They knew what they had to do and did it."

Making somewhat of a surprise start, Nicole Chesworth turned in nothing short of a masterful performance, going the distance to chalk up the win. She allowed just three Andrews hits and struck out 10. She did not give up an earned run.

"That was just a great job," Arista said of his pitcher. "Nicole's been working hard. She's been putting the ball where she wants it and that's why we decided to start her today. She went out there and pitched a great game."

Indeed, Andrews batters managed just one solid hit, a bases-loaded single in the fifth inning that erased a 2-0 Big Spring lead and seemed to throw a scare into almost everyone but the Lady Steers.

Displaying an aggressive style, the Lady Steers provided Chesworth a lead in the first inning when Leina Braxton drew a lead-off walk, stole second and third and then capitalized on a passed ball to make it a 1-0, Big Spring.

Lady Mustangs starter



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro  
Big Spring pitcher Nicole Chesworth delivers a pitch during the first inning of Friday's showdown with the Andrews Lady Mustangs. Chesworth not only went the distance, struck out 10 and allowed just three hits in taking the win, but also scored the game-winning run in the Lady Steers' 3-2 victory.

Amy Barnett settled down momentarily, however. Her teammates were another matter.

In the bottom of the third inning, Chesworth led off with a bunt single that Andrews third baseman Nikki Baeza turned into a triple when her throw to first sailed over the base and got past right fielder Sonya Figueroa, who was backing up the play behind the base.

Braxton then stepped to the plate and lined a double to right, increasing the Lady Steers' lead to 2-0.

Barnett would not give up another hit until the sixth inning and got out of the third-inning jam when Erica Stewart popped up a bunt attempt that turned into a double play when Braxton was doubled off second.

Andrews knotted the score in the sixth when des-

igned hitter Chris Corarubio reached base on a one-out throwing error by Lady Steers shortstop Whitney Hufford.

Lady Mustangs center fielder Candice Minatra then laid down a bunt single to put runners at first and second. Holly Hicks then bunted down the third base line, loading the bases when Trista Casey's bid to

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## Mizzou, Kent St. record upsets

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Missouri is finally back to playing the way it did at the start of the season. Kent State is simply on the country's longest roll.

Both booked spots in the NCAA tournament's round of 16 Saturday, a lofty destination given their double-digit seedings.

Defending national champion Duke assumed its rightful place in the next round, but not without struggling. The No. 1-seeded Blue Devils needed a 20-6 game-closing run to rally past eighth-seeded Notre Dame 84-77 in the South Regional.

Led by Kareem Rush, stitched-up lip and all, 12th-seeded Missouri sprang its second straight surprise by beating Ohio State, No. 4 in the West Regional, 83-67.

Rush — cut in Missouri's first tournament game, a 93-80 victory over fifth-seeded Miami — had 17 points and nine rebounds, and Rickey Paulding provided 20 points and nine boards.

On Saturday, Rush took another shot to the mouth with just over 4 minutes left. He hit the floor, got up and checked for blood. He shrugged off the hit and nailed the two free throws.

"Yeah it hurt," Rush said, "but my teammates said 'Don't let them see you hurt.' It's just a busted lip. As long as you don't think about it, it doesn't come into play."

He and his teammates seem to have regained the touch on offense and power rebounding that helped the Tigers start 9-0 and reach No. 2 in the rankings in December. They went 12-11 the rest of the way.

Now Missouri tries for an unprecedented victory: No team seeded 12th has reached the round of eight.

Kent State, seeded 10th, owns the country's longest winning streak — 20 games — after knocking off second-seeded Alabama 71-58.

Trevor Huffman scored 20 points, and Antonio Gates had 18 as the Mid-American Conference champions advanced to a regional semifinal for the first time.

## It's one step forward, two steps back for Strawberry

It's always been one step forward, two steps back for Darryl Strawberry.

It's why you cringe every time his name pops up in the news. It's why one of his teammates from long ago called him "a walking stick of TNT." Because he never lets things stay good for too long.

Until this latest commotion spilled over into the public, it appeared Strawberry might go a full year without a new entry on his rap sheet. But not, it turns out, because he wasn't trying. That's what's so maddening



JIM LITKE

about guys like him: Success seems to scare them more than failure.

Strawberry celebrated his 40th birthday Tuesday in the Marion County Jail in central Florida, where he was transferred Tuesday after being thrown out of a nearby drug-treatment center for repeatedly breaking the rules. Phoenix House was one of his many shots at rehab. Even so, the infractions Strawberry was charged with in court documents left more than a few people scratching their heads.

Among them: Consensual sex with a female resident in the same treatment program. Unspecified threats to other residents and staff. Using profanity when asked to share his feelings about the Christmas holidays. Smoking behind the dormitories. Swapping baseballs for cigarettes, autograph-

ing trading cards and clothing, and giving money to residents.

In short, they were seemingly minor violations he was warned repeatedly about.

Strawberry said in a jailhouse interview with a TV crew from Orlando that he never thought violating any of them, or even all of them, would land him back in the lockup. Even as the words left his mouth, he knew they were lies.

That's another thing about guys like Strawberry. The most charming ones make the best liars. They get so good, so practiced at sinning and covering up that they reach the point where they no longer really know the difference. In that sadly charming way of his, Strawberry said that while the sexual affair could well cost him his marriage, at least he had his sobri-

ety. "This is the first time I'm coming out of a treatment program where I know in my heart that I don't want to use drugs," he said.

And that might be the saddest part of all. Strawberry hasn't tested positive for drugs since moving into Phoenix House last May, but his chances of extending the streak don't improve any by going to jail.

He's now gone from baseball wrecking machine to a pathetic one and back again so many times that it's difficult to keep count.

The rules are so simple in the games they learn to play so well. Between the lines, it's always been three strikes and you're out — no mercy, no appeal. Then they step

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SPORTS EXTRA

TOP 25 - MEN

Table listing top 25 men's college basketball teams with columns for Rank, Team, Record, and Conference.

TOP 25 - WOMEN

Table listing top 25 women's college basketball teams with columns for Rank, Team, Record, and Conference.

HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL

The top 10 high school baseball teams in each classification, as voted by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association.

Table listing high school baseball teams by class (CLASS 5A, CLASS 4A, CLASS 3A, CLASS 2A, CLASS 1A) with columns for Rank, Team, and Record.

NBA

Table showing NBA Eastern Conference standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, and GB.

Table showing NBA Western Conference standings with columns for Team, W, L, Pct, and GB.

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# Another free-for-all at Bay Hill; Tiger opens door with struggle

ORLANDO, Fla. (AP) — Tiger Woods was everywhere he didn't want to be Saturday in the Bay Hill Invitational, making four bogeys in a round of 74 that brought just about everybody back into the tournament.

On a steamy, sun-baked afternoon that felt like the middle of summer, Woods squandered his four-stroke advantage by the time he made the turn, then hung on down the stretch for a one-stroke lead over Len Mattiace.

It figured to be a runaway.

It turned into a free-for-all. As far as Woods was concerned, "It could have been a lot worse."

Woods, trying to win for the third straight time at Bay Hill, was at 10-under 206. It was the third straight year he has led going into the final round, and his PGA Tour record with at least a share of the 54-hole lead is 21-2.

The challenge could come from anyone — 14 players were within three shots of the lead, while 20 players were within five strokes.

It starts with Mattiace, the

only player without a bogey on a rock-hard, cotton-mouth day at Bay Hill. He holed a 40-foot putt for par on No. 17 and finished with a 68. He is 10 under the past two rounds.

"I feel like I've gone to a new level with my game, and I feel very confident," said Mattiace, who picked up his first career victory last month in the Nissan Open.

Everyone else should feel confident about their chances, especially if Woods continues to have problems finding the short grass.

Scott McCarron, who started the day four back, caught Woods at the turn and stayed with him until he bogeyed two of the last three holes.

He had a 72 and was at 208, along with volatile Pat Perez (69), John Huston (70) and two Campbells — Michael and Chad, who shot 68s.

Right behind at 209 is some real star power.

John Daly, tied for the lead after a birdie on No. 13, kept the damage to a minimum and finished with a 71. Phil Mickelson and Vijay

Singh each had a 69, Sergio Garcia a 70 and Ernie Els finished strong for a 72, which included a par save after going into the water on No. 16 and a birdie on the 18th.

