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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

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

TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance classes, 9 a.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628.

Big Spring Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every Tuesday at the Senior Center in the Whipkey Room.

Big Spring Rotary meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club meets at 7 a.m. at the Howard College Cactus Room.

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics meets at the SMMC cafeteria at 10 a.m.

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center. Call 398-5522 or 267-1628.

Fraternal order of Eagles Aerie Ladies Auxiliary meets at 7 p.m. at the Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

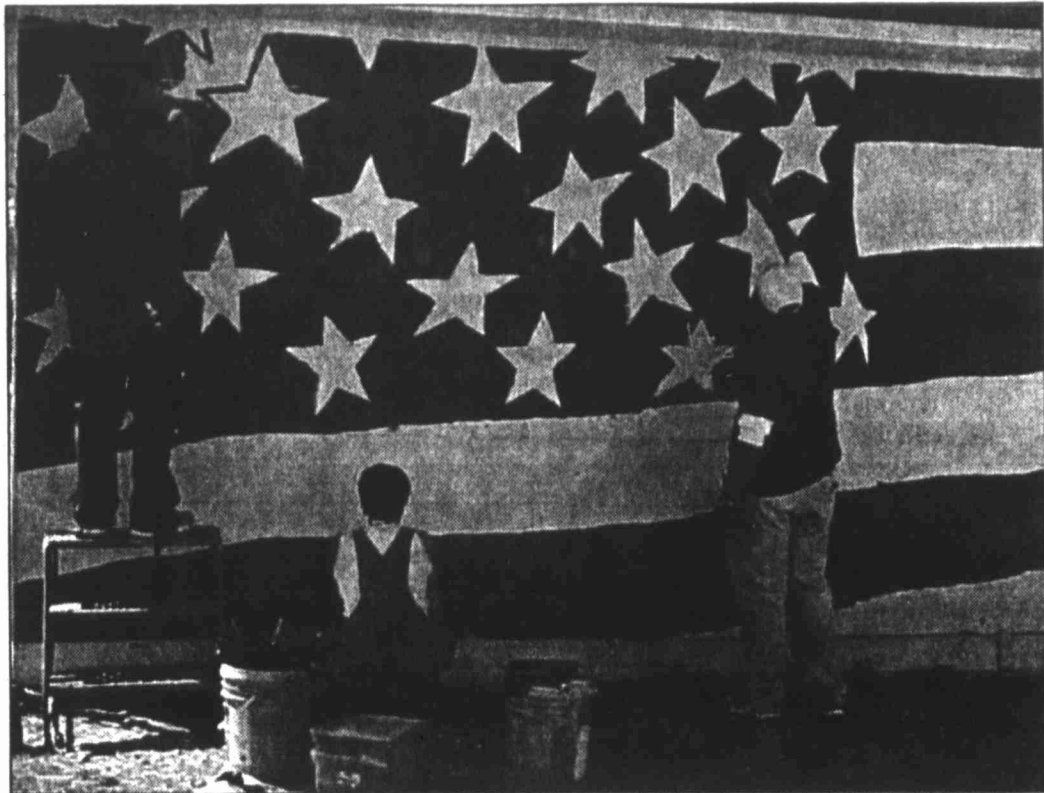
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Patients at the Big Spring Hospital work on a patriotic mural on campus. The artwork was a beautification project, a lesson in teamwork and a therapeutic class in stress management.

Adolescents learn teamwork, stress management through art

Special to the Herald

Long after adolescent patients from Big Spring State Hospital leave the psychiatric hospital they can look to the mark they have left on campus — a patriotic mural splashed across vacant hospital housing.

The magnificent red, white and blue flag resplendent in appearance faces the east and can be seen while traveling in either direction on North U.S. Highway 87.

The artwork was a beautification project, a therapeutic class in stress management and art, and more importantly, a lesson in teamwork.

Adolescent patients are one of the more challenging but rewarding populations in which to work because foremost, they are teen-agers, said Jessica Pirkle, Big Spring State

"It helped them learn how to interact in a socially acceptable way."

—Jessica Pirkle, therapist technician

Hospital therapist technician. Not only are they navigating through a difficult age, they are limited in their socialization skills by many behavioral problems, including mental illness.

A great number of the approximately 18 adolescent patients receiving hospitalization don't know how to work together, said Mary Browning, therapeutic arts and crafts and industri-

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Rattlin' good time at the Roundup

Annual event ongoing today at Fairgrounds

By ROGER CLINE

Staff Writer

Tony Uranga was full of theories as to how his snake, nicknamed "Michelle" in honor of his wife, won a snake race at the 40th Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup at the Howard County Fairbarns Saturday.

"Did you see the small legs that it just pulled out? There are wheels on the back of it too," he said. "This is just between me and you."

Uranga said he's not a professional reptile handler, but deals with a different variety of menace.

"I deal with a dangerous kind of rat called 'convicts,'" he said. "We're from the W-4 Work Camp."

The roundup offered other fun and games too, said Roundup Chairman Dennis Burns. Demonstrations of snake handling, venom milking and snake skinning were available for public view-



Tony Uranga urges his snake along in a snake race at the 40th Annual Big Spring Rattlesnake Roundup Saturday at the Howard County Fairbarns. The event, sponsored by American Business Clubs to fund scholarships, continues today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

ing. Burns said he had no idea how many people attended the event, but more than 500 pounds of snakes were purchased by the roundup from local hunters.

"We have a guy that purchases the snakes from us," he said. "We don't kill them. The only ones we kill are for the demonstrations, and we take that meat and cook it. You can buy it. The

person that buys the snakes from us sells a lot of the meat to restaurants in the Dallas area for fajitas. Rattlesnake fajitas are very

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Veterans State Home seminar set for Monday

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Area veterans are invited to a seminar Monday over admittance costs to Texas Veterans State Homes. The seminar is sponsored by the Texas Veterans Land Board and Department of Texas Veterans of Foreign Wars.

According to John Fair, VFW state surgeon, lack of correct information may be deterring some veterans from applying.

Fair said many veterans do not continue with the application process after hearing or receiving information that the monthly cost for the veteran to stay at a home is approximately \$3,450. But that number is deceiving, Fair said.

"There really is no average cost," he said.

Many veterans are eligible for programs to supply part of the monthly cost, he added.

"There are so many calculations involved. In some cases, some veterans make money," Fair said.

This misunderstanding of information could be causing the slow process of filling the four state veterans homes with residents, Fair said.

Robin von Rosenberg, director of the Texas State Veterans Home, will be at the Veteran's of Foreign War Post 2013, 500 Driver Road at 6:30 p.m. Monday to speak about the issue.

Texas has about 1.2 million veterans and only four

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Trustees to finalize degree program with LCU

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer

Two representatives from LCU will answer any questions the board may have," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "The board will also look at a rough draft of the agreement."

The proposed agreement would allow LCU to offer a general business degree program on the Howard College campus.



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program for college juniors and seniors on the local campus.

"The representatives from LCU will answer any questions the board may have," Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks said. "The board will also look at a rough draft of the agreement."

The proposed agreement would allow LCU to offer a general business degree program on the Howard College campus.

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

LCU instructors will come to the Howard College campus to teach the curriculum courses once a week for about four hours. Students will earn their bachelor of science degree from

Lubbock Christian in about 18 to 20 months.

Students of the program can also take advantage of Howard College's services, such as the library and student union building.

Some concern was voiced at the last meeting by a local resident over the age requirement. LCU officials have said the program is designed for students who

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Vo-Tech Center allows more consumers to learn jobs and live independently

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

Two years ago, West Texas Centers for MHMR was short on space, but high on enthusiasm.

On Friday, the enthusiasm was still high and space was plentiful.

West Texas Centers for MHMR threw open the doors of the two-year-old Vo-Tech Resource Center, 501 Birdwell Lane, during an open house in recogni-



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tion of National Mental Retardation Month.

The open house, which drew more than 75 members of the community, employees and consumers served by the agency, was co-sponsored by Howard County Arc.

Nearly 90 people a year are assisted with finding employment, learning new job skills, such as operating computers and taught how to live independently through classes at the Vo-Tech Center, said Shelley Smith, LMSW, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO.

"Moving into this building has expanded our service and the number of peo-

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Bobby Waldrop, Big Spring Independent School district director of special education and support services; Richard Light, BSISD director of curriculum and federal programs, Murray Murphy, superintendent, and Shelley Smith, West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO, visit during the center's open house Friday at the Vo-Tech Resource Center.

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OBITUARIES

**Claudie Delle
Carpenter
Preston**

Claudie Delle Carpenter Preston, 66, of Abilene died Thursday, March 21, 2002, in an Abilene hospital.

Services will be at 2 p.m. Monday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Phil Christopher, the Rev. Bob Weissinger and Dr. Gene Hendrix officiating. Burial will be in Elliott-Hamil Garden of Memories, directed by Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home, 542 Hickory in Abilene. Visitation will be today from 4 to 6 p.m. at the funeral home.

Mrs. Preston was born Nov. 15, 1935 in Jones County, Texas, to J.O. and Florence Carpenter. She graduated in 1953 from McCauley High School in Fisher County as valedictorian of her class. In 1957, she graduated from Texas Tech University with a bachelor of business education and a teaching certification. She married Arnett Carl Preston on June 2, 1959, whom she met at college. They lived in Denver, Colo., during the first four years of marriage then two years in Santa Fe, N.M. They moved to Abilene on Oct. 1, 1965.

Mrs. Preston did some substitute teaching for Abilene ISD, but was primarily a loving wife and mother until her two sons were grown. She was an active member of First Baptist Church since 1965 and worked for 22 years as a secretary for the church until her retirement in February of 2000. She was beloved of all who knew her.

Claudie was preceded in death by her parents and one nephew. Survivors include her husband of 42 years, Arnett Carl Preston; two sons, Randal Wayne Preston of Austin and Russell Dean Preston of Abilene; two sisters, Darlene Dowell and husband Bryce of Granbury and Kay O'Brian and husband Leeroy of Lubbock; three sisters-in-law, Margie Weller of Denver, Colo., Quepha Lewis and husband Jim of Springfield, Mo., and Melba Sykes and husband Hap of Odessa; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Preston will be available for viewing at the funeral home at 542 Hickory until noon on Monday. Memorials may be sent to the American Cancer Society, P.O. Box 41, Abilene, Texas, 79604.

Paid obituary

Autie J. Hale

Services for Autie J. Hale, 65, of Carrollton will be Sunday, March 24, 2002, at 2 p.m. at Rhoton Funeral Home of Carrollton with the Rev. Rip Cannon, pastor of First Baptist Church of Carrollton, officiating.

Interment will follow the service at Furneaux Cemetery in Carrollton. Visitation was Saturday, March 23, 2002, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home.

Autie died on Friday, March 22, 2002 after being hospitalized for a short time in Trinity Medical Center. She was born on Dec. 1, 1916, in Farmers Branch to R.C. and Mae Hale of

Carrollton, and had been one of seven children. She had lived in Carrollton all of her life. Having made peace with her Lord at an early age, she was a longtime member of the First Baptist Church. She graduated from Carrollton High School and from a business school in Dallas. She worked at St. Paul's Hospital Insurance Department for several years, and later worked for Mary Wood's Insurance Company until her retirement.

Following retirement, Autie began volunteering to help senior citizens of Carrollton with their Medicare insurance. She had been a member of Eastern Star for many years. In her later years she enjoyed playing with her ukulele band, The Carrollton Strummers. She had many friends and was known as a vivacious person with a positive attitude.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R.C. Hale; three brothers, Charlie Hale, Ernest (Cotton) Hale and Tony E. Hale; and one sister, Ruby Gravelly. She is survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Louise and Ross Boykin of Big Spring, and by one brother, Hubert Hale of Malakoff. She is also survived by numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews.

Memorial contributions may be made to favorite charities.

Paid obituary

Jim Stewart

Jim Stewart, 58, of Big Spring died Monday, March 18, 2002, in a Lubbock hospital.

Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Tuesday, March 26, 2002, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Crave, retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

He was born on Sept. 10, 1943, in Gatesville and married Pam McInnes on Dec. 16, 1967, in Odessa.

Jim came to Big Spring in 1955 and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1963. He owned and operated Crossroad Auto Sales for 20 years. Jim was actively involved in the community. He was a high school sports booster and had coached and sponsored American Little League and football for 16 years.

He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church, a member of the Car Dealers Association and had served on the board of Hall-Bennett Memorial Clinic. He had served in the National Guard from 1965 to 1971.

Survivors include his wife, Pam Stewart of Big Spring; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Heath and Melissa Stewart and Andy Stewart, all of Lubbock; one granddaughter, Brylee Stewart; his mother, Lois

Stewart of Big Spring; one sister, Nelda Green of Victoria; and several nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers will be Randall Reid, Matt Caperton, Bill Horton, Bob Hecker, Clay Harris, Barney Edens, Skipper Lewis and Randy Rister. Honorary pallbearers will be King McInnes, Laran McInnes, James Weaver, Eric Thompson, Bruce Cox, Patrick Gonzales, Jonathan Downey, John Kennedy, Adrian Calvio and Danny Pernicario.

The family suggests memorials to Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation, 1075 Santa Fe Drive, Denver, Colo., 80204.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

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

Paid obituary

Gracie L. Soles

Gracie L. Soles, 84, of Sweetwater, formerly of Big Spring, died Friday, March 22, 2002, at Sweetwater Healthcare.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Monday at McCoy Chapel of Memories in Sweetwater with the Rev. Keith Clifton officiating. Burial will follow in Colorado City Cemetery in Colorado City under the direction of McCoy Funeral Home.

A native of Mountain Home, Ark., she married Fred Soles in 1941 in Nolan County and lived in Big Spring 25 years before moving to Sweetwater four years ago. She was a retired dietician.

Survivors include her husband, Fred Soles of Sweetwater; two sons, Les Soles of Sweetwater and Jay Soles of Morristown, Tenn.; two daughters, LaVerne Jones of Colorado City and Barbara Ann Bailey of Ontario, Calif.; a sister, Velma Kreisler of Coleman; 13 grandchildren; 24 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren.

Thornton A. Scott

Thornton A. Scott, 74, of Stanton, died Friday, March 22, 2002, in a Midland hospital. Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

TEAMWORK

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al therapy supervisor. When CEO Ed Moughon asked the Activities Therapy Department staff at Big Spring State Hospital for an outward display of patriotism following the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks, the ATD staff thought this project would be a perfect fit.

"I thought this would be an excellent job for our adolescents," Pirkle said. "It's an alternative to the graffiti that is out in the community. And we really focused on

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team building. "It helped them learn how to interact in a socially acceptable way. That's one of the main problems they face when they're out in the community. It was a great way for them to learn about themselves and how they fit into the group.

"When you're adolescents, you're going through that identity crisis." While directing the adolescents, Pirkle saw many who took on characteristics which are specific to any working group.

"We had the perfectionist who would step back and say that one part would need to be darker. We had one who was the trooper who participated throughout the day. There were some who really didn't want to do this, but it was scheduled for that day so they felt as if they needed to help."

Designing and painting is therapeutic and a fun leisure activity, which helps with stress management.

