

**SUNDAY**

April 21, 2002

**WEATHER**

Today:



**TODAY** 74°-76°  
**TONIGHT** 50°-53°

**BSPD plans open house on Friday**

In celebration of 75 years of public service, the Big Spring Police Department will hold an open house from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday.

The event will be held at the department office at 400 E. Fourth St.

The public is invited and refreshments will be served. The invitation includes all former employees of the police department and their family members.

**Aggie Muster slated today at country club**

Aggie Muster will be held today at the Big Spring Country Club, hosted by the Howard County A&M Club.

The Texas Aggie Muster will honor all Texas Aggies who have passed away within the last year.

Various muster activities, including a cocktail reception and dinner, will begin at 6 p.m. The Texas Aggie Muster Ceremony will follow at 7:45 p.m. All former and current students, their families and friends of Texas A&M University are invited.

For more information regarding the muster, contact Linda Luce, muster chair, at 263-0658.

**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.

Evening Lion's Club meets at noon every

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**Master the Mountain**

**AIDS victim overcomes odds to compete, place**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

A year and half ago, 42-year-old Tony Cano could barely walk or speak. Saturday, the Big Spring resident ran to third place in the men's 5K 40-49 age group at the Big Spring State Park Fun Run/Walk.

Cano had not been training for the competition and six years had past since he last competed in a running event.

Yet when he woke up this morning, he decided conquering the steep inclines of the Big Spring State Park was something he needed to

do. "I wanted to set an example for my nephews and nieces and to prove something to myself," Cano said. "I was diagnosed with HIV 20 years ago and have had full blown AIDS for the last two years. I was very sick the last year and half. I could barely walk or speak."

He eventually gained his health back.

"The Lord gave me my health and strength back and I thought I should do something with it," he said.

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Danny Galey of Colorado City, front, and Penny Wasem of Midland accept a glass of water from William Adams of the Citizen's Police Academy during the Big Spring State Park "Master the Mountain" Fun Run/Walk. About 40 people participated in the annual event Saturday, sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the state park.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

**Here's to your health!**

**2,000 take advantage of free tests**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Around 2,000 people took advantage of the free health screenings, material and services offered at the Big Spring Health Fair 2002.

"I came out to check on my health and look around," said Tom Lucas of Big Spring.

Free massages, blood sugar and blood pressure tests were just of the few of services offered to the public.

"We feel like once again the health fair was very successful," said Debbye Valverde, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce executive director.

"We had a lot of people take advantages of all of the services offered by the booths," said Nancy Jones,



Christie Webb, an RN for the VA Medical Center, checks Tom Lucas' blood pressure at the Big Spring Health Fair 2002 Saturday. Around 2,000 people took advantage of the free screenings, services and material offered at the fair.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Health Fair Committee member.

Among the most popular items at the fair were gun

locks being handed out by the Big Spring Police Department. Some 500 of the locks were distributed

as part of a statewide program Child Safe.

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**LCU pact on college agenda for Monday**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Consideration to enter into a finalized brokering agreement with Lubbock Christian University and withdrawal of a bus purchase will top the Howard College board of trustees meeting Monday.

Trustees agreed to enter into a brokerage agreement with LCU at their March board meeting to bring a bachelor's degree program for college juniors and seniors to the Howard College campus.

Ken James, president of LCU, is expected to attend for finalizing of the agreement, according to Dr. Cheryl Sparks, Howard College president.

In other business, Howard College officials plan to recommend the withdrawal of purchase of a transportation bus ordered from the manufacturer about six months ago.

"When the bus came in, it was not the one we ordered," Sparks said. "The manufacturer contributed it to a computer error. The board has the option of reordering or considering other options."

Trustees will meet 12:30 p.m. in the Howard College

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**BSHS trio qualifies for state UIL contest**

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring High School senior Nathan Smith will be returning to Austin to defend his last year's state spelling and vocabulary title.

Smith and two other BSHS students qualified for

University Interscholastic League state competition Saturday while competing in the regional contest at Angelo State University.

Last year, Smith tied for the title of the best speller in the state. Smith is also a finalist in the National Merit scholarship program.

Also making her second

appearance is senior April Ward, who placed third in editorial writing. Ward qualified for state competition her sophomore year in a journalism event. She is the senior editor of the high school paper *The Corral*.

Ian Coccozza will round out the group heading to Austin. Coccozza placed

third in current events.

Smith will also be an alternate in the mathematics event by placing fourth at regional contest.

Also competing Saturday for BSHS were Chris Wigington, Angela Payne, Amanda Sheedy, and Brittney Barrow.

**Vigil planned Tuesday to honor victims of violent crime, terror**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Victim Services will hold a community candlelight vigil to honor all victims of violent crime Tuesday with a special remembrance of all who were impacted by the tragic events that unfolded on Sept. 11.

"We invite the public to come support victims of violent crimes but we also want to recognize the victims of Sept. 11 and the community because of the impact the attacks had on all of us," said Shann Thomas, executive director of Victim Services.

"September 11 was a devastating day for the country but the effects of violent crimes on victims of this community is devastating on a daily basis," she con-

tinued.

The vigil will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church chapel, 705 W. FM-700. Candles will be available for the public.

Dusty Shelhamer, a Big Spring firefighter who was called to assist at the disaster site of the World Trade Center after the terrorist attacks, will be among the guest speakers.

Dwayne and Bonnie Wheat, whose daughter was murdered in 1991, will talk about the personal impact violent crime has on family members.

Trooper Michael Sparks will give a Power Point presentation over the Sept. 11 tragedy and a video tape tribute will be presented.

Special performances will be given by Flynn Long of



Victim Services staff members Renee Burleson, left, Shann Thomas and Denise Hester prepare for Tuesday's candlelight vigil set for 6:30 p.m. at the First Baptist Church chapel, 705 W. FM 700. The community candlelight vigil is being held to honor all victims of violent crimes Tuesday with a special remembrance of all who were impacted by the tragic events that unfolded on Sept. 11.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring and Clint Adams of Midland who will play the bagpipes, the Big Spring High School Choir and the SouthWest Collegiate

Institute for the Deaf Expressions.

Law enforcement agencies and emergency personnel will be honored during

the vigil.

James Parks, director of Emergency Services of

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**RUN**

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About 43 walkers and runners participated in the fifth annual event sponsored by Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring State Park.

Results from the Fun Run are:

Men's 10K, 50 and up, Dean Cook, first; Frank McAndrew, second.

Men's 10K, 49 and under, Patrick Gonzales, first; Gray Larson, second; Albert V. Espinoza, third.

Women's 10K run, Penny Wasem, first; Melissa McCullough, second; Donna McMahon, third.

Women's 5K run, age 20-29 run, Donna Spindler, first; Sandra Spindler, second; Angela Franco, third.

Women's 5K run, 20 and under, Michelle Teveni, first; Laura Teveni, second.

Men's 5K run, age 40-49, Dr. David Ward, first; Dr. Paul Teveni, second; Tony Cano, third.

Men's 5K run, age 30-39, Wade Graham, first; Pete Torres, second.

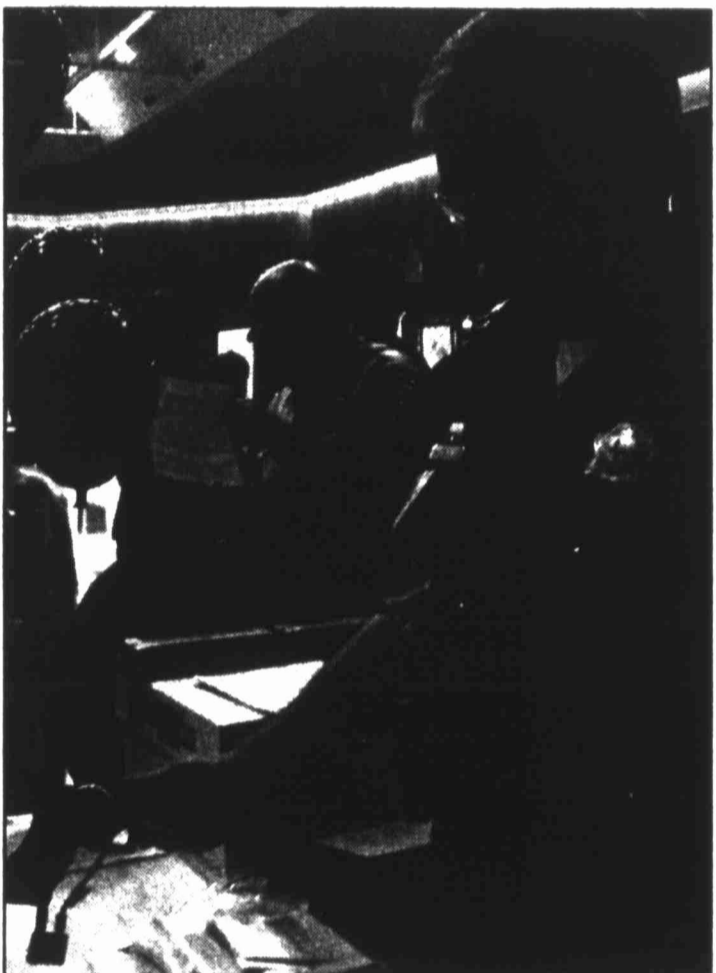
Men's 5K Run, age 20-under, Michael Solis, first; Adam Dulap, second; Jesse Ramirez Jr., third.

5K walk, Jana Slaughter, first; Cynthia Black, second; Tracy Rex Romanelli, third.



HERALD photo/Lyndal Moody

Tony Cano runs a lap during the 5K run Saturday at the Big Spring State Park Fun Run/Walk. Cano, who is battling AIDS, was among about 40 people who took up the challenge of walking or running along the steep inclines.



HERALD photo/Lyndal Moody

Sgt. John Leubner of the Big Spring Police Department demonstrates at the Big Spring Health Fair, 2002, how to use a gun lock to secure a weapon from accidentally discharging. The department is giving out the gun locks as a statewide program, Child Safe.

**HEALTH**

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"Its very easy to use," said Sgt. John Leubner. "It is designed to prevent accidents."

The lock can be used in a variety of firearms.

"It designed to keep the gun secure so kids can't get to them," Leubner said.

Anyone who missed the health fair and is interested in receiving a free gun lock can contact Leubner at 264-2595.

The Citizens Police Academy booth was also busy; fingerprinting and videotaping children for their parents or guardian to use as a personal record.

**Reception planned for Sheppard, guest conductor for symphony event**

HERALD Staff Report

A reception will be held at 8 p.m. Thursday for Dr. Kenneth Sheppard, conductor of the Southwestern University Choral.

The event will be held in the Dora Roberts Community Center Lakeroom. Sheppard was the Big Spring High



SHEPPARD

School choir director from 1967 to 1971 and will be the guest conductor for the Big Spring Symphony's final performance of the season.

The Big Spring Symphony Association will present An Evening of Great Choral Music, featuring the Southwestern University Choral, The Big Spring Symphony Orchestra, the Big Spring Symphony Chorus, the Midland/Odessa Chorale, the Big Spring High School Meistersingers and the Bauer Elementary Honor Chorus on Saturday at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring

Municipal Auditorium.

Tickets are \$10 for adults \$8 for senior and \$5 for students. For more information, call the symphony office at 264-7223.

A combination ticket for the concert and "Around the World in 80 Bites" is available at the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, for \$15.

"Around the World in 80 Bites" offers bite-size samples of exotic culinary delights from around the world and begins at 5:30 p.m. on Saturday at the museum.

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board room in the Dora Roberts Student Union Building, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Consideration of a general contract bid for the SouthWest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf pedestrian plaza.
- Trustees election update.
- Resolution for faculty retirement.
- District faculty and professional staff employment contracts.
- Catalog and student handbook changes.

ties.

For more information about the vigil, call Victim Services 263-3312

**WHAT'S UP**

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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.

**THURSDAY**  
 □ Gideons International, Big Spring Camp U42060 meets at Herman's

Restaurant at 7 a.m.

□ Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for people 55 and over.

□ Coffee Club meets at 10 a.m. at Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

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

□ Masonic Lodge 598 meets at 7:30 p.m. at 219 Main.

**FRIDAY**

□ Signal Mt. Quilting Guild meets from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

□ AMBUCS meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ ABC Club meets at noon at the Brandin Iron.

□ The Greater Big Spring Rotary Club meets at noon at the Howard College Cactus Room.

□ Spring City Senior Citizens Country and Western Dance will be 7:30 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. All area seniors are invited.