Woods has won each of the last three times he led by at least four shots through 36 holes, and he's in position to do that again.

He played the final seven holes with one birdie and the rest pars, but the rest of the afternoon

was a real adventure. That image of Woods posing over well-struck shots

turned into one of him holding his arm out to the left to warn the gallery of an incoming ball.

"I hit a lot of poor shots," Woods said. "But I hung in there and scraped out a round that could have been pretty ugly."

The problems started early.

Woods missed a 5-foot par putt on the opening hole, then was flabbergasted when his tee shot on the par-3 second came up 10 yards short of the green.

"You've got to be kidding me," Woods said.

## Kapler says he feels like everyday player despite two moves

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. (AP) — Gabe Kapler twice lost starting jobs during the offseason, but not because of anything he did wrong.

When Texas acquired All-Star center fielder Carl Everett in a December trade with Boston, the Rangers planned to move Kapler from center — where he made just one error in 344 chances last season — back to right.

About a month later, Kapler was displaced again when free agent Juan Gonzalez, the two-time AL MVP he had replaced in right, agreed to a deal to return to Texas.

"I chose to make the decision in my mind to not speculate," Kapler said. "I realize that a lot of times these things have a way of just working their way out over the course of a spring training."

In 13 games this spring, Kapler has had time in both center and left.

Everett is still undergoing rehabilitation from arthroscopic surgery to remove torn cartilage from his right knee.

But when Everett is healthy, Kapler will most often be in left, where Rusty Greer and Frank Catalanotto are also slated to play.

Despite the crowded outfield, Kapler still considers himself an everyday player.

"I haven't been told otherwise to this point so I wouldn't expect otherwise," Kapler said. "I expect to get a lot of time the same way during the season."

Manager Jerry Narron has three players — Kapler, Greer and Catalanotto — for two everyday positions, left and designated hitter. But he also has other options to get them in the lineup.

Greer, an outfield starter since 1994 and a .305 career hitter, is coming off two injury-shortened seasons.

He could become the primary DH.

Catalanotto, a utility infielder converted to the outfield last season after a series of injuries to other players, will get some time at second base. He can also play first and third.

Kapler will move around in the outfield. He should get his share of starts in left, but will also see time at center and right to give Everett and Gonzalez occasional days off.

"When Gabe is in the lineup, he will be in the outfield," Narron said. "Right now, he's the most athletic and the most versatile."

Kapler was one of the nine players involved in the November 1999 trade that sent Gonzalez to Detroit.

In his first start replacing Gonzalez in right, on Opening Day in 2000, Kapler became the first player in Texas history to homer in his first two at-bats.

A few weeks later, he went on the disabled list for a month with a torn right quadriceps muscle. When he returned, he was the everyday center fielder after rookie Ruben Mateo broke his leg.

Kapler hit .302 with 14 homers and 66 RBIs, but tied the AL high with 10 errors in the outfield.

Last season, his average was down (.267), but his other offensive numbers were better (17 homers, 72 RBIs) and his defense was vastly improved.

His .997 fielding percentage was second among AL outfielders behind Anaheim's Darin Erstad, who made just one error in 409 chances.

Now he's preparing for his third different outfield position in as many seasons.

"It's an adjustment but I feel like I can handle it. It's not like moving from center to short," Kapler said.

## For Spurs' Robinson, less is more

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — In the first few weeks of 2002, the sports talk around San Antonio was about David Robinson.

Specifically, "What's wrong with David Robinson?"

The Admiral's rebounding numbers were shipshape, but everything else was barely afloat. He wasn't scoring, he wasn't blocking shots and at times he seemed rudderless on the floor. When games were on the line, the 36-year-old Naval Academy graduate was often demoted to the San Antonio Spurs' bench.

After a few fourth-quarter DNPs, including one in a home loss to the defending champion Los Angeles Lakers, a frustrated Robinson approached coach Gregg Popovich in late January.

"I said, 'Hey, what are you thinking about? What are you trying to do with me? You want to use me this year or what?'" he recalled. "So he finally agreed he was going to use me."

That confab was followed by a turnaround in Robinson's performance.

In the Spurs' 17 games in January, the 7-foot-1 center averaged eight points and seven rebounds. He shot only 37 percent from the floor, with the low point a 1-for-8 performance in 23 minutes against the Lakers.

But since the start of February, he had double-doubles in 17 of 20 outings,

averaging 14 points and nearly 10 rebounds. He recorded a season-high 27 points against Orlando.

Against the Chicago Bulls on Thursday, Robinson grabbed a season-high 17 rebounds and has matched highs for the year in rebounds (16) and blocked shots (seven) twice. "Popovich started calling more plays for me, giving me some more opportunities out there," Robinson said. "I got my rhythm a little better, started feeling better, and that's when my game started turning around."

And, most importantly, he's been getting minutes when they count.

Popovich says he was sitting Robinson when opposing teams went with smaller lineups, but that he reconsidered the strategy after their meeting.

"Even though the matchup wasn't great, he still wanted to be out there," Popovich said. "He's the player, he's on the floor, he's been here for a lot of years. ... I gave him the benefit of the doubt, and I think he ended up being right."

Opposing players say that, even after nearly 13 years as a pro, Robinson remains a player not to be overlooked.

"I think he's playing great basketball," said Sacramento center Vlade Divac after the Spurs beat the Kings at the Alamodome

late last month. Robinson scored 10 points and grabbed 11 boards in 12 minutes.

"(Fans) are putting pressure on him because he's, what, 35, 36 years old? I wish I'm playing that great two years from now," Divac said.

Guard Steve Smith, in his first season as a Spur, says Robinson is still among the top centers in the league.

"If you put him on another team where he was getting the ball 30 or 40 times down the court, he'd still be averaging 20 (points) and 10 (rebounds)," Smith said.

This season has been one of career milestones for Robinson, whose resume includes nearly every individual honor available in the league, as well as two Olympic gold medals.

In November he passed George Gervin as the Spurs' career scorer since the team joined the NBA, and last week a pair of free throws against Golden State made him the 27th NBA player to score 20,000 points.

But Robinson knows he doesn't have the same firepower that he had in 1993-94, when his 30 points a game led the NBA, or the same defensive abilities that once sat him atop the league's rebounders and shot-blockers.

Dallas Mavericks center Shawn Bradley said it should come as no surprise that Robinson isn't the same

player he was in his prime. "He can still run the floor, rebound, score and block shots," Bradley said. "And he still serves as a mentor to Tim Duncan."

Duncan is the clear go-to guy for the Spurs, and despite occasional returns to his old form, Robinson is content just to contribute. It's the same role he's been playing for the past four years.

"I just want to win games," he said. "I think with the guys we have now, it's not in our best interest for me to score 25 points every night. ... It's better for me to be real active and bring some confidence to this team and some cohesion to this team."

That cohesion has been tough to find at times, given some injuries and the fact that more than half the Spurs' players weren't here last season. After jumping out to a 20-4 mark, the team's morale was hobbled by a 16-17 skid.

Following a road loss in Phoenix in late February, Robinson took command in his low-key way.

He stood up on the team bus and gave what amounted to a sermon about believing in themselves and each other.

"For us, it's about chemistry," he said later. "We're not going to overpower anybody just off of flat-out talent, but if we play together, we're real good."

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## LADY STEERS

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throw out the lead runner failed.

Andrews' first baseman Sara Badgett singled up the middle to drive in two runs, but the Lady Mustangs' bid to take the lead was thwarted when the Lady Steers turned a double play of their own to end the inning.

Hufford made up for her error in the bottom half of the inning when she led off with a single to left and moved to second on a wild pitch.

After striking out Laura Olague, Barnett issued her

third walk of the game to Alex Watkins and Bridget Cain loaded the bases with a single to right.

That set the stage for Jamie Long to provide the heroics, as the Lady Steers left fielder battled back from an 0-2 start to fill the count and foul off three pitches before singling to right, driving in Hufford with what proved to be the game winning run.

Chesworth made sure to close the door in the top of the seventh, striking out the side by fanning Baeza, Kacie Lightfoot and pinch hitter Monica Rodriguez.