"I think it's an activity where you have success working as a group. It's creative. It's fun, and at the same time productive," Pirkle said.

"They are so proud of it," Browning said.

house.

Richard Light, Big Spring ISD director of curriculum and federal programs, who also serves as chairperson of the Mental Retardation Planning Advisory Council, said it's important for the two groups to continue their strong partnership to benefit Big Spring ISD students with varying degrees of mental retardation.

"West Texas Centers and Big Spring ISD have a great partnership with our focus on our responsibilities to our clients," he said. "We have to look at their needs and tailor those services to every client."

COLLEGE

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have already had hands-on business experience.

In other business, trustees are expected to give notice of the May 4 election and appoint election judges. Candidates will draw for name placement on the ballot.

Five people are seeking to run for the three at-large position up for election on the Howard College board of trustees. David Baird and Joyce Crooker, as well as incumbents Dr. Charles Warren, John Freeman and Marie Ethridge, have all filed as candidates.

In other business trustee will consider:

- an enrollment audit adjustment report.
- an update on the community network grant.
- bids for computer, network equipment, surgical tech equipment and Plato software equipment renewal.
- an update of the district's construction projects.
- insurance renewal.
- personal matters.
- an update on the San Angelo campus.

Monty Stallcop, a professional snake handler demonstrating with the snakes at the roundup, said his show includes more than just rattlesnakes.

"We have four different species that we show them," he said. "We start out with the safety, tell them what's going to happen if they get bit and do a few safety things, then go into the shows."

Stallcop described some of the feats the handlers perform with the snakes.

"Sometimes they'll do what they call a walk-out," he said. "They put snakes all around a person and they've got to walk through them. They will do a wall, or what they call a sit, where they put somebody against a wall and put snakes on their legs. They can do a cross, where a person lays down in the shape of a cross and they put snakes on their arms and legs. They kiss the cobras."

"This year's show includes two of the deadly cobras, imported from Asia, instead of one as in past years."

Stallcop, who hails from Fort Worth, said he started snake handling in 1985.

"I've been bit three times, once by a python, once by a rattlesnake and once by a cobra," he said.

Stallcop encouraged people to visit the Roundup today.

"The sponsor is the American Business Clubs, and it goes to a very worthy cause," he said. "It goes to the Dora Roberts Foundation, which gives grants for scholarships for physical therapists."

The Roundup, which also includes arts and crafts vendors, food vendors and a carnival, continues today from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

VETS

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160-bed capacity homes, Fair said. He said more homes are needed. However, not having the homes full could place the construction of future homes at risk.

"Our ultimate goal is to get these homes filled as soon as possible," Fair said.

VO-TECH

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ple we have been able to serve," she said.

Center consumers and the employees who train them in a variety of ways, including contract work assembling products for various companies enjoyed showing off the Vo-Tech Resource Center to its many visitors.

Many of the assembled projects, including boll weevil eradication kits, were on display, as well as the computers used daily by consumers.

"We've found that our computer labs are so important, particularly when our consumers move into competitive employment," said Cindy Neff, West Texas Centers for MHMR managed care director. "Our goal here is for them to learn job skills for a smooth transition into the workforce."

A contingent from the Big Spring Independent School District, which works closely with West Texas Centers for MHMR on providing a strong continuum of care, showed their support for the center by attending the open

ROUNDUP

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popular in Dallas." Burns said Ken Darnell from Arizona is in charge of the venom milking operations at the roundup.

"He is a major supplier of venom in the United States," Burns said. "Other venom suppliers buy their venom from him. He comes here every year and we give him the venom. Venom has been used in research. Two major stroke and heart-attack medicines and high blood pressure medicine is derived from rattlesnake venom."

CORRECTION

An article about school board candidate filing in Thursday's edition of the *Big Spring Herald* stated Howard College trustee candidate David Baird graduated from Alamo Area College in San Antonio. Baird attended and took classes at the college but is not a graduate.

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission (PBRPC) is soliciting Requests for Proposal from potential providers for the provision of services offered to Workforce Investment Act (WIA) Youth. To request a copy of the Request for Proposal (RFP) call the PBRPC at (915) 563-1061, or write to PBRPC, P.O. Box 60660, Midland, Texas, 79711. Attn: Barney Welch 63490 March 24, 2002

Comanche Trail Nursing Center wishes to thank David Crockett, SMMC Dietary Supervisor, and his hard-working staff for their assistance during our recent kitchen renovation.

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Thank you for all of your prayers, cards, gifts, flowers and phone calls during my hospital stay. I'm home now and feeling much better.
God Bless You
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1991 Ford 7 Passenger Van, 1989 Ford F150, 1987 Chevy P.U., 1994 Dodge 15 Passenger Van, 1991 Chevy Sedan, 1991 Ford Sedan, 1991 Chevy Sedan, 1991 Chevy Sedan.
All vehicles will be sold as is, with no warranty. Minimum bid starts at \$400 for all vehicles. WTCM-MHMR reserves the right to reject all bids that do not meet the minimum bid amount. To schedule an appointment to view these vehicles, call Ronnie Ruiz, Purchasing Agent at 264-2650 ext. 231. Bids must be turned into the below listed address by March 28, 2002.
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Education board requires physical education for elementary students

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas elementary school pupils will be required to do physical activity for at least 135 minutes a week under a rule approved Friday by the State Board of Education to fight obesity, diabetes and other diseases caused by poor nutrition and a lack of exercise.

Physical education was phased out of the state's elementary schools in 1995, when the Legislature overhauled requirements to put more focus on academics.

The same has happened nationwide as schools also battle budget and time constraints.

High school students are required to take gym to graduate and a small number of elementary schools elected to continue it. But a new state law put gym back in the elementary school curriculum and directed the education board to come up with a plan for implementing it.

On a 13-2 vote, the board approved 135 to 150 minutes

a week of physical education, giving schools the discretion to break it up how they wish.

Regular teachers would conduct the gym activity if no gym teacher is available.

"Physical education is going to make you learn better, retain what you learn and make better grades, be able to stay in school and be successful. Now there isn't anything bad about that," said board member Geraldine Miller of Dallas.

Rosie Sorrells of Dallas

and Alma Allen of Houston voted against the rule, saying they supported physical education but believed mandating specific minutes would burden teachers who already have heavy work loads.

The time requirements could cut into a student's instruction time for subjects such as math and reading, they said.

"If he got his physical education he could be healthy and dumb, and we don't want that," Allen said.

Supporters said they believed schools would have enough flexibility to find creative ways to follow the law without limiting other subjects or overburdening teachers.

Texas Health Commissioner Eduardo Sanchez told the board that Texas children are more overweight than children in other states. More than half of Hispanic boys and black girls in the fourth grade are overweight in Texas, he said.

Overweight children are at risk of heart disease, high blood pressure, high cholesterol and diabetes. If they grow up to be sick adults, they could cost the state more in the future with high health care bills, Sanchez said.

"We have a childhood obesity problem in the state of Texas that needs to be addressed," Sanchez said. "One of the places where it might be appropriate for children to get their physical activity is in school."

Ratliff working on state property tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — Acting Lt. Gov. Bill Ratliff is drafting a school-funding formula that would include a statewide property tax, an idea that Republican Gov. Rick Perry said Friday he'd "take a look at."

Ratliff, the architect of the current school-funding system that relies heavily on local property taxes, is drafting the plan for the 2003 legislative session, when lawmakers are expected to consider whether to overhaul the entire system.

Through a spokeswoman, Ratliff declined to give any details of his plan, but confirmed it is in the works. Ratliff expects to present the plan at next month's meet-

ing of the joint House-Senate select committee on school finance.

Asked whether he would support a statewide property tax, which would take a constitutional amendment, Perry wouldn't rule it out.

"I would suggest we'll put all options on the table and take a look at them and have a good and open debate," said Perry, who is seeking election to a full four-year term.

"I haven't seen anything that Sen. Ratliff's put on the table at all. It's the first time I've heard of it."

Perry's opponent in November, Democratic nominee Tony Sanchez, has said repeatedly that he

won't consider new taxes but would try to find more money for schools by trimming waste in the budget.

"Taxes are off the table," he said again Tuesday at a Party fund-raiser.

Sanchez campaign director Glenn Smith reiterated that position Friday.

"Creation of new taxes is something that we're opposed to," said Smith. He said the campaign would have to look at any Ratliff proposal before offering any further comment.

Ratliff, a Mount Pleasant Republican, helped write the current formula known as the Robin Hood system, which sends some money from property-rich school

wealthy districts to poorer districts.

Ratliff is seeking re-election to his Senate seat and will not be the lieutenant governor in the 2003 session.

He is regarded as the state budget expert in the Senate. Several school districts have unsuccessfully sued under claims the current formula is unconstitutional.

Many complain about its provision preventing school districts from raising taxes for maintenance and operating budgets to more than \$1.50 per \$100 property valuation.

About one-fifth of the state's 1,050 school districts are at the cap.

Garland teen dies from shooting; stepfather fatally shoots himself

GARLAND (AP) — A 16-year-old Garland girl died Friday after her stepfather shot her then killed himself, police said.

Jose Gonzales, 31, of Garland shot Andrea Anguiano in the head before turning the gun on himself, said Stephanie Fuenk of the Garland Police Department.

Gonzales was transported to Baylor Medical Center, where he was pronounced dead. Anguiano was taken to Parkland Hospital in critical condition and died at 1:34 p.m., Fuenk said.

The shooting happened at the home of the girl's aunt, who called 911 around 6:30 a.m., police said.

The incident follows one of the deadliest years for children in Dallas County. In 2001, 21 children were victims of homicides, with most dying at the hand of a parent or caregiver.

Some of the Dallas area killings at the hands of parents last year, according to police:

— Gabrielle Sanders, 3, died Jan. 18, after her father beat her with a belt and his hands when she soiled herself. Paul Sanders was jailed on capital murder charges and is awaiting trial.

— Faith, 9, and Liberty Battaglia, 6, died May 2. Police say the girls were shot to death in their father's apartment while he was on the phone with their mother.

— Kevin Galvez died June 26. He was 11 months old when he died of blunt force injuries to his head. His mother, Ana Morales, 19, and her boyfriend, Miguel A. Velasco, 25, were charged with injury to a child with serious bodily injury.

— Valarie, 7 months, and Celeste DeHoyos, 18 months, died Aug. 13, when their father, Danny DeHoyos kidnapped the family and shot them in his wife's minivan. DeHoyos shot his wife in the stomach to ensure that her unborn child would not survive, police said. He then killed himself.

— Michael Scott Bartlett, died Aug. 23, when Jerome Markley, Michael's stepfather, shot and killed Michael and his mother before killing himself.

— Roy Aguilera died Sept. 3 after suffering bites, burns, a head injury, and dislocated elbows at the hands of his mother, police said. Yesenia Hernandez was charged with capital murder.

Texas soldiers depart for detention duty in Cuba

FORT HOOD (AP) — Army 2nd Lt. James Bishop stepped on a plane Saturday morning knowing that he may not be back before his pregnant wife, Devan, has their first child in August.

"I won't be here for the hard months. But, we have strong family support and friends here at Fort Hood that can help," said Bishop.

He and about 50 others with the 89th Military Police Brigade were deployed to Cuba as part of Joint Task Force 160, which controls detainee opera-

tions for al-Qaida and Taliban prisoners in Guantanamo Bay Naval Base.

The soldiers will maintain security at Camp X-ray, a makeshift facility housing 300 prisoners.

In April, Camp X-ray will be replaced by Radio Range, a permanent prison that will house more detainees and incorporate modern facilities, including toilets in each cell, said Army spokesman Cecil Green.

Saturday's contingent of about 150 members of

the 401st Military Police Company, a unit of the 89th Military Police Brigade that deployed from Fort Hood on Jan. 6 as the Army takes over the mission from a departing Marine force.

Military officials said another group of soldiers from Fort Hood will be deployed in a few weeks.

"We're going down there to replace the soldiers that have been on the ground since day one," said Major Thomas Blair, who is leading the group's mission to Cuba.

"We've got to maintain our vigilance while we're down there."

Emotions ran high as the soldiers prepared to depart.

Lt. Col. Jim Upright, who also served in Operation Desert Storm, said he was eager to get involved in Cuba, even though it means missing his son's high school graduation.

"This is our chance to contribute to Operation Enduring Freedom," Upright said. "It's our chance to contribute against terrorism."

