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## WEATHER

Tonight:



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## BRIEFLY

Area secondary students have a chance to voice their views on citizenship and perhaps win scholarship monies in the annual Veteran's of Foreign Wars "Voice of Democracy" and "Patriot's Pen" essay contests.

The 'Voice of Democracy' is a national audio essay competition. This year's theme, "My Commitment to America's Future."

Patriot's Pen is for seventh and eighth graders who write an essay of 300 words minimum and 400 maximum typed. This year's theme is "My Dream for America."

The deadline to turn in the essays is Nov. 1. Application forms can be picked up at school offices or by contacting Leo Welch at 263-1658.

## COMING SUNDAY



The once grand Beaumont Hotel, which stood empty and boarded up for nearly four decades, once again rings with the sounds of tinkling glasses, laughter, and cash registers. The three-story beauty on a corner of Ouray, Colorado's main thoroughfare came dangerously close to demolition when one of Ouray's part-time families bought it and spent nearly \$4 million for renovations. Now, the Beaumont employs some 50 people and is home again to a regal hotel, bookstore, bistro, fine dining, and retail.

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# County commissioners come under fire

## Allegations made that court violated Texas State Open Government and Ethics Act

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Howard County commissioners have come under fire for alleged violations of the Texas State Open Government and Ethics Act that took place during and after Monday's special meeting, says Howard County Sheriff Dale Walker.

Among those alleged violations are the approval of the county's 2003-2004 budget which was not included on the meeting's agenda, and a possible "secret meeting" that was held following commissioners' court adjournment.

Walker said he became aware of the budget being passed only after a media source questioned him on it. "A media source contacted me yesterday and informed me that I had lost

*"From what we have learned through media resources and through myself, the agenda to adopt the budget for 2004 for Howard County was done improperly. It was never posted and it was not on the agenda..."*



Sheriff Dale Walker

a deputy position," said Walker. "They told me the budget was approved that way through the commissioner's court on

Monday. However, on the proposed budget I received on Sept. 8, it shows I'm not losing any personnel. Yet the media informed me yesterday that I lost a deputy. I was never informed of this through the commissioners court or through anyone else in the county."

According to section 551.043 of Title V of the Texas Constitution "The notice of a meeting of a governmental body must be posted in a place readily accessible to the general public at all times for at least 72 hours before the scheduled time of the meeting..."

The same section of Title V goes on to decree "An action taken by a governmental body in violation of this chapter is voidable." Howard County Auditor Jackie Olson said

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U.S. Army Sgt. Barbie Brackeen presents a U.S. flag to Goliad Principal Brenda Gainey as a thank you to the Goliad Intermediate School students for sending letters to the troops for Valentine's Day. The flag was flown during combat missions of the 8-229 Aviation Regiment in Afghanistan. Also pictured is U.S. Army Staff Sgt. Kevin Beach. The regiment is stationed at Fort Bragg, N.C. Brackeen and Beach also presented a similar flag to Washington Elementary students on Wednesday.

# COUNTY

## In split vote commissioners OK tax increase

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

Unless a rollback election is called, Howard County taxpayers will see a 7.642 hike in taxes for the fiscal year 2004.

In a split vote, Howard County commissioners Monday set the 2004 tax rate at 55 cents per \$100 valuation, a little less than three cents above the rollback rate.

"It was very difficult to make that decision," said Howard County Judge Ben LOCKHART



Lockhart cast the deciding vote after Commissioners Jerry Kilgore and Bill Crooker voted for the 55 cent increase and Gary Simer and Emma Brown voted against.

"We were not completely against raising taxes," Simer said. "We were against the huge increase."

Simer and Brown both said they would have agreed to a rate hike that fell below the rollback rate of .522181.

The approved rate is 7.642 cents

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# Unemployment drops slightly for county, city

By BILL MCCLELLAN  
News Editor

Unemployment dropped slightly in August for both Howard County and the city of Big Spring, according to statistics released by the Texas Workforce Commission.

County wide, unemployment dipped from 5.1 percent in July to 4.9 percent in August. City unemployment numbers were 5.7 percent in July and 5.5 percent for August.

"This is attributed to the fact that 138 workers left the civilian labor force to return to school or completed their summer or seasonal employment," said Virginia Belew, Big Spring Workforce Network area manager.

However, Belew said unemployment is expected to rise again slightly.

"Our office anticipates a rise in unemployment next month when figures will include the layoffs becoming definite this month," she said, referring to layoffs at Big Spring State Hospital, which earlier this month announced it would let 32 employees go because of budget cuts at the state level.

The Workforce Commission's monthly statistics for the county look like this:



BELEW

Howard County had a civilian labor force of 14,344 for August. Some 13,643 of those people were employed, leaving 701 unemployed, or an unemployment rate of 4.9 percent.

A year ago, the county had an estimated civilian labor force of 14,392, of which 13,448 persons were employed. The jobless rate at that time was 6.6 percent.

Comparing Howard County's unemployment rate of 5.5 percent, the commission noted area county rates — 5.6 percent for Andrews, 2.3 percent for Borden, 6.9 percent for Dawson, 7.4 for Ector, 4.5 for Glasscock, 4.3 for Midland and 3.5 for Martin.

Belew said the local Workforce Network is gearing up for those anticipated layoffs in Howard

County.

"Next month we will have an increase of labor force availability in clerical, medical/technical fields. We will have some highly skilled and experienced workers dislocated at the end of this month that we would like to see immediately re-absorbed into the labor market," she said. "I encourage employers to call our office with information about any job vacancies they may have, so that these workers will not have to remain unemployed too long."

Belew said workers who have been laid off will be eligible for services that provide job search assistance, job matching and

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# Big Spring man killed, wife seriously injured in wreck

## Lenorah man arrested on charges of intoxication assault and intoxication manslaughter

By LYNDEL MOODY  
Staff Writer

A two-vehicle accident Saturday left a 61-year-old Big Spring man dead, two other passengers hospitalized and an resident facing charges of two counts intoxicated assault, one count of intoxicated manslaughter and one count of felony driving while intoxicated.

Juan Rivas Jr. of Lenorah is being held in the Martin County Jail on a \$45,000 bond for an intoxicated manslaughter charge, two \$25,000 bonds on separate intoxicated assaults charges and a \$3,500 bond on a felony DWI charge.

He was arraigned Sunday by Martin County Justice of the Peace Merv

Miller for three of the counts and on Monday by Martin County Justice of the Peace Pam McAnally for one.

Texas Department of Safety troopers responded to the accident which took place late afternoon Saturday in the intersection of state Highway 176 and County Road 3400 near Lenorah.

According to DPS Sgt. Jason Heaster, a 1994 Lincoln driven by Willie Nichols of Big Spring was eastbound on Texas 176, carrying three passengers — Nichols' wife, Joyce, and Neal and Marie Watkins. The other vehicle was a 1990 Dodge pickup driven by Rivas, Heaster said.

"The Lincoln was head-

ing east on Texas 176 and the Dodge was on County Road 3400," Heaster said. "The Dodge pickup failed to yield at a stop sign and struck the Lincoln on the front passenger side."

Both Neal and Marie Watkins were airlifted to Odessa Medical Center Hospital. Neal Watkins

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Obituaries

Dillard White

Dillard White, 90, of Big Spring died Monday, Sept. 29, 2003, at his home following a long illness. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Bernice Hanson Davis

Bernice Hanson Davis, 92, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2003, in Odessa. Her services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Big Spring.

Take note

THE TEXAS COOPERATIVE EXTENSION IN HOWARD COUNTY is offering a food manager certification training course. This two-day program will be offered on Nov. 12-13 at the Howard County Library. Classes will start at 8 a.m. on each day. You must register before Oct. 21. The cost is \$79 and includes training, materials, and the safe food manager certification examination. This program is designed to not only prepare food-service managers to pass the certification examination; it will provide valuable education regarding the safe handling of food. Almost 50 cents of every dollar Americans spend on food is spent on meals prepared away from home. Therefore, careful attention to food safety will help keep customers safe and satisfied. Foodborne illnesses are estimated to cost thousands of dollars in lost wages, insurance, and medical bills. With these statistics, knowledge of how to prevent foodborne illness is essential.

A FUND HAS BEEN set up to help defray medical costs for Heidrun Meiser who underwent cancer surgery. The account is at American State Bank, P.O. Box 271, Big Spring 79720. The bank's physical address is 1411 Gregg.

A FUND HAS BEEN established at Wells Fargo bank to help defray medical costs of Carl Newell of Big Spring. While undergoing neck surgery, it was discovered that Newell has Hepatitis C. Funds are needed for tests and treatment. Newell has no insurance and is unable to work.

A CANCER FUND HAS been set up at First Bank of West Texas, 1810 FM 700, in Big Spring for long-time Forsan resident Clarence Williams.

BIG SPRING AND SURROUNDING counties are in critical need of foster families. Foster parents are the caretakers for the children in the community who have been abused or neglected. For more information on becoming foster parents or adoptive families, call the Children's Protective Services office at 263-9669.

THE MOBILE MEALS PROGRAM, which delivers to the elderly and homebound, needs volunteers to deliver meals. If you can spare one hour per week to deliver eight or 10 meals, you are needed. About 85 to 90 meals are prepared, packaged and delivered to recipients within the city limits of Big Spring. If you can volunteer, please call 263-4016 before 3 p.m.

ROAD TO RECOVERY DRIVERS WANTED. Volunteer drivers are needed to transport cancer patients to and from treatments. If you can spare a few hours each month, please consider volunteering to drive somebody along the Road to Recovery. For more information about volunteering or if you are a cancer patient in need of the service, call La Wanda Hamm, 263-7827.

SPRING TABERNACLE CHURCH, 1209 Wright, has free food for the area needy. Distribution is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon every Thursday.

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**Church News and Club News should be turned in by Wednesday noon before the Friday they are to appear, are subject to editing and will run as space allows.**  
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Police blotter

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

- JAMES WILLIAMS, 25, of 1504 Lincoln**, was arrested Tuesday on four capias warrants for traffic violations.
- RICARDO RAMIREZ, 24, of 3913 Hamilton**, was arrested Tuesday on two warrants from Big Spring Animal Control.
- ASSAULT** was reported in the 2900 block of Highway 80.
- THEFT OF A FIREARM** was reported in the 600 block of Elgin.
- THEFT** was reported:
  - in the 2300 block of Wasson.
  - in the 1200 block of 11th Place.
  - in the 900 block of Willia.
  - in the 1800 block of Gregg.
  - in the 1100 block of Lamesa
  - in the 800 block of Interstate Highway 20.
- CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** was reported in the 700 block of 11th Place.
- ASSAULT BY THREAT** was reported in the 400 block of Owens.
- DRIVING WHILE INTOXICATED** was reported in the 3900 block of Parkway.

Sheriff's report

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

- MINOR ACCIDENT** was reported near the 178 mile marker of E. Interstate Highway 20. Deputies, along with DPS Troopers responded. Accident report by DPS.
- CRIMINAL TRESPASS** was reported in the 7400 block of W. F.M. 818. Deputies responded, a criminal trespass warrant was issued for Michael Frazier. No report.
- AGGRAVATED SEXUAL ASSAULT OF A CHILD** was reported in the 5100 block of Wasson Road. Deputies took information on incident, with report to follow.
- THEFT** was reported in the 5700 block of E. Midway Road. Deputies responded with report to follow.
- THEFT** was reported in the 100 block of Driver Road. Deputies responded and report to follow.

Support groups

**MONDAY**  
Area Agency on Aging of the Permian Basin will hold a self-help support group for care givers in Howard County on Tuesday. The meeting will be held at Canterbury Retirement Homes Inc., 1700 Lancaster, from 5:30 p.m. until 7 p.m. For more information, call Raynetta Williams, caregiver coordinator, at (432) 563-1061 or (800) 491-4636 or locally call Debbie Read at Home Hospice at (432) 264-7599. This group is open to the public and funded by the Texas Department on Aging.

Encourager's Support Group (All widows and widowers are invited) will meet Sept. 22 at 6 p.m., at the First Presbyterian Church, Seventh and Rannelsfor a covered dish dinner. Enter through the north door. For more information call 398-5522.

**THURSDAY**  
Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 12 noon to 1 p.m.; Women's meeting; 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Non-Smoking closed discussion meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.  
Fibromyalgia/Chronic Fatigue Support Group meets at noon at the Dora Roberts Rehabilitation Center.

Alzheimers Support Group meets at 2 p.m. on the third Thursday of each month at The Texas State Veterans Home, 1809 North Highway 87. For more information call Orand Carroll 268-8387.

**FRIDAY**  
AA open discussion meeting from noon to 1 p.m. at 605 Settles. Noon Open Big Book Study Meeting, 8 to 9 p.m.

Encourager's Support Group ( All widows and widowers are invited) to meet at the Senior Citizen's Center, Sept. 26 at noon. For more information, call 398-5522.

**SATURDAY**  
Open Discussion Meeting, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. Open Podium/Speakers Meeting 615 Settles 8 to 9 p.m. Open Birthday Night, No Smoking meeting the last Saturday of each month at 8 p.m.

**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.

**WEST TEXAS DISCOUNT FLOORING**

M-F 9-5:30 SAT. 12-4	Pergo Snap \$2.59 sf	Wilsonart \$2.59 sf
1712 GREGG	REMNAINT SALE	Plush Carpet \$6.99 yd
263-5500	16x16 Tile \$1.49 sf	Vinyl \$7.49 yd

Bulletin board

If you have items for the Bulletin board, contact the Herald news room at 263-7331 or email editor@bigspringherald.com

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

"A Fine Night of Italian Cuisine," sponsored by Odyssey Healthcare, 6:30 p.m., First Baptist Church. Odyssey Healthcare caregivers past and present are invited to the dinner.

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

Senior Circle Stretch & Tone, 10 a.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place.

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

Line dancing, 1 p.m., Spring City Senior Center, 1901 Simler, 267-6966 or 267-1628.

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

Eagles Lodge Aerie meeting, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 703 W. Third.

**THURSDAY**  
Gideon International Big Spring Camp U42060, 7 a.m. Herman's Restaurant, 1601 Gregg.

Coffee Club, 10 a.m., Gales Sweet Shoppe, 1712 E FM 700.

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

West Texas Republican Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club, Driver Road. Special guest speaker will be Tony Massaro, President of the San Angelo chapter of Pachyderms.

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

Arts, Crafts & Quilting Club, 6 p.m., Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

**FRIDAY**  
Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad call 267-1087 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

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

AMBUCS, noon, La Posada, 206 NW Fourth St.

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

Spring City Senior Citizens Center Country & Western Dance, 7:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m., 1901 Simler. All area seniors or invited.

Lottery

Results of the Cash 5 drawing Monday night: Winning numbers drawn: 4-7-16-25-26. Number matching five of five: 0. Next Cash 5 drawing: Tonight.

The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Monday night: 8-9-9

Weather

Tonight — Mostly clear in the evening then becoming partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Southeast winds 5 to 10 mph.  
Wednesday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Northeast winds 5 to 15 mph.  
Wednesday night — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s.  
Thursday — Partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 70s.  
Friday through Saturday — Partly cloudy. Lows around 60. Highs in the mid 80s.  
Sunday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 60s. Highs around 80.  
Monday — Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 50s. Highs in the upper 70s.

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NATIONAL BRIEFS

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Old rifts over the war in Iraq kept the European Union from forging a united position on when the United States should cede power, highlighting the difficulties Washington will face trying to reach agreement on a new U.N. resolution.

President Bush hopes such a resolution will bring more troops and money into Iraq. The unofficial target date for adopting a U.N. resolution is Oct. 22 — the day before a major donors meeting begins in Madrid, Spain, to try to generate funds for Iraq's reconstruction.

On Monday, Russia said it wants a "realistic but short" timeline for handing over power and is prepared to accept a stage-by-stage transition provided the United Nations receives a major political role.

But French Foreign Minister Dominique de Villepin reiterated Monday that "France insists on the implementation of a rapid transfer of power ... within several months."

Germany, another opponent of the war currently on the U.N. Security Council, has moved closer to the United States, and did not insist on a timetable Monday.

NATIONAL

GALLOWAY TOWNSHIP, N.J. (AP) — A six-hour standoff with a man suspected of shooting two police officers ended Monday when police entered his home and found the bodies of two men and a woman.

Authorities did not immediately identify the bodies, but a prosecutor said one was believed to be the suspected gunman, Gary Heiland.

Heiland had barricaded himself in the trailer home Monday morning after two officers were shot and wounded when they went to the home to investigate a shooting at a bar.

Officer Joseph McFadden was shot in the face and was in critical condition. Officer Kenneth Buck was treated at a hospital and released.

The two were investigating a Sunday night shooting at Kennedy's Bar, a half-mile from the trailer, in which two workers from a nearby diner were shot in the head. One worker was killed; the other critically wounded.

Police returned to the trailer park Monday night, evacuated residents and detonated what appeared to be a bomb, Philadelphia-area television stations reported.

Major airlines are offering discounts to soldiers and their families taking advantage of the military's new rest and relaxation program, which has received some criticism because the last leg of soldiers' vacations are not paid for.

Under the first major R&R program since Vietnam, the government pays for flights from Iraq to Germany, and then the United States, at which point the troops must pick up the tab for any domestic travel.

Before Delta Air Lines and Southwest Airlines this weekend began offering the troops special fares requiring no advance purchase, soldiers on vacation with little notice were faced with buying extremely expensive last-minute fares.

Under the terms of the discounts offered by Delta and Southwest, no advance purchase or minimum stay is required and fares are refundable. American and Northwest on Monday also matched the deals.

WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush has more than \$65 million in his political war chest and is picking up more campaign cash in Illinois and Ohio as he talks about the fragile economic recovery.

On the president's schedule for Tuesday: a fund-raising luncheon at a hotel in Chicago, a meeting with business leaders at the University of Chicago School of Business and a fund-raiser in Cincinnati.

"The business leaders he's meeting with represent a cross-section of the economy — everything from manufacturing to services to finance," White House spokeswoman Claire Buchan said.

Bush's trip follows Monday's Commerce Department report showing that consumer spending increased by a strong 0.8 percent last month on top of an even bigger 0.9 percent advance in July — an increase that many economists attributed to Bush's tax cuts. Last month, however, businesses slashed jobs for the seventh month in a row, and claims for unemployment benefits have remained high.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democrats and some Republicans are hoping to rewrite President Bush's \$87 billion package for Iraq and Afghanistan, but top GOP senators are supporting only a few changes in the White House request.

The Senate Appropriations Committee planned votes Tuesday on its version of the legislation, with a showdown afterward in the full Senate. The bill, written by panel Chairman Ted Stevens, R-Alaska, mostly follows Bush's proposal but would forbid using the money to repay deposed President Saddam Hussein's foreign debt and limit some flexibility for spending the funds that Bush sought.

The committee's top Democrat, Sen. Robert Byrd of West Virginia, said Republicans were leading "a mad rush" to push the bill through the Senate. Most of their focus was on \$20.3 billion, the same amount Bush requested, for rebuilding Iraq's economy, public works and government.

"Make no mistake: this bill is the beginning of an enormous, yearslong commitment to Iraq for a mission that may well be impossible," Byrd said.

Republicans defended the reconstruction funds as the best way to stabilize the country so that American troops can be removed from a country where they are suffering almost daily casualties.

WASHINGTON (AP) — Justice Department lawyers must answer a long list of questions before determining whether to initiate a full-blown criminal investigation into who leaked the name of a CIA officer.

Despite growing outcry from Democrats for a special counsel to avoid any conflict of interest, the Justice Department had no deadline for concluding its preliminary probe, Bush administration officials said.

In fact, the CIA complaint two months ago that one of its agent's identities had been disclosed is only one of about 50 the Justice Department receives each year from the spy agency about leaks of classified information. Very few ever get beyond a preliminary investigation, which is handled by Justice's counterespionage section.

The disclosure of the intelligence officer's identity by syndicated columnist Robert Novak came shortly after her husband, former Ambassador Joseph C. Wilson, undermined Bush's claim that Iraq had tried to buy uranium in Africa. In what turned out to be a major embarrassment, Bush acknowledged he could not back up his statement.

COUNTY

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above the 2002 tax rate of 47.358 cents per \$100 valuation and 6.6643 cents above the current effective rate of 48.357 cents.

Lockhart said every penny is needed if the county is expected to break even this year.

"We're going to have to really watch the expenses this year," he said. "We're going to have to keep a thumb on everybody's spending."

In other business, commissioners agreed to enter into a contingency fee agreement with the San Antonio-based law firm of Perry & Kellogg to investigate and possibly pursue common law claims against major oil industries for alleged

underpayment on hydrocarbon mineral interests, including oil and gas.

According to Luke C. Kellogg of Perry & Kellogg, the law firm is involved with several West Texas cases but couldn't comment further on the issue.

"I can't talk about any strategy or procedures at this point and time," Kellogg said.

Kellogg and County Attorney Mike Thomas met with representatives of all Howard County schools about the issue but could not comment on whether the representatives have indicated if they will join the county in this issue.

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was pronounced dead at the hospital by Midland County Justice of the Peace George Zimmerman, Hester said.

Marie is listed in critical condition, an Odessa Medical Center Hospital spokesperson said.

Joyce Nichols, who was also injured in the acci-

dent, was taken to Midland Memorial Hospital and was reported in serious condition this morning by a hospital spokesperson.

The case is under investigation by DPS Trooper Ben Muller.

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support services. Retraining is available for those who want to return to school if they discover their skills are obsolete or no longer in demand in the area.

Laid off employees can file for unemployment benefits at www.texas-workforce.org or call the Unemployment Telecenter at 1-800 939-6631. Computers and telephones are available at the Big Spring Workforce Network Center at 310 Owens.

The Workforce Network has planned several job

workshops for October.

On Oct. 7 and Oct. 21, the center will hold a job search seminar. On Oct. 9 and Oct. 23, the center will sponsor another set of seminars entitled Starting a Career, What Do I Want From a Job, and Today's Business Culture.

Anyone interested in attending a workshop should contact Carla Gross at 263-8373 or go by the Workforce Network Center on Owens.

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ETHICS

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she was unaware that consideration of the budget was left off Monday's agenda.

"Yes, we approved the budget during yesterday's meeting," said Olson. "I wasn't aware that it wasn't put on the agenda. It was supposed to be on the agenda, and I'm not sure how it got left off, but I will certainly look into it."

In an interview this morning, Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart said Commissioners did pass the budget "meaning we passed the budget, by we set the tax rate which is the last one to approve the budget."

Also among the allegations against commissioners is a "secret meeting" held after the adjournment of Monday's meeting that Walker claims he witnessed first-hand.

"There was a secret meeting held after the commissioners' meeting was already adjourned,

that I personally witnessed that afternoon," said Walker.

"Commissioners (Jerry Kilgore and (William) Crooker, County Judge Ben Lockhart and County Auditor Jackie Olson had a private and secret meeting in the commissioners' courtroom around 2 p.m. on Monday.

"There was no agenda posted and they were in the commissioners' courtroom with the doors closed and the lights off. Why would the lights be off and the doors closed if that was a public meeting? Title V of the government code shows it's a clear violation of the law ... not civil, but criminal."

Olson denied the allegation this morning. "I met with Commissioners Kilgore and Crooker yesterday afternoon in the commissioner's courtroom to discuss (employment) applications for the

new collections position. I think at one point Ben (Lockhart) came into the courtroom, but there was no secret meeting being held."

When asked if he participated in a meeting with Kilgore, Olson and Crooker after Monday's adjournment, Lockhart said "Not that I'm aware of."

According to section 551.143 of Title V of the Texas Constitution "A member or group of members of a governmental body commits an offense if the member or group of members knowingly conspires to circumvent this chapter by meeting in violation of this chapter."

The offense, which is a misdemeanor by state law, is punishable by a fine no less than \$100 and

no more than \$500 or confinement in the county jail for not less than one month and no more than six months, or both.

Walker said he's bound by his professional ethics and state law to report the meeting if it is in violation of the Texas Constitution, and will most likely bring in an outside agency such as the Texas Rangers of Attorney General's Office to conduct the investigation in an effort to avoid a conflict of interest within the county government.

"As the sheriff of Howard County, put in this office by the citizens of Howard County, and certified through the governor of the State of Texas, I'm constitutionally bound to uphold the Texas law and constitution," said Walker. "Through my code of ethics which I take very

seriously, it states I can not have favoritism. I have to be unbiased and uphold the law accordingly.

"From what we have learned through media resources and through myself, the agenda to adopt the budget for 2004 for Howard County was done improperly. It was never posted and it was not on the agenda, yet they had their meeting and approved the budget yesterday. Since it was not on the agenda, it was an illegal vote. That

leaves me and every other department head in the county wondering where we are when the new budget begins tomorrow."

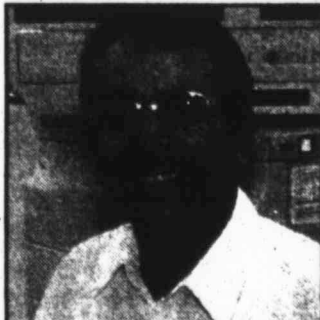
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## OUR VIEWS

### 'Spooktacular' sounds like a wonderful idea

Any time local and area residents "shop Big Spring," it's a good thing for our economy. That's why the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce's "Night of Spooktacular Shopping" on Halloween evening is such a great idea.

The chamber is suggesting that retail merchants be open from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m. on that evening, Friday, Oct. 31. "Have fun with it," chamber personnel suggest, and we agree. Merchants may want to consider decorating for Halloween or for fall. Sales staff might wear costumes and hand out candy or small items to children. Door prizes are always a good draw, and might be in the form of discount coupons good for the upcoming holiday season.

As an incentive, merchants that register by the deadline — that's today, by the way — will be eligible for a one-hour remote or an hour's use of a spotlight. Those are sure to draw even more customers to your store.

It's all in good fun, of course, but more importantly, it gets shoppers in the store. It's a great time to hold on to a few end-of-summer items that can be discounted, as well as to feature new winter items.

Did we mention your participating could help make Halloween a bit safer by offering a fun place for children to do their trick-or-treating?

We hope you, as a merchant, will consider participating in this activity. Ask other merchants near you to participate as well.

As shoppers, it's important that we purchase locally. It not only helps the local economy, it helps ensure that our merchants will continue to be around for a long, long time. And that's beneficial to all of us.

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## A SMALL PRAYER

by K. Rae Anderson

*We have a purpose and can make a difference in this life, Lord, help us make a difference for you. Amen*

# Learning responsibility for themselves

Several years ago, my wife and I attended a communications seminar in Phoenix, Arizona. During this time we had the opportunity to get to know Cavett Robert, who was one of the founders of The National Speakers Association. Sitting around the dinner table at the Camelback Inn in nearby Scottsdale with Cavett and his wife, Trudie, he said something in regard to accepting responsibility for ourselves that I have never forgotten. He said, "When many people are born and their umbilical chord is cut, they spend the next 50 years trying to find a place to plug it back in."



JIM DAVIDSON

While they would never state it in this way, today there are millions of people in our nation who believe it's their parents, the government or someone else's responsibility to provide for their needs and to take care of them. When it comes to legitimate needs, through no fault of their own there are millions of people who are mentally and physically handicapped and they cannot provide for themselves. These people need our help and it's our responsibility to take care of them, but there are millions of others who have a

healthy mind and body who must learn or re-learn to accept responsibility for themselves.

Since the politicians in Washington have changed welfare "as we know it" many of the people who are being forced off welfare are having a hard time dealing with it. Rather than being down on these people, what most of us need to realize is that this kind of thinking goes back to the earliest days of their childhood and it's so deeply ingrained that it will take many years for them to change. The rest of us can provide positive encouragement to these people who are getting off welfare, and in doing so we are helping our country, as well. While it has to be on an individual case-by-case basis, when many of these people are trained and have a good paying job, they will see things differently and have a sense of pride and self-respect they have never known before.

Along these lines, I discovered a poem several years ago, titled *The One In The Glass*, that has been a blessing to me and I hope you will think about it as it relates to your life.

*The One In The Glass*  
As you go through life in your struggle for self, and the world makes you King or Queen for a day, just go to a mirror and look at yourself and see what that person has to say. For it isn't your father or mother or spouse whose

judgment upon you must pass, but the one whose verdict counts most in your life, is the one staring back in the glass. Some people may think you are a straight shootin' sort and call you a wonderful gal or guy, but the one in the glass says you're only a bum, if you can't look him straight in the eye. He or she is the one to please, never mind all the rest, for they are with you clear up to the end and you have passed your most dangerous, difficult task, if the one in the glass is your friend. You may fool the whole world down the pathway of life and get pats on the back as you pass, but your final reward will be heartaches and tears, if you have cheated the one in the glass.

Author Unknown  
If you have family or friends who could benefit from this poem, why not clip it out, make copies and share it with them. The United States of America is a great land and our economic and political systems are based on the merits of the individual. As Ralph Waldo Emerson once said, "An individual is a bundle of possibilities and he is worth what life may get out of him before he is through. It's not what we get, it's what we give that really counts."

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Jim Davidson is a motivational speaker and syndicated columnist. You may contact him at 2 Bentley Drive, Conway, AR 72034.)



## Clark's past performance troubling

The important Democrats eager to run retired Gen. Wesley Clark for president might exercise due diligence about a military career that was nearly terminated before he got his fourth star and then came to a premature end. The trouble with the general is pointed out by a bizarre incident in Bosnia nearly a decade ago.



