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**OKLAHOMA TORNADES**

Tornadoes struck the Oklahoma City area Thursday and Friday nights, hitting an area that was devastated by a killer tornado four years ago. While hundreds are again homeless in the area, residents are consoling themselves that at least this time the storm didn't claim lives.

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**SWCID GRADUATION**

Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf students received their degrees and certificates during commencement ceremonies at the school Thursday night.

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## It's official: BSISD board hires Downes



Michael Downes, the new Big Spring Independent School District superintendent, greets well-wishers at a reception Friday afternoon held in the Big Spring High School library. He will begin his duties on June 1.

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

It's a Downes deal, well maybe.

By a unanimous vote, James Michael Downes was officially selected as the new superintendent of the Big Spring Independent School District Friday.

"The board interviewed candidates in 5A, 4A schools," said board president Mike Dawson. "I believe there were 29 applicants. The board spent two weekends having final interviews with the six top candidates. Michael's energy, his success in previous employment, put him far and above any of the other candidates."

Before voting to accept the superintendent's contract, trustees met with Downes briefly in closed

session to iron out last-minute contractual details.

After resuming in open session, the board gave Dawson authority to make the final contract agreement pending review by both parties' attorneys.

Downes has agreed to an annual salary of \$90,000 and will receive the same benefits offered to all BSISD administrators. His contract will run through May 31, 2005.

Following the meeting, Downes and his family visited with a plethora of well-wishers during a reception held in the Big Spring High School library.

The 42-year-old comes to Big Spring after serving as superintendent of the Bovina Independent

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## MOTHER'S DAY PRESENTS

**HEB, schools let students create cakes**

By **LYNDEL MOODY**

Staff Writer

Many moms will wake up to the heavily smells of freshly made breakfast, cookies or cakes wafting from the kitchen on Sunday.

After all, it's Mother's Day.

Only one thing can temper a mother's feelings of joy felt as she admires her child's gifts of love on this special day — the mess left in the kitchen.

HEB and three Big Spring schools teamed up to give mothers a very, very special gift, a clean kitchen on Mother's Day.

"HEB believes in giving back to the community and education is also an important factor for HEB," said Cheryl Edmonson, an administrative specialist with HEB.

A cake decorating party was held at the Big Spring Junior High and at Moss and Bauer elementary schools last week.

Students could purchase a plain white cake with butter cream icing for \$5. A \$1 of the sale

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Logan Churchwell, a Big Spring High School Interact club member, helps, 9-year-old Devin Berry (middle) and 10-year-old Alex Solis to decorate their Mother's Day cakes Friday at Bauer Magnet Elementary. The cakes and decorating material were provided by HEB.

## Indicted

**Grand jury true bills nine people**

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

The Howard County Grand Jury handed down felony indictments against nine people Thursday on charges including theft, drug possession and robbery.

Del Ray Scheiber was indicted on one count of robbery, a first-degree felony; and one count of attempted robbery, a second-degree felony. Both offenses allegedly occurred Aug. 23 of 2002. Scheiber is accused of enhanced offenses because of alleged previous felony convictions.

A spokesperson for the 118th District Attorney's Office said Scheiber is accused of robbing the Wasson Road Texaco and attempting to rob the Lakeway Grocery Store.

"(In the Lakeway robber attempt) He allegedly went into the grocery and handed the clerk a note," said the spokesperson. "The clerk allegedly told him he was on video and he took his not and left."

Other suspects indicted include:

• Jerry Allen Chaney Jr., for theft, a state jail felony. The offense

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## RELAY FOR LIFE

**Once again, local participants surpass previous year's drive for American Cancer Society**

By **ROGER CLINE**

Staff Writer

From first lap, walked by a sea of purple-clad cancer survivors, to the final "victory lap," participants in Big Spring's ninth annual American Cancer Society Relay for Life rounded the track at Blankenship Field thousands of time collectively.

In doing so, and through their efforts throughout the year, they raised a ton of cash for the battle against America's No. 1 killer.

"That first relay, we raised \$20,000 and we

were thrilled," said Relay Chairwoman Diane Wood told those assembled for closing ceremonies Saturday morning. "Thrilled, thrilled. And that was a lot of money. But you just continue to outdo yourselves. Again this year we're going to increase probably by approximately \$10,000 over last year. Our grand total for this year, and I want all of you to give yourselves a big pat on the back: \$186,019. Unbelievable! I don't

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Participants in the 2003 American Cancer Society Relay For Life take a final "victory lap" around the track at Blankenship Field Saturday morning after the total amount of money raised to fight the disease was announced. About 1,100 team members took part in this year's Relay.

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# A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

## Obituaries

### Margie Lee Sandefer

Margie Lee Sandefer, 46, of Midland died on Thursday, May 8, 2003, at her residence. A memorial service will be held at 3 p.m. Saturday, May 10, 2003, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home Chapel in Midland with Oscar Bejil of Home Hospice officiating.

She was born on Jan. 12, 1957, in Big Spring and married Barry Sandefer on April 8, 1993, in Midland.

She was saved as a young girl and was a member of a Baptist church. Margie lived in Midland for the past 20 years after moving from Big Spring. She worked in accounting for Arco Gas for 12 years, and was involved in fund raising for Junior Achievement.

Survivors include her husband, Barry Sandefer of Midland; two sons, Matthew Gamble of San Angelo and Cory Sandefer of Midland; one daughter, Angela East of Burleson; her father and stepmother, Bill and June Stone of Big Spring; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Janelle and Rusty Blackstock of Abilene and Donna and Alton Phillips of Lockhart; two grandchildren, Braden and Brennan East, both of Burleson; and numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

She was preceded in death by her mother, Jean Powers.

Memorials are suggested to the Home Hospice of Midland, 901 W. Missouri, Midland 79701.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. For online condolences go to [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

## Support groups

### SUNDAY

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

Encourager's Support Group for all widows and widowers, 6p.m., May 19, covered dish dinner, First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Runnels streets, (enter through north door). For more information, call 398-3522.

The Military Support Group meets on the first Monday of each month at 6 p.m. in Room 219 at the VA Medical Center. If you have a family member serving in the armed forces, you are welcome to join. For more information, call Treva Hall at 263-8574 or Holly Moore at 263-8106.

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.

## Police blotter

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

**THOMAS RIOS**, 21, of 804 E. 12th St. was arrested Saturday on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon/family violence.

**LYNDELL B. KNOX III**, 19, of 212 S. Moss Lake Road was arrested Friday on a three local warrants.

**JASON MERWORTH**, 24, of 2309 Gatesville Road was arrested Friday on a Howard County warrant.

**STERLING MCINTOSH**, 20, of 1110 E. 16th St. was arrested Friday on a local warrant.

**LONNIE GRAY**, 23, of 1201 Sycamore was arrested Friday on three local warrants.

**OSCAR PADILLA**, 22, of 1505 Wood St. was arrested Friday on a charge of possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

**BRIAN C. LEWIS**, 18, of 803 Pine St. was arrested Friday on a charge of failure to identify.

**CYNTHIA RAMSEY**, 22, of 538 Westover Road was arrested Friday to hold for the Howard County Sheriff's Office.

**MARTHA VANDERBILT**, 37, of 1502 Lincoln was arrested Friday on a charge of no insurance and on a Howard County warrant.

**MARY ANN CARDONA**, 37, of 1313 Mesquite St. was arrested Friday on a charge of driving with an invalid license.

**SHOTS FIRED** was reported in the 1200 block of East 11th Place.

**LOUD PARTY NOISE** was reported in the 1300 block of Wood Street and the 1000 block of North Main Street.

**MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported in the 3600 block of East 11th Place, the 300 block of South Johnson Street, the 300 block of South Gregg Street and the 1800 block of South Gregg Street.

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** was reported in the 1600 block of Settles Street, the 3300 block of West Highway 80, the 3200 block of Auburn Drive, the 600 block of Caylor Drive and the 500 block of Westover Road.

**DISTURBANCE OR FIGHT** was reported in the 1200 block of Ridgeroad Drive, the 1800 block of South Gregg Street and the 1200 block of Marijo Avenue.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 1100 block of South Nolan Street. A white 2002 Ford reportedly sustained \$150 damage.

**THEFT** was reported in the 3200 block of Fenn Street. Items worth \$150 were reported stolen.

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity in April:

### DETECTIVE CASE LOAD:

- Investigators: 4
- New assigned cases: 70
- Previous cases: 131
- Cases cleared: 80
- Cases inactivated: 14
- Clearance rate: 40 percent
- Cases carried over: 107

### PROPERTY STOLEN/RECOVERED:

- \$59,970 stolen
- \$8,679 recovered

### IN-HOUSE TRAINING:

### ADULT ARRESTS:

- 109 total
- 32 drunk
- 1 weapon
- 10 driving while under the influence
- 42 narcotics
- 4 assaults

### JUVENILE ARRESTS:

- 48 total
- 48 white
- 0 black
- 1 burglary
- 5 theft
- 1 weapon
- 4 liquor laws
- 14 curfew
- 10 runaways

### CRIMES REPORTED:

- 3 sexual assault
- 1 robbery
- 40 assaults
- 28 burglary
- 50 theft
- 2 unauthorized use of a motor vehicle
- 17 family violence

### S.T.E.P.:

- 6 officers
- 87 hours overtime
- 84 citations
- 75 written warnings
- 5 arrests
- 683 miles driven

### PATROL STATISTICS:

- 26,176 miles driven
- 2,390 gallons gasoline used
- 401 written reports
- 68 accidents
- 142 arrests
- 7 driving under the influence
- 448 citations
- 356 written warnings
- 221 field interviews
- 70 alarm responses
- 26 open door investigations
- 1,031 building checks
- 135 house watches

## Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear. Lows in the mid 50s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph shifting to the northeast 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday — Mostly sunny. Highs around 80. East winds 5 to 15 mph.

Sunday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 50s.

Monday — Partly cloudy with a 20 percent chance of showers and thunderstorms. Highs around 80.

Tuesday — Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Wednesday — Partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers and thunderstorms. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the upper 80s.

Thursday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 60s. Highs in the mid 80s.



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### TODAY

Hangar 25 Air Museum, 1:30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

### MONDAY

Senior Circle Sit and Be Fit Chair Aerobics, 4 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, for people age 50 and older, call 268-4721.

Coahoma's Lions Club, 6 p.m., Coahoma Community Center on North Avenue.

Evening Lions Club, 6:30 p.m., La Posada Restaurant, 206 N.W. Fourth St.

Big Spring Band Boosters, 6:30 p.m., Big Spring High School ball hall.

Big Spring Commandery No. 31, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, meeting to follow, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

Big Spring Assembly No. 211, Social Order of Beauceant, 6:30 p.m. for dinner, meeting to follow, Masonic Temple, 221 1/2 Main.

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

Archeology Society for Howard and Borden County, 7 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main St.

### TUESDAY

Intermediate Line Dance Classes, 9 a.m., Spring City Senior Citizens Center, Industrial Park, 267-1628.

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

### WEDNESDAY

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

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 9:30 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Downtown Lion's Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane.

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

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

Eagles Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third St.

### THURSDAY

Gideon International B.S. Camp U42060, 7 a.m., Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg St.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gale's Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E. Marcy Drive.

Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room, 1001 Birdwell Lane, 267-6479.

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

Citizen's Police Academy Alumni Association, 5:30 p.m., RSVP office, 501 Runnels.

American Legion Post 506, 6 p.m., call 263-2084.

Rackley-Swords 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 309 S. Main, Sparenberg building.

Masonic Lodge 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster.

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American Legion Auxiliary, 6 p.m., 3203 W. Highway 80, 263-2404.

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# College confers degrees on 200

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Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks conferred degrees or completion of certificates to approximately 200 students Friday night in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Tim Hayter, Presidential Award for Outstanding Student of the Year, was the featured speaker for the commencement ceremony. The graduating class was led onto the coliseum floor by Professor Emeritus June Stone. Stone retired in 2002 after teaching in the vocational nursing program for over 20 years.

Kimberly Jumper performed the national anthem and Dr. Amy Burehett, the college's vice president for academics, recognized the Phi Theta Kappa 2003 Texas All-State Academic Team during the program.

Members of the 2003 graduating Howard College class are from Big Spring: Landon Adkins, Anthony Aguilar, Judith Angelo, Candida Arellano, Eligin Arguello, Seretha Baker, Jose Balcazar, Cherie Bales, Rhonda Barnett, Kyndra Batla, Christina Batterton, Daniel Beauchamp, Brandon Blagrave, Stacy Bloodworth and Sandra

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know where to go from here. I didn't see how we could do more than last year and you did it."

Wood said she is amazed at the continued growth of Big Spring's Relay.

"I keep thinking that the community can't continue to give more and more, and they just give more and more every year," Wood added. "I can't say why we are able to do that. We were already giving over and above most communities our size. It's just an amazing event. It involves families. It involves the whole community. Nobody's left out that wants to come and participate in this event."

The Relay for Life is a time when emotions run high, and this year was no exception.

"Of course, the most emotional time to me is the Survivor Lap," Wood said. "When I see those people who can barely walk taking the first lap,

that has to be emotional to everyone watching. Of course, the luminaria ceremony is an emotional time. Then when you get up here and see all those people out there who have raised all this money and done all this hard work and you're able to tell them, 'You've raised more than you did last year.' They work so hard. They really do."

Wood said 203 survivors signed up to take part in the first lap, but several more joined in on the spur of the moment.

"They said they were sure there were some that had not registered," she said. "That is probably 40 more than last year. We think we had probably closer to 220 or 230 actual walkers."

About 1,000 to 1,100 team members walked in the event, but far more than that took part in the 2003 Relay.

"If you were out here last night, you could see there were just all kinds of people out here milling around and eating and and watching the luminaria ceremony and the

survivor lap," Wood said. "It was great!"

Jeff and Phyllis Turney will take over the reins during the coming year, overseeing plans for next year's event.

"We're extremely excited about it," Phyllis said. "After this weekend, we're pumped and ready to start right now for next year. We're absolutely blown away. This community is the most giving. I don't know how we do it every year, just more and more, and with the economy the way it is. This is just a very loving, giving community."

Jeff added that the pair are planning some extra special events for next year, the 10th annual Relay.

Top money-raising teams this year included:

Small teams:

- First place: Tawana's Troopers, who raised \$7,060.25.
- Second place: The Double Dog Daredevils, who raised about \$6,300.
- Third place: The

Stanley Family, who raised about \$6,000.

Medium teams:

- First place: Mind, Body and Soul from Big Spring State Hospital, who raised, \$12,725.
- Second place: Men in Black, who raised \$3,626.10
- Third place: The Rocking Team, who raised \$3,061.16.

Large teams:

- First place: Round Up a Cure For Cancer from Scenic Mountain Medical Center, who raised 19,175.85.
- Second place, VAgabonds from the VA Medical Center, who raised \$15,108.66.

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returned to the school. Under the careful observation and direction of cake decorator Lisa Aguirre of HEB, students tailored their cakes using sprinkles and multicolored icing to create that special present for mom or even grandmother.

Ten-year-old Alex Solis, a Bauer fourth-grader, used the color pink heavily in decorating her grandmother's cake. Pink is her grandmother's favorite, Solis said.

"I had a little help with the icing but I did the sprinkles myself," she said. And with this present, the only work required by Solis' grandmother on Sunday is to clean her plate.