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# Ford keys Longhorns' victory over Boston College

DALLAS (AP) — T.J. Ford usually passes first. Against Boston College in the first round of the NCAA tournament, he started looking for his shot.

The freshman point guard, on pace to lead the nation in assists, had 20 points and seven assists to lead Texas to a 70-57 victory over Boston College in the opening round of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

"We went a while without scoring and I knew I had to do something for my teammates," Ford said. "I just started attacking the defense and forcing them to play me."

Ford's performance overshadowed that of his counterpart, Troy Bell, who broke out of a four-game shooting slump to lead Boston College (20-12) with 27 points.

Texas (21-11) went on a 20-4 run midway through the first half and increased its lead to 22 points several minutes before halftime. The Longhorns led 46-27 at the break. Then, Bell went to work.

Bell scored 12 of Boston College's first 18 points in the second half. His 3-pointer with 12:49 left got the Eagles within five.

"It always feels good to find your way out of a slump," he said.

Ford seized control of the game, scoring five straight

## Xavier, OU big men set for showdown

DALLAS (AP) — There's not going to be enough space under the basket for both of them.

Oklahoma's Aaron McGhee and Xavier's David West plan on turning the paint into a mosh pit in today's second-round game of the West Regional.

The winner of their personal power-forward matchup, likely whoever manages to steer clear of fouls, could go a long way in determining which team advances to the round of 16.

"I won't look to avoid any contact," West said. "You lose your aggressiveness and it takes away from your game."

"Sometimes you get to land a good blow, so it really will be up to the officials to see what each team gets away with."

So far, it's not what they've been able to get away with, but what they've been able to take. Both players played key roles in

rallying their teams from early deficits in first-round games.

The 6-foot-8, 250-pound McGhee battered Illinois-Chicago for 26 points and 12 rebounds in the first round, lifting the second-seeded Sooners (28-4) to a 71-63 win.

In Xavier's 70-58 win over Hawaii, West notched 13 points and 11 rebounds and cut off many of the layups and drives that had forced the No. 7-seeded Musketeers (26-5) into a 12-point first-half hole.

With both players jostling for position today, points and rebounds in the paint figure to be at a premium. For teams that have relied on their bullying defenses, the McGhee-West matchup could simply come down to who establishes position first.

Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson gave the early nod to West, a second-team All-American, whom he called "the best player on the floor 90 percent of the time."

points to restore Texas' lead to double digits. He helped keep it there with a long alley-ooop to Royal Ivey.

Ford scored 16 points in the second half, 10 from the line.

"I don't think there's a player that means more to his team than T.J. Ford does," Longhorns coach Rick Barnes said. "I've got so much confidence in T.J., I was probably surprised he had jitters at the beginning of the game. He was a little jumpy but he settled down."

The victory sends Texas into a second-round game today against Mississippi State, a 70-58 winner over McNeese State.

Mississippi State (27-7) was powered by forward Mario Austin, who scored 14 straight points during a 7-minute first-half stretch to rally the Bulldogs State from an eight-point deficit.

Austin finished with 25 points and nine rebounds. McNeese State coach Tic Price rotated defenders on

Austin, but to no avail.

Raynell Brewer, a 7-foot-1, 210-pound center, and 6-11, 288-pound reserve Larry Jackson couldn't stop Austin.

The Cowboys (21-9) jumped out to a 21-13 lead with just over 9 minutes left in the half. The Bulldogs closed the first half with a

12-0 run and led 31-25 at the half.

McNeese State didn't provide much of a challenge in the second half, falling behind by as many as 19 points.

The loss ends an emotional run for Price, whose home burned down and whose father died within a 72-hour span three weeks ago.

In the West Regional, Aaron McGhee had 26 points and 12 rebounds and Hollis Price added 17 points as second-seeded Oklahoma beat Illinois-Chicago 71-63.

Oklahoma (28-4) broke a 10-all tie with an 18-3 run, and the Flames were never closer than six again. UIC went nearly nine minutes without a field goal.

Price, who badly injured his arm in a first-round loss to 13th-seeded Indiana State last year, missed much of that spurt with injuries.

The Flames (20-14), the nation's sixth-best 3-point shooting team, shot just 5-for-22 (23 percent).

Oklahoma will play Xavier (26-5) today. The

Musketeers beat Hawaii 70-58.

Romain Sato and Lionel Chalmers led the defense and seventh-seeded Xavier rallied from a 12-point first-half deficit.

"It's something we've done all year long. When we try to match baskets with teams, we can't do that," said Xavier forward David West, who finished with 13 points and 11 rebounds. "The way we played in the second half is how we win games, how we've been doing it all year."

Hawaii (27-6) missed its first 11 shots of the second half. Xavier went on a 11-1 run to take its first lead since the opening minutes of the game.

Sato stopped Hawaii's leading scorer, Predrag Savovic, in the second half. Savovic had 16 points at the half, but didn't score another field goal until just five minutes remained and finished with 26 points.

It was Xavier's first win in the tournament since beating Vanderbilt in the first round in 1997.

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kind of coach that he is. I know he's a good coach, but I know he gets a little frustrated at players at times.

"So I felt great winning the game today."

But the game wasn't even the main event. All eyes were on Knight, who looked out of place in his black sweater and was just four hours north of Indiana, where he spent 29 years.

There were some boos when he took the floor for the game, and one Southern Illinois fan held up a sign reading, "Hey Knight, What's Up?" Salukis."

Knight was fired after he grabbed the arm of a student who said, "What's up, Knight?"

But raucous cheers drowned out any boos when Knight was introduced. Knight didn't show any reaction, of course. And he was fairly well-behaved once the game started.

He did let loose at Nick Valdez at one point, calling him over to the bench to yell at him, and continuing the "discussion" at the next timeout. And Knight was livid when Ellis was called for basket interference with 18:16 to play, jumping up and screaming at the referees.

"That's not right," he said to one. "You can't possibly see."

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outside into the real world and expect to be treated differently.

That's hasn't changed. Strawberry has been charged with domestic violence, failure to pay child support and federal income-tax evasion, and spent time locked up in jails and rehab centers. He's admitted abusing alcohol and cocaine and been laid low by colon and stomach cancer.

But one thing has changed that makes you worry there will be no coming back from this: Strawberry is out of chances, out of skills to sell, out of reasons to get up in the morning and get through the day.

Ability wasn't the only thing that always saved Strawberry. Though it certainly played a part in persuading ballclubs to take a chance on him in the past, there was something noble, warm and funny about him, too, something that went beyond bravado and talent. Those traits made his teammates and managers and most of all, Yankee boss George Steinbrenner, protective of

It appeared that the ball might have been off the rim when Ellis touched it, but replays were inconclusive. In Knight's mind, though, there was no question, and he was still complaining about it several minutes later.

Other than that, though, he was a model citizen. Southern Illinois coach Bruce Weber spent more time on his feet.

When Mikey Marshall was called for what could have been a charge, Knight simply leaned back in his chair, crossed his arms across his chest and glared at the referee. When Pawel Storzynski was called for traveling, Knight jumped up and took a few steps, then sat back down.

And when Dearman scored on an alley-ooop to put Southern Illinois up 53-38 with 8:09 left, Knight just looked over at son Pat, a Red Raiders assistant, as if to ask him where they were going for dinner.

With yet another early departure from the tournament, he's got plenty of time to decide.

"Our kids, if I were to say a weakness, I'd have quickly said mental toughness," Knight said. "Southern Illinois both played smarter and harder than we did. Hopefully we can learn something and grow from it."