ROBERT NOVAK

Clark was a three-star (lieutenant general) who directed strategic plans and policy for the Joint Chiefs of Staff in Washington. On Aug. 26, 1994, in the northern Bosnian city of Banja Luka, he met and exchanged gifts with the notorious Bosnian Serb commander and indicted war criminal, Gen. Ratko Mladic. The meeting took place against the State Department's wishes and may have contributed to Clark's failure to be promoted until political pressure intervened. The shocking photo of Mladic and Clark wearing each other's military caps was distributed throughout Europe.

Last week on CNN's "Crossfire," I asked one of Clark's new supporters — Rep. Rahm Emanuel of Illinois — about that indiscretion. "Well, I don't know about the photo," he replied. He and other Clark backers, led by Rep. Charles Rangel of New York, might want to dig more deeply into the general's turbulent military career before getting too deeply committed.

For Emanuel, Rangel and other well-connected Democrats, Wes Clark seems a dream come true. He is walking the liberal line on

taxes, abortion, racial quotas and Iraq. But he has military credentials and decorations that George W. Bush lacks. Even before formally announcing last week, Clark had 10 percent in Gallup's first national listing of him among presidential candidates and was just 6 percentage points behind the front-runner. Clark comes over on television as a square-jawed straight-shooter, not the stormy petrel that the Army knew during 34 years active duty — including his conduct in the Banja Luka incident.

U.S. diplomats warned Clark not to go to Bosnian Serb military headquarters to meet Mladic, considered by U.S. intelligence as the mastermind of the Srebrenica massacre of Muslim civilians (and still at large, sought by NATO peace-keeping forces). Besides the exchange of hats, they drank wine together, and Mladic gave Clark a bottle of brandy and a pistol.

This was what U.S. Ambassador Richard Holbrooke's team seeking peace in Yugoslavia tried to avoid by instituting the "Clark Rule": whenever the general is found talking alone to a Serb, Croat or Muslim, make sure an American civilian official rushes to his side. It produced some comic opera dashes by diplomats.

After Clark's meeting with Mladic, the State Department cabled embassies throughout Europe that there was no change in policy toward the Bosnian Serbs. The incident cost Victor Jackovich his job as U.S. ambassador to Bosnia, even though he protested Clark's course. The upshot came months later, when Serbian dictator Slobodan Milosevic, in bitter negotiations with Holbrooke, handed Clark back his Army hat.

After such behavior, Clark was

never on the promotion list to full general until he appealed to Defense Secretary William Perry and Gen. John Shalikashvili, chairman of the Joint Chiefs. He got his fourth star and became commander in chief of the Southern Command. His last post, as NATO supreme commander, found this infantry officer leading an air war against the Serbs over Kosovo. Clark argued with NATO colleagues by insisting on a ground troops option and complaining about the slowly graduated bombing campaign. He was pushed out abruptly by Defense Secretary William Cohen.

Since retiring in 2000, Clark has not been less contentious. Secretary of State Colin Powell was furious that a fellow four-star general in his CNN commentary would criticize U.S. strategy in Iraq, without much information and with the war barely underway. Clark attributed one comment to a Middle East "think tank" in Canada, although there appears to be no such organization. After claiming that the White House pressured CNN to fire him, Clark later said, "I've only heard rumors about it."

Nevertheless, liberals who gathered Thursday night at the Manhattan home of historian Arthur Schlesinger agreed that a general is just the right kind of candidate to oppose President Bush and that they never had seen any general so liberal as Wes Clark. They chose to ignore past performance, which may be cause for regret.

To find out more about Robert D. Novak and read his past columns, visit the Creator's Syndicate web page at [www.creators.com](http://www.creators.com).

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# Build a personal fall retreat in your backyard

(MS) — Imagine yourself effortlessly swaying on a hammock under a kaleidoscope of colors as the leaves drift to the ground in the fall breeze. How long has it been since you've admired the peace and beauty of your own backyard? If your answer is "too long," then you might want to take time this autumn to create a personal retreat that can offer a respite from your lawn chores as well as a front and "under" viewpoint on the change of season.

## TIMELESS RELAXATION TOOL

Once you've realized that the desire is there to build a relaxation retreat, your next decision is what type of hammock you want. Symbolizing enduring comfort and relaxation, hammocks have been around for over a century. Today, however, choosing a hammock is not always easy, as they come in a multitude of styles, sizes and colors. Here are a few pointers to keep in mind that will help you make the choice that's right for you.

## HAMMOCK HELPERS

Three main hammock styles are available, including hand-woven rope, quilted fabric and open-weave vinyl fabric. Each selection offers support and comfort, allowing you to choose the particular model that suits your personal style.

The classic rope hammock is woven by hand and constructed of cotton or polyester rope. While cotton rope is the traditional and most popular hammock material, polyester rope often has a longer outdoor life and is available in an assortment of colors. The classic design cradles your body while allowing the breeze to flow through its bed.

Quilted fabric hammocks provide a full fabric bed, offering superior support and comfort. The quilted fabric selection makes a variety of colors and design options possible. You can select a particular pattern or hue that complements your home and outdoor fur-



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nishings. Quilted fabric hammocks are crafted of the latest weather-resistant and colorfast materials.

The vinyl-coated, open-weave hammock combines the open-woven design of a rope hammock with the comfort of a full fabric bed, like that of a quilted hammock. It has a mesh composition that allows for easy airflow and is impervious to water, making it a perfect fit for poolside relaxing. The vinyl is coated so the hammock bed has added protection against the outdoor elements. Like quilted fabric hammocks, vinyl-coated, open-weave hammocks also come in numerous designs and colors.

## COMPLETING THE RETREAT

"Once you decide which hammock style you'd like for your fall retreat, you must contemplate how and where you'd like to support your hammock. Two perfectly positioned trees are no longer necessary to enjoy a hammock," says Laurie Rudd, creative director for The HammockSource®, manufacturer of The Original Pawleys Island Rope Hammock®. "While most hammocks come with hooks for hanging between trees, a variety of stands also are available from which to suspend your hammock." They are easy to assemble, with some stands requiring no tools at all, leaving you free to install your hammock exactly where you want it. When purchasing accessories, like the hammock stands, look for items that are built for long outdoor life. Quality steel products should be protected with a durable outdoor finish such as powder coating. Offered in a variety of colors, hammock stands are made today to be a part of "backyard dressing." They are available in long-lasting stainless steel as well as the naturally weather-resistant cypress wood. Many accessories are available today to enhance hammock enjoyment.

After you've selected your dream hammock and hanging device, you can begin accessorizing your personal fall retreat. A hammock pillow is the "icing on the cake," so to speak. It accents your hammock while adding extra comfort to the lounging experience.

## AN AUTUMN RETREAT

The autumn months provide the best time for outdoor improvement, as well as lying back and enjoying what you have accomplished under the picturesque setting of nature's golden, brown and auburn hues. Adding a hammock to your backyard paradise not only offers comfort and serves as a mode for relaxation, it also adds beauty to your yard.

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# Taking care of repairs now prevents hassles in the spring

(MS) — Several months of sun, heat and humidity from extreme spring and summer weather can leave its mark on your home's outdoor oasis. Canvas umbrellas and cushions tear and wear through, plastic chairs develop cracks and chips, hoses spring leaks, garden tools lose handles, favorite ceramic pots and garden ornaments break and screens develop small tears from "munchkin" traffic.

Here's a smart tip: A little "triage" and repair before storing lawn furniture, garden tools, hoses and even pots and garden ornaments for the winter will make bringing them out next season easier and a lot more fun.

"Most of these problems can be solved quickly and easily with adhesives, but using the correct adhesive is important," says Steve Velten, technology manager and chemist for Eclectic Products, Inc. "If you are repairing a leaky hose, for example," says Velten, "the adhesive must remain flexible after drying or it will just

**Repairing lawn furniture and tools before storage makes it painless to bring them out next season.**

crack or chip off. It also needs to be waterproof and UV resistant." According to Velten, canvas or any material which is not rigid needs flexibility and an ability to withstand the contraction and expansion caused by temperature extremes. This is also true for repairing cracked or broken flower pots and garden ornaments.

Some adhesives are specialized and work well only on one or two materials. Traditional white glues work great, for

instance, on paper-to-paper projects but are inappropriate for outdoor use. However, not all adhesives work well when joining two different substances which may have different drying times - like a wooden handle to a metal trowel or a metal flag holder to a brick wall. "When the adhesive cannot allow for the variance of drying time between the two materials, the bond may fail," says Velten.

Yet you don't need a drawer full of specialty adhesives. Your best bet for most repairs is a versatile, strong, one-part adhesive that dries to a rubbery, flexible, waterproof finish, like Amazing GOOP adhesives. They are some of the strongest one-part adhesives available, replacing glues, paste, rubber contact cement, silicone and patch kits. Use them to repair, mend, seal and permanently bond two different materials. They are easy to apply and ready to use right out of the tube and they won't break or crack under

pressure. Outdoor GOOP is UV resistant, but if your project sits in direct sunlight, painting over the completely dry adhesive enhances this quality.

Rubbery, flexible, waterproof adhesives like this can create a protective coating for garden gloves, a non-slip surface for tool

handles, seal roof gutters and drainpipes and fix leaks in cement ponds and birdbaths. Inside the house, they can be used for sealing, mending, reattaching, coating and bonding.

Most home improvement and hardware stores carry a variety of adhesives, including Amazing

GOOP adhesives, which come in 11 varieties including Household GOOP and Outdoor GOOP. For more information about one-part adhesives, contact Eclectic Products, Inc. at (800) 767-4667 or visit the company's Web site at [www.goopit.com](http://www.goopit.com).



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## Medical examiner: Trauma not evident on bodies of slain sisters

DALLAS (AP) — The bodies of two young sisters found dead last week in their Plano home showed no obvious signs of trauma, the Collin County medical examiner determined Monday.

The news came as county officials released a search warrant affidavit that revealed new details about the case against the girls' mother but provided little insight into how the girls were killed.

The deaths of 6-year-old Briana Diaz and 3-year-old Kameron Diaz have been ruled homicides but the medical examiner has not ruled on a cause of their deaths. That decision is expected to come later this week, said Plano police spokesman Xavier Badillo.

The girls' mother, Lisa Ann Diaz, 33, remained in the Collin County Jail on Monday, charged with capital murder in her daughters' deaths.

The affidavit by a Plano police officer says the

girls were found nude under a sheet on a bed saturated with blood and other bodily fluids. Police

**"When it comes to children, most of us have children ourselves. It's just very difficult on the officers."**

found what appeared to be the handle of a knife and bloody clothing in the bathtub.

The affidavit says that when the girls' father, Angel Diaz, returned home Thursday his wife told him "something bad happened to the kids" and that she "didn't want them to suffer."

Later, Plano police Sgt. Randy Andrews found Lisa Diaz sitting in the passenger side of a vehicle in the garage.

When he opened the door, the affidavit says, Lisa Diaz told him, "I

don't know what I've done."

The affidavit suggests the youngest girl may have been a victim of sexual abuse and Capt. Harry Manning, commander of the criminal investigations division, said investigators were considering that possibility.

"We're not ruling out anything until we hear from the ME's office," Badillo said.

Meanwhile, Badillo said some officers in the Plano Police Department have sought counseling from chaplains as they struggle with the horror of the case.

"It's just not your typical type of homicide. When it comes to children, most of us have children ourselves. It's just very difficult on the officers," Badillo said.

"We do have chaplains who are on call and we need to make sure that the officers are dealing with it emotionally and not repressing the emotions."

## Nazi flag angers football crowd

DALLAS (AP) — When the Paris High School band's halftime performance at a Dallas school included a student running across the field with a Nazi flag and a Franz Joseph Haydn composition that later became "Deutschland Uber Alles," the crowd reacted angrily.

"We were booed," Charles Grissom, the band director, said on Monday. "We had things thrown at us. We were cursed."

Grissom, who said his intention was to have a historical performance, didn't anticipate the response his group received while performing at Hillcrest High School on Rosh Hashana, the Jewish new year.

The Blue Blazes Band's show, titled "Visions of World War II," featured flags and music to represent the combating nations.

Grissom apologized for the incident, which nearly caused a melee at half-time of Friday night's football game at Franklin Field.

"We had an error in judgment; it was certainly not to disrespect anyone," he told The Dallas Morning News in Tuesday's editions. "Our intent was never to cause any harm."

He added, "We understand there was a sensitivity we didn't know about going in. ... We didn't do our homework."

Paris' assistant coaches were even targeted as they made their way through the bleachers to a press box after halftime.

"The assistant coaches ... got blasted, cursed," said Brent Southworth, Paris' head football coach.

The band has been working on its show since August and plans to perform it at the University Interscholastic League contest Oct. 15. The show was performed in Paris, about 100 miles northeast of Dallas, a week earlier after the Wildcats' homecoming game against Athens.

The show also includes the flags and music of France, Britain, Japan and the United States.

The flags were raised in intervals that corresponded with the music of the nations. An announcement over loudspeakers before the performance explained the school was trying to do a "historical, accurate depiction of the event."

Grissom said the reaction among fans "wasn't all negative."

"We got applause," he said. "I think the majority of people understood what we were doing."

But Hillcrest student Ryan Barnett said he could only watch in disbelief.

"It was really tasteless," the 18-year-old said. "Some people were yelling at them and stuff; people were shocked."

Mark Briskman, regional director for the Anti-Defamation League, said his organization received many calls and e-mails expressing shock "that in 2003, this type of insensitivity would occur."

Briskman said that he had a good conversation with Paul Trull, Paris' superintendent, and that the district apologized.

## On-again, off-again do-not-call list is on again, for now

WASHINGTON (AP) — The on-again, off-again national do-not-call list is moving ahead for now with a second federal agency stepping in to enforce the program so people pestered by telemarketers can get some relief beginning Wednesday.

Even before the Federal Communications Commission intervened, many of the largest telemarketers said they will not call the 50 million phone numbers on the list, though the program is mired in legal confusion.

In less than a week, the bewildering battle between the government and telemarketers has

involved two federal judges, an appeals court, both houses of Congress, the White House, the Supreme Court and two federal agencies.

With the Federal Trade Commission blocked from enforcing the registry by a judge's ruling, FCC Chairman Michael Powell said Monday his agency would take over. Telemarketers who call listed numbers could face FCC fines of up to \$120,000.

"What you've got is virtually everyone in federal government here working to leave no avenue unexplored to make sure the list works as fully as

legally possible," Powell said Monday, a day before he was to testify at a Senate hearing on the do-not-call list.

Late Monday, the judge that blocked the FTC warned that the agency could face more legal action for using the FCC "to skirt the order."

U.S. District Judge Edward W. Nottingham in Denver denied an FTC request to suspend his decision while the agency appeals. In his ruling, he said he clearly prohibited the FTC from operating the registry and the law prevents any indirect actions to get around that.

The FTC is encouraging people to keep signing up for the list. Consumers can register and file complaints about telemarketer violations at [www.donotcall.gov](http://www.donotcall.gov) or by calling 1-888-382-1222.

FCC officials said complaints will be forwarded to their agency for enforcement. Consumers can also file complaints directly with the FCC by calling 1-888-225-5322.

The free service was originally intended to block about 80 percent of telemarketer calls. Exemptions included calls from charities, pollsters and on behalf of politicians.

The do-not-call list works by requiring telemarketers to pay for a copy of the list so they can know who to avoid calling. Many telemarketers have the list, but some do not and cannot obtain it since the FTC shut down that aspect of the program on Sunday in response to the court rulings.

The FCC can only penalize telemarketers who have gotten the list, meaning that some businesses may keep calling consumers without fear of reprisals.

"It's a confusing situation," FTC Chairman Timothy Muris said.

## TEXAS BRIEFS

TYLER (AP) — An East Texas minister was sentenced to 55 years in prison Monday after pleading guilty to murder in the beating death of his wife.

The Rev. Mike Tabb had originally accepted a plea bargain that would send him to prison for 50 years, but prosecutors increased the sentence after Tabb tried to commit suicide this spring on the day he was to plead guilty.

Marla Tabb, 35, was savagely beaten to death in August 2002 in the parsonage behind the Methodist church in the tiny town of Troup where her husband was pastor. She was left lying in the bedroom in a pool of blood, still wearing pajamas.

The minister's lawyer, F.R. "Buck" Files, said Tabb accepted the plea in state district court to spare his family and his wife's family the pain of a trial and to ensure that his children were never hurt by hearing about the unpleasant details.

"The question was never whether

Mike killed Marla, but rather, why he killed her," Files told The Associated Press.

AUSTIN (AP) — Top Republican officials met behind closed doors Monday to hammer out a congressional redistricting map but no final compromise was reached.

Lt. Gov. David Dewhurst said that if the Legislature does not approve a plan by Oct. 6 lawmakers would have to move back the deadline for congressional candidates to file to run for office as well as the primary election date scheduled for March 2. Other Republicans have issued the same warning.

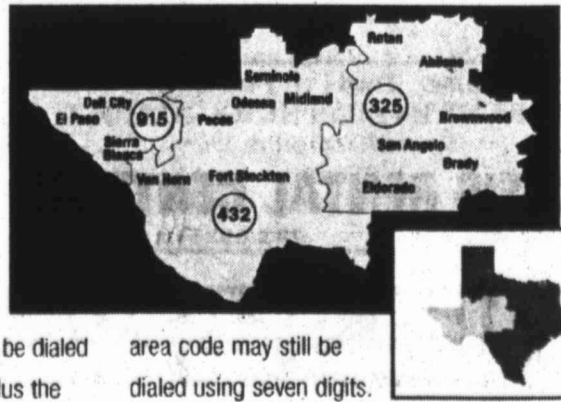
"As long as we can agree and pass redistricting and (adjourn) before, on or before next Monday, then all that is required is moving the filing date one week," Dewhurst said. "Let's approach this step by step."

A meeting Monday morning involved at least Gov. Rick Perry, Dewhurst, House Speaker Tom Craddick, Sen. Todd Staples of Palestine, Sen. Robert Duncan of Lubbock and Rep. Phil King of Weatherford, all Republicans.



Just a little reminder to start using the new area codes in western Texas by October 4, 2003.

To accommodate new phone, fax, pager and wireless numbers in western Texas, the 915 area code has been divided into three area codes: 915, 432 and 325. As a result, beginning October 4th, calls made from one area code to a different area code (including calls to and from wireless phones) must be dialed using the appropriate area code plus the seven-digit phone number. Start using the new area codes now — after October 4th, your calls won't be completed as dialed without them. Local calls made within one



area code may still be dialed using seven digits. Please note that rates are not changing — a local call is still a local call. For the big picture about these changes, visit us online at [www.texas-code.com](http://www.texas-code.com).

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area code 325 dial 325 XXX-XXXX  
area code 432 dial 432 XXX-XXXX

To dial local calls from the new 432 area code to:  
area code 432 dial XXX-XXXX  
area code 325 dial 325 XXX-XXXX  
area code 915 dial 915 XXX-XXXX

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For more information, including a complete list of exchanges and their correct area codes, visit [www.texas-code.com](http://www.texas-code.com)

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## IN B

### Basketball to hold fish

Big Spring Basketball will be held Fry on Oct. a.m. to 6 p.m. Trinity Baptist Annex. The include a catfish, fried dessert and \$7 per adult children.

Call in available, orders can be calling 267-41998 on the event.

### YMCA swim spots avail

The Big Family YM team has open for intletes.

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### IN BRIEF

#### Basketball boosters to hold fish fry

Big Spring Steers Basketball Boosters will be holding a Fish Fry on Oct. 10, from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Trinity Baptist Church Annex. The meal will include hand-breaded catfish, fries, salad, dessert and a drink for \$7 per adult and \$4 for children.

Call in orders are available. Delivery orders can be made by calling 267-4602 or 466-1998 on the day of the event.

#### YMCA swim team spots available

The Big Spring Family YMCA swim team has positions open for interested athletes.

To be eligible to participate as a member of the swim team, athletes must be at least six years of age and able to swim two lengths of the pool with proper rotary breathing. Swimmers are responsible for annual USS registration, all entry fees and equipment and all transportation and meals at meets.

For more information call Dolline Budke at 264-8252 or 263-4505.

#### Quarterback Club to meet Monday at ATC

The Big Spring High School Quarterback Club will hold its weekly meeting Monday beginning at 7 in the Big Spring High School Athletic Training Center.

#### Lady Steers to face Frenship today

The Big Spring Lady Steers will continue their run through District 4-4A today evening when they face the Frenship Lady Tigers.

The Lady Steers, 20-8 for the year, are 2-0 in loop play. Big Spring pounded out a 25-11, 25-8, 25-8 win over Levelland Saturday in the Steer Gym.

The Lady Steers' matchup with Frenship is scheduled for a 7 p.m. start and will be aired on KBST 1490.

#### Stars send winger Kristofferson home

DALLAS (AP) — The Dallas Stars assigned left wing Marcus Kristofferson back to Sweden, general manager Doug Armstrong announced Monday.

Kristofferson will be assigned to a yet-to-be-named team in the Swedish Elite League, a Stars spokesman said.

That leaves Dallas with 25 players on their roster. The team must get to the roster limit of 23 by opening night, which is Oct. 8 against Anaheim.

#### Orioles fire Hargrove after four years

BALTIMORE (AP) — Mike Hargrove was fired as manager of the Baltimore Orioles, one day after the team finished its fourth consecutive losing season under his direction and sixth straight overall.

Hargrove, who guided the Cleveland Indians to the playoffs several times before going to Baltimore, is a native of Perryton.

## Rangers find new direction under Showalter

ARLINGTON (AP) — The results were much the same for the Texas Rangers in manager Buck Showalter's first season, with one huge exception.

Alex Rodriguez put up more MVP-type numbers and the Rangers hit more homers than any other team. And the pitching was miserable again, the worst staff in the majors with a 5.67 ERA that was the second-highest in team history.

Texas finished last in the AL West for the fourth straight season, at 71-91 and 25 games behind division-winning Oakland.

But this time, the Rangers didn't wallow in last place without making changes. They started to find out about their future.

"The biggest thing is we know

what direction we're headed in," said second baseman Michael Young, 10th in the AL with a .306 batting average. "Last year, we were kind of trying to find our identity and didn't know what it was heading into the winter."

Out of contention long before the All-Star break again this season, Texas committed to young players. They traded away veterans Carl Everett, Ugueth Urbina, Doug Glanville and Ruben Sierra, and even had a deal worked out to get rid of two-time AL MVP Juan Gonzalez.

Showalter kept third baseman Hank Blalock and rookie first baseman Mark Teixeira in the lineup every day, and rookie Laynce Nix got an extended look in the outfield. There were 15 dif-

ferent pitchers, about half of them rookies, who started games, and Francisco Cordero replaced Urbina as the closer.

"It was not a total loss for the season because a lot of young players got a chance to play and got valuable experience," said Rafael Palmeiro, whose future with the Rangers is uncertain.

Showalter used the second half of the season to determine what pieces he had, and what he needed.

"I wasn't naive coming in. I knew there were a lot of things that I was going to have to learn about the situation, but I feel like we are shortening up the learning curve," Showalter said. "We have a lot of keepers."

Teixeira hit .259 with a rookie-

best 26 homers and 84 RBIs in 146 games, playing above Double-A for the first time. Blalock hit .300 in his first full season and had the game-winning home run in the All-Star game.

Rodriguez's 47 homers led the majors for the third straight year, tying Philadelphia's Jim Thome after none the last week. He hit .298 — one hit shy of his seventh .300 average in eight seasons — while leading the AL with 124 runs scored and ranking second with 118 RBIs. The All-Star shortstop also had just eight errors in 699 defensive chances.

"The optimism is obvious. I hope that this winter we get a few small pieces and keep going," said Rodriguez, the oldest of the infielders at 28.

## Astros enter offseason with tight budget

HOUSTON (AP) — The last week of the regular season was too much like the playoffs for the Houston Astros. Their hitting evaporated just as it has done the last four times they've made it to the postseason.

This year, they didn't even make it that far and slipped into the offseason with owner Drayton McLane taking a close look at the team's \$70 million payroll and general manager Gerry Hunsicker going forward with the team's youth movement.

And, two of the team's top performers this season, closer Billy Wagner and right fielder Richard Hidalgo, were guessing where they'll be playing next season.

Wagner, who had a career high 78 appearances and 44 saves, criticized McLane for not making a move to get another starting pitcher for the 2003 season and he expects more of the same for next season.

"It's going to be a tape job," Wagner said after what seemed like final goodbyes to his teammates following Sunday's season finale. "It's not like we're going out there and getting any marquee pitchers. It's just going to be nip and tuck and try to compete."

Hidalgo overcame being shot in the arm in a robbery attempt prior to the start of the season. He had a big comeback season, hitting .308 with 28 home runs and 88 RBIs. A year ago, he hit .235 with 15 homers and 48 RBIs.

"I've just got to thank God that I'm here," Hidalgo said. "I feel sad that we didn't make the playoffs. Now there's nothing we can do about it."

Hidalgo is due a raise from \$9 million to \$12 million next season while Wagner, with one year remaining on a three-year deal worth \$24 million, will get \$9 million in 2004.

Octavio, Dotel, Roy Oswalt and Wade Miller are arbitration eligible and will get big raises.

Lance Berkman and Jeff Bagwell also will add more burden to the salary crunch.

"It will be a challenge to keep this club together," Hunsicker said. "We always have challenges with the budget. I wouldn't anticipate we'd be expanding the budget so we've got to find ways of working within the budget."

The Astros missed the playoffs for the second straight season. Before that, they won four NL Central titles over a five-year span, although they were eliminated in the first round of the playoffs each time.

They lost six of their final nine games to fall out of the playoffs.

"It's hard to put a finger on any one thing," Berkman said. "It's injuries, it's underachieving at certain points during the year."

Miller struggled this season and finished with a 14-13 record.

"I think we were a bunch of underachievers this year," Miller said. "I don't think a lot of us lived up to expectations."

The Astros had their most serious injury problems among the starting pitchers. Oswalt was on the disabled list three times, a total of 71 days, with a strained left groin. Jeff Kent spent 23 days on the DL with tendinitis in his left wrist.

Carlos Hernandez, counted on as a part of the youth movement in the starting rotation, missed the entire season following shoulder surgery.

With little hope of an expanded budget for next season, the Astros have turned to the youngsters for help. Shortstop Adam Everett and third baseman Morgan Ensberg had breakthrough seasons.

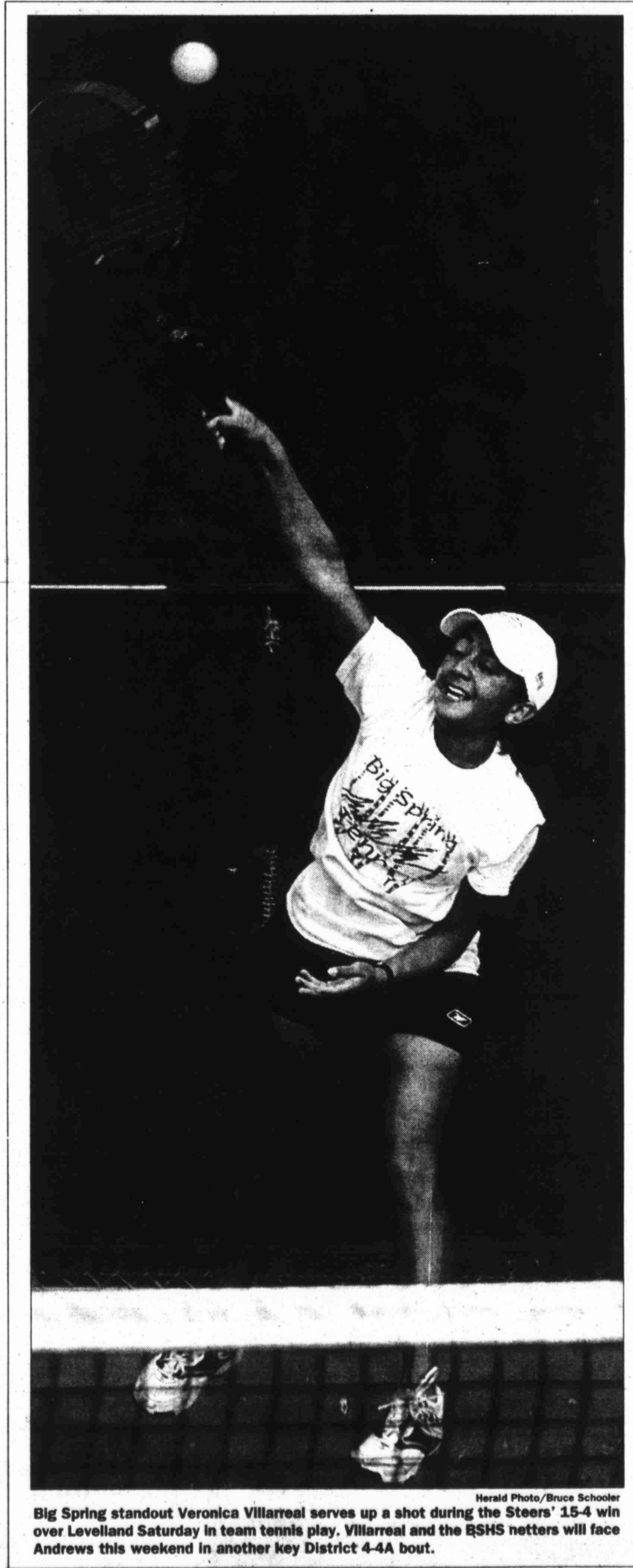
## Symons, Johnson win Big 12 Players of the Week honors

DALLAS (AP) — B.J. Symons of Texas Tech, Derrick Johnson of Texas and Nebraska's Kyle Larson were named Big 12 players of the week Monday.

