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# Budget cuts major concern for area schools

*Editor's note: This is the third in a three-part series on how Howard County educational institutions are dealing with budget cuts from the state.*

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

"Doing more with less" has become an all too familiar catch-phrase for rural public schools.

Faced with years of declining student enrollment and the resulting loss of state funding, Howard County schools are getting use to doing more with less.

Many Texas public school districts — already at their state tax rate cap — had been looking toward Austin this legislative session to see if

legislators could figure out a solution to the school funding problems.

Now, as the state faces a budget deficit in the billions, Howard County schools are wondering what else they can cut from already bare-bones budgets.

"I don't know what the answer is (to state funding)," said Wayne Rotan, Forsan Independent School District superintendent. "This legislative session is going to be critical to us and we'll have to see what comes out of the session. With the deficit budget the legislators are facing, I think everything is on the cutting block."

"To fund us at the same

**"There's not much more that can be done through attrition. We certainly don't want programs and students to suffer. We've gotten to the point where we've absorbed all the staff we can absorb."**



Wayne Rotan, FISD superintendent

level as last year it's going to take more money and I don't know where that money is going to come from," Rotan continued.

Back from attending the Midwinter Superintendents conference, Rotan said superintendents across the state have similar concerns.

"We're all worried," he said. "We get more and more state unfunded mandates and less and less money."

It's a worry shared by Coahoma Independent School District Superintendent Dr. Bill Kingston.

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**"When it comes down to the final crunch, everybody is going to have to make some decision that could have a negative effect on our funding the next two years."**



Dr. Bill Kingston, CISD superintendent

# Coach has special bond with students

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Just an old jock?

Maybe Coach Byron Seal has sports on the brain but teaching Elbow Elementary students lies in his heart.

"I wanted to be a high school coach but I did my student teaching in elementary," Seal said. "The students were so receptive and sweet I decided to teach elementary."

Seal also loves the small school atmosphere of Elbow.

"I wouldn't want to teach anywhere else," he said. "When this job came open I was at Washington Elementary. I didn't know anything about Elbow. I came out and saw the facilities and met the teachers and that was it. There is no other job

for me."

With obesity becoming so prevalent in the United States, emphasizing physical education is more important than ever.

"Physical education is very important in the elementary level," he said. "You hear all the reports on TV about obesity. We

try to teach them to eat right, exercise and about what food they should eat."

It's an important subject but also a class he believes students should enjoy.

"Everybody tries to make learning fun," Seal said. "PE is also fun and the kids should have a good time." A native of Andrews, Seal grew up admiring great sports legends such

**"I came out and saw the facilities and met the teachers and that was it. There is no other job for me."**

Coach Byron Seal, Elbow Elementary



While refereeing a in-school basketball tournament, Coach Byron Seal gives the players some direction. A nine-year veteran of Elbow Elementary, Seal enjoys teaching at the elementary level.

# Commissioners hear racial profiling report

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

Sheriff Dale Walker presented at Monday's Howard County Commissioner's Court meeting a report on Sheriff's Office contacts collected



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throughout 2002.

The report will be submitted to the state in compliance with a state racial profiling law.

"This is the first time it's been compiled because of this law," Walker said. "We've actually had to break down every stop and show every charge of every violation, and then document their race, their sex, their age, as well as other criteria, as well as if there was a search conducted, whether it was consented or by warrant. It's just a whole lot of data that was documented for this report."

According to the report, 97 percent of the SO's 1,188 contacts in 2002 were with white people, 2 percent were with black people and 1 percent were with Asian people.

Of the white contacts, 66 percent were non-Hispanic and 34 percent were Hispanic. Males represented 69 percent of the contacts, while females represented 31 percent.

The report goes on to say that 41 percent of the contacts were issued warnings and 20 percent were issued citations.

Of 815 traffic stops, 50 — or 6 percent — resulted in searches. Of those, 41

were consensual and nine were based on probable cause.

Walker said the report shows that there is no racial profiling by the Howard County Sheriff's Office and there were no complaints of racial profiling throughout 2002.

The commissioners approved the report, which will be sent to

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Vickie Sutton of Lubbock chats with local resident Jerry Worthy Tuesday afternoon before announcing her candidacy for the 19th Congressional District seat. Sutton, a law professor and former White House Science and Technology expert, made Big Spring's Howard County Library a stop on her announcement tour.

# Law professor officially announces candidacy for congressional seat

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

A Lubbock law professor and recognized biodefense expert made Big Spring a stop Monday on a West Texas tour announcing her candidacy for the 19th Congressional District seat.

Vickie Sutton spoke at the Howard County Library at 2 p.m. Monday to a crowd of about 20 people.

"America is strong and we have a leader we can be proud of, George W. Bush, and he knows and cares about West Texas," she said. "My name is

Vickie Sutton, and I want to work for you in Congress."

