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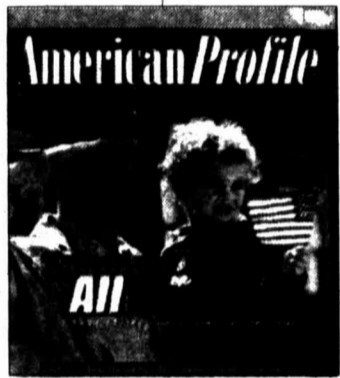
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INSIDE



Veterans Day has special meaning in Emporia, Kan. (pop. 26,760), where resident Alvin J. King first conceived the idea of making Armistice Day a day to honor all the nation's veterans.

IN BRIEF

Council won't meet

The Big Spring City Council will not convene on its regularly scheduled meeting date Tuesday due to Veterans Day.

Driver safety class

The Big Spring Senior Center and America Association of Retired Persons have scheduled a Driver Safety Program (55 Alive) course from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Thursday and Friday, Nov. 13-14.

Those who attend both days will receive a certificate good for an automobile insurance discount.

There is a \$10 fee for materials. To enroll go by the Senior Center or call the center at 267-1628.

Class sized is limited to 35.

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Women veterans to be honored by VAMC

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
Women veterans will be honored on Veteran's Day with a special reception hosted by the VA Medical Center.

"This is a special celebration for our women's veterans to thank them for the sacrifices they've made for this country and also to keep them up to date on what VA services has to offer for them," said Sharon Settles, Women's Veteran Program manager.



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The two hour reception is designed to inform women veterans about their health care bene-

fits and options available to them through the VA Health Care System.

Almost 700 women veterans live in the VAMC's 46-county service area but many do not use the hospital's services, Settles said.

"The VA is working to make women more aware of the health care services available to them as well as psychiatric care if needed," Settles said. "Women veterans need to be aware of the benefits they have earned from

the sacrifices they have made for this country."

With the changing role of women in the military over the years, Settles sees the number of women veterans growing, as well as the need for services available to them.

"There are women in combat which they have never been there before," Settles said. "There are more sexual assault trauma issues. We offer counsel

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Long-time Girl Scout adult volunteer Donna Dugger, left, her daughter, Jennifer and Girl Scout members Kelsey Garza, 6, Gabby Garza, 8, and Maggie Pollock, 11, look over several project badges. Dugger has volunteered for the organization for 21 years.

Girl Scouts: Helping young girls become tomorrow's adult leaders

By LYNDEL MOODY

Staff Writer
For 21-years, Girl Scout volunteer Donna Dugger has been trying to make a difference in the lives of young girls.

"Girl Scouts keeps them off the streets," said Dugger, a trainer for adult leaders. "It teaches them moral values and they get a lot of good experience — things that they can



United Way

develop a career out of." Although never a Girl Scout herself, Dugger first became involved with the organization

when her daughter Jennifer joined a Brownie troop.

"Girl Scouts gave her a little more confidence," Dugger said.

Nine years later Jennifer decided to quit the organization but Donna continued to volunteer her services as an adult leader.

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Nix brothers will swing into musical history on Saturday

By JOHN A. MOSELEY

Managing Editor
Always a time to remember.

For Jody and Larry Nix, that above all else, is what this coming weekend will be all about — remembering.

Saturday, Nov. 15, from 9 until 1 a.m.; the Nix brothers



J. NIX

will again headline a musical salute to their father and uncle, Hoyle and Ben Nix, and 57 years of music heritage.

The concert will commemorate Nov. 11, 1946. That was the first night that Hoyle and Ben played music professionally — a concert at Yell's Inn in Big Spring, a dance hall that is no longer in existence.

What Hoyle and Ben played, the country swing popular for dancing in those days, still brings in a crowd today, Jody says.

What: Musical salute to Hoyle and Ben Nix.

Where: The Stampede, Highway 350.

When: 9 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 15.

Tickets: \$10 per person.

"We really started out doing this as a one-time event ... to mark their 50th anniversary," Jody explained. "But it's been so well received, and peo-

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Ben and Hoyle Nix, pictured here during the heyday of their careers, will be remembered Saturday, Nov. 15, at the Stampede when Hoyle's sons, Jody and Larry Nix and the Texas Cowboys band stage their annual salute to their father and uncle.

Commissioners to entertain presentation on proposed jail

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer
Howard County commissioners will hear more information on the possible construction of a new county jail during their Monday morning meeting.

Local architect Phil Furqueron will make a presentation to the court on possible designs and

costs for a new jail facility, something County Judge Ben Lockhart said is an eventuality.

"It's only a matter of time before the Jail Commission comes in and shuts the jail we have now down," said Lockhart. "We know we're going to have to do something in the future, but after facing a \$900,000 shortfall with this year's budget, I don't

think there's going to be any action on it anytime soon."

Furqueron's presentation comes only weeks after architect Norris Fletcher's presentation to the court, which estimated the cost of a new jail between \$6.6 million and \$7.5 million. Although the attention currently being focused on the jail situation may give the project the

appearance of moving forward, Lockhart firmly disagrees.

"We're looking at the situation in stages," said Lockhart. "I certainly wouldn't say we're making any progress with it. People are coming in and talking to us about it, but \$6 million or \$7 million is a lot of money."

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ANGEL TREE

Charitable program has fewer applicants; seniors set to register

By THOMAS JENKINS

Staff Writer
As many Americans try to avoid how quickly the Christmas holiday is approaching, the Big Spring Salvation Army is already hard at work, in hopes of making the season brighter

for the less fortunate in the community.

Salvation Army Capt. Linda Keeney said the number of applications taken for the annual Angel Tree program this year was down compared to last year.

but it's certainly not for a lack of need. "We have 320 children in need," said Keeney. "Although registration for the Angel Tree program is down, we may still have a few last minute things, like someone who's been out of their home... that sort of thing. We also haven't done our share yet, so we'll have to add to it as well."

"It's what we expected for the year. It's less than what we had last year, but we took applications for three weeks last year. This year we only took applications for two and a half, and I'm sure that had an effect on it."

Keeney said applications for the senior Angel Tree will be held next week.

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"If we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things."









## Debate team takes third consecutive Sweepstakes

HERALD Staff Report

The Big Spring High School speech and debate team had another outstanding weekend by winning the Frenship High School Speech and Debate tournament Saturday, Nov. 3.

It was the third straight Sweepstakes for the speech and debate team, which was led by Corey Green.

Green placed first in humorous interpretation and in foreign extemporaneous speaking, qualifying in both events for the Texas Forensic Association state meet.

Green also placed fifth in poetry interpretation and fifth in impromptu speaking.

Other results from the debate were: Josh Acuff, first in Lincoln-Douglas debate;

Logan Churchwell, second in United States extemporaneous speaking, eighth in original oratory; Reina Cisneros, third prose in interpretation; and James Clark, third in U.S. extemp, fourth in original oratory, seventh in humorous interpretation.

Other standings were: Tony Emerson, second in Lincoln-Douglas debate; Brett Griffin, second in original oratory;

Courtney Hecker, fifth in dramatic interpretation; Tapley Holgin, fourth in dramatic interpretation; sixth in humorous interpretation; Darryl Newberry, third in

Lincoln-Douglas debate and Camilla Painter, first in dramatic interpretation, second in foreign extemp.

Manoj Thangam, third in humorous interpretation, fifth in student congress; Sarah Vela, second in poetry interpretation, fourth in humorous interpretation, fourth in prose interpretation; Kathryn Weissman, first in original oratory, third in dramatic interpretation; and Victoria Zermeno, sixth in original oratory.

Others that contributed to team's first place finish were Heath Wilkerson, Logan Wright, Kristen Choate and LeAnn Brumly.

After four tournaments, the speech and debate

team has qualified the following people for the Texas Forensic Association State Meet in the following categories:

Painter, original oratory, cross-examination debate, dramatic interpretation, foreign extemp; Thangam, original oratory, Lincoln-Douglas debate, U.S. extemp, foreign extemp; Green, original oratory, humorous interpretation, foreign extemp; Holgin, original oratory, dramatic interpretation; Griffin, cross-examination debate; Churchwell, cross-examination debate; Acuff, Lincoln-Douglas debate and Weissman, original oratory.

## CROSSROADS AREA BRIEFS

### Stanton ISD sets meeting

HERALD Staff Report

Discussion of several state accountability reports will highlight the Stanton Independent School Board meeting set for 7 p.m. Monday at the administration building, 200 N. College St.

Following an open forum, trustees will review the district's standing in the School Violence and Crime report, the federal Adequate Yearly

Progress report, the Academic Excellence Indicator System report and the Financial Integrity Rating System report.

Other items on the agenda are:

- Consider WADA agreements.
- Personnel considerations.
- District reports.
- Consider daily reimbursement rates for key personnel.
- Consider purchasing a handicap bus.

### Evening Lions seek help

The Big Spring Evening Lions Club is conducting a telephone outreach program to help raise funds for the club's community vision programs.

Those programs include:

- Photoscreening the students at Headstart and kindergarten classes in Big Spring and surrounding communities.
- Eye examinations and the purchase of new eyeglasses for students whose families can't afford to buy them glasses.
- The adult eyeglass clinic, which provides used eyeglasses that are collected in the community to adults who can't

afford to buy glasses.

Club members are making telephone calls, mailing letters and providing other information to donors and will pick up donations by appointment at the donor's door.

Several people will be helping members of the Lions club with the campaign that is currently under way and will continue through November.

For more information about the program or verification of the Lions collecting donations, call club president Elvin Bearden at 267-5176 or club secretary Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

## ANGELS

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"We'll be going to Canterbury to assist the elderly there," she said. "We're going to be out there for a couple of days filling out applications for the senior angels. We'll be there Monday and Tuesday, from 9 a.m. to noon at Canterbury North, and 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. at Canterbury South.

"The senior angels aren't just for those at Canterbury. Anyone that wants to sign up just needs to be there on those dates to fill out the application."