**SATURDAY**

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club meets at 7:30 a.m. at the Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served.

□ The Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**VIGIL**

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Midland, will be attending. The vigil is being held during victims of violent crimes awareness week.

Victim Services is an advocate agency for people who have suffered violent crimes and their families. Four staff members and 15 volunteers cover the 24-hour, 365 days a year service to provide crisis intervention or accompaniment to the hospital and law enforcement agencies in Howard, Glasscock, Martin, Borden and Mitchell coun-

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(L to R) Janice Wagner RN Program Director Therapist, Rick Jackson RN, Charge Nurse, Deidra Whatley, RN PT Advocate, Karen Anderson LVN, Comm. Education Coord. Not pictured Stephanie Larson, Social Services Director.

**Dr. E.W. Stokes**  
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EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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OUR VIEWS

Vigil needs our support on Tuesday

On Tuesday, a special candlelight vigil will be held at the First Baptist Church chapel to recognize some special people — those who were victims of violent crimes, and those who fight daily to prevent those crimes from happening.

Victim Services, an advocate agency for people and their families who have suffered violent crimes, is sponsoring the event to coincide with violent crimes awareness week.

The vigil will begin at 6:30 p.m. Candles will be available for those who wish to light them. The public is encouraged to attend.

Several individuals — from emergency services personnel to a Department of Public Safety trooper and a family whose daughter was a victim of murder — will speak. Others will perform special music for the event.

A special remembrance will be held for those who died in the terror attacks on Sept. 11 — a tragedy which touched every American.

In addition, law enforcement agencies and emergency personnel will be recognized.

We hope you will take the time to show your support for this worthwhile event. Only by standing together can we ever begin to overcome abuse in our community, in our country and in our world.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

We are so blessed to live in a free country with friends and loved ones who are so supportive and helpful when trials come our way. There are so many fine people to thank. First, we offer many thanks to the Herald, KBST, Cox Communication and the churches for the publicity about the community garage and bake sale held in Coahoma April 12 and 13 for Marvin and Matthew Wynn.

Second, we have heartfelt gratitude to all who brought goods, baked goods and donations to the sale. Third, thanks to all who came and bought goods. Many of these same people worked tirelessly setting up the sale and also helped to sell the materials. This was not limited to Coahoma people and churches, but included Big Spring as well.

There are too many

groups and individuals to mention them all and we don't want to leave any one out. These worthy people joyfully gave of their valuable time, money and goods. A tremendous debt of gratitude is owed to Sue and Grady Tindol who masterminded the whole sale.

People do not know how fortunate they are to live among such marvelous, kind and loving people. We will be eternally grateful to all of you. How could we get along without our friends and loved ones?

Also, we would be remiss if we did not thank all of the people at Scenic Mountain Medical Center and all the other people who have given blood for Matthew. You are just a fantastic and wonderful people.

LOMA JEAN, MARVIN, ELOISE AND MATTHEW WYNN  
COAHOMA

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Saying goodbye to the Queen Mum

For most Americans, I suppose, British royalty seems a silly, unnecessary expense, but I've always had great affection for it. Tradition, ceremony and ritual remind us that we are more than animals, that humans are capable of more than satisfying appetites and urges.

I remember the late Queen Mother when she was Queen Elizabeth during World War II. There is a picture of her, King George VI and their daughters, Princess Elizabeth and Princess Margaret, standing on a balcony that is firmly stuck in my mind. It was probably from a newsreel or a newsmagazine. But I can still see them clearly. They remained at Buckingham Palace during the blitz, and the old palace was hit by several bombs as the Luftwaffe tried to bomb Britain into submission in 1941. The value of their symbolism was very important when the continued existence of Great Britain was in doubt.

Despite carping about the actions of the British government on occasion, I am a confirmed Anglophile. My ancestors came from there — from Wales, Scotland, England and Ireland. I grew up listening to British ballads and reading British literature, and to this day I dearly love the U.K. and especially London — dirty, cold, often gray, but dear old London.

At 19, I impulsively bought a one-way ticket to England. That was all I could afford. I sailed on the Isle de France, a grand old ship of the French line, and landed in Plymouth in the autumn of 1956. Seeing England at the age of 19 remains one of the happiest experiences of my life. I took the train to London and spent my first night in a room off Russell Square. For some reason, a cup of tea outdoors in Russell Square with the leaves falling remains fixed in my memory.

Personally, I think people who don't read waste their money on travel. Unless you have read the history and the literature of a place, all you see are buildings and land, and you can see those anywhere. I saw not only the London before my eyes, but the London of Charles Dickens, Samuel

Johnson and William Thackeray. I was thrilled to get a job in a quaint wooden building in Johnson's Alley, just off Fleet Street. When I saw the Roman lighthouse at Dover, I also saw Julius Caesar's legions landing on the pebble beach below 2,000 years ago, the first of only two successful invasions of England. I was delighted to join "me mates" in a pub where Johnson himself had once held forth.

England has not escaped the ravages of modernity. It is crowded, industrialized, full of foreigners, culturally degenerate, its politicians largely monuments of mediocrity — exactly like us. Ironically, though, England now has a higher crime rate per capita than the United States. But through the debris and dirt of modernity, the old, greater England still shines through. I think it was that old, greater England that the Queen Mother symbolized, and that's why hundreds of thousands of people lined the path of her hearse and thousands more had stood in line all night to pay their final respects.

I've since visited London several times and loved every moment I spent in the city. On my last visit, my son and I crossed the

Thames on a footbridge attached to a railroad bridge in a cold, driving rain, and I thought to myself, despite all the changes, London is still not that different from the London I first saw so many years ago.

I've been lucky and seen Paris, Vienna, Munich, Nuremberg, Prague, Budapest, Cairo, Jerusalem, Tel Aviv, Amman, Bern, Zurich, Bratislava and Salzburg. Each has its own beauty and charm, but if circumstances gave me the chance to live anywhere but in the United States, it would be England.

She is our mother country. Our written Constitution is based on her unwritten constitution. Our concept of individual rights comes from the Magna Carta, signed at Runnymede. Our language and culture come largely from her. She no longer rules the waves. Her empire has vanished. But even in decline, she remains a magnificent country, that little green island that came to dominate the world because of the boldness and courage of her people.

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CHARLEY REESE



Jack Anderson and Douglas Cohon

Cloning debate continues on Capitol Hill

The Senate will soon debate human cloning, a futuristic science with both enormous promise and frightening implications. Opponents conjure up images of babies cloned for spare parts and laboratory-made Frankensteins, while supporters envision a brave new world where patients with spinal-cord injuries walk again and illnesses such as cancer and diabetes are cured. The two sides will provide the public with a passionate exchange of views.



JACK ANDERSON

Whether voters will come away enlightened is another matter. It is easy to demagogue cloning and scare people about a brave new world where ethical boundaries slip away and commercialism takes over. Religious conservatives with the strong backing of President Bush want the Senate to legislate a ban that would bar federal funding for such research. Some

women's groups have come out in support of the ban because they fear women will get seduced into selling their eggs. Those who favor "therapeutic research" propose an alternative that would ban reproductive cloning, but allow experimentation on early cell clusters under tight government regulation. Neither group appears to have the 60 votes needed to cut off a filibuster and pass controversial legislation.

The two sides do not break exclusively along party or even ideological lines. Those who back a full ban are led by Sam Brownback, R-Kans., a leading pro-life voice in the Congress, and Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., a pro-choice Catholic. The alternative is co-sponsored by Senators Ted Kennedy, D-Mass., and Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., together with Arlen Specter, R-Pa., who has a record of independence from his party's social conservatives. A wild card is Senator Orrin Hatch, R-Utah, whose outspoken support for stem cell research last year angered some religious conservatives but proved crucial in giving Bush the maneuvering room he needed to stray from his politi-

cal base and allow federal funding.

Explaining the science at the core of the debate requires more than a sound bite. Therapeutic cloning uses an unfertilized egg that is never implanted into a woman's uterus, only into a petri dish. This embryonic collection of cells is no bigger than the period at the end of a sentence, and is not fertilized. No sperm are involved. These early embryos are known by scientists as blastocysts, and can develop into the stem cells so valuable for medical research. When Bush argues that cloning is wrong because "no human life should be exploited or extinguished for the benefit of another," he is conferring the sanctity of human life on these unfertilized cells.

Bush's drive to legislate a ban on cloning got a boost when the Senate's only medical doctor, Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., spoke in support of the ban. Frist does not approach the issue with the same moral fervor as Bush, but claims instead that cloning is not needed right now for stem-cell research to proceed, and that the issue can always be revisited. Some admirers of Frist — and he has

many — think he positioned himself with the president to advance his presidential ambition, either as a potential running mate for Bush or as a candidate on his own in 2008.

Frist admits to having qualms about the ban on importation of cloning research that opponents include in their bill. It creates the specter of desperately ill Americans who seek treatment overseas being subject to arrest when they return.

Even more to the point, what makes anybody think they can legislate science? The rest of the world is not bound to our laws. Worldwide scientific discovery and development only can be thwarted by economic or military coercion, which is what we attempt to employ in our efforts to prevent nuclear and chemical-biological weapons proliferation. This is the real question before the Senate: Is America prepared to use coercion to ensure worldwide compliance with a ban on cloning? The answer may be "yes" to the actual cloning of human beings, but more likely "no" when it comes to stem-cell research.

Civil

DALLAS (A Friday found a millionaire re 1998 killing ar pay his sister \$ unusual beca courtroom charges were fi Lawyers for Dealey had as Chuck Mayhe the shooting Mayhew, a f mayor. Jurors delib day Friday af before awardin five times the seeking. Dealey said vides closure, b tions. "It's so sad to

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SAN ANTON woman whose 4-year-old drowned in a apartment co been given pro conviction on a charge of cau injury by omi than more seri Lisa Presco given a sentenc probation. She to life in prison of recklessly ca injury by omis ing to adequat her daughter. Prosecutors Lisa Prescott h of leaving the g vised. On Dec. prosecution arg single, unempl was taking a nap in the apar her twin dau dered outside. Charges agai were filed two the body of Sa was found, bloe in the hot tub ment compl Prescott lived mother and wit ters, Sarah and Defense attor that Prescott 1 children in h care. No charg against Presco



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# Civil jury finds son of millionaire responsible for slaying

DALLAS (AP) — Jurors on Friday found the son of a slain millionaire responsible for the 1998 killing and ordered him to pay his sister \$26 million in a case unusual because it reached a courtroom before criminal charges were filed.

Lawyers for Amanda Mayhew Dealey had asked jurors to find Chuck Mayhew responsible for the shooting death of Charles Mayhew, a former Sunnyvale mayor.

Jurors deliberated about half a day Friday after a three-week trial before awarding Dealey more than five times the \$5 million she was seeking.

Dealey said the judgment provides closure, but also mixed emotions.

"It's so sad to have it confirmed

by others that my brother killed our father," she said. "It would have been so much better if the criminal courts had dealt with it. I hated to be the one to take that responsibility."

She said she hopes to forgive Mayhew someday.

"I still love him," she said, "he's my brother."

Jury foreman Robert Schutz said the panel wanted to send a message, but he wouldn't elaborate.

Because her suit was a civil matter, the jury was not asked to find guilt, a term used in criminal prosecutions. Dealey's lawyers had to prove to the jury only that it is more likely than not that Mayhew killed his father.

Defense attorney Bill Hommel said his client was found guilty of

not being a nice guy.

"He treated his dad badly over the years" but did not commit murder, Hommel said.

Dealey, a 51-year-old Austin socialite, filed a wrongful death lawsuit against her brother after Dallas County authorities never collected enough evidence to pursue a criminal indictment. She accused Chuck Mayhew of killing their father because he worried about being cut from a large inheritance.

"Chuck Mayhew believes he's clever and can get away with murder," said plaintiff's attorney Steve Sumner.

Sumner said the elder Mayhew had warned others that he feared his son and started taping their phone conversations three years before his death.

"He was making those tapes for you," Sumner told the jury. "He wanted his son held accountable."

Attorney Rebecca Hamilton told jurors that the criminal justice system failed in this case, and asked them to send a message that the district attorney's office needs to pursue it.

Mayhew, 49, has denied any involvement in the death and Hommel said his client would never have hurt his father.

"The main reason this case doesn't make sense is there was no one, not one breathing soul in the world, that meant more to Chuck Mayhew than his father," Hommel said during closing arguments.

During the trial, Dealey's attorneys presented circumstantial evidence that they say links Chuck Mayhew to the killing.

