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**RURAL FIREFIGHTERS**

For rural residents of Howard County, they're the first line of defense against disaster.

The men and women of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department train constantly to be ready for any situation that might come up.

They are the subject of the Herald's Community Impact Series, which continues in today's edition.

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**RECOVERING COLUMBIA**

Eddy Spurgin's day job is with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at Big Spring's U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center.

Since Feb. 1, however, Spurgin has been in East Texas supervising more than 700 members of the Texas National Guard in locating debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

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## Candidate filing set to begin

### First official filing day moved to Tuesday for some schools

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Have a complaint with the school board or with the school administration? Just want to get involved? Now's the time to stop talking and start acting.

Monday is the first day to file an intent to run for

a school board trustee position on most area schools in the May 3 election.

Two districts, 2 and 4, will be the first elected seats to be phased into the Big Spring Independent School District's board of trustees seven single-member representation.

District 4 is represented by incumbent Frank Long, BSISD board president, and 2, the newly created minority-majority district, will be filled for the first time.

Candidates considering a run for either seat will need to check with the district's business office,

708 E. 11th Place, to see if they are eligible.

The creation of seven new single-member scheme back in October also changed district boundary lines. Current BSISD voter registration cards no longer represent the correct trustee boundaries.

School board candidates must live in the district they wish to represent. A map of the new district boundaries is available at the district administration office.

Filing for an intent to run in the BSISD trustee

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Big Spring High School freshman Kristin Richard and sophomore Mark Lozano will be touring the country this summer with the drum and bugle corps Revolution. The corps will make an appearance in West Texas at Midland's Thunder in the Desert competition before traveling to Florida for the Drum Corps International finals.

## Big Spring pair lend talents to top drum and bugle corps

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Remember Thunder in the Desert, the drum and bugle corps competition that rocked West Texas last year and brought sev-

eral bands to Big Spring to rehearse?

Two Big Spring High School teens are going to participate in Thunder in the Desert this year as members of the

Revolution Drum and Bugle Corps.

Freshman Kristin Richard and sophomore Mark Lozano both audi-

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## Relief route

### Public hearing slated Tuesday to gain input; attendance encouraged

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Maps of possible routes for the U.S. 87 truck relief route, along with maps showing environmental restrictions along the designated path, will be displayed Tuesday at a public meeting.

Tuesday's meeting will be at 6:30 p.m. at the Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive in Comanche Trail Park.

"This meeting is an informal status report of what we've done to date and what our timeline for the project is in the future," said Texas Department of Transportation Engineer Roy Dill. "At this meeting we're going to have some exhibits. We'll show what our environmental con-



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**INFORMATION**

**What:** Public hearing on truck reliever route.

**Where:** Dora Roberts Community Center, 100 Whipkey Drive.

**When:** 6:30 p.m. Tuesday

sultants have found. We're also going to show different alignments we're considering and we're wanting to get input from the community and the public as to any concerns that they have."

Another meeting will be scheduled in two or three months. Dill added.

"After we develop our preferred alignment," he said. "At that time we'll have a better idea where it's going and who will be affected. At this meeting on Tuesday, it's more of just a status report. We want to update the people on what we're doing. I've

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## 100 and still a sweetheart

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

At 100, Fern Ellington still looks great, but don't tell

Enjoying her 100th birthday party, Fern Ellington poses with her brother, Courtney, and her sister-in-law, Jo Wells. Ellington, the widow of long-time Big Spring dentist E.O. Ellington, was born on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1903.

HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

her.

"Do you wear glasses?" Ellington quipped to a reporter who told her she looks beautiful for her age. "You'd better get them changed."

A resident of Carriage Inn Retirement Home, Ellington still moves well without assistance, takes only one prescribed medication a day and has a tongue that produces

sharp-witted humor.

Born on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1903, in Sulfur Bluff, Ellington is the daughter of William Harris and Julia Wells, and the oldest of four children.

A farmer's daughter, Ellington attributes her lengthy health to hours toiling in the cotton field during her youth.

"You pick as much

cotton as I have, you live long," she said.

After the death of her father while she was in her 20s, the family moved to Brady, where Ellington worked as an assistant for a local dentist.

"There was this salesman who came though Brady and told a dentist about her," said Jo Wells, Ellington's sister-in-

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## Goliad students pay respects to shuttle crew family members

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

After the tragic break up of the Space Shuttle Columbia over Texas, some sixth-grade Goliad Intermediate students took time to write to the family members of the seven astronauts who gave their lives.

"I was very impressed with the results," said Goliad Social Studies Teacher Patsy Sanchez, who asked her students to write condolence letters to the families of NASA astronauts Rick D. Husband, Kalpana Chawla, William C.

**"I am so sorry for your loss. Stay strong and remember that person you lost loved you as much as you loved him or her."**

Zoie Salgado

McCool, David M. Brown, Laurel B. Clark, Michael P. Anderson and Ian Ramon.

"These kids really wrote from the heart."

Sanchez said.

"I feel so sad about this tragedy that has occurred," sixth-grader Lloyd W. Morgan wrote. "I one day wish to be an astronaut and I think of the shuttle crew as my heroes. I think it is an awesome thing for men and women to risk their lives traveling in space."

Several of the students echoed the astronauts' heroism.

"These astronauts are brave souls," Brionna Palmer wrote. "America, India and Israel are

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HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

A number of Goliad Intermediate sixth-graders wrote condolence letters to the families of seven astronauts killed in the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster. Among the student writing letters were, from left, front row, Zoie Salgado, Brionna Palmer and M'Lyn Swinney, and back row, Lloyd W. Morgan and Cadry Gibbs.

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# BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Virginia Garcia

Virginia Garcia, 56, of Big Spring, died on Thursday, Feb. 13, 2003, at her residence. Funeral services were Saturday, Feb. 15, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Felix Cubelos, pastor at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, officiating. Interment is in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

She was born on July 27, 1946 in Seguin and married Jesse Garcia. They were married for 36 years.

Virginia had lived in Big Spring since 1987. She was a loving mother, grandmother and great grandmother and loved dancing, visiting with friends and family, being outdoors and was a hard worker. She was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Survivors include her husband, Jesse Garcia; four sons, Julian Olvera and wife Pauline of Seguin, Luciano Olvera and wife Norma of Corpus Christi, Manuel Garcia of Houston and Jesse Varietes of Dallas; two daughters, Mary Garcia and husband Ronnie of San Angelo and Isabel Worthan and husband Dale of Big Spring; her mother, Josephina Varietes of Lamesa; six sisters, Janie Olvera of San Angelo, Julie Cardona of Lamesa, Andrea Zepeda of Tahoka and Mary, Tina and Linda, all of Homestead, Fla.; grandchildren, Isaac Garcia, Christopher and Mekayla Perez, Luciano Ray, Georgia and Jillian Olvera, Adam Colunga, Rita and Matthew; two great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Georgia Garcia, and a grandson, Troy Colby Perez.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

### Una Goswick

Ms. Una Goswick, age 77, of Kerrville and formerly of Big Spring, passed away Friday, Feb. 14, 2003, in a Kerrville hospital. She was born in Colorado City on Aug. 3, 1925 to James and Eula (Davenport) Wagner.

Una had been a resident of Kerrville for three years. She lived in Big Spring from 1948 to 1999. She worked for the Big Spring Public School District from 1974 to 1994.

Survivors include her daughter, Verna Baldwin and husband Kenneth of Amarillo; two sons, Jonnie Goswick and wife Laura of Kerrville and Gary Goswick and wife Gina of Midland; three sisters, Dorothy Reese of Andrews, Amber Oden of Westbrook and Wanda James of Silver; two brothers, Jack and Cliff Wagner, both of Colorado City; four grandchildren, Jeff and Brandon Baldwin and Shelbi and Savannah Goswick, and several nieces and nephews.

Services will be held in Big Spring at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park on Monday, Feb. 17, 2003, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Scott Carroll officiating. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Peterson Hospice, 1121 Broadway, Kerrville, 78028.

The family invites you to send condolences to [www.grimesfuneralchapels.com](http://www.grimesfuneralchapels.com) by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

## Support groups

### SUNDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from 11 a.m. to 1 noon at 615 Settles. Open meeting 5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

Surviving Pregnancy Loss meets the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m. at the Howard County Library Committee Room. Call 631-4430 for more information.

### MONDAY

Alcoholics Anonymous meets from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open meeting on fourth floor at VA Medical Center from 8 p.m. to 9 p.m.

TOPS Club TX 21 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), weigh in at 5:30 p.m. and meeting at 6 p.m. at Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center, 306 West Third.

New Voice Club support group for laryngectomies and families. For more information, call 267-2800.

### TUESDAY

TOPS Club TX 1756 (Take Off Pounds Sensibly), 5:30 p.m. weigh-in, 6 p.m. meeting, Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 11th and Birdwell, Call 263-2786 or 263-1340 for more information.

### WEDNESDAY

AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 615 Settles. Open 12 and 12 Study meeting, 8 p.m.

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## Police blotter

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

• **ALANA MARIE LEE**, 38, of 2509 March Circle was arrested on five local warrants.

• **JOHN RAMIREZ**, 36, of 1607 Avion was arrested on a charge of burglary of a building.

• **ANDREW O. RAMOS**, 17, of 1408 Robin was arrested on a charge of aggravated sexual assault.

• **AMANDA IRENE PRICE**, 25, of 1403 Grafa was arrested on a charge of driving with a suspended license.

• **MATTHEW SCOTT REAVES**, 19, of 1707 Yale Ave. was arrested on two local warrants.

• **LELAND R. CAYATINETO**, 22, of 902 S. Scurry was arrested on charges of public intoxication and assault class C.

• **NYOLA SHENEKKA MCVEA**, 19, of 908 N.W. Second St. was arrested on two local warrants.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** and two counts of **ASSAULT CLASS C** were reported in the 200 block of West Fifth Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1800 block of East FM 700. Clothes worth \$205.95 were reported stolen.

• **BURGLARY OF A BUILDING** was reported: In the 1200 block of South Scurry Street. \$400 damage was reportedly done to the window frame and door jamb and \$25 cash was reported stolen.

• In the 2500 block of Wasson Road. Someone reportedly broke the glass in the front window of the convenience store causing \$500 damage before stealing an undetermined amount of cash, merchandise worth \$67.19, electronic equipment worth \$150 and \$300 worth of tools.

• In the 400 block of South Gregg Street. Someone reportedly broke the glass on the front door of the convenience store causing \$300 damage before stealing two 30-packs of beer worth \$56.97 and four cartons of cigarettes worth \$106.36.

• In the 2000 block of South Scurry Street. Someone reportedly broke the glass of the front window of the restaurant causing \$100 damage.

• In the 300 block of Northwest Third Street. Someone reportedly caused \$400 damage to the building.

• **BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** was reported: In the 800 block of South Nolan Street. \$50 damage was reportedly done to the front door and \$50 worth of electronic equipment was reported stolen.

• In the 600 block of McEwen Street. Someone reportedly broke the glass in a rear window and stole household goods worth \$1,100.

• In the 800 block of East 16th Street. Someone reportedly pried open the front window causing \$150 damage to the structure before stealing items worth \$2,850.

• **THEFT** was reported:

• In the 1700 block of East FM 700. Items worth \$61.01 were reported stolen from a convenience store.

• In the 200 block of Jefferson Street. A bicycle worth \$40 was reportedly stolen from a home.

• **CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported: In the 2500 block of Wasson Road. Someone reportedly caused \$400 damage to a convenience store in the area.

• In the 500 block of East FM 700. \$520 damage was reportedly inflicted on a service station in the area.

• **UNLAWFUL POSSESSION OF A FIREARM BY A FELON AND PROHIBITED WEAPON** was reported in the 1900 block of North Monticello Street. Two firearms were reportedly confiscated in the incident.

• **DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place, the 900 block of Willia Street, the 800 block of East 15th Street

• **DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1900 block of North Monticello Street.

• **LOUD PARTY/NOISE** was reported in the 1600 block of South Main Street, the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive.

• **MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in person at the police station and in the 200 block of Northwest Eighth Street, the 1700 block of East FM 700, the 1100 block of South Gregg Street, the 700 block of East Fourth Street, the 700 block of Interstate 20.

## Sheriff's report

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following recent activity:

• **JOSE FRED CASTILLO JR.**, 34, of 2451 Culver Ave. in San Angelo was arrested on a motion to revoke probation for driving while intoxicated.

• **ENOCH GERALD KENNEDY**, 66, of 2610 S. Anderson was arrested on charges of assault causing bodily injury/family violence and possession of drug paraphernalia.

• **CHRISTOPHER OBELL VANOVER**, 25, of 1806 Winston was taken to the Howard County Jail after being arrested by Big Spring Police Wednesday arrested on a charge of issuance of a bad check.

• **STOLEN VEHICLE** was reported in the 1000 block of East 12th Street.

• **POSSIBLE RUNAWAY** was reported in the 8700 block of Gillem Road.

• **DOG PROBLEM** was reported in the 300 block of Pettus Road.

• **AGGRESSIVE ANIMAL** was reported in on West Interstate 20.

• **POSSIBLE DOG FIGHTING** was reported in the 2400 block of North Birdwell Lane.

• **FIRE ALARM** was reported in the 1900 block of North Highway 87. The call turned out to be a false alarm.

## Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald Features Desk at 263-7331, ext. 238 or email [jmooley@herald.com](mailto:jmooley@herald.com).

### MONDAY

Senior Circle, Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., SMMC. People 50 years of age and older are invited to participate, call 268-4721.

Concerned Citizens, 7 p.m., Fiberflex conference room, Bethel St., in the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark. Everyone is invited.

Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teacher's Association, 11:30 a.m., Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance class, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Center, 267-1628.

Big Spring Rotary, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Evening Lions Club, noon, Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park.

Big Spring High School Band Boosters, 6 p.m., high school band hall. All parents are invited to attend.

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

Big Spring Art Association, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

Big Spring Chapter 67, Order of the Eastern Star, 7:30 p.m., Masonic Lodge, 219 Main St.

### WEDNESDAY

Optimist Club, 7 a.m., Howard County Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Senior Circle, Stretch and Tone, 9:30 a.m., SMMC classroom.

Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

Line Dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, Industrial Park, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

Duplicate Bridge Club, 1 p.m., Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road.

Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 203 W. Third.

## Lottery

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Saturday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 1-7-0  
Results of the Texas Two Step drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 06-07-13-27. Bonus Ball: 23. Estimated jackpot for Tuesday night drawing: \$275,000.

Results of the Cash Five drawing Friday night: Winning numbers drawn: 03-10-11-19-25. Number matching five of five: 2. Prize per winner: \$30,107. Winning tickets sold in: Houston, Beaumont. Matching four of five: 246. Prize: \$110. Matching three of five: 7,422. Prize: \$8. Matching two of five: 70,230. Prize: \$2.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday afternoon by the Texas Lottery, in order: 6-5-0

## Weather

Sunday... Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. North winds 5 to 15 mph. Sunday night... Mostly clear. Lows near 30.