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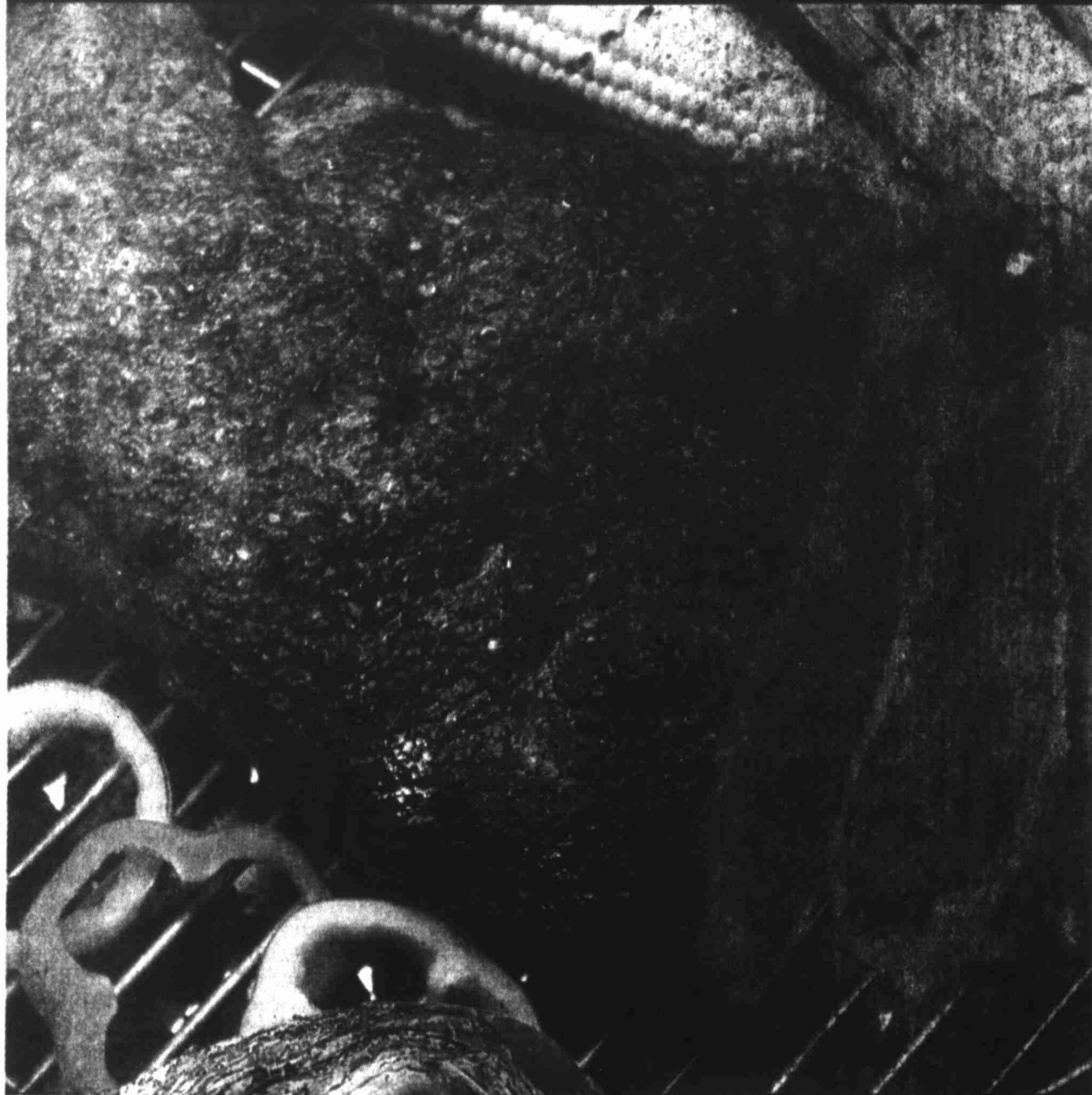
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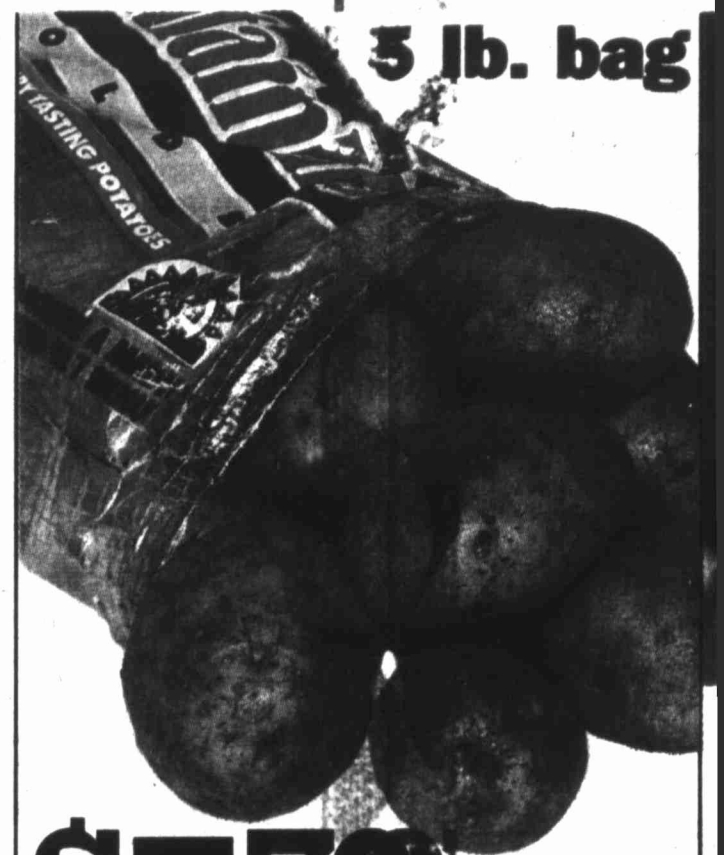


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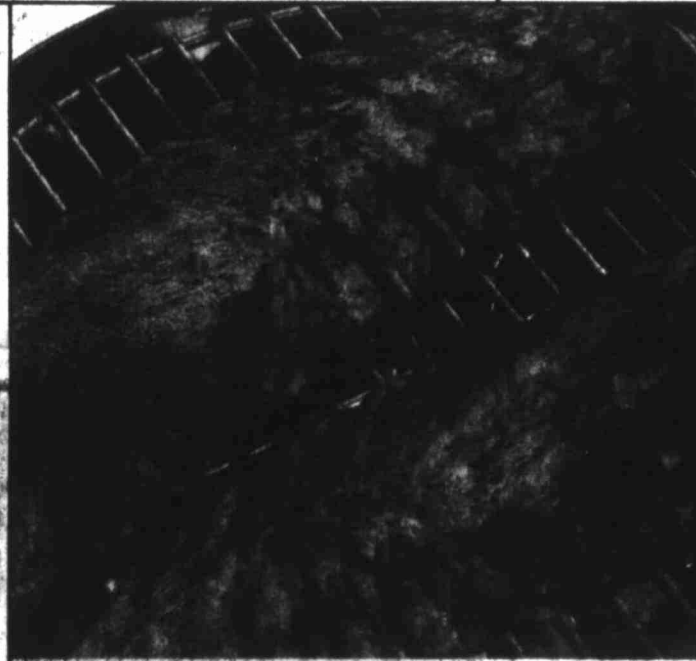
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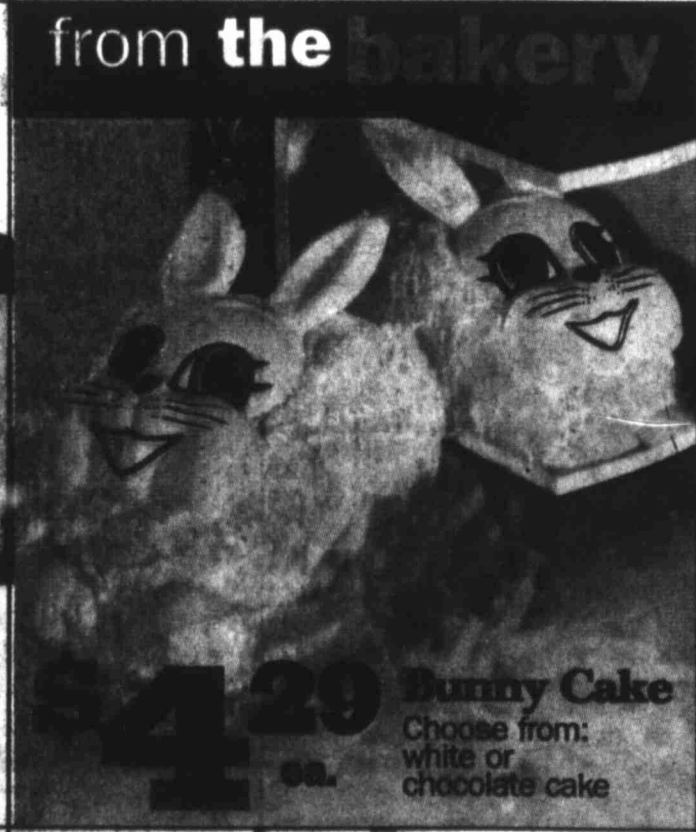
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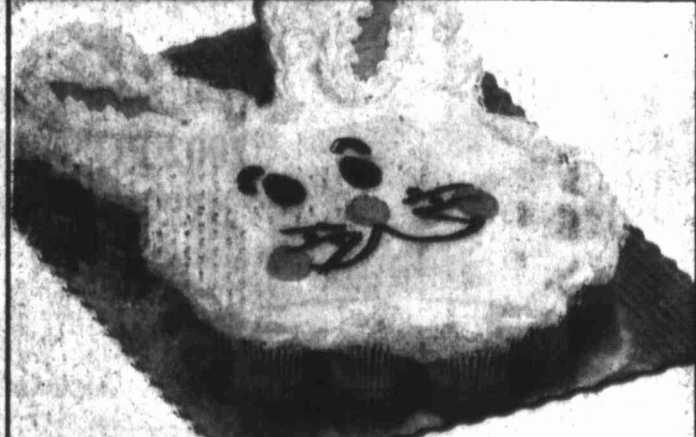
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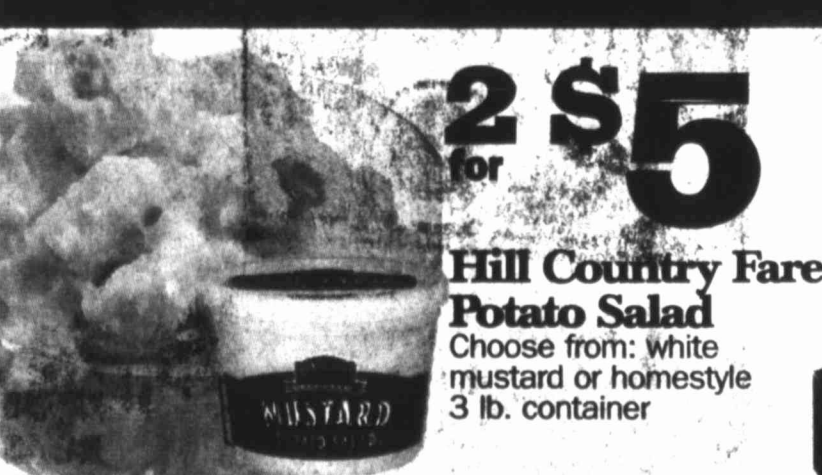
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Stamps to go up another 3 cents

WASHINGTON (AP) — From birthday cards to bank statements, charitable appeals to newspapers and magazines, it'll cost more to send mail starting in mid-summer.

The increase — including a 3-cent boost to 37 cents for first-class mail — could come as soon as June 30, giving the cash-strapped postal service a boost as it tries to cope with declining business and hundreds of millions of dollars in costs from the terror attacks last fall.

All that remains is for the Postal Service's governing board to set the date.

Postal Rate Commission Chairman George A. Omas announced approval of the

rate agreement, which was worked out by the post office and nearly 60 organizations and businesses. That agreement allowed the commission to avoid the months of legal wrangling that usually accompany rate cases.

"I cannot overemphasize how extraordinary today's decision is," Omas said.

He said the increases would give the post office "breathing room" to deal with its financial problems, "an immediate influx of revenue while holding rate increases to a reasonable percentage for postal customers."

Commission member Danny Covington said the board realizes no one likes

rate increases but also recognizes that the terrorist attacks last fall have had a profound impact on the nation and the Postal Service.

Robert F. Rider, chairman of the postal board of governors, said the board will take up the increases at its April meeting.

The post office announced Sept. 11 — just before the airliner attacks — that it was seeking new rates to take effect in the fall of this year because of falling business in the slow economy. The agency had a loss of \$1.68 billion last year and anticipated one of \$1.35 billion this year, despite freezing new construction and cutting 12,000 jobs.

Jury says Philip Morris falsely represented low-tar cigarettes as being less dangerous

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP) — In the first verdict of its kind in the nation, a jury found that a tobacco company falsely represented low-tar cigarettes as less dangerous than regular cigarettes.

Philip Morris was ordered to pay \$150 million in punitive damages Friday in a lawsuit filed by the estate of Michele Schwarz, who died of lung cancer in 1999 at age 53 after smoking low-tar Merit cigarettes. The jury awarded the estate \$168,000 in compensatory damages.

The tobacco company said it would appeal.

"People have been deceived or fooled into thinking that switching to a low-tar cigarette is healthier for them," Lawrence Wobbrock, attorney for Schwarz's estate, said after the verdict. "Low-tar cigarettes are a fraud. They don't provide health benefits."

Schwarz, of Salem, Ore., had switched from a regular filtered cigarette because she believed the low-tar version would be better for her health, Wobbrock said.

Wobbrock contended in

court that Philip Morris marketed the low-tar cigarettes as having fewer health risks.

But James L. Dumas, one of the company's attorneys, said Philip Morris did not market Merits as healthier than regular filtered cigarettes. He said the company advertises them as milder, or feeling less harsh.

Wobbrock said smokers were getting the same amount of tar by taking more puffs on their cigarettes and smoking them closer to the butt.

Dumas said it was not the company's fault that smokers figured out how to get around the low-tar design. He also said Schwarz, who worked for many years in the medical office of her husband, a physician, was well aware of the dangers of cigarette smoke.

Philip Morris attorney John Philips contended jurors were given "erroneous instructions" by the judge, but would not elaborate.

He also said that when plaintiffs highlighted portions of documents on an

overhead projector, it amounted to "a guided tour through the documents."

Anti-tobacco groups hailed the verdict. The decision could become a significant factor in other lawsuits where low-tar cigarettes are at issue, said Edward L. Sweda, attorney with the Tobacco Products Liability Project in Boston.

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- 1 Rafter rival
 - 8 Kid's complaint
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 - 47 Call at some football games
 - 48 First asteroid to be landed on by a spacecraft
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 - 51 "Halt!"
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 - 60 Steak style
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 - 8 *M*A*S*H* extras
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 - 11 Stretches
 - 12 Home of a unicameral legislature
 - 13 Officer's ornament
 - 14 Withdraws
 - 22 Two cents' worth
 - 23 UN member since '92
 - 24 Where a line stops: Abbr.
 - 25 Varnish ingredient
 - 26 Evasive actions
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Woman awarded \$300,000

FORT WORTH (AP) — A Tarrant County jury has awarded \$300,000 to a woman who claimed that members of her church restrained her and attempted to perform an exorcism on her six years ago.

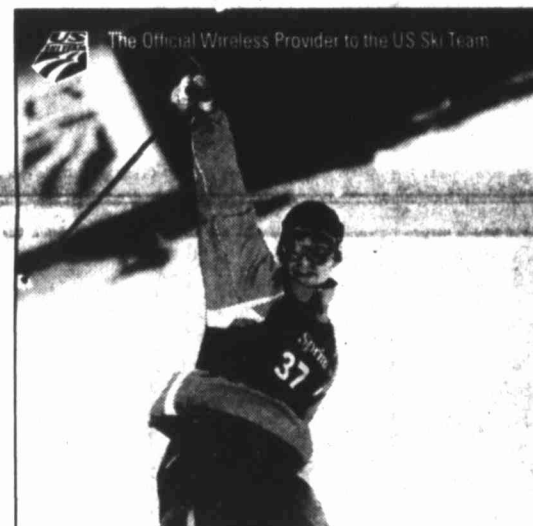
The pastor and several members of Pleasant Glade Assembly of God Church in Colleyville were found liable for abusing and falsely imprisoning Laura Schubert, who was 17 at the time.

"This is a situation where religion went real bad," Schubert's father, Tom Schubert, said.

In an earlier court ruling, the 2nd Court of Appeals in Fort Worth agreed with church attorneys that discussing the denomination's doctrine on demonic possession would violate the church's religious freedom.

Instead, jurors listened for three weeks as 49 witnesses sidestepped the religious aspects of the case.

Schubert's lawsuit described two nights in June 1996 when church members restrained her, anointed the sanctuary with holy oil, rapped on pews and propped a cross against church doors to keep or drive demons out.



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Afghanistan Bombs

WASHINGTON — U.S. forces have al-Qaida sites in Afghanistan that be an explosives, a crude biological research facility said.

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Bomb factory, ammo dumps, labs found

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.S. forces have found two al-Qaida sites in Afghanistan that appear to be an explosives factory and a crude biological weapons research facility, officials said.

The first site, discovered March 13, held explosives and equipment to make more as well as medical supplies, U.S. Central Command spokesman Cmdr. Dan Keese said Friday. He said he did not know whether the factory, found in the embattled Shah-e-Kot valley in eastern Afghanistan, was in a cave or buildings.

No evidence of chemical

or biological weapons research or production was found at the Shah-e-Kot site, Keese said.

Marine Corps helicopter gunships also destroyed as many as a dozen ammunition caches in the area, the site of the March 2-18 U.S. offensive named Operation Anaconda.

