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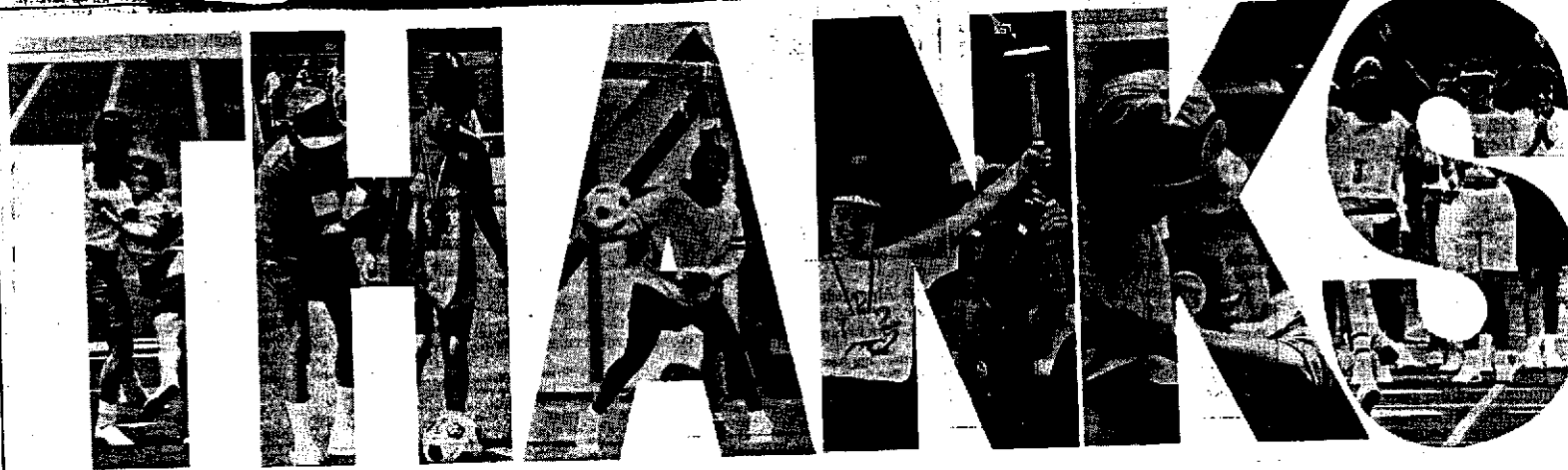
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## Special session



Pat Downey of the Special Olympics Committee tells about 40 volunteers what they can expect during

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the upcoming games. The session was held during the weekend at Texas Woman's University.



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during the Texas Special Olympics in May.

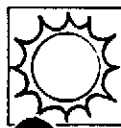
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Please join us again next year when the Texas Special Olympics  
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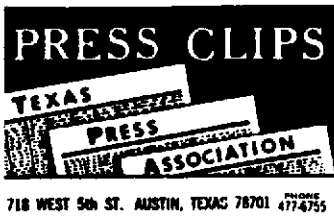
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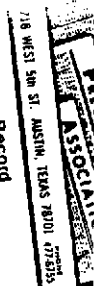
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# Special Olympics won't return in '92

By JOHN DEMOOR  
Staff Reporter

Texas Special Olympics officials Monday announced they will hold the 1992 and 1993 summer games in Denton, thereby ending three consecutive years that the event was staged in San Marcos.

The TSO had been held in San Marcos since the summer of 1989. TSO officials said that the University of North Texas will be the host for the next two years of games. They said however, that San Marcos and other cities will have a chance to bid every

two years for the return of the games.

The three days of olympic events created an economic boost to San Marcos, amounting to \$350,000 to \$400,000 for the local economy, Greater San Marcos Chamber of Commerce officials estimated.

TSO Executive Director Denis Poulos said in a letter to San Marcos Mayor Kathy M. Morris that the "overall goals" of the olympics are "enhanced" by moving the games periodically.

He further praised the support and participation of the community which he called an example of "spirit, love and com-

passion."

Poulos also stated that the Olympics may one day return to San Marcos.

San Marcos Chamber of Commerce President Reg Todd said that one of the reasons for the move centered around inadequate swimming facilities in town. North Texas State University, apparently had better swimming facilities to offer than San Marcos, he explained.

In addition, the City of Dallas is competing against Athens, Greece to host the International Special Olympic games in 1995. By working in the Greater Dallas

area around Denton, they hope to build some volunteer base for the possibility of hosting the international event.

TSO spokesman Tom Warcho said Monday that the move was a difficult one designed to expand the volunteer base for the TSO to other parts of the state, but that the possibility of the international games being in Dallas was not part of the reason to move to Denton.

"This will be the first time we have been up in Northern Texas," Warcho said.

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The original plan for choosing sites is based on a two year rotating schedule. San Marcos received three years because it was given only three months to prepare for the games move from Austin, he said.

"It was only fair to give (San Marcos) two more years," he said. Warcho said that the time spent in San Marcos was great.

Mayor Kathy M. Morris expressed regret about the TSO decision to move its summer games. "Southwest Texas State University and the San Marcos Community were happy to assist Special

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Dr. Michael Abbott, SWT executive vice president, said that although the university is saddened to see them depart, the last three years can be viewed with pride of a job well done.



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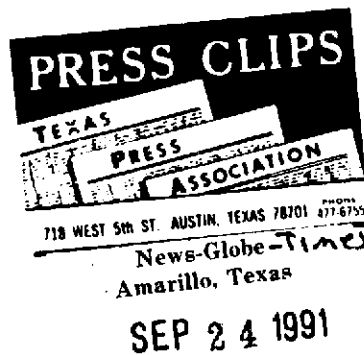
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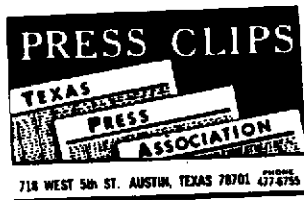
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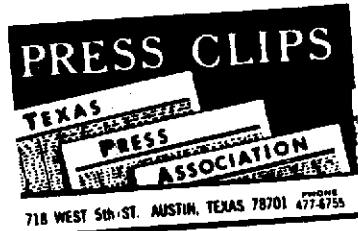
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By Stephen Hadelar  
Staff Writer/Denton

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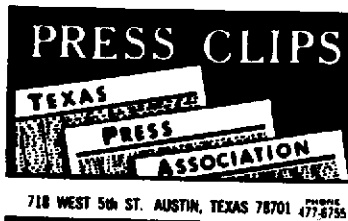
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Dallas, Texas

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By Nita Thurman

Denton Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

**DENTON** — The Texas Special Olympics will carry its torch to Denton for the next two years.

Mayor Bob Castleberry announced Tuesday that the city, the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University will host the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games May 12-15 in 1992 and again in 1993.

The event for mentally retarded children and adults will attract about 10,000 athletes, coaches, families and visitors, said Mr. Castleberry.

"So you can see this is a very big undertaking," he said at a news conference. "There's going to be a lot of people in Denton."

Officials from both universities and from Texas Special Olympics headquarters in Austin joined the mayor to announce the agreement.

UNT will provide its stadium, coliseum, indoor swimming pool and other facilities for track and field, soccer, swimming, basketball and tennis competition, said Pat Downey, program director for Texas Special Olympics. Gymnastics competition will be at TWU.

Facilities for horseback and cycling events have not been selected.

Part of Denton's commitment to the games is to enlist 2,000 volunteer workers.

Dr. Derrell Bulls, a TWU professor who was appointed local games director, will coordinate volunteers.

"I expect thousands of people in this city will come forward to help," he said. "This is a caring city. And this is a memorable event for these special people."

Denis Poulos, executive director of the Texas Special Olympics, had the last word as eight smiling Spe-

cial Olympics athletes joined him at the podium.

"This is what it's all about. Here are some of the athletes," he said. "They are champions. They are very fine athletes from your teams here in Denton."

The first Texas Special Olympics games were at Baylor University in 1969 and offered only swimming and track and field events. In 1974, the games shifted to the University of Texas in Austin, where they stayed for 15 years.

Southwest Texas State University and San Marcos hosted the summer games in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

Mr. Castleberry said the games will bring \$3.5 million to the city each year.

"But the most important thing," he said, "is that these special people will be in Denton for this special event."

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"Our citizens opened their hearts to these special athletes by volunteering and making the past three years a

spectacular success," she noted. "We are pleased that the area games will be held in San Marcos in early April 1992. It is my hope that Texas Special Olympics statewide summer games will return to San Marcos in the future."

Dr. Michael Abbott, SWT executive vice president echoed Morris' sentiments and wished the Texas Special Olympics family continued success with the 1992 summer games.

"Texas Special Olympics, the City of San Marcos and Southwest Texas State University have enjoyed a three year cooperative partnership that will

provide lasting memories for all who were involved and experienced the courage and determination of these magnificent athletes," Abbott said.

"Although we are saddened by the departure of the Texas Special Olympics Games from SWT and San Marcos we can look back on the past three years and be proud of a job well done. SWT and the city of San Marcos embraced the Texas Special Olympics athletes, coaches, families and staff and welcomed them as members of our community. It is in that spirit that we wish them continued success at their new location in Denton."

## *Special Olympics: A case of truth in labeling*

**D**enton will play host to the Texas Special Olympics in 1992 and 1993, and event to celebrate for many reasons. The Olympics will bring 10,000 athletes, coaches and family members to Denton so the mentally retarded can compete in various athletic events.

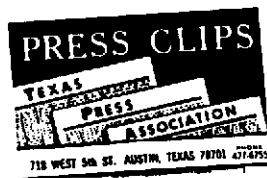
The event itself is one to gladden the heart. The competitors have a lot to teach about the human spirit, about its resilience and capacities for joy.

Too, the Special Olympics should boost the Denton economy to the tune of \$3.5 million dollars. But perhaps the most heartening aspect of the arrival of Special Olympics in Denton is the team work that helped bring the event here.

People from the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau, particularly Joann Ballantine; Texas Woman's University, including Dr. Derrell Bulls, who will be the local coordinator for the games; the University of North Texas, including Dr. Pete Lane and Carolyn Barnes; and the city of Denton all worked together to tell Denton's story to Olympic officials. That Olympics officials chose Denton for the games' next site is proof that the story was well told.

It is up to Denton residents to take the next step to ensure the success of the Olympics games here, because the games need about 2,000 volunteers. We urge Denton residents to volunteer time and effort to the Special Olympics. You will not be sorry. As anyone who ever has worked with the Special Olympics knows, no matter what you put in, you get even more out. The Special Olympics are aptly labeled special.

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San Marcos, Texas

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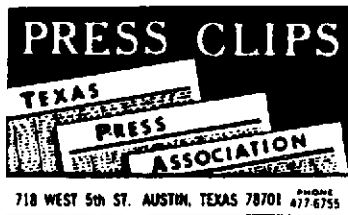
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The Games had been held for the past three years in San Marcos on the campus of Southwest Texas State University.

Denis Poulos, executive director of the Texas Special Olympics, said Denton was chosen as next year's site after his committee evaluated strong proposals from five cities. The Summer Special Olympic Games will typically include up to 3,000 volunteers. At last year's Games, 1,000 family members registered. Game officials say they hope to double to number of family members in 1992.

# City seizes a golden opportunity

*Special Olympics to  
bring many benefits*

By Stephen Hadele  
Staff Writer

Officials for Denton's two universities and Chamber of Commerce beamed like Olympic gold Tuesday.

But it wasn't the national anthem that stirred their hearts. It was the realization that Denton will play host to the Texas Special Olympics in 1992 and 1993.

The arrangement should give the Denton economy a needed boost and sharpen its statewide profile.

Mayor Bob Castleberry, reading a prepared statement, said the city could see an economic impact of \$3.5 million during the first year, when the events will be held from May 12 through 15.

The Special Olympics, which are for people who are mentally retarded, will feature competition in basketball, soccer, tennis, gymnastics, aquatics, cycling, track and field.

Both of Denton's universities will provide parking, housing, food service, game sites and equipment.

The event is expected to bring as many as 10,000 athletes, coaches and their families to town, all holding about \$875,000 in their pockets.

The economic benefits won't end at Denton's city limits. Officials said it is likely that some people who make the trek to Denton will have to stay in hotels in neighboring cities because local ones likely will be booked solid.

But the benefits cited by Special Olympics, city, chamber and university officials go beyond the simple dollars.

"It gives our athletes and their families a new experience, a chance to explore a new city and university and make new friends," said Texas Special Olympics executive director Dennis Poulos.

"It also gives the people of Denton a chance to see what the mentally retarded can do when challenged and given a chance," Mr. Poulos said. "If given growth opportunities, people with mental retardation can be good members of the community and taxpayers, instead of tax supported."

Council member Margaret Smith said of Tuesday's announcement, "I just think it's wonderful the way the city, the chamber and the two universities have pulled together for

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# Special Olympics <sup>DRC</sup> calls for help

By Jim Fredricks  
Staff Writer

A local planning group is looking for 2,500 volunteers to help with the Special Olympics, set to take place in Denton in May.

Dr. Derrell Bulls, chairman of the planning committee, said his nine-member panel met Friday with Special Olympics organization members to discuss strategy and receive training.

"We're real pleased, because we've got some outstanding people who are serving as committee chairmen, and we've already had a large number of people who've called in and

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want to volunteer. We're going to need in the vicinity of 2,500 volunteers. We have no question that will be accomplished," Dr. Bulls said.

"Anyone who wants to volunteer, we can use their special talents. There's an opportunity for anyone," he said.

City councilwoman Margaret Smith is in charge of volunteers, who should call 382-7895.

See VOLUNTEERS/5A

## Volunteers

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City and special olympic officials announced in September that Denton was chosen as the site for the Olympics for the next two years. Next year's olympics will run from May 12 to May 15.

Texas Woman's University and the University of North Texas both will provide housing, food services and parking for the 3,700 athletes expected to compete in the four-day event.

The main goal of the competition is to educate the public about the capabilities of the disadvantaged, Dr. Bulls said.

"It will provide an opportunity for the general public to see the benefits that Special



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JMC  
**EDITORIAL**

## *Special Olympics deserve special treatment*

**T**he committee that will determine the site for next year's Special Olympics was in town last week looking at facilities and meeting people.

There was plenty to see and lots of people to meet. The two state-supported universities, the Denton State School and the Denton Visitors and Convention Bureau, among others, all cooperated in presenting ideas to the committee. There are enough of sites in Denton to accommodate the Special Olympics, from indoor swimming pools, to track and field facilities.

The best we have to offer, however, is ourselves. Denton long has supported Special Olympics and people with special problems. We can offer sites that not only meet the physical requirements to run a good meet, but meet the emotional and psychological needs as well.

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**EDITORIAL**

## *City residents have 'Special' opportunity*

**A**thletes from throughout the state will descend on Denton in May to play in basketball, soccer, tennis, gymnastics, aquatic, cycling and track and field matches. Each and every one of them will compete to the best of their abilities and each will come away a winner.

The athletes who participate in the Texas Special Olympics win simply by competing. First, they overcome tremendous odds to play games most of us take for granted. They win through their accomplishment in playing at all. Perhaps more important, however, they win because they show the rest of us what they can do if given some time, skill and attention.

Special Olympics draws public attention to these athletes as a way to prove to the rest of the world that people who are mentally retarded can be useful members of society. They can learn skills, take pride in their work, pay taxes and build relationships. Special Olympics proves they are people, and valuable simply for that.

During the spring of 1992 and 1993, Denton will play host to the Texas Special Olympics. The University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University will provide competition sites, equipment, housing, parking and food service for the estimated 3,700 athletes.

The Olympiad will bring a total of 10,000 to 16,000 athletes, coaches, families and spectators to Denton. The event will give Denton a tremendous economic boost (perhaps as high as \$3.5 million during the first year) and will show Denton to its best advantage to the rest of the state.

The Olympic committee, however, needs help to present Denton at its best. The Olympiad requires hundreds of volunteer hours from people with all sorts of skills and attributes. We encourage people to participate in this Special event by calling Councilwoman Margaret Smith, who heads the volunteer committee, at 382-7895.

Denton people should be proud of all the work that went into presenting their city as a site for the Texas Special Olympics to be played. They did their part. Now it is time for the rest of us to do ours.

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### **Big romances**

Donna Trammell will chronicle "Famous Couples in History" in her Valentine's Day luncheon show for the Denton Benefit League.

The annual fund-raiser will be at 11:30 a.m., Feb. 13, in the Center for the Visual Arts.

To make reservations — and you need to do it early, Donna's shows always sell out fast — send a check for \$10 for each reservation to Lisa Patterson, 1309 Gatewood, Denton, Texas 76205.

### **A big thank you**

Robert Hicks, who started an AIDS awareness program in Denton this fall, said he's had great response.

In December, his still-un-named group put on a benefit barbecue cookoff at K Mart. About 15 cooks from around the area took part.

Robert said he's particularly grateful to Denton Bolt Co., Lone Star European, North Texas Auto Body, B&H Auto Repair and Marvin Calvert Automotive for their help.

### **Olympic 'helpfuls'**

JoAnn Ballentine and Margaret Smith are looking

for some Olympic helpers.

The Texas Special Olympics will be at North Texas May 12-15 and the event will require a lot of volunteer labor.

Right now, JoAnn's particularly interested in finding help in the public relations area.

"That's not just press releases," she said. Volunteers will help with celebrities, promotion events, working with VIPs and providing public information.

Some other areas that could use help are support services, which includes medical attention, signs, transportation and such. And, of course, there's always a need for help on the finance committee. Mayor Bob Castleberry is heading it up and he wants some volunteers to solicit sponsorship money for the event.

If you want to help in any area call JoAnn at 382-7895.

### **Cocooning lessons**

If you think extension homemaker club went out with wringer washers think again. The '90s trend to "cocooning" has brought a resurgence of interest in homely talents and with that

# Special Olympians do legwork for big event

By Adriane Wilson

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

IRVING — Bill Kasischke plans to run this spring in the West End Run benefiting Special Olympians, as he has in years past.

But Sunday, Mr. Kasischke was in the middle of some behind-the-scenes preparations for a road race that is more than two months away.

Mr. Kasischke and his fellow Special Olympians spent the day filming a commercial in the historic district. They plan to enter the sixth annual West End Run on March 14. The event that benefits the Special Olympics of Texas.

"I enjoy running," said Mr. Kasischke, 29. "I think competing gives us a chance to show what abilities we have."

More than 7,000 people are expected to enter this year's West End Run, which includes a Kiddie Kilometer, 5K run, 5K Fitness and Race Walk, and a five-mile run. People ages 8 to 60 will participate in a Special Olympian run, the only road race of its kind in the state.

Special Olympics is the world's largest physical fitness, sports training and athletic competition for mentally retarded children and adults.

At 5 a.m. Sunday, some Special Olympians, other runners and a 20-member crew met at Market Street and Pacific Avenue in downtown's West End. Four-time U.S. Olympian Francie Larriue Smith of Dallas was among the 100 runners who gathered to stage the start of a typical race for the commercial.

Others were hard at work doing voice-overs and still photography for the commercial at the Leamer

Productions studio at the Dallas Communications Complex in Las Colinas. The commercial package, a \$60,000 production, will begin airing Jan. 26.

None of the crew members or participants earned a paycheck Sunday. But recruiting volunteers for the three spots came easy, said Libbey Beal Goff, the producer of the commercials. She said the artists wanted to help the Special Olympians.

"This is one of the few ways we can give something back," she said.

The Special Olympians help plan the West End Run, said Webber Beall, event chairman and a board member of Special Olympics of Texas.

"The people you see in the commercials will be participants helping to promote the event and will benefit from the proceeds," Mr. Beall said.

This year's race marks the beginning of a new program called "Share the Challenge," which gives runners and non-participants a chance to raise money for Special Olympics of Texas.

Anyone who collects at least \$25 in donations will get free entry to the race, said Tom Short, the race coordinator. Money raised from "Share the Challenge" should help the race exceed last year's \$12,000 profit, he said.

Mr. Kasischke said his goal is to compete outside the Special Olympian category for the first time this year. He will pit his skills against those of people who are not mentally retarded.

"No matter what your handicap is, you can go out and do whatever you put your mind to," he said.

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# Special Olympics on starting line in Denton

*2/2/92 Lewisville News*

By Stephen Hadelor  
Staff writer/Denton

Denton — Local volunteers already are getting ready for the Texas Special Olympics in May.

This weekend, Texas Special Olympics officials will train about 65 volunteers who will serve on Denton's executive committee for the event and direct other organizational

panels.

The officials also will train about 25 volunteers from throughout the state who will conduct local and area meets.

The training sessions will be Saturday and Sunday at the Texas Woman's University Student Center Building. This year's Texas Special Olympics, a competition for mentally retarded residents of the state, will be May 12-15 in

Denton.

During the event, about 10,000 athletes, coaches and family members are expected to pump more than \$3.5 million into the local economy.

Jo Ann Ballantine, a volunteer spokeswoman and member of the executive committee, said that about 2,500 volunteers will be needed for the games.

"We're already signing people up as volunteers, but we don't know where they're going to be working yet," she said.

Officials of Texas Special Olympics soon will open an office at the Denton Senior Center.

Until then, call the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau at (817) 382-7895 for information.

## Special session

2-3-92



*Pat Downey of the Special Olympics Committee tells about 40 volunteers what they can expect during*

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*the upcoming games. The session was held during the weekend at Texas Woman's University.*



## EDITORIAL

3/5/92

### *Special month draws attention to special people*

**I**t's somewhat ironic that the governor's task force on state schools is expected to recommend the closing of one or two of the state's facilities for people with mental retardation this month, which is Mental Retardation Month.

Most experts and those close to the situation do not think the task force will seriously consider closing Denton State School. While the hearings continue in Austin, the lives of people with mental retardation continue here. It is the quality of those lives lived in Denton that speaks so strongly for the continuation of the Denton State School and the many programs here.

Denton enjoys a wonderful statewide reputation when it comes to welcoming in and living side-by-side with people with mental retardation — witness how hard so many people worked to get the state's Special Olympics summer games here and how hard thousands more will work during the games. It is, however, the day-to-day spirit of cooperation that makes Denton such a good place for people with mental retardation to live.

One of the most significant groups of programs in assuring that quality of life are those that present opportunities for people with mental retardation to work and become more independent of institutions. Consequently, the focus in Denton during Mental Retardation Month is on vocational opportunities for individuals with mental retardation.

Already, many Denton employers have opened their ranks and hearts and hired people with mental retardation. They have been well pleased because their companies and customers have been well served.

Through programs operated by the Denton County Mental Health-Mental Retardation Center and Denton State School, many individuals with mental retardation have found and kept jobs that allow them to live more independent, fulfilling lives. Much of the success of those programs lies with the training and support those individuals receive, including one-on-one training conducted prior to employment and during the first days on the job. Staff members help these employees in all aspects of belonging to the American workforce, up to and including transportation to and from the job site.

Denton employers have found they can expect these individuals to be dedicated, well-trained and reliable. Employers know not only that the job is being done, but that they have contributed to making a life richer.

We urge Denton employers to contact the Denton County MHMR Center and Denton State School and become involved with their vocational programs. The result will be one of those increasingly rare win-win situations.

# If the shoe fits ...

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By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

If shoes improve the prowess of an athlete, competitors should keep a sharper eye out for Ike Mills, a Special Olympics bowler who until Thursday was making his mark in bare feet.

The 7-foot, 1-inch athlete now has a pair of size-17 professional bowling shoes, thanks to his team, the Denton Dynamos, formerly known as the Denton Panthers.

Members of the team's planning committee presented the shoes Thursday to the 22-year-old athlete.

The team is one of two in Denton, the other from Denton State School, that compete each year in the Texas Special Olympics' summer and winter games. This year and next, the summer games will be at Fouts Field in Denton.

A natural for the basketball court, Mr. Mills also competes in track and softball. During his off time, he rides and takes care of his horse, Dancer.

Walls in his grandmother's Denton home sport some of his 42 gold, 16 silver and 15 bronze medals from Special Olympics competitions. Mr. Mills' latest gold medal, awarded at state competitions Dec. 13, was from a bowling score of 200 in bare feet. The Dynamos' 22 competitors brought home 16 medals.

After the surprise presentation Thursday, Mr. Mills said he was elated at receiving his first pair of white-leather, professional bowling shoes.

"Now I don't have to bowl in my socks," he said, holding up a certificate that read, "This custom shoe made expressly for Warren Mills."

Ed Crozier, chairman of the team's planning committee, said: "He's going to have to learn a whole new way of bowling."

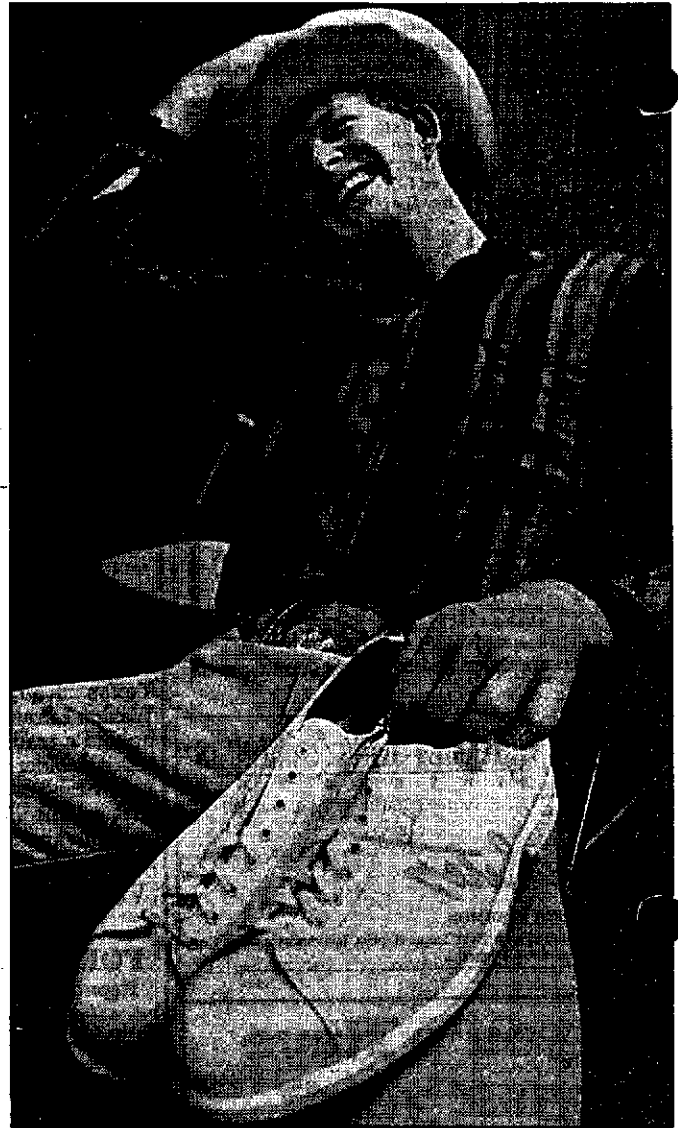
Local companies did not stock Mr. Mills' shoe size and were stymied at Mr. Crozier's requests as he searched for the size-17 shoes.