Washington's birthday... Mostly sunny and warmer. Highs near 70.

Tuesday through Thursday... Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s. Highs in the upper 60s.

Friday... Mostly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Highs in the lower 60s.

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State and national news at a glance

**U.S. suffers embarrassing blow in campaign to galvanize U.N. support for war against Iraq**

**UNITED NATIONS (AP)** — The United States suffered an embarrassing blow when its campaign to galvanize support for a war against Iraq failed to win any new converts in the U.N. Security Council and instead faced massive opposition from nations demanding more time for U.N. weapons inspections. The Bush administration had hoped to capitalize on negative reports from top weapons inspectors to press its case for quick military action. But the inspectors avoided harsh criticism, and the overwhelming majority of council nations pounced on their reports of improved Iraqi cooperation to call for fresh efforts to peacefully disarm Saddam Hussein.

Only Spain and Britain spoke up for the U.S. position in the 15-member council, and even Britain's Foreign Secretary Jack Straw held out hope for a peaceful solution if Iraq dramatically accelerates its cooperation.

In a dramatic moment reflecting the strong anti-war sentiment, French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin was loudly applauded by delegates and visitors after an impassioned speech urging that war be considered only as "a last resort" and declaring that inspections were producing results.

The rare outburst in the normally somber chamber was repeated — with somewhat less applause — when Russian Foreign Minister Igor Ivanov called for more inspections and said there was no need to use force against Iraq now.

A visibly exasperated U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell, setting aside his prepared remarks, warned the council that the world should not be taken in by "tricks that are being played on us." He said Saddam was not cooperating with weapons inspectors, and put council members on notice that in "the very near future" they would have to decide whether or not to consider the "serious consequences" against Iraq called for in the last U.N. resolution.

**Seven killed in tour bus-SUV accident**

**HEWITT (AP)** — Investigators on Saturday were reconstructing the scene of a deadly bus accident.

Department of Public Safety officers and a National Transportation Safety Board team took measurements at the crash site about 10 miles south of Waco to determine what went wrong the day before.

DPS spokesman Tom Vinger said the driver of the tour bus swerved to avoid traffic on northbound Interstate 35 that had slowed for another accident. The bus drove over the center median and hit a 2002 Chevrolet sport utility vehicle head-on, rolling the bus and crumpling the SUV.

Seven people were killed — five on the bus and two in the SUV; at least two dozen others were taken to hospitals, and three remained in critical condition Saturday.

The road was wet from heavy rain. Cpl. Charlie Morgah, public information officer for the Waco DPS office, said authorities had not yet received the results of a blood test conducted on the bus driver.

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law. "She was hired and moved to Big Spring in 1926."

The dentist was Dr. E.O. Ellington, whom she later married in 1962 and shared 10 years in marriage. "Doc" as Fern's family affectionately called E.O., died in 1972.

A world traveler, Ellington is a life master bridge player and enjoys time with her nephews, nieces and especially her great-nephews and great-nieces.

On Friday, Carriage Inn and several business celebrated with their special Valentine by throwing a birthday party for Fern.

The day began with cake and punch beginning at 9 a.m. followed by an official birthday reception at 2 p.m. in the lobby.

After the crowd sang the traditional Happy Birthday song, Ellington said with a grin, "Thank

you. I'd get up but I'm too busy eating cake."

Wal-Mart gave Ellington a large teddy bear, Spanish Inn presented her with a dinner. The birthday cake was provided by Gale's Sweet Shoppe.

Dakota's Flowers gave Fern a half-dozen roses and a corsage and KBST named Ellington the Sweetheart of the Day.

During the day, Carriage Inn held a tree planting ceremony in her honor on the property. The tree was provided by Johansen's Landscape & Nursery.

On Friday night, the retirement home held a sweetheart dance in honor of Ellington with music provided by the country western band Cecil Bingham.

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tioned and contracted with Revolution recently as mellophone players. This weekend, the two are off at their monthly rehearsal, but before they left, they described their experiences so far.

"You go to once-a-month rehearsals in various cities in Texas," Richard said. "If you were to compare it to something, it would be like a varsity marching band, but really, there's no great explanation for drum corps. In the summer we'll move into San Antonio. We'll exercise physically and learn drills, marching drills, on the field. We'll work on our music and our technique with marching, pretty much all day from about 7 or 8 until 10 or 11 sometimes." Lozano said the physical training is a necessary

part of the preparation process.

"You do have to be in good shape for it," he said. "It's a lot of marching, so you don't want to be tired by the end of the show, or in the middle, so you do have to get into that kind of shape. Then you have to be able to play for that long a time. It's hard work, but you have to be dedicated to do it."

Both teens said they discovered Revolution online.

"I went to one of the competitions (Thunder in the Desert) last year in Midland and I just looked it up on the Internet after that," Lozano said. "It's great experience and I like marching and band. It's a great combination."

Richard said she learned of the corps during a research assign-

ment by her history teacher.

"I discovered it on the Internet when our history teacher at the high school gave us a week to research anything that we wanted to research," she said. "I researched music, and stumbled upon the Drum Corps International Web site."

This summer, the teens will be, gone all season long touring with Revolution.

"In June we're going to be staying in San Antonio for most of the month, just going over the same routine, going over the show and perfecting it," Lozano said. "Then around June 20, we'll go on tour."

"We'll grab all of our stuff, what little we can take and fit in our suitcase, and get on a charter bus and we'll tour the

whole country throughout the whole summer, ending in August with DCI finals week," Richard added. "That's going to be in Florida. It'll be the highlight of the season."

Founded in 1999, Revolution is Texas' only active junior drum and bugle corps. The corps accepts students ages 14 to 21 by audition from across the state.

Lozano and Richard both need help to offset the cost of their experience. For more information about how to help the teens, contact Revolution 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. weekdays at 1-866-682-DRUM or check the corps' Website at [www.revolution-corps.org](http://www.revolution-corps.org)

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**HEARING**

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been getting a lot of telephone calls and I want to give them an idea of where we're at."

Dill said that he and TXDoT will use the meeting to gauge public sentiment about the project.

"The more people that attend and give us feedback as to their level of support, the more it will help the project move forward," he said.

Area Ports-To-Plains committee member Bill Crooker said it's vital that people come out and show their support for the relief route.

"I think it's extremely important that people in

our community come out in support of the Ports-To-Plains reliever route," Crooker said. "This conveys to TXDoT the feelings of the people in our community for this project."

Crooker also presented a questionnaire that he had received from Congressman Larry Combest about the relief route, and the answers he furnished.

"It was relative to our reliever route going around Big Spring, asking questions as to the amount of funding necessary, where it would go, this sort of thing, to describe the route," he said. "This is for him to

request funding in the up and coming TEA-21 transportation funding act. TEA stands for Transportation Equity Act. This is a renewal of an old five-year act, and it will be renewed this year for another five years. This will put our request for funding into this act."

Crooker also announced that the project has received the endorsement of TXDoT's executive director.

"Michael Behrens, who is the executive director of TXDoT, has endorsed our request for funding

for the reliever route," he said. "This means that the state, along with other projects they will recommend to the various Congressmen, this is endorsed by the TXDoT commission."

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**20 years in prison for Clara Harris**

**HOUSTON (AP)** — Clara Harris collapsed into her chair and the lap of her defense attorney after she learned a jury of nine women and three men had sentenced her to 20 years in prison for running down her husband in a hotel parking lot last summer after catching him with his lover.

The 45-year-old dentist, who could have received a life sentence, drew a lesser penalty after jurors decided she was driven by "sudden passion" to repeatedly run over David Harris in a suburban Houston hotel parking lot July 24.

The news came Friday on what would have been David and Clara Harris' 11th wedding anniversary — Valentine's Day.

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## EDITORIAL

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-FIRST AMENDMENT

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## OUR VIEWS

Plan to attend  
State of City  
Address March 4

One date you'll want to make sure and mark on your calendar is Tuesday, March 4. That's the date when the Big Spring Area Chamber will host its Community Luncheon with Mayor Russ McEwen giving his "State of the City Address."

The address won't be just about city business, however. Various entities in the city — including the college, school district, VA Medical Center, Big Spring State Hospital, the county and others — are in the process of supplying the mayor with information.

"They have given me information for their plans for their future and I will express what I see for the future for our community," said McEwen.

It's an opportunity for all entities to come together for the future of Big Spring. The message will be an important one, and one that we all need to be a part of.

The luncheon will be held in the East Room of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It will begin at 11:45 a.m. and will be catered by Great Western Dining. Tickets are \$8 per person and can be picked up at the Chamber office, 215 W. Third, or reserved by calling 263-7641 by Feb. 28.

However, it is not necessary to purchase a ticket to attend. If you'd rather skip the meal, you are more than welcome.

Please join us on March 4 at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for what promises to be an important date for the future of our city.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

The Herald is always interested in our readers' opinions.

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## YOUR VIEWS

**TO THE EDITOR:**  
Regarding the 9-1-1 board I am very concerned about the recent allegations brought by councilman Tommy Tune, particularly the one that Tommy Sullivan bought a district-owned vehicle for \$6,000 at zero percent interest, and that 9-1-1 board agreed to "buy-back" sick time to help make the payments, then "forgave" those payments.

Article I, Section 3 of the Texas Constitution reads in part "no man, or set of men is entitled to exclusive public emoluments or privileges but in consideration of public services."

The section does not say "but in anticipation of public services which may be performed in the future," or "but in lieu of sick pay," or "except as a bonus," or "this does not apply to the 9-1-1 board of Howard County." The intent of this constitutional provision is crystal clear. Deals such as Sullivan's are patently unconstitutional, and as

such, illegal. If compliance with the constitution is the wish of the board, then they must be willing to give all citizens the same deal that Sullivan received. Tell me board members, when and where can I pick up my vehicle? The cost? Oh, take that out of the bonus sick pay that I would have received in the future if I ever went to work for you. Or we could just make it simple and forgive the amount owed.

Councilman Tune should be commended for his hard work, diligence and perseverance in bringing forth the facts regarding the irregularities and illegalities which he presented. Board members involved in this on going fiasco should resign immediately. Besides being fiscally irresponsible, they have proven incapable of doing their jobs in a manner consistent with the constitution of this state.

WILLIAM C. COLEMAN  
BIG SPRING

## A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, let us lift our eyes to the heavens for your help as we kneel down and pray.

Amen



## Bond's Broadcast

By Hank Bond

Over the past few weeks there's been a lot of things going on. More and more we hear about the war in Iraq and the North Koreans trying to stir up a fight. Well, let me talk about something more important than that — at least to me.

As I have explained in the past, at our house we have this brown dog. Angel (boy, was I wrong) is her name. She is very often called many other things, but when we have company or the neighbors are out in the yard we try to refer to this renegade desert dog as Angel.

Now most people think she is pretty, and she is, but the problem is she knows it. Once the sun goes down she can see her reflection in the plate glass window and spends hours looking at herself. I especially like it when the wind swirls the leaves on the patio for her because she thinks the leaves are alive — and apparently trying to get her — because she growls and barks to no end.

The rustle of the leaves is especially entertaining when the leaves pick up in a tornado type — or dust devil manner — and come swirling toward the window. Crazy dog — I did change her name for the column's purpose — begins this viscous yelping and barking until the leaves come toward her. Then, with absolutely no shame, this bared tooth darling runs under the dining room table and uses the

leg standard like a soldier would use a foxhole wall for protection.

But that isn't all. What happens next is what really concerns me. It makes me wonder about the sanity, if it is relevant, of our canine family member.

When the wind is blowing, which does happen occasionally here in the heart of West Texas, the need to lift my feet comes almost without warning.

We rent our house from Marc and Dana Shafer, and it has this marvelous dining room. The room has one of two mega picture windows in the house — you know, the kind from floor to ceiling.

Anyway, Angel the crazy dog, perches her paws up on the base of the window and watches outside. The back storm door is one of those doors you must make sure is latched. Sometimes when it is opened, the latch sticks just a tiny bit and it doesn't secure properly as it closes.

Angel, I suppose, can see her reflection in the storm door if she gets just right and when the wind gusts she thinks the dog in the door is running after her.

She absolutely goes ballistic. Ripping and tearing she turns the corner at what seems like a hundred miles an hour. Under the footstool or over it, as time allows, and to the door.

Now, understand, if you don't get up fast enough she will run back into the dining room, yelping and barking and whining all

the way to again look out the window and make sure the other dog is still there.

You know every time that other dog is there at the same time Angel is.

I try to be on my feet and by the door by the time Angel races through the livingroom the second time to let her out onto the patio. But there is danger here. If you don't get the door open quickly enough she jumps to the doorknob and tries to bite your hand.

Once the backdoor is open, she lowers her head and butts the bottom of the door for immediate access. Sometimes it's funny when the door has latched. At any rate, once the door opens she immediately does a reversal and runs backwards to keep from going out.

When I finally convince her it's Ok, she goes, turns around and bites the bottom of the storm door to somehow protect her territory I suppose.

So while the nation sits and waits on some of these people to shoot at us or lie to us or try to bomb us, I will deal with the heavy problems I can control.

I'm going to leave Angel outside for a while...

And so, for another week, thanks and thirty.

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"Everyone else gets to wish upon a star but me. They don't allow insider wishing."

## Romance is here to stay

This is the month of hearts and flowers and romance. What inspires love, which presumably makes the world go round, is an interesting topic for speculation.

I once knew a young man who was certain he had met his true love because they both liked pepperoni pizza.

I am fairly certain of one thing. Opposites attract. This was definitely the case of my husband's parents. That two people of such different backgrounds could be married for over fifty years is quite remarkable.

My mother-in-law, Callie, grew up to the

music of the fiddle and guitar and she enjoyed dancing. Matt, on the other hand, was raised in a rather puritanical atmosphere. Even card playing was forbidden. He never attended a dance in his life.

I was very fond of both Matt and Callie, and they couldn't have been nicer to me. It was a happy situation. I have always felt that perhaps Callie was especially kind to me because her relationship with her own mother-in-law was somewhat less than perfect.

Callie rode astride a day when young ladies were expected to ride side saddle. Her mother-in-law disapproved of this. But what really upset her was Callie's habit of frittering away her time reading novels.

She frequently remarked that if a woman kept house properly and studied her Sunday School lesson carefully, she would not

have time for such things.

It was not an idyllic situation.

But, of course, love and marriage do lead to relatives. Most of us bring to marriage an assortment of characters on the family tree — some more enjoyable to recall than to live with.

My great-grandmother had quite a temper, which regularly asserted itself in discussions of politics and religion. She was never enthusiastic about housekeeping chores, but as she grew older, believed less and less in such pursuits.