U.S. surveillance teams remain in the Shah-e-Kot valley area, despite the end of the operation, a Marine Corps spokesman in Afghanistan said.

Elsewhere, U.S. forces have found recently what appears to have been another rudimentary al-Qaida biological weapons research

site near Kandahar, a defense official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The lab appeared to have been under construction, and officials found no evidence the terrorist organization could have made germ or toxin weapons there, the official said. Instead, searchers found medical supplies and commonly available chemistry equipment.

The only surprise was the lab's location, which had not been known previously to U.S. forces. The defense official did not say how the United States learned of the lab.

U.S. forces have investigated dozens of suspected chemical and biological weapons research sites in Afghanistan.

"Documents recovered from al-Qaida facilities in Afghanistan show that bin Laden was pursuing a sophisticated biological weapons research program," CIA Director George Tenet told a Senate committee this week.

Despite that, U.S. analysts have concluded that suspected terrorist leader Osama bin Laden's effort had not advanced enough to create weapons capable of killing large numbers of people.

Hard-fought awards season marks lively Hollywood return for Oscars

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The year of the fantasy film. The year of the musical. The year of the black actor. The year the Oscars came home to Hollywood. The year of badder blood than usual among competing studios.

There was plenty of drama on screen and off in the weeks leading up to Sunday's Academy Awards. Squaring off for best picture are "A Beautiful Mind," "Gosford Park," "In the Bedroom," "The Lord of the Rings: The Fellowship of the Ring" and "Moulin Rouge." Much has been made of the nominations for Halle Berry in "Monster's Ball," Will Smith in "Ali" and Denzel Washington in "Training Day," the first time in 29 years that three blacks were cited in lead-acting categories.

Adding to the black presence, past Oscar winner Whoopi Goldberg returns as the ceremony's host, while Sidney Poitier, the only black to win a lead-acting Academy Award, receives an honorary Oscar for lifetime achievement.

Berry and Washington

seemed to have better chances of winning than Smith, generally considered a longshot in a field that includes powerful performances from past Oscar winners Washington and Russell Crowe, nominated for "A Beautiful Mind."

"I would feel much better if this category were at the Grammys," said Smith, who started his career as a rap singer. "I feel like I'd have a much better chance if this were the rap category."

"Moulin Rouge" brought the movie musical back to critical favor, becoming the first song-and-dance film to earn a best-picture nomination in 22 years.

The film also earned a best-actress nomination for Nicole Kidman, who emerged from her highly publicized split with Tom Cruise by earning wide acclaim for both "Moulin Rouge" and "The Others."

Kidman said she would love to do another movie musical but that it would be hard to imagine without director Baz Luhrmann and co-star Ewan McGregor, "because the three of us are like triplets."

Court documents say bodies of slain woman, children weighted with rocks, thrown in ocean

NEWPORT, Ore. (AP) — A man accused of killing his wife and three children got rid of the bodies by stuffing them into suitcases and sleeping bags weighted with rocks, then throwing them into the ocean, according to court documents unsealed Friday.

The day the first body was found, Christian Longo told co-workers at a coffee shop that his wife had left him, the documents said. He told acquaintances he was planning to start a new life.

The 28-year-old Longo fled Oregon, briefly appearing on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List," before he was caught Jan. 13 in Mexico near the resort town of Cancun. He awaits trial on capital murder charges.

The search-warrant affidavits and an arrest warrant were unsealed by a judge in response to a request from The Oregonian newspaper.

The documents suggest Longo disposed of the bodies Dec. 17, but it is unclear when police believe he killed them. It's also unknown how the children died, or if they were alive when they were thrown into the ocean.

A cause of death is listed only for 34-year-old Mary Jane Longo, who died of strangulation and head trauma.

The first body, that of 4-year-old Zach Longo, was pulled Dec. 19 from a shallow coastal bay about 14 miles south of the city. Two days later, Lincoln County sheriff's divers plucked a sleeping bag and a pillow case from the shallow water. A large rock was inside.

The same day, divers found the body of 3-year-old Sadie Longo stuffed inside a sleeping bag. A pillow case containing a rock was tied to her ankle.

The mother and youngest child, 2-year-old Madison, were found Dec. 27 stuffed in two large suitcases in shallow water in front of an apartment complex in Newport where Longo had rented a room.

Longo allegedly told co-workers his wife had left him for a journalist. Longo told acquaintances he was planning to start a new life traveling in Fiji and the South Pacific after he became single.

Tourists in Mexico said that before Longo was cap-

tured he had claimed to be a newspaper reporter.

A custodian at a Newport motel where the Longo family briefly stayed told investigators she noticed heaps of woman's and children's clothes in a trash bin in late December. She also found baby journals, packages of diapers and a wallet with

one of Mary Jane Longo's Michigan identification cards.

Longo had owned a construction cleaning business in Michigan. When the family moved west last year, he was wanted for a probation violation and a larceny charge, and left behind \$60,000 in debts.

Miami airport workers arrested

MIAMI (AP) — Eleven workers at Miami International Airport have been charged with allegedly trying to smuggle cocaine and heroin into the United States on Colombia's national airline.

The workers boarded Avianca planes and removed cocaine and heroin hidden in interior panels, U.S. Attorney Guy Lewis said Friday.

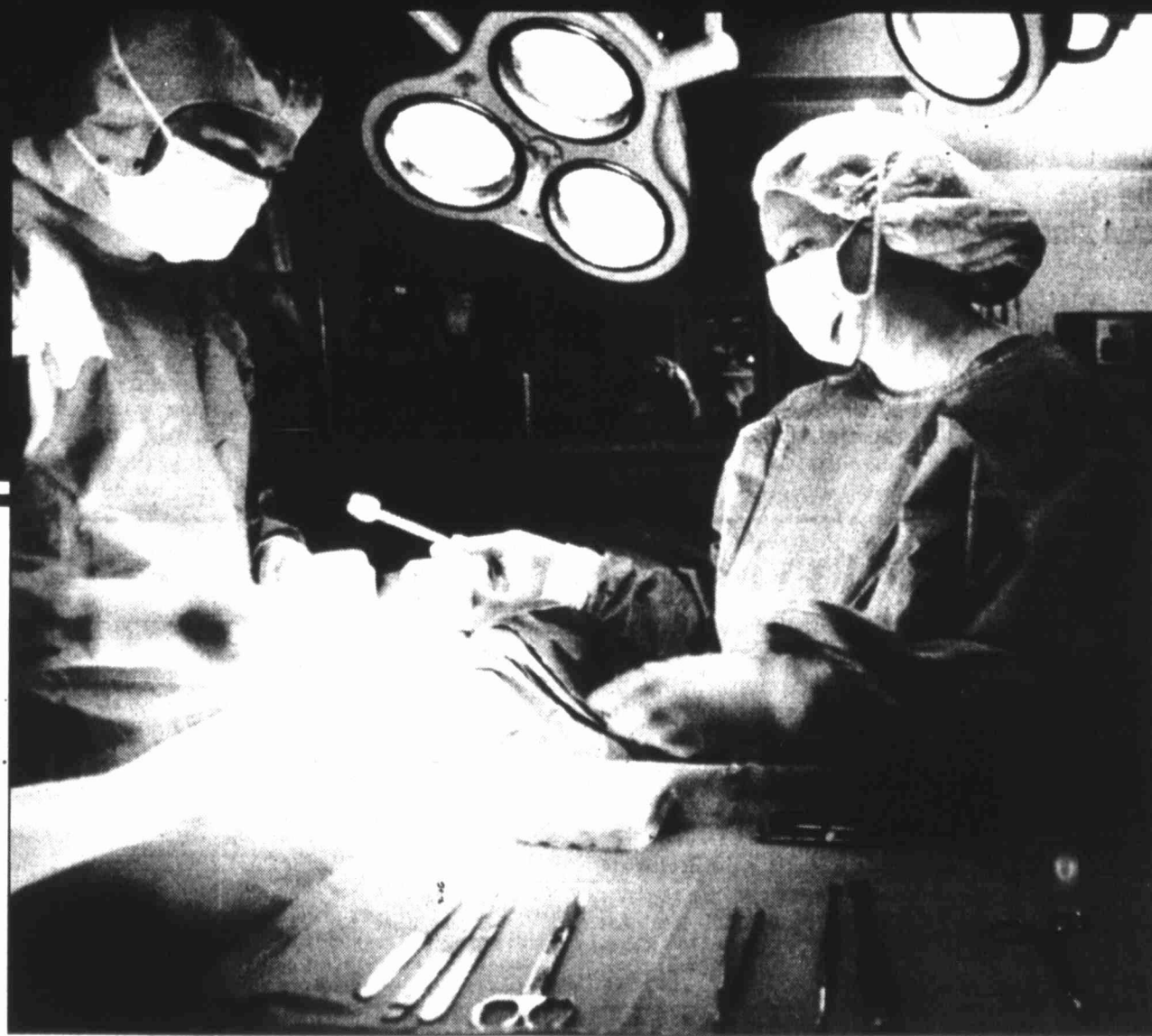
Nine were arrested

Friday, and two others were taken into custody March 7, said U.S. Customs spokesman Zachary Mann.

He said the investigation would have continued, but two workers this week discussed using a hand saw to cut an aircraft's inner hull to hide the drugs more easily.

"We had to stop them because of concerns for aircraft and passenger safety," he said.

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IN BRIEF

Hawks take win over Trinidad, 7-1

Howard College's Hawks improved their season record to 22-8 Friday afternoon with a 7-1 non-conference win over Trinidad (Colo.) Junior College.

The Hawks, who own an 8-2 mark in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, will continue non-conference action Wednesday when they travel to Abilene for a doubleheader against the Hardin-Simmons University JV.

Howard returns to conference play on Friday and Saturday when they play host to Clarendon in doubleheaders on both days. Both twinbills are set for noon starts at Jack Barber Field.

Steers thins finish 10th at San Angelo

Big Spring's Steers track team finish 10th in the team standings Saturday at the San Angelo Relays.

The Steers' best finish came in the field events where Kyland Wegner was third in the pole vault with a leap of 12 feet, 6 inches.

Pat Gonzales had the only other individual points for Big Spring, finishing sixth in the 800 meters.

He then teamed with David and Daniel Garza and Jacob Marquez in finishing fourth in the 3,200-meter relay.

The Steers sprint relay team qualified for the finals, but did not compete when anchor Brandon Mendoza aggravated a hamstring injury during Friday's preliminary rounds of the 100 meters.

Big Spring will play host to Andrews in a dual meet Friday at Blankenship Field in preparation for the April 6 AMBUCS Big Spring Invitational.

Big Spring UGSA registration slated

The United Girls Softball Association of Big Spring has scheduled registration for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the Big Spring Mall.

Fees will be \$30 per player, with additional children being able to sign up for \$25 each.

Parents are asked to bring a copy of each child's birth certificate.

For more information, call Bek Robinson at 263-2474.

Teen League baseball meeting scheduled

A Teen-age League baseball meeting has been scheduled for 7 p.m. Monday, April 1, at the Roy Anderson Complex.

Anyone interested in coaching or helping with the league is invited to attend.

Registration will begin from noon to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 6.

Players must bring a copy of their birth certificate and the \$65 registration fee.

For more information, call Darrell or Sheri Nichols at 263-2917 after 5 p.m.

Little League umpires needed

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

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

Big Spring third after opening round of 4-4A golf play

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

No surprises.

The opening round of District 4-4A boys' golf play ran pretty much to expected form Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club, as co-favorites Snyder and Frenship jumped into the top two team spots after 18 holes of play.

Snyder grabbed the lead with a 312 behind the 75 posted by Brady Reed, who shares the individual medalist leaderboard with Frenship's Josh Keeton. Reed got solid support with a round of 78 from teammate Britt Sharrock.

Frenship was six strokes back at 318, as Brandon Melville added a 78 of his own to Keeton's 75.

But it was Big Spring's Jarrod Simmons who claimed third place in the individual standings with a round of 77 on his home course, two strokes off the pace.

And as Steers coach Steve Ward had suggested, the Steers made the most of their opportunity of opening district play on their home course. Big Spring stands tied for third in the team standings with Andrews, after both teams posted round of 322. Plainview was a stroke back in fifth place at 323, while Snyder's

"B" team was sixth at 334.

Levelland finished the first round in seventh place at 347, while Andrews' "B" team was eighth at 351, San Angelo Lake View was ninth at 360, while the Levelland "B" squad was 10th at 365, two strokes ahead of Big Spring's "B" team that toured the course with a 367 total.

Big Spring's No. 2 and No. 3 players, Ryan Rodriguez and Will Conley, both made their way onto the medalist leaderboard with rounds of 79. Clayton Weaver added an 87 to round out the total, while No. 5 player Jace Williams finished with a 94.

The Steers' "B" team was led by Ryan Wegman's 88 and John Marino's 91. Jason Murphree and Jacob Castle added rounds of 94 and Landon Adkins finished with a 96.

Big Spring's Kyle Schmidt and David Welch, both playing for medalist honors only, finished the day with rounds of 92.

The overall advantage now turns to Snyder, as the Tigers will play host to the rest of the 4-4A field this coming Saturday on their home course. The third round is set for April 6 in Plainview and the final 18 holes will be played April 13 at the Andrews Country Club.

Steers perfect game victim

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Perfect ... absolutely perfect.

That's the only way to describe how Andrews senior pitcher Brock Johns and his Mustangs teammates performed in a 12-0, five-inning win over Big Spring's Steers in District 4-4A baseball action Friday afternoon.

One might also want to use the term "dominating" in describing Johns' perfect game. The right-hander faced 15 Big Spring batters and struck out 13. The two times the Steers were able to put the ball in play, Mustangs third baseman David Saucedo scooped up grounders and made strong throws to first for the outs.

As a result, the Mustangs improved to 12-2 on the season and are a perfect 4-0 in district play. The loss leaves the Steers with 4-12 season slate and a 1-3 mark in district play going into Tuesday's visit by San Angelo Lake View's Chiefs set for 4:30 p.m. at Steer Park.

"They're just an awfully good baseball team," Steers head coach Greg Winder said following the game. "And Johns is a great pitcher. When he's pitching like that and they're hitting the ball like they were today, it would be hard for anyone to stay with them. We sure couldn't today." In fact, Johns seemed almost assured of getting the win before he ever stepped on the mound.

The Mustangs had staked him to a 6-0 lead in the top of the first inning, capitalizing on a shaky start by Big Spring pitcher Jon McKinnon and taking advantage of a Steers error.

McKinnon opened the game by issuing walks to the first two Andrews batters, Brady Haygood and Matt Bowley. And when



HERALD photo/Jim Fierro

Big Spring catcher Taylor Fraser lets his mask fly and looks for a popped ball, as Andrews' Brock Johns heads toward first base. Johns threw a perfect game at the Steers, as the Mustangs took a 12-0 win in five innings Friday at Steer Park.

Steers third baseman Landon Adkins couldn't make a play on a grounder off Johns' bat, the bases were loaded for Mustangs' catcher Matt Gardner.

Gardner grounded to third and Adkins made the throw to second to force out Johns, but Haygood had scored and there were runners at the corners.