While a great deal of concern for children will be garnered over the Christmas holiday, Keeney said it's important to remember the elderly in the community as well.

"The senior Angel Tree was established to help the seniors in our community that live on very fixed incomes," she explained. "It's for the elderly that don't have family here for support, and struggle daily with even necessities such as utilities and food. I've known seniors that have gone without food so they can purchase their medication and pay for their lights."

"It's an unbelievable struggle for seniors just to make ends meet, so we have the senior Angel Tree to help a little bit. Maybe they need a new blanket or slippers. Every senior angel that comes

through our office will also get a food box that will last them for more than a few days."

While many people may leave the adoption of angels up to local civic and charity groups, Keeney said individual donors are the heart and soul of the annual program.

"They are probably the most important part of this entire program," she said. "If we didn't have the individual donors, a lot of the kids simply wouldn't get picked. A lot of these children wouldn't have Christmas, and I can't imagine anything more disheartening to a child than to wake up on Christmas morning and there be nothing there for them. The individual donors can take a piece of that child's happiness with them at Christmas."

Keeney said donors can get the most out of the program by involving the entire family in the process.

"When you choose an angel, choose one that you as a family can go out and shop for," said Keeney. "You can make it a family event, and it gives you a sense of helping someone else. Most of us in this community are very blessed, but there are children out there that struggle daily with just basic needs, like a warm coat or shoes."

Involving children in the program is another important matter Keeney takes seriously.

"It's everything," she said firmly. "A child who has everything they need

provided for them has no concept of children out there that do without. If we, as parents, don't show our children to share and to give back, then they won't learn those things. That's why it's important, as a parent, to show these children there are others out there that are much worse off, that do without things that we take for granted everyday. If we show that to our children, I think it makes them a kinder, more giving person as they grow."

While many people prepare for the holiday madness, Keeney said the Angel Trees will be with in easy reach throughout the season.

"We always have angel

trees at the Big Spring Mall and Wal-Mart," explained Keeney. "We also have them at Gales Sweet Shop and Rip Griffins Truck Stop. The senior's angel tree will be located at the Big Spring Herald. All of them will be up with plenty of angels on them on Nov. 21, so we hope everyone will participate and help out someone who's less fortunate."

For more information on the Angel Tree program, contact the Big Spring Salvation Army at 267-8239.

Contact Staff Writer Thomas Jenkins at 263-7331 ext. 232 or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

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## WOMEN

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The VAMC Women's Wellness Center offers several services from annual pap smears, breast exams, mammograms to counseling for post traumatic stress dis-

order and military sexual trauma.

For more information about VA health services available to women veterans, call the VAMC's community relation's office at 264-4824.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at [newsdesk@crcom.net](mailto:newsdesk@crcom.net)

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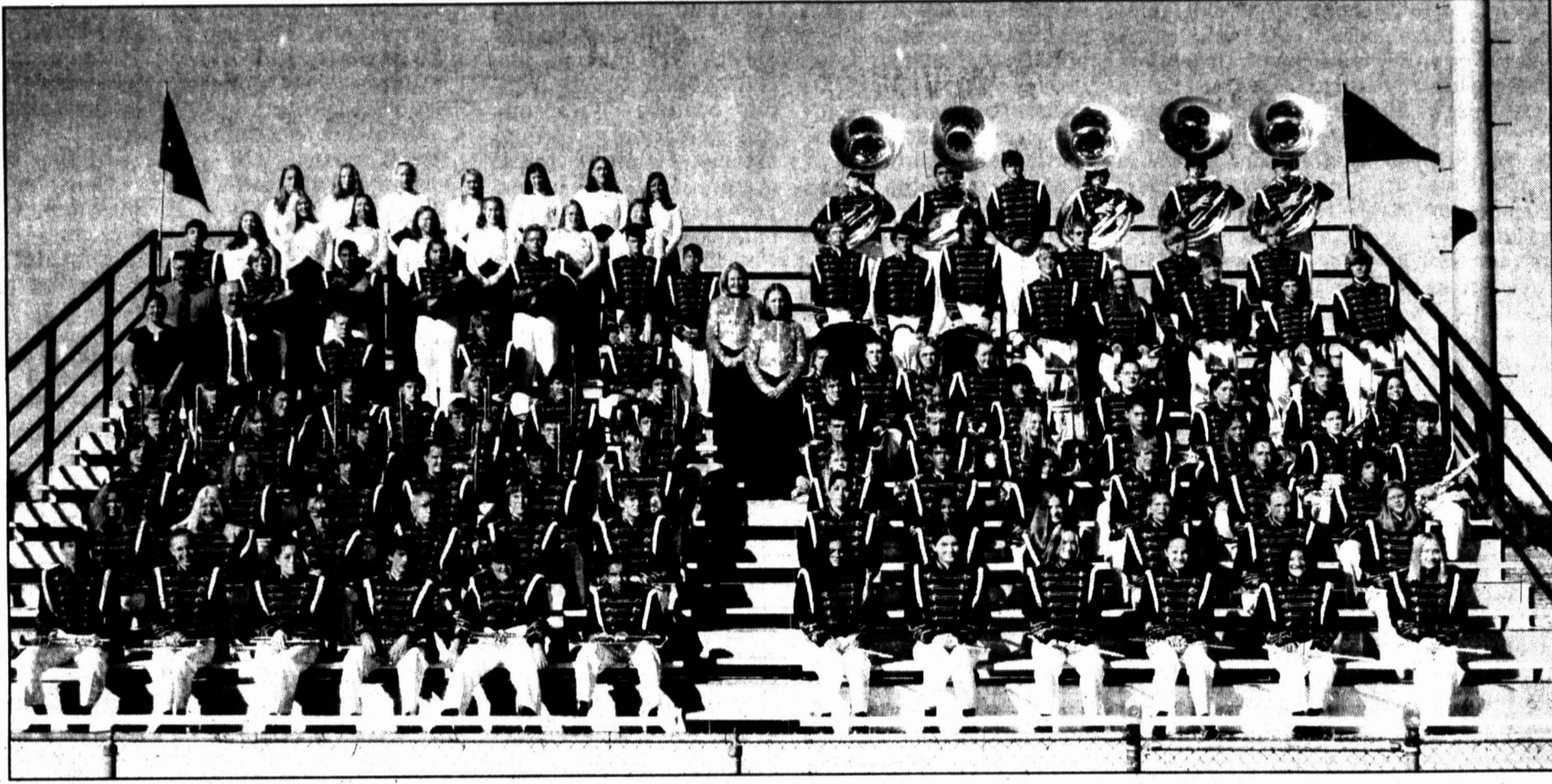
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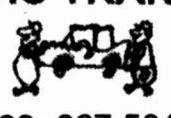
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**TEXAS BRIEFS**

**Officer fired following overtime dispute**

FORT WORTH (AP) — A police sergeant accused of misconduct and falsifying overtime reports has been fired.

Fort Worth Sgt. Jon Fahrenthold was suspended on Oct. 16, according to civil service and police documents obtained by the Fort Worth Star-Telegram under the Texas Public Information Act. He received almost \$44,000 in overtime pay last year.

Fahrenthold, who was named the Texas Department of Transportation's officer of the year in 2002 for grant administration, was fired after an internal investigation revealed that he failed to follow grant guidelines and maintain proper records, according to the documents.

The 21-year police veteran is appealing his termination and has requested a hearing before an independent examiner. Fahrenthold's attorney said the case against his client is full of mistakes and assumptions.

"We are confident that the hearing examiner will find that the disciplinary action imposed is excessive and that Jon Fahrenthold should be returned to work as a sergeant," attorney Richard Carter said.

**Board gives approval to biology books**

AUSTIN (AP) — Biology books in Texas will continue to present the origin of life according to the theories of Charles Darwin.

The State Board of Education gave final approval Friday to 11 biology books, among others, despite a major campaign to poke holes in Darwin's theory of evolution as presented in the textbooks.

School districts in Texas will be able to purchase books from the approved list for use beginning in the 2004-2005 school year.

Texas Education Agency Director Robert Scott said any factual errors in the books would be addressed by publishers before the books become available.

The decision could impact dozens of states because books sold in Texas, the nation's second-largest buyer of textbooks, are often marketed elsewhere. Texas, California and Florida account for more than 30 percent of the nation's \$4 billion public school book market. Three dozen publishers invest millions of dollars in Texas.

**Plan OKs untrained grads as teachers**

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas school districts may soon be able to hire untrained teachers with college degrees under a controversial plan narrowly approved by a state board.

The State Board of Educator Certification voted 5-4 on Friday to tentatively approve the hotly disputed proposal. The new hires would receive two-year teaching certificates so they could fill vacancies in middle and high schools.

The plan says the teachers must have a degree in the subject they would teach and must pass the state's teacher exams. But they no longer would have to participate in a formal preparation program.

**Gay sex cannot be adultery, court rules**

By ANNE SAUNDERS  
The Associated Press

CONCORD, N.H. — If a married woman has sex with another woman, is that adultery? The New Hampshire Supreme Court on Friday said no.

The court was asked to review a divorce case in which a husband accused his wife of adultery after she had a sexual relationship with another woman.

Robin Mayer of Brownsville, Vt., was named in the divorce proceedings of David and Sian Blanchflower of Hanover, N.H.

After a Lebanon Family Court judge determined Mayer and Sian Blanchflower's relationship did constitute adultery, Mayer appealed to the Supreme Court, arguing that gay sex doesn't qualify as adultery under the state's divorce law.

"The Lebanon Family Court is attempting to overturn several centuries of the accepted definition of adultery, which is heterosexual sexual intercourse," wrote Mayer, who represented herself in the appeal.

Three of the five Supreme Court judges agreed with Mayer's position, but two — generally

considered the more conservative judges — did not.

Part of the problem is that adultery is not defined in New Hampshire's divorce laws.