She annoyed her daughter-in-law, my grandmother, by pointing out the folly of wearing out clothes by too frequent washings. Considering the lye soap in use at the time, she may have had a point.

My husband, Paul, and his cousin, Ben Nix, seldom got together without remembering great-uncle

Frank. It seems that Uncle Frank had been a drover in his youth and had lived the adventures of the Old West.

He liked to tell stories, like the time he went to a dance in an East Texas community that was unfriendly to outsiders. As an outsider, himself, he decided to dramatize his entrance by riding a mule across the dance floor and tossing a few pistol cartridges at the burning logs in the fireplace.

Everyone enjoyed Uncle Frank's stories. However, he chewed tobacco and, in moments of excitement, reverted to his frontier habit of spitting in the fireplace. He often failed to notice that the fireplace in my husband's boyhood home was a gas log!

But relatives, regardless, romance is here to stay. As Thomas Moore wrote, "There's nothing half so sweet in life as love's young dreams."

## Speech

HERALD Staff Report

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Candidates between 8 a.m. and from 1 p.m. Monday Friday. The action office will closed during break, March 10.

Interested candidates can obtain materials at the nance/transparency office and file information when the office reopens 14.

The deadline candidate's name ballot is March p.m. and write dacy filing ends 24 at 5 p.m.

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# Speech, debate team takes title

HERALD Staff Report

They came, they competed and the Big Spring High School speech and debate team walked away champions, yet again.

The Big Spring team won the Sweepstakes award at the Midland Lee Forensic Association Tournament on Feb. 7-8 by placing first against 17 other schools.

The fierce competition included students from Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Midland High and Odessa Permian.

"We really have a strong team coming up," said Jennifer Adams, BSHS speech and debate coach.

Individual results are as follows:

The cross-examination

debate team of Camilla Painter and Brittney Barrow placed second and qualified for TFA's state tournament. Logan Churchwell and his cross-examination debate partner, Tapley Holgin placed fifth.

Individually, Churchwell placed third in domestic extemporaneous and Tapley placed third in both prose and poetry.

Also placing were Manoj Thangam, Lincoln-Douglas debate, 3, impromptu speaking, 3, foreign extemporaneous, 5; Sarah Vela, prose, 4; Dan Weissman, humorous, 3; Kathryn Weissman, poetry, 5.

Other members of the team that contributed to the Sweepstakes win were: Victoria Zermeno,

Logan Wright, Chrissie Walters, Darryl Newberry, Corey Green, Tiffany Garza, Reina Cisneros, Crystal Carrisalez and Daniele Bartlett.

The Midland High win is the second one this TFA season for the Big Spring team, which also placed first at the Snyder tournament held in January.

The Big Spring team ended the TFA season with 14 state qualifications in six events. Members who plan to attend the state meet set for Dallas on Feb. 27-March 1 are Barrow, Painter, Weissman, Thangam and Churchwell.

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2 p.m. Bring homemade treats or buy homemade treats. The Humane Society is looking for a team of volunteer bakers. Please call the new executive director, Bonnie Lambert, at 267-7900 for details.

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proud of them. That was their dream to go out into space and it came true, but they had other dreams that they will not get to see."

"We are so sorry but be happy they died doing what they wanted to do," M'Lyn Swinney wrote. "They were probably having the time of their lives."

"We appreciate that the family members of yours were brave enough to go to space and do something that most people won't ever do," Cadry Gibbs wrote. "I and others appreciate that they were on this mission to endure people on Earth safety from harm in space."

Other students recognized the families' pain and their valor.

"I'm truly sorry that you lost a loved one,"

Zole Salgado wrote. "I want you to know that I think he or she was brave and generous for risking their lives to work in space and study science for our country."

"I also think you are brave and generous to let your loved one do what he or she dreamed to do," Salgado continued. "I am so sorry for your loss. Stay strong and remember that person you lost loved you as much as you loved him or her."

Numerous other sixth-graders also wrote letters.

A memorial wall was erected along the sixth grade hall to commemorate the astronauts. Students from the classes of Sanchez and science teachers Lorna May and Lyrida Forenberger have added pictures, biographies of the crew members, collages, posters essays and poetry.

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elections begins Tuesday at the district business office. The district is closed Monday in honor of President's Day.

Candidates can file between 8 a.m. and noon and from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The administration office will also be closed during spring break, March 10-14.

Interested candidates can obtain candidacy materials at the maintenance/transportation office and file the information when the business office reopens on March 14.

The deadline to place a candidate's name on the ballot is March 19 at 5 p.m. and write-in candidacy filing ends on March 24 at 5 p.m.

Candidates must have one year of residence in the state of Texas, six

months in the school district prior to filing, be 18 years old and a registered voter at the time of election.

Here's filing information for area schools. Potential candidates should bring their voter registration card and driver's license.

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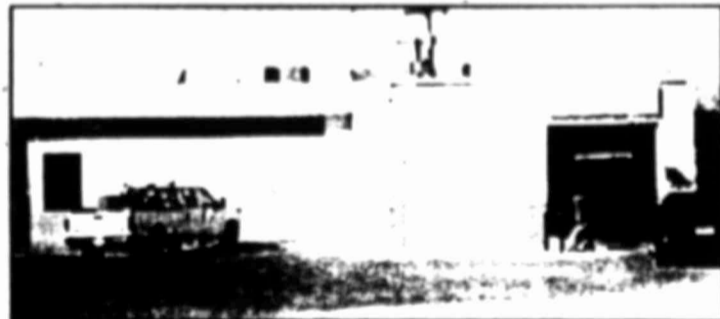
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Above, volunteers with the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department battle a blaze in a training exercise.

Left, firefighters Valerie Sullivan and Misty Peterson relax after fighting a fire at Big Spring's ABON refinery last year. Below, members of the MCVFD's Structural Collapse Team train to build on-the-fly supports for shaky roofs. Opposite top, firefighters have a training blaze on the ropes. Opposite below, Station Chief Stacey Alls and Battalion Chief Zach Johnson were named the HCVFD's firefighter of the year and officer of the year for 2002.

Photos left and opposite below are HERALD file photos. Others are courtesy Howard County Volunteer Fire Department.

Story and Layout by Roger Cline.



## HOWARD COUNTY VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT

- Chief Tommy Sullivan - 18 years service. Haz-Mat Team, Swift Water Rescue Team, Dive Team, High-Angle Rescue Team, Structural Collapse Team.
- Assistant Chief Richard Willadsen - 22 years service.
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- Battalion Chief Terry Rumpff - 5 years service. Haz-Mat Team.
- Battalion Chief Zach Johnson - 8 years service. Rapid Intervention Team, Haz-Mat Team, Swift Water Rescue Team, Dive Team, High-Angle Rescue Team, Structural Collapse Team.
- Safety Officer Louie Smith - 17 years service. Haz-Mat Team, Swift Water Rescue Team, Dive Team, High-Angle Team.
- Station Captain Kim Brown - 4 years service. Swift Water Rescue Team.
- Station Captain Chris Hogg - 9 years service. Rapid Intervention Team, Haz-Mat Team.
- Station Captain Stacey Alls - 3 years service. Rapid Intervention Team, Swift Water Rescue Team, Dive Team, High-Angle Rescue Team.
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- Firefighter Clinton Garcia - 5 years service. Rapid Intervention Team.
- Firefighter Mitch Gill - 2 years service.
- Firefighter Shannon Igneczi - 4 years service. Rapid Intervention Team.
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- Firefighter Debra Mason - 1 year service.
- Firefighter Misty Peterson - 4 years service.
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- Firefighter Lee Sims - 1 year service. Rapid Intervention Team.
- Firefighter Gary Snowden - 3 years service. Haz-Mat Team.
- Firefighter Valerie Sullivan - 10 years service. Haz-Mat Team, Swift Water Rescue Team.
- Firefighter Lance Telchik - 3 years service. Haz-Mat Team.
- Firefighter Gregory Williams - 8 years service. Rapid Intervention Team.
- Firefighter Robert Carey - 1 year service.
- Firefighter Jeff Janca - 3 years service.
- Firefighter Justin Jernigan - 1 year service.
- Firefighter Ashley Woolverton - 1 year service.
- Firefighter B.J. Batson - 5 years service. Dive Team.
- Firefighter Brad Evans - 5 years service.
- Firefighter Kim Scott - 3 years service.
- Support Debra Smith - 15 years service.
- Firefighter Kurt Eckert.
- Chaplain Bob Rumpff - 2 years service.

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- Coahoma Fire Chief Randy Overton - 18 years service.
- EMS Director Kelly Overton - 18 years service.
- Firefighter Mario Salazar - 10 years service.
- Firefighter David Richardson - 8 years service.
- Firefighter Jeff Bowling - 6 years service.
- Firefighter/EMS Kay Mitchell - 3 years service.
- EMS Melinda Salazar - 2 years service.
- EMS Shella Richardson - 8 years service.
- EMS Kim York - 1 year service.

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- David Barr
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- Kent Robinson
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- Mark Hargrove
- Steve Blagrove
- Stan Blagrove
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- Robin Barraza
- Jeray Roman
- Kelly Gaskins
- Mike Moates
- Tary Harrell
- David Roberts
- Gene Perry
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- Troy Jarrell

## HCVFD Volunteer haza

For rural Howard County, the first line against disaster is the men and women of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department. They are constantly to be seen in any situation that comes up, says Tommy Sullivan. "We do structural collapse, rescue, high-angle rescue, high-angle structural collapse," he said. "We are trained in passenger derails for myself and the battalion already gone. We do Amtrak passenger class. It's possible to come through and we want to be there instead of waiting." Sullivan started working for a school bus for search and rescue. He added, "We do high-angle rescue confined spaces. We do everything required. If it's a gency, we have every aspect of Mat technical train derails. Howard County Volunteer Fire Department is ready for anything that comes up to be proactive when the call that's not to decide. Well should have or trained on peoples' involved." When a 9-1-1 in involving gency in Howard County outside the city limits, the department relies on sound the alarm. "The dispatch

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# HCVFD: Volunteering for hazardous duty

For rural residents of Howard County, they're the first line of defense against disaster.

The men and women of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department train constantly to be ready for any situation that might come up, said Chief Tommy Sullivan.

"We do structure fires, oilfield fires, swift water rescue, high-angle rescue, structural collapse," he said. "We have people trained in passenger train derails for Amtrak. Myself and Terry Rumpff, the battalion chief, we've already gone to Texas A&M and taken the Amtrak passenger train class. It's possibly going to come through here, and we want to be proactive instead of reactive."

Sullivan was just getting started with the list.

"We have a nine-member schoolbus dive team for search and recovery," he added. "We have a high-angle rescue team, confined space rescue. We do whatever's required. If it's an emergency, we have to cover every aspect of it. Haz-Mat technicians, if a train derails. We as the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department try to be ready for any situation that comes up. You have to be proactive because when the call comes in, that's not the time to decide. Well, maybe we should have learned this or trained on it, because peoples' lives are involved."

When a 9-1-1 call comes in involving an emergency in Howard County outside the Big Spring city limits, the department relies on pagets to sound the alarm.

"The dispatchers will

page it out," Sullivan said. "We have nine Howard County Fire Stations, plus the Coahoma Station. Coahoma's actually its own volunteer fire department. We have a system set up where, if it's a grass fire, it's an automatic two-station response. A structure fire is a three-station response plus the city of Big Spring. We respond to it, and then if we need more help, we call out for it."

Howard County has mutual aid agreements with all the surrounding counties and the city of Big Spring.

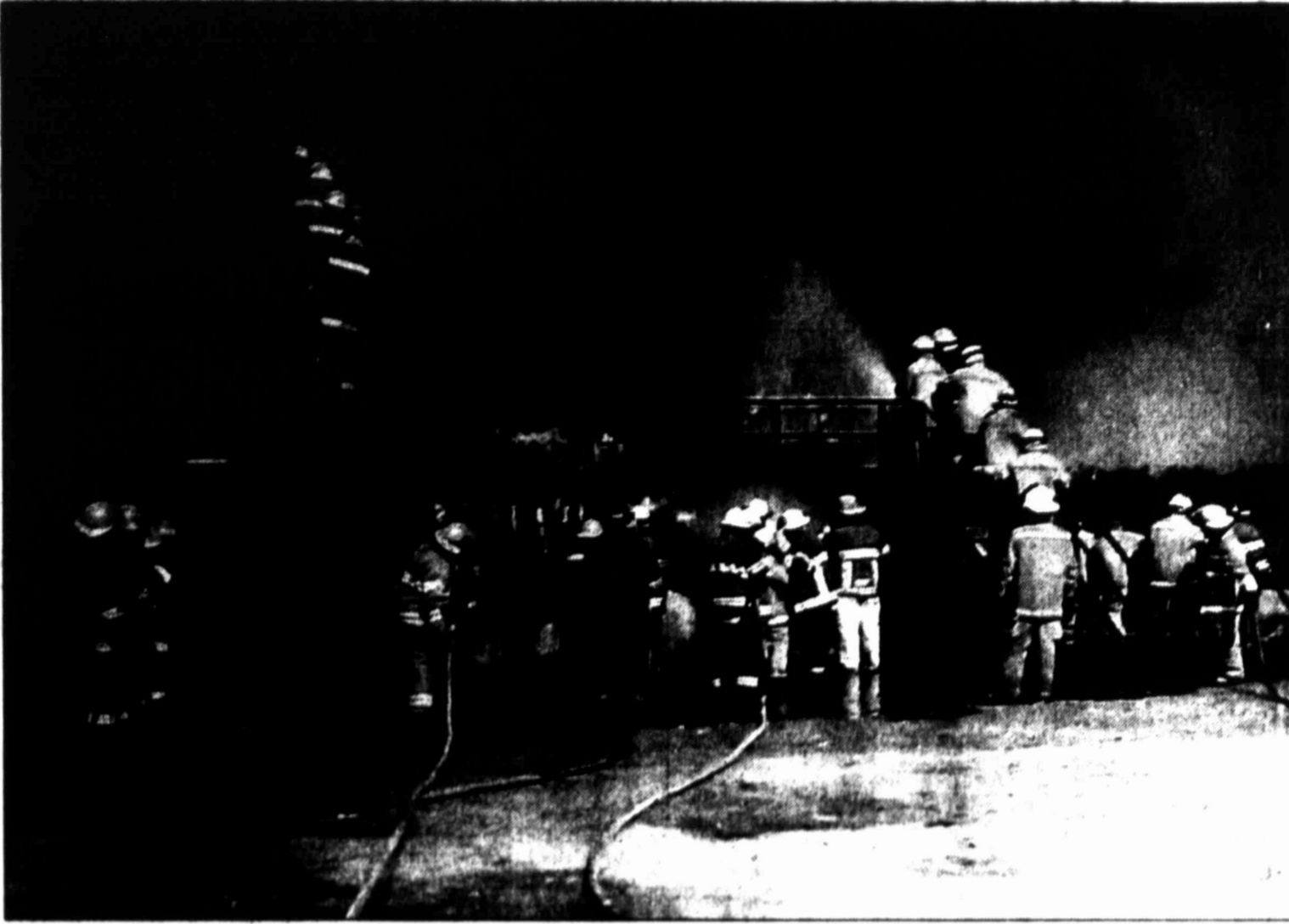
"Some of our bigger fires, we have had to call in mutual aid from Garden City...Glasscock County, Sterling County," he said. "Before, we have called in Mitchell County. It just depends on what part of the county it's in."