Singles by Orlando Velasco and Saucedo pushed across another run, but the biggest blow was to come off the bat of right fielder Gamy Gomez, who doubled to left with the bases loaded, driving in

three runs. Gomez scored a few moments later on a sacrifice fly by Jared Stewart.

McKinnon would get out of a minor jam in the second and managed to escape a two-out Andrews rally in the top of the third inning with the Mustangs scoring just one more run.

But Andrews would not be denied, as they sent 10 batters to the plate in the fourth inning.

A Big Spring error allowed Bowley to reach base and Johns drew the third and final walk McKinnon would issue. The Steers right-hander

would get Gardner to pop out to second, but Velasco singled up the middle to drive in Bowley before McKinnon struck out Saucedo.

But back-to-back singles by Gomez and Stewart made it 11-0 and prompted a trip to the mound by Winder, who moved McKinnon to shortstop and called on Andrew Vizciano to relieve.

An error charged to McKinnon moments later put runners at the corners, giving Haygood the opportunity to drive home the Mustangs' final run.

Ducks oust 'Horns

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Freddie Jones' most important contribution came at the end of the game.

Limited to just two points until the final minute, Jones made a layup with 2.8 seconds left to lift second-seeded Oregon to a 72-70 victory over Texas in the semifinal game of the Midwest Regional on Friday night.

"My overall game was terrible," Jones said. "Coming down the stretch, I knew that we were going to need a play, and I was happy that I was in a position to try to redeem myself."

Oregon (26-8), which had not won three straight games in an NCAA tournament since it won the 1939 title, advanced to face top-seeded Kansas on Sunday with a berth in the Final Four at stake. Kansas beat Illinois 73-69.

Jones, who averages better than 18 points, hit just one of his first five shots and had scored just two points, snapping his streak of 27 games in double figures, before the final sequence.

James Thomas of Texas tied the game at 70 with 23.2 seconds left. He was fouled on the play, but missed a free throw that would have given the Longhorns their first lead.

Jones dribbled to just inside halfcourt as time wound down and, waited for a space to open in the lane and drove for the winning shot.

A running jumper by freshman guard T.J. Ford bounced off the rim as time expired.

Oregon relied on Luke Jackson and Luke Ridnour to deflect a number of rallies by the sixth-seeded Longhorns.

Jackson led the Ducks with 25 points, and Ridnour added 20, carrying the team for stretches. They scored nine of Oregon's final 11 points.

"They've been doing that all year long. They've made big play after big play in every single game," Jones said. "They have the confidence to take the big shot and they did a great job of keeping us close."

The game-winning shot was the third of the season for Jones, who scored with 13 seconds left to beat UCLA and helped Oregon clinch a share of the Pac-10 title for the first time in 57 years with a last-second winner against Southern Cal.

"He's the type of player who wants the ball in his hands, and he's confident to take a shot like that," Jackson said.

Texas appeared to be in danger of getting blown out in the first half, trailing 41-28 at the half.

The Longhorns used a 13-0 run — highlighted by Brian Boddicker's three 3-pointers — to pull even at 51 with about 12 minutes to play.

The game evolved into a seesaw struggle that lasted until the final seconds.

Maryland ready for UConn after 10-point win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Juan Dixon smiled at the thought: Maryland is the only team with a chance at a repeat appearance in the Final Four.

And the Terrapins are now just one victory away.

"That says a lot about us, how much we've grown since last year," the All-American guard said. "Guys remember what it takes to get back there. Hopefully, we can do it again."

He doesn't need to do it alone, apparently.

With Dixon held to just four points in the final 14 minutes Friday night, top-seeded Maryland still had enough talent to beat Kentucky 78-68 in the East Regional semifinals.

To get to just the second Final Four in school history, Maryland will have to beat second-seeded Connecticut in today's regional final. UConn advanced by defeating 11th-seeded Southern Illinois 71-59 Friday.

The favorites also won both Midwest Regional semifinals Friday, with No. 1-seeded Kansas topping fourth-seeded Illinois 73-69, and No. 2 Oregon getting past No. 6 Texas 72-70.

In Saturday's other regional finals, No. 2

Oklahoma defeated No. 12 Missouri 81-75 in an all-Big 12 affair and it was No. 5-seeded Indiana against No. 10 Kent State in the South.

"I didn't need to score 29 or 30 points," said Dixon, who scored 29 in each of the Terps' first two tournament wins.

"I only needed to score 19 and make a couple of defensive plays, get a couple of rebounds and keep the guys focused on what we came here to do. And that's to win. I'm just trying to be a great leader."

Maryland's 16th victory in 17 games ended the up-and-down season of fifth-seeded Kentucky (22-10), which got only 17 points from senior star Tayshaun Prince. That was 24 fewer points than he scored in a second-round victory over Tulsa.

"I had some careless turnovers, missed some easy shots," said Prince, who was 6-for-16 from the floor. "A couple of possessions we were going full speed and we threw the ball away. There were plays we didn't make at the end."

In the final four minutes of the game, Prince missed four shots and his pass to Keith Bogans sailed out of bounds.

"We turned the ball over two or three times on fast breaks," Kentucky coach

Tubby Smith said. "You could see our guys starting to doubt themselves when the ball was rolling around."

Drew Nicholas' 3-pointer with 9:54 left gave Maryland (29-4) the lead for good at 56-53.

Still, the Wildcats kept things interesting, forcing Maryland to come through at the foul line. And the Terps did, with Dixon, Chris Wilcox, Lonny Baxter, and Byron Mouton combining to make 10 free throws late.

"I was impressed with their composure down the stretch making free throws," Smith said. "That's the sign of a poised, mature, veteran team."

Dixon led the Terrapins with 19 points, while Baxter had 16, Wilcox 15 and Mouton 14.

The victory put Maryland in the regional finals for the fourth time — 1973, 1975, and last year, when it lost to eventual champion Duke in the national semifinals.

"We were definitely tested today," Dixon said. "We plan on winning three more games."

MIDWEST
Kansas 73,
Illinois 69
Aaron Miles played tough

The top 25 teams in final men's college basketball place votes in parentheses March 10:

1. Duke (58)
2. Kansas (10)
3. Oklahoma (2)
4. Maryland (1)
5. Cincinnati
6. Gonzaga
7. Arizona
8. Alabama
9. Pittsburgh
10. Connecticut
11. Oregon
12. Marquette
13. Illinois
14. Ohio St.
15. Florida
16. Kentucky
17. Mississippi St.
18. Southern Cal
19. W. Kentucky
20. Oklahoma St.
21. Miami
22. Xavier
23. Georgia
24. Stanford
25. Hawaii

The top 25 teams in final women's college basketball place votes in parentheses March 10:

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

The Top 10 high schools in the five UIL classifications Texas High School Association and THSSA through March 18:

- | Class 5A |
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| 1. Sugar Land Elkins |
| 2. Klein Oak |
| 3. Clear Creek |
| 4. Cypress Falls |
| 5. Keller |
| 6. Lubbock Monterey |
| 7. Carrollton Smith |
| 8. Austin Bowie |
| 9. Lufkin |
| 10. Midland |
- | Class 4A |
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| 1. Southlake Carroll |
| 2. Hewitt Midway |
| 3. Sagraw Boswell |
| 4. Cedar Park |
| 5. Brenham |
| 6. Crowley |
| 7. Boerne |
| 8. Jasper |
| 9. Denton Ryan |
| 10. Snyder |
- | Class 3A |
|-------------------------|
| 1. La Grange |
| 2. Lubbock Cooper |
| 3. Sinton |
| 4. Lindale |
| 5. Seminole |
| 6. Longview Spring Hill |
| 7. Little Elm |
| 8. Yukon |
| 9. Shallowater |
| 10. Center |
- | Class 2A |
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| 1. Hughes Springs |
| 2. Slatco |
| 3. Celina |
| 4. East Bernard |
| 5. Clifton |
| 6. Bangs |
| 7. Lockney |
| 8. Post |
| 9. Garrison |
| 10. Sarto |
- | Class 1A |
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| 1. Bremond |
| 2. Petrolia |
| 3. Bosqueville |
| 4. Miles |
| 5. Windthorst |
| 6. West Sabine |
| 7. Brock |
| 8. Iola |
| 9. Spurger |
| 10. Savoy |

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Can Giambi lead Yankees to fifth straight AL pennant?

By JOSH DUBOW

AP Sports Writer

Jason Giambi watched in amazement as his new team, the New York Yankees, went through a seemingly routine relay drill in spring training.

A ball went into the right-field corner on a simulated hit, and shortstop Derek Jeter ran from his position all the way toward the first-base line — the same spot where he made his remarkable relay against Giambi's Oakland Athletics last year to help lead the Yankees to their fourth straight American League pennant.

"Wow. They really do practice that play," Giambi said later.

Little things like that relay have played an important part in the Yankees' success. So have the big things — as in big bucks.

Owner George Steinbrenner spent \$120 million to sign Giambi this off-season, adding the best player from the AL team that has come closest to knocking off New York.

The Yankees also added Rondell White, David Wells, Steve Karsay and Robin Ventura. Clearly, losing the World Series in seven games didn't sit well.

"I can't stand to lose," Jeter said. "When we were walking off the field, they were celebrating right at first base. You feel like a little kid when someone steals your toy. It was like, 'No, give it back, that's mine.'"

New York's biggest competition will come from Boston in the East; Chicago, Cleveland and Minnesota in the Central; and Seattle and Oakland in the West.

The Mariners tied a major league record with 116 wins last season, but fell to the Yankees in five games in the ALCS. Matching that regular season success isn't important for Seattle but getting past the Yankees is.

A look at the AL in predicted order of finish:

EAST

New York Yankees

While last year's other AL playoff teams regressed or struggled to stay even, the Yankees had the best offsea-

son of all.

The addition of Giambi (.342, 38 HRs, 129 RBIs) gives the Yankees their most feared slugger since Reggie Jackson and should play a big part in upgrading an offense that struggled to score in the World Series — except against Byung-Hyun Kim.

The biggest question is about the age and health of the starting rotation with Roger Clemens, Mike Mussina, Andy Pettitte, Wells, Orlando Hernandez and Sterling Hitchcock.

Boston Red Sox

A tumultuous spring and offseason should lead to a more peaceful year in Boston. Carl Everett, Dan Duquette and Joe Kerrigan are gone and new manager Grady Little's no-nonsense approach should be just what a veteran team needs.

More important than who makes out the lineup card is the health of ace Pedro Martinez and shortstop Nomar Garciaparra.

If Martinez can make 30 starts, the Red Sox will be right in contention, especially with innings-eaters John Burkett and Dustin Hermanson.

Garciaparra, Manny Ramirez and newcomers Johnny Damon and Tony Clark make for a formidable lineup, but questions remain at second and third base.

Toronto Blue Jays

New GM J.P. Ricciardi is trying to build a team in the same mold as the A's, where he worked for before coming to Toronto. Only the Blue Jays will have a little more money to spend.

Buck Martinez appears more in control in his second year as manager and will need to mix in youngsters Eric Hinske, Felipe Lopez, Vernon Wells and Orlando Hudson with sluggers Carlos Delgado and Jose Cruz Jr.

Raul Mondesi might not last long in Toronto because of his high salary and the team's youth movement.

Tampa Bay Devil Rays

While Tampa Bay's expan-

sion partner Arizona won the World Series last year, the Devil Rays are seeking to avoid the cellar after four straight last-place finishes. This could be the year — only because of the horrible Orioles.

Tampa Bay has a few good young players, most notably cather Toby Hall.

Baltimore Orioles

The post-Cal Ripken era begins with little hope in Baltimore. Once the most respected franchise in the game, the Orioles have become the laughingstock under owner Peter Angelos.

CENTRAL

Chicago White Sox

The 2000 AL Central champions struggled last year because of injuries. But with a healthy Frank Thomas and a developing young rotation, the White Sox should be the favorites in the weakest division.

Scoring runs shouldn't be a big problem with Thomas, Magglio Ordonez (.305, 31, 113) and Paul Konerko (.28, 32, 99). Kenny Lofton adds speed at the top of the lineup.

Cleveland Indians

Roberto Alomar and Juan Gonzalez are gone, and the AL's most powerful team

the past seven seasons is now relying on pitching.

Aging Bartolo Colon needs to fulfill his ace potential.

Finding runs will be a problem, with Jim Thome and Ellis Burks the two most reliable bats.

Minnesota Twins

Last year's surprise team wilted down the stretch with injuries and lack of depth. Then brought an off-season where contraction was the big story — not additions to the team.

But new manager Ron Gardenhire still has one of the top rotations in the league with Brad Radke, Eric Milton and Joe Mays and perhaps the best defender.

The offense should be improved if Cristian Guzman stays healthy.

Detroit Tigers

Only Kansas City had a lower on-base percentage than Detroit so it's no surprise the Tigers struggle to score in spacious Comerica Park.

Dave Dombrowski has been brought in to rebuild the team. There are a few bright spots to work with, including Robert Fick, free agent Dmitri Young and closer Matt Anderson.

Kansas City Royals

Just when the Royals seem to develop hitters such as Jermaine Dye and Johnny Damon, they trade them.

The offense was dismal last year, going from a team-record 879 runs in 2000 to 729 last season. The addition of the fading Chuck Knoblauch won't be enough to reverse that fall.

Jeff Suppan is the Royals' best starter, which isn't good when the team can't score.

WEST

Oakland Athletics

It's hard to pick the A's to win the division after losing Giambi, Damon and Jason Istringhausen from a team that finished 14 games out last year.

But Seattle isn't about to win 116 games again, and Oakland still has the best three starters in the league in Mark Mulder, Tim Hudson and Barry Zito. Cory Lidle and Eric Hiljus get overlooked but are solid at the back of the rotation.

Koch is an upgrade at closer over Istringhausen, but offense could be a question.

Seattle Mariners

Seattle could win 16 fewer games than last year and

still be a 100-win team. But it's hard to imagine everything breaking right again.

Offense is underrated after leading the league in runs despite playing in Safeco Field, a pitcher's park. But Bret Boone had a career year, Edgar Martinez and John Olerud are getting old and left field is still a question. There still is Ichiro Suzuki.

Freddy Garcia is a legitimate ace and Joel Pineiro could become one soon. But Aaron Sele's consistency will be missed.

Anaheim Angels

If baseball really were 90 percent pitching, the Angels would be in good shape. Ramon Ortiz has shown signs of becoming a front-line starter. Sele, Kevin Appier, Jarrod Washburn and Scott Schoeneweis complete a deep rotation.

Scoring runs will be more of a problem, especially if Tim Salmon and Darin Erstad don't return to form.

Texas Rangers

Scoring runs won't be a problem for the Rangers with Carl Everett added to a lineup that already has Alex Rodriguez, Ivan Rodriguez and Rafael Palmeiro.

Preventing the opposition from doing so will be.

WOMEN

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regional final since 1990. But the Longhorns couldn't overcome a 16-point first-half deficit Saturday.

The Longhorns crept back into the game in the second half, going on an 11-2 run to pull within 38-35 on an inside score by Heather Schreiber with 8:50 to play.