Looking at a dictionary and old case law, the court determined that the definition of adultery requires sexual intercourse. The judges point to a Webster's dictionary definition that mentions intercourse and an 1878 case that refers to adultery as "intercourse from which spurious issue may arise."

Marcus Hurn, a professor at Franklin Pierce Law Center, was surprised that conservative judges David Brock, the chief justice, and John Broderick wrote the dissenting opinion. While there's nothing legally improper about the majority opinion, Hurn disagreed with it.

"I think the majority opinion is unintentionally trivializing same-sex relations and violating modern notions of the sanctity of marriage," he said.

A sexual relationship, whether heterosexual or homosexual, is "exactly an equivalent betrayal

and that, I think, is the ordinary meaning most people would give."

But the majority did not want New Hampshire courts to step onto the slippery slope of defining what sexual behavior might amount to adultery if acts outside intercourse were included.

"This standard would permit a hundred different judges ... to decide just what individual acts are so sexually intimate as to meet the definition," the opinion reads.

The judges who disagreed said adultery should be defined more broadly to include other intimate extramarital sexual activity.

"(A) relationship is adulterous because it occurs outside of marriage and involves intimate sexual activity, not because it involves only one particular sex act," Brock and Broderick wrote.

They point to other states, including Georgia, Florida and South Carolina, which have defined adultery in broader terms to include gay sex.

David Blanchflower said he had no comment on the ruling. Sian Blanchflower and Mayer did not return messages seeking comment Friday.

Jennifer Levi, who submitted a brief to the court from the Boston-based Gay and Lesbian Advocates and Defenders, said she was satisfied with the court's decision. In states that define adultery in narrow terms, New Hampshire's ruling "is reflective of the majority approach," she said.

But what impressed her, she said, was the language of the ruling.

"The most notable thing about the decision is its respectful attitude to homosexual relationships," she said.

**Scientist: Professor carried plague cultures**

LUBBOCK (AP) — An FBI agent testified Friday afternoon that he saw signs of deception before he interviewed a Texas Tech researcher now accused in a bioterrorism hoax.

Agent Dale Green testified that he looked over Dr. Thomas Butler's lab notebook and noticed changes in the style of entries that the professor had written.

"He's trying to convince the reader, rather than

convey information," Green said. "It's a clear flag of deception to me."

Butler faces 69 felony charges related to a January scare sparked by his report of missing plague vials. He is accused of smuggling plague bacteria from Tanzania, transporting it illegally, lying to federal agents and filing a false income tax return.

The FBI said Butler, 62, later admitted he accidentally destroyed the vials.

**Man gets 10 years for false 9-11 claim**

The Associated Press

CAMDEN, N.J. (AP) — A man who claimed his wives were killed in the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks in New York was sentenced Friday to 10 years in state prison.

Mark Christopher, 39, of Blackwood, pleaded guilty in September to theft and other charges.

He admitted that he filed for disaster relief from various agencies claiming his wife had been killed in the attacks. For some filings, he said

he used his own name and claimed his wife was named Kim Christopher. For others, he claimed his name was Mark Palmerri and his wife was Lisa Palmerri.

Authorities said he tried to get more than \$140,000 in survivor bene-

fits for the two fictitious wives.

Christopher was arrested in January 2002 as he exited a check-cashing store with money he received from a \$32,980 relief check from the Red Cross.



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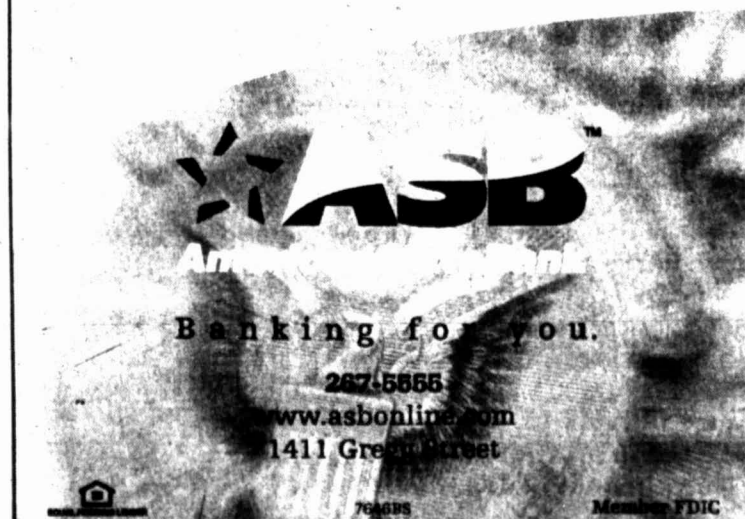
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### Coahoma stuns No. 4 Crane, shares 3-2A crown

By BRANDON HALLFORD  
Special to the Herald

COAHOMA — The Coahoma Bulldogs had just one thing on their minds coming into Friday night's game against the Crane Golden Cranes — to win a share of the district championship.

It's amazing what happens when you set your mind to it. The Bulldogs, behind a balanced offensive attack, stunned fourth-ranked Crane, 37-29, to win a share of the District 3-2A championship for the second

time in three years. Coahoma's win, combined with Colorado City's win over Forsan, created a three-way logjam atop the loop standings at the completion of the regular season.

The Bulldogs weren't worried about ties, however. "This is the greatest feeling in the world," said defensive back Mitchell Gutierrez.

Neither team was able to get untracked early thanks to turnovers. Playing in cold, rainy weather, Coahoma and Stanton combined for a stagger-

ing 13 turnovers — eight by Crane.

A turnover set the Bulldogs' offense into gear in the first. After a fumble recovery by Adrian Abrego gave Coahoma the ball at the Crane 32, quarterback Sam Tindol found Lance Roberts open for a 27-yard completion that moved the ball to the Crane 5. Two plays later, Tindol went to the air again and hit senior wideout Kelby Kemper with a six-yard scoring pass that gave the Bulldogs to a 7-0 lead with 5:16

left in the frame.

Neither team was able to maintain the handle on the ball for the rest of the frame, however. The two teams combined for five turnovers in the first 12 minutes of play.

Coahoma, thanks to Abrego, finally began to get untracked in the second. The junior defensive back picked off an Alfredo Franco pass and outraced the Cranes to the end zone. Abrego's interception return staked Coahoma to a 14-0 lead



Herald photo/Bruce Schooler  
The Coahoma Bulldogs garnered their second title in three years.

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# Steers close out season

## Mustangs end Steers' season with 48-28 loss

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Goliath finally won Friday night ... but not before getting nailed with more than a few stones.

The No. 9-ranked Andrews Mustangs nailed down their first outright district championship since 2000 by grinding out a 48-28 win over the Big Spring Steers at Memorial Stadium.

With the win, Andrews finished the season with a perfect 10-0 record, marking the first time since 1998 the Mustangs had gone through the regular season unbeaten. Big Spring, on the other hand, finished the year at 3-7.

Putting the final 'W' in the win column was anything but easy for the Mustangs. Big Spring rolled up almost 300 yards of total offense and taxed the AHS defense for four touchdowns.

"Our young men never quit fighting," said Steers' head coach Dwight Butler. "I'm very proud of the way they came out and played. We knew we were fighting with a short stick but they fought all the way."

The Mustangs' win added fuel to the Steers' longest-running current rivalry. In their past 27 meetings, the two teams have posted a 13-13-1 mark.

"This was a big win for us," said Andrews head coach Blaine Springston. "This (facing Big Spring) has always been a big rivalry game for us. How perfect could it get, to go 10-0 and finish here like this."

Andrews quarterback Matt Gardner had Big



Herald Photo/Bruce Schooler  
Big Spring's Zack Chesworth attempts to pull away from an Andrews tackler during the third quarter Friday night at Memorial Stadium. The Steers ended their 2003 season with a 48-28 loss to the Mustangs.

## R'side ends spikers' season

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

FORT STOCKTON — The Big Spring Lady Steers' unforgettable season came to a less than pleasurable end Friday night in the Fort Stockton Special Events Center. El Paso Riverside rallied from an early deficit to upset Big Spring in the Class 4A regional quarterfinals, 23-25, 25-21, 25-21, 25-15.

With the win, El Paso Riverside, 24-11, advances to the regional semifinals to face either Stephenville or North Crowley.

The Lady Rangers' trip to the fourth round of the state playoffs didn't appear to be a lock early. Big Spring's Ka'Rissa Magers helped power the Lady Steers to a clutch performance in Game 1. She cranked out eight kills in the first game and led Big Spring to a 25-23 win.

Big Spring blew the first game open quickly. After battling their way to a slim 9-7 lead, Magers served up three straight points to give the BSJS girls a 13-8 cushion.

Timmi Blackshear followed minutes later with a pair of service points, upping the Lady Steers' lead to six, at 15-9.

Senior Leina Braxton, after Riverside had rallied to within 24-23, floored the Lady Rangers in Game 1 with a hard spike off a Kendal Adams set.

Riverside, the District 2-4A champion, managed to even the game count minutes later. Riverside managed to tie Big Spring nine times in Game 2 before escaping with a 25-21 advantage.

The wheels came off the BSJS wagon in the third game. Riverside gained

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## BSJHS Steers complete unbeaten 9-0 campaign

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

Simon Arenivas and Sydney Parker each scored two times Thursday night and helped the Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade Black team etch its name into the history books.

The Steers completed their 2003 season with a perfect 9-0 record by hammering out a 36-8 win over the Andrews Mustangs.

"This is a really great group of young men," said Big Spring coach E.C. Roberson. "I'm proud of each and every one of them."

Big Spring didn't waste any time in taking the suspense out of the contest. Big Spring



Herald Photo/Tommy Wells  
The Big Spring Junior High School seventh grade Black team completed its 2003 season with a perfect 9-0 record Thursday with a 36-8 win over the Andrews Mustangs.

collected two quick touchdown passes from Nathan Doporto to Parker to grab a 14-0 lead.

Parker's first reception

came on a 14-yard pass from Doporto. His second all but took the air of the Mustangs' sails as he scored via a 40-yard pass play.