Symons led the Red Raiders back from a 12-point deficit to beat Mississippi 49-45 in a record-setting performance Saturday. His 661 passing yards broke both the Big 12 and Texas Tech

records and his 681 yards of total offense is also tops in the Big 12. He went 44-of-64 and threw for seven touchdowns and rushed for one.

Johnson's two interceptions and one fumble recovery all set up Longhorn scoring drives and Texas beat Tulane 63-18. He returned his second pick 27 yards to the Tulane one-yard line to set up a touchdown.



Big Spring standout Veronica Villarreal serves up a shot during the Steers' 15-4 win over Levelland Saturday in team tennis play. Villarreal and the BSHS netters will face Andrews this weekend in another key District 4-4A bout.

## Ferry takes post in San Antonio's front office

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — Danny Ferry, a San Antonio Spurs reserve for the past three years, has been hired to work in the NBA champion's front office.

The Spurs also named 26-year-old Sam Presti director of player person-

nel. Presti had been assistant scouting director.

Ferry, a 13-year NBA veteran who had been part of a three-team trade in July, was named Monday as the Spurs' director of basketball operations.

"He has been around

the NBA his entire life," said Spurs general manager R.C. Buford. "He really understands all aspects of the game."

Ferry, 36, is the son of Bob Ferry, who played 10 years as a center in the NBA before serving as an NBA general manager.

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SCOREBOARD

NFL STANDINGS

American Conference		East Division		West Division	
W	L	T	PCT	PF	PA
Miami	2	0	.567	58	38
Buffalo	2	0	.500	89	77
New England	2	0	.500	71	77
N.Y. Jets	0	4	.000	45	77
South					
Indianapolis	4	0	1.000	120	47
Tennessee	3	1	.750	89	78
Houston	2	2	.500	68	113
Jacksonville	0	4	.000	73	109
North					
Baltimore	2	2	.500	82	74
Pittsburgh	2	2	.500	84	96
Cincinnati	1	3	.250	61	84
Cleveland	1	3	.250	46	75
West					
Denver	4	0	1.000	118	49
Kansas City	4	0	1.000	127	58
Oakland	2	2	.500	87	107
San Diego	0	4	.000	68	122
NATIONAL					
East					
Washington	3	1	.750	90	85
Dallas	2	1	.667	65	65
N.Y. Giants	2	1	.667	79	69
Philadelphia	1	2	.333	33	61
South					
Carolina	3	0	1.000	59	35
Tampa Bay	2	1	.667	57	22
Atlanta	1	3	.250	71	100
New Orleans	1	3	.250	74	119
North					
Minnesota	4	0	1.000	112	58
Green Bay	2	2	.500	107	79
Detroit	1	3	.250	77	98
Chicago	0	3	.000	43	111
West					
Seattle	3	0	1.000	89	33
St. Louis	2	2	.500	100	84
Arizona	1	3	.250	57	130
San Francisco	1	3	.250	92	82

St. Louis 37, Arizona 13	
Tennessee 30, Pittsburgh 13	
Houston 24, Jacksonville 20	
Philadelphia 23, Buffalo 13	
Washington 20, New England 17	
Cincinnati 21, Cleveland 14	
Minnesota 35, San Francisco 7	
Kansas City 17, Baltimore 10	
Oakland 24, San Diego 21, OT	
Dallas 17, N.Y. Jets 6	
Carolina 23, Atlanta 3	
Denver 20, Detroit 16	
Indianapolis 55, New Orleans 21	
Open: Miami, Seattle, N.Y. Giants, Tampa Bay	
<b>Monday's Game</b>	
Green Bay 38, Chicago 23	
<b>Sunday, Oct. 5</b>	
Oakland at Chicago, Noon	
Arizona at Dallas, Noon	
Miami at N.Y. Giants, Noon	
Minnesota at Atlanta, Noon	
Seattle at Green Bay, Noon	
Denver at Kansas City, Noon	
Cincinnati at Buffalo, Noon	
New Orleans at Carolina, Noon	
Tennessee at New England, Noon	
San Diego at Jacksonville, 3:05 p.m.	
Detroit at San Francisco, 3:15 p.m.	
Washington at Philadelphia, 3:15 p.m.	
Cleveland at Pittsburgh, 7:30 p.m.	
Open: N.Y. Jets, St. Louis, Baltimore Houston	
<b>Monday, Sept. 22</b>	
Indianapolis at Tampa Bay, 8 p.m.	

Toronto	2	3	0	0	4	8	13
Boston	2	4	0	0	4	8	28
Montreal	1	3	0	2	4	9	13
Buffalo	1	2	0	3	3	11	13
<b>Southeast Division</b>							
Tampa Bay	4	1	0	0	8	15	7
Atlanta	3	3	0	0	6	11	17
Florida	1	1	1	1	4	19	16
Washington	2	3	0	0	4	15	14
Carolina	2	4	0	0	4	14	21
<b>WESTERN</b>							
<b>Central Division</b>							
St. Louis	4	1	1	0	9	17	13
Columbus	2	2	0	0	6	15	28
Chicago	2	3	2	0	6	15	21
Nashville	1	1	2	1	5	12	11
Detroit	2	3	0	0	4	20	16
<b>Northwest Division</b>							
Calgary	3	1	1	0	7	20	10
Colorado	3	1	1	0	7	16	12
Minnesota	3	3	0	0	6	17	15
Vancouver	3	4	0	0	6	13	18
Edmonton	1	1	1	1	4	8	10
<b>Pacific Division</b>							
Dallas	3	1	1	1	8	17	12
Anheim	3	1	1	0	7	16	14
Los Angeles	3	2	0	0	6	14	10
Phoenix	2	1	0	1	5	9	10
San Jose	2	4	0	0	4	13	14

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Thursday, Oct. 2	
Minnesota (Rader 14-10) at New York (Petitte 21-8), 7:16 p.m. (PBN)	
Saturday, Oct. 4	
New York (Clemens 17-9) at Minnesota (Lohse 14-11)	
Sunday, Oct. 5	
New York at Minnesota, if necessary	
Monday, Oct. 6	
Minnesota at New York, if necessary	
<b>Oakland vs. Boston</b>	
Wednesday, Oct. 1	
Boston (Martinez 14-4) at Oakland (Hudson 16-7), 9:06 p.m. (ESPN)	
Thursday, Oct. 2	
Boston (Wakefield 11-7) at Oakland (Zito 14-12), 3:06 p.m. (ESPN2)	
Saturday, Oct. 4	
Oakland (Lily 12-9) at Boston (Lowe 17-7)	
Sunday, Oct. 5	
Oakland at Boston, if necessary	
Monday, Oct. 6	
Boston at Oakland, if necessary	
<b>National League</b>	
<b>San Francisco vs. Florida</b>	
Tuesday, Sept. 30	
Florida (Beckett 9-8) at San Francisco (Schmidt 17-5), 3:06 p.m. (ESPN)	
Wednesday, Oct. 1	
Florida (Penny 14-10) at San Francisco (Ponson 3-6), 4:06 p.m. (ESPN)	
Friday, Oct. 3	
San Francisco (Rutler 10-5) at Florida (Redman 14-9), 4:06 p.m. (ESPN2)	
Saturday, Oct. 4	
San Francisco (Williams 7-5) at Florida (Wills 14-6), if necessary	
Atlanta vs. Chicago	
Sunday, Sept. 30	
Chicago (Wood 14-11) at Atlanta (Ortiz 21-7), 7:18 p.m. (FOX)	
Wednesday, Oct. 1	
Chicago (Zambrano 13-11) at Atlanta (Hampton 14-8), 6:06 p.m. (ESPN)	

Parcells already netting rebuilding milestones

IRVING (AP) — After only three games, Bill Parcells already has started a collection of rebuilding milestones. He's guided the Dallas Cowboys to consecutive road wins for the first time since 2000. They have their first winning record since 1999. They've matched their most road wins since 1998 and are 2-0 on the road for the first time since 1995. They're small steps, and players know it — even if they did celebrate a 17-6 victory over the New York Jets on Sunday by giving Parcells a Gatorade shower and safety Darren Woodson compared his joy to when the Cowboys were winning Super Bowls.

No, they haven't lost perspective. It's just that after enduring the misery of being 5-11 for three straight seasons, they're enjoying being 2-1 and taking pride in the turnaround they believe Parcells has begun. "It's too early to say we're going to the Super Bowl, but it's a good step for us," fullback Richie Anderson said. On Monday, Parcells also landed another win. He signed defensive end Greg Ellis to a seven-year contract extension that included a \$4.2 million signing bonus. Ellis, who was in the final year of his original contract, had been negotiating a new deal since the summer.

NHL STANDINGS

EASTERN CONFERENCE		East Division		West Division			
W	L	T	OT	PTS	GF	GA	
N.Y. Islanders	4	0	0	0	8	13	4
Philadelphia	3	2	0	0	6	17	14
N.Y. Rangers	3	3	0	0	6	20	21
New Jersey	2	2	0	1	5	13	15
Pittsburgh	2	4	1	0	5	14	22
<b>Northwest Division</b>							
Ottawa	4	0	0	0	8	14	6

MLB PLAYOFFS

<b>Today's Games</b>	
Minnesota (Santana 12-3) at New York	
<b>Monday's Games</b>	
N.Toronto 3, Montreal 1	
<b>Today's Games</b>	
Boston vs. New Jersey at Providence, R.I., 6 p.m.	
Buffalo vs. Tampa Bay at Kitchener, Ontario, 6 p.m.	
N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.	
Ottawa at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.	
Montreal at Minnesota, 7 p.m.	
Los Angeles at Phoenix, 9 p.m.	
Edmonton at Vancouver, 9 p.m.	

The Brothers



Wilbur Wright, age

Wilbur Wright was his father's favorite child. His father expected more of him than he did other children. He was a wonderful writer and speaker. He was the vision of the two brothers. He had a sharp, prominent nose and long hair. He died of typhoid fever 36 years before his younger brother, Orville.



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3. Colorado	3. Colorado	3. Colorado	3. Colorado	3. Baylor	3. Colorado	3. Baylor	3. Colorado	3. Colorado	3. Colorado
4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma	4. Oklahoma
5. Texas	5. Texas	5. Texas	5. Texas	5. Texas	5. Texas	5. Kansas St.	5. Texas	5. Texas	5. Texas
6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska	6. Nebraska
7. UL Lafayette	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State	7. Okla. State
8. Texas A&M	8. Texas Tech	8. Texas Tech	8. Texas Tech	8. Texas A&M	8. Texas Tech	8. Texas A&M	8. Texas Tech	8. Texas A&M	8. Texas A&M
9. Georgia	9. Georgia	9. Georgia	9. Georgia	9. Alabama	9. Georgia	9. Alabama	9. Georgia	9. Alabama	9. Alabama
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Rules: Find this week's games in the merchants' ads on this page. Choose the teams you think will win. Clip and fill in the official entry blank on this page with your team choice. The entry with the most correct picks will win \$75. You must be 18 to enter. Only official entry forms accepted. In the event of a tie, the tie breaker will determine the winner. Guess the winner and the combined scores for the total points. Decisions of the judges are final. Employees and families of employees of The Big Spring Herald are ineligible. All entries must be received at one of the participating merchants by 1 p.m. Friday of the week played. Winners will be announced in the Big Spring Herald the Tuesday following the games.

**Pigskin Picks Entry Form**

Team: \_\_\_\_\_ Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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By BETTY DEBNAM

The Brothers Who Made a Difference  
**Orville and Wilbur Wright**



Wilbur Wright, age 13

**Wilbur Wright . . .**

- was his father's favorite child. His father expected more of him than he did the other children.
- was a wonderful writer and speaker.
- was the visionary of the two brothers.
- had a sharp, pointed nose and long neck.
- died of typhoid fever 36 years before his younger brother, Orville.



Wilbur Wright (1867-1912)

Now We Can See The Wright Flyer Close Up



On Dec. 17, 1903, the Wright brothers flew the first heavier-than-air powered airplane, "The Flyer."

The Wright Background

The Wright brothers gave their parents credit for their success. Their father, Milton, was a well-educated bishop in the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He had strong opinions of what was right or wrong. The boys grew up with strong opinions, too. Susan, their mother, was raised around tools because her father was a carriage maker. She knew how to make things and made small appliances and even toys. The boys learned how to, too. The family included two older brothers and a younger sister, Katharine, whom Orville and Wilbur were very close to. The famous brothers lived at home and never married.

A new exhibit, "The Wright Brothers & the Invention of the Aerial Age," opens at the Smithsonian National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C., on Oct. 11. It will continue for two years. Site to see: [www.nasm.si.edu](http://www.nasm.si.edu)



Orville Wright, age 9

**Orville Wright . . .**

- was very shy. He never made a speech in public. He would attend events but never say a word.
- was talkative at home and liked to play practical jokes.
- wore a mustache.
- was always tinkering with machines.
- was a good writer.
- dressed well and was always very neat in appearance.



Orville Wright (1871-1948)



Susan Wright

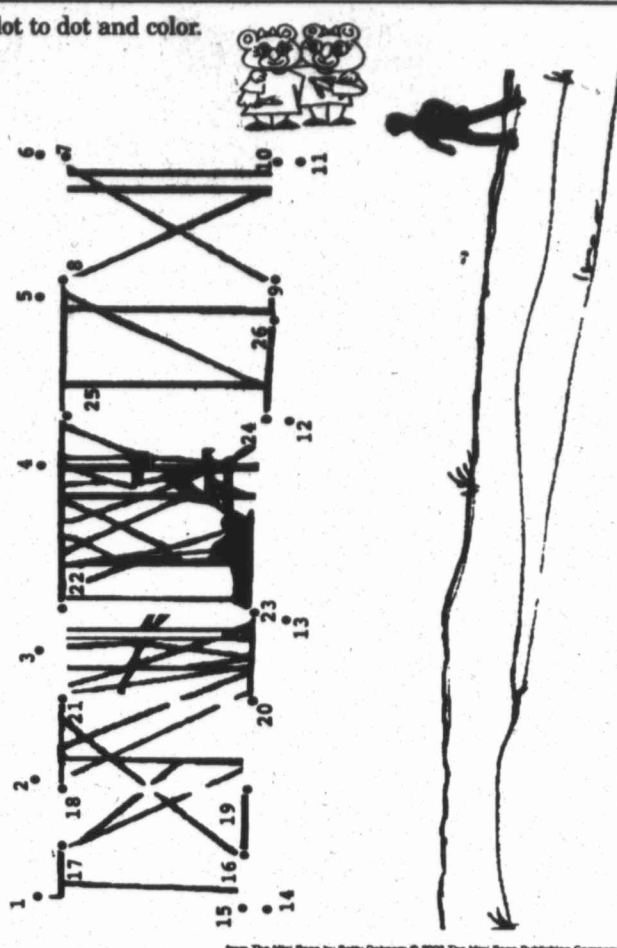


Milton Wright



Katharine Wright

Go dot to dot and color.



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**Gus Goodsport's Report Supersport: Anthony Davis**

**Height: 5-8 Birthdate: 5-21-82**  
**Weight: 191 Hometown: Plainfield, N.J.**

When Anthony Davis tucks a football under his arm, Wisconsin fans cheer and Badger opponents cringe.

The stocky junior is one of the top running backs in the country and harder to stop than a mudslide. Shifty and strong, Davis has gained more yards rushing (3,021) in the last two seasons than any other player in college football. In every game, No. 28 is a target for tacklers. But Davis keeps gaining ground and scoring touchdowns.

Davis was a high school football and track star in New Jersey before going to Wisconsin, where he is majoring in elementary education. In his spare time, he also has helped area school children with their reading program.

Meet Dakota Fanning

Dakota Fanning, who stars in the new movie "Uptown Girls," has come a long way from living in a small Georgia town and play-acting with her little sister.

Today, Dakota, 9, lives in Los Angeles and is starring in movies with such actors as Denzel Washington and Mike Myers. She'll star in "Dr. Seuss: The Cat in the Hat" this fall and is currently filming a new movie, "Man on Fire."

Dakota began acting at the age of 5 while growing up in Conyers, Ga. After attending an acting workshop, she was picked to appear in a Tide commercial.

Her first big movie was "I Am Sam." She performed so well that she became the youngest actress ever nominated for one of the major acting awards from the Screen Actors Guild.

She doesn't go to school, but is home-schooled by a tutor. Her little sister, Elle, is an actress, too, and recently starred in "Daddy Day Care."

**MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes**

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

**Peter:** What is gray and blue and huge?  
**Julie:** An elephant holding its breath!

**Frances:** What does an elephant do when it's frightened?  
**Julie:** It ele-faints!

**Teacher:** Can you tell me where elephants are found?  
**George:** Elephants are so big, how could you lose one?

The Wright Brothers and How They Flew

The Wrights were bright and capable, but in many ways they were ordinary human beings. They proved that individuals can make a difference.

**Printing and bike shops**

Orville started a printing business and Wilbur joined him in their hometown of Dayton, Ohio. They later opened a successful bicycle shop.

Knowing how bikes worked, having useful tools around and having a great deal of curiosity and drive enabled the brothers to believe they might invent a way to fly.

**Close brothers**

The boys were very close. Orville once said, "We lived together, played together and in fact thought together." People who worked around them said that while they did argue, they never seemed to get angry.

**Interest in flying**

The boys first became interested in flight when their father brought home a helicopter-like toy for the children in 1878. Later, when many people were working on how to build a flying plane, Wilbur and Orville did a lot of research and wrote letters for information.

**Warping or twisting wings**

Wilbur noticed that twisting, or warping, the wings of a biplane would allow him to control the airplane in a turn. He tested his idea with a biplane kite.

**Flying at Kitty Hawk**

The Wrights decided to build a kite to see if this would work. They wanted to test it in a place with strong winds. After contacting the U.S. weather department, they settled on Kitty Hawk, a tiny fishing town on an island off the coast of North Carolina.

For four years, from 1900 to 1903, they traveled to Kitty Hawk. They took more than 300 photos, to keep records of their work.

**Wright ideas**

The Wrights realized something other people did not. They knew that not only did they have to invent a machine that would fly, but one that pilots would be able to take off in, fly and land.

The Wrights took careful steps along the way. They tested a kite first, then gliders with and without a pilot. Finally, they were ready to add propellers and an engine.

**Back to Dayton**

The Wrights did not get much attention from the press about their first flights. They returned to Dayton and decided to conduct tests at a pasture called Huffman Prairie.

They also worked on getting a patent, a special document the government grants to inventors that prevents others from copying the invention.

**Starting the business**

The Wrights got their patent in 1906 and set to work finding buyers. In order to attract customers, Wilbur flew demonstration flights in Europe in 1908. He stayed up for more than two hours.

Orville flew in Fort Myer, Va., near Washington, setting a world record for staying in the air with a passenger along for over an hour. He won a contract to build planes for the U.S. Army.

**Last years**

The brothers started the Wright Company to build airplanes in 1909. They had many legal problems trying to protect the rights to their invention.

Wilbur died of typhoid fever at the age of 45 in 1912. Orville sold the company and retired in 1915. Orville died at the age of 76 in 1948.

Wilbur thrilled New Yorkers when he flew for 33 minutes along the Hudson River.

**The Wright Brothers TRY 'N FIND**

Words and names that remind us of the Wright brothers are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward or diagonally, up and down, and some letters are used twice. See if you find: WRIGHT, PILOT, HAWK, BROTHERS, ORVILLE, MILTON, SUSAN, KATHARINE, AERIAL, KITE, FLY, BIKE, HUFFMAN, WIND, DAYTON, WARPING, KITTY, PRINT, SPACE, GLIDER, AIRPLANE, WILBUR, PHOTOS.

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**BY JOYCE JILLSON**

Sagittarius lunar activity lights a fire under plans that have to do with travel or learning about other worlds from the comfort of home.

Exploring expands the mind like nothing else, and we're brave enough to check out places we wouldn't have dared visit yesterday. With Mars so close to Uranus, be careful when exercising and when driving.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Building value into what you've already got is the order of the day. What used to seem overwhelming will turn into a simple to-do list. You'll be ready to expand your life once you're taking beautiful care of what's yours presently.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). The stakes seem high - they're really not, but if thinking this way helps you meet deadlines and respond quickly to demands, it's not all bad. Partners need to know your plans in order to feel like part of your team.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Raise your community profile. The benefits probably won't be clear in the beginning, but when more people are exposed to your charming personality, they'll reach out in ways that perk up almost every aspect of your life.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). Get what you want by giving others what they want. Socialites: Be wary of having to show that you belong in a certain crowd. Anyone who is judging you by the car you drive is not worthy of you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Modesty isn't necessary - just show what you're good at in the best way you know how. Financial questions can be easily answered if you're willing to make changes. Resist the advances of someone who is not good for you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). There is a fine line between ambitious goals and just plain crazy talk. Big success stories often go to the one everyone thought was wacky in the beginning. You'll be happy that you aimed (what seemed unreasonably) high.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). The money scene isn't black and white. Everyone seems to have different advice. This is

especially tough for your sign, as you'll carefully consider any and all input. Give more credence to what a Scorpio or Cancer says.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). More gets done through teamwork than solitary effort. Plan your strategy carefully. The professional gains you've been hoping for are well within your reach. Leave nothing to chance; your power is in the specifics.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). See a difficult task through. When loose ends are no longer dangling, you'll have the extra emotional energy you need to start fresh. Couples need to get out of town together. The Internet has fabulous deals.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). Harness the power of honesty to make a deeper, more visceral bond with loved ones. Romance is met while pursuing talents - especially in an informal classroom. Children behave better tonight with less planned activities.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). A fantastic morning has you glowing - and everyone notices. It's mostly because you're all ready to fall in love. To ensure wise choices, make a game

**Tomorrow's Horoscope**

plan for dates and relationships in general.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). Refreshing action on the romantic front happens after you make the slightest effort. It's as if you push a button and suddenly your love life is a "go." When looking for love, Aquarius and Leo are great places to start.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Jenna Elfman stars opposite Brendan Fraser in "Looney Tunes: Back in Action." Elfman is comfortable in the realm of animation, as Libras, unlike the other signs, experience art as already alive in a world overlapping our own. No wonder her character on the hit series "Dharma & Greg" was such a natural fit for Elfman. Like her character, Elfman uses her Libra imagination to embrace flights of fancy.

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**ANNIE'S MAILBOX**

Dear Readers: The mail on our survey about cheating spouses keeps coming. Writing to us was apparently quite therapeutic (and you'll note similar phrases in nearly every letter), and it's obvious you want to be heard. We learned a great deal from you, and we appreciate the education. Here's more:

From Wisconsin: If I'd had any brains, I would have told my husband to buzz off the first time he cheated. When he had sex with my sister, I kicked him out and am now happily married to a real man. Once a liar, always a liar.

Boston: I'm a gay man who caught my partner cheating. I forgave and insisted on counseling, but it didn't work. Once a cheater, always a cheater.

Nebraska: I forgave my wife for my kids' sake, but I hate her for what she did, and I hate myself for faking that I care about her one bit. Once a slut, always a slut.

Vermont: I forgave my husband and stayed with

him for 22 more cheating years. How much better my life could have been if I'd divorced him the first time. Once a snake, always a snake.

Indiana: My wife never said she was sorry or worked on making things better. Counseling helped me, but not "us." Leopards never change their spots.

Iowa: If we had divorced, I could have moved on and rebuilt my life. The kids are out of the house now and things are worse than ever, but the children idolize and respect their father, and I don't want to shatter

their world.

Rhode Island: Now that my kids are grown up, they blame me for staying with my cheating husband and believe we'd all have been better off if I had left him. New York: It took a long time to get past the pain of my husband's affair, but 12 years later, I trust him again. Not the same way as before, but more realistically. The infidelity has left scars, but it's like an old relic that I've stuffed into a shoebox in the back of a closet.

Arizona: I divorced the sadistic waste of oxygen. Cheating is an indication of selfish, reptilian character. Better to leave them in the dust and take everything they have on the way out. I don't regret my decision one bit.

Connecticut: If my husband ever cheated, I would make him take a polygraph test once a year for the rest of his life. How can you trust a cheater again?

California: On Nov. 19, 1977, at 11:15 a.m., my wife disclosed that she was having an

affair with one of my employees. It eased her conscience, but it was the end of our marriage. It ruined my faith in women, and it ruined my life.

Virginia: When I was 16, my father had an affair with a 19-year-old girl. My mother would pull me out of school and have me drive around following him everywhere. (Mom couldn't drive.) My last year of high school was a nightmare. They're still married, but they always bring up the affair when they fight.

Luverne, Minn.: My ex-husband had several affairs. I am now married to a wonderful man, and I've told him that if I had been Mrs. Bobbitt, I'd have dropped that thing in the garbage disposal on my way out the door.

Santa Fe, N.M.: I could forgive, but it would take a frontal lobotomy to forget.

Chicago: Every time I make a mortgage payment or sit up with a sick child, I take a couple of seconds to wish my former wife was in her grave, along with her new husband. I only regret I didn't divorce her sooner.



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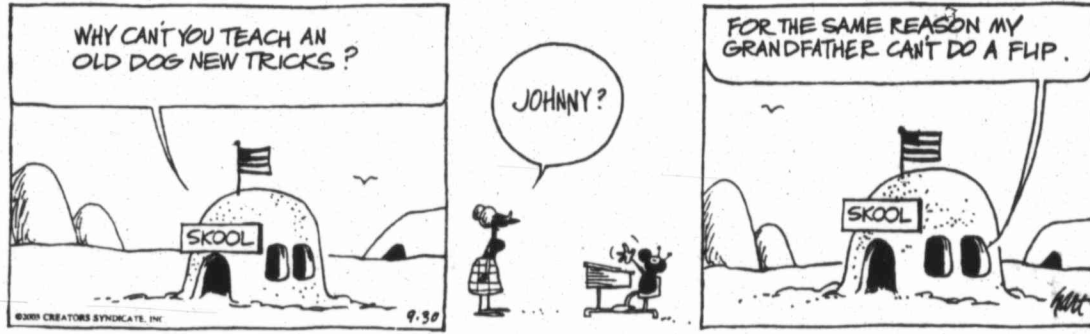
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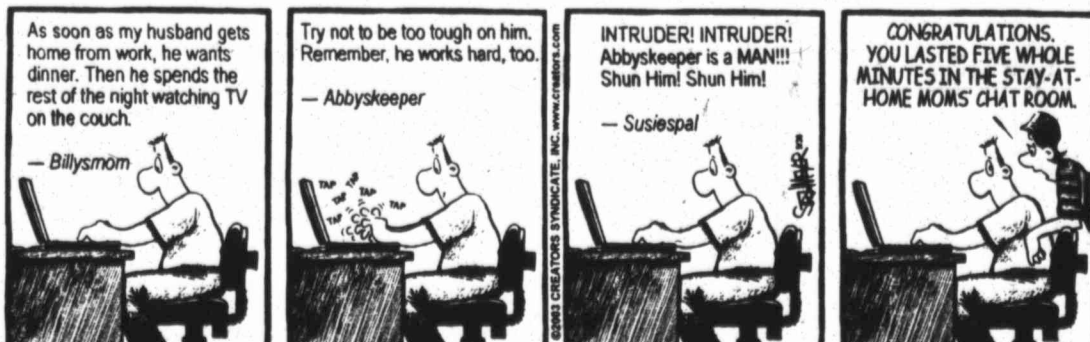
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This Date In History

By The Associated Press

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 30, the 273rd day of 2003. There are 92 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 30, 1938, British, French, German and Italian leaders decided to appease Adolf Hitler by allowing Nazi annexation of Czechoslovakia's Sudetenland.

On this date: In 1777, the Congress of the United States fled in the face of advancing British forces - moved to York, Pa.

In 1791, Mozart's opera "The Magic Flute" premiered in Vienna, Austria.

In 1846, dentist William Morton used ether as an anesthetic for the first time on a patient in his Boston office.

In 1927, Babe Ruth hit his 60th homer of the season to

break his own major-league record.

In 1946, an international military tribunal in Nuremberg, Germany, found 22 top Nazi leaders guilty of war crimes.

In 1949, the Berlin Airlift came to an end.

In 1952, the motion picture "This Is Cinerama," which introduced the triple-camera, triple-projector Cinerama widescreen process, premiered at the Broadway Theatre in New York.

In 1954, the first atomic-powered vessel, the submarine "Nautilus," was commissioned by the Navy.

In 1955, actor James Dean was killed in a two-car collision near Cholame, Calif.

In 1962, black student James Meredith succeeded on his fourth try in registering for classes at the University of Mississippi.

Ten years ago: An estimated 10,000 people were killed when a magnitude 6.4 earthquake struck southern India. Colin Powell stepped down as chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff in a retirement ceremony at Fort Myer, Va.