At a fire scene, Sullivan wants his firefighters to display the same level of competence a professional fire department would.

"When I took over as chief, my goal was... We're volunteer and they're paid... Well the fire doesn't know that," he said. "When we get there, we're all firefighters and we all have to be trained the same way. Walk the same walk, talk the same talk. Peoples' lives are depending upon that."

Anyone interested is welcome to lend a hand with the HCVFD, Sullivan said.

"If they want to be a firefighter, we have an introductory firefighter's training program where they have a minimum 20 hours to familiarize themselves with self-contained breathing apparatus, emergency vehicle



operations, how to drive the truck, how to pump the truck, and personal protective equipment," he said. "That's the basics and we will train them."

Firefighting's not the only way to help out.

"If they say, 'Well, firefighting's not my gig,' well, we understand that too," Sullivan said. "We have support sectors where people say, 'Hey, I can't fight fires, but I can hustle drinks. I can come out and support.' We have a place for that too. We have our fire prevention programs, if that's what they want to do."

Only adults can fight fires, but teenagers can get involved with the HCVFD through an Explorer Scouting program.

Anyone interested in volunteering or in joining the Explorer program should contact the HCVFD Training Center at 268-1165.



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# Area band students are playing some sweet music

HERALD Staff Report

Coahoma and Forsan band students were playing sweet music earlier this month.

Five Coahoma high students qualified for state solo and ensemble contest by earning a Division I on their Class I solo or ensemble performances at competition held in Abilene on Feb. 8.

Qualifying were Austin Barton, alto saxophone solo; Eric Barton, tuba solo; Miranda Parsons, Haley Butts and Alicia Thurman, clarinet trio.

Austin Barton and Josh Brown will also advance to state in the music theory competition.

Also competing from Coahoma were Chelsea Griffin, Lauren Yeater, Ryan Green and Genevy Jaquez.

Forsan High School sophomore Levi Johnson

will be joining the Coahoma five this May for state contest

Johnson earned a Division I on his Class I trombone solo at competition held in Monahans. Twelve Forsan High School students earned a Division I rating for their solos or ensembles.

Results for the Forsan band are as follows:

- Class II flute solo, Ruth Kaelin, II.
- Class II baritone solo, Kyle Briggs, I.
- Class II French horn solo, Rachel Kaelin, I.
- Class III trombone solo, Jonathan Moore, I.
- Class III flute solo, Kayla Spence, I; Audrey Montgomery, I; and Grace Walker, I.
- Class III trombone trio, Jonathan Moore, Levi Johnson and Christin Ballard, I.
- Class III trumpet trio, Kayla Nichols, Kim Berry

and Samantha Flores, I. • Class III flute quartet, Spence, Montgomery, Walker and Leslie Carter, I.



Courtesy photo  
These five Coahoma High School students qualified for state solo and ensemble contest. Pictured are, from left, front, Miranda Parsons, Haley Butts and Alicia Thurman, and back, Austin Barton and Eric Barton.



Courtesy photo  
Forsan High School sophomores Levi Johnson and Rachel Clinton pose with second place trophies they won at the University Interscholastic League Cross-Examination debate district contest held on Jan. 30. The win qualified the team for state competition in March. Also competing were FHS freshmen Kayla Spence and Jarrod Price, who placed fourth. Johnson also qualified for the state solo competition on the trombone.

## VITA ready to help

Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) volunteers are preparing income tax returns free for those who would like the assistance.

Volunteers help individuals each Monday through March from 9 a.m. until noon at the Senior Citizens Center, 1901 Simler Drive.

Those who participate are asked to park in the east lot of the Senior Center.

Needed: Your tax booklet received from the IRS, all W2s, 1099s and other documents showing 2002 income as well as your 2001 income tax return and Social Security cards.

Anyone needing further information should call Dorothy Kennemur at 398-5522 or the Senior Citizens Center at 267-1628

# Big Spring High students shine at solo and ensemble

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring High School band brought home 74 Division I, Class I medals at solo and ensemble contests held in Monahans on Saturday, Feb. 8.

Students earning a Division I on a Class I solo or ensemble qualified for the state meet held in May.

Results are as follows:

- Flute solo, Synda Calobreves, I.
- Flute trio, Meredith Fillingim, Paige Gainey and Amy Hanes, I.
- Flute quartet, Calobreves, Gainey, Alexandra Garipey and Hanes, I.
- B-flat clarinet quartet, Julie Cadenhead, Ashley

Hamm, Sharissa McMans and Cynthia Padron, I.

• B-flat clarinet quartet, Amber Bustamante, Becky Cheyne, Laura Fierro and Rochelle McMeans, II.

• Mixed clarinet quartet, Cadenhead, Padron, Lisa Ramsey and Jennifer Rositas, I.

• Flute, oboe, clarinet, Bustamante, Fillingim and Breck Simmons, I.

• Oboe, clarinet, bassoon, Laura Fierro, Samantha Newton and Simmons, II.

• Clarinet choir, Amber Buchanan, Becky Cheyne, Keira Creswell, Ashley Hamm, Rochelle McMeans, and Sharissa McMans, I.

• Miscellaneous wood-

wind ensemble, Buchanan, Ramsey and Whitney Weir, III.

• Saxophone quartet, Ryan Beall, Brandon Green, Spencer Roberts and Jared Sanchez, I.

• Cornet-trumpet trio, Landon Jenkins, Mark Lozano and David Welch, I.

• French horn quartet, Tanya Adusumilli, Katie Policky, Jessica Ray and Kristin Richard, I.

• Trombone trio, Ginger Fugate, Adam Heinis and Mitchell Lowery, I.

• Brass quartet, Gracie Acosta, Josh Barnett, Adam Heinis, John

Ontiveros, I.

• Four brass, Michael Bond, Braden Burchett, Mitchell Lowery, A.J. Riddle, I.

• Brass sextet, Gwan Ausbie, Cierra Butler, John Volker, Landon Jenkins, Mark Lozano and Erin Partee, I.

• Brass sextet, Bond, Burchett, Adusumilli, A.J. Riddle, Jeff Stanley and Barnett, I.

• Six or more brass, Acosta, Butler, Vincente Flores, Fugate, Ontiveros, Ray, Richard and Welch, I.

• Percussion ensemble, Brandon Herrera, Curtis

Osborn and Kip White, I.

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### Coahoma rallies past Stamford in OT

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Coahoma Bulldogs head into the Class 2A state playoffs just the way they wanted to — with plenty of momentum. Coahoma nailed down its second thrilling win in as many outings Friday by pounding out a 76-65 overtime win over the Stamford Bulldogs in a pre-playoff practice tilt. The victory over Stamford comes on the heels of Coahoma's 62-61 upset of Colorado City last week. With the win, Coahoma improved its season record to 17-11 and — more importantly — gained some momentum heading into Tuesday night's bi-district

playoff showdown with Lubbock Roosevelt. Stamford, the third-place finisher in the District 8-2A race, heads into their matchup with Wichita Falls City View at 14-13 overall. Stamford got off to a quick start in the practice tilt. The Bulldogs outscored Coahoma by a 21-15 clip in the first eight minutes of play and took a six point lead into the second quarter. Coahoma, the third-place finisher in the District 3-2A race, hit stride in the second. The CHS Bulldogs pounded out 16 points in the period and cut Stamford's lead to two, at 33-31, at the half. Stamford regained the upper hand in the third. They reeled off a 19-13 spree in

the frame and took a 52-44 advantage into the final eight minutes of regulation. Coahoma, which had three players score into double figures in the contest, stormed back in the fourth. They outscored Stamford by a 19-11 clip to knot the game at 63-63 and force an overtime frame. Chase Davis and Kelby Kemper made sure Stamford didn't get back onto its feet in the extra frame. The two CHS standouts helped Coahoma power its way to a 13-2 run in the final minutes. Davis finished the game with a team-high 26 points. Kemper added 25 while Toby Jackson and Sam Tindol added 10 and nine, respectively.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
The Coahoma Bulldogs pulled out a wild overtime win over Stamford Friday night.

### Perry's Playland?

Governor invited to participate in all-star activities

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The governor is coming to Big Spring. Well, hopefully. Organizers of the 2003 All Americas Bowl announced last week they had invited Texas Governor Rick Perry to participate in the opening ceremonies for the international six-man football game, which is slated for Big Spring this July. "We have invited the governor to come to Big Spring and participate in the pre-game festivities of the game," said All Americas Bowl vice president John Armstrong. "We feel like it would be a great thing for those players from Texas and those traveling here from around the world to meet the six-man governor and receive a hearty Texas welcome from him." Perry, who played six-man football during his prep school days at Paint Creek High School, was recently elected to his first full-term as governor of the Lone Star State. Perry has not yet announced his intentions as to whether he would visit Howard County for the event. All Americas Bowl officials announced late last year they planned to move the games to Big Spring this summer. The international six-man all-star football and basketball games will be played July 25-26 on the campus of Howard College.



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Sands' Heath Webb is one of a handful of area six-man standouts invited to participate in the 2003 All Americas all-star football game. The game is slated to be played in Big Spring this July.

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### Hawks split two games with Odessa

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Howard College head coach Justin Hays was never so happy to see a thief in his life as he was Friday afternoon. In fact, he was so happy to see Brian Moore he congratulated him on his talents. Moore stole home in the bottom of the eighth inning and helped the Hawks roll to a 9-8 win over the Odessa College Wranglers in the final game of Friday's double-header at Jack Barber Field. Moore, the Western Junior College Athletic Conference's top base stealer a year ago, finished the eighth inning with three stolen bases. After leading off the inning with a single, the Hawks' sophomore second baseman stole second and third and then victimized Odessa again when OC catcher Jeff Derrickson attempted to throw out a runner at first. Moore broke for home on Derrickson's throw to first and easily beat the return throw. Moore's stolen base enabled Howard College to salvage a split of their first doubleheader with the Wranglers. Odessa opened the twinbill by taking a 14-9 win. Odessa drew first blood in the second game. The Wrangler centerfielder Brian Carpenter drew a one-out walk and later scored on a sacrifice fly. Ronnie Bloomstrom got the run back for the Hawks in the bottom half of the first. The freshman hammered a 1-1 pitch from Odessa's Carlos Moreno over the leftfield wall for a lead-off homer. Bloomstrom's home run was one of five homers the Hawks hit off the Wranglers' pitching staff in the two games. Odessa proved it had power as well in the second. Keith Hodges belted a 2-run shot to left in the



HERALD photo/Bruce Schooler  
Howard College assistant coach Britt Smith congratulates Roberto Smith on his pinch-hitter home run in Game 1 of the Hawks' twinbill with Odessa Friday.

top of the frame and gave the Wranglers a slim 3-1 advantage. Howard freshman pitcher Mario Perea took control from there. He held the Wranglers in check over the next four innings. Perea, who went the distance for the win, finished the contest with nine strikeouts. The Hawks, now 6-2 overall and 1-1 in WJAC play, pulled even, at 3-3, in the bottom of the third. Ryan Baudoin drew a lead-off walk and later scored on a single off the bat of leftfielder Scott Mitchell. Moore proved he could generate plenty of offense with his bat from there. The Hawks' No. 9 hitter lined a double off the wall in left that enabled Mitchell to race home with the tying run. Moore, who went 4-of-4 in the second game, drove home Mitchell again in the fourth, giving the Hawks a 4-3 advantage. Mitchell gave the Hawks a lift in the sixth. He staked the Hawks to a 7-3 advantage when he belted a pitch over the wall in centerfield for a 3-run homer. Odessa rallied back to within 8-6 in the top of the eighth before Moore stole the win.

### Lakers weather 'Horns scare

Staff report

Donte Roberts scored 14 points and Davonte Roberts added eight more Saturday afternoon and helped the Big Spring Lakers rally for a 34-15 win over the Big Spring Longhorns in BSYBA action. With the win, the Lakers remained perfect, improving to 6-0. The Longhorns led by a 9-8 margin late in the second before the Lakers managed to break the game open. They went

#### BSYBA BASKETBALL

on a 13-0 run that sent the game into the fourth quarter with the Lakers holding a 20-9 lead. The Roberts brothers, with help from Marcus Watson, took over in the second half. They knocked down several key shots in the final 16 minutes and keyed a 20-6 second half romp. Austin Gibson led the Longhorns in scoring, finishing the contest with 11 points.



HERALD photo/Tommy Wells  
Lakers' guard Donte Roberts drives toward the basket Saturday.

