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It's been two years since coalition forces invaded Iraq.

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## Coahoma to get out of ambulance business

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

As the city of Big Spring struggles to get out of the jail business, members of the Coahoma City Council have voted unanimously to get out of the "ambulance business."

Kelly Overton, director of EMS for Coahoma, said the decision to shut down the city's ambulance service was two-fold, coming from financial concerns and a lack of volunteers to drive the service.

*"That's why we wanted to get this out to the public now. We didn't want it to come as a sudden shock when the service shuts down."*

—Kelly Overton, Coahoma EMS director

"April 30 will be the last day for the ambulance service to operate," said Overton. "We will be making the transition to a first-responder service, which means members of the volunteer fire department will actually stabilize the patient on the scene and care for the

patient until the Big Spring EMS can get there.

"The council came to the decision after a long period of debating over the financial side of it, and while that was a big part of the reason it's being shut down, it's not the only one. Coahoma

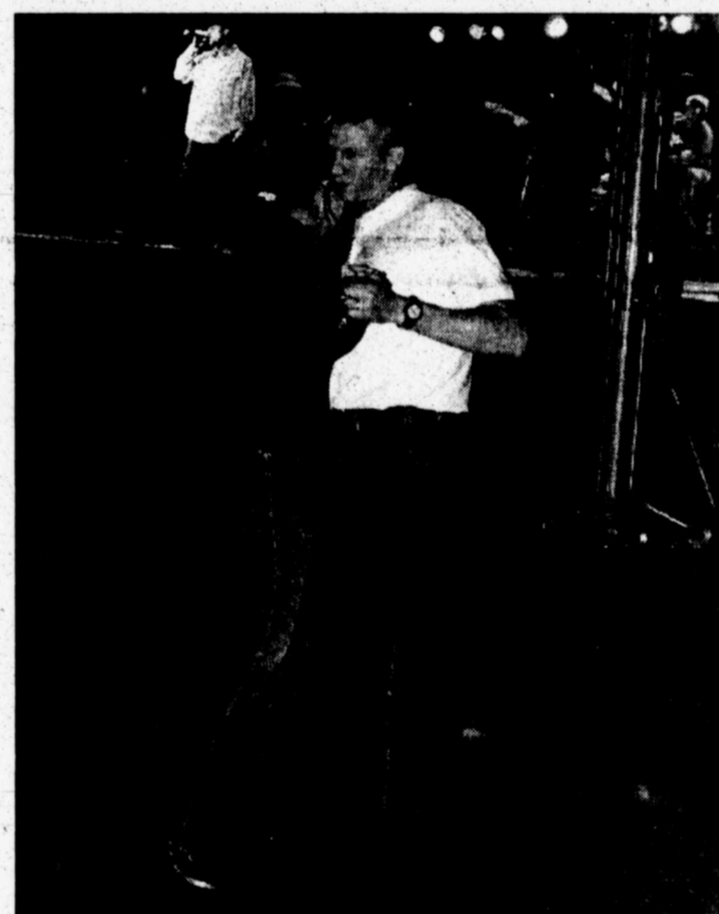
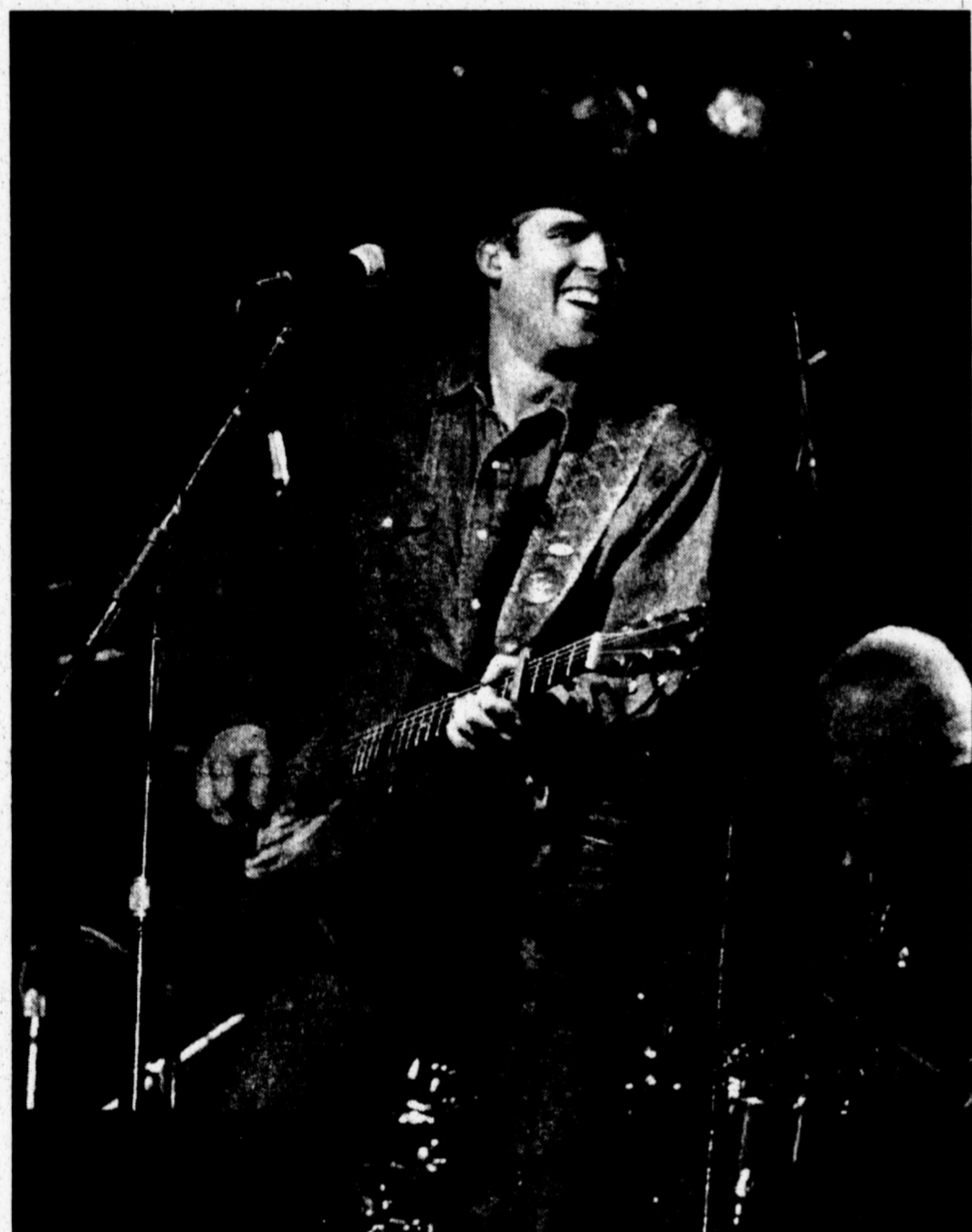
EMS was staffed by volunteers. I'm the only paid staff member, and it was getting harder and harder to find volunteers that could spare the time."

While the idea of a being a volunteer paramedic may seem strange to some, Overton said it's actually quite common in this part of the state.

"There are volunteer EMS services in several nearby counties, including Borden and Glasscock counties," she said.

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## HONKY TONK TAILGATE PARTY



HERALD photos/Bruce Schooler

Clockwise, Trent Willmon on stage during Friday's Honky Tonk Tailgate Party for Junior Achievement at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum; David Kersh sings a ballad for the crowd; Farrah and Adam Freeman, home on leave from Camp Lejeune, N.C., dance to a number sung by Kersh.

## Lifeline removed

*Doctors take out Terri Schiavo's feeding tube*

By **MITCH STACY**

Associated Press Writer

PINELLAS PARK, Fla. (AP) — Lying in her hospice bed with a crowd of protesters gathering outside, Terri Schiavo stopped receiving nourishment through a feeding tube that has kept her alive for more than a decade.

Doctors removed the tube Friday despite an extraordinary, last-minute



KRT photo

push by Republicans on Capitol Hill to

use the subpoena powers of Congress to keep the brain-damaged woman alive.

Schiavo, 41, could linger one to two weeks, provided no one intercedes and lets the tube reinserted — something that has happened twice before.

But activists kept a vigil for Schiavo, while congressional Republicans and her parents' lawyers promised to go on fighting for her life as she spent her first full day Saturday without food and water.

Three men, led by anti-government activist James Gordon "Bo" Gritz, were arrested on misdemeanor trespassing charges after trying to enter the hospice Saturday with bread and water to give Schiavo. Although she cannot eat or drink, supporters of keeping her alive said the move had symbolic value.

"A woman is being starved to death, and I have to do something," said Brandi Swindell, 28, from Boise, Idaho. "There are just certain things that you

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## Police look for suspect in theft at Wal-Mart

By **THOMAS JENKINS**  
Staff Writer

A Big Spring man remains on the run following a theft Friday morning at the local Wal-Mart Supercenter that ended in a high speed chase with police.

According to Big Spring Police Department Det. George Oliver, the chase began shortly after he identified the vehicle, driven by 36-year-old John

West Rusk. Oliver said the vehicle matched a description given by witnesses at Wal-Mart, who later confirmed Rusk made away from the Supercenter with a computer.

"I saw the car, and it matched the description given," said Oliver. "I immediately called for a marked unit (police car) to come to the location, which was at the corner of 17th Street and Lexington. When the marked

car arrived, Rusk revved the engine and took off."

Oliver said officers pursued Rusk and an unnamed passenger to the intersection of 21st Street and State, where the desperate man made a last ditch effort to escape.

"There's a small trail that goes from that intersection to a driveway near a communications tower," said Oliver. "He took that path and crashed

down the hill near the tower to FM 700."

While Rusk would manage to get away from officers following the bumpy ride, his flight came at a steep toll to the vehicle.

"Coming off of the hill he tore the front and rear ends of the vehicle almost off," said Oliver. "He exited the vehicle and iden-

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**UPCOMING EVENT**  
**Health fair booths**

Booth space is available for health care providers and health care agencies who want to participate in the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Health Fair 2005.

"Prevention is the Key to Good Health" is the theme of the April 16 health fair, which will be held in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m..

More than 2,000 people attend the health fair each year.

To obtain space for a booth, call the chamber at 263-7641.

**PROFESSIONAL**  
**Workshop scheduled**

International human relations consultant and motivational speaker Sidney Hurlbert will conduct a workshop for social workers on "What To Say and How To Say It," Wednesday from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. in the Allred Building Auditorium at the Big Spring State Hospital.

Registration begins at 12:30 p.m. Pre-registration will not be offered. The cost is \$30.

Three hours of Social Worker Ethics Continuing Education will be offered.

**IN THE PAPER**

Inserted into this edition: Family-owned farms have dotted the American landscape since Colonial times.

Some of these multi-generation farms have endured and developed along with the nation. Here are a few of their stories.

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## Jessie Lucille Arnett Richters



Jessie Lucille Arnett Richters, 82, of Coahoma, went to be with her Lord and Savior on Friday, March 18, 2005, in a Big Spring nursing home. Funeral services will be held at 4:30 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005, at the First Baptist Church of Coahoma with Rev. Monroe Teeters and Rev. Guy White, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel.

She was born on April 1, 1922, in Big Spring and married Earnest A. Richters on Jan. 20, 1939, in Midland.

Mrs. Richters had lived in Coahoma and ran Rick's School Store. After retiring, she moved to Kaufman in 1979 and then returned to Coahoma in 1997.

She was a member of the First Baptist Church of Coahoma and a charter member of the Red Oak Baptist Church in Kaufman. She loved her Lord and Savior and was a faithful Christian and lived her faith. Her passion for life was only exceeded by her passion for her Lord and Savior.

She enjoyed her family, traveling, friends and loved her church.

Survivors include her husband of 66 years, Earnest Richters; three daughters and sons-in-law, Veta and Billy Spears of Coahoma, Shirleen and J. D. Topping of Fair Oaks and Linda and R. L. Coates of Forsan; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dewayne and Alice Richters of Alvarado, Dean and Kathy Richters of Coahoma and Don and Susie Richters of Eldorado; sixteen grandsons; seven granddaughters; 42 great grandchildren; four great great grandchildren; two sisters, Lillian Jones of Midland and Joan Nichols of Odessa; one brother, Fred Arnett of Durant, Okla. and numerous nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by two daughters, Ginger Darden Davis and Madeline Foster Rainey; her parents, J. G. and Effie Arnett; two sisters, Vivian Andersons and Irene Rice; and five brothers, Bill Arnett, Hershel Arnett, Leon Arnett, Garrett Arnett and Ralph Arnett.

Pallbearers will be her grandsons, Stephen Spears, Darrell Spears, Alex Richters, Mark Richters, Jeff Richters, Todd Darden, Scott Darden, Cary Darden, Erick Davis, Dale Coates, Matt Coates, Rocky Coates, Rickey Richters, Terry McMahan, Jason Richters and Sean Foster.

Honorary pallbearers will be Tim Waters, Donald Reid, Jon Wooten and Duane Thomas.

The family suggests memorials to the Alzheimer's Association, Greater West Texas Chapter, 4400 N. Big Spring, Suite C-32, Midland 79705; or the American Diabetes Association, Midland Office, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220E, Midland 79705; or the International Mission Board, Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, P.O. Box 6767, Richmond, Va. 23230-0767 or a favorite charity.

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

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## Take note

• **A MEMORIAL FUND HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED FOR THE FAMILY OF TYBO JACOBS** at the First Bank of West Texas in Coahom and Big Spring to help with funeral costs. He died in an automobile accident March 10.

• **MEMBERS OF THE PUGA FAMILY** are searching for family members to invite to a family reunion July 2 at Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Contact Anna Gutierrez-Trevino at 466-1780.

• **HOWARD COUNTY A&M CLUB SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS FOR 2005-2006** are being accepted. Applications may be obtained from Mike or Jeane Niklasch at 1409 E. Highway 350 or by calling the club president, Dr. Tom Dawson at 267-7911, ext. 216. Application deadline is April 15.

• **DEREK CHURCHWELL MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP** has been established at Howard College. Donations may be made to the Howard College Foundation in care of Jan Foresyth, 1001 Birdwell Lane. Designate the Derek Churchwell Scholarship Fund.

• **HOWARD COUNTY CHILD WELFARE BOARD** is seeking financial donations to provide support for children in Howard County who have been removed from their home due to abuse or neglect. Contact Patti Richard at 432-559-6953 or mail donations to HCCWB P.O. Box 3101 Big Spring, 79721.

• **LEGAL AID OF NORTHWEST TEXAS** is accepting appointments for 2 p.m. until 5 p.m. the first and third Wednesday of each month. Individuals seeking legal advice for matters concerning family law, divorce, custody and child support issues, social security cases, employment and housing may contact the office to schedule an appointment. Criminal cases are not accepted. Anyone recently served with legal documents should call the office immediately at 800-926-5630 or 432-686-0647.

• **HERITAGE MUSEUM** is accepting donations of costumes to be used with the new theme party area opening in May. Call the museum at 267-8255.

• **FRIENDS OF THE MARTIN COUNTY LIBRARY** have scheduled a used book sale from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. every Thursday in the new building across from the White Ford Motor Company, near the post office. The sale benefits the restoration of a library building. For more information contact Bud Lindsey at 756-2306.

• **CHRIST'S COMMUNITY CHURCH** is looking for infant car seats to be given to needy families. Call Karen at 263-3517 or the church at 263-5683.

## Obituaries

### Lawrence Gordon Adkins



Lawrence Gordon Adkins, 86, of Stanton died Thursday, March 17, 2005. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, March 21, 2005, at Stanton United Methodist Church with Rev. Daniel Armstrong, pastor, officiating. Graveside military honors will follow at Evergreen Cemetery in Stanton.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. Sunday, March 20, at the Gilbreath Funeral Home in Stanton.

Dubbed the "head pilgrim" by his children after a John Wayne movie, Lawrence took great pleasure in being a special character within the family. His example and interaction forged a strong bond of God, family and friends for his whole family. He will be greatly missed and forever loved by those who knew him well.

Lawrence was born July 31, 1918, in Red Top, the son of David and Nannie Adkins. He attended school in Moore and Big Spring, and graduated from West Texas State Teachers College in 1941. He taught science in Sudan until he was drafted into the Army.

Lawrence met his wife, Evelyn Stallings, in 1937 through his former teacher, Miss Twila Lomax, Evelyn's aunt. The couple were married April 10, 1943, in Yakima, Wash., where Lawrence was stationed with the 96th Infantry Division, 363rd Field Artillery Unit. After moving with the Army throughout Washington, Oregon and California, Lawrence sailed for the Pacific arena in July 1944. Facing the battles of Leyte and Okinawa, Lawrence was awarded the Bronze Star. Following V-J Day, he returned home to Lomax with the rank of Captain.

Lawrence started farming in 1946. He taught two years in the veterans program at Howard County Junior College and also worked for Cap Rock Electric during the drought of the 1950s. Later, his two oldest sons, Larry and Bob, would join him in farming.

Lawrence was active in Wes-Tex Telephone Cooperative as a board member from 1952 through 1989, serving as president of the board from 1971 to 1983.

Both Evelyn and Lawrence have been active members of the Stanton United Methodist Church for more than 55 years.

Lawrence is survived by his wife of 62 years, Evelyn; daughter-in-law, Lila Adkins of Big Spring; sons, Bob Adkins and his wife, Deborah, of Lomax and David Adkins of Snyder; daughters, Mollie Madison and husband, Jack, of Stanton and Dee Dee Colwell and husband, Barry, of Marysville, Wash.; several grandchildren, Barry, Josh, and Rachel Madison, Leslie and wife, Kelly, Adkins, Larissa and Landon Adkins, Jennifer and husband, Mike McNeil, Kelly and husband, Monty Means, Trey and wife, Sherra Harrell, and Courtney and Colton Colwell; and great grandchildren, Peyton Madison, Baylor Means, Blaze McNeil and Quentin Harrell.

Lawrence and Evelyn's first son, Larry, died in Oct. 2003. He was also preceded in death by eight siblings, Archie Adkins, Charlie Adkins, Robert Adkins, Russell Adkins, Winifred Wood, Bernice Micaliff, Norma Lee Autrey and Marguerite Marion.

Memorials may be made to West Texas Aphasia Center, 2800 W. Illinois Ave., Suite. 230, Midland 79701 or a favorite charity.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home of Stanton. Online condolences can be made at: [www.npwelch.com](http://www.npwelch.com)

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## Police blotter

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Friday and 9 a.m. Saturday:

• **HOWARD BRANDON JOHNSON**, 20, of 500 S. Goliad, was arrested Friday on charges of possession of a controlled substance in a drug free zone, unlawfully carrying a weapon and driving while license suspended.

• **SELESTINO HERNANDEZ III**, 19, of 2627 Langley, was arrested Friday on charges of failure to identify, theft and possession/delivery of drug paraphernalia.

• **UNLAWFULLY CARRYING A WEAPON** was reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont.

• **THEFT** was reported:  
- in the 200 block of Marcy.  
- in the 900 block of Willia.  
- in the 400 block of Birdwell.  
- in the 1100 block of Lamesa.

• **POSSESSION OF A CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE IN A DRUG FREE ZONE** was reported in the 1000 block of Rosemont.

• **EVADING ARREST OR DETENTION WITH A VEHICLE** was reported in the 1300 block of 17th Street.

• **BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE** was reported in the 400 block of Fourth Street.

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*The family of Nona Stanley would like to thank everyone for their prayers, cards, food, calls & hugs during this difficult time. We would like to thank Rick Cunningham and Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home for the wonderful service. A special thanks to all of Mom's special friends. Please keep us in your prayers.*

**Betty Thixton, A. J. Stanley,  
D. F. Stanley and families**

### Mrs. Voncile Gilbert Coker



Mrs. Voncile Gilbert Coker passed away at the University Medical Center in Lubbock on Friday, March 18, 2005, at 5:45 a.m. at the age of 91. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005, at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Dennis Teeters, pastor of First Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 4 p.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

She was born on July 14, 1913, in Purves to Birda and Isaac Gilbert. She married Leonard Coker, longtime owner of Coker's Restaurant, on Dec. 26, 1937, in Big Spring. He preceded her in death on Dec. 5, 1995.

Voncile was a longtime resident of Big Spring and had lived in Lubbock at the Grace House Assisted Living Center for this past year. She was a homemaker.

She was a longtime member of First Baptist Church in Big Spring, where she was a WMU member and a Sunday School teacher.

Survivors include two sons and a daughter-in-law, Don and Linda Coker of Lubbock, and Larry Coker of Austin; two granddaughters, Tracy Morse of Lubbock and Keely and husband, Chad Hyde, of Frisco; and five great grandchildren.

She was also preceded in death by a daughter, Linda Kay in 1941; two sisters and one brother.

The family suggests memorials be made to the Gideons, P.O. Box 133, Big Spring 79721-0133.

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

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### J. C. "Jay" Burchett

J. C. "Jay" Burchett, 77, of Big Spring, died on Friday, March 18, 2005, in a local hospital. Graveside funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, March 21, 2005 at the Peace Chapel at Trinity Memorial Park with Ralph Anderson, minister of Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, officiating.

The family will receive friends from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1927, in Lamesa and married Evelyn Kilpatrick Hall on Jan. 23, 1976, in Andrews. She preceded him in death on July 10, 2002.

Jay was a lifetime resident of Big Spring. He had worked at McMahon's Concrete for many years and then worked as a cement contractor. He loved his family dearly and enjoyed fishing, picnicking and being outdoors. He was a member of the Birdwell Lane Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, Russell Fuquay of Tennessee and Phillip Burchett of Big Spring; a step daughter, Mary Jennings of Big Spring; a step son, Marvin Hall of San Angelo; two sisters, Bobbie Holden and Willie Mae Harrison, both of Big Spring; one brother, Willis Burchett of Big Spring; eight grandchildren; four step grandchildren; and numerous great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

The family suggests memorials to Birdwell Lane Church of Christ, 1616 E. 11th Place, Big Spring 79720.

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### Melinda Boyd

Melinda Boyd, 30, of Big Spring died Friday in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## Lottery

The winning Cash Five numbers drawn Friday by the Texas Lottery: 9-14-26-29-31

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The winning Pick 3 numbers drawn Friday night by the Texas Lottery, in order: 9-2-8

## Weather

Sunday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the upper 70s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Sunday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the upper 40s. Southwest winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Monday - Partly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s. Northwest winds 10 to 20 mph.  
Monday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the lower 40s.  
Tuesday - Mostly cloudy. Highs in the lower 70s.  
Tuesday night - Partly cloudy. Lows in the mid 40s.

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**By STEVE RE**  
Staff Writer

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From left, Big Spring High School Construction Technology students Donnie Karavatos, Talbott Moore, Paul Wylie, Joe Richter, Steven Heffington, Jordan Rice, Jonathan Woodson, Josh Olivas and Patrick Swinney recently competed at the District 2 SkillsUSA contest held in Odessa. BSHS dominated the competition, instructor Mark Winn said.

## Big Spring High construction technology students state bound

□ For more about the program, see the article, 'Building a future,' on Page 4C.

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

For a program that only recently came back from the dead, Big Spring High School's construction technology program is incredibly vital.

The BSHS program had been discontinued for several years until it was reinstated two years ago, thanks in large part to a donation from Moore Development For Big Spring.

In the time since, however, the program has established itself as one of the best in West Texas, and will soon have a chance to prove itself on the state level.

Students with the program

recently competed at the District 2 SkillUSA contest held in Odessa, and dominated in both team and individual projects, according to instructor Mark Winn.

"We had three (team) projects entered," Winn said. "These were wood-working projects that are judged on the basis of design, procedure and overall quality of the project. All three projects received a 'superior' rating (the best given) and are eligible to move on to the state contest."

The projects were done by Jonathan Woodson, Josh Olivas and Donnie Karavatos.

BSHS also did very well in individual skills competition, which were designed to test the students' ability and knowledge to perform industry related work.

In the Masonry division, Talbott Moore, Joe Richter and Woodson

swept the top three spots, respectively, to advance to state-level competition.

Karavatos, Steve Heffington and Paul Wylie placed second through fourth, respectively, in the carpentry division, Karavatos and Heffington will advance to the state contest.

In the plumbing division, Jordan Rice placed second to earn a return trip to the state meet. He'll be joined by Patrick Swinney, who placed third at the District 2 contest.

Olivas placed fourth in introduction to welding.

Qualifying students advance to the SkillUSA State Contest in Fort Worth on March 30-April 2, Winn said.

"We are so very proud of these guys and the work they and all of the building trades classes do not only in the contests but each week in the lab and on off-site projects," he added.

## COAHOMA

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Overton said some concern has been expressed about an increase in overall response time due to the shift in services.

"It generally takes Big Spring EMS 15 minutes to get on the scene," said Overton. "So people are going to see an increase in the amount of time it takes to get them to the hospital."

Overton said she hopes the time between now and the shutdown will help ease the shock to Coahoma residents.

"That's why we wanted to get this out to the public now," said Overton.

"We didn't want it to come as a sudden shock when the service shuts down. We want to give it time to set in. We have a subscription service, and those that have paid for the service will have their accounts pro-rated and refunded the difference if they request it. We

hope this will give them time to contact Big Spring EMS and make the same type of arrangements with them."

Overton said the equipment amassed by Coahoma EMS is paid for largely by grants from regional advisory council, and once it's shut down, it will be redistributed among the various members of the council.

The shutdown will cause one job to be lost during the transition — Overton's position. However, the Coahoma woman said she's optimistic about the change.

"I'm going to school right now, so this could be a good change for me," she said.

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## MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

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Dewey Thomas, Jr., 79, died Thursday. Graveside services were at 9:00 AM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

Raymond "Ray" Galaviz, 41, died Monday. Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM Saturday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Melvin Bryant, 65, died Monday. Funeral Services were at 3:00 PM Saturday at Myers & Smith Chapel. Military Graveside Services were at 5:00 PM Saturday at the Greenwood Cemetery.

Belle Harris, 78, died Tuesday. Funeral Services will be at 2:00 PM Monday at East Fourth Baptist Church with burial at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Larry Ragan, 51, died Thursday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Melinda Boyd, 30, died Friday. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

## BSHS Student Council honored

Herald Staff Report

The Big Spring High School Student Council received several awards at the Texas Association of Student Councils District 8 Spring Conference in Odessa Wednesday.

The student council received the following awards: Outstanding student council; outstanding Drugs, Alcohol, Safety and Health school; outstanding energy school; and outstanding pride and patriotism school.

Alexandria Watkins, BSHS student council president, was named

outstanding student council girl for District 8, and was awarded a \$500 scholarship.

The council, which was elected to serve as District 8 secretary/treasurer for the 2005-06 school year, will be recognized for its achievements at the state conference in April.

Student council officers attending the district conference were: Alexandria Watkins, vice president; Jessie New and Kyle Piercefield, secretary; Becky Murphree, DASH officer; Jacob Nichols and parliamentarian Matthew Soto.