But Duke answered with a 16-4 run over the next 4 minutes, keyed by a jumper and two free throws from Mosch, followed by an inside score and a 3-pointer from Leiss Tillis.

Mosch scored nine points during the run, including three free throws after a personal foul and technical foul were whistled on Stacy Stephens at the 5:24 mark.

Beard's layup at the 4:43 mark ended the run, giving the Blue Devils a 54-39 edge. Texas got no closer than 13

points the rest of the way.

"I knew we needed a little boost in there," Mosch said. "The game was a little too close than we all wanted. My energy level stepped up a bit and I was able to pull through when it was needed."

Stephens had 14 points for Texas, while Schreiber had 11.

The Blue Devils "were really good on the ball, in the passing lane and in the paint," Larkin said. "When you put all three of those things together, your offense struggles."

Both teams played strong defense in the first half. Duke shot just 33 percent, Texas 26 percent.

"This team has a lot of confidence," Duke coach Gail Goostenkors said. "It has kind of become a trademark of our team."

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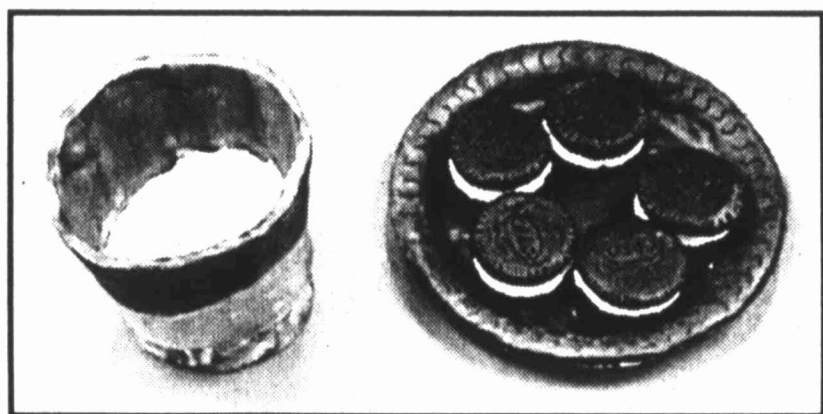
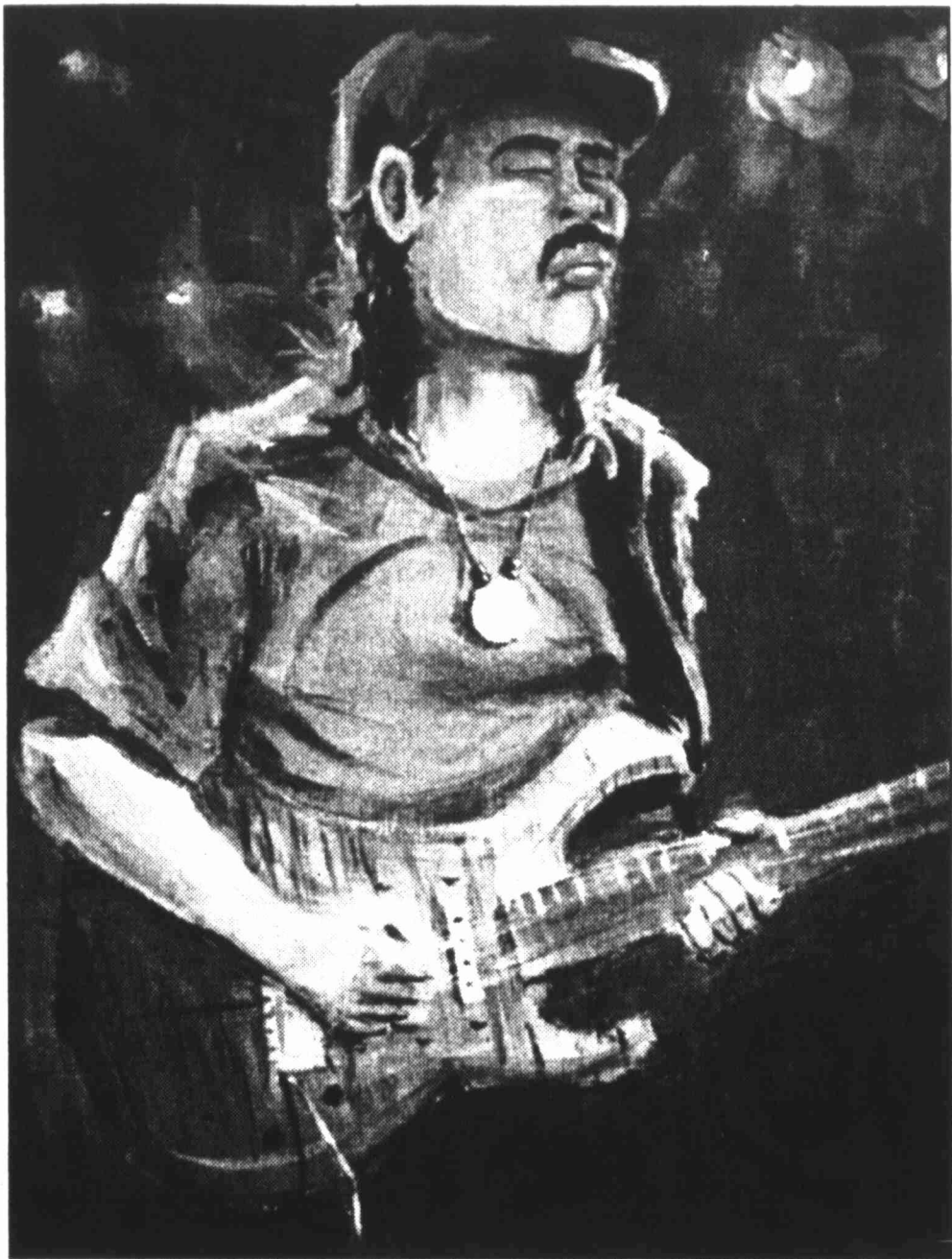
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Contest draws students from across the district

Herald Staff Report

Entries into the Thistles art and literary contest for Howard College students swelled this year with entries from students across the district.

"We were so pleased with the number of entries we received. In poetry alone, there were 32 entries, with seven essay and eight short stories. The art contest yielded a vast number of great art work from students. In all, our judges had a very difficult time selecting the winners," said Becky Smiley, Howard College art instructor and Thistles advisor.

Distribution of Thistles Magazine 2002, a publication of Howard College district students, is set for April 11 during Awards Convocation on the Big Spring campus.

Awards Convocation for the San Angelo campus is set for April 21 at 3 p.m. Thistles winners from the

San Angelo campus will be honored at that time.

Thistles editors Karol Smith and Bryan Beck coordinated the creation of the magazine, assisted by Howard College communication director Marsha Sturdivant.

"Creating a 36-page document is a challenge, and Smitty and Bryan have attended many hours of computer lab to learn the ins and outs of desktop publishing," Sturdivant said.

The result is a full-color cover for Thistles Magazine.

All winners in the contest, first, second, third and honorable mention, are included in the document.

"All the students who took the time to submit work to the contest are to be commended. I think they are all winners. I am very proud of the students who entered the contest as well as those students who worked to create the magazine. This was a rewarding and fun experience," she said.



Gone

by Cassandra Key

Now I see the
Gloom of New York.
The seagulls drifting
Above water like
Frowns on faces.
The doves dressed in black.
She is gone.
I see her soul
Drifting on fall leaves.
She is gone.
Like New York.
Her spirit moves
With the cold wind
That chills my face.
She is gone
Like happiness
And I feel it.

Photos and poem courtesy of Howard College and Thistles magazine.
See list of winners on page B2.

BSSH "chock full of activities" for the month of April

The good folks at the Big Spring State Hospital Community Relations Office better put on their running shoes this month - April is chock full of activities. We'll kick off the fast-paced month with an April 4 meeting of the Volunteer Services Council to coordinate the month's events.

First up will be co-hosting the State Volunteer Services Council Convention "A Whole Lot of Volunteering Goin' On!" April 12-14 in Abilene. Nearly 20 Big Spring State Hospital volunteers and employees will attend the

meetings, including members of the Big Spring High School Key Club. The Key Club will be recognized as recipients of the prestigious State Star Award for their service to hospital patients.

Volunteers will be honored during National



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Volunteer Week with the annual Volunteer Awards Luncheon April 24 in the hospital's Allred building auditorium. Civic leader and hospital volunteer Johnnie Lou Avery will be our keynote speaker during the noon luncheon. Local award winners will be honored, and volunteers will be recognized for donated hours. The family of Jack Y. Smith will present the coveted award named in Smith's honor to recognize the year's most outstanding volunteer. We encourage all volunteers to call 268-7271 to make luncheon

reservations.

Donations are encouraged for the April 26 Denim and Diamonds Gala at the Big Spring Country Club. This evening has become known as one of Big Spring's social events of the year, and volunteers are working diligently to continue the tradition. The reception will be from 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will provide music from 8 p.m. to midnight. We could use your assistance in reaching the committee's goal of \$15,000 to provide services to our patients.

Donations will be used to add a youth recreation area, a walking track, and courtyard areas for two hospital units.

The Big Spring State Hospital Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul" is near striking distance of its \$6,000 goal and not showing any signs of slowing down. A garage sale is scheduled for April 6 at the hospital's recycling building on N. Hwy. 87. A bake sale and arts and crafts sale will be May 1 in the hospital's Professional Building. They also continue to put on wonderful

meals at CEO Ed Moughon's monthly Brown Bag Luncheons. Hats off to this group for doing an outstanding job of raising funds for the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. The Volunteer Services Council is sponsoring the hospital team. Volunteers interested in becoming a part of May 10-11 event should give us a call.

We are in need of men's clothing of all sizes and all types, including shoes.

See RUSSWORM, Page 2B

Local artists featured winners in Howard College's 2002 Thistles magazine

Special To The Herald

LITERARY WINNERS

ESSAY
Walking In Prayer First Place pg. 6

by Rhonda McCown (Lamesa campus)

A Brave Soul Second Place pg. 24

by Judy Lange (San Angelo campus)

Let Us Remember Third Place pg. 29

by Cherie Bales (Big Spring campus)

It's Not Easy Being the Hind Catcher

Honorable Mention pg. 31

by Judy Lange (San Angelo campus)

SHORT STORY
Wishful Thinking First Place pg. 10

by Raleigh D. Stout (San Angelo campus)

The Abused and the Ambitious Second Place pg. 18

by Jerry Neighbors (Big Spring campus)

A Job Under the Big Top Third Place pg. 32

by Karol Smith (Big Spring campus)

campus)
One Way Honorable Mention pg. 20

by Kayla Campbell (San Angelo campus)

POEMS
Gone First Place pg. 7

by Cassandra Key (San Angelo campus)

Ode to the Black Soldier Second Place pg. 16

by Clinton W. Francis (San Angelo campus)

Candy Love Second Place pg. 8

by Cassandra Key (San Angelo campus)

Malcolm, Martin and Nelson Third Place pg. 30

by Clinton W. Francis (San Angelo campus)

Have You Seen Me Honorable Mention pg. 26

by Paul Harris (San Angelo campus)

OTHER INCLUDED WORKS
Marilyn pg. 7

by Cassandra Key (San Angelo Campus)

We The People pg. 9

by Billi Tomkins (Big Spring Campus)

Hidden Sin pg. 26

by Rhonda McCown (Lamesa Campus)

Una Carta Urgente pg. 28

by Diane Aguilar (San Angelo Campus)

ART WINNERS

BEST OF SHOW AND PEOPLE'S CHOICE

Marcus DeLeon: "Santana" - Front Cover

ACRYLICS/OILS

1st - Marcus DeLeon - "Still Life" Inside Back cover

2nd - Mary Brown - "Como" pg. 19

3rd - Terri Chaney - "Rose Arbor" Inside Front Cover

4th - Kelly Hinojos - "Hawk in Flight" pg. 27

GRAPHICS

1st - Jana Hull - "Big Guy" pg. 5

1st - Marcos DeLeon - "Santana Sketch 2" pg. 28

2nd - Stephanie Sparks - "Tulips" pg. 19

2nd - Krysha Bearden - "Black & White Butterfly" pg. 17

3rd - Mary Brown - "X-Citing" pg. 1

3rd - Stephanie Sparks -

"Rolex" pg. 14

4th - Stephanie Sparks - "Fall Leaves" pg. 19

PASTELS

1st - Gilbert Limon, Jr. - "Stack of Towels" Inside Front Cover

2nd - Jana Hull - "Watermelon" pg. 14

COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY

1st - Lacy Nicole Broad - "untitled" pg. 8

2nd - Connie Booth - "Disney World" pg. 15

3rd - Bryan Beck - "Blue Northern" pg. 14

4th - Bryan Beck - "Cold as Ice" Inside Back Cover

BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHY

1st - Lacy Nicole Broad - "untitled" pg. 15

2nd - Lacy Nicole Broad - "untitled" pg. 7

SCULPTURE AND 3-D WORK

1st - Stephanie Sparks - "Bermuda Triangle" pg. 17

2nd - Krysha Bearden - "Rainbow" Inside Back Cover

3rd - Bryan Beck - "Big Balls in Cowtown" Inside Front Cover

CERAMICS

1st - Krysha Bearden - "Piggies" pg. 17

2nd - Susan Franklin - "Ice Cream Sundae" pg. 25

3rd - Krysha Bearden - "Oreos" pg. 5

4th - Susan Franklin - "Pouch Pot" pg. 7

WATERCOLOR

1st - Terri Chaney - "Ballerina" Back Cover

2nd - Terri Chaney - "Melons" Inside Back Cover

3rd - Krysha Bearden - "Bombay" pg. 25

4th - Krysha Bearden - "Sunflower" Inside Front Cover

OTHER INCLUDED WORKS

"Gingerbread House" by Courtney Grissam pg. 9

"Mazed" by Krysha Bearden pg. 29

"On the Ranch" by Jana Hull pg. 34

"Many Vases" by Terri Chaney pg. 26

RUSSWORM

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Donations may be left at the Community Relations Office at the front entrance of the campus or taken to The Chalet Resale Shop at 1107 Eleventh Place during regular business hours.

The Patient Library also is in need of new or used books.

We have an ongoing need for magazine donations. These also can be left in our office.

Please put aside your old bud vases for next year's Valentine's Day fund-raiser.

We are in need of volunteers who can design small flower arrangements for the patients' rooms.

We have an ongoing need for cookies. Homemade cookies are wonderful, however, packaged cookies are a treat for the weekly Operation Cookie project.

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

WHO'S WHO

Chelsea Schwartz, 17-year-old junior at Garden City High School recently took part in the March 9-16 launch of the Presidential Classroom Law and Justice in Democracy Program in Washington, D.C.



She and more than 400 other high school juniors and seniors explored the relationship between freedom and order in a democratic society.

She is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence.

The United States Achievement Academy announced that Reina Cisneros of Big Spring has

been named a United States National Award Winner in history and government.

Cisneros, who attends Big Spring High School, was nominated for the award by M.E. Atkinson who is a

teacher at the school.

Cisneros will appear in the United States Achievement Academy Official Yearbook, which is published nationally.