### Lady Hawks fall to Grayson

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

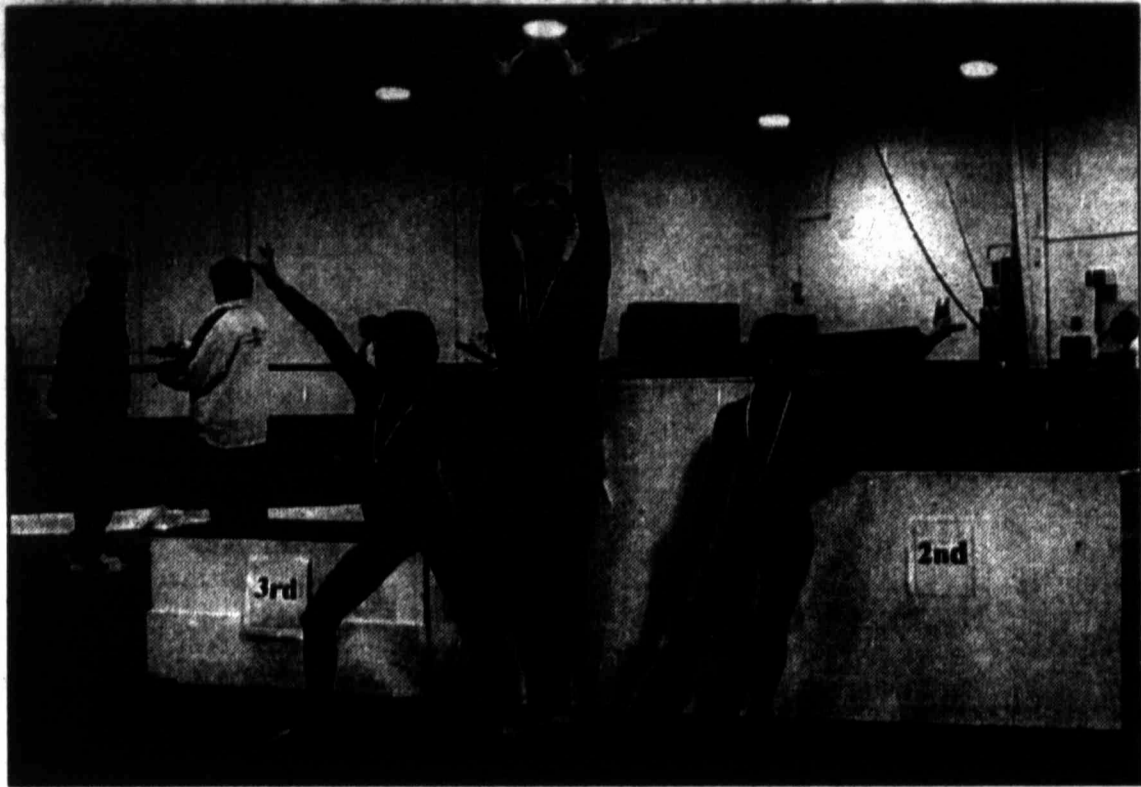
The Howard College Lady Hawks accomplished just what they set out to do in the first round of the Midland College Classic Friday — they reached the .500 mark. Unfortunately, Grayson Grayson Co. made it a short-lived experience. Grayson ended the Lady Hawks' meager 2-game win streak by grinding out a tough 2-1 win over

Howard College in the first round of the championship bracket Saturday morning. With the loss, the Lady Hawks fell into the consolation bracket. Howard College, behind a strong offensive push, managed to win two of their three games in pool play. The wins enabled Howard College to even its season record at 5-5 heading into the first round of the championship bracket. The Lady Hawks opened

pool play on a sour note, dropping a 6-1 decision to Vernon Regional Junior College. They bounced right back, however. Howard followed their loss with a forfeit victory over Western Oklahoma and a 13-5 romp over Colorado Northwestern. Howard College, which is coached by Dawn Wuthrich, is scheduled to make its next home appearance at Foundation Field on Feb. 18 as part of a double-header with the Midland Lady Chaps.

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The Big Spring Sidewinders gymnastics team turned in a strong effort last week in Dallas. Vanessa Alvarado (left), Ashli McDiffitt (center) and Abigail Fierro all competed.

## JV linksters take 4th at Andrews

Staff report  
Caylie Dunnam carded a score of 100 and helped lead the Big Spring Lady Steers to fourth place in the final team standings at the recent Andrews Junior Varsity Golf Tournament.

The Big Spring boys, despite a solid performance from Collin Carroll, finished fifth. Dunnam led the BSJS girls through the tournament. Kim Paradez finished 14 strokes behind Dunnam with a final tally of 114. Paige Schmidt and Erin Griffin both carded scores of 115, while Joy Seay finished at 116.

Big Spring finished the tournament with a team score of 444. Andrews won the girls' team title with a score of 373. Landon Jenkins posted a score of 89 to lead Big Spring. David Welch and Todd Seber finished at 90, while Wesley Parks carded a 95.

## 'Winders' McDiffitt takes 5 medals at Dallas meet

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Ashli McDiffitt went big time in "Big D."

The Big Spring Sidewinder gymnast walked away from the Dallas Gymnastics Center in Addison last weekend with enough precious medal to start her own mint by medaling in five events.

Anchored by McDiffitt's five medals, the Sidewinders turned in a solid team performance. Overall, the Big Spring gymnastics squad recorded nine scores of 8.0 or better and placed well in the final team standings despite competing with just three gymnasts.

"They traveled a long way and showed what they were made of when they competed," said Sidewinders head coach Sandy McDiffitt. "I'm very proud of all of them."

The Sidewinders, fielding the smallest team at the meet, received stellar efforts from Vanessa Alvarado and Abigail Fierro in the Level 4 competition. Both closed out the meet by scoring 8.5 in three of the four events they competed in.

Alvarado was among the meet's best in the Vaulting exercise. She scored an 8.8 in the event. She earned an 8.5 mark in both the Balance Beam and Floor exercise. Her lowest mark came on the

bars where she posted a score of 7.5.

Fierro was at her best in the Floor exercise, where she scored an 8.3. She earned marks of 8.2 in the Vault and Beam. She received a 6.0 in the bars.

McDiffitt, who finished the meet with an overall average of 32.9 — third-best in the meet — was impressive in her outing. She placed second in the bars and beam events. She was third in the Vault, the Floor and the All-Around categories.

The Sidewinders were competing without Kirstyn Pulis and Jolisa Grace. Pulis is out with a broken finger. Grace was sidelined with a sore wrist.

## Sweetwater, Monahans to play in Big Spring

Staff report  
Big Spring basketball fans will get the chance to see two of the area's top teams in action Tuesday night as the Sweetwater Mustangs and Monahans Lobos are scheduled to

meet in Class 3A playoff action. The game is scheduled to begin at 8 p.m. in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Sweetwater enters the game sporting a 16-11 season record. The Mustangs finished the year as the

District 3-3A runner-up. Monahans is the District 4-4A third-place playoff representative.

A girls' Class 5A regional quarterfinal game between Duncanville and Amarillo High is tentatively set for 6 p.m.

## Steers will open season Tuesday with 'Cats

The Big Spring Steers will begin their 2003 high school baseball season Tuesday afternoon with a bout against the San

Angelo Central Bobcats.

The Steers, under new head coach Roland Herrera, will make their first pitch beginning at 4

p.m. at the high school baseball field.

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# Clemmons scores 18 in Steers' 35-28 win over LJHS

By **TOMMY WELLS**  
Sports Editor

Terrance Clemmons and David Mattson both scored into double figures last weekend and helped the Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade White team roll to a 35-28 win over Lamesa in their 2003 season finale.

With the win, the Steers closed out a remarkable season, finishing with a 14-1 record.

Clemmons carried the bulk of the Steers' offensive load against Lamesa. The BSJHS standout torched the LJHS defense for several clutch shots down the stretch.

He finished the contest with a game-high 18 points.

Mattson also reached double-digits against Lamesa, throwing in 12 points.

Other Steers scoring included Kyle McDaniel and Dillon Phernetton.

**8th Black 30  
Lamesa 22**

Ryan Tannehill scored eight points and Scott Fankhauser and Caleb Choate each pitched in six more and helped guide the eighth grade Black Steers to a 30-22 win over Lamesa last week.

The win capped a remarkable BSJHS bas-

ketball season in which all four junior high boys teams posted winning records. The Black squad finished at 11-4.

"This has been a great season for all our teams," said junior high coach Will Johnson. "We are preparing for the future down here and we are excited about what these young men could accomplish in the next couple of years."

What the Steers accomplished in their 2003 season finale was plenty of offense. In all six Big Spring players managed to scratch out points.

Lance Tissue and Rondell Trevino both tallied four points in the contest.

**8th White 47  
Lamesa 26**

Richard Anderson, Raul Aguilar and Raymond Porter each scored into double figures last week and helped spearhead the Big Spring eighth grade White team's charge to a lop-sided 47-26 win over Lamesa.

The win enabled Big Spring to close out its 2003 campaign with an 11-2 record.

Aguilar and Porter both keyed the Steers' offensive attack. They both finished the game with a team-high 11 points.

Anderson chipped in 10. Michael Rodriguez, Matt Lozano and Ricky Nunez all contributed to the Steers' victory by pushing in four points.

**7th Black 44  
Lamesa 36**

The Big Spring seventh

grade Black team closed out its 2003 season on a high note by rolling to a 44-36 victory over Lamesa.

The Steers, who won nine of their last 10 games this season, finished the year at 11-5. Big Spring had opened the year by

dropping four of its first six games.

"I am very impressed with their poise and discipline," said coach Cory Maxwell.

Jordan Kianear led the Steers in their season finale. He pushed in a game-high 16 points

against Lamesa.

Chris Arista and Jason Walker also turned in solid performances. Arista finished with nine points. Walker contributed eight more.

Lance Grist chalked up five points in the win.

## GAME

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Texas football all-stars, led by Whitharral head coach Ken Hoskins, claimed a 44-22 win in front of a crowd of approximately 2,000. In the first All Americas basketball games, Klondike's Brittany Pinkerton led the West girls to a win, while the East won the boys' game.

The news that the Texas governor could be on hand to welcome players was an interesting note to at least one player — Australian Daniel Seremet, who spent a month training in Big Spring this past summer.

"That would be something. To meet a guy who played six-man and then went on to become governor of one of the largest places in the United States," said Seremet, who has already committed to represent the Australian state of New South Wales this July.

"I'm looking forward to coming back. It's been a while since I've been to Furr's," said Seremet, who led the Northern Redbacks to the inaugural Australian 6-man title two years ago.

The previous All Americas Bowl

## Coahoma's Nichols to coach West boys in All Americas hoops game

Kim Nichols has won plenty of games during his career at Coahoma High School. Now he'll get his chance to do the same with some of West Texas' best athletes this summer.

Nichols will coach the West boys' team this July as part of the All Americas basketball games. The all-star basketball games are being held in conjunction with the All Americas Bowl, an international six-man all-star game.



NICHOLS

The 2003 All Americas basketball games are slated for July 25-26 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. Senior boys and girls from throughout the area are eligible to compete in basketball game, which is in its second year of existence. The East boys and West girls won last year's games.

Local seniors interested in participating in the game should contact Tommy Wells at (915) 816-6336.

football games were held in Gordon, a small community of approximately 500 just west of Mineral Wells. The game was founded eight years ago. The first All Americas game was played at Ranger College. The following year, they played at Elmer Gray Stadium in Abilene before moving to Gordon.

Armstrong said invitations to the football game were issued recently to more than 100 high school

seniors in four countries. Among the players he said could be candidates for the game are Sands' Nate Looney and Jeremy Renteria, Borden County's T.J. Sharp and Grady's Eric Tunnell.

Brandon Hoskins, the 2002 Texas Six-Man Player of the Year, has already committed to participate in the event as has Whitharral's Jordan Barker and Valley's duo of Derrick Cruse and Justin Wilks.

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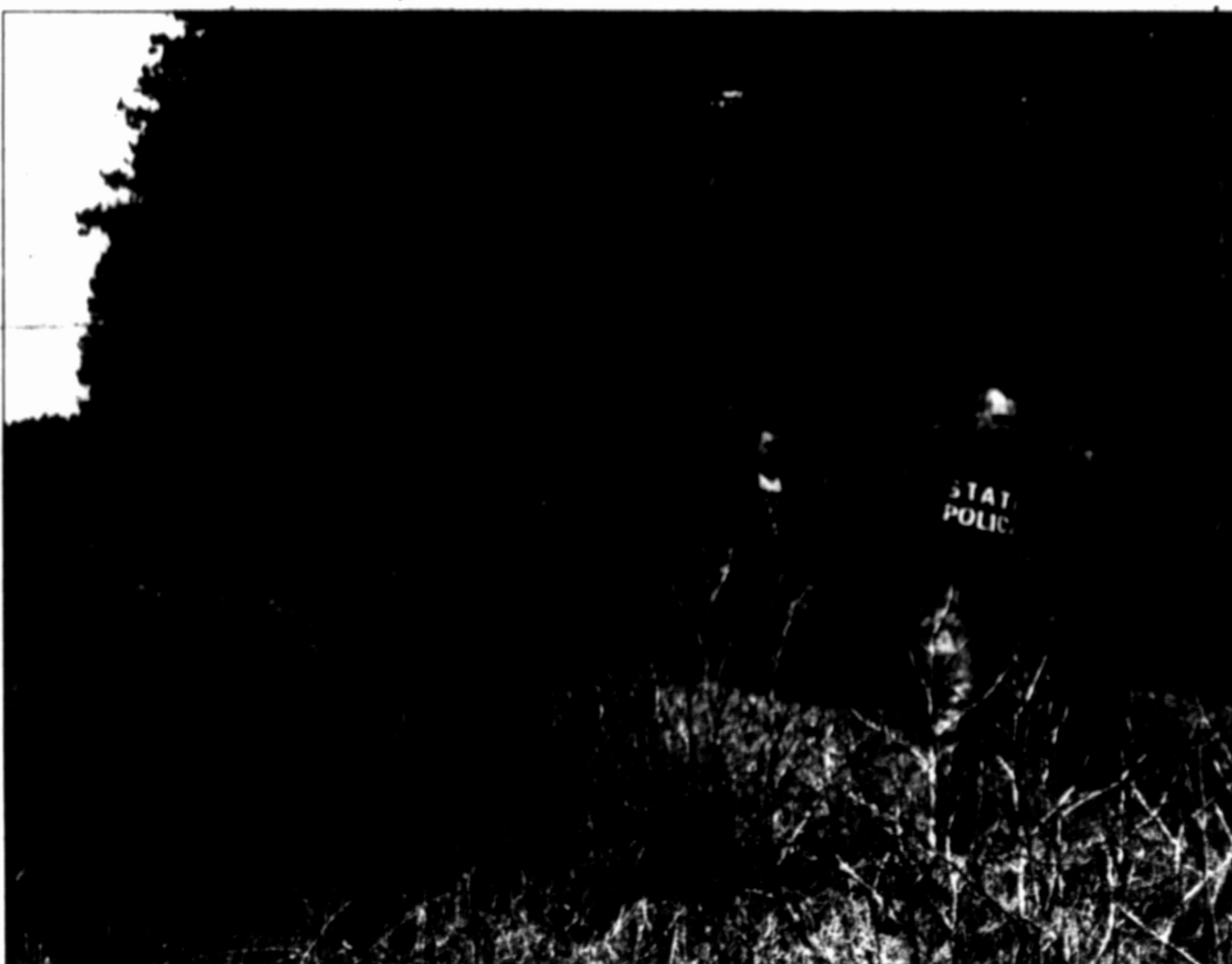
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## MORE THAN ON GUARD

*Big Spring's Spurgin, fellow Guardsmen play role in search*

**E**ddy Spurgin's day job is with the Natural Resources Conservation Service at Big Spring's U.S. Department of Agriculture Research Center.

Since Feb. 1, however, Spurgin has been in East Texas supervising more than 700 members of the Texas National Guard in locating debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia disaster.

Spurgin, a colonel in the Guard, is the commander of the 36th Infantry Brigade/49th Armored Division, headquartered in Houston. He commands units along the Gulf Coast, in South

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Top photo: Col. Eddy M. Spurgin of Big Spring (second from left), task force commander of the 36th Infantry Brigade, 49th Armored Division, is briefed on areas targeted to be searched by Capt. Lloyd A. Waugh (far right) of the 4th Battalion, 112th Armor Regiment.

