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## WEATHER

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### SkyWarn class

The National Weather Service will be holding a SkyWarn class Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, located at 307 E. Fourth Street. The NWS will present information on storm-spotting and safety measures to take during severe weather situations. For more information, call 432-563-5006.

### Heart gala set

The battle against heart disease is coming to Big Spring Saturday as the American Heart Association presents "Hollywood for Heart," a fund-raising gala featuring silent and live auctions. The gala will get under way at 8 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club and is open to the public. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25. For more information contact Lauri Phillips at 263-1821.

## COMING THIS WEEKEND



Cover Story: B.B. King has always set high standards, both musically and appearance-wise, as he's released about 80 albums and traveled to 90 countries. He's been inducted into both the Blues Foundation Hall of Fame and the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

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# Seliger wins District 31 Senate seat

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

If for only a brief moment, the campaigning came to a standstill for Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, late Tuesday night, as he and his staff took a moment to enjoy their victory in the State Senate District 31 runoff election for the seat's unexpired term.

Despite slow precinct reporting in Randall County that nearly took the race into the early morning hours, Seliger managed to garner 56.16 percent of the vote district

wide, carrying Martin County with 55.33 percent and Glasscock County with 66.43 percent.

Seliger's opponent, Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, followed closely most of the evening, collecting victories in Howard, Ector and Midland counties.

The Odessa businessman finished out the night with 43.84 percent of the vote district wide, taking 55.43 percent of the vote in Howard County, as well as a 77.25 percent share in Midland and 90.40 percent of the Ector County vote.

*"We have to get our staff together and get ready for the special session on school finance. We have a job to do now."*



Kel Seliger, R, Amarillo

## Voting totals at a glance

	VOTES	PERCENT		VOTES	PERCENT
<b>Howard County</b>			<b>Glasscock County</b>		
Kirk Edwards	1,203	55.43%	Kirk Edwards	49	33.56%
Kel Seliger	967	44.56%	Kel Seliger	97	66.43%
Total	2,170		Total	146	
<b>Martin County</b>			<b>District Wide</b>		
Kirk Edwards	138	44.66%	Kirk Edwards	32,091	43.84%
Kel Seliger	171	55.33%	Kel Seliger	41,101	56.16%
Total	309		Total	73,192	

While the taste of victory may be sweet for Seliger, the former Amarillo mayor won't have long to savor it, as he prepares to move into the next phase of campaigning which will carry him through the March primary. Early voting begins Monday.

"We're just so excited right now," said Seliger as the count-

ing of ballots neared midnight. "It's a very humbling thing for me. I just want all of the people that volunteered their time and made donations to the campaign to know how grateful we are right now. Of course, tomorrow is another campaign day for us."

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Patrick Kesler, 25, of Big Spring was pulled from his car by passing motorist Scott Knight after his vehicle hit the guard rail on North Highway 350 near the city limit. Kesler was taken to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center emergency room. Emergency personnel on the scene described his condition as "good."

# Rescue has bizarre twist

By THOMAS JENKINS Staff Writer

A Big Spring man who was pulled from a burning car late Tuesday night by another motorist may find thanking his rescuer to be a rather strange situation.

Patrick Kesler, 25, of Big Spring was pulled from his car by passing motorist Scott Knight after his vehicle hit the guardrail on North Highway 350 near the city limit. The twist came when Knight realized he and Kesler weren't exactly strangers.

Knight, an investigator with

*"The car was on fire underneath the undercarriage. The driver's side window wasn't broken and was still rolled up, but I knew I had to get him out."*

Scott Knight, narcotics task force investigator

the West Texas Narcotics Task Force, had testified in a case involving the manufacture of methamphetamine in December

— a case in which Kesler was one of the defendants. Kesler was later acquitted on the charges.

Knight said he saw Kesler traveling south on Highway 350 and witnessed the accident. What happened next was nothing short of heroic.

"I was heading north on 350 and saw a vehicle heading south at what seemed to me like a high rate of speed," said Knight. "I saw the vehicle coming around the corner too fast and then saw it hit the guardrail and flip. I'm

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# Two men file for Big Spring ISD board

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Two candidates for the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees jumped into the race Tuesday, the first day for interested candidates to file.

Incumbent Phil Furqueron and board hopeful Steve Jeter filed for two of the three single-member districts seats open for election. Furqueron filed for District 7 and Jeter for District 6. Trustee Kent



JETER FURQUERON

not seek re-election to the board. Sharp is a candidate for state representative.

District 5 remains without a candidate, although incumbent Mike Dawson announced last Thursday he plans to seek a third term in office.

"I have an eighth-grader and two first-graders in school and I want to be a part of and give back a little something to the school district," Jeter said.

Both men agree that one major

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# Incumbents seek re-election with Forsan ISD board

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

FORSAN — The race for the Forsan Independent School District Board of Trustees began fast and furious Tuesday as all three incumbents filed to seek additional terms.

President Allen McDowell and trustees Tom Bill Kuykendall and Beckie Wash filed their intent to seek re-election to the three at-large position up for election.

"With everything going on with

school financing, this is going to be a huge challenge in the upcoming years," Kuykendall said.

Wash is filling out the unexpired term of Debbie Burton, who resigned after moving out of the district, and said it was her intention when she accepted the temporary position to officially seek office in the May election.

McDowell did not return phone calls.

Filing in the Forsan ISD race continues at the superintendent's

office, 411 West Sixth St. in Forsan. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

No candidates have filed in the Coahoma, Garden City or Stanton school board races. Filing to have your name placed on the May 15 election ballot continues for all area school boards through March 15.

Contact Staff Writer Lyndel Moody at 263-7331, ext. 234, or by e-mail at reporter@bigspringherald.com

## CITY ELECTIONS

# McEwen, Knox file Tuesday

By LYNDEL MOODY Staff Writer

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen and city council person Joann Knox made it official Tuesday, both filing their intent to seek another term in office.

"I enjoy the job and I enjoy serving the people of Big Spring," said McEwen, who has served in the position since March of 2000. "I feel like we've accomplished a great deal in the last four years."

Knox seeks her third term in office to represent District 5 and said she feels a responsibility to continue serving her city.

"I've always considered myself as an elected citizen more than a politician," Knox said. "I have kids in the community and a stake in the community and I want us to move forward. I believe everyone should serve the community and this is my way of making that effort."

With issues such as the possible closure of the VA Medical Center and economic development in question, McEwen said he also feels a responsibility to



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KNOX

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## Workshop set to explain duties of ISD trustees

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A free workshop to explain the duties and responsibilities of a school board trustee is scheduled for interested candidates and the general public.

The workshop will be held on Monday, March 1, at Room A, Conference Center 2811 LaForce Boulevard in Midland and is co-sponsored by Region 18 Education Service Center, Sul Ross State University and the Texas Association of School Boards.

Experienced school board members will explain key responsibilities and outline the qualities necessary to be effective.

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# Election turnout 'normal,' goes smoothly, clerk says

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

Tuesday night's runoff election between Texas Senate hopefuls Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa, moved like a well-oiled machine for the Howard County Clerk's Office, with ballots in and counted in less than an hour.