Today's Birthdays:

- Actress Deborah Kerr is 82.
- Actress Angie Dickinson is 72.
- Singer Cissy Houston is 70.
- Singer Johnny Mathis is 68.
- Actor Len Cariou is 64.
- Rock singer-musician Dewey Martin (Buffalo Springfield) is 61.
- Singer Marilyn McCoo is 60.
- Pop singer Sylvia Peterson (The Chiffons) is 57.
- Rock musician John Lombardo is 51.
- Singer Deborah Allen is 50.
- Actor Calvin Lellen is 49.
- Actor Barry Williams is 49.
- Singer Patrice Rushen is 49.
- Actor Vondie Curtis-Hall is 47.
- Actress Fran Drescher is 46.
- Country singer Marty Stuart is 45.
- Actress Debrah Farentino is 44.
- Actress Crystal Bernard is 42.
- Actor Eric Stoltz is 42.

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Newsday Crossword

TAKE THAT by Gail Grabowski  
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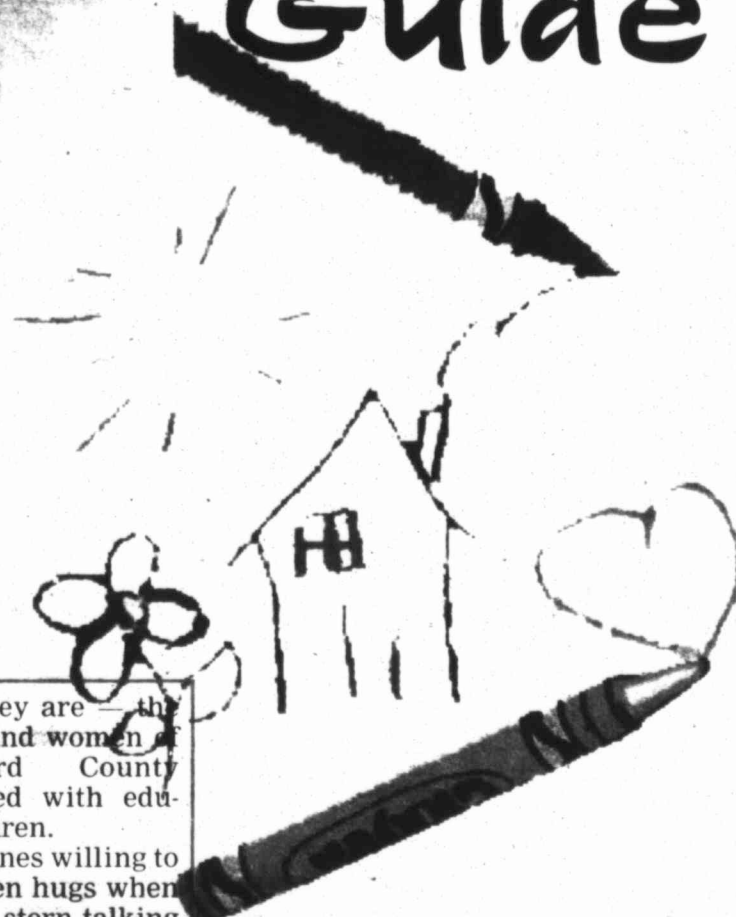
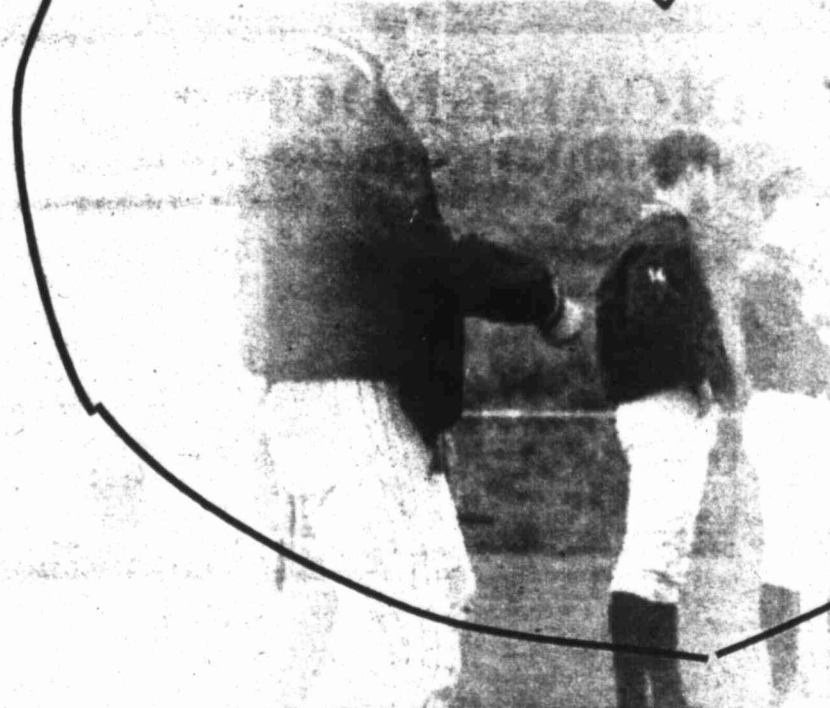
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- 21 Bugle call
- 22 Glasgow guy
- 23 Joyful exclamation
- 25 Rover's restraint
- 27 Fit for consumption
- 30 Country home
- 33 Sound boosters
- 36 It's south of Ga.
- 37 More optimistic
- 38 '20s car
- 39 Sellout play
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- 44 Chinese sauce
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- 57 Gets older
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- 1 Severe
- 2 Spud state
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- 4 Guarantees
- 5 Evening hrs.
- 6 Remainder
- 7 Director
- 8 Kazan
- 8 Folks
- 9 Touch or smell
- 10 Auto framework
- 11 Comic's conclusion
- 12 Choir voice
- 13 Narrow opening
- 18 "Good grief!"
- 24 '60s stereotypes
- 26 Admit
- 28 Sandwich letters
- 29 Rancher's rope
- 31 Temporarily provided
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- 34 Business note
- 35 Dessert selection
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- 40 Large porker
- 43 Absolute certainty
- 45 Warehouse use
- 47 Columbia's capital
- 48 Crowd's outcry
- 50 Whiny-sounding
- 52 Shortened the 55 Down
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- 54 Takes a risk
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- 56 Sailor's shout
- 58 Hosiery hue
- 59 Slip and slide
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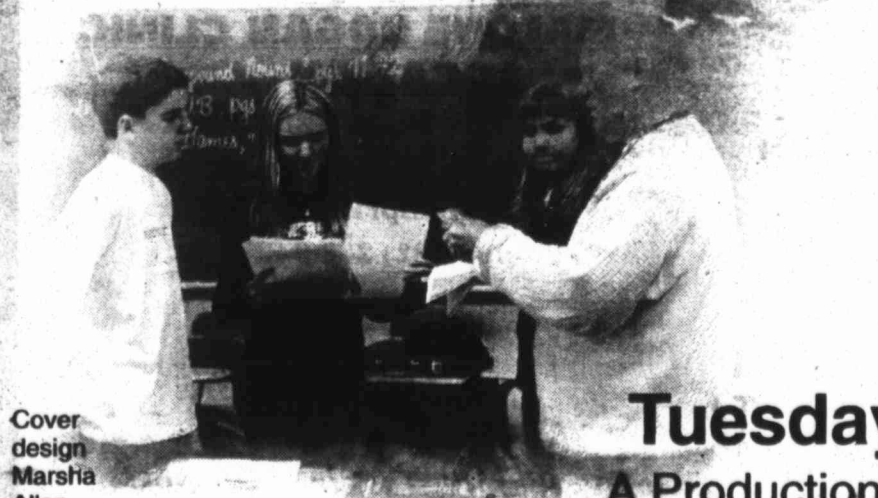
# Howard County Teachers' Guide



**H**ere they are — the men and women of Howard County charged with educating our children. They are the ones willing to give our children hugs when they're down and stern talking to when they're bad, an encouraging word when they struggle and a pat on the back when they succeeded. Our Howard County teachers make up a vast diversity of people. Teachers like Leland Mallett, a Lubbock Christian

- Big Spring
- Coahoma
- Forsan

See **SALUTE**, Page 2



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## SALUTE

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University graduate who, in his four-year tenure at Big Spring High, has guided the media program to award-winning status.

They are people like Tom Adams, a 39-year veteran of Big Spring schools whose lengthy educational career is only somewhat eclipsed by Zimmalew Boeker, a 44-year plus Forsan schools teacher.

Teaching in our schools are former oil field workers, medical career professionals and career military men like Coahoma high math teacher Jimmy D. Edmondson, a retired U.S. Air Force aircraft mechanic.

Ordained ministers like Goliad Intermediate resource teacher Pat Ray Jr. and Moss Elementary first grade teacher Paula Brooks are committed to help educate our children's future.

They are fathers and mothers like Barbara Tarpley, a second grade Marcy teacher, whose sons Adam and Conor are serving in the military in protection of this country during a time of war.

They are grandmothers and grandfathers like first year Goliad assistant principal Steve Osborn, who is very proud of his three granddaughters, Sydney, Bailey and Gracey.

Teachers have come to Howard County from foreign lands like second grade Bauer Magnet teacher Carole Ann Graumann, a 1970 graduate from St. Anne's School in England, and third grade Moss Elementary teacher Lana Schooler, a 1969 graduate from General H.H. Arnold High School in Germany.

They are teachers who come from other states like second grade Kentwood teacher Glenda Hendrickson and physical education Marcy teacher, Cindy New,

both graduates from Fort Hays State University in Hays Kans.

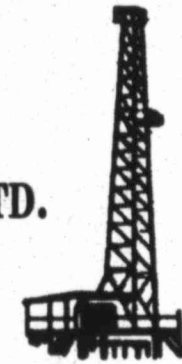
At a time when so many people are leaving the field, these teachers continue to stay committed to educating our youth.

Many of our teachers have agreed to share a few facts about

their lives in the special salute to teachers edition and the *Big Spring Herald* thanks all those who participated.

We hope you enjoy this edition and take time to give all of our Howard County teachers a word of thanks.

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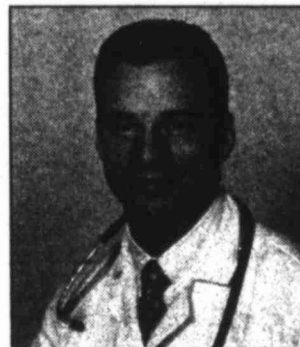


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# Big Spring ISD



Name: Charlotte Kennemer  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 35  
Number of years in education: 27  
Current position and school: Secretary, Big Spring

High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1966  
Spouse and children: Edward Kennemer, Taff and Julie  
Other careers besides education: Banking



Name: Linda Light  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 25  
Current position and school: Pregnancy related services

High school attended: Anson High School, Anson  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene; St. Mary's University, San Antonio  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse and children: Richard, Laurie, Deborah and Marlena  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Tom Adams  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 39  
Number of years in education: 39  
Current position and school: Director of alternative education, Textbook custodian

High school attended: Cross Plains  
Graduated: 1961  
College attended: Tarleton State College, Sul Ross University, Alpine  
Graduated: 1965; 1979  
Spouse and children: Karen  
Other careers besides education: Farming, ranching and manufacturing



Name: Janet Abner  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 39  
Number of years in education: 39  
Current position and school: Special Education; AEP

High school attended: Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1997  
Spouse and children: Rich Abner; Chelsea and Katy  
Other careers besides education: Physiologist



Name: Joann Knox  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 14  
Current position and school: Director of food service

High school attended: Rankin  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Tarleton State University  
Graduated: 1980  
Children: Hayley and Kady  
Other careers besides education: Catering business and tourism



Name: Bobby Waldrop  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 9  
Current position and school: Director of special education and support services

High school attended: Copperas Cove High School, Copperas Cove  
Graduated: 1988  
College attended: South West Texas State University, San Marcos; University of Texas, Odessa  
Graduated: 1993, 2000-M.E.  
Other careers besides education: Media and production



Name: Sandala (Sandi) Downes  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: Starting first year  
Number of years in education: 20  
Current position and school: Educational diagnostician

High school attended: Alamosa, Colo.  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: West Texas University, Canyon; Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls  
Graduated: 1982; 1991  
Spouse and children: Michael Downes; Misty Ulrey, Matthew and Brianne  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Paula Brookmole  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 30  
Current position and school: Teacher; AEP

High school attended: Dumas  
Graduated: 1966  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1971  
Spouse and children: Jerry Brookmole



Name: Kris Larson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position and school: Educational diagnostician

High school attended: Hazen High School, Hazen, N.D.  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: North Dakota State University; Sul Rose State University, Alpine  
Graduated: 1992; 2001  
Spouse and children: Trev Larson; Sydney, Kyle and Larson  
Other careers besides education: Big Spring State Hospital rehabilitation teacher



Name: Don Boling  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 15  
Number of years in education: 15  
Current position and school: Speech therapist, special education

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: University of Texas El Paso  
Graduated: 1976  
Spouse and children: Christine Boling; Brandon and Charlie  
Other careers besides education: Sales and clinical audiologist



Name: Tarey Tarleton  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 24  
Current position and school: Educational diagnostician

High school attended: Western Hills High School, Fort Worth  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1980; 1983-M.E.  
Children: Shane, Austin, Brendon and Krista  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Brenda Banks  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 8  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Educational diagnostician

High school attended: Altus High School, Altus, Okla.  
Graduated: 1978  
College attended: Sul Ross State, Alpine; Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls  
Graduated: 1990; 2000  
Spouse and children: Bill Banks; Angela and Allison



Name: Kelly M. Beauchamp  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 14  
Current position and school: Lead teacher

High school attended: Robert E. Lee, Baytown  
Graduated: 1981  
College attended: University of Houston-Clear Lake  
Graduated: 1989; 2000-M.E.  
Spouse and children: Bill Beauchamp; J.W., Jennifer and Brian  
Other careers besides education: Accounting



Name: Donna Amonett  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 18  
Number of years in education: 26  
Current position and school: Lead teacher

High school attended: Tri-Valley High School, Hegins, Pa.  
Graduated: 1973  
College attended: Penn State College, Pa.  
Graduated: 1977  
Spouse and children: Randy Amonett; Ashley  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Howard Stewart  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 27  
Number of years in education: 27  
Current position and school: Transportation and auxiliary personnel director

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1971  
College attended: Howard College; Odessa College, Odessa; Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene  
Spouse and children: Vicki Stewart; Quintinn and Stephanie  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Sandra Waggoner  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 25  
Number of years in education: 14  
Current position and school: Business manager

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1977  
Spouse and children: Steve Waggoner; Stefanie  
Other careers besides education: Public accounting



Name: Rey Villarreal  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 15  
Number of years in education: 25  
Current position and school: Assistant superintendent

High school attended: Monahans High School, Monahans  
Graduated: 1973  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1977  
Spouse and children: Isabel Villarreal; Maria, Monica and Veronica  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Jeffrey Lane  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 5  
Current position and school: Instructor/AEP

High school attended: Waco Christian High School, Waco  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: Harding University; Searcy, Ark.  
Graduated: 1993  
Spouse and children: Kandi Lane; Mason  
Other careers besides education: Insurance adjuster



Name: Michael Downes  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 16  
Current position and school: Superintendent

High school attended: Vernon High School, Vernon  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Midwestern State University, Wichita Falls  
Graduated: 1987  
Spouse and children: Sandi Downes; Misty, Matthew and Brianne  
Other careers besides education: Church music, radio and retail sales





Name: Mike Cowley  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 31  
Number of years in education: 31  
Current position and school: Speech Therapist, Goliad

and Kentwood High School attended: Springlake-Earth High School  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: West Texas A&M, Sul Ross University, Alpine  
Graduated: 1972, 1976



Name: Mary Ellen Atkinson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 16  
Current position and school: World History, U.S. History

and Government, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1987  
Spouse and children: Roger Atkinson; Ginger and Greg  
Other careers besides education: Office Manager, secretary and accounting



Name: Sarah Corse  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 21  
Number of years in education: 22  
Current position and school: Head tennis coach/history

teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Fort Stockton School, Fort Stockton  
Graduated: 1977  
College attended: Angelo State University, Angelo State  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse and children: Eddy Course; Jamie and Gene  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: J. Tereletsky  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 21  
Number of years in education: 24  
Current position and school: Art Instructor, Big Spring High School

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1975  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1980  
Other careers besides education: Payroll clerk



Name: Kori Land  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 12  
Current position and school: Vision Impairment/Special

education teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Silverton High School, Silverton  
Graduated: 1986  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse and children: Henry Land; Amanda, Joshua, Jason and Eli  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Tracie Lindsey  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 5  
Current position and school: Theatre arts teacher, Big Spring

High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1986  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1990  
Children: Brooke Lindsey  
Other careers besides education: Program assistant/secretary



Name: Samuel Hale  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: Assistant band director, Big

Spring High School  
High school attended: Coleman High School, Coleman  
Graduated: 1995  
College attended: Howard Payne University  
Graduated: 2000  
Spouse: Jennifer  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Rocky Harris  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 9  
Number of years in education: 19  
Current position and school: Band director, Big Spring

High School  
High school attended: Vanderbilt Catholic High School, Houma, La.  
Graduated: 1980  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1985  
Spouse and children: Barbara Harris; Ryan, Joshua and Catherine  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Frank L. Ortega  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 29  
Number of years in education: 29  
Current position and school: Electronics and electrical

trades teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: DiHenis High School, DiHenis  
Graduated: 1956  
College attended: Southwest Texas State University, San Marcos-B.A.  
Spouse and children: Delia Ortega  
Other careers besides education: electronics, electrical & refrigeration and air conditioning



Name: Quinn Flourmoy  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Resource teacher,

Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Glennville High School, Glennville, Ga.  
Graduated: 1980  
College attended: Georgia Southern University  
Graduated: 1985, 1991-M.S.  
Spouse and children: Vic Flourmoy; Zach and Cade  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Jill Willbanks  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 22  
Number of years in education: 22  
Current position and school: Family & consumer sciences

career preparation teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1978  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Peggy Skiles  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 17  
Number of years in education: 19  
Current position and school: BCIS/computer science

teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Comstock High School, Comstock  
Graduated: 1972  
College attended: Texas A&M, College Station  
Graduated: 1976  
Other careers besides education: Entomologist



Name: Joyce Myers  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 12  
Current position and school: Geometry teacher,

Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Tolar High School, Tolar  
Graduated: 1969  
College attended: Howard College and University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1990, 1992  
Spouse and children: Michael Myers; Rayla and Gwen  
Other careers besides education: Textiles



Name: David R. Budke  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 29  
Number of years in education: 29  
Current position and school: Industrial graphics

teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1966  
College attended: West Texas A&M  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse and children: Dolline Budke; Daniel  
Other careers besides education: Insurance adjuster, AutoCad instructor



Name: Kenny L. Lowery  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: Teacher/coach Big

Spring High School  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1992  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse and children: Leasa Lowery; Dylan, Austen and Ragan  
Other careers besides education: Insurance claims adjuster



Name: Lana L. Piercefield  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 23  
Number of years in education: 23  
Current position and school: Computer/business

education cooperative teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: Howard College, Angelo State University, San Angelo; and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1978, 1979 and 1988  
Spouse and children: Gene Piercefield; Kyle  
Other careers besides education: Administrative secretary



Name: Paula Underwood  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 6  
Current position and school: Spanish/ESL

teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1965  
College attended: Howard College, Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse and children: Connie Underwood; Kandra, Sheila, Mary and Timothy  
Other careers besides education: Homemaker, waitress, cake decorator, painter



Name: Kristi Couch  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 9  
Number of years in education: 14  
Current position and school: Math teacher, Big Spring

High School  
High school attended: Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1986  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1990  
Spouse and children: Marc Couch  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Linda S. Battle  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 26  
Number of years in education: 26  
Current position and school: Biology teacher, Big Spring

High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: Hardin-Simmons University  
Graduated: 1972  
Spouse and children: Bill Battle; Jana, Tom and Kelsey  
Other careers besides education: Recreation therapist



Name: Virginia Miller  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 25  
Number of years in education: 25  
Current position and school: Geography teacher,

Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Odessa High School, Odessa  
Graduated: 1972  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1976  
Other careers besides education: None



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Name: Wanda K. Wilson  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 31  
 Number of years in education: 37  
 Current position and school: Resource/reading and english teacher, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1959  
 College attended: Abilene Christian College, Abilene; Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1962, 1970's  
 Children: D'Carlon  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Harlan Smith  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 29  
 Number of years in education: 29  
 Current position and school: Health Teacher/swimming coach, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Burges High School, El Paso  
 Graduated: 1969  
 College attended: Sul Ross University, Alpine  
 Graduated: 1973  
 Spouse and children: Debbie Smith; Eric and Stephen  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Dwight Butler  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 16  
 Number of years in education: 25  
 Current position and school: Athletic director, head football coach, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Artesia High School, Artesia, N.M.  
 Graduated: 1973  
 College attended: ENMU  
 Graduated: 1978  
 Spouse and children: Kathy Butler; Bowe and Tye  
 Other careers besides education: Oilfield drilling and pulling unit



Name: Gayann Parker  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 2  
 Number of years in education: 5  
 Current position and school: Math teacher, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Sonora High School, Sonora  
 Graduated: 1987  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Antonio  
 Graduated: 1992  
 Spouse and children: Shon Parker; Kyle and Jared  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Leland Mallett  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 4  
 Number of years in education: 5  
 Current position and school: Journalism, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Artesia High School, Artesia, N.M.  
 Graduated: 1994  
 College attended: Lubbock Christian University  
 Graduated: 1999  
 Spouse and children: Harmony; Ryland  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Gary Newton  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 3  
 Number of years in education: 9  
 Current position and school: I.P.C. Teacher, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Coahoma High School, Coahoma  
 Graduated: 1982  
 College attended: Howard College, Texas Tech, University of North Carolina Wilmington, UTPB  
 Graduated: 2000  
 Other careers besides education: Military, Mental Health



Name: Mark Winn  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 1st Year  
 Number of years in education: 8  
 Current position and school: Construction Technology, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Coahoma High School, Coahoma  
 Graduated: 1977  
 College attended: Howard College and Wayland Baptist University  
 Graduated: 1998  
 Spouse and children: Altie Winn; Jennifer and Jeremy  
 Other careers besides education: Construction, Law Enforcement, Pastor



Name: Doug Wagner  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 17  
 Number of years in education: 17  
 Current position and school: Automotive Technology, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School, Big Spring  
 Graduated: 1978  
 College attended: Howard College, Southwest Texas State, San Marcos  
 Spouse and children: Denise Wagner; Lindsay, Brett, Mykel and Caytlin  
 Other careers besides education: Automotive Technician



Name: Norma Alexander  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 16  
 Number of years in education: 17  
 Current position and school: PAC Teacher, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Mineral Wells High School, Mineral Wells  
 Graduated: 1963  
 College attended: Texas Womans University, Denton  
 Graduated: 1967  
 Spouse and children: Ray Alexander; Christy and Kim  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Dee Highley  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 11  
 Number of years in education: 19  
 Current position and school: Teacher, Big Spring High School  
 High school attended: Forsan High School  
 Graduated: 1970  
 College attended: Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
 Graduated: 1978  
 Spouse and children: Kathy Highley; Tanya, Charlet, Carol, Keith & Kristina Woodruff  
 Other careers besides education: Owned auto repair facility

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**Name:** Irva Paul  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 19  
**Number of years in education:** 19  
**Current position and school:** AV/library, Big

Spring High School  
**High school attended:** Lawn High School, Lawn  
**Graduated:** 1951  
**College attended:** Howard  
**Other careers besides education:** Office work



**Name:** Ocee Moore  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 24  
**Current position and school:** Receptionist High school attended: Big Spring

High School  
**Graduated:** 1967  
**College attended:** Howard College  
**Spouse and children:** Mike Moore; Trevor, Lyle and Danene



**Name:** Judy Bynum  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 31  
**Number of years in education:** 31  
**Current position and school:** Print shop clerk, Big

Spring High School  
**High school attended:** Claude  
**Graduated:** 1962  
**College attended:** West Texas State University, Canyon  
**Graduated:** 1967  
**Spouse and children:** W.A. Bynum, Cindy, Lorrie, Cecil and Arlin  
**Other careers besides education:** Secretarial



**Name:** Barbara Walling  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 34  
**Number of years in education:** 34  
**Current position and school:** Registrar, Big Spring

High School  
**High school attended:** Munday High School, Munday  
**Graduated:** 1967  
**College attended:** Commerical College, Howard  
**Spouse and children:** Lynn Walling; Mandi and Tammi  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Jack Tonn  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 10  
**Number of years in education:** 10  
**Current position and school:** Math teacher, Big Spring High School

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1970  
**College attended:** Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
**Graduated:** 1991  
**Spouse and children:** Regina Tonn  
**Other careers besides education:** Business



**Name:** Denise Gandy  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 17  
**Number of years in education:** 30  
**Current position and school:** Counselor, Big Spring

High School  
**High school attended:** Tahoka High School, Tahoka  
**Graduated:** 1968  
**College attended:** Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock; and Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1972, 1990  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Donna Pineda  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 3  
**Number of years in education:** 6  
**Current position and school:** Attendance secretary, Big Spring High School

High school attended: Odessa High School, Odessa  
**Graduated:** 1970  
**College attended:** Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1983  
**Spouse and children:** James Pineda; Valerie, Jamie, Kaleb, Taylor and Laurie  
**Other careers besides education:** Bookkeeping, accounting



**Name:** Bill Black  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 11  
**Number of years in education:** 16  
**Current position and school:** Varsity football/biology teacher, Big Spring

High School  
**High school attended:** Post High School, Post  
**Graduated:** 1983  
**College attended:** Texas Tech, University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
**Graduated:** 1988, 2000  
**Spouse and children:** Cynthia Black; Kenzie and Katie  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Greg Gabehart  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1  
**Number of years in education:** 9  
**Current position and school:** Fifth grade teacher,

Goliad Intermediate  
**High school attended:** Hinton High School, Hinton, Okla.  
**Graduated:** 1990  
**College attended:** Southwestern Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Okla.  
**Graduated:** 1995  
**Spouse and children:** Luci Gabehart; Jonathon  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Pat Ray Jr.  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 6  
**Number of years in education:** 6  
**Current position and school:** Resource teacher for special education,

Goliad Intermediate  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1973  
**College attended:** Creswill Bible College, Dallas; and Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth  
**Graduated:** 1978, 1981  
**Spouse and children:** Gwen Ray; Rachel, Melissa, Jessica and Jonathan  
**Other careers besides education:** Mr. Ray is a current pastor.



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Name: Becki Holt  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 1  
Number of years  
in education: 1  
Current position  
and school: Fifth  
grade teacher,  
Goliad Intermediate

High school attended: Big Spring  
High School

Graduated: 1987  
College attended: University of the  
Permian Basin, Odessa

Graduated: 2001  
Spouse and children: Mike Holt;  
Chase and Cody Holt  
Other careers besides education:  
None



Name: Caroline  
Sue Williams  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 8  
Number of years  
in education: 8  
Current position  
and school: Goliad  
Intermediate teacher

High school attended: Pecos High  
School, Pecos

Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Lon Morris Junior  
College, Odessa; Howard College; and  
the University of the Permian Basin,  
Odessa

Graduated: 1978, 1992 and  
1994  
Children: Joseph and Mark  
Other careers besides education:  
Mental health field



Name: Jacquelyn  
J. Mauch  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 9  
Number of years  
in education: 9  
Current position  
and school: Title I  
aide, Goliad

Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring  
High School

Graduated: 1966  
College attended: University of the  
Permian Basin, Odessa

Graduated: Will graduate in  
December 2003  
Children: Stephanie  
Other careers besides education:  
Executive director for Westside  
Community Center



Name: Linda G.  
Marino  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 6  
Number of years  
in education: 6  
Current position  
and school: Fifth  
grade teacher,

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring  
High School

Graduated: 1972  
College attended: University of the  
Permian Basin, Odessa

Graduated: 1996  
Children: Lindsey and John  
Other careers besides education:  
Secretarial



Name: James  
Rudiger  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 13  
Number of years  
in education: 13  
Current position  
and school: Sixth  
grade art teacher,

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Uvalde High  
School, Uvalde

Graduated: 1969  
College attended: Angelo State  
University, San Angelo

Graduated: 1979  
Spouse and children: Wanda M.  
Rudinger, Charlie and Cynthia  
Other careers besides education:  
Retail sales



Name: Amanda L.  
Sanchez  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 2  
Number of years  
in education: 2  
Current position  
and school: Special  
education aide,

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring  
High School

Graduated: 2000  
College attended: Howard College  
and a current student at the University  
of the Permian Basin, Odessa.

Graduated: 2003  
Other careers besides education:  
Secretary



Name: Patsy  
Sanchez  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 6  
Number of years  
in education: 6  
Current position  
and school: Sixth  
grade teacher,

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring  
High School

College attended: Howard College  
and the University of the Permian Basin,  
Odessa.