Council representatives attending were: Denielle Burns, Chance Cain, Zack Dawson, Caylie Dunnam, Ashton Evans, Scott Fankhauser, Bernadette Flores, Alyssa Garcia, Gloria Garibay, Lance Gross, Kerrie Kauss, Abel Morelion, Wesley Parks, Heather Policky, Blake Roach, Nick Ross, Brenn Swinney, Alex Urias and Veronica Villarreal. They were accompanied by advisor Sharion Richardson.

Thirty-two Big Spring Junior High School representatives, along with sponsors Lisa Zap and Vicki Stewart, also were in attendance.

## SUSPECT

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tified himself."

Oliver said the man's identity helped make sense of the desperate attempt to flee from police officers.

"Rusk currently has a warrant for a parole violation," said Oliver. "Apparently, he didn't want to go back to prison."

Oliver said Rusk fled on

foot from the vehicle, which came to a stop in front of the driveways linking The Master's Touch and Odyssey Health Care to FM 700, and at this time, is still at large.

"We have the warrant for the parole violation, and we're currently working on a warrant for evad-

ing arrest or detention with a vehicle. We also expect charges to come from the Wal-Mart theft," said Oliver.

Rusk is described as a white male, approximately 6 feet tall and between 160 and 200 pounds. He has short, brown hair and brown eyes, as well as tattoos on his right arm.

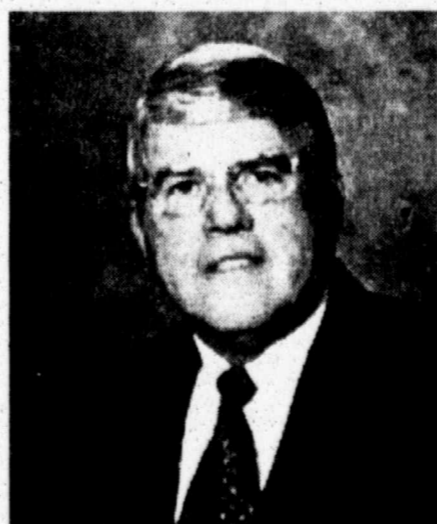
As for what Rusk is wearing, Oliver said that may be something of a mystery.

"We found a clothesline with missing articles of clothing nearby," said Oliver. "We believe he's changed clothes, so it's impossible to say what he's wearing at this point."

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OUR VIEWS

# Get ready for a trip to Austin

The Texas Legislature is in session and that means it's time for another Big Spring Area Day at the State Capitol, a chance for our community to put its best foot forward in front of our elected representatives and their colleagues.

While the trip to Austin is scheduled for April 27, now is the time to get a spot reserved on the chartered bus that will take much of the local contingent to the event.

Chamber of Commerce officials have had little trouble filling the seats available on chartered buses in the past, so it's important to make reservations early for what will be an important Wednesday for our community.

Legislators and other state officials are in the midst of what may well be the most difficult legislative session in decades. So, it's important that our community take this opportunity to not only be noticed in Austin, but to thank our state's leaders for their hard work.

Seats on the charter are \$55 per person and include a box lunch on the capitol grounds. Those who take their own cars will be asked to pay \$8 for lunch and need to register, as well.

In addition, all those planning to attend are asked to wear Big Spring shirts and khaki pants or skirts for the event. The shirts are available at the chamber office for \$26 each.

To register or obtain additional information, call the chamber office at 263-7641.

While the group makes its visit to both houses of the Legislature, a resolution will be read on the floor of the House and Senate and a demonstration of the Let's Build a Computer program by Big Spring fifth-grade students is slated just outside the capitol's south entrance.

Other activities scheduled for the day include the reading of resolutions on the House and Senate floors, lunch on the east grounds of the Capitol, a Coca-Cola and Blue Bell Ice Cream reception on the grounds and the taking of a group photo on the Capitol steps with legislators.

Remember, however, that the trip is designed to give a chance to offer the community's thanks to our legislators for their efforts. It's not a chance to complain about things that we think are wrong, but to thank people for the things they do for us.

That's important.

State legislators who represent the Big Spring area have on several occasions made it clear our delegations have made a positive impression during previous trips to the capital.

Anticipate the same result this time around.

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# Make dead beats pay their bills

If the Senate were an honest legislative body, it would have named the Bankruptcy Abuse Prevention and Consumer Protection Act, which passed by a 74-to-25 vote last week, more succinctly. It should have called it: Stop the Banks Before they Make More Bad Loans.

This bill boils down to one point: If you can pay your bills — you should. If you can't pay your bills — you are entitled to a fresh start," the bill's author, Republican Sen. Charles Grassley of Iowa, boasted in a statement. His bill now heads to the House, where it likely will pass and then be signed into law by President Bush.



DEBRA SAUNDERS

Let me be clear. I am in favor of making deadbeats pay their bills. But I oppose the federal government tightening the nation's bankruptcy laws to bail out banks that essentially toss money at people who can't afford to pay it back.

The Grassley measure would do just that, by making it harder for people to file for bankruptcy under Chapter 7, which wipes out most of their financial obligations. Instead, the bill would require debtors earning more than their state's median income (\$67,814 in California) who can afford to pay back \$100 per month, to file for a Chapter 13 bankruptcy reorganization, which requires some repayment.

Last year, nearly 1.6 million Americans filed for bankruptcy. Their median income, according to Jeffrey W. Morris, a resident scholar at the American Bankruptcy Institute, was in the neighborhood of \$30,000.

It is true that some debtors scam

the bankruptcy system. The American Bankruptcy Institute estimates that some 3.6 percent of those who file under Chapter 7 could actually repay some of the debt under Chapter 13. Banks put that figure as high as 10 percent. I have to question whether it makes sense to overhaul bankruptcy law for that small percentage, especially when there is no law stopping banks from lending more responsibly.

Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist hailed the measure as a victory for 'personal responsibility.' Bunk. Bankruptcy is no free pass, whichever chapter it falls under. "Your credit is destroyed for 10 years," explained Travis Plunkett, legislative director for the Consumer Federation of America. "That means that it's not just harder to get a loan, it's harder to get insurance, a cell phone, employment, an apartment, everything." What debtors don't pay in dollars owed, they instead pay in lost opportunities.

And who are the banks to be talking about personal responsibility when they're making bad loans? Why should the government bail out banks that issue credit cards with high limits to college students? Why make the law tighter to protect companies that lend money to people in tight circumstance and then charge exorbitant fees if they're late on their payments?

Sen. Dianne Feinstein, to her credit, voted against the bill in part because this Senate rejected an amendment that would have capped interest rates at 30 percent. So the Senate is ready to get tough with poor families who have borrowed too much, but not with the predatory lenders who squeeze them with usurious interest rates.

I am ashamed to note that every Republican senator in Washington voted for this special-interest

bonanza. These so-called conservatives should believe in the market and chastise irresponsible lenders.

In addition, 18 Democratic and one independent senator voted yes. Many Democrats and Republicans saw this as what is seen in Washington as a free vote. Plunkett noted. That is, important interests wanted a 'yes' vote, and there was little opposition. "There's no lobby for future debtors," Plunkett added.

As it turns out, the negative media attention has turned up the heat. Yet Plunkett sees a 'very, very slim chance' of defeating the bill.

Consider defeating this measure as a matter of personal responsibility.

The bankruptcy bill requires that those filing for bankruptcy undergo credit counseling. To be fair, Washington also should require the lenders to undergo financial counseling. Otherwise, no bill.

In fact, I think that Washington should pass a law to make it easier to file for bankruptcy.

If the Senate can pull the 'personal responsibility' card on families whom they say are buying big-screen televisions on small-screen incomes, surely they can also target companies that lend money to people who can't possibly pay it back. If these lenders can't lend responsibly, they shouldn't expect the government to bail them out. What they need is tough love.

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# Inside report: GOP disaster warning

Analysts at the Republican National Committee (RNC) have sent this warning to the House of Representatives: the party is in danger of losing 25 seats in the 2006 election and, therefore, of losing control of the House for the first time since the 1994 election.



ROBERT NOVAK

Although some Republicans on Capitol Hill believe the RNC is just trying to frighten them, concern about keeping the present 232 to 202 edge pervades GOP ranks. The second mid-term election of an eight-year presidency often produces heavy congressional losses for the party in power.

A footnote: Rep. Christopher Shays, re-elected from his Connecticut district last year with 52 percent, is considered by colleagues as the most vulnerable Republican incumbent. Other especially shaky GOP House members include Jim Gerlach of Pennsylvania and Rob Simmons of Connecticut.

Lobbyists who had just dug deep for a fund-raiser by Rep. Rob Portman were unhappy Thursday when they learned of his surprise nomination by President Bush as U.S. trade representative.

Portman held a massive \$2,500-a-ticket fund-raiser March 8 at the Jones Day law firm building on Capitol Hill. He also was selling tickets for a New York fund-raiser scheduled for Monday in the Sky Club of the Metropolitan Life building. Portman's Cincinnati district is safely Republican, but

he has distributed funds to other House members.

Contributors grumbled that they wrote checks to Portman when he was chairman of the House Republican leadership and a key member of the House Ways and Means Committee. Now, they said, he is just another bureaucrat. When they learned of his appointment, several asked Portman to return their money.

Although President Bush's selection of Robert Zoellick as deputy secretary of state was praised by most U.S. allies, it did not make Japan happy.

Japanese diplomats view Zoellick as "anti-Japanese" because of his positions on problems involving U.S.-Japan trade. In particular, they do not like his record on U.S. beef exports to Japan.

A footnote: Japanese diplomats are also less than thrilled by Tom Schieffer, Bush's friend and former partner in owning the Texas Rangers baseball team, as U.S. ambassador in Tokyo. They complain that Schieffer, currently ambassador to Australia, breaks a succession of distinguished elder statesmen sent to Japan as ambassador (Mike Mansfield, Walter Mondale, Tom Foley and Howard Baker).

America Coming Together (ACT), which has been bankrolled by leftist financier George Soros, is targeting the Staten Island congressional district in New York City in an attempt to pressure its Republican representative, Rep. Vito Fossella, into opposing President Bush's Social Security proposal.

ACT is not only passing out

leaflets to passengers on the Staten Island Ferry but also elsewhere in the New York metropolitan area. Its operatives are going door-to-door in Staten Island, Long Island and Westchester. The organization plans phone bank activity for two weeks (including Easter Sunday) to area residents from the United Federation of Teachers building in downtown Manhattan.

With Soros providing the financing, ACT last year worked against George W. Bush's re-election campaign in Michigan, Ohio and other swing states. Its current campaign maintains pressure on the president, attempting to "shatter the illusion of a Bush mandate once and for all."

Rep. Tom Feeney, a second-term congressman from Florida, celebrated Dan Rather's last night as "CBS Evening News" anchor by conducting a fund-raiser on his own behalf while the anchorman's finale was on the air.

The \$100-a-ticket event was hastily arranged at the Republicans-only Capitol Hill Club. It raised about \$5,000 — not bad for something put together on short notice. The invitation for a "real celebration" to mark Rather's departure declared: "Feeney house rule: You can only drink with your left hand."

Feeney attracted national attention as speaker of the Florida House during his state's 2000 vote recount. In Congress, he served as assistant whip for his freshman class in 2003-2004.

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# Sheriff: Body of missing Florida girl found

By MIKE BRANOM

Associated Press Writer

HOMOSSASSA, Fla. (AP) - The body of missing 9-year-old Jessica Lunsford was found early Saturday, a day after officials said a registered sex offender confessed to kidnapping and killing the girl.

Citrus County Sheriff Jeff Dawsey said Jessica's body was found during an overnight search in a densely wooded area, only about 150 yards away from the home the girl shared with her father and grandparents.

Jessica's father, Mark Lunsford, visited the search scene shortly after sunrise and gave a brief, emotional statement to reporters.

"Everyone heard me say, time after time, that she would be home," Lunsford said, his eyes hidden behind dark black sunglasses. "She's home now."

John Evander Couey,

46, confessed to kidnapping and killing Jessica after taking a lie-detector test Friday in Georgia, Dawsey said. She disappeared from her bedroom more than three weeks ago.

"We're en route to bring him back home," said Dawsey, who added that he wants Couey to face the death penalty.

"This guy is not a quality person, by any means. ... He's truly a piece of trash," the sheriff said.

Dawsey said that four other people were charged in connection with the case, three of them with obstruction for failing to notify police when Couey allegedly told them he had committed a crime. A fourth, the sheriff said, was picked up for questioning in the case but was charged only with failure to pay child support in an unrelated matter.

Dawsey called the four "a bunch of druggies" and

said he would urge prosecutors not to allow them to plea-bargain for reduced sentences.

The body was found in the area around the trailer home of Couey's half-sister.

Crews worked through the night in temperatures that dipped into the low 40s. Bright search lights were erected around the perimeter, and several candles left from a late-night vigil burned nearby.

A stream of official vehicles came and went throughout the pre-dawn hours, and a state mobile forensics unit left the scene about 3:30 a.m. — about the time Jessica's body was found and taken to nearby Leesburg for examination.

Mark Lunsford has said the family did not know Couey, who was arrested Thursday.

"He may have interacted with Jessica," Dawsey said. "But there is no

relationship between Couey and this family."

At a news conference late Friday from Ohio, the girl's mother, Angela Bryant, repeatedly made the same vow: Couey, she said, "will pay."

"This man's hurt too many people," she said through tears. "He's hurt too many children. And one of them is my daughter. He took her life from her and she didn't deserve it. He will pay. He will pay. For hurting them children out there and my daughter, he will pay."

Jessica, a third grader, was last seen when she went to bed in her home Feb. 23. She was discovered missing the next morning, with the door unlocked and her stuffed animal gone. The clothes she had laid out for school were still in place, and her shoes weren't missing.

More than 100 police and volunteers, with help

from bloodhounds and helicopters, searched the area about 60 miles north of Tampa for days following her disappearance. Jessica's family made emotional appeals on national television for her safe return.

Detectives grew interested in Couey while interviewing all registered sex offenders in the area. They tried to contact Couey at his home in Homosassa five days after Jessica disappeared and discovered he no longer

lived there.

When investigators followed up with the half-sister, she denied that Couey had lived with her. But another relative confided to a detective that Couey sometimes stayed at the home.

Authorities said Couey left Florida on or about March 4 after telling relatives that police would be looking for him. He was arrested in Augusta, Ga., on a probation violation for failing to notify officials that he was moving.

## SCHIAVO

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have to do, that you have to try."

A spokesman for Schiavo's parents, Paul O'Donnell, later told reporters that they do not want supports to engage in civil disobedience on their daughter's behalf.

"The family is asking that the protests remain peaceful," said O'Donnell, a Roman Catholic Franciscan monk.

Schiavo's husband said removing the tube was what Terri wanted. He was at her side shortly after the tube was removed at mid-afternoon.

"It felt like some peace was happening for Terri," Michael Schiavo told NBC's "Today" on Saturday. "And I felt like she was finally going to get what she wants, and be at peace and be with the Lord."

The removal signals that an end may be near in a decade-long feud between Schiavo's husband and her devoutly Roman Catholic parents, Bob and Mary Schindler. The parents have been trying to oust Michael Schiavo as their daughter's guardian and keep in place the tube that has kept her alive for more than 15 years.

Michael Schiavo says his wife told him she would not want to be kept alive artificially. Her parents dispute that, saying she could get better and that their daughter has laughed, cried, smiled and responded to their voices. Court-appointed physicians testified her brain damage was so severe that there was no hope she would ever have any cognitive abilities.

David Gibbs III, the Schindlers' attorney, said he would work through the weekend to prepare another appeal for a federal appellate court. He also said he hoped lawmakers in Washington or Tallahassee could agree on legislation that would force that the tube be reinserted.

"I'm hopeful these men and women can get a strategy, get a focus, because we're running

out of time," Gibbs said.

On Friday, Republicans on Capitol Hill used their subpoena power to demand that Terri Schiavo be brought before a congressional hearing, saying that removing the tube amounted to "barbarism."

Michael Schiavo's attorney shot back at a news conference, calling the subpoenas "nothing short of thuggery."

"Terri Schiavo has a right to die in peace," attorney George Felos said.

The judge presiding over the case ruled in the husband's favor and rejected the request from House attorneys to delay the removal, which he had previously ordered to take place at 1 p.m. EST.

"I have had no cogent reason why the (congress-

sional) committee should intervene," Circuit Judge George Greer told attorneys in a conference call, adding that last-minute action by Congress does not invalidate years of court rulings.

Gov. Jeb Bush said the judge's decision "breaks my heart" and noted it often takes two decades for a death row inmate's appeals to go through the system.

"There's this rush to starve her to death," Bush said.

Michael Schiavo said Bush and other lawmakers have no business interfering in a personal, family matter. "These people are pandering for votes. That's all," he told NBC.

Late Friday, the Supreme Court, without comment, denied an

emergency request from the House committee that issued the subpoenas to reinsert Schiavo's feeding tube while the committee files appeals in the lower courts to have its subpoenas recognized.

House Speaker Dennis Hastert and Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist said in a statement late Friday that they "are committed to reaching an agreement on legislation that provides an opportunity to save Mrs. Schiavo's life."

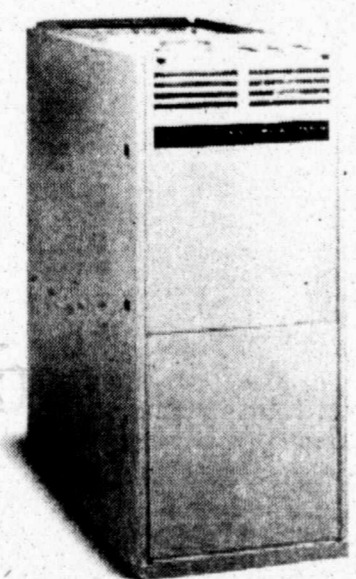
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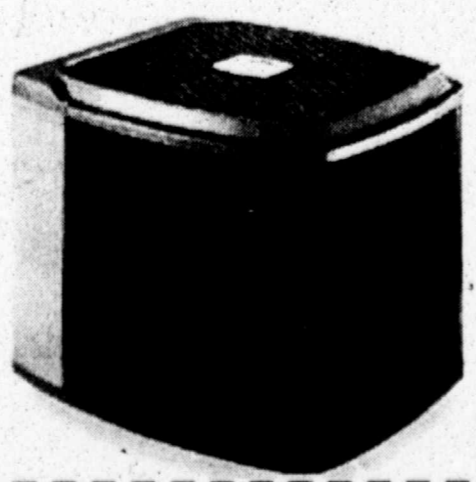
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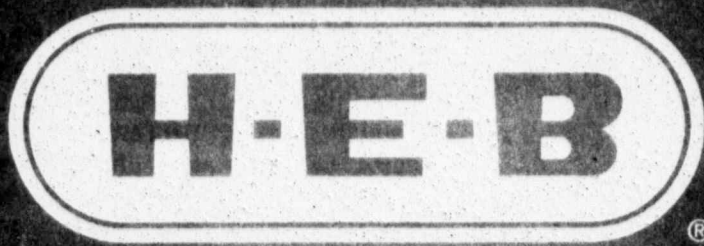
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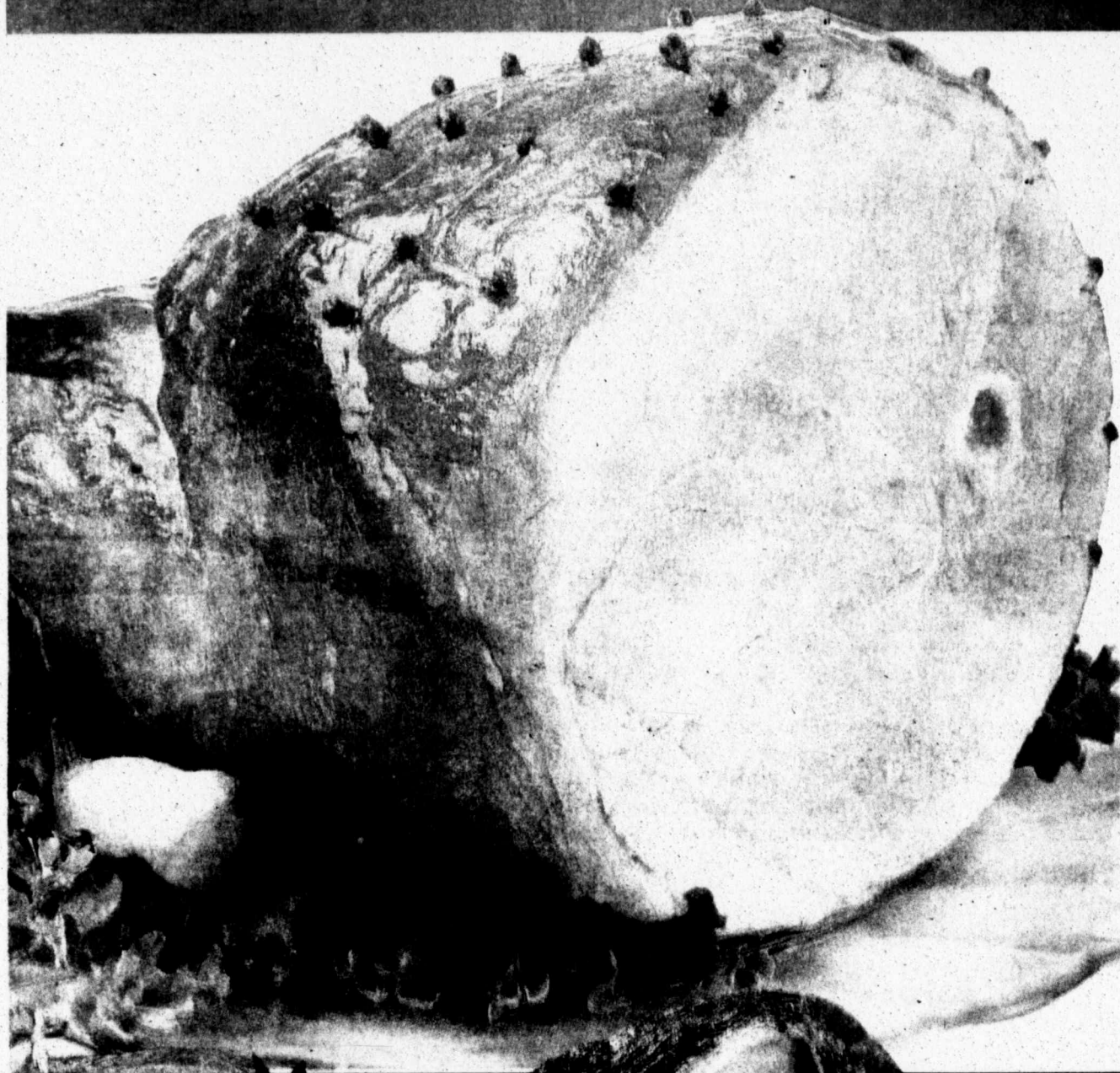
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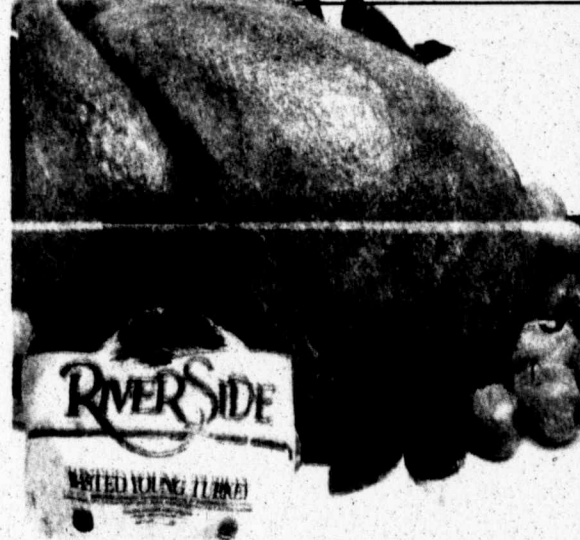
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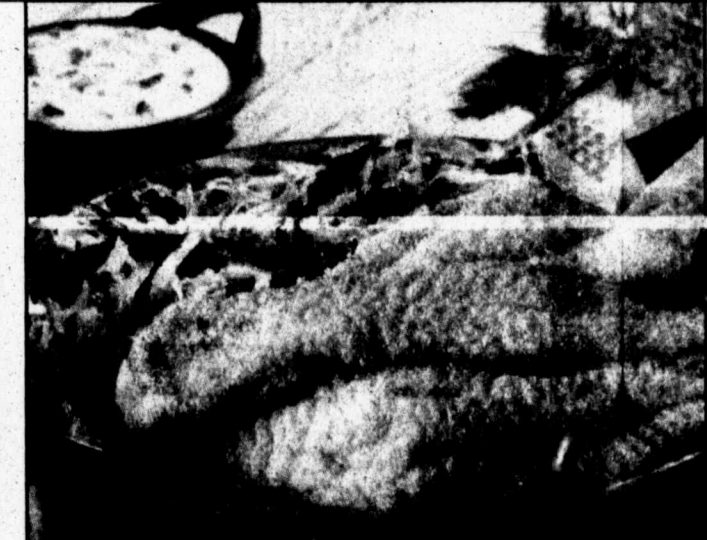
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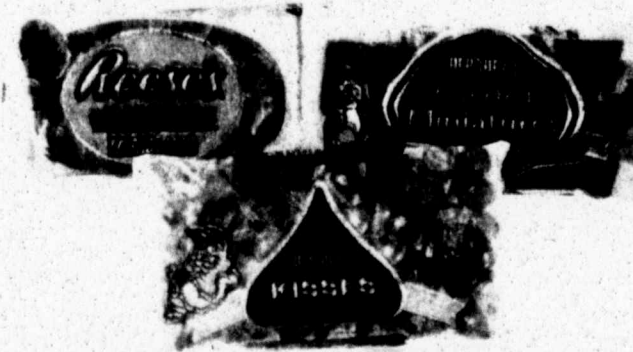
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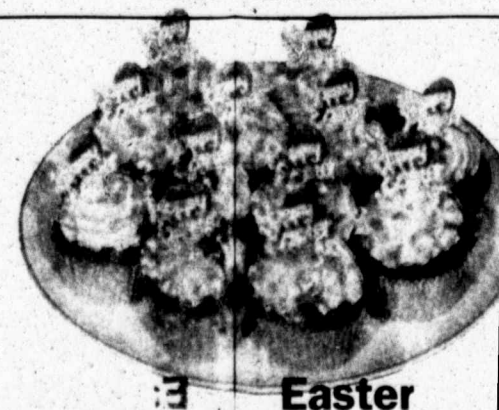
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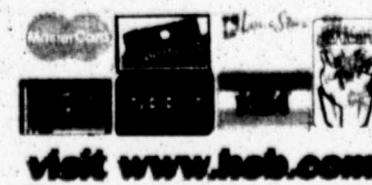
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# OIF two years later: Progress continues on all fronts

By Donna Miles

American Forces Press Service

BAGHDAD, Iraq — Two years ago today, the clock was ticking on President Bush's ultimatum for Iraqi dictator Saddam Hussein and his sons to leave Iraq within 48 hours.