With a little more than 2,000 ballots cast in Howard County during the election, County Clerk Donna Wright said the turnout didn't surprise her, although the smooth transition between the polls and reporting certainly put a smile on her face.

"This is probably normal, especially for a runoff election where you just have two candidates," said Wright. "A 12 percent turnout certainly isn't good, but it seems pretty normal. For as many elections as we've had lately, I really don't think we've done too bad."

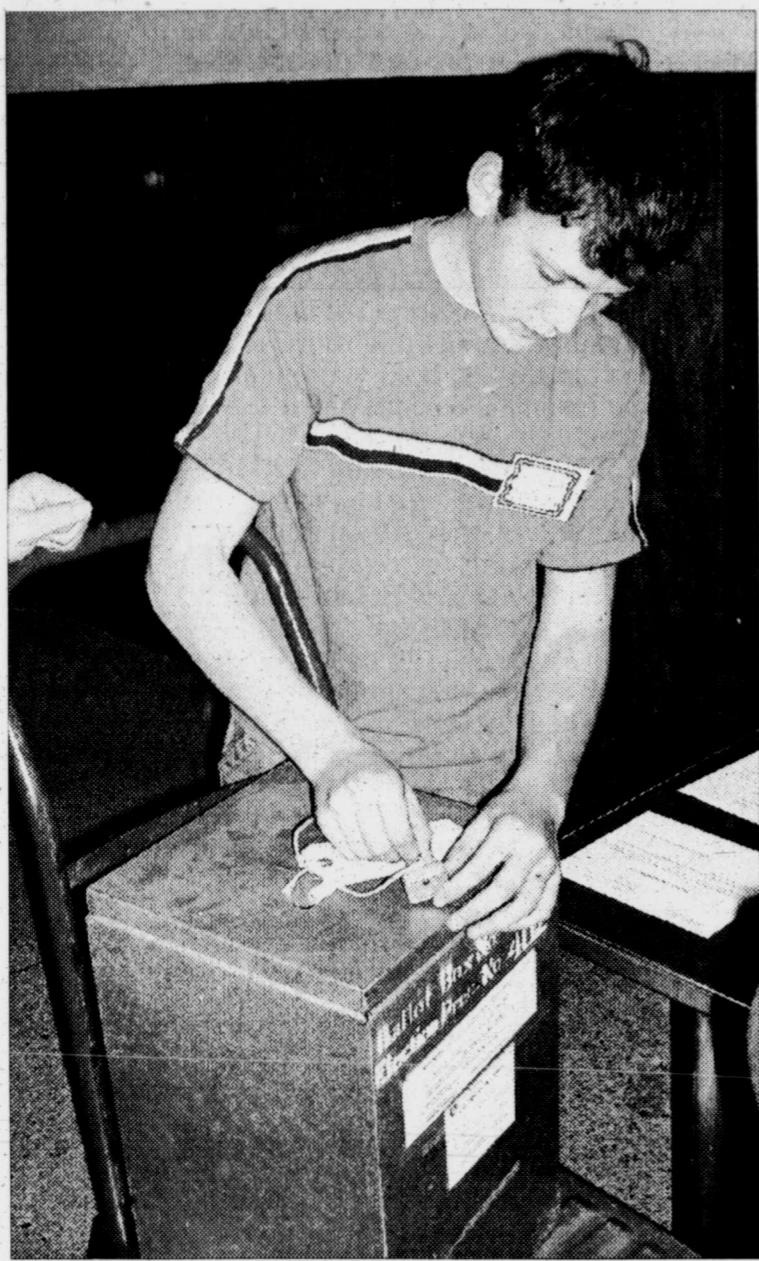
"Our election judges just flowed tonight. It seemed like as soon as we were done processing one set another one came in right behind it. Everyone is finally getting used to all of the changes, so our process is getting smoother each time."

While the 12 percent turnout certainly left much to be desired, Wright remained optimistic about the upcoming March primaries and area voters' interest in casting their ballots.

"I guess I'm a little optimistic when it comes to this," she said. "I think when it comes to the local candidates, the people that live in your hometown and are out working and voting, I think they will help pull out the people and help our numbers stay up like they should."

Wright said when you consider the alternative, taking the time to cast your ballot can seem a lot more important and feel less like a hassle.

"When you talk to people from other countries you realize what a privi-



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
Election volunteer Dustin Wright helps check in a ballot box at the Howard County Clerk's Office Tuesday evening during the runoff election between Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, and Kirk Edwards, R-Odessa. Voters in Howard County cast 2,179 ballots during the election, accounting for only 12.25 percent of county's registered voters.

lege it is to vote," she said. "There are so many people that don't get that opportunity. I think it's important for everyone to know they do have a say, whether they think it matters or not. You've made a statement when you vote."

"While Wright encourages Howard County's registered voters to do their civic duty and cast their ballot, she said having so many elections in such a short period of time has her and her staff gasping for breath at times.

"We're staying about two steps behind all of the time," she said. "We're just trying to get from one

election to the next right now. We only have three days to get ready for Monday's early voting in the March primaries.

"I want to encourage everyone to come out and vote starting Monday. We'll also be open on Saturday, Feb. 28, for those people that can't make it to early voting on the weekdays. We'll also hold early voting at the Spring City Senior Citizen Center on Feb. 26 from 11:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m."

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## SELIGER

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Seliger will have to once again square off against Edwards, along with fellow Republicans Lee Gibson, a farmer from Dumas, Odessa businessman Bob Barnes, and restaurant owner/attorney Jesse Quackenbush of Amarillo, in the GOP's March primary for a four-year term. Midland businessman Don Sparks, who ran for the unexpired term, dropped out of the race several weeks ago.

While Seliger said his eyes are still fixed firmly on the brass ring, namely

the Republican nomination for the District 31 seat for November, he said there's still a great deal of work to be done during the unexpired term.

"We have to get our staff together and get ready for the special session on school finance," said Seliger amid a roar of celebration. "We have a job to do now."

"We'll be going to work in Austin, but our home is right here in Amarillo. It's here in District 31, and we haven't lost sight of that. That's the way it should be."

Reports that Randall County was slow getting its last 10 precinct's

results in to the Secretary of State's Office didn't surprise Seliger, who had been surveying the balloting situation in Amarillo throughout the day.

"We got reports of polling places literally having to close their doors," he said. "In some areas there were people lined up around the block trying to get their vote in. Some of the polling places also had to wait for more ballots at several points during the day."

Edwards could not be reached for comment.

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## BSISD

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area of concern trustees will address in the future is public school financing as state lawmakers grapple over how to fix the current method while providing an equitable system.

"We have depleting funds coming from the state and declining enrollment. That affects funding," said Furqueron, a father of two boys still in public schools. "I think

funding is going to be a big battle."

"There's talk about repealing Robin Hood," Jeter said. "I think that's crucial for us in funding. We need to be attentive to what's going on. I'm not sure what effect that will have on Big Spring."

Furqueron is a Big Spring architect and owns his own firm. Jeter is a financial planner who has resided in the city for the past 16 years.

Filing in the BSISD race continues through March 17 at the business office

in the administration building. Office hours are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

To file, a prospective candidate must have been a resident of Texas for at least a year, a resident of the school district six months prior to the filing deadline, live in the district they plan to represent, be at least 18 years old and a qualified voter.