Josh Urias got into the scoring act from there. He scored on a 5-yard run in the second. He tacked on the second

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## Lady Hawks climb to 3-0 with 58-56 win

By TOMMY WELLS  
Sports Editor

ALTUS, Okla. — The Howard College Lady Hawks kept their 2003 season record unblemished Friday afternoon by downing the Cisco Junior College Lady Wranglers, 58-56, in the first round of the Pioneer Basketball Classic.

With the win, Howard College improved to 3-0 for the season and registered its second straight win over CJC. HC edged Cisco by an 81-76 margin Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The Lady Hawks were led offensively by freshman Cierra Tidwell and Alison Lopez, who sank a 3-pointer with less than five seconds to play to seal the win. Tidwell finished with 14 points. Lopez contributed 13.

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— and sent a shockwave rippling through the 3-2A landscape.

Kelby Kemper added to the Cranes' woes minutes later. He stepped in front of another Franco pass at the Bulldog 31-yard line.

After an 8-yard run up the middle had given Coahoma a second-and-two from its own 39, Tindol dropped back to pass and found Kemper across the middle. Kemper did the rest, breaking three tackles en route to a 61-yard touchdown.

Coahoma was far from finished. After an incomplete pass by Crane on a fourth-and-three play turned the ball over on downs at the Bulldog 37, Tindol got in on the superhero action by turning a quarterback draw up the middle into a 63-yard touchdown run that gave the Bulldogs a 28-0 lead with 4:33 left in the half.

Thanks to a 33-yard run by Daniel Garza, Crane moved to the Coahoma 24. Franco found Stephen Galindo in the corner of the end zone with 7 seconds left to cut the Bulldogs' lead to 28-7.

The momentum changed sides at the half.

Crane hit stride in the third quarter. The Cranes opened the half by using just over four minutes to march from their own 38 to the CHS 25. After a short run by Garza left the Cranes facing a third-and-five, Franco breathed new life in the Crane game plan by turning a busted play into a 24-yard touchdown run that sliced Coahoma's lead in half, at 28-14.

Two possessions later, Crane again went on the offensive, moving the ball to the Coahoma 11 before back-to-back unsportsmanlike conduct penalties advanced the ball to the Coahoma 3. From there, Crane running back Devon Zimmerman

ran around the left side and plunged into the end zone to pull Crane to within seven, at 28-21.

That was as close as Crane could get.

Minutes later, Kemper got the Bulldogs back into the scoring act. He dropped Garza for a safety and pushed the Bulldogs' lead back to nine points, at 30-21, with 10:25 remaining in the ball game.

The Bulldogs salted the Cranes away later when Tindol burst up the middle for a 4-yard touchdown run with 3:37 remaining in the game. Kemper had set the score up with an interception.

Crane did not go down without a fight.

After the two teams traded turnovers, Crane drove the ball 70 yards in just 1:13 — the last play coming after officials had put two seconds back on the clock after the final buzzer had sounded. The Cranes' last score came on a 6-yard pass to Hunter Seabourn from Denton Dodd.

The significance of Crane's last-second score was dramatic. Thanks to a new tie-breaking system implemented last week by district officials designed to use point differential to determine playoff seeding should a three-way tie for first happen, Crane finished as the No. 2 seed by losing by less than 11 points. Coahoma could have finished No. 1 in the 3-2A small school seeding process had it won by 11 or more points.

"We got messed around by our district," said Coahoma head coach Robert Wood. "The first tie-breaker is suppose to be head-to-head, but we accept their decision. We're not happy about it but accept it all the same.

"We are in the playoffs anyway," he added.

Coahoma is scheduled to face Post in the bi-district round this Friday night at Sweetwater's Mustang Bowl. The two teams will begin play at 7:30 p.m.

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complete control in the affair by reeling off seven unanswered points down the stretch to rally for a 25-21 win and a 2-1 lead.

Riverside, which was keyed by 6-foot-4 middle hitter Gabby Navarette, rallied from an early 1-0 deficit to win Game 4 by a 25-15 count.

With the loss, the Lady Steers closed out one of the more impressive seasons in their history. Big Spring, which became the first Lady Steers volleyball team to reach the state playoffs for three straight years since the 1970s, won 28 games this past year and rolled to its

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his three-two-point conversions to increase their score to 22.

Arenivaz all but sealed the Steers' win with a stellar effort from there. The Big Spring standout scored on runs of 10 and 5 yards and built the Steers' cushion to 22 points, at 30-8.

Darius McCalister closed out the Steers' onslaught late in the game by netting a 60-yard touchdown pass.

For Roberson, the Steers' 9-0 record marked the third time in his career he has led a BJSJS squad to an unbeaten season.

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Forsan's Corbin Brown (right) stands with his grandfather L.J. Brown (left) and his father, Ricky, after winning the recent Pro Circuit Regional Classic series.

Brown wins Pro Circuit Regional Classic

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

Forsan motocross standout Corbin Brown added to his resume last week by claiming the 2003 Pro Circuit Regional Classic title with an impressive performance. The 15-year-old won five of the six races in the series, which was held at various sites in Oklahoma and Texas.

Brown, who races for Midland Yamaha, won the overall championship in his division by winning five straight races, despite having the battle several injuries, including broken

bones and the loss of a finger.

The win moves Brown one step closer to realizing one of his goals — a berth in the Loretta Lynn Amateur Nationals in Tennessee and the Ponca City Nationals, which are held annually in Ponca City, Okla.

The son of Ricky and Angela Brown, he has blossomed this season. Riding a new YZ 250F Yamaha, Brown recently moved into the Novice division by the American Motocross Association after just eight months.

Brown is the grandson of Sugar and L.J. Brown, who purchased him his first bike.

Coyotes end Grady's quest for loop crown

By BRANDON HALLFORD

Special to the Herald

GAIL — The Borden County Coyotes claimed the District 5 six-man championship Friday night by downing the Grady Wildcats, 32-19.

Grady, led by standout quarterback Trent May, vaulted out to a quick 12-0 lead. May connected with Brent Madison for a 58-yard touchdown strike and then hit Ben Hirth with another.

Borden County fought back to take a 16-12 lead before May struck again — this time hitting Madison with a TD strike to send the Wildcats into the half holding a 19-16 lead.

The Coyotes put the game away in the second half scoring twice in the final 20 minutes to moving the score to 32-19.

May ended the night throwing for 138 yards — 101 to Madison.

Andrew Villa also had a

big night carrying the ball, netting 80 yards on 20 rushes.

Both Borden Co. and Grady will advance to the playoffs. Borden Co., 5-5,

will face Sanderson in the first round. Grady, 7-3, will meet Fort Davis.



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Spring more worried about the start than the end. The Andrews senior opened the contest by exploiting the Mustangs' overall advantage in speed by throwing a 67-yard touchdown strike to Eddie Carrasco on first down.

Andrews' early success didn't faze the Steers offense at all. Big Spring answered the Mustangs' initial success with a nine-play, 67-yard drive to knot the score at 7-7.

Senior tailback Michael Ornales-Doportto provided the key play in the Steers' scoring march, turning a short pass from Jerry Doporto into a 26-yard gain to the Mustang 39.

Four plays later, Ornales-Doportto took a around the left end for 11 yards and a first down at the AHS five. He pushed his way in from a yard out two plays later.

Ornales-Doportto finished the game as the Steers' top rusher, netting 65 of Big Spring's 190 yards on the ground. He carried the ball just 13 times due to a hip flexor injury.

Andrews kept the fireworks going from there. The Mustangs — thanks to a 31-yard scramble on third down by Gardner — scored on their second possession, going 58 yards in six plays to nab a 14-7 advantage.

The Mustang defense — and a personal foul penalty on the Steers — set up Andrews' third score. Hector Baeza intercepted a BSHS pass late in the first quarter and returned it to the AHS 32.

Despite a 19-yard pass that moved the Mustangs to the Steers 45, the Big Spring defense held the Mustangs in check. Defensive end Jeremy Cerda sacked Gardner for a six-yard loss late in the frame and forced Andrews into a third-and-16 situation.

The good news didn't last long, however. Big Spring was hit with a 15-yard penalty on the final play of the first quarter, giving the Mustangs a first down at the BSHS 26.

Andrews didn't waste the opportunity. Mustang tailback Isaac McQueen pushed the AHS lead to 21-7 with 9:31 left in the half by scoring on a 5-yard run.

McQueen's run capped an 11-play, 68-yard march that ate more than 6 minutes off the clock.

Andrews had a chance to increase its lead even more in the final seconds of the half. The Mustangs drove to the Steers' 3 yard line before Gardner tried to sneak his way into the end zone on a quarterback sneak. David Lopez and Jared Phillips hauled him down at the one as time expired.

Andrews, which rolled up 512 yards in the game, managed to put the ball into the end zone on their first two possession of the second half and pushed their lead to 34-7.

Big Spring managed to put an end to the Mustangs' surge from there.

Following the Mustangs' second touchdown of the frame, Doporto gave the Steers offense the lift it needed. Facing a second-and-8 call from his own 34, he took the snap from center Kaniel Miramontes and rolled to his right on an option play. Doporto found a seam in the AHS defense and scampered 49 yards to the Mustang 18.

The going didn't get easier, however. Andrews managed to register a sack three plays later and forced Big Spring into a third-and-21.

Ornales-Doportto, one of

26 BSHS seniors closing out their high school careers, took charge from there. He reeled off 17 yards to the Andrews 12. Moments later, on fourth down, he plowed forward for seven more to give the Steers a first down at the AHS 5.

Doporto, after an onsidings penalty against the Mustangs had moved the ball to the AHS 3, ended the drive seconds later by rolling to his left on a bootleg and sauntering into the end zone

untouched. Doporto's six rushing touchdowns this season cut Andrews' lead to 34-14 with 36 seconds left in the third quarter.

It didn't take Andrews long to regain the momentum. Just 29 seconds after Doporto's touchdown run, Gardner capped a 2-play, 59-yard drive by hitting Hunter Morren with a six-yard touchdown strike.