On March 19, 2003, two days after the president's televised ultimatum, coalition forces launched operations to disarm Iraq. "On my orders, coalition forces have begun striking selected targets of military importance to undermine Saddam Hussein's ability to wage war," Bush announced from the White House.

The president said the coalition, which consisted of 35 nations at the time but has since grown to 72, was moving to disarm Saddam and put an end to his bloody regime. "Every nation in this coalition has chosen to bear the duty and share the honor of sharing in our common defense," he said.

Two years later, Iraq is on a new course. The dictator who held the country with a firm grip for 35 years is behind bars.

More than 8 million Iraqis exercised their right to choose their new government Jan. 30. And on March 16, Iraq's new Transitional National Assembly was seated. The assembly will write Iraq's new national constitution, to be ratified in October, followed by national elections in December.

Speaking at a White House press briefing earlier this week, Bush called the assembly's seating "a hopeful moment" for Iraq.

U.S. Central Command officials said Iraq's elections marked a milestone in the country's move toward a representative government. "Jan. 30 in Iraq was a galvanizing event," said a senior CENTCOM official on background. "It didn't end the resistance, but it certainly put a light at the end of the tunnel."

Iraq's security forces continue to grow stronger, boosted by success during the elections, when they provided the critical first and second tiers of security around polling stations around the country.

Bush called the progress being made "positive signs that have taken place in the development of the Iraqi security forces," but acknowledged "there's still work to be done," something he said U.S. allies understand.

Also in Iraq, hundreds



A U.S. Army soldier from the 303rd Iraqi Army Battalion takes aim at a vehicle attempting to enter his security cordon during a joint patrol with U.S. Army paratroopers assigned to Company B, 3rd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment, 82nd Airborne Division.

of reconstruction projects are under way, providing essential services like electricity and water throughout the country that are considered vital not only to quality of life, but to security in Iraq. Currently, Baghdad gets about 13 hours of electricity per day, with the rest of Iraq receiving about that same amount. "And it's getting better every day," said Marine Corps Col. Patrick Kanewski, CENTCOM's chief of current operations.

Two years into Operation Iraqi Freedom, the coalition remains solid and "is probably healthier and stronger than any other international coalition," according to Marine Corps Col. Kerry Burkholder, deputy chief of coalition operations for U.S. Central Command.

"They are the backbone of everything that has been successful in Iraqi Freedom as well as Enduring Freedom (in Afghanistan)," Air Force

Brig. Gen. Doug Raaberg, CENTCOM's deputy director of operations, said last week during a Pentagon Channel and American Forces Press Service interview at the Pentagon. Their support, Raaberg said, has been "just tremendous."

CENTCOM officials acknowledged that while progress continues in Iraq on many fronts, there's still work ahead.

When he announced the start of Operation Iraqi Freedom two years ago, Bush stressed that the job would not be finished overnight, and vowed that the United States and coalition would remain in Iraq no longer than absolutely necessary.

"The peace of a troubled world and the hopes of an oppressed people now depend on you," Bush said in announcing Operation Iraqi Freedom. "That trust is well placed. The enemies you confront will soon know your skill and bravery. The people you will liberate will wit-

ness the honorable and decent spirit of the American military."

## Texans killed in the Iraq war

By The Associated Press

At least 144 Texas service members have died in Iraq since the war began March 20, 2003, according to the U.S. Department of Defense. (www.defenselink.mil) The list includes overseas casualties related to Operation Iraqi Freedom, both in combat and otherwise, as reported by the Department of Defense. Here's a brief look at those who have died:

2005:  
— March 4: Army Staff Sgt. Juan M. Solario, 32, of Dallas, was killed when an improvised explosive device detonated near his vehicle in Mosul. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

— Feb. 27: Army Pfc. Danny L. Anderson, 29, of Corpus Christi, was killed by small arms fire in Baghdad. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

— Feb. 22: Marine Lance Cpl. Trevor D. Aston, 32, of Austin, was killed in a vehicle accident in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to Marine Forces Reserve's 23rd Marine Regiment, Austin.

— Feb. 19: Army Spc. Clinton R. Gertson, 26, of Houston, died in Mosul from wounds he received from enemy small arms fire. Gertson was assigned to the 24th Infantry Regiment, Fort Lewis, Wash.

— Feb. 13: Air Force Staff Sgt. Ray Rangel, 29, of San Antonio, died during an effort to rescue soldiers from a Humvee that rolled into a canal near Balad while on combat patrol. Rangel was assigned to the 7th Civil Engineer Squadron, Dyess Air Force Base.

— Feb. 6: Army Spc. Jeremy Allmon, 22, of Cleburne, was killed when a roadside bomb detonated near his vehicle in Taji, north of Baghdad. Allmon was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.

— Feb. 4: Army Sgt. Daniel Torres, 23, of Fort Worth, was killed when a roadside bomb hit his vehicle in Beiji. He was assigned to the 3rd Infantry Division, Fort Stewart, Ga.

— Jan. 30: Marine Lance Cpl. Nazario Serrano, 20, of Irving, died as a result of hostile action in Al Anbar Province, Iraq. He was assigned to the 1st Force Service Support Group, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

— Jan. 28: Army Capt. Orlando Bonilla, 27, of Killeen, died when the OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter he was piloting crashed near Baghdad. Bonilla was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort

Hood.  
— Jan. 26: Army Spc. Taylor Burk, 21, of Amarillo, was killed when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Baghdad. Burk was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Lance Cpl. Fred Maciel, 20, of Spring, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Lance Cpl. Tony Hernandez, 22, of Canyon Lake, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Capt. Paul Alaniz, 32, of Corpus Christi, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Capt. Lyle L. Gordon, 30, of Midlothian, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Lance Cpl. Saeed Jafarkhani Torshizi Jr., 24, of Fort Worth, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Staff Sgt. Dexter S. Kimble, 30, of Houston, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Aircraft Wing, Marine Corps Air Station, Miramar, Calif.  
— Jan. 26: Marine Lance Cpl. Rhonald D. Bairdian, 20, of San Antonio, died in the crash of a helicopter near Ar Rutbah, Iraq. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.  
— Jan. 24: Army Pfc. Jesus A. Leon-Perez, 20, of Houston, was killed when a Bradley fighting vehicle overturned and landed in a canal near Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Vilsack, Germany.  
— Jan. 24: Army Spc. Viktor V. Yoikin, 24, of Spring Branch, was killed when a Bradley fighting vehicle overturned and landed in a canal near Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Vilsack, Germany.  
— Jan. 24: Army Sgt. Javier Marin Jr., 29, of Mission, was killed when a Bradley fighting vehicle overturned and landed in a canal near Baghdad. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, Vilsack.

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### EARLY START DATE WAIVER REQUEST FOR GLASSCOCK CO. ISD

Early Start Date Waiver Request for Glasscock County ISD as required by Texas Education Code (TEC) 25.0811 (1st day of school in Texas) that passed by the 77th Legislature-Glasscock County ISD gives notice to all parents, patrons, faculty, staff and students of its intention to apply to the Texas Education Agency for a calendar waiver for its starting date for the 2005-2006 school year so that students will start back to school five (5) days earlier than was established by TEC 25.0811. The intent of requesting this school calendar waiver from the Texas Education Agency is that all students in the Glasscock County Independent School District will begin classes on Monday, August 15, 2005, instead of Monday, August 22, 2005. The school district will conduct a public hearing for all interested patrons of the district at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 11, 2005, in the Glasscock County ISD boardroom located on the Glasscock County Campus. For any information concerning this waiver, please contact Steve Long, Superintendent, at (432) 354-2230.

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By THOMAS J. Staff Writer

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# Wegner: What we don't see are the good things

Editor's Note: The following story originally appeared in an October 2004 edition of the Herald.

By THOMAS JENKINS  
Staff Writer

As the two year anniversary of the war in Iraq quietly finds its way into the public eye, the American people rarely get to hear what's happening first hand and unedited.

That is, until Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Wegner returned to the Crossroads Area.

Wegner, who was serving with the 490th Civil Affairs Unit in Abilene and was one of many soldiers in Iraq faced with rebuilding the country's social and economic order, explained many of the finer points of day-to-day life in Baghdad and what he saw as a result of the ongoing war during a presentation several months ago.

A veteran of Operation Desert Shield and Desert Storm, Wegner showed the audience a side of life in Baghdad that's often forgotten, concentrating on everything from a trip to the local market to the maze of electrical wires that were sabotaged when opposition fell back.

Wegner said the picture that's been painted by the media of the war in Iraq is one-sided and ignores many of the good things that are currently happening there as a result of U.S. peacekeeping efforts.

"I think we need to be able to see both sides of the story," Wegner said sternly. "What we don't see most of the time is how our money is really being spent — all of the good things that we're doing in the world.

"There are a lot of things that need to be told that aren't, and sometimes we

only get a lopsided view of what's going on. All I can show is what we did. That's the only story I can tell."

Wegner is a Big Spring High School graduate and the son of Sherry and Bob Wegner. He received his bachelors degree in finance from Angelo State University and served from 1985 until 1988 in the Texas National Guard before enlisting full time in the Army. Wegner is currently serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, which he's done since 1995.

Wegner said it's tough for many soldiers to understand why so many of their fellow Americans aren't supporting the effort.

"I think the soldiers understand the people are behind them," said Wegner. "The problem is they're (the public) confused why we are there. We're not confused as to why we went to Iraq, and it's kind of disheartening when you see the news and you see people protesting the war. No one wants to go to war.

"I have to believe that whoever was in charge made the decision to go to war based on some intelligence that was aggressive toward the United States. My God, we were attacked. And I haven't seen anyone stand up and say, 'I did it.' We're going against



HERALD photo/Thomas Jenkins  
U.S. Army Reserve Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Wegner goes over many of the strides the U.S. has made in Iraq since Operation Iraqi Freedom began during a presentation at the Big Spring Country Club in Oct. of 2004.

those types of governments, those types of organizations that have shown aggression to the United States' interests."

Wegner said seeing protesters and anti-war rhetoric can have even the most faithful soldier doubting the cause and the sacrifices that have been made, and will continue to be made until the job is completed.

"What we need to see from the people is for them to be united on this," said Wegner. "We don't need to see people demonstrating and saying they are against the war. Man, we're already in it. Let's be united about it, because the signal you're sending to the troops is that we're confused. And when I go over there and see all the things were doing and I come back and everyone's confused, then I'm thinking, 'Why did I

go over there and risk my life?' It makes it meaningless.

"We need to see people support the effort and what's going on, and the world needs to see that as well. And if we're going to elect a president, whoever they are, we need to stand behind them. That's all I can say about it."

Wegner reflected on what he considers his most emotional moment while stationed in Baghdad, and unlike media reports that concentrate on bombings and deaths, he remembers the hope he saw in the Iraqi people around him.

"Our translator came home one day and his house had been looted," said Wegner. "We were able to actually donate some money and different things to him — he was a very poor guy, a very religious guy and nice person. The fact that we were able to do something right there and show him that it didn't matter what color your skin is or your beliefs are made a real difference. Hey, we're all together in this, and we were able to help him out.

"Seeing the little kids and the smiles on their faces and the look of hope in their eyes, and knowing they won't have to be terrorized anymore. That's what made it all worthwhile for me."

Quite possibly the toughest question for any soldier currently fighting in Iraq is how the conflict will turn out in the end. Wegner is no different.

"Let's hope so," said Wegner, who hopes to see the conflict end with a positive outcome for everyone involved. "I don't know. I don't know."

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Germany.  
Jan. 14: Marine Cpl. Paul C. Holter III, 21, of Corpus Christi, died in a non-combat related incident. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
Jan. 13: Marine Lance Cpl. Juan Rodrigo Rodriguez, 23, of El Centro, was killed in action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Marine Regiment, Corpus Christi.  
Jan. 13: Marine Lance Cpl. Matthew W. Holloway, 21, of Rockport, was killed in action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Marine Regiment, Corpus Christi.  
Jan. 9: Marine Cpl. Joseph E. Fite, 23, of Round Rock, was killed in action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 3rd Marine Regiment, Austin.  
Jan. 6: Marine Lance Cpl. Julio C. Cisneros Alvarez, 22, of Pharr, was killed in action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Twenty-nine Palms, Calif.

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Nov. 19: Army Sgt. Berry K. Meza, 23, of League City, died in Shuaybah, Kuwait, when he was struck by a vehicle. He was assigned to the 13th Corps Support Command, Fort Hood.  
Dec. 16: Marine Lance Cpl. Franklin A. Sweager, 24, of San Antonio, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 3rd Marine Division, Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii.  
Dec. 12: Marine Lance Cpl. Hilario F. Lopez, 22, of Ingleside, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
Dec. 7: Army Sgt. 1st Class Todd C. Gibbs, 37, of Lufkin, was killed in Khalidiyah when an improvised explosive device detonated while his unit was on patrol. Gibbs was assigned to 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.  
Dec. 5: Army Staff Sgt. Kyle A. Eggers, 27, of Euless, was killed in Habhaniyah when his vehicle was struck by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Greaves, Korea.  
Dec. 4: Army Sgt. Michael L. Boatright, 24, of Frisco, was killed in Baghdad after being struck by an improvised explosive device. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.  
Dec. 4: Marine Cpl. Zachary A. Kolda, 23, of Corpus Christi, was killed as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. Kolda was assigned to the Marine Forces Reserve's 3rd Marine Division, Houston.  
Nov. 30: Army Staff Sgt. Jose Guerrero, 24, of Missouri City, was killed when his vehicle was hit by an improvised bomb in Fallujah. Guerrero was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.  
Nov. 26: Army Pvt. Brian K. Grant, 31, of Dallas, was killed when his unit was attacked by enemy mortar rounds in Hamash, Korea.  
Nov. 16: Marine Lance Cpl. Louis W. Qualls, 26, of Temple, was killed as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the Marine Corps Reserve's 4th Marine Division, Grand Prairie.  
Nov. 15: Marine Lance Cpl. William L. Miller, 22, of Pearland, was killed as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.  
Nov. 11: Army Capt. Sean P. Sims, 30, of El Paso, died when his unit received small arms fire while securing a building in Fallujah. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, W. Lack, Germany.  
Nov. 13: Army Spc. Jose A. Yeloz, 21, of Lubbock, died when his unit came under fire while clearing an enemy stronghold in Fallujah. He was assigned to 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.  
Nov. 13: Marine Sgt. Byron W. Norwood, 25, of Pflugerville, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
Nov. 10: Marine Staff Sgt. Gene Ramirez, 29, of Lytle, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.  
Nov. 10: Marine Lance Cpl. Wesley J. Canning, 21, of Friendswood, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 2nd Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, N.C.  
Nov. 9: Army Maj. Horst G. Moore, 38, of Los Fresnos, died in Mosul when enemy mortar rounds detonated within his living area. He was assigned to the 20th Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.  
Nov. 9: Army Spc. Travis A. Babitt, 24, of Uvalde, died in Baghdad when his patrol was attacked by a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire. He was assigned to the 1st Cavalry Division, Fort Hood.  
Nov. 9: Army Sgt. John B. Trotter, 25, of Marble Falls, died in Ar Ramadi when his patrol came under small arms fire. He was assigned to the 2nd Infantry Division, Camp Hovez, Korea.  
Nov. 9: Marine Staff Sgt. Russell L. Slay, 36, of Humble, died as a result of enemy action in Al Anbar Province. He was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

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# Savor food, but do it in moderation

By KRISTEN KAUFFMAN

The Dallas Morning News DALLAS — Is your love of food making you fat? Maybe your problem is that you don't love food enough, says best-selling author Mireille Guiliano, whose book "French Women Don't Get Fat" (Knopf, \$22) tells women how to enjoy eating like the French and lose weight at the same time. Even with all those rich cream sauces, cheeses and sinful desserts? Oui, says Guiliano, who's touring to promote her book. Deprivation doesn't work. The key is savoring the tastes and smells of a good meal, eaten with family and friends, rather than wolfing down fast food in the car, in front of the TV or over a laptop. "I watch people in airports sitting and multitasking and eating, and there is no pleasure," she says. "Food is something we respect, and we have to take the time."

In our fast-paced culture, it can seem impossible to find time to cook a full sit-down meal and eat it slowly. However, some transplanted Texans from France say they are able to maintain their weight by holding on to their French food rituals.

North Oak Cliff resident and French native Pierrette Lacour, 55, came to the United States 30 years ago and raised her children here. She says she stays thin because she cooks her own meals and enjoys them with friends. Each week, she shops for seasonal vegetables, sets her table with her best china, silver and crystal and hosts a festive meal for eight.

"Eating shouldn't be just to feed yourself, but a time to share food, conversation, feelings, and that way you can control

what you intake," says Lacour. "I hate eating alone."

She says the dinner doesn't take her very long to cook in her small kitchen — she whips up a grilled fish or meat with a simple sauce, perhaps a gratin, a potage of pureed vegetables, some fresh fruit and a dessert — and she gets it all done in less than an hour using simple cooking techniques. She says she's not a fabulous cook, but her friends are always amazed.

"Cooking is very important — it's all about enjoyment," says Lacour. Many Americans "satisfy their hunger and that's it, but there's more to life than to satisfy your basic needs."

Guiliano urges women to look at when and why they overeat, part of what she calls "recasting."

She says the decision to lose weight shouldn't be about fear or self-loathing, but should come out of a desire to enjoy life — and food — more. For example, pampering yourself with a well-prepared meal instead of polishing off a bag of chips is more pleasurable — and better for you.

Many of the tips in the book aren't rocket science; you've probably heard most of them before: drink more water, take smaller portions, exercise a little more, eat fresh fruits and vegetables — and indulge yourself every now and then so you don't feel deprived.

"I had lunch with a socialite doing the Atkins diet, and I felt very sad — what a life! — all she talks about is the diet," said Guiliano, who is the CEO of winemaker Clicquot Inc. "My book is common sense and nothing drastic. It doesn't tell you, 'Don't eat this' and 'Don't eat

that.'"

Guiliano says that if a Frenchwoman wants to have a dessert, she'll have it. She says Frenchwomen know they can indulge themselves occasionally as long as they make up for it with an overall balance of calories.

"A Frenchwoman might have the whole dessert, but in her head she'll say, 'OK, yogurt for breakfast, salad for lunch,'" she says of the mind-set. "It becomes automatic."

Guiliano says daily walking is another key ingredient in the French lifestyle — and again, the goal is enjoyment rather than strictly weight loss.

"If you love the gym, then that's what you love, but move your butt," she says laughing.

"The easiest, least expensive exercise is walking. The benefit of being outside, an inner conversation, looking at beauty — adding 15 min-



Pierrette Lacour toasts with a friend, Demian LaPlante (right), with her son Paul Browning, 20, nearby. Lacour enjoys a dining experience from start to finish, from shopping for food to setting the table, cooking and eating.

utes a day in walking can make a difference."

Some of the pointers in the book may not sit well with everyone. Guiliano, also a director of Champagne Veuve Clicquot, recommends drinking wine with meals and introducing children to wine at a young age.

(She herself tasted her first Champagne at age 6.)

She also writes a lot about eating yogurt and leeks for weight control — but what do you do if you don't like them? That's OK, she says. She doesn't expect readers to do everything in the book, but rather to choose the

things that make sense to them.

"You're not going to lose 30 pounds in a week. You're going to learn a new lifestyle," she says. "I'm saying, 'Here are a hundred little tips — pick two or three things that work in your lifestyle and see what happens.'"

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Best sellers — video

By The Associated Press

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top Music Video Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park.
  2. "Greatest Hits," Creed.
  3. "Usher: Rhythm City Volume 1: Caught Up," Usher.
  4. "Jerusalem Homecoming," Bill & Gloria Gaither and Their Homecoming Friends.
  5. "Israel Homecoming," Bill & Gloria Gaither and Their Homecoming Friends.
  6. "Chosen Few: El Documental," Various Artists.
  7. "Live at the Greek,"

8. "Live at Donington," AC/DC. (Platinum)
9. "Anywhere But Home," Evanescence. (Platinum)
10. "Crossroads Guitar Festival (2 Disc Set)," Eric Clapton. (Platinum)

Top VHS Rentals

- (Based on data provided by the Video Software Dealers Assn.)
1. "Flight of the Phoenix (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  2. "Exorcist: The Beginning," Warner Home Video.
  3. "Taxi," FoxVideo.
  4. "Saw," Artisan Home Entertainment.
  5. "The Spongebob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  6. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
  7. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
  8. "Shall We Dance,"

- Miramax Home Entertainment.
9. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
  10. "I Heart Huckabees," FoxVideo.
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Top VHS Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Bambi (Special Edition)," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  2. "The Spongebob SquarePants Movie," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  3. "Shark Tale," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
  4. "Dora's Egg Hunt," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  5. "Mulan 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  6. "Dora the Explorer,"

- Catch the Star," Paramount Home Entertainment.
7. "Ray," Universal Studios Home Video.
  8. "Disney Princess Stories Volume 2," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  9. "Garfield the Movie," FoxVideo.
  10. "Shall We Dance," Miramax Home Entertainment.

Top DVD Sales

- (Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)
1. "Bambi: 2 Disc Special Edition," Walt Disney Home Entertainment.
  2. "The Spongebob SquarePants Movie (Pan & Scan)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  3. "The Spongebob SquarePants Movie (Widescreen)," Paramount Home Entertainment.
  4. "Exorcist: The Beginning," Warner Home

- Video.
5. "Flight of the Phoenix (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  6. "The Notebook," New Line Home Entertainment.
  7. "Ray (Widescreen)," Universal Studios Home Video.
  8. "Shark Tale (Widescreen)," DreamWorks Home Entertainment.
  9. "Flight of the Phoenix (Widescreen)," FoxVideo.
  10. "The Lord of the Rings: Return of the King (Special Extended Edition)," New Line Home Entertainment.
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Billboard Magazine Chart Leaders

- (Compiled from national retail sales/airplay/rental charts)
- HOT POP SINGLE:  
"Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia).

- TOP POP ALBUM: "The Massacre," 50 Cent.
- HOT R&B/HIP-HOP SINGLE: "Candy Shop," 50 Cent (feat. Olivia).
- TOP R&B/HIP-HOP ALBUM: "The Massacre," 50 Cent.
- HOT COUNTRY SINGLE/TRACK: "That's What I Love About Sunday," Craig Morgan.
- TOP COUNTRY ALBUM: "Be As You Are: Songs From an Old Blue Chair," Kenny Chesney.
- TOP VHS RENTAL: "Flight of the Phoenix (Widescreen)."
- TOP VHS SALE: "Bambi (Special Edition)."
- TOP DVD SALE: "Bambi: 2 Disc Special Edition."
- TOP MUSIC VIDEO: "MTV Ultimate Mash-Ups Presents: Collision Course," Jay-Z/Linkin Park.
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PUBLISHERS WEEKLY BEST SELLERS

HARDCOVER FICTION

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2. "The Broker" by John Grisham (Doubleday)
3. "Cold Service" by Robert B. Parker (Putnam)
4. "The Da Vinci Code" by Dan Brown (Doubleday)
5. "Impossible" by Danielle Steel (Delacorte Press)
6. "The Rising: Before They Were Left Behind" by Tim LaHaye, Jerry B. Jenkins, (Tyndale House Publishers)
7. "The Five People You Meet in Heaven" by Mitch Albom (Hyperion)
8. "Vanishing Acts" by Jodi Picoult (Atria)
9. "Prep" by Curtis Sittenfeld (Random House)
10. "Prince of Fire" by Daniel Silva (Putnam)

NONFICTION/GENERAL

1. "Blood Brother: 33 Reasons My Brother Scott

- Peterson Is Guilty" by Anne Bird, (ReganBooks)
2. "Blink: The Power of Thinking Without Thinking" by Malcolm Gladwell (Little, Brown)
  3. "A Deadly Game: The Untold Story of the Scott Peterson Investigation" by Catherine Crier (ReganBooks).
  4. "French Women Don't Get Fat" by Mireille Guiliano (Knopf)
  5. "Your Best Life Now: 7 Steps to Living at Your Full Potential" by Joel Osteen (Warner Faith)
  6. "The Money Book for the Young, Fabulous and Broke" by Suze Orman (Riverhead)
  7. "The Purpose-Driven Life" by Rick Warren (Zondervan)
  8. "Plan B: Further Thoughts on Faith" by Anne Lamott (Riverhead)
  9. "Men in Black: How the Supreme Court Is Destroying America" by Mark R. Levin (Regnery)
  10. "The South Beach Diet" by Arthur Agatston, M.D. (Rodale) (NF-H)

MASS MARKET PAPERBACKS

1. "Angels & Demons" by Dan Brown (Pocket)
2. "Murder List" by Julie Garwood, (Ballantine)
3. "The Calhouns: Suzanna and Megan" by Nora Roberts (Silhouette)
4. "Blowout" by Catherine Coulter (Jove)
5. "The Last Juror" by John Grisham (Dell)
6. "The Narrows" by

TRADE PAPERBACKS

1. "The Kite Runner" by Khaled Hosseini
2. "Their Eyes Were Watching God" by Zora Neale Hurston (Perennial)
3. "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time" by Mark Haddon (Vintage)
4. "The Time Traveler's Wife" by Audrey Niffenegger (Harcourt/Harvest)
5. "My Sister's Keeper" by Jodi Picoult (Washington Square Press)
6. "Can You Keep a Secret?" by Sophie Kinsella

(Riverhead)

7. "Bad Cat: 244 Not-So-Pretty Kitties and Cats Gone Bad" by Jim Edgar (Workman)
8. "The Secret Life of Bees" by Sue Monk Kidd (Penguin)
9. "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference" by Malcolm Gladwell (Back Bay)
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B.S. Girl's Association signups in

The Big Spring Softball will be held to register upcoming 2005. The league for girls ages four and up. Signups every throughout of March from 6 p.m. to 6 p.m. Spring Mal signups were accepted at Sports, located East 11th Street. There is a fee of \$10. Tryouts will be held April 2 and begins play for more information, call 432-213-3747.

Howard ro sets craw

The Howard rodeo tear its annual boil April at the H.C. during College's annual. The rodeo which includes into rodeo. For more information, contact rodeo coordinator Kernick at 432-213-3747.

B.S. Lady Booster n

The Big Steer Boosters set a meeting Monday at the Athletic Center.

All parents including involved in volleyball, track are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Abner at 432-213-3747.

B.S. Soft Club mee

The Big Steer Soft Club has a meeting for Monday in the Training Center.