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## WORKSHOP

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tive while serving.

Topics range from a trustee's key responsibilities and ethics, to the division of authority between school administration and the board along with resources to

learn more about the being a public servant.

For those unable to attend that workshop, a second one is scheduled from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. Thursday, March 4, at Sul Ross University in Alpine.

The workshops are open to everyone for no charge. For more information, call Brenda Canul at

TASB, 512-467-0222 or 800-580-8272, ext. 6104, or check the TASB Web site at www.tasb.org for other dates and locations.

Other area workshops schedule are: Region 17, Tuesday, March 23, 1111 West Loop 289, Lubbock, 806-791-5664, and Region 14, Thursday, March 25, 1850 Highway 351, Abilene, 325-675-8609.

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continue to serve.

"A very large part of it is the CARES Commission and the situation with the VA Hospital," he said. "I don't feel it's fair to the citizens of Big Spring for me to step down at this point. I have been very involved with the CARES process and am knowledgeable about what has occurred. We've built relationships in Washington, D.C., and Phoenix, Ariz., and I think this is a very important issue for our community right now that's not going to be resolved in the immediate future."

Last week, the Veterans Administration's Capital Asset Realignment for Enhanced Services

(CARES) Commission recommended a feasibility study be conducted to consider the possibility of closing the Big Spring VA Medical Center. The facility serves a veteran population of 62,300 and provides health care services for some 17,000 veterans annually. It is one of the area's largest employers.

Continuing to address issues on quality of life, recruitment of businesses and growth of the city's population are vital to the health of the city, McEwen said.

"We have got to use the tools at our disposal," McEwen said. "The decisions we make in the next few years are critical." Knox said in the last several years, the city has made great strides in addressing many of these issues.

"Our city has made lots of improvements in areas

like our city parks and golf courses, and I like to see us improve and continue with that," she said. "We are seeing some growth. On the interstate, we have the new Holiday Inn and on Third Street there's renovation of a motel. We have some really positive things going on, and I'd like to be a part of it."

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## Craddick under fire

AUSTIN (AP) — Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick rejected a plea Tuesday from two watchdog groups that he make public documents connected to his run for speaker and to his fund-raising efforts with a political action committee.

Campaigns for People and Public Citizen, two nonprofit groups, said Craddick should voluntarily make public all speaker pledge cards and related communications and all documentation of his activities on behalf of the political action committee Texans for a Republican Majority.

The committee, formed by U.S. House Majority Leader Tom DeLay, is under investigation by a Travis County grand jury.

The watchdog groups said the Travis County district attorney should investigate Craddick's activities in the 2002 election.

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not sure how many times.

"I saw a white male inside the vehicle. The car was upside down and I saw him moving inside. The car was on fire underneath the undercarriage. The driver's side window wasn't broken and was still rolled up, but I knew I had to get him out."

"I went back to my vehicle and got my baton and shattered the window," he said. "I climbed in and I knew I had to move him out because the car was on fire. His ankle was caught, so I freed it up and moved him out of the car. The sheriff's department was on the scene at that time and assisted me."

While Knight said he was only doing his job, rescue workers on the scene weren't quite as modest.

"There's no doubt in my mind he saved that man's life," said a sheriff's

deputy on the scene. "What he did was heroic."

Heroism aside, Knight, who was obviously shaken by the events, said he didn't give much thought to what he did, acting mainly on instinct.

"I really didn't think about it to be honest with you," he laughed. "Of course I was nervous, but I knew I had to get him out. We just worked as fast as we could to get him out of harm's way."

The narcotics investigator hadn't lost his sense of humor either.

"In all the time that I've had that baton, that's the first chance I've had to use it," he laughed.

Kesler was taken to the Scenic Mountain Medical Center Emergency Room in what emergency personnel on the scene described as good condition.

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## OUR VIEWS

AHA weekend  
gala to be fun,  
for a great cause

Good health is something we take for granted — until, for whatever reason, we lose it. We're not talking about the common cold, the flu or an ailment that keeps us down for a few days or a week. No, when you experience a major illness or injury, it changes the way you perceive life.

Whether it be a battle against cancer, heart disease they are recovering from, or a life-threatening accident, people who experience such calamity learn that good health is something to treasure. That brings us to today's subject: Heart disease.

According to statistics, heart disease is the number one killer in America. It touches all of us, if not directly, then through family or friends — or both. That's why it is so important to help support organizations such as the American Heart Association. Those funds go to research and public education — means by which heart disease can be most effectively combated.

With that in mind, we hope you'll consider participating in Hollywood for Heart this Saturday at the Big Spring Country Club. It is sponsored by the Scenic Mountain medical Center. If you haven't received an invitation, it's of no consequence. Tickets will be sold at the door for \$25 per person, and that includes everything. Enjoy hors d'oeuvres and take part in both silent and live auctions. Area merchants have donated some wonderful prizes, so there will be everything from small gift baskets to vacations going to the highest bidder.

It promises to be a whole lot of fun for an extremely good cause.

One other thing — organizers have decided not to hold the Heart Walk this year in Howard County, so this will be the primary AHA fundraiser. Come help out. You'll enjoy it, and many others will benefit by your generosity.

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## Those public service announcements

I had the privilege of addressing the Texas Association of Broadcasters recently during the organization's 50th anniversary. Among the give-away items at the meeting was a cd entitled Tab's Public Service Project.

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It mentioned the \$500 million in public service time Texas radio and television stations provided in the past year. For more than 80 years, Texas radio and television stations have been helping their communities, planning food or clothing drives and working with organizations like the Red Cross and United Way. The PSA's concern issues like education, health care and protecting the environment.

By airing more than 15,000 PSA's per day, Texas radio and television stations show their commitment to public service to the tune of half a billion dollars in just one year. This generosity by 429 of the 1,025 Texas radio and television stations set a record unmatched by any other industry.

Examples of just what broadcasters do to help their communities can be found in most any station. In Big Spring, KBST Radio asks people to drop by sacks of dog and cat food for the humane society. The lobby of the station is so filled with the huge bags there's hardly room to get in the front door.