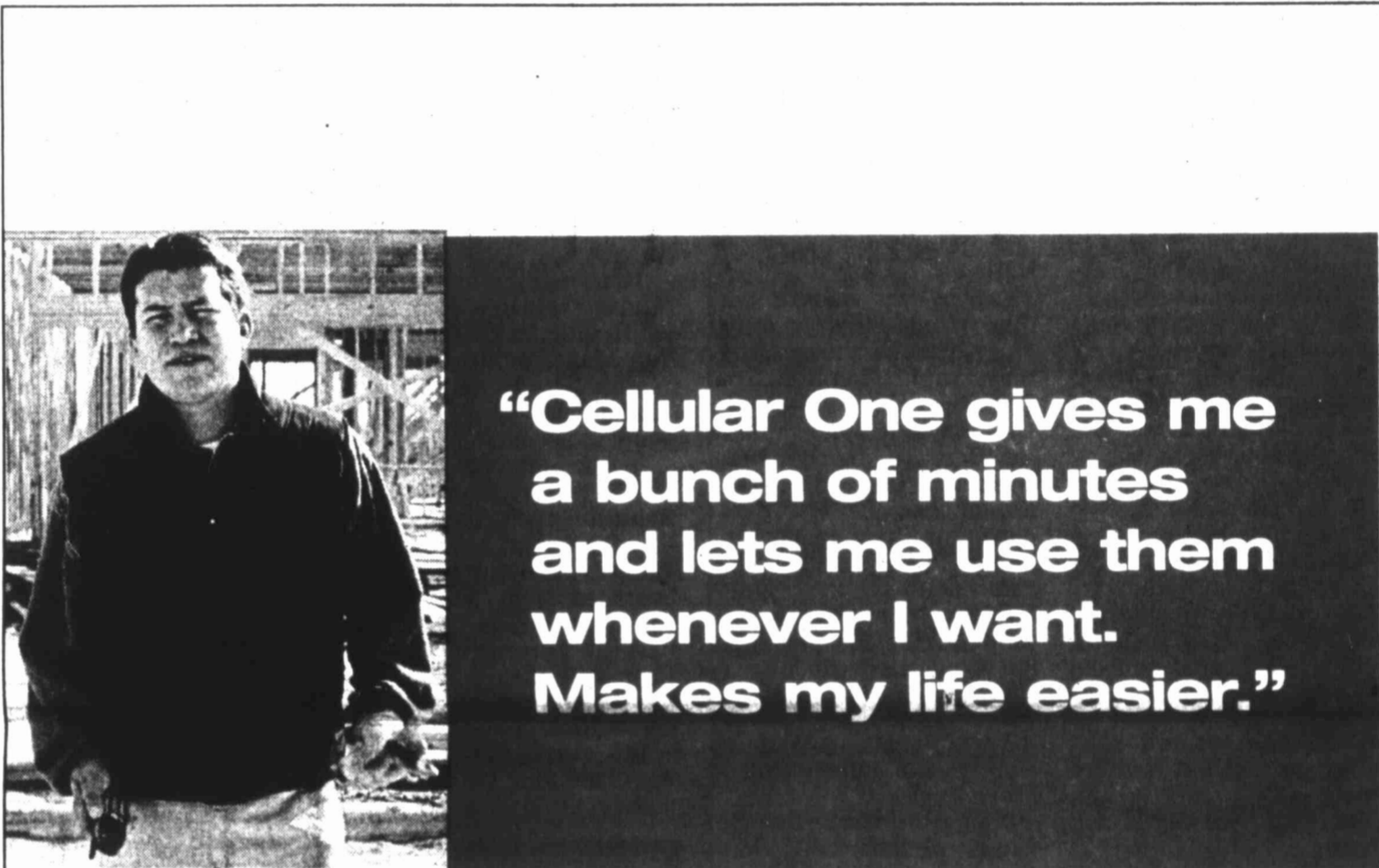
him to a fault.

It might have been the way he walked into spring training with the Mets in 1987 and discovered he had been assigned to the locker next to Doc Gooden, a similar talent with an equally troubled past, and cracked, "Look, it's Assault and Battery together." Or it might have been the way he refused just three years ago, at age 37, to quit trying to make his way back to the big leagues.

In the New York Yankees' clubhouse, where the last episode of Strawberry's comeback battle played out like some kind of cautionary tale, the news of his 1999 arrest in Tampa on drug and prostitution charges that set this latest string of events into motion devastated everybody in the place.

Five probation violations later, only Steinbrenner seems to have enough patience left to find out how many twists Strawberry's tale may yet take.

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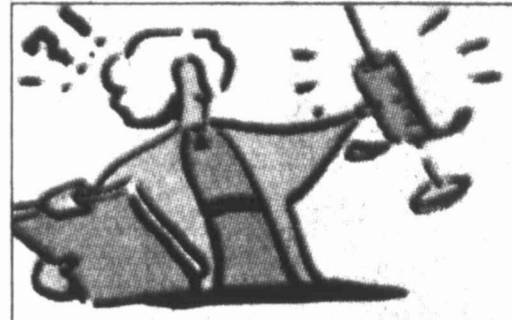


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### Celebrating Patient Safety Week at the VA Medical Center



**P**atient safety is central to the function of any healthcare facility and includes everything from medicine to equipment and even what they eat.

To promote Patient Safety Awareness Week the VA Medical Center implemented several incentives to encourage both patient and employee participation in the week's events.

Door prizes were given away to employees who attended the **marathon of classes on patient safety** that were held Thursday.

"Employees are required to have a total of 40 hours of training per year and this is a great opportunity for them to get their hours," said Carolyn Mason, patient safety manager.

Prizes were also given to any client who brought the most outdated or discontinued medicines from their home. Clients were educated on the importance of discarding any medication that is outdated or has been discontinued by their physician.

Other patient safety projects which are ongoing include fall protection and prevention, bar code medication administration, transfusion safety and allergy documentation.

Bar code medication administration was introduced to the Big Spring VA Medical Center in August 2000. It is a paperless system and has significantly decreased medication errors in the facilities that have adopted the system according to Larry Cordes, chief pharmacist.

"It has made a huge difference in medication errors," he said adding that the Omnicell medication dispenser cabinet that is part of the system has also helped eliminate medication errors by its one dose dispensing system of narcotics.

"This eliminates medication confusion, you get only what is ordered and in its exact dose," said Cordes. "This also eliminates all the counting that nurses were having to do," he added.

The Omnicell uses the simple design of the standard vending machine Cordes explained.

With the use of the barcode medication administration system the

nurse no longer has a paper trail as all information in regards to the patient is stored in the computer.

Mason is confident in the new system, the administration's no fault policy and support of nurses. "We are picking up more clients and we want to be more competitive. We want to make this a safe place for veterans to come to," she said.

With the philosophy of treating VAMC clients holistically providing education for them is part of the program as Mason emphasized. "Every time a client comes into the VA it is an opportunity for them to learn."

Mason receives reports from patients and staff and oversees the safety program.

"When problems are reported, teams are formed to investigate them and systems are then designed to improve safety," said Mason adding that the VA has been very proactive in improving the quality of care the clients receive.

In the ongoing effort to improve patient safety in VA hospitals nationwide, the VA has joined with NASA who sponsors research in patient safety.

Once a problem is identified in one hospital and is determined that it may occur in other hospitals the information is delivered via Internet to NASA researchers who investigate and develop solutions that can be used in the hospitals.

Advisories and alerts are transmitted to the hospitals once a problem has been identified.

This may include product recalls as well for example defibrillators, catheters, dialysis machines, etc.

As many as 180,000 deaths occur in the United States each year due to errors in medical care according to the VA National Center for Patient Safety website. Many of these errors are preventable through obtaining a clear picture as to what is actually happening.

Under this system appropriate steps can be taken to prevent these occurrences.

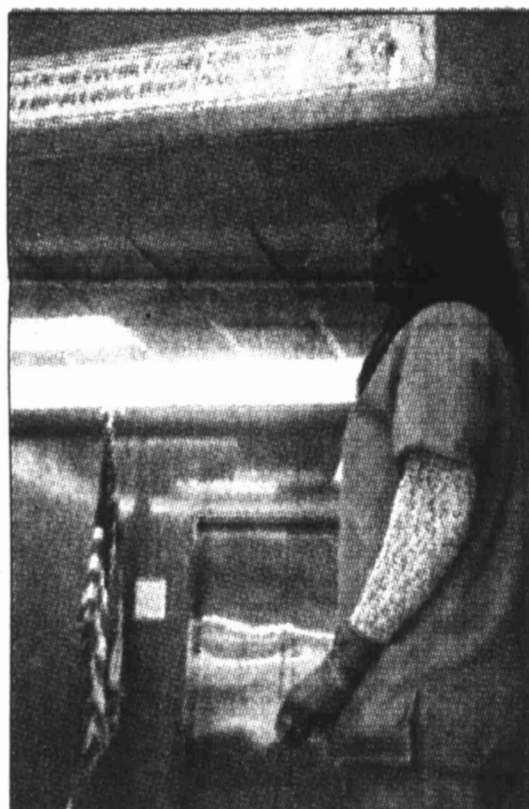
More information on patient safety and the joining of NASA with the VA can be found on their website [www.patient.safety.gov](http://www.patient.safety.gov)

Clockwise from top left Joe Pacheco, a client at the VA Medical Center is instructed on the proper way to lock his wheelchair by Shelli Kriley, RN, (right) head nurse of extended care and transition unit and Patient Safety Manager Carolyn Mason, RN.