One company recommended the Lind Shoe Co. in Somerset, Wis.

Company President Jeffrey Lind was familiar with Special Olympics and glad to build a pair of shoes for the tall, lanky athlete from Denton.

"When somebody has a problem (and) they can't bowl, we pretty much can make shoes for them," Mr. Lind said of his clientele, which he said included most professional bowlers.

So the company solved Mr. Mills'



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVE DELAFIELD

Warren 'Ike' Mills, 22, a bowler with the Denton Dynamos, receives a pair of size-17 bowling shoes from members of his team Thursday.

problem — at no charge.

As Mr. Mills tried on his new treads, Mr. Crozier quipped that the shoe company "had the cranes to

handle the shoes."

The shoes fit, Mr. Mills said.

With a shy smile, he added, "It's kinda perfect."

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## LEWISVILLE/DENTON

# Special Olympics volunteers sought

## More than 1,000 of 2,500 people needed for Denton event have signed up

By Tony Hartzel

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

DENTON — The efforts of an entire city will be on display when the 24th annual Texas Special Olympics comes to Denton in May.

And to make sure Denton puts its best foot forward, organizers are seeking 2,500 volunteers to help with everything from officiating to support services.

Jo Ann Ballantine, director of public relations for the event, said the community response already has been overwhelming.

"Our phone has rung off the wall at the Chamber of Commerce office," she said. "It looks like we're

not going to have any trouble with filling our quota of volunteers."

Ms. Ballantine said more than 1,000 people have signed up to work during the four-day meet, and many more are expected to join them.

More than 3,700 athletes from across the state will participate in the games May 12-15 at the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University.

Organizers have established a volunteer center at the Denton Senior Center. Anyone wanting to volunteer can call 380-1856 or come by the senior center at 509 N. Bell Ave.

Enrollment forms asking volunteers for assignment preferences

will be mailed by the end of the week. Volunteers must attend a training session in late April.

Games director Derrell Bulls, chairman of the business and economics department at TWU, said he is confident that more than enough Denton residents will show the spirit of the games by volunteering for the Special Olympics.

"The people of the city of Denton rise to any occasion," Dr. Bulls said. "They know the importance of this project to the participants and to the city."

Dr. Bulls said the event needs experienced officials in track and field events, basketball, tennis,

cycling, aquatics, gymnastics, soccer and equestrian competitions. Greeters, timers, scorekeepers and race starters are also in high demand, Ms. Ballantine said.

The first games of the Texas Special Olympics were held at Baylor University in 1969. For the past 18 years, the events have been held in the Austin area, and in San Marcos since 1989.

This is the first year the games have been held in the North Texas area, said Jamie Caperton of the Fort Worth office of Texas Special Olympics. Denton also will host the event's silver anniversary games in 1993. The site of the 1994 games has not been determined.

# City/Campus

## Special Olympics causes stir

By S. Christine Cockrell  
Daily Reporter

To some, Denton seems to be a fairly quiet town without a lot of controversy. But the upcoming Special Olympics has caused quite a stir.

The problem is that some believe the Olympics does wonders for the self-esteem of the competitors and is great because the community comes together on events such as this, while others believe it continues to segregate people with mental or physical disabilities.

The event provides year-round training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for all individuals with mental retardations.

The Texas Special Olympics will be in the Dallas/Fort Worth area for the first time in May, and despite the excitement surrounding most of the people involved, some believe the entire thing is nothing more than mere segregation.

The Denton State School, which is specifically for people with disabilities, is one the organizations excited about this event. Joannie Hill, spokesperson for the school, said, "I think it's great. It allows them to be just as normal people, to interact with

**"I personally feel it's exploitative because large companies receive money for their sponsorship. It also jeopardizes any attempt for normalization."**

—Phil Bohart,  
president of the North Texas Rehabilitation Association

coaches, volunteers, and also to be with their peers.

"There seems to be a misconception about it that the participants just show up to the games without any practicing. Actually, they train hard for this event three times a week."

But Phil Bohart, president of the North Texas Rehabilitation Association, doesn't look at Special Olympics in a positive light.

"I personally feel it's exploitative because large companies receive money for their sponsorship. It also jeopardizes any attempt for normalization," he said.

Members of the Center for Rehabilitation Studies said the Special Olympics may inadvertently limit the full integration of people with disabilities into the community.

Dr. Tom Evenson, director for the center, said, "We're not against Spe-

cial Olympics. We're for integration."

Dr. Roy Busby of the journalism faculty is fully backing the Special Olympics. He has done projects in connection with Special Olympics in both his advertising classes as well as his public relations classes.

"I think it's proven to be a fine event," Busby said.

The Texas Special Olympics, which has been hosted by six different universities since 1969, will have its opening ceremonies in Denton May 13 regardless of the controversy.

More than 3,000 people will compete in the event, including between 60-80 people from the state school.

Anyone interested in being a volunteer may contact Margaret Smith, director of human resources for the Texas Special Olympics in Denton at (817) 382-3296.

# Spirit's alive for Special Olympics

By Kit King  
Staff Writer

Denton's strong spirit of community support is meeting one of its greatest challenges as the city prepares for the Texas Special Olympics.

The people and business of Denton have reached into their pockets and donated more than \$90,000 for the events May 13-15.

About 3,700 athletes will participate in games at the University of

North Texas. Athletes will be housed at UNT and Texas Woman's University, and their families and fans will fill the town.

Getting ready for all this requires volunteers, money, support services and cooperation among numerous agencies.

The money will be there, said Mayor Bob Castleberry, chairman of the financial development committee.

"We have \$90,000," said Mayor Bob Castleberry. "This committee of mine is just great. I had set a goal of

\$100,000. I'm confident we'll make it, and it looks as if we'll exceed it."

Margaret Smith, chairwoman of the human resources committee, said numerous people had signed up to work before and during the games.

She has opportunities for a variety of volunteer duties — from celebrity escorts to cleanup crews, from referees to helpers for athletes.

And, for groups that want to work together during the games, she had a suggestion: Volunteer to serve meals in the UNT dorms. About 300 people

will be needed each day.

In all, the successful staging of the games will require about 2,500 volunteers.

While individual volunteers will make a great contribution to the games, businesses that donate services play an equally important part.

Frenchy Rheault, who leads the committee seeking business volunteers, has had good response, he said.

Turbo Manufacturing and Sun Ice each will provide ice for the games. REACT, a two-way communication

group from Dallas, has offered to bring equipment, radio operators and staff to set up a communications system for the games.

Mr. Rheault is trying to secure four or five school buses to transport. See OLYMPICS/8A



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athletes from dorms to the playing field.

Pillsbury and other companies will help with security, which Mr. Rheault described as a "boy scout" job.

"It's helping in emergencies, giving directions, that sort of thing, not directing traffic," he said.

He has been in touch with several National Guard units in the area to borrow "water buffalos," gigantic carriers that each hold about 5,000 gallons

■ **TO VOLUNTEER** for the Special Olympics or to donate money or services, call the Volunteer Hotline, (817) 380-1858.

of water.

"The water brigade is responsible for making sure the athletes, coaches and everyone involved has adequate water," he said. "My people (Frenchy's Lawn Service Staff) will be working on it, and we're looking for more volunteers."

## Denton, UNT, TWU set to host Special Olympics Summer Games

More than 3,700 Special Olympians from across Texas will win competitions in area games to prepare for their journey to Denton for the 1992 Texas Special Olympics Summer Games, set May 12-15. The City of Denton, the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University will host the athletes and their families during three free days of ceremony, competition and celebration.

The Texas Special Olympics athletes, who range in age from 12-80 — all with mental retardation — will face challenges in sporting events that include aquatics, basketball, cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, and track and field. Aside from the games them-

selves, the athletes will participate in opening and closing ceremonies, as well as activities in the Olympic Village.

Established 24 years ago, the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games will unite athletes, about 1,000 family members, 1,500 coaches and chaperones, 2,500 volunteers and 15,000 spectators in an event that fulfills the mission of Special Olympics — to provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-style sports for all mentally retarded children and adults, giving them continued opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship with their families, other

Special Olympians and the community.

The City of Denton, UNT and TWU will host the first North Texas-area state games. The estimated economic impact that the summer games will have on the Denton area over a two-year period (summer 1992-93) is \$4 million.

During the three-day event, TWU and UNT will provide housing, food services and parking for the games. While most athletic events will be held at UNT, the gymnastics com-

petition is scheduled at TWU, where family members of the Special Olympians will attend games and information seminars.

To meet the needs that the games will create in Denton, Dr. Derrell Bulls, games director, is seeking 2,500 volunteers who will serve as greeters, scorekeepers, timers, race starters and judges, plus experienced officials in all of the scheduled events. "The people of Denton rise to any occasion," said Bulls, professor and chair of the department of

business and economics at TWU.

Anyone interested in volunteering for the 1992 Texas Special Olympics Summer Games can either visit the TWU volunteer center in Denton, located in the Denton Senior Center on Bell Avenue or they can call (817) 380-1856.

On May 13, the Opening Ceremonies are scheduled at 8 p.m. at Fouts Field on the campus of UNT. The program will feature the Parade of Athletes, musical entertainment, celebrities, lighting of the Olympic

Flame of Hope, and a hi-tech light show and fireworks display that will illuminate the Denton sky. The following days will feature athletic competitions; during that time more than 6,000 medals and ribbons will be distributed to Special Olympians who place first through eighth.

The first games of the Texas Special Olympics were held at Baylor University in 1969. For more information about the games, call Denton's Texas Special Olympics headquarters at (817) 380-1856.

# Special Olympics planning picks up participation

By Betty Johnson

Denton Chamber of Commerce staff members and many others in the community have been heard enthusiastically repeating new initials in recent months: TSO.

As Jo Ann Ballentine, director of the Convention and Visitors Bureau, is quick to interpret, the letters stand for Texas Special Olympics, an organization that will soon take over almost all of the Chamber's efforts, as well as those of 2,500 volunteers throughout the North Texas area.

For the first time since 1973 when it was at the University of Houston, TSO is leaving the Austin-San Marcos area and taking over the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University campuses for the three days of May 13-15.

And members of the Organizing Committee are as pleased as they can be at the prospect of helping the 3,700 special athletes, all with mental retardation, and bringing

an estimated \$4 million into the Denton area economy at the same time.

"It'll be real exciting for them (the athletes) to come to a different place this time," Ballentine said.

Games Director Dr. Derrell Bulls, chair of the Department of Business and Economics at TWU, said, "I'm very interested in it because of the impact the games could have on the City of Denton and because of the impact the games could have on the athletes who participate."

"It's going to highlight Denton throughout the state of Texas. With 4,000 athletes coming, this gives us the opportunity to have media exposure we wouldn't ordinarily have," he said.

Bulls, whose job was to contact people to work in the basic subcommittees for the games, said he has had "excellent response."

"We have, in my estimation, one of the finest groups to work on

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Some of the key players in the Texas Special Olympics behind-the-scenes planning stand at Fouts Field, which will be full of activity May 13-15. They include, from left, UNT Athletic Director Steve Sloan; Jo Ann Ballentine, director of the Denton Chamber of Commerce Convention and Visitors Bureau; Denton Mayor Bob Castleberry; George Young, UNT assistant athletic director; and Dr. Derrell Bulls, chair of the department of business and economics at Texas Woman's University.

## Special Olympics (Cont. from pg. 1)

Special Olympics that any city could have," Bulls said. "I've not been turned down from anybody that I've asked to participate. All of our people have really come forward and come through."

Bulls said he tried to contact people to work in their area of expertise, and he has been successful on almost all accounts.

Denton Mayor Bob Castleberry heads the financial/development committee, which has successfully exceeded its \$100,000 goal to collect \$104,000, as of an April 13 interview with Castleberry, to help pay for the Special Olympics.

Castleberry said the money pays for many things needed in conjunction with Special Olympics, including the paperwork for planning and signs, the tents, food, drinks, Opening Ceremonies the night of May 13, Closing Ceremonies on May 15 and costs incurred by UNT and TWU.

Along with the track-and-field events at Fouts Field, Texas Special Olympics includes competition in aquatics, basketball, cycling, gymnastics, soccer and tennis. Equestrian events will be at the former Cauble Ranch, north of Denton, now owned by Hunt Petroleum Corp.

Much of the planning on the UNT side has been guided by Steve Sloan, UNT athletic director, and George Young, assistant athletic

director. Almost all of the athletic staff and many coaches have volunteered to help with the games, Sloan said.

"The benefit we receive is the opportunity to work with special people and benefit their lives," Sloan said, adding that people in the community who volunteer are sure to benefit from their contact with the athletes.

Ballentine said she thinks the change to a Denton setting also will be good both for the TSO officials in Austin who will be in Denton and for the athletes who will get to see another area of the state.

The Senior Center on Bell Avenue in Denton has donated office space for TSO volunteers, and Denton City Councilwoman Margaret Smith is in charge of human resources, recruiting volunteers for various areas.

Ballentine said she has been very pleased with the response not only from Denton people, but from companies in Dallas. She said, "One company called and said, 'We have 850 employees, can we help?'"

Anyone interested in volunteering for Special Olympics should stop by the Senior Center or the Chamber of Commerce office to pick up a form about areas of interest. Volunteer orientation and training meetings have been scheduled for April 23 and 25 at the UNT Coliseum.

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# A special assignment



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/ALLAN KEST

Dr. Derrell Bulls pauses on the Texas Woman's University campus Wednesday.

## Olympics organizer welcomes challenge

By Kit King  
Staff Writer



When Mayor Bob Castleberry needed someone to coordinate the Special Olympics, with its 3,700 athletes and their families, 2,500 volunteers and all the logistics involved, he called on Derrell Bulls.

"When I was considering asking someone, Derrell immediately came to mind because he's such a well organized individual and very good leader. And, he is doing a great job," the mayor said.

In fact, Special Olympics officials told him that Denton is a little ahead of schedule in preparations

for the games, he said.

A former chairman of the Denton Chamber of Commerce, president of the United Way and chairman of the board of Denton Regional Medical Center, Mr. Bulls believes in the community, he said.

"I wasn't at all reluctant to take it on. I feel that this is something that has tremendous benefit for all involved," he said. "I know the people in Denton come forward and always do an excellent job on any activity of this nature. I knew we would obtain the number of people and the capital necessary to run the games."

He was right. Already Denton has exceeded its financial goal of \$100,000 and the volunteer roster is almost full.

While the job of running the olympics may seem overwhelming, Mr. Bulls has a simple solution to getting a job done.

"My whole philosophy has been to get people involved who are better than I am. That way, it makes my job a lot easier."

Mr. Bulls, with co-chairman George Gilkeson and JoAnn Ballentine of the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau, began working on the games last October. After a training session in Austin, Mr. Bulls came back, sat down and went through a roster of people he'd worked with on other projects.

"(I) selected people I felt were outstanding organizers, people who were dedicated to the city of Denton and would be an asset to the Special Olympics. I feel like I've put together a team that's without equal," he said.

Mr. Bulls, chairman of the department of business and economics at Texas Woman's University, said he's had no major difficulties in setting up the games.

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# Community Chronicles

Carrying the flame



Todd Kille, a Special Olympic athlete, stretches before track practice at Texas Woman's University track.

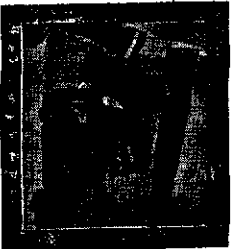


Todd Kille is one of the newest athletes on the Denton Dynamos Special Olympics team. He started last year in bowling and won a state medal. He played basketball on the team and is now running long distance track events with great success. Todd, whose nickname is Smiley, will participate in the Texas Special Olympics to be in Denton beginning May 13.

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## UNT cop to help light the way

By Michelle Ralstonford  
Staff Writer

Six years ago a Kansas police chief decided to run with a torch for the Special Olympics.

The idea spread and now police officers all over the nation participate in their annual games. More than 600 officers in Texas will run with torches to raise money for the Special Olympics in Denton on May 13.

University of North Texas Police Officer Frank Lozano will represent Denton in the run.

"I ran last year. It's a really neat experience and I think every officer should go through it," he said. "I got in a team with officers from a different



**Special Olympics  
Texas  
Denton  
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department and rode to the starting point in a mobile home. We started in Dallas and ran to Georgetown. It was a two-day deal."

Officer Lozano runs every day, so he was up to the challenge. The officers run all night long, resting when it was not their turn to run, he said.

"It was worth it to get to the last leg and be with the Special Olympics kids. It's worth it to see the smiles on their faces."

He said that last year an officer from Georgetown ran the final leg of the torch run and this year he hopes to carry the torch to its final destination because he's from Denton.

"I wouldn't mind running the torch run every year," he said.

Vicki Salaja, a Richardson police officer, is the coordinator of the officers in the North Texas area. Both she and her husband Steve, a Dallas police officer, will run with the torch this year.

There are normally four handlers in the run and more than 150 from this area will run from

Wichita Falls, Sherman, DeSoto and then will go to Duncasville and to Dallas. There will be a press conference in Carrollton and then they will run along Interstate 30B to Denton," she said.

The officers run in a group along the access roads and the only place they will not be able to run is over the Lewisville Lake bridge, which has no access road.

This is Officer Salaja's fourth year to run the torch.

"It's a great cause. Just to be out there with those kids makes it all worth while," she said.

Police officers running from El Paso, Lubbock, Corpus Christi and Houston will join in Dallas before completing the run to Denton.

"I'll be running with a group in Bedford. It goes from Bedford and Grapevine to the D/FW DPS (the airport department of public safety) and then will come up (State Highway) 121 to

## Torch

From 1A

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Businesses can "adopt-a-cop" by sponsoring an officer. The money goes to Special Olympics and the police officer gets credit.

"It's a little competition among ourselves," she said.

This year the torch run is expected to raise \$250,000 with \$65,000 of that coming from the participating North Texas officers.

to be able to run part of the way with her husband.

"If I can keep up with him. He's 6 feet, 2 inches tall and I'm 5 feet, 2 inches tall, so his jog is my sprint," she said.

Interested spectators can follow the run as it kicks off on the Denton leg from the Carrollton City Hall at 9:30 a.m. May 13. It ends at Fouts Field

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UNT Police Officer Frank Lozano trains for the torch run for the Special Olympics.

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## EDITORIAL

# Special Olympics has a job that's just for you

**I**t's time for Denton residents to roll up their sleeves and get down to work on an event that not only will enrich the city, but be a rewarding and fun experience for everyone involved.

The Texas Special Olympics almost are here. The event, May 12-15, will bring thousands of athletes and their coaches, families and friends to Denton for the meet. Planning for the Special Olympics is going apace, but it now is time for the people of Denton to buckle down and volunteer to participate.

Volunteers are needed for many different jobs and duties, from acting as escorts for the athletes to carrying water. Most needed at this point are about 250 volunteers to help with and serve meals to the athletes at the University of North Texas cafeterias. This is a perfect activity for those groups and companies who want to send several volunteers, as it will allow them to work together.

Anyone who wants to work during the Special Olympics needs to call 380-1856 and register to work now. Not only do planners need to know who is going to work where, but volunteers need to complete their training.

Three training sessions are set for this week: 11 a.m.-1 p.m. and 7-9 p.m. on Thursday and 9-11 a.m. on Saturday. Both will be conducted in the UNT Coliseum.

We urge all volunteers to attend one or another of the sessions, which will include general orientation, a question-and-answer segment and then specialized training sessions. The training sessions allow volunteers to feel comfortable: They will know exactly what to do and also have a better understanding of how to work with people with mental retardation.

We guarantee that people who volunteer to work during Special Olympics will find the experience truly special. Anyone who has worked with these athletes can tell you that is gratifying to see the athletes compete: No matter where they place in the competitions, they are filled with the special thrill of having tried, having done their best and having finished a race.

To be able to help others accomplish this is a true reward. So, take the Texas Special Olympics-Denton theme, "Great Works of Heart," seriously. Have enough heart to participate in something great.

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### ■ Suggestions

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Inquiries, suggestions and requests to the Denton City Council may be addressed to Community Suggestion Box, P.O. Box 26, Denton, 76201.

# Olympics needs help for opening ceremony

By Odette Grouard  
Daily Reporter

Choirs are needed to help perform in the opening ceremony of the Texas Special Olympics at 8 p.m. at Fouts Field May 12.

"Some local groups have been contacted, and we have gotten negative response," said Pam Livingston, leisure services manager for the Denton Parks and Recreation Department.

Some groups that have agreed to perform are Denton High School, Lewisville High School and The Colony High School. "We would take more if they are interested," Livingston said.

The singing and music will be pre-recorded and "that's a turn-off for some groups, but it's the only way it can be done," Livingston said.

The choirs will perform back up for "The Star Spangled Banner," and fireworks will be shot off at the end of the song as a finale.

Also participating in the opening ceremony are Rhonda Morrison, winner of the Miss Texas Contest; the Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders; the Denton High School Fillies; and a group of mexican dancers called Folklorica.

According to Livingston, a Diamond Vision video screen will also be used during the ceremony.

Close-up shots of the Olympians entering the field will be projected onto the screens as well as shots of the entertainers.

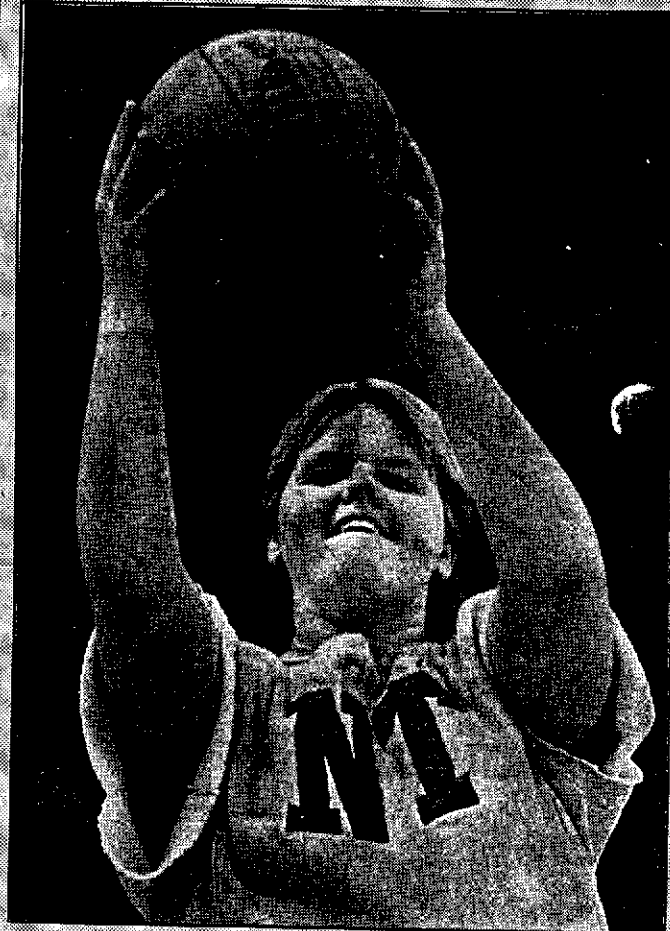
The Special Olympics will last May 12-15, and the theme is "Great Works of Heart." the opening ceremony on the 13th. The opening ceremony is the 13th and will last about two hours.

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# Chronicles

Carrying the flame



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVE DELAFIELD

Marnie Hewlett of Denton tries for a score at basketball practice last week. She will be competing in the Texas Special Olympics in May.



Marnie Hewlett competes in basketball, bowling and softball as part of the Denton Dynamos Special Olympics team. According to her coaches, she's an all around athlete and one of the top players in both basketball and softball. She will be competing when the Texas Special Olympics comes to Denton May 13-15.

# Hotels full for Games

By Lori Jacobs  
Daily Reporter

The Sheraton Hotel and Conference Center at NT has been designated the official host hotel of the Texas Special Olympics set for May 13-15 in Denton.

"I'm not sure why we were chosen as the host hotel," said Jackie Walker Cambell, sales manager at the Sheraton. Many local hotels are participating in the Special Olympics as well, she said.

The Olympics' staff and many teams are staying at the hotel, Cambell said. Two days after the announcement of the event's location, the Sheraton's rooms were all booked. Most of the other hotels in the city are filled as well, she said.

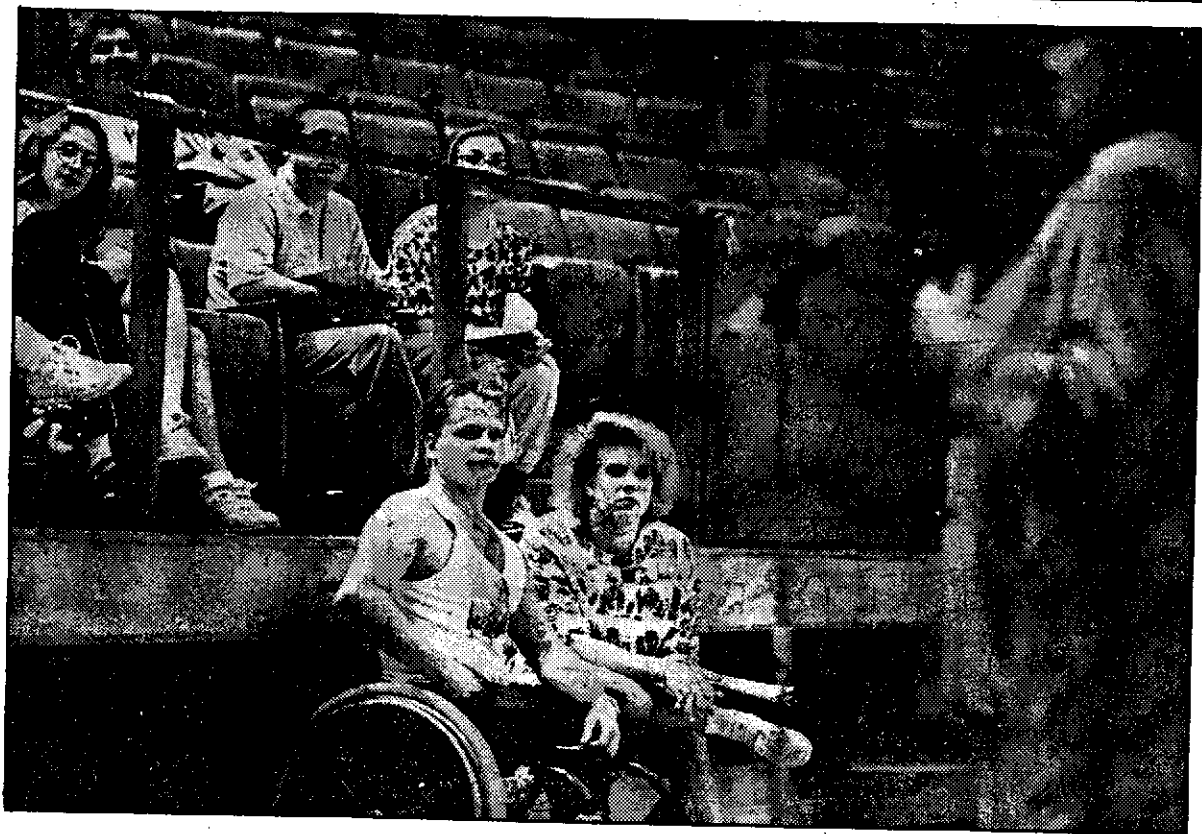
None of the Olympics' eight athletic events will be at the hotel, but the Sheraton plans a Special Olympics theme throughout the hotel and unique Olympic theme meals.