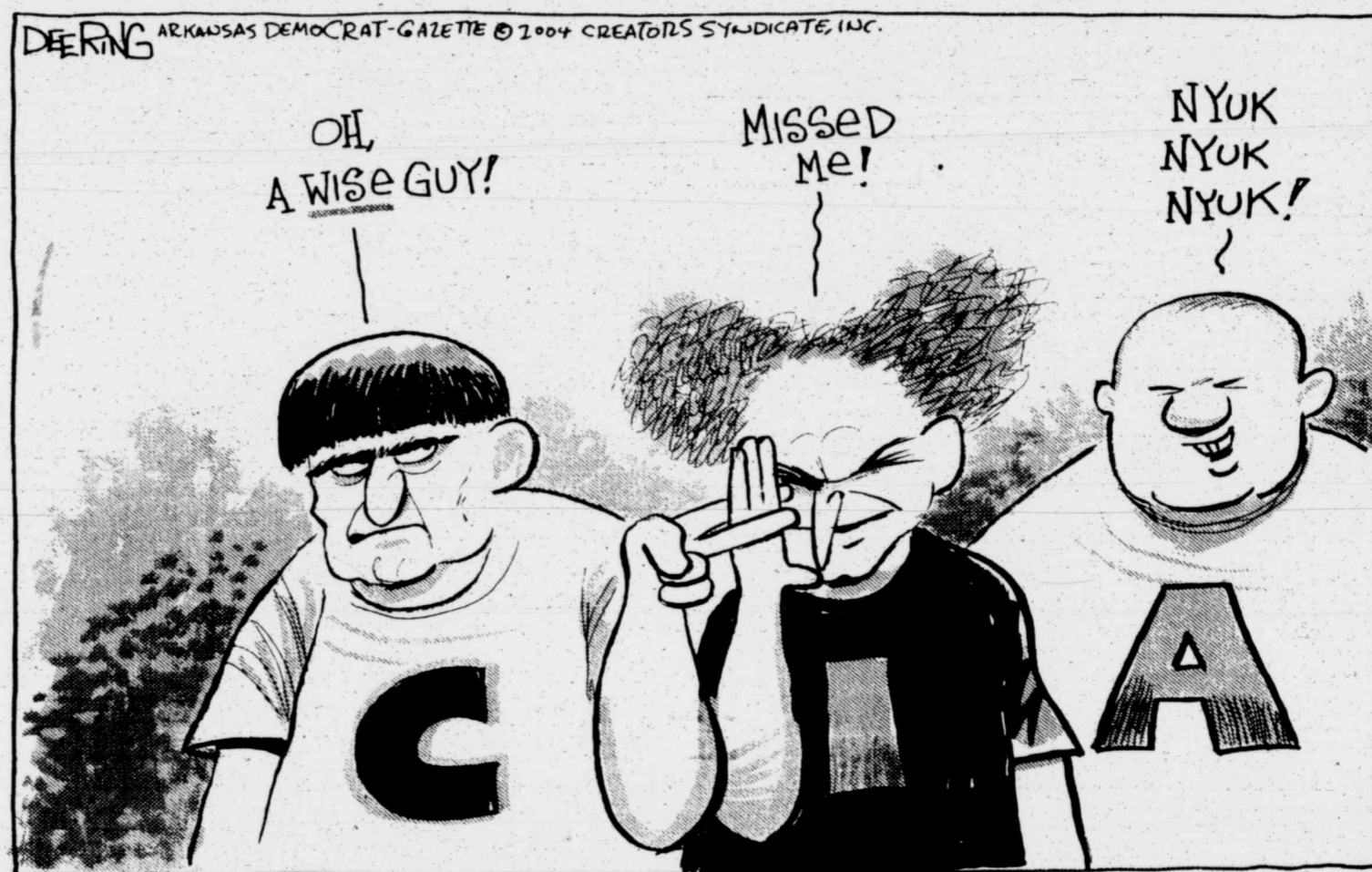
Waco's News Talk 1230 morning host and program director Mack Watson says the TAB's annual research project includes information from 42 percent of stations in Texas about contributions to their communities. Data was analyzed by former UT communication professor Dr. August Grant.

His research showed that each station contributed an average of more than one million dollars in community service air time. To be exact, \$1,165,592. In addition, Texas stations gave cash donations worth \$18.7 million for scholarships, closed captioning services for the hearing impaired and staffing for public service projects. Broadcasters also raised millions of dollars for community efforts like re-stocking food banks, providing school supplies for children whose parents couldn't afford them and helping families with terminally ill children. Some

15,968 public service messages aired daily, informing viewers and listeners about such topics as new opportunities in education, availability of health care, flood relief efforts in San Antonio and programs to address family violence.

Texas stations broadcast 5,828,320 advertisements for an array of community service campaigns including annual efforts such as the children's miracle network, coats for kids and a food pantry drive in Waco that brought in more than 450 tons of food. Each station aired an average of 37 public service announcements a day. The 429 stations participating in the research project aired 1,270 political debates and forums during the reporting period. Some opportunities for debate were refused by political candidates.

TAB's public service chair Jackie Rutledge summed up the effort like this: "From the smallest to the largest market, stations on a daily basis prove their commitment to serving local communities, the great state of Texas and our country by providing extraordinary leadership to help overcome adversity and build a brighter future for all."



## Giving it the flimflam defense

Dr. Edward T. Blake boasts that he has been "involved in more post-conviction exonerations than anybody in the world." Blake has worked for Barry Scheck's The Innocence Project.

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Blake also did forensic testing for Death Row inmate Kevin Cooper — whose execution was stalled this week by the 9th Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals — starting when the trial began for the 1983 Chino Hills, Calif., murders of Doug and Peggy Ryen, their 10-year-old daughter, Jessica, and 11-year-old Christopher Hughes, and near-fatal attack of young Joshua Ryen.

With those credentials, you would expect Blake to be the last man to object to the 9th Circuit's ruling to postpone the Cooper execution pending what the court termed "an easily available test (that) will determine guilt or innocence." But Blake told me over the phone Wednesday: "What is going on here is an outrage. It's an abuse of process. The reason that I'm outraged is, when you abuse the process, you no longer have a legitimate process that's out there to save people who are actually innocent."

"People who are actually innocent" — which I take means not Cooper.

To the uninitiated, the court's move seems benign. "No person should be executed if there is doubt about his or her guilt and an easily available test will determine guilt or innocence," the court argued. Who wouldn't agree? But, as Blake well knows, the two tests ordered by the federal court can't deliver as promised.

There is a test that can determine guilt. Four years ago, Cooper demanded DNA tests that he said would exonerate him. When the tests were done, Cooper's DNA

was found on a T-shirt discovered away from the crime scene, in the Ryens' house (which he swore he never entered) and in the Ryens' car (which he said he never drove). So Cooper's story changed.

Now, Cooper's latest crop of lawyers argues that investigators tampered with the DNA evidence, which can be proved by the "presence" of the blood coagulant EDTA on the T-shirt, according to the clemency petition. If EDTA is "present," the court parroted, "that will show that his blood was placed on the T-shirt after the fact by someone who had access to drawn blood."

The court was snookered. EDTA can be found in detergents, hand creams and other products. An expert has to establish a forensically significant level of EDTA to establish tampering — a "virtually impossible" feat, Blake said, when the blood on this shirt was but a thin smear.

Blake said it was he who, when prosecutors finally relented to DNA tests in 2000, conducted the DNA testing of the T-shirt with an expert for the prosecution. The judges, Blake marveled, are actually taking seriously the proposition that criminologist Dan Gregonis, acting in concert with the court clerk of the San Diego County Court, put a minuscule amount of Cooper's blood on that shirt in anticipation of the day when there would be technology available to prove that Cooper's blood was on a shirt "that the state never took seriously in 1983." It's preposterous.

For dessert: Dr. Kevin Ballard is the expert who wrote Cooper's declaration pushing for EDTA tests. In 1997, a New Jersey Superior Court excluded Ballard's testimony after finding that "Ballard skewed the presentation of his (EDTA) data, obscured the significance of his findings and changed his hypotheses to suit defendant's tampering theory."