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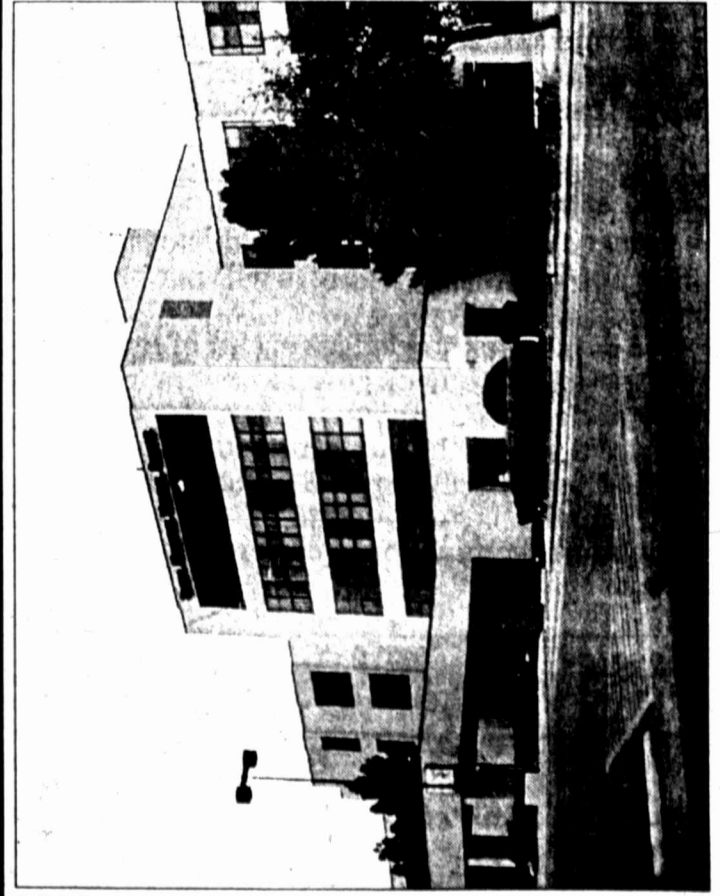
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## OUR VIEWS

Give Mom  
the attention  
she deserves

Today is Mother's Day, the day on which we honor the most important women in our lives — those who gave us life, and for about half of us, those who gave our children life.

This is a day to devote ourselves to praising and honoring those who by nature are perhaps the most devoted people on earth.

Mothers, after all, are nurturers. They are naturally giving, caring and fiercely loyal.

As a matter of fact, mothers perform the hardest job in the world — from giving us birth and providing all our needs as infants, to nursing myriad ailments and illnesses during our formative years and, finally, letting us cut the apron strings and allowing us to venture into adulthood.

Too many times we've forgotten to say "thank you." Too often we've taken their efforts for granted. And too often we've been embarrassed or chafed at what seemed too much concern on her part.

But not today, please.

What will you do for your mother today to show her how much you love her and appreciate the years of unconditional love she's given you?

Whether it's flowers, a special meal, a tender greeting card or a simple hug and uttered "thank you," offer them from your heart.

Lord knows they're deserved.

## HOW TO CONTACT US

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## A SMALL PRAYER

By K. Rae Anderson

Dear Lord, please give us the time to share your word with others.

Amen

## The stranger within our gates

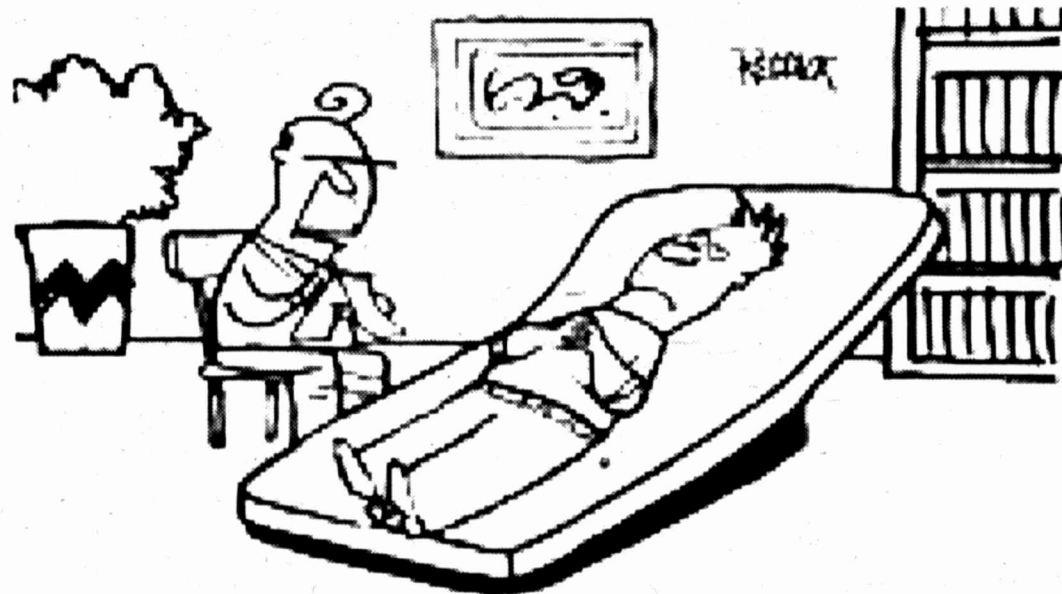
Several years ago I had the privilege of flying to Savannah, Georgia, to be the keynote speaker for a Guidance Conference sponsored by the Georgia State Department of Education. The conference was to be held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Savannah, and this is where they made a reservation for me. I have done quite a bit of traveling in my work and have stayed in some nice hotels before, but the Hyatt Regency just has that little extra "touch of class" that makes it stand out as one of the very best.

First, the hotel was new and it had very elaborate furnishings. It also had those bubble elevators with glass, so you can look out and see folks in the lobby as you go from the ground floor all the way to the top. The hotel also has a couple of very nice restaurants and the food was great. Since the hotel was right on the Savannah River, the view was fantastic. You could look out over the city in one direction and see the river and the large ships in the harbor in the other direction. Just these things alone would have been enough to make the Hyatt Regency a fine place to stay, but as I said, they had that little 'extra' touch of

class.

After a long, hard day, I went to my room to turn in and was surprised to find the maid had come by and turned the covers down and propped up on my pillow were two small bars of chocolate wrapped in foil, and a little card with this message written on it: "To our guest: In ancient times there was a prayer for The Stranger Within Our Gates. Because this hotel is a human institution to serve people and not solely a money making organization, we hope that God will grant you peace and rest while you are under our roof. May this room and hotel be your second home. May those you love be near in your thoughts and dreams. Even though we may not get to know you, we hope that you will be as comfortable and happy as if you were in your own house. May the business that brought you our way prosper. May every call you make and every message you receive add to your joy. When you leave, may your journey be safe. We are all travelers, from birth till death as we travel between the eternities. May these days be pleasant for you, profitable for society, helpful for those you meet, and a joy to those who know and love you best."

When I boarded the airplane the next day for the flight home, this little card was tucked safely in my briefcase and as I've looked at it from time-to-time, it has reminded me of that wonderful experience.

JIM  
DAVIDSON

"You'll be pleased to know that this session is free of charge, Mr. Wagstrom. The notes I took in our last session about your paranoid delusions that others simply want to profit off of you went for 200 bucks on eBay."

## Hart trying to rewrite the past

Since I am a little less fascinated with Gary Hart than Gary Hart is, I had not planned on writing about him again so soon.

But on Sunday, the Dallas Morning News printed an interview with Hart in which Hart attempts to rewrite his past.

There is a curious disconnect between Hart's supporters and Hart when it comes to his past, by the way. While Hart's supporters don't want to think about Hart's past, Hart is obsessed with it. Or, more particularly, with revisiting it.

Rena Pederson, editor at large and former editorial page editor of the Morning News, did a serious and substantive interview with Hart and quoted him about national security, the economy, globalization, interest rates, tax cuts, etc.

Pederson also asked him about "those tabloid photos of Donna Rice sitting on his lap while his wife, Lee, was back home in Colorado."

Hart said most people tell him they are tired of hearing about it.

"Since the subject was on the table, however, he insisted he never actually dared reporters to follow him," Pederson wrote. "He only had suggested to reporter E.J. Dionne that, as a sitting U.S. senator, he had nothing to hide and invited the journalist to travel with him on his presidential campaign."

ROGER  
SIMON

One wonders why Hart brought this up — even "insisted" on it — considering it is not the truth.

Here is what E.J. Dionne, then the chief national political correspondent of The New York Times, wrote in the Time's Sunday magazine on May 3, 1987.

"Follow me around. I don't care," he (Hart) says firmly, about the womanizing question. "I'm serious. If anybody wants to put a tail on me, go ahead. They'd be very bored."

Is this Hart inviting Dionne alone to travel on the presidential campaign with him, or is he inviting "anybody" to "put a tail on me"?

Now, here is a third version, the version Hart told me in a lengthy, tape-recorded interview that I conducted with him in 1988 and which appears in my book "Road Show."

"People say, 'You brought it on yourself,'" Hart said. "I didn't bring it on myself. ... Other candidates' campaigns were starting rumors about my personal life and so on. So reporters started saying, 'What about these rumors?' And then I was in the business of responding to rumors. And finally, the rumor-rumor got to the point — in frustration, I said, look, follow me around. I obviously didn't mean into my house. I meant into restaurants, in public places and so on."

Hart then went on to give an interesting insight about his last decision to run for president:

"I told friends of mine that I seriously did not want to run for president," he said. "This is early

To the management and staff of this hotel, I was just another sojourner passing through, but as I've thought about the message on the card, I realized once more that it's the little things that often make the difference. In short, they made me feel "special" and in doing so, they also made me feel at home. In a general sense, the people all over Savannah were the same, and the grace and charm of this historic old city has touched my life.

The people of the south have a word for this kind of treatment. They call it "hospitality." There is an old Greek proverb that says: "The chief thing is good will." While it's hard to put a price tag on "good will", if we are to succeed in business, it's something we cannot do without. The lesson for each of us should be obvious: if we wish to succeed in business or any area of life, we must take the time to do those little things that makes the people we serve feel special. When we do, they will come back time and time again. Until next time, please understand that this is not meant to be a commercial plug for this fine hotel, but rather an example that all business people would do well to emulate. A final question. Is it possible that these thoughts could help you?

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Stephanie Scoggins, Joy  
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Wesley Thixton, Latitia  
Thurman, Casie Torres,  
Irene Trevino, Michael  
Tully, Winnie Turney,  
James Ussery III, Ronald  
Van Meter, Joe Vidal,  
Denny Wanner, Cody  
Ward, Kriste Ward,  
Jeremy Westerfield,  
Michael Willard, Angie  
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**A Howard College graduate scans the crowd sitting in the seats of the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum as she waits in line to receive her diploma. Howard College held commencement ceremonies Friday and conferred more than 230 degrees or certificates.**

Willborn, Dustina  
Withroder, Berta Yanez,  
Ricky Yanez and Vanessa  
Yanez.  
Graduates from  
Coahoma are Kami  
Bennett, Charles Clark,  
Joshua Collom, Jeremy  
DeYoung, Annette Henry,  
Shae Kinard, Kelli  
McAdams, Misty Turner,  
Ann Weathers, Suzanna  
Wood.  
Graduates from  
Colorado City are: Penny  
Blythe, Shasta Burleson,  
Marka Castillo, Johnny  
Cox, Christopher Rivera,  
Suzie Williams and  
Cinnamon Wood.  
Graduates from Forsan  
are: Neal Doring and

Summer Rawls  
Graduates from Lamesa  
are: Ernie Balderas,  
Pashell Beatty, Sarah  
Clement, Leonore Escoto,  
Rhonda McCown, Cheryl  
Morrison, Maureen  
Reyes, Lenora Sherman,  
Traci Stovall and Steven  
Waldie.  
Graduates from San  
Angelo are: Jo Ann  
Beschle, Deric Calhoun,  
Tonya Cline, Molly  
Gilliam and Liliana  
Mendoza  
Graduates from Stanton  
are: Jose Cazares, Mary  
Lou Cazares, Courtney  
Clark, Norma Garza,  
Mandy Garza, Senaida  
Garza, Lisa Rackard,

Casey Ramirez, Roberto  
Teveni and Sherri Willis  
Graduates from Gardent  
City are: Elsa Ramirez,  
Maria Ramirez and  
Anthony Wheat.  
Graduates from out of  
the area are: Judy DeLeon  
of Big Lake, Stefani  
Montgomery of  
Brownfield, Timothy  
Hayter of Fort Stockton,  
Brandi Braillif of Friona,  
Lori Eckert of Hermleigh,  
Janet Eckert of  
Hermleigh, J. Bob  
Thomas of Duncanville,  
Dorlisha Jones of Dallas,  
Leonard Guerrero of  
Georgetown, Holly  
Roberts of Alto, Karsten  
Gaarder of Arlington,

Shon Maples of Arlington,  
James Eldon of Austin  
and Adam Casto of  
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Jessica Stroud of  
Houston, Nicole  
Hurrington of La Porte,  
Stevan Hewtty of  
Lenorah, Jerry Hulme of  
Lorraine, Allison Davis of  
Lubbock, Emily Owens of  
Lubbock, Leslie Ann  
Wolfe of McAllen, Laci  
Cornett of McCamey,  
Michael Gallagher of  
McKinney, Brandi  
Brackeen of Menard,  
Celestine Elegonye of  
Mesquite, Amanda  
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Oscar Nino of Midland,  
April Woods of Midland  
and Kallie Shae Hook of  
Millsap.  
Dale Farr of Odessa,  
Maria Jaramillo of  
O'Donnell, Valerie Fierro  
of Ozona, Nicole Payne of  
Pecos, Holly Pallette of  
Rising Star, Renn  
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Carey Martinez of Rotan,  
Jared Pears of San  
Antonio, Zera Trevino of  
San Antonio, Jessi

Goodson of Seguin, Amye  
Cobb of Seminole, Karen  
Burke of Snyder, Shawna  
Evans of Snyder, Carroll  
Spencer of Snyder,  
Thomas Schenkel of  
Sonora, William Gressett  
of Sterling City, Kelly  
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Out of state graduates  
are: Jessie Goad of  
Lovington, N.M., Melissa  
Ann Ortiz of Carlsbad,  
N.M., Tiffany Hancock of  
Hobbs, N.M., Tanya  
Tomlinson of Hobbs,  
N.M., Jennifer Reed of  
Rio Rancho, N.M., Daniel  
Price of Clinton, Miss.,  
Latyia Williams of  
Compton, Calif., Kelli  
McMurren of Jamul,  
Calif., Belqui Guardado of  
Long Beach, Calif., Lana  
Tirre of San Clemente,  
Calif., Kaneicia Brown of  
Furnee, Ill., Nicki Walker  
of Mannford, Okla.,  
Darby Makkoski of  
Trincera, Colo., Alexisa  
Rosovich of Tucson,  
Ariz., Vani Devananda of  
Laurel, M.D.