Andrews running back David Kessler set up the score by reeling off a 53-

yard run on the Mustangs' first play from scrimmage.

Big Spring refused to be intimidated, however. The Steers, thanks to a 36-yard pass reception by Jordan Cobb on a half-back pass from Ornales-Doportto on third-and-10, marched 72 yards on their ensuing series to cut Andrews' lead to 20, at 41-21.

Junior running back Taviance Clemons provided the final play in the drive, scoring on a 12-

yard jaunt at the 8:21 mark of the fourth quarter.

The Mustangs, which finished their first unbeaten season since 1998, tallied once more in the contest. Andrews' backup quarterback Jeremy Bueno dove into the end zone from a yard out with 4 minutes left.

The Steers, again, refused to buckle under. Big Spring rode the legs of Clemons and fellow underclassman Zack Chesworth on five

straight plays to drive to the AHS 9. From there, senior receiver Michael Shockley sprang Doporto for the score. Shockley, who lifted the Steers' to a win over Estacado a week earlier with a 25-yard TD reception in the third overtime,

enabled Doporto to get into the end zone by getting up off the ground and delivering a key block on the outside.

With the loss, the Steers finished their 4-4A portion of the schedule at 2-3.



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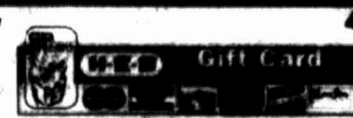
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— President George W. Bush, speaking in New York on Sept. 11, 2002



# IN THEIR HONOR

As the nation wages a war on terrorism, Americans remember veterans of other wars. Here are snapshots of some of those wars:

	World War I 1914-1918	World War II 1939-1945	Korean War 1950-1953	Vietnam War 1961-1975	Persian Gulf War 1991
<b>U.S. casualties</b>	More than 53,000 were killed on the battlefield, and more than 200,000 were wounded.	The United States lost more than 290,000 troops in combat; more than 670,000 were wounded.	More than 33,000 U.S. military personnel died on the battlefield. More than 100,000 were wounded; more than 8,000 are missing in action.	More than 47,000 troops were killed in action, and more than 150,000 seriously wounded; almost 2,000 are missing in action.	The United States lost 148 troops on the battlefield. Almost 500 were wounded.
<b>Living veterans</b>	About 2,500 as of May 2001, according to the Department of Veterans Affairs.	About 5.4 million as of May 2001.	About 3.9 million as of May 2001.	About 8.3 million as of May 2001.	About 1.7 million as of May 2001.
<b>Memorial</b>	Dedicated Nov. 11, 1989, in Arlington National Cemetery, near the grave of Gen. John J. Pershing, the American commander in Europe during the war.	Construction began on the National World War II Memorial in August 2001. Dedication is scheduled for spring 2004 in Washington, D.C.	The Korean War Veterans Memorial was dedicated in 1995 in Washington, D.C.	The Vietnam Veterans Memorial, including "The Wall" of names, was dedicated in 1982 in Washington, D.C.	A Gulf War Memorial Stone stands at Arlington National Cemetery.

**Memorable words** "It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war, into the most terrible and disastrous of all wars, civilization itself seeming to be in the balance. But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts."  
— President Wilson, in his war address to Congress, April 2, 1917



John J. Gravis was honored in 1999 with France's National Order of the Legion of Honor.

### Key dates

- June 28, 1914: Archduke Franz Ferdinand, heir to the Austro-Hungarian throne, is assassinated in Sarajevo by a group that wanted Bosnia Herzegovina to leave the empire.
- July 28, 1914: Austro-Hungarian empire declares war on Serbia.
- May 7, 1915: Germany sinks the British passenger liner Lusitania, killing 1,198 people, including 128 U.S. citizens.
- April 6, 1917: A reluctant United States declares war on Germany.
- Oct. 5, 1918: Allied tanks break through German defenses behind the Western Front.
- Nov. 11, 1918: Armistice is signed in France.
- Jan. 20, 1919: Treaty of Versailles is signed.

SOURCES: SPARTACUS EDUCATIONAL ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR (WWW.SPARTACUS.SCHOOLNET.CO.UK/FWW.HTM); ARLINGTON NATIONAL CEMETERY (WWW.ARLINGTONCMTRY.COM/WORLDWAR1/DOCUMENTARCHIVE (WWW.LIBRARY.EDU/ROHWWI/



Luis V. Armijo served as a Navajo code talker.

"When World War II ended, the generation of Americans that defeated the forces of tyranny neither asked for nor expected a memorial. They came home. They went to work. And they built a nation that remains the world's most powerful example of democracy and freedom in action. Many heroes from that great conflict did not return home. ... We build this memorial in their memory."  
— Former Sen. Bob Dole, national chairman of the memorial fund-raising campaign

- Sept. 1, 1939: German army invades Poland.
- Dec. 7, 1941: Japanese warplanes attack the U.S. fleet at Pearl Harbor. The next day, the United States declares war on Japan.
- June 6, 1944: Allied troops open the second front by landing 156,000 men on the beaches of Normandy in France.
- May 8, 1945: Victory in Europe (V-E) Day follows Germany's unconditional surrender.
- Aug. 6 and 9, 1945: United States drops atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan.
- Sept. 2, 1945: Victory in Japan (V-J Day) celebrated.

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— President Clinton, at the memorial dedication ceremony

The all-black 24th Infantry Regiment was a catalyst for the Army to integrate in Korea in 1951.



- June 25, 1950: North Korean communist forces cross the 38th parallel into South Korea and are in Seoul within three days.
- June 30, 1950: President Truman dispatches U.S. ground troops to South Korea.
- Sept. 15, 1950: Gen. Douglas MacArthur leads U.N. forces in a landing at Inchon, pushing the North Koreans back over the 38th parallel.
- May 1951: With China's help, North Korea has edged back to the 38th parallel, and the war becomes a standoff.
- July 27, 1953: A cease-fire is signed at Panmunjom.

SOURCES: AMERICAN MILITARY HISTORY (WWW.AMERICANMILITARYHISTORY.COM); THE KOREAN WAR PROJECT, FOUNDED BY HAL BARKER OF DALLAS (WWW.KOREANWARPROJECT.COM); U.S. DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE (WWW.DOD.MIL); U.S. ARMY CENTER OF MILITARY HISTORY (WWW.ACMH.MIL)



President Lyndon B. Johnson awards a medal to a soldier in Vietnam.

"I think it will make people feel the price of war. ... It will make them understand that the price has to be paid in human lives."  
— Jan Scruggs, who started the movement for a memorial

- Oct. 24, 1961: President Kennedy sends military advisers to help the South Vietnamese in their battle with the communist North Vietnamese.
- Aug. 7, 1964: Congress passes the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution, giving President Johnson wide authority to wage undeclared war in Vietnam.
- Nov. 14-16, 1965: 305 Americans are killed in the Battle of Ia Drang Valley, the first major battle between U.S. troops and the North Vietnamese Army inside South Vietnam.
- Jan. 31, 1968: The Tet Offensive, a surprise attack by the North Vietnamese during the Vietnamese New Year, begins.
- Jan. 27, 1973: The Paris Peace Accords are signed.
- March 29, 1973: The last American troops withdraw.
- April 30, 1975: Saigon falls.

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"They were my troops, and they made the ultimate sacrifice, and by doing so reminded us of something we've been reminded of over and over again. Freedom is not a cost-free product. Freedom is bought and paid for over and over again by the blood and the guts and the limbs and the lives of soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines."  
— Gen. Norman Schwarzkopf at a Gulf War remembrance ceremony on Feb. 28, 1999

By 1995, there were more than 1.2 million living female veterans.



- Aug. 2, 1990: Iraqi forces invade Kuwait.
- Aug. 7, 1990: American troops arrive in Saudi Arabia to defend the kingdom.
- Jan. 18, 1991: U.S. led coalition begins airstrikes on Iraq.
- Feb. 24, 1991: Coalition ground forces invade Kuwait and southern Iraq and liberate Kuwait within four days.
- Feb. 28, 1991: President Bush declares a cease-fire.
- June 8, 1991: Victory parade in Washington, D.C.

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# Weddings



**Robertson and Hyatt**

Linsey Jill Robertson and Todd Hyatt, both of Midland, were united in marriage at 7 p.m. on Sept. 20, 2003, at the First United Methodist Church Chapel in Midland. The ceremony was officiated by Juan Helmes and Steve Tims of Midland.

Parents of the bride are Mike and Sue Robertson of Midland. Grandmothers of the bride are Mrs. Joy Fortenberry and Mrs. Vera Robertson, both of Big Spring.

Parents of the groom are Tommy and Laqueta Hyatt of Midland. Grandparents are Kerry and Joy Westbrook of Canadian.

The bride was given in marriage by her parents. Linsey chose a strapless gown with a satin bodice, adorned with a band of sequins, pearls and iridescent beads. For a soft romantic effect, the organza skirt had beaded lace appliques sprinkled across the semi-cathedral length train. She wore a rhinestone beaded headpiece with beaded trim and iridescent beads scattered throughout the shoulder-length veil. The bride went barefoot due to an injury incurred in the Bride's Room prior to the ceremony.

The bride carried a hand-tied bouquet of white Virginia roses surrounding hot pink sweetheart roses tied with sheer white ribbon.

Tiffany Susik of San Marcos served as maid of honor. The bridesmaids were Tana Strebeck of Fredericksburg, Jonice Hyatt and Starla Hyatt of Midland. The bridesmaids wore gowns of black satin with white diagonal satin accents on the front. Each maid carried hand-tied bouquets of hot pink Gerbera daisies and greenery. The flower girl was Victoria Berry. She wore a white organza dress with satin trim and carried a flower ball of pink roses, greenery and baby's breath.

Chase Radon of Midland served as best man. The groomsmen were Jason Tinsley, Jeremy McPeak and Justin Robertson. The groom's lapel sported a large pink rose while the groomsmen wore small pink sweetheart roses.