Many of the hotel's staff are serving as volunteers during the event. Those designations are being coordinated.

The Texas Special Olympics is a part of the Special Olympics worldwide organization, said Jo Ann Balantine, vice president of the Denton Convention and Visitor's Bureau. In general, the Special Olympics is an athletic competition for people with mental retardation, she said.

"This is not just for children. the median age of participants is 30," she said. "Ages range from 12 to 80 years old."

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DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/ALLAN KEY

**VOLUNTEER SPIRIT:** Texas Special Olympics volunteers Robert and Kelly Davis of Carrollton listen to Deborah Pittala, Special Olympics director of human resources, during a volunteer training

session Thursday at the University of North Texas Super Pit. Another volunteer training session is planned from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. Saturday. The Texas Special Olympics will be in Denton from May 13 to 15 at UNT.

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## Special Olympics

# Games come to NT in May

By Roman R. Rodriguez  
Staff Writer

From its humble beginning Texas Special Olympics has set the standard in sportsmanship and while the games are referred to as an athletic event, a spokesman prefers to call the games "a feel-good sporting event."

As the expected 3,700 athletes prepare for the 1992 Summer Games May 13-15 in Denton, Tom Wancho, director of public awareness and communication, said that there are no losers—only winners.

"It's a feel-good sport and the reason being breaking records is not the reason why these athletes participate," Wancho said. "They do it because they like to compete."

"You've got to feel good about them. It would be very easy for them to just sit around at home but thank God SO (Special Olympics) came around to enable them to compete," he said.

Wancho indicated this will be the first of two years that the games will be held in Denton.

"Denton has a lot to offer as far as available facilities that we can use," Wancho said. "Another area why we chose Denton was there is a lot of community effort and involvement."

"The city leaders took an interest

in hosting the games and have gone out of their way in making us feel welcomed," he said.

Wancho said Denton was selected as the host city for the statewide competition over San Marcos, Austin, Huntsville and Farmers Branch.

Denton also will play host to the 25th Anniversary Texas Special Olympics games next year.

### 1992 SUMMER GAMES



**Special  
Olympics  
Texas**

"This is a good learning lesson for Denton for next year," he said. "The city has put so much effort into hosting this event that it wouldn't be fair to just have it here for only one year."

The games are expected to bring estimated \$3 million to \$3.5 million into Denton, said Dr. Derrell Bulls, director of the three-day event and chairman of the department of business and economics at Texas Woman's University.

"We anticipate the 3,700 special

athletes will be here between May 12 and May 15," said Bulls. "We will have another 10,000 to 12,000 attending the Texas Special Olympics Games."

"To our knowledge, all hotels and motels are full," he said. "The people of the city of Denton rise to an occasion. They know the importance of this project to the participants and to the city."

The games, which have the theme "Great Works of Heart," will feature eight athletic events to be held on the NT campus. The most notable will be the track and field competition at Fouts Field.

"NT has outstanding facilities for us to work with," Wancho said. "There's Fouts Field, the Physical Education Building and the Coliseum at our disposal."

"Also, all three facilities are in close proximity to one another enabling easy access for the athletes and their families and friends," he said. "The selection committee focused on this area when they made their decision."

Athletes taking part in the Summer Games qualified by finishing either first, second or third during area competitions held through the state last month.

"The athletes qualified through a high school type format," Wancho said. "People who finished one, two or three advance to state."

## Special Olympics comes to Denton

The city of Denton, University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University will host the first North Texas area state Texas Special Olympics 1992 Summer Games. These will be held in Denton, May 13 through May 15.

More than 3,700 Special Olympians from across Texas, approximately 1,000 family members, 1,500 coaches and chaperons and 2,500 volunteers will be involved.

The summer games include basketball, cycling, gymnastics, equestrian and track and field. The events will take place at the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University.

This will provide year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of olympic-style sports for mentally retarded children and adults. Special Olympics gives them continued opportunities to develop physical fitness, demonstrate courage, experience joy and participate in the sharing of gifts, skills and friendship. For those with mental retardation, sports and physical fitness activities are the quickest, surest way to health, growth and self-confidence.

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# ST. DAVID OF WALES EPISCOPAL CHURCH

623 Ector Denton, Texas 76201

April 29, 1992

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## CHOIR CONCERT MAY 3

This Sunday, May 3, is the Spring Choir Concert, which will follow the 10:30 AM Eucharist. There will not be a sermon at the 10:30 service, as the choral music provides one. The works to be performed are:

"Praise Ye The Lord, My Soul Adore Him" -- Jean Paul Rameau  
Phyllis Eccleston, Soprano

"Praise Him, King of All" -- A. Caldara  
Marguerite Clayton, Kris Elliott, Mike Elliott, Ron Wilson, Soloists

"*Canite Jehovahae Canticum Novum*"  
["Sing unto the Lord a New Song"]  
by Richard Dering  
Phyllis Eccleston and Mike Elliott,  
soloists

### Five Mystical Songs

Poems by George Herbert

Music by Ralph Vaughan Williams  
Roy Baines, Mike Elliott, John Czerw,  
Ron Wilson, Howard Clayton, soloists

Instrumentalists are: Kristin van Cleve, violin; Don Michel, violin; Marguerite Clayton, cello; and Pam Youngblood, organ.

We have one of the finest church choirs around. Come out and support them. Your spiritual life will be enriched and your relationship with the Lord will be deepened.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Outreach meeting May 4, at 7:00 P.M. All interested persons are invited to attend.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINES** The newsletter deadline for the middle of the month is May 11, with a mailing date of May 12.

**THE MEN'S BREAKFAST IS SATURDAY, May 30.** Eucharist at 8:00 AM, followed by breakfast and fellowship.

**WE NEED EVERY FAMILY OF ST. DAVID'S TO PARTICIPATE IN OUR EFFORTS TO HELP THOSE IN NEED. REMEMBER TO BRING YOUR DONATIONS EACH SUNDAY.**

## ST. DAVID'S DAY CELEBRATION

St. David's day was March 1, just before the beginning of Lent, so we postponed the celebration until the first Sunday in May, as we have done for the last two years. Following the 10:30 AM Eucharist and Choir Concert, there will be a Covered Dish Luncheon in the Parish Hall. The Men of St. David's will be providing the meat, and members are asked to bring vegetable, salad, dessert, or bread. Iced tea and coffee will also be provided. Plan to come out and join in the festivities. The Men of St. David's will meet on May 2 at 1:00 PM to wrap silverware and set up the tea, etc. for the dinner on Sunday.

## UTO SPRING INGATHERING IS MAY 17

Blue Boxes are available in the narthex. If you know you will be gone on the 17th, turn in your offering on the 10th.

## Golden Nook Mother's Day Sale

20% off on all Avery items in the store April 22nd through Sunday May 17th. The sale includes special orders which are received by Tuesday May 5th. Catalogs are available for you to browse through.

## PEW BIBLES TO BE DEDICATED MAY 3

Memorial Fund gifts have been used to purchase Bibles for the pews in the church and chapel. The Bibles are *The New International Version*, one of the versions approved to be read in public worship in the Episcopal Church. The Bibles are printed in large type, so they will be easy to read. The pew Bibles will be dedicated at the 8:00 AM service before the reading of the lessons. Starting May 3, the bulletin will carry the page numbers of the lessons for the day, so that you may find them and read them silently as the Eucharistic Ministers read them aloud. [Note to Eucharistic Ministers: there is a Giant Print edition of the NIV on the lectern from which to read.] A list of the persons in whose memory these gifts were made will be published in the next newsletter.

## ECW GENERAL MEETING MAY 2

Saturday, May 2 will be the next ECW general meeting. We will begin with breakfast at 8:30 A.M. Plan to join us for an enjoyable time of friendship as well as general business.

## ECW GARAGE SALE MAY 16

The garage sale, originally scheduled for May 9, has been changed to May 16. Please note this change and clean out your closet, garage, etc. and donate usable items to this project. You may bring your donations now to the parish hall whenever it is convenient for you. We will need volunteers to help set up for the sale and, of course, to work in it on May 16. We will also need help in cleaning up after the sale. Please bring only gently worn clothing as they are the only ones that sell.

---Toni Sams, Garage Sale Chair

## TRACTS

There are a number of good tracts having to do with the Easter season as well as the new *Forward Day By Day* in the Tract Rack. Be sure to stop by the Tract Rack on your way in or out of church.

Our own Jo Ann Ballantine tells us that the Texas Special Olympics Games will be held in Denton Wednesday May 13, through Friday, May 15. This is a major event for our city and community and we want to make all of our visitors feel special. If you would like to be a volunteer at the games please go by the Senior Center at 509 Bell Ave. and pick up a volunteer form or call the Special Olympics office at 817-380-1856.

The Special Olympics needs you to come on out and be a spectator at the opening ceremony and the competition, or both.

If you need additional information call the Convention & Visitors Bureau at 817-382-7895.

## NOMINATIONS FOR A NEW BISHOP

Since the Search Committee for a New Bishop has not given anyone any indication as to the cut-off date for the submission of names of possible nominees for Bishop of the Diocese of Dallas, the Rector suggests that you submit any suggestions you might have

A THANK YOU NOTE FROM FR.

# LPD officers to bear Special Olympic torch

By Tammy Tipton  
Staff Writer

Lewisville Police Officers will be part of the chain of runners that will carry the Olympic Torch over 3,000 miles of Texas highways to Denton for the opening ceremony of this year's Texas Special Olympics Summer Games.

At least five Lewisville police officers will be helping carry the torch, called "Flame of Hope" from the city's southern edge up to Denton on May 13.

Since the Lewisville-Denton leg of the run is the final stretch,

the officers will be joined with about 200 to 300 of the runners who are coming to Lewisville to run the final leg of the relay. Officers as far south as Harrington to the Panhandle in Lubbock are involved in the run.

The Lewisville Police Department is taking donations for the effort that supports Texas Special Olympics. About \$100 per runner is needed and Lewisville Police Department may have as many as eight runners.

"These are some youngsters that really need our help and  
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Sunday, April 26, 1992/Lewisville News/7A

## Torch

From/1A

anything we can do to help out, we want to do it," said Lt. Russ Kerbow, who is helping organize the effort.

The runners are expected in Lewisville between noon and 2 p.m.

T-shirts are currently on sale to raise money for the event. The shirts, \$10 for short sleeves and \$12 for long sleeves, are on sale at Hampton Inn and, after Monday, at Lewisville Police Department.

Those who wish to sponsor the event may make out donation to Texas Special Olympics. Paula Gresham, manager of Hampton Inn, and the Lewisville Police Department are taking the donations which are needed by Friday. Please write "donation" on the check. The donations are tax

deductible.

In Texas, more than 18,400 persons with mental retardation participate in at least one of the 14 sports offered by Texas Special Olympics.

The Law Enforcement Torch Run has been one of the largest, most successful fund raising event benefitting Special Olympics. Officers from all branches of law enforcement help pass the torch relay-style through the state. It is expected to raise about \$250,000 statewide.

Lewisville has volunteered to help with the event for the past three years but this is the first year they have been able to help carry the torch.

# Denton opens hearts to Texas Special Olympics

By Betty Johnson

Months of planning will culminate in three days of activity this week when close to 4,000 athletes and many hundred more coaches, family members and friends converge on Denton for the Texas Special Olympics.

It is the first time that Denton has been host for the statewide event, which for many years has been in Austin or San Marcos. It was moved after Denton city officials made an offer to the Austin-based organization last summer.

Denton was chosen over other cities making bids for the 29th Texas Special Olympics, including San Marcos, where it was held the past two years, and Austin. Denton was given rights to have the state games for the next two years, and an even bigger event is planned for its 30th anniversary in 1993.

Using the theme "Great Works of Heart," Texas Special Olympics activities begin Tuesday, May 12 with a coaches' meeting and ends with closing ceremonies from noon to 1 p.m. Friday, May 15.

Competition for the annual May event starts at 8 a.m. Wednesday. In general, most competition will be over by 5 p.m. on Wednesday

and Thursday. Friday's competition should end by 2 p.m.

All competition will be on the University of North Texas campus except for equestrian events, which will be at the Cauble Ranch on Interstate 35 between Denton and Sanger.

A highlight of the four-day Olympics is the opening ceremony beginning at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Fouts Field stadium in Denton. The ceremony is free and open to the public and will include the entrance parade of the more than 3,700 athletes expected to come from every county in Texas.

Former Dallas Cowboy All-Pro defensive back Cliff Harris will be at the ceremonies to lead the athletes in the Special Olympics oath. "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt."

Miss Texas Rhonda Morrison, a Top 10 Finalist at the 1992 Miss America pageant, will sing at the Opening Ceremony. Also performing will be a specially-formed 200-voice choir, a ballet folklorico, the Denton High School Fillies drill team and the Leading Ladies, a

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## Special Olympics (Cont. from pg. 1)

group of former Dallas Cowboys cheerleaders.

Scott Murray, Channel 5 television sportscaster, will be master of ceremonies.

Other celebrities scheduled to attend the summer games include Olympic Gold Medalists Rafer Johnson and Louise Ritter, as well as several current and former Dallas Cowboys, Texas Rangers and Dallas Mavericks, Dallas Sidekicks Joe Papaleo, Kevin Smith and head coach Gordon Jago and former Miss America Shirley Cothran Barret.

The ceremony will have a dramatic torch lighting, sky divers and fireworks to top off the evening.

Along with the running, walking, softball throw and other track events, Texas Special Olympics features swimming competition at the UNT Natatorium, basketball games at the Men's Gym and the PE Building, cycling around the UNT campus, gymnastics in the UNT Coliseum, soccer on the UNT Practice Fields and tennis at the UNT Tennis Center. All events are open to spectators free of charge.

A special event for the athletes and coaches will be a Victory Dance

Thursday from 7:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. at Fouts Field. It is open to all volunteers and spectators.

Many Denton residents have helped prepare for this week's Olympics, and organizers are hoping about 2,000 North Texas residents will volunteer for various duties during the competition.

The Senior Center on Bell Avenue has donated office space for Texas Special Olympics volunteers, and Denton City Councilwoman Margaret Smith headed the Human Resources Subcommittee to recruit volunteers.

Among the pre-games activity for volunteers was the stuffing of about 6,000 hospitality bags for athletes and coaches. The "Goodie Bags" contain coupons, notepads, pencils and other items donated from area businesses.

An organizing committee, headed by Games Director Dr. Derrell Bulls, chair of the Department of Business and Economics at Texas Woman's University, was divided into seven subcommittees: Administration, Financial/Development, Public Relations, Competition, Support Services, Special Events and Human Resources.

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## Carrying the flame



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVE DELAFIELD

Lillian Hall practices maneuvering her wheelchair for an athletic event in the upcoming Texas Special Olympics to be in Denton May 13-15.



Lillian Hall, a member of the Denton State School Eagles Special Olympic team, has been participating in bowling and athletics for the past five years. She is particularly fond of the wheelchair ramp bowling in which she rolls a ball down a ramp and gives signals with her eyes as to where to move the ramp to hit certain pins. Her average in bowling is 95. In athletics, she participates in the wheelchair slalom and the obstacle course. Last year, Lillian traveled to the State Bowling Championships in Austin. She has won many medals besides. To see Lillian and other outstanding special athletes, make plans for the Texas Special Olympics at Fouts Field and other locations around Denton.

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# Extravaganza to open olympic days

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

When 3,000 special athletes take to Fouts Field in May, it will be like the UNT Extravaganza, only better in some ways.

Coordinators of the Texas Special Olympics (TSO) are packing \$100,000 worth of entertainment into a \$20,000 budget. Because the event is for a worthy cause, many of the people involved are donating their services.

Like the extravaganza, which celebrated the 100th anniversary of the University of North Texas last year, Starlight Entertainment is staging the production, which will be from 8 to 10 p.m., May 13. Unlike the extravaganza, the opening ceremony is free.

■ **SPECIAL OLYMPICS** opening ceremonies, 8 to 10 p.m., May 13, Fouts Field, University of North Texas.

But that's not all.

To open the production, parachutists will tumble onto the competition field. During the event there will be singing, dancing and a parade of 350 delegations of athletes, said Pam Livingston, event coordinator with Denton Parks and Recreation.

"The parachutists will bring in the TSO flag and the U.S. flag to start," she said.

There will be a diamond-vision, big screen projection system so the an-

tipated 15,000 member crowd can see every blemish on every speaker's face.

And speaking of speakers ... Scott Murray of KXAS-TV Sports will emcee the event with decathlete Rayford Johnson, Cliff Harris, former Dallas Cowboy, also will speak.

There will be two stages erected in preparation of the event. One will be in the center of the field and one in the end zone.

Denton High School Fillies will kick up some dust on the center stage, as well as former Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders Leading Ladies and Ballet De Folklorico de Dallas.

Even though Ms. Livingston could not confirm that Miss Texas would be there, Miss Texas contender Shannon Shepherd will sing the "Star Spangled

Banner" with full choral accompaniment from area choruses including the Joy Singers.

And there will be lots of fireworks, Ms. Livingston said.

"The opening ceremonies symbolize the spirit and emotion experienced throughout the games. Everything good about the Special Olympics is captured right there," said Pat Downey, director of competition and games for TSO.

He said this year's ceremony will be the biggest and best ever for the olympics.

"We had a super show in San Marcos last year with 12,000 in the stands," he said.

See OLYMPICS/5B

## Olympics

From/1B

He said Denton will be challenged to come up with an even more outstanding crowd for the opening night.

"We're shooting for a packed house ... we're hoping for 15,000 or more," he said.

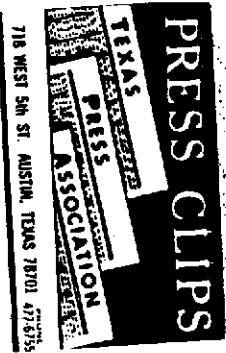
Athletes will dress in their team uniforms and sit on the field during the big event after they parade into the stadium.

"It's going to be a fabulous show. Anybody who saw the Extravaganza knows what a good job (Starlight Entertainment) can do," he said.

"All that emotion ... it's a feeling people won't soon forget," he said.

And that's not even the half of it. But to see the other half, residents will have to go to Fouts Field for the big event.





Herald  
Denison, Texas

MAY 6 1992

# Local athletes in Special Olympics

Twenty-six athletes from Denison Special Olympics will compete in the 24th annual Texas Special Olympics Summer Games Tuesday-May 15 in Denton.

Law enforcement officers from across the state will participate in the Law Enforcement Torch Run, which involves persons from all branches of law enforcement carrying the Olympic Torch from areas across the state to Denton.

The Sherman leg of the torch run will begin at 10 a.m. Tuesday as participants depart Sherman running along Highway 82. They are expected to arrive in Gainesville at 5 p.m. that day, then continue south on Interstate 35 at 9 a.m. the following morning. Runners should arrive in Denton at 2 p.m. May 13.

Opening ceremonies will be held at 8 p.m. May 13 in Fouts Field Stadium on the University of North Texas campus in Denton. Former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro defensive back Cliff Harris and the Texas Special Olympics Athlete of the Year will lead the 3,700 athletes assembled for the Games in the Special Olympics oath, "Let me win, but if I cannot, let me be brave in the attempt."

Athletes will earn ribbons and medals for their performances in aquatics, basketball, cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer, tennis and track and field. The Denison athletes will be participat-

ing in shot put, long jump, softball throw, 100-meter and 200-meter races, 400-meter walk and the pentathlon, which consists of five events.

"Great Works of Heart" is the theme for this year's Summer Games, which are being sponsored by the city of Denton, UNT and Texas Woman's University.

Organizers are hoping for a capacity crowd at Fouts Field, which seats 20,000. In addition to Harris, former Olympic decathlete Rafer Johnson, the Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders and Miss Texas, Rhonda Morrison, will be on hand for the ceremonies, which include a fireworks display.

"These games have all the excitement, pageantry and competitive spirit of the traditional Olympics," said Pat Downey, director of competition and games.

"Every athlete that competes in this event has earned the right to be here because of his or her athletic abilities," Downey said. "Special Olympics is a lot different than the sports we're accustomed to seeing in this day and age. We don't have problems like contract renegotiation, drug scandals or inflated egos. Our athletes are here due to their love of sport and their need for personal achievement. That's it, nothing more, nothing less."

All Special Olympics events are free of any admission charge.

# Olympians flock to Denton for Summer Games

By Jeff Morrison  
Staff Writer

Let the games begin.

Nearly two dozen athletes from Lewisville are scheduled to take part next week in the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games on the campuses of the University of North Texas and Texas Women's University in Denton.

Opening ceremonies for the events is set to begin at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Fouts Field. Lewisville will be represented by 22 athletes at the three-day festivities.

The Olympians have been practicing weekly since the first week of March to prepare for the spirited competition. Only those athletes over 12 years old are allowed to compete.

More important than winning the event, volunteers say, is the social skills, comradery and friendships the athletes build through Special Olympics.

"Our main goal is to give them the chance to have an outside activity besides school," Special Olympics volunteer Debbie Rath said. "It gives them all a chance to get together. They are a team and they are friends and they look out for each other."

The volunteers come from diverse backgrounds. They include coaches, teachers, students, parents, siblings and others who are willing to donate their time. Most say the joy they see through the athletes is reason enough to volunteer.

"It gives (the athletes) a chance to be around other kids," said Amanda Carson, a sophomore at LHS whose brother is involved in Special Olympics. "It doesn't matter whether they win or lose.

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*'Our main goal is to give them the chance to have an outside activity besides school.'*

**Debbie Rath**  
Special Olympics  
volunteer

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I really enjoy it. It's fun to watch them."

The athletes compete in several events, including soccer, basic skills soccer, gymnastics and track.

Lewisville's soccer team has high hopes to come out on top during the state meet. The squad took second place in the regional meet.

Members of the team are: Stephanie Kring, Emanuel McClellan, Fabian Montez, Clifton Peck, Marcy Ellington, Jarrod Folks, Heidi Froess, Larry Braden, Christopher Carson and Jennifer Duvar. Those athletes will also compete in other events at the state meet.

Gymnasts are Melissa Jones, Amy Rice, Heather Throckmorton, Corinna McNiece, Mandy Preston and Alysa DiArchangle.

Other athletes from Lewisville include Thomas Edgerton, Erica Coil, Jaime Somers, Trey Stamper, Breezy Stone, Laura Walls, Brooke Pemberton Dillon Elrod, Gail Gaulke, Paul Hernandez, Brenda Hill and Joshua Reeves.

Former Dallas Cowboys All-Pro defensive back Cliff Harris will lead the athletes in the Special Olympic oath during opening ceremonies.

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Carrying the flame



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVENS DELAFIELD

Marnie Hewlett dribbles a basketball during practice for the Denton Dynamic basketball team in preparation for the Special Olympics May 13-15.



Marnie Hewlett competes in basketball, bowling and softball and is one of the top athletes in both basketball and bowling. Recently in a Community Chronicle photo, a teammate of hers, Wanda Bays was incorrectly identified as Miss Hewlett. Miss Bays is also a top special athlete and will strive to compete in the women's basketball at the Texas Special Olympics in Denton.

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## Special Olympics expected to draw near 20,000 to area

By RACHEL BUCHHOLZ  
Staff writer

DENTON — Derrell Bulls, games director of the Texas Special Olympics summer games in Denton, said the \$3.5 to \$4 million the event will bring into the area next week is just a "sidebar" to the real meaning of the games.

But it's still a pretty big sidebar. For the first time in the 24-year history of the Texas Special

Olympics, the state games are being held in North Texas. About 3,700 athletes, 1,500 coaches and 1,000 family members will be flooding the Denton area Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Bulls, chairman of the business and economics department at Texas Woman's University, said he estimated the figure from the number of people coming to the

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area who would be spending money on hotels and restaurants. He said he expected 15-20,000 people to travel to the area for the event.

Bulls, who is also the chairman of the Denton Chamber of Commerce, said Thursday that the closest hotel room available was in Carrollton and that some were staying as far away as Sherman. He said the day after Denton announced the city had won the bid for the Special Olympics, the Sheraton in Denton totally filled up with reservations.

"We're very pleased," he said. "It helps out our merchants and the people in the business community. It adds money to our economic base and provides us to increase the capital flow into the community."

Hotels in Lewisville are also feeling the impact of the Special Olympics. Paula Thomas, sales manager of the Hampton Inn, said the hotel had been totally filled up for next week since January.

"This is absolutely wonderful," she said. "We're getting people from all walks of life into our community. It's absolutely amazing."

Jerry Alford, Lewisville Chamber of Commerce chairman, said he hadn't made an assessment of how much money would be dropped into the Lewisville pool, but he said every hotel in the city was full, which would have a "significant" impact here.

"They'll basically be living here," he said. "They'll be staying in our hotels, eating at our restaurants and hopefully doing a little shopping."

Alford said he hoped the impact would last longer than just the week of the Special Olympics.

"People from all over will see what's in Lewisville," he said. "We'll get the recognition that Lewisville does exist, and we'll welcome them to come back to enjoy the area and our lakes."

Bulls said it could even attract people to the area permanently.

"Both universities will have the opportunity to exhibit their programs," he said. "A lot of people will come off of the event who see and like the community. They may come to school here, or send their kids to school here, or they may just move here themselves."

To volunteer to help at the three-day event, call (817) 380-1856 or stop by the volunteer tent at the University of North Texas.

# Denton gets set for Special Olympics; more than 3,700 athletes are expected

By Tony Hartzel

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

DENTON — Let the games begin. More than 3,700 athletes, 1,700 coaches and 750 family members will converge on Denton this week for the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games XXIV.

When the participants march onto Fouts Field on Wednesday night for the games' opening ceremony and light the Olympic flame, the efforts of more than 2,000 volunteers, two universities and the entire city will be on line.


"It's going to be quite an experience for Denton," said Margaret Smith, the games' human resources director and a City Council member. "We want to put our best foot forward."