They played audiotapes of Mayhew erupting into profanity-laden rages in phone conversations with his father and videotapes of the son admitting he repeatedly threatened to kill the older man after a failed land development deal.

Defense attorneys criticized that evidence as circumstantial.

"They don't have any real proof," Hommel said. "They don't have any real evidence that he killed his father."

Charles Mayhew, 81, was shot once in the neck while he slept.

Dealey said during the trial that her lawsuit is about justice, not money. But by prevailing, she could lay claim to the family's inheritance, which has been tied up in legal battles.

# 23-year-old man convicted in robbery-slaying 25 months ago

EL PASO (AP) — A 23-year-old man has been convicted of capital murder in the robbery-slaying two years ago of an 18-year-old El Paso woman.

William Josef Berkley showed little emotion Friday when state District Judge David Guaderrama read the verdict aloud.

Afterward, Berkley smiled at his defense attorneys.

The jury deliberated three hours before returning its verdict in the March 10, 2000, death of Sophia Martinez, a senior at El Paso Burges High School.

A surveillance camera captured the robbery at an ATM machine.

Berkley, 23, could be sentenced to death or to life in prison with parole a possibility only after serving 40 years.

The courtroom gallery, packed with spectators, was

silent after the judge warned against any outbursts, the El Paso Times reported in its Saturday editions.

Martinez was attacked about 10:20 p.m. as she withdrew \$20 from a Government Employees Credit Union drive-through ATM. The credit union's surveillance camera showed a man prosecutors believed was Berkley forcing his way into her car. The tape then showed Martinez withdrawing \$200 more and driving away with the man still in her car.

Her body was found two days later near Painted Dunes Desert Golf Course in northeast El Paso. She had been shot five times in the head.

Berkley and Michael Jacques, 24, were arrested on Oct. 1, 2000, after Jacques wife went to the FBI with

information about Martinez' death. After Berkley's arrest, he gave El Paso police detectives two statements — one detailing how he planned the robbery and how he kidnapped Martinez and killed her in the desert. In the first statement, Berkley admitted to robbing Martinez, but said he didn't remember killing her.

Frank Macias, one of Berkley's lawyers, said he expects to call at least 10 witnesses on his client's behalf during the punishment phase, and the prosecution indicated it would call about 12 witnesses. For Berkley to get the death sentence, jurors must find that he is a continuing threat to society, that he intended to and deliberately killed Martinez, and that there are no mitigating circumstances that may have contributed to his crime.

Macias said after Friday's verdict that he and co-counsel Matthew DeKoatz are considering filing a motion for a new trial. Macias would not specify on what grounds he would file the motion.

"Of course, we think the jury came to the wrong verdict, but we respect their verdict," Macias said.

Prosecution witnesses testified Friday that Berkley was a violent person and didn't respect his elders,

peers or women.

Jack Gilliland, a former neighbor of the defendant, testified that on the night before Berkley's arrest he had beaten up a guy with bricks and cut somebody else's nose with a knife.

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# Jury shows compassion in drowning of daughter

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A woman whose unsupervised 4-year-old daughter drowned in a hot tub at an apartment complex has been given probation after conviction on a less-serious charge of causing bodily injury by omission rather than more serious charges.

Lisa Prescott, 33, was given a sentence of 10 years probation. She had faced up to life in prison if convicted of recklessly causing bodily injury by omission for failing to adequately supervise her daughter.

Prosecutors argued that Lisa Prescott had a history of leaving the girls unsupervised. On Dec. 6, 1999, the prosecution argued that the single, unemployed mother was taking an afternoon nap in the apartment when her twin daughters wandered outside.

Charges against Prescott were filed two weeks after the body of Sarah Prescott was found, bloating face up in the hot tub of the apartment complex where Prescott lived with her mother and with her daughters, Sarah and Stephanie.

Defense attorneys argued that Prescott had left the children in her mother's care. No charges were filed against Prescott's mother,

and she did not testify, the San Antonio Express-News reported in its Saturday editions.

"My children were what I woke up to every day. They were my life," Prescott said after the proceeding.

Defense attorneys Raul Cantu and John Herrick said they will appeal the conviction, arguing that Sarah's drowning was a tragic accident and not her mother's fault.

Cantu said the statute under which Lisa Prescott was prosecuted, injury by omission, is too sweeping and puts all parents at risk of prosecution when harm befalls their children who are out of their sight.

"What Lisa was convicted of was failure to supervise. As horrible as it sounds, you can't supervise kids 24 hours a day," Cantu said.

J. Charles Bunk, an assistant district attorney on the case, said Prescott was prosecuted because of a pattern of neglect.

"Clearly this was not the first time they'd gotten out of the apartment," he said. "There's overwhelming evidence they'd been seen unsupervised, returned to their mother and the next day they'd be out again unsupervised."

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## National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week

Dear Ann Landers: Every day in this country, at least 16 people die waiting for human organs to become available for transplantation. Nearly 80,000 Americans are currently on the national waiting list for life-saving organ transplants. Each month, nearly 2,000 new patients are added to the list of those in need of a kidney, liver, pancreas, heart or a pair of lungs.



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Transplant surgery is highly successful, but the drastic shortage of organs is rapidly taking lives. April 21-27 is National Organ and Tissue Donor Awareness Week, a time for all Americans to think about organ donation. The process is simple. Sign an organ donor card, and discuss your decision with family members.

For more information about organ donation or a free organ donor card, please tell your readers to call the National Kidney Foundation at 1-800-622-9010, or write us at: National Kidney Foundation, 30 East

33rd St., New York, NY 10016 (www.kidney.org). — Drew Baur, Chairman, National Kidney Foundation

Dear Drew Baur: Thank you for giving me the opportunity to remind my readers to become organ donors. I hope many of them will contact your office and sign up. It is a selfless act of generosity.

Dear Ann Landers: I am seven months pregnant with my second child. My mother lives in another state and wants to be here for the baby's birth. The problem is, she wants to bring along my stepfather, "Joe," who is in the advanced stages of Parkinson's disease. During their last visit, Joe started a fire in my microwave, spilled food on my new carpet and urinated on the floor. My mother also expects my husband and me to "baby-sit" Joe so she can take a break and go shopping.

I have explained to my mother that it will be too stressful for me to have my stepfather in my house. I offered to help pay for a hotel room or temporary residence at a nearby nursing home, but my mother insists that they both stay

with us. I don't want to hurt her feelings, but I am desperate. What can I do? — Expecting in Phoenix

Dear Phoenix: I realize your mother needs a break, but it is unfair of her to expect you to provide it when you are recuperating from the birth of your child.

Tell Mom you are so sorry, but you cannot possibly take the responsibility of watching Joe because your hands will be full with the new baby. If she insists on bringing Joe along, tell her you are making reservations for both of them at a hotel or for Joe at a resident-care facility. Tell her you will help pay for it. Keep repeating this sentence (sweetly): "I'm looking forward to seeing you. I will reserve a room at the Happy Rendezvous Suites."

Remember, dear, no one can take advantage of you without your permission.

Dear Ann Landers: I enjoyed the letter suggesting that a businessperson be put in a grade-school classroom to see if he or she could survive.

Last month, I was in the grocery store and ran into an old friend. She asked, "How is your daughter doing in first grade?" I

replied that it had taken almost two weeks, but she finally had stopped crying at night. I went on to tell my friend that the bigger kids kept lifting her up and others were taking her pencils and breaking them. They called her ugly names, and she had been kicked, slapped and spat upon.

The woman next to us at the checkout counter was appalled and said, "My goodness! Who could be so cruel to a 6-year-old?" I answered, "Oh, no, my daughter is the teacher!" — Proud of Her in Louisiana

Dear Louisiana: I trust your daughter has devel-

oped more effective strategies for controlling her classroom by now. I wish her luck.

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## Students plan county's first integrated prom

BUTLER, Ga. (AP) — Nearly 15 years before Gerica McCrary was born, recently integrated Taylor County High School stopped sponsoring a prom. Parents and students set up their own — one for blacks and one for whites.

The tradition continued for 31 springs in this rural county of 8,800 midway between Columbus and Macon in central Georgia until McCrary asked her fellow juniors to "stand for what is right" and vote to hold one prom for students of all races.

"In the beginning, the students were afraid of change," the black 17-year-old said. "But the kids got together. The students tore down the Berlin Wall. Both sides were tired of it."

"Now, I walk through the halls of the school and people are smiling," she said. "It brings tears to my eyes. We are in unity."

The junior class is responsible for setting up each year's prom, so next year's class could vote to go back to separate dances. But McCrary and others are hopeful that their May 3 bash — at a hotel 50 miles away in Columbus — will end the long history of segregation.

Taylor County High School has 420 students, 226 of them black. Nearly 75 percent of the juniors and seniors supported McCrary's proposal for one prom.

The decision upset a few parents, but only because they have a hard time adjusting to change, said Steve Smith, a high school

algebra teacher who attended Taylor County schools during desegregation. He and his wife are assisting the junior class on behalf of their daughter and niece, both Taylor County students.

"We work together. We go to school together. Why is one night out of the year a big deal?" he asked.

Public schools in the rural South ignored federal orders to desegregate for decades. Taylor County did not allow blacks and whites to sit in the same classrooms until 26 years after the 1954 Supreme Court ruling in Brown vs. the Board of Education of Topeka, Kan., which declared segregated schools unconstitutional.

Many rural Georgia high schools didn't integrate until the 1970s. After that, many school officials stopped sponsoring proms, in part because of the fear of interracial dating.

Ralph Noble, president of the 37,000-member Georgia Association of Educators, said the students' decision "truly shows that children are wiser than adults many times."

McCrary, who has a 4.0 average and participates in several extracurricular activities, said she was inspired by a classroom slogan that said: "Stand for what is right, or stand alone."

"At first, I was standing alone," she said. "Some thought it was absurd. I wanted unity, diversity, equality. Now, when I walk through the school, people congratulate me."

## Colorado company recalls toy rockets because of potentially dangerous parts

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Colorado company is recalling about 140,000 air-powered toy rockets because of defective parts that can break off and cause eye and hand injuries.

Estes Industries, of Penrose, Colo., has received 16 reports of the rockets' foam tips breaking off to expose sharp edges, the Consumer Product Safety Commission said Thursday.

Six children have been struck in the face, including two who suffered detached retinas and four who suffered lacerations that required stitches or sutures.

The rocket systems also have weak pump handles that can break during use, the safety commission said. There have been 68 reports of broken pump handles, and six reports of hand lacerations.

The GL-X200 Estes Air Powered Rocket Systems

contains two blue rockets with yellow foam tips and are recommended for children ages 8 and older.

"ESTES AIR" is printed in black and white lettering in a 6-inch-wide yellow oval on the front of the pump. "Made in China" is written on the bottom of the pump.