**INDICTED**

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• James D. Headrick, for  
violation of a protective  
order, a third-degree  
felony. The offense  
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• Jerald Bryce McGhee,  
for possession of a con-  
trolled substance, a state  
jail felony. The offense  
allegedly occurred Aug. 4,  
2002.  
• Danielle Marie Rawls  
for two counts of forgery,  
state jail felonies. The  
offense allegedly occurred  
Oct. 10, 2002.  
• Joe Rodriguez, for bur-  
glary of a habitation, a

first-degree felony  
(enhanced). The offense  
allegedly occurred April  
6, 2003.  
• Joe Jesse Rodriguez  
Jr., for forgery, a state jail  
felony. The offense  
allegedly occurred Sept. 7,  
2003.  
• Mary Ann Rodriguez,  
for two counts of forgery  
and one count of credit  
card abuse, all state jail

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31, 1999; while the second  
forgery offense allegedly  
occurred March 24, 2003.  
• Charlie Jake Turner,  
for violation of a protec-  
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**DOWNES**

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School District for the  
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During his career in  
educational administra-  
tion, Downes served as a  
principal in the Memphis  
and Center Point ISDs  
between 1995 to 2000. He  
was employed as a math  
teacher in the Quanah  
and Lefors ISDs from 1987  
to 1995.  
Downes is a graduate of  
Midwestern State  
University in Wichita  
Falls where he received  
both a master's degree in  
school administration in

1994 and a bachelor's  
degree in mathematics  
and computer science  
with certification in sec-  
ondary education in May  
of 1987.  
Involved with numerous  
civic and educational  
associations, Downes was  
named the 2000-2001  
Region 16 Migrant  
Education Superinten-  
dent of the Year and the  
1999 Region 16 TASSP  
High School Principal of  
the Year.

Downes and his wife,  
Sandala, have three chil-  
dren, Misty Ulrey,  
Matthew and Brianne.



L to R Back Row: Anita, Frances, Floyd, Shelly, Sadie, Bob, Lonnie  
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| <b>Anesthesiology</b><br>Bonnie McKenzie, M.D., Board Certified<br>Skip McKenzie, CRNA   | <b>Pediatrics</b><br>Saeed "Steve" Ahmed, M.D., Board Certified<br>Jose Chavez, M.D.  |
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# SWCID confers degrees during commencement



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Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf 2003 graduate Candida Arellano walks between a line of SWCID professors during the college's graduation ceremonies Friday morning. Arellano received a Associate in Science degree in interpreter training.

## HERALD Staff Report

The Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf held graduation ceremonies Friday morning awarding more than 20 degrees and 10 certificates.

Members of the 2003 graduating class were: Associate in Science, Levi Anderson of Big Spring, general studies; Associate in Applied Science, Dorlisha Jones of Dallas, computer science; Candida Arellano of Big Spring, interpreter training; Johnny Cox of Odessa, interpreter training; Willard Dale Farr of Odessa, interpreter training; and Lorinda Herrod

of Big Spring, interpreter training.

LaTaya Rena Johnson of Denver City, interpreter training; Brett Morrison of Big Spring, interpreter training; Lyla Joyce Logan of Big Spring, interpreter training and paraprofessional for the deaf/hard of hearing; Michelle Tyler of Colorado City, interpreter training.

Also Jill Dowda of Hermitage, Ark., paraprofessional for the deaf/hard of hearing; and Devananda Vani of Laurel, Md., paraprofessional for the deaf/hard of hearing.

Certificate Level 1 were awarded to: David Annes

of Aledo, automotive technology; Viola Bernavides of Edinburg, dental lab technology;

Sarah Munger of Kyle, dental lab technology; Jesus Rosales of Booker, dental lab technology; and Garland Nickerson of Houston, graphic arts technology.

Holly Roberts of Alto, paraprofessional for the deaf/hard of hearing; Jakisha Wells of Dallas, paraprofessional for the deaf, hard hearing.; Rane-Jo Woodward of Frisco, paraprofessional for the deaf/hard of hearing; and Melva Zapata of Del Rio, paraprofessional for the deaf/hard of hearing.

# Logan named outstanding student of year at SWCID

## HERALD Staff Report

Lyla Joyce Logan was named the Outstanding Student of the Year at the Southwest Collegiate Institute for the Deaf during an awards ceremony Thursday.

Logan was presented with a plaque by Howard College President Dr. Cheryl Sparks.

This award is based on academic excellence, participating in all facets of student life, leadership in extracurricular activities and college spirit.

Individual award presented during the night were:

- Chamber of Commerce award, Angela Detlaff.
- American Legion Award, William Offari-Attah and Rane-Joe Woodward.
- Sherrie Baird Scholarship, Tantika Tan.
- Alice Haynes Rotary Dental Lab Technology Scholarship, Dustin Ray Perry.
- Dr. P.W. Malone Scholarship, Gloria Padilla.
- SWCID Fest Scholarship, Ryan Nesbitt of Carlsbad, N.M.
- Phi Theta Kappa students: Carrie Mathews, Dustin Ray Perry and Michelle Tyler.
- Who's Who Among Students in American Junior Colleges: Pethai Anderson, Emma Balderas, Theresa Graham, Jorge Hernandez, Carrie Mathews, Brett Morrison, Theresa Mouser, Jennifer Roth, Jaymi Smith, Andra Speer, Tantika



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Lyla Joyce Logan (right) receives her award as Outstanding Student of the Year at SWCID during ceremonies Thursday night.

Tan: Joey Villarreal and Rane-Joe Woodward.

• Individual Awards for outstanding performance: Levi Anderson, basic college mathematics student fall 2002; Pethai Anderson, SWCID Diplomat fall 2002; Jared Armer, math skills (math 0302) fall 2002, data entry technology, English 0312; William Ofori-Attah, fundamental mathematics (math 0301) fall 2002; math skills (Math 0302), spring 2003, English 0311, SWCID Diplomat.

Also John Ballard, introductory algebra (math 0303) fall 2002; Emma Balderas, biology; Simona Blackshear, English 0310; Lance Bonner, fundamental mathematics (math 0301) fall 2002; Melissa Burchfield, English 0311; Johnny Cox, SWCID Diplomat; and Angela Detlaff, first year ITP student. Theresa Graham, SWCID Diplomat; Sandra

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study student; Jorge Hernandez, SWCID Diplomat fall 2002; Stephen Kuhns, fundamental mathematics (math 0301) fall 2002; James Malone, English 0311; Carrie Mathews, practicum spring 2003; Brett Morrison, ITP student volunteer; Chris Mueller, computer information systems; and Corrie Osborne, fundamental mathematics (math 0301), English 0313 spring 2003.

Gloria Padilla, English 0312; Dustin Ray Perry, English 0313 fall; Angela Penick, reading student; Efu Sam, math skills (math 0302) fall 2002;

Zelicia Schwartz, math skills (math 0302) fall 2002, office technology; Andra Speer, SWCID Diplomat; Daniel Garza Tijerina, fundamental math (math 0301) spring 2003; Michelle Tyler, second year ITP; Alex Viana, reading student; and Melva Zapata, math skills (math 0302) student fall 2002.

Outstanding Baptist Student Ministers students: Ross Bohner, Johnny Cox, Jill Dowda, Jaymi Smith and Jakisha Wells.

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# GOP leaders spar verbally over House's rejection of Senate plan

By **CONNIE MABIN**

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — House Speaker Tom Craddick and Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst are in a war of words after the House rejected Dewhurst's school finance plan.

The Friday-night move was yet another blow to any chance that the Legislature will revamp the current system this session.

It also sparked a terse exchange between Craddick and Dewhurst, who presides over the Senate. Both are Republicans.

Dewhurst said he was shocked and disappointed by the House's rejection of the bill that would cut property taxes in half. He said Craddick had promised him the House "would objectively consider" the Senate bill.

"What the House is doing is tantamount to picking up its marbles and going home," Dewhurst said, saying the action "takes a giant step backward. It's a slap in the face of all Texans."

Equally as sharp, Craddick responded to



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Dewhurst by saying, "If there's anybody playing politics, it's him with the schoolchildren of Texas."

Craddick said he was doing what Dewhurst wanted by allowing his proposal to get a House hearing.

Senators rejected the House's school finance bill in favor of its own legislation that would pay for public education through an increased and expanded state sales tax

and a statewide property tax.

After that vote, the Senate sent its measure to the House.

In an unusually still and hushed House, Craddick said he would not appoint a conference committee to try to compromise with the Senate.

"So we're not going to take the bill to conference to try to work to the next step of the process to try to come up with a plan?"

asked Rep. Jim Dunnam, the Waco Democrat who leads the House Democratic Caucus.

Craddick said going to conference would limit input from the 150-member House.

"I didn't think that was fair to the House," Craddick replied.

The House's move was a major setback for the bill by Sen. Florence Shapiro, R-Plano, that reflected a proposal by Dewhurst.

All 31 senators and several school groups endorsed the plan.

Craddick, R-Midland, and the House GOP leadership favor getting rid of "Robin Hood" but waiting until a special session is called later to discuss alternative ways to fund Texas schools.

Fixing the finance system was a campaign promise of many lawmakers.

With only a week left before a House deadline cutting off committee work this session, the school finance bills' futures are uncertain.

The Senate bill and proposed constitutional amendment would replace the current share-the-wealth system, commonly called Robin Hood, that relies heavily on local property taxes. Supporters say the proposed new system would cut property taxes in half.

The plan requires voter approval.

In approving the legislation, the Senate substituted its measure for one that the House has approved and sent back to the House.

The House measure

would repeal Robin Hood in 2004 and give schools an additional \$1.2 billion in funding while lawmakers draft a new financing system. That bill offers no alternative plan.

The Senate's bill would increase the 6.25 percent state sales tax to 7.25 percent and expand it to include services such as advertising and child care. Medical and dental services would be excluded.

It also would increase the 6.25 percent sales tax on vehicles to 8.75 percent.

The plan also would establish a statewide property tax, prohibited by the Texas Constitution now, that would be capped at 75 cents per \$100 property valuation. Voters also could approve another 10 cents on property to fund programs beyond the basic program funded by the state.

Many school districts complain that the current system, which forces property-rich districts to give money to property-poor districts, is outdated and that districts are reaching their property taxation limits.

# Massive bill would save millions, give teachers bonuses

By **CONNIE MABIN**

Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — It's been billed as one of the major pieces of legislation before the Texas House this session and on Saturday, House Bill 2 is expected to get its day.

The measure by Rep. David Swinford, R-Amarillo, offers sweeping changes to the way state government is organized. It's a priority of the Republican leadership that's depending on it to balance the next state budget in light of a \$9.9 billion shortfall.

Swinford has been tight-lipped about the legislation. He was expected to announce early Saturday that it would include bonuses for teachers.

Dubbed the "good government bill" by supporters, the 400-page-plus measure has not been made widely available to the public and even House Speaker Tom Craddick said he wasn't sure exactly what's in it.

"The problem with David is every day he finds something else to put in what we call the bill for all of Texas," said Craddick, R-Midland.

That has some, including Rep. Jim Dunnam, worried.

"The biggest problem with House Bill 2 is, first of all, I don't know of anyone in the rank-and-file House membership that's even seen the bill because the bill is about a foot

thick, literally," said Dunnam, chairman of the House Democratic Caucus. "You don't have any idea what's buried in the bill."

The bill would give new power to the governor by allowing the governor to reorganize state agencies by executive order and to use state money to attract new business to Texas.

It also would expand privatization in state prisons.

Swinford has estimated savings between \$500 million and \$800 million by making government work more efficiently. The fiscal note, however, says only \$290.7 million in state money over the next two years would be saved. The bill would eliminate

a host of small boards and agencies, such as the Funeral Services Commission and the Board of Barber Examiners, and move their duties to larger agencies.

Expanding the governor's power is a point Dunnam, D-Waco, dislikes. He said the bill would create a "super governor."

"Our government is very balanced, it's been very efficient for 120 years," Dunnam said Friday.

The governor would be allowed to appoint the presiding officers of state agencies, boards and commissions.

The bill also would reduce the number of people in the decision-making process at some agen-

cies. For example, the governor would appoint a single commissioner to run the Texas Workforce Commission.

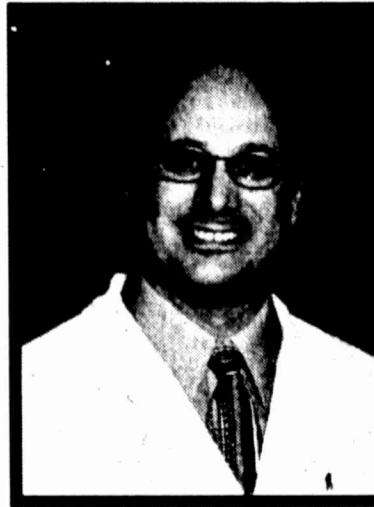
The governor would also have the power to take charge of a state agency and reorganize it with an executive order, something Swinford says is needed to tackle trouble between legislative sessions.

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more than a quarter mile wide," Bird said.

Bulldozers picked up what debris they could before nightfall. Don Lewis nodded his head to an officer and confirmed his family, as well as his next door neighbors, were all OK.

With the help of his brother and sister-in-law, Don and his wife Tammy worked furiously to load what belongings they could grab onto a trailer.

"They're only giving us 10 minutes before we have to be gone. They're closing the area and blocking it off," said Tammy. "My daughter was concerned she wouldn't have any clothes for school tomorrow."

Samar Radwan sat on her porch speechless. She was shaken after riding out the storm in the hallway of her rented house with her three children and neighbors.

"I don't know where to



CNHI photo/Bill Hefton, The Norman Transcript  
City crews in Moore, Okla., were out cleaning up after a tornado traveled through the city on Thursday afternoon.

begin," she said, pointing to the pile of wood and insulation behind her. "Everything is gone."

Donnie Robinson and his sister, Susan, pushed Susan's baby in a stroller surveying the damage.

"It missed us by two blocks," said Donnie, who was checking on the welfare of some friends. "We've been through four of these now. It's normal to us. We're getting used to it now."

Tami Watson and Josh Pace are staff writers at The Norman Transcript, a sister newspaper within Community Newspaper Holdings Inc.

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take a walking tour of some of a heavily damaged subdivision.

Henry also signed an executive order Friday

morning declaring an emergency disaster and formally requesting a federal survey so Oklahoma will be eligible for federal assistance for Oklahoma and Cleveland counties, Sund said.

Henry's signing of the

emergency declaration immediately triggered the Emergency Price Stabilization Act, a law

enacted following the May 3, 1999, tornadoes that prohibits price gouging.

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Bethany and Warr Acres and then moved back into Oklahoma City along I-35. It then turned northeast back along I-44 and moved toward Tulsa.

"I think our citizens had early warning and I think they learned their lesson, they took heed and took cover," Bethany Police Chief Neal Troutman said.

When it was over,

neighbors came out to help Gene Wilson, whose mower service was heavily damaged.

"We got here just after it rolled over us," Wilson said. "It's just devastating. My building and everything I've worked for 30 years is down on the ground."

His wife, Carol Wilson, looked through papers scattered in the rubble. "Oh my God, I couldn't believe it. It's horrible. It's our whole life," she said.

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### Barraza runs to 2nd at Class A state track meet

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Stephen Barraza went into the finals of the 1,600-meter run Friday afternoon at the Class 1A State Track and Field Championships thinking he had a chance to be one of the top distance runners in the state.

He left knowing for sure. Barraza closed out his senior season by nailing down a silver

medal in the event by legging out a second-place finish. It was his second Top 10 finish at the meet and highlighted a solid day from area state qualifiers.

Barraza turned in a solid effort in the 1,600. He covered the four-lap race in a time of 4 minutes and 37.47 seconds. He averaged just over 66 seconds per lap — an amazing pace that was just four seconds slower than the eighth-place time in

the girls' 400-meter event. Ralls' Heath Wing flew to the Class A crown, winning in a time of 4:26.45. Roscoe's Luis Villa was third at 4:38.30.

Wing also won the 3,200-meter race, running the course in 9:55.13. Barraza finished sixth in the final standings with a time of 10:45.88.