Ushers included Landon Little, Dustin Pitts and Rusty Defer. Taylor and McKenzie Culwell handed out programs from white

baskets flanked by tulle.

Starla Hyatt and Jeremy McPeak sang "I Will Be Here" as a duet, white Starla Hyatt sang "The Wedding Song" as a solo. Pianist was Nancy Wilson.

A table with crystal appointments memorialized Luke Fortenberry and Buddy Robertson, grandfathers of the bride and Madeline Hyatt and Birdie Goodson, grandmothers of the groom. The table was accented with crystal frames and crystal bowls with staggering votives encompassed in the bowls. Amy Ciaccio, of Houston, registered guests.

The bridal aisle was marked with ecru tulle and bouquets of hot pink Gerbera daisies, princess roses and greenery. Pink rose petals were scattered down the aisle. Matching massive arrangements of white gladiolas, hot Princess roses, hot pink Gerbera daisies and Baker's fern flanked the altar.

The Unity Candle was placed on the altar and was decorated with hot pink Gerbera daisies, roses and fern.

Following the double ring ceremony, a reception was given at Kessler's. Guests entered the reception site through the garden area and were welcomed to the buffet area while awaiting bride and groom's arrival. An elegant silver punch bowl, the bride's cake and a candelabra accented the bridal table. The elegant three-tier cake was covered with a white butter cream icing accented with beads of icing. The groom's German chocolate cake was presented on a baby grand piano with silver appointments. Waterford crystal wine goblets belonging to the bride's grandmother celebrated the toast given by the best man.

The house party included Gay Herren, Vivian Strebeck, Kala Adair, Shari Buchanan, Janie Hofer, Candy Culwell, Beverly Dummond, Stephanie Langford and Donnell Welch.

The bride is a graduate of Midland High School and Texas Tech University. She is employed by Cingular.

The groom is a graduate of Lee High School and is employed by RGS Systems.

The couple resides in Midland.



**Farr and Yeats**

Stephanie D. Farr and Matthew C. Yeats were married on Oct. 25 at East Fourth Street Baptist church with Chaplin Dean Thomas performing the ceremony.

She is the daughter of Margaret Beck of Big Spring and Wayne and Sherry Beck of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and the granddaughter of Nell Kupper of Big Spring and the late Tracy Kupper of Big Spring.

He is the son of Caren and Kenneth Greathouse of Big Spring and David and Phyllis Yeats of Orange and the grandson of Norma Crockett of Midland and Thomas Yeats of Big Spring.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Wayne Beck.

She wore an antique white gown with lace sleeves and bodice with a long train and carried an antique white silk rose bouquet which she made.

Performing at the ceremony were Sherry Beck, piano, and Crystal Worley, flute.

Ringbearer was Aaron Farr. Flowergirls were Leela and Emmalee Schooler.

A reception was held at Gale's Sweet Shoppe with music selected by the bride and groom.

The bride's cake was a four-tiered French vanilla cake covered with ivory colored, almond flavored fondant with ivory roses.

The groom's cake was French vanilla entwined hearts with chocolate

frosting and chocolate-covered strawberries. The cakes were made by Connie Schooler.

The bride is a 1993 graduate of Mountain View High School and a 2000 graduate of Wabash Valley College with a certificate in nursing. She is presently employed by Cornell Corrections.

The groom is a 1996 graduate of Big Spring High School. He is presently employed by Whitmore's Plumbing.

Following a wedding trip to Midland, the couple have made their home in Big Spring.



**Petterson and Shoftner**

Dane Leigh Petterson and Philip Barry Shoftner were married on Oct. 11 at the First Baptist Church in Midland, officiated by the Rev. Jerry Brown.

The bride is the daughter of Paul and Gloria Petterson of Midland and the granddaughter of Mrs. Lonnie Coker of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Skip and Ruby Shoftner of Mesquite.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Paul Petterson. She wore an ivory satin off-the-shoulders dress with beads and lace on the bodice and around the bottom and train. She carried a bouquet of ivory and scarlet roses.

Performing the music

was Dave Keys. Matron of honor was Kris Curtis.

Bridesmaids were Amy Hammond, Shani Swinson and Lauren Ashlock. Flower girls were Ashlyn Hammond and Taylor Smith. Ring bearer was Curan Petterson.

Candle lighter was Greg Henry.

Barry Corbin was the best man and groomsmen were David Gwinn, Cort Petterson and Bruin Petterson.

The bride's cake was three-tiered with pearls and ribbon around the bottom of each tier. The groom's cake was red velvet in the shape of the Eiffel Tower.

Guestbook attendants were Tammy Bransford and Alicia Berger.

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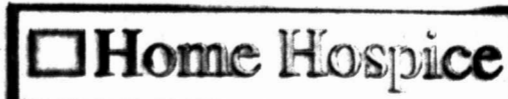
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# Weddings

# Births



## West and Holt

Allison Nichole West and John-Thomas Holt were united in marriage Aug. 23, 2003, at the First Baptist Church in Coahoma with Brother Elwin Collum officiating.

The bride is the daughter of George and Judy West of Coahoma. She is the granddaughter of Loyd Wolf of Roscoe and the late Reba Wolf. She is also the granddaughter of the late Clifford Green and Lydia West.

The groom is the son of Jack and Arlene Holt of Richardson and the grandson of Larry and Marianne Opperman of Richardson. He is also the grandson of Joyce Smeed of Dallas and the late Harry Smeed.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, George West, and wore a satin dress by Ginza. The bodice featured a round neckline and a princess-style waistline. The dress featured a chapel length train.

The dress and train were adorned with lace appliques encrusted with seed pearls, small silver beads and iridescent sequins.

She carried a bouquet of sterling silver, peach and yellow roses. The bride presented a gardenia boutonniere to her grandfather, Loyd Wolf, in memory of her late grandmother, Reba Wolf.

The bride also presented a long stemmed red rose to her mother and the groom presented a long stemmed red rose to his mother.

Pianist was Velma Ruth Wood and organist was Arlene White.

The matron of honor

was Courtney Olson of Angleton. Bridesmaids were Brandy Manning, sister of the bride, of Midland and Missy Carpenter of Bryan. The attendants dresses were silver, floor length and featured an off the shoulder, high neckline. They carried bouquets containing sterling silver, peach and yellow roses.

Flower girls were Mackinzi Lain and Katy Manning, niece of the bride. The ring bearer was Joe Manning, nephew of the bride.

Best man was Jeff Lemmond of Mesquite. Groomsmen were Lee Lemmond of Lancaster and Eric English of College Station. Ushers were Steven Prater of Lubbock and Seth Adams of Lancaster.

A reception was held at Kokopelli's.

Music was provided by Vince Allen. The bride's cake was round, three tiers and featured silk floral garlands of sterling silver, peach and yellow roses, made by the bride's mother.

The groom's cake was designed as the Marine Corps Seal. Chocolate covered strawberries, made by the groom's mother, were also on the groom's table.

The bride is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School and a 2002 graduate of Texas A&M University. She is employed by Real Estate One in Midland.

The groom is a 1998 graduate of Dallas Christian High School and is employed by Best Buy.

Following a wedding trip to Cancun, Mexico,



## Hector and Rios

Erica Louise Hector and Chris Rios exchanged wedding vows at 3 p.m. on Oct. 18, 2003, at Templo Belen A.G. with Oridio Martinez officiating.

The bride is the daughter of Jim and Sandra Hector of Big Spring. She is the granddaughter of Barbara and Larry Hix of Wickett and Rosaleen Hector and Pearl and Carl Wells, all of Big Spring.

The groom is the son of Maria and Domingo Rios Jr. of Big Spring and the grandson of the late Mr. and Mrs. Domingo Rios Sr. and the late Petra Bustamante.

The bride was given in marriage by her father, Jim Hector, and wore a wedding gown from Jane's of Midland. She carried a bouquet of red roses and baby's breath.

The maid of honor was Leslie Patterson. Bridesmaids were Nichole Schaffer, Megan Christian, Sherri Thompson, Stephanie Smith and Alicia Campos.

Flower girls were Caitlyn Smith and McKinna Hector. Ring bearer was Elija Torres.

Candlelighters were Caleb Hector and Markus Garza.

Best man was Jason

## McLaughlin and Lemcke

Ralph and Billee McLaughlin celebrate the marriage of their daughter, Kae McLaughlin, to Fred M. Lemcke. The couple was married Oct. 29 in a private ceremony at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Santa Fe, N.M., with the Rev. Dr. Stephen H. Furrer officiating.

The couple will reside in Austin.

Groomsmen were Daniel Smith, O.J. Hernandez, Jerrell Garibay, Javier Becerra and Jarrod Drummond.



## Christian Garcia

Cristian Daniel Garcia was born at 9:03 p.m. Pacific Time on Oct. 12, 2003, to Rick Garcia and Sandra Garcia of San Mateo, Calif. He weighed

five pounds, seven ounces and was 19-1/2 inches in length.

Grandparents are Gloria Blackburn, Ateno Garcia Jr. (deceased), Everett Blackburn (deceased), Marthy Esther Garcia (deceased) and Isaías Mendez.

Great-grandparents are Horace and Pilar Yanez of Big Spring; Ramon Carrasco (deceased) and Esther Carrasco of El Paso; and Gladys Blackburn of Scott City, Kan.

Mikaya Amina Hillis, girl, born Oct. 8, 2003, at 12:07 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 8 ounces and 19 1/2 inches long. Her parents are Steven and Shelly Hillis of Big Spring. Her grandparents are Steve and Edna Hillis and Teresa. Her great-grandparents are Sybil, Betty B., Paul, Betty M. and William.