Sutton is a professor of law at Texas Tech University and was the assistant director of the White House Office of Science and Technology under President George H.W. Bush from 1991 to 1993. She has also worked as an assistant city manager in Chesapeake, Va., and as executive vice president of her family business, a manufacturer of epoxy marine and shipbottom coatings for the U.S. Navy and Coast

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"I am concerned," Kingston said. "The thing they (legislators) are telling us is, they're going to do everything they can to at the very least keep funding levels where they are now for us."

"We all know the reality of the situation," Kingston said. "When it comes down to the final crunch, everybody is going to have to make

some decisions that could have a negative effect on our funding the next two years."

Some decisions may have already had a negative effect.

Gov. Rick Perry's decision to freeze TIFF grants could hurt the Forsan school district's technology program.

"That is something that has been very beneficial to Forsan ISD," Rotan said. We've received nearly \$200,000 in TIFF funds

and we were eligible to apply for the next one." Rotan added that Forsan's technology program has basically been supported through the grants.

"It's going to be extremely hard to keep up with the technology without the funding," he said. "We bought our first set of computers five years ago through TIFF funds. Some of our monitors are going to have to be replaced."

Kingston worries about how other grants will be effected.

"We don't know the effect on other grants," he said. "We use the Optional Extended program grants to help pay for part of summer school in the elementary and junior high schools."

Already working with deficit budgets and at their state tax rate cap, Forsan and Coahoma schools will continue tightening their belts by

cutting positions through attrition, eliminating any nonessential spending, and restricting travel.

"How much tighter can the belt go?" is a question both Rotan and Kingston ponder.

"We've gotten to the point where we have a pretty bare staff," Rotan said. "There's not much more that can be done through attrition. We certainly don't want programs and students to suffer. We've gotten to the

point where we've absorbed all the staff we can absorb."

"We've tightened our belts last couple years," Kingston said. "Everything extra in the budget above essentials has slowly been eliminated, so there's really not a lot."

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guard.

She has a juris doctorate degree from American University in Washington, D.C., a Ph.D. in environmental sciences from the University of Texas at Dallas, a master's degree in public administration and bachelor's degrees in animal science and zoology.

Sutton addressed many issues in her announcement. She spoke in favor of maintaining Social Security benefits, better rewards for teachers and rural economic development.

"We have to make sure to protect our oil and gas

industry and to protect ourselves from domination by mid-east oil," she said. "I want to make sure to take particular care to protect our remaining refinery in the entire Permian Basin in Texas, right here in Big Spring: ALON. They will be under continued pressure to make changes that will be occurring among refineries, and we have to make sure that that is balanced with the economy and makes economic sense, so that they will be able to continue in the vital role of their refinery work."

Sutton said she would work for forward progress on the Ports-to-Plains cor-

ridor and try to prevent diversion of funds away from the project.

"When that kind of issue comes up, if you don't have someone there who's more than a mere lobbyist, who knows how to put coalitions together with other people who have similar interests, then you will fail," she said. "When you have someone who's trying to divert money from a project, you've got to have a coalition who can work together and try to prevent that from happening."

Sutton said she would like to put an office in Big Spring, if she were elected.

"I think a rural area in Big Spring would be a likely candidate for another office," she said. "I think that's one way to

make sure that your attention is evenly distributed between the larger metropolitan areas and the smaller rural areas."

Sutton introduced her twin 16-year old children, Remington and Summer, at the event.

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**TEACHER**

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as New York Yankee

**Nominator**

I would like to nominate Coach Seal for teacher of the week. He teaches in a gym. I like Coach Seal because he is very nice. He lets us play sports like volleyball, football and basketball. I like Coach Seal because he is funny. He teaches us to always try our best. He makes me feel important about myself.



Megan Doe, third-grade Elbow Elementary

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The Big Spring Herald and the Big Spring Education Federal Credit Union congratulate Byron Seal as the Teacher of the Week.

If you want to earn your favorite teacher a quick \$25 in cash, send your nomination for Teacher of the Week to the Herald at 710 Scurry St., by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net) or [jmosley@crcom.net](mailto:jmosley@crcom.net)

Nominations can be mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring 79720.

• Nominees must be currently teaching in Howard County.

• Anyone who attended a school in Howard County may submit a nomination.

• Students can nominate their former or current teacher.

Draw, write, e-mail, scrawl (must be legible), on a piece of paper, the back of your mom's grocery list or even write a song about your favorite teacher. Creativity counts.

baseball greats Mickey Mantel and Bobby Richardson.

"Bobby was the first Christian athlete that I came in touch with," he said. "He had good values which you don't find every day."

An all-around high school athlete, Seal was a member of two state qualifying Andrews baseball teams.

And even at 50, Seal continues to play in some adult sports leagues.

"Basically I'm an old fock," he said.