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WEDDINGS



Jill Markay Allen of San Antonio and Ryan Scott Gernentz of Bandera exchanged wedding vows March 9, 2002, at Coahoma Church of Christ with Donald Allen, the bride's grandfather, officiating. The bride is the daughter of Bruce and Marsha Allen of Coahoma and the granddaughter of Donald and Pat Allen of Coahoma and the late Cooper and Christine McCraney of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Thomas and Stacey Gernentz of Bandera and the grandson of Roy and Dean Scott of Bandera. Vocalist was Kirk Allen, brother of the bride. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Bruce Allen and wore a satin, short-sleeved, pearl-embellished sweetheart neckline gown accented with beaded Battenburg lace. Maid of honor was Christy Gillet, cousin of the bride. Matron of honor was Shana Boyle.

Bridesmaids were Lindsey Allen, sister-in-law of the bride and Meagan McCraney, cousin of the bride.

Flower girls were Kelsey and Kacey Allen, nieces of the bride, and Stephanie Gernentz, niece of the groom. Ringbearer was Colten Taylor.

Best man was Mike Richline Jr. Groomsmen were Thomas Gernentz, brother of the groom, Kirk Allen, brother of the bride, and Cody Cravatt.

Ushers were Danny Hull, Derek Ward, cousin of the bride, and Jeremy Payne. Candlelighters were Shea King and Derek Ward, cousins of the bride.

A reception was held at the church fellowship hall. The bride's cake was Italian Cream and featured basket weave icing and a floral topping.

The groom's cake was chocolate and featured basket weave icing and a floral topping.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2000 graduate of Lubbock Christian University. She is employed by New Horizons Computer Learning Center.

The groom is a 1995 graduate of Bandera High School and a 2001 graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio.

Following a wedding trip to Puerto Vallarta, Mexico the couple made their home in San Antonio.

ENGAGEMENT



Shanna LaRose Dickens of Big Spring and Benjamin Villa Ramon Jr. of San Angelo will exchange wedding vows Aug. 17, 2002, at Hillcrest Baptist Church with Kevin Parker officiating.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Randy Dickens of Big Spring and the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Dickens of Big Spring.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Ramon of San Angelo.

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.



Koby Proctor, formerly of Walla Walla, Wash., and Justin Jenkins of Big Spring exchanged wedding vows March 16, 2002, at First United Methodist Church with Jim Wright officiating. She is the daughter of Jim and Jeanine Proctor of Gainesville, formerly of Walla Walla, Wash., and the granddaughter of Barb Proctor and Dick and Donna Polumsky of Walla Walla, Wash. The groom is the son of Terra and Emma Jenkins of Big Spring and the grandson of Claudine Dillard and Pete and Jean Jenkins of Big Spring. Organist was Doreen Bealls. Solo guitarist was Guy Wheel Zant. The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jim Proctor and wore an Alfred Angelo ivory gown with cap sleeves and decorated with cafe accents. She carried a wild flower bouquet accented with cotton bolls. Maid of honor was Tammy Platt, friend of the bride, of Waxahachie.

Bridesmaids were Julie Grant, cousin of bride of Medford, Ore., and Teresa Padgett, friend of the bride of Gainesville.

Flower girl was Abigail Melrose of Sanger. Ringbearer was Trenton Crenshaw of Big Spring.

Best man was John Jenkins, brother of the groom of Decatur. Groomsmen were Brad Jenkins, uncle of the groom of Weatherford, and Jarrett Blessing, friend of the groom of Paradise.

Ushers were Ashley Baxtrum, friend of the bride of Drumright, Okla., and Shannon Crenshaw, friend of the groom of Big Spring.

A reception was held at the Dora Roberts Community Center. Texas Pipeline provided entertainment.

The bride's cake was a four layer lemon pound cake with raspberry filling and was decorated as a stack of packages with different color layers. The top was decorated with a ribbon made of icing.

The groom's cake was German chocolate and was accented with chocolate covered strawberries.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Walla Walla High School and a 1998 graduate of West Texas A & M University.

The groom is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and a 1996 graduate of Howard College. He is employed by the city of Big Spring.

The couple co-own Lone Star Hatters and have made their home in Big Spring.



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ANNIVERSARIES



James C. and Jewell Dunlap

James C. and Jewell Dunlap of Big Spring will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary March 30, 2002, with a family luncheon with their children and grandchildren. A reception hosted by their children and spouses will follow at the Texas RV Park Reunion Hall.

He was born in Birth Right. She was born Jewell Elizabeth Wood in Knott. The couple met through friends and were married April 4, 1942, at the court house. The ceremony was performed by Walter Grice.

The couple's children are Mary Gowen of Midland, James of Roswell, N.M., Carol Wright, Gary Dunlap, Ronald Dunlap, all of Big Spring, Gerald of



Terrell, Jannetta Pena of Gardendale and the late Sharron Walls. They have 21 grandchildren; and nine great-grandchildren.

Other places they lived during their marriage were Childress and Odessa.

He was previously employed in construction. She was employed the Senior Citizens for nine and a half years and with Nurses Unlimited for 11 1/2 years. They are both now retired.

The couple are Jehovah's Witnesses. He has been a member of Carpenter Local for 56 years.

Their hobbies are dominoes, caring for the elderly and, "loving our grandchildren."



James C. and Jewell Dunlap

R.D. (Doc) and Myrt (Norwood) Tindol celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, March 23, at a party held at the Howard College Cactus Room.

The event was hosted by the couple's three children and their spouses, Mr. and Mrs. Tony (Karen) Goeke, Dr. and Mrs. Neal Tindol, and Dr. and Mrs. Rogan Tindol; and their grandchildren, Gregory Goeke, Kimberly Goeke and Will Tindol.

The couple were married March 28, 1952, at the West Side Baptist Church with the Rev. Cecil Rhodes officiating.



They have lived in Penwell, Odessa, Sand Springs, Coahoma, and Big Spring during their 50 years of marriage.

They now have a home at Lake I on where they are presently enjoying their retirement.

Doc retired from Guthrie Oil Company and Myrt retired from the Coahoma School District.

They now spend most of their time fishing or enjoying their favorite recreation, beating their cousins, Charles and Carol Chamberlain, and their brother-in-law, John Palmer at golf.



Jack and Mary Lou Abendschan

Jack and Mary Lou Abendschan celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on March 18, 2002. Their children would like for you to share in their celebration by participating in a card shower by sending a card to John I. and Mary Lou Abendschan, 600 Driver Rd. No. 4, Big Spring 79720.

NEWCOMERS

Stacy and Debbie Dykes of Dallas. He is a correction officer at Cornell Corrections.

Hans and Jacqueline Vogel of Humble. He is retired from the Federal Aviation Administration.

Emily Chamness of Odessa. She is employed by V.A. Medical Center.

Paul and Krista Nadue and daughters Hannah and Rachel of Anniston Alabama. He is employed by Star Tek.

David Morris of Amarillo. He is Chief Executive Officer of Cosden F.C.U.

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Jennifer Walker and sons Patrick and Tomothy and daughter Addison of Childress. She is an L.V.N. and student at Howard College.

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Honesty Shy Mendez, girl, born March 26, 2002 at 7:56 p.m. Weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parents are Letisha Bustamante and Micheal Mendez. Grandparents are Jackie Long of Big Spring and George Bustamante of Abilene.

7:27 a.m. Weighing 6 pounds and 4 1/2 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Robert and Pricilla Gamboa. Grandparents are Alex and Yolanda Escanuella of Big Spring and Fred and Mary Gamboa of Hereford.

Poradee Lynn Rios, girl, born March 26, 2002 at 9:51 a.m. Weighing 7 pounds and 9 ounces and was 19 1/2 inches long. Parents are T.J. and Sindy Rios. Grandparents are Luis and Erlinda Rios of Big Spring and Rudy and Lupe Hernandez of Phoenix, Arizona.

Adolfo Garcia Guterrez (AJ), boy, born March 13, 2002 at 12:26 p.m. Weighing 5 pounds 5 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Adolfo and Wyvett Gutierrez. Grandparents are Randy and Barbara Hull of Big Spring and Fred and Elodia Gutierrez of Coahoma.

Andrea Nicole Melendez, girl, born March 12, 2002 at 1:15 p.m. Weighing 5 pounds 15 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Laura French and Hector Melendez. Grandparents are Tomasa French and Maria Melendez both of Big Spring.

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NEW YORK (AP) - Andersen was a wave of client defections from former Federal Reserve Board member Paul Volcker's sweeping reform to save the company.

The mounting further complicating firm's effort to Enron scandal and an indictment obstructing justice.

Volcker's resignation announced Friday.

Two companies acknowledged errors during deregulation

DALLAS (AP) - Two companies acknowledged Friday that they made errors last year in calculating power benefits from different parts of the August, when power occurred in the wholesale electric market.

The staff of the Utility Commission is investigating the movements during the year's pilot program. Deregulation is expected to issue next month.

A PUC spokesman said the price movements overcharges of a million, but he said it's not clear whether overcharges were to customers.

American Electric and TXU Corp. said that they had made errors in moving from one part of the market to another. Both said they fixed their mistakes.

Chris Scheff, spokesman for DAEP, said the companies are cooperating fully in the PUC investigation.

David Carpenter, director for DAEP, said the error was about \$1 million, which was treated as a cost to customers.

The PUC declined to identify the other company suspected of error, but said they earned more revenue from the deregulation project.

On Thursday, R. Wolens, D-Dallas, chairman of the Electric Restructuring committee, called a Public Utility Commission hearing to release the names of the companies. At least including AEP, negotiations with the PUC over their information.

The companies' administrative and be ordered refunds.

Ag Expo outstanding

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The educational program for Agricultural Expos will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room at Howard College. TI

Waste Management, more big Andersen clients head south

NEW YORK (AP) — Arthur Andersen was hit with another wave of client defections, even as former Federal Reserve chairman Paul Volcker was offering a sweeping reform plan to try to save the company.

The mounting loss of clients has further complicated the accounting firm's efforts to survive the Enron scandal and a related criminal indictment for allegedly obstructing justice.

Volcker's reform proposals, announced Friday, include replacing top management and

installing an independent board that he would head. He said the plan would succeed only if the federal indictment is dismissed and if a cap is placed on the firm's financial liability from the Enron scandal.

"All that has to come together to make this initiative viable and successful," Volcker said at a hastily arranged news conference.

Major clients that announced they were abandoning Andersen on Friday included Occidental Petroleum Corp., Waste Management Inc. and the Chicago

Mercantile Exchange. Abroad, the firm's New Zealand partners jumped to Big Five rival Ernst & Young.

The defections stand at more than 70 since the start of the year.

Volcker heads an oversight committee charged with making sweeping reforms at the firm. The changes he outlined Friday go much further than recommendations made by his committee earlier this month, which included a proposal to split Andersen's auditing from its consulting services.

Volcker said he would chair the

new governing board he proposed. He said the board would fire top managers, but he wouldn't comment on whether chief executive Joseph Berardino would be among those to leave.

"There will no doubt be changes at the top," he said.

Itzhak Sharav, an accounting professor at Columbia University, said the latest proposal was reasonable, but should be seen as a "Hail Mary defense."

"The problem he will have is convincing the Justice Department" to dismiss the indictment,

he said. "They look at it as prosecutors who feel the company did not live up to obligations and should be punished."

Volcker suggested the Justice Department could dismiss the indictment against Andersen in a way that would allow the charge to be reinstated if prosecutors feel reforms at the firm are insufficient.

Lawyers suing Andersen for its audits of Enron would have to agree to limit damages to an amount Andersen could pay without going out of business.

Two companies acknowledge errors during deregulation test

DALLAS (AP) — Two companies acknowledged Friday that they made errors last year while allocating power between different parts of the state last August, when price spikes occurred in the state's wholesale electric market.

The staff of the Public Utility Commission is investigating the price movements during last year's pilot program in electric deregulation and is expected to issue a report next month.

A PUC spokesman said the price movements led to overcharges of up to \$43 million, but he said it wasn't clear whether any of the overcharges were passed on to customers.

American Electric Power and TXU Corp. said Friday that they had made scheduling errors in moving power from one part of the state to another. Both said they fixed their mistakes immediately.

Chris Schein, a spokesman for Dallas-based TXU, said the company was cooperating fully with the PUC investigation.

David Carpenter, a Texas director for Ohio-based AEP, said the company's error was about \$4 million, which was treated as a credit to fuel costs paid by customers.

The PUC declined to identify the other companies suspected of errors that led them to earn too much revenue from the electric-deregulation project.

On Thursday, Rep. Steve Wolens, D-Dallas, co-chairman of the Electric Utility Restructuring oversight committee, called on the Public Utility Commission to release the names of the companies. At least three, including AEP, filed petitions with the PUC to keep their information confidential.

The companies could face administrative penalties and be ordered to pay refunds.



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Duane Thomas, community banking president of the Big Spring branch of Wells Fargo, cuts the ribbon at a ceremony hosted by Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Ambassadors. Scott Nelson, business banking manager and Mayor Russ McEwen look on. The event was held in appreciation of the bank's 150th anniversary.

Mexican states launch guest worker programs for American companies

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — The nine ranch hands grabbed their duffel bags and headed to the Rio Grande as night fell. But unlike millions of Mexicans who sneak across the border, these men didn't need the cloak of darkness or a smuggler to help them. They carried U.S. work visas.

U.S. employers hard-pressed to find American workers, such as farming and meat packing businesses, have recruited Mexican laborers on their own for a decade. But now Mexican states are helping find workers.

Before Sept. 11, U.S. and Mexican officials had been negotiating a major increase in temporary work visas as a way to slow illegal migration. President Bush and Mexican President Vicente Fox are expected to renew the talks while meeting Friday in Monterrey during a U.N. development conference.

The new state programs sit well with Erma and Rodrigo Zendejas, who have had trouble finding workers for their pine tree-planting

business, Tree O-Forrestry Services, in Warren, Ark. Few Americans are willing to do the work, so they have had to look south for a decade. Their success was limited.

"They'll work two, maybe three days, then they're gone. Last month the whole doggone crew left," Erma Zendejas said. "A lot of guys just want to use the visas. They just want to get to the States and that's it."

But this year they went to the government of Coahuila state, which borders Texas. State officials found nine men and then accompanied the couple and the men to the U.S. consulate in Monterrey, where they waited 10 hours to obtain visas for the workers.

"I've been really impressed with the program," Rodrigo Zendejas said. "I think working through the state will make a big difference so workers don't take off."

State officials run criminal background checks on applicants, guaranteeing they have had no troubles with the law on either side of the border.

Despite slew of closings, analysts say U.S. still overstocked

NEW YORK (AP) — Even with the liquidation of such big names as Montgomery Ward and a rash of store closings from the likes of Kmart, America is still overstocked with retailers, particularly department and apparel stores that are turning consumers off with uninspiring merchandise.

In fact, even as consumer spending begins to recover from the recession, people are still choosy about where they shop, sticking to savvy discounters like Wal-Mart, and are not likely to return to the carefree buying that defined the mid-to-late 1990s and fueled a frenzied store expansion. That will mean a continued retail shakeout that's expected to accelerate this year and in 2003 before tapering off.