Athletes will start arriving Tuesday, and competition begins at 8 a.m. Wednesday. The opening ceremony will be at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Fouts Field on the University of North Texas campus. The ceremony will feature a parade of all athletes, a 200-member choir and will end with a fireworks display.

The closing ceremony will be held at noon Friday at the UNT Coliseum.

Texas Special Olympics began in 1969 at Baylor University in Waco. The games feature four levels of competition based on age for mentally retarded participants in events such as basketball, gymnastics, tennis and cycling. More than 6,000 medals and ribbons will be

**SPECIAL OLYMPICS HIGHLIGHTS**



- **Opening Ceremonies:** 8-10 p.m. Wednesday, Fouts Field, Interstate 35E at Avenue D, University of North Texas, Denton.
- **Closing Ceremonies:** Noon-1 p.m. Friday, UNT Coliseum, Avenue D at Garland Street, Denton.
- **Volunteer and schedule information:** Call (817) 390-1856 or go to the volunteer booth on the east side of Fouts Field.

The Dallas Morning News

awarded to first-through eighth-place finishers.

Most of the events, all of which are free and open to the public, will be held at UNT facilities. Most athletes will be housed on the Texas Woman's University campus.

Mrs. Smith said organizers have signed up more than 2,000 of the 2,500 volunteers needed for the games. Anyone else wishing to volunteer can do so beginning Monday at a volunteer tent on the east side of Fouts Field.

Mayor Bob Castleberry, financial development director of the Denton games, said the city has raised \$103,500 in private contributions toward the \$250,000 cost to put on

the games. Texas Special Olympics, a non-profit organization in Austin, covers the rest.

Denton leaders expect participants and their families to spend between \$3 million and \$4 million during the four-day event. All local hotels are booked through Friday, the mayor said.

"We're going to have a full town," he said.

Jeff Castner, a desk clerk at the Denton Sheraton Hotel, said his rooms were booked six months in advance.

"Our hotel is definitely booked solid all week long," he said. "This weekend, it was from the graduations at the universities, and it just carried on to the Texas Special Olympics this week."

Denton won the right to host the games after organizers requested bids from a number of cities. The event was held at Southwest Texas State University in San Marcos in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

This is the first time the event has been held in North Texas, organizers say.

Denton will also host the silver anniversary of the Texas Special Olympics next year.

The theme of this year's competition is "Great Works of Heart."

"I think the main thing is it is a very, very heartwarming experience," Mrs. Smith said. "It's something you can't help but enjoy and be glad you did."

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## 6 LV officers to participate in Special Olympics torch run

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By DEANNE FLECKER  
Staff writer

Six Lewisville police officers have volunteered to bear the torch for the last leg of the statewide Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the Texas Special Olympics.

The torch is scheduled to pass through Lewisville on Wednesday on its way to Denton for the 1992 Texas Special Olympics Games. The six officers will each run mile to a mile-and-a-half legs as the torch is carried through Lewisville.

Local organizers said sponsors for the runners are still needed for the runners to raise money for the Special Olympics.

The 1992 games will be held Wednesday through Friday on the University of North Texas campus and at other locations throughout Denton.

This is the first time in the 24-year history of the Texas Special Olympics that the state games are being held in North Texas. About 3,700 athletes, 1,500 coaches and 1,000 family members are expected to attend.

Lewisville Police Lt. Russell Kerbow is helping to coordinate Lewisville's leg of the run with Paula Thomas, sales manager for the Hampton Inn.

The torch is scheduled to leave Carrollton at about 10 a.m. Wednesday and arrive in Denton about 2:30 p.m. Wednesday. Carrollton police officers will hand over the torch at the Trinity River Bridge on Interstate 35. Lewisville police will carry the torch along the east service road to the bridge over Lewisville Lake.

Deputies with the Denton County Sheriff's Department and troopers with the Department of Public Safety will carry the torch up to Denton.

Lewisville runners include Scott Corbitt, Karen Phillips, Paul Nathan, Rex George, Dale Dearing and David Houser.

Lewisville police are joining nearly 400 law enforcement officials statewide in the run. This year's fund-raising goal is \$250,000.

Lewisville police have several sponsors and are looking for more, according to Thomas. Sponsors include HCA-Lewisville Memorial Hospital, GTE, Vista Ridge Mall, R.L. Crawford, Montgomery Wards, Lewisville Office Supply, Texas-New Mexico Power, and various individuals.

Anyone who wishes to sponsor runners or donate money can call Thomas at 434-1000.

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## VICTORIA OFFICERS BEGIN TORCH RUN



Advocate Photo by Frank Tilley

Deputy Police Chief O.T. McAllister, with torch, leads law officers and Special Olympians at Monday's start of the 1992 Law Enforcement Torch Run. They will join other officers from around the state in Austin.

# 3 Special Olympians remembered

## GERARD FARRELL

Advocate Staff Writer

About 20 local law officers were on the run Monday — carrying a torch for the Texas Special Olympics.

The police officers and deputy sheriffs left Victoria Monday morning on a run to Austin where they expect to join up Tuesday with about 500 other officers from around the state before continuing on to Denton, host of the 1992 Texas Special Olympics.

Opening ceremonies are scheduled for Wednesday at the University of North Texas at Denton.

For local officers, this year's run has a special meaning: The Victoria-to-Austin leg has been dedicated to three former Victoria Special Olympians who have died: Gregory Duenez III, Brooks Harman and Edward Robles.

"We just thought it would be an appropriate thing to do, to dedicate this year's run to the three of them," said Lt. John Baylor of the Victoria Police Department, coordinator of the local Law Enforcement Torch Run.

Linda Perez, Robles' mother, said she was honored to have the torch run dedicated in part to her son's memory. He died last fall at age 21.

"This was a beautiful day for me and my son. It was a beautiful day," she said Monday. "I remember when John Baylor came to the house to tell us they were doing it, it was the week of Edward's birthday, and I remember thinking, 'What a nice birthday present for Edward.' I thought it was so nice — it was very emotional for me."

Perez said her son, whose retardation was caused by cancer medication while an infant, looked forward eagerly to each year's Special Olympics, in which he competed in basketball and

# RUN / Officers head for Austin

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track.

"It was a very emotional experience for him. He would get so excited about it that his hands would start shaking when we would talk about it," she said. "He made a lot of friends through Special Olympics. He loved to be around kids like him."

Marian Harman remembered how important the Special Olympics was to her son, Brooks, who died early last year at age 29.

"It was fabulous. I don't know what he would have done without the Special Olympics. It gave him something to look forward to. He was one of the group - he could participate in something that the others could," Harman said.

Because he suffered from other medical problems in addition to Down's Syndrome, she said, bowl-

ing was the only sport in which he could compete.

"It was something special to him. He was physically unable to do a lot of things because he had a lot of physical ailments - heart, lung and blood ailments. But bowling was something he could do because it wasn't too strenuous," she said.

Janie Gonzales said the torch run was a reminder of how special her son, Gregory, was. Gregory, who won a first-place ribbon for swimming in the 1990 Victoria Special Olympics, died in March at age 12.

"I only wish he'd been here to see it. It was so special to me because if he was here, then he could have seen how many people's lives he touched. I was thinking of him and thinking, 'You're still touching lives,'" Gonzales said.

"It makes me feel privileged that he was my son."



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## EDITORIAL

# *Make plans now to attend special opening events*

**H**undreds of Denton residents are trained and prepared and the excitement is building for the Texas Special Olympics competitions to be here Tuesday through Friday.

Athletes from throughout the state, accompanied by coaches, teachers and family members, will provide exciting moments for Denton crowds throughout the games. Men and women with mental retardation will take all the instruction they've received and combine it with their personal courage to compete.

These athletes overcome immense obstacles in order to compete. As Denton's and the Special Olympics' tribute to the, those feats of individual effort will be honored during the games' spectacular opening ceremonies.

The word spectacular is used advisedly — the same company that produced the ceremonies for the University of North Texas Extravaganza have designed the Texas Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies. Their work simply must be seen to be believed.

There is an even better reason to attend the free opening ceremonies — set for 8-10 p.m. Wednesday at Fouts Field. Denton people should come out to welcome the city's visitors and show our support for the athletes who have traveled from all across Texas to compete.

We encourage Denton residents to bring the family and friends to this exciting event. Other Texas Special Olympics events will be published in a special section in Tuesday's *Denton Record-Chronicle*. Until those schedules are out, plan on attending the Texas Special Olympics Opening Ceremonies. We won't be sorry.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

# At work at play

## Getting ready for games took elbow grease

By Todd Davis  
Contributing Writer

**T**he Texas Special Olympics, which began this morning, is a special time for the people involved.

For the coordinators of the event, it also can be hectic.

### ■ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/3B

"This place is really going to be a three-ring circus for about four days," said George Young, director of competition for the olympics and an assistant athletic director for the University of North Texas.

Coordinators of housing for athletes and of the events worked for weeks preparing.

About 3,700 athletes and their

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Billy Whitfield (left) and Manuel Perez raise a rest-area tent near Fouts Field for the athletes participating in this week's Special Olympics.

## Olympics

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coaches are in Denton for the games, which run through Friday.

Young said organizing the event was staggering.

"Just the sheer numbers are incredible," he said. "It really takes a lot of planning ahead to be able to get things ready."

Basketball is played on all four courts of the Physical Education Building and the court in the Men's Gym, and soccer teams play on the grass

practice fields next to Fouts Field on the UNT campus.

Gymnasts perform on the floor of the Super Pit, tennis players compete at all the tennis courts, and track and field athletes compete at Fouts Field.

"The entire campus is going to be a beehive," Mr. Young said.

About 2,500 people from the Metroplex have volunteered to help with the games, so no extra staff had to be hired.

The track was the only

athletic facility that needed work before the games, to accommodate the needs of wheelchair athletes. UNT President Al Hurley used \$27,000 from a special fund to pay for resurfacing and repainting portions of the track.

Residence Hall Dining Services will feed 3,000 athletes. Mary McCutcheon, director of the service, said the halls offer meal packages for a cost of \$21.75 each to the athletes. UNT is selling the meals at no profit.

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# Special Olympics

## state meet opens

3-day event expected to attract more than 20,000 to Denton

By Dawn Cobb  
Staff Writer/Denton

If you're one of the more than 20,000 expected to come to the Texas Special Olympics competition in Denton, better hurry.

Parking around the University of North Texas

Fouts Field this week could be a little crowded, but Special Olympics officials say don't worry.

The annual athletic competition begins today at the UNT campus where large crowds are expected to watch 5,200 athletes compete in 46 events. Competition spans eight sports including aquatics, basketball, cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer, tennis and field and track events.

### Officers to run leg of torch relay

Lewisville police officers will help carry the Texas Special Olympics torch in a relay run to Fouts Field in Denton.

The relay will begin at 9 a.m. in Carrollton. Police officers from Lewisville, Dallas, Carrollton, Farmer's Branch and Denton are expected to participate.

The torch will pass through Lewisville along Interstate 35E at about 11:30. Nine Lewisville officers will carry the torch a mile each through the city.

Opening ceremonies

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featuring fireworks, celebrities, a parade of athletes and entertainment will begin at 8 p.m. tonight at Fouts Field, but many events will get underway at 8 a.m. Wednesday.

Admission is free.

For those folks familiar with the UNT campus, avoid parking lots A and D. Be sure not to park at curbs painted yellow or in slots marked specifically as handicapped parking.

Weather also isn't expected to be much of a problem.

Pat Downey, with the Texas Special Olympics office in

Austin, said heavy rains could temporarily delay some outdoor events.

To get to the stadium, take the Avenue D exit off Interstate 35E.

About 5,200 athletes and 15,000 families and visitors are expected in Denton. Athletes will stay in five dorms at UNT. Their families will stay at TWU where information seminars are

# Olympians' parents learn to open athletes' vistas

By Kit King  
Creative Living Editor

Breaking boundaries and stretching limits was the theme of Linda Barnes' welcome Tuesday night to parents of Special Olympics athletes.

Speaking at the opening session of Family Expo, in Hubbard Hall at Texas Woman's University, Ms. Barnes focused on the future of Special Olympics — a future limited only by space and time, she said, not by the athletes' abilities.

She urged parents to open doors for their athletes, not set up roadblocks.



Barnes

"These athletes are a lot more capable than educators, and parents, have given them credit for," she said.

Ms. Barnes is a Richardson educator who began coaching Special Olympic teams 12 years ago, while a graduate student at TWU. In that time she has seen Special Olympics grow to encompass numerous activities once thought too difficult for the athletes.

In the first Special Olympics, in 1968, athletes competed in six track and field events. Today, the competition includes more than 30 events.

Such competitions as equestrian events, basketball and cycling weren't considered then, she said, because it was thought the athletes wouldn't be strong enough to participate.

"Athletes now have so many choices," she said, "You just have to

find out what works best. Let them try.

"They can do it," she said, illustrating her statement with stories of athletes she has coached.

At the International Special Olympics in Minneapolis last summer, athletes tried new sports such as croquet, badminton, rollerblading, horseshoes and bocce, or lawn bowling, she said, and "they loved it."

Trips to Special Olympic competitions give athletes a new sense of confidence and independence, she told parents. They learn to do things for themselves, and grow through their new independence, she said.

Ross Mueller, a parent from Austin, praised the program during the social hour before Ms. Barnes spoke. His daughter, Melissa, is 30 years old and, since she left school,

## Families Expo

■ **FAMILIES** Reception Center; UNT Advancement Center lawn, Eagle at Bonnie Brae; 8 a.m.-7:30 p.m. today; 8 a.m.-6 p.m. Thursday; 8-11:30 a.m. Friday

■ **ICE CREAM SOCIAL:** UNT Advancement Center lawn, Eagle at Bonnie Brae; 5-7:30 p.m. today

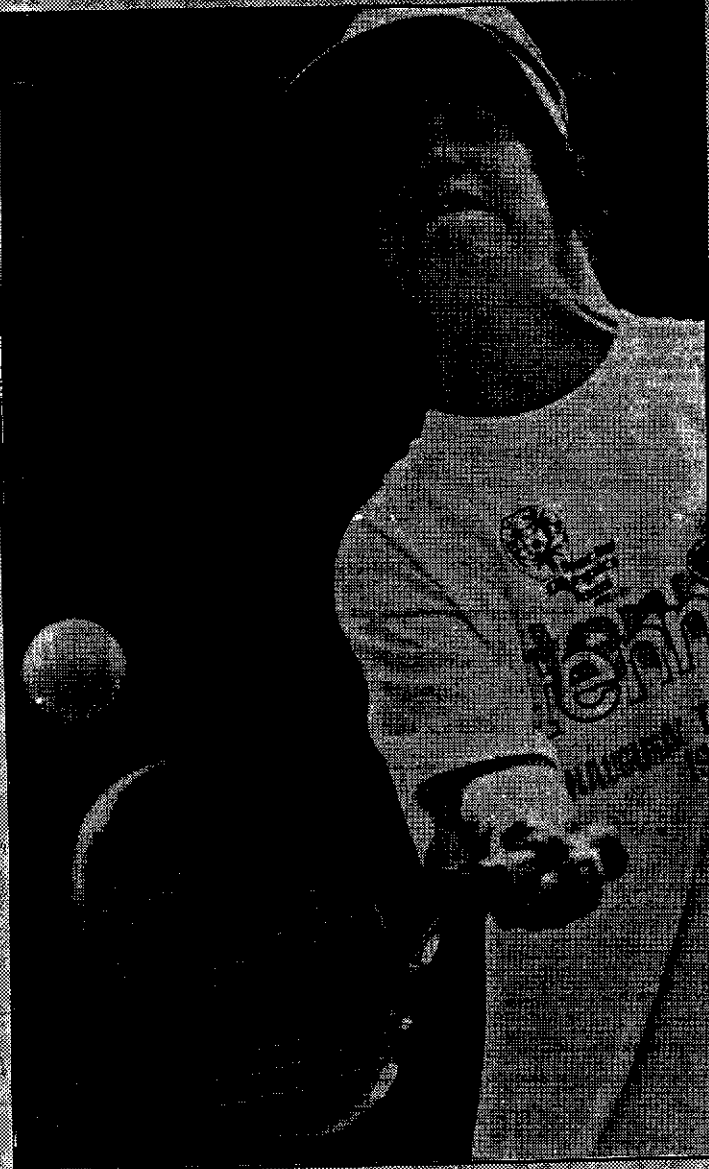
■ **BREAKFAST** with Special Olympic officials; 8-10 a.m. Thursday; Hubbard Hall, TWU campus

■ **FAMILY HOME TRAINING:** Soccer; UNT Advancement Center lawn, Eagle at Bonnie Brae; 3-4 p.m. Thursday

■ **BEHAVIOR MANAGEMENT** Hierarchy; 9-10:30 a.m. Friday; Hubbard Hall, TWU campus

had done little besides work and watch television before joining the Special Olympics tennis team.

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Jackie Mitchell practices her tennis game for the Texas Special Olympics which began this morning in Denton at the University of North Texas. The Opening Ceremonies will begin at 8 p.m. tonight at Fouts Field and the games will run through Friday.



Jackie Mitchell is a member of the Denton CBRP Bluejays Special Olympic Team. Her sport for the olympics this year will be tennis, but she also participates in bowling, volleyball, basketball, track and field, gymnastics, aquatics and softball. She will join with 3,700 athletes from all over the state in competition at the games. According to her coaches, she enjoys participating in any sport and only began tennis this year. The olympics are free and open to the public. Tennis events will be at the UNT tennis courts.

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# Special Olympians

## Attention boosts athletes

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

Sanger — For years, they blended into the woodwork.

Tommy Cook, Randy Mitchell, Ray Hughes, Paul Fisher, Rose Westbrook, Cassie Wood, Melissa Jenkins and Brian Collier were contained in special education classes and rarely mixed with the other students at Sanger Middle School.

But since they blossomed into special athletes, they are practically celebrities.

"The other kids even noticed them in the hallways," said their teacher and coach, Frank Mullins.

Sanger started a Special Olympics team when Mr. Mullins, a special education teacher, joined the school

system two years ago. Sanger is 10 miles north of Denton.

To raise money for their team, the athletes have set up a nacho and beef jerkey stand at school called The Company.

Through The Company, the students have learned the fine lines of marketing, management, budgeting and organization. They earned \$1,200 this school year for class materials and to spend at the Special Olympics, including restaurant outings, a trip to Six Flags and an overnight stay at a motel.

Mr. Mullins said that ever since the students started to compete last year in Special Olympics, they have gained notoriety at the school. Other students now wish luck to the Sanger Indians olympians and offer friendly alaps on the back as they pass through the halls.

"They had a pep rally before the area competition in April," Mr. Mullins said. "It was a schoolwide pep rally and (Sanger Middle School) even had a Special Olympic day."

The attention is a boost for the athletes.



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■ SCHEDULE of  
events/2B



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/ALLAN KEY  
Sanger Special Olympics coach Frank Mullins, left, talks to Paul Fisher, 13, Rose Westbrook, 12, and Tommy Cook, 14, while they take a break during practice Tuesday.

## Exhibit shows works From Special Hands

By Melinda Manney  
Contributing Writer

Creating a work of art exemplifies an accomplishment, and for the group From Special Hands, it has been therapeutic for those who wish to show the world that real beauty is painted from deep within.

From Special Hands, a traveling art exhibit, presents works by various artists with disabilities. The works will be displayed today through Friday at the University of North Texas Physical Education Building.

Presented by the Greater Denton Arts Council, organizers of From Special Hands are excited about bringing the exhibit's unique message to Denton, because the city was chosen for the Texas Special Olympics at the same time.

### Opening Ceremony

■ WHAT: Opening ceremony for Texas Special Olympics

■ WHEN: 6 tonight

■ WHERE: Fouts Field at the University of North Texas

"Artists with disabilities counterpart with the Special Olympics because the exhibition makes a statement to others — that there is not a stigma to artistic expression," said Herbert Holl, executive director of the arts council.

"The public will see that these artists have truly broken down the barriers that many citizens still have when dealing with disabilities."

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# Olympics

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"People from all over the state come to see you and that makes you feel good and special," said Tommy Cook.

Team members participate in the 50- and 25-meter runs, softball throw and standing long jump.

The athletes are easier to

notice, too, since they got their blue-and-gold uniforms, including warm-up suits and tennis shoes provided by the Sanger Independent School District.

"I think this is a good deal for the Sanger school system to do this, because it's a nice thing to do and they didn't have to do this for us," Mr.

Cook said.

Mr. Mullins said: "It's helped (the students') self-esteem and their regular curriculum, because they can now say they are athletic. And, it's downright fun.

"The kids aren't as segregated and even other teachers are saying, 'We'll be there for them, at the olympics.'"



Leslie Maye, a volunteer, cheers on a runner yesterday during the 60-meter dash.

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# High goals, higher resolve

## Denton draws athletes for Special Olympics

BY MONICA STAVISH  
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

DENTON — The determination on her face could be seen all the way from the stands as Melissa Cornelius gave it her best shot yesterday.

Arms and legs pumping, Cornelius, 23, was sprinting against five other athletes in the 100-meter run at the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games XXIV in Denton.

Cheering from the bleachers of sun-baked Fouts Stadium at the University of North Texas were her mother, Teresa Cornelius; and grandmother, Reba Mohler.

"Let's go, Melissa! Run, Melissa! Let's go!" Teresa Cornelius yelled. "Kick it in, Melissa, run! Go, baby, go!"

Moments later, Melissa came in fourth. The faces of her mother and grandmother showed surprise and disappointment.



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Melba Parks, winner of the 50-meter dash, gets a congratulatory hug from Brian Ponders, a volunteer.

"This is very important to her. It's the main event of the whole year," Teresa Cornelius said, describing her daughter's enthusiasm for Special Olympics.

The past 10 years, Melissa Cornelius, who sells pecans and works

on filing and other tasks at the Mental Health-Mental Retardation center in Abilene, has traveled throughout Texas to participate.

"It's fun," she said as she tried to catch her breath after the race. "I like all the activities. I love doing sports. I have bunches of medals, a whole lot."

Denton is host this year to the statewide games for mentally retarded youths and adults, ages 12 to 80. Events including track and field, gymnastics, swimming, basketball, soccer, horseback riding and bicycling began at 8 a.m. yesterday and were highlighted by last night's opening ceremonies. The activities will include a 1950s-style dance at Fouts Field tonight and will end with closing ceremonies at noon tomorrow.

The games also feature regular (More on OLYMPICS on Page 36)

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Rodney Moore, a contender in the high jump event, clears the bar.

## Olympics

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participants who aren't special athletes: the volunteers. Some of the 1,700 volunteers taking part in the Texas games yesterday cited love, the feeling of camaraderie, and gratitude for their own healthy children as reasons for lending their time.

"Why do any of us do this?" asked volunteer coordinator Donna Kahnney of Argyle. "Today's probably going to be a 12- to 13-hour day. We do it because it's there, that's why you do it. You go over to the coliseum and see these kids, you get choked up. That's why you do it."

This year, volunteers of all ages and walks of life came to Denton

from as far away as Houston and England. Kahnney stressed the need for more help during the two remaining days of events.

Nearby, another volunteer, Pat Koonce of Denton, handed out yellow volunteer buttons to other helpers from underneath a blue and white tent.

"I came here because I have three children who are well, happy, healthy and successful. I'm very grateful for that," Koonce said with a broad smile. "I've reached the stage in my life where I can take time off to give a little back."

Outside Fouts Field, Texas Woman's University student Lauren Burney and Olympic athlete Marietta Pobadora stood with their arms around each other as they examined souvenirs.

Burney, 18, was there to cheer on

Pobadora, 21, who was taking part in her fifth Special Olympics.

"I like to run. It's fun," Pobadora said with a grin. A student at Mabank High School in Mabank, about 60 miles southeast of Dallas, she was gearing up for the 200-meter dash and the long jump and, she hopes, earn more medals for her collection of 32.

Burney, who plans to be an occupational therapist, has been working with Special Olympics athletes for several years. With a penetrating sun bearing down on her, she pondered for a moment why she gives her time to these special athletes.

"Look at this face here," she said as she patted Pobadora's baseball cap. "This tells it all."

Staff writer Amy Keen contributed to this report.





Lewisville's Breezy Stone runs the 5-meter race.

# Spirit express

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

**H**ot, hectic, but filled with happy faces — apt descriptions of the first day of Texas Special Olympics competition in Denton.

People plied passers-by with offers of water as temperatures rose to more than 90 degrees, with high humidity adding a boost to radiating heat Wednesday on Fouts Field at the University of North Texas.

Athletes, excited by the spirit of competition, seemed little worse for wear from the high temperatures, although the less athletically inclined spectators hunkered under anything offering respite

from the sun.

Roberta Taney, a registered nurse from Bayshore Medical Center in Pasadena, suggested folks attending the games drink lots of water, use sun block and wear hats, shorts and light-colored clothing. Sit in the shade when possible or take umbrellas to make your own shade, she said.

No major injuries were reported Wednesday; most first-aid cases were for heat exhaustion, cuts and sprains.

Early in the day, the need for more volunteers became evident as requests for help flooded the volunteer registration tent, across the street from the UNT Coliseum, said Margaret Smith, director of volunteers.

Anyone interested in helping out should stop by the tent and sign up for an assignment.

Among the more preferred assignments was a place on the receiving line to greet athletes as they cross the finish lines in field and track events.

One such volunteer described herself as a "hugger."

Athletes also competed Wednesday in wheelchair relays, ball throws, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, equestrian events and bicycle racing.

In keeping with the Special Olympics philosophy that nobody loses, last-place ribbons honor athletes for their competitive spirits, while first-, second- and third-place winners receive medals.

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Volunteer Paul Palmer hugs Janie Jackson, from Corpus Christi, after she competed in a running event at Fouts Field.

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*Seventeen-year-old Jennifer Sewell, above, of the Denton Dynamos gets support from her sister, Lisa Sewell of Dallas. At left, Plano Fastcats Coach Sherri Saccone cheers on a team member in the 10-meter wheelchair race.*

**Photography by Barron Ludlum and Steve Delafield**

# Coach loves to forge athletes' mettle

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

"Run Christie, love! Run Christie, love! Oh, they smoked you. Oh well, she got a third out of it," said coach Ernest Stokes as he watched the last leg of a relay.

It's his eighth year to coach a Special Olympics team and he holds nothing back. He paces in the stands shouting encouragement to his team members at a pitch that can be heard over a stadium loud-speaker.



"I coach track and field and my department chairman asked me if I would coach Special Olympics and I said, 'Sure.' And she said, 'You know, you'd have to volunteer, we can't pay you to do it.' And I said, 'Sure.'"

He said he's never been the same.

"It's like I'm addicted. Once you get involved and see the enthusiasm of the kids," he said, "you're hooked."