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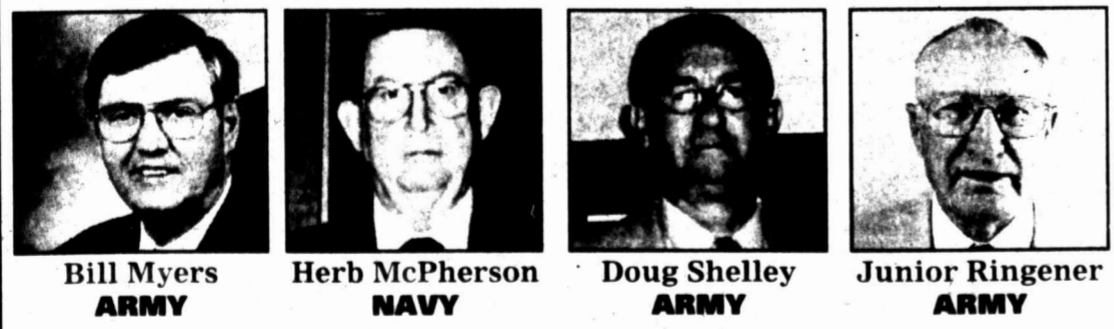
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# Weddings



## Hodnett and Mauldin

Angelia Amy Hodnett and Lloyd Allen Mauldin Jr. were married Oct. 31 in the Howard County Courthouse, in ceremonies performed by Justice of the Peace Katheryn Wiseman. The bride is the daughter of Paul and Velma Carson of Big Spring and grandparents Nona Carson and the late Fred Carson of Big Spring and J.R. Piper and the late Dorothy Piper of Big Spring. The groom is the son of Lloyd and Carrie Mauldin Sr. of Snyder and Kay

Hendricks of Big Spring. The bride wore a floor-length burgundy tuxedo dress. The groom wore a black pinstriped dress shirt and jeans. The bride was given in marriage by her parents and her daughter, Ashley Hodnett. A reception for the newlyweds was held at the San Franciscan Bar & Grill, where the bride is employed, hosted by Elias and Donna Gamboa and the staff. The groom is employed by Patriot Drilling of Odessa.

## Military

Army National Guard Pvt. Trent B. DeHoyos has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C. During the nine weeks of training, DeHoyos studied the Army mission, history, tradition and core values, physical fitness, and received instruction and practice in basic combat skills,

military weapons, chemical warfare and bayonet training, drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice system, basic first aid, foot marches, and field training exercises. He is the son of Rhonda B. and Fernando G. DeHoyos of Big Spring, and was a 2003 graduate of Coahoma High School.

Air Force Airman 1st Class Pete A. Dominguez has graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio. During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and military customs and

courtesies; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training, rifle marksmanship, field training exercises, and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. Dominguez is the son of Juanita Avalos of Stanton.



## Newcomers

- William Roy Pattin and wife Jacqueline of Snyder. Mr. Pattin owns and operates Amazing Power Carpet Cleaning.
- Rodney Maples and wife Fran of Yuba City, Calif. He is retired from the U.S. Postal Service and the U.S. Air Force.
- Chris Landreville and wife Dallas and daughter Iva of Colorado City. He is a project manager for Sears.
- Steven Hull of Midland. He is retired from the oil field.
- Sam Becker and wife Joyce of Snyder. Both are retirees.
- Jose Castillo and wife Stephanie and son Christopher of Plainview. He works at the Federal Correctional Institution.
- Satya Chittivelu of Amarillo. She is a lab technician at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
- Margie Marshall and grandson Harley Kramp of Tipton, Mo. She is a retired nurse.
- Mike Cardoso and wife Jessie of Dallas. He is a cook for Furr's Family Dining.
- Clint Collins and wife Kami of Irving. He is the pastor at Miracle Revival Center.
- Ricky Wren and wife Jessamyn and daughter Alyssa of Lubbock. He is employed at Scenic

- Mountain Medical Center.
- Steven Powell and wife Tiffani; son Christyan; and daughter Trinity. He is an operator for Key Well Service.
- Roger Garza and wife Loretta; daughter Sabastian; son Roger Jr., of Lamesa. He is employed by a pool company.
- Glenn Campbell and wife, Brigitte of Colorado Springs, Colo. Both are retirees.
- Jon White and wife Melissa of Midland. He is employed by Escudero Inc.
- Buddy Rhyne Jr. and wife Brenda of Arlington. He is retired.
- Jimmy Massingill and wife Lori and daughters Atchley, Cassi and Tara of Kansas City, Kan. He is self-employed.
- Bobbi Haile of Los Angeles. She is a retired nurse.
- Frances Rudley of Up Calumet, Mich.
- Aprille Ransom of Up Calumet, Mich. She is employed as the administrator for the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room.
- Hank Bradshaw and wife Joani; son Cisco; and daughter Kailee of Midland. He works for Pool Company.

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## Categories

- Breads
- Appetizers
- Desserts, candies, cookies, cakes
- Vegetables
- Entrees
- Casseroles
- Salads
- Miscellaneous

**RECIPE ENTRY DEADLINE**  
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### 1st Place Prizes

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<p><b>Big Spring YMCA</b> 1 Month Family Membership \$44 value</p>	<p><b>Pizza Inn</b> 4 Buffets and Drinks Valued at \$30</p>	<p><b>CellularOne</b> Starter Kit \$40 Value</p>	<p><b>The Brazos</b> Shampoo, Haircut, Style Pedicure &amp; Manicure \$75 value</p>
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### Garden checklist

**H**ere's a good garden checklist for November and December.

- Gourds on display for fall decorations will last longer if they are carefully cleaned, waxed and kept in a dry place. Inspect occasionally for signs of mould.



TOMMY YEATER

- Prolong the life of holiday-season gift plants by providing proper care.

Check to see if the pot wrap has plugged up the bottom drainage. Don't over-water. Keep out of drafts from heating vents and open doorways.

Fertilizer is seldom needed the first few months.

- Berry plants, such as holly and yaupon, may be pruned now while they can be enjoyed as cut material inside the house.

- Place orders for seeds this month so you will have them available when you are ready to plant. By ordering early, you will be more certain of getting the varieties you want.

- Don't get in a hurry to prune woody plants. Late December through February is usually the best time to prune them.

- Drain gasoline from power tools and run the engine until fuel in the carburetor is used up.

- Drain and store garden hoses and watering equipment in a readily accessible location. The lawn and plants may need water during a prolonged dry spell.

- November through February is a good time to plant trees and shrubs. In the Panhandle, planting is often delayed until February or early March.

- Continue to set out cool-season bedding plants, such as pansies, violas, stock, snapdragons, and dianthus.

- Prepare beds and individual holes for rose planting in January and February. Use composted manure, pine bark, and similar materials mixed with existing soil.

- Plant those spring-flowering bulbs if you haven't already done so.

- Want to start cuttings of your favorite Christmas cactus? As soon as it has finished blooming, select a cutting with 4 or 5 joints, break or cut it off, and insert the basal end into a pot of moderately moist soil. Place it on a windowsill or other brightly lit area. The cuttings should be rooted within 3 to 4 weeks.

Tommy Yeater is the County Extension agent for Howard County.

### Couple whose cattle was confiscated asks to be reimbursed after auction

TWIN FALLS, Idaho (AP) — A couple accused of mistreating their livestock has asked the Idaho Supreme Court to order reimbursement for cattle that the county confiscated and sold seven years ago.

Representing themselves, William and Julie Coates on Wednesday told the high court that they deserved compensation

#### FARM SCENE

for the animals because the county failed to properly notify them that the stock was being sold at auction.

A lower court rejected their original claim.

The five-member court

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Karns Machine Shop employee Tom Hernandez prepares one of the shop's most popular items, a fiberglass wrench that will be shipped out to Indonesia.

## DIVERSITY AND EXPERIENCE

### Karns & Son Machine Shop serves a variety of industries

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Serving everything from the local oil field companies to the farming community, Karns & Son Machine Shop brings more than 20 years and two generations of experience to the Big Spring area.

Grace Karns, the wife of owner and operator Donnie Karns, knows the business well, having been an integral part of the company since its inception almost 25 years ago. "We've been married 37 years," she said. "We opened it in 1978, almost 25 years ago. He was working at Webb Air Force Base. When the base closed he worked for other machine shops. We had built one bay in their shop, just for the kids to work on their cars, so he decided to use that and start a machine shop of his own."

Grace said starting their own

business was a rocky road at first, requiring patience and a great deal of faith. "It was pretty bad first starting out," laughed Karns. "You

*"We make fiberglass wrenches, and that has really come on strong in the last year. It's kind of carried our business over some tough times. We're the only ones in the area that make them, and they're in serious demand."*

just have to step out on faith. We didn't have much business, but I was still working and he was drawing his retirement, so everything we made went right back into the business."

Don Karns retired in 1978, and like many Americans faced with that type of situation, went back to work. And although it appears he has no intentions of slowing down anytime soon, the business will remain in the family thanks to their son, co-owner and operator Keith Smith.

"He had enough years between his service time and his civil service time that he could retire in 1978," Grace explained. "He went to machine school during that time, so he's been a machinist for pretty much all of his adult life. He's the kind of person that doesn't like to sit still, which is why he hasn't retired yet."

"Our son, Keith, works with us on this and will take over the business if Don ever decides to move out of the way."

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Gillihan Paint and Body, 821 W. Fourth, was greeted with a ribbon cutting last week. In attendance were, from left, Ambassador Clarence Hatfield, Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Executive Director Debbye ValVerde, shop co-owners Glenda and Gary Gillihan, and Ambassadors Chris Moore, Raul Marquez and Sherry Wegner.

### Unemployment rate drops; companies add thousands of new jobs, report reveals

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The nation's unemployment rate dropped to 6 percent in October as companies added thousands of new jobs for the third straight month, new evidence of an improving labor market.

The Labor Department reported Friday that payrolls grew by 126,000 last month, significantly more than the 50,000 new jobs that economists had predicted. That followed a revised 125,000 new jobs

in September, which initially was reported at 57,000.

U.S. companies also added new jobs in August, marking three months of hiring gains following a sixth-month slump. October hiring occurred across a broad swath of the business landscape, including technical services, temporary employment firms, health care, social work, education and retail.