Carolyn demonstrates the barcode medication administration system which has helped decrease the amount of medication errors in hospitals where it has been implemented.

Cheyenne Harrison who works in nursing service at VAMC observes one of the banners reminding clients and staff of the importance of Patient Safety Awareness Week.

Larry Cordes, chief pharmacist, demonstrates how a nurse would program the Omnicell to dispense an ordered dose of a narcotic. The Omnicell only dispenses the required dose for the client it is ordered.



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### Big Spring has a long history of recall elections and general unrest

I can remember so well and with much love the year of 1989 when Mayor Max Green and I organized our Big Spring Mayor's Chili Cooking Team.

We set it up on a vacant lot down at the end of Main Street where the old beer hall used to be.

Now mayor "No Tax Max" was a 'bean counter' or CPA or bookkeeper or whatever the term and I have always maintained that bookkeepers can't cook chili.

A statement that never seemed to register with Mayor Max.

Now Maxwell D. Green was one of our most controversial figures, that our fair city of Big Spring has ever seen.



AL SCOTT

I won't go into politics here, but Mayor Max garnered just enough votes to get him elected.

Then when he went after our city's so called "open check book policy" all heck broke loose and the fertilizer hit the air conditioning.

Then followed several recall elections with Mayor Max at the brunt of it all.

Well, I was a supporter of my friend Max Green. After all "No Tax Max" was just doing his thing.

Bean counting and doing his best to save all of us some tax bucks.

A few of us Max supporters met at Max and Neva Green's home and darned if he didn't win his first recall election.

But that was it. In subsequent recall elections our city dumped Mayor Max.

A lot of Big Springers were reported to have said that Max was too controversial to make a good city dad.

Some said it was better to have alleged peace and

calm in our City Hall.

They may have been right, but a lot of us didn't see it that way. Max, who was the proud owner of a Harley Davidson motorcycle, had many friends and supporters mostly among our local bikers, but apparently not enough to vindicate him.

The "Peacemakers" at City Hall won out. Maxwell D. Green never ran for another public office. He sits today and still serves us on a special committee to bring con-

ventions and visitors to Big Spring.

He still has that mischievous twinkle in his eye, he operates a "shotgun" store over on Scurry Street and is a happy man today with no regrets or recriminations.

And I, for one am very proud to be his friend and admirer. Good luck and God bless Max... and I'll see ya at our next chili cook-off.

Al Scott writes a regular column for the Herald.

WEDDING



Castellano

Earmalinda Herrera and Isa Castellano, both of Big Spring exchanged wedding vows March 16, 2002, at the El San Luis.

The bride is the daughter of Victor Herrera and Trina Herrera of Tahoka.

The groom is the son of Mary Castellano and Isa Castellano, both of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by Victor Herrera.

Maid of honor was Alma Martinez. Flower girl was Samantha Gonzales.

Best man was Albert Martinez.

A reception was held at the El San Luis.

The wedding cake was a three tier Navy blue and white lace cake.

The bride is a graduate of Brownfield High School.

The groom is a graduate of Coahoma High School. He is presently employed by Fiberglass.

Following a wedding trip to Mexico the couple will make their home in Big Spring.

MENUS

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Steak fingers, potatoes, cabbage, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken, rice, okra & tomatoes, fruit salad, milk/rolls, pudding.

WEDNESDAY-Stew, broccoli, salad, cornbread, milk, cake.

THURSDAY-Cheeseburgers, French fries, beans, lettuce & tomatoes, milk/buns, cobble.

FRIDAY-Pork roast, sweet potatoes, blackeyed peas, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

FORSAN ISD

MONDAY-Ravioli, green beans, salad, crackers, apple fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Creole meat balls, rice, salad, English peas, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken sandwich, French fries, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Soup, sandwiches, chips, salad, carrots/celery sticks, fresh fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Fajitas, salad, ranch style beans, Spanish rice, fruit, milk.

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Hamburgers, fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, milk, cake.

TUESDAY-Tacos or burritos, fresh fruit, salad, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas or corn dogs, salad, cornbread, beans, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Frito pie or sub sandwiches, salad tray, corn, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, tater tots, jello, salad, milk. Teachers only: salad.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-Fish nuggets, smile face fries, ranch style beans, rosy applesauce, hushpuppies, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas, Spanish rice, border beans, jello w/fruit, tortilla, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes, blackeyed peas, orange wedges, hot roll, milk.

THURSDAY-Club wrap, broccoli w/cheese sauce, cherry freeze bar, pickle spears, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, French fries, pork & beans, cookie, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

MONDAY-Cowboy stew, corn, cornbread, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pizza, new potatoes, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Braised beef, rice, green beans, hot roll, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Sweet & sour chicken, mini egg roll, brown rice, stir fry veggies, apricot halves, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, fries, pickle, fruit, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD

MONDAY-Steak fingers, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, syrup honey, milk.

TUESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, lettuce wedge, corn, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti with meat sauce, fried

okra, fruit cup, garlic bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Tacos with cheese, salsa, tossed salad, pinto beans, chocolate pudding, cornbread milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onions, pickles, French fries, goodie bar, milk.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Pizza or baked potato, green beans, peaches, breadsticks, milk.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes, cream gravy, peas & carrots, cobble, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chicken fajitas or chef salad, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.

THURSDAY-Ravioli or burrito, corn, salad, applesauce gelatin, French gelatin, milk.

FRIDAY-Cheeseburger or hamburger, French fries, hamburger salad, orange, peanut butter bar, milk.

SANDS ISD

MONDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, French fries, milk.

TUESDAY-Fried chicken, green beans, mashed potato, w/gravy, rolls, jello, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Frito pie, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers, w/gravy, sliced potato, June peas & carrots, rolls, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Pizza, salad, corn, cake, milk.

ANNIVERSARY



Hobbs

Roy C. and Mary Lee Hobbs celebrated 60 years of marriage March 9, 2002, with a reception at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The celebration was hosted by their children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. All friends and family were invited to attend.

Mary and Roy met in Muncie, Ind. where they attended grade school. They attended high school in Athens. The couple was married March 9, 1942, in Tyler.

The Hobbs have two daughters, five grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Their daughters are Royce June Underwood of Andrews and Paula Stiles of Levelland.

Throughout their marriage they lived in Munchison, Longview, Grapeland, Pleasanton, Hallettsville, Cuero, Midland and Andrews before moving to Big Spring.

Mr. Hobbs worked as a production supervisor for French Equipment Co. in Big Spring. He was a homemaker.

The couple's sentiment on their marriage was "Life gets better as you go along."

Place a wedding announcement in the Herald at no charge. For details...

NEWCOMERS

Eric and Winnie Looney of Stanton.

He is self employed and she is employed by S.I.S.D.

Harold and Vickie Lee of Stinnett.

He is employed by C.R.M.W.D.

Robert and Prilla and son, Alexis of Laredo.

He is employed by Federal Correctional Institution.

Calvin and Joni Billingsley of Buffalo.

He is a heavy equipment operator.

Laurie Crider and sons, Sheldon and Elliott of Denver City.

She does fast food service work.

Richard Reaves and son, Edward of Kilén.

He is retired from Federal Civil Service.