Garden City speedster Brian Hillger added to the area's list of prime-time performers by

taking fourth in the 400-meter dash with a time of 49.89 seconds. GCHS' Allison Jansa was seventh in the girls' 3,200-meter race, checking in at 12:32.75.

Borden County senior T.J. Sharp and Ira's Jake Barnes both collected sixth place honors in their respective events. Sharp recorded a throw of 142-10 in the discus, while Barnes penciled in a throw of 50 feet in the shot.



Herald Photo/Bill McClellan  
Sands' Stephen Barraza, shown with coach Felipe Castro, was 2nd in the 1,600-meter run

## ARMED & READY



Much of the success of Howard County's two prep softball programs has been due to the pitching of sophomores Alex Watkins (left) and Chelsea Abner (right). Freshman Sarah Dunn leads Coahoma's efforts. Both Big Spring and Coahoma play in the regional semifinals this week in Abilene.

### Defense, pitchers ready to lead teams into regional semifinals

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

What's the key to building a solid softball program? It's a relatively simple answer. Just build up the middle — and find a pitcher that can carry a team.

Think the simple 1+1=2 formula doesn't work? Just look at two of the state's top prep programs and discover for yourself what makes the Big Spring Lady Steers and Coahoma Bulldogettes tick.

Really, it isn't rocket science. It's more of a case of good athletes, good coaching and hard work.

Of course, it never hurts to have a solid feeder program and a large softball-mad fan base to help feed the flame.

Big Spring head coach Dan Arista and Coahoma veteran Robby Dickenson both use the same strategy: Develop a solid defense around a pitching staff that can keep their team in games.

The results speak for themselves. Big Spring and Coahoma will both

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Coahoma Bulldogettes vs. Eastland Lady Mavericks  
7:30 p.m., Friday at Abilene Christian University

try and advance to the Elite 8 round this week when they play in the regional semifinals in Abilene. For Big Spring, it will mark the second straight year the team has advanced to the fourth round of the Class 4A playoffs. For Coahoma, the regional semifinals has become somewhat of a habit. The team has advanced to this point six times in the last 10 years.

"All the hours of hard work the girls have put in are paying off for them," said Arista, who will lead his team against Wichita Falls Rider Friday evening at 7 p.m. at Abilene Christian University's Wells Field. "We tell the girls there are three parts to a season: There's the preseason, the regular season and the postseason. "We did what we had to do in the first two and it enabled us to get to the third. It's a shame someone has to win and lose at this point, but if it has to be that way, we'd just as soon win."

The Lady Steers haven't had much trouble finding

### Magers, Butler stage strong efforts at state

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

If Ka'Rissa Magers had a cape, she could have easily passed for a superhero this past season.

Without a doubt one of the top female athletes at Big Spring High School, she closed out her junior season with a memorable effort at the Class 4A State Track and Field Championships in Austin by leaping to a Top 8 finish in the long jump standings.

Magers, who helped guide the Big Spring volleyball team to the state playoffs in the fall, placed fifth in the final standings after recording a mark of 18 feet, 2 1/2 inches.

Lubbock Estacado's Shatoya Hill finished one spot ahead of her main district rival, taking fourth with a jump measuring 18-4 1/4.

Magers had a second chance at claiming a gold medal on Saturday. She was slated to participate in the 200-meter race.

Pflugerville Connally's Brandi Stanfield won the long jump gold medal, sailing 18-7 3/4. She edged out Austin Johnson's Johnnie Liles and Huntsville's Jamie Spivey for the top honors.

Magers wasn't the only Big Spring standout turning heads at the state track meet on Friday. Teammate Cierra Butler capped her season by tak-

ing fourth in the overall standings in the discus. The Region 1-4A champion, Butler, a two-time state qualifier, recorded a throw of 140-3.

The impressive finishes at the state meet by Magers and Butler capped another solid season on the cinders by the BSHS girls' squad. The Lady Steers, coached by Tony Truelove, won six of the eight meets they entered this year, including the District 4-4A meet. Big Spring's only two non-wins came at the Class 5A dominated West Texas Relays in Odessa and the Region 1-4A meet in San Angelo. They finished second at both.

Red Oak's Michelle Carter highlighted the girls' first-day happenings. The daughter of former NFL defensive line-vent Michael Carter, she established a new state record in the discus by recording a throw of 157-11. Her throw broke the mark she set last year at the state meet by eight inches.

Carter came back to set a national record in the shot put, throwing 54-10 3/4 and breaking former Fullerton Union (Calif.) standout Natalie Kaaiwahia's old record of 53-3 3/4 set in 1983.

Red Oak teammate D'Andra Carter finished second overall with a throw of 148-7. Brittany Devereaux was third at 146-7.

### Gotcher, Thomas Newell add names to All Americas

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Three area high school basketball standouts added their names to the list of stars scheduled to compete in the 2003 All Americas Basketball Classic this July at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Stanton's Ashley Newell and Sterling City's two-some of Janell Thomas and Stephanie Gotcher all announced their intentions to play. Newell will play for the North squad, while Thomas and Gotcher will join Garden City's Angela Schraeder on the South team, which will be coached by Sterling City head coach Nikki Heath.

The North team will be coached by Borden

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County's Kevin James, who led the Lady Coyotes deep into the Class 1A state playoffs this past year.

The All Americas girls' basketball game is scheduled to tip off at 1 p.m. on Saturday, July 26. The boys' game, which will feature Alaskan all-stater Teddy Street, will be played Friday evening, July 25.

The All Americas basketball games are part of the All Americas Bowl, an international six-man all-star football game, which will be played July 26 in Big Spring. Players will be attending the game from four countries.

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# Wildcats roll to District 10-A crown

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

The Westbrook Junior High School Wildcats tennis team recently claimed most of the hardware at the District 10-A Tennis Tournament in Sweetwater.

In boys' singles play, Westbrook claimed the top three places. Tate Burleson captured top honors by defeating teammate Michael Morton in the finals. Josh Fernandez placed third by downing Trent's Anthony Beaver.

In boys' doubles action, Jordan Truelove and Drake Thurman defeated teams from Blackwell and Trent to win the district crown.

Lauren Johnson and Keesha Krapf took first in the girls' double bracket. The defeated teams from Trent, Blackwell and Lorraine.

Linsey Chavez pounded out an 8-0 win over a



Courtesy photo  
The Westbrook Junior High School tennis teams won the District 10-A Junior high crown last week by winning all four divisions. Members of the team are (front row, left to right) Tate Burleson, Keesha Krapf, (back row) Lauren Johnson, Michael Morton, Jordan Truelove, Linsey Chavez, Josh Fernandez and Drake Thurman.

Blackwell player to win the 10-A junior high girls' crown.

"I am very proud of our young team as they played well all year. Overall, our team had a

great year," said Westbrook tennis coach Marcelino Chavez.

With the win in the singles bracket, Burleson finished the year with a sparkling 12-3 record.

Linsey Chavez, the younger sister of Westbrook state qualifier Trey Chavez, closed out a perfect season with her singles crown. She finished the 2003 campaign



Photo courtesy Steve Lang  
Big Spring's Kara Jeffcoat received the Most Dedicated Runner Award in cross country during the recent Sul Ross State University athletic awards banquet, held April 29. Lady Lobos coach Sharon Lister made the presentation.

## Jeffcoat garners big honors at Sul Ross

Former Big Spring High School cross country standout Kara Jeffcoat was among a bevy of Sul Ross State University athletes honored recently at the school's annual awards banquet. The event was held April 29 at the Becky Ramos Espino Conference Center in Alpine.

Jeffcoat was recognized as Sul Ross State University's Most Dedicated Runner at the event. The award capped a stellar season

for Jeffcoat. Teammate Lia Carrasco was presented the Most Improved Runner accolades.

Larry Morales of El Paso (Del Valle High School), and April Ramirez of Corpus Christi (Carroll) were the recipients of Sul Ross' Male and Female Athlete of the Year awards. John David Caffey of Anson, and Becky Winters of Seminole received the Lobos' Scholar-Athlete Awards.

## LOCAL SPORTS IN BRIEF

### BSHS baseball boosters will meet Monday

The Big Spring Baseball Boosters will meet this evening in the BSHS Athletic Training Center meeting room.

All parents and fans are urged to attend the meeting to help plan the upcoming banquet, which is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. on May 24 at the home of George and Mary Leatham.

The cost of the banquet meal will be \$8 for adults and \$5 for students. Meals will be provided for all players.

Persons interested in attending the banquet must RSVP to Jim Clements at 267-1069

### Forsan All Sports Banquet to be Tuesday

The Forsan All Sports Banquet will be held Tuesday in the cafeteria. The meal will begin at 6 p.m.

Tickets to the event can be purchased at the Forsan High School office for \$10.

### Coahoma All Sports event set for Tuesday

The Coahoma Athletic

Booster Club will be holding its annual All Sports Banquet on Monday, beginning at 7 p.m. in the elementary cafeteria.

The event is open to the public. Tickets can be purchased for \$7 apiece.

For more information call Connie at 394-4000.

### Sweetwater hoops classic set for May

The Sweetwater Spring Classic Basketball Tournament will be held May 16-18. This tournament is for boys and girls in all age divisions.

For more information,

contact the Sweetwater Chamber of Commerce at (800) 658-6757.

### BS basketball camps slated for June 2-5

The Big Spring Camp of Champions basketball instructional camp will be held Jun 2-5 for area boys and girls in grades 4-8.

The cost for the camps, which will be administered by Big Spring coaches Jim Kinnear (boys) and Gary Miller (girls), is \$30 per person.

For more information contact Kinnear or Miller at BSHS.

## CGA tourney set for May 17 at Comanche

The Chicano Golf Association will be holding its annual Scholarship Tournament on May 17-18 at Comanche Trail Golf Course. Proceeds from the tournament will be used to present local youths college scholarships.

The tournament will be a two-person scramble. Players are allowed to pick their partners. Closest to the pin prizes will be awarded on several holes, including No. 1, No. 4, No. 10 and No. 15.

For more information contact Willie Mendoza at 267-7977, Manuel Ramirez at 263-0897 or the CTGC pro shop at 264-2366.

## Benefit tourney set for Wolf Creek

A benefit four-man scramble tournament will be held May 17 at Wolf Creek in Colorado City on May 17.

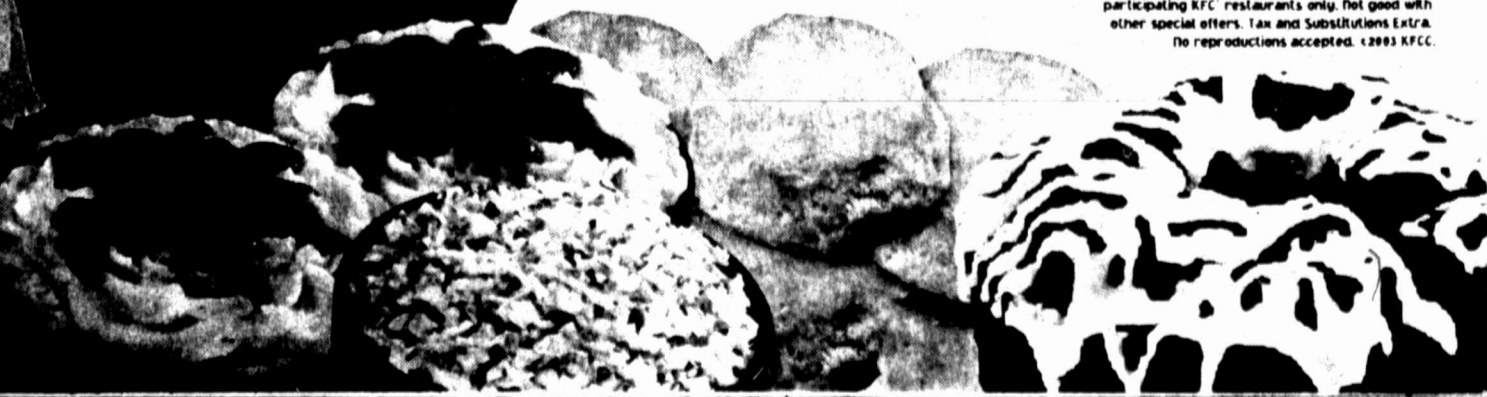
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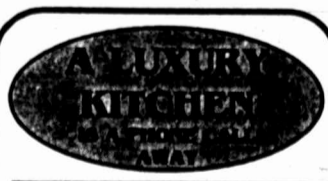
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**SUCCESS**

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that winning formula of late. Big Spring has won 11 of its last 13 games, including their first three playoff outings in grand fashion.

Most of the credit for the Lady Steers' success in district — and the playoffs — goes to a resilient defense and a pitching staff that has been nothing short of stellar.

Defensively, Big Spring has worked its way around a tough injury to starting shortstop Whitney Hufford without missing a beat. In three postseason games, the Lady Steers have committed just three errors — none of which have led to major opportunities for the opposition.

The key to the Lady Steers' defensive success is the talent at the junior varsity.

"They were a pleasant surprise," said Arista. "Those girls played hard all year and ended up playing pretty well."

When Hufford went down with an injured ankle the day prior to the Lady Steers' final regular season game against Andrews, the JV talent showed. With Hufford out, Arista was forced to shuffle his cards. To fill the hole, he moved Erica Stewart — who may well have been the best catcher in the District 4-4A group — to short and called up freshman catcher Courtney Rodriguez.

The move has worked out great for the Lady Steers. Despite struggling at the plate, Rodriguez has starred behind the plate — catching a perfect game in her varsity debut.

Stewart, too, has made the move a good decision. She has committed just one error in three games in the field.

"Coming in, we thought we could overcome everything," said leftfielder Samantha Newton, who provided the offensive spark in the Lady Steers' 3-0 win over Dumas Thursday. "We've played really well defensively. We've stepped it up every time we've needed to."

Leading the way for much of the year has been the Big Spring pitching staff of sophomores Alex Watkins and Chelsea Abner.

Watkins has been the main gun for Big Spring. In her first 19 innings of postseason play, she has struck out 39 batters and allowed just five hits.

A starter last year for Big Spring, Watkins

opened the Lady Steers' post-season run on a historic note. She recorded the team's first-ever perfect game in the playoffs by shutting out Pampa.

Abner, a left-hander, went 5-0 in the regular season. Most of the season, the sophomore stand-out has started at either first base or center.

"Both of them are quality pitchers," said Arista earlier in the year. "With Alex and Chelsea, we have the option of throwing a right- or left-hander at a team. You probably won't find too many softball teams with the caliber of pitching we have."

Maybe the only team in the area that can come

was a little girl and now it's happening. It's a dream come true for me."

It's been pretty good for the Bulldogettes, too. Coahoma rode her right arm to back-to-back wins over Grape Creek and Alpine in the first two rounds of the event.

Dunn will lead Coahoma into its next outing Thursday evening against the Eastland Lady Mavericks. The two teams are scheduled to face off in the Class 2A Region 1-2A semifinals at 7:30 p.m. at Wells Field.

"Sarah has come along really well for us," said Dickenson. "I think coming in as a freshman and pitching for a team like Coahoma there had to be some enormous pressure on her, but she's handled it extremely well. She's accepted her role and done well in it."

Dunn, who played last year as an eighth grader on Bobby Lang's summer softball team, said the move into the varsity role hasn't been without its butterflies.

"Sometimes I get real nervous," she said. "But I'm ready to play. When I get nervous, I just try to block everything out and have perfect form on every pitch."

Having a solid defense behind her helps, too.