All parents including involved in program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Abner at 432-213-3747.

B.S. Little Umpires sets final

The Big League Association announce two meetings.

The meetings will take place two Saturdays: Saturday, March 19 at 10 a.m. and Saturday, March 26 at 10 a.m.

For more information, call 816-9748.

Big Spring three-pe

The Country Club a three-pebble April.

The event will play on the cart. The event will be held on the p.m. on each day. For more information, call at 267-535.



### IN BRIEF

#### B.S. Girl's Softball Association holding signups in March

The Big Spring Girl's Softball Association will be holding signups to register for the upcoming 2005 season. The league is open for girls and women ages four and above.

Signups will occur every Saturday throughout the month of March from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. at the Big Spring Mall. However, signups will also be accepted at All District Sports, located at 1005 East 11th Place.

There is a registration fee of \$30. Tryouts for the league will take place April 2 and the league begins play April 25. For more information, call Ron Shafer at 432-213-3747.

#### Howard rodeo team sets crawfish boil

The Howard College rodeo team will hold its annual crawfish boil April 16 at 2 p.m. at the H.C. Rodeo Bowl during Howard College's annual rodeo. The cost is \$15, which includes ticket into rodeo. For more information, contact Howard rodeo coach Greg Kernick at 816-9477.

#### B.S. Lady Steer Booster meeting set

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club has set a meeting for Monday at 6 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls — including freshman — involved in cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, track and training are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 466-1711.

#### B.S. Softball Booster Club meeting set

The Big Spring Lady Steer Softball Booster Club has set a meeting for Monday at 7:30 p.m. in the Athletic Training Center.

All parents of girls — including freshman — involved in the softball program are encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Janet Abner at 466-1711.

#### B.S. Little League Umpires Association sets final meetings

The Big Spring Little League Umpires Association has announced its final two meetings before the new season begins.

The meetings will take place on the next two Saturdays at the Courthouse, beginning at 10 a.m. both days.

For more information, call Don Booth at 816-9748.

#### Big Spring C.C. sets three-person toumey

The Big Spring Country Club will host a three-person scramble April 2 and 3.

The entry fee is \$50 per player plus golf cart. There will be a 1 p.m. shotgun start each day.

For more information, call the pro shop at 267-5354.

## Coahoma battles, suffers loss in back-to-back

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
Another dominant pitching effort on the mound was too much for the Coahoma softball team to handle Friday as the Bulldogettes dropped their second straight game to a District 4-4A team, losing to Andrews, 4-2.

Coahoma (9-6) lost to the Lady Steers in Big Spring

Thursday, 2-1, in nine innings.

"We improved over both games in different areas we had been struggling in," said Coahoma coach Robby Dickenson. "Playing these type teams help the girls stay focused."

"I thought we had a chance though to split or even with both games," Andrews' Kendra



Corbun was outstanding on the mound for the Lady Mustangs. She allowed just one hit in seven innings and struck out three batters. Corbun

gave up her only hit in the sixth inning.

"She pitched well," said Dickenson. "We didn't hit the ball very well. I think our timing was a little off."

Andrews scored the first two runs in the game. The Lady Mustangs got on the board first in the second inning as Honda Rodriguez tripled off Coahoma pitcher Ashle

New and then later scored.

The Lady Mustangs began the fifth inning with a double, which forced Dickenson to make a pitching change.

"I didn't want to take Ashle out until after the fifth inning, but I just felt it needed to be done at that point," said

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## Gonzales grabs first, Holguin scores big in Bulldog Relays

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
COAHOMA — Barton Gonzales and Bobby Gutierrez led the Stanton boy's track team to a third place finish at the Coahoma Relays Friday, while Forsan and Coahoma finished at the bottom of the stand-



HOLGUIN



GUTIERREZ

ings.

Stanton finished with 115 points, while Forsan and Coahoma garnered 57 and 45 points, respectively. Colorado City easily won the meet with 174 points. Roscoe finished just ahead of Stanton with 124 points.

Gonzales was the only

participant to grab first place among the three local teams in the meet. He grabbed the gold in the 800 meter run after completing the race in 2:08.43.

Gutierrez grabbed a second and fourth place finish, as well. He grabbed the silver in the 300 hurdles with a time of :43.65, while his fourth place finish was awarded in the triple jump. His leap in that event equaled 39-10.

Stanton also got third place finishes from Michael Washington and Daniel Lopez. Washington took the bronze in the discus with

a throw of 123-6, while Lopez grabbed third in the pole vault with a 10-0 effort.

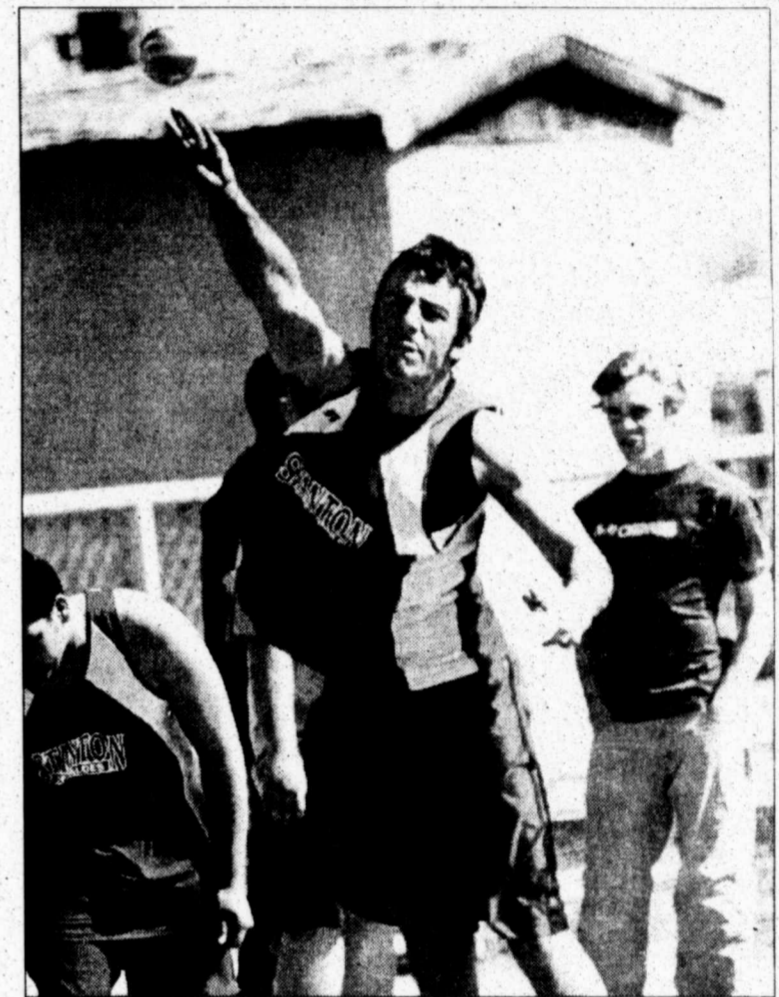
Joe Holguin and Skylier Sandridge recorded the best finishes for Coahoma and Forsan, respectively.

Holguin grabbed second place in the high jump with a leap of 5-8 and also finished third in the 110 high hurdles and 300 hurdles. His time in the 110 highs was :17.57, while his finished in the 300 hurdles was recorded at :44.73.

Sandridge captured second place in the 100 meter dash with a time of :11.85. He also finished sixth in the 200 meter dash with a sprint of :24.82.

Coahoma also got a fourth and fifth place finish from senior Andrew

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Stanton sophomore Michael Washington tosses the shot put at the Coahoma Relays Friday. Washington did not place in the shot, but grabbed third in the discus as the Buffaloes finished third as a team with 115 points.

## Dugan, Gee, Becerra fare well in Coahoma

• Stanton, Coahoma finish second and third, respectively

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
COAHOMA — Wall dominated the girl's side of the Coahoma Relays Friday, scoring 220 points and beating second place Stanton by more than 83 points.

Coahoma finished third in its own meet with 88 points, while Colorado City, Forsan and Roscoe ended up fourth, fifth and sixth, respectively.

Stanton's second place finish was in large part due to strong finishes by Stormie Dugan, Ashley Gutierrez and Bonnie Kendall.

Dugan grabbed first in the discus with a throw of 88-4 and finished second in the shot put with a toss of 30-3 as she led the Lady

Buffaloes. Gutierrez grabbed three top-five finishes, as well. She took home second in the high jump with a leap of 4-10 and also grabbed third in the triple jump, scoring a 32-1. Her final top-five was in the 100 meter dash where she finished in :13.25.

Kendall got second in the long jump with a leap of 14-4.5 and also grabbed sixth in the 100 meter dash.

Four girls from Coahoma grabbed six second place finishes to lead the Bulldogettes to a third place finish.

Sterling Gee and Mendy Morgan each grabbed two second place medals.

Gee got second in the triple jump with a leap of 32-6.25 and captured the silver in the 100 hurdles with a time of :17.03. Gee

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HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma junior Sterling Gee, left, tries to run down a runner from Wall in the 100 hurdles Friday at the Coahoma Relays. Gee did not catch the runner from Wall, but placed second in the event overall. She also took second in the triple jump and third in the 300 hurdles.

## McDowell leads after first round 90 at Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor  
POCATELLO, Idaho — Howard College sophomore rodeo member



McDOWELL

Danny McDowell competed in the Dodge National Circuit Finals Rodeo Wednesday and is leading the bull riding competition after scoring a first round 90.

"It just shows lots of people that Danny and the rest of the rodeo members are more than

just students," said Howard College rodeo coach Greg Kernick. "These guys do this stuff for a living, too."

McDowell had his second ride at 10 a.m. Saturday. The semifinals took place at 2 p.m. Saturday and the finals started at around 7 p.m.

"It sure is good to see Danny riding, this well out there because the college team still has five rodeos to go," said Kernick.

McDowell is currently third in bull riding in the Southwest Region, which gives him the opportunity to ride in the Houston Livestock and Rodeo Show in



Houston Sunday along with teammates Brent Walden and Jeremy Russell.

"Danny is busy as you can see and he'll fly into Houston Saturday night and get ready to ride again Sunday," said Kernick.

The Hawks rodeo team will travel to Odessa College Thursday and compete in a rodeo through Saturday.

It is the team's second rodeo of the spring season.



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Stanton senior Colby Ringener races out of the blocks Friday during the 4x100 meter relay at the Coahoma Relays. Stanton won the race with a time of :53.25.

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Brown and also a fifth place from Gernan Jerrigan. Brown grabbed fourth in the discus with a throw of 116-11, while he grabbed fifth in the shot put with a toss of 40-9. Jerrigan's fifth place finish was captured in the triple jump as his leap totalled 39-0.5.

Forsan's Justin Forshee grabbed third in the 400 meters with a time of :57.56, while Mitchell Murray grabbed fourth place finishes. Murray was fourth in the long jump with a leap of 18-4.5. His fourth place finish in the high jump totalled 5-0, while his fourth place finish in the 200 meters was clocked at :24.41.

Coahoma Invitational — boy's final results  
Team Standings: Colorado City, 174; Roscoe, 124; Stanton, 115; Seagraves, 85; Forsan, 57; Coahoma, 45  
Shot Put: 1. Smith, Roscoe — 47.7.5; 2. Boyd, Colorado City — 44.9; 3. Ryan, Colorado City — 42.5; 4. Sepulveda, Roscoe — 40.10.5; 5. Brown, Coahoma — 40-9  
Discus: 1. Smith, Roscoe — 142.10; 2. Boyd, Colorado City — 127.5; 3. Washington, Stanton — 123.6; 4. Brown, Coahoma — 116-11; 5. Shafer, Stanton — 109-11  
Pole Vault: 1. Villa, Roscoe — 11.0; 2. Flores, Seagraves — 11.0; 3. Lopez, Stanton — 10-0; 4. Johnson, Forsan — 10-0  
High Jump: 1. Smith, Colorado City — 5-10; 2. Holguin, Coahoma — 5-8; 3. Bradshaw, Stanton — 5-0; 4. Murray, Forsan — 5-0  
Long Jump: 1. Ollison, Colorado City — 21.2.75; 2. Martinez, Seagraves — 20.2.25; 3. Fruzzi, Colorado City — 18.5.25; 4. Murray, Forsan — 18-4.25; 5. Sutton, Forsan — 17-7.5  
Triple Jump: 1. Franco, Colorado City — 41.3; 2. Martinez, Seagraves — 40.6; 3. Flores, Seagraves — 40-0.5; 4. Gutierrez, Stanton — 39-10; 5. Jerrigan, Coahoma — 39-0.5  
3,200 meter run: 1. Lozano, Stanton — 11:10; 2. Montalvo, Roscoe — 11:22; 3. Gonzales, Colorado City — 11:41; 4. Diaz, Stanton — 12:02; 5. Estrada, Stanton — 12:38  
400 meter relay: 1. Colorado City — 44.31; 2. Seagraves — 45.48; 3. Forsan — 46.16; 4. Roscoe — 46.73; 5. Stanton — 49.11  
800 meter run: 1. Gonzales, Stanton — 2:08.43; 2. Marsh, Colorado City — 2:14.55; 3. Ewing, Coahoma — 2:15.38; 4. Martinez, Colorado City — 2:16.26; 5. Lozano, Stanton — 2:18.32  
110 high hurdles: 1. Smith, Roscoe — 15.26; 2. Flores, Seagraves — 17.05; 3. Holguin, Coahoma — 17.51; 4. Iretton, Stanton — 18.35; 5. Verastegui, Stanton — 18.73  
100 meter dash: 1. Rivera, Colorado City — 11.81; 2. Sandridge, Forsan — 11.85; 3. Villa, Roscoe — 12.12; 4. Kelly, Stanton — 12.18; 5. Wilson, Coahoma — 12.34  
400 meter dash: 1. Burnett, Roscoe — 54.84; 2. Salazar, Colorado City — 55.26; 3. Forshee, Forsan — 57.56; 4. Garington, Stanton — 57.66; 5. Vela, Stanton — 58.22  
200 meter dash: Ollison, Colorado City — 22.07; 2. Martinez, Seagraves — 23.96; 3. Valenzuela, Seagraves — 24.27; 4. Murray, Forsan — 24.41; 5. Franco, Colorado City — 24.63  
1600 meter relay: 1. Colorado City — 3:31.64; 2. Roscoe — 3:37.91; 3. Stanton — 3:42.12  
800 meter relay: 1. Colorado City — 1:34.66; 2. Seagraves — 1:36.02; 3. Roscoe — 1:37.09; 4. Stanton — 1:38.02; 5. Forsan — 1:40.72  
300 intermediate hurdles: Smith, Roscoe — 41.98; 2. Gutierrez, Stanton — 43.65; 3. Holguin, Coahoma — 44.73; 4. Verastegui, Stanton — 46.69; 5. Sutton, Forsan — 46.75  
1600 meter run: 1. Montalvo, Roscoe — 5:02.82; 2. Ewing, Coahoma — 5:08.36; 3. Gonzales, Colorado City — 5:08.64; 4. Diaz, Stanton — 5:09.54; 5. Martinez, Colorado City — 5:13.72

Coahoma senior Ruby Garcia swings at a pitch against Big Spring Thursday during the Bulldogettes' 2-1 loss to the Lady Steers in Big Spring. Coahoma lost to another Class 4A school — Andrews — 4-2 Friday.



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COAHOMA

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Dickenson. "I was trying to save Kali (Roberts) because she threw nine against Big Spring the night before."

Roberts came into the game with no outs in the inning and gave up an RBI single, which put Andrews up 2-0.

Coahoma cut its deficit to one in the fifth inning. New reached on an error to begin the inning and then scored on a close play at the plate after Andrews' leftfielder misplayed a fly ball off the bat of sophomore Ami Martinez. Andrews challenged the call at the plate, but it was not overturned.

"She slid to the left and the catcher reached right to make the tag," said Dickenson. "By the time she turned the other way, Ashle had already touched the plate."

The Bulldogettes tried to tie the game later in the inning, but Martinez was thrown out at home after attempting to score on a sacrifice fly to center.

"I didn't send Ami, but the girls know they always have the green light if they feel they can score," said Dickenson. "Her getting thrown out kind of took away the momentum we were starting to get."

Coahoma did tie the game in the sixth inning, however. Senior Cheyenne Grice led off the stanza with a walk and then moved to second after senior Ruby Garcia laid down a sacrifice

bunt. Grice then scored two batters later after Roberts delivered with an RBI double over the center fielder's head.

"She has been knocking the cover off the ball this year," said Dickenson as Roberts came through at the plate late in the game again.

Roberts tied the game against Big Spring in the seventh inning Thursday with a solo home run.

The Lady Mustangs responded, however, with two runs off two extra base hits in the top of the seventh to take a 4-2 lead. Then Corbun shut down Coahoma in order to claim the victory for Andrews.

"Andrews hit Kali well, but I thought she was little tired after her awesome effort against Big Spring the night before," said Dickenson. "She worked hard in that game."

"I didn't think Ashle pitched bad though."

New threw four innings and gave up two runs on four hits, while striking out two.

Roberts tossed the final three innings, gave up two runs on two hit and struck out four, while walking two.

The Bulldogettes finish up a brutal non-district schedule Tuesday when they host Class 5A Midland Lee at 7 p.m. Coahoma begins district play next Friday on the road against rival Stamford.

GIRLS

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also took third in the 300 hurdles with a time of :55.52.

Morgan took silver medals in the 100 and 200 meter dashes. Morgan finished the 100 meter dash in :13.16 and crossed the line in the 200 meter in :27.60.

Coahoma also got second place finishes from



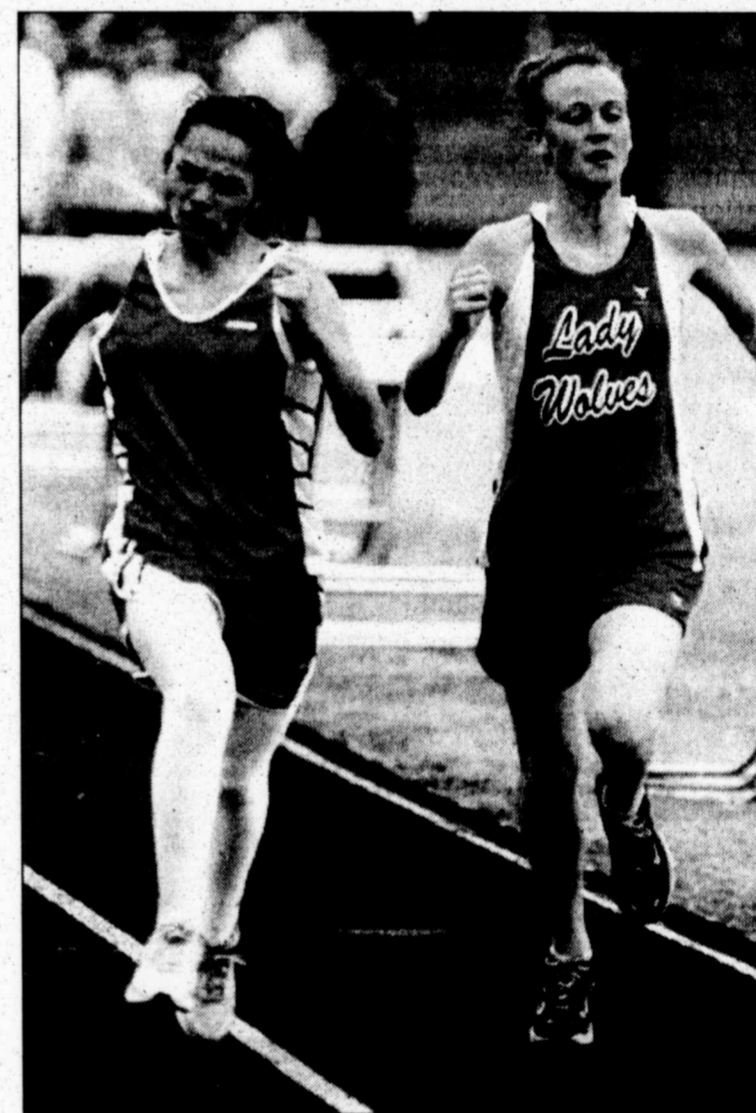
Monica Morelion and Sarah Collom. Morelion took the silver in the 800 meters after a late surge down the backstretch. She finished the race in 2:50.17. Collom snatched second in the 400 meter dash as she crossed the line in :65.06.

Forsan was able to capture three seconds on its way to a fifth place finish.

Senior distance runner Cynthia Becerra grabbed silver medals in both the 1,600 and 3,200 meter runs. She ran the mile in 6:10 and crossed the line in 13:48 in her two mile run.

The other silver medal for the Forsan girls went to Carlee Barraza. She grabbed second in the discus with a throw of 83-2.

Forsan — 83-2; 3. Flores, Stanton — 77-4; 4. Weishuhn, Wall — 73-1; 5. Villa, Roscoe — 71-8  
Triple Jump: 1. Johnson, Colorado City — 33.6.75; 2. Gee, Coahoma — 31.6.25; 3. Gutierrez, Stanton — 32-1; 4. Smith, Wall — 31-10.75; 5. Kendall, Stanton — 31-3  
3,200 M: 1. Glass, Wall — 13:31; 2. Becerra, Coahoma — 2:50.17; 3. Harris, Colorado City — 2:50.88; 4. Buzell, Stanton — 2:43.94; 5. Nix, Coahoma — 2:55.71  
High Jump: 1. Porter, Wall — 5-0; 2. Gutierrez, Stanton — 4-10; 3. Smith, Wall — 4-10; 4. Weishuhn, Wall — 4-10; 5. Kerby, Coahoma — 4-6  
Long Jump: 1. Nuehues, Wall — 14-11.5; 2. Kendall, Stanton — 14-4.5; 3. Hooker, Wall — 14-3.75; 4. Crivis, Wall — 13-9.5; 5. Jackson, Colorado City — 12-11.5  
Pole Vault: 1. Luna, Stanton 8-0; 2. Kaczyk, Wall — 7-6; 3. Cotton, Stanton — 6-6; 4. Glass, Wall — 6-0  
4x100 Relay: 1. Stanton — 53.25; 2. Colorado City — 56.42  
300 M Hurdles: 1. Nuehues, Wall — 16.44; 2. Gee, Coahoma — 17.03; 3. Weishuhn, Wall — 18.03; 4. Fowler, Colorado City — 19.02; 5. Coggin, Stanton — 20.07  
300 M: 1. Hooker, Wall — 12.84; 2. Morgan, Coahoma — 13.16; 3. Johnson, Colorado City — 13.18; 4. Gutierrez, Stanton — 13.25; 5. Cox, Wall — 13.54  
400 M: 1. Hooker, Wall — 59.86; 2. Collom, Coahoma — 65.06; 3. Brown, Roscoe — 65.28; 4. Wilde, Wall — 68.44; 5. Jackson, Colorado City — 70.21  
200 M: 1. Jackson, Colorado City — 27.35; 2. Morgan, Coahoma — 27.60; 3. Wilde, Wall — 27.98; 4. Hernandez, Roscoe — 28.51; 5. Smith, Wall — 28.77  
4x400 Relay: 1. Coahoma — 4:27.52; 2. Wall — 4:27.79; 3. Stanton — 4:41.33; 4. Stanton — 1:55.17; 3. Colorado City — 1:55.50  
300 Hurdles: 1. Cauley, Wall — 50.69; 2. Nuehues, Wall — 52.46; 3. Gee, Coahoma — 55.52; 4. Buzell, Stanton — 57.54; 5. Coggin, Stanton — 58.70  
1600 M: 1. Glass, Wall — 5:57.60; 2. Becerra, Forsan — 6:10.60; 3. Glass, Wall — 6:19.70; 4. Sepulveda, Roscoe — 6:30.30; 5. Nix, Coahoma — 6:37.90  
Discus: 1. Dugan, Stanton — 88-4; 2. Barraza,



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Coahoma's Monica Morelion chases down a runner from Colorado City Friday during the 800 meter run at the Coahoma Relays. Morelion took second in the event with a time of 2:50.17.



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Forsan's Kevin Zubiate runs in the 3,200 meter run at the Coahoma track meet Friday. Zubiate finished sixth with a time of 12:51.

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## HOWARD SWEEPS RIVAL



HERALD photo/Troy Hyde  
Howard College coach Cheryl Dickens, middle, meets with members of her team during a break in action against Western Nebraska last Wednesday. The Hawk women swept rival Western Texas College Friday. Howard — which improved to 11-13 overall and 8-4 in conference play — won the first game 7-3 and got the win in game No. 2, 4-3.

## Nelson resigns, Johnson to take over Mavericks' coaching duties

By PAUL J. WEBER

Associated Press Writer

DALLAS (AP) — Don Nelson, the second-winningest coach in NBA history, resigned as coach of the Dallas Mavericks on Saturday and turned the team over to protegee Avery Johnson.

Nelson said the change is what's best for the organization.

"I see a little slippage as a team," he said. "The team is just responding better to Avery at this

point."

The 64-year-old Nelson also had the title of general manager, but most of those duties were done by his son, Donnie, the team's president of basketball operations.

The elder Nelson will stay with the team as a consultant.

Johnson, who retired in training camp already has coached the team for 13 games this year, first while Nelson had shoulder surgery, then recently when Nelson took time off

to be with his wife after she had an operation. Johnson has also run practices since training camp and had some test runs as the coach with Nelson serving as his assistant.

His first game was Saturday night at home against Charlotte.

Dallas went into it 42-22 and in good position to get the fourth seed in the Western Conference play-offs, which gets home-court advantage in the first round.

## Kansas falls in first round of tourney

• Simien misses last second shot against Bucknell in opener

By JEFF LATZKE

Associated Press Writer

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — With a whirl and a prayer, Wayne Simien could've just as easily been the next Christian Laettner. Instead, Kansas was left to wonder what might have been after a season that started with so much promise came to a stunning conclusion in the first round of the NCAA tournament.

Simien, the Big 12 player of the year, took a long pass from Michael Lee at the free-throw line, spun and fired a 15-footer that clanged off the rim, giving 14th-seeded Bucknell a surprising 64-63 win Friday night against Kansas, the preseason No. 1.

"I got a clean look," Simien said of the shot, which mirrored Laettner's 1992 buzzer-beater against Kentucky in every way except that he missed. "It felt good on the release, but I didn't hit it."

After the stunning conclusion, Simien immediately headed for the locker room, and his teammates soon followed. His emotions? "Just disappointment," he said. The indescribable kind.

The Jayhawks (23-7) started the season with four seniors returning from a squad that had made it to at least the round of eight each season, including two Final Fours. As they started the season with 14 straight

wins, the NCAA championship seemed to be within reach.

The dream season got derailed when Texas Tech's Darryl Dora hit a 3-pointer with 3.6 seconds left in double overtime for an 80-79 win against the Jayhawks, and it never got back on track. Losses against Iowa State and Oklahoma followed, and Kansas was in a genuine slump.