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## OUR VIEWS

### Charitable groups offer solutions for Valentine's Day

When it comes to finding something for that special someone this Valentine's Day, Big Spring has a lot to offer. We invite you to check out the many gifts that our florists, pharmacies, gift shops, jewelers and merchants have to offer. At least two charitable groups are getting in on the act as well, and they are another good choice.

One of those is the Volunteer Valentine House at the Big Spring State Hospital. For as little as \$10 dollars, you can have a gift of flowers, a chocolate heart cookie or a small box of chocolates delivered to your sweetheart by the Volunteer Services Council. For \$5 more, you can send a small basket with a stuffed animal and other goodies, or an ivy plant.

But wait. There's lots more. For \$20 you can send a stuffed puppy on a large box of chocolates, a singing telegram with a small box of candy, or a medium basket with a bear. There are also gifts for \$25 and \$35.

Your gifts won't only be enjoyed by those you send them to, however. Much of the money you spend will be used to purchase holidays presents, coordinate parties and other festive events for patients at the hospital.

Another group raising funds for a worthy cause is the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Relay for Life team. Funds raised by those dedicated volunteers go toward the American Cancer Society. They are offering candy grams, colorful sacks filled with chocolates. The cost is \$5 each and balloons can be added for \$2.50 per balloon. Cards are also available for the purchaser to write their sentiments. All orders should be placed no later than 5 p.m. on Thursday and must be prepaid. Orders will not be delivered outside the hospital or Family Medical Clinic. They must be picked up at the volunteer desk in the Scenic Mountain lobby no later than 3 p.m. on Friday, Valentine's Day.

Both of these charitable groups urge that you contact them as soon as possible. Call the Volunteer Valentine House at 268-7362 or 268-7384 or Scenic Mountain Relay team's Candy-Gram Love Line at 268-4912 to place your order or for more information.

Whether you chose a local business or one of these charitable organizations, it's easy to make this Valentine's Day a little sweeter for your sweetheart.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

Help us honor you with our lives, Lord, let us realize we are only on this earth a short time and we need your help to make a difference. Amen

# Apply gun control to Saddam Hussein

It's more than a little ironic that many of the politicians who push for stringent gun-control laws now want the federal government to sit on its hands while a madman like Saddam Hussein sits on stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons.

Start with Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., who has supported a ban on Saturday night specials - aka, "junk guns."

Boxer wants the law to prohibit not just criminals, but also working mothers and fathers in the flats of Oakland, from buying Saturday night specials. God forbid that poor folk should buy a gun they can afford in order to protect their families.

In 1999, Boxer said that she supported more stringent gun control. "Here's my goal: I want to make sure that guns are kept away from criminals, from people with mental

problems and from children," she said.

But when it comes to protecting the world's children from Iraqi President Saddam Hussein - a criminal with mental problems who has violated U.N. resolutions requiring him to give up his caches of weapons of mass destruction - well, the record shows that Boxer voted against last year's Senate resolution authorizing the use of force against Iraq to enforce the U.N. resolutions.

Yet in the wake of Sept. 11 and in the face of a possible terrorist attack with weapons of mass destruction, suddenly civil liberties are more important to the anti-gun crowd.

Last month, the Senate voted to freeze funding for the Department of Defense's project to monitor public databases in search of suspicious patterns of activity; those involving certain travel destinations and credit-card purchases. Critics claimed that the Total Information Awareness program would violate individual privacy and civil liberties. One sena-

tor told The Washington Times that TIA represented the most "far-reaching government surveillance plan in history."

Yet many of the politicians who voted against funding the program have been unhesitating boosters of mandatory gun registration. They didn't lose much sleep over trampling on the privacy and civil rights of law-abiding gun owners.

As Boxer once put it: "You register your car. What's the problem registering your gun?"

I'll stipulate: The decision to place Iran-Contra scandal alumnus Rear Admiral John Poindexter at the helm of the Department of Defense's Total Information Awareness program was a major blunder.

That doesn't change the fact, however, that the government isn't likely to learn much more about you under the Total Information Awareness program than could be learned by a bank checking into your credit worthiness.

And there's a big difference between culling

from what is already public information and creating a national database of personal information that previously didn't exist.

Before voting to defund TIA, Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., was a co-sponsor of an early measure to study its possible incursions on personal privacy and civil liberties. Yet Feinstein has been a longtime advocate of prying federal gun-control registration.

In 1999, Feinstein vowed to introduce "legislation to provide for a precise system of registration and licensing of every weapon in this country." Personal privacy? Civil liberties? Not for gun owners.

The anti-gun Democrats are ready to go after law-abiding gun owners, but a law-breaking thug such as Saddam Hussein evokes from them only calls for patience. They won't address danger and evil looming on a global scale, nor do they care much about the civil liberties of those who are gauche enough to own guns.



DEBRA SAUNDERS



"No thanks. I already ate the B section of the newspaper."