"I love it when they are out there," said Dunn of her defensive teammates. "I can relax when I'm out there because I know they can stop anything that is hit."

For Dickenson and Arista, the defense and pitching have been the foundation for their team's success all year.

"Most teams are built up the middle defensively with a good catcher, second baseman and shortstop. Then you hope you can find a pitcher that can keep you in games," said Dickenson.

Part of the success for the Bulldogettes and Lady Steers has, undoubtedly, been the large youth softball programs evident in both communities. Big Spring and Coahoma have more than 200 girls competing at various levels in their girls' softball programs. Those numbers, plus the growing popularity of summer softball leagues and traveling teams, has given both Big Spring and Coahoma players plenty of experience before they ever hit high school.

"We've been kind of lucky here in that we have a softball program that has done a great job of feeding good, fundamentally-sound players and pitchers into the school system."

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Dan Arista  
Big Spring High School  
head softball coach

close to matching Big Spring's young arms is Coahoma — a Class 2A powerhouse located just 10 miles east of Big Spring.

Dickenson, through the years, has produced some of the top hurlers in the state, including last year when Erin Stovall carried the Bulldogettes to the state tournament.

The latest in the long line of Coahoma aces are Sarah Dunn and Mandy Walker. The freshman duo helped carry the Bulldogettes to their 10th straight district championship in April.

"Their development was real important to us," said Dickenson. "We knew for us to be successful they would have to step it up."

Both did. The two made the jump from junior high to varsity without a hitch. Facing a schedule of mainly 4A and 5A schools, Dunn and Walker helped the CHS girls roll to a 15-12-3 regular season mark.

A wrist injury that could require surgery this summer sidelined Walker late in the year.

The extra workload hasn't caused Dunn any woes at all.

"I've wanted to do this (pitch in the playoffs for Coahoma) ever since I

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# Rising Stars



Published author Jon'Erik Molina  
Bauer Magnet fourth-grader

### Death on a Roller Coaster by Jon'Erik Molina

Excerpt: Suddenly, we started going up, and up, and up, and up. Then the cars started to slow down, and my heart was pounding so hard it felt like it was going to burst out of my chest. When we were going up, all you hear was "clickety, clickety, clickety, click." Everybody had stopped screaming. My mom started staying, "Oh, no!" because she knew we were going to the top. Then we went over the little hill and ZZZZZZZOOOOOOOMMM! We went down so fast that my face felt like it was going to turn inside out! All I could hear was a loud whistle in my ear. Then my mom started screaming in my ear.

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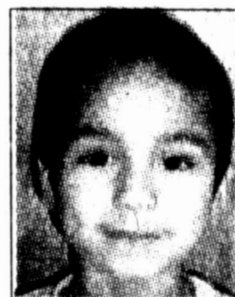
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Published poet Judith Treece  
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### The Drought by Judith B. Treece

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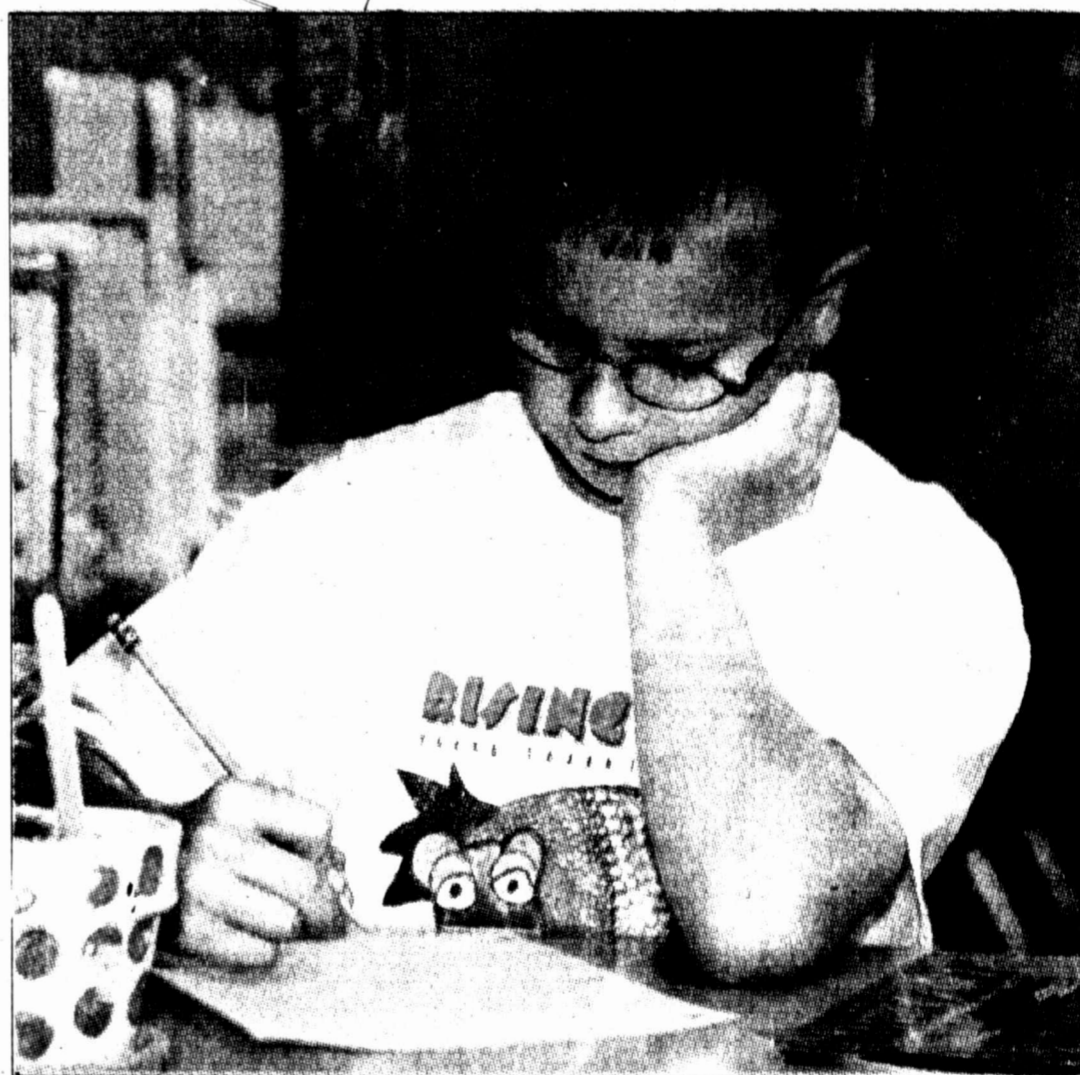
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to that deceitful place.

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Hiding from Danger  
by Andrew Newton



Published artist Andrew Newton  
Bauer Magnet fourth-grader

Three Big Spring youths have been published in the annual magazine *Rising Star Young Texas Tales*.

The three students were among 12 Big Spring young writers and artists who were selected as finalist in the statewide Rising Star Young Writers and Artist program.

Each of the entries was taken from regular classroom assignments and completed in the classroom as required by the program. The Big Spring students were

honored along with almost 1,000 state finalists at the annual conference on May 3, in Austin.

Each finalist received a copy of the 2003 Rising Star magazine and had his or her picture taken with the with guest speaker Trevor Romain, children's author and illustrator.

An award winning author, Romain's collection of works includes "How to Do Homework Without Throwing Up" and "Bullies Are A Pain In the Brain." He has illustrated for the television show Rugrats

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ENGAGEMENTS



**Tindol-Lewis**

Cassie Tindol of Stephenville and Paul Lewis of Amarillo will exchange wedding vows on July 12, 2003 at Lubbockview Christian Church in Lubbock. She is the daughter of

Tim and Jennie Tindol, of Coahoma. She is the granddaughter of Grady and Sue Tindol of Coahoma. He is the son of Greg and Sherry Lewis of Amarillo.



**Murphy-Clark**

Mandy Murphy and Daniel Clark, both of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on June 21, 2003 at East Fourth Street Baptist Church with the Rev. Dudley Mullins officiating.

She is the daughter of Kevin and Shirley Murphy. He is the son of Danny and Barbara Clark of Coahoma.



**Teaster-Reed**

Laura Beth Teaster, of Marion, Va., and Gavin Reed, of Seymour, Tenn., will exchange wedding vows on June 7, 2003 at Chilhowie Baptist Church in Chilhowie, Va. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry

Teaster of Marion, Va. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kent Reed of Seymour, Tenn. and the grandson of Mrs. Doyce Reed and the late W.C. Reed and Mrs. Hughetta Roberts and the late F.L. Roberts, all of Big Spring.

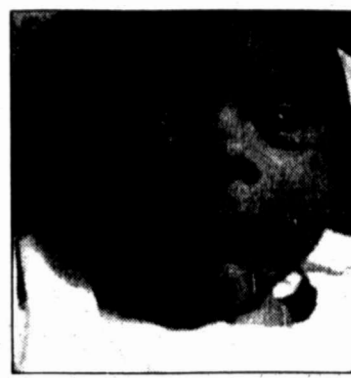


**Gard-Dawson**

Kandace Denise Gard, of Midland, and Dr. Thomas Earl Dawson, of Big Spring, will exchange wedding vows on May 17, 2003 with Pastor Dennis Teeters of First Baptist Church officiating. She is the daughter of Jay and Judy James, of

Big Spring, and Ken and Vicki Gard of Buffalo, Wyo. He is the son of Philip and Marjorie Dawson.

STORK CLUB



**JOHN LEE WHITLEY**

John Lee Whitley, boy, born April 7, 2003, at 1:34 p.m., weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 18 inches long. Parents are Jody and Christina Whitley. Grandparents are Johnny and Martha Cervantes of Big Spring and Carl and Linda Whitley of Stanton.

Jonathan Ray Moore, boy, born April 24, 2003 at 8:19 p.m., weighing 8 pounds 1.4 ounces and was 21 inches long. Parents are Donnie Moore and Johnnie McKeown. Grandparents are Henrietta Reeves and Glenda and the late Larry Dannelle Williams. Great-grandfather is the late Henry Harris.

Katherine Mariesela Behrens, girl, born April 17, 2003 at 5:27 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and was 18 inches long. Parents are Michael E. and Laura Ramirez

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Hernandez is the daughter of Mary A. Hernandez of Big Spring. She is a 2002 graduate of Big Spring High School.

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Kamie Brooke Schwartz and Jeff Evert Hamilton exchanged wedding vows on April 12, 2003, at First United Methodist Church in Lubbock with the Rev. Roger Hubbard, cousin of the bride, of Lake Tanglewood, officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Floyd and Martha Schwartz of St. Lawrence, the granddaughter of Joe and Rose Schwartz of Garden City and Emma and the late Robert (Huck) Doe of Big Spring, and the great-granddaughter of Retta Stephens of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Raymond and Pam Hamilton of Friona and the grandson of Delton and Betty Lewellen of Friona and Martha and the late Glen Hamilton of Friona.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Floyd Schwartz, and wore a traditionally styled gown by Jacquelin. The strapless, satin bodice was embellished with seed pearls, bugle beads and rhinestone upon a Basque waist and a full tulle skirt with a chapel-length train. The elbow length veil was topped with seed pearls and rhinestones with tiny crystal rhinestones scattered over the entire illusion. The bride carried a bouquet of hot pink roses, bright yellow hybrid lilies, orange and purple freesia, berbera daisies in bright yellow, orange and pink, purple statice, bear grass and curly willow.

Maid of honor were Nicole (Niki) Schwartz, sister of the bride, of Houston and Chelsea Schwartz, sister of the bride, of St. Lawrence.

Bridesmaids were, Cassie Tyler and Allison Smith of Amarillo, Janelle Petrini of Raton, N.M., and Jennifer Stewart of Lubbock.

Junior Bridesmaids were Shelby Schwartz, cousin of the bride of Garden City and Megan Doe, cousin of the bride of Big Spring. The attendants wore floor length black gowns of their choice and carried bouquets of yellow lilies, gerbera daisies of hot pink, orange and yellow, purple



Schwartz-Hamilton

statice and curly willow. Amy Weishuhn, of Lubbock.

Candlelighters were Jenny Riethmayer, sister of the groom, of Friona and Kelly Hamilton, sister-in-law of the groom of Canyon.

Best man was Davy Hamilton, brother of the groom, of Canyon.

Groomsmen were Kevin Schueler, groom's cousin, of Friona; Wade Schueler, groom's cousin, of Friona; Shane Qualls, of Canyon; Colby Patterson, of Canyon; and Trapper Heglin of Stillwater, Okla.

Ring bearers were Caleb and Collin Isbell, cousins of the bride, of Lubbock.

Ushers were Tyler Chapman and Justin Schwartz, cousins of the bride, both of Lubbock; Craig Hoelscher, of Garden City; Corbin Riethmayer, brother-in-law of the groom and Monte Schueler, both of Friona; Cory Hamilton, of Levelland; Clint Hamilton, of Wimberly; Lee Koube, of Plano; and Cody Copeland, of Dalhart.

Program attendants were Cole Schwartz, cousin of the bride, of Garden City and Brett Doe, cousin of the bride, of Big Spring.

Guest registry attendants were Chasity Jansa, cousin of the bride, of College Station; Bonnie Braden, of Amarillo; and

The groom is 1998 graduate of Friona High School and a 2002 graduate of WTAMU with a BBA in general business. He is employed with Wells Fargo Financial in Tyler.

Following a wedding trip to Cozumel, the couple have made their home in Whitehouse.

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SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  
MOTHER'S DAY-Roast beef, mashed potatoes, peas & carrots, fruit salad, milk/rolls, strawberry shortcake.  
MONDAY-Smothered steak, potatoes,

okra & tomatoes, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.  
TUESDAY-Chicken, noodles, spinach, salad, milk/rolls, pie.  
WEDNESDAY-Beef tips, rice, mixed vegetables, salad, milk/rolls, fruit.

THURSDAY-Chicken pot pie, salad, rolls, milk, pudding.  
FRIDAY-Turkey & dressing, sweet potatoes, green beans, fruit salad, milk, rolls.

BIG SPRING ISD  
MONDAY-Ravioli, broccoli w/cheese, peach cup, mixed fruit, roll.  
TUESDAY-Oven fried chicken, mashed potatoes, buttered squash, strawberries, rolls.  
WEDNESDAY-Nacho grande, border beans, corn, fruit cobbler.  
THURSDAY-Pig in blanket, veggie sticks, seasoned new potato, pineapple.  
FRIDAY-BBQ on bun, French fries, pickle slices, ranch style beans, straw/banana bar.

STANTON ISD  
BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Breakfast pizza, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.  
TUESDAY-Biscuits, sausage, scrambled eggs, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-French toast sticks, bacon, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.  
THURSDAY-Oatmeal, cinnamon toast, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.  
FRIDAY-Breakfast burrito, cereal, buttered toast, juice, milk.

MONDAY-Chicken nuggets (managers choice), mashed potatoes, gravy, fruit cocktail, roll.  
TUESDAY-Chicken fajitas (managers choice), pinto beans, salad, pineapple chunks, cornbread.  
WEDNESDAY-Baked chicken (managers choice), macaroni & cheese, mixed vegetables, peaches, French bread.  
THURSDAY-Pizza (managers choice), corn, salad, fruit cocktail.  
FRIDAY-Ham/cheese sandwich (toasted cheese sandwich), Tator tots, tomato soup, sandwich salad, orange smiles.