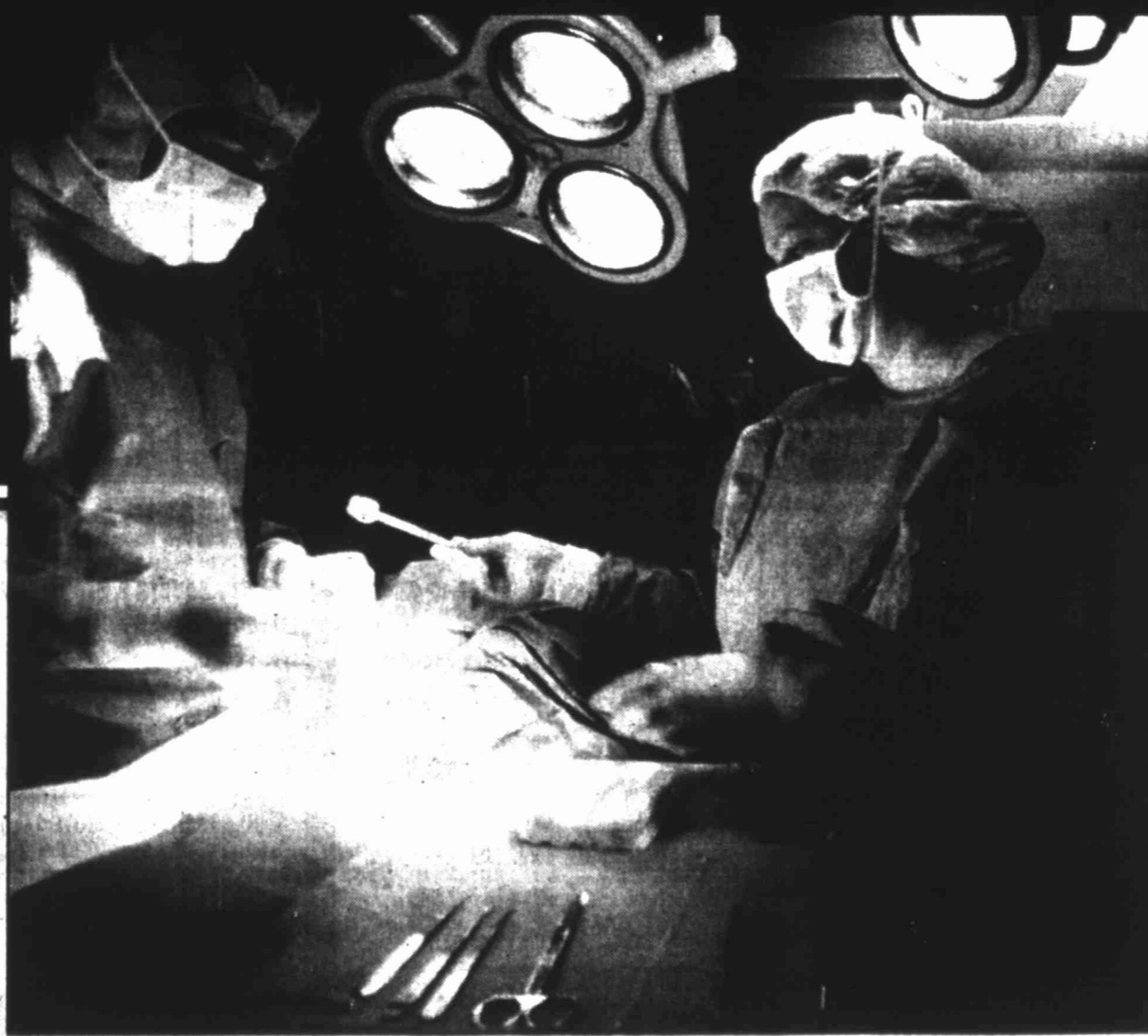
The rockets were sold between February 2001 and February 2002 in department and toy stores nationwide, including Wal-Mart, Toys R Us and Zany Brainy.

They also could be bought online, in catalogs and at hobby shops. Each toy sold for between \$20 and \$40.

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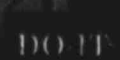
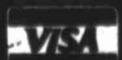
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### IN BRIEF

#### Lady Hawks share WJCAC softball title

Howard College's Lady Hawks completed a four-game sweep of El Paso Community College's Tejanas Saturday with 12-0 and 14-5 wins to claim a Western Junior College Athletic Conference softball championship.

The Lady Hawks, who finished conference play with an 18-6 mark, share the WJCAC title with Midland College's Lady Chaparrals, who were unable to sweep Odessa College in their final conference series over the weekend.

Howard improves to 41-17 on the season and will have their final tune-up for Region V Tournament play on Friday when they play host to UT-Permian's Lady Falcons at Foundation Field.

The Region V Tournament is scheduled for May 2-4 at Abilene Christian University's softball facility.

#### Lady Steers romp, finish second in 4-4A

Big Spring's Lady Steers rolled to a 22-0, five-inning win over Plainview's Lady Bulldogs in their regular season softball finale.

The Lady Steers pounded out 28 hits against Plainview pitching.

In fact, Big Spring was never in trouble, as the Lady Steers opened the game by taking a 3-0 lead in the top of the first inning and made it 9-0 in the second.

Three more Big Spring runs in the third and two in the fourth made it 14-0 and set the stage for an eight-run outburst in the fifth.

Despite the win, the Lady Steers finished second in the District 4-4A standings when Andrews took a 10-3 win over Snyder's Lady Tigers.

Andrews claimed the 4-4A title with a 13-1 record in district play, while the Lady Steers finished at 12-2. San Angelo Lake View's Maidens claimed the league's third-place playoff berth.

#### Hawks split WJCAC series with El Paso

Howard College's Hawks followed the same patters Friday and Saturday in splitting a four-game Western Junior College Athletic Conference series with El Paso Community College's Tejanas.

The Hawks split a Friday twinbill by winning the opener 5-4 and then suffering a 15-1 loss in the nightcap.

On Saturday, the Hawks claimed a 4-3 win in the opener before losing a 13-3 decision in the second game.

The split leaves the Hawks with a 29-20 record overall and 11-12 in conference play going into a doubleheader with Midland College set for noon Thursday at Jack Barber Field.

#### Coahoma's Williams shines at Graham

Two members of the Coahoma Bulldogettes track team took part in regional qualifiers meets in Roscoe and Graham on Thursday.

Rachel Williams took first-place honors in the 400 meters at the Graham meet, posting a time of 59.1 seconds.

She added a third-place finish in the 200 meters and was fourth in both the long jump and the 100 meters.

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## Cowboys trade down to get OU's Williams, extra pick

IRVING (AP) — The Dallas Cowboys traded away their highest draft pick in 11 years, but still got the player they wanted — All-American safety Roy Williams from Oklahoma — and an extra pick.

As their 15-minute time limit to make the No. 6 overall pick ran out Saturday, the Cowboys completed a trade with Kansas City.

Dallas went down just two spots, picking Williams eighth overall and also getting Chiefs' third-round pick (75th overall) and a sixth-round pick next year.

"It was beautiful the way it worked," Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said. "Roy Williams was

somebody we coveted. He's a player that will allow us to be better next year, but is a foundation for the future. That's a rare opportunity, one that we haven't had in a long time."

After consecutive 5-11 seasons, the Cowboys picked in the top 10 for the first time since getting defensive tackle Russell Maryland with the first overall choice in 1991.

Dallas didn't have first-round picks the last two years, having traded those to Seattle for receiver Joey Galloway in February 2000.

The Cowboys had nine picks left in the seven-round draft, including the 37th (second round) and 72nd

(third round) overall picks Saturday, plus the extra choice they got from Kansas City. They also have overall picks 104, 140, 179, 208, 211 and 237 on Sunday.

Williams bypassed his senior year at Oklahoma, where he won the Bronko Nagurski Award for the nation's top defensive player and Thorpe Award for top defensive back. He had 101 tackles and five interceptions for the Sooners last season.

"Roy Williams is an impact-type of player, a guy that makes plays," said Cowboys coach Dave Campo. "You can make a highlight tape of Roy by putting any tape on. He's a

highlight in himself."

Williams is expected to start immediately, alongside five-time Pro Bowler Darren Woodson, the 10-year veteran signed to a contract extension last month.

Jones was able to put some drama in his pick, even though a player the Cowboys wanted was available when it was their turn to pick. As time to pick was running out, Jones was on the phone with both Kansas City and Jacksonville, completing the trade with the Chiefs at the last second.

"The longer you wait, the more

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## Steers rally for 7-5 win

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

They had to come from behind on two different occasions, but Big Spring's Steers made their final home game of the season an enjoyable one with a 7-5 win over Levelland's Lobos in District 4-4A baseball action Friday.

The Steers' comeback was anything but an easy one. In fact, two umpire's calls that had fans howling had many wondering if Big Spring would be able to muster the runs necessary.

But with two out and runners at the corners in the bottom of the sixth inning, Steers senior Jon McKinnon delivered a towering two-run double to left field that provided what proved the game-winner.

"That felt great," a clearly enthused McKinnon said following the game. "I was looking for something I could drive and he (Lobos reliever Tye Bawcom) grooved a fast ball on the first pitch."

Having the game-winning hit was doubly pleasing for McKinnon, since he'd been the Steers' starting pitcher and pitched five innings of four-hit baseball before running into trouble in the top of the sixth.

McKinnon had a 3-2 lead going into the top of the sixth and walked lead-off batter Derrick Boggs. A Bawcom sacrifice bunt advanced Boggs to second.

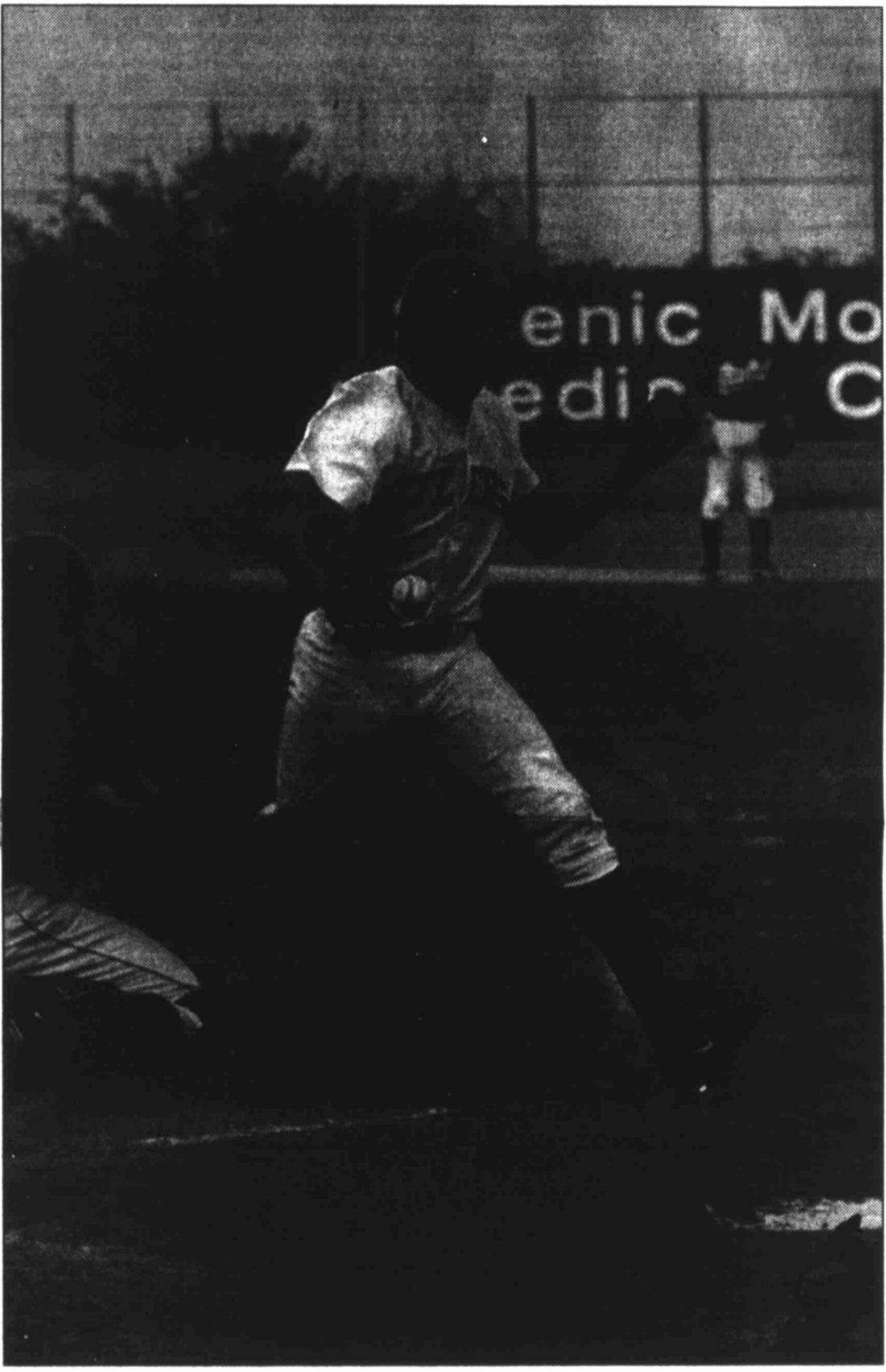
The senior right-hander's control caused problems again when he walked pinch hitter Eric Fortner. That set the stage for Lobos first baseman Ross Thomman to send an '0-1 offering out of the park in left field.

To many, Thomman's towering shot down the line appeared to sail wide of the foul pole and the home plate umpire's signal created an uproar of protest from many Steers fans.

Following the game, however, McKinnon backed the umpire, saying he believed Thomman's blast crossed the fence inside the foul pole.

Big Spring head coach Greg Winder went to the mound and called on Andrew Vizcaino to replace McKinnon. Vizcaino responded, by retiring the side on a couple of ground outs.

The Steers responded in their half of the inning



Big Spring's James Helms stretches for the plate after colliding with Levelland catcher Tanner Richardson and dislodging the ball from his glove during the Steers' game-winning rally in the bottom of the sixth inning Saturday. Helms, who had appeared to score the game-tying run, was called out on the play for not sliding, prompting an unsuccessful appeal by coach Greg Winder and howls from Big Spring fans.

when Mike Smith, who'd moved to catcher from right field when Vizcaino took over pitching duties, led off the Big Spring rally with a double to left and advanced to third on a wild pitch before scoring on a single by James Helms.