Middle photo: A column of soldiers of the 36th Infantry Brigade, 49th Armored Division along with Texas State Troopers heads out to their search area in the Sabine National Forest.

Bottom photo: Texas National Guard soldiers with the 4th Battalion, 112th Armor Regiment and Texas Department of Public Safety state trooper Brian Fishback map and catalogue a piece of shuttle material found near San Augustine.

Texas Army National Guard troops are helping the FEMA, NASA and other various federal, state and local agencies in the space shuttle Columbia recovery effort in East Texas.

Guardsmen were called to duty on the day of the tragedy and will remain as long as deemed necessary by Texas Gov. Rick Perry.

*Story by Roger Cline*

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*Photos by:*

*Sgt. 1st Class Lek Mateo,  
Texas Army National Guard*



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WEDDING



Ovalle-Rios

Liza Leigh Ovalle and Thomas Rios exchanged wedding vows on Feb. 14, 2003, at the bride's mother's home with Judge Green officiating.

She is the daughter of Ray and Yolanda Muniz and the granddaughter of Ruben and Sylvia Valdez.

The groom is the son of Alfred and Melinda Rios

and the grandson of Ruby and the late Pete Juarez.

The bride was given in marriage by her mother, Yolanda Rios.

Maid of honor was Cresencia Rios. Flowergirl was Angel O'Valle. Ringbearer was Rudy Ortega III.

Best man was Lupe Canales.

ENGAGEMENT



Duncan-Williams

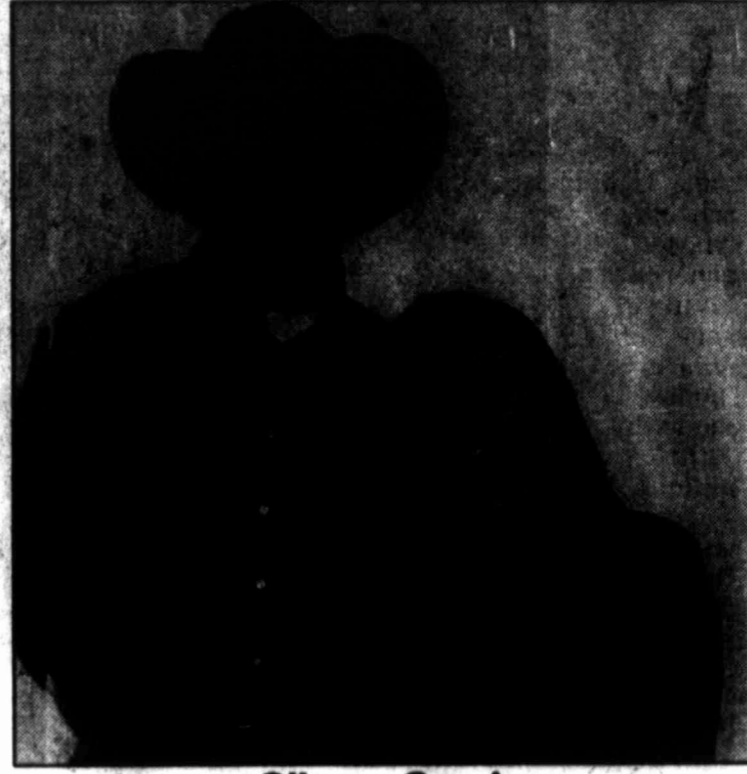
Heather Ann Duncan and Ryan Cole Williams, both of Fort Worth, will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 2003 at Alto Lakes Country Club in Ruidoso, N.M., with Dr. Ed Williamson, of Trinity Baptist Church in El Paso, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Buddy and Ann

Duncan and the granddaughter of the late Lloyd and Jo Duncan and John and Darlene Howard.

The groom is the son of Ms. Leslie Williams and Gary Williams and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Harris, Mr. and Mrs. Dwain Williams and Mrs. Maurine Hanks.

ENGAGEMENT



Gibson-Sundy

Peg Gibson of Weatherford, formerly of Ottawa, Ohio, and Ron Sundy of Big Spring, wish to announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage.

The bride-elect is the daughter of Lula and the late Wilford Gibson of Ottawa, Ohio.

The prospective groom is the son of Norma and the late Monroe Sundy of Big Spring. He is the grandson of Raymond Jackson of Big Spring.

The couple will wed in a western ceremony in

Weatherford on April 12, 2003.

Gibson is a 1981 graduate of Ottawa Glandorf High School. She is currently self-employed as a private duty nurse.

Her fiancé is a 1979 graduate of Coahoma High School and earned a bachelor of administration degree in accounting from the University of Texas at Arlington in 1983. Ron, a CPA, is employed as chief accountant at the Big Spring State Hospital.

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

FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk/rolls.

FORSAN ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-EGGS, biscuit, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Burritos, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili dogs, chips, fruit, cookies n cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken pot pie, salad, cheese wedge, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham, broccoli w/cheese, mashed potatoes, rolls, fruit, milk.

STANTON ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Waffles, syrup, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs,

cereal buttered toast, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Pizza (corn-dog), mixed vegetables, vegetable sticks, pear slices.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti & meat sauce (Salisbury steak), corn on the cob, salad, fruit gelatin.

THURSDAY-Beef tacos, flour tortilla, taco shell, pinto beans, lettuce & tomato salad, pineapple chunks.

FRIDAY-Hamburger or cheeseburger on bun, French fries, lettuce & tomato salad, dill pickle slices.

COAHOMA ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Pancakes, syrup, sausage, juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Donut, sausage, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Poptarts, sausage, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-French toast, sausage, syrup, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Tacos (burritos), fruit salad, milk, salad.

TUESDAY-Chicken patty (baked cheese sandwiches), gravy, creamed potatoes, fruit, bread, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas (corndogs), pinto beans, cornbread, strawberries/cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Cheeseburger, tater tots, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, peach cobbler, milk.

FRIDAY-Nacho grande, corn, salad, chocolate cake, milk.

BIG SPRING ISD

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Corn chip pie (grilled cheese sandwich), blackeyed peas, red, white & blue salad, jello.

WEDNESDAY-Salisbury steak (ham & cheese pockets), corn on the cob, orange wedges, roll.

THURSDAY-Chicken spaghetti (charbroiled meatballs), green beans, rosy applesauce, fruit juice, roll.

FRIDAY-Chili cheese dog (chicken quesadilla), French fries, border beans, cookie.

WESTBROOK ISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Breakfast burritos, fruit juice, milk.

TUESDAY-Sausage, biscuits, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Texas Blueberry Biscuits, fruit juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Raspberry churros, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Graham crackers and peanut butter, toast, jelly, fruit juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Chicken strips, gravy, carrots, mashed potatoes, biscuits, honey milk.

TUESDAY-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Spaghetti w/meat sauce, blackeyed peas, fruit cup, garlic bread, milk.

THURSDAY-Green enchiladas, pinto beans, pears, cornbread, milk.

FRIDAY-Hamburgers with cheese, lettuce, tomatoes, onion, pickles, French fries, orange, milk.

SANDS CISD

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-Biscuits and sausage.

TUESDAY-French stick, sausage, milk, juice.

WEDNESDAY-Eggs and potatoes, milk, juice.

THURSDAY-Breakfast pizza, milk, juice.

FRIDAY-Poptarts, milk, juice.

LUNCH

MONDAY-Hot dogs w/chili, French fries, pork & beans, peaches, milk.

TUESDAY-BBQ ribs, potato salad, ranch style beans, hot rolls, pineapple, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Enchiladas, pinto beans, cornbread, salad, fruit, milk.

THURSDAY-Baked ham, blackeyed peas, hot roll, sweet potatoes, pineapple, milk.

FRIDAY-Lasagna, corn, salad, batterbread, fruit, milk.

ELBOW ELEMENTARY

BREAKFAST

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Eggs, biscuits, juice, milk.

THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.

FRIDAY-Cereal, toast, juice, milk.

LUNCH

MONDAY-HOLIDAY

TUESDAY-Burritos, ranch style beans, salad, fruit, milk.

WEDNESDAY-Chili dog, chips, fruit, cookies n cream, milk.

THURSDAY-Chicken pot pie, salad, cheese wedge, fruit, milk.

FRIDAY-Ham, broccoli w/cheese, mashed potatoes, fruit, rolls, milk.

STORKS



Malachi Sevin Walker

Malachi Sevin Walker, boy, was born Feb. 8, 2003 at 10:37 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 1 1/2 ounces and was 20 inches long. Parents are Caleb and

Walker.

Grandparents are Perry and Becky Nixon, Coit and Linda Walker and Johnny and Robin Hicks.

Great grandparents include Andrea and James Mills, Mary Beth Walker and John Hicks, Sandra Lucas of Redding, Calif. and George Lucas of Gardenville, Nev.

Great great grandparents include Palle Riffey.

MILITARY

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Carlos M. Valverde, brother of Vanessa Salgado of Big Spring, is currently on his sixth month of deployment to the Western Pacific and Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln, homeported in Everett, Wash.

Valverde is one of more than 8,000 Pacific Fleet Sailors and Marines aboard the ships of the USS Abraham Lincoln Carrier Battle Group. The battle group is currently on the longest deployment since the war on terrorism began.

Valverde's ship has made port visits to Hong

Kong and Sasebo, Japan and Freemantle, Australia. The crew had the opportunity to shop, sights and enjoy the culture and cuisine.

Carriers, like the USS Abraham Lincoln, are deployed around the world to maintain U.S. presence and provide rapid response in times of crisis. The serve as a highly visible deterrent to would-be aggressors, and are equipped with the most versatile and powerful weapons and aircraft available.

Valverde is a 1993 graduate of Big Spring High School and joined the

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by Valentine Chair Karen Brewer, delivered an overwhelming number of gift items and singing telegrams for Valentine gift recipients. This year's response to and participation in our fund-raising efforts by the community and employees were outstanding. Your gifts will continue to "give" year-round and will provide comfort and programs led by volunteers, as well as many other quality-of-life items and activities. It's time to make plans to attend Big Spring's social event of the season, the 17th annual Denim and Diamonds Gala April 11 at the Big

Spring Country Club. A Feb. 19 workday is scheduled to prepare invitations. The invitations should reach everyone by March 1. If you are interested in the Denim and Diamonds fund-raiser and don't receive a letter, please call 268-7271. We are pleased to continue the tradition of Jody Nix and the Texas Cowboys country and western swing music from 8 p.m. to midnight. The Volunteer Services Council Board led by Chairperson Doris Huijbregtse met Feb. 6 at the Valentine House. Attendees brought household items to supply necessities for the Family

Lodge. Board members began planning for the annual Volunteer Services State Council meeting that will be held in Irving, April 4-6. This promises to be an exciting meeting. Volunteers wishing to attend need to get their registration forms turned into the Community Relations Office by Feb. 25. Call Maria Brito at 268-7536 for more information. This year's award nominees have been submitted and we hope to have several of the hospital's deserving volunteers recognized on the state level at this conference. VSC Board members will have their next meeting at the

Community Relations Office at noon on March 6. Hats off to new volunteers Lynn Cubler and Sandra Tapia as being the 'new kids on the block' who did a tremendous job with the Valentine's Day fund-raiser. Lynn also is helping at the chapel, working with the patients at the Sheltered Workshop, and assisting at the Community Relations Office. Sandra has promised to help with some of the ongoing volunteer projects, such as making flower arrangements for the patients' living areas. There is a place for everyone to vol-

unteer. So call or come to the Community Relations Office and see what you can do to help others. It's amazing how many people say they get more than they give in their 'volunteer experiences'. BSSH Relay for Life team continues to leap ahead. Team members are busy with craft sales, garage sales and cookbooks. The group continues to gain popularity with the different meals they prepare for the employees' monthly Brown Bag Luncheon. *Billie Russworm is Director of Community Relations for the Big Spring State Hospital.*

## WHO'S WHO

Shasta Fuqua of Big Spring has been named to the Dean's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2002.

In order to be considered a part of the Dean's List, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 3.5 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

William Morgan of Big Spring has been named to the President's List at Lubbock Christian University for the fall semester of 2002. In order to be considered a part of this list, a student must be taking a minimum of 12 semester hours and achieve a 4.0 grade point average or better for the entire semester.

Four Howard County students at West Texas A&M University were among 1,200 students to earn spots on honor lists for the fall 2002 semester. Of that total, 346 were named to the President's List and 903 students were named to the Dean's List.

Area students receiving honors were Jamie L. Corse, Sharon R. Fleming and Zachary R. O'Dell of Big Spring and Leslie D. Phinney of Coahoma.

Santos G. Martinez III of Big Spring was among the 578 students who received degrees from Tarleton State University in the fall.

Tarleton held winter commencement exercises on Dec. 14.

Texas Tech University awarded about 1,500 degrees during Fall 2002 commencement ceremonies, which took place on Dec. 14, 2002.

Students who made the President's List or the Dean's List in fall 2002 numbered 1,498 and 3,315 respectively. A student must student must have completed at least 12 qualifying course hours during a semester with a grade point average of 4.0 to be on the President's

List. To be on the Dean's List, a student must have a grade point average of 3.5 to 3.9, having taken a least 12 qualifying course hours during the semester.

Area students on honor lists for fall 2002 are: From Big Spring: Julie Michele Adams, Dean's List; Lindsay Dawn Bailey, Dean's List; Jerry Dustin Baker, Dean's List; Haley Elaine Burks, Dean's List; Meng Chen, Dean's List; Megan Marie Earhart, Dean's List; Elizabeth Anne Froman, President's List; Jeremy Heath Hedges, President's List; Erin Renee Heinis, Dean's List; Jamie Lynn Long, Dean's List; Mysti Nicole Mansfield, Dean's List; Brittney Dawn Prater, President's List; Brittany Roberson, Dean's List; Logan Hyatt Stanley, Dean's List; Jana Michelle Steward, Dean's List; Elizabeth Anne Sutton, President's List; Tara Lynn Tipton, President's List; Whitney Lauren Valdes, Dean's List; Jeremy Blake Weaver, Dean's List; Tatum Necole Weeks, Dean's List and Drew Richie Wegman, President's List.

From Coahoma: Meridith Kaye Barr, Dean's List.

From Knott: Trisha Lynette Nichols, Dean's List.

From Garden City: Boyd Don Batla, President's List; Jared S. Eggemeyer, Dean's List; Justin Michael Hillger, Dean's List; Deidra Deanne Hirt, President's List; J'Layne R. Niehues, Dean's List; M'Lynn Marie Niehues, President's List and Amy Beth Weishuhn, Dean's List.

The following students graduated from our University, Fall 2002:

From Garden City: Chad James Hirt, Bachelor of Science.

From Coahoma: Johnathan Drew Barr, Bachelor of Business Administration; Aaron Kyle Wyatt, Bachelor of Science.