Last year, Missouri prosecutors released a Veterans Affairs nurse

who had been charged with murdering 10 patients after Ballard declared that tests he conducted were flawed.

The 9th Circuit also ordered mitochondrial DNA testing of "blond or light brown hair in Jessica Ryen's hand." "They didn't even ask (Cooper attorney David) Alexander to specify a particular hair," said Blake in disgust.

It so happens that Blake tested some of the thousand or so hairs found stuck to the bloody limbs of the Ryens and Hughes. Blake said he conducted nuclear DNA tests on three hairs with roots and found "nothing." Mitochondrial DNA tests might yield information — but at a cost of \$2,500 per hair, it gets expensive.

And for what? In that Cooper is black, it's clear the hair is not his. "That's the preposterous thing here," said Blake. "Nobody has assessed whether or not it can be determined, which it cannot be, that the hairs are important to the identity of the assailant." There were dog hairs on the bodies, but the dogs didn't kill two adults and two children.

Cooper attorney David Alexander told me that it wasn't clear if the defense would ask to test for EDTA or another chemical. If the test showed no chemical, "there would be issues related to that." If it tested positive, it would prove tampering, or it could be "inconclusive."

Or, as Cooper's forensics czar put it, "They got them to open up the door, and now, they're changing everything. That by itself should be a clue to the 9th Circuit. (The judges) just got outfoxed. They just got played for fools."

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## New books showcase clever historical fiction; biographies

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A slim volume, written by Elmer Kelton is titled "Christmas at the Ranch" (813.54 KEL E). The book is the account of two Christmas seasons - one at the author's grandparent's ranch, and one tells about his father working as a foreman in the 1930's. The book can be quickly read, and for older readers it can bring back many memories.

The next few books are about personalities who have played a role in our nation's history. "Franklin and Winston: An Intimate Portrait" (940.530 MEA J), written by Jon Meacham, explores the relationship between the two men who

piloted the free world to victory in World War-II. Confronting tyranny and terror, Franklin D. Roosevelt and Winston Churchill build a victorious alliance amidst a time of cataclysmic change. Students of history will find this book very interesting.

"Joseph P. Kennedy," (973.909 SCH T), by Ted Schwarz, draws on previously untapped sources. He provides a peek into Kennedy's secret activities and political accomplishments. Schwarz also assesses Kennedy's accomplishments and failures in both business and politics. Anyone who is a Kennedy history junky should read this book.

A blunt, plain speaking man, Donald Rumsfeld has served the U.S. in several different roles. Midge Decter has written "Rumsfeld" (355.009 DEC M). The sudden rise of Donald Rumsfeld as a world leader has been one of the most unexpected stories in recent years. Drawing on many sources, Decter provides an interesting account of the milestones marking

Rumsfeld's path to power. I have just browsed through the book, but what I have seen, I will check it out to read.

Nigel Hamilton, author of "JFK: Reckless Youth," (look in the Biography section) has turned his eyes on Bill Clinton. Clinton, the 42nd president, is the quintessential baby-boomer.

Blessed with near genius IQ, beset by character flaws, Clinton made his presidency one of scandal and misfortune. In "Bill Clinton: An American Journey" (B CLI B), Hamilton lays it all on the line for interesting reading.

Who remembers Marlon Brando (or Clark Gable) as Fletcher Christian in "Mutiny on the Bounty?" A new account has been written by Caroline Alexander. "The Bounty: The True Story of the Mutiny on the Bounty" (996.18 ALE C) is a fast-reading and gripping narrative, drawing on a host of primary-source materials, including letters, diaries, logs and court transcripts.

The book provides an in-depth, well-researched

look at all the elements occurring in the history-making event. She makes a convincing case that Bligh has been unjustly maligned, mainly due to the machinations of mutineer Peter Heywood, who escaped the hangman's noose at his court-martial.

Alexander underlines Bligh's navigational skills with hair-raising descriptions of his 4,000-mile voyage in an overloaded open boat, which brought loyalists to safety.

Additional non-fiction include "Cooking Texas Style" (641.5976 WAG C) by Candy Wagner; "Loving Each Other" (158.2 BUS L) by Leo Buscaglia; "Guestures: The Do's and Taboos of Body Language Around the World" (153.69 ACT R) by Roger Axtell, and "Ready for Anything" (646.7 ALL D) by David Allen.

Working in a mystery tradition Alexander McCall Smith creates an African detective, Precious Ramotswe. His first book is "The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency" (M SMI A). It can be found in the mys-

tery section along with "The Tears of the Giraffe." It is the detective as folk hero, chronicling his technique of solving crimes through an innate, self-possessed wisdom that, combined with an understanding of human nature, invariably penetrates into the heart of a puzzle. If Miss Marple were fat and jolly and lived in Botswana, and decided to go against any conventional notion of what an unmarried woman should do, and spends money she got from selling her late father's cattle to set up a Ladies' Detective Agency, then you have an idea of how Precious sets herself up as her country's first female detective. This is a very different, deft mystery series.

Another Michael McGarrity mystery is here, entitled "Everyone Dies" (M McG M). Chief of Police Kevin Kearney is awaiting the birth of his child when he receives word about a prominent attorney being shot, execution style. It is up to Kearney to solve the mystery amidst the backdrop of beautiful Santa

Fe, N.M.

Bill Crider, author of the Dan Rhodes mystery series, has a newly published book, "Red, White and Blue Murder" (M CRI D). The plot begins with a weather setting. It hasn't rained in more than two months and the land is dry.

People's passions ignite when a murder occurs. The library has several of Crider's works and his works are a gentle, amusing mystery read.

I can't report about each and every new book so check the binder for more new books.

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The internet/videx room closes 1/2 hour before closing. The library is located at 500 South Main Street, phone 264-2260. Website is [www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us](http://www.howardcounty.lib.tx.us) and the catalog is on line. The library's e-mail address is [hmccright@hotmail.com](mailto:hmccright@hotmail.com).

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## Sage years celebrated



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Ninety-year-old twins Ola Smith, left, and Ollie Layman pose for a picture with Ollie's son Robert Michael Kelly at the twin's birthday celebrations at Parkplace Retirement Center Saturday. The two girls, originally from Haskell, celebrated the mile stone with family members Mr. and Mrs. Donald E. Smith and Kenneth Smith, both of Lubbock, and Big Spring resident Billy Smith, the brother-in-law of Ola. The twins were born on Feb. 16, 1914. Ollie came to Big Spring in 1957. Ola lives in Floydada and the sisters have not seen each other for several years until Saturday.

### A special poems for senior citizens

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analyze myself.  
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have to pop  
Goes to my heart  
so it won't stop.  
A little white one  
that I take  
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they won't shake.  
The blue ones that  
I use a lot  
Tells me I'm happy  
when I'm not.  
The purple pill  
goes to my brain  
And tells me that  
I have no pain.  
The capsules tell  
me not to wheeze  
Or cough or choke  
or sneeze.  
The red ones, smallest  
of them all  
Go to my blood  
so I won't fall.  
The orange ones, very  
big and bright  
Prevent my leg cramps  
in the night.  
Such an array of  
brilliant pills  
Helping to cure all  
kinds of ills.  
But what I'd really  
like to know...  
Is what tells each  
pill where to go?