Graduated: 1995, 1988  
Spouse and children: Henry  
Sanchez; Amanda and Jared  
Other careers besides education:  
Housewife



Name: Greta  
Valdes  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 2  
Number of years  
in education: 25  
Current position  
and school: Fifth  
grade teacher,

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: North Mesquite  
High School, Mesquite

Graduated: 1973  
College attended: Texas Tech  
University, Lubbock

Graduated: 1977  
Spouse and children: Al Valdez Jr.;  
Whitney and Zane  
Other careers besides education:  
None



Name: Sandi  
Shelhamer  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 2  
Number of years  
in education: 2  
Current position  
and school: Fifth  
grade teacher,

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Brownfield  
High School, Brownfield

Graduated: 1993  
College attended: University of the  
Permian Basin, Odessa

Graduated: 2002  
Spouse and children: Dusty  
Shelhamer; Hunter  
Other careers besides education:  
Banking



Name: Terri  
Hopkins  
District employed:  
Big Spring ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 2  
Number of years  
in education: 10  
Current position  
and school: Teacher,  
Goliad Intermediate

High school attended: Alice High  
School, Alice

Graduated: 1981  
College attended: Texas A&M,  
College Station

Graduated: 1987  
Spouse and children: John Hopkins;  
Jacquelyn, Madeleine and Wyatt  
Other careers besides education:  
Medical field

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Name: Deborah Foster  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 10  
 Number of years in education: 20  
 Current position and school: Fifth and sixth grade resource teacher, Goliad Intermediate High School attended: Cypress Fairbanks High School, Houston  
 Graduated: 1970  
 College attended: Howard Payne University, Brownwood  
 Graduated: 1974  
 Spouse and children: Rick Foster, Lisa and Jonathan  
 Other careers besides education: Day care director



Name: Caren Schmidt  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 3  
 Number of years in education: 10  
 Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher, Goliad Intermediate High School attended: Spring High School, Spring  
 Graduated: 1977  
 College attended: Texas A&M University, College Station  
 Graduated: 1981-BA; 1982-MA  
 Spouse and children: Tim Schmidt, Kyle, Paige and Brad  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Rebecca Zavala  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 1  
 Number of years in education: 6  
 Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher, Goliad Intermediate High school attended: Christian Liberty Academy  
 Graduated: 1995  
 College: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 2003  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Richard M. Cypert  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 2  
 Number of years in education: 2  
 Current position and school: Special education teacher, Goliad Intermediate High school attended: Garden City High School, Garden City  
 Graduated: 1987  
 College attended: The University of the Permian Basin, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1994  
 Other careers besides education: Legal field



Name: Melissa Miller  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 2  
 Number of years in education: 8  
 Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher, Goliad Intermediate teacher High school attended: Andrews High School, Andrews  
 Graduated: 1994  
 College attended: University of the Permian Basin, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1996  
 Spouse and children: Will Miller, Cooper and Maddie  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Elesha McMeans  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 2  
 Number of years in education: 6  
 Current position and school: Sixth grade teacher, Goliad Intermediate High school attended: Claredon  
 Graduated: 1978  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1982  
 Spouse and children: Ken McMeans, Sharissa, RoChelle and Jonathan  
 Other careers besides education: Real estate and piano teacher



Name: Brenda Gainey  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 15  
 Number of years in education: 25  
 Current position and school: Principal, Goliad Intermediate High school attended: Monahans High School, Monahans  
 Graduated: 1975  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo; and Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
 Graduated: 1979, 1992-M.E.  
 Spouse and children: Ron Gainey, Sandra and Paige  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Shanna Peugh  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 1  
 Number of years in education: 1  
 Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher, Goliad Intermediate High school attended: Grady High School, Lenorah  
 Graduated: 1999  
 College attended: Texas A&M University, College Station  
 Graduated: 2002  
 Spouse and children: Cody Peugh  
 Other careers besides education: None

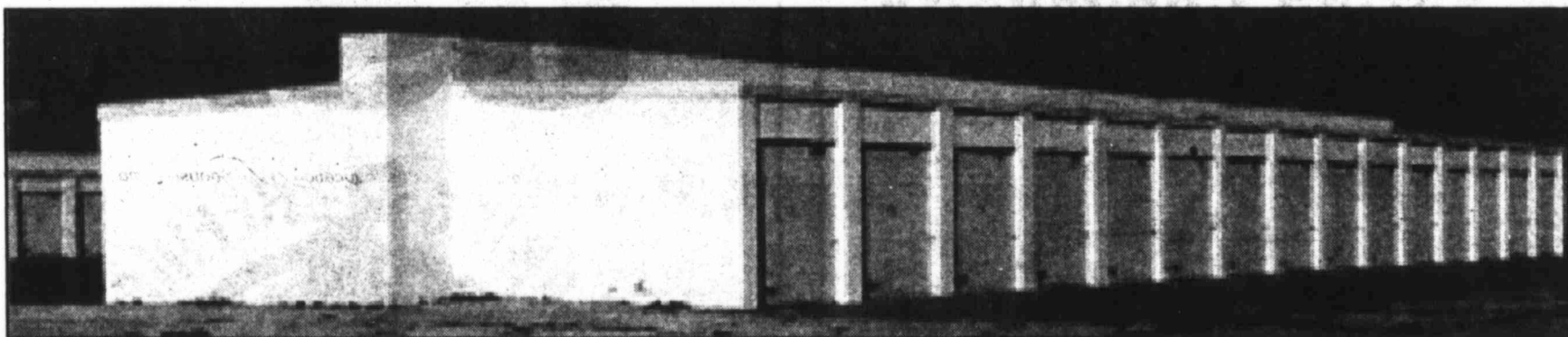


Name: Cynthia Swanson  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 12  
 Number of years in education: 20  
 Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher, Kentwood Elementary High school attended: Camarillo High School, Camarillo, Calif.  
 Graduated: 1979  
 College attended: Moorpark, Moorpark, Calif., and Panhandle State University, Goodwell, Okla.  
 Graduated: 1984  
 Children: Tammie  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Jeffri Long  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 3  
 Number of years in education: 11  
 Current position and school: First grade teacher, Kentwood Elementary High school attended: San Angelo Central High School, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1978  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock; and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1982, 1987  
 Children: Colton and Clayton  
 Other careers besides education: Advertising and marketing

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Name: Carole Ann Graumann  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 15  
Current position and school: Second grade teacher,

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: St. Anne's School, Fareham, Hampshire, England  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: Livingston University, Alabama  
Graduated: 1989  
Spouse: Keith Graumann  
Other careers besides education: Business



Name: Wayland K. Pierce  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 11  
Number of years in education: 11  
Current position and school: Principal; Kentwood

Elementary  
High school attended: Sweetwater High School, Sweetwater  
Graduated: 1981  
College attended: West Texas State University, Canyon  
Graduated: 1985  
Spouse and children: Joan Pierce; Brinnan, Berkle and Brhett  
Other careers besides education: U.S. Department of Agriculture



Name: Shanon Tissue  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 8  
Number of years in education: 27  
Current position and school: Dyslexia teacher; Kentwood

Elementary  
High school attended: South Houston High School, Pasadena  
Graduated: 1973  
College attended: Baylor University, Waco; and Sam Houston State, Huntsville  
Graduated: 1976, 1979-M.E.  
Spouse and children: Mark Tissue; Meredith, Shelby and Lance  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Lisa Harwood  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position and school: Goliad Intermediate coach

High school attended: Lubbock High School  
Graduated: 1984  
Spouse and children: Jeff Harwood; Samantha and Cassie  
Other careers besides education: Buyer



Name: Brenda Jones  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 13  
Current position and school: Sixth grade teacher;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: A 1960s graduate  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1990  
Spouse and children: Has grown children  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Janie Conley  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 27  
Number of years in education: 27  
Current position and school: Sixth grade teacher;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: R.L. Turner High School, Carrolton  
Graduated: 1973  
College attended: East Texas State University, Commerce, MSU  
Graduated: 1977, 1982-M.E.  
Spouse and children: James Conley; Will and Kyle  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Connie Earp  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 11  
Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Cooper High School, Abilene  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene  
Graduated: 1984  
Spouse and children: Johnny Earp; Hollie, Hope, Hannah and Holder  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Mona Green  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 1st year  
Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher; Goliad Intermediate

High school attended: Snyder High School, Snyder  
Graduated: 1984  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo; University of Texas Permian Basin  
Graduated: 1989, 2003



Name: Mandi Rodriguez  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position and school: Secretary; Goliad

Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1984  
Spouse and children: Adam Rodriguez; Lonssa, Linzi and Jimmy  
Other careers besides education: banking and insurance



Name: Steve Osborn  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st Year  
Number of years in education: 16  
Current position and school: Assistant principal;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Lovington, N.M.  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene  
Graduated: 1979  
Spouse and children: Joy Osborn, Kristi and Jason  
Other careers besides education: Oilfield chemical sales and management



Name: Stanley Phillips  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 9  
Number of years in education: 9  
Current position and school: Fifth grade teacher;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1964  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1995  
Spouse and children: DeeDe; Nora and Rachele  
Other careers besides education: Oilfield chemical sales



Name: Kerri Whitehead  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position and school: Computer proctor;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1988  
College attended: Howard College; Tarleton State University, Stephenville  
Spouse and children: Danny Whitehead; Samantha, Zachary and one on the way  
Other careers besides education: Correctional officer



Name: Eileen Kinney  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Library; Goliad Intermediate

High school attended: Kennedy High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Bee County College  
Graduated: 1982  
Spouse and children: Clifford Kinney; Gus, C.W., Tanya and Jayla  
Other careers besides education: None




Name: Patricia Mendoza  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3 1/2  
Number of years in education: 3 1/2  
Current position and school: Attendance Clerk;

Goliad Intermediate  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1977  
Spouse and children: Larry Mendoza; Stephanie, Lacey, Larry Jr. and Mansa  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Sheila Ward  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: Substitute teacher, 10 years  
Current position and school: First

grade, Bauer  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1981  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Spouse and children: Children, Megan, Ryan, Allison and Derek  
Other careers besides education: Court clerk for JPs office in Monahans



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Name: Mary Ann Evans  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 8  
Number of years in education: 27  
Current position and school: Fourth grade teacher,

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Andrews High School, Andrews  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: West Texas State University, Canyon  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse: Thomas P. Evans; Kenneth and Molly  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Patricia Tate  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 14  
Number of years in education: 22  
Current position and school: Third grade teacher,

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Hays University, Hays, Kans.



Name: Jenny Bryans  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 5  
Current position and school: First grade teacher,

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Crockett High School in Austin  
Graduated: 1992  
College attended: University of Texas at Austin  
Graduated: 1998  
Spouse: John Bryans  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Carrie Willoughby  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Kindergarten

teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Durant, Okla  
Graduated: 1991  
College attended: Southeastern Oklahoma State University  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse: Chris Willoughby  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Vickie Bloodworth  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 13  
Current position and school: Bauer Magnet Elementary

High school attended: Levelland  
College attended: Wayland Baptist University  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse and children: Vernon Bloodworth; Tamberlyn, Ryan and Stacey  
Other careers besides education: Nursing



Name: Mark Owen  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Principal, Bauer

Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Clyde  
Graduated: 1976  
Spouse and children: Melissa; Misty, Thomas and Kati  
Other careers besides education: Automation



Name: Mrs. Margaret Wise  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 12 plus  
Current position and school: ARI Aide, Bauer Magnet

Elementary  
High school attended: Hayward Union High School in Hayward, Calif.  
Graduated: 1951  
College attended: Santa Rosa Junior College in Santa Rosa, Calif.  
Spouse and children: Marvin Wise; Mariella, Morgan and Monette Allen  
Other careers besides education: Secretary-executive assistants, radio, doctor's offices



Name: Rhonda Lefever  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 7  
Number of years in education: 7  
Current position and school: Secretary, Bauer

Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1978  
College attended: Howard College  
Graduated: 1980  
Spouse and children: David Lefever; Justin, Cody and Shelby



Name: Sarah "Sally" E. Grove  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 20  
Number of years in education: 28  
Current position and school: Inclusion Aide;

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: West High School, Wichita, Kan.  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: Pima Community College, Tucson, Ariz.  
Spouse and children: Richard G. Grove  
Other careers besides education: Wife and mother for 42 years



Name: Monika S. Kennemur  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 2  
Current position and school: ARI Aide, Bauer Magnet

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1986  
College attended: South West Oklahoma State University, Weatherford, Okla.  
Graduated: 1991  
Spouse and children: Paul Kennemur; Quinton, Toby and Kendrick  
Other careers besides education: Social Services, MHMR working with adolescents



Name: Barbara Tarpley  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 16  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Second grade teacher; Marcy

Elementary  
High school attended: San Marcos High School, San Marcos  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: South West Texas State University, San Marcos  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse and children: Mike Tarpley; Adam, Connor, Damien and Porsh  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Kelley Howell  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Librarian; Bauer

Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Terry Howell; Joshua and Sheena  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Myrna Russell  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 15  
Number of years in education: 17  
Current position and school: Paraprofessional;

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Aspermont High School, Aspermont  
Graduated: 1973  
College attended: Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, Ark.  
Spouse and children: Alvin Russell, Alvin III and Tevayan Russell



Name: Helen Scott  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 11  
Current position and school: Computer Aide; Bauer Magnet Elementary

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1975  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Kenny Scott; Shandria and Stefani



Name: Jennifer Nichols  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: First year teacher  
Current position and school: Special Education; Bauer Magnet, Kentwood

elementaries  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1995  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 2000  
Other careers besides education: Social work

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Name: Mary Ann Wallace  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 16  
 Number of years in education: 16  
 Current position and school: Second grade teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary  
 High school attended: Sands High School, Ackerly  
 Graduated: 1972  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1976  
 Children: Barbara  
 Other careers besides education: Law enforcement



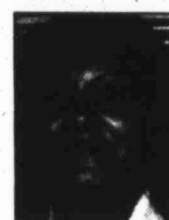
Name: Eloise D. Wynn  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 16  
 Number of years in education: 20  
 Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary  
 High school attended: Lubbock Christian High School, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1970  
 College attended: Lubbock Christian College, Lubbock; and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1974, 1981-M.E.  
 Spouse and children: Marvin Wynn; Melissa and Matthew  
 Other careers besides education: Tupperware manager



Name: Beth Cook  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 16  
 Number of years in education: 22  
 Current position and school: First grade teacher, Marcy Elementary  
 High school attended: Post High School, Post  
 Graduated: 1961  
 College attended: West Texas State University, Canyon; and California Lutheran, Thousands Oaks, Calif.  
 Graduated: 1983  
 Spouse and children: Joe Cook; Becky and Jana  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Michelle Carrasco  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 4  
 Number of years in education: 10  
 Current position and school: Attendance clerk, Marcy Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1991  
 College attended: Howard College  
 Spouse and children: Ray Carrasco, children Sidni and Britney  
 Other careers besides education: BSSH therapist, therapist tech



Name: Rachel C. Velasco  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 2  
 Number of years in education: 3  
 Current position and school: Kindergarten aid, Moss Elementary  
 High school attended: Texas State Technology Institute, Sweetwater  
 Graduated: 1980  
 College attended: Montana State University, Northern Havre, Mont.  
 Spouse and children: Arnold Velsco; Kristina and Becky  
 Other careers besides education: Cosmetology



Name: Karen Adam  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 38  
 Number of years in education: 38  
 Current position and school: First grade teacher, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1963  
 College attended: Howard College, Tarleton University, Stephenville; and Sul Ross, Alpine  
 Spouse and children: Tom Adam; Shawna, Matthew and Shay  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Connie Kennedy  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 14  
 Number of years in education: 24  
 Current position and school: Third grade teacher, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: a 1976 high school graduate  
 College attended: West Texas State University, Canyon  
 Graduated: 1981  
 Spouse and children: Jay Kennedy, Taylor, Taryn and Tale  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Wanda King  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 7  
 Number of years in education: 14  
 Current position and school: Title I teacher, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1978  
 College attended: University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1996  
 Children: Bill, Kristin and Sterling  
 Other careers besides education: Sales



Name: Brenda Dunlap  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 4  
 Number of years in education: 22  
 Current position and school: Third grade teacher, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: Woodson High School, Woodson  
 Graduated: 1975  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 19815  
 Spouse and children: Rocky Dunlap; Jason and Amber



Name: Tonya Graves  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 11  
 Number of years in education: 13  
 Current position and school: Fourth grade, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1985  
 College attended: University of Texas of the Permian Basin, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1990  
 Spouse and children: Mike Graves; Macy, Tyler and Meagan  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: SuAnn Lacy Seay  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 22  
 Number of years in education: 22  
 Current position and school: Physical education teacher, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: Miles High School, Miles  
 Graduated: 1977  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1980  
 Spouse and children: Spouse is deceased; Joy LuAnn  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Debby Averitt  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 5  
 Number of years in education: 22  
 Current position and school: Music teacher, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: San Angelo Central High School, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1971  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1975  
 Spouse and children: Joe Bill Averitt; Bill Joe and Sally Ruth  
 Other careers besides education: Private piano teacher and day care service field



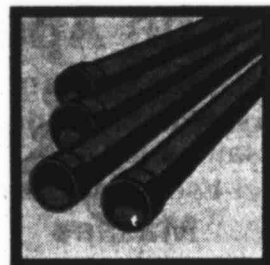
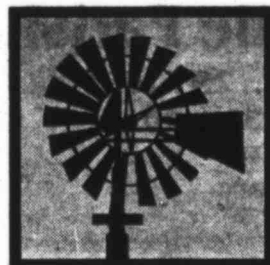
Name: Glenda Henrickson  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 15  
 Number of years in education: 24  
 Current position and school: Second grade, Kentwood Elementary  
 High school attended: Wichita High School South, Wichita, Kan.  
 Graduated: 1967  
 College attended: Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan.  
 Graduated: 1973  
 Spouse and children: The Rev. Darrell Hendrickson; Timothy and Daniel  
 Other careers besides education: None



Name: Kathleen Liggett  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 10  
 Number of years in education: 15  
 Current position and school: Third grade teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary  
 High school attended: Burger High School, Borger  
 Graduated: 1970  
 College attended: University of North Texas, Denton  
 Graduated: 1974  
 Spouse and children: The Rev. James Liggett; Will  
 Other careers besides education: Public Librarian



Name: Susan Rains-Lowery  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 20  
 Number of years in education: 20  
 Current position and school: Second grade teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1973  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1976  
 Spouse and children: Clark Lowery; Ashley, Alyssa, C.J. and Mitchell  
 Other careers besides education: Pharmaceutical



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**Name:** Carol Boyd  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 23  
**Number of years in education:** 26  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher;

Kentwood Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Baylor University, Waco  
Graduated: 1978  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Jennifer Chesworth  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 10  
**Number of years in education:** 11  
**Current position and school:** Kindergarten teacher; Kentwood Elementary

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: University of the Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1993  
Spouse and children: Kelly Chesworth; Zac and Tyler  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Maria Ortega  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 11  
**Number of years in education:** 6  
**Current position and school:** ARI; Kentwood Elementary

High school attended: Sweetwater High School, Sweetwater  
Graduated: 1977  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Rudy Oretga Sr.; Alexandra and Rudy Jr.  
Other careers besides education: A cashier for Kentwood



**Name:** Tami Maberry  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 2  
**Number of years in education:** 4  
**Current position and school:** Second grade teacher;

Kentwood Elementary  
High school attended: Roby High School, Roby  
Graduated: 1982  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1998  
Spouse and children: Ken Maberry; Mollie and Wylie  
Other careers besides education: Secretarial and accounting



**Name:** Amanda Gillespie  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** Starting first year  
**Number of years in education:** Starting first year  
**Current position and school:** School nurse; Kentwood Elementary

High school attended: Snyder High School, Snyder  
Graduated: 1993  
College attended: Western Texas College, Snyder  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse and children: Health Gillespie; Chesney  
Other careers besides education: Nursing



**Name:** Susan Dawes  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 17  
**Number of years in education:** 17  
**Current position and school:** Music teacher; Bauer Magnet Elementary

High school attended: Longview High School in Longview  
Graduated: 1961  
College attended: North Texas State University, Denton  
Graduated: 1965  
Spouse and children: Joseph Dawes  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Rocky Dunlap  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 3  
**Number of years in education:** 20  
**Current position and school:** Physical education teacher;

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Oglesby High School  
Graduated: 1969  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1983  
Spouse and children: Brenda Dunlap; Jason and Amber  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Bonnie Wheat  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 15  
**Number of years in education:** 26  
**Current position and school:** Title 1 reading teacher;

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Jayton High School, Jayton  
Graduated: 1965  
College attended: Portland State University, Portland, Ore.; Tarleton State University, Stephenville  
Graduated: 1972, 1982  
Spouse and children: Dwayne Wheat, Brenda



**Name:** Beverly Jeffcoat  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 18  
**Number of years in education:** 18  
**Current position and school:** GT teacher, Bauer and Goliad and GT district coordinator

High school attended: Sands High School, Ackerly  
Graduated: 1969  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1986, BA, ME Leadership, UTPB, Odessa  
Spouse and children: Alvis Jeffcoat; Krista and Kara  
Other careers beside education: Buyer for Cosden Oil and Chemical Co. (Alon, USA)



**Name:** Jill Ware  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary

High school attended: Sands High School, Ackerly  
Graduated: 1991  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 2003  
Spouse and children: Kyle Ware; Tyler and Hayden



**Name:** Wanda Brock  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 16  
**Number of years in education:** 26  
**Current position and school:** First grade teacher;

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1969  
College attended: East Texas State University, Commerce  
Children: Amanda Buske  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Linda Long  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 17  
**Number of years in education:** 27  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher, Bauer Magnet Elementary

High school attended: Cooper High School, Abilene  
Graduated: 1971  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse and children: Ricky Long; Josh  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Sharon Chancy  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 15  
**Number of years in education:** 15  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher;

Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Fredericksburg  
Graduated: 1984  
College attended: University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1988  
Spouse and children: Jerry Chancy Sr.; Jessica  
Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Vickie Riddle  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 16  
**Number of years in education:** 20  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher;

Marcy Elementary  
High school attended: Jim Ned High School, Tuscola  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: Tarleton State University, Stephenville; and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Spouse and children: Scott Riddle; Nathan, Tara, Cody and Kelsey



**Name:** Mary Terrazas  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 16  
**Number of years in education:** 17  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher;

Marcy Elementary  
High school attended: Kress  
Graduated: 1965  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1969  
Spouse and children: Simon Terrazas  
Other careers besides education: None

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College University,  
Spouse Brenna  
Other None



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College University,  
Spouse Gypsy,  
Chihuahua  
Other Banking



aide; Marc High School  
College Spouse Tiffany, C  
Other None



Elementary High School, N...  
College University,  
Other None





**Name:** Jeanette Lindsey  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 5  
**Number of years in education:** 5  
**Current position and school:** First grade teacher; Washington Elementary  
**High school attended:** Amarillo High School in Amarillo  
**Graduated:** 1994  
**College attended:** West Texas A&M University, Canyon  
**Graduated:** 1999  
**Spouse and children:** Brian Lindsey; Brenna  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Sheri Brown  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** Recent  
**Number of years in education:** 13  
**Current position and school:** Secretary; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Reagan Co. High School, Big Lake  
**Graduated:** 1979  
**Spouse and children:** Ray Brown, Jordan and Garrett



**Name:** Genie Carol  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 22  
**Number of years in education:** 24  
**Current position and school:** Second grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1963  
**College attended:** University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
**Graduated:** 1983  
**Spouse and children:** Wesley Carroll; Tim and Amy  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Deborah E. Sanders  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 18  
**Number of years in education:** 25  
**Current position and school:** Title I teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Stephen F. Austin, Austin  
**Graduated:** 1966  
**College attended:** Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1970  
**Spouse and children:** Richard Sanders  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Tracye Spencer  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st year  
**Number of years in education:** 14  
**Current position and school:** Counselor; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Bridgeport High School, Bridgeport  
**Graduated:** 1964  
**College attended:** Tarleton University, Stephenville; and Texas Women's University, Denton  
**Graduated:** 1988, 1999-M.S.  
**Spouse and children:** Ricky Spencer  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Sharon McGrievy  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 13  
**Number of years in education:** 13  
**Current position and school:** Second grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Lamesa High School, Lamesa  
**Graduated:** 1973  
**College attended:** Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1991  
**Spouse and children:** Mike McGrievy; Gypsy, a poodle, and Toad, a Chihuahua  
**Other careers besides education:** Banking



**Name:** Joy A. Armstrong  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years in education:** 14  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Odessa High School, Odessa  
**Graduated:** 1967  
**College attended:** West Texas State University, Canyon  
**Graduated:** 1972  
**Spouse and children:** Pat Armstrong; Whit and Holley  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Sherry Brown  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 8  
**Number of years in education:** 23  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Kemp High School  
**Graduated:** 1965  
**College attended:** East Texas State University, Commerce  
**Graduated:** 1969 and 1975-M.E.  
**Spouse and children:** Dale Brown; Gerry, Kerry and Mindy  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Elfi Tucker  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 8  
**Number of years in education:** 8  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1979  
**College attended:** Howard College, and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1993, 1995  
**Spouse and children:** Danny Tucker; William, Tony and Natalia  
**Other careers besides education:** Retail



**Name:** Cindy New  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 9  
**Number of years in education:** 9  
**Current position and school:** Physical education teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Hoxie High School, Hoxie, Kan.  
**Graduated:** 1975  
**College attended:** Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kan.  
**Graduated:** 1979  
**Spouse and children:** Steve New; Jessie and Daniel  
**Other careers besides education:** Worked with mentally handicapped



**Name:** Alvina Arguello  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 16  
**Number of years in education:** 16  
**Current position and school:** Physical education teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Coahoma High School  
**Graduated:** 1975  
**College attended:** Howard College  
**Spouse and children:** Daniel Arguello; Tiffany, Cheyenne and Seneca  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Edie Tunstall  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 6  
**Number of years in education:** 26  
**Current position and school:** Music teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Lorenzo High School, Lorenzo  
**Graduated:** 1973  
**College attended:** Southwestern University, Georgetown  
**Graduated:** 1977  
**Spouse and children:** Dr. Ken Tunstall; Casey and Megan



**Name:** Jana McQueary  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 9  
**Number of years in education:** 9  
**Current position and school:** Title I teaching assistant; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1992  
**College attended:** Howard College  
**Graduated:** 1994  
**Spouse and children:** Tom McQueary



**Name:** Carie Dunnam  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 15  
**Number of years in education:** 5  
**Current position and school:** Principal; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Forsan High School  
**Graduated:** 1979  
**College attended:** Howard College; University of Texas at Austin; Texas Tech University, Lubbock and the University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
**Spouse and children:** Craig Dunnam; Cliff, Chad and Caylie  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Sheryl Gass  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 18  
**Number of years in education:** 18  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Borden County High School, Gail  
**Graduated:** 1968  
**College attended:** Howard College and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
**Spouse and children:** Jackie Gass; Kristin and Keith  
**Other careers besides education:** Oilfield construction business



**Name:** Mary Eckert  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 36  
**Number of years in education:** 36  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Melvin High School, Melvin  
**Graduated:** 1963  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1967  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Mary Wright  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 4  
**Number of years in education:** 26, in four states and nine districts  
**Current position and school:** Class size reduction teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Wichita Falls Senior High School, Wichita Falls  
**Graduated:** 1963  
**College attended:** Baylor University, Waco  
**Graduated:** 1967  
**Spouse and children:** Jim Wright; Kane  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Karan Cornett  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 24  
**Number of years in education:** 24  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher; Marcy Elementary  
**High school attended:** Eola Rural High School, Eola  
**Graduated:** 1971  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1974  
**Spouse and children:** Tim Cornett; Chelsea and Garret  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Rosalinda Gonzales  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 34  
**Number of years in education:** 34  
**Current position and school:** Computer lab assistant; Moss Elementary  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1964  
**College attended:** Howard College  
**Graduated:** Expected to graduate in 2003  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Jackie Swinney  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 18  
**Number of years in education:** 21  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher; Moss Elementary  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1978  
**College attended:** University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa; and Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1982, 1996  
**Spouse and children:** Dean Swinney; Brenn and M'Lyn  
**Other careers besides education:** None



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Name: Rebecca Carillo  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 5  
Current position and school: Marcy Elementary teacher

High school attended: Big Spring High School

Graduated: 1988

College attended: University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa

Graduated: 1999

Spouse and children: Martin Carrillo; Megan, Matthew and Chelsea

Other careers besides education: None



Name: Laura Kemper  
District employed: Big Spring  
Number of years employed: 15  
Number of years in education: 16  
Current position and school: SPCD, Moss

High school attended: Big Spring

Graduated: 1978

College attended: SWTSU, University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa

Graduated: 1983

Spouse and children: Boyce Kemper, Chad, Brandon, Kortney, Kelby

Other careers besides education: Business



Name: Dana Tompkins  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: Second grade teacher, Moss

Elementary

High school attended: Lumberton High School in Lumberton

Graduated: 1982

College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock

Graduated: 1985

Spouse and children: Troy Tompkins; Katie and Matt

Other careers besides education: Accounting



Name: Laurie Barraza  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher, Moss Elementary

High school attended: Forsan High School



Name: Paula Elliott  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 16  
Number of years in education: 6  
Current position and school: Contract substitute, Moss

High school attended: Indianapolis High School, Indianapolis, Ind.





Name: Rosie Lain  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 8  
 Number of years in education: 8  
 Current position and school: Fourth grade; Washington Elementary

High school attended: Westbrook High School, Westbrook

Graduated: 1982

College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo; and Sul Ross State University, Alpine

Graduated: 1995, 1999

Spouse and children: Bill Lain; Amanda, Arthur and Gabriel

Other careers besides education: None



Name: Jill Heerssen  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 5  
 Number of years in education: 4  
 Current position and school: Speech pathologist

College attended: Kansas State University

Graduated: 1998



Name: Janet Smith  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 4  
 Number of years in education: 25  
 Current position and school: Kindergarten

through fourth grade computer lab teacher; Moss Elementary

High school attended: Ringling High School, Ringling, Okla.