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BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Pop-tarts  
TUESDAY-French toast stick, sausage  
WEDNESDAY-Egg burritos  
THURSDAY-Muffins  
FRIDAY-Cereal, juice, milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY-Corn dogs, pork & beans, salad, cake, milk.  
TUESDAY-Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Hamburger, mac & cheese, beans, cornbread, cookies, milk.  
THURSDAY-Steak fingers w/gravy, sliced potatoes, beans, fruit, hot rolls, milk.  
FRIDAY-Pizza, corn, salad, cookies, milk.

COAHOMA ISD  
BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Donuts, ham, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-Sweetened rice, ham, juice, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Pop-tarts, ham, fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY-Oatmeal, ham, juice, milk.  
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY  
LUNCH  
MONDAY-Taco beef pie (burritos), salad, fruit, milk.  
TUESDAY-BBQ beef on bun (corn

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dogs), chips, cookies, fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Chicken nuggets, gravy, mashed potatoes, rolls, corn, fruit, milk.  
THURSDAY-Pizza, fries, fruit, milk.  
FRIDAY-HOLIDAY

FORSAN ISD  
BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Donuts, juice, milk.  
TUESDAY-Cereal, Nutrigrain bar, juice, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Breakfast pockets, juice, milk.  
THURSDAY-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.  
FRIDAY-Cinnamon rolls, juice, milk.

LUNCH  
MONDAY-Corn dog, mixed vegetables, peaches, milk.  
TUESDAY-Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, pinto beans, mixed fruit, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Turkey sandwich, chips, carrot sticks, apples, milk.  
THURSDAY-Buffero burgers, French fries, salad/tomato/pickle, jello w/fruit,

milk.  
FRIDAY-Beef tips, rice w/gravy, green beans, peaches, rolls, milk.

WESTBROOK ISD  
BREAKFAST  
MONDAY-Breakfast burritos, fruit juice, milk.  
TUESDAY-Texas toast, sausage, jelly, fruit juice, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-Toast, jelly, hash brown, fruit juice, milk.  
THURSDAY-Cereal, toast, jelly fruit juice, milk.

FRIDAY-HOLIDAY  
LUNCH  
MONDAY-Pepperoni pizza, tossed salad, peaches, milk.  
TUESDAY-Frito pie w/cheese, pinto beans, fruit, cornbread, milk.  
WEDNESDAY-BBQ ribs on bun, French fries, pickles & onions, goodie bars, milk.  
THURSDAY-Seasoned chicken breast, Mexican salad, corn, crackers, cake, milk.  
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ANNIVERSARIES

Schaefer 50th

Clarence and Christine Schaefer, of Coahoma, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by renewing their wedding vows on May 9 at First Assembly of God, with the Rev. R. T. Havener presiding and a reception followed in the church Fellowship Hall.

On Saturday, May 10, the celebration continued with a family dinner, hosted by their children at Brandin' Iron.

Clarence was born in Bryson and Christine Melton was born in Seminole, Okla. They were introduced by

Christine's uncle in Seminole, Okla.

They were married May 9, 1953 in Ozark, Ark.

The couple have three children: Sandy Polinske, of Milwaukee, Wis., Cheri Murphy, of Flower Mound and Terry Schaefer of Midland. They also have 7 grandchildren: Dennis Michael, Shane and Heather Polinske of Milwaukee Wis., Kenneth Gamble of Flower Mound, Kendra Carlie of Big Spring and Sherrey and Terry Don Schaefer, Jr. of Midland. The couple have lived in Big Spring and Coahoma

during their marriage.

Clarence is retired after 34 1/2 years of owning Subsurface Specialty. Christine is also retired after 34 1/2 years of serving as secretary for Subsurface Specialty.

They are affiliated with the First Assembly of God. Both enjoy traveling and Clarence enjoys playing golf.

Their comments on their marriage are: "We are blessed with three children and 7 grandkids. We have had faith in God through all the years and we are best friends."



The Schaefers 1953



The Schaefers 2003



The Taylors 1953



The Taylors 2003

Taylor 50th

The family of Jack and Geanne Taylor of Richland Springs are proud to announce their golden wedding anniversary.

The Rev. W.E. Plapp married Jack H. Taylor and Geanne Dunivan on May 15, 1953, in the Presbyterian Manse in Breckenridge.

During their 50 years of marriage, the Taylors have lived in Breckenridge, Big Spring,

Coahoma and Richland Springs.

Joining in the celebration of the anniversary are their daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Jonathan Athnos of Stamford, Conn., and Leslie and Jim Cameron of Austin. Grandchildren

are Aimee and Meghan Athnos and Susan, Abby and James Cameron.

Family and friends applaud the wonderful success and love evidenced by their marriage. Their children and grandchildren offer their best wishes and love.

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Behrens of Denton. Grandparents are Albert and Connie Ramirez of Big Spring and Art and Sandy Behrens of Denton. Great-grandparents are Anita and the late Evaristo Trevino and the late Cheno and Estefana Ramirez.

Hannah Rose Murphy, girl, born May 1, 2003 at 2:09 a.m., weighing 6 pounds 8 ounces and was 19 inches long. Parents are Brant and Stephanie Murphy of Garden City. Grandparents are Bill and Nancy Murphy of Garden City and Neil and Ticia Anderson of Big Spring.

William James Salazar, boy, born March 31, 2003 at 11:30 a.m., weighing 6 pounds, 15 1/3 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. Parents are Tony and Michelle Salazar. Grandparents are Bill and Debbie Wilson and Frank and Ruth Salazar all of Big Spring and the late Myrtle Wilson. Michael is his big brother and Beth is his big sister.



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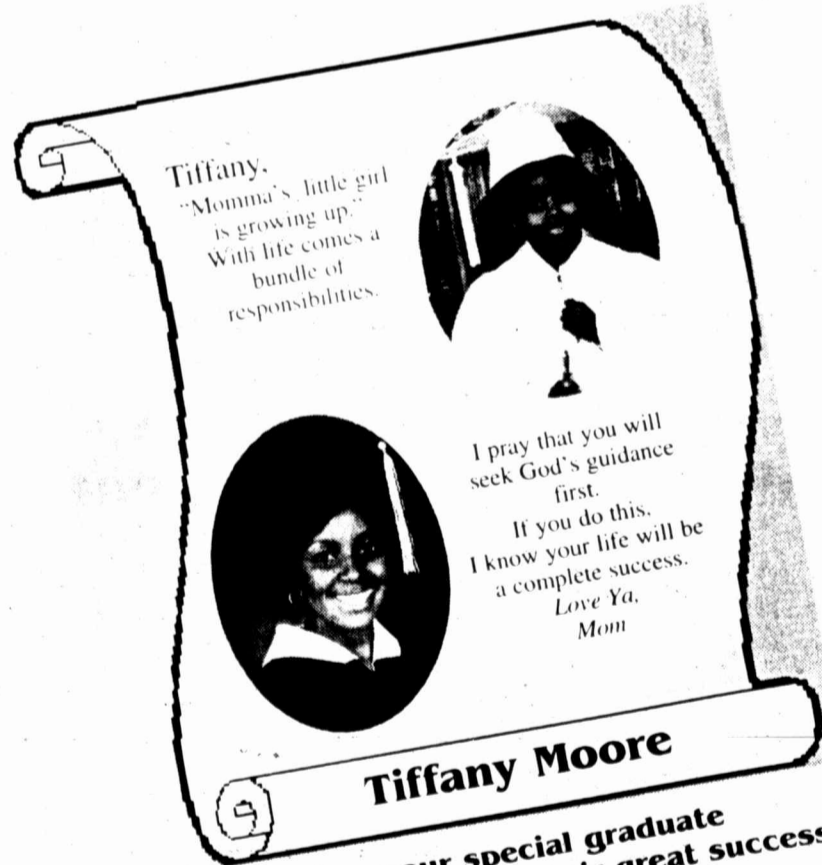
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## Poultry producers suffering fallout from steel trade

By **DAN LEWERENZ**  
Associated Press Writer

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. — Poultry producers survived last year's bout with Avian flu. But could steel tariffs do them in? A Russian ban on U.S. chicken imports devastated the market for dark meat, sending broiler prices down more than 20 percent in 2002, and cut off American poultry farmers' largest export market. That has led to stockpiling of dark meat at home — which means processors need fewer new broilers from farmers.

"It's trickling down to people like us, who are definitely seeing a slowdown in the number of birds that we're growing on an annual basis," said Dan Heller, of Flintrock Farm in Lititz. "I'd say we're seeing between a 10 and 15 percent slowdown, which is directly related to our revenue. It obviously hurts." Chicken was the top U.S. export to Russia, bringing in \$600 million to \$700 million per year. In February 2002, Russia imported 193 million pounds of American broilers, according to Bryan Vasseur, director of the

Institute of Ranch Management at Texas Christian University. And while Americans prefer white meat — which makes up only half of the chicken by volume — Russians prefer dark meat, which helps to balance out the market. But in March 2002, Russia began an on-again, off-again ban on U.S. chicken, complaining of unsanitary conditions in processing plants and demanding stricter inspections of American birds. Katarina Keller, an international trade expert and assistant professor of economics at

Susquehanna University in Selinsgrove, said she believes the chicken bans were aimed at retaliating for U.S. steel tariffs — which are expected to cost Russia \$750 million in exports per year — and protecting Russia's fledgling poultry industry. "I think that the whole thing is originating from the fact that the American chicken is kind of taking over the Russian chicken market," said Keller, adding that about 70 percent of the chicken consumed in Russia comes from the United States.

Russia lifted the ban in April 2002, and exports resumed a month later. But additional restrictions kept Russian imports to about one-sixth their previous level, Vasseur said. Bill Robinson, who raises broilers for Kreamer Feed, said the Russian embargo came at a particularly bad time. Exports already were suffering because of outbreaks of Avian flu in Pennsylvania, Virginia, West Virginia and North Carolina, and Exotic Newcastle Disease in

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## Ford, local dealership provide FFA scholarships for students

By **ROGER CLINE**  
Staff Writer

Four high school seniors and FFA members are going to college this fall with the help of Bob Brock Ford and the Ford Motor Company. Hollie Gibbs, Amanda Watkins, Richard Crawford and Tyler Bradley each received a \$1,000 "Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA" Scholarship from Ford through the local auto dealership.

Ford awards the scholarships annually to FFA members nationwide. "Ford trucks have been a huge part of Ford Motor Company's success for years," said Bob Brock New Sales Manager Randy Gee. "The biggest segment of Ford truck buyers has been FFA and agriculture-related customers. Of course, Ford offers scholarships to all types of programs, but in Texas FFA is such a big organization, and they want to give back to the agricultural community."

Gibbs, a four-year FFA member at Sands High School, has shown two rabbits a year during her membership. She said the scholarship will make it easier for her to attend school.

"It will help a lot," she said. "I'll probably have my first year paid for at Howard thanks to this scholarship and another FFA scholarship I got."

Gibbs is the daughter of Russell and Carlene Gibbs of Big Spring.

Watkins has also been a four-year FFA member at Sands, showing goats and sheep. She plans to

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HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Amanda Watkins, left, and Hollie Gibbs pose with Bob Brock Ford New Sales Manager Randy Gee. The girls, both seniors at Sands High School, received \$1,000 "Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA" scholarships through the Big Spring Ford dealership.



HERALD photo/Roger Cline

Tyler Bradley, left, and Richard Crawford were both recently awarded \$1,000 "Built Ford Tough Trucks/FFA" scholarships. Both are seniors at Coahoma High School.

## 'One strike' enough to penalize state's chicken, egg industry

When chickens in El Paso got sick with Exotic Newcastle Disease (END) in early April, Texas commercial chicken, egg and turkey producers hundreds of miles away in East Texas saw export markets shut down nearly overnight. Although this foreign bird virus has been confined (up to now) to only one small backyard flock, which has been depopulated, at least a dozen countries, including Mexico, either have banned the importation of Texas poultry, eggs or poultry meat, or have placed stringent requirements on products. Even some U.S. states are requiring county of origin documentation to prove Texas poultry and products didn't come from the El Paso area.

"For the pet bird owner or backyard producer, END infection in a flock is devastating, emotionally and financially. Although the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) reimburses owners for depopulated flocks, companionship, breeding and genetics are lost," said Dr. Max Coats, deputy director for animal health programs at the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), the state's livestock and poultry health regulatory agency. "It's very stressful for folks who live in areas quarantined because of END. Pet birds can't be moved until special provisions are made, and teams of regulatory veterinarians and animal health inspectors must make surveys and conduct testing to ensure no diseased birds or poultry have

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been missed." "For the commercial chicken, turkey or egg producer, END has financially devastating consequences, even when the disease strikes hundreds of miles away. In Texas, END was detected in far West Texas, but it impacted the commercial poultry industry, most of which is congregated in East Texas," explained Dr. Travis Cigainero, veterinarian for Pilgrim's Pride Corporation in Texas. "One case of END in a state, and the commercial poultry and egg industry, loses many of its international marketing opportunities until the state regains its disease-free status. In the meantime, we have to find alternative marketing solutions, or reduce production in order to survive and maintain jobs for employees until export markets are reopened. One infected flock puts the entire commercial poultry industry in jeopardy, and it's an industry that pumps more than \$2 billion into the state's economy."

Since April 10, five Texas and New Mexico Counties have been under state or federal quarantines issued by the Texas Animal Health Commission (TAHC), New Mexico Livestock Board and the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), due to the disease outbreak. Counties from which birds can not move include El Paso and Hudspeth Counties in Texas, and Otero, Luna

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Dr. David Ring, pastor of First United Methodist Church, cuts the red ribbon while church members and representatives from the Big Spring Ambassador's Club surrounding him during the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting ceremony Wednesday. The ceremony was held to celebrate the church's new membership to Chamber of Commerce.



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Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce board members, staffers and ambassadors joined employees of Dakota's Flowers and Gifts, 1110 11th Place, for a ribbon cutting ceremony Thursday. Shown are, front row, ambassador Clarence Hartfield, ambassador Christy Hernandez, Dakota's owner Laura Murphree with scissors and Lauren Prather and Henrietta Haechtem, both Dakota's employees; middle row, ambassador Bettie McCauley, Chamber Director Debbye Valverde, Dakota's employees Kathy Gray, Norma Rodriguez, Karen Meyer and Beckie Wash; back row, Chamber board members John Weeks and Sam Stephens, Chamber board President Terry McDaniel and ambassador Chris Moore.

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Jose S. Trigo, 48, and Maria Guajardo, 47, both of Lamesa.  
Howard Martin McCormick Jr., 23, and April Ann King, 21, both of Big Spring.  
Timothy Adam Cole, 23, and Joy Lorraine Yanke, 20, both of Big Spring.  
Marshall Wright Kilman, 49, and Thelma McNutt Muse, 47, both of Big Spring.  
Walton Scott Lyte, 58, of Big Spring and Linda J. Fisher, 47, of Green Bay, Wis.