Tailing 5-4 with one out and a runner at first, Winder called on Casey Conner to lay down a sacri-

fice bunt that moved Helms to second. Designated hitter Taylor Fraser then singled to left-center field, apparently scoring Helms.

Helms and Lobos catcher Tanner Richardson collided well up the line after Richardson fielded the throw from left and the ball went sailing out of the catcher's mitt and rolled to the fence.

The plate umpire ruled Helms out on the play for not sliding on the play, again drawing howls of criticism from Big Spring faithful and leaving the Lobos with a 5-4 edge.

In the excitement, Fraser reached second and Bawcom promptly issued a two-out walk to Nate

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## Carr is Texans' No. 1 in draft

NEW YORK (AP) — Fresno State quarterback David Carr officially became the expansion Houston Texans' first draft pick, going No. 1 overall in Saturday's NFL draft.

Carr and the Texans agreed during the week to a seven-year contract worth \$46.2 million. He led college passers in yards and touchdowns last year and won the John Unitas Golden Arm Award as the top senior quarterback.

"I am going to do everything I can to be ready to play that first game, but it's going to be the Texans' call," Carr said. "What I'm going to do is work at earning the spot. I don't want it handed to me."

Thirteen linemen went in the first round, nine in the first 15 spots. An unusually high number of tight ends went in the first round, three. Four cornerbacks, three wide receivers, three quarterbacks, two safeties, two running backs, and two linebackers were chosen.

Twelve underclassmen went in the longest first round ever: 5 hours, 46 minutes.

Carolina, as expected, used the second pick for a local player, North Carolina defensive end Julius Peppers, a junior. Peppers, who also played basketball for the Tar Heels, has been compared to Tennessee Titans star Jevon Kearse.

"He plays the game physical, he plays the game tough. I mean, he's strong," said John Fox, the Panthers' new coach. "The thing that people make reference to is consistently dominating. You see this physical prowess in him."

In a mild stunner, Detroit went for quarterback Joey Harrington of Oregon at No. 3. The Lions finished last season with 2001 fifth-round pick Mike McMahon at quarterback, but they were believed to have their sights on Texas cornerback Quentin Jammer.

"I was unbelievably surprised," Harrington said.

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## Former football, wrestling star Wahoo McDaniel dead at 63

HOUSTON (AP) — Wahoo McDaniel, the former pro football player who became one of pro wrestling's most flamboyant figures, has died of complications from renal failure and diabetes. The former Oklahoma football standout was 63.

McDaniel, who lost both of his kidneys about 4 1/2 years ago, died Thursday night at Cy-Fair Medical Clinic in Houston, his oldest daughter said. He'd been in failing health in recent years, often undergoing kidney dialysis. McDaniel was on a waiting list to receive a kidney transplant.

He was born in Bernice, La., on June 19, 1938, and was a schoolboy football star at Midland High School in the 1950s.

McDaniel moved on to the University of Oklahoma, where he lettered as linebacker from 1957-59. He holds the school record for the longest punt with a 91-yarder

against Iowa State in 1958. "He was a wild, crazy Indian," daughter Nicky Rowe said Friday. "He was bigger than life. He was just amazing."

The 5-foot-11, 280-pound McDaniel was selected by Los Angeles in the second round of the American Football League draft in 1960. He bounced around the AFL for much of his eight-year career, spending time with the Houston Oilers, Denver Broncos, New York Jets and, finally, the Miami Dolphins.

By the end of his football career, McDaniel had already established himself as a big name in minor-league wrestling circuits around the country. But as a member of the Jets, McDaniel began to headline wrestling events at Madison Square Garden with the help of the arena's owner, Sonny Werblin. Werblin also was involved in the ownership of the Jets.

McDaniel capitalized on the star-

dom from his gridiron days to make a smooth transition into full-time wrestling. He became one of the country's most popular and beloved wrestlers during the '60s, '70s and '80s.

"He was one of the first to make transition from football to wrestling," said Bob Ryder, who operates the wrestling Web site, 1wrestling.com. "When he found out he was making more money as a wrestler than a football player, he gave up football. He was such a big star."

Over the course of his 30-year wrestling career, McDaniel had memorable battles with wrestling stars such as "Nature Boy" Ric Flair, "Rowdy" Roddy Piper and Sgt. Slaughter. He won several titles before retiring in 1989.

"I wrestled all the top wrestlers in the world, and I traveled a lot," McDaniel said once. "I got to see a lot of places that I probably would-

n't have gotten to see."

He was also fiercely proud of his Chickasaw Indian heritage and always entered the ring with his trademark elaborate feather headdress.

Shortly after retiring, health problems limited McDaniel to one of his newfound passions — golf. He lived in Charlotte, N.C., until recently, but moved to Houston to live with his daughter and son-in-law as his health began to deteriorate.

"He also became a mentor to a lot of other wrestlers," Rowe said. "He was so famous, I just didn't realize it until now. We've got so many calls from people."

Rowe said the family plans to cremate McDaniel's body and scatter the ashes over a lake near Del Rio, which was once the favorite fishing spot for her father and grandfather. They also plan to hold a memorial service for McDaniel in Midland next week.

SPORTS EXTRA

HIGH SCHOOL POLL

The Top 10 high school baseball rankings for the five UL classifications as determined by the Texas High School Baseball Coaches Association and TSB Magazine. Rankings are through Monday, April 15.

Table with 5 columns: Rank, Team, Record. Lists top 10 teams for Class 6A, Class 5A, Class 4A, Class 3A, Class 2A, and Class 1A.

COLLEGE BASEBALL

The top 25 teams in the Collegiate Baseball poll with records through April 14 (voting by coaches, sports writers and sports information directors).

Table with 2 columns: Rank, Team. Lists top 25 college baseball teams.

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Table with 2 columns: Round, Player. Lists NFL draft picks for the first round.

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Clements, setting the stage for McKinnon's heroics.

Ragan Phillips added an RBI single and an insurance run following McKinnon's 2-run double and Vizcaino faced just four batters in the top of the fourth, allowing the Steers to improve their season record to 8-16 and 5-7 in district play.

The loss left Levelland 3-9 in district play and 7-18 on the season.

Levelland jumped out to a 2-0 in the first inning of Friday's game when McKinnon issued a walk to lead-off batter Bryce Samuel and then issued three successive singles.

McKinnon got out of the inning with no more damage and cruised until running into trouble in the

sixth. The Steers began their comeback with a run in the third inning when Conner drew a walk, swiped second and scored on a two-out single by Clements.

Bawcom, who relieved Lobos starter Jessie Rodriguez midway through the fifth inning, ran into immediate trouble when he issued back-to-back walks to Conner and Fraser. A sacrifice bunt by Clements put both runners in scoring position and McKinnon plated Conner with a sacrifice fly to center. Fraser would score a few moments later on a Vizcaino single to give Big Spring its first lead of the game.

The Steers travel to San Angelo on Tuesday, taking on Lake View's Chiefs at 4 p.m.

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"Honestly, I had been told five minutes earlier that they were going in another direction. So, I was just about to sit down with my mom and dad and watch the Lions pick someone else, and I got a phone call. I was shocked. I was caught off-guard, but I'm thrilled to be there."

Harrington led Oregon to a No. 2 ranking last season and was the MVP of the Fiesta Bowl.

Massive offensive tackle Mike Williams of Texas was chosen fourth overall by Buffalo. The Bills get one of the biggest blockers in the nation — the 6-foot-5 1/2 Williams goes anywhere from 360 to 375 pounds. Williams could replace the declining John Fina on the Bills' line.

Jammer, considered the best cover cornerback available, became the second straight Longhorns player selected, going fifth to San Diego. The Chargers ranked 20th in pass defense last season.

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you keep your options open. We were going to leave it out there as long as we could," Jones said. "We were pleased to have the sixth pick for Roy Williams. At the same time, we could maximize our draft."

Kansas City wanted to move up to pick North Carolina defensive tackle Ryan Sims, the same player that Minnesota had wanted with its seventh overall pick. The Chiefs got Sims and the Vikings took All-American tackle Bryant McKinnie from Miami, leaving Williams for the Cowboys.

Dallas had also targeted Texas cornerback Quentin Jammer, but he was picked fourth overall by San Diego and the Cowboys didn't have a choice between the two big 12 defenders.

"We drafted our board," Jones insisted, refusing to speculate what the Cowboys would have done had both Jammer and Williams been available.

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Teammate Lauren Nichols finished seventh in the discuss at the Roscoe meet.

**Coahoma boosters will meet Monday**

The Coahoma Athletic Booster Club will meet at 7 p.m. Monday in the Coahoma Elementary School cafeteria.

Boosters will discuss the athletic banquet that will be held in May, as well as elect board members for next year.

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and expert drafter Jimmy Johnson watching from the ESPN tower at the Theater at Madison Square Garden, the Dallas Cowboys used up all 15 minutes of their time without making a selection, eliciting a loud groan from their fans in the crowd — and taunts from fans of other teams.

Kansas City acquired the Cowboys' No. 6 choice, however, and selected during Minnesota's time on the clock, but before the Vikings picked a player. The Chiefs grabbed Ryan Sims, a defensive tackle who played alongside Peppers at North Carolina.

Dallas acquired Kansas City's first-round choice,

No. 8 overall, and the Chiefs' third-rounder, No. 75, plus a sixth-round pick next year.

Sims' stock rose rapidly at the Senior Bowl and during postseason workouts. Originally, he was projected as the fourth-best player at the deep defensive tackle position.

The Vikings then took All-American tackle Bryant McKinnie, the first player chosen from national champion Miami. The 6-8, 330-pound McKinnie never has allowed a sack and probably will move into the tackle spot held by Corey Stringer before he died last summer from heat stroke.

Dallas got the player it

was expected to take, anyway, taking big-play safety Roy Williams of Oklahoma in the eighth spot. Williams should start immediately for a defense that was vastly improved in 2001 and ranked fourth overall.

Jacksonville made Tennessee's John Henderson, who should fill a huge void at defensive tackle, the ninth overall choice. The rebuilding Jaguars are particularly weak on the defensive line after losing two tackles in the expansion draft.

Cincinnati made the most surprising choice of the first 10, taking Arizona State tackle Levi Jones. Many projected him to drop until

late in the opening round.

Another defensive lineman, Syracuse sack specialist Dwight Freeney, was chosen No. 11 overall by Indianapolis. Freeney led the nation with 17 1/2 sacks last season, but was considered an outsider to go in the opening round.

The run on defensive linemen continued when Wisconsin's Wendell Bryant was chosen by Arizona, which is weak throughout its line.

Donte Stallworth of Tennessee was the first wide receiver chosen, by the Saints at No. 13. Stallworth, a junior, originally entered the draft, then changed his mind. But the NCAA would

not reinstate his eligibility.

Next up were the Titans, but they traded down one spot with the Giants, who were afraid someone would move up to get Miami tight end Jeremy Shockey. The Giants, who also gave up a fourth-round pick in the deal, haven't had a top tight end since Mark Bavaro.

The Titans then went for an in-state product, Tennessee's Albert Haynesworth, the last of the four defensive tackles to go. He was the third Volunteers player chosen.

Cleveland took care of one of its biggest holes by taking the top-rated running back, William Green of Boston College, at No. 16.



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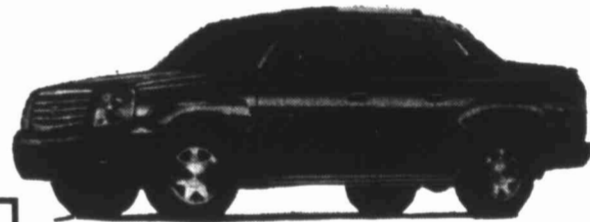
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# Blue Jays survive collapse to take 5-4 win over Yankees in 10th

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Eric Hinske hit his first career home run in the 10th inning and the Toronto Blue Jays survived a stunning collapse to beat the New York Yankees 5-4 Saturday.

Down to their last strike with no one on base, the Yankees rallied for three runs in the ninth off closer Kelvim Escobar to tie it at 4.

Dan Plesac (1-1) struck out a swinging Jason Giambi with the bases loaded to force extra innings.

Hinske, who singled as a pinch-hitter in a three-run eighth, homered off Ramiro Mendoza (0-2) with one out in the 10th.