Players declared themselves off-limits to the media in an attempt to right the ship. If it worked at all, it was only temporary. Back-to-back wins were chased by another disappointing loss at Missouri and an early exit in the Big 12

tournament semifinals.

But coach Bill Self and his players told themselves and everyone else that they were indeed getting better despite the losses. The team's No. 2 scorer, Keith Langford, was on the mend with a stubborn ankle injury and a particularly bad case of the flu, but the Jayhawks were still confident.

Entering their tournament opener, Self said the team was "pretty encouraged." Afterward, they were plenty discouraged.

"That's how the game goes," said Langford, who managed to score six points — including a pair

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## Garden City shoots well against stiff competition

By TROY HYDE

Sports Editor

CRANE — The Garden City girl's golf team ran into some steep competition Wednesday at the Crane Invitational. The Lady Kats finished near the bottom of the standings with a 460.

"It was the toughest tournament of the year, but we knew that going into it," said Garden City coach Ken Hoskins.

Monahans won the meet easily with a 323, while Pecos and McCamey came in second and third, respectively. Four points

separated fourth, fifth and sixth place and Rankin took seventh with a 453.

The Garden City Lady Kats were eighth followed by Alpine and host Crane.

Junior Kayla Madra led Garden City with a 101 and 13th place

finish. Seniors Amanda Hirt and Rebecca Cmerek each shot a 111, while freshman Mikela Barton-

shot a 137 and senior Brandi Halfmann shot a 141.

"The girls battled well in the cold weather," said Hoskins. "I was pleased overall. We need to improve but we got good experience and that should help us in the end."

"We will never get better if we don't go up against strong teams."

Monahans' Allison Jordan was the overall individual winner with a 72.

The Lady Kats will play in the Loop Invitational Wednesday at the Gaines County Country Club.



HOSKINS

## Brown finishes second in fifth-annual Honda Series

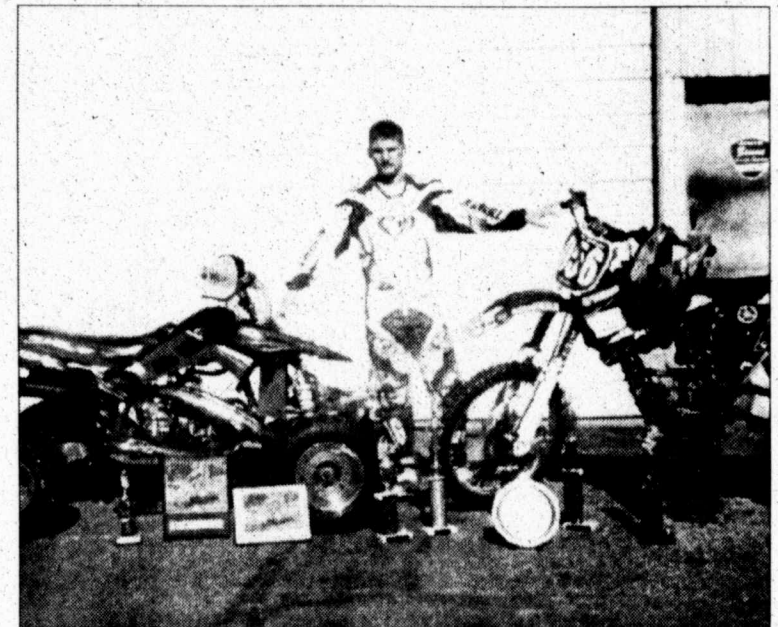
Special to the Herald

Forsan's Corbin Brown finished the fifth annual Honda of Houston FMF Winter Series with a second overall finish in the final race of the series, which consisted of five races across Texas.

Brown — who has only been racing 18 months due to various injuries — has recently gotten involved in racing four-wheelers.

Gaylon Knowlton took Brown to an event held at the Outback Adventure Track in Stanton. He entered the Open B Class and finished first in his class and was just a few seconds behind pro rider Shawn Hess. He then moved to the A Class which was is Amateur Professional.

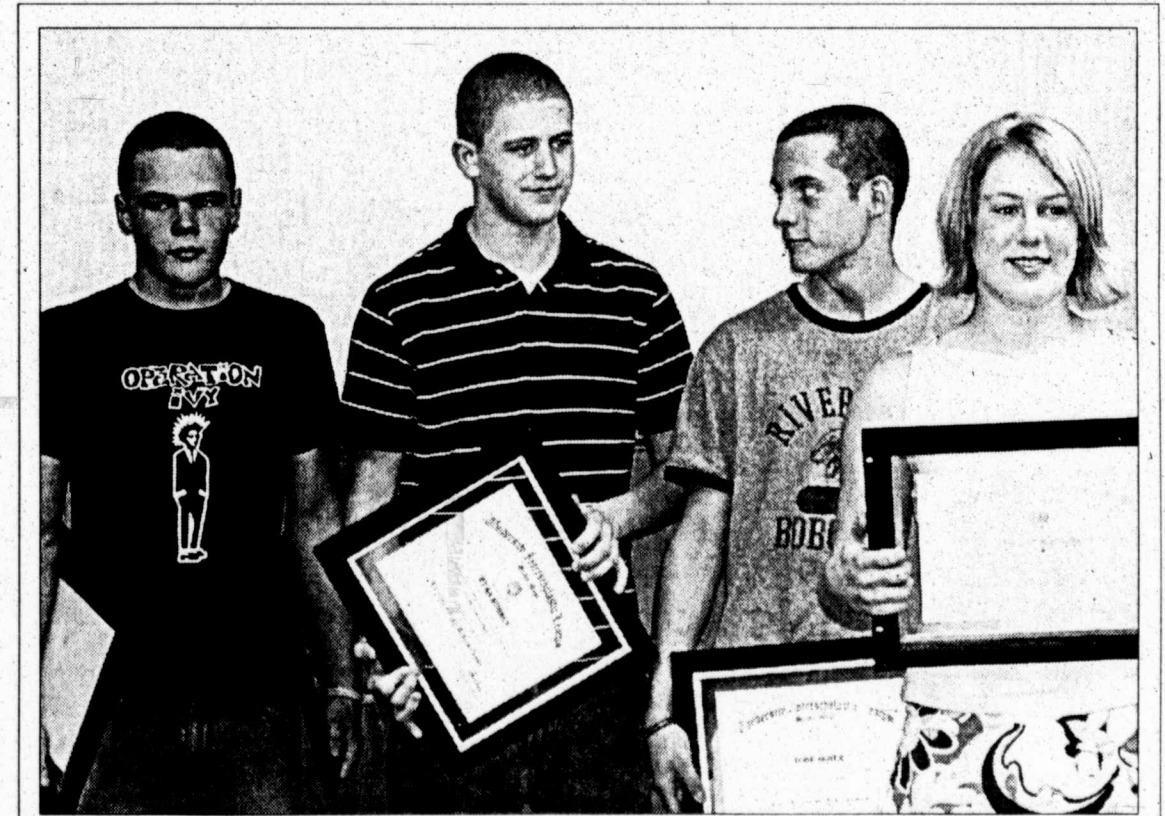
Brown traveled to Chico this past weekend and he



courtesy photo  
Forsan's Corbin Brown poses with his toys and trophies recently. Brown finished second overall at the fifth annual Honda of Houston FMF Winter Series. The series consisted of five races in Texas.

and his partner Tyler Bradley captured first place in the buddy race.

Midland March 20. Then he travels back to the Outback Adventure Track April 9-10.



HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
From left, Big Spring High School swimmers Daniel Pike, Ryan Hughey, Todd Seber and Jessica Hughey, who recently competed in the University Interscholastic League state meet in Austin, received their UIL certificates at Thursday evening's meeting of the Big Spring Independent School District Board of Trustees.

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of free throws that gave Kansas a 63-62 lead with 25.4 seconds left — in 26 minutes. "The ball doesn't care if you're a senior or if you've got a storied career or if your jersey says this or that."

A banked shot by Chris McNaughton with 10.5 seconds left sealed the win for Bucknell (23-9) and left Kansas with nothing but unfulfilled dreams.

"I don't know how many game-winning shots I hit in my backyard daydreaming I was a Jayhawk," said Simien, a Leavenworth, Kan., native. "It was a great opportunity. It came down to the last shot and the ball was in my hands, but it didn't work out the way that I would hope it to."

Wisconsin (23-8), the Syracuse Regional's sixth seed, awaits Bucknell in the second round Sunday. Sophomore Kamron Taylor scored six straight

points in the final minute to keep the Badgers out front for a 57-52 win.

Oklahoma State 63, SE Louisiana 50

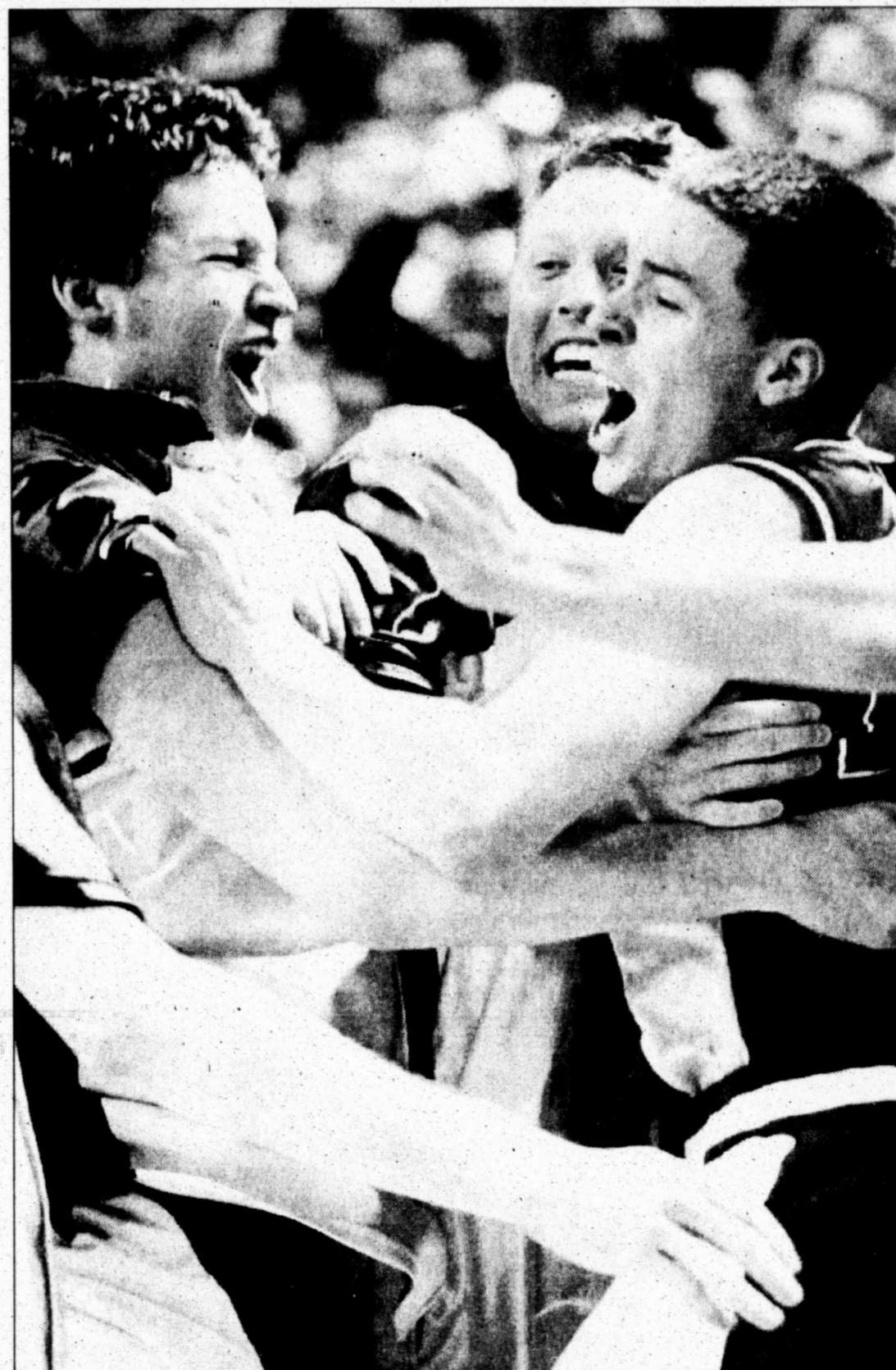
Oklahoma State (25-6), the Chicago Regional's No. 2 seed, got a boost from a friendly crowd to hold off the 15th-seeded Lions. (24-9), who were within 49-45 with less than 5 minutes to play before a putback jam by Terrence Crawford and a 3-pointer by freshman James On Curry sealed the Cowboys' win.

Oklahoma State advanced to play seventh-seeded Southern Illinois (27-7).

S. Illinois 65, St. Mary's, Calif. 56

The Salukis fought off the demons of consecutive one-point losses in tournament openers the last two seasons to beat St. Mary's. The Gaels (25-9) rallied from a 12-point deficit to tie the game at 47 before seniors Stetson Hairston and Darren Brooks pushed the Salukis to victory.

MARCH MADNESS HEATS UP



Vermont University players celebrate after their upset win over Syracuse in the first round of the NCAA Division 1 Men's Basketball Championship Friday in Worcester, Mass. Vermont won the game in overtime.

Texas Tech knocks off No. 3 Zags to advance

By BOB BAUM

AP Sports Writer TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Bob Knight is back. Ronald Ross made sure of that.

Knight's Texas Tech Red Raiders rallied from a 13-point second-half deficit to beat Gonzaga 71-69 Saturday to advance to the semifinals of the Albuquerque Regional.

Ross, the sharpshooter who walked on as a freshman four years ago and became one of the best guards in the Big 12 under Knight's guidance, sank a 3-pointer from the corner to put sixth-seeded Tech up 68-67 with 1:06 to play, then sealed the victory by making both halves of a one-and-one with 7.5 seconds remaining.

Ross and Knight hugged in the final seconds as it became obvious that a Knight-coached team would make it to a regional semifinal for the first time since 1994.

Ross scored 24 points — giving him 102 in his last four games — and grabbed nine rebounds.

Third-seeded Gonzaga (26-5) made an early exit with a high seed for the second year in a row.

Adam Morrison had 25 points and nine rebounds for Gonzaga, and scored 10 consecutive Bulldogs' points after Tech (22-10) had rallied to take the lead, but missed a 3-pointer with 19.5 seconds to go.

NCAA Tournament First Round scores from Friday

- (4)Louisville 68, (13)LA Lafayette 62
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- (7)Southern Illinois 65, (10)Saint Mary's 56
- (9)Mississippi State 93, (8)Stanford 70
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1 Ton Pickups ***</p> <p>2002 Ford F350 C/C Lariat Diesel 4X4 - Black/silver w/leather, one owner. <b>Was \$25,995 NOW \$24,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford F350 Super Duty - White, all power, locally owned. <b>Was \$20,995 NOW \$19,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford F250 Supercab Diesel XLT - Maroon w/cloth, clean diesel. <b>Was \$15,995 NOW \$14,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford F250 Supercab XLT Powerstroke Diesel - White, all power, local one owner. <b>Was \$17,995 NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>*** Small Pickups ***</p> <p>1998 Nissan Frontier King Cab XE - Sierra Gold, 4 cyl., 5 speed, air, one owner w/42,000 miles. <b>Was \$9,995 NOW \$8,995</b></p> <p>1993 Isuzu P/U W/Shell - White, nice economic pickup. <b>Was \$5,995 NOW \$4,995</b></p>	<p>*** SUV's, Vans, Motorcycle ***</p> <p>2002 Cadillac Escalade AWD - Sandstone w/sandstone leather, fully loaded, local one owner w/40,000 miles. <b>Was \$34,995 NOW \$32,995</b></p> <p>2002 Mercury Mountaineer 4X4 - Blue w/leather, all power, local one owner w/40,500 miles. <b>Was \$20,995 NOW \$19,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Explorer XLT 4-DR - White/beige tu-tone, all power, local one owner w/51,000 miles. <b>Was \$18,995 NOW \$17,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Silver, cloth, dual air, 3rd seat, local one owner w/58,000 miles. <b>Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>2002 Ford Expedition - Silver, all power, one owner w/31,000 miles. <b>Was \$22,995 NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>2002 Chevrolet Suburban - White, all power, dual air, local one owner w/18,000 miles. <b>Was \$24,995 NOW \$23,995</b></p> <p>2001 Nissan Pathfinder SE - Green, GPS, DVD, very nice, one owner w/53,000 miles. <b>Was \$17,995 NOW \$16,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/tan, leather, fully loaded, dual air, 3rd seat, local one owner. <b>Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - White/tan, leather, one owner. <b>Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>2001 Lincoln Navigator - Loaded, we sold it new - talk to the customer. <b>Was \$20,995 NOW \$19,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Expedition Eddie Bauer - Slate green/beige, leather, dual air, 3rd seat, all power, local one owner w/59,000 miles. <b>Was \$19,995 NOW \$18,995</b></p> <p>*** In Stock Too Long - Our Loss Your Gain ***</p> <p>2002 Ford Expedition XLT - Local one owner w/37,000 miles. <b>Was \$22,995 Must Go Price \$17,995</b></p> <p>2001 Toyota Sienna XLE - Tan, all power, one owner w/61,000 miles. <b>Was \$19,995 Must Go Price \$16,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Explorer Sport 2-DR, 4X4 - Blue w/cloth, all power, one owner 56,000 miles. <b>Was \$14,995 Must Go Price \$11,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Explorer 4-Dr, XLT - White w/cloth, one owner w/72,000 miles. <b>Was \$15,995 Must Go Price \$11,995</b></p> <p>2001 Ford Crown Victoria - Silver w/leather, one owner w/40,000 miles. <b>Was \$14,995 Must Go Price \$10,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Focus Wagon - Local one owner. <b>Was \$7,995 Must Go Price \$5,995</b></p> <p>2000 Ford Taurus SE - Red, all power, 4,000 miles. <b>Was \$9,995 Must Go Price \$6,995</b></p> <p>2000 Volkswagen Jetta GLS - 4-DR, one owner w/60,000 miles. <b>Was \$12,995 Must Go Price \$8,995</b></p> <p>1999 Pontiac Firebird - White, V-6, T-tops, 60,000 miles. <b>Was \$13,995 Must Go Price \$7,995</b></p> <p>1999 Ford Crown Victoria - White, all power. <b>Was \$9,995 Must Go Price \$5,995</b></p> <p>1999 Nissan Maxima GLE - Green, all power, 69,000 miles. <b>Was \$13,995 Must Go Price \$9,995</b></p> <p>1999 GMC Suburban LT - Tan w/leather, locally owned. <b>Was \$17,995 Must Go Price \$10,995</b></p> <p>1996 Mercury Cougar - White, all power. <b>Was \$6,995 Must Go Price \$4,995</b></p> <p>1996 Oldsmobile 88 4-DR - Pewter, all power. <b>Was \$6,995 Must Go Price \$4,995</b></p> <p>1997 Chevrolet C1500 Ext. Cab - Tan, 3500-8, new tires. <b>Was \$9,995 Must Go Price \$5,995</b></p> <p>1997 Mercury Tracer GS - Green, automatic, air. <b>Was \$5,995 Must Go Price \$3,995</b></p>
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Amelia Bloomer wearing pantaloons, designed by Elizabeth Miller.

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### Women's History Month

# WOMEN WHO RULED

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It's easy to take it for granted now — the sheer numbers of women in the work force, earning bigger paychecks, wielding more power. The freedom to choose whether to have families or careers, or both. But it had to start somewhere, with someone special. These women, for instance. Constrained by mores, fears, stereotypes and, in one case, chains, they did the hard work, forcing open the doors for those who followed.

## 1. SCIENCE

**Henrietta Leavitt, astronomer**

When you look up at the starry night sky, remember Henrietta Swan Leavitt; she invented the cosmic yardstick. Born in 1868, the severely deaf astronomy buff worked with other women as an unpaid "computer" at the Harvard College observatory for 30 cents an hour. Leavitt was not allowed to pursue her own topics of study, but researched what the head of the observatory assigned. Still, she managed to discover more than 2,400 variable stars, about half of the known total in her day. Leavitt's work led to her most important contribution to the field: By intense observation of a certain class of variable star, the Cepheids, Leavitt discovered a correlation between the time it took a star to go from bright to dim to how bright it actually was. A modern astronomer calls her "the most brilliant woman at Harvard." She continued her work there until she died from cancer in 1921.

## FASHION

**Amelia Bloomer, dress reformer/publisher**

In the late 1840s, women shoe-horned themselves into restrictive corsets and dresses weighing up to 15 pounds. Enter Bloomer, a figurative breath of fresh air, who shocked the nation by putting women in pants.

Born in Homer, N.Y., in 1818, Bloomer was educated to be a teacher. She married a newspaper editor in 1840 and moved to Seneca Falls, N.Y., a hotbed of women's rights activity. Nine years later, she started the *Lily*, the first national women's newspaper edited by a woman. In 1851, she thrilled women and infuriated men by publishing the pattern for unrestrictive pantaloons, designed by Elizabeth Miller. The delighted press dubbed them "bloomers" and ridiculed her mercilessly, but that didn't stop her from touring the nation delivering lectures on human rights while dressed in the offending garment. She moved to Iowa in 1853, where she continued her fight for women's rights. By the time she died in 1894, she had given up wearing bloomers, but by then, there was no going back for grateful womanhood.

## 3&4. EDUCATION/LAW

**Ellen Mussey and Emma Gillett, educators**

Mussey and Gillett both dealt the same way with rejection — they ignored it. In 1896, the social reformers founded one of the first law schools open to women, now a part of American University in Washington.

The Ohio-born Mussey moved to the capital city in 1869 to run the ladies' department of a business college. She married a lawyer and helped with his legal work for 16 years, but she was refused admission to a law school. Instead she was admitted to the bar in 1893. Meanwhile, Gillett graduated from Lake Erie (Pa.) Seminary in 1870 and taught for 10 years. She moved to Washington to study law, but found the doors of white law schools closed to her. She found a home at a respected black college, Howard University Law School, and was admitted to the bar in 1883. Thirteen years later, Gillett and Mussey joined forces and began law classes for women in Mussey's office, in what was to become the co-ed Washington College of Law. Mussey was dean until 1913, then Gillett took over. Gillett died in 1927, and Mussey went on to fight for property and child-custody rights for women until her death in 1936.

## 5. POLITICS

**Victoria Clafin Woodhull, activist**

Woodhull, the first woman to run for U.S. president, fell from grace for challenging the strict Victorian mores of her time. Born in 1838 in Homer, Ohio, she helped support her family as a spiritualist in a traveling medicine show. She married at age 25, bore two children and divorced. Newly remarried, Woodhull struck it rich on Wall Street after industrialist Cornelius Vanderbilt helped her start the first women-owned brokerage firm. She also published a radical reform newspaper. In 1871, she became the first woman to speak before the House Judiciary Committee, arguing for the women's vote, but her scandalous stand on sexual rights for women turned off even the staunchest suffragists. The next year, she ran for president with her Equal Rights Party. Her running mate: Frederick Douglass, the African-American educator. She later fell on hard times and moved to England to resume lecturing. By the time of her death in 1927, she had renounced her radical views and married a wealthy banker.

## 6. ARTS

**Ray Eames, designer**

Eames, along with her husband and partner, Charles Eames, revolutionized post-World War II design and architecture. Born in Sacramento, Calif., in 1912, she attended private school in New York City. She studied painting with abstract expressionist Hans Hofmann and dance with Martha Graham. In 1940 she met architect

and designer Charles while studying at Cranbrook Academy of Art near Detroit. Although they enjoyed a bohemian lifestyle, they had a more commercial path in mind. Two years later, from their home in Los Angeles, they started designing furniture that combined mass production with style and comfort. The molded plywood Eames chair is world famous; their designs are used in airports and schools. In 1949, the couple designed and built their home to promote the use of low-cost standardized parts and industrial material. She died in 1988, 10 years to the day of her husband's death.

## 7. ENTERTAINMENT

**Ida Lupino, director/producer**

Movie buffs may remember Lupino as the "hard-luck dame" in a string of eight Warner Bros. films in the 1930s and '40s. While her acting skills earned her the New York Critic's Best Actress Award in 1942, her real influence was felt behind the camera.

She was born in London in 1918 to one of Britain's oldest theatrical families and made her first movie at the age of 14. In 1934, she came to Hollywood to critical success. But, dissatisfied as an actress, she co-founded a production company in 1949. She became the only female director of major films, whose plots generally focused on the problems women faced. In the late '50s, she starred with her husband, Howard Duff, in the TV sitcom "Mr. Adams and Eve," and later directed or produced more than 100 TV episodes, including "Alfred Hitchcock Presents," "The Twilight Zone" and "Gilligan's Island." She also dabbled in dance, music and art. She died in 1995, leaving a legacy of 60 films.

## 8. MEDICINE

**Mary Breckinridge, nurse/medical reformer**

Raised in a life of privilege, Breckinridge saw a crying need for health care for poor women in remote rural areas, and she filled it, assuring safer childbirths for thousands of Appalachian mothers and their babies.

Breckinridge was born in 1881 in Memphis, Tenn. At 13, she spent two years in Russia after her father was appointed presidential representative to the Court of Czar Nicholas II. She became a widow at age 26, and divorced her second husband after her two children died before the age of 5. It was then that she became a registered nurse and a certified midwife. When she moved to eastern Kentucky, she found few doctors and a high infant-mortality rate. In 1925 she established the Committee for Mothers and Babies, later called the Frontier Nursing Service. Breckinridge found ways to get around the rural isolation and poverty — she rode on horseback to visit her patients and accepted barter for payment. As the infant death rate fell, her techniques became a model for doctors. She used her fame to raise money for a school for midwifery, and edited a medical journal for 40 years. She died in 1965; her image appeared on a U.S. postal stamp in November 1998.

## 9. TECHNOLOGY

**Grace Hopper, computer programmer/inventor**

Put aside the picture of computer whizzes as impossibly young geeks with glasses. Instead, think "grandmother." Hopper played that role in the infancy of the computer age with her groundbreaking work, including programming the world's first large-scale computer.