From Big Spring: Gregory Eugene Biddison, Bachelor of Business Administration, Elizabeth Leigh Corson, Master of Public Administration, David Montana Howell, Bachelor of Science; Deana Michelle Johnson, Bachelor of Science; Lauren Renee Middleton, Bachelor of Arts; Tonya Michelle Phifer, Bachelor of General Studies; Jeremy Blake Weaver, Bachelor of Arts.

Big Spring native Lori Ellis earned academic honors for the 2002 fall semester at Howard Payne University.

Ellis was named to the President's List. Students must earn a 4.0 grade point average to be named to the President's List.

Heather Nicole Harris, of Big Spring, has been named a Distinguished Student for the fall 2002 semester at Texas A&M University for being among those students having compiled a GPA of 3.25 or better.

Amanda Sheedy of Big Spring has been named to the President's Honor Roll at Sam Houston State University for the fall semester of 2002.

She earned the honor by having a perfect grade point average of 4.0 for the semester.

The A Honor Roll and Distinguished Students list for the fall 2002 semester has been released at Tarleton State University.

Dr. Gary Peer, Provost and Vice President of academic affairs at the University, released the names of students recognized on both the Stephenville and Killeen campuses.

Students listed on the A Honor Roll for this fall semester maintained a 4.0 grade point ration on the 4.0 system and were taking a minimum of 12 hours.

The Distinguished Students list includes

freshman and sophomore students with a minimum GPR of 3.25 with no grade lowers than C and Juniors and seniors with a minimum GPR of 3.50 with no grade lower than C and are in good standing.

Area students on the lists are Lochie Darling and Darren Dean Wright.

The first order of business for many Austin College students returning to campus for the spring semester was to return their internal clocks to Central Time after spending the college's January term in locations around the globe. During the January term, students take only one course, so many take advantage of the opportunity to participate in travel courses. Other students complete in-depth explorations of academic special interest courses. Still others, examine the world of work through internships and individual studies.

Participants in the foreign travel courses, along with abbreviated course names, students' parents names and the local high schools from which students graduated follow. Melissa Sheedy, Two Cities, Big Spring Senior High School, daughter of Mark and Anna Sheedy.

Angela Hein graduated from Odessa College in December.

## MILITARY

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Navy in September 1997.

Marine Corps Staff Sgt. Jason H. Schilling, the grandson of Maxine Crane, recently was promoted to his current rank while serving with Headquarters, 8th Marines, 2nd Marine division, Marine Corps Base in Camp Lejeune, N.C.

Schilling was promoted based on sustained superior job performance and proficiency in this designated specialty.

He was a 1991 graduate of Midland High School

Air Force Airman Brandi N. Wilkerson has graduated from basic military training at Lackland

Air Force Base, San Antonio.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization and military customs and courtesies, performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises and special training in human relations.

In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward and associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

She is the daughter of James and Beverly Wilkerson of Big Spring. Wilkerson is a 2000 graduate of Big Spring High School.

## Forsan ISD considers pre-kindergarten class

Forsan Independent School District is trying to determine if there are 15 potential students for a pre-kindergarten program.

"With budget constraints as tight as they are in education, we must plan well in advance for changes like this," said Randy Johnson, Elbow Elementary principal. "So, we are attempting to locate families in our school district who have a child that fits the following guidelines:"

- 1) student will be 4 years old by September 1, 2003, and,
- 2) the family qualifies for the Free or Reduced Lunch program, and/or,
- 3) the child has a language barrier (limited English speaker).

For more information, interested parents may contact Johnson at Elbow Elementary by calling 398-5444 (extension 1 or 2). There is a minimum number of interested and eligible students that must be met before the class is offered.

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## All in the family

### Greg Brooks is taking over the reins at Blum's Jewelry

By **LYNDEL MOODY**  
Staff Writer

Greg Brooks is finally having to get a job.

No, Brooks isn't leaving Blum's Jewelry, the business started by his grandfather, Joe Blum, 42 years ago.

Instead, Brooks will soon officially take ownership of the family business.

"I feel like I've gotten a job," Brooks joked. "Lynette (his mother, Lynette Barnes) has been doing so much with the business. Now that she's not around anymore I have so much work."

To prepare for the retirement of long-time owner Lynette, merchandise in the store is 40 to 70 percent off all items through the end of the month.

Brooks said customers should expect bigger deals this week.

The sale has kept Brooks and store employees busy assisting customers who are taking advantage of the inventory liquidation sale.

"We've sold a lot in the sale but we still have much more to go," Brooks said.



HERALD photo/Mary Ann Musick looks at a necklace on sale in the Blum's Jewelry Store retirement sale, held for long-time owner Lynette Barnes. Greg Brooks, left, will official take over the family business from his mother, Lynette, in March. Also pictured are Betty Gamboa, middle, a 32-year Blum's Jewelry employee, and Carolyn Hanson, who has worked with four generations of the Blum family.

Recently married, Lynette is retiring after 30 years as owner of Blum's to join her new

husband, Vess Barnes, in Amarillo. The couple are currently enjoying their honeymoon in Hawaii.

"She went from Lynette Blum to Lynette Brooks"

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### IN THE NEWS



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Bobbie Woodruff, winner of the final drawing in the Herald's "What's in the Bag?" contest, displays her prize: A bracelet from Blum's Jewelry. Watch the Herald daily for more upcoming chances to win.

by the TDH must have one certified food manager. New food manager certificates will be valid for five years.

For more information, call 915 766-3316.

Application dates for Non Insured Disaster Assistance Program (NAP) are quickly approaching. Final application dates to make for the year 2003 NAP are:

- Black eyed peas, March 1
- Pecans, March 1
- Hay grazer, March 15

NAP is a program designed to provide a safety net for crops considered non insurable. To be eligible for NAP, producers must make request and pay administrative fees by the final application date. For additional information, interested producers should contact the Howard County FSA office.

The Texas Cooperative Extension in Martin County is offering a food manager certification exam at 4 p.m. Feb. 24, at the Martin County 4-H Building in Stanton. Cost for the test is \$35. Those planning to attend should pre-register for the test at the Martin County Courthouse.

Under new Texas Department of Health guidelines, each food establishment permitted

Producers will have the opportunity to complete training to meet one of the requirements for obtaining a private applicator license at a program scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 25, at the Dawson County Community Building, South Eighth Street and Houston Avenue in

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It's a red ribbon day! Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce officials and Ambassadors welcomed C&M Garage, 3301 W. Highway 80, as a chamber member last week with a ribbon cutting ceremony. C&M employees shown include Mack Lindsey, Marian and Charles Buzbee and Cooter McCurdy.

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Courtesy photo  
Bill Beauchamp, Scenic Mountain Medical Center CFO, presents Lauri Phillips with a donation to help sponsor Heart Beat 2003, the American Heart Association spring fund-raiser, which will be held from 8 p.m. to midnight on Feb. 22 at the Big Spring Country Club. The event will include appetizers, dancing, a silent auction and other activities. Phillips is chairperson of the fund-raiser.

## Look before you dig

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

As supervisor of the job, you've got your workers all set to dig a waterwell in a rural area of Howard County. You've got the permits, you've got the equipment, you've got the personnel. What's the one thing you have left to do?

As R.W. Bruton of the Pipeline Group told about 260 area contractors Thursday, you've got to call before you dig.

"We're trying to get contractors and excavators to call the One Call system before they start digging so that they can get the pipelines marked and find out where the pipelines are, so that they won't dig in and cause an explosion," Bruton said. "It applies to anybody that's doing any type of digging, augering, building fence, digging around the house, or putting up any type of basketball

goal or anything like that. You call the One Call center and they come out and get the lines marked for you."

**For more information about the One Call system, check the TESS Website at [www.digtess.org](http://www.digtess.org).**

Bruton said there are dangers in digging other than the possibilities of hitting an explosive pipeline. Digging into electric lines can be dangerous, while digging into water, sewer or irrigation lines or cable TV or fiber optic cables can be unpleasant and costly.

When a person planning a dig calls the Texas Excavation Safety System One Call network at 1-800-DIG-TESS, professionals with affected companies

will come out and mark all hazards with color-coded flags within about 48 hours.

"They will notify the pipeline company, then give them a 48-hour notice," Bruton said. "This gives the pipeline company an opportunity to come out and mark their pipelines with these little flags."

Bruton also showed the contractors some typical pipeline warning signs and markers, and presented some slides of diggers who forgot to call first. Each slide was accompanied by a loud explosion sound effect, because the slides all showed either a huge fireball explosion, a geyser of water or steam, or some other calamity.

The contractors who showed up to the voluntary meeting were treated to dinner catered by Big John's Barbecue.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline  
Pipeline company representatives displayed their warning signs and markers for contractors attending a pipeline safety meeting conducted by The Pipeline Group. Pipeline Group instructor R.W. Bruton reminded contractors to call 1-800-DIG-TESS to get pipelines and other hazards marked before they dig.

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Probaded Judgment: Shawn Paul Gray, False Driver's License, \$250 fine, \$261 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation)

Judgment and Sentence: DeAngelo Gray, Evading Arrest, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 30 days in jail

Probaded Judgment: Lisa Rios, Make Alcoholic Beverages Available to Minor, \$250 fine, \$311 court costs, 24 hours community service, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, six months probation)

Probaded Judgment: Cesar Martinez, Driving While Intoxicated, \$750 fine, \$276 court costs, 24 hours community service, 365 days license suspension, 180 days in jail (jail time suspended, 12 months probation)

Marriage Licenses:

David Yaniz, 34, and Laura Leuna Ornelas, 23, both of Big Spring

Steven Craig Salinas, 33, of Big Spring and Tina Marie Curre, 26, of Lampasas

Benedict Angel Garcia, 21, of Odessa and Victoria Ann Jacobo, 18, of Midland

Keith Franklin Dyer, 20, of Abilene and Melinda Ruanan Pitts, 20, of Big Spring

Gustave Mark Phemontin, 64, of Coahoma and Nancy Newsom Cobb, 64, of Big Spring

Curtis Earl Cunningham, 26, of Lard Hill and Kendra Lanette Sparks, 18, of Garden City

Christopher Lopez, 30, and Codee Lynn Miller, 28, both of Big Spring

Paul William Schiefel, 62, and Carol Teel Schiefel, 54, both of Big Spring

Johnny Franco Jr., 19, and Merian Crystal Ortega, 18, both of Big Spring

Gary Lee Matthews, 39, and Vivian Colleen Griffin, 38, both of Big Spring

David Wesley Jones, 55, and Judith Forshree Atkins, 55, both of Big Spring

Bobby Glenn Ruth, 48, and Amanda Faith Long, 23, both of Big Spring

Alex Guierrez, 28, and Abby Zamora Saenz, 24, both of Big Spring

Thomas Rios, 21, and Liza Leigh Ouellet, 18, both of Big Spring

Ronald Aven Bakley Jr., 28, and Jennifer Bakley, 27, both of Big Spring

Gabriel Michael Salazar, 20, and Mashy Michelle Martinez, 19, both of Big Spring

Adolfo Gregory Salazar, 18, and Carolina Yvett Morales, 19, both of Big Spring

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Simon Ferrel Terrazas, 54, and Mary Schaefer, 55, both of Big Spring

**BLUM'S**

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to Lynette Barnes." Greg joked. "She stuck with the same monogram all this time."

Lynette is expected to return for a few days at the end of the sale to say good-bye before ownership is officially changed.

The store is located in the Big Spring Mall and is open from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., Monday through Saturday.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at newsdesk@crcom.net

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Lamesa.

To become a licensed private applicator, a producer must attend a Texas Cooperative Extension training program, make a passing score on the Texas Department of Agriculture private applicator exam and submit an application to TDA along with a \$50 fee. The TDA license is valid for five years.

In addition to the extension training program, TDA personnel will offer testing at the Feb. 25 seminar, beginning at 4 p.m.

The training is available to those persons not previously certified and to those previously certified who will be supervising the application of restricted and/or state-limited-use pesticides and who wish to obtain a TDA private applicator license.

Those who plan to attend need to pre-register at the Dawson County Extension office in Lamesa at 806 872-3444 and obtain a copy of "Using Pesticides - Private Applicator Manual" for review and study prior to the session. The cost of the manual is \$20. The extension office is located in the basement of the Dawson County Courthouse.

**February Fun**

All entries must be in by March 3.

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## SEARCH

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Texas, Bryan/College Station and Central Texas.

"On Feb. 1, the day the Shuttle accident happened, I was in Houston with my unit," Spurgin said. "We had a drill weekend. We were outside and we saw the shuttle come down, from Houston. I thought it was a meteor shower."

The same weekend, law enforcement officials in the Lufkin and Nacogdoches areas approached National Guardsmen in those areas — under Spurgin's command — to help secure debris from the accident.

Since Gov. Rick Perry has called up Spurgin's guardsmen to help locate and mark the debris for recovery by experts.

"We work directly for the Department of Public Safety in this operation," said Spurgin. "But we're working with NASA, the FBI, the Texas Forest Service, the U.S. Forest Service... There are several agencies here that are working this recovery effort. But the Texas National Guard soldiers that are here are the main effort as far as the recovery operation and I have close to 700 guardsmen on the ground that I command that are out doing the majority of the

searching."

The guardsmen are spending long hours walking picket lines through the forest searching for remnants of the shuttle.

"NASA, through their calculations, were able to get a pretty good idea of where the debris had fallen," Spurgin said. "Our guardsmen go out, they're broken up into small groups and they usually have an FBI agent with them and a DPS officer. They get on line in an area we've been asked to go to and they start walking through the woods. Some of it's very swampy, some of it's pretty rough terrain."

Guardsmen don't collect the debris themselves, he said.

"Once they find it, it's marked," he said. "It's collected later. I understand that it's all being moved to the Kennedy Space Center where they'll piece it together. One of the things our men have been briefed on: There is some hazardous material that has fallen. There are recovery and survey teams that collect it and take it where it needs to be taken."

Morale among the men is high, Spurgin said.

"Of course NASA is understandably grief-stricken," he said. "There

are astronauts out on the ground that we work with and naturally they're heartbroken. But all the agencies here, the mood is, 'Let's get the job done,' and 'Let's collect everything that needs to be collected.' Morale is unbelievable and the attitude is unbelievable."

The people of East Texas have rolled out the red carpet for the recovery workers, Spurgin added.

"In the area I work, which is Lufkin, Hemphill, San Augustine, these communities have just opened up their doors to our soldiers," he said. "Salvation Army's feeding us, as far as food, but the people in these communities have been just unbelievable as far as just opening their arms up and volunteering. The volunteer effort here is just unbelievable."

Spurgin said he's not sure how much longer the recovery effort will take.