## Terrorism has brought Hart back

Gary Hart is back and ruminating about another run for the presidency. His ticket to run is his expertise about the hottest subject in politics today: terrorism.

Hart co-chaired a commission that examined national security threats of the 21st century and warned in September 1999 that a large-scale terrorist attack on American soil was likely within the coming decade. The report received little attention at the time, but after 9/11, Hart found himself in demand as an expert on terrorism.

He liked having a forum once again for his views, and he can extend his life in the media spotlight by running for president: the debates are a guaranteed forum, and Hart can critique Bush on the war with more élan than any of the other contenders. He has

nothing to lose. He will never be president, or win the nomination, so he doesn't have to tailor his remarks to suit some pollster or media consultant's advice.

If Hart were just now bursting on the scene, even at age 66, he would be a force to be reckoned with. But can Hart - can anyone in politics - outrun his past?

Hart was the Bill Clinton of his day. Dogged by rumors of womanizing, he insisted to reporters that he was a changed man, but events proved otherwise. Hart got knocked out of the 1988 presidential race after a photograph turned up of him with a woman half his age and not his wife aboard a yacht aptly named Monkey Business. It was pretty innocent stuff compared to Clinton's shenanigans, but it was enough to consign Hart to political purgatory.

Hart's career ended and the voters moved on, eager to restore some semblance of perspective about a politician's sex life.

The media's character cops backed down and Bill Clinton was able to

ride out the storm over his misbehavior first as a candidate and then as president.

Now Hart has a message that he thinks is important to get across, and he's prepared to challenge Bush. He believes Bush has not leveled with the public about the risks and the costs of war with Iraq and its aftermath, and that attacking Iraq will increase rather than decrease the likelihood of more terrorist attacks on American soil.

Before he was driven off the national stage, Hart was considered one of the brightest and most creative minds in politics. In the Senate, he was the go-to guy on modernizing the military.

Since leaving the Senate, he has written several mainly academic books on foreign policy and government, and he is well positioned to elevate the dialogue among the Democrats as they duke it out for the nomination.

Terrorism has brought Hart back into prominence, and he has the standing to challenge Bush in a way the others

can't or won't. Massachusetts Sen. John Kerry alone in the Democratic field has the credentials to stand up to the Bush war machine, but Kerry is compromised by his vote for Bush's war resolution, which opponents of the war characterize as a blank check.

Previous Vermont Gov. Howard Dean is the most dovish of the serious candidates, but he seems almost too typecast for the role: a country doctor with a peace sign.

Still, Jay Leno's joke writers can hardly wait. After fielding septuagenarian Walter Mondale for the Senate last year, a potential Hart candidacy is further proof of the Democrats' faltering youth movement.

Hart's message was and still is new ideas, a commodity the Democrats badly need. Hart may never live down his star-crossed time in the political spotlight, but he is writing a new legacy for himself, and for the country, if the voters will listen.

Prediction: Candidate or not, Hart will continue to influence national defense policy.

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Family Medical Center employees Mitzl Knight, left and Kelly Tubb work on Valentine's candy grams for a Relay for Life fund-raiser. The candy grams are \$5 each and may be purchased by calling the Candy-Gram Love Line at 268-4912.

## Senator wants prisons, police safe from budget cuts

AUSTIN (AP) — Lawmakers drafting the state budget expressed concern Monday that cutting funding to the state's prisons could cause more crime, cost more money in the long run and undo improvements to Texas' criminal justice system.

Senate Criminal Justice Chairman John Whitmire said he would ask the governor to exempt the Department of Public Safety and Texas Department of Criminal Justice from budget cuts as lawmakers deal with a \$9.9 billion budget shortfall through 2005.

"I believe public safety is probably the No. 1 responsibility of state government," said Whitmire, D-Houston. Gov. Rick Perry, Lt.

Gov. David Dewhurst and House Speaker Tom Craddick have asked state agencies to slash their budgets by 7 percent to save \$700 million this fiscal year. In addition, agencies were asked to

cut some 12 percent from their budget requests for 2004-05.

Only public schools, parts of Medicaid and the Children's Health Insurance Program were exempt from the cuts.

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Austin in the near future.

In other business, the commissioners:

- Approved a request by Walker to seek a grant for funds to purchase bullet-proof vests.

- Approved a re-alignment of Howard County's reinvestment zone.

- Heard a report from District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson that the case against murder suspect Miguel Lopez, should it reach trial, could cost as much as \$100,000 — \$50,000 for the prosecution and \$50,000 for a defense conducted by a public defender.

Wilkerson said the commissioners could probably split the cost over two fiscal years, 2002 and 2003.

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# Hawks roll

## First-half blitz assures Hawks of 95-65 victory

By HANK BOND

Publisher

With 18:48 left in the first half, Howard College held a slim 3-2 lead over Clarendon College. But over the next 7:22, the Hawks went on a 23-0 run and never looked back in posting a 95-65 win Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Steven Goff canned four, three-point goals in the first half, including three in the early big run as Howard raced to a 34-5 lead with 8:20 to go in the first session.