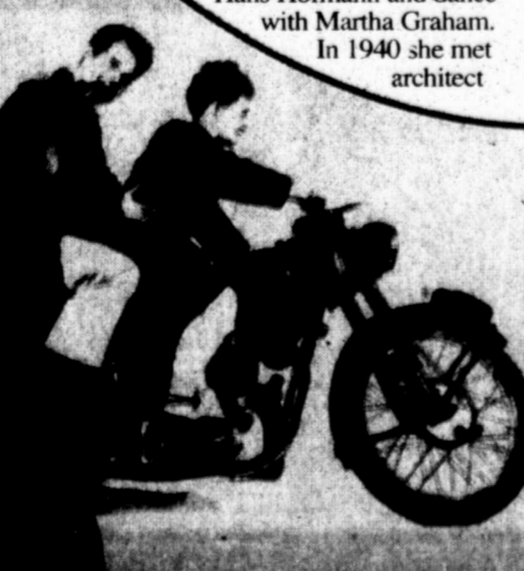
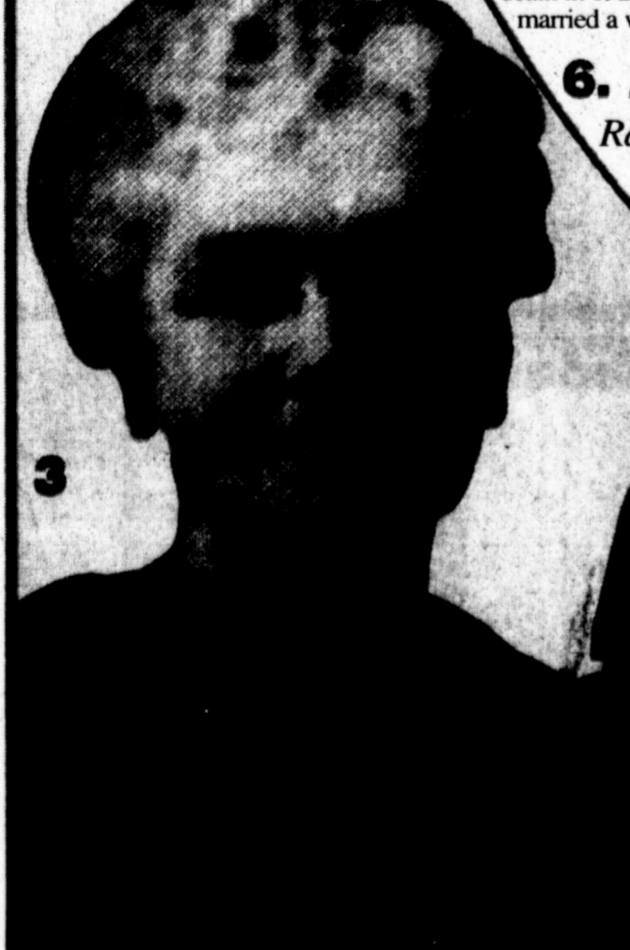
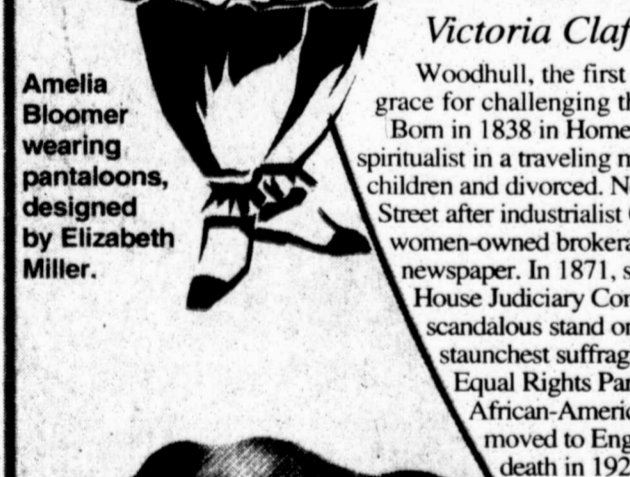
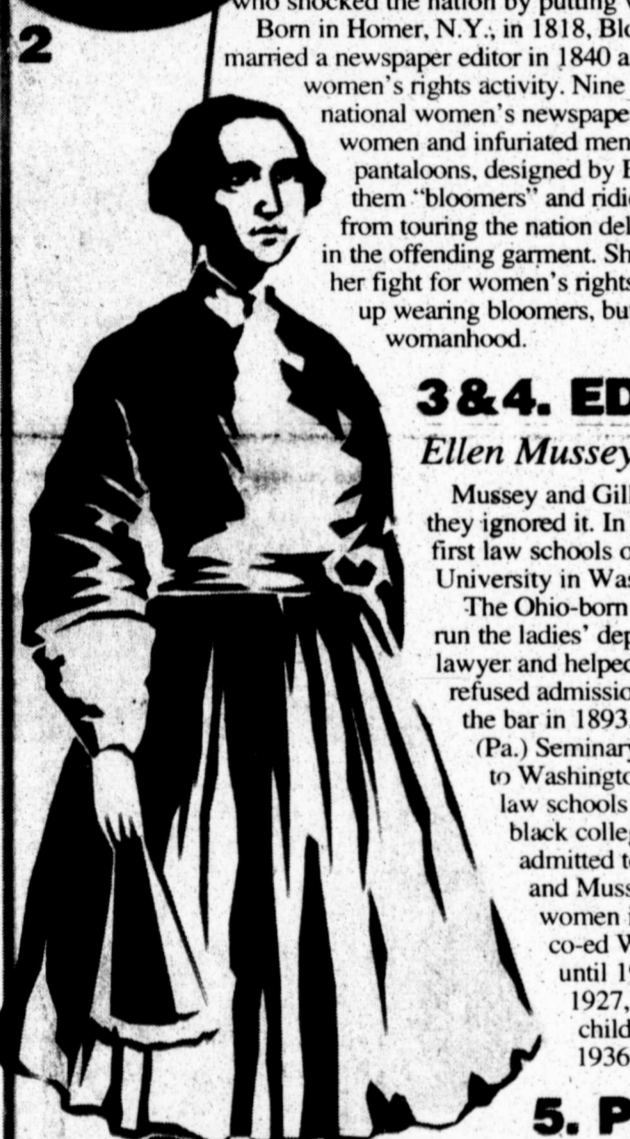
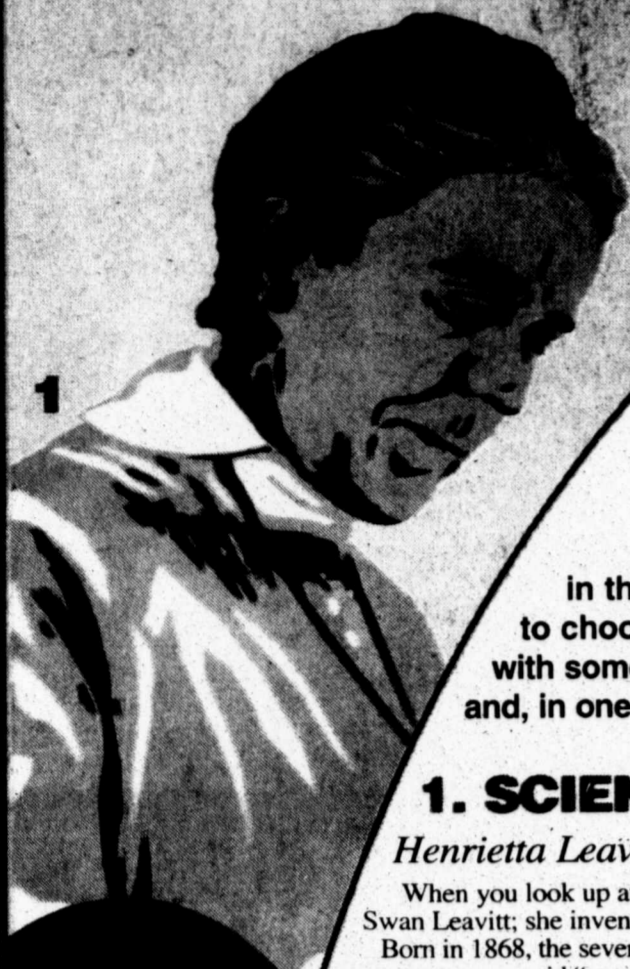
Born in 1906 in New York City, Hopper learned math by helping her surveyor grandfather. In 1928, she earned a bachelor's degree from Vassar College in math and physics; a master's and doctorate in math from Yale would follow. She taught both subjects at Vassar for 12 years. During World War II, she joined the Naval Reserves, where she coined the term "debugging" after finding a moth stuck in a computer. In 1952, she invented the compiler, which automated common computer instructions. She was the first to write programs in English and helped develop COBOL, the first user-friendly programming language, still in use today. She returned to active duty in 1967 to revamp the Navy's computer system, and in 1985 was named rear admiral. She was the first woman awarded the National Medal of Technology, and the first person given Computer Sciences "Man of the Year" award. She retired as the oldest military officer on active duty and consulted for Digital computer company until her death in 1992. Five years later, the Navy commissioned a destroyer the USS Hopper.

## 10. LITERATURE

**Phyllis Wheatley, author**

In 1760, 7-year-old Wheatley was brought from West Africa to colonial Boston in a slave ship. She turned her tragedy into poetry, becoming the first known African-American to publish a book.

She started her life in Boston as a slave to the wealthy Wheatley family. The Wheatleys' daughter took a liking to her and taught her to read English, Latin and Greek. Phyllis wrote her first poem at age 12, and was shown off as an intellectual novelty — George Washington asked to meet her after she wrote a poem about his Revolutionary War exploits. In 1773, she sailed to London, where her first book of poetry was published to great acclaim. When Mrs. Wheatley died, Phyllis returned to Boston and was given her freedom. She failed to raise money for a second book and in 1779 married, hoping for financial security. Instead she died alone in a boarding house in 1784, just before her last poem was published. In 1999, a recently discovered Wheatley poem — written 226 years earlier — had its first reading.



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► **Menus**

**SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER**

**MONDAY**-Chicken enchiladas, Spanish rice, beans, salad, milk, cornbread, fruit.  
**TUESDAY**-Bar-b-q chicken, potato salad, beans, cornbread, milk, cake.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Chicken or tuna sandwich, potato soup, vegetable salad, milk, pie.  
**THURSDAY**-Liver or steak and onions, potatoes, beans, salad, milk, rolls, cobbler.  
**FRIDAY**-CLOSED FOR GOOD FRIDAY

**WESTBROOK ISD BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Breakfast pizza, cereal, juice, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Sausage, bacon, biscuits, cereal, juice, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Cinnamon rolls, cereal, juice, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Assorted cereal, toast, jelly, juice, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-HOLIDAY LUNCH  
**MONDAY**-Chicken strips, gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, biscuits, honey, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Beef fajitas, salsa, salad, refried beans, peaches, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Frito pie w/cheese, pinto beans, pineapple chunks, cornbread, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Cheeseburgers, French fries, salad fixings, goodie bars, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-HOLIDAY

**SANDS CISD BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Poptarts  
**TUESDAY**-Peanut butter and jelly sandwich

**Family who couldn't afford burial kept body in SUV**

ROYSE CITY (AP) — A woman who couldn't afford to bury her ex-husband last month drew criticism from neighbors and questions from police after she stored his embalmed body in the back of an SUV in the family's driveway for two days.

"The phone rang off the wall with calls such as, 'How ... can you all be so cold-hearted and keep Larry in that vehicle in front of your home?'" said Brenda Pitts Bennett, who had let 50-year-old Larry Bennett live with her after their 1995 divorce.

Larry Bennett, a former building inspector whose poor health had cost him his job and drained his finances, died Feb. 26. He was buried in the ex-wife's hometown of Farmersville, but not before the Bennetts became the talk of the neighborhood.

Brenda Bennett said she went to Rockwall County shortly after the death to collect money for a burial. A judge told her the county allows up to \$1,000 for cremation of paupers. The ex-wife said she took the \$1,000 to a funeral home because she thought it would pay for a burial instead of cremation, but she later was told that it wouldn't be enough.

So, she said, the family had little choice but to load Larry Bennett's body in their SUV and take him home while they figured out what to do.

She said the family soon started getting angry calls — so many that they had to take the phone off the hook — and people started driving by just to look at the body, which was in a bag.

Royse City police received numerous calls about the body, Sgt. Jim Baker said. But the body wasn't removed because no law was violated.

**WEDNESDAY**-Hot pockets

**THURDAY**-Donuts  
**FRIDAY**-Muffins  
**LUNCH**  
**MONDAY**-Hamburgers, lettuce, tomatoes, pickles, fries, fruit, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken nuggets, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, pears, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Tacos, salad, pinto beans, cornbread, cheese, cake, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Steak fingers w/gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, rolls, cookies, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-Lunchables

**FORSAN ISD BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Cereal, yogurt, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Breakfast pocket, juice, milk.

**WEDNESDAY**-Eggs, biscuit, juice, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Pancakes, sausage, juice, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-HOLIDAY LUNCH  
**MONDAY**-Pizza, salad, pineapple slices, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken, and noodles, peas, peaches, crackers, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Buffalo burger, French fries, mixed fruit, lettuce, tomato, pickle, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Hot dog w/chili, chips, green beans, pears, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-HOLIDAY

**BIG SPRING ISD BREAKFAST**

**MONDAY**-Cereal, cinna-

mon roll, juice, milk.

**TUESDAY**-Breakfast sausage roll, peaches, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Cereal, cheese bite, juice, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Grilled cheese, sliced apples, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-HOLIDAY LUNCH  
**MONDAY**-Hamburger, salad, smiley face fries, border beans, rosy apple-sauce, milk.  
**TUESDAY**-Chicken fajita, corn on cob, fruit, Spanish rice, tortilla, milk.  
**WEDNESDAY**-Steak fingers, mashed potatoes, English peas, Jello, wheat roll, milk.  
**THURSDAY**-Ham and cheese sandwich, Doritos, pickle spears, carrot sticks, Easter Treat, milk.  
**FRIDAY**-HOLIDAY

► **Who's Who**

**Brennan Bailey**

Brennan Bailey, a senior at Big Spring High School, was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship recently from Sivalls Inc. at the Texas Society of Professional Engineers, Permian Basin Chapter meeting.

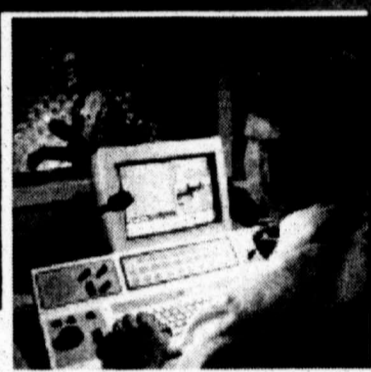
**Ben Johnson receives award**

Dr. Ben Johnson, of El Dorado, Ark., associate professor of history for Southern Arkansas University, received an Award of Merit by the American Association for State and Local History, for "John Barleycorn Must Die: The War Against Drink in



Johnson

Arkansas." A 1971 Big Spring High School graduate, he is the son of Ben F. Johnson Jr and Geraldine Johnson of Tempe, Ariz., formerly of Big Spring.



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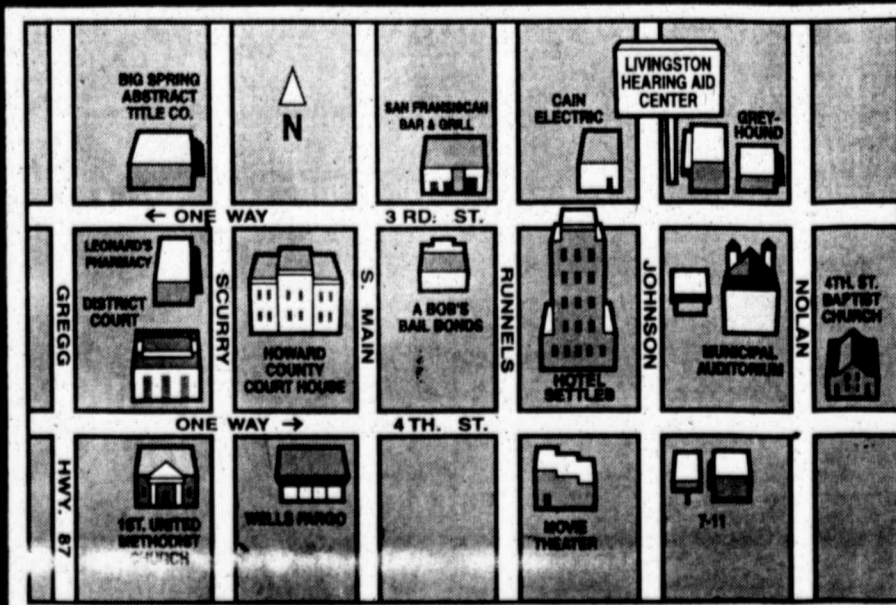
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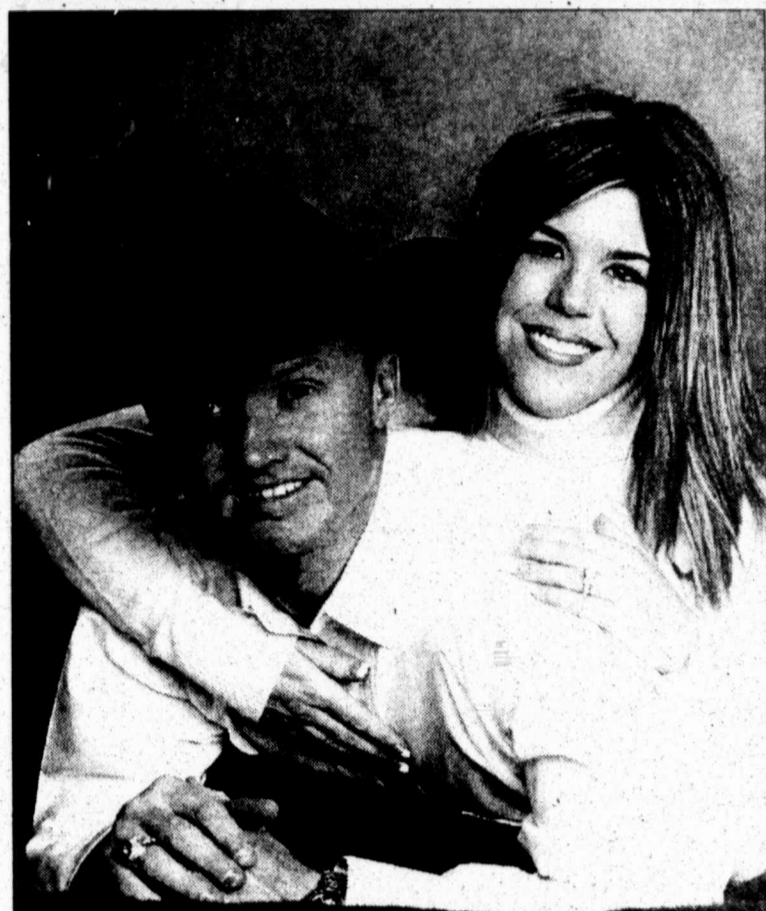
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## Engagement



Andrea Renea Gillespie and Ross Elliott Hataway

### Gillespie, Hataway to wed

Andrea Renea Gillespie of Knott and Ross Elliott Hataway of Midland will exchange wedding vows at 6 p.m. May 14, 2005, in the ClayDesta Atrium in Midland.

The bride is the daughter of Tony and Angela Gillespie of Knott. She is the granddaughter of Mallie and the late Joe Edd Gillespie of Ackerly and Verl and Loma Shaw of Big Spring.

She is a 1998 graduate of Sands High School and is employed by Prescription

Services Inc.

The groom is the son of Cindy Nix and Emmitt Hataway, both of Snyder. He is the grandson of Ed and the late Valta Hataway and Helen and the late Royce Patterson, all of Snyder.

He is a 1993 graduate of Snyder High School and a 2004 graduate of University of Texas at the Permian Basin, where he received a bachelor's degree in criminology. He is employed by Midland Police Department.



Dora Morales and Javier Calderon

### Morales, Caleron to exchange vows

Dora Morales of San Antonio and Javier Calderon of Austin will exchange wedding vows at 3 p.m. April 9, 2005, at St. Rose of Lima Catholic Church in San Antonio.

The bride is the daughter of Alberto M. and the late Tomasa Morales.

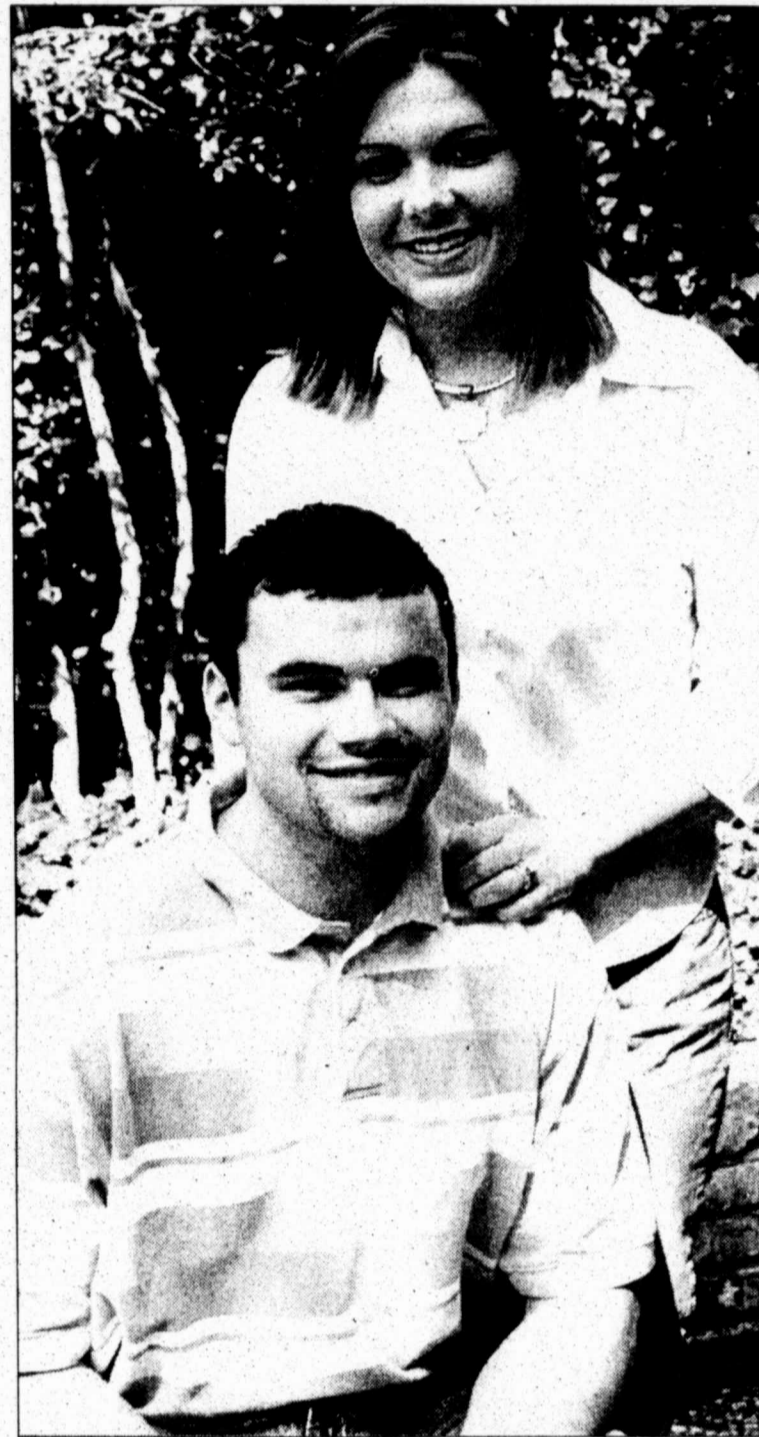
She is the grand-daughter of the late Genovevo and Petra Morales and José and Feliciano Montanez.

She is a 1992 graduate of Big Spring High School

and a 1993 graduate of St. Mary's University, where she received a bachelor of arts degree. She is employed by Scirex Corporation in Austin.

The groom is the son of Librado and the late Josie Cuni Calderon and the grandson of the late Enrique and Isabel Calderon.

He is a 1982 graduate of Big Spring High School and is employed by ARS in Austin.



Autumn Rae Phernetton and John Ross Copeland

### Phernetton, Copeland engaged

Autumn Rae Phernetton of Big Spring and John Ross Copeland of Sterling City will exchange wedding vows June 25, 2005, at First Baptist Church in Big Spring.

The bride is the daughter of Robbie and Anglia Phernetton and the granddaughter of Gus and Nancy Phernetton, all of Big Spring.

She is at 2001 graduate of Big Spring High School and will graduate from the University of Texas at the Permian Basin in

May with a bachelor of arts degree in English.

The groom is the son of Johnny Copeland of Sterling City and Kelley Mabry of Spokane, Wash.

He is the grandson of the late John and Virginia Copeland of Sterling City.

He is a 2001 graduate of Sterling City High School and will graduate in December 2005 from Angelo State University with a bachelor of science degree in agri-business.

He is employed by San Angelo Mohair Council.

## Births



Benjamin Ryan Bailey

Benjamin Ryan Bailey, a boy, was born Feb. 9, 2005, at 8:08 a.m. weighing 6 pounds, 10 ounces and was 18 inches long. His parents are Bryan and Natasha Bailey of Converse. His grandparents are Margaret and Eddie Barber, the late Cecil Gilstrap and Jimmy and Diana Bailey, all of Big Spring. He was welcomed home by Zackary



Nathan Cole Rios

and Patrick.

Nathan Cole Rios, a boy, was born March 11, 2005, at 8:23 a.m. weighing 8 pounds, 5 ounces and was 19 1/4 inches long. His parents are Jesse and Kim Rios. His grandparents are Jimmy and Diana Bailey and Hope and the late Jesus Rios, all of Big Spring. He was welcomed home by Lauren.

Adrian Rick Solis, a boy, was born March 3, 2005, at 6:27 a.m. weighing 9 pounds, 1 ounce. His parents are Donna Payne and Ricky Solis Jr. His grandparents are Carolyn and the late Johnny Payne and Olga and Ricky Solis. He was welcomed home by Brianna Solis.

and was 20 inches long. His parents are Lindie Melendrez and Ty Murrill. His grandparents are Emily and the late Ascension Melendrez and Donna King, all of Big Spring and Chris Murrill of Hobbs N.M. His great-grandmother is Mildred Pate of Carlsbad, N.M.



Adrian Rick Solis

Phoenix Tyrell Murrill, a boy, was born March 10, 2005, at 9:19 p.m. weighing 6 pounds, 13 ounces

## In the Military

### Air Force Airman Jeremy M. Jewett

Air Force Airman Jeremy M. Jewett 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.

Jewett is the son of Judy Scott of Big Spring.

In 2004, the airman graduated from Big Spring High School.

### U.S. Air Force Sgt. Estella L. Virella

Estella L. Virella has graduated from Airman Leadership School at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio.