"We are still significantly overstocked," said Burt Flickinger, III, managing director of Reach Marketing in Westport, Conn., who believes there is at least 15 percent to 20 percent more retail square-

footage in this country than consumer demand requires.

"There is no question that the consumer is different from today than she was a decade ago," said Kurt Barnard, president of Barnard's Retail Trend Report, based in Montclair, N.J. "The consumer is smarter and more sophisticated, and understands value better than ever."

Given changing consumer spending habits, Barnard noted, "The entire retailing industry is undergoing a profound transformation with market share shifting from one segment to another."

Wal-Mart, Target and moderate-priced chains like Kohl's, with their low prices and exciting merchandise, all continue to outperform the retail industry, generating strong sales gains. Wal-Mart plans to expand its square footage by 9 percent this year, following an 8 percent increase last year.

The big exception, of course, is

Kmart, the nation's third-largest discounter, which has long struggled with cluttered stores, inefficient operations and a fuzzy identity. It's now struggling to restructure in bankruptcy and will be shuttering 284 stores in what some analysts believe will be just the first round of store closings.

The increasing clout of the discount sector has pulled business away from department stores and apparel retailers, which are trying to figure out a magic merchandising formula to entice consumers.

The big problem, Barnard said, is shoppers are now "less enamored with famous designer names and big brands" — a business that fueled sales at department stores in the mid-to-late 1990s. Now, these stores are aiming to differentiate themselves by fortifying their own store brands, but their efforts may be not enough.

Lower-priced competitors are moving along with exclusive mer-

chandise that have proven to be big traffic drivers. Cheap chic retailer Target is now turning to a roster of designers, like Mossimo Giannulli, whose dresses sell for \$22.

As department stores industry are increasingly under pressure from discounters, rumors about consolidation in the sector have only increased. There has been even talk about the possibility of a merger between Federated Department Stores and May Department Stores, although some analysts like Barnard view the scenario as unlikely.

The consolidation of large retailers could drive down costs for shoppers and improve profits by allowing the merged company to negotiate lower prices from its suppliers.

The death of the founder of Dillard's Department Store Inc., William T. Dillard Sr., has prompted some talk on Wall Street that management might be ready to sell the chain.

Ag Expo will highlight outstanding producers

The annual Agricultural Exposition will highlight agricultural producers and outstanding agribusiness individuals throughout the county. It will also highlight new technologies and equipment that are available for agricultural operators today. Agriculture contributes more than \$1 billion annually to the Howard County economy.



DAVID KNIGHT

The educational program for the Agricultural Exposition will begin at 9:00 a.m. in the Fireplace Room at Howard College. This is a

new location for this event. This year's program will highlight 2001 result demonstrations conducted within Howard County, as well as a comparative cost analysis of minimum and conventional tillage for cotton.

The final portion of the educational program will focus on pesticide record keeping and cotton insect pests. The meal and recognition of the Agricultural Producer and Agribusiness Man of the Year will be presented at noon. U.S. Rep. Charles Stenholm will be the keynote speaker for this event. Tickets for the noon meal may be picked up at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce from 9 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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



A ribbon cutting ceremony hosted by the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and the Big Spring Ambassadors was held in appreciation of Rorick Chiropractic becoming a new member. Dr. Bill Rorick cuts the ribbon with the assistance of Big Spring Ambassadors Clarence Hatfield, left, and Amado Montaivo, chamber executive director Debbye Valverde and Ambassador Chris Moore.

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Dear Ann Landers: Last year, I watched my boyfriend drink alcohol a couple of times a week until he was intoxicated. One day when I went into the garage, I noticed a beer bottle hidden behind it. It made me thin feel guilty about ing. I took the Alcohol Screener which you have in your column. The questions my boyfriend were test. The results he was headed f trouble. I used th tion to talk to l the frequency a siveness of his. Our conversati helped him cut siderably. He ha aware of how behavior was or to look for. The gave us the kno needed to draw tl set some limits. I think every drinks should be If you are worr someone close t screening can he your questions. it's free, and it help someone Thanks, Ann. Anchorage, Alaska Dear Lisa: That the opportunity to mention Alcohol Screener which will ta across the co Thursday, April will be over 2,000 sites where peopl an educational tion, watch a vi plete a screening naire and meet ir with a Information wi definitions of at ing, how drink physical illness acts with medica nitions of alcohol alcoholism, and for alcohol proble An estimated 2 of American ad have alcohol-relle ms or report dri terns that put the Relatively low alcohol consump increase the risk accidents, medica tions, birth defect and certain canc percent of all tra fatalities in 2000 alcohol, and it is a large proportion

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Sunday, March 24:

Unusual opportunities surround the highly creative Aries. You need to use your dreams for inspiration. Your ability to conceptualize is a lot higher than many others. Think in terms of success and long-term goals. Networking invigorates many aspects of your life, not only your professional status. If you are single, watch your love life heat up late this summer. You might not believe who you attract. This relationship has a special quality. If you are attached, you might find that your rela-

tionship takes on a new life and vitality. Enjoy the bond that exists here. You add to your family, either physically or materially. LEO loves to play.

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) ***** Your fire draws others. Don't worry about a friend who might be filled with illusions. You can't change this person, but you can let go of the issue. Lighten up about explaining your ideas to a child who just might not be inter-

ested. Tonight: Where the fun lies.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) *** Deal with family, even though you're rather exhausted by what is going on. An older friend or relative's intuition veers off, though you might not understand why. Be careful with your finances. Tonight: Togetherness works.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ***** Reach out for another at a distance. Creativity flows when you detach and brainstorm. Keep conversations going. Talk about your dreams and think in terms of a long-term desire. You might be a bit serious in a discussion. Loosen up and express yourself. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) *** Your intuition leads you into a conversation about funds. A partner or friend might not always agree with you. Remember, ultimately you're responsible for yourself. You cannot always please everyone in your immediate circle. Another might not have the clarity you have. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ***** You know you're playing your cards right. A discussion has severe overtones. Reveal more of what

you want in a friendship. Don't become insecure about someone's wishy-washiness. This, too, will pass. Think long-term. Tonight: Enjoy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) *** Slow down and take the day off. Pressure builds when you least expect it. Another's approach could be a bit severe. Take action and follow through on what's important, feeling free to cancel what isn't. Take a nap and relax all you want. Tonight: Vanish.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ***** Go along with another's request. You might not be sure about a child or loved one's intentions. Recognize another's ideas about travel. Take a long-term perspective with a key relationship. You cannot put this on hold any longer. Tonight: Where your friends are.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ***** Take responsibility when dealing with others. Your sense of humor comes out with a child or loved one. Take your time discussing a problem or viewing someone more clearly. Share ideas and become more in touch with this person. Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ***** A day trip

heads you in the right direction. Refresh your mind. Evaluate what is going on with a somewhat-distant partner. What might be more significant is what this person isn't talking about. Use your intuitive senses. Tonight: Head on home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ***** Enjoy another who is a close partner or friend. Time together centers the relationship. Discussions might take an unusually intimate tone. Use special care financially. Don't decide that you know what someone wants. Tonight: Curb your spending.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ***** Others present one idea after another. The only question is which one to accept. A child cares a lot about you, but has difficulty sharing his or her feel-

ings. Help this person share. Dote on someone. Your affection makes all the difference. Tonight: Let others make suggestions.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ***** Allow another to share more. Your mind drifts a lot while doing other things. Try to focus on one item at a time. Clear out errands and a project. Know what you need to do. Share more of yourself with a family member. Slow down. Tonight: Finish up your chores.

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Rap and hip-hop artist Mase (1970), actor Steve McQueen (1930), pro-football player Peyton Manning (1976)

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Her alcohol screening test prevented potential problem

Dear Ann Landers: Last year, I watched my boyfriend drink alcohol a couple of times a week until he was intoxicated. One day when I went into the garage, I noticed a beer bottle he had hidden behind his toolbox. It made me think he must feel guilty about his drinking.



ANN LANDERS

I took the National Alcohol Screening Test, which you have mentioned in your column. I answered the questions as if my boyfriend were taking the test. The results indicated he was headed for serious trouble. I used this information to talk to him about the frequency and excessiveness of his drinking. Our conversations have helped him cut down considerably. He had not been aware of how risky his behavior was or what signs to look for. The screening gave us the knowledge we needed to draw the line and set some limits.

I think everyone who drinks should be screened. If you are worried about someone close to you, the screening can help answer your questions. It's easy, it's free, and it helped me help someone I love. Thanks, Ann. — Lisa in Anchorage, Alaska

Dear Lisa: Thank YOU for the opportunity once again to mention National Alcohol Screening Day, which will take place across the country on Thursday, April 11. There will be over 2,000 screening sites where people can hear an educational presentation, watch a video, complete a screening questionnaire and meet individually with a clinician. Information will include definitions of at-risk drinking, how drinking affects physical illness and interacts with medications, definitions of alcohol abuse and alcoholism, and treatments for alcohol problems.

An estimated 25 percent of American adults either have alcohol-related problems or report drinking patterns that put them at risk. Relatively low levels of alcohol consumption may increase the risk for auto accidents, medical interactions, birth defects, strokes and certain cancers. Forty percent of all traffic crash fatalities in 2000 involved alcohol, and it is a factor in a large proportion of deaths

from falls, burns and drownings. Hazardous drinking is involved in about a third of suicides, half of homicides and a third of child-abuse cases. Binge-drinking among college fraternity and sorority members is appalling.

Anyone who has an alcohol problem or is close to someone who drinks should call today to find a screening site in your area. The number is 1-800-697-6700 (www.mentalhealthscreening.org). Do it today.

Dear Ann Landers: My brother and his wife recently bought their first house. I wanted to get them a housewarming gift, but I had no idea what they might need or like. I called my brother and said, "Please give me a list of suggestions."

I expected him to say they wanted a new blender or a set of serving bowls. Instead, he told me they wanted a new washing machine — and he was quite specific about the brand. Ann, I don't have that kind of money and had no intention of spending so much on a housewarming gift. When I said so, he replied, "My wife will be very disappointed." We exchanged a few unpleasant words and hung up.

I have called him twice since then and left messages on his answering machine, but he hasn't called back. Should I bite the bullet and send the washing machine? Should I send something more affordable and hope they like it? I want to be on speaking terms with my brother. How do I fix this? — Not Rich in California

Dear Not Rich: Your brother should not have asked you for such an expensive gift. You do not owe him a present, but if sending a set of mixing bowls will make you feel better, go ahead and do it.

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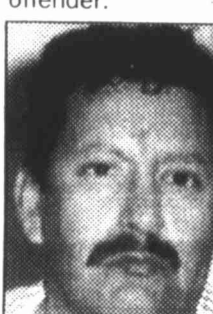
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The following persons have registered with the Big Spring Police Department as a convicted sex offender:



Rayos, Ronnie Ray, 41-year-old male, 1603 Bluebird, Big Spring, 79720, convicted of sexual assault of a child. **ANYONE WISHING TO ACCESS A PHOTO OF A SEX OFFENDER MAY DO SO AT:** www.records.txdps.state.tx.us/dps/default.cfm

De acuerdo con Articulo 6252-13c.1, de la ley estatal, las siguientes personas se han registrado con el departamento de Policia como ofensores sexuales que residen en la ciudad de Big Spring. Esta informacion es publicada por:

Rayos, Ronnie Ray, un hombre de 41 anos de edad, 1603 Bluebird, Big Spring, 79720, culpable de "Asalto sexual con un menor." **ALGUIEN DESEA NDO ACCESAR UNA PHOTO DE UN SEXO OFFENSOR PUEDE HACER ASIEN:** www.records.txdps.state.tx.us/dps/default.cfm

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CITY OF BIG SPRING PUBLIC HEARING TUESDAY, 5:30 P.M. MARCH 26, 2002 CITY COUNCIL CHAMBERS 307 S. 4TH STREET, BIG SPRING, TEXAS 79720

WATER CONSERVATION PLAN and DROUGHT CONTINGENCY PLAN

The Big Spring City Council will hold a Public Hearing concerning the revised Water Conservation Plan (WCP) and the Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) for the City of Big Spring, Howard County, Texas. This replaces the previously adopted Water Conservation and Drought Contingency Plan of November 1992. This revised Water Conservation Plan (WCP) is written to comply with State Regulations and to provide the City of Big Spring with an acceptable plan to eliminate unnecessary water usage in a cost effective manner. Water uses regulated or prohibited under this Drought Contingency Plan (DCP) are considered to be non-essential and the City of Big Spring is committed to providing water during times of water shortage or other emergency water supply condition are deemed to constitute a waste of water which subjects the offender(s) to penalties. Citizens will have the opportunity to express any oral or written comments. Comments may also be mailed to Todd Darden, Public Works Director, City of Big Spring, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or call (915) 264-2500 #3487 March 23 & 24, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

INVITATION FOR BIDS Sealed proposals addressed to Mr. John Grant, General Manager of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, will be received at the office of the Colorado River Municipal Water District, P.O. Box 869, 403 E. 24th Street, Big Spring, Texas 79721, until Thursday, April 18, 2002 at 2:00 p.m. for furnishing of the following items:

- Pump Control Valves And Valve Control Systems
- At this time and place the proposals will be publicly opened and read aloud. Any bid received after closing time will not be accepted and will be returned to sender unopened. Specifications and contract documents are on file and may be obtained by written request to the address above or by calling (915) 267-6341. A bid security bond shall be as set forth in the instructions to Bidders.

In case of ambiguity or lack of clarity in the proposed prices, the Colorado River Municipal Water District reserves the right to adopt the most advantageous construction hereof, to reject any or all bids, and to waive formalities. The District anticipates that it will notify the successful bidder(s) by issuing a Purchase Order within thirty (30) days after the bid date. No bid may be withdrawn within one hundred twenty (120) days after date on which bids are opened. COLORADO RIVER MUNICIPAL WATER DISTRICT John Grant, General Manager #3488 March 24 & April 7, 2002

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that if requested in writing by April 22, 2002, a public hearing will be held by West Texas Opportunities, Inc., 603 North 4th Street, Lamesa, Texas on April 29, 2002 at 4:00 p.m. to accept comments on a proposed continuation of rural public transportation services within Lamesa and Dawson County; Stanton and Martin County; McCamey/Rankin and Upton County; Seminole/Seagraves and Gaines County; Andrews and Howard County; Crane and Crane County; Garden City and Glasscock County; Monahan and Ward County; Pecos and Reeves County; Ft. Stockton and Pecos County; Kermit and Winkler County; Sanderson and Terrell County; Mentone and Loving County; rural Midland and Ector Counties; and Gail and Borden County. Financial assistance to provide this service is being sought from the Texas Department of Transportation in the amount of \$311,012 and we are soliciting receiving additional State funds to supplement this amount. Service will be for the general public and fares will be charged for the service. Additional vehicles will not be required to provide this service. Written comments are being accepted at P.O. Box 1308, Lamesa, Texas until 4:00 p.m. on April 22, 2002. If you wish to or cannot attend the hearing, further information including a full copy of the application can be reviewed at West Texas Opportunities, Inc. #3491 March 24 & 31, 2002

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