Warranty Deed:

Grantor: Evalyn Lynn Batchelor and Joyce Karan Phillips  
Grantee: Don R. Baker and Linda Baker  
Property: Lot 2, Blk. 28, College Park Estates  
Date filed: March 31, 2003  
Grantor: Charlotte Eva Hughes, individually and as successor to Jerry

Hughes, a/k/a Hughes Trading Post Inc.  
Grantee: Robert S. Cisar and Jean F. Cisar  
Property: Lot 1, Blk. 5, Hall Addition  
Date filed: April 1, 2003

Grantor: Debora Jean Mason, individually and as sole legal heir of Jerry Wayne Mason  
Grantee: Jacques Roy  
Property: A tract in Sec. 5, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 1, 2003

Grantor: Gertrude Nettles  
Grantee: Jimmy Ray Fisher and Jay T. Smith  
Property: S/2 of Lot 1, all of Lot 2 and N/2 of Lot 3, Blk. 7, Tennyson Addition  
Date filed: April 1, 2003

Grantor: Jesus Jaime Aguirre  
Grantee: Larry Pope  
Property: Lot 14, Blk. 4, Belvue Addition  
Date filed: April 2, 2003

Grantor: Jade Development LLC  
Grantee: Partee Enterprises  
Property: Tract 1: A 14.102 acre tract in Sec. 45, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Tract 2: A 22.79 acre tract in Sec. 45, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Tract 3: Tract 19 of Kennebeck Heights Subdivision, a 27.02 acre tract in Sec. 12, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey, except a 1.993 acre tract.  
Date filed: April 3, 2003

Grantor: David Renteria and Tina Renteria  
Grantee: Carolyn Joyce McMunn, Betty Dian Roberts and Linda Louise Alexander  
Property: Lot 8 and the S/2 of Lot 9, Blk. 33, Original Town of Big Spring.  
Date filed: April 3, 2003

Grantor: Barbara Lankford  
Grantee: Bill G. Lain and Rosie Lain  
Property: Lot 11, Blk. 1, Monticello Addition  
Date filed: April 4, 2003

Grantor: Christ's Community Church of Big Spring  
Grantee: D.P.R.

Investments  
Property: Lots 12, 13 and 14, Blk. 19, College Heights Addition, except a strip of land 2.5 feet wide by 100 feet long on the west side of lot 14.  
Date filed: April 4, 2003

Grantor: Emil J. Orsak Sr.  
Grantee: Roy R. Taylor  
Property: S/264 feet of a 1-acre tract in the NE/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 7, 2003

Grantor: Living Water Christian Fellowship of Big Spring  
Grantee: Christ's Community Church of Big Spring.  
Property: Lots 16, 17 and 18, Blk. 3, Belvue Addition  
Date filed: April 7, 2003

Grantor: Dorrace June Smith  
Grantee: Mike Parker and Brenda Parker  
Property: Lot 24, Blk. 13, Douglass Addition No. 2  
Date filed: April 7, 2003

Grantor: Charlotte Eva Hughes, individually and as successor to Jerry Hughes, a/k/a Hughes Trading Post Inc.  
Grantee: Gregorio E. Arenivaz and Evangelina E. Arenivaz  
Property: Lot 6, Blk. 5, Lakeview Addition  
Date filed: April 8, 2003

Grantor: The Episcopal Church of St. Mary the Virgin of Big Spring  
Grantee: The First Church of the Nazarene of Big Spring  
Property: A 10-acre tract in SE corner of the NE/4 of Sec. 1, Blk. 33, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 10, 2003

Warranty Deed with Vendor's Lien  
Grantor: Chase Manhattan Mortgage Corp.  
Grantee: Juan Cervantes and Norma Cervantes  
Property: A 1-acre tract in the NW/4 of Sec. 1, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: March 31, 2003

Grantor: Stephen R. Spears and Brandy Spears  
Grantee: Keith Wilson  
Property: Tract 1: A 0.12 acre tract in the NW/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey. Tract 2: A 0.33 acre tract in the NW/4 of Sec. 45, Blk. 31, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey.  
Date filed: March 31, 2003

Grantor: Charles D. Rosenbaum d/b/a CDR Properties  
Grantee: Juan Enriquez and Teresa Enriquez  
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 25, College Park Estates  
Date filed: March 31, 2003

Grantor: Ben Bowlin and Max Ann Bowlin  
Grantee: Mike Hughes  
Property: Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, Blk. 1, Brown Addition, except the S/5 feet of Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4  
Date filed: April 1, 2003

Grantor: Marshall Cates and Nadine Cates  
Grantee: Danny Howard and Nancy Howard  
Property: SW/4 of Sec. 19, Blk. 33, T-3-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 1, 2003

Grantor: Joseph E. Martin Jr. and Dorothy K. Martin, individually and as co-trustee of the Joint Living Trust Agreement of Joseph E. Martin and Dorothy K. Martin  
Grantee: Big Spring Realty Inc.  
Property: Lots 2 and 3, Blk. 9, Capehart Addition  
Date filed: April 3, 2003

Grantor: Roger L. Hodnett and Sherry H. Hodnett  
Grantee: Wolf Ranches Ltd.  
Property: Sec. 57, Blk. 20, Lavaca Navigation Surveys, except a square covering 40 acres in the SW corner of the section.  
Date filed: April 4, 2003

Grantor: Marcellous Weaver  
Grantee: Heidi Rodriguez and Angelica Rodriguez  
Property: A tract in Sec. 5, Blk. 32, T-1-S, T&P

RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 4, 2003

Grantor: Billy G. Reed and Sherry Lynn Reed  
Grantee: A.D. Reed and Mary Reed  
Property: E/2 of SW/4 of Sec. 1, Blk. 34, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 4, 2003

Grantor: Thomas Elmo Gabriel, Teresa Ann Matthews and Sherry Lynn Gabriel  
Grantee: Buster Dean Gartman Sr. and Carolyn Sue Gartman  
Property: Lot 3, Blk. 4, Belvue Addition  
Date filed: April 8, 2003

Grantor: Brooksie Nell Hodges, individually and as independent executrix of the estate of Hubert C. Hodges, deceased  
Grantee: Buster D. Gartman Sr. and Carolyn S. Gartman  
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 23, Monticello Addition  
Date filed: April 8, 2003

Grantor: Sharon Cofferen and Gary Cofferen  
Grantee: Buster D. Gartman Sr. and Carolyn S. Gartman  
Property: Lot 5, Blk. 7, Wasson Place  
Date filed: April 8, 2003

Grantor: Charley M. Grissam, Gary S. Grissam, Carol Ann Combs and Paul Combs  
Grantee: Sarah Marquez  
Property: Lots 21 and 22, Blk. 16, Washington Place Addition  
Date filed: April 8, 2003

Grantor: Ricky P. Watkins and Susan Watkins  
Grantee: Santiago R. Flores Jr. and Gloria A. Flores  
Property: Lot 8, Blk. 2, Stardust Addition  
Date filed: April 9, 2003

Grantor: Gilberto Franco Sr.  
Grantee: Miguel M. Franco  
Property: S/140 feet of E/75 feet of the W/150 feet of Tract 23 of the William B. Currie Subdivision of the SE/4 of Sec. 42, Blk. 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. survey  
Date filed: April 9, 2003

FALLOUT

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California, Arizona and Nevada.  
On top of that, an East Coast drought resulted in higher feed prices.  
"Our cost of production was higher in 2002, and the market price was lower," Robinson said. "We got a double whammy there."  
Farmers whose prices are often fixed in contracts may have

made out better than processors.  
Since December, Tyson Foods Inc., the world's largest meat producer, has closed plants in Oklahoma, Florida and Maryland.  
Even though U.S. exports were back up to 153 million pounds in February 2003, Vasseur said, Tyson and other exporters have to work through a backlog of frozen meat before they can bring production back to pre-embargo levels.  
In the meantime, some

producers have been looking for other markets for their dark meat.  
Robinson, who processes much of his own meat, says he now sells more dark meat than white meat after marketing to area Muslim communities and to customers looking for antibiotic-free products.  
"That's the key to getting through a crisis like the Russian embargo," Robinson said. "And we will never again be affected by trade issues like that."

BROCK

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attend nursing school at Tarleton State University.  
Watkins is the daughter of Jeff and Mary Watkins of Ackerly.  
Crawford, a senior at Coahoma High School, said he's been showing pigs since he was in third grade.  
"Then this year I showed a goat, too, at Houston," he said.  
The scholarship will play a major role in allow-

ing him to attend school, he said.  
Crawford is the son of Jerry and Sonya Crawford of Coahoma.  
Bradley is a four-year FFA member and a senior at Coahoma.  
"I had three swine projects this year, and a goat project, and I helped my sister with her rabbit project," he said. "The scholarship will be a great help for me because I have a twin brother that has to go to college, too. It helps my family out a bunch."  
Bradley plans to attend Howard College to study

agricultural business management. He is the son of Mark and Terrie Bradley of Big Spring.  
This year, Ford awarded 665 FFA scholarships nationwide.  
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**ACROSS**  
1 Tracking device  
9 Harvest helper  
15 They love to party  
16 Armpit  
17 Class  
18 Exert  
19 Parthenope and Teles  
20 Victimized, with "on"  
21 Turned on  
25 Fire proof  
26 Nurse, in a way  
28 Canticle  
31 Stern with a bow  
36 Ignoring the icebox  
39 Plain  
41 Travelers' rival  
42 Watson's creator  
43 Great deal  
44 Mountain nymph  
46 "The Song Is..." (Kern tune)  
49 Metric measurements  
55 Priest's concern  
58 One-time SAG president  
59 List finisher  
60 Hemingway hero  
62 Effective  
63 Julius Caesar, once  
64 Become visible

**DOWN**  
1 Salad ingredient  
2 Revived the pilot  
3 barrel  
4 Silver Bullet Band leader  
5 Receiver's route  
6 Past and future  
7 CPA's expertise  
8 Storm heading  
9 Throat sound  
10 He never gets the credit

**65 Action movie sequence, maybe**

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**24 Maryland city**  
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**45 "Blast!"**  
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**48 Playing for** a fool  
**50 Outfit**  
**51 Spider-Man** director  
**52 Spiny-leaved** flower  
**53 Teller's area**  
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**60 Hagiology**  
**61 About 120** square yards

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LINE DANCING 1 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	BINGO 12:45 SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  COFFEE CLUB 10 AM GALES SWEET SHOP	COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE 7:30-10:30 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	HERITAGE MUSEUM 510 SCURRY 10 AM-5 PM HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM AIRPARK 10 AM-2 PM POTTON HOUSE 200 GREGG 1 PM-5 PM	MOTHER'S DAY LUNCH 12 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER  HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM AIRPARK 1:30 PM-4 PM	SENIOR CIRCLE SIT AND BE FIT CHAIR AEROBICS 4 PM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER
TUESDAY MAY 13	WEDNESDAY MAY 14	THURSDAY MAY 15	FRIDAY MAY 16	SATURDAY MAY 17	SUNDAY MAY 18
LINE DANCING CLASSES 9 AM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BINGO - 12:45 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER BLOOD PRESSURE CHECK 11:30 AM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	SENIOR CIRCLE STRETCH & TONE - 9:30 AM SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER LINE DANCING 1 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER	COFFEE CLUB 10 AM GALES SWEET SHOP BINGO - 12:45 PM SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER WEST TEXAS CONFERENCE ON AGING - 8 AM-4 PM ODESSA COLLEGE	COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE 7:30 PM-10:30 PM SENIOR CITIZENS DANCE	HERITAGE MUSEUM 510 SCURRY 10 AM-5 PM HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM AIRPARK 10 AM-2 PM POTTON HOUSE 200 GREGG 1 PM-5 PM	HANGER 25 AIR MUSEUM 1:30 PM-4:00 PM AIRPARK
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Annie's Mailbox: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: Never before have I been irritated enough to write an advice columnist until now. "Driveway Owner in Arizona" has sent me over the edge. She said she didn't want people parking in her driveway because their cars left oil stains.



Annie's Mailbox

Apparently her extended family lives in my neighborhood, because NOBODY parks in a driveway around here. Nearly every house on my street has space for two cars, yet these people insist on parking in the narrow street, and no one can pass.

Please advise your readers that parking in the street is absolutely unnecessary when you have a perfectly good driveway. If she's that obsessive about her driveway, perhaps she should have invested her money in therapy. — J.S. in Texas

Dear J.S.: We heard from a surprising number of readers with comments ranging from ridicule to suggestions on keeping the driveway clean. Read on:

From Houston: What is the purpose of a driveway other than to park there? Maybe they should have a Monet painted on it since their concern is beauty, not function. Do they live in the shed to keep from messing up the house?

Hawaii: We share our driveway with the house next door, and whenever we issue an invitation, we tell ALL of our guests to please park on the

street. Nevada: Simply hand those oil-dripping folks a large piece of cardboard and ask that they place it under the drip during their visit. Problem solved.

Anchorage: I have worked the oilfields of Alaska for many years. The policy for every vehicle, large or small, is to have a "duck pond," which is a drip pan the size of a child's small swimming pool, to place under the vehicle when it is parked.

Charlotte, N.C.: We went to a home-improvement store and bought a sheet of paneling, in light gray, which matches our concrete. We placed it on the side where visitors park. The oil drips on the paneling, and we just wash it off.

Virginia: Tell "Driveway" to wet the area with water and sprinkle a grease-cutting agent on the soiled area. Scrub with a brush or broom, and wash it off. If the driveway was sealed professionally, she can

buy sealer and use a paintbrush to touch up small stains. (NEVER use gasoline or diesel fuel on an asphalt driveway.)

Anywhere, USA: "Driveway" needs a hobby. Not everyone shares her values. But it's interesting that she has so many friends and relatives with leaky cars.

Antioch, Tenn.: Take some good old-fashioned cat litter and sprinkle it all over the oil until it covers the whole spot, and then let it sit overnight. By the next day, the litter will have absorbed everything. It works like a charm.

Ohio: Our grown children have leaky cars. We keep flat pieces of cardboard in the garage. When the kids come for visits in their older cars or pickup trucks, they slip the cardboard under the leak and later return the cardboard to the garage on their own.

Texas: Tell "Driveway" to get a grip. She should be grateful she has friends who visit and relish the time she has with them. Like a stained tablecloth, the driveway reminds you of times shared.

Merrimac, Wis.: In this world of global poverty,

deadly diseases and violence, the absolute last thing on my list to worry about is oil spots on my driveway. Learn to love them. Give them names. They are visits from friends.

San Pedro, Calif.: I, too, have a newly paved driveway. Delivery vans leave tire marks, and wet leaves and pigeon deposits can create dark stains. Every mark stands out like a sore thumb against the new pavement. I am constantly there with a bucket and a scrub brush. Tell "Driveway" she has a friend in California.

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BY JOYCE J... FOR SUNDA... Happy Moth... The Taurus su... nurturing vi... make us remember how Mom guided our actions and helped us become the people we are today... The Virgo moon is a nourishing, improvement aspect, and re... with Mom improved a ta... sweet gestur... today. So be ge... ARIES (Mar 19). A loved o... ages you to try you never th... do. Rather th... along with w... want, have go... very own. Si... love through friends... TAURUS (A 20). You are th... benefits from... to forgive a... Your physical... increases commitment

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Horoscope

BY JOYCE JILLSON  
FOR SUNDAY, MAY 11  
Happy Mother's Day!

The Taurus sun and the nurturing Virgo moon

make us remember how Mom guided our actions and helped us become the people we are today. The Virgo moon is a nourishing, improvement-oriented aspect, and relationships with Mom can be improved a tad with the sweet gestures made today. So be generous!

**ARIES** (March 21-April 19). A loved one encourages you to try something you never thought you'd do. Rather than going along with what others want, have goals of your very own. Singles find love through groups of friends.

**TAURUS** (April 20-May 20). You are the one who benefits from the ability to forgive and forget. Your physical attractiveness increases with your commitment to more

time to yourself. It's safe to say "yes" to love — you won't be fenced in.

**GEMINI** (May 21-June 21). The more casual conversations you light up, the luckier you are. Cultivating interesting relationships (and a little drama, too) is a hobby worthy of you. Revel in debates and friendly competitions.