Graduated: 1970

College attended: SOSU, Durant, Okla.

Graduated: 1978

Spouse and children: Ricky Smith; Heath, Tobi and Summer

Other careers besides education: None



Name: George Martin  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 12  
 Number of years in education: 32  
 Current position and school: Principal; Moss Elementary

High school attended: Brownwood High School, Brownwood

Graduated: 1968

College attended: Cisco Junior College, Cisco; McMurry College, Abilene; and Sul Ross State University, Alpine

Graduated: 1968, 1970 and 1995

Spouse and children: Terri Martin; Scott and Stacey

Other careers besides education: None

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**Name:** Shelley Burrow  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 6  
**Number of years in education:** 6  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Mohave High School, Bullhead City, Ariz.  
 Graduated: 1981  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1998  
 Spouse and children: Mike Burrow  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Rita Faulkner  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 19  
**Number of years in education:** 21  
**Current position and school:** Third grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1976  
 College attended: UTPB, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1983  
 Spouse and children: Gary Faulkner; Clint, Cassie and Clay  
 Other careers besides education: Cosmetology



**Name:** Beth Spence  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 19  
**Number of years in education:** 19  
**Current position and school:** Second grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Forsan High School  
 Graduated: 1976  
 College attended: Howard College and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1984  
 Spouse and children: Paul Spence; Kayla and Laura  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Karen Thibeault  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 10  
**Number of years in education:** 12  
**Current position and school:** Kindergarten

teacher; Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1994  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 1989  
 Spouse and children: Lawrence Thibeault; Kenra and Luke  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Margie Williams  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 5  
**Number of years in education:** 5  
**Current position and school:** First grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1985  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1999  
 Spouse and children: Coby Williams; Hunter, Kip and Jake  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Jan Nichols  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 19  
**Number of years in education:** 19  
**Current position and school:** Secretary, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Coahoma High School  
 Graduated: 1970  
 Spouse and children: Max Nichols; Kevin Nichols and Melissa Crow  
 Other careers besides education: Banking, income tax accounting, Howard Extension Office, retail



**Name:** Christine Boling  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 13  
**Number of years in education:** 13  
**Current position and school:** SPCD teacher, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1975  
 College attended: West Texas A&M, Canyon; Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1979  
 Spouse and children: Don Boling; Brandon and Charlie



**Name:** Leasa Lowery  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 7  
**Number of years in education:** 9  
**Current position and school:** Counselor, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Garden City High School, Garden City  
 Graduated: 1989  
 College attended: Howard College and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Spouse and children: Kenney Lowery; Dylan, Austen and Ragan  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Shelley Gomez  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 9  
**Number of years in education:** 9  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1990  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1995  
 Spouse and children: Mark Gomez  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Linda Hunnicutt  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 8  
**Number of years in education:** 10  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Burges High School, El Paso  
 Graduated: 1977  
 College attended: University of Texas El Paso and University of Texas Permian Basin  
 Spouse and children: Lloyd S. Hunnicutt; Katy and Colin  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Sally Lamb  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 4  
**Number of years in education:** 15  
**Current position and school:** Kindergarten

teacher; Moss Elementary  
 High school attended: Sunset High School, Dallas  
 Graduated: 1966  
 College attended: Abilene Christian University, Abilene  
 Graduated: 1970



**Name:** Charlotte Majors  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 26  
**Number of years in education:** 27  
**Current position and school:** Second grade teacher, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1973  
 College attended: Howard College and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1975, 1977  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Jeannine McKimmey  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 30  
**Number of years in education:** 34  
**Current position and school:** Fourth grade teacher, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: San Angelo Central High School, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1965  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1970  
 Spouse and children: Clyde McKimmey; Todd and Drew  
 Other careers besides education: None



**Name:** Sherra Harrell  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st year teacher  
**Number of years in education:** 1st year teacher  
**Current position and school:** Resource teacher, Moss

Elementary  
 High school attended: Grady High School in Lenora  
 Graduated: 1999  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 2002  
 Spouse and children: Trey Harrell  
 Other careers besides education: None

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Name: Joy Lee Armstrong  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 17  
Number of years in education: 29  
Current position and school: Third grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
High school attended: Midland High School in Midland  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo and Sul Ross University, Alpine  
Spouse and children: Wayne Armstrong; Amanda and Jillery  
Other careers besides education: Professional artist



Name: Sonceia Lowery  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position and school: Physical education teacher;

Moss Elementary  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse and children: Kerry Lowery; Hunter and Erin  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Lana Scholer  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 7  
Number of years in education: 7  
Current position and school: Third grade teacher; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: General H.H. Arnold High School, Wiesbaden, Germany  
Graduated: 1969  
College attended: University of Maryland, Howard College and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Children: Farrah and Aaron  
Other careers besides education: Secretarial for U.S. Air Force and oil industry



Name: Roxena Belew  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 28  
Number of years in education: 28  
Current position and school: Librarian; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1967  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Don Belew; Kirstie, Brandi and Honey  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: William "Pepper" Sullivan  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 16  
Current position and school: Music teacher; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1980  
College attended: Corpus Christi State University  
Graduated: 1987  
Other careers besides education: Electrical Engineering



Name: Paula Brooks  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 13  
Number of years in education: 15  
Current position and school: Third grade teacher; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1972  
Spouse and children: Mrs. Brooks is a widow  
Other careers besides education: She is an ordained minister and has served in Abilene, Big Spring and Irving



Name: Debby Rice  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 9  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position and school: First grade teacher; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1983  
Spouse and children: Marty Rice; Jordan and Allen  
Other careers besides education: Mental Health field



Name: Janie E. Shivers  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 20  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: SPCD Assistant; Moss

Elementary  
Spouse and children: Howard Shivers Jr.; Amie and Bryan  
Other careers besides education: Medical and management fields



Name: Tracy Watson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position and school: Second grade teacher; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Howard College and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1999  
Spouse and children: Michael Watson; Jonathan, Jason and Dylan  
Other careers besides education: Bookkeeper



Name: Toni Ferrell  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 9  
Number of years in education: 19  
Current position and school: Third grade teacher; Moss

Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1978  
College attended: Howard College and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Spouse and children: Rodney Ferrell; Rodney Jr., Tiffany and Justin  
Other careers besides education: Financial Aid Administration



Name: Debbie Simmons  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 13  
Current position and school: Fourth grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
High school attended: Seminole High School, Seminole  
Graduated: 1975  
College attended: UTPB, Odessa  
Graduated: 1990  
Children: Jeff and Mandi  
Other careers besides education: Office and secretarial



Name: Wanda M. Rudinger  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 13  
Current position and school: Title I computer lab manager; Washington Elementary

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
College attended: Howard College, Angelo State University, San Angelo and Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
Spouse and children: James G. Rudinger; Charlie and Cynthia  
Other careers besides education: Creative arts retail industry



Name: LeJean Anderson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 23  
Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher; Washington Elementary

High school attended: Junction High School  
Graduated: 1977  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse and children: Sammy Anderson  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Dorothy E. Downey  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 14  
Number of years in education: 24  
Current position and school: First grade teacher;

Washington Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1961  
College attended: U.S.F., Tampa, Fla.  
Graduated: 1980  
Spouse: Vonnie N. Downey  
Other careers besides education: Full-time mother



Name: Betty Downey  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 15  
Number of years in education: 15  
Current position and school: Music teacher; Washington

Elementary  
High school attended: a high school in Trent  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: Hardin-Simmons University, Abilene; Howard College and University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Spouse and children: Robert J. Downey; Joe and Jonathan  
Other careers besides education: Church pianist for 18 years at the First Baptist Church



Name: Kaye Clawson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher; Moss Elementary

High school attended: Monterey High School, Lubbock  
College attended: Howard Payne University



Name: Joe Bill Averitt  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Special Education Teacher;

Big Spring Junior High  
High school attended: Reagan High School, Austin  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse and children: Debby Averitt  
Other careers besides education: Department of Agriculture



Name: Stacy Beall  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 2  
Current position and school: 8th Grade Math Teacher/Coach, Big Spring Junior High

High school attended: Burnet High School, Burnet  
Graduated: 1998  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 2002  
Spouse: Jarrod Beall  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Vicki Broadrick  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 22  
Number of years in education: 23  
Current position and school: American history teacher, Big Spring Junior High

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1971  
College attended: University of Texas  
Graduated: 1981  
Children: Jennifer  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Peggy Calhoun  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 18  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: 8th Grade English/Title reading/coach, Big Spring Junior High

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Howard College, Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1983  
Other careers besides education: None





**Name:** Karla Canada  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 20  
**Number of years in education:** 20  
**Current position and school:** Skills for Living (Family & Consumer Sciences), Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Stanton High School  
**Graduated:** 1979  
**College attended:** Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
**Graduated:** 1983  
**Children:** Eric and Kirk  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Reuben M. Chance  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st Year  
**Number of years in education:** 1st Year  
**Current position and school:** Assistant Band Director, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Lakeview High School, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1994  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 2002  
**Spouse:** Shannon Chance  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Shannon Chance  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st  
**Number of years in education:** 4  
**Current position and school:** Assistant band director, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Eldorado High School, Eldorado  
**Graduated:** 1993  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1998  
**Spouse:** Reuben Chance  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Lois Cunningham  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 16  
**Number of years in education:** 30  
**Current position and school:** 8th Grade history teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Snyder High School, Snyder  
**Graduated:** 1965  
**College attended:** West Texas State University, Canyon  
**Graduated:** 1973  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Tommy Gibson  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 13  
**Number of years in education:** 16  
**Current position and school:** Assistant principal, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Stinnett High School, Stinnett  
**Graduated:** 1983  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1987  
**Spouse and children:** Robbie; Sage, Austin and Madison  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Sheila Hall  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 13  
**Number of years in education:** 13  
**Current position and school:** 8th grade science teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Forsan High School  
**Graduated:** 1986  
**College attended:** University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
**Graduated:** 1990  
**Spouse and children:** Mark Hall; Rebekah, Jesse and Eric  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Jennifer Patterson  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st Year  
**Number of years in education:** 7  
**Current position and school:** 8th grade science/ 7th grade LA teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Rockport-Fulton High School, Rockport  
**Graduated:** 1991  
**College attended:** Fayetteville, Ark.  
**Graduated:** 1996  
**Spouse and children:** Todd Patterson; Jack  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Vicki Stewart  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 24  
**Number of years in education:** 27  
**Current position and school:** Art teacher/8th grade annual sponsor, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1972  
**College attended:** Pan American University, Edinburg  
**Graduated:** 1976  
**Spouse and children:** Howard Stewart; Quintinn and Stephanie  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Sarah Roberson  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 30  
**Number of years in education:** 35  
**Current position and school:** Science teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1965  
**College attended:** Abilene Christian University, Abilene  
**Graduated:** 1968  
**Spouse and children:** E.C. Roberson; Nick and Brittany  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Chris Roberts  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st Year  
**Number of years in education:** 1st Year  
**Current position and school:** PE/coach Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Lamesa High School, Lamesa  
**Graduated:** 1998  
**College attended:** Lubbock Christian University, Abilene  
**Graduated:** 2003  
**Spouse and children:** Kathy Roberts; Riley  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Cheryl Robertson  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 22  
**Number of years in education:** 30  
**Current position and school:** English teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Lamesa High School, Lamesa  
**Graduated:** 1968  
**College attended:** Texas Tech University, Lubbock; and Sul Ross University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1972, 1981-M.E.  
**Spouse and children:** Terry Robertson; Justin and Kimberly  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Molly Smith  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 20  
**Number of years in education:** 23  
**Current position and school:** English teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1978  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo  
**Graduated:** 1982  
**Spouse and children:** Maury Smith; Meagan and Mallory



**Name:** Anna O'Brien  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 2  
**Number of years in education:** 2  
**Current position and school:** Choir teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1996  
**College attended:** Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock  
**Graduated:** 2001  
**Spouse:** Jason  
**Other careers besides education:** None



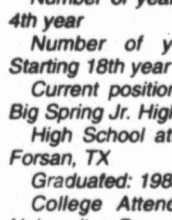
**Name:** Pam Walker  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 13  
**Number of years in education:** 13  
**Current position and school:** Counselor, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Garden City High School  
**Graduated:** 1974  
**College attended:** Angelo State University, San Angelo; and Sul Ross University, Alpine  
**Graduated:** 1991  
**Spouse and children:** Ryan Walker; Becky and Robb  
**Other careers besides education:** None



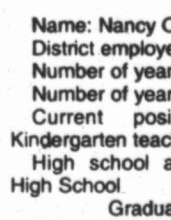
**Name:** Liza J. Zap  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 7  
**Number of years in education:** 7  
**Current position and school:** Art teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Andrews High School, Andrews  
**Graduated:** 1984  
**College attended:** Odessa College, Odessa; College of the Ozarks, Point Lookout, Mo.; University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa.  
**Graduated:** 1987, 1991, 1995-  
**Education certificate**  
**Other careers besides education:** Graphic designer



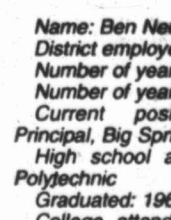
**Name:** Beth Spence  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 19  
**Number of years in education:** 19  
**Current position and school:** Second grade teacher, Washington Elementary  
**High school attended:** Forsan High School  
**Graduated:** 1976  
**College attended:** Howard College and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
**Graduated:** 1984  
**Spouse and children:** Paul Spence; Kayla and Laura  
**Other careers besides education:** None



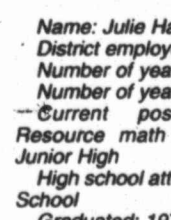
**Name:** Karla Cregar  
**District Employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** Starting 4th year  
**Number of years in education:** Starting 18th year  
**Current position & School:** Coach - Big Spring Jr. High  
**High School attended:** Forsan HS - Forsan, TX  
**Graduated:** 1982  
**College Attended:** Howard Payne University - Brownwood, TX  
**Graduated:** 1986  
**Spouse & Children:** Cat named Nicky  
**Other career besides Education:** No



**Name:** Nancy Ortega  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 1st year  
**Number of years in education:** 5  
**Current position and school:** Kindergarten teacher, Moss Elementary  
**High school attended:** Big Spring High School  
**Graduated:** 1990  
**College attended:** NIT, San Antonio  
**Graduated:** 1975  
**Spouse and children:** Jose Ortega Jr., Arealle, Jose III, Abigail and Eutimio  
**Other careers besides education:** None



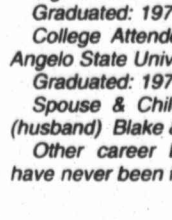
**Name:** Ben Neel  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 38  
**Number of years in education:** 38  
**Current position and school:** Principal, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Fort Worth Polytechnic  
**Graduated:** 1960  
**College attended:** Hardin-Simmons, Abilene; NTSU-M.S.; and Sul Ross University, Alpine-Mid-mangement  
**Spouse and children:** Bonnie Neel; Ben, Brad and Melissa  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Julie Hall  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Number of years employed:** 18  
**Number of years in education:** 19  
**Current position and school:** Resource math teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
**High school attended:** Coahoma High School  
**Graduated:** 1979  
**College attended:** West Texas A&M, Canyon  
**Graduated:** 1983  
**Children:** Emily Ann  
**Other careers besides education:** None



**Name:** Ruth Quisenberry  
**District employed:** Big Spring ISD  
**Current position and school:** 7th grade English teacher, Big Spring Junior High



**Name:** Clarinda Wright  
**District Employed:** BSISD  
**Number of years employed:** 26  
**Number of years in education:** 26  
**Current Position & School:** 7th grade English & Texas History - BSJHS  
**High School Attended:** Big Spring HS  
**Graduated:** 1970  
**College Attended:** Howard Colleg & Angelo State University  
**Graduated:** 1974  
**Spouse & Children:** Richard Wright (husband) Blake & Stephanie (children)  
**Other career besides Education:** I have never been in another career

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Name: Tommy  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Resource English for 7th and 8th grades, Big Spring Junior High  
High School attended: Granbury High School, Granbury  
College Attended: Tarleton State University, Stephenville  
Spouse & Children: Bryan Beal; Nolan and Matt  
Other career besides Education: None

Angelo State  
Robbie; Sage;  
besides education:

Name: Chris  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st Year  
Number of years in education: 1st Year  
Current position and school: Junior High  
Lamesa High

Lubbock Christian  
Kathy Roberts;  
besides education:

Name: Liza J.  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 7  
Number of years in education: 7  
Current position and school: Art teacher, Big Spring  
Andrews High

Odessa College,  
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University of Texas  
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Big Spring ISD  
employed: 18  
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Coahoma High

West Texas A&M,  
besides education:

Name: Shirley Beal  
District Employed: BSISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position & School: Resource English for 7th and 8th grades, Big Spring Junior High  
High School attended: Granbury High School, Granbury  
College Attended: Tarleton State University, Stephenville  
Spouse & Children: Bryan Beal; Nolan and Matt  
Other career besides Education: None

Name: Charla Soto  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 7  
Number of years in education: 7  
Current position and school: Focus Teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Borden High School, Borden  
Graduated: 1986  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1990  
Spouse and children: Tommy Soto; Trey, Christina, Tony and Teryn  
Other careers besides education: Accounting

Name: Mary Margaret Sinclair  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 18  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Algebra and geometry teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Tivy High School, Kerville  
Graduated: 1961  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1987  
Spouse and children: Stephen Kendall Sinclair; Stuart and Travis  
Other careers besides education: Secretarial/clerical

Name: Patty Wright  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 0  
Current position and school: Library aide, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1989  
College attended: Howard College, Southwestern Assemblies of God's University, Waxachachie  
Graduated: 1992, Dec. 04  
Other careers besides education: Library

Name: Tabitha Barbee  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 13  
Number of years in education: 13  
Current position and school: 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Big Spring Junior High  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: Howard College and University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1989, 1991  
Spouse and children: David Barbee; Cory  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Ray Brown  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Biology teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Reagan County High School, Big Lake  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1983  
Spouse and children: Sheri Brown; Garrett and Jordan  
Other careers besides education: Pharmaceutical sales

Name: Sharon Richardson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 25  
Number of years in education: 31  
Current position and school: Math Teacher/student council advisor, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Higgins High School, Higgins  
Graduated: 1962  
College attended: West Texas A&M, Texas Lutheran University, Seguin; and University of Texas Permian Basin, Odessa  
Graduated: 1966  
Spouse and children: Don Richardson; Blair and Shauna  
Other careers besides education: Legal Assistant

Name: Sandy J. Wright  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 23  
Current position and school: Secretary, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1965  
College attended: Howard College  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse and children: Danny Wright; Patty  
Other careers besides education: Management and banking

Name: Lori Kennedy  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: ARI Aide; Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1982  
College attended: Howard College and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1984, Howard  
Spouse and children: Tony Kennedy; Mallory and Gunnar  
Other careers besides education: Owned own business

Name: Tatha Wright  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 1st year teaching  
Current position and school: English teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1997  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 2002  
Spouse and children: Brandon Wright; Kaylee  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Cheryl Tannehill  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 15  
Number of years in education: 15  
Current position and school: Business teacher  
High school attended: Brownsboro High School, Brownsboro  
College attended: Kilgore Jr. College, Kilgore; Tyler Jr. College, University of Texas Tyler and Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Spouse and children: Tim Tannehill; Ryan, Tyler and Tobyn  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Kim Crowley  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 19  
Number of years in education: 19  
Current position and school: secretary, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: Howard College  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse and children: Scott Crowley; Sara and Justin  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Dena Wilson  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 21  
Current position and school: First grade teacher; Moss Elementary  
High school attended: South Garland High School, Garland  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1983  
Spouse and children: Wayne Wilson; Daniel and Katie  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Barbara Ball  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 21  
Number of years in education: 26  
Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher, Washington Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1970  
College attended: University of Texas, Austin  
Graduated: 1973  
Spouse and children: Ron Ball; Jason and Justin  
Other careers besides education: Floral design and gift wrap and gift basket

Name: Jeremy Sturdivant  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st Year  
Number of years in education: 1st Year  
Current position and school: Special-education teacher  
High school attended: Central High School, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1998  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 2002  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Leigh Ann Fleming  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Nurse, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Lamesa  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: Howard College  
Graduated: 1994  
Children: Sarah, Sharon, Hannah, Andrea and Mic  
Other careers besides education: Nursing

Name: Shannon Stuteville  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 5  
Current position and school: Student services/scholarships, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1988  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Tony Stuteville; Hayle and Garrett

Name: Lori Kennedy  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: ARI Aide; Bauer Magnet Elementary  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1982  
College attended: Howard College and Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1984, Howard  
Spouse and children: Tony Kennedy; Mallory and Gunnar  
Other careers besides education: Owned own business

Name: Kim Hughey  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 6  
Current position and school: Math teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1981  
College attended: Angelo State University  
Graduated: 1998  
Spouse and children: Geoff Hughey; Jessica, Ryan and Cameron  
Other careers besides education: Banking/stay at home mom

Name: Cindy Hillman  
District employed: Big Spring ISD  
Number of years employed: 17  
Number of years in education: 20  
Current position and school: History, Speech, World Geography and G.T. Independent Mentor teacher, Big Spring High School  
High school attended: Big Spring  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: University of Texas, Austin; Southwest Texas State University, Abilene Christian University  
Graduated: - , 1978, 1984 teaching certificate  
Spouse and children: Randy Hillman; Lauren and Sterling  
Other careers besides education: Retail and Real Estate

Name: Karen Reagan  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position & School: 7th Language Arts & Reading, 5th Language/Reading  
High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1996  
College Attended: Angelo State University - San Angelo, TX  
Graduated: 2000  
Spouse & Children: John Reagan  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Robbin Lewis  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 2  
 Number of years in education: 18  
 Current position and school: Fifth grade, Goliad Intermediate  
 High school attended: Permian High School, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1984  
 College attended: University of the Permian Basin, Odessa  
 Graduated: 1988  
 Spouse and children: Byron Lewis; Andrew and Caleb  
 Other careers besides education: None

Name: Jannette Westbrook  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 9  
 Number of years in education: 13  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1974  
 College attended: Howard College and Liberty University, Lynchburg, Va.  
 Spouse and children: Ron Westbrook; Raela, Chad and Kelsey  
 Other careers besides education: Respiratory therapy

Name: Melinda P. Marquez  
 District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
 Number of years employed: 8 yrs  
 Number of years in education: 10 yrs  
 Current position & School: Spanish Teacher - High School  
 High School attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1980  
 College Attended: Howard & UTPB  
 Graduated: 1995  
 Spouse & Children: Jimmy Marquez  
 Other career besides Education: Medical Field

Name: Amelia Meadors  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 7  
 Number of years in education: 25  
 Current position and school: Physical education teacher; Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Toyah  
 Graduated: 1969  
 College attended: Sul Ross State University, Alpine  
 Graduated: 1976  
 Spouse and children: Larry Meadors; Kathleen and Lee

Name: Deana M. Johnson  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 1  
 Number of years in education: 1  
 Current position and school: Sixth grade teacher, Goliad Intermediate  
 High school attended: Forsan High School  
 Graduated: 1998  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 2002  
 Other careers besides education: None

Name: Joyce Baumann  
 District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
 Number of years employed: 5  
 Number of years in education: 12  
 Current position & School: 6th Grade Teacher  
 High School attended: Coahoma, Tx  
 Graduated: 1970  
 College Attended: State Univ. of N.Y. Stony Brook - Stony Brook, N.Y.  
 Graduated: 1983  
 Spouse & Children: Jeff  
 Other career besides Education: Administrative Asssnt.

Name: Anne Mitchell  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 3  
 Number of years in education: 23  
 Current position and school: Second grade teacher; Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Uvalde High School, Uvalde  
 Graduated: 1968  
 College attended: Texas A&M Corpus Christi, Corpus Christi  
 Graduated: 1991  
 Children: Ben, Buc and Brad  
 Other careers besides education: None

Name: Jennifer Nichols  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: Starting first year  
 Number of years in education: Starting first year  
 Current position and school: Special education; Kentwood and Bauer elementaries  
 High school attended: Coahoma High School, Coahoma  
 Graduated: 1995  
 College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
 Graduated: 2000  
 Other careers besides education: Social work

Name: Kim Doss  
 District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
 Number of years employed: 3  
 Number of years in education: 8  
 Current position & School: 8th grade Language Arts - Junior High  
 High School attended: Dawson High School Welch, TX  
 Graduated: 1979  
 College Attended: Howard College Big Spring/Lamesa - Texas Tech Lubbock, TX  
 Graduated: 1996  
 Spouse & Children: Jerry Doss Charati Chance

Name: Kathy Frey  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 8  
 Number of years in education: 8  
 Current position and school: Second grade teacher; Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: San Angelo Central High School, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1979  
 College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
 Graduated: 1994  
 Spouse and children: Doug Frey; Tyler and Travis  
 Other careers besides education: Day care owner

Name: Elissa Medina-Bancroft  
 District Employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 6  
 Number of years in education: 6  
 Current position & School: English teacher, Big Spring High School  
 High School attended: Foy H. Moody High School, Corpus Christi  
 Graduated: 1990  
 College Attended: University of Texas San Antonio  
 Graduated: 1995  
 Spouse & Children: George Ben Bancroft; Medina and Oliva  
 Other career besides Education: None

Name: Bailey McAnulty  
 District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
 Number of years employed: 1  
 Number of years in education: 29  
 Current position & School: Asst. band Director - Coahoma ISD  
 High School attended: Thorndale H.S. Thorndale, TX  
 Graduated: 1967  
 College Attended: Sam Houston State Univ.  
 Graduated: 1972  
 Spouse & Children: Ann(spouse) Brian (son)  
 Other career besides Education: No

Name: Jeri Barker  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Number of years employed: 1st year  
 Number of years in education: 21  
 Current position and school: Special education teacher; Washington Elementary  
 High school attended: Big Spring High School  
 Graduated: 1976  
 College attended: West Texas State University, Canyon  
 Graduated: 1979  
 Spouse and children: Steve Barker; John, Kevin and Jessica  
 Other careers besides education: None

Name: Kathleen McFarland  
 District employed: Big Spring ISD  
 Current position and school: 8th Grade English Teacher, Big Spring Junior High

Name: Gina McEndree  
 District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
 Number of years employed: 21 yrs  
 Number of years in education: 21 yrs  
 Current position & School: Business Manager  
 High School attended: Loraine high School Loraine, TX  
 Graduated: 1972  
 College Attended: Lubbock Christian University  
 Graduated:  
 Spouse & Children: Willie(spouse) Rebcca (daughter)  
 Other career besides Education: Legal Secretary; Medical Secretary

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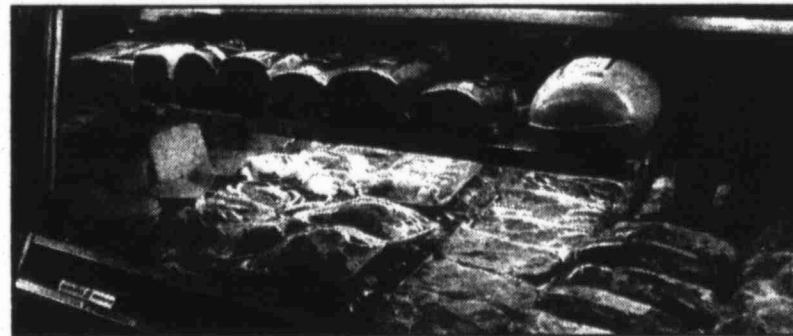
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# Forsan ISD



Name: Stephanie Rotan  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 7  
Number of years in education: 13  
Current position and school: Counselor; Forsan

Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Coahoma High School

Graduated: 1985  
College attended: Howard College and Texas Tech University in Lubbock  
Graduated: 1990

Spouse and children: Wayne Rotan; Reagan and Shelby  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Vickie L. McLean  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position and school: Eighth grade science, chemistry, math teacher;

Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Crane High School in Crane

Graduated: 1975  
College attended: Angelo State University, the University of the Permian Basin and Sul Ross State University in Alpine

Graduated: 1979, 1982  
Spouse: Mark McLean  
Other careers besides education: Chemist in the oil industry and health and safety consultant for the state of Texas.