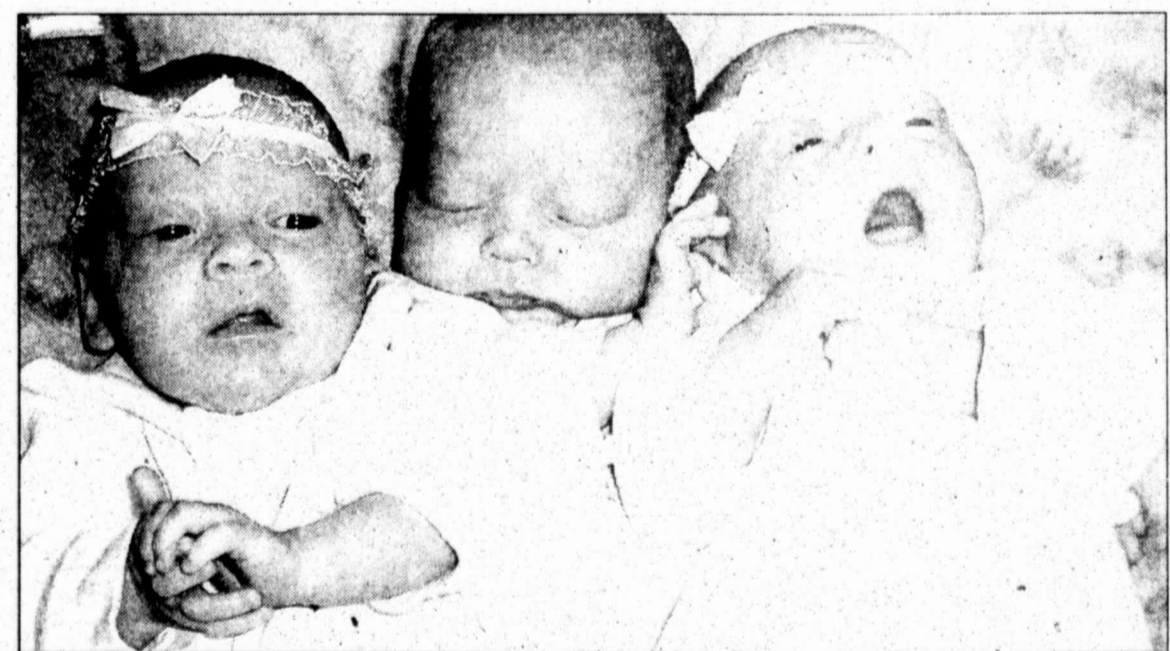
The five-week course is designed to train senior airmen to understand their positions in the Air Force organizational structure, leadership, communications skills and profession of arms, which are needed for professional development to be effective noncommissioned officers. Airmen are prepared and better equipped to serve as supervisors, managers and rating officials as they progress in their

enlisted military careers. The school is the first of three levels of professional military education programs used to develop and cultivate leadership and supervisory skills and is a required course for airmen to complete prior to being promoted to the rank of staff sergeant.

Virella is a signals intelligence training manager with the 33rd Information Operations Squadron.

She is the daughter of Maria Virella of Big Spring.

The sergeant is a 1998 graduate of Coahoma High School.



Alexander Logan, Abigail Grace and Madelyn Lawson Fields

Alexander Logan Fields, a boy, and Abigail Grace Fields, a girl and Madelyn Lawson Fields, a girl, were all born Jan. 6, 2005. Alex was born at 8:18 a.m. and Abigail and Madelyn were born at 8:19 a.m.

Alex weighed 4 pounds, 3 oz., and was 16.5 inches long. Abigail weighed 2

pounds, 15 oz., and was 16 inches long and Madelyn weighed 2 pounds, 14 oz. and was 15.75 inches long.

Their parents are Melanie Fields, formerly Melanie Russell of Coahoma and Alap Fields, formerly of Honey Grove. They now live in Greenville.

Their grandparents are

Debbie Russell of Sherman, Larry and Sherry Russell of Waco, Sue Fields of Honey Grove and Alvin and Kay Fields of Honey Grove.

Their great-grandparents are Frank and Gladys Russell of Big Spring and Astor and Robbie McKeever of Sulphur Springs.



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There is no cost to attend and all interested individuals are invited.

To learn more or to make reservations to attend the forum, call USDA Rural Development in Lubbock at (806) 785-5644, ext. 4.

In addition to the forum, a representative of USDA Rural Development will be on hand to assist individuals with applications and information concerning its programs.

These are:  
April 20 — 10 a.m.-noon, Howard County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Big Spring; 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Borden County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Gail.

April 26 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Martin County Courthouse, commissioner's courtroom, Stanton.

April 27 — 1:30 p.m.-3:30 p.m., Dawson County Annex Building-Auditorium, 609 N. First, Lamesa.

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HERALD photo/Steve Reagan  
Big Spring High School Construction Technology students Talbott Moore, left, and Joe Richter work on roofing a shed at the high school Friday afternoon. The building-trades program at BSHS was recently re-started after being dormant for more than a decade.

# Building a future

## Big Spring High School students learning a viable trade through hands-on experience

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

Thanks to a Coahoma native, Moore Development for Big Spring and a bunch of high-energy students, Big Spring High School's building trades program is once again alive and well.

Resurrected two years ago after an absence of more than a decade, the program now boasts more than 30 students and more projects than they lay a hammer on.

Building Trades — or Construction Technology, as it is now called — was a BSHS staple for many years until it was discontinued in the early 1990s. The only vestige of the old program still being offered was a woodworking class that had strayed away from hands-on construction projects, Principal Mike Ritchey said.

Enter Mark Winn. Winn, a licensed plumber and Coahoma-area native, was a building-trades instructor at the Career Center in Odessa when he was approached by the Big Spring school board more than two years ago to help them re-start the program.

Shortly thereafter, Moore Development For Big Spring stepped into the picture by approving a grant for \$70,000 to purchase

"Now, a lot of my students will go to college, but if they do or don't, these are still practical skills to have."



Mark Winn

the necessary equipment and chipped in an extra \$10,000 to help buy a vehicle.

"Without the Moore Board giving us a good start, this wouldn't have happened," Ritchey said.

With equipment secured, the next need was an instructor, and to that end the school board looked no further than Winn, who was more than happy to forego the daily commute from his home in Sand Springs to Odessa — and

back. "(The board) asked me if I wanted to teach the program ... and I didn't want to keep driving to Odessa every day," he said jokingly. "And the kids in Big Spring need a program like this just as much as the kids in Odessa."

About 15 students were part of the first year of the program, and that number has since swelled to 36 students.

That growth has impressed school district officials. "This is applied learning at its finest," said Big Spring School Superintendent Michael Downes. "I think it's phenomenal for the program to grow like it has."

Teaching construction-trade skills is as vital today as it ever was, and will only become more important in the future, Winn added.

Noting that the average age of plumbers in Texas is 54, Winn said: "If we don't turn out some more young people with these skills, in about 10 years, we won't

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## No charges against Wal-Mart, company fined in probe

LITTLE ROCK (AP) — Wal-Mart Stores Inc. escaped criminal charges but agreed Friday to pay \$11 million, a record fine in a civil immigration case, to end a federal probe into its use of illegal immigrants to clean floors at stores in 21 states, including Texas.

A dozen contractors who actually hired the laborers for work inside stores for the world's largest retailer agreed to plead guilty to criminal immigration charges and together pay an additional \$4 million in fines.

"This case breaks new ground not only because this is a record dollar amount for a civil immigration settlement, but because this settlement requires Wal-Mart to create an internal program to ensure future compliance with immigration laws by Wal-Mart contractors and by Wal-Mart itself," said Michael J. Garcia, assistant secretary for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement.

## NEW ASSISTANT VICE PRESIDENT



HERALD staff photo  
Justin Myers, right, has been promoted to assistant vice president at State National Bank in Big Spring. He graduated from the University of Texas in 2002 with a degree in finance and has been working in the banking industry. Myers has been with State National Bank since December 2003. He is a Big Spring native and is married to the former Sara Lusk, also of Big Spring. Myers is pictured with Richard Steel, SNB senior vice president. State National is located at 901 Main.

## Tickets on sale now for Ag Expo, luncheon

HERALD Staff Report

The West Texas-Ag Expo and annual agricultural appreciation luncheon will be held Tuesday, April 5 in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Guest speaker for the luncheon will be Jimmy Clark, deputy chief of staff and district agriculture representative with U.S. Rep. Randy Neugebauer's office.

Area farmers and ranchers are invited to attend the noon luncheon at no charge. During the event, awards will be presented to an area producer and agri-business.

Luncheon tickets for the general public are \$10 each and may be obtained at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce.

There is no charge to attend the Expo, which is scheduled from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

## Rural Development sets forum in Howard County

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring will be the site for a forum put on by Texas USDA Rural Development and open to the public.

Speakers will provide information to all interested individuals and entities about the various housing, community, and business and cooperative programs available through USDA Rural Development.

The forum, which is for Howard, Borden, Dawson, Martin, Gaines and Andrews counties, will be held from 10 a.m. until noon April 19 at the Howard County Library conference room, 500 South Main St.

USDA Rural Development is committed to making its programs and services available to all rural Texas, including individuals, small businesses, municipalities, community based organizations and traditional underserved portions of the population," said Bryan Daniel, Texas USDA Rural Development state director. "Through its support of sustainable development of communities, USDA Rural Development works to improve the quality of life for rural Texans.

The purpose of USDA Rural Development is to improve the flow of capital to businesses and

**What:** Informational forum on Texas USDA Rural Development.

**Where:** Howard County Library, 500 S. Main.

**When:** 10 a.m.-noon Tuesday, April 19.

## Workshop, 'Turning Blue Quail to Green,' planned for March 31 in Big Spring

Texas Cooperative Extension and Howard College at Big Spring are teaming up to present a blue quail workshop on March 31. The meeting, which is scheduled for 9:30 a.m., will be in the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, 11th and Birdwell streets.

"Turning Blue Quail To Green: Enhancing Quail-Hunting Revenue for West Texas Economies," focuses on scaled quail — also called blue quail, an important game bird in parts of West Texas.

Dr. Dale Rollins, Extension wildlife specialist at San Angelo, said the workshop promotes marketing of blue quail hunting across West Texas.

"I define this area as roughly Snyder, west to Andrews, southwest to the Big Bend, east to San Angelo, and then back to Snyder," Rollins said. "We want to convene various players at this meeting as a means of promoting blue quail hunting, an important, but often over-

looked revenue source for landowners.

"Blue quail populations have rebounded nicely in the past two years, and they offer a unique kind of quail hunting, but it's something that traditional bobwhite hunters just don't appreciate. We hope to change that."

Rollins said the program will be of interest to landowners, hunters, and local entities promoting tourism and rural economic development in West Texas.

Extension specialists and landowners who have successful blue quail management programs will share their expertise.

Morning topics will be: "Components of Marketing Blue Quail," "Needs From the Supply Side," "Needs From the Consumer Side" and "Comments From Related Service Providers."

Afternoon talks will cover: "Business Plans 101," "Management Needs," "Information

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# TEXAS TURF TIPS

## Can problems occur as a result of overseeding?

Each year, many golf courses, sports fields and home/commercial lawns are overseeded in the fall with a cool season turf such as annual or perennial ryegrass. Some are overseeded to prevent substantial damage to their existing dormant warm season turfgrass from excessive traffic, while others do it for winter color and aesthetic purposes. Whatever the reason, one must realize that this practice has both pros and cons.

Overseeding is recommended for sites that have relatively high levels of traffic during the winter months, such as a golf course or sports field. It does prevent excessive damage to the dormant warm season turf. However, the cool season grass does compete with the existing warm season turf (i.e. Bermudagrass) during the spring months. During this period, the cool season grass is growing vigorously while the warm season grass is just beginning to come out of winter dormancy. This period of time when competition between grasses is occurring is called 'spring transition'.

Spring transition has caused severe damage to warm season turfgrasses on many sites throughout Texas. Turfgrass sites may become weakened and thinned such that overall quality of the affected site declines. In most cases, sites overseeded with perennial ryegrass receive much higher levels of spring transition problems than those overseeded with annual ryegrass. This doesn't mean that perennial ryegrass should not be used, just that one needs to realize that this variety usually survives much longer into the early summer months compared to the annual ryegrass.

There are herbicides available that can be used on overseeded bermudagrass sites to take out the cool season grass. These include: Revolver, Monument, TransXit, Manor and Kerb. Remember, most of these are only labeled for golf courses and sports fields. In addition, read the label carefully so as not to harm your existing warm season grass.

Again, overseeding does have some positive attributes. But, one must consider what happens in the spring and how it may negatively affect your turfgrass.

## Selecting warm season turfgrasses for home lawns in Texas

Are you going to install a new lawn this year? Have you decided which turfgrass variety you are going to use? Selecting the proper lawn grass is extremely important in order to avoid problems in the future on your site. In Texas, the warm season grass species that are most often used include St. Augustinegrass, bermudagrass (common or hybrid), zoysiagrass (coarse or fine leaf textured), buffalograss, centipedegrass and seashore paspalum.

It is important to understand that each turfgrass species, as well as varieties within species, have weaknesses. For example, all the lawn grasses will do well in full sun, but only a select few perform well in the shade (i.e. St. Augustinegrass — excellent shade tolerance; zoysiagrass — moderate shade tolerance). Others have a higher level of drought tolerance (i.e. buffalograss) while others have excellent salt tolerance (i.e. seashore paspalum).

Maintenance practices such as mowing height, mowing frequency, fertilization and irrigation can differ among the turfgrasses as well. It is up to you to do your homework and select the correct lawn grass for your site. Making the proper selection will pay dividends for you in the end.

## Lawn fertilization for spring

Warmer temperatures mean that the soil will soon warm to a level that our warm season turfgrasses will begin to grow. This also means that one needs to plan their nutrient management program for the year. Taking a soil sample is a good first step in this process. It will provide useful information pertaining to the level of nutrients in your soil and can assist you in developing your yearlong environmentally sensitive approach to nutrient management.

In the spring, it is recommended to apply your first fertilizer application after your lawn has begun to grow. You may want to wait until after you have mowed your lawn two to three times. Applying fertilizer too early can cause undue stress to your turf if a late freeze occurs. Also, apply fertilizer in measured amounts to your lawn. This means you need to

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# PUBLIC RECORDS

Hot Checks/Warrants Issued:  
Lupe Aleman, 301 E. Co. Road 34, Big Spring  
Kerrie Bhuiyan, 538 Westover, No. 257, Big Spring  
Chad Brown, 3901 Ave. D, Snyder  
Douglas Brown, 205 W. 14th, Monahans  
Wayne Carpenter, 3766 Patriot Dr. No. 10, Abilene  
Krisha Nicole Castillo, 942 Cherry St., Colorado City  
Stormi Chandler, 309 N. Bryan, Garden City  
Stephanie R. Daniels, 506 N. Ave. T, Snyder  
James Ditto, 501 W. 17th St., Big Spring  
Doyle Edmondson, 505 E. 11th Place, Big Spring  
Katherine Gladhill, CR 7670, Lubbock  
Roman Hines, 901 Baylor, Big Spring  
Sharon Annette James, 1311 W. Second Street, Big Spring  
Andres Juarez, Rt. 3 Box 389, Big Spring  
Randy Key, 20964 S. Hwy. 277, Christoval  
Jonathan Lunham, 3708 28th St., Lubbock  
Tracy Martin, 3198 Fruitland Farm Ct., San Angelo  
Judy Mata, 6309 E. Midway Rd., Big Spring  
Esiquei Moreno, 508 S.E. First St., Andrews  
Jessie Robles, 1417 Millspaugh, San Angelo  
Veronica Rodriguez, 2609 Wasson Apt. 17, Big Spring  
Linda Salgado, 607 Caylor, Big Spring

Marriage Licenses:  
Gary Lee Konst, 60, and Donna Miller Britt, 37, both of Big Spring.  
Lucas Leos Lopez, 29, and Melinda Rebecca

Norman, 29, both of Big Spring.  
Marcos Chavera Jr., 20, and Jessica Michelle Jimenez, 24, both of Big Spring.  
Brandon Phillip Neal Woods, 18, and Lindsay Shay Wilks, 19, both of Big Spring.

District Court Filings:  
Charles W. Lusk vs. Lee Ida Rainey Lusk, divorce.  
In Re Teddie Paul Martinez vs. In Re, family/other.  
Vicente Gonzalez Alvarado vs. Emma Martinez, divorce.  
In Re G.C. Broughton Foundation vs. In Re, other civil.  
Brent Sisson vs. Jennifer Sisson, divorce.  
Bureaus Investment Group No. 4 LLC vs. Sam D. Stephens, accounts, notes and contracts.  
Marva Ann Sherrod vs. Jimmy Randell Sherrod, divorce.  
Mary Elizabeth Beck vs. James Robert Beck, divorce.  
Isaak Klassen vs. Jacob Klassen Sr., injury or damages with a motor vehicle.

Warranty deeds:  
Grantor: Alejandro Fernandez and Dunia M. Fernandez  
Grantee: Jake Smith and Jean Smith  
Property: The N/97 feet of Lot 2 and The S/3 feet of Lot 1, Block 10, Coronado Hills Addition  
Date Filed: March 7, 2005

Grantor: Billie Ruth Adams  
Grantee: Tom M. Frakes and Lydia L. Frakes  
Property: A 4.55 acre tract out of Section 28, Block 32,

T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: March 8, 2005

Grantor: Roy Hopper and Anna Lee Ryan  
Grantee: Swartz and Brough Inc.  
Property: Lots 5 and 6, Block 40, Government Heights to Bauer Addition  
Date Filed: March 9, 2005

Grantor: Anabel Calderon, Adalinda Calderon Carl and Domingo Mendoza Calderon  
Grantee: Victor P. Torres and Alicia R. Torres  
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 48, Block 32, T-1-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: March 9, 2005

Grantor: Bowden Hampton  
Grantee: Jon Allen Hampton  
Property: A 2 acre tract out of Section 42, Block 32, T-1-S, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: March 10, 2005

Grantor: Sarwest Capital  
Grantee: Frank Salinas and Diana Salinas  
Property: Lot 14, Block 1, Highland Park  
Date Filed: March 11, 2005

Grantor: Sarwest Capital  
Grantee: Angel Blanco and Tonnie Blanco  
Property: Lot 7, Block 3, Piner Heights  
Date Filed: March 11, 2005

Grantor: Cindy Ruzzamenti De Vinney  
Grantee: Walter Woodie Long and Alice Long  
Property: The SE/4 of Section 29, Block 33, T-2-N, T&P RR Co. Survey  
Date Filed: March 11,

Grantor: Dorrace June Smith  
Grantee: Dorothy Geraldine Purgason  
Property: Lot 20, Block 4, Highland Park Addition  
Date Filed: March 11, 2005

Grantor: Kenny Kay Stephens, John Devry Bryans and Kelli Lee Bryans Caton  
Grantee: John Devry Bryans and Jenny Bryans  
Property: Lot 6, Block 3, Kentwood Unit No. 1  
Date Filed: March 14, 2005

Warranty deeds with vendors lien:  
Grantor: Verline Kelley  
Grantee: Robert Gale Pittman and Bennie Maurene Pittman  
Property: Lots 4, 5 and 6, Block 23, Boydston Addition  
Date Filed: March 7, 2005

Grantor: Ronald Cunningham and Marisue Cunningham  
Grantee: Troy Dale Carter and Rebecca Lynn Fuqua  
Property: Lot 5, Block 20, Washington Place Addition  
Date Filed: March 7, 2005

Grantor: Tim Chavez  
Grantee: Geraldine T. Rodriguez and Manuel Rodriguez Jr.  
Property: Lot 4, Block 5, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: March 9, 2005

Grantor: Tina Chavez  
Grantee: Geraldine T. Rodriguez  
Property: Lot 4, Block 5, College Park Estates  
Date Filed: March 9, 2005

# TRADES

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have anybody in that area ... There's nothing wrong with being a computer whiz, but even a computer whiz needs someone to build him a house."

The program also provides a way for students who don't plan on attending college to obtain marketable skills, he said.

"I have some kids who are in no way interested in attending college, but they still need to develop a

trade," Winn said. "Now, a lot of my students will go to college, but if they do or don't, these are still practical skills to have."

Students involved in the program soon learn they still have to pay attention to academics. Construction technology is an elective, meaning that students must continue to perform well academically to remain in the program.

As for the future, Winn has several projects on the burner. The group has a working agreement with Leonard's Pharmacy to do remodeling work on the house next to the pharmacy's new location on

Scurry Street.

Other remodeling projects are in the works, also, but what has captured the most attention are plans to build houses on two lots in the Kentwood Addition that were recently donated to the school district.

That project, which is scheduled to begin at the start of the next school year, is scheduled to take about two or three years, Winn said.

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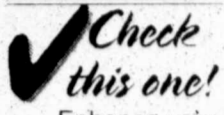
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9 Bar measure  
15 Bedsprad material  
16 Still growing  
17 Allegorical  
18 Stuck at a chalet, perhaps  
19 Foot, in zoology  
20 Antioxidant source  
22 Aug. setting  
23 Redemption writer  
25 Long-billed bird  
26 Thin bread  
27 Judah's mother et al.  
29 Castilian pronoun  
30 Work on pecans  
31 First General of the Air Force  
33 Draftsmen's tools  
35 Palate-pleasing  
37 Comeback  
40 Musical themes  
44 Really dug  
45 Early hrs.  
47 West Coast cager  
48 What's pointed at  
49 Glacial ridge  
51 Zola novel  
52 GPS figure  
53 Viacom division

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1 Triangular blade  
2 Loud fan  
3 Battle of Trenton participant  
4 Popular card game  
5 Nurses  
6 Goes wrong  
7 The Graduate character  
8 Newspaper debut of 1951  
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10 Foot part  
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12 Less spber  
13 Romans or Hebrews  
14 Bungalow business  
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24 Field event  
26 Vintage touring car  
28 Racing vehicle  
30 Asian matches?  
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34 City near Teheran  
36 Bygone rulers

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**38 Alternative fuel**  
**39 City named for the chief of the Suquamish Indians**  
**41 Up the creek**  
**42 Hearts maneuver**  
**43 Broadcast**  
**46 Squash, in a way**  
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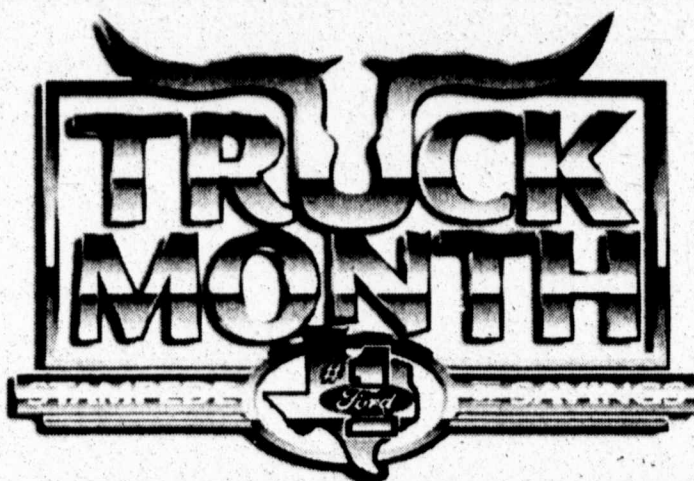


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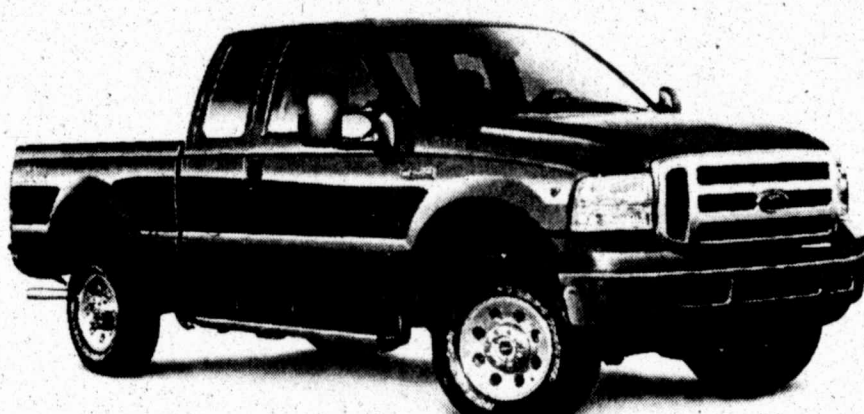
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**Dear Prudence ...**

Dear Prudence: My girlfriend and I, both in our thirties, have been dating for six months. We're crazy about each other. Thus far, we've been quite successful at balancing who pays for what.

I was brought up very traditionally and always enjoy the opportunity to grab the check and pay for both of us, particularly on date-like occasions. My girlfriend appreciates that but feels guilty about me doing this all the

time. She makes up for it by insisting on going Dutch on less formal occasions and making us dinner at her place fairly often.

Here's the question: I have a relative who's getting married soon, which will involve travel and staying in a hotel. As a gentleman, I feel that my girlfriend shouldn't have to help pay for this. She, on the other hand, brilliantly argues that this is a fun trip we're taking together. I believe that as my guest, she shouldn't have to shoulder any expense. The battle has begun! But you agree with me, right? Back me up here, Prudie. — Financially Tight (but Gentlemenly)

Dear Fin: You have what Prudie's father used to call "high class worries." Not too many men are complaining that the girlfriend wants to share expenses.

Regarding the wedding, Prudie hopes your girlfriend will allow herself to be your guest. After all, it's your relative. If you have the funds, then, as a gentleman, you should pay. Your signature, however, suggests it might be a stretch, so in that case, by all means let your loving girlfriend chip in. In other words, pride goest before the insolence. — Prudie, sensibly

Dear Prudence: I'm a 19-year-old female in college who has had very bad luck with men. I hardly ever date, I've never had a boyfriend, and the few experiences I've had with dating all ended badly. I was either being used by the boy, the boy lost interest, or I lost interest.

I've been told by my friends and family that I'm wonderful and beautiful. I was even asked to be a model for a magazine, so I know I can't be that terrible to look at. Yet no one seems to want me. To make matters worse, my younger sister not only has a boyfriend she's in love with, but has lost her virginity with him as well. (I'm still a virgin.) I love my sister and would never begrudge her any happiness, but I feel depressed for myself.

Is it normal for someone my age to have never had a boyfriend and to still be a virgin? And where are all the good men? What can a girl do to get a boyfriend? — Young and Lonely

Dear Young: There is no need for you to feel out of it. It is not unheard of to be 19 and to have never had a real boyfriend. It is admirable that you are still a virgin, considering you've never really cared for anyone.

As to your third question, the good men are everywhere. (Well, OK, maybe not everywhere, but they're around.)