Coach Stokes teaches at a middle school in Houston and is now certified to coach bowling, basketball and volleyball as well as track and field.

"Training is the most essential element (for an athlete). You have to have good conditioning."

But he has an edge in how he trains his athletes.

"With down (syndrome) or physically handicapped athletes, you can get them to run one fourth of a mile first," he said. "Then you can reduce it to 100 meters or 50 meters and it has a psychological effect."

"I get them started that way and when they start to run the relay, they say, 'Oh coach, do I have to run all the way around?' and I say, 'No, you just have to run that far,' and down the track they fly."

See COACH/5A



Doualy Kaykaothao, front left, and Christie Evans, front right, lead their Dunbarville contingent in a cheer Wednesday night.

## Group gets jump on fund-raising

Texas Special Olympics got a head start Wednesday on the 25th anniversary games when Dallas police Sgt. Dan Bell, chairman of the Law Enforcement Torch Run, handed over a check for \$296,412.



The check-passing concluded a press conference that began with the arrival of the torch, accompanied by more than 100 police officers wearing neon-green caps.

Chuck Hendryx, chairman of the board of Texas Special Olympics, and Cliff Harris, former Dallas Cowboy safety, welcomed the runners, who raised the money given to the olympics.

Sgt. Ben Caperton of the Dallas Police Department was the biggest

fund-raiser, bringing in \$21,500. Texaco, one of the run's corporate sponsors, presented him with a minitruck bearing the Texaco icon.

Sgt. Caperton also received the first annual Holiday Award, named for run founder Janet Holiday, for his service to Special Olympics.

Also at the conference, Denis Poulos, executive director of the games, unveiled the logo for next year's 25th anniversary games.

# Signing them up!



Tawahna Duck, right, shows off an autograph from Walt Garrison, left, as Cliff Harris, center, watches.

**Ex-Cowboys  
make big hit  
with Olympians**

■ RELATED STORIES,  
schedule/3B

By Jerry L. Reed  
Sports Editor

Athletes rushed toward former Dallas Cowboys standouts Walt Garrison and Cliff Harris like blitzing linebackers during Wednesday's opening day of the Texas Special Olympics at Fouts Field.

Celebrities were abundant as more than 3,700 athletes crowded the Texas Woman's University and University of North Texas campuses.

And many of them were extremely interested in meeting Garrison and Harris.

Among the other sports celebrities in Denton on Wednesday were former Dallas wide receiver Doug Donley; ex-Cowboys fullback Robert Newhouse; ex-Texas Woman's University track and field standout and 1988 Olympic high jump gold medal winner Louise Ritter; 1960 Olympic

See HARRIS/3B

## Harris

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decathlon champion Rafer Johnson; and former University of Texas and NFL wide receiver and Olympic gold medal winner Johnny "Lam" Jones.

Garrison and Harris spent more than two hours signing autographs under the protection of a temporary tent in the west stands at Fouts Field.

Garrison, a Lewisville

native, left after the signing session.

But Harris, the honorary captain of the Texas Special Olympics, was there at 7:30 a.m. and stayed until after the closing ceremonies late Wednesday night.

"I really don't have a title," said Harris, who is filling in for former Cowboys head football coach Tom Landry. "I've been called everything from grand marshall to honorary captain.

"It really doesn't matter, I'm just honored to be a part of all this."

Harris, known as "Captain Crash" during his playing days, teamed with Charlie Waters to form one of the best secondary tandems in the National Football League.

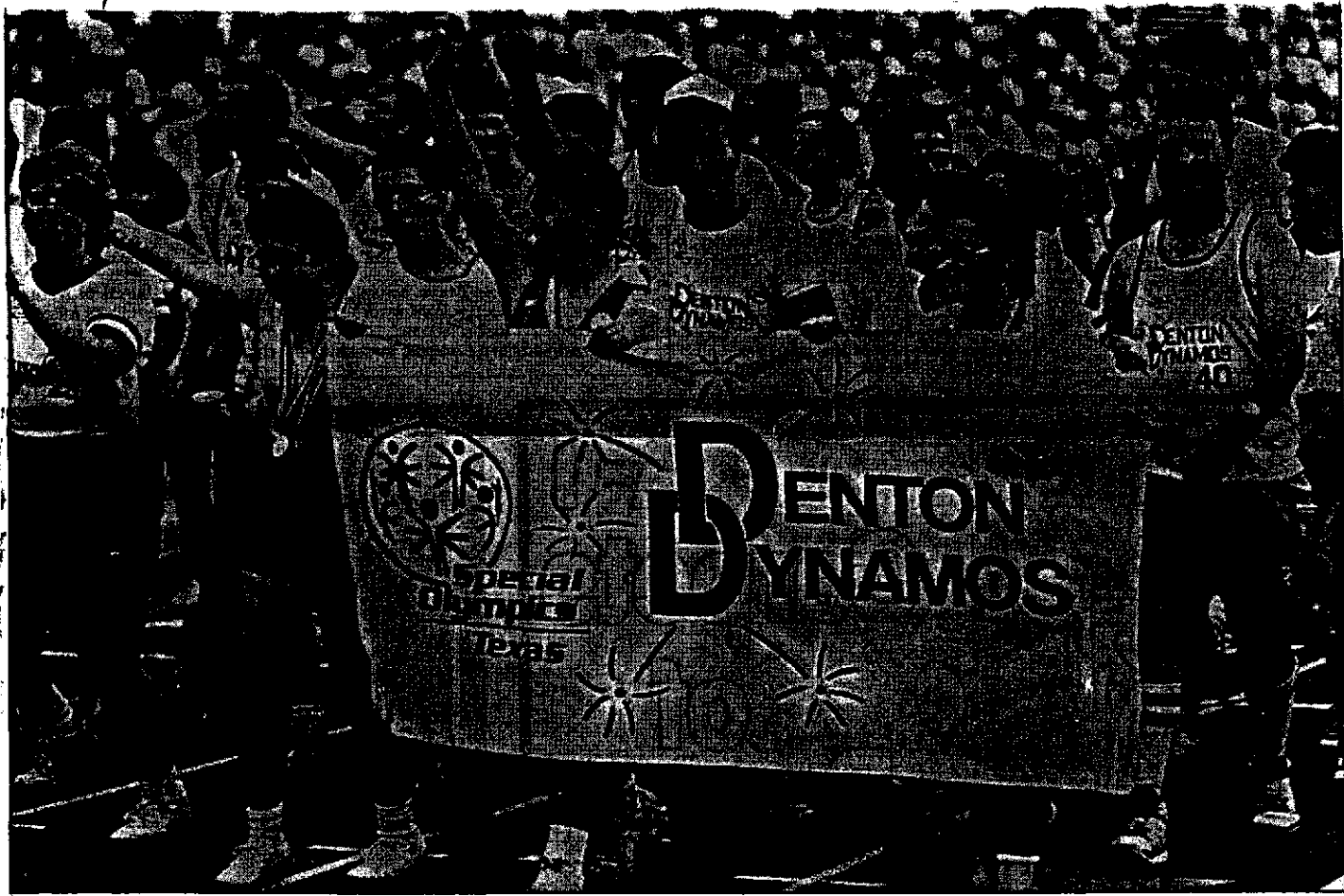
Harris, a former all-pro safety from Ouachita (Ark.) Baptist, who played all his career with Dallas from

1970-79, isn't a stranger to these events.

"I really got involved a long time back because of Gene Stallings (former Dallas assistant coach and current University of Alabama head coach)," said Harris. "Gene's son, Johnny, is retarded and I started really getting strongly involved through my relationship with Gene and Johnny."

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The Denton Dynamos march during the opening ceremonies of the Texas Special Olympics Wednesday night at Fouts Field.

# Olympics off and running

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

The Magic Kingdom couldn't hold a torch to Dentonland on Wednesday night at the Texas Special Olympics opening ceremonies in Fouts Field.

A crowd of more than 10,000 spectators seemed to enjoy it all.

It had dancing girls, fireworks, skydivers, television personalities, Dallas Cowboys and beauty queens. But nothing in the 2 1/2-hour celebration could overshadow the parade of special athletes, dressed in technicolor uniforms, as they filled the football field from one end to the other.

The Special Olympics will continue through Friday at the University of North Texas.

These summer games are about more than fancy footwork and gold medals, said Rafer Johnson, former Olympic gold medalist and one of the special guest speakers.

"They're about dedication ... you've

persevered through so much. Some of you have been told you couldn't do it. But where are those people now — now that you've done it?" he asked the 3,700 athletes.

It takes more than athletic ability to get to the olympics, he said. It takes coaching, family, volunteers and sponsors.

It also took more than 400 police officers from throughout the state to bring the torch to Denton. Several officers and athletes had the chance to run the torch around the track before Timmy Justice of the Denton State School CBRP Bluejays carried it to the top of the stadium to light the perpetual flame.

His silhouette was pronounced by a lighted Special Olympics emblem behind him while the glare of fireworks colored the stadium during a rendition of "The Star-Spangled Banner."

His favorite part of the night, he said, was a dance routine to a 1950s hop medley by the former Dallas Cowboy Cheerleaders.

When it was all said and done, Mr. Justice described it best as an athlete and participant in the games:

"It was nice. It was a lot of fun."

And, he said, they were the best Special Olympics opening ceremonies yet.

## Town crier spreads the word on winners

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

"Hear ye, hear ye — awards for the Texas Special Olympics are about to be presented. ..."

The booming voice of Norman Roberts, 68, caught the attention of the ones who still hadn't noticed his attire: an 18th-century British town crier's costume.

Mr. Roberts is town crier in Leicester, England, about 100 miles north of London, and arrived Wednesday in Denton for the first day of the Texas Special Olympics, which continues through Friday.

"When I heard these were on, no way I was going to miss it," Mr. Roberts said after explaining he was in Arlington when he heard about the events and drove over.

"The general atmosphere is something fantastic."

Mr. Roberts volunteers with



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVE KASBERMAN

Town crier Norman Roberts waves as 500-meter bike racers look on.

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## Crier

From/1A

- Special Olympics in his hometown, which has about a half-million residents.

Wednesday, he volunteered a few hours to announce winners and present awards.

Mr. Norman became a town crier 10 years ago, soon after Leicester officials reinstated the honorary position.

He is a world champion town crier and has won 22 of 30 competitions. Each year, he attends 250 to 300 charitable events worldwide.

"Everything I do, I do for charity," he said.

Mr. Roberts, a retired bank manager, travels frequently and thinks nothing of carrying a 150-year-old bell and wearing the costume of a past era.

The long overcoat — laden with gold braid, medals and patches — stayed on Wednesday despite the 90-degree weather. And his long, curly blond locks fit the picture one might have of an 18th-century Briton.

Town criers were the local newspapers and radio stations in the 1700s. Today, competing



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVE DELAFIELD

*Maggie Cumiskey of Highland Park cheers Special Olympics Wednesday night at Four during the opening ceremonies for the Texas Field.*

for such a position requires practice and skills in voice clarity, sound projection and word accuracy, Mr. Roberts said.

Many of his awards were awarded for having a voice that can be heard and understood as far away as 100 yards, he said.

Mr. Roberts' voice recently boomed in Austin, where he "cried" from the House speaker's podium before legislators in the state Capitol.



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# Special Olympics



Allison Scott gets ready for the equestrian competition.

DENTON SPICORD-CHEWELLER/STEVENS DELAFIELD

## Equestrian likes riding for medals

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

Allison Scott has her eye on the gold medal in equestrian competition.

And, if history holds true, she might get it.

The teen competitor from Spring usually walks away from Special Olympics events with a few gold and silver medals, said her Mom, Lynn Scott, who also coaches the team from the rural town just north of Houston.

Ms. Scott joined nine competitors Tuesday at the Cauble Ranch, north of Denton on Interstate 35, in the first of eight horsemanship events during the Texas Special Olympics summer games.

Sitting astride a horse named Clair, Ms. Scott showed her four years of training in the arena for the dressage competition.

The riders must show judges their ability to control their horses through multiple starts, stops and turns.

"This kid knows what it is to compete," said trainer Sanna Roling, who trains many of the Spring Panthers team.

The Panthers train from January to May on horses owned by the San Jacinto Girl Scouts.

Among Ms. Scott's favorite events is the working trail competition, an obstacle course patterned after a weekend ride in the open fields. Many share

*'This kid knows what it is to compete.'*

**Equestrian trainer  
Sanna Roling**

her preference — 61 of the 65 competitors are signed up to compete in the working trail event today.

Horses are guided over a bridge to a mailbox where the rider picks up a ring and puts it over a pole. The rider weaves the horse among cones, walks it in and out of a boxed area, leads it over poles on the ground and lets the horse jog and trot before stopping.

Ms. Scott's love of horses doesn't stop in the arena, however. She collects horse posters at home, too.

Sylvia Gonzalez of Caddo Mills also competes in many of the equestrian events. Riding since the age of 8, the 23-year-old takes weekly private lessons and recently advanced to international competition in Minnesota.

Ms. Scott is riding her way in Ms. Gonzalez' footsteps to international competition.

She almost qualified last year, missing the opportunity because she was younger than another equal competitor and would have more chances to advance, Mrs. Scott said.

# Special Olympians

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## Attention boosts athletes

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

Sanger — For years, they blended into the woodwork.

Tommy Cook, Randy Mitchell, Ray Hughes, Paul Fisher, Rose Westbrook, Cassie Wood, Melisa Jenkins and Brian Collier were contained in special education classes and rarely mixed with the other students at Sanger Middle School.

But since they blossomed into special athletes, they are practically celebrities.

"The other kids even noticed them in the hallways," said their teacher and coach, Frank Mullins.

Sanger started a Special Olympics team when Mr. Mullins, a special education teacher, joined the school

system two years ago. Sanger is 10 miles north of Denton.

To raise money for their team, the athletes have set up a nacho and beef jerkey stand at school called The Company.

Through The Company, the students have learned the fine lines of marketing, management, budgeting and organization. They earned \$1,200 this school year for class materials and to spend at the Special Olympics, including restaurant outings, a trip to Six Flags and an overnight stay at a motel.

Mr. Mullins said that ever since the students started to compete last year in Special Olympics, they have gained notoriety at the school. Other students now wish luck to the Sanger Indians olympians and offer friendly slaps on the back as they pass through the halls.

"They had a pep rally before the area competition in April," Mr. Mullins said. "It was a schoolwide pep rally and (Sanger Middle School) even had a Special Olympic day."

The attention is a boost for the athletes.

See OLYMPICS/2A



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/ALLAN KEY

Sanger Special Olympics coach Frank Mullins, left, talks to Paul Fisher, 13, Rose Westbrook, 12, and Tommy Cook, 14, while they take a break during practice Tuesday.

■ FAMILY affair/4A

■ PREPARING for games took elbow grease/1B

■ SCHEDULE of events/3B

## Exhibit shows works From Special Hands

By Melinda Manney  
Contributing Writer

Creating a work of art exemplifies an accomplishment, and for the group From Special Hands, it has been therapeutic for those who wish to show the world that real beauty is painted from deep within.

From Special Hands, a traveling art exhibit, presents works by various artists with disabilities. The works will be displayed today through Friday at the University of North Texas Physical Education Building.

Presented by the Greater Denton Arts Council, organizers of From Special Hands are excited about bringing the exhibit's unique message to Denton, because the city was chosen for the Texas Special Olympics at the same time.

### Opening Ceremony

■ WHAT: Opening ceremony for Texas Special Olympics

■ WHEN: 8 tonight

■ WHERE: Fouts Field at the University of North Texas

"Artists with disabilities counterpart with the Special Olympics because the exhibition makes a statement to others — that there is not a stigma to artistic expression," said Herbert Hall, executive director of the arts council.

"The public will see that these artists have truly broken down the barriers that many citizens still have when dealing with disabilities."

## Olympics

From/1A

"People from all over the state come to see you and that makes you feel good and special," said Tommy Cook.

Team members participate in the 50- and 25-meter runs, softball throw and standing long jump.

The athletes are easier to

notice, too, since they got their blue-and-gold uniforms, including warm-up suits and tennis shoes provided by the Sanger Independent School District.

"I think this is a good deal for the Sanger school system to do this, because it's a nice thing to do and they didn't have to do this for us," Mr.

Cook said.

Mr. Mullins said: "It's helped (the students') self-esteem and their regular curriculum, because they can now say they are athletic. And, it's downright fun."

"The kids aren't as segregated and even other teachers are saying, 'We'll be there for them,' at the olympics."

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# Exhibits a bonus for TWU guests

By Amie Waddle  
Contributing Writer

A bonus for families of Texas Special Olympics athletes staying at Texas Woman's University is their access to campus exhibits and tours.

The Blagg-Huey Library alone houses several displays. Museum hours are by appointment and can be scheduled by calling 898-3201.

TWU visitors' guides are available in resident halls and at the library.

"There are homecoming exhibits on the first floor. The school uniforms on display range from 1910 to 1937," said Kim Grover-Haskins, TWU collections coordinator.

"The display also includes a costume doll collection."

The flat dolls were created by alumnae as class projects during the '20s and '30s. An Eskimo doll stands near an 1818 wedding doll.

The class of 1942 has an exhibit on the second floor, containing programs and photographs from 1936-1942.

"Texas Women: A Celebration of History" has the chronology of women in Texas history from pioneers to politics," Ms. Grover-Haskins said.

On the second floor, the exhibit includes "crazy quilts" made by pioneer women.

"The exhibit began with the efforts of Gov. Ann Richards, who attended a function in San Antonio with her daughters and asked why women were not included in Texas history,"



said Ann Hatch, assistant director of public relations at TWU.

The display shows people the non-traditional roles women played in Texas.

Nearby, an exhibit relates women's early roles in the U.S. Air Force.

"This exhibit shows how women ferried planes and towed targets in World War II," said Dawn Letson, director of special collections at TWU.

Oveta Culp Hobby is the subject of another exhibit.

"She started WACs (Women's Army Corps), the biggest branch for women in World War II," Ms. Letson said.

Yet another collection shows women's clothing from the 1870s.

"TWU has been recognized by the state Legislature as a permanent setting for these collections on Texas women," Ms. Letson said.

They are funded by the Texas Foundation for Women's Resources.

Yet another look at Texas women can be found in TWU's collection of inaugural gowns, compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It includes gowns worn by Texas and U.S. first ladies.

For those who want more outdoor activities, the University Gardens and the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods offer quiet places to stroll.

A Texas-shaped pool in the center of the gardens is surrounded by wildflowers native to Texas.

The chapel, designed by O'Neil Ford and built in 1939, is listed as one of Texas' 20 outstanding architectural achievements.

Its stained-glass windows, lighting and altar fixtures were designed by TWU students to depict women's multiple roles.

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# Protectors of the flame

Officers help relay torch to Special Olympics

By James Florez  
Staff Writer

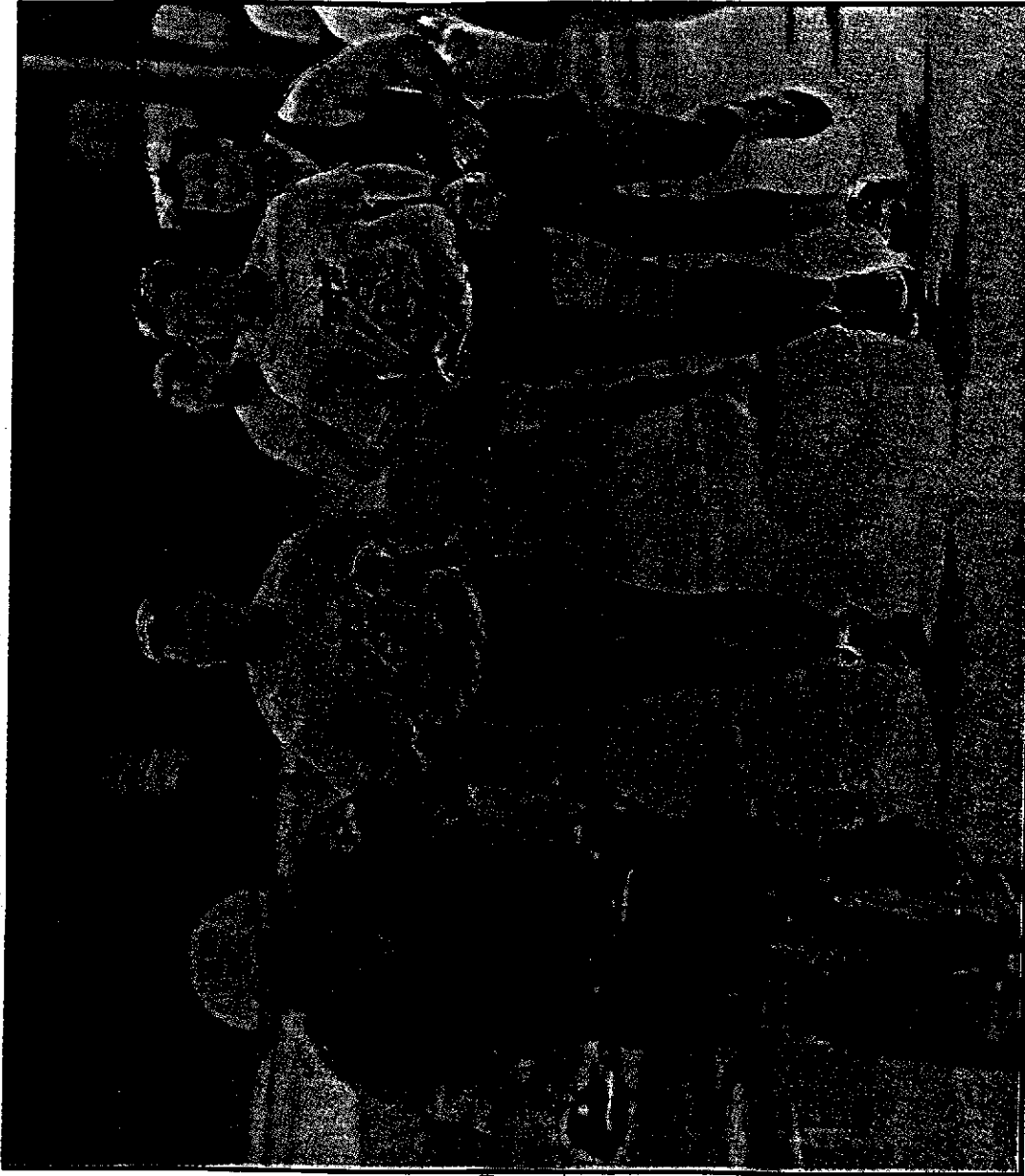
Lewisville-area law enforcement officers raised nearly \$1,200 for Special Olympics as they helped carry the torch to the games' venue Wednesday.

The Texas Special Olympics continue on the campus of the University of North Texas in Denton today.

Lewisville police officer Dale Daring led off the contingent of 10 local cops, and was one of the more than 400 officers responsible for shutting the torch across the state to Fouts Field.

Local merchants donated \$1,163 to the Special Olympics for the officers' efforts.

Other local officers who ran Wednesday were Lewisville police officers Scott Corbitt, Karen Phillips, Paul Nathan, Rex George, David Hauser; Denton County deputy constables Mike Green, Rick Underwood, Jodie Harbert and Texas Department of Public Safety trooper Barry Thornton.



Lewisville patrol officer Bruce Daring starts the first leg of the Special Olympics Torch Run through Lewisville Wednesday. Local officers carried the

torch from Huggines Plaza to FM 407 on its way to the three-day event on the campus of North Texas University in Denton.

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# Volunteers aid Special Olympians

By Todd Davis  
Contributing Writer/Denton

## Denton universities to house and feed over 3,000 athletes

Denton — The Texas Special Olympics, which began Wednesday morning in Denton, is a special time for the people involved.

For the coordinators of the event, it also can be hectic.

"This place is really going to be a three-ring circus for about four days," said George Young, director of competition for the Olympics and an assistant athletic director for the Uni-

versity of North Texas.

Coordinators of housing for athletes and of the events worked for weeks preparing.

About 3,700 athletes and their coaches are in Denton for the games, which run through Friday.

Young said organizing the event was staggering.

"Just the sheer numbers are

incredible," he said. "It really takes a lot of planning ahead to be able to get things ready."

Basketball is played on all four courts of the Physical Education Building and the court in the Men's Gym, and soccer teams play on the grass practice fields next to Fouts Field on the UNT campus. Gymnasts perform on the

floor of the Super Pit, tennis players compete at all the tennis courts, and track and field athletes compete at Fouts Field.

"The entire campus is going to be a beehive," Mr. Young said.

About 2,500 people from the Metroplex have volunteered to help with the games, so no extra staff had to be hired.

The track was the only athletic facility that needed work before the games, to accommodate the needs of wheelchair athletes.

# Special Olympics

## Taking on tough challenges

### Gymnasts find fun in their competition

By Michelle Releford  
Staff Writer

Grace, beauty and strength.

These words describe the performances of the Special Olympic gymnasts as they overcome challenges every time they hoist themselves over the vault, balance on a beam and grasp an uneven bar.

Gymnastics is a fairly new venue for Special Olympics, and from the turnout of athletes to perform during three days in Denton, long overdue.

"I had no idea what she could do in gymnastics. (Team members) all exceeded our expectations of what we thought they could do," said Mary Williams, whose daughter Ann is a gymnast for the Denton Dynamios.

Ann didn't have any idea what she could do either.

"I tried the first time and it was hard," she said. But she persevered and three months after she started the sport, won three medals and two ribbons at the Olympics.

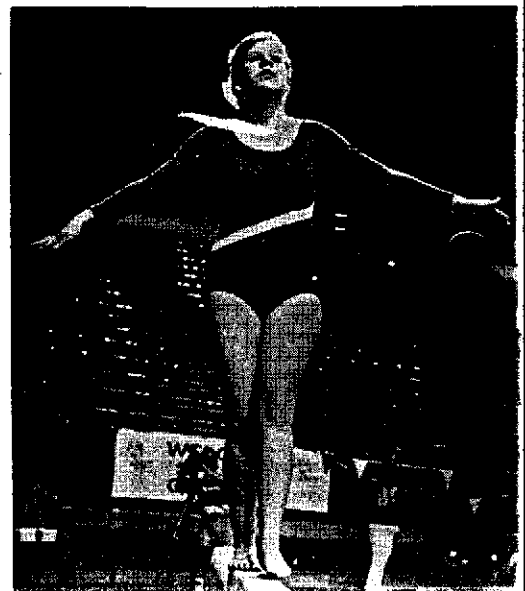
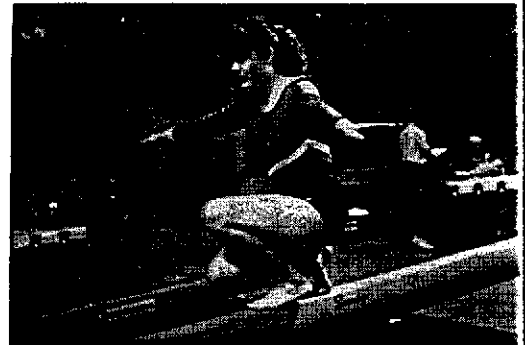
The audience never saw her break a sweat, but she admitted she had butterflies during the competition.