HERALD photo/Lyndel Moody

Big Spring Mayor Russ McEwen visits with 101-year-old Fern Ellington who was celebrating her birthday with family, friends and fellow residents at Parkplace Retirement Center.

The Mayor presented a proclamation for Fern Ellington Day on Friday. Born on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, 1903, in Sulfur Bluff, Ellington is the widow of Dr. E.O. "Doc" Ellington. The two enjoyed 21 years of marriage before E.O. died in 1983.

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

After standing through all the pageantry of receiving her proclamation, Ellington quipped, "If I knew all this was going to happen, I wouldn't have gotten up today."



### Debaters of excellence

Courtesy photo/Leland Mellett

Pictured are members of the Big Spring High School cross-examination debate program. Team members placed second, third and fourth at district University Interscholastic League contest Wednesday. At the contest, CX debate partners Logan Churchwell and James Clark of Big Spring qualify for the state tournament set for March 18 through March 20.

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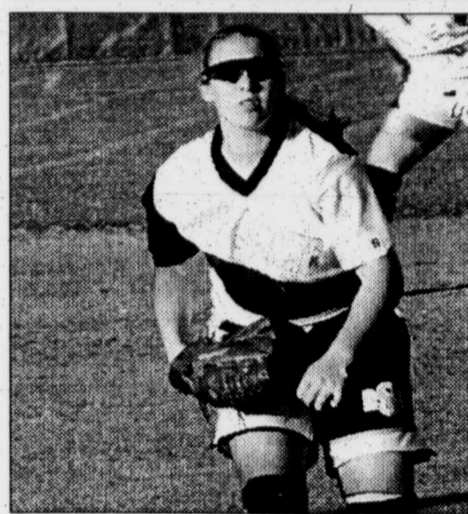
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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells  
**Big Spring left-hander Chelsea Abner pitched the Lady Steers to a 4-3 win over Odessa Tuesday.**

## Braxton, Smiley help Lady Steers top OHS

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

ODESSA — Leina Braxton hammered out a two-run single to right in the third inning Tuesday and led the Big Spring Lady Steers to a 4-3 win over the Odessa Lady Bronchos in their 2004 softball season opener.

Junior left-hander Chelsea Abner picked up the win by outdueling Odessa's Christiana Hogan. Abner allowed just seven hits in the game.

The Lady Steers roughed up

Hogan in the third. Katie Policky opened the frame with a walk. Amber Sides followed Policky's walk with a double, putting runners on second and third.

Braxton sent Ashley Hodge and Sides racing home moments later when she slapped a two-run single to right. Braxton scored later on a single off the bat of Whitney Hufford.

Odessa managed to scratch out its first run in the home half of the third on a solo home

run by Whitney Allison.

The Lady Bronchos added another run in the fifth and pulled to within 3-2.

Big Spring scored the game-winning run in the top of the sixth when Heather Vassar raced home on a single by Katie Smiley.

Odessa threatened in the seventh. The Lady Bronchos managed to load the bases before Abner struck out the final batter on the plate in their final at-bat before Big Spring slammed the

door.

Sides turned in a stellar effort in the outfield. She made a perfect throw to catcher Erica Stewart to gun down an Odessa runner at the plate in the fifth and helped catch an OHS runner in a run-down at third.

The Lady Steers, who are playing without ace Alex Watkins, are scheduled to return to play Thursday afternoon when they travel to Fort Worth to compete in the Brewer Invitational Softball Tournament.

## Soriano prefers to stay at 2nd

DALLAS — As if it weren't hard enough to swallow leaving the American League champions and the most dynastic team in the majors for one that has finished last four consecutive years, Alfonso Soriano has another unsettling move to ponder.

He could be asked to leave the spot from which he has made the AL All-Star team each of the last two years to shortstop or center field.

"been thinking about playing second base," Soriano said Tuesday from Tampa, where he had already arrived ahead of the Yankees' other players. "I feel very comfortable there. Right now, I don't want to think about changing teams and positions."

Soriano communicated as much when Rangers general manager John Hart called to welcome him to the club Monday. Soriano said Tuesday that he has an open mind, but called a potential move to short, where he played in the minors, or center as "difficult."

The Rangers' problem is they've got too many good second basemen, no shortstop and no center fielder with significant experience.

Soriano and incumbent Michael Young offer different talents at second. Young was third in the AL in fielding percentage (.987) and made just 10 errors. Soriano made All-Star teams based on offense. He has averaged 38 homers the last two years but had a league-high 19 errors last year.

The Rangers have discussed the possibility of one of the players moving to short or having Soriano play center field, with Laynce Nix moving to left.

## Lady Cats speed past Aspermont

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

WESTBROOK — Freshman Brittany Rivas scored 10 points and helped carry the Grady Lady Cats to a stunning 55-46 win over the fifth-ranked Aspermont Lady Hornets Tuesday.

Grady put Aspermont in a hole early. The Lady Cats outscored the Lady Hornets by a 33-16 clip in the first half.

With the win, Grady advances to the second round of the Class A, Division II playoffs to face No. 15 Spur.

# Big Time in Big Spring

## Steers end district slide with romp over Levelland

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Big Spring Steers had plenty of reason to smile Tuesday night. After more than two years, the monkey finally has to find a new home.

Jordan Cobb scored 25 points and Wesley Smith and Michael Ornales-Doport added 19 and 16 more and helped Big Spring close out its 2003-2004 season by claiming a historic 71-86 victory over the Levelland Loboes in front of a large crowd at the Steer Gym.

Following the final buzzer, fans swarmed the court intent on helping the Steers celebrate the end of a two-year drought in District 4-4A play.

"This was the best way I could have imagined to finish," said BSHS senior Alvin Russell. "All season coach kept telling us to keep fighting and we'd get one ... and we did."

Russell was among nine Big Spring seniors honored prior to playing their final game in the Steers uniform.

"What an incredible way to finish," he added.

By downing the Loboes, Big Spring snapped a 21-game district slide that dated back to the 2002 season and accomplished something even more important — giving the team momentum heading into the off-season.