ENGAGEMENTS

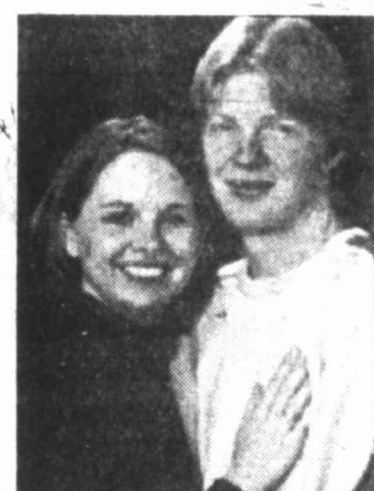


Evans Hipp

April Evans and Riley Hipp will exchange wedding vows June 6, 2002, at Nassau, Bahamas.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Todd Evans of Cleburne.

He is the son of Gary Hipp of Coahoma and Barbara Hipp of Big Spring.



Reynolds Quattlebaum

Misty Dawn Reynolds of Stanton and Jeffrey Ryan Quattlebaum of Athens will exchange wedding vows June 7, 2002, at First Baptist Church in Stanton.

She is the daughter of Royce and Carolyn Reynolds of Stanton and the granddaughter of Ina Faye and Jack Kuhlman of Lenorah.

He is the son of Rilford and Mary Ann Quattlebaum of Athens and the grandson of Fern Tidmore of Athens.

Doporto Bavin

Ruth Doporto and AIC Jacob Bavin, both of Alamogordo, N.M., will exchange wedding vows April 13, 2002.

She is the daughter of Robert and Denise Kohls of Alamogordo, N.M.

He is the son of Drew and Sara Bavin of Big Spring.

Share your engagement or wedding with the community - fill out a form at the Herald office, 710 Scurry or call 263-7331 to have one sent or faxed to you at no charge.

UPCOMING EVENT

R. D. (Doc) and Myrt Tindol will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary at a special party hosted by their children and grandchildren.

This event will take place from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, at the Cactus Room at Howard College. All their friends are welcome to come share in this happy event. (No gifts please.)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Sunday, March 17, 2002

Allow your life to play a bigger life. You can use creative gain. Start keep book to jot thoughts. You drive to take a idea to the finish you're deter won't let anyone stop you. gle, a relative enter your spring or ear. Enjoy this per she will becomial. If you a your relatio transform. You ence unusual year between y significant o your flights TAURUS loves you.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 17:**

Allow your imagination to play a bigger role in your life. You come up with many good ideas, which, if used creatively, you could gain. Start keeping a notebook to jot down your thoughts. You have the drive to take any project or idea to the finish line. Once you're determined, you won't let anything or anyone stop you. If you are single, a relationship will enter your life in late spring or early summer. Enjoy this person, as he or she will become very special. If you are attached, your relationship will transform. You will experience unusual warmth this year between you and your significant other. Share your flights of fantasy. TAURUS loves to chat with you.

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

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19)

\*\*\*\* Optimism marks your attitude this morning. Make calls, especially to an older relative. Fatigue comes into play later in the day. As a result, a misunderstanding pops up from nowhere. Don't let confusion cause you a problem. Go off and do what you want. Tonight: How 'bout an Irish dinner?

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20) \*\*\*\* Speak your mind and reach out for those around you. On the other hand, so many people will be speaking to you that you could find yourself wanting to scream. Stop. Go on out the door and do something you will really enjoy. Tonight: Don't just lie back. Become Irish.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 20) \*\* Keep your own counsel. You don't want to share your day with others. Do what is important to you and stay refreshed. News might be mingled with gossip. Know the difference. Deal with anger by taking responsibility for your side of the issue. Tonight: Opt for a good night's sleep.

**CANCER** (June 21-July 22) \*\*\*\* Without meaning to, you could coax others to join in on a favorite sport, game or pastime. Though you might get some flak from a family member, ultimately everyone enjoys themselves. Don't forget a call or a letter to someone special at a distance. Tonight: Where the gang is.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\* You might not have as much free choice as you would like. You have to respond to another's request. A friend might be more disappointed than you. Let this person know how you feel, and make plans to get together as soon as possible. Tonight: Paint the town green.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\*\*\* Take the high road,

even if someone might tempt you to do otherwise. Why not meet someone halfway at a favorite inn or restaurant? Clearing out your stomping grounds refreshes you. Try something different. Tonight: Don't worry about tomorrow. Enjoy now.

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

\*\*\* Listen to someone carefully. He or she affects you, whether you like it or not. This person often can get bossy and touchy. Consider options carefully. A parent or boss appreciates your extra efforts. This person returns the favor. Tonight: Drive a hard bargain.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Others want you. You have your pick of options and decisions. Take in a movie or find another relaxing pastime, where someone cannot overwhelm you. Your imagination delights you with a humorous take on what is going on around you. Tonight: Share a chuckle with a loved one.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* Get a head start on a spring project, inviting others to get involved. Whether it is painting a room or cleaning out your files, you'll enjoy their company. Others pitch in with their opinions, and maybe even help. Ask for a back rub. You deserve it after your hard work. Tonight: Clean up. Put up your feet.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Let your naughty side come out with a child or loved one. Be playful and allow someone to share more of him- or herself. The jovial moods of others adds to the moment. You draw someone in a lot closer. Don't worry so much about each penny. Tonight: Enjoy the one you're with.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Creativity adds to the quality of your home life. Invite friends over for a late lunch, asking everyone to bring their favorite dessert. Have fun with the sharing and tasting. Don't get confused about what someone says. You might be projecting what you want to hear. Tonight: Stay home.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\*\* Others surround you with ideas and suggestions. The good news is that you know who you want to be with. The bad news will be saying "no" to all the wonderful invitations. You could be creating a problem where there really isn't one. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

**BORN TODAY**

Actor Kurt Russell (1951), actor Rob Lowe (1964), ballet dancer Rudolf Nureyev (1938)

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**Doctors give TV medical dramas mostly good bill of health**

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Recent TV hospital dramas such as "ER" accurately depict modern medicine, but should focus more on current controversies such as insurance and nursing shortages, according to doctors at a panel discussion on how television portrays their profession.

The discussion Tuesday, titled "It Must Be True, I Saw it on TV," came on the last day of the American Medical Association's national leadership conference.

Dozens of doctors, nurses and medical students attended the session. "ER" star Noah Wyle was among a group of TV industry representatives taking part.

Many of the medics praised NBC's "ER" and now-defunct programs such as "St. Elsewhere" in the 1980s and the recent "Chicago Hope" for demystifying the image of doctors as miracle workers — an image created by the 1960s shows "Marcus Welby, M.D." and "Dr. Kildare."

In those older shows, "all the medicine" happened behind closed doors," said Randolph Smoak, the AMA's former president.

By contrast, today's medical dramas are gritty and gory — unflinchingly depicting frantic surgery, overworked doctors and harsh hospital bureaucracy. And the patient doesn't always survive.

Although such realism may be frightening, Smoak said it helps reduce unrealistic expectations by patients.

However, he suggested the shows should tackle more political topics such as uninsured patients, the

**"When we first started, all our technical advisers told us that emergency rooms were the primary source of health care for most Americans. That's changed in recent years, because watching 'ER' has become the primary source of health information. Then people go to the emergency room and compare."**  
— Noah Wyle, ER

medicine have created a nursing shortage.

Mark Morocco, a medical adviser to "ER" and the medical-emergency show "Third Watch," said nurse characters on TV are too often unimportant background figures or sex objects.

He cited NBC's Aaron Spelling-produced hospital show "Nightingales," which spent much of its time "finding a way to get into the nurses' locker room." It was canceled after 12 episodes in 1989.

Many in the audience Tuesday said they were fans of "ER," which has been television's most popular drama for seven years, according to Nielsen Media Research.