"Yeah, I really was (nervous)," she said.

Vicki Sherman's daughter Lisa also is a Denton Dynamios gymnast.

"I think it's helped build her self esteem and confidence," Mrs. Sherman said.

"It's thrilling for the family



the negative things, that they'll never be able to do this and that," she said.

Lisa walked away from the Olympics with five medals, three gold, a silver and a bronze as well as overall gymnast in her level.

After the awards ceremony, she hugged everyone in sight several times.

"I was concentrating," she said.

Her favorite routine is the balance beam.

"I liked it and I wanted to learn it," she said.

"Lisa has always been real athletic, but for the first year to compete in gymnastics, I didn't expect her to get to the level she has gotten to," Mrs. Sherman said.

"She's a worker and a fighter. She's very competitive."

"I just think it's wonderful. The regular events at school, there's no way these kids can compete. I think it's wonderful they have something like this, just for them," she said.

The Dynamos faced tough competition Wednesday from other gymnasts in their categories.

Even though Denton gymnasts just began to compete in this category, it's been popular around the state for several years.

*'It's thrilling for the family. Just to see them succeed and feel so good. When you have a child and they're born (with disabilities) and you hear all the negative things, that they'll never be able to do this and that...'*

**Vicki Sherman  
parent**

Kim Sewell, of Arlington, has been involved in Olympic gymnastics for three years.

"I always say, 'I can't, I can't,' and (the coaches) say 'try,'" she said.

Kim said at first she was a little scared to try to work on the beam, but her coaches never let her get hurt and now she can perform such complicated feats as no-handed mounts and forward rolls.

Raymee Haas is Kim's

teammate. She said she had to try four times before she learned to vault. Like Kim, she worked hard and now competes in that event.

Another teammate, Crystal Harris, competes on the uneven parallel bars. As she flips her body over a bar and balances on another, her face gives nothing away except her determination and concentration.

*'I had no idea what she could do in gymnastics. (Team members) all exceeded our expectations of what we thought they could do.'*

**Mary Williams  
parent**



Heather Sanchez and other Spring Panthers participate in the gymnastics grand march.

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# Moment of glory



DICK WHITELEY  
Dick Whiteley, front, smiles during the awards ceremonies before receiving his silver medal while Gene Schretner of Fort Hood looks on.

## Athlete refuses to quit in race

By Jerry L. Reed  
Sports Editor

**D**ick Whiteley came a long way from home just to travel 30 meters down a track and through an obstacle course.

But his smile showed it was all worth it.

And so did his silver medal. The 34-year-old athlete from Killeen competed Thursday afternoon in a two-man 30-meter wheelchair slalom at Fouts Field during the second day of the Texas Special Olympics. Today is the final day of competition.

Whiteley struggled as he negotiated the orange cones but he kept going, inch by inch, until he reached his goal.

He was minutes behind the first competitor to cross the finish line, but he kept going.

The roar of the crowd seemed to pull him across the finish line.

Once he arrived — with the help of a volunteer's push at the end — he had met the challenge.

Whiteley, who is unable to talk, thanked the crowd with a smile. Several community volunteers and competitors rushed to Whiteley to embrace him.

He proudly smiled as he received his silver medal during the awards ceremony. Proud faces could be seen all around him.

"He was never going to quit," said Nadine Kott, coach of the Killeen Phantoms. "He didn't care if it took him five minutes or 10 minutes, Dick wasn't going to quit."

Dick's mother, 68-year-old Lona Whiteley, never doubted her son would make it, either.

"There is no quit in him," said Mrs. Whiteley. "That's the way Dick is and he's never changed since he started competing in Special Olympics when he was about 10."

Coach Kott said Dick was one of her prize athletes.

"I think the smile says it all, don't



DICK WHITELEY  
Dick Whiteley, center, makes it to the finish line.

*'He was never going to quit. He didn't care if it took him five minutes or 10 minutes, Dick wasn't going to quit.'*

**Nadine Kott**  
Killeen coach

you?" said Kott. "It is hard for Dick to move his arms and legs, but before he competes, you can tell he's fired up and ready to move."

And on Thursday afternoon, Dick Whiteley moved a lot of people when he crossed that finish line.

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# Savoring the moment

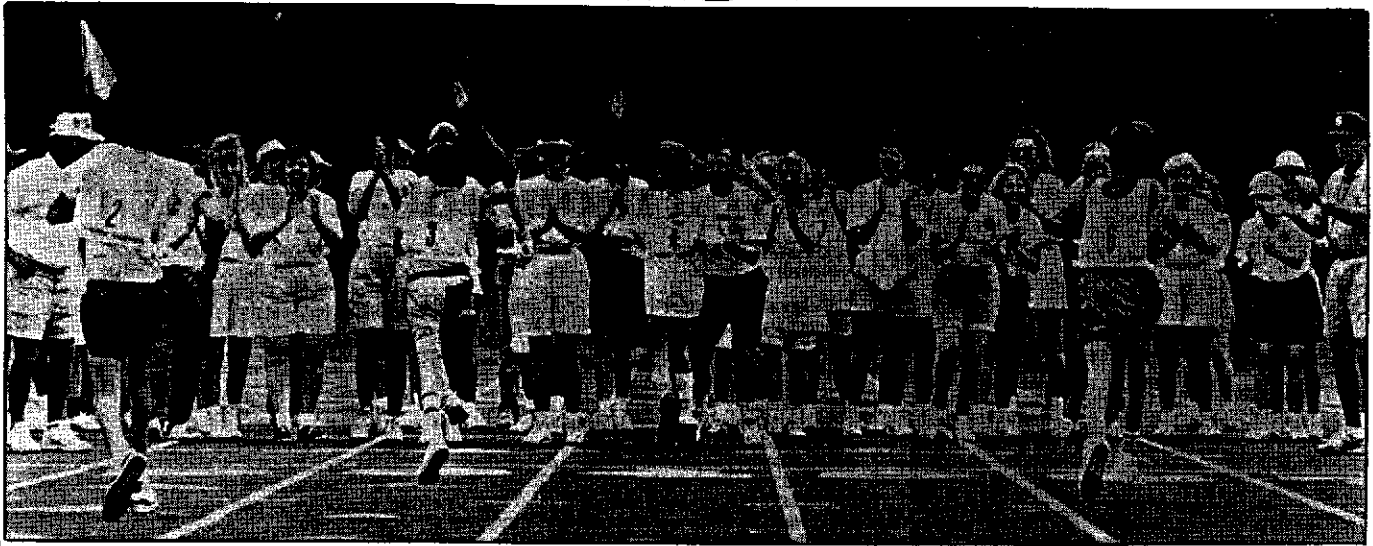
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*Amy Buchanan, right, head coach of the Denton Dynamos, watches team member Dana Crozier show off their trophy to the crowd at the closing ceremonies of the Texas Special Olympics Friday at Fouts Field on the University of North Texas campus.*

# The love games



Volunteers cheer competitors in the 50-meter dash Thursday.

DUSTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/ALLAN KEY

## Volunteer spirit thrives at games

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

"I've never seen so much love in one place."

The words of Angie Allgood of Arlington were echoed among most of the more than 3,000 volunteers at Texas Special Olympics, which today ends three days of competition.

Dave Stewart brought 16 volunteers from Fort Hood to the event, just like he has ever since his wife signed him up as a volunteer nine years ago.

"It's the best thing I've ever done," said Mr. Stewart, a retired military officer now working in civil service at Fort Hood, near Killeen.



Stewart

The group of retired military personnel, active-duty officers and their families volunteered to work at an awards tent where athletes were presented ribbons and medals.

Mr. Stewart said an occasion a few years ago best summed up why he kept coming back.

A team lost one athlete who suffered a stroke and was unable to compete, he said. Another athlete substituted for him and won third place. Immediately after receiving his medal, the substitute athlete walked over to the athlete who had been ill and gave him the award.

"There wasn't a dry eye in the place," Mr. Stewart recalled. "If that doesn't speak about the heart of all these athletes ... nothing does."

Several volunteers said they were surprised that athletes remembered them from past events.

"There are athletes I see one time a

year that come across the distance to say, 'Hi Dave,' " Mr. Stewart said.

John Gochenour, also retired from military service, is an avid supporter of the games, in which daughter Kristi Nicole participates.

"Special Olympics is the greatest thing that ever happened to kids," he said. "It gives them a chance to be equal."

Sissy Gilchrist of Fort Worth was a little hesitant about volunteering but decided to take a chance.

"I've felt comfortable from the minute I got here," she said. "I'm definitely going to do it next year."



Gochenour

### TV coverage of games

Here is a list of dates and times for the tape delay airing of the Texas Special Olympics on Home Sports Network (HSE), which is Channel 25 locally.

- May 30: 3 p.m.
- June 1: 10:30 p.m.
- June 7: 12 p.m.

*'Special Olympics is the greatest thing that ever happened to kids.'*

**John Gochenour  
volunteer**

# 'Dad, mom: Watch'

By Holly Becka  
Staff Writer

The Special Olympian silver medalist wanted her dad to share in her victory.

The desire was so strong, she tried to convince an onlooker that her aquatics coach was, indeed, her father.

When pressed, however, the girl's smile turned to a frown, and her eyes filled with tears.

"He can't come," she said, suddenly glum.

Nearby, a different scene was played out, underscoring the validation a parent can instill by being there to cheer on a Special Olympics athlete.

Loretta and Darrell Pile of Spring rooted for their son, Nick, during his tennis match.

The athlete barely lost the finals match, which ended after a tie-breaker, with a score of 7-6.

"His serves were real fast when he got them in," Nick said of his oppo-

nent, "but I did good, especially to get six games."

His mother said: "You came in second in state — that's great."

The Piles were among some parents who applauded and cheered for their children during competition at this year's games, which began Wednesday and end today.

Both said they believed more of the athletes' parents would attend the games if they could.

"It's not necessarily a negative reflection on a parent if they're not here," said Mr. Pile, a hospital administrator who took time off from work to travel to the Denton games.

Parents might have other children to support or other family responsibilities, he said. The fact that Special Olympics is conducted during the week makes it difficult for working parents who live far from competitions, the couple said.

"For many families to do that, something else would have to fall by the wayside," Mr. Pile said.

Some parents might feel inadequate when it comes to determining what a child with special needs requires, Mrs. Pile said.

"The world likes winners, and children like Nick have to work at life a lot harder," she said. "Every success



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Pamela Thomas of Houston cheers for her daughter, Jovan Thomas.

## Parents

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comes hard."

Meanwhile, Janice Washington and Otis Moore, both of Alief, witnessed their son's thrilling gold-medal finish in the 400-meter dash.

"We're here to give him support and to show him we're all behind him," Ms. Washington said.

"It's something he likes to do, and he likes us to be with him. And I like seeing him run, anyway," she said, grinning.

Their son, McKinley

Washington, has been running track at his junior high school and said Special Olympics taught him that everybody was a winner.

"You do your best; just go for it," he said. "It's not a matter of winning a gold medal."

The athlete said he was especially happy his parents were there.

"When they're not there, I don't feel as strong," he said. "When they're there I feel like a winner, and I thank them for it."

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Steve Stoops of Plano swims in the 100-meter freestyle.



Leona Rawlins of Cleburne gets a hug after finishing the 50-meter dash.

# Dampened spirits? No way

By Holly Becka  
Staff Writer

**A**lthough thunderstorms rumbled Thursday over areas of Dallas and Fort Worth, Special Olympians on Fouts Field were spared from any ugly weather during their second day of competition.

The ominous, darkened clouds present much of the day didn't hinder athletes from enthusiastically competing in aquatic or track and field events, tennis, soccer or basketball.

As morning dawned on West Hall at the University of North Texas, the excited, hurried voices of Special Olympians and coaches filled the dormitory halls as they readied themselves for competition.

To psych themselves up for the day's activities, some athletes practiced personal rituals.

Prayers and music ready Brandon Rodriguez for competition. He listens to Golden Oldies, his favorite kind of music, on his clock radio.

"I pray for God to let me run and be all right," Mr. Rodriguez said.

The San Antonio athlete also ate some eggs for extra energy.

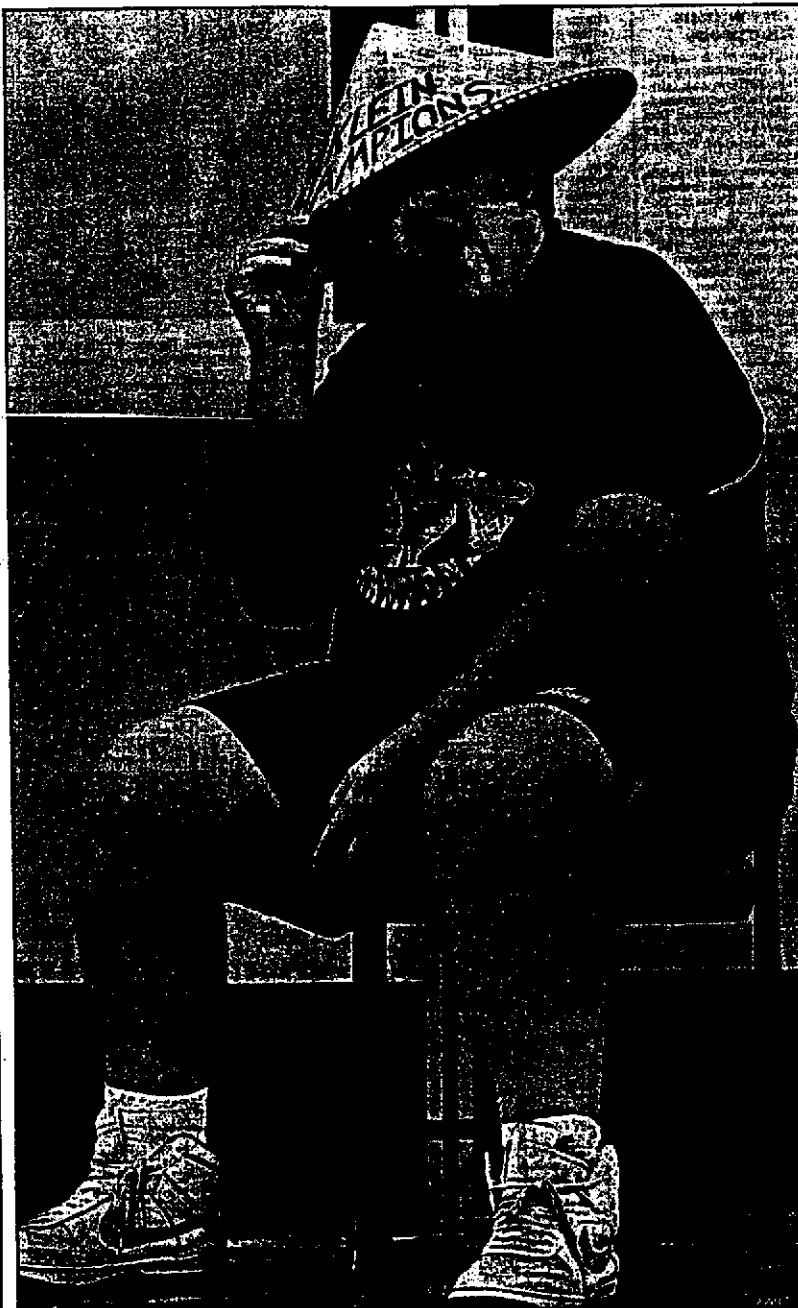
A good dousing of cologne does the trick for Michael Cavazos, Mr. Rodriguez's roommate during the three-day event, which ends today.

Mr. Cavazos said he wanted to win another gold medal, like the one he earned at a South Texas regional competition in the 1500-meter run. He showed off his form by running in place.

His coach, James Cobb from Highland High School, said the athlete was so enthusiastic about running, that sometimes he had to be pulled off the track when a race was over.

"My only concern is that he might not run as fast as he can," Mr. Cobb said, smiling. "If others are running slower, he doesn't want to be in polite and run too fast."

Athlete Charles Davis of Temple performs stretching exercises. He said even though he couldn't wait to run the 50-meter dash, it took him about 30 minutes to get out of bed after he woke up because he was tired.



Tiring? Ed Johnson of Klesh, Texas, yawns before a basketball game Thursday at the Special Olympics.



James Peacock, a resident of Devron State School, takes a swing with a mallet Thursday morning at the Special Olympics.

Photography by Allan Key, Brad Flowers,  
Steve Kasserman and Steve Delafield

# Finishing off final Olympics

By Jerry L. Reed  
Sports Editor

Freddy Wilkins was trailing the pack by at least 10 meters down the stretch during the running of the final heat of the 200-meter dash on Friday — and finished dead last.

He was the final individual to compete and finish in the final event of the final day of the Texas Special Olympics at Fouts Field on Friday afternoon.

But he said he relished every second of it.

"This was just a lot of fun, even if I did finish last," said Wilkins, who also competed in the shot put and on one relay team. "This was my first time in the Olympics and I enjoyed it very much."

Wilkins, who finished fourth in the four-man heat, said he was a little saddened that it was over, but was ready to go home to his job.

"I've enjoyed all of it and in a way, I wish it didn't have to end," said the 39-year-old Plainview native, "but I'll



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Freddy Wilkins, left, and volunteer Danka Mikeska.

be glad to get home and see my wife."

Wilkins also will return to his job of recycling materials on the highway.

"I didn't go to high school," said Wilkins. "I started having seizures in the first grade and they didn't let me go back to school."

Wilkins was one of more than 3,700 athletes who competed in Denton this week.

The Games began on Wednesday

and ended Friday afternoon with the closing ceremonies at noon.

But Wilkins and several athletes still were competing while the ceremonies were in progress.

It didn't seem to matter, because Wilkins was proud to step up to awards stand and receive a ribbon.

He also was fourth in the shot put and won a bronze medal in the relay.

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# SPECIAL JOURNEY

## Event for mentally retarded has grown from modest roots

By Nita Thurman  
Denton Bureau of The Dallas Morning News

DENTON — The first athletes and coaches who showed up for the Texas Special Olympics 24 years ago were a casual bunch in mismatched shirts and tennis shoes.

"It has come so far," Grady Ramey of San Antonio recalled Thursday, eyeing the colorful pageant of hundreds of athletes gathered on the University of North Texas football field for the 1992 Texas Special Olympics. The event will be held in Denton this year and next.

"We had about 300 or 400 competitors back then," he said. "We have about 25,000 now, and about 3,700 of them here in Denton."

Mr. Ramey, a retired military officer who

was a former physical education teacher at Abilene State School, has come the full course as well.

He first worked with Texas Special Olympics 24 years ago when the program originated as physical therapy for the mentally retarded. He didn't even miss 1984 when he had major heart surgery two months before the state finals.

"I've been a coach, on the board, games director . . . I guess you would say I've done a little bit of everything," he said. "This just brings something to a community that you don't get anywhere else."

Thursday, he pursued his duties as director of officials for the '92 summer games. He could be found throughout the day under a

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The Dallas Morning News: Ken Gilger  
Grady Ramey stands with his wife, Dorothy.

# Special Olympics official recalls games' modest roots

Continued from Page 29A. blue and white striped tent on the 50-yard line at Fouts Field or putting from track to practice field to the family center in a golf cart.

Around the track, young men in red or blue uniforms took their places at the starting lines for the 50- and 100-meter races for ages 12 to 15.

off the track, girls in the same group ran toward a sand pile and leaped, competing in the long jump. Behind the north goal post, men competed in the high jump, throwing their bodies over

the bar and landing on big air cushions.

In addition to the track and field competition, events include gymnastics, aquatics, cycling, equestrian sports, soccer, softball, basketball and tennis.

Friends and teammates in the stands cheered. Starting guns blasted. Loudspeakers blared: "This is a reminder. Brad Davis of the Dallas Mavericks is signing autographs at the top of Section D."

Wednesday, former Dallas Cowboys Walt Garrison and Cliff Davis were among the celebrity guests,

"It's all I expected . . . and more. I'm really looking forward to next year."

— Bob Castleberry, Denton mayor

along with Olympic gold medalists Rafer Johnson and Louise Ritter.

An "Olympic Village" set up around the coliseum offered a break from the athletics. Game booths lined the outside of the coliseum. Entertainers performed onstage on the west side.

The Paws Across Texas Inc. booth was a show-stopper.

The organization provides pet-assisted therapy at retirement homes and medical facilities as well as for physical rehabilitation and special education programs, said director Virginia Hyatt.

"Lady, sit up and give Rachel a handshake," she said. The little schnauzer sat up and held out her paw. Rachel grinned with delight.

"It's amazing how it helps open people up," Ms. Hyatt said. "For the first time, some of them are reaching out and touching."

Nearly everyone stopped to pat, hug or feed the big dogs lolling under the tent or to entice the dogs into doing their tricks. One young man just put a dog's head in his lap and sat there, smiling lovingly at the big animal.

Texas Special Olympics opened Wednesday night with the panoply of the Olympic festivities — a torch-lighting ceremony, the march of the athletes and fireworks.

Games continue Friday, with the closing ceremony at noon.

Denton Mayor Bob Castleberry stopped by the volunteer tent Thursday afternoon to praise the community.

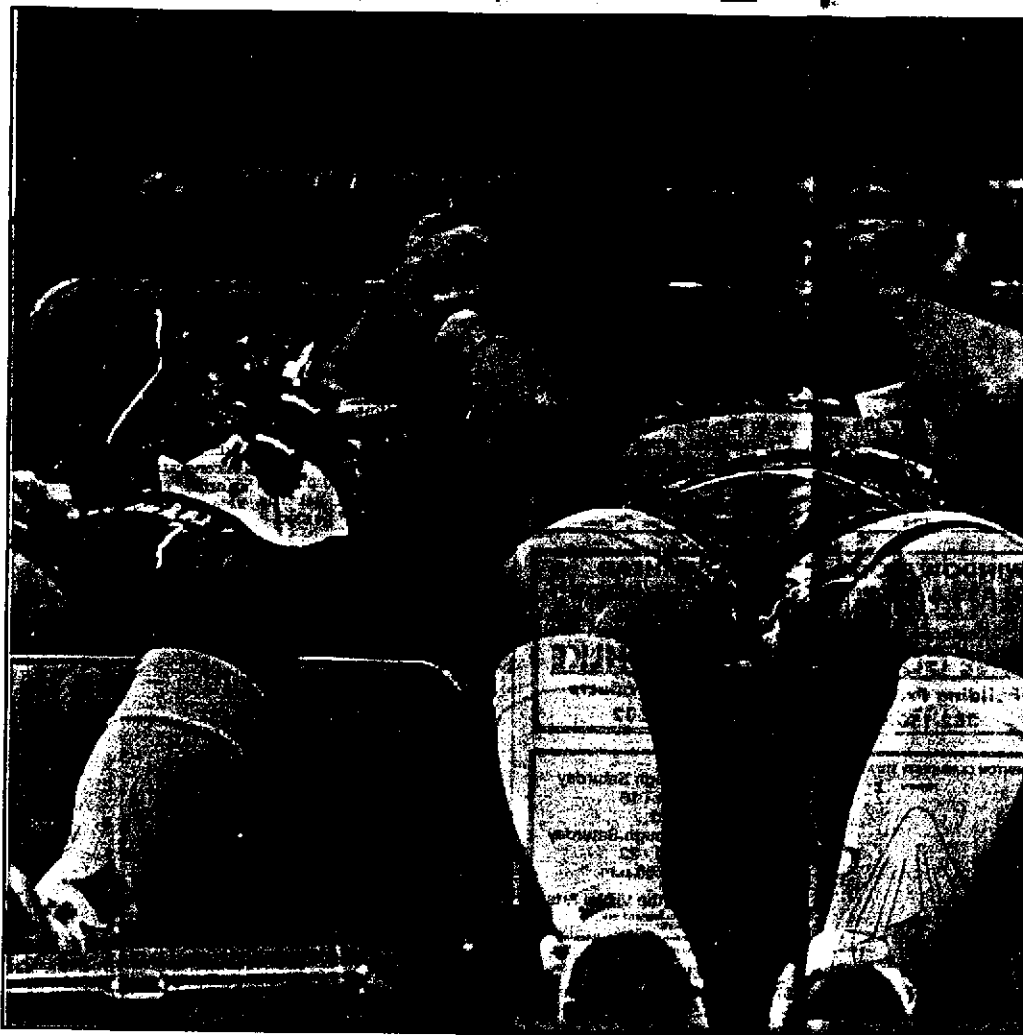
"Denton raised \$108,500," he said. "We exceeded 2,500 volunteers. We know that because we're all out of buttons" to give the volunteers.

"It's all I expected . . . and more."

"I'm really looking forward to next year. I think it's just great that the Texas Special Olympics 25th anniversary games will be in Denton."

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# Games were Special



Worn out by the day's activities, Joe Hardeman and Sean Baxter, both from San Antonio, catch a quick snooze before the closing ceremonies of the Texas Special Olympics at the Super Pit Friday afternoon.

## All declare Olympics a winner

■ PREPARATIONS under way for silver anniversary/4A

■ THE LAST finisher in the last event/1B

By Holly Becka and Dawn Cobb  
Staff Writers

Since the Texas Special Olympics opened with fireworks, it was only fitting that Friday's closing ceremonies ended with a bang — the loud popping of hundreds of balloons, that is.

After athletes formed two circles of friendship filling the Super Pit — the University of North Texas Coliseum — hundreds of multi-colored balloons showered the audience.

Athletes rushed from the pit to step on balloons as loud cheers and popping noises reverberated through the coliseum. Others rushed to grab balloons as souvenirs of the end of three days of competition in the summer games.

Pomp and circumstance, music, awards and standing



Matt Duncan, from left, Bradley Rossel and team trophy at the Texas Special Olympics Jimmy Kennedy, from Richardson, hold their Friday afternoon.

ovations created an atmosphere of elation at winning and sadness that the end of the 24th annual special

olympics was nigh.

Did they enjoy the games? "Yes!" was the resounding answer of the more than 200

parents, coaches and athletes filling one side of the coliseum.

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As names of division winners in basketball were announced, the exuberance among the athletes echoed the pride visible on the faces of coaches and parents who rushed to the pit with videocameras in hand.

One coach, Mike Bradley, didn't expect his athletes to win first place. He just wanted them to have a good time and compete at the best of their abilities.

"These guys have been together four years. They know each other's weaknesses and strengths," Mr. Bradley said of his Richardson Bulls, named after the Chicago Bulls. The team of seven won first place in Division Four in boys basketball, garnering a 2-foot trophy for their efforts.

"I had no expectations. Things all came together," he said.