The visiting Bulldogs were ice cold from the field and midway through the first half nothing would fall for Clarendon as the team was hitting a frigid 10 percent from the field while the Hawks were burning up the floor and the nets — at a torrid 63 percent pace.

In fact, as Howard College fashioned a strong 55-26 lead at the break, the Hawks' scorers kept up the pressure.

In the first half Howard connected on 22 of 35 shots from the floor, including a 6-of-12 showing from three-point land and five of six charity tosses. Contrast that with a 7-of-27 performance by the Bulldogs from the field, 3 of 10 from outside the arc and 9 of 11 at the free throw line and it was never close.

The extremely physical

game gave the stronger, well conditioned Hawks an edge and the charge of Coach Chris Jans performed at times very much like a well oiled machine. The ball became an object of obsession with sharp passes, great picks across the middle and deadeye shooting, making the contest a run-away.

A dry spell of more than three minutes to open the second half, which allowed Clarendon to get as close as 55-31, probably kept the Hawks from hitting the century mark.

From 55-31, the Hawks again went on an 11-0 run keyed by five points from Je'kel Foster to race back to a 66-31 lead.

Jans continued to run players in and out for most of the second half as six players hit double figures and a total 11 Hawks' players scored.

Howard's Finlay Brashears topped scorers for the game with 15. Foster had 14, Goff 12 — all on three point shots. Eddie Starks had 11 points for the contest and Jon Sykes and Leon Woodstock had 10 points each.

"We got off to a good start tonight," Jans said of his 23-2 Hawks. The win pushed the Hawks to a 7-2 league mark. "Goff got off to a quick start. That's what he has to do for us."

Goff hit two 3-pointers



Howard College's Jon Sykes (5) slams home a dunk during the second half of the Hawks' 95-65 romp over Clarendon's Bulldogs.

in the game's first three minutes to key the Hawks' big run and gave the hosts control of the game.

"We had a pretty good idea at halftime we would win the game. It was a matter of working on things like our zone and

match-up defenses that will help us be stronger.

"We have several tough road games facing us. We have to be ready mentally and physically. We know Midland will be tough on Thursday. They will have a game plan and be ready to play."

As that game nears, Jans said, "We will have to be ready."

The Hawks and Lady Hawks face Midland Thursday on the road and return home next Monday for a doubleheader with New Mexico Junior College.

## Lady Hawks' suffer another loss in final seconds, 60-57

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor

Kevin Bucher and his Howard College Lady Hawks have to wonder what the fates have against them.

Time and time again, it seems, the Lady Hawks have battled Western Junior College Athletic Conference foes for all their worth, only to come up on the short end of very close final scores.

Such was the case Monday night when the Lady Hawks battled back from an early 14-point deficit, only to suffer a 60-57 loss to Clarendon's Lady Bulldogs.

As a result, the Lady Hawks saw their record drop to 10-16 overall and 1-7 in WJAC play, while Clarendon evened its conference mark to 4-4 and is now 17-7 on the season.

"You've got to wonder what it's going to take to turn this trend around," Bucher said following the

loss, his disappointment clearly evident.

"The turnovers just killed us," the first-year Lady Hawks boss observed, answering his own question "It's the unforced turnovers. We've got the perfect play planned right there at the end, down by one with four seconds left and had the ball out of bounds on our baseline. Then we don't handle the inbounds pass."

But Bucher remained positive in the face of the heart-breaking loss.

"Most of the time when a team's had the kind of experiences we've had ... lost this many close games we could have won, you see them get their heads down. You can see them waiting for the hammer to fall," he noted. "We haven't done that. These girls keep battling people. If anything, in fact, that's where some of those turnovers come

from. Sometimes we try to make the great pass when we probably shouldn't."

After jumping out on top with the game's first basket with a little more than a minute gone in the contest, the Lady Hawks learned very quickly that Clarendon planned to put the ball and the game in the hands of posts Sancho Lyttle and Vasha Adams, both products of St. Vincent in the Virgin Islands, who seemed almost unstoppable in the paint.

Howard kept pace for a couple of minutes, thanks to a couple of 3-pointers by sophomore guard Belqui Guardado.

But the next four minutes of play saw the Lady Bulldogs rattle off a 15-0 run and take a 22-8 edge with 13:15 still showing on the clock.

Just as quickly, however, Clarendon began to have trouble getting the

ball into Lyttle and Adams, and the Lady Hawks mounted a sustained comeback.

Thanks to solid play inside by Desire Bostice and Brittani Calhoun, solid ball handling from Alexis Britt and sharp-shooting from the perimeter by LaTasha Davis, the Lady Hawks trimmed the seemingly insurmountable lead to just one, 33-32, at the halftime buzzer.