The Blue Jays stopped their four-game losing streak and ended New York's three-game winning string. The start of the game was delayed by rain for 1 hour, 41 minutes.

Escobar quickly retired the first two batters in the ninth before Enrique Wilson homered on a 1-2 pitch. Shane Spencer and Jorge Posada both walked on full counts, and RBI singles by Alfonso Soriano and Bernie Williams tied it.

**Reds 6,  
Cubs 1**

Juan Encarnacion drove in four runs as the Cincinnati Reds beat the Chicago Cubs 6-1 Saturday, their first victory over Kerry Wood in eight tries.

Elmer Dessens (1-3) pitched 7 1-3 scoreless innings for his first victory of the season, and Reggie Taylor added a two-run single for the Reds, who won for the second time in six games.

Wood (2-1) had been 6-0 with a 1.34 ERA in his first seven starts against the Reds. But he got into trouble with a three-run first inning Saturday and he and the Cubs never recovered.

He allowed six runs — three earned — and six hits over 4 2-3 innings, his shortest outing of the year. He struck out six, but also walked six, one intentionally.

Wood didn't get any help from his teammates, though. Dessens limited the Cubs to six hits, striking out four and walking one while throwing only 100 pitches. The Cubs didn't have a runner in scoring position until Fred McGriff and Roosevelt Brown's back-to-back singles in the seventh inning, and that opportunity died quickly with a double play.

**Pirates 6,  
Phillies 5**

The Pittsburgh Pirates turned sloppy Philadelphia infield defense and Jack Wilson's three-run double into five unearned runs and a six-run lead, then held on

for a 6-5 victory Saturday over the Phillies.

The Pirates won their fifth in a row to improve to 11-5, a big swing from the 6-10 start to their 100-loss season of a year ago.

Ron Villone (2-2), given a 6-0 lead, pitched five shutout innings before yielding Scott Rolen's three-run homer in the sixth. Mike Fetters surrendered Mike Lieberthal's two-run shot in the eighth, but Mike Williams pitched the ninth

for his eighth save in as many opportunities.

With regulars Aramis Ramirez, Jason Kendall and Pokey Reese out of the lineup with minor injuries, seven of the nine Pittsburgh starters were hitting .200 or less.

But for the second straight game, the Pirates got significant production from the bottom of the order, with Wilson going 3-for-4, Keith Osk contributing a run-scoring single and Rob

Mackowiak adding two hits.

**Expos 7,  
Mets 5**

Brad Wilkerson hit a two-run homer and Orlando Cabrera had an RBI double to cap a three-run fifth inning as the Montreal Expos again capitalized on New York's sloppy defense, beating the Mets 7-5 Saturday.

Before 11,464, the largest Olympic Stadium crowd since opening night,

Montreal took advantage of two errors by New York, which has five in the series and a major league-leading 26 this season. The Mets have allowed 17 unearned runs — three fewer than their 1999 total.

Carl Pavano (2-2) allowed four runs and eight hits in 6 1-3 innings and Matt Herges got his second save of the series as the Expos won for their fourth time in five games and tied New York for the NL East lead at 10-8.

**Red Sox, Royals  
rained out**

The Boston Red Sox and Kansas City Royals were rained out and will make up the game today as part of a doubleheader.

Saturday night's game was called about 90 minutes before starting time.

Right-hander John Burkett is to start the first game today and make his Red Sox debut. He began the season on the disabled list with a sore shoulder.

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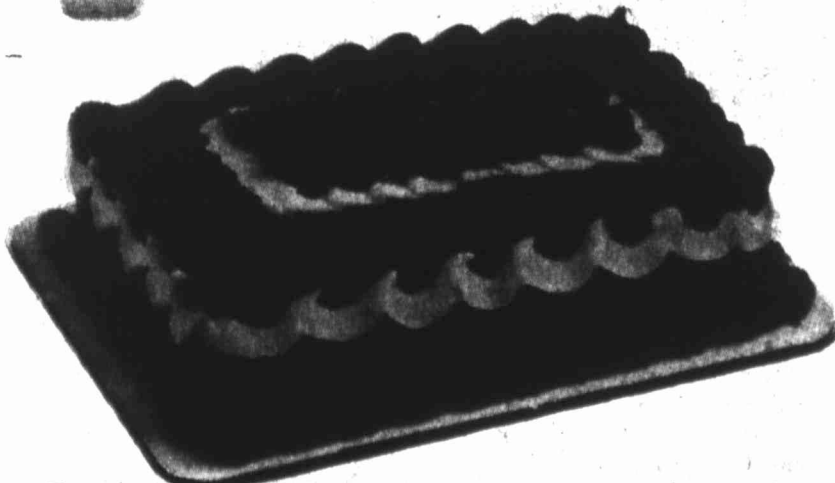
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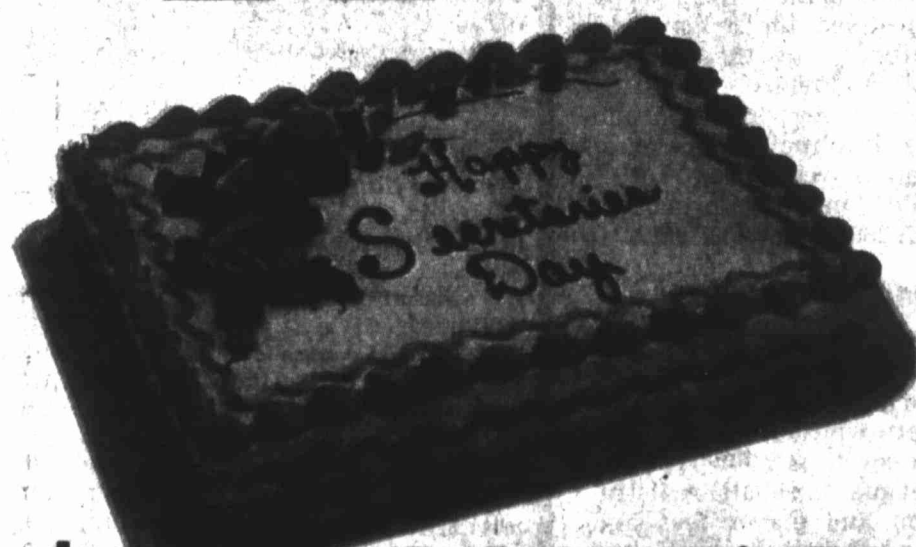
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## Disc pain to sideline Rodriguez

SEATTLE (AP) — Texas Rangers catcher Ivan Rodriguez has a herniated disc in his lower back and will miss 4-to-6 weeks.

Rodriguez, who did not make the team's road trip to Seattle, had a magnetic resonance imaging test Friday in Arlington and the results were announced Saturday.

The Rangers will place him on the 15-day disabled list once they return home from this road trip. The move likely will happen Monday or Tuesday, the team said.

Rodriguez missed his fourth straight game Friday and remained in Arlington to undergo treatment. He was scratched from the lineup April 15 because of lower back pain.

Backup Bill Haselman is catching in Rodriguez's place. Rodriguez is hitting .222 (10-for-45) in 12 games this season.

His is the latest in a rash of injuries to the Rangers. Besides Rodriguez, they also have placed outfielder Juan Gonzalez and No. 1 starter Chan Ho Park on the disabled list.

Closer Jeff Zimmerman and reliever Jay Powell are also out with injuries.

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### Bring *Beauty* to Your World with a Butterfly Garden

**Beauty** is a sense of harmony. The butterfly whose structure and color palette is balanced and displays the vibrant colors found in nature on its wings could be described as art taken flight.

Once a lost art, butterfly gardening is beginning to see a renewed popularity. Terry Johansen, co-owner with husband Carl of Johansen's Landscape and Nursery, said she has seen a big increase in customer interest in both butterfly and hummingbird gardening.

"It has become the in vogue thing to do. I think it's because people are more educated," she said.

In years past, the know-how of gardening depended on grandma teaching the next generation on what to plant and how, Johansen said. However, with the advent of the Internet and the information age, there is a myriad of Websites and periodicals available with all the information needed to grow and maintain a butterfly garden.

"There is more written and more publicity about it and once people see how rewarding it is they are happy to do it," she said and added that much of the credit should be given to the garden features presented on HGTV.

### Successful Gardening

Although almost any flowering plant will attract butterflies a little research and preparation will help insure a successful garden.

According to the American Museum of Natural History Websites [www.butterfly-house.org/gardening](http://www.butterfly-house.org/gardening), butterfly gardens can be grown throughout the United States.

Information on the site suggests consideration be given to the entire life cycle of the butterfly when planning the content of the garden. Nectar-producing plants are of course important, but host plants - for laying eggs and use as a caterpillar food source - must also be present.

Requirements for the garden are full sun, nectar source plants, larval host plants, a pesticide-free environment, and knowledge of the local butterfly fauna.

Butterfly gardens are best planted in the spring with younger plants or in the fall with mature plants that will become dormant quickly and re-emerge in the spring. It is best not to plant in the heat of summer or the cold of winter.

Plant a variety of nectar sources because, "Butterflies like to shop around. They'll get bored with one flower and move on to the next," said Terry.

Although a butterfly garden can be grown anywhere in the country there are plants that are best suited for West Texas climate and water condition.

Before you grab that trowel, however, soil preparation is important as Terry explained, "Anytime you plant anything around here you should prepare the soil. Use compost or some other organic material. And if the ground is tight use a sharp sand like builder's sand."

All plants like good drainage, Terry explained, and because of the salt and alkali in Big Spring and well water, making sure the water doesn't stay on the leaves will also ensure a longer life for the plants.

The website suggests leaving a mud puddle or other source of water to attract the male butterflies who require the essential salts needed for reproduction.

Plants that are best suited to local climate are perennials such as lantana, vitex, pinchon flower, daisies, Russian sage, fennel and dill (caterpillar favorite), pink evening primrose, red valerian, carypteris, verbena (also an annual), petunia, honey suckle, and lilacs. Geraniums which are annuals are also butterfly favorites and are very hearty, said Terry.

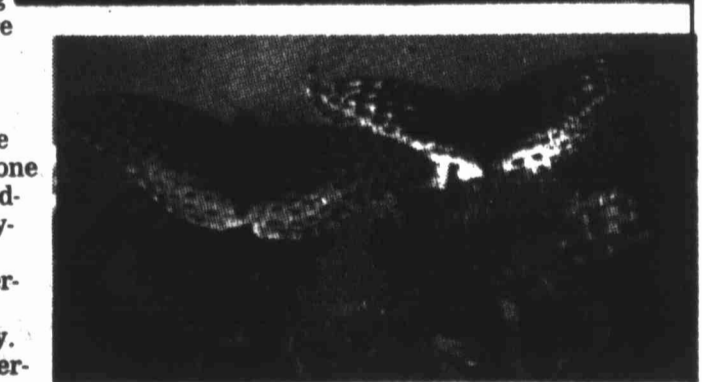
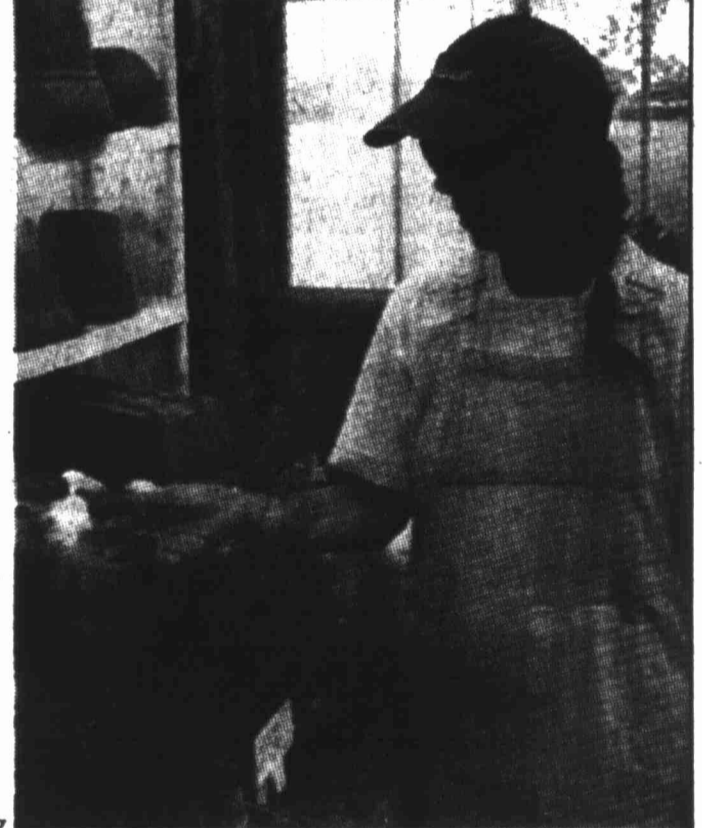
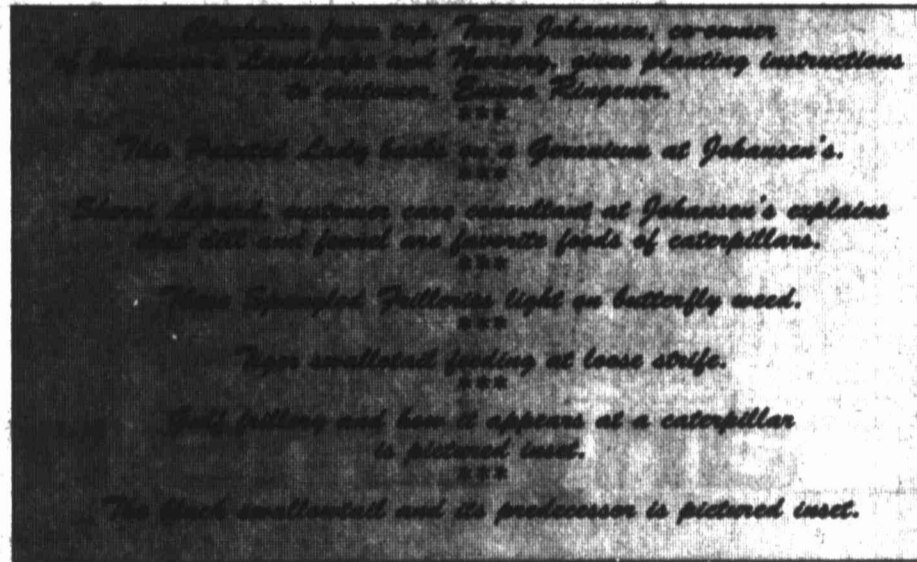
There are a variety of different species of butterflies that are indigenous to the area with many having already been spotted in Terry's nursery.