The team won despite a drawback when team member Andrew Crowder couldn't compete in one of the division games because he had to work.

"We're the miracle team," he said.

In his official closing of the games, summer games director Derrell Bulls of Denton praised efforts of the many people involved in the games, both as volunteers and as participants.

"It was fortunate for us that we were able to obtain the games and have the chance to visit with each of you the past three days," he said.

When local organizers began planning the Special Olympics nine months ago, they expected about 1,800 people to volunteer their time. By the third day, more than 4,000 people were registered as volunteers, he said.

The flame that burned for three days during the games was entrusted to area law enforcement torch runners. One of them, Sgt. Ben Caperton of the Dallas Police Department, raised more than \$26,000 in donations.

Symbolizing the triumph of the human spirit, the torch will remain with the officers until May 1993, when Denton will be the site of the 25th Anniversary Texas Special Olympics.

"The theme 'Great Works of Heart' has certainly been instilled in everyone in Denton and the surrounding community," Dr. Bulls said.

"We love each and every one of you," he said.

"Come visit us next year!"

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## Everyone wins big at these Olympic games



**BOB  
ST. JOHN**

On a hot, humid afternoon in Denton during the Texas Special Olympics, contestants preparing for the 50-meter run looked toward the finish line, which must have seemed so far away, at the volunteers waiting to greet them. Now the volunteers were cheering and clapping and, of course, making them feel very proud and special. It was a simple gesture, really, but so meaningful for the mentally retarded athletes.

One runner smiled and waved enthusiastically with the only arm that he apparently could lift and another, shielding his eyes from the glare of the sun, broke into a big smile and almost seemed to be trying to jump up and down.

James Culbertson, an athlete from the Travis State School in Austin, had stumbled slightly as he made his way to the starting line but quickly righted himself and also waved to the volunteers. When the race began, Mr. Culbertson gained a big lead and a man who was dragging one of his legs, ever so slightly, fell far behind everybody. But, although his disability slowed him to little more than a walk, he gritted his teeth and tried harder than seemed humanly possible.

Perhaps 20 meters from the finish line Mr. Culbertson fell hard onto the track and the first inclination I had, as I'm sure many others did, was to rush out and help him. He didn't need or want any help. He turned onto his side, struggled back to his feet and won the heat, crossing the finish line into the open arms of the volunteers called "huggers."

### Showing true grit

"Oh, James falls down a lot but he always gets up and keeps trying," Keith Kyle, director of the recreation program at the Travis home, was saying. "You know, he uses a walker most of the time. He certainly has a lot of determination and guts, doesn't he? They all do. Yeah, he falls down a lot but always gets back up."

If you want to put your problems and ailments into perspective the Texas Special Olympics, which concluded Friday, is a good place to do it. It seems stupid now but, frankly, driving to Denton I'd been thinking how frustrating it was that an old foot injury continually bothers me when I jog. I'm ashamed to even think about that now, much less mention it.

It is just beyond my comprehension what so many of the 3,700 contestants must have gone through — just to be able to walk, for goodness' sakes, much less compete. You talk about being tough and determined...

In one of the 50-meter heats, there was a man on crutches. He finished last but he made it, which is much more important than winning. Hey, I saw a lot of contestants and not one loser.

Some had impaired vision, but it didn't stop them. They competed by holding on to a grip attached to a nylon rope that stretched from the start to the finish line.

### Reverse psychology

And there was a young woman in a wheelchair race. She was severely disabled but apparently had figured out a way she could go faster backward than forward. She still finished far behind the others but was greeted so warmly by the huggers that you could see and feel the pride she felt.

"I love doing this," said Vicki Ramsey, one of the huggers. "I'd be hard-pressed to think of something that would compare. You show them a little love and that you care and are proud of them, and they react so positively that it touches you."

"They fall, skin themselves up, but they never cry or complain," said volunteer Andrea Driskel.

And volunteer Penny Wilson said: "Their response just makes you feel so good inside. They're all winners."

Keith Kyle recalled a radio interview with a contestant five or six years ago. Asked how she had done, the girl said proudly, "I won a third place in the dash and a I won a sixth place in the standing jump."

When I walked across the stadium to the parking I wasn't about to limp on my sore foot. I sat in the car for a while and watched the contestants go by. I could not forget Mr. Culbertson or the girl who went backward in the wheelchair or so many of the other competitors. Suddenly, a young man walking, along with his teammates saw me in the car, stopped and waved and had the biggest smile I've ever seen. I will not forget that smile either.



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# Special Olympics set for 25th anniversary

By Kit King  
Creative Living Editor

As the 1992 Texas Special Olympics games conclude, staff and volunteers look forward to 1993.

"The 25th anniversary will be a year-long celebration ... with a tremendous spectacle at the summer games in Denton," said Henry Rosen, member of the TSO board and chairman of the public awareness committee.

The silver anniversary theme will begin in January at the TSO conference in Dallas and will continue throughout the year with events all over the state, he said.

"One of the things we want to do is emphasize ... the growth and evolution of the games over the past few years. And, how the views of the retarded have change," he said.

While plans are far from complete, a few things being considered, he said, are special honors for athletes who have participated in the olympics for many years and for celebrities who have supported the games. The possibility of a commemorative album by country and western musicians has been mentioned, as well.



Music and current events from 1968 will be featured and some of the police officers in the torch run might wear uniforms from 1968.

"All existing activities will have a 25th anniversary theme," Mr. Rosen said. "We'll do some commercials and public service announcements. And, we're talking to trading card companies ... to produce a special 25th anniversary series with proceeds going to the olympics."

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## Silver

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While the celebration will be state-wide, much emphasis will be put on Denton, according to Mr. Rosen.

"We want to get the Denton community actively involved," he said.

Tom Wancho, director of public awareness, said the games this year had gone very well, noting that the number of volunteers increased every day.

"That means people volunteered and told their friends how wonderful it was and that's great. Margaret Smith (chairman for volunteers) had an enormous task and handled it very well.

"You have no idea of the relief, to come to a city not knowing what to expect and get this kind of support. The 25th will be even better."

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# Olympians one and all



At top, Lewisville Special Olympians take part in the opening ceremonies, Parade of Teams, with more than 5,000 other contestants at Fouts Field in Denton. Above left, Corina McNeice competes in the Ball Division of gymnastics. Above, Fabian Montez and Stephanie Kreng help their soccer team defeat Cyprus, 2-1, and go on to win a bronze medal in the championship round. Below left, Mandy Preston, a gymnastics competitor gets a Police Pal sticker from Sgt. Scott Cary of the Austin Police Department during the opening ceremonies Wednesday evening. At left, Erica Coil gives her

# CARRYING THE FLAME



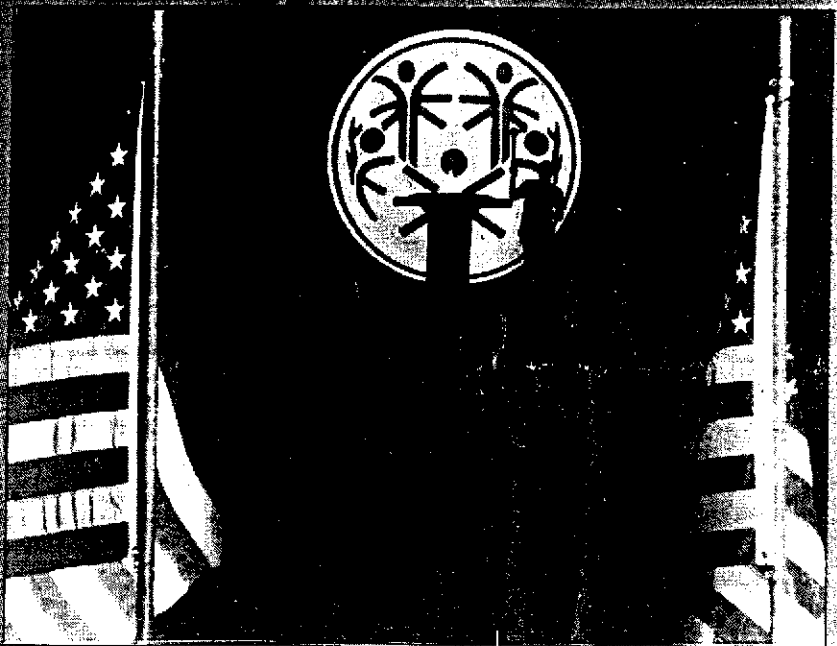
Lewisville Patron Officer Paul Nathan carries the torch through Lewisville as part of local and state level event. Nathan is one of the men who carried the torch across the state to the opening ceremonies of the Texas Special Olympics. More photos, Page 2A.

## Local team wins championship berth in Special Olympics

BY DEANNE REEKER and RACHEL BUCHBOLD Staff writers

DENTON — Debbie Rath nudges her team together between the third and fourth quarters of their final soccer game. The seven-member team is hot and tired, but they're winning 1-0. "Although we're doing a great job, it's not a great job," Rath yelled enthusiastically as she claps her hands. "Keep the same positions. Remember — defense, defense, defense." As the Five A-side soccer team from Lewisville waits excitedly for the referee to blow his whistle signaling the start of the last 10 minutes, 19-year-old Cliff Peck shakes his fist above his head. "It's time to rock 'n' roll!" he screams. The enthusiasm was contagious as the team advanced into the championship round at the Texas Special Olympics on Friday. Rath said the hard work had really paid off.

"I'm just so elated," she said. "They really work hard because they have to play almost the whole



Vern Sterman/Staff photo

Flags fly high as Tim Justin carries the torch up the steps of Fouts Field to ignite the Special Olympics flame and emblem Thursday.

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# Olympics

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game. They've improved so much and really came together as a team."

They came together again as a team — including Marcy Ellingson, 18; Stephanie Kring, 16; Fabian Montez, 15; Heidi Froes, 15 and Larry Braeden, 12 — huddled around a plastic-foam cooler filled with water. The cooler finally ended up on track coach Jim Domer, who waited good-naturedly with his back to the players until the deed was done.

"The whole goal is for the kids to have fun competing, whether they win or lose," said Domer, also the head track coach at Lewisville High School. "The looks on their faces really tell the whole story."

Although Ratti's team was going on to the championship, she said she would be proud of them no matter what they did.

"When they lose, they do get depressed. But I just explain to them how good they played," she said. "The accomplishments of these six kids is what's important."

"They've already accomplished a

trophy, and that tells them they've done the best they can do. No matter what happens," they've accomplished their goal."

Domer agreed that it didn't matter too much to the kids whether they won or lost. He said that was the different perspective the Special Olympics put on competition.

"We don't base it upon the number of gold medals, we base it on how much fun they have — and they did have a good time," he said. "There's a lot of love in these kids, and it's shown at these events we go to."

Games director Derrell Bulls officially closed the games Friday afternoon in front of hundreds of cheering athletes, coaches and families. The flame of hope was brought in by pennant-bearer Pamela Wright and Eddie Lewis and passed on to police officers from across the state.

The final leg of the torch run actually began Wednesday as police officers from Lewisville, Carrollton and other Metroplex cities converged on the parking lot of Huffines Plaza.

The officers converged on Lewisville to take part in the last leg of the North Texas Law Enforcement Torch Run benefiting the Texas

Special Olympics. More than 125 officers from 15 different agencies participated in the North Texas leg, which was one of four legs from across the state. Police officers from cities across the state carried the torch through their city in route to Denton.

Six Lewisville police officers, three Precinct 3 constable deputies and a Department of Public Safety trooper took the torch from Carrollton police Wednesday afternoon and carried it to the Lewisville Lake bridge, where it was handed off to Dallas police officers who continued the last portion of the run to Denton.

While Carrollton officers carried the torch from the south, officers from Fort Worth, Bedford, Euless, Grapevine and the Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport carried their leg of the run in from the east.

This year's torch run goal was \$250,000, and runners in the North Texas leg were able to raise \$65,000 this year. Bulls said the final amount raised was \$296,000, more than had ever been raised in a single year.

Lonnie Freeman, coordinator for the D-FW police force, said his group thoroughly enjoyed participating despite the weather conditions. "It was great," he said. "When

you are blessed with the ability to be physically and mentally well, we just feel like you should give something back. And we hope we are doing that."

Vicki Solaja of the Richardson Police Department said this is the seventh year police officers have participated in the run. The purpose of the run is to raise money for the Special Olympics. Corporations, businesses and individuals are invited to sponsor the run, teams or individual runners.

Lewisville runners were sponsored by HCA-Lewisville Memorial Hospital, GTE, Colonial Savings, Vista Ridge Mall, Lewisville Leader, Bank One, Montgomery Ward, Lewisville Office Supply, Texas-New Mexico Power Company, Shanda's Bail Bonds, Sniders Paint and Body Shop, Blue Bell Ice Cream, Wal-Mart, Kroger, Albertson's, Sack N Save, 7 Eleven, and various individuals.

The Lewisville runners included police officers Scott Corbitt, Karen Phillips, Paul Nathan, Rex George, Dale Dearing and David Hauser, DPS trooper Barry Thornton, and constable deputies Mike Green, Rick Underwood, and Jodie Harbet.



# Council new eth

By RACHEL BUCHHOLZ  
Staff writer

HIGHLAND VILLAGE City Council on Tuesday began discussing a new ethics policy for council members to follow and staff forming a committee to review city codes.

Newcomers to the council Jones and Jim Attrell were elected serve on the newly formed committee. Mayor Kay Stephens said idea came up when the council members realized how many high-profile projects the city was going to dealing with.

"We had a series of questions come up in terms of the way Upper Trinity Regional Water District was conducting business — necessarily that anything was happening, but that something happen," Stephens said. "It's such a significant amount of money they were talking about that we then they needed an ethics policy. And then the council decided it pretty hypocritical of us to do it when we really don't have one of our own."

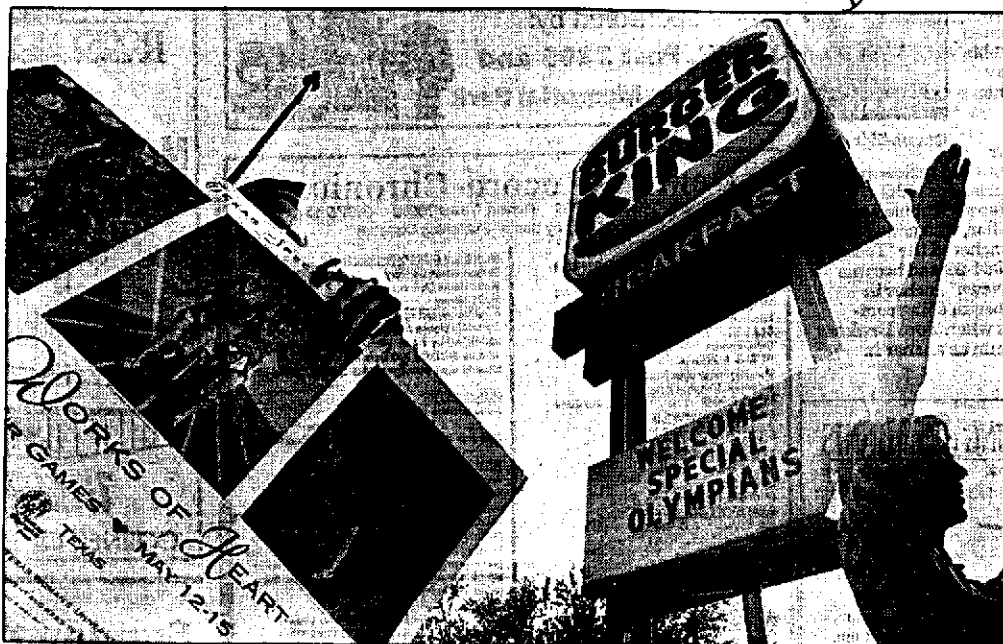
Attrell said after the committee was formed (it will also include

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# An Olympian impact

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Denton High School students Kevin Fitzpatrick, behind the sign at left, and Bryce Benton beckon to motorists at the Burger King on Eagle Drive. They volunteered to drum up business for the restaurant because it was donating 10 percent of the sales to the Special Olympics which ended in Denton Friday.

## Thanks millions, say Denton businesses

By Sharon Erickson  
Staff Writer

Starting lines and finish lines meant a boost to the bottom lines for some hotels and restaurants in Denton and Lewisville during the Texas Special Olympics.

Officials of the Olympics, which were Wednesday through Friday in Denton, estimated the event had a \$3 million to \$3.5 million economic impact on Denton.

The numbers were based on estimates from the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, said Tom Wancho, public relations director for Texas Special Olympics. San Marcos was host of the games in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

"At one time Tuesday night we had 10 buses in the parking lot," said Jon Milstead, manager of the Denton Luby's, in Southridge Village. Sales at the restaurant, which seats 300 people, probably increased 15 percent during the week compared to the same week last year, he said.

"It was a nice boost of income because always there's a lull after the colleges are out, so it came at a great time," he said.

The same lines were spoken by hotel operators.

"It's been a booming success," gushed Nancy Baertlein, general manager for the Denton Holiday Inn, at 1500 Dallas Drive.

"It has definitely helped our midweek business, not only in the hotel but also in the restaurant."

All 146 of the inn's rooms were full all three nights of the Special Olympics, she said, and she's looking forward to the same situation a year from now, when Denton again will be host of the games.

In fact, nearly every one of the city's more than 1,000 hotel rooms was full during the event, an official with the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau said Friday.

The spillover spread to Lewisville and even to points farther south. Paula Thomas, a sales manager with Lewisville's Hampton Inn, said 771 rooms were occupied in that city. Ms. Thomas worked as a coordinator in Lewisville for the event.

"We even referred people to the Best Western in Farmers Branch and the Addison Inn in Addison," she said.

Not everyone saw the seeming boom, however.

J.B. Litherland, owner of Pioneer Transfer Inc. and chairman of the equipment committee for the games, said most of the equipment, supplies and materials used in the games were donated. The city of Denton also contributed many hours of staff time.

And one restaurant operator on the downtown square, who asked not to be named, said the games hadn't brought an influx of customers there.

Stan Eberhart, owner of Stan's Shell, at Interstate 35 and U.S. 380, said he recorded no increase in gas or service sales as a result of the games.

"There isn't a car on the place," he said about 1:30 p.m. Friday.

That lack, however, didn't sour Mr. Eberhart on the games or the premise of the city being host to such events.

"Even if my business isn't benefitting, I feel somebody's is," he said.

And eventually, he said, the boost to their bottom lines might improve his.

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## Special athlete



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Bert Pious, left, helps Lisa Sherman with her gymnastics work-out prior to the Texas Special Olympics in Denton, which concluded Friday.

Athletes from all over the state poured into Denton May 13-15 for Texas Special Olympics at Fouts Field to compete in track and field, cycling, swimming, gymnastics, equestrian, tennis and other events.

Lisa Sherman, a member of the Denton Dynamo gymnastics team won overall gymnast in her category along with several gold, silver and bronze medals.

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# Partyline

by Kit King  
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## Victory rock

If you thought the Special Olympics athletes were good at their sports you should have seen them dancing.

Rockin' and rollin' to the music of "The Big Chill" Thursday night at Fouts Field, they showed off their medals and their fancy steps. It was truly a "victory" dance for everyone.



Chris Fox



Abigail Whittus, Melinda Morrow  
and Lori Dubuque



Richard Baker and P.K. Barnett



Lonnie McNeil  
and Laurie Cofer



Krista Biffle and Jessie Ramirez



Lewisville News 5/20/92

# Lewisville athletes take special awards at state Olympic meet in Denton

## Staff report

Members of the Lewisville Special Olympics team brought home several medals from last week's Texas Special Olympics competition.

One of the biggest winners from the Lewisville contingent was Brenda Hill. The youngster earned a pair of gold medals with her performances.

Hill finished in the top spot in both the 50-meter dash and the softball throw.

Erica Coil was the gold medal winner in the 25-meter walk. She took fifth in the tennis ball throw.

In the boys shot put competition, Tommy Edgerton's throw was good enough for a fifth-place finish. Edgerton finished sixth in the 100-meter dash.

Dillon Elrod had a pair of high finishes during the three-day competition. Elrod outdistanced all others in the shot put. He took second in the 100-meter dash.

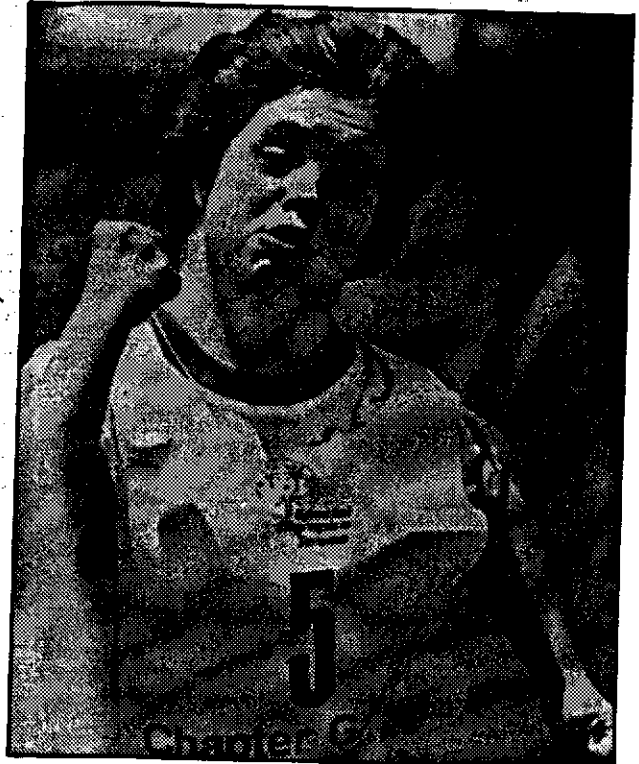
The 50-meter, motorized wheelchair slalom was won by Gail Gaulke. Her toss in the tennis ball throw earned the Lewisville Special Olympian a third-place finish.

Paul Hernandez was a bronze medal winner in the 50-meter dash. He placed fifth in the softball throw.

Josh Reeves earned another gold medal for the Lewisville team with his win in the 50-meter dash. His leap in the standing long jump was enough for a sixth-place showing.

A bronze medal in the tennis ball throw went to Lewisville athlete Jamie Somers. Somers also placed fifth in the 25-meter walk.

Breezy Stone blew to a first-place finish in the 50-meter dash. In the softball throw, Stone tossed



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*Lewisville's Breezy Stone won the 50-meter dash at the Texas Special Olympics in Denton last week.*

for a third-place effort.

Laura Wells won the tennis ball throw, and mastered the 50-meter motorized wheelchair slalom in quick fashion for a third-place finish.

The events took place at Fouts Field on the campus of the University of North Texas and also on the Texas Woman's University campus in Denton.





Scott Murray (right) with Raymund, one of Scott's Kids

PHOTOGRAPHY BY PAULA NELSON

# SCOTT MURRAY

## Serving up sports with a healthy dose of charity

**F**ORT WORTH — For Scott Murray, a recent day went something like this:

9 a.m.: Mr. Murray meets with supporters in Dallas, to discuss forming a charitable foundation bearing his name.

10:30 a.m.: Mr. Murray takes the stage at a Fort Worth elementary school, to talk about the dangers of doing drugs.

Noon: Mr. Murray emcees the Fort Worth Osteopathic Medical Center volunteer awards luncheon at River Crest Country Club.

Three events in two cities in one morning is enough to exhaust the most committed community servant — but Mr. Murray, Consummate Volunteer, is just getting warmed up. Later that same day he heads back to Dallas to host the NFL Alumni Association banquet.

He'll finally make it home around midnight — because in between charitable appearances, Mr. Murray pops by KKAS-TV, Channel 5, to anchor the sportscasts.

And this, Mr. Murray says with his trademark cheer-

fulness, is a slow day.

Scott Murray's vocation is broadcasting sports news. His avocation is community service.

For the past 11 years he's mixed the two so thoroughly that it's virtually impossible to tell where the professional begins and the philanthropist ends.

For instance, Mr. Murray frequently broadcasts one or more of his shows from remote locations, where he may have exceed a banquet or hosted a roast. Every Tuesday, he anchors *Scott's Kids*, a program segment seeking adult volunteers for the Big Brothers and Sisters program. And often his broadcasts include pitches for various projects, such as a golf tournament he's hosting or a Special Olympics event he's working with.

As a broadcaster, his community work is both a benefit and a disadvantage. It gives him a high recognition factor among viewers, but at the same time it limits his time at the station. Though he has won his share of awards, including "Best Sportscast in Texas" from the Associated Press and United Press International, critics say his sportscasts are often marred by bumbles and

gaffes, possibly because he spreads himself too thin.

"Scott's heart is in the right place," says his main competitor, Channel 5 sportscaster Dale Hansen. "His (filmed) highlights usually aren't — but his heart is."

Mr. Murray may not be the leading sportscaster in town, but when it comes to community service he has no peer. Last year he says he made more than 850 charitable appearances and meetings. His two-page resume contains 20 lines of personal and professional information — and 51 lines detailing his community involvement.

Charity spokesmen for everything from Ronald McDonald House to the National Paralysis Foundation say he gives his time as well as his name, and his involvement brings in countless volunteers and donations.

In Arlington, for instance, volunteer recruitment for the Big Brothers and Sisters program is up 56 percent since the 1990 debut of *Scott's Kids*, says executive director Sarah Knotts. She attributes much of the increase to Mr. Murray.

"He's making a difference — he's really making a difference in this world," Ms. Knotts says. "Lots of us live

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BY DIANE JENNINGS

## SELF PORTRAIT

## An ongoing juggling act for Channel 5's sports anchor

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our lives and make minor differences, but he's changing lives."

Changing lives is exactly what Scott had in mind while growing up in Spencerport in upstate New York. As a child, he aspired to become a pediatrician. "I thought if I was a doctor, I could make people better," he says.

He also dreamed about becoming a baseball player, emulating his childhood hero, Mickey Mantle. But "I was never the star athlete," he says, and he quickly realized his athletic limitations.

Like a true baby boomer, Mr. Murray paints his childhood in Technicolor hues. "People make fun of *Father Knows Best*," Mr. Murray says, referring to the popular family sitcom of the '50s. "But you know something? My dad was . . . Mr. Anderson. I was Bud. And my two younger sisters were (the other characters). There were a great number of analogies on that thing."

The Murrrays lived a middle-class life, with the father working as an engineer and the mother as a full-time homemaker. Scott brought home average grades, served as an altar boy at church and played drums in the high school band.

Scott says his parents stressed the idea of community service and being sensitive to others less fortunate. "They were great believers in giving back. . .," he says. "Not being a go-getter, but a go-giver."

"If I'd fall down and hurt myself, I'd always tell me that's all right there's some guy out there who doesn't have a leg to brush off. They were always reminding me that there was somebody else out there a little worse off than I was. I was always eating my dinner because of those poor kids in Biafra."