"We can finally put the

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### Sales of cloned cattle multiply, despite some concerns

FORT WORTH (AP) — Cattle are quietly being cloned and sold for high prices as the livestock industry anticipates government approval for letting their offspring into the food chain, industry officials said.

Meat or milk derived from healthy cloned farm animals appears safe to eat, the Food and Drug Administration said last week in its first attempt at assessing questions about the emerging technology.

The FDA is still trying to decide if cloned farm animals will require government

approval before being sold as food. That decision is expected to take another year.

The cattle industry has voluntarily agreed to keep products from cloned animals out of the food supply. But in the meantime, there already are as many as 300 cloned bulls in existence, said Lisa Dryer of Biotechnology Industry Organization, a Washington lobbying group.

And an Austin-based biotech firm, ViaGen, said that a cow cloned from a prodigious producing animal was auctioned

for \$170,000 in Iberia, Mo.

Some members of Texas' cattle circles have reservations about whether cloning is commercially practical. The cost of a cloned calf currently is estimated at \$19,000. And some cloned animals develop health problems.

"A lot of those cloned animals have not been as high performance as the animals they've been cloned from," Ernie Davis, professor of livestock marketing at Texas A&M University, told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram. "I think the jury is

still out on cloning."

But others said they are ready to consider the technology to enhance their breeding stock.

"Look at it this way. It's like duplicating Michael Jordan until you have five Michael Jordans on a team," said Donald Brown, who runs the cattle-breeding program at his family's Throckmorton ranch. "Cloning takes breeding to a whole new level."

ViaGen President Scott Davis said "thousands and thousands" of units of frozen semen from hundreds of cloned bulls

are being stockpiled around the country, ready for sale to cattle breeders when the FDA issues its new guidelines.

He said ViaGen is working with Smithfield Foods, the world's largest hog processor and producer, to use cloning to create more productive and faster-growing pigs. Even if the company saves just a dollar or less per pig, "multiply that by 10 million," he said.

And Scott Davis, not related to Ernie Davis, said cloning

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31 Not very tough  
34 Existential woe  
35 Alley part  
36 Advance, maybe  
38 With some to spare  
41 Least formal  
46 Tidbit  
48 Topkapi Museum room  
49 Bum's rush  
50 Trois moins deux  
51 Had status  
53 Former MTV reporter  
54 Faction  
56 State-of-the-art  
58 Scale notes  
59 How to show importance  
61 Malodorous

**DOWN**  
1 Follow Customs  
2 Pacific region  
3 Conquerors from France  
4 Small crawler  
5 Garden dwellers  
6 Abu Dhabi leader  
7 Powerful families  
8 Ready  
9 Latch onto  
10 Fruity concoction  
11 Ticking off  
12 Decks out  
13 Least fat  
15 Cracker topper  
20 Hispanic treat  
23 Romances  
25 Longbow sound  
28 Immeasurable time  
30 El Salvador export  
32 More festive  
33 Warmed  
37 Bambi's aunt  
38 Light  
39 Watch  
40 Happen earlier  
42 Early cinema magnate  
43 Place for a hoop  
44 Soft-shell clam  
45 Least loose  
47 Weapons of yore  
52 Rain, in a Lerner/Loewe song  
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# Study highlights threats to Big Bend

By LIZ AUSTIN

Associated Press Writer

Air pollution, a dwindling water supply and staff shortages threaten the health of Big Bend National Park, according to a report released Thursday by a national advocacy group.

Known for its scenic vistas, massive canyons and vast desert expanses, Big Bend is the oldest and largest national park in Texas. More than 450 species of birds, 40 species of fish and 75 species of mammals are among the wildlife that call the park in West Texas home.

But in recent years, haze increasingly has clouded the spectacular views. The Rio Grande ran dry this summer for the first time since the 1950s. And budgetary shortfalls

have made it difficult for officials to explore and maintain the park's cultural resources, the Washington-based National Conservation Association said in its report.

"These are things that we can fix," said Jim Nations, vice president of an association program that evaluates the condition of national parks. "We just have to focus on it and remind ourselves how important Big Bend is ... and just do the work that needs to be done."

The increase in air pollution is one of the 800,000-acre park's most pressing concerns, Nations said. While visitors can see for up to 200 miles on clear days, haze severely limits that view 20 percent of the time.

Early results from an air quality study conducted by state and federal agencies says a significant amount of the pollution comes from coal-fired

plants in the eastern United States.

"That used to be one of the prime draws for a place like this — unlimited vistas," said Mike Boren, executive director of the Big Bend National History Association. "(The view) used to be just limited by the acuity of one's eyes. Now



it's often limited by the particulate matter in the air."

The conservation association's report also said the reduced flow of the Rio Grande is a serious problem. Increasing numbers of people living along the river are placing unprecedented demands on its water, and agricultural runoff and industrial and municipal wastes are affecting its quality, the report said.

That has had devastating consequences on the fish and plants that live in and near the river. Four of 36 known native fish species have disappeared and another one is critically endangered, according to the report.

Heavy rains have restored the river's flow for now, Nations said. But its current is one-sixth as strong as it historically has been, making it difficult for people to raft or canoe on it.

"Rivers have a right to remain rivers first, and only what's in surplus should be available for sale or irrigation use," Boren said. "It looks to me like that river has been sold off and is hardly a river anymore."

Big Bend spokesman David Elkowitz said the report gives an accurate picture of the park's health. But he stressed that Big Bend is still a beautiful place to visit.

"We have incredible bird and animal life, incredible wildlife, and people can use the Rio Grande," Elkowitz said. "(The park) just has needs, and we hope to see some of those needs addressed."

The conservation association said federal and state officials could help improve Big Bend's air quality by aggressively enforcing existing pollution laws. And it said federal and Texas officials should talk with leaders from neighboring states and Mexico about improving the health of the Rio Grande.

The report also asked Congress to add \$6.1 million to the park's \$5 million annual budget so more staff members can be hired and facilities can be built or maintained.

"These are the gems, this is the soul of America," Nations said. "If we can't keep that soul alive by giving it the money that it needs, then we're losing something as a people."

On the Net:  
Big Bend National Park:  
<http://www.nps.gov/bibe/home.htm>

National Parks Conservation Association:  
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# Menus

## Spring City Senior Center

Monday: Chicken, potatoes, carrots, salad, milk, rolls, fruit.

Tuesday: Closed for Veterans Day

Wednesday: Steak and onions, noodles, squash, salad, milk, rolls, cake.

Thursday: Stew, salad, cornbread, milk, pie.

Friday: Roast, potatoes, green beans, salad, milk rolls, fruited gelatin.

## Sands CISD

Monday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls; Lunch: Hamburgers, french fries, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, pudding.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Muffins; Lunch: Chicken strips, mashed potatoes, green beans, hot rolls, cookies, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Donuts; Lunch: Nacho grande, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Potato and egg burritos; Lunch: Chicken nuggets, sliced potatoes, peas and carrots, hot rolls, peaches, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Cereal; Lunch: Turkey and dressing with giblet gravy, hot rolls, green beans, celery with cheese, pumpkin pie, milk.

## Stanton ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Pancakes, syrup or cereal and toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Cheese nachos or combination burrito, corn, vegetable sticks with dressing, pear slices, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal, cinnamon toast or cereal and toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken nuggets or steak fingers, mashed potatoes and gravy, broccoli/cheese, peaches, hot rolls, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Scrambled eggs, hash browns, cereal and toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Pepperoni pizza or pizza cheese sticks, green beans, tossed salad with dressing, fruit cocktail, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Biscuits/sausage, gravy or cereal and toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fajitas or Nena's chicken casserole, pinto beans, lettuce and tomato, pineapple, cornbread, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Burrito or cereal and toast, fruit juice, milk; Lunch: Barbecue riblet or a bun or chicken patty on a bun, french fries, lettuce and tomato, pickle spears, orange slices, milk.

## Fonsan ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Cereal, yogurt, juice milk; Lunch: Corn dogs, greenbeans, mixed fruit, milk.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Cinnamon rolls, juice milk; Lunch: Baked potato, diced ham and cheese, broccoli, crackers, orange smiles, milk.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Eggs, toast, juice, milk; Lunch: Barbecue on a bun, chips, corn on the cob, apple wedges, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, salad, mixed fruit, cookies, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Donuts, juice, milk; Lunch: Chicken fried steak, mashed potatoes and gravy, peas, pears, hot rolls, milk.

## Coahoma ISD

Monday — Breakfast: Biscuits, gravy, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Spaghetti with meat, corn, pineapple, rolls, milk, McRib's sandwich.

Tuesday — Breakfast: Oatmeal, sausage, fruit, milk; Lunch: Fried chicken, macaroni, baked beans, sherbert cup, bread, milk, or burritos.

Wednesday — Breakfast: Pancakes, sausage on a stick, fruit, milk; Lunch: nacho grande, salad, oranges, milk.

Thursday — Breakfast: Sweetened rice, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Pizza, salad, fruit, milk.

Friday — Breakfast: Donuts, sausage, juice, milk; Lunch: Turkey and dressing, gravy, potatoes, green beans, roll, pudding, milk or corn dog.

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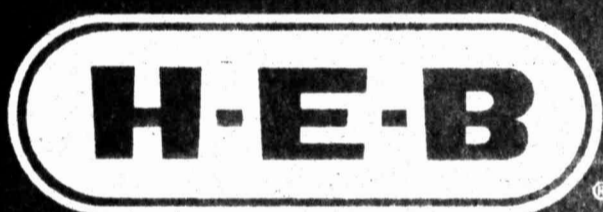
Monday — Frito pie, salad, apple.

Tuesday — Burrito, tortilla chips, salsa, apple.

Wednesday — Meat ravioli, salad, white cup cake.

Thursday — Chicken noodle soup, grilled cheese, pineapple.

Friday — Fish sticks, french fries, green beans, tropical fruit.



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