"No, I'm not," he said. "Our orders go through Feb. 28, for right now, but right now we just don't know. But the Texas Guard is prepared to be here as long as we need to be here."

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## Woman can't deal with fiance's ethics

Dear Prudence: I don't know how to react to my fiance's career problems. He is a good man, and I love him very much, but he does have a flaw that I find troubling and hard to deal with. He cannot commit himself to work.



Dear Prudence

I don't believe in being a workaholic, but he hardly ever works a full eight-hour day, he frequently calls in sick, is dishonest about overtime, takes excessive time off work, and when he IS at work, he spends an awful lot of time on the Internet. He very frequently gives me a hard time about not wanting to take time off. We recently took a two-week vacation (this Christmas), and now he is taking time off for another two-day trip, and he has been making me feel guilty because I don't feel I can take more time off so soon.

His job is very relaxed,

but my fiance takes advantage of everything he can. Currently, he is in a temporary position with his organization and has been applying for full-time jobs for over two years.

Do you have any advice for dealing with this issue? — Troubled

Dear Troubled: This may not be the question you asked, but your fiance is a very poor candidate for marriage... unless you want to support him. To put it charitably, the two of you have different work ethics. It is odd that you're afraid to "hurt him" by leveling with him about what is holding him back. Added to which, the guy is not honest and wants you to play hooky with him.

You have many things to think about and some decisions to make. Prudie wishes you well. — Prudie, honestly

Dear Prudence: I am in love with two men. One is my ex-boyfriend (we were together for five years and have been apart for almost a year), whom I still love very much. The other is a new love of

seven months. This new love is everything I have ever wanted in a man... he's beautiful, charming, intelligent and kind.

The problem is that I cannot let go of my past love. My ex is still in my life and is still trying to reconcile. If I decide to seriously pursue a relationship with this new man, I know I will have trouble giving him all of my heart because it still belongs to another and vice versa. Both are asking me to marry them, and both of these men own my heart. Please, Prudie, help me make the right decision. — Torn Heart

Dear Torn: Alas, Prudie does not choose husbands for her readers. You will have to find your own way on this one. It would be a good idea, however, if you didn't make any decisions until you feel wholeheartedly committed to one or the other. Worst-case scenario: You may have to find a third gentleman to break the tie. — Prudie, choosily

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## Woman wonders if she should tell new boyfriend about her past

Editor's Note: Hundreds of Ann Landers' loyal readers have requested that newspapers continue to publish her columns. These letters originally appeared in 1996.

Dear Ann Landers: I recently started dating a terrific guy. He is everything I could want in a man.



Ann Landers

We both have similar interests, and he is open to trying new things. He comes from a very stable family background.

My problem is that "Pete" has been confessing about past involvements. He said, "I want to be an open book and have no secrets so nothing is ever a surprise or thrown in my face 10 years from now."

Pete has made it very clear that he wants marriage and children. I believe he would make a terrific husband and father. However, I have a secret that only two people know about — not my family or friends — only my ex-boyfriend and my ob-gyn.

I had an abortion eight years ago. I could never tell my family. They are ultra-conservative and are totally against abortion. I also feel it is none of anyone's business unless I decide to make it their business.

Must I tell Pete? If I do, must I tell my family? Please help me with this soul-searing dilemma. — Brooklyn

Dear Brooklyn: You don't need to tell your family, but Pete deserves to know before you marry him. If this derails the wedding plans, so be it. Far better to get the

skeleton out of the closet than to live in fear that one day it might come clanging into the open and raise questions about what else in your past you might be hiding.

Dear Ann: I just retired as head of the electric appliance repair department of a store in a large metropolitan area. This is what I have learned about the average American homemaker, after dealing with them for more than 20 years:

They ignore instructions and want something for nothing. Also, they don't bother to save warranty slips. I've had them bring in coffee makers, toasters, blenders, mixers, electric can openers, just name it, and they want free repair service. Some of the appliances are 10 years old. When I ask, "Where's the warranty?" they say, "I probably

BY JACQUELINE BIGAR  
HAPPY BIRTHDAY for  
Sunday, Feb. 16, 2003:

Your year proves to be a mixed bag, no matter how you slice it. Consider your possibilities carefully rather than spontaneously going down one path or another. You'll be a lot happier as a result. You could easily get yourself into trouble if you're not careful. Often, you will feel pulled by two different possibilities, not sure which way to go. Learn your boundaries. Understand when to say "no." Juggle your needs with others'. Take the middle ground. If you are single, you will meet someone very special this year. Stop and get to know this person. If you are attached, your relationship will need careful balancing. Often, you might play "let's make a deal." VIRGO helps you see the other side. You make money through VIRGO as well.

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) \*\*\*\* New beginnings become possible as you help someone see something in a new and different light. Extremes punctuate others' moods and their day. Be ready for the unexpected, and you might be delighted by what comes down your path. A friend is quirky at best. Tonight: Play away.

This Week: Think work. By Wednesday, schedule meetings and network more. The good times head in early this week.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) \*\*\* You could find a family member most disconcerting, forcing you to take yet another look at this person. If you feel like you are in a pressure cooker, take the lid off. You might be causing more tension than necessary through your judgments. Tonight: Play away.

This Week: Plug your creativity into your work, and by Wednesday, you will start seeing the needed results.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) \*\*\*\* Others change their story, to your dismay. You wonder why you're doing what you're doing. You certainly will have the chance to adapt or change your course. Excitement surrounds the unexpected. Your ability to adapt and go with the flow helps. Tonight: As you like it.

This Week: You could be a little too anchored for your style. By mid-week you loosen up. Add

more punch to your work style.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) \*\*\* Deal with a money matter head-on. You could be surprised by how someone else handles a problem. You might want to pull back or consider some other alternative. How you approach a long-term project could change substantially because of what happens. Tonight: At a favorite spot.

This Week: Return calls. Schedule meetings. How you start the week could make a big difference in the end results.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) \*\*\*\*\* Intensity heats up a relationship, be it for good or bad. Your diplomatic skills speed to the front to save the day. Others trust in your abilities. When uproar appears, you're on the scene. You actually might find the situation exciting. Tonight: Your treat.

This Week: Handle everything with firmness, especially funds. Speak your mind from Wednesday on. Others will listen.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) \*\* Step back, especially as someone close to you could create more uproar than you'd like to be around. Your attitude plus distance sets boundaries. You might not be ready for all that is going down. Think through your responses. Tonight: Nap and then decide.

This Week: Consider your options carefully. You don't need to say anything or do anything before Wednesday.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) \*\*\*\* Keep on reaching out for others. You could be a bit jolted by what is going on. You also wonder what is the best course of action. Discuss possibilities in your especially pleasant and caring manner. Others could be trying to sound tough. Go with the flow. Tonight: Stay where you're comfortable.

This Week: Just watch and work. Be the good soldier. By Wednesday, you find others highly responsive. Now make your moves.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) \*\*\*\* You must make an appearance whether you want to or not. Unanticipated costs could make you feel most uncomfortable. Review a recent decision with an eye to prosperity and positive changes for you and your immediate circle. Tonight: Hold on when a family member tosses plans in the air.

This Week: Review news and see what might be going on with a loved one or friend. Meetings

add that extra push to your ideas. It's all work and no play from Wednesday on.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) \*\*\*\*\* Ask for more feedback before you plunge in a new direction. You might reverse course impulsively, but you might not like the end results. The Full Moon wreaks havoc on your plans. You could wonder what's next. An excellent question, as you shall see. Tonight: Make a long-distance call.

This Week: You reach out for those in charge. By following through, you have much to smile about at the end of the week.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) \*\*\*\*\* One-on-one relating creates strong feelings that you might want to clear up. Discussions are enlightening, though you might not be thrilled by what you hear. Consider your options carefully, especially involving a partnership. Tonight: Use caution when handling money.

This Week: Take in another view, if possible. In fact, do a minisurvey of different opinions. You'll know when you're heading in the right direction.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) \*\*\*\*\* Reach out for others. Revise your thinking. You might not be sure what to do. Different factors pull you in multiple directions.

This Week: Others seek you out for suggestions. Consider your opinions carefully. Seek out different opinions, too!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) \*\*\* Others act up in an unanticipated manner. You might have an unusual reaction to others. Avoid shutting down. Let someone know you've had enough. Think through a decision with care that involves a day-to-day associate. Tonight: Accept a last-minute invitation.

This Week: Defer to others. You come up with some wonderful and dynamic answers. Know that anything is possible. Check out refinancing.

## BORN TODAY

Actor, politician Sonny Bono (1935), tennis player John McEnroe (1959), film director John Schlesinger (1926)

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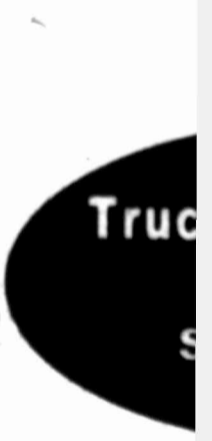
## Annie

Dear Annie: I feel like myself, like myself, our second marriage and have grown and property. My wife and I married were advised by a lawyer to sell both houses and put them together. How been three years still have both. We live in one out the other.

My wife's child talked her out of the house, arguing if she passed away would get her money they would not have been happy make an estate cover such an estate, but my wife to keep the house instead. I since made a will, w that my child will receive my house my wife will receive life insurance, my pension. My however, refuse a will. Under her house would mine.

There are other problems with the children and grandchildren that are bound to tear us apart beginning to w second marriage survive. Is the tion other than — Wondering

Dear Florida marriages require great deal of promise and a strong commitment from both band and wife relationship if there are grandchildren



# Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Many couples, like myself, are on our second marriages, and have grown children and property. When my wife and I married, we were advised by our pastor to sell both of our houses and purchase one together. However, it has been three years, and we still have both houses. We live in one and rent out the other.



Annie's Mailbox

My wife's children talked her out of selling the house, arguing that if she passed away, I would get her money and they would not. I would have been happy to make an estate plan to cover such an eventuality, but my wife decided to keep the house instead. I since have made a will, which states that my child will receive my house, and my wife will receive my life insurance and half my pension. My wife, however, refuses to make a will. Under state law, her house would become mine.

There are other problems with the grown children and grandchildren that are beginning to tear us apart. I'm beginning to wonder if second marriages can survive. Is there a solution other than divorce? — Wondering in Florida

Dear Florida: Second marriages require a great deal of effort, compromise and patience, and a strong commitment from both the husband and wife to put the relationship first. When there are children and grandchildren involved,

the problems multiply, but they do not have to destroy the marriage.

Ask your wife to go with you to see an estate planner about how to divide your property equitably. Discuss your plans with the children so there are no surprises. Then talk to your pastor about the other problems, or ask him to refer you to a marriage counselor. Don't give up.

Dear Annie: I almost spilled hot coffee in my lap while reading the letter from "Grossed Out." This cashier complained about customers trying to "help" her by licking their fingers to separate credit card receipts.

I made quite a few purchases the other day at my local mall. At one store, the line was quite long, and I heard coughing that could wake the dead. It was coming from the girl behind the counter. I saw her lick her fingers at least five times (per customer) to try and separate each customer's credit card receipts. This was done with the same hand that

she held over her mouth trying to muffle her cough. I put down my merchandise by the nearest table and ran out of there. — Grossed Out in Los Angeles

Dear Grossed Out: Quite a few readers spoke up on the subject. Here's more:

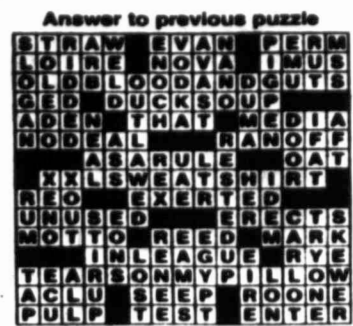
From Pittsburgh: I used to work as a cashier. People have no clue where their money has been. It's disgusting. People put money in their mouths to hold while they fidget with a purse or wallet. Women pull wadded bills from their brassieres, and men pull money from the waistbands of their underwear. Sometimes, the money is damp with sweat. I've watched mothers hand a dollar bill to their child, only to watch that child stick that germ-infested, nasty, awful thing in his mouth. Yuck!

Portland, Ore.: Every time I go to the bank or grocery shopping, the clerks lick their fingers to count the money, separate plastic bags or hand out a receipt. When I mention that it is not healthy to lick fingers and handle money, I get an answer like, "I've been doing this for 25 years, and I haven't been sick yet." If you say, "Well, what about your customers?" the clerk gets angry.

These grocery clerks handle everything from bloody meat to dirty money. They should keep a clean, damp cloth or sponge nearby to

moisten their fingers. It also would be great if someone invented plastic bags that separate easily so all the customers in

the produce section are not licking their fingers. COPYRIGHT 2003 CREATORS SYNDICATE, INC.



## Newsday Crossword

STUMPER by Anna Stiga  
Edited by Stanley Newman

<b>ACROSS</b>	54 Credit	5 Arrow competitor	36 Best effort
1 Cleared out	57 Not injected	6 "Later!"	37 Not exactly
4 They have small bodies and long necks	58 One of the Seven Sisters	7 Like	38 It may cause a scene
10 Distort	60 MD's reading	8 Silver State city	39 "The Crossroads of America"
14 Charlemagne's domain: Abbr.	61 Mystical poem	9 Alleges	40 German cake
15 Flowering shrub	62 Symphony nickname	10 Honolulu area	41 Nickname
16 Foreign-exchange charge	63 La preceder	12 Dental patients, often	42 Mideast title
17 Dos Passos trilogy	64 Secret Service agent	13 Most luxurious	43 Association
18 Burbank's area	65 Russian national hero	21 Soil fertilizer	44 They investigate
19 Places to stop	66 Letters of fashion	23 Chinese dynasty	45 Former French territory
20 Popular cruise stop		27 Chemical suffix	47 Mobile, e.g.
22 City on Lake Winnebago	<b>DOWN</b>	28 Hebrew letters	52 Flush
24 Novelist Seton	1 Tiff	29 Layout	53 Risky business
25 A Man and a Woman actress	2 Hall of fame	30 Greece has one	54 Working or not
26 Abbott and Costello film of '42	3 Berle's theme	31 ___ curiae	55 Emulate Attila
30 Pines	4 The Jungle Book actor	33 Demand payment from	56 Computer name
32 It was renamed for Herbert Hoover			59 Brit's coin of yore
34 Part of RPI			
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING  
The Howard County Board of Trustees will conduct a public hearing on Monday, February 24, 2003, at 12:30 p.m. in the Turnlewood Room at the Student Union Building, Howard College, 1001 Birtwell Lane, Big Spring, Texas to receive public input concerning the consideration of granting a tax abatement. All interested parties are encouraged to attend and present their views.  
DR. CHERYL SPARKS, President #3803 February 16, 2003

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BEN LOCKHART, County Judge #3802 February 16, 2003

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