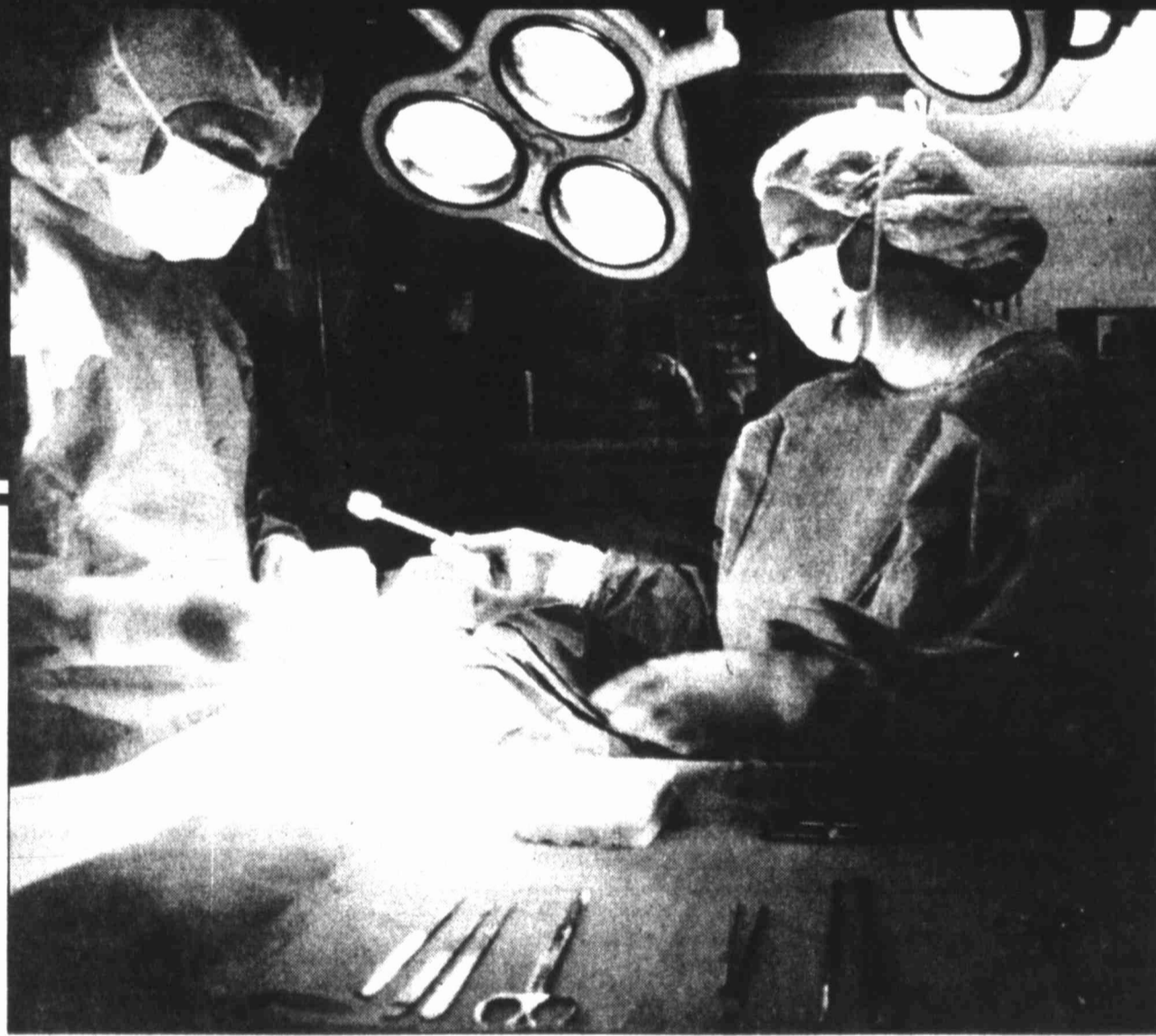
Some said the NBC show has a responsibility to educate as well as entertain, and Wyle agreed.

"When we first started, all our technical advisers told us that emergency rooms were the primary source of health care for most Americans," the actor said. "That's changed in recent years, because watching 'ER' has become the primary source of health information. Then people go to the emergency room and compare."

Inaccuracies usually are a result of television's time constraints, said Samantha Corbin, co-executive producer of "Crossing Jordan," a medical-examiner program on NBC.

"Shows have to fudge reality in terms of making this as dramatic as possible and cramming it into a 46-minute episode," she said. "Unfortunately, (in reality) most medical conditions can't be diagnosed, much less cured, in 46 minutes."

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**WHO'S WHO**

Coly Pelzel, a junior general studies major of Garden City, has been elected to serve as community service chair on the Interfraternity Council (IFC) at West Texas A&M University.

Pelzel is a member of Kappa Alpha Order.

**STORK CLUB**

Donald Seth VanDyken, boy, born March 1, 2002, at 5:06 p.m. Weighing 6 pounds 13 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are Keith and Angela VanDyken. Grandparents are Don and Julie VanDyken, Darrell Reed and Carla Akin.

Seth Henry Young, boy, born March 3, 2002, at 5:17 p.m. Weighing 8 pounds 10 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Parents are Deeg and Kay Young of Driftwood. Grandparents are Kenny Kay Stephens of Big Spring and J.W. and Betty Reeder of Buffalo. Great Grandmother is Lee Priest of Big Spring.  
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**MILITARY**

Navy Reserve Petty Officer 1st Class Donald W. Gough, whose wife Lynn, is the daughter of Rita and Craig Sparks of Garden City recently reported for duty with Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Five, Port Hueneme, Calif.

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## Mexican trucks can begin transporting goods in U.S. as early as June

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Mexican truckers can begin transporting goods through Arizona and the rest of the country as early as June if they fulfill certain safety requirements.

The requirements include getting U.S. certifications, undergoing safety inspections, carrying American insurance and testing for drugs and alcohol.

As part of the North American Free Trade Agreement, the federal government released regulations

Thursday to permit Mexican truckers to operate beyond the commercial border zone.

The zone ranges from three to 75 miles north of the border, depending on the state.

Mexican and U.S. trucking interests don't believe the new rules will initially cause a deluge of Mexican carriers through Arizona's ports of entry and the other three border states. That's in part because of U.S. trucking company competition, industry

experts said.

Time lost waiting for inspections also makes it financially less attractive to make long hauls from one country's interior to the other when U.S. trucking companies can pick up the goods in U.S. border towns.

Over time, the border region for truck cargo transfers is likely to expand north to cities such as Tucson, Phoenix and San Antonio, say both Mexican and U.S. trucking industry experts.

Critics said opening the border and the rest of the country to long-haul Mexican truck traffic could make for unsafe U.S. roads.

Proponents contend the rules will make for tighter safety controls for those trucks traveling on U.S. roads.

Under NAFTA, Mexican trucks were supposed to get access to Arizona and other border-state highways in 1995 and to all U.S. freeways in 2000.

To get ready to enforce the new rules, the U.S. government is recruiting, hiring and training 214 new employees — from truck inspectors and safety compliance auditors to investigators, said Dave Longo, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The additional staff will mean 274 people will be deployed to handle the Mexican trucking traffic at the ports along the 2,000-mile border.

## Business After Hours set Thursday

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce will host a Business After Hours get-together from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. Thursday, March 21, at the Big Spring Mall.

"It's a way for members and non-members — because everyone is invited — to get to know each other a little better," said Debby Valverde, chamber executive director.

"And there will be fun food and door prizes for those who come."

The event will be held in conjunction with the mall's Home and Garden Show.

Everyone is invited to attend the function and exchange business cards.

Another Business After Hours event has been scheduled for May 16 at Flo-Lite Signs and Screen Printing.



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody  
**Employees of J&M Construction work on the roof of this residence located on 1308 Scurry. The building is being remodeled and will be used to house unwed pregnant teenagers. Several area and national churches will be helping to renovate the home.**

## Andersen's client exodus accelerates following indictment

CHICAGO (AP) — The exodus of blue-chip clients from Arthur Andersen LLP accelerated Friday with four more Fortune 500 companies bolting, reflecting increased concern the end might be near for the now-indicted auditing giant.

Sara Lee Corp., Abbott Laboratories Inc., Northeast Utilities and Brunswick Corp. all severed decades-long relationships with Andersen as their auditor, and others also said they were considering firing the Chicago-based firm.

Combined, the four paid Andersen more than \$15 million in auditing fees in 2001. But more than the lost revenue, their hasty departures are an ominous sign for a firm whose business appears to be in free fall.

Accounting industry experts said the stream of defections is likely to turn into a flood in coming days after Thursday's criminal indictment of Andersen for shredding documents related to its audits of collapsed energy trader Enron.

"Chances are now much greater than before that Arthur Andersen as we know it will not exist," said Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University.