Howard regained the lead when Guardado popped mesh from the wing to open the second half, but the Lady Bulldogs began to take control behind the play of Adams, pulling out to a 50-41 edge at the 8:50 mark, but the Lady Hawks answered with an 8-0 run from Calhoun and LaTyia Williams. And when Davis ripped back-to-back treys, the Lady Hawks had a 55-54 lead with 2:47 to play.

Clarendon answered

with a pair of short-distance jumpers by Adams to take a 58-55 advantage.

Unwilling to go quietly, the Lady Hawks mounted one last stand with less than 10 seconds left. Britt drove the lane and trimmed the lead to 58-57.

Following a time out with four seconds left, Howard threw up a full-court press that denied Clarendon an opportunity to get the ball inbounds during the required five seconds.

As a result, the Lady Hawks seemed poised to take the game's final shot. Unfortunately, Bostice

### IN BRIEF

#### Game time remains as scheduled for tonight

Clarendon head basketball coach Kim Nichols said the Bulldogs' game with Colorado City will be played at the time indicated on the team's schedule.

Junior varsity action begins at 6 tonight, followed by the varsity contest at 7:30.

It had earlier been announced that the games had been rescheduled for an hour earlier start.

#### Steers junior varsity chalks up 48-44 win

Big Spring's junior varsity Steers posted a 48-44 win over San Angelo Lake View on Friday.

Brandon Boling paced the Steers with 18 points, while Erin Partee had 15.

#### Marquez records ace at Comanche Trail

Benito Marquez recorded the second hole-in-one of his 15-year golfing career on Jan. 4 at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

Marquez recorded the ace using a 3 wood on the No. 4 hole.

The shot was witnessed by Daril Pineda, Johnny Yanez and Ben Rubio.

#### 'Hawk Talk' will air Wednesday on KBST

Hawk Talk, a live radio show on Howard College sports, is scheduled to be broadcast on KBST-AM 1490 at 9 a.m. Wednesday.

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# The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

## Land of Lincoln

### Illinois From A to Z



Chicago is the third-largest city in the United States, with about 2.9 million people. Its many world record-breaking structures include the tallest building, the Sears Tower; the largest aquarium, Shedd Aquarium; the longest street, Western Avenue; and the busiest airport, O'Hare International. Millions of tourists come to see its museums such as the Art Institute of Chicago and the Museum of Science and Industry.

**Atomic** research has made Illinois world-famous.

**Eureka** features the Ronald Reagan Museum at the site of his former school.

Illinois is a big agricultural state. The fertile soil that covers its plains is its most important resource. About three-fourths of it is covered with farmland. Chicago, the largest city, is a center of industry, finance and the arts.

**Black Hawk** was a famous warrior of the Sauk people, one of the first tribes to live in the area. Illinois is named for the Illinois Indians, a group of Algonquin tribes. They called their group Illiniwek, or "superior men." The French changed the pronunciation to Illinois.

**The Field Museum** in Chicago is known for its dinosaur exhibits, including Sue, a T-rex.

Tourism and manufacturing are top industries. Major companies such as Sears Roebuck, McDonald's and United Airlines are there.

**The Chicago Board of Trade** is one of the top spots in the world where farm products are traded.

**Forests** cover about 10 percent of the state.

Some of the earliest known Native American settlements in North America were in the area. French explorers Louis Jolliet and Jacques Marquette first claimed the land for the French in 1673.

**The Lincoln-Douglas Debate Museum** in Charleston highlights the famous debates between two Senate candidates, Abraham Lincoln and Stephen A. Douglas. Lincoln lost that election.

**Galesburg** is the birthplace of Carl Sandburg, a poet who won the Pulitzer Prize for his biography of Abraham Lincoln.

The British and Virginia also claimed it at times. It became a state in 1818. It fought for the Union in the Civil War.

It is the fifth most populated state, with about 12 1/2 million people.



### Rookie Cookie's Recipe Sweet Corn Pudding

Each year Illinois growers harvest 33,000 acres of sweet corn. Some is eaten on the cob, but most is produced as canned corn.

- You'll need:**
- 1/3 cup sugar
  - 2 teaspoons baking powder
  - 2 teaspoons salt
  - 3 tablespoons all-purpose flour
  - 2 cups half-and-half
  - 1/2 cup butter, melted
  - 6 eggs
  - 6 cups canned or frozen corn kernels

- What to do:**
1. Grease a 9-by-13-inch baking dish.
  2. Combine sugar, baking powder, salt and flour in a small bowl.
  3. In a large bowl, mix together half-and-half, butter and eggs.
  4. Add sugar mixture gradually.
  5. Stir in corn.
  6. Pour mixture in baking dish.
  7. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 45 minutes or until golden-brown. Let cool. Serves 8.