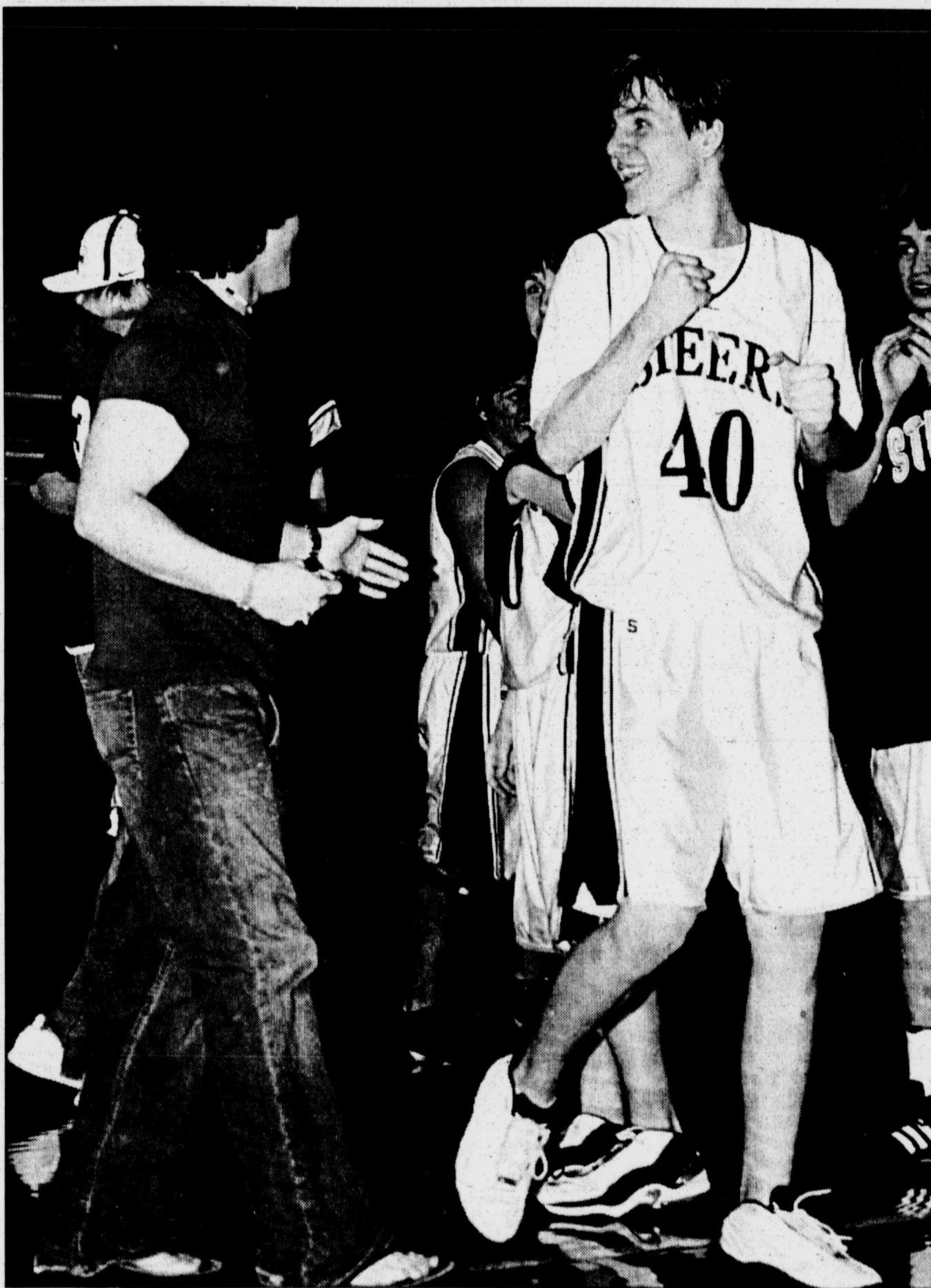
"I don't know how long it has been between district wins, but we got rid of that goose egg," said Big Spring coach Kim Kinnear. "What can you say? All the credit has to go to these young men. They never quit and they have set the foundation for the future."

"Good things are going to happen here. I think the basketball program is on an upswing," he said.

Levelland would be the first to agree with Kinnear's assessment. The Loboes struggled throughout the night with the Steers' pressure defense and fast-tempo pace.

Big Spring, which finished the year at 5-25, jumped on the Loboes early. Cobb pushed in six points and C.J. Lowery and Smith both added four in the first quarter and guided the Steers to a 19-14 advan-

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Herald Photo/Tommy Wells  
**Big Spring senior Jordan Cobb (40) celebrates the Steers' 86-71 win over the Levelland Loboes Tuesday night at the Steer Gym. The win snapped a two-year district losing streak for the squad.**

## Lady Kats get 'sweet revenge' with bi-district romp over Roby

By TOMMY WELLS

Sports Editor

The Garden City Lady Kats sent a clear message to the rest of the state Tuesday night — They're back.

Leslie Jansa scored 20 points and Amanda Henson grabbed nine rebounds en route to guiding Garden City to a convincing 53-20 bi-district playoff rout of the Roby Lady Lions at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

With the win, the Lady Kats made a successful return to the state playoffs. Prior to missing the postseason party last year, Garden City had reached the playoffs 10 straight seasons.

"Sometimes when you don't reach your goal, it makes you want to work that much harder. That was the case for us," said senior forward Amanda Henson. "We remember how it feels to lose and we wanted to make sure we didn't feel that way again."

What could possibly make the Lady Kats' return to the playoffs better? Try trouncing the team that had eliminated

them in 2001 and 2002 — Roby.

"This was special, said senior Jessica Hoch. "Just making the playoffs is great, but for us to come in and beat them was a great feeling."

"It was such sweet revenge," said Henson.

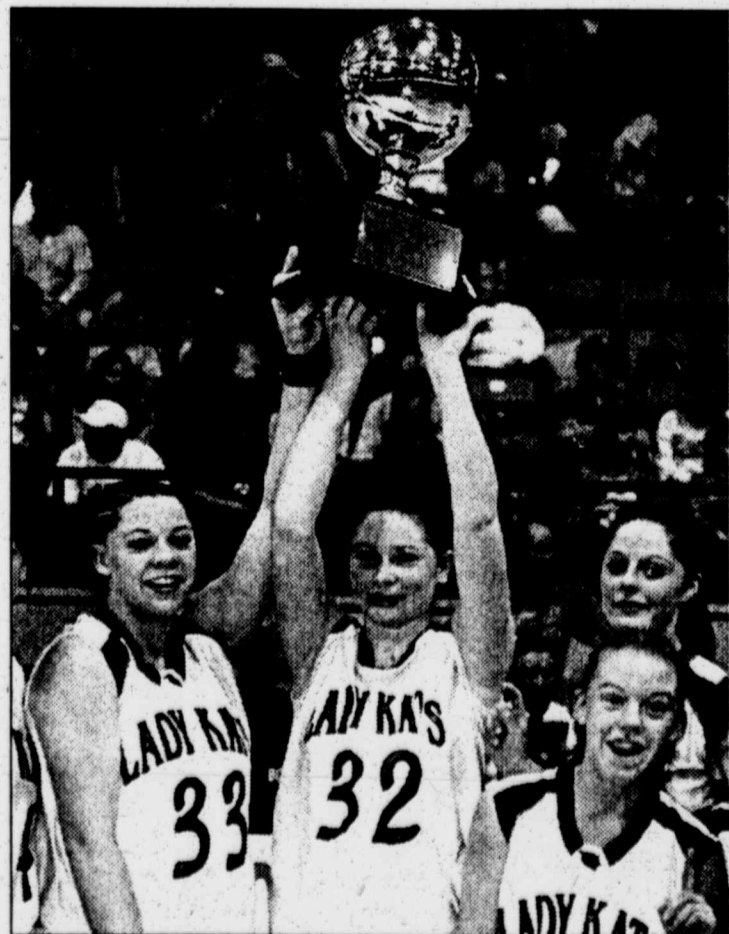
It was anything but sweet for Roby in the first eight minutes as Garden City inloaded on the District 7-A runners-up. The Lady Kats opened the game by reeling off nine straight points before Roby managed to find its legs.