"There is no great reason for clients to stay with them, assuming that sooner or later this indictment will

spell the end of the firm." Trying to stem the client exodus, Andersen has held talks with other Big Five accounting firms in recent days about a possible sale of some or all of its assets. But talks have faltered over concerns about Andersen's liabilities from the Enron case.

KPMG was still holding talks with Andersen on Friday, according to a person familiar with the matter who spoke on condition of anonymity. A spokesman for KPMG declined to comment.

Industry observer Arthur Bowman, editor of Atlanta-based Bowman's Accounting Report, said an acquisition of Andersen by another member of the Big Five could happen as early as next week if daunting obstacles to a deal can be eliminated.

"Every one of them would like to get Andersen if the price is right, and the price has to include no extension of liability," he said.

Andersen spokesman Patrick Dorton declined to comment about merger talks or the latest loss of clients.

"We're gratified that so many clients stay with the firm." "People continue to work hard every day on the accounts of every single one of our clients," he said.

## Federal government fills Texas unemployment deficit

AUSTIN (AP) — The federal government has given \$596 million to Texas so the state fund that provides benefits to unemployed workers won't go broke, Gov. Rick Perry said Friday.

The fund was expected to run out of money this month, which would have triggered an automatic \$1.4 billion tax increase for Texas employers. A rising unemployment rate is among the reasons for the

deficit. Federal law requires states to have balanced unemployment funds, even if they must borrow money and raise employer taxes to repay the loans, with interest.

For five months, the state has been trying to avoid a federal loan and large tax increase by asking the federal government to return some of the taxes Texas employers have already

paid, Perry said. "We are pleased that, with the strong support of President Bush, these funds have been returned to Texas," Perry said.

The \$596 million comes from the federal Reed Act signed recently by Bush. It includes federal money to extend unemployment benefits an additional 13 weeks beyond their typical cutoff, and allows for the distribution of surplus federal

unemployment funds under a 1954 law. That second category is resulting in \$8 billion of unemployment payments to states, including Texas.

The money does not have to be repaid, meaning Texas employers will see their unemployment taxes increase by about \$800 million, or 1.5 percent. A few months ago, the increase was projected to be \$1.4 billion, or 2 percent.

## Wells Fargo

### Knocke has enjoyed working in same building for 30 years

By ROGER CLINE  
Staff Writer

Jeanie Knocke has worked at the bank on the corner of Fourth and Main for 30 years.

In that time, the bank has gone through three names and a lot of changes, the customer service representative said.

Knocke said she started out in the bank's proof department, where the bank's daily transactions are balanced.

"I was an assistant cashier at First National Bank, and was in that

department, then when Norwest took over in 1995 I was a personal banker, then when Wells Fargo took over I went to customer service."

Knocke said she enjoys dealing with people in her job.

"I love customer service because I love people," she said.

"I think out of all the things I've done at the bank, that is my favorite, because I love people, and I deal with people one-on-one."

Knocke, who grew up in Big Spring, and her husband Richard have one son.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
**Customer service representative Jeanie Knocke has been employed at the bank at the corner of Fourth and Main, now owned by Wells Fargo, for 30 years.**

## BUSINESS BRIEFS

STAMFORD, Conn. (AP) — General Electric Co. is considering splitting off its property-and-casualty reinsurance business, which has suffered losses from the Sept. 11 attacks and other claims, a source close to the negotiations said Friday.

The potential split-off of GE's Employers Reinsurance Corp. could include an initial public offering of 20 percent of the unit later this year and a spin-off of the balance, according to the source, speaking to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity. The sale could generate billions of dollars.

Initial discussions have been held with investment bankers, but the source cautioned that the talks may not result in a deal.

WASHINGTON (AP) — America's struggling manufacturers, who have seen hundreds of thousands of jobs evaporate during the recession, appear to be mounting a comeback.

Industrial production at the nation's factories, mines and utilities rose 0.4 percent in February, the strongest gain since the summer of 2000, right before the industrial slump began, the Federal Reserve said.

## Time to be thinking about treating your pecan trees

Although it seems a little early, it's time to start planning for Pecan Nut Casebearer. Howard County Extension will be placing traps in late April to monitor this pest.

Appropriate spray times to control this pest will be provided through the local media.



DAVID KNIGHT

### NEW INSECTICIDES

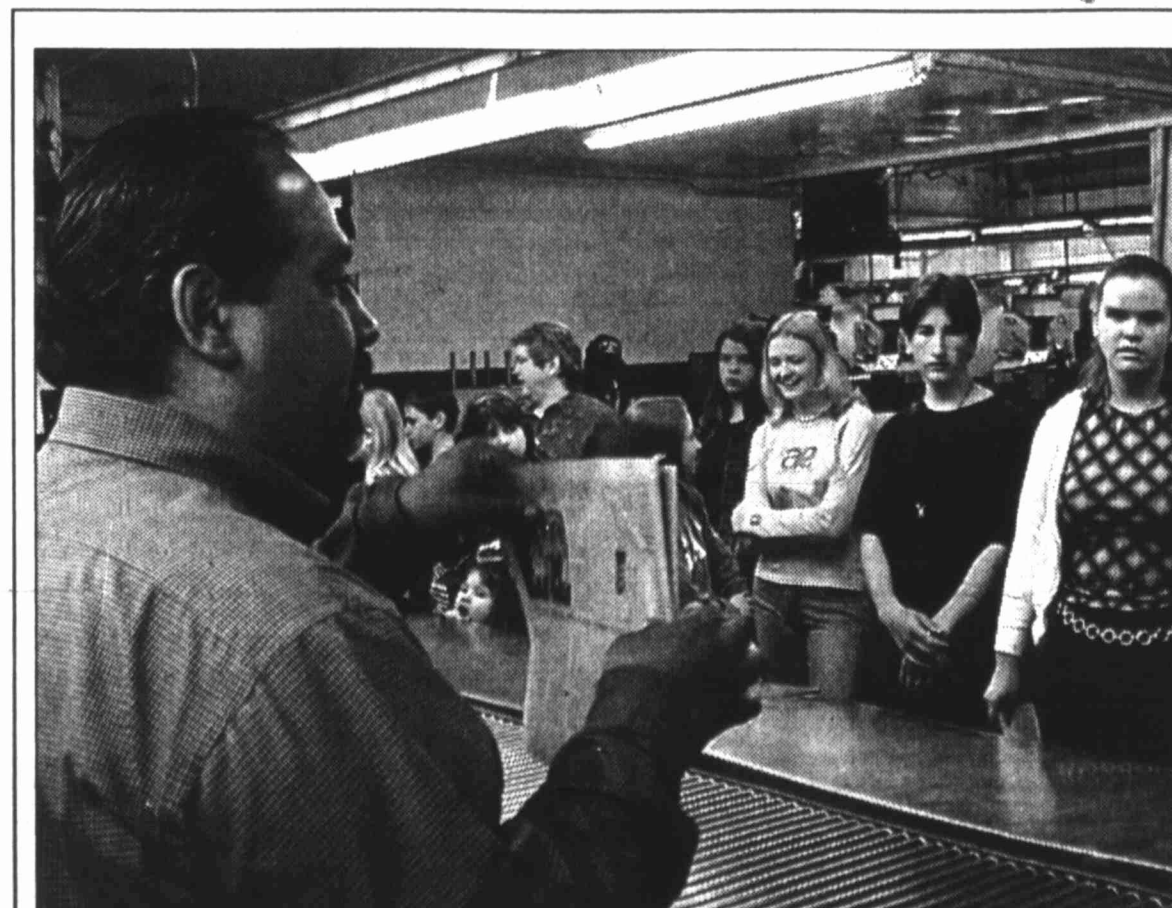
Since last fall, there have been a few new insecticides that have become available to pecan growers. Some of these are:

SpinTor 2SC: Active ingredient is spinosad and is labeled on pecan for pecan nut casebearer, fall webworm, hickory shuckworm, walnut caterpillar and red-humped caterpillar. The use rate is 4-10 fluid ounces per acre.

Restrictions include: Do not apply within 14 days of harvest. Livestock grazing is permitted with this product.

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For more information on this topic, contact the County Extension office at 264-2236.



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16. Glassmakers' oven

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20. Quite like summer

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34. Girder

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41. Truck wheel

42. Return request

43. Where to read RPMs

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