**CANCER** (June 22-July 22). The smartest solutions happen when you put down the task and walk away for a while. Modesty is nice for others, but you win by giving yourself full credit. Lots of sleep is the answer tonight; your body needs to rejuvenate.

**LEO** (July 23-Aug. 22). Once you figure out what you want, put it out there. There's nothing sadder than a dream you don't go for 100 percent. Partners who can't support you in your mission aren't really partners to begin with.

**TODAY'S BIRTHDAY** (May 11). This year, you live up to the priorities you set. Less-than-ideal circumstances fade away when you take charge of

your life. New love is dazzling this month, and marriage is likely by August. Gemini and Pisces make ideal love partners. In business, you can do more alone than with financial partners up until September, when it's best to join forces. Your lucky numbers are: 5, 33, 21, 40 and 38.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Getting to the point is the theme. It's not wrong to want to know why, but it's not the best use of your time to figure it out, either. Concentrate on what you can do right now to make it better instead.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You know there's a method to your madness, but you'll have to explain to loved ones or expect to be pestered. Information from new friends saves time and money. You and Cancer share romantic vibes.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You can't be sure how the road to romance will twist and turn. The impulse is even stronger to do what feels right in your gut instead of think-

ing things through. Take an extra moment to envision the future of every decision.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). For you, the important things get done in a team, especially a team of two. If you give in to an overwhelming urge to couple up with someone special, you're likely to experience a power greater than the sum of its parts.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Guesses are accurate. Re-examine a relationship before making a more serious commitment. The ones who can accommodate the wishes of others without compromising principles will be extremely lucky.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). This is a great day to set pending limits and financial goals. Avoid forcing negotiations; be patient and methodical. You could make money with a down-home product or new way of distributing information.

**PISCES** (Feb. 19-March 20). Everyone gets mad at the one who holds up the line. If you were wrong,

admit it, and everything clears up in a matter of hours. The evening brings an opportunity to explore a completely new (and therefore risky) venture.

**FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD:** This year's Mother's Day happens to fall during the most nurturing moon, namely Virgo, the Virgin, and her careful attention to all things sweet, soft, feminine and life-improving. This goes hand in hand with the Taurus solar influence, and Mom will be lavished with heartfelt generosity. But when Monday rolls around, we find that work picks up, and slow, almost excruciating, progress toward a goal continues. A million details must fall into place on Monday morning in order to set up the meetings, dates and powwows of all kinds that will be going down now through Tuesday night. It's not so easy to shake the stress of all this, but partners are amenable to suggestions, and that helps enormously. The smartest ones will delegate anything and everything they don't know enough about. It's not time to learn yet, so getting it off your plate will help you concentrate on

what you're good at. Thursday brings the release of a full moon in sexy Scorpio, and there will be plenty of howling going on! The weekend will start early, at least as far as our minds and attitudes are concerned!

**CELEBRITY PROFILES:** Music, rhythm, dance and beauty are all wrapped up in Janet Jackson's natal chart, which is rich with Taurus and Aries influences. She's got Jupiter in Cancer, which shows that any art that helps her work through intense feelings will also be a huge commercial success. That's why she could put out a record more based on sentimental love songs than on sensational beats to dance to.

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# ARMED FORCES DAY

MAY 17

With many of our brave men and women serving in the military overseas, it is especially appropriate that we celebrate Armed Forces Day. While this day was meant to celebrate the creation of the various branches of the military, this year it takes on special significance. It gives us the opportunity to honor the bravery and skill of our soldiers here and abroad, and to be grateful for the sacrifice made by them and their families. They are what keeps our country strong and free.

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## Should girl 'hold on' or cut the strings

Dear Prudie: I'm (gasp!) just nearing my 18th birthday, and I read your column weekly. I guess it's like advice from my mother without having to incriminate myself by asking her. I've been talking to a man online. I say "man" because he is six years my senior.



Dear Prudence

This chatting via instant message moved to the phone, and both of us have expressed an interest in each other. Right now we're kept apart by the 250-mile distance between us. The fact of the matter is that the distance won't be an issue in less than a year because I will be starting college 20 miles from where he lives. (I assure you I picked the college before I started talking to him.)

Should I "hold on" to whatever is going on until September, or should I cut the strings now because I know my mother's opinion would be that he is way too old for me and that his interest has ulterior motives that I'm too naive to see? (I know my mother well.) — Young Reader With an Older Man

Dear Young: Prudie thinks that your idea of waiting until you go to college — and are within 20 miles of your telephone friend — is a good one. It would not stir things up with your mother, the meeting would not involve a real trip, and going off to college is a nice marker for having a new kind of independence.

As for the ulterior motives you guess your mother would assign to this chap, they cannot be all that different from those of the boys who will be your classmates. As for the age difference, 18 and 24 is not out of this world. And who knows? You might meet a fellow student who makes this whole discussion moot. — Prudie, exploratorially

Dear Run: Work may well be his first priority. Some men are wired that way. It is unlikely that his ambition is news to you. A good way to deal with what is obviously a disappointment is to be supportive and understanding and enjoy the fruits of his labor, knowing he's doing what he loves. You can also figure out something you'd like to do with the time his absence allows you, whether it's volunteer work, a job or a hobby.

What is more important than his doing things around the house is spending time with the little boy. About this you should negotiate, perhaps by asking for a commitment to spend X amount of time with his son. If you make your requests as something for the family, and not as a way to pry him away from his career, you will most likely get what you want.

Dear Prudie: My husband and I have been married six and a half years, and I am a stay-at-home mom to our toddler son. My husband has worked at the same company since graduating college. I am very proud of him and tell him so repeatedly. He is the youngest VP in the history of his company.

The downside to his success is that I feel like work is his first priority. He never offers to cut his hours for me if I'm sick, for instance. Calling in for him is never an option, not even when he's sick (which is hardly ever). He's always talking about how productive he is at work, yet when I ask him to do something around the house, I have to write it down so he doesn't forget. I'm just tired of feeling second to his job. We've got a son and a home that need his attention, too.

We've argued about this, talked calmly about it, and discussed our concerns and issues, but nothing ever changes. Work comes first. Prudie, if I can't change my husband's attitude, how can I deal with this? — Runner-up

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## Year-old Max touted as Texas' very first mold-detecting dog

By MICHAEL GRACZYK  
Associated Press Writer

COLLEGE STATION — There's a new dog in Texas that knows about mold tricks.

Texas A&M University veterinary school officials and a Houston businessman Thursday showed off Max, a year-old Border Collie and Labrador Retriever mix that's being touted as the state's first mold-detecting dog.

"We have been able to tap into a very wonderful sensory capability in a species we live with for the benefit of humans and the enjoyment of the animal," said Bonnie Beaver, professor of small animal medicine and surgery at the Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine. "That's one of the pluses."

"He seems to enjoy it," said Eric Voss, who earned a graduate business degree from A&M in 1987, runs The Allergy & Health Store in Houston and is Max's owner. "He sniffs everything in a room."

Max is a product of the Florida Canine Academy, a Clearwater, Fla.-based company that trains dogs for detection of explosives, drugs, money and now mold. Similar dogs have been introduced to markets in Florida and California. Max, who's undergone more than 1,000 hours of training since he was plucked from an animal shelter, is the first in Texas, Voss said.

"He's been taught to communicate," Voss said. "He's been taught to inspect homes for mold. I anticipate Max will be very successful."

At Texas A&M on Thursday, Max went through what was billed as his pre-employment physical before showing off his skills for reporters.

Urged by Voss to "Seek, seek!" Max sniffed at a series of closed containers before stopping at one that contained mold. He sat, looked up at Voss, pointed his nose back at the mold discovery, then with his tail wagging was rewarded with a treat.

Mold is a big business in Texas, which in 2001 accounted for 70 percent of all mold claims filed in the United States, according to the Texas Coalition for Affordable Insurance Solutions. Mold claims and remediation costs have been cited by insurance companies for soaring rates on homeowner policies. Mold also has been blamed for contributing to allergy problems. The humid, hot climate along the Texas Gulf Coast especially is conducive for growth of mold.

Voss, who said the services of his dog would cost customers upward of \$500, said the dog's nose is more sensitive than more expensive mechanical devices in locating "microbial volatile compounds," meaning the dog can detect the source of mold more quickly.

## Nation's unemployment 6 percent; rate rises for a third straight month

By LEIGH STROPE

AP Labor Writer

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate jumped to 6 percent in April and companies slashed jobs for the third straight month — particularly in manufacturing, airlines and department stores — as the fragile economy continued to quash hiring prospects.

Last month's jobless rate was up two-tenths of a percentage point from March, with payrolls falling by 48,000, the Labor Department reported Friday. Those figures matched economists' expectations.

The economy has lost more than half a million jobs in the past three months as the number of unemployed workers surged to 8.8 million. Nearly 2 million people have been jobless for 27 weeks or more.

"There's just no denying that these are an awful set of job figures for April," said Ken Mayland, president of ClearView Economics in Cleveland. "But now that the war is over, hopefully the jobs market has hit rock bottom, Mayland said. Other indicators, such as lower gasoline prices and a surge in consumer confidence, suggest that modest hiring could resume."

"It would be my best judgment that we've now seen the worst," he said.

In a separate report, the Commerce Department said factory orders rose 2.2 percent in March, an improvement over the 1.0 percent decline registered in February and the largest gain in eight

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Ken Maryland  
President  
ClearView Electronics

months.

That report helped boost Wall Street. The Dow Jones industrial average was up 99 points and the Nasdaq gained 23 points in late-morning trading.

The unemployment rate has hovered at or near 6 percent for more than a year. The last time it was higher was in July 1994, when the rate was 6.1 percent as the country was emerging from a previous recession.

Some economists think the rate could continue to climb through the summer because improvements in the economy could take some time to trickle down into hiring.

White House spokesman Ari Fleischer, traveling with President Bush in California, said, "Unemployment is a lagging indicator, and Congress must not lag in its responsibility to pass his job and growth package."

Bush wants Congress to pass at least \$550 billion in tax cuts, including eliminating taxes on corporate dividends, as a way to jump start the economy.

But support for the package is tepid, and Democrats say a better way to stimulate the economy is to extend unem-

ployment benefits a second time. The current extension expires at the end of the month, cutting off benefits for millions of jobless workers.

"There is no better stimulus than providing assistance to families who will spend it quickly," said Rep. Pete Stark of California, top Democrat on the Joint Economic Committee.

April's jobless rate increase was caused in part by 680,000 people returning to the labor force.

The ouster of Saddam Hussein's regime in Iraq boosted Americans' confidence, sending many unemployed people back out to look for work. But their searches yielded little results because the economy wasn't healthy enough to create new jobs.

Even before the war, businesses were wary about making big spending and hiring commitments in a weak economy struggling toward recovery.

A big fear among economists is that consumers, whose spending accounts for two-thirds of all U.S. economic activity, will continue to keep their wallets closed as layoffs continue and hiring

remains stagnant. That scenario would result in even more job losses.

Given the muddled economic environment, analysts think the Federal Reserve will continue to hold the federal funds rate at 1.25 percent, a 41-year low, when it meets next week.

In the jobs market, a healthy economy adds 200,000 to 250,000 new jobs each month, Mayland said. It could be a long time before those days return.

The costs associated with hiring new employees have skyrocketed, particularly for health care and pension benefits. Companies will make do with their existing force for as long as possible, working employees longer hours and doling out more overtime pay.

"Companies are going to want to keep the headcount down to their most minimum levels," Mayland said. "That's going to delay us getting back to so-called normal times."

Factories, which have been hardest hit in the recession, shed another 95,000 jobs in April. Those losses were widespread, with notable declines in motor vehicles, fabricated metals and electronics equipment.

In the services sector, employers added 25,000 jobs overall. Continued job losses in the airlines industry, which cut 18,000 jobs last month, held down overall gains. Overall, the air transportation category has lost 177,000 jobs since an employment peak in January 2001.

## AGENT

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and Dona Anna Counties in New Mexico. The infected flock in El Paso County—and neighboring small flocks that had "dangerous contact" or potential disease exposure—were depopulated in early April and paid for by the USDA.

A team of veterinarians and animal health inspectors from the USDA, TAHC, and New Mexico Livestock Board are working in the five-county area to take calls about sick birds and to test many of the backyard flocks in the five-county area to ensure all END infection has been wiped out.

The END Task Force is operating from an incident command center set up in the El Paso County Fire Department at 11440 North Loop in Socorro.

Bird owners in the five quarantined counties may contact the task force by calling 915-859-9446.

For general END disease information, or to report sick birds in other parts of Texas, call the TAHC at 1-800-550-8242.

In New Mexico, producers may call the New Mexico Livestock Board at 505-841-6161.

END doesn't affect human health, or animals, other than birds. The disease, however, is considered deadly to all avian species, including chickens, turkeys, pet birds and raptors, such as ostriches.

Two days to two weeks after being exposed to the virus, infected birds may gasp, cough, exhibit muscle tremors or complete paralysis, develop watery diarrhea, or die suddenly, without signs of illness.

Dr. Cigainero reminded

owners that the END virus can be carried on clothing, shoes or equipment.

"Diseases don't just 'up and move' to new sites. They are usually carried from place to place by people through the movement of birds or products. The future of our food production system is in the hands of the individual farmer and animal owner," he said. "Be aware that you may be contaminated with the virus, if you've been around birds or equipment. Disinfect your shoes, shower, put on fresh clothing before handling your own birds. If you have sick birds, report it to your veterinarian or the TAHC immediately, so action can be taken quickly to protect other flocks."

"When folks protect their own pet birds and backyard birds, they're also protecting the avian industry as a whole in Texas," said Dr. Coats. "The pet bird and backyard flock industry has a very important niche in the Texas economy. Bird shows, poultry as 4H projects, pet birds as companions, and exotic birds are an important part of our culture. The Texas commercial poultry industry also has a major economic impact, as more the 10,000 Texans rely on this industry for jobs."

"Texas is the sixth leading exporter of poultry and poultry products. In 2001, more than \$137 million in poultry and poultry products were exported," said Dr. Cigainero. "This directly relates to jobs. You also have to consider the 'trickle down' effect for the thousands of Texans who support the poultry industry with goods and services, such as feed and equipment for the birds, gro-

ceries, housing, banking, schools, transportation and entertainment. The impact runs into the billions of dollars."

"If we don't act quickly to practice good biosecurity with our birds and regain our ability to trade poultry and poultry products on the international market, the poultry industry—and Texas businesses could really suffer."

Dr. Coats reminded producers that an END outbreak is still being fought in Southern California, which is also suffering from international trade embargoes. More than 3.5 million birds have been destroyed in California to stop the spread of disease, which has hit nearly 900 backyard flocks and 22 commercial poultry operations.

Earlier this year, the disease also was detected in backyard flocks in both Nevada and Arizona.

These outbreaks have been eradicated and these states are awaiting quarantine release.

"Never move birds from a quarantined area to a 'clean county,'" stressed Dr. Coats.

"It's foolhardy to think that we can outwit a disease like END with illegal movement of birds from an area, which may still have undetected infection. END is extremely contagious disease, and exposed birds can become extremely ill and most affected birds will die. One case of END in a state, and will interfere with international trade for months, until the outbreak is 'cleaned up.'"

"We don't have a date for quarantine release in Texas, even though we've found no additional infection," said Dr. Coats.

"We have to develop scientific proof that we have looked for and test-

ed all possible sources of infections before the USDA and our trading

partners will consider our state to be free of disease."

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