Hoch, who has garnered some interest from Howard College officials, opened the first quarter with a driving layup. She then looked on as Jansa turned trick just 45 seconds later to give the GCHS girls a 4-0 cushion.

It only got worse from there for the Lady Lions.

Hoch and Henson teamed to inflate the Lady Kats' lead to 9-0 seconds later. After Hoch had nailed a three-pointer from the left corner, Henson powered her way inside for the first of her three

See **LADY KATS**, Page 3B



HERALD PHOTO/Tommy Wells  
**Garden City's Jessica Hoch (32) lifts the bi-district trophy over her head following the Lady Kats' 53-20 win over Roby Tuesday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.**

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DENNIS THE MENACE comic strip showing a boy spilling paper towels and a man reacting. Includes the text: 'OOPS!' and 'THAT ABOUT SAYS IT ALL.'

THE FAMILY CIRCUS comic strip showing a woman talking to a child. Includes the text: 'Good news, Mommy! I just spilled something. Now we can try out those new paper towels.'

HAGAR comic strip showing a man with a goat and a bear. Includes the text: 'I AM HAGAR THE HORRIBLE!!', 'I HAVE THE QUICKNESS OF A CHEETAH...', 'THE AGILITY OF A MOUNTAIN GOAT...', 'AND THE STRENGTH OF A BIG BEAR!', 'ALL OF WHICH QUALIFIES YOU TO TAKE OUT THE GARBAGE!'

BLONDIE comic strip showing a man and a woman talking. Includes the text: 'BOSS, I SHOWED YOUR PROPOSAL TO LEADBOTOM', 'HE SAID YOU WERE A SWINDLER THE LIKES OF WHICH HE'S NEVER SEEN!', 'IT'S JUST LIKE THAT OLD BUZZARD TO TRY TO BUTTER ME UP TO GET A BETTER DEAL'

WIZARD OF ID comic strip showing a man writing a letter. Includes the text: 'Dear Miss Know-It-All', 'My husband says my biscuits are not as good as his mother's. Should I be offended?', 'I DON'T KNOW. SEND ME A PICTURE OF BOTH OF YOU IN A BATHING SUIT.'

AGNES comic strip showing a woman talking to a man. Includes the text: 'I'M GOING ON THE NEW PRUNE DIET', 'YOU EAT NOTHING BUT PRUNES FOR TWO WEEKS', 'WHAT ABOUT EXERCISE?', 'THE PRUNES SEE TO THAT'

HI AND LOIS comic strip showing a woman talking to a man. Includes the text: 'OH NO! I CAN'T BELIEVE IT! ... AND WITH ALL OF MY HOME WORK COMPLETED IN A MOST TIMELY AND CONSCIENTIOUS MANNER!', 'WHAT'S WRONG?', 'I'M COMING DOWN WITH IRITIS! SEE? MY IRIS IS ALL TUMEFIED AND TENDER! I NEED LINIMENT! I NEED AN ICE PACK AND A NOTE TO STAY HOME!!', 'HERE YOU GO... BY THE WAY, THE IRIS IS THE COLORED PART OF YOUR EYE. I HOPE YOU WEREN'T LYING TO ME.', 'YIKES, THIS ISN'T GOING TO BE PRETTY.'

THE OTHER COAST comic strip showing a man talking to a woman. Includes the text: 'TRIXIE! AS SOON AS I CLEAN UP ONE MESS, YOU MAKE ANOTHER ONE!', 'YOU'RE ALWAYS ONE STEP AHEAD OF ME!', 'AND I'M NOT EVEN WALKING YET!'

SNUFFY SMITH comic strip showing a man talking to a woman. Includes the text: 'IF YOU PURCHASE OVER TEN CASES, YOU'RE ELIGIBLE TO WIN A FREE TRIP.', 'COOL. WHERE TO?', 'THE BETTY FORD CLINIC.'

BEEETLE BAILEY comic strip showing a man talking to a woman. Includes the text: 'MAW, NEXT TIME YA TELL PARSON TO GRAB A PLATE AN' DIG IN...', 'HIDE TH' SERVIN' PLATTERS!!'

Comic strip showing a man talking to a woman. Includes the text: 'SIR I WISH YOU WOULDN'T WATCH ME DO PERSONAL MY NAILS', 'THIS IS RATHER PERSONAL MY NAILS', 'OH, SORRY... EXCUSE ME', 'MAYBE I SHOULD HIDE IN THE BROOM CLOSET WHEN SHE BLOWS HER NOSE'

This Date In History

By The Associated Press
Today is Wednesday, Feb. 18, the 49th day of 2004. There are 317 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Feb. 18, 1885, Mark Twain's "Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" was published in the United States for the first time.
On this date:
In 1546, Martin Luther, leader of the Protestant Reformation in Germany, died.
In 1564, artist Michelangelo died in Rome.
In 1861, Jefferson Davis was sworn in as president of the Confederate States of America in Montgomery, Ala.
In 1930, the ninth planet of our solar system, Pluto, was discovered.
In 1960, the Eighth Winter

Olympic Games were formally opened in Squaw Valley, Calif., by Vice President Nixon.
In 1970, the Chicago Seven defendants were found innocent of conspiring to incite riots at the 1968 Democratic national convention.
In 1972, the California Supreme Court struck down the state's death penalty.
In 1977, the space shuttle Enterprise, sitting atop a Boeing 747, went on its maiden flight above the Mojave Desert.
In 1988, Anthony M. Kennedy was sworn in as the 104th justice of the U.S. Supreme Court.
In 2001, auto racing star Dale Earnhardt Sr. died from injuries suffered in a crash at the Daytona 500; he was 49.
Ten years ago: President Clinton notified Congress he was prepared to order bombing in Bosnia. At the Winter Olympic Games in Norway, speedskater Dan Jansen finally won a gold medal,

breaking the world record in the 1,000 meters.
Today's Birthdays: Actor Jack Palance is 83. Former Cosmopolitan editor Helen Gurley Brown is 82. Actor George Kennedy is 79. Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, R-Va., is 77. Author Toni Morrison is 73. Movie director Milos Forman is 72. Singer Yoko Ono is 71. Singer Irma Thomas is 63. Singer Herman Santiago (Frankie Lymon and the Teenagers) is 63. Singer Dennis DeYoung is 57. Actress Sinead Cusack is 56. Producer-director-writer John Hughes is 54.

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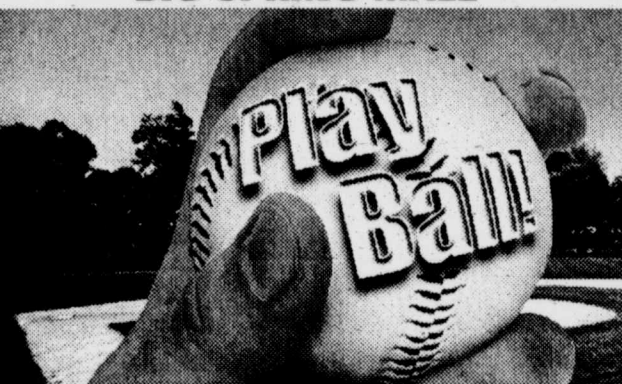
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**Help Wanted**  
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