After graduating from high school in 1966, Scott enrolled at the nearby University of Rochester, where he majored in psychology. To earn extra money he worked as a counselor at a home for emotionally disturbed children and played in bands, where he not only beat the drums but introduced each song.

Then one day he heard a radio ad inviting listeners to "enjoy the incredibly fun life of a disc jockey." Scott auditioned and got the job. "It wasn't a career shift at all," he says. "It was fun."

His first broadcasting position was as a disc jockey with the radio name of "Mike Melody," host of the "Melody Corner." "I had to say, 'Wellllll, we've got the BeeGees up next. This goes out from Bob to Sue.'"

His debut was not particularly auspicious, however. Scott remembers that his mother told her friends to listen for him on the radio—but because of the pseudonym, no one recognized him. And when she told them that Mike Melody was actually Scott Murray, one man offered some advice.

"Tell him," the friend suggested, "he needs to learn to swallow his

spit better."

During his early days as a DJ, Mr. Murray had no intention of abandoning his dream of a medical career. But when he was just one semester short of graduation he was offered a full-time radio job. He took it, intending to return to school eventually.

The more time he spent in broadcasting, however, the more it interested him. In 1974, Mr. Murray moved to a larger station in Albany, New York. There he eventually persuaded station management to let him move from the entertainment side of the business to news.

"Back then it was a kid's business," he says of his DJ work. "You weren't a disc jockey when you were 30 years old. You just weren't. And I thought to myself: 'I'd better grow up.'"

He left music behind to work as a morning drive-time newscast. In his spare time he put together a high school "Game of the Week" package for another radio station, providing everything from play-by-play commentary to narrating commercials.

After several years on the radio, Mr. Murray set his sights on television. "If I don't get into TV," he told himself, "I may as well go back to school and be a doctor."

His opportunity came in 1976 when he heard a local television station had an opening for a weekend sports anchor. He won the job, which paid \$25 a show, and continued doing radio during the week. Three months after being hired as a weekend TV anchor he was promoted to full-time status.

As he broke into television, Mr. Murray's dreams of medical school faded. When one veteran newscast suggested he return to school, Mr. Murray replied: "I'll second-guess myself forever if I don't do this. I know that I'll be a good doctor. I know I can relate to children. I know I can do those things. But I don't know if I can do this."

When another friend, a nun from the home for emotionally disturbed children where he had worked, questioned the value of being a sportscaster compared to a physician, Mr. Murray told her he envisioned television as a public platform he could use to benefit thousands instead of a handful. "Instead of being just one doctor that treats kids for the measles, the mumps and the chicken pox seven days a week," he suggested, "I could share something greater."

Once firmly ensconced in television, Mr. Murray ratcheted his dreams up a notch. "I was going to be the next Brent Musburger," he says, referring to the network sportscaster.

And for a while he appeared to be headed that way. When he had less than a year's experience in television, he was contacted by headhunters for both CBS and NBC. Mr. Murray stayed put in Albany, however, to take advantage of the



On the air at Channel 5

## Douglas Scott Murray

**Date and place of birth:** August 21, 1950, in Spencerport, New York.

**Occupation:** Sportscaster.

**Nickname:** They used to call me Scooter when I was in school.

**My friends like me because:** I have a good sense of humor and I get tickets for them.

**My worst habit is:** I don't know how to say, "No."

**My epitaph should read:** He tried to make the world a better place.

**The best days I ever had were:** The day I got married and the birth of my two children.

**The worst job I ever had:** Flipping pizzas in a college pizza parlor then learning after I finished that night that I

was also responsible for cleaning the bathrooms.

**My pet peeves are:** Laziness and dishonesty.

**I'm proudest of:** My two children.

**My heroes are:** My parents.

**My ideal vacation is:** Any place at a quiet lake or in the mountains.

**If I could invite anyone to dinner I'd have:** Walter Cronkite, Abraham Lincoln, Lou Gehrig, Byron Nelson, Jesse Owens, Paul McCartney, David Letterman, Winston Churchill, Charles Lindbergh, Dick Clark and Princess Diana.

**I drive:** A BMW and a truck.

**Behind my back, people say:** I should slow down and relax.

opportunity to cover the 1980 Winter Olympics in nearby Lake Placid. As soon as the Olympics ended, he told network representatives he was ready to leave. Three months later he was working at a network-owned station in Washington, D.C.

That job didn't work out because of a personality conflict, he says. A year later Mr. Murray was on the move again. This time he landed in Fort Worth, at NBC affiliate KKAS.

Besides wanting out of Washington, Mr. Murray wanted to be a sports director, not just a reporter, in a Top 10 market. One condition of his contract with KKAS was that he be allowed to do an expanded edition of sports news on Sunday nights. Though such shows had been done in other markets before, Scott Murray's *Sports Extra* was the first of its type in the Southwest, and was quickly copied by other local stations.

His work brought him both applause and criticism. For instance, in a 1983 *Dallas Morning News* sports fan poll, one reader wrote "Scott Murray is in a league all alone. I can't rate the other sportscasters since they are minor league." But another wrote, "Forget teacher pay raises. The Legislature ought to call a special session to investigate how Murray keeps his job."

At first Mr. Murray hoped to stay a couple of years, then move on to

the network. But by the mid-'80s, a network career was appealing to him less and less. Cable television had sapped much of the network's sports clout, and the prospect of constant travel bothered him.

He finally shelved his plans for a network stint after talking with baseball legend Carl Yastrzemski. He interviewed Mr. Yastrzemski as his athletic career was winding to a close. Mr. Yastrzemski's son had just been drafted by his father's team, the Boston Red Sox. Mr. Murray recalls, and there was a slim chance that the two might play together. Mr. Murray asked Mr. Yastrzemski how he felt about that possibility.

"You got any children?" Mr. Yastrzemski asked.

"Yes, sir," Mr. Murray replied. "Well, this is what I think of it. Maybe you'll be able to understand this. My son is 23 years old and I'm looking forward to getting to know him."

"When he's home for summer vacation," Mr. Yastrzemski said, "I'm always on the road playing baseball. . . . And when I'm home in the off season, during the winter, he's almost always off at school doing this and doing that. I'm looking forward to getting to know my son."

"That," Mr. Murray says, "just hit me like a boulder."

Mr. Murray's study at his expan-

sive home in Colleyville is jammed with plaques and trophies from various community groups he's helped. But he says the award that means the most to him—next to his Most Valuable Player Award from his first Little League team—is a small paperweight that says "Dallas Best Dad." The award was given to him last year, along with two other fathers, by the Neurofibromatosis Foundation.

Scott married Carole Lacagnina in 1972, after they were introduced by a friend. Both Murrrays say it was clearly a case of opposites attracting. Carole is a reserved, private person with no interest in sports. Scott is a genial optimist who still enjoys a good game of basketball, tennis or racquetball.

Son Doug was born the year after they married, and daughter Stephanie followed in 1978. Family has always been his first priority, Mr. Murray says, but because sportscasting includes night and weekend work, he didn't see much of his children when they were younger. "We'd go to church on Sunday, we'd come home, we'd have dinner. . . and I did not see them until the following Saturday morning," he says.

He spent "quality time" with his kids, Mr. Murray says. "It didn't mean I didn't talk to them. I just didn't see them awake. I still, until this day, go in and give Stephanie a kiss every night."

Son Doug says, "We used to speak on the phone a lot, and you can always turn the TV on, and there he was."

Mr. Murray has a hard time pulling himself away from his job. Station manager Doug Adams says Mr. Murray is so dedicated to his work that people who don't know him might assume he doesn't have a family. Mr. Murray could give up his 5 o'clock broadcast, Mr. Adams says, but doesn't want to. Neither does Mr. Murray take his allotted vacation time. Of the five weeks vacation he is entitled to each year, Mr. Murray estimates he takes two.

Even then he doesn't leave work behind. He stays in touch with the office, and when he recently took a week off during his daughter's spring break, "I was always thinking," he says. "I was looking at my watch. . . . And that's a fault."

Whenever possible, Mr. Murray has included his children in his activities. He often took them along on interviews and to training camps, and worked his schedule around theirs. Though he regrets being unavailable to coach their athletic teams, he tries to attend as many of their sporting events as possible. "We had a father-son basketball game at my school," Doug says. "He scheduled it so he could do his show at the gym."

Scott is a workaholic, says his mother, Marjorie. And though she and his father wanted to instill a sense of community obligation in him, today "we always want him to slow down a little bit and remember that charity begins at home," she says.

His community involvement also cuts into family time, but again Mr. Murray chooses to include his family rather than reduce his efforts.

"When he does a lot of these things, we all go along with him,"

says Carole Murray. "And the children get to do a lot of things that most people would not be able to do."

"It's a great eye-opener," Mr. Murray explains. "You know parents can preach to their kids, they can do this and do that but it's great to just take your kids and put them in an environment or in a situation and let them see with their own two eyes how people react. I take them to the cerebral palsy games and they see children that can't pick up a fork or that can't get from Point A to Point B without somebody pushing their wheelchair."

Their somewhat scattered family life is completely different from the togetherness he experienced as a child of the '50s, but the results seem to be the same. Scott notes proudly that his son was named volunteer of the year when he was in junior high. And Doug, 19, also is planning a career in broadcasting. "I've seen what he's done," Doug says of his father, "and I want to do what he did."

Scott Murray sits on the elementary school stage, wiggling his fingers under his chin and waving at the audience full of children. After being introduced, he asks, "How many winners do we have here?" and then goes on to give the meaning of each letter in the word "winners."

W is for work, I is for integrity, N is for Nice, N is for never say never, E is for education, R is for respect, S is for Special.

During his speech he tells the kids to call him if they need someone to talk to, and relates a story about how he said no to drugs when he was growing up.

At age 41, Mr. Murray appears to epitomize clean living. He says he's never used drugs, doesn't smoke and doesn't drink alcohol, except for an occasional glass of wine. He also watches what he eats, and restricts displays of temper to words like "goah."

That kind of Mom-and-apple-pie approach, combined with his Dick Clark-like looks and his gee-whiz demeanor, has given Mr. Murray a reputation as the Boy Scout broadcaster. He says that squeaky-clean image may have hurt him in the often cynical world of journalism, but it's one he's proud to have.

"I think our world would be a better place in which to live if we had a few more people like that," he says.

He doesn't even mind that he is perhaps better known for his charitable work than his sportscasting. "To me the word 'cares' is the most important word in the English language," he says earnestly. "It doesn't matter what profession you are, what color you are, what race, religion, whatever. If you don't care about what you're doing, or where you are, or who you are, nothing else much matters. Basically I want to be known as someone who cares."

And in case people don't know what that means, Mr. Murray spelled it out during the volunteer luncheon: C is for courage, A is for attitude; R is for responsibility and respect; E is for education and enthusiasm; and S is for special.

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Paul Iverson/Dallas Times Herald

### Carrying the Special Olympics torch

From left, Matt Duncan, Kris Kivlehan, Kent Kurzius and Dallas police Sgt. Ben Caperton carry the Texas Special Olympics torch, followed by 55 police officers from the

Dallas area, at Monday's kickoff of the Law Enforcement Torch Run at Dallas City Hall Monday. Officers will run the torch to San Marcos to start the state Special Olympics.

# Special Olympics competition in progress



Special Olympians from Cypress Fairbanks defend against Aldine High School, Houston, Wednesday afternoon at the compete for soccer honors. Photo by Kurt Rheinboldt.

## Quail Creek golfers take awards in May meeting; April winners announced

April playday awards were distributed at the monthly meeting of the Quail Creek Women's Golf Association May 15.

In two-best ball play on April 3, the winners were Bettye Nagy, Louise Dewalt, Villa Sorrell and Evelyn Hamlin. Cynthia Schuleman was the nine-hole flight winner with the fewest putts for the day.

Low net winners on April 10 were Nagy in championship flight, Fran Crawford in first and Bunny Stevenson in second. Peggy Van Noy was the nine-hole winner.

Nagy and Jeancette Bozeman tied for most one putts on April 17 but Nagy was declared winner after a breakdown. Trinky Craft, first flight, and Stevenson, second, were the other winners. Van Noy won

the nine-hole flight competition, changing the two worst holes to par.

April 24 competition was won by Nan Goeger in championship flight and Willie Daigle in first. Mary Oldfield and Martha Mayfield tied in second flight, but Oldfield won in the breakdown.

Nine teams played in the May 5 scramble hosted by Trinky Craft and Mercer Ballard. First place winners were Harris Mitchell, Charles Byrd, Jo Ellen Burruss and Trinky Craft.

David March, Bob Stevenson, Fran Crawford and Evelyn Hamlin came in second. Richard Hargrove, Leroy Crawford, Frances Mitchell and Maurice Mitchell were third.

The next mixed tournament will be June 2 hosted by Betty Lee.

Participants in this year's Special Olympics events this week will be honored for their endeavors Friday in the closing ceremonies.

The ceremony will begin at noon in Strahan Coliseum, and it will include the presentation of special awards, as well as live music from the Southwest Texas State University Jazz Ensemble.

"This is a very simple ceremony where all the athletes come together and are not competing but are united with the community," explained Tad Druart, chairman of the closing ceremonies committee.

"It is a very down-to-earth experience where the athletes mingle together as friends and we try to emphasize that nobody has outdone anybody," Druart said.

The athletes will parade into Strahan Coliseum and take their places of honor in the stands as the Jazz Ensemble provides background music with a patriotic beat, in keeping with the "Stars and Strides" theme of the 1991 summer games. David Jarrott, Austin radio talk show host, will serve as emcee.

The athlete who garnered the most points during the three-day competition will carry in the Special Olympics Flame of Hope and pass it on to six law enforcement officers who will carry it out of the coliseum. This will symbolically close the 1991 Texas Special Olympics summer games and begin

the next Law Enforcement Torch Run that will lead up to the 1992 summer games.

The participants will pause for a moment of silent reflection on the events, victories and memories the past three days. As colorful balloons descend from the ceiling, the Jazz Ensemble will break into a fast-paced melody of upbeat music.

Although the closing ceremonies do not have the special attractions associated with the opening ceremonies, Druart said that "there will not be one dry eye" in the coliseum before the event is over.

Druart said he encourages not only all the athletes, families, coaches and volunteers to attend the closing ceremonies, but he also extended a special invitation to members of the San Marcos community and surrounding areas to attend as well.

"This is the last opportunity for the athletes and community to come together and it's the last opportunity to show your support of the athletes and the Texas Special Olympics," Druart said. "I'd like to see four or five thousand people filling the stands."

Previous to the noon ceremonies Friday, final competition in field events, track events, gymnastics and basketball will be held.

Special Olympics is a year-round training program for the athletes that culminates in these games.



Sgt. Dan Bell of the Dallas Police Department presents a check for \$214,000 to Executive Director of Texas Special Olympics Denis Poulos and San Antonio special olympian Leonard Flowers. The money was raised through the group's Torch Run. Photo by Kurt Rheinboldt.

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# Special Olympics kick off with torch run; annual games to continue through Friday

By Dee Anna Smith  
Editor in Chief

Wednesday proved a special day as thousands of celebrants gathered in preparation for the 24th Annual Texas Special Olympics.

Many athletes, coaches, volun-

teers and families began arriving in San Marcos as early as Tuesday for the competition, which will continue at Bobcat Stadium today and Friday.

Among the earliest arrivals were an estimated 350 law enforcement officers representing departments

from throughout the state and carrying lighted Olympic torches from their home cities in relay runs.

"I thought policemen just rode around in cars all day," said former Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Tom Landry, who served as keynote speaker during a 4 p.m. press conference.

"I didn't know they were in shape," Landry quipped.

Dallas Police Department Patrolman Dan Bell presented Texas Special Olympics Executive Director

Denis Poulus and San Antonio special athlete Leonard Flowers with a check for \$214,000 raised in donations by officers participating in the relay.

The kick-off lasted into the evening with an 8 p.m. official opening ceremony that included bands, fireworks and the lighting of the Special Olympics Flame of Hope.

An estimated 3,600 athletes, assisted by more than 2,500 volunteers, will compete in track and field, basketball, equestrian, gym-

nastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, tennis and volleyball events over the three-day period.

In addition to athletic competition, athletes and their families will have the opportunity today to visit the Olympic Town, located in Sewell Park. The Olympic Town will feature games, clowns, a petting zoo and dunking booths, as well as live musical entertainment.

Friday, special athletes can look forward to the Texas Special Olympics Victory Dance. The Austi-

based group Hotcakes will provide the music for the event. The Hotcakes are known for their musical interpretations of songs by the Beatles, Rolling Stones and the Beach Boys.

The dance is limited to competitors, their coaches and families.

The theme for the games is "Stars and Stripes." This is the third year San Marcos and Southwest Texas State University have hosted the event. The public is encouraged to attend.



Former Dallas Cowboys Head Coach Tom Landry was the keynote speaker at Wednesday's Press Conference for the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games. Photo by Kurt Rheinboldt.



Law enforcement officers from across the state converged on Sewell Park Wednesday afternoon in preparation for ceremonies marking the beginning of the 24th annual Texas Special Olympics. The officers

participated in the Torch Run, a fundraising relay in which teams of officers ran from their hometowns to San Marcos. Photo by Kurt Rheinboldt.

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## Special gymnasts score big in Denton

### Staff report

Gymnasts from the Lewisville Special Olympics team combined to bring home 20 medals from competition last weekend at the Texas Special Olympics.

In team soccer competition, the Lewisville squad roared through match play to a bronze medal finish.

Melissa Jones was a big winner for the Lewisville contingent. Jones won a  
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pair of golds and three bronze medals. She also had a fourth-place finish.

Aysla Diarchangel was another five-medal winner. The Lewisville athlete grabbed a pair of first-place finishes and three silver medals.

Also earning five medals was Mandy Preston. The youngster took one gold medal and a whopping four silver medals.

Earning a gold and two silvers was Corina McNeice. She also had a fourth-place showing.

Amy Rice was awarded a gold medal and also a bronze. In other gymnastics competition, Rice had two fourth-place finishes and a sixth-place showing.

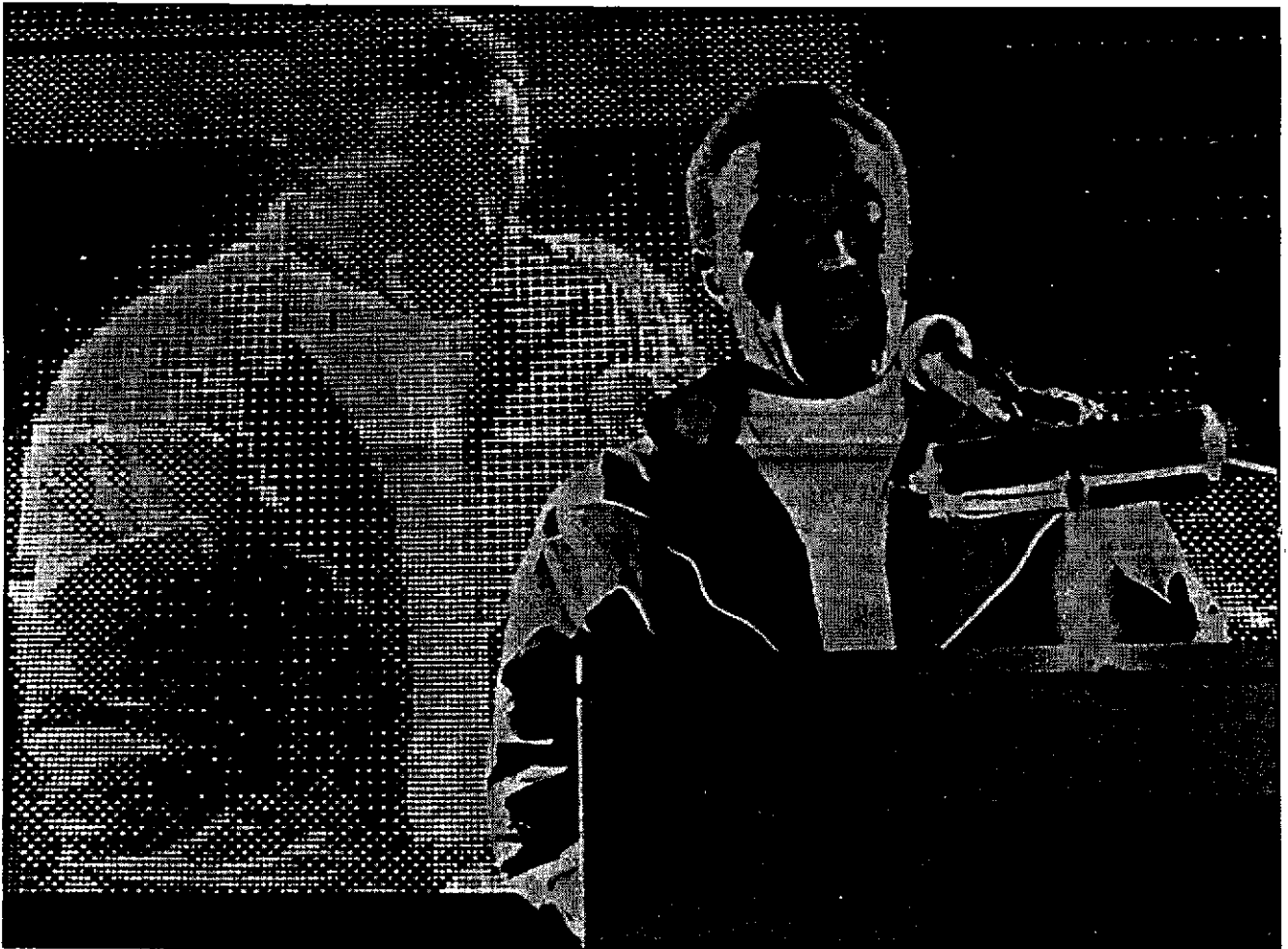
Heather Throckmorton earned a silver medal, and also had fine showings throughout the competition with a pair of fourth-place finishes, a fifth-place showing and a sixth-place effort.

Members of the bronze-medal winning soccer team are Larry Braden, Clif Peck, Marcy Ellingson, Heidi Froess, Fabian Montez and Steph Kring.

In individual soccer skills, a pair of Lewisville athletes walked away with medals. Chris Carson and Manny McClellan each earned awards in the event.

The Texas Special Olympics Took place in Denton on the campuses of the University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University.

# June 4, 1968



DEPTON RECORD-CROWLEY/BRAD FLOWERS

1960 Olympian gold medalist Rafer Johnson said the memory of Robert Kennedy's death is still very much alive within him.

## Former Olympian reflects on RFK's death

By Jerry L. Reed  
Sports Editor

**T**wenty four years ago today, former Olympic decathlon champion Rafer Johnson helped stop an assassin's bullet from killing someone else.

And he still thinks about it.

"The memory never leaves you," said Johnson. "I still can see it in my mind, his body sprawled out on the floor."

The "body" belonged to Sen. Robert F. Kennedy, a Democratic

presidential candidate who had just finished a victory speech in the California primary.

Kennedy was shot at 2:15 a.m. (CDT) as he entered the kitchen of the Ambassador Hotel in Los Angeles.

He died the next day.

Johnson, the 1960 Olympic gold medal winner in the decathlon, helped wrestle away the gun, which fatally wounded Kennedy.

Johnson and former Los Angeles Rams defensive tackle Roosevelt Grier, Kennedy bodyguards, grab-

bed the gunman — later identified as Sirhan Bishara Sirhan — and it was Johnson who finally took the gun away.

"Rosey grabbed the guy first," said Johnson, who was here last month as a guest speaker for the Texas Special Olympics. "Rosey actually got to the gun first. I then put my hand on top of his (Grier's). I then told him that I had it and he let go."

Johnson and Grier eventually slammed the assailant on the flat kitchen table where he could be

detailed.

Johnson, 55, said all the good memories he's had in track and field still pale in comparison when he thinks back to 24 years ago today.

"I've had a lot of great moments in sports," said Johnson. "Things like being the captain of the U.S. Olympic team in 1960 and carrying in the flag, winning a silver medal in the decathlon in 1956 and carrying the torch in the 1964 Olympics all were memorable."

Unfortunately, so was June 4, 1968.

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## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# City restores visitor's faith

**O**n May 13, my trip to your city could have been traumatic as well as expensive. However, thanks to some local good Samaritans, the trip turned out well.

I traveled to Denton to be a Special Olympics volunteer, but when I got ready to leave, my car battery was dead. A husband of one of the Pillsbury volunteers (Stephen) spent a great deal of time trying to charge my battery. He could not resolve the problem, so he took me downtown to Beck's Garage.

Mr. Beck had one of his mechanics, Lonnie, take me to my car and get it started. I then followed him to Beck's Garage, where they charged my battery some more.

After all his effort, Mr. Beck told me there

was no charge since I was volunteering my time to Special Olympics.

It is uncommon today to find people or companies who visit with strangers or offer help without expecting some benefit in return. My faith in mankind's potential to be caring and giving has been restored. I could have been stranded in Denton with no car, and Mr. Beck could have taken financial advantage of the situation.

I believe my experience is a positive reflection on the town of Denton as a whole. I thought the people of Denton should know about the good Samaritans working on their behalf.

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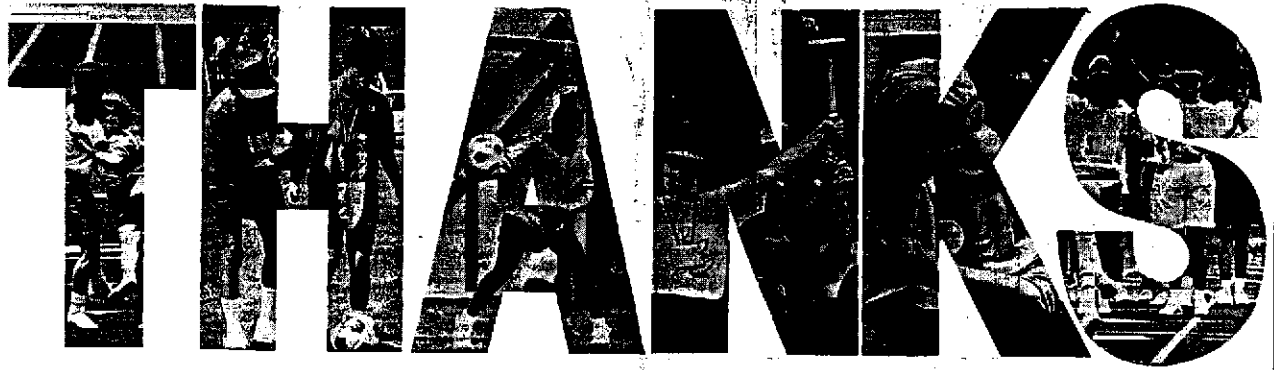
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*Shannon Kazmiroski from the Special Pal Riding Club in Houston carries Keith Payne