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### Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Brett Hull

**Height:** 5-11 **Birthdate:** 8-9-64  
**Weight:** 203 **Birthplace:** Belleville, Ontario

Hull is a famous name in ice hockey. Brett Hull's father, Bobby, is in the Hall of Fame. His uncle, Dennis, is an All-Star with the Chicago Blackhawks. Brett also is one of the all-time standouts.

Since 1989, Brett has been selected to play in seven All-Star games. Going into this season, he also ranked third in career goals (792), behind Wayne Gretzky (1,016) and Gordie Howe (869).

Brett, No. 17, helped the Detroit Red Wings win the Stanley Cup championship last year. "Huller" scored 63 points on 30 goals and 33 assists during regular season.

Brett started at the University of Minnesota-Duluth before joining the National Hockey League. He broke in with Calgary and also played for St. Louis and Dallas before going to Detroit. In 1998 he was a member of the U.S. Olympic team.

During the off-season, Brett spends time at his two summer homes in Duluth and Dallas, Texas. His hobbies include playing golf and working crossword puzzles.

### Meet Mike Myers

Mike Myers makes lot of people laugh. He creates funny characters and then plays them on television and movies.

Laughter and jokes were part of Mike's family life. He grew up in Scarborough, Ontario, in Canada. His parents were from England. His father was an encyclopedia salesman who loved jokes. Mike was the youngest of three boys.

After graduating from high school, Mike joined a comedy group. His big break came when he was picked to be on a Saturday night TV show in 1988.

Now he's an actor, comedian, writer and producer. He has provided the voice of Shrek.

Mike is married. He likes to collect model soldiers. His favorite sports team is the Toronto Maple Leafs.

This fall, Mike will star in a new movie based on the Dr. Seuss book "The Cat in the Hat."

### MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

All the following jokes have something in common. Can you guess the common theme or category?

**Howard:** How do sailors greet each other?  
**Sally:** "Long time no sea!"

**Terry:** How do sailors get their clothes clean?  
**Frank:** They throw them overboard and they are washed ashore!

**Sue:** How do sailors break up with their girlfriends?  
**Debbie:** They drift apart!

### ILLINOIS TRY 'N FIND

Words and names that remind us of Illinois are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally. See if you can find: CABIN, CUBS, LINCOLN, OIL, ATOM, REAGAN, SPRINGFIELD, ART, DINOSAUR, GRANT, TRADE, MALLARD, SOX, FLOWERS, CHICAGO, BLIZZARDS, MOUND, SANDBURG, DOUGLAS.

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### Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting Lincoln's home in Springfield, Ill. See if you can find:

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- bucket
- ladder
- word MINI
- number 3
- ruler
- cat
- letter E
- squirrel
- umbrella
- book
- seal
- two hearts
- letter A
- pencil
- muffin
- letter Z
- brush

### More About Illinois

**Hanover** is the mallard capital of the world, and the site of the world's largest mallard duck hatchery.

**The Illinois Waterway** links Lake Michigan with the Mississippi River on the western border, and this links the state to the Gulf of Mexico. Lake Michigan and the St. Lawrence Seaway offer a connection to the Atlantic Ocean. Chicago is one of the country's top ports.

**The John Deere Historic Site** in Grand Detour is the site of his blacksmith shop. His machinery, such as the first successful steel plow, changed farming forever.

**Key** manufactured products include farm machinery from companies such as Caterpillar and John Deere, and chemical and metal products.

**The Lincoln Log Cabin State Historic Site** in Lerna is where Lincoln's parents settled in the 1840s.

**Sites to see:** [www.enjoyillinois.com](http://www.enjoyillinois.com)  
[www.illinois.gov](http://www.illinois.gov)

Look through your newspaper for stories and pictures about famous people in your state.

Next week The Mini Page is about the Tuskegee Airman.

**The McDonald's #1 Store Museum** in Des Plaines is the site of the first McDonald's restaurant, opened in 1955.

**Metropolis** has adopted Superman, because it is the only city in the US actually named "Metropolis," where Superman supposedly lived. The Super Museum features costumes and toys about this superhero.

**Nursery flowers,** dairy, corn, soybeans, hogs, pumpkins and hay are the top farm products. Food companies such as Quaker Oats and Sara Lee are there.

**Oil deposits** and refineries are important, and some of the main deposits of soft coal in the US are there.

**The biggest Prehistoric earthen mound** in the Americas is at Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site. Ancient people had a city there from about 700 to 1400.

**Quincy** was named for then-president John Quincy Adams in 1825.

**Ronald Reagan** was born in Tampico and grew up in Dixon. He was the 40th president of the U.S.

**Springfield** is the capital. Abraham Lincoln and his wife, Mary, lived there with their children before moving to Washington, D.C.

**Tornadoes** and blizzards often threaten the state.

**Ulysses S. Grant's home** was in Galena. He commanded Illinois troops during the Civil War and became general in chief of the Union Army. He was later elected president.