As for the fourth question, tone down the stress level about this issue. Live your life, follow your interests, enjoy your friends, and out of the blue will come a man who thinks you're wonderful. — Prudie, optimistically

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**Legals**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF INTENTION TO LEASE LAND FOR OIL AND GAS EXPLORATION AND PRODUCTION**

Pursuant to the authority granted by the City Council of Big Spring, Texas, sealed bids will be received until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, March 30, 2005, for consideration of leasing the following described land for oil and gas exploration and production:

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Bids will be considered at the Big Spring City Council Chambers, 307 East 4th Street, Big Spring, Texas, at 5:30 P.M., Tuesday, April 12, 2005, during regularly scheduled City Council meeting. Bid information and specifications may be obtained from the office of the Public Works Director, 2nd Floor City Hall, 310 Nolan, Big Spring, Texas. All bids must be marked with the date of bid and general description of bid terms.

The City of Big Spring reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to waive any or all formalities. Signed: Russ McEwen, Mayor Attest: Peggy Walker, City Secretary #4485 March 13, 20, 27, 2005.

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Plans and specifications are available for inspection, along with bidding proposals, and applications for the TxDOT Prequalified Contractor's list, at the applicable State and/ or Dist/Div Offices listed below. If applicable, bidders must submit prequalification information to TxDOT at least 10 days prior to the bid date to be eligible to bid on a project. Prequalification materials may be requested from the State Office listed below. Plans for the above contract(s) are available from TxDOT's website at www.dot.state.tx.us and from reproduction companies at the expense of the contractor. NPO: 15995

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Sands CISD  
The Sands CISD School Board will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, March 22, 2005 at 7:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Ackerly, Texas.

The School Report Card will be presented at this meeting and all concerned citizens are invited to attend and hear the report. The Board will listen to comments or questions about the report at this time. #4488 March 20, 2005.

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## Tomorrow's Horoscope

## BY HOLIDAY MATHIS

The week starts with the spring equinox, a celebration of nature's renewal and rebirth. The solar journey into Aries brings the day and night into perfect balance. Then, light overtakes the darkness little by little as each day progresses. Feminine and masculine energy find equilibrium, too, and men and women enjoy mutual respect.

ARIES (March 21-April 19). Whatever your age, you feel a part of a new generation — fresh, full of ideas, and free of the cynicism that encumbers others. Friends remind you why you chose them in the first place.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). Acknowledge those close to you, even if it seems unnecessary. Don't make the mistake of

believing that a relationship, once established, will always be there, even if you neglect it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21). Love is the last thing on your mind. But bring it to the front. Consider that romance needs equal parts breathing room and attentiveness. Too much of one or the other knocks the relationship off balance.

CANCER (June 22-July 22). So much of what happens in your romantic situation is happening on an unconscious level. Sensitize yourself to subtleties that will clue you in to how to please your partner.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). It's a brave day — you're not afraid of being the "bad guy." Your boundaries and expectations are very clear now. You know what you need and can accurately assess who is able and willing to give that to you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). You are a complex creature. You can't expect everyone to understand

you on every level, and some people may never "get" you. But that one kindred soul will be your rock. Trust the relationship.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You've had your doubts about your neighborhood lately, but when you go beyond the riffraff there is a vibrant community out there, worthy of your active participation. Get involved.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). You're too busy creating the life you want to notice that someone else is pining away for you. There is romantic potential there. Still, be sure to see people for who they are and not for who you want them to be.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Projects are challenging. Don't worry about being correct so much as being passionate and committed. Strengthen your faith. All magic springs from your connection with the universal source.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). That all-consum-

ing event or person in your life could take over if you're not careful. Don't forget your routines, your habits, your friends and the things you do to take care of your mind, body and spirit. It's still important!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). You don't have a need for big drama, but someone close to you does. So when the "passion play" starts, view it with a sense of detached humor. Don't get sucked in! This is not reality!

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20). You're trying to compromise, be compassionate and, of course, be tolerant. However, certain people can't help but push you to the limit — it's their nature. If it crosses your boundaries or hurts your feelings, just say "no way!"

FORECAST FOR THE WEEK AHEAD: The sun boldly glides into Aries with all the confidence of a rock star and twice the bravado. The cosmic energy zings freshness, newness, "nowness."

Aries, the sign of the ram, embodies the paradox of beginner's luck: When you've got nothing, you've got nothing to lose. Our experiences in life teach us when to be fearful. But when we have no experience to draw from, when it's the first kiss, the first time on the tennis court, the first day on the job, limitations haven't been learned yet. The outcome is often better than an outcome born of years of practice. In the Greek legend, Aries was the ram that two gods road away on to escape an evil stepmother. In the end, the ram was sacrificed and became immortal as a constellation. Every endeavor has an inherent risk. The beauty of Aries is that it hasn't learned what that risk is and therefore is able to act wholeheartedly, ultimately willing to risk it all. Here are instructions to harness the energy of the spring equinox: 1) Choose a goal. 2) Dive into it with your whole heart, oblivious to the

risk. 3) Everything will change.

CELEBRITY PROFILES: Because of her role as Carrie Bradshaw on "Sex and the City," Sarah Jessica Parker became the glamour icon of the early millennium. But is she destined to uphold the title through re-runs on HBO? Hardly! Life will imitate art when Parker models for one of her favorite designers this year. Also, she's working on many big-screen roles over the next three years, and one is in a movie she will produce herself.

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## Annie's Mailbox ®: Advice for those in need

Dear Annie: My wife, "Sarah," and I had a wonderful life together and were very happy until she started snoring. I know it sounds crazy, but this has changed our lives.

Sarah's snoring means she can't sleep through the night, and she's irritable in the morning. This loving, caring woman is now too tired for her usual daily routine. She used to be full of life, but now she gets sleepy in the afternoons, and doesn't have enough energy to pick up the kids from school or attend their after-school events.

Her snoring affects me as much as it does her. The noise keeps me up, and I, too, am not getting a full night's rest. I've started snapping at the kids and feel rundown all the time. Sarah and I have gone from having a wonderful, intimate sex life to sleeping in separate rooms, on opposite sides of the house. I've spoken to her about seeing a doctor, but she's convinced her snoring is minor and thinks I should be able to live with it, like she does. She says she can't do anything about it.

I've read information from the National Sleep Foundation ([sleepfoundation.org](http://sleepfoundation.org)) that says snoring can be a symptom of more serious problems, including sleep apnea, which can be dangerous and even life-threatening if not treated. How do I convince Sarah that she needs help? — Sleeping Beauty's Husband

Dear Husband: You are right to be concerned. Without treatment, sleep apnea can cause cardiovascular disease, memory problems, sexual dysfunction, weight gain and more, not to mention the possibility of Sarah having a car accident because she isn't completely awake. Insist that she talk to her doctor, or you will call the doctor's office yourself and pass along the information for her next checkup. If she won't do it for herself, ask her to do it for the well being of your marriage and for your children.

Dear Annie: I am one of six women in my office. Our supervisor is 75 years old and likes to keep the thermostat set at 80. The rest of us are burning up. If we turn down the temperature, she turns it back up. She wears a sweater, but it doesn't keep her warm enough. We get so hot it makes us sick.



KATHY MITCHELL  
MARCY SUGAR

We cannot say anything to her, because if she gets angry, she can get us fired. We cannot say anything to our boss, because we know he will take her side. What do you suggest we do to cool off? — Burning Up in the Office

Dear Burning: Obviously, the best course of action would be for all of you to complain to the boss, so he understands that the heat is making you ill. If you cannot work up the courage to do this, wear lightweight clothing, bring a small desk fan, drink lots of cold water, and take short walks out of the office whenever you can.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from the parole officer who advised a woman to protect her granddaughter who was writing to inmates. Please continue to print letters on that

theme, along with solid advice from experts who know the score.

I knew a nice, single woman who began exchanging letters with an inmate. Notice the use of the past tense. This woman thought she was being kind and helpful, and over a couple of years, a friendship developed. She eventually began to drive to the prison to visit. The prisoner was charming and very upfront about his past. They fell in love. A year later, he was released, and she invited him to stay at her home.

She believed they would marry. Instead, she went through a brief and brutal period of abuse that ended in her death.

Please tell your readers who want to help these lonely men to work only through a strictly organized, well-established group, and never, ever, give out personal information. — A California Reader

Dear California: You may have saved a life by sharing your horrifying story, and warning our readers about the dangers of corresponding with inmates. Thank you.

Dear Annie: My 89-year-old grandmother has been living with my parents for the past couple of years. Although Grama has some medical problems, she always has been

spry and independent.

My family does not get to visit often, as we live several hours away. The problem is that Mom and Dad send all of the family e-mail, which contains way too much detail about Grama's bowels, diaper changes, medications, etc.

I don't want to remember Grama from the perspective of a medical caregiver. I think this blabbing takes away from her dignity and that she would be embarrassed and upset knowing her personal information is disseminated in such a fashion.

I know my parents are avid readers of yours. I hope they will read this and mend their ways. On the off-chance that they don't see this in the paper, can you suggest a remedy? — Grossed-Out Grandchild

Dear Grossed-Out: One of the reasons your parents are e-mailing this information is because it is a form of emotional support for them. They are sharing their burden with people who love Grama, and who will step in and help if need be. However, they shouldn't force it on you.

Tell your parents that you love Grama and want to know how she's doing, but you cannot handle all the details about her medical status. Ask them to

please stop sending you these specific missives. If they keep doing it, feel free to delete the e-mails as soon as you see where they are headed.

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Indiana," the man who likes to wear pantyhose. Shame on you for insinuating that most men who wear pantyhose are cross-dressers. I used to work at a large hospital, and many of the male nurses, orderlies and some doctors wore stockings under their scrub uniforms for support.

Not only do your legs feel better at the end of a long day on your feet, they also aid in helping to reduce swelling in the feet and ankles and ward off varicose veins. I believe NFL star Joe Namath wore pantyhose during practice and games for the same reason. I do not consider any male who wears pantyhose a cross-dresser.

I say to "Indiana," if you are more comfortable with them on, it does not matter what anyone else thinks. They are your legs. — Conservative South Dakotan

Dear S.D.: First, let's clear up the Joe Namath myth. He never said he wore pantyhose during games and practices. He appeared in an ad extolling their ability to make your legs look good. We don't give a rat's

patoot what you wear under your clothes, and we know there are some men who wear pantyhose for support. But the reason pantyhose reduce swelling is because they are binding. Standard nylon pantyhose are not something a woman wears for comfort, but if you like them, get gezundter heyt (go in good health).

Dear Annie: I read the letter from "Hygienic Worker in Canada," who said a guy at work wore the same shirt 18 days in a row. She has nothing better to do at work than watch what other people are wearing? Maybe he washes that shirt every night. Maybe he has a dozen just like it. Maybe he's in financial straits and lost everything except "the shirt on his back."

I live in a building of 200 apartments. There was one lady who wore the same sweat suit every day. Then I happened to see her doing laundry. She was washing countless copies of the same outfit. — Jacksonville, Fla.

Dear Jacksonville: You weren't the only one who suggested the co-worker had more than one of those shirts, and if it didn't smell, it was no one else's business.

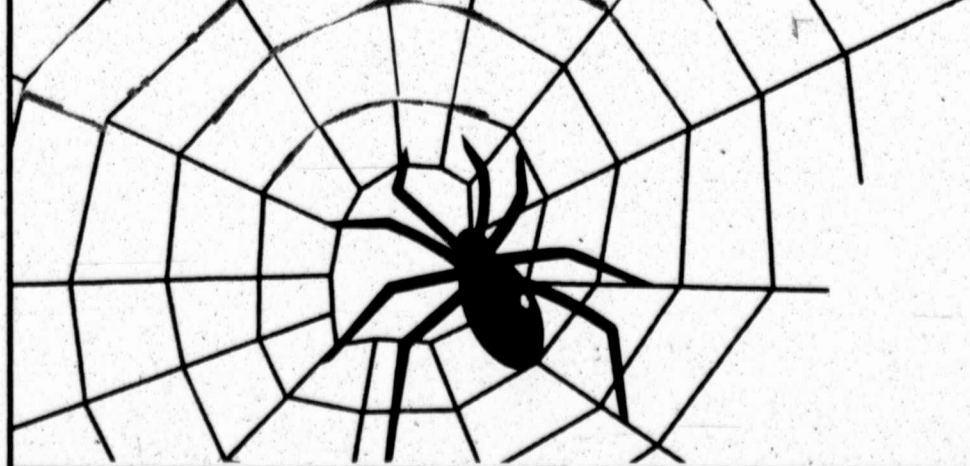
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## The Spider

During Mark Twain's days as a newspaperman, he was the editor of a small Missouri paper.

One day, he received a letter from a subscriber stating that he had found a spider in his paper and asked if this was an omen of good or bad luck.

Twain replied, "Finding a spider in your paper is neither good nor bad luck. The spider was merely looking over our paper to see which merchant was not advertising so that he could go to that store, spin his web across the door and lead a life of undisturbed peace ever after."



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**2004 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN**  
Stk# 41088T  
Sport Red • 2WD • ISK Equip. Pkg.  
**Sale Price - \$30,860**  
\$41,860 / MSRP - \$1000 - March Madness \$ - \$10,000 / Dealer Disc.



**\$11,000**

**2004 CHEVROLET SUBURBAN**  
Stk# 48354T  
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**2004 Cadillac CTS**  
Stk# 41171K  
Platinum • ISE Equipment Pkg.

**Total Savings!**  
**\$6728**

**SOLD**

\$41,460 / MSRP - \$1500 March Madness \$ - \$228 / Dealer Disc. = \$34,732 Sale Price



**2005 Buick Park Avenue**  
Stk# 55001B  
White Diamond • ISE Equipment Pkg.

**Total Savings!**  
**\$8780**

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\$41,775 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$2500 / Factory Rebate - \$750 / Pkg. Savings - \$4530 / Dealer Disc. = \$32,995 Sale Price

**2005 Buick LeSabre Limited**  
Stk# 51082B  
Celebration Edition • Crimson Pearl

**Total Savings!**  
**\$7960**



\$35,955 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$2500 / Factory Rebate - \$750 / Bonus Cash - \$2210 / Dealer Disc. = \$27,995 Sale Price

**Total Savings!**  
**\$6380**

**2004 Chevrolet Malibu Maxx LS**  
Stk# 41165C • Sport Red

\$23,775 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$5380 / Dealer Disc. = \$17,395 Sale Price

**2005 Chevrolet Venture LS**  
Stk# 57007T  
Sandstone • 4 Door • Extended

**Total Savings!**  
**\$8581**



\$29,360 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$3500 / Factory Rebate - \$1500 / Bonus Cash - \$1581 / Dealer Disc. = \$20,779 Sale Price

**SOLD**

**2005 Cadillac STS**  
Stk# 59057K  
Silversmoke • V8 • Luxury Sport Sedan  
ISE Luxury Pkg.

**Total Savings!**  
**\$3445**

\$50,340 / MSRP - \$1500 / March Madness \$ - \$1945 / Dealer Disc. = \$46,895 Sale Price

**2005 Chevrolet Aveo LS**  
Stk# 51063C  
Black • 4 Door

**Total Savings!**  
**\$1750**



\$13,365 / MSRP - \$500 / March Madness \$ - \$750 / Factory Rebate - \$500 / Dealer Disc. = \$11,615 Sale Price

**Total Savings!**

**2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA LS**  
Stk# 412131C  
Sandstone  
**Sale Price - \$20,995**  
\$28,050 / MSRP  
\$1,000 / March Madness \$ - \$6,055 - Dealer Disc.



**\$7,055**

**2004 CHEVROLET IMPALA SS SEDAN**  
Stk# 4822C • Black  
**Sale Price - \$23,485**  
\$30,540 / MSRP - \$1000 - March Madness \$ - \$6,055 / Dealer Disc.

**Total Savings!**

**2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS**  
Stk# 51077C  
Lt. Driftwood • 1SB Equip. Pkg.  
**Sale Price - \$17,495**  
\$23,670 / MSRP - \$1000 - March Madness \$ - \$2,000 / Factory Rebate - \$1,500 Bonus Cash - \$1,675 / Dealer Discount



**\$6,175**

**2005 CHEVROLET MALIBU LS**  
Stk# 57010C  
Med. Gray • 1SB Equip. Pkg.  
**Sale Price - \$18,130**  
\$24,305 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$2,000 / Factory Rebate - \$1,500 / Bonus Cash - \$1,675 / Dealer Discount

**Total Savings!**

**2005 CHEVROLET CAVALIER**  
Stk# 57014EC - Victory Red  
2 Door Coupe - 1SB Pkg.  
**Sale Price - \$10,865**  
\$16,365 / MSRP - \$1000 - March Madness \$ - \$3,000 / Factory Rebate - \$1,000 / Bonus Cash - \$500 / Dealer Disc.



**\$5,500**

**2005 CHEVROLET CAVALIER**  
Stk# 59036C - 2DR LS Coupe Sandrift  
**Sale Price - \$13,045**  
\$18,545 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$3000 / Factory Rebate - \$1,000 / Bonus Cash - \$500 / Dealer Disc.

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**2005 Chevrolet Trailblazer Ext. LS 2WD**  
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(Ex - Stk# 59031T - Silverstone)  
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**2005 Chevrolet Tahoe**  
5 To Choose From!



Prices Starting At  
**\$27,695**

(Ex - Stk# 5903MET - Silverstone) 2WD, LSI \$36,845 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$3250 / Dealer Disc. \$1000 Bonus Cash - \$3000 Factory Rebate - \$900 / Pkg. Savings

**2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Reg. Cab**  
Stk# 51080T  
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**Sale Price**  
**\$16,995**

\$23,452 / MSRP - \$1000 - March Madness \$ - \$500 / Pkg. Savings - \$1500 / Bonus Cash - \$2000 / Factory Rebate - \$1457 / Dealer Disc.

**2005 Chevrolet Colorado Crew Cab**

2 To Choose From!  
White or Red



Prices Starting At  
**\$21,899**

(Ex - Stk# 59025T • LS, 2WD, Z71)  
\$26,345 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$2000 / Factory Rebate - \$1446 / Dealer Disc.

**2005 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Ext. Cab**  
2WD & 4WD

4 To Choose From!



Prices Starting At  
**\$22,335**

(Ex - Stk# 59060E1)  
\$31,320 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$2000 / Pkg. Savings - \$1500 / Bonus Cash - \$2000 / Factory Rebate - \$2485 / Dealer Disc.

**2005 Chevrolet 1500 4WD Z71 Crew Cab LS**

2 To Choose From!  
4WD



Prices Starting At  
**\$23,385**

(Ex - Stk# 59021T • 2WD, Crew Cab, LS)  
\$32,490 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$2000 / Pkg. Savings - \$1500 / Bonus Cash - \$2000 / Factory Rebate - \$2605 / Dealer Disc.

**2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Ext. Cab LS**  
Stk# 805T • 2WD • White



**Sale Price**  
**\$23,799**

\$32,690 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$1000 / Pkg. Savings - \$681 / Dealer Disc.

**2004 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 Crew Cab LT**  
Stk# 42209T • 2WD • White



**Sale Price**  
**\$26,676**

\$32,690 / MSRP - \$1000 / March Madness \$ - \$8017 / Dealer Disc.

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# Verizon's phonebook errors rile residents, businesses

By STEPHANIE STOUGHTON  
AP Business Writer

RICHMOND, Va. (AP) — For weeks, Rusty McGowan wondered why the phone for his waterscaping company had stopped ringing. Did he offend someone? Had his fish ponds and waterfalls failed to please? Then he thumbed through the new phonebook. Verizon Communications Inc., he realized, had published the wrong number for the business, AquaScapes of Virginia/Virginia Waterscaping, in three Yellow Pages in the state. In the white pages, his company's listing was dropped altogether. "They have ruined me," said McGowan, who says his Yellow Pages ads generate about half his sales. Verizon didn't charge him and offered him a free ad in one book, he said, but the damage was done. He estimates the omissions cost his Virginia Beach business about \$35,000. The nation's largest local phone company, based in New York, has made a series of embarrassing errors in its directories in recent years. In a well publicized gaffe last year, as many as 12,000 Verizon telephone numbers that Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland and Washington, D.C., customers had paid to keep unlisted were accidentally published. In 2003, Verizon was forced to publish supplements to more than a dozen error-riddled directories

in New York. In Virginia, Verizon has bungled multiple phonebooks across the state several times. In the past year, about 700 businesses, residents and governments have complained to state regulators about wrong numbers, misnamed companies and omitted listings. Customers who tried to fix the problems say they had to wade through Verizon's bureaucracy, waiting on hold or unable to reach the right person. Some mistakes were compounded instead of corrected, and some corrections weren't made at all. In January, the State Corporation Commission said it would investigate the company's white page directories, which fall under its regulations because they are part of basic phone service. "Something is falling down in the process," said Kenneth Schrad, a spokesman for the agency. Verizon representatives said they were working closely with state regulators. They provided little detail about the mistakes and declined several times to discuss specific complaints. "We have had directory errors, and we apologize for the inconvenience this causes our customers," said Mary De La Garza, a spokeswoman for Verizon Information Services, which publishes 1,200 directories and tens of millions of list-

ings. "When we identify a directory error, we work diligently to figure out what happened, get it corrected and prevent it from happening again." State regulators and some telecom analysts were puzzled by Verizon's directory mistakes, characterizing them as unusual for the company and the industry. They say service providers have grappled in the past with phonebook errors, but they were not aware of anything to the magnitude of the problems in Virginia. Jay Pultz, an analyst at the research company Gartner Inc., said the problems weren't surprising considering the industry's cost-cutting and automation. "They might have gone too far in removing checks and balances," he said of Verizon. Consumer advocates call Verizon's errors an illustration of how customer service has suffered while the phone company expanded to dominate the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states. "I don't sense any desire from the folks I've worked with to really make things better for consumers. They're working real hard to take care of their bottom line," said Irene Leech, president of the Virginia Citizens Consumer Council. Verizon hopes to expand further through an acquisition of MCI Inc. It's currently in a bidding war with Qwest Communications International

Inc. for the long distance provider. Customers say the directory mistakes have made life difficult for them. Virginia Health Services Inc., which owns rehabilitation, retirement and convalescent homes in southeast Virginia, said area phone directories omitted one facility, ran an old ad for another and listed an unpublished private line as the company's main telephone number. "These mistakes will significantly impact our operations," an executive wrote to state regulators. In the Richmond white pages, Verizon listed the number for St. Mary's Catholic Church's school instead of the one for the church. As a result, school personnel were inundated with phone calls — including those of "a critical and confidential nature," the church wrote in an e-mail. Providence Hundred Enterprises Inc. told state regulators it was forced to change its name to "Deconomist" — because that's what Verizon mistakenly called the Suffolk mold-removal company in its SuperPages advertisement. Verizon apparently picked up the name from an older draft of the ad and wouldn't fix that mistake and others in ensuing proofs, owner Simon Kiser said in an interview. After he called, Verizon assured him that the

errors would be fixed before the book was published. They weren't. "It would be funny if it didn't cost me money," he said. In the "blue pages," or government listings, seven departments and four schools for the Richmond suburb of Hanover County were left out of the directory. Of the remaining 17 schools, 11 had the wrong phone numbers. More than 50 administrative listings for the county's school board were omitted. Laura Wurdeman says she began contacting Verizon five years ago about the errors and omissions related to her pet care business, Creature Comforts. For three years, she said, she couldn't get anything fixed, and her small company in suburban Richmond almost collapsed. "It was a nightmare for me," Wurdeman said in an interview. "Every year, I'd be shocked that they'd get it wrong again." The State Corporation Commission says it plans to collect comments from Virginia residents until March 25 and issue a staff report over the summer. The agency could then order Verizon to take certain actions to make the directories more accurate. If it failed to make changes, Verizon could face fines up to \$5,000 per offense.

## TURF TIPS

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know the surface area (square feet) of your site and how much of a nutrient your particular turfgrass requires in a given application and in a given year. Remember, not all turfgrasses require the same level of fertility (i.e. nitrogen) in a year-long program.

**Irrigation audits: A method to evaluate your irrigation system**

Have you ever wondered if your irrigation system is placing water

evenly throughout your landscape? Do you have areas in your turf that seem to remain rather dry compared to other sites in your lawn? Do you have any idea how many inches of water is applied when you irrigate for an hour? One method used to answer all of these questions is an "irrigation audit."

An irrigation audit is used to evaluate the performance of your irrigation system. By performing an audit, one can obtain an application rate

(inches of water per hour) as well as the distribution uniformity of your system. It is a rather simple task to perform. Just take several catch cans (i.e. tuna fish cans, cat food cans, dog food cans, etc.) and place them in one of your zoned areas. Place a catch can two feet from each irrigation head and one between irrigation heads. Turn on that irrigation zone for 15 or 30 minutes and measure the amount of water (inches) captured in the cans with a measuring tape or ruler.

Record the values and obtain an average for all the can measurements. For example, if your average is 1/4 inch for 15 minutes, you would then have an application rate of 1 inch per hour for that zone. By drawing a diagram of your zone, you

can also record the values for each head and see just how uniform the water is being applied to your lawn. Do this for each zone to evaluate your entire irrigation system. Make the needed adjustments to your system so that you can have an effi-

cient and effective irrigation system. Tommy Yeater is the Cooperative Extension agent, agriculture, for Howard County. His office is in the bottom floor of the Howard County Courthouse. He can be reached at 264-2236.

## WORKSHOP

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Needs" and "Where To From Here?" Cost for the workshop is \$10 if pre-registered by March 28 or \$15 at the door. Registration includes lunch.

The Extension / Howard College partnership's task is to convert available technology into rural economic development across Howard County's 13-county service area.

For more information, contact Howard County Extension Agent Tommy Yeater at (432) 264-2236, or Dr. Dale Rollins at (325) 653-4576. Program

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**March 2005**

- March 17 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
  - St. Patrick's Day
  - Pot Luck & Bingo - 11:30 am
- March 18 • Friday**
  - Midland Shopping - 9:00 am (rsvp early)
- March 19 • Saturday**
  - Child Birth Classes 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
  - Laurie Burks, R.N. Certified Child Birth Educator
  - Katrina Reynolds, LVN Certified Child Birth Educator
  - 2nd Floor Hospital - 263-4550
- March 20 • Sunday**
  - COLD FEET - MCT - 1:00 pm (rsvp by 3-11)
- March 21 • Monday**
  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
  - Supper Club - "Sky's" - 5:30 pm
- March 22 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - New Mexico Casino Trip - 10:00 am
- March 23 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- March 24 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Coffee @ Gale's - 10:00 am
  - Lunch-N-Learn - 11:30 am
  - Dr. Roberts: "Depression" - 11:30 am - 1:00 pm
- March 25 • Friday**
  - Open
- March 26 • Saturday**
  - OPEN
- March 27 • Sunday**
  - Easter
- March 28 • Monday**
  - Games - 2:00 pm
  - Sit & Be Fit - 4:00 pm
- March 29 • Tuesday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Supper Club "Cowboy's" - 5:30 pm
- March 30 • Wednesday**
  - Senior Appreciation Day - 11:30 am
- March 31 • Thursday**
  - Mall Walking - 8:00 am
  - Coffee & Gale's - 10:00 am



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