Name: Brandy Hughey  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 12  
Current position and school: Coach/teacher;

Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Highland High School in Roscoe

Graduated: 1985  
College attended: Angelo State University in San Angelo  
Graduated: 1990

Spouse and children: Douglas Hughey; Douglas Jr., Jade and Kara  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Steve Park  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 13  
Number of years in education: 31  
Current position and school: Assistant principal/athletic

director, Algebra teacher; Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Forsan High School

Graduated: 1968  
College attended: Texas Tech University in Lubbock

Graduated: 1973  
Spouse and children: Judy; Jenny, David and Cade  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Paul L. Lindell  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 20  
Number of years in education: 24  
Current position and school: Social studies; Forsan

Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Corando High School in Lubbock

Graduated: 1968  
College attended: Texas Tech University

Graduated: 1972  
Spouse and children: Linda Lindell; Cheri.  
Other careers besides education: Construction, retail



Name: Linda Coates  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 20  
Current position and school: Teacher's aide;

Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Coahoma High School

Graduated: 1968  
College attended: Howard College

Spouse and children: R.L. Coates; Dale, Matt and Rocky  
Other careers besides education: Domestic Engineer (stay at home mom)



Name: Donna Cunningham  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position and school: Reading & Technology

instructor; Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Irvin High School in El Paso

College attended: McMurry University in Abilene

Spouse: Rick Cunningham  
Other careers besides education: Legal secretary



Name: Kimberly Harp  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: Starting second year  
Current position and school:

Teacher/coach; Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Garden City High School in Garden City

Graduated: 1997  
College attended: Angelo State University in San Angelo

Graduated: 2001



Name: Dave Park  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 1  
Current position and school: Science teacher/coach;

Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Coahoma High School

Graduated: 1993  
College attended: University of Texas Permian Basin, Angelo State and Howard College

Graduated: 2001  
Spouse and children: Stacey Park; Alex, Ian and Walker

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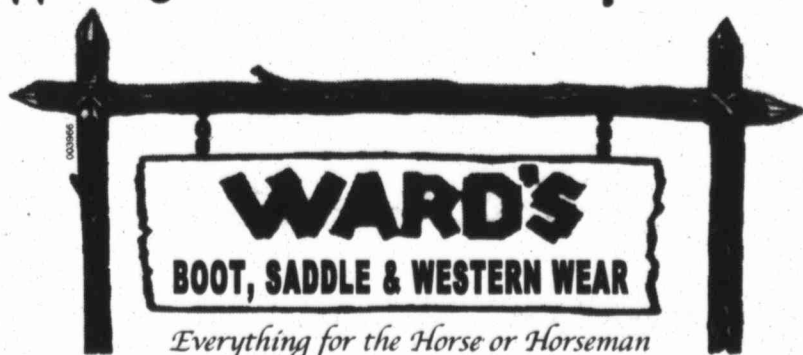
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Name: Steve Park  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 13  
Number of years education: 31  
Current position and school: Assistant Principal/Athletic Teacher; Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1968  
High school attended: Texas Tech University  
Graduated: 1973  
Spouse and children: Judy; Jenny, Jennifer  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Dave Park  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years education: 1  
Current position and school: Science Teacher/Coach; Forsan Jr./Senior High School  
Graduated: 1993  
High school attended: University of Texas at San Antonio  
Graduated: 2001  
Spouse and children: Stacey Park; Elizabeth  
Other careers besides education: None

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**Rhonda Rothell**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 22 Years  
Number of years in education: 29 Years  
Current position and school: Special Programs Director  
High school attended: Graham High School  
Graduated: 1964  
College attended: East Texas State A&M  
Graduated: 1968, 1969  
Spouse and children: Harvey Rothell; Lane  
Other careers besides education: None



**Brenda White**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 27 Years  
Number of years in education: 30 Years  
Current position and school: Resource  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1960  
College attended: Angelo State, Sul Ross  
Graduated: 1973  
Spouse and children: George White; Teresa  
Other careers besides education: None



**Diana Newton**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 21 Years  
Number of years in education: 24 Years  
Current position and school: 3rd Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1969  
College attended: West Texas State University  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse and children: Lonnie Newton; Brian, John and Kristen  
Other careers besides education: None



**Nancy Rhodes**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st Year  
Number of years in education: 4 Years  
Current position and school: Paraprofessional  
High school attended: Ballinger High School  
Graduated: 1977  
College attended: Texas Tech University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse and children: Jim Rhodes; Elizabeth  
Other careers besides education: County Extension Agent



**Byron Seal**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 9 Years  
Number of years in education: 11 Years  
Current position and school: Elbow PE Teacher/Jr. High School Coach  
High school attended: Andrews High School  
Graduated: 1971  
College attended: UTPB  
Graduated: 1991  
Spouse and children: Debra Seal; Shandy, Toby and Justin  
Other careers besides education: Oilfield



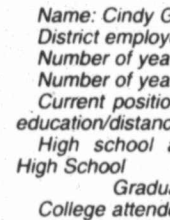
**Jim Rhodes**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 7  
Number of years in education: 28  
Current position and school: Band Director; Forsan Jr./Senior High School  
High school attended: Humble High School in Humble  
Graduated: 1971  
College attended: Sul Ross University in Alpine  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse and children: Nancy Rhodes; Elizabeth  
Other careers besides education: None



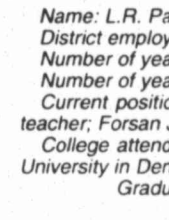
**R.L. Coates**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 30  
Current position and school: Teacher/Coach; Forsan Jr./Senior High School  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: Angelo State University in San Angelo  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse: Linda Coates  
Other careers besides education: None



**Carole Madry**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 26 Years  
Number of years in education: 27 Years  
Current position and school: 2nd Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: UTPB  
Graduated: 1976  
Spouse and children: Charles Madry; Ricky and Ronnie Joe  
Other careers besides education: None



**Cindy Graves**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 8  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Special Education/distance learning facilitator  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Glen Graves; Patrick, Codi and Casi  
Other careers besides education: None



**L.R. Patterson**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 22  
Current position and school: Biology teacher; Forsan Jr./Senior High School  
College attended: North Texas State University in Denton  
Graduated: 1967

**Tammy Lockhart**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 7 Years  
Number of years in education: 7 Years  
Current position and school: Paraeducator  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1979  
College attended: Howard College  
Graduated:  
Spouse and children: Jack Lockhart; Clint and Clay  
Other careers besides education: Bookkeeping and Accounting

**Gary Kinard**  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st Year  
Number of years in education: 19 Years  
Current position and school: 5th Grade English Teacher  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1980  
College attended: Arlington Baptist College, Angelo State University  
Graduated: 1984, 1992  
Spouse and children: Suzanne Kinard; Alyssa and Andy  
Other careers besides education: None

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Name: Consuelo Morales  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Current position and school: Spanish teacher; Forsan Jr./Senior High



Name: Kerry Rawls  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 6  
Current position and school: teacher; Forsan Jr./Senior High

High school attended: Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: Angelo State University in San Angelo  
Graduated: 1991  
Other careers besides education: Self-employed in the clothing retail industry



Name: Jessica Baker  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 1  
Current position and school: Teacher's aide; Forsan Jr./Senior High

High school attended: Stoney Hights High School in Wichita Falls  
Graduated: 1998  
College attended: Arlington Baptist College in Fort Worth  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse and children: Rusty Baker  
Other careers besides education: Dental assisting



Name: Debbie Burton  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position and school: Secretary; Forsan Jr./Senior High

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1977  
College attended: Howard College  
Spouse and children: Gary Burton; Andy, Amanda and Evan  
Other careers besides education: Secretary



Name: Beverley Humphrey  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 11  
Number of years in education: 11  
Current position and school: Registrar; Forsan Jr./Senior High

High school attended: Anson  
Graduated: 1972  
College attended: McMurry University, Abilene  
Spouse and children: Dale Humphreys; Joy Humphreys  
Other careers besides education: Managed printing company



Name: Mary Ellen Harrell  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 4 Years  
Number of years in education: 10 Years  
Current position and school: 5th

Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Garden City High School  
Graduated: 1989  
College attended: Angelo, State University, Sul Ross  
Graduated: 1994  
Spouse and children: Scott Harrell  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Zimmalew Boeker  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 44+ Years  
Number of years in education: 44+ Years  
Current position and school: Kindergarten Teacher

High school attended: Blackstone High School  
Graduated: 1953  
College attended: Howard Payne, Sul Ross  
Graduated: 1957, 1962  
Children: Beth and Lewis  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Tracy Newton  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 10 Years  
Number of years in education: 11 Years  
Current position and school: 1st

Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: University of Texas  
Graduated: 1990  
Spouse and children: Gregg Newton; Falon and Granger  
Other careers besides education: Retail



Name: Jeanine Fishback  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 12 Years  
Number of years in education: 25 Years  
Current position and school: Music

Teacher  
High school attended: Elkhart High School  
Graduated: 1973  
College attended: West Texas State University  
Graduated: 1977  
Spouse and children: Bobby Fishback; Jerrod and Megan  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Glenda McDonald  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 12 Years  
Number of years in education: 15 Years  
Current position and school: 5th

Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Stamford High School  
Graduated: 1982  
College attended: Abilene Christian University  
Graduated: 1989  
Spouse and children: Terry McDonald; Shelby and Jansen  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Vicky McDowell  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 5 Years  
Number of years in education: 5 Years  
Current position and school: Kindergarten Teacher

High school attended: Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1983  
College attended: UTPB and Angelo State University  
Graduated: 1987, 1998  
Spouse and children: Allen McDowell; Victoria and Noelle  
Other careers besides education: Accounting



Name: Patti Adams  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1 Year  
Number of years in education: 18 Years  
Current position and school: Teacher

High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1976  
College attended: Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse and children: Ricky Adams; Austin, Kendal and Haley  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: LaDonna Johnson  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 1 Year  
Number of years in education: 10 Years  
Current position and school: Secretary

High school attended: Silver State Baptist High School  
Graduated: 1981  
College attended: Graduated:  
Spouse and children: Randy Johnson; Levi, Seth and Aaron  
Other careers besides education: Dental Assistant



Name: Connie Eggleston  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 11 Years  
Number of years in education: 11 Years  
Current position and school: 2nd

Grade Teacher/Tennis Coach  
High school attended: Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1984  
College attended: Angelo State University  
Graduated: 1991  
Spouse and children: Mike Eggleston; Lacy and Cayley  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Ashley A. Glass  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 3 Years  
Number of years in education: 5 Years  
Current position and school: Counselor

High school attended: Winters High School  
Graduated: 1993  
College attended: Texas Tech University and Angelo State University  
Graduated: 1998, 2002  
Spouse and children: Wesley Glass; Peighton  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Lisa Thompson  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 6 Years  
Number of years in education: 11 Years  
Current position and school: Kindergarten Teacher

High school attended: Hillsboro High School  
Graduated: 1988  
College attended: Tarleton State University  
Graduated: 1993  
Spouse and children: Tommy Thompson; Hannah  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Tonya Vess  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 3 Years  
Number of years in education: 3 Years  
Current position and school: 3rd

Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Forsan High School  
Graduated: 1995  
College attended: Hardin-Simmons University  
Graduated: 200  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Barbara McQueary  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 12 Years  
Number of years in education: 19 Years  
Current position and school: 3rd

Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Mineral Wells High School  
Graduated: 1965  
College attended: UTPB  
Graduated: 1986  
Spouse and children: Bill McQueary; Tom, Tim and Toby  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Jennifer Pulis  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 3 Years  
Number of years in education: 2 Years  
Current position and school: Paraeducator

High school attended: Grandfall-Royalty ISD  
College attended: Angelo State University, Sul Ross University  
Graduated: Currently attending UTPB  
Children: Kiefer and Kirstyn  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Malinda Zant  
District employed: Forsan ISD  
Number of years employed: 16 Years  
Number of years in education: 19 Years  
Current position and school: 2nd

Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1980  
College attended: UTPB  
Graduated: 1984  
Spouse and children: Tye Zant  
Other careers besides education: None



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Name: Beverley  
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District employed:  
rsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 11  
Number of years  
education: 11  
Current position  
and school:  
gistrar, Forsan



Name: Bob  
Fishback  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 22  
Number of years  
in education: 25  
Current position  
and school:  
Technology admin-  
istrator, Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Coahoma High  
School  
Graduated: 1975  
College attended: West Texas State  
University in Canyon  
Graduated: 1978  
Spouse and children: Jeanine, Jerrod  
and Megan  
Other careers besides education:  
None

Name: Anson  
1972  
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children: Dale  
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Name: Wayne  
Rotan  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 8  
Number of years  
in education: 13  
Current position  
and school:  
Superintendent;  
Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Sweetwater  
High School in Sweetwater  
Graduated: 1987  
College attended: Texas Tech  
University  
Graduated: 1990  
Spouse and children: Stephaine;  
Reagan and Shelby  
Other careers besides education:  
None



Name: Madge  
Patterson  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 11  
Number of years  
in education: 11  
Current position  
and school: English  
teacher, Forsan  
Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Mineral Wells  
High School in Mineral Wells  
Graduated: 1966  
College attended: Texas Tech  
University in Lubbock  
Graduated: 1970  
Spouse and children: Ray Patterson;  
Leslie, Shelley, Shawn and Mike  
Other careers besides education:  
Legal assistant.



Name: Milton  
(Tommy) B.  
Thompson IV  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 6  
Number of years  
in education: 9  
Current position  
and school: Social  
studies/coach; Forsan Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Permian High  
School in Odessa  
Graduated: 1990  
College attended: Tarleton State  
University in Stephenville  
Graduated: 1995  
Spouse and children: Lisa  
Thompson; Hannah  
Other careers besides education: A  
youth director in the Presbyterian  
Church

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Name: Keith  
Stone  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 10  
Number of years  
in education: 17  
Current position  
and school:  
Principal; Forsan  
Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Coahoma High  
School  
Graduated: 1975  
College attended: Howard College,  
Angelo State University in San Angelo  
and Sul Ross State University in Alpine  
Graduated: 1977, 1979 and  
2001  
Children: David, Logan and  
Mackenzie

Name: Glenda  
Donald  
District employed:  
san ISD

Number of years  
employed: 12 Years  
Number of years  
education: 15  
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Current position  
and school: 5th

d: Stamford High

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children: Terry  
Jansen  
ides education:



Name: Bradly  
Batla  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 1  
Number of years  
in education: 1  
Current position  
and school: Math  
teacher, Forsan  
Jr./Senior High  
High school attended: Garden City  
High School  
Graduated: 1997  
College attended: Texas Tech  
University, Lubbock  
Graduated: 2002



Name: Cynthia  
Breyman  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 3 Years  
Number of years  
in education: 4  
Years  
Current position  
and school: 4th  
Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Andrews High  
School  
Graduated: 1975  
College attended: Howard College  
and UTPB  
Graduated: 2000  
Spouse and children: Chuck  
Breyman; Daniel, Amanda, Ben and  
John Tyler  
Other careers besides education:  
Secretarial and co-business owner



Angie Gutierrez  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 5 Years  
Number of years  
in education: 5  
Years  
Current position  
and school: Campus  
Secretary  
High school attended: Big Spring  
High School  
Graduated: yes  
College attended: Howard College  
Graduated:  
Spouse and children: Will Gutierrez;  
Chris, Brody and Aaron  
Other careers besides education:  
Clerical-Secretarial



Debra Seal  
District  
employed: Forsan  
ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 6 Years  
Number of years  
in education: 12  
Years  
Current position  
and school: 4th  
Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Permian High  
School  
Graduated: 1971  
College attended: UTPB  
Graduated: 1991  
Spouse and children: Byron Seal;  
Shandy, Scott, Toby and Justin  
Other careers besides education:  
Retail



Stacey Park  
District employed:  
Forsan ISD  
Number of years  
employed: 3 Years  
Number of years  
in education: 3  
Years  
Current position  
and school: 1st  
Grade Teacher  
High school attended: Coahoma High  
School  
Graduated: 1989  
College attended: UTPB  
Graduated: 1998  
Spouse and children: Dave Park; Ian  
and Alex  
Other careers besides education:  
Secretarial

Name: Ashley A.  
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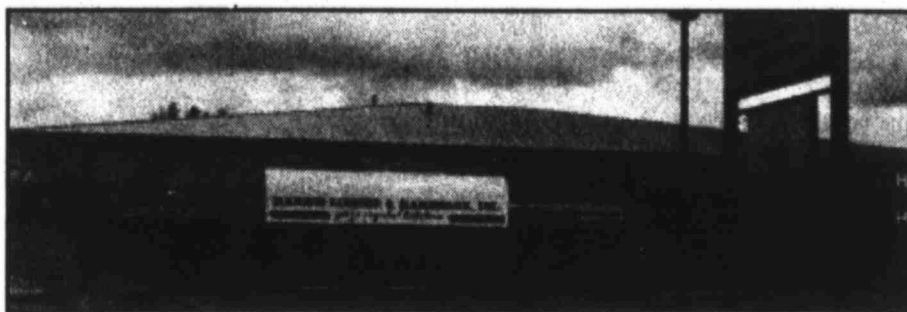
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Name: Dottie Rogers  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 11  
Number of years in education: 20  
Current position & School: Language Arts 9, Pre-AP 9,

Advanced Placement 11  
High School attended: Ballinger, TX  
Graduated: 1957  
College Attended: Univ. of Arizona, Western N.M. Univ.  
Graduated: 1978  
Spouse & Children: Grady Rogers (spouse), Karen Gath Right, Toni King, Greg Lee, Mark Lee & Russell Rogers  
Other career besides Education: Banking, Geological Spectrographer, Bus. Mgr. of a school



Name: Nancy Thornton  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position & School: Biology & Models of Math -

Coahoma High School  
High School attended: Seymour, TX  
College Attended: Texas A&M University  
Spouse & Children: Married and have 3 children  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Kim Nichols  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 28  
Number of years in education: 28  
Current position & School: Asst. Football, Head Boys

Basketball, Girls/Boys Golf, Ath. Trainer, Health and Drivers Ed.  
High School attended: Jayton High School  
Graduated: 1971  
College Attended: West Texas State  
Graduated: 1976  
Spouse & Children: Kathy, Blake & Lauren  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Mike Conley  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 26  
Number of years in education: 30  
Current position & School: High School Teacher

High School attended: A.N. McCallum Austin, TX  
Graduated: 1966  
College Attended: Harding College Searcy, Ark - Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1971  
Spouse & Children: Carrie (wife) Elizabeth & Megan  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Mrs. Mary Rowell  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 17  
Number of years in education: 37  
Current position & School: English IV AP, and Applications

Communication Coahoma High  
High School attended: Ector High School - Odessa, TX  
Graduated: 1961  
College Attended: West Texas State University - Canyon, TX  
Graduated: 1968  
Spouse & Children: Doe Rowell (husband) Matthew and Wesley (sons)  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Linda Best  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 2  
Current position & School: Teacher BCIS

High School attended: Denver City, TX  
Graduated: 1967  
College Attended: Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1971  
Spouse & Children: Douglas (spouse) - 3 children, 3 grandchildren  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Mark McLean  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 24  
Number of years in education: 25  
Current position & School: Industrial Technology - High

High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1969  
College Attended: UTPB - Odessa, TX  
Graduated: 1998  
Other career besides Education: Banking



Name: Donna Bibb  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 22  
Current position & School: Family Consumer Science

High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1977  
College Attended: Abilene Christian Univ.  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse & Children: Steve Bibb (spouse) Trevor, Terrell & Teryn  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Aaron Custer  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position & School: Ag/Wildlife/Horticulture - 8th-12th

High School attended: Reagan County High School  
Graduated: 1990  
College Attended: Sul Ross, Tarleton, Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse & Children: Jessica (spouse) Emilee (daughter)  
Other career besides Education: Agriculture, Finance



Name: Sandy Wegman  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 12  
Number of years in education: 12  
Current position & School: Social Studies - Coahoma

Junior High  
High School attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1967  
College Attended: Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1971  
Spouse & Children: Stan Wegman  
Other career besides Education: Assistant V.P. at 7th largest insurance agency in the world - Houston office. worked in insurance field for almost 20 years.



Name: Gwen Stanislaus  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 19  
Number of years in education: 30  
Current position & School: Junior High & High School Art

High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1969  
College Attended: UTPB - Odessa, TX  
Graduated: 1998  
Other career besides Education: Banking



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Name: Coley Dobbs  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 6  
Number of years in education: 6  
Current position & School: Special Ed., Multimedia Teacher,  
attended: A.N.

Football, Basketball, Powerlifting, Baseball Coach  
High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1990  
College Attended: University of Texas - Austin  
Graduated: 1994  
Spouse & Children: Shawna(spouse) Keegan(son)  
Other career besides Education: Worked at Big Spring State Hospital



Name: Dicky Stone  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 16  
Number of years in education: 16  
Current position & School: High School Teacher - Geometry & Algebra  
High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1971  
College Attended: Howard College - UTPB  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse & Children: Jessica Faye Stone (daughter)  
Other career besides Education: No

School Teacher - Geometry & Algebra  
High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1971  
College Attended: Howard College - UTPB  
Graduated: 1974  
Spouse & Children: Jessica Faye Stone (daughter)  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Kay Pittman  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 11  
Number of years in education: 26  
Current position & School: Technology Teacher - High School  
High School attended: Seagraves HS Seagraves  
Graduated: 1971  
College Attended: West Texas State Univ. Canyon  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Dale Pittman (spouse) Jessica & Jennifer  
Other career besides Education: City Development

Teacher - High School  
High School attended: Seagraves HS Seagraves  
Graduated: 1971  
College Attended: West Texas State Univ. Canyon  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Dale Pittman (spouse) Jessica & Jennifer  
Other career besides Education: City Development



Name: Sherry Lynn Rowden  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 22  
Number of years in education: 22  
Current position & School: Gifted/Talented Coordinator/Teacher  
Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Coahoma High School - Rotan  
Graduated: 1972  
College Attended: University of Texas  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Hubert L. Rowden; Jarred Layne Rowden, Monty Kurt Rowden  
Other career besides Education: No other career

Gifted/Talented Coordinator/Teacher  
Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Coahoma High School - Rotan  
Graduated: 1972  
College Attended: University of Texas  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Hubert L. Rowden; Jarred Layne Rowden, Monty Kurt Rowden  
Other career besides Education: No other career



Name: Diana Best  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 10  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position & School: First Grade - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Coahoma High School - Coahoma  
Graduated: 1973  
College Attended: Howard college, Lubbock Christian & UTPB  
Graduated: 1991  
Spouse & Children: Jo B. Best; Karen Reagan, Josh and Benjamin Best  
Other career besides Education: No

Elementary  
High School attended: Coahoma High School - Coahoma  
Graduated: 1973  
College Attended: Howard college, Lubbock Christian & UTPB  
Graduated: 1991  
Spouse & Children: Jo B. Best; Karen Reagan, Josh and Benjamin Best  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Bill Kingston  
District employed: Coahoma  
Number of years employed: 4 1/2  
Number of years in education: 23  
Current position and school: Superintendent  
High school attended: Fluvanna High School, Fluvanna, Texas  
Graduated: 1962  
College attended: Texas Tech, 1962  
Graduated: Texas A&M, 1973  
Spouse and children: Wife Sammie  
Other careers besides education: Asst. Professor, Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station

High school attended: Fluvanna High School, Fluvanna, Texas  
Graduated: 1962  
College attended: Texas Tech, 1962  
Graduated: Texas A&M, 1973  
Spouse and children: Wife Sammie  
Other careers besides education: Asst. Professor, Texas A&M Agricultural Experiment Station



Name: Jodi Sprinkle  
District employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 2  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position and school: Fourth teacher, Coahoma Elementary  
High school attended: Wink  
Graduated: 1996  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 2000  
Spouse and children: Coach Sprinkle  
Other careers besides education: None

Elementary  
High school attended: Wink  
Graduated: 1996  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 2000  
Spouse and children: Coach Sprinkle  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Mavis Morton  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 21  
Number of years in education: 21  
Current position & School: Third Grade Coahoma  
Elementary  
High School attended: Alamogordo High School - Alamogordo, NM  
College Attended: UTPB - Odessa, TX  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse & Children: Jeff Morton

Elementary  
High School attended: Alamogordo High School - Alamogordo, NM  
College Attended: UTPB - Odessa, TX  
Graduated: 1981  
Spouse & Children: Jeff Morton



Name: Robin Stephens  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 19  
Current position & School: First Grade  
Teacher - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Denver City High School - Denver City, TX  
Graduated: 1980  
College Attended: Sul Ross State University - Alpine, TX  
Graduated: 1983  
Other career besides Education: No

Teacher - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Denver City High School - Denver City, TX  
Graduated: 1980  
College Attended: Sul Ross State University - Alpine, TX  
Graduated: 1983  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Kathy Nichols  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 28  
Number of years in education: 29 so far  
Current position & School: Kindergarten Teacher Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Rotan High School - Rotan, TX  
Graduated: 1970  
College Attended: Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Coach, Kim Nichols; Blake & Lauren  
Other career besides Education: Commercial Artist

Kindergarten Teacher Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Rotan High School - Rotan, TX  
Graduated: 1970  
College Attended: Texas Tech  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Coach, Kim Nichols; Blake & Lauren  
Other career besides Education: Commercial Artist

Name: Patricia Bennett  
District employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 14  
Number of years in education: 18  
Current position and school: Assitant principal, Coahoma Elementary  
High school attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo; and UTPB, Odessa  
Graduated: 1986, 2002  
Spouse and children: Larry Bennett; Christy and Brett  
Other careers besides education: None

Graduated: 1974  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo; and UTPB, Odessa  
Graduated: 1986, 2002  
Spouse and children: Larry Bennett; Christy and Brett  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Brandi Massey  
District employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 1st year  
Number of years in education: 8  
Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher, Coahoma Elementary  
High school attended: Tivy High School, Kerrville  
Graduated: 1991  
College attended: Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse and children: John Massey; Jake and Jaden  
Other careers besides education: None

teacher, Coahoma Elementary  
High school attended: Tivy High School, Kerrville  
Graduated: 1991  
College attended: Stephen F. Austin University, Nacogdoches  
Graduated: 1996  
Spouse and children: John Massey; Jake and Jaden  
Other careers besides education: None



Name: Zane Yeater  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 10  
Current position & School: 5th/6th Grade Science & Technology - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Lake View H.S. - San Angelo, TX  
Graduated: 1987  
College Attended: Tarleton State Univ. - Stephenville, TX  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse & Children: Tommy; Yanci(daughter), Blaze(son)  
Other career besides Education: No

Technology - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Lake View H.S. - San Angelo, TX  
Graduated: 1987  
College Attended: Tarleton State Univ. - Stephenville, TX  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse & Children: Tommy; Yanci(daughter), Blaze(son)  
Other career besides Education: No



Name: Karen Carman  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 15  
Current position & School: Second Grade - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: wheat Ridge - Wheat Ridge, CO  
College Attended: Univ. No. Colorado - Greeley, CO  
Spouse & Children: Orrn; Brian & Sarah  
Other career besides Education: Travel Agent

Grade - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: wheat Ridge - Wheat Ridge, CO  
College Attended: Univ. No. Colorado - Greeley, CO  
Spouse & Children: Orrn; Brian & Sarah  
Other career besides Education: Travel Agent



Name: Rita Gilbreath  
District employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 31  
Current position and school: Fourth teacher, Coahoma Elementary  
High school attended: Levelland  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: South Plains College and Texas Tech University, Texas Tech, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1970, 1972  
Spouse and children: Martin Mosser  
Other careers besides education: None

High school attended: Levelland  
Graduated: 1968  
College attended: South Plains College and Texas Tech University, Texas Tech, Lubbock  
Graduated: 1970, 1972  
Spouse and children: Martin Mosser  
Other careers besides education: None

Name: Kim Bridges  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position & School: Pre - K Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Sierra Blanca High School - Sierra Blanca, TX  
Graduated: 1981  
College Attended: WTC - Snyder, ASU - San Angelo, TX  
Graduated: 1999  
Spouse & Children: Larry Bridges; Courtney & Crystal Bridges  
Other career besides Education: Homemaker

Name: Matt Gafford  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 3  
Current position & School: IPC Teacher/Coach Cohoma High School  
High School attended: Spearman High - Spearman, TX  
Graduated: 1996  
College Attended: Angelo State - San Angelo, TX  
Graduated: 2000  
Spouse & Children: Elise (wife)  
Other career besides Education: No

Name: Jimmy D. Edmondson  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 3  
Number of years in education: 4  
Current position & School: Math - Coahoma Junior High  
High School attended: San Saba High - San Saba, TX  
Graduated: 1976  
College Attended: Tarleton State University  
Graduated: 2001  
Spouse & Children: Karen  
Other career besides Education: Retired USAF Aircraft Mechanic

Name: William Dean Richters  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 16  
Number of years in education: 21  
Current position & School: Teacher/Coach  
High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1970  
College Attended: Sul Ross  
Graduated: 1975  
Spouse & Children: Kathy(wife) Terry McMahon(son) Rickey Dean Richters(son) Sara Fontana(daughter)  
Other career besides Education: Construction (metal)

Name: Brad Harmon  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 1  
Number of years in education: 5  
Current position & School: High School - World Geography, Head Baseball Coach, Varsity Football Coach  
High School attended: Marble Falls H.S. - marble Falls, TX  
Graduated: 1994  
College Attended: Angelo State Univ.  
Graduated: 1998  
Other career besides Education: No

Name: Sharon Nachlinger  
District employed: Coahoma  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 5 1/2  
Current position and school: Kindergarten, Coahoma  
High school attended: Hermleigh High School, Hermleigh, Texas  
Graduated: 1981  
College attended: Angelo State University  
Graduated: 1997  
Other careers besides education: Photo lab