**The Lincoln-Douglas Valentine Museum** in Quincy features unusual valentines and heart-shaped candy boxes once manufactured in Quincy.

**Frank Lloyd Wright** lived in and designed many of his famous buildings in Oak Park. More of his buildings are there than anywhere else in the world.

**The White Sox,** Cubs, Bears, Bulls and Blackhawks are some of Chicago's famous pro teams.

**The Young Abraham Lincoln** became known as a trial lawyer in Decatur.

**The Brookfield Zoo** in Chicago was the first zoo in America to provide natural habitats for the animals.

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BUT I'M ALWAYS LOOKIN' FER DISHWASHERS !!

**BETLE BAILEY**

DID YOU SEE WHAT THE GENERAL'S WIFE PUT ON HER CAR SO SHE CAN FIND IT IN PARKING LOTS?

YEAH

SHE GOT THE IDEA FROM ME

**People In the News**

By The Associated Press

NICASIO, Calif. (AP) - Filmmaker George Lucas is combining his film production, special effects and video game companies under the name Lucasfilm Ltd.

The strategic business move, announced Tuesday, will bring together special effects shop Lucas Digital, video game maker LucasArts Entertainment, Lucas Licensing and Lucasfilm.

Those four companies are housed in Marin County, where Lucas makes his home. The consolidation means most of the 2,000 employees will relocate to the company's planned Digital Arts Center campus at San Francisco's Presidio in 2005, said Lucasfilm spokeswoman Lynn Hale.

Also coinciding with the move, Lucasfilm President Gordon Radley has decided to leave the company. Lucas will remain chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Lucasfilm Ltd.

"We have a unique array of talent in the areas of special effects, sound design, interactive games, licensing, distribution and marketing," Lucas said Tuesday. "This new structure will make it easier for our diverse talents to work as a team."

LOS ANGELES (AP) - Now that the NFL season is done, Bon Jovi is turning to golf.

The band will headline Tiger Woods' benefit concert in Las Vegas on April 19. It was announced Wednesday.

"I grew up listening to Bon Jovi, and I'm really looking forward to seeing them live," Woods said. "It means a lot to me that Jon and the guys have joined in my efforts to support today's youth through 'Tiger Jam.'"

Bon Jovi played in New York's Times Square at a promotion to start the NFL season and helped close it with a performance at the Super Bowl in San Diego.

The "Tiger Jam" concert raises money for Woods' foundation and children's charities in Las Vegas and Los Angeles.

Also performing with Bon Jovi at the Mandalay Bay Events Center will be the Goo Goo Dolls.

**Newsday Crossword**

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**ACROSS**

- 1 "So what \_\_\_ is new?"
- 5 Reuner, for short
- 9 Hurried
- 14 Author Bellow
- 15 Glowing review
- 16 Piano-key wood
- 17 Actress Thompson
- 18 Corrida cheers
- 19 Thickly packed
- 20 Rigidly straight
- 23 Campfire residue
- 24 Painting stands
- 28 Intimidate
- 31 Skirt length
- 33 By way of
- 34 Cocoon dweller
- 35 Auto problem
- 37 Bjorn rival
- 38 Rainy club
- 39 Sommer of the screen
- 40 Acquire
- 42 Comes to the rescue of
- 43 Yvette's boyfriend
- 44 Blues singer James
- 45 Used a strop
- 46 Roman orator
- 48 Yes, to Pierre
- 49 Local eatery
- 55 Committee
- 58 Prospector's find
- 59 Not in force
- 61 Knight's weapon
- 62 Western Indians

**DOWN**

- 1 Linguistic suffix
- 2 Farm baby
- 3 Japanese wrestling
- 4 Israeli airline
- 5 Complain
- 6 The *Honeymooners* character
- 7 Allege
- 8 He loved Lucy
- 9 Attribute of Skelton and Buttons
- 10 Is an accomplice
- 11 Pro and \_\_\_
- 12 Coast Guard off.
- 13 Easter egg need
- 21 O'Hara's place
- 22 Columbus' port
- 25 Change slowly
- 26 Enjoyed an ice cream cone
- 27 "Land \_\_\_ alive!"
- 28 Sandwich meat
- 29 47 Down, e.g.
- 30 "\_\_\_ plaisir!"
- 31 Oceanic ray
- 32 \_\_\_ facto
- 34 Garden flower
- 35 Skirt slit
- 36 Low in fat
- 38 Engine
- 41 Ushers in
- 42 Evening, in Paris
- 45 Most immense
- 47 Roeper's partner
- 48 More weird
- 50 Reuner, for short
- 51 "\_\_\_ chance!"
- 52 John, in Russia
- 53 Wacky
- 54 Big car, for short
- 55 L.A. hours
- 56 Overwhelming wonder
- 57 "Smoking or \_\_\_?"
- 60 Fox's home

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