"We've seen Monarchs, Viceroy, Painted Ladies, and you'll see Swallow tails, sulfers and Gulf Fritillary," she commented.

If all else fails or if the effort of preparing soil and selecting plants just doesn't fit into your schedule or budget don't fret there is a easy, sure way to get those butterflies to show up as Terry explained, "I know a lady who put out apple peels and that really attracted them. They also love watermelon, cantaloupe, potatoes and squash."

All the materials needed for a butterfly garden is available at Johansen's Nursery, located at 700 Johansen Rd. on South Highway 97.

Other valuable sources include the Agricultural Extension Cooperative at 264-2236, or the Website listed above.



### A Butterfly by any Other Name...

Have you ever wonder how the butterfly got its name? According to the Stokes Butterfly Book there is much speculation on how the butterfly came by its name.

One story is that their English name originated in Britain where people likened the yellow brimstone butterflies seen fluttering in woodlands in early spring to butter flying.

Their transformation from caterpillar to winged adult has also inspired the imagination of many. Before it was discovered that caterpillars turned into butterflies, it was accepted as fact that caterpillars came from the morning dew that formed on tree leaves.

Story and photos taken at Johansen's Landscape and Nursery by Andrea Medlin. Butterfly photos courtesy of the Butterfly Book.

### Big Spring State Hospital Volunteer Services brings home top awards

Big Spring State Hospital brought home several top awards during the Volunteer Services State Council's 44th Annual Volunteer Conference in Abilene April 12-14. Eighteen volunteers and hospital employees attended the state conference, which was co-hosted by Big Spring State Hospital. Volunteer Jay James won the "Rookie of the Year" award for outstanding service and commitment

during his first year of volunteering. Shirley Bodin was presented with a Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Star Award



for providing meaningful and caring support to individuals at Big Spring State Hospital. And the Big Spring High School Key Club earned a Group Star Award in recognition of modeling outstanding commitment to our patients. Longtime volunteer Hazel Duggan was cited for logging more than 10,000 volunteer hours. These awards were presented after much consideration by a panel of

judges, and our volunteers went up against some of the best and brightest volunteers at all state schools and hospitals. Big Spring State Hospital is well known for its core of outstanding volunteers and award winners, and we are proud they were recognized for their efforts. Volunteers will travel to Irving in 2003 for the state conference April 4-6. Volunteers will be honored with a luncheon April

24 at Big Spring State Hospital in recognition of National Volunteer Week. This is always a special time for us to honor our 230-plus volunteers. The Smith family will present the traditional Jack Y. Smith Award to a volunteer who has demonstrated extraordinary service. Service awards will be presented, as well as recognition of our Hall of Fame, Rookie and Star Award winners. Longtime volun-

teer Johnnie Lou Avery will be our guest speaker. All volunteers and those who are thinking about becoming a volunteer are invited to the luncheon. Call 268-7536 for reservations. It's not too late to make plans to attend Friday's 16th annual Denim and Diamonds Gala at the Big Spring Country Club. See **RUSSWORM**, Page 2B

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It promises to be a fun evening complete with plenty of visiting, good food and entertainment. Doors to the reception open at 7 p.m., and Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys will kick off the dance at 8 p.m. Tickets are \$50 a couple. Required annual board training on fundraising strategies is scheduled for May 16.

Bodin is recruiting volunteers for "Summer Fun Day," which ushers in the summer season for patients. Please call if you can help with this fun event on May 30. Big Spring State Hospital's Relay for Life team, "Mind, Body and Soul" is continuing to raise money for the annual event May 10-11 at Blankenship Field. They already have exceeded their \$6,000 goal by sponsoring lunches, garage sales, craft and bake

sales. We appreciate the Howard College students who have chosen Big Spring State Hospital as their volunteer site for scholarship hours. We are gratified to watch the youth program grow at the hospital. The Big Spring High School Key Club continues to become more active in the youth program. Perhaps, one of the most special projects is the holiday placemats St. Mary's Episcopal School's 4-year-

old program designs for the Medical Unit. Volunteer Karen Brewer is spearheading a kitchen shower for the Marilyn K. Newsom Family Lodge during the month of May. Suggested items are coffee, sugar, creamer, juices, snacks, paper towels, kitchen linens, paper plates, plastic flat ware, dish soap. Volunteers have an ongoing need for magazines and cookies for the weekly Operation Cookie and

Operation Reading patient projects. Patients are in need of cool, washable clothing and summer shoes. These items can be dropped off at the Community Relations Office. Don't forget The Chalet Resale Shop, 1107 11th Place, as a wonderful place to shop and a great place to drop off closet cleaning treasures or garage sale leftovers. The Chalet is open 1 p.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday and 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. on Saturday's. This month's volunteer job opportunities — assist property clerk, clerical and filing assistants, and flower arranger. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or learning more about the volunteer program give us a call at 268-7535 or 268-7536. Billie Russworm writes a regular column on the activities of the Big Spring State Hospital.

**ENGAGEMENTS**

Gwendolyn Mason and Freddy Olivarez Jr., both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows July 20, 2002, at Trinity Baptist Church with Dr. Randy Cotton officiating. She is the daughter of Randy and Paulette Mason of Plano, formerly of Big Spring. He is the son of Freddy Sr. and Amy Olivarez of Big Spring and the grandson of Herminia Olivarez of Big Spring.



Janet Hull and Heston Fry, both of Big Spring will exchange wedding vows June 15, 2002, at First Baptist Church. She is the daughter of the late Noel and Dolores Hull. He is the son of Harold Dean and Betty Morton and the late Erit Fry.



**STORK CLUB**

Chicago O'Neil Leatham, boy, born April 10, 2002 at 11:04. Weighing 7 pound 5 1/4 ounces and was 21 1/2 inches long. Parents are Sydney Leatham and Steven Dickson. Grandparents are George and Mary Leatham, Rosie Paxton and the late Della Rene Dickson of Clovis, NM.

Katelyn Nicole Anderson, girl, born April 9, 2002 at 10:40 a.m. Weighing 7 pounds 3 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Shelby Parker and Shane Anderson. Anastasia Adela Yanez, girl, born April 15 at 5:25 a.m. Weighing 7 pounds 4 ounces and was 18 1/2 inches long. Parents are Annette Torres and Mario Yanez. Grandparents are Dolores and Lorenzo Torres and Eva and David Yanez.

**NEWCOMERS**

Scott Prather and wife Lauren of Lubbock. He is employed by 14th & Main Church of Christ. Jeff Liles of San Angelo. He is employed by Howard College. Donna J. Phillips of Alderson, West Virginia. She is employed by the Salvation Army Thrift Store.

James Taylor and wife Sharon of Houston. He is employed by Cornell Corrections. Scotty McNew and wife Marsha and sons Steven and Sean of Lamesa. He is employed by Valor Telcom. Alexia Glenn of Ft. Stockton. She is employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken. Kara Bhuiyan and daughter Jhorna of Tulsa, Oklahoma. She is a certified nursing assistant.

**MILITARY**

Navy Ensign Gabriel L. Rubio, son of Jessica and Ben J. Rubio of Big Spring, recently graduated from the Naval Cryptologic Officer Basic Course while assigned to Naval Technical Training Center, Corry Station, Pensacola, Fla. During the 13-week course, Rubio received classroom instruction on job fundamentals ranging from physical security, electronic warfare and military communications to computer networks, digital data communications and satellite fundamentals. Rubio is a 1997 graduate of Big Spring High School of Big Spring and joined the Navy in June 1998. He is a 2000 graduate of Angelo State University with a BS degree.

**WHO'S WHO**

Adam Solis, a student at Big Spring High School, has been awarded the National High School Athletic Institute's prestigious All-American Scholar Athlete Award for the sport of football. The selection is based on high academic excellence, overall athletic performance in the sport selected and moral force of character. Adam is the son of Olga Olaya Solis of Big Spring.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY**

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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) \*\*\*\* Don't let crossed wires ruin a perfectly good day! Jump over a misunderstanding, keeping a smile on your face. Your gracious attitude helps transform another's mood. Confusion seems innate at this moment. Listen to a loved one. Tonight: Forget tomorrow. Live now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You could be confused by another's mixed message. Take time to clear out what is going on. Pressure builds within the home front. Work with a loved one or a partner, and you'll also transform your relationship for the better. Tonight: Snuggle in at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* You could be so busy working out your thoughts in your head that you might not be listening. Be careful before pointing your finger in a misunderstanding. Rather, take responsibility, and so will someone else. Communication and trust improve. Tonight: How 'bout an old-fashioned date?

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Don't worry so much about an expenditure. You simply might not be able to find a way around it. You could get yourself in a tizzy, or you might play the smart shopper and get the best buy possible. Which way are you going to go? Tonight: Get a head start on tomorrow.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\* You're all smiles, despite what another might say. An associate or relative could be upset and direct his or her mood at you. Be gracious and understanding. Meanwhile, make some plans to get into a favorite pastime or sport. Tonight: Play away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* Take your time when

dealing with another, be it a boss, in-law or loved one. You could allow a misunderstanding to develop into a lot more. Since you don't want the War of the Roses, be smart and relax your position. You're not changing anyone. Tonight: Vanish into a good TV show.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* You might mean well, but another seems to be in the mood to find a problem with every word you say. Pull back and join your friends or do something you really want to do. Leave another to chill out, even it means re-arranging your plans. Tonight: Let the party go on.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* Your happier side emerges when dealing with a child or loved one. You don't have to go far to enjoy yourself. Intensity marks a financial matter. You might need to make a minor adjustment, whether you would like to or not. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\* You could be testier than you realize. Develop a stronger sense of self. If you're tired, own up to it. If you need a break from the day-to-day grind, hop in the car. Invite a friend along as you do something different and refreshing. Tonight: What about that book you've been thinking of reading?

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\* Allow another to give you more feedback. This person might have a strong opinion about how you're handling a relationship — maybe even yours! Carefully consider options that involve a money matter. Listen to suggestions. Tonight: You don't have to go far.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\* Let another express him- or herself. He or she will anyway. This person might be close to home or might even be a family member. You discover that you have a lot more opportunities than you realize. Flex more and don't get stuck in your ways. Tonight: Skip on out to dinner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Take your time right now. You could be overwhelmed by what is going on at work and need some downtime. The best way to proceed is to turn on your answering machine, put up your feet and do your thing. Tonight: Order in.

BORN TODAY Elizabeth II, Queen of England (1926), musician Iggy Pop (1947), Empress of Russia, Catherine the Great (1729)

Jacqueline Bigar is on the Internet at <http://www.jacquelinebigar.com>.

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MENUS

SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER

MONDAY-Chicken fried steak, potatoes, squash, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

TUESDAY-Liver, macaroni & tomatoes carrots, gelatin salad, milk/cornbread, cobbler.

WEDNESDAY-Catfish, French fries, spinach, cornbread, milk/cornbread, pudding.

THURSDAY-Ham, sweet potatoes, broccoli & cheese, fruit salad, milk/rolls, cake.

FRIDAY-Brisket, potato salad, beans, salad, milk/cornbread, fruit.

green beans, mixed fruit, hot roll, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburger, salad, French fries, ranch style beans, orange, cream bar, milk.

STANTON ISD

MONDAY-Combination burrito or bar-b-q on bun, corn, salad, pear slices, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn dog or fish burger, tator tots, vegetable sticks, ranch dressing, apple wedges.

WEDNESDAY-Beef tacos, tortilla, taco shells, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks.

THURSDAY-Pepperoni pizza or beef stew, green beans, salad, salad dressing, apple wedges.

FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

COAHOMA ISD

MONDAY-Chicken & dumplings or toasted cheese sandwich, peas, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Pizza, fries, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Cheeseburger pockets or burritos, tater tots, apples, milk.

THURSDAY-Enchiladas or corn dogs, ranch beans, salad, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomato, pickles, spicy fries, cake, milk.

FORSAN ISD  
MONDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, whipped potatoes, broccoli/cheese, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

TUESDAY-Corn dogs, pinto beans, spinach, cornbread, graham crackers, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Hot dogs, chili, French fries, salad, cookies, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken sandwich, chips, salad, pork & beans, chocolate cake, applesauce, milk.

FRIDAY-Steak, gravy, whipped potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, fruit, milk.

SANDS ISD

MONDAY-Burritos, salad, corn, hot sauce, fruit.

TUESDAY-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes w/gravy, blackeyed peas, hot rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, sliced potatoes, June peas w/carrots, hot rolls, milk.

FRIDAY-Lasagna, salad, batter bread, corn, applesauce.

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MONDAY-Ravioli, green beans, baby carrots, rosy applesauce, hot roll, milk.

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Ray and Maudiella Lindsey of Big Spring celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary April 19, 2002, at their home in Big Spring. The event was hosted by their children and grandchildren.

He was born in Lamesa while she was born Maudiella Davidson in Overton.

The couple met in Snyder when they were introduced by friends while Ray was on leave from the Army.

They were married April 19, 1952, at the home of Justice of the Peace Davison's in Snyder.

Their children are Kathy O'Hare of Pleasant Hill, Mo.,

Jimmy Lindsey of Plainview, Judy Sanders of Lubbock, and Brenda Strickland of Amarillo. The couple have eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Throughout their marriage the couple lived in Snyder, Plainview, Hereford and Big Spring.

He is retired from the oil field industry in Big Spring. She is a housewife.

They are members of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ and enjoy fishing as a hobby.

The couple's comment on marriage is "Don't ever go to bed mad at each other."

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Nebraska Supreme Court says ministry assets must be divided in divorce

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Cars, real estate and other property bought by an Omaha pastor in the name of his ministry must be included in his ex-wife's divorce settlement, the Nebraska Supreme Court ruled.

A lower court judge had questioned the legitimacy of Union Oaks Ministry but said its status as a religious nonprofit barred the minister from awarding any of its assets to the wife.

The high court overturned that ruling April 12, saying the Rev. Melvin "Buddy" Medlock could not hide behind the church's nonprofit status to keep property from his ex-wife.

"When a corporation is or becomes the mere alter ego, or business conduit of a person, it may be disregarded," said Judge John Gerrard. "The record shows Union Oaks to be the alter ego of Buddy and that Union Oaks'

assets should be included in the marital estate."

Medlock's attorney, Amy Geren, did not comment.

Medlock testified he taught Bible classes and did missionary work. However, court records showed little evidence he engaged in a religious ministry.

Union Oaks held assets of more than \$1.3 million, including 10 cars and a motorcycle, according to court documents.

Medlock's wife, Linda, was left virtually penniless after their 1997 divorce.

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## Enron Corp. president, chief operating officer resigns effective June 1

HOUSTON (AP) — Enron Corp. President Jeffrey McMahon, who complained two years ago about impropriety of financial partnerships that helped fuel the company's swift downfall, said Friday he will resign effective June 1.

McMahon, 41, said he decided his resignation was necessary to help ensure Enron's successful reorganization into a mover of electricity and natural gas.

"I strongly believe that the best course for the Enron estate, its

creditors and its employees is to use our core pipeline and electricity assets to create a new company apart from the litigation and diversions of bankruptcy," McMahon said.

"For that effort to have every chance of success, it became clear that outside leadership is required."

Stephen Cooper, a restructuring specialist hired in January as Enron's interim chief executive officer, said McMahon's position

will remain open until an outside successor is found.

"Regrettably, I support Jeff's decision," Cooper said. "Last fall, during tremendous turmoil within the organization, Jeff stepped up as a true leader."

McMahon accepted two promotions since Enron began a dizzying descent into bankruptcy last fall that left thousands jobless.

He succeeded Andrew Fastow, his former boss, as chief financial officer on Oct. 24. Fastow was

fired after creating and running the partnerships which earned him more than \$30 million.

McMahon later moved up to president and COO in January when Lawrence "Greg" Whalley followed Enron's energy trading business to UBS Warburg.

McMahon also is one of the defendants in two securities fraud lawsuits filed in Houston on behalf of investors.

He and other current and former Enron executives are accused in

the lawsuits of getting rich on Enron stock sales when they allegedly knew the company was on the verge of collapsing.

According to the lawsuits, he sold 39,630 Enron shares for \$2.7 million from October 1998 to November 2001.

Charles Elson, director of the Center for Corporate Governance at the University of Delaware, said it is not unusual in a bankruptcy to have a lot of shifts in leadership.

## Big plans under way at On Cue

HERALD Staff Report

A Big Spring store will be making several changes in the next few months — including its name.

On Cue, a rural market-based national chain offering a variety of titles in music, books, movies and novelties, will be soon changing its name to Sam Goody.

"I think this is going to be good for the community because it is bringing in something fresh in town," Michelle Tubb, manager of the Big Spring On Cue store, said.

According to a press release from Musicland Group, Inc., the parent company of On Cue, more than 200 On Cue stores will be changed to Sam Goody.

The process is expected to begin in June and be completed by the end of summer, boosting Sam Goody's presence nationwide by more than 800 stores.

"Last fall's test of the Sam Goody brand in rural markets showed dramatic improvements over the average On Cue store results, both at opening and over time," Kevin Freeland, president of Musicland stores, said in the release.

The name change will allow the rural based stores to profit from the national advertising campaign of Sam Goody, said Dawn Bryant, public relations officer for Musicland.

The converted On Cue



On Cue employee Renee Flores, 18, right, gives information about a band to 18-year-old Julie Owens and 20-year-old Kelley Harris, middle. The Big Spring store will undergo a name change to Sam Goody sometime in the next several months. The store will also be expanding its video game and electronics areas.

stores will continue to carry the rural-market product mix, which includes the same extensive selection of music and movies as all Sam Goody stores, in addition to computer software, books and musical instruments, according to the release.

"The change will include bringing more gaming merchandise in the store,"

Tubb said. "We will be offering deeper lines of products for some of our merchandise."

"Customers may notice a change in the book selections in the way the area is merchandised," Bryant said. "The section may be smaller and a lot of the books will closely relate to the products in the store."

Although the local store

is expected to go through a number of changes including its look, one thing will definitely stay the same, Tubb said.

"We will still be offering the same personalized customer service such as special ordering merchandise not in the store and offering reservations for upcoming movies and compact disk titles," Tubb said.



Big Spring Herald publisher Ken Dulaney, right, congratulates Kelly Chesworth, winner of the circulation department's Spring Into Spring contest. Chesworth won a Murry lawnmower and a Centrex weedeater.

## Control of ticks is very important for health reasons

With the onset of spring and the recent rains, ticks are becoming active. Ticks are one of the most commonly encountered pests in and around the home in West Texas. All ticks are parasites, feeding on the blood of their host animal. Not only are ticks a nuisance, they can be a health hazard by transmitting diseases to us and our



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pets. Understanding their life cycles and behaviors will help in an integrated approach to controlling these pests.

Tick Biology: The most commonly encountered tick in West Texas is the common brown dog tick, *Rhipicephalus sanguineus*. This tick commonly attacks dogs and other animals, but rarely attacks humans. The brown dog tick, like its name suggests, is a uniform dark reddish-brown, although the female may possess some lighter markings. Full grown (but not engorged) brown dog ticks are about 1/4-inch long. Like many of the common ticks found in Texas, the

brown dog tick passes through four life stages; egg, larva, nymph and adult. All life stages of ticks, except the egg, require a separate blood meal to complete its development, which may require up to two or three years. Adult females, once engorged with blood, drop from the host and lay several thousand eggs. Larvae soon hatch and climb nearby vegetation or structures (walls, posts, etc.) in wait for passing host animals. Once a host is found, the larva attaches to the host and feeds for several days. After feeding, the larva drops from the host and molts to the nymph stage.

This process is repeated for each stage of the tick's life.

With rising spring temperatures, ticks begin coming out from their overwintering sites. If not on a host, brown dog ticks are most frequently encountered near where pets spend most of their time. Like most animals, dogs and cats select favorite resting or lounging places in and out of doors. These areas include dog kennels, sheltered outdoor locations, such as under porches or shrubby vegetation, dog runs and indoor resting or sleeping locations. Ticks may also be present even when pets are not. Wild animals frequently carry

ticks into areas that provide attractive habitat for them.

Diseases transmitted by ticks: Unfortunately, this tick transmits a potentially fatal disease organism to dogs and sometimes cats. This disease is commonly referred to as tick fever. This more technical name for the disease is Canine Ehrlichiosis and is transmitted to the host animal from an infected brown dog tick. The disease organism is a bacterium that infects and kills the animal's white blood cells which comprise the animal's immune system. Although this disease can be cured through use of specific antibiotics, it is

difficult to diagnose because the animal can show numerous symptoms that mimic other illnesses (listlessness, lack of hunger, drinks more water than usual, changes in temperament and other similar symptoms). The best way to diagnose this disease is through testing the blood for antibodies. This can only be done through your veterinarian. If you suspect that your dog or cat may have Ehrlichiosis, take your pet to the veterinarian immediately.

Tick Removal: The safest and most effective method for tick removal is using

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## West Texas Centers for MHMR names Easter Employee of Year

By VALERIE AVERY

Special to the Herald

West Texas Centers for MHMR Area Supervisor for Residential Housing Carolyn Easter was named Employee of the Year Friday during the center's annual employee recognition event at Trinity Baptist Church's Craven Complex.

More than 100 employees and the nine-member board of trustees attended the event, "Helping Others Live the American Dream."

The ceremony honored the 10 nominees for the top award in addition to recognizing 76 workers from the 23 counties for two, five, 10, 15, 20 and 25 years of service.

In naming Easter as the center's top employee, West

Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, said Easter represents the best in each of the more than 400 employees who serve people with mental illness and mental retardation in their communities. "The commitment, loyalty and compassion that all of our employees have for the center, our mission and most importantly, the people we serve and their families."

"(Easter) is a role model for others and she embodies the values of this organization, such as dedication, integrity, community service and teamwork."

The two-year employee, who has eight years of service in the industry at various agencies in Abilene, supervises 35 employees in

seven of the center's group homes. Her award was presented by Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, board chairman.

Her nomination read "She always lends a helping hand, and if things aren't going well, she will work together to see what can be done. She always has time for consumers and staff and instills confidence in them."

Easter was one of 10 Employees of the Quarter, who were finalists for the position. She was chosen by the Employee Recognition Committee — a committee comprised of 2001's Employees of the Quarter.

"I was shocked," Easter said of receiving the award.

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Howard County Judge and West Texas Centers for MHMR Board of Trustees Chairman Ben Lockhart and West Texas Centers for MHMR CEO Shelley Smith, LMSW, present Carolyn Easter with Employee of the Year honors at Friday's recognition ceremony. Easter was selected from the more than 400 employees who work in 23 counties in rural West Texas. She is the Area Supervisor for Residential Housing.

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

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