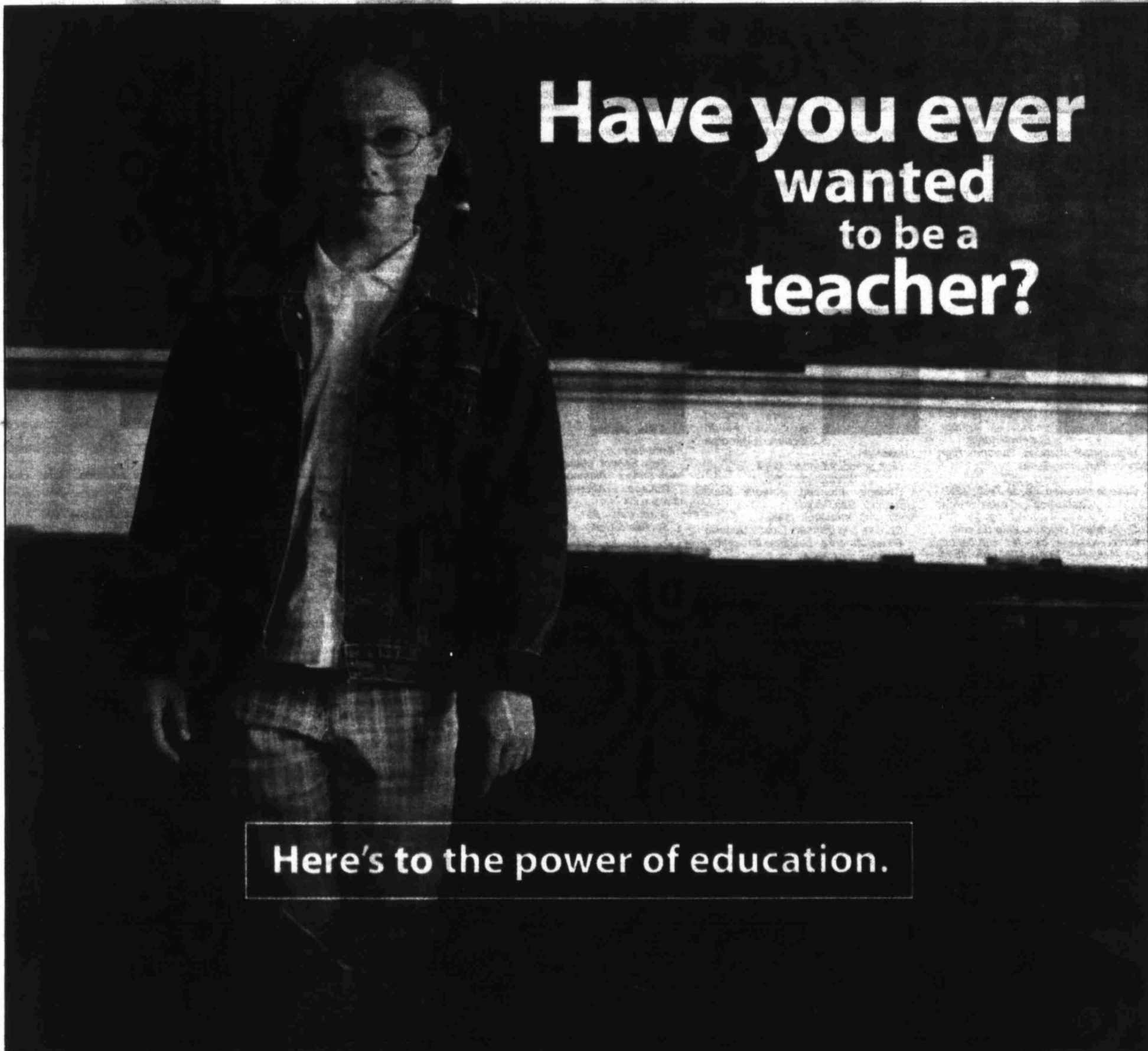
Name: Sheila Holt  
District employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 5  
Number of years in education: 6  
Current position and school: Kindergarten teacher, Coahoma Elementary  
High school attended: Westbrook High School, Westbrook  
Graduated: 1994  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1998  
Spouse and children: Jay Holt, daughter Jayden Brooke

Elementary  
High school attended: Westbrook High School, Westbrook  
Graduated: 1994  
College attended: Angelo State University, San Angelo  
Graduated: 1998  
Spouse and children: Jay Holt, daughter Jayden Brooke

Name: Gena Franke  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 16  
Number of years in education: 19  
Current position & School: High School & Jr. High Teacher  
High School attended: Coahoma High School  
Graduated: 1967  
College Attended: McMurry  
Graduated: 1971  
Spouse & Children: Don Franke(spouse) Kriste Franke Davis(daughter)  
Other career besides Education: No

Name: Shawna Dobbs  
District Employed: Coahoma ISD  
Number of years employed: 4  
Number of years in education: 11 1/2  
Current position & School: 5/6 Math - Coahoma Elementary  
High School attended: Big Spring High School  
Graduated: 1989  
College Attended: Angelo State Univ. - San Angelo, TX  
Graduated: 1992  
Spouse & Children: Coley Dobbs; Keegan  
Other career besides Education: No





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**Cotton harvest  
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for region  
appears to be  
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## Cover story



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Cotton plants appear healthy from the road, but a walk in some fields shows that fewer bolls than might be expected as well as insect invasion.

## COTTON: *Experts finding it very difficult to predict what harvest will be*

**R**ain, no rain. Sun, no sun. It's the saga of the farmer. None know it better than those who grow cotton.

Ask around about this year's crop and you'll get as many answers as there are fields and farmers. And that's a lot.

"Honestly, it's hard to say. Plants are looking good, but this was a very unusual year for us. Some fields will do well and some won't do worth a flip," said Tommy Yeater, Texas Cooperative Extension agent for Howard

County.

Heavy May rains led to widespread replanting throughout the Permian Basin and much of West Texas. Crops then didn't get another decent rain until late August.

"Assuming optimum weather conditions, some growers say their crop might produce as much as a bale per acre, while others estimate half that amount. All agree that lack of rainfall in July severely affected potential production in a negative way," said Rick Liles, Farm Service Agency director.

"It appears that of the 110,000

acres of cotton in Howard County, virtually all will be carried to harvest. Local producers believe that a warm dry fall will result in most cotton acres being stripped," said Liles. "Just how much cotton will be produced seems to be anybody's guess, though."

"The plants are looking real good, but when you walk out into some fields, you'll notice a lot of problems," said Yeater. "It's been a bunch of things that have contributed to it."

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# NEW VISION:

## Moore Development head says regional concept is solution

**I**t's time for a new vision in economic development in West Texas, according to Kent Sharp, executive director of Moore Development for Big Spring Inc.

"Too many of us have had the old-fashioned view of economic development," Sharp said, noting that too many times, communities expect economic development professionals to recruit large industries from outside the state that would bring hundreds of jobs.

"We have to be more diverse than that today," Sharp added. "We've got to look at what we have to offer here in West Texas and we need to market ourselves in a much broader scope."

While West Texans are used to suffering through the highs and lows of commodity-based markets in agribusiness and the oil and gas industry, the trend to technology-driven trades is leaving its mark on the region.

According to the Perryman Group, a Waco-based economic research firm, the population of Texas grew by almost 4 million between 1992 and 2002 with 71.7 percent of that gain experienced in the state's six largest metropolitan areas.

Yet, in the last 20 years, much of West Texas has seen a decline in population growth as the population seems to be shifting more toward those metropolitan areas.

Compared to the population with most of state, West Texas is quite sparsely populated.

Out of all the communities in five councils of governments in West Texas, only six cities have a population count of 100,000 or more if Midland and Odessa are included as one area.

Big Spring and Plainview are the only towns with a 20,000-plus population in the area.

The slowest growth change was generally concentrated in mid-size cities such as Abilene, Odessa-Midland and San Angelo.

Those areas have been hampered by weakness in petroleum and refining segments of their economies.

In the Permian Basin, which is largely dominated by the energy producing field, a change in commodity prices can clearly impact the area's economy.

"For instance, in 2001 the 17 counties comprising the Permian Basin produced almost 166 million barrels of oil," Sharp said. "The top four producing counties in 2001 in the Basin were Gaines County at 33.3 million; Andrews County at 26.2 million; Ector County at 21.8 million; and Midland County at 11.4 million.

"Howard County was the eighth largest in terms of oil production at 7.5 million barrels," he added. "A \$5 rise or drop in the price per barrel of oil on 166 million barrels can have an \$800 million impact on the area's economy. And that is at the producer level which does not take into consideration the value added processes and numerous service sectors associated with oil production."

The fluctuation creates a domino effect for the rest the area's economy, Sharp continued.

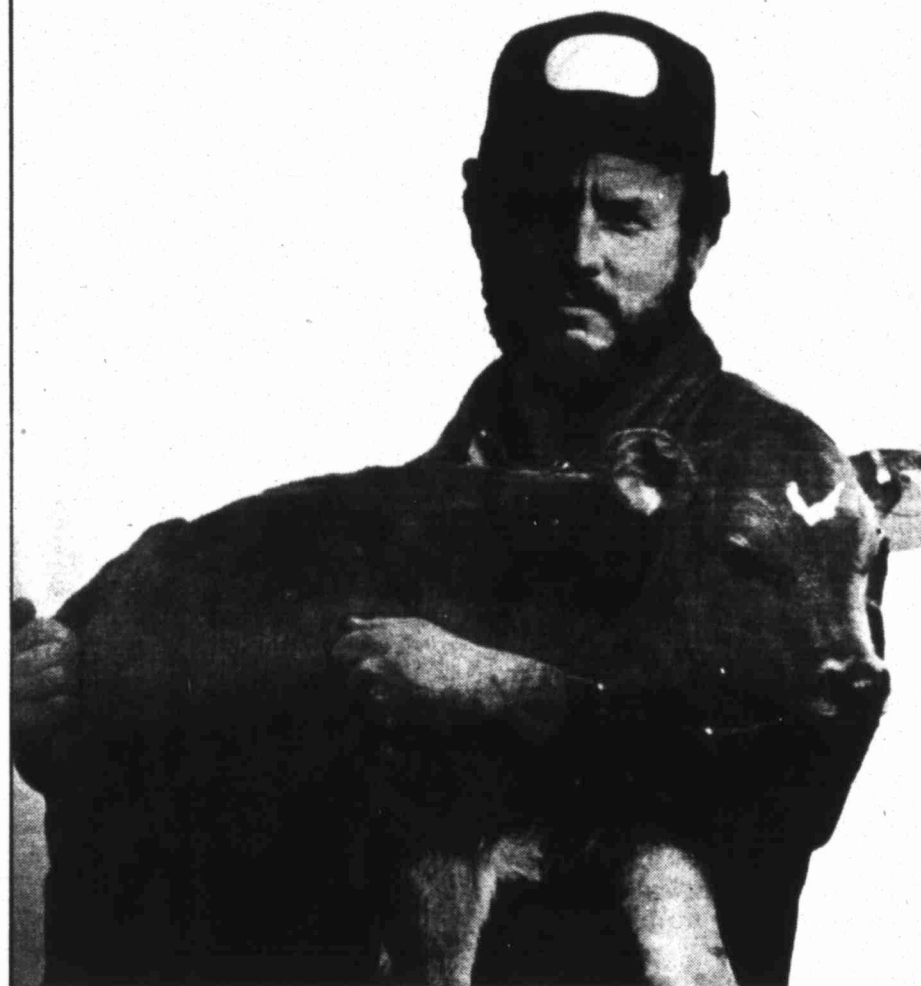
But commodities do not completely rule West Texas.

Major West Texas cities such as Lubbock, Amarillo, San Angelo and Abilene and Wichita Falls used to have two things in common when it came to economic stability — a university or college and governmental/military institutions that helped insulate the effects of the agriculture and energy markets' swings, Sharp said.

While military bases and governmental agencies have become somewhat of an endangered species list, making the future even more uncertain, there are some exceptions to the rule.

For example, Howard County, the third largest in the 17-county Permian Basin area, has a established state mental health hospital, federal veterans health care system and five prisons — allowing a strong portion of the county's workforce to be employed in some type of governmental or government-related job.

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## Health

# VA MEDICAL CENTER: CARES Commission draft plan spurs Big Spring, vets into action

**A** proposed national plan by an independent commission of the Department of Veteran's Affairs could dramatically impact the way West Texas veterans receive health care in the future.

In early August, the Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services (CARES) Commission released a restructuring plan to realign medical services for the VA that includes major mission changes at 13 facilities including closures of hospitals in Canandaigua, N.Y.; Pittsburgh; Lexington, Ky.; Brecksville, Ohio; Gulfport, Miss.; Livermore, Calif.; and Waco.

Locally, the recommendation calls for closing inpatient surgical care at the Big Spring VA Medical Center and performing a feasibility study to move veterans health services from Big Spring to the Midland/Odessa area.

The study would also include building a nursing home, a service currently provided by the Big Spring hospital, and expansion of an existing clinic to a multi-specialty out patient clinic.

This shift in health care services would essentially mean the closure of the Big Spring facility — a proposal that has drawn vocal concern from a large number of West Texas veterans.

Serving veterans for more than 50 years, the VA Medical Center is located at 300 Veterans Boulevard in Big Spring and is a secondary care level facility, offering primary medical care, subspecialties in medicine and surgery, mental health and extended care.



An aerial view of the Big Spring VA Medical Center which could face closure if the Department of Veterans Affairs follows through with a proposed plan included in the initial CARES Commission plan. Courtesy photo

Geographically, the system encompasses 74,000 square miles in West Texas and one county in southeastern New Mexico.

Fifty-seven percent of the 62,300 veterans served by the Big Spring VA live closer to Big Spring than the Midland/Odessa area.

The facility oversees six community based outpatient clinics located

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# EXPECTING A BABY: *Second trimester of pregnancy makes it more real for mother*

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During months 4 through 5 is when a pregnant woman first starts showing, and people can tell you are actually pregnant instead of just gaining weight. It is the trimester that you are just starting to share the joyous news of the up an coming addition to your family.

The most common waiting period before a pregnant woman starts to tell everyone beyond immediate



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family that she is expecting, is three months, but I could not wait that long. I began sharing a little over two months into my pregnancy.

After the three-month period I no longer got sick, except on rare occasions. Although I never really got sick that often, I felt nauseous for the entire first three months.

The second trimester is when most people say that pregnant women begin to glow, and that is because you are finally starting to feel pregnant with the growth of your belly. This is when you have to start buying maternity clothes and you have outgrown even your baggiest clothes.

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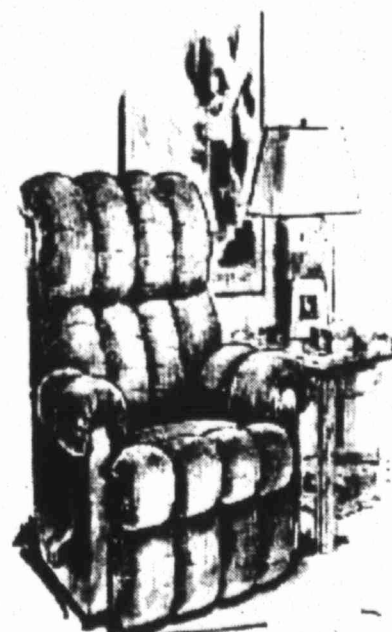
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## Health

# PROSTATE CANCER: *Aggressive treatment helping younger men*

**A**lthough underused, aggressive treatments, such as complete removal of the prostate gland, can improve the survival of older men with early prostate cancer, new research suggests.

Men younger than 60 years of age with early prostate cancer are 25 times more likely than men age 70 years of age or older to undergo "radical" surgery, authors of the research report explain, perhaps because of a perception that older men are unlikely to benefit from such therapy.

Dr. Shabbir M.H. Alibhai from University Health Network in Toronto and Canadian colleagues used a special statistical model based on past data to compare radical surgery, radiation and regular observation in older men with prostate cancer.

The new findings are published in the *Journal of Clinical Oncology*.

For most men over age 65 with really early disease, regular observation seemed to produce the best balance between increasing survival and not impairing quality of life.

For men with slightly more advanced disease, the best treatment was less clear. Surgery seemed to be the best choice for men younger than 65 years of age, but it was unclear whether observation became the best option starting at 65 years old or at 75.

For otherwise healthy men with the most advanced disease, sur-



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## Health

# CHILDHOOD OBESITY: Rate has tripled in last 20 years

**O**besity has been a problem in people for a very long time, but children are now facing it more than ever. The surgeon general's office says that the prevalence of overweightness in children has tripled over the past two decades.

According to dietitian with Rolling Plains Memorial Hospital in Sweetwater, Brenda Hollis, 34 percent of U.S. adults are considered overweight while an additional 31 percent are obese. In addition, 15 percent of our children ages 6 to 19 are considered overweight while 10 percent of children ages 2 to 5 are considered overweight.

What's even scarier is the fact that more children are developing what we consider adult diseases due to obesity or being overweight. Eduardo J. Sanchez, M.D., commissioner for the Texas Department of Health says that already a million kids have developed cardiovascular problems. The surgeon general's office says that risk factors for heart disease, such as high cholesterol and high blood pressure are seen more in overweight children or adolescents compared to children with a healthy weight.

Type 2 diabetes, which was also considered an adult disease, has increased dramatically in children and adolescents. Diabetes, if not controlled, can cause blindness, the loss of limbs and other ailments.

There are a variety of reasons that children are more overweight these days. The number one rea-

## Surgeon general's advice on nutrition:

1. Encourage your child to eat when hungry and to eat slowly;
2. Eat meals together as a family whenever possible;
3. Don't place your child on a restrictive diet;
4. Avoid the use of food as a reward and avoid withholding food as punishment;
5. Encourage children to drink water and limit intake of beverages with added sugars, such as soft drinks, fruit juice drinks and sports drinks;
6. Plan for healthy snacks;
7. Aim to eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables per day;
8. Discourage eating while watching TV; and
9. Eat a healthy breakfast to start off the day.

son is a lack of physical activity linked with unhealthy eating. More and more children spend time inside playing video games, spending time on the computer or Internet and watching television and spend less time outside doing any type of physical play or activity. The surgeon general says that 43 percent of adolescents watch more than two hours of television each day.

The surgeon general's office also points out that children, especially girls, become less active as they get older.

Genetics also plays a role in determining if a child will be obese or not. Overweight parents have a pretty good chance of producing overweight offspring, not

only due to genes but also due to the lifestyle that they teach their children. Overweight adolescents have a 70 percent chance of becoming overweight or obese adults. This increases to 80 percent if at least one parent is overweight or obese.

In addition to health problems, the obesity epidemic is costing us \$33 billion per year on weight loss products and services. The overall economic cost of obesity in the United States, according to Hollis, was \$117 billion in 2000.

So, what do we do to keep our children from becoming overweight and later becoming overweight adults? As far as nutrition goes, the Center for Disease Control offers six recommenda-

tions:

- Eat a variety of foods;
- Balance food eaten with physical activity to maintain or improve weight;
- Eat plenty of grain products, vegetables and fruits;
- Choose a diet low in fat, saturated fat and cholesterol;
- Choose a diet moderate in sugars; and
- Choose a diet moderate in salt and sodium.

Hollis also says to "eat sensible portions." She pointed out that today most people think a regular portion is much larger than it really is and that most restaurants serve huge portions that should probably be cut in half.

The surgeon general's office offers more advice on nutrition:

- Encourage your child to eat when hungry and to eat slowly;
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Many Texas schools are now offering their students breakfast in the classroom as a way to help them get a healthy start to the day. Sweetwater ISD is currently doing just that. J.P. Cowen Elementary started a pilot program during the 2001-2002 school year, as requested by the cafeteria manager. Principal, Leesa Toliver, said that since beginning the program, J.P. Cowen has seen improved student behavior as well as fewer trips to the nurse's office for stomachaches and headaches.

Other positive results of this program include better test scores. Although Toliver and the school district cannot directly link the improved scores with the breakfast program, she says that giving them a nutritious breakfast that they may not get at home, combined with a before-school exercise and a water bottle on each student's desk does not hurt. Those activities also help fight obesity in those students.

Physical activity is a must for children to stay healthy. Here are some suggestions offered by the surgeon general on that subject:

- Get at least 60 minutes of moderate physical activity 5 to 7 days

per week and 30 minutes if you are an adult. Even greater amounts of activity may be necessary for the prevention of weight gain or weight loss and for sustaining weight loss;

- Plan family activities that provide everyone with exercise and enjoyment;

- Provide a safe environment for your children and their friends to play actively; encourage swimming, biking, skating, ball sports and other fun activities; and

- Reduce the amount of time you and your family spends in sedentary activities, such as watching TV or playing video games. Limit TV time to less than two hours per day.

Sanchez says he believes that the first step in fighting obesity is to make sure that everyone knows that there is a direct link between obesity and disease and illness. Not only are overweight people more apt to become diabetic or have heart problems, obesity is also linked to increasing a person's chances of getting cancer.

The second step is to concentrate on school-age children and to help them develop life-long good eating habits while they are young as well as to teach them the benefits and fun of physical activity.

Some people may wonder if their child is considered overweight

obese.

One way to determine that is by measuring the child's Body Mass Index (BMI), which can be calculated by measurements of height and weight. For more information on BMI, visit [www.cdc.gov/growthcharts](http://www.cdc.gov/growthcharts), or ask your child's doctor.

For a child who is overweight, his diet should always be safe and nutritious and include all of the Recommended Dietary Allowances (RDAs) for vitamins, minerals and protein and contain the foods from the major Food Guide Pyramid groups.

Any weight-loss diet should be low in calories only, not in essential nutrients, according to the surgeon general's office.

All weight loss should be gradual. A lifestyle change should be the goal, not a quick fix through crash diets or diet pills, which can compromise growth and are not recommended by many health care professionals.

If your child is in fact obese or overweight, remember to let that

child know he is loved and appreciated no matter what his weight may be.

That child, more than most, needs support, acceptance and encouragement from their parents. Also, focus on your child's health and positive qualities, not your child's weight. This will more encourage a child to get started on a healthier lifestyle.

Most importantly, be a good role model for your child and live healthy yourself.

According to the surgeon general, if your child sees you enjoying healthy foods and physical activity, he is more likely to do the same for the rest of his life.

It is also important to remember that an appropriate goal for many overweight children is to maintain their current weight while growing normally in height.

Of course, it is also important to ask the advice of a physician before changing a child's diet or exercise patterns drastically, and any child who is severely obese does need to see a physician.

sistent in the second trimester, which can make some mothers worry. I have heard expecting mothers say, "I wonder if the baby is okay. He has not moved in days." However, it is very normal not to feel movement for days at the beginning. The movement is more constant in the third trimester.

The second trimester begins to prepare you for the most difficult part of the pregnancy, which is the third trimester. This time also gives you the chance to really get use to the idea that there is actually a living person inside that will arrive in about six months.

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## BABY

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family reunion and had just turned in for the night on a bunk bed in a room with my mother. I had always wondered if I would be able to tell if it was the baby moving or if I would think it was just gas. I could definitely tell the difference. It was like tiny fists were punching the inside of my belly.

Unfortunately my husband was not there the first time our son moved, but I was able to share it with him as soon as I returned home. Of course, no one besides the woman carrying the baby can feel the baby's movement until the third trimester, but talking about it with your spouse can help him feel more a part of the pregnancy.

The movement is not very con-

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gery and radiation were equally effective methods of improving survival in men up to 85 years of age.

Overall, the benefits of these potentially curative treatments were restricted to men without a lot of other coexisting diseases.

"Based on all of the data accumulating, I believe there is a sur-

vival advantage to treating patients with either surgery or (radiation), although the gains may be huge or more modest...given the uncertainty of the data," said Alibhai.

"Many men aged 70 to 80 who are generally well or have well-controlled, stable diseases such as diabetes, asthma or hypertension, will benefit from aggressive therapy for (serious) disease," said Alibhai. "I believe we need to be more aggressive in treating this group of patients."



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That makes Big Spring and Howard County one of the only communities insulated from swings in the oil and gas business.

"Midland and Odessa are an exception as well," Sharp explained. "They have the University of Texas of the Permian Basin, but it became a four-year university only a few years ago. The area grew on the strength of the oil and gas industry. It is so dependent that when oil and gas take a hit, the Permian Basin hurts badly."

Those circumstances make it imperative, Sharp says, for West Texans to think regionally when it comes to economic development.

"That's why I think we need to look at a West Texas economic research and marketing coalition

**"We need to develop more cooperative situations where employees own businesses and we need to look at businesses we haven't heretofore considered ... like energy arbitrage. That's a viable business for us here in West Texas ... it's a natural."**



SHARP

that would be made up of the region served by four councils of government — the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, the South Plains COG, the Concho Valley COG and the West Central Texas COG," Sharp said.

"That's 64 counties with 1.2 million people," he added. "Yes, it's a big area, but really do have to start

thinking regionally. With an area that size, you could operate an extremely strong research and marketing program at a cost of about \$1 per capita.

"The problem is educating people to understand that what's good for the entire region is good for us," Sharp continued. "If a regional economic development entity

recruited an industry and it wound up in Lubbock, Abilene, San Angelo or even it if were in Snyder or Stanton; that's positive for our area. As the area grows, there are more opportunities for everyone. Unfortunately, right now we don't have anything out there right now that can work for us on a regional basis."

Sharp also stressed that economic development agencies already in existence, like Moore Development, must "think outside the traditional box."

"We need to develop more cooperative situations where employees own businesses and we need to look at businesses we haven't heretofore considered ... like energy arbitrage. That's a viable business for us here in West Texas ... it's a natural," Sharp explained.

"The bottom line," he concluded, "is that we've got to work smarter. We've got to be more efficient and more effective."

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ed in Abilene; Odessa; San Angelo; Hobbs, N.M.; Stamford; and Fort Stockton.

Since the announcement of the plan, the Big Spring community has sent numerous letters to the CARES commission to voice concerns on the proposed closure.

A three-week petition drive headed Big Spring High juniors, Logan Churchwell, Corey Green and Manoj Thangam collected more than 10,000 signatures to protest the possible closing.

The petition was presented to a five-person CARES Commission panel during a hearing held in El Paso last week by Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen.

Local leaders with the strong support of U.S. Congressman Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock,

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met recently with VA Undersecretary of Health Robert Roswell to find out the reason why the recommendation was inserted into the plan.

According to McEwen, one of the

three members of that delegation, the undersecretary said the recommendation was based on veteran population trends in Howard, Midland and Ector counties.

McEwen said the delegation was

able to point out the fact that the Big Spring VA hospital services both Taylor and Tom Green counties, both of which have large veteran populations.

In fact, the Big Spring location is in the center of a catchment area to all its counties, McEwen said, serving as the "hub" with "spokes" reaching out to the major populations — a point hammered throughout the testimony of McEwen, Neugebauer and Jim DeFoor, the Taylor County veteran service officer during the El Paso hearing on Sept. 18.

That hearing was one of 40 scheduled throughout the country to receive feedback and question area VA administrators on various health care concerns.

The 16-member commission is expected to make a final recommendation on the plan to the Department of Veteran's Affairs in December.

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## COTTON

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Among those negative contributions have been pests, specifically boll worms and weevils.

"We've been flushed with boll worms and weevils in some areas," said Yeater. "I walked out into some cotton the other day, about two-foot high, and normally a plant would have 10 to 12 bolls on it, and the worms have just knocked it out.

"Boll worms penetrate the boll and will ruin some of the cotton in the boll. Usually it's not that big of a problem because the plants are normally more mature by this late in the season," he explained. "But with the late start, it's a real problem."

Compounding that has been an infestation of boll weevils from the south.

"Where the Permian Basin Eradication Zone is getting a migration of weevils from is the northern Glasscock area," said De Ann Yates, zone manager.

An attempt to annex Glasscock County into the zone earlier this year failed and there is no weevil eradication project going on there at this time.

The St. Lawrence Cotton Growers Association, which has had a weevil suppression program since about 1968, began spraying at mid-month, but that doesn't include northern Glasscock County.

"The problem is contained to mainly southern Howard and southern Martin counties," Yates said. "The northern part of Howard — and even as you go up into Dawson and Borden counties — has very few to no weevils. Our year-to-date count in Dawson County is less than 12 weevils. That is compared to the area south of I-20, where we've caught some-



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Wendy Ortiz, a trapper with the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation, checks traps in Howard County. Northern Howard and Mitchell counties have been infested with weevils this season. Foundation officials say they are coming from southern Glasscock County, where there is no eradication program under way.

where around 3,000 weevils."

There are about 760,000 acres of cotton in the Permian Basin zone of which 245,000 are in the Big Spring district. Of those 245,000, approximately 40,000 have been hit by the weevil migration, Yates said.

"Because we have good cotton crops in the southern area and they were having good crops in the northern Glasscock area, which is not in the zone, we were anticipating some infestation," said Yates, who added that the foundation is working tediously to control the problem.

"The treatments the foundation provides have eliminated reproduction at this time in the Permian Basin zone. We can deal

with migration; it's the reproduction that causes a problem, not just this year but in the future," Yates said. "However, even with that problem (migration) we are able to keep it contained to mainly southern Howard and southern Martin counties."

Crop dusters are working overtime throughout much of the zone.

"I still feel very positive we can reach a level of suppressed eradication," said Yates, referring to the eradication foundation's definition of .025 weevils per trap. "We're working with producers to keep our treatments aggressive."

While cotton maturity varies widely across the three-quarter-of-a-million acres, gins in the Howard County area don't expect

to be in full swing before mid October.

Only then will the impact of the weather and insects be known for sure.

"What we need right now is some warm weather. We need more heat units. We need some 90-degree weather. And the cotton farmer, well he doesn't want rain right now," said Yeater, the day before heavy rains crashed down across the Permian Basin.

"Of course, the wheat farmer, what he needs right now is rain.

"Then again, if we get a lot of aphids, well, then the cotton farmer will want the rain to wash those off the plant. It's a real Catch-22 situation," Yeater said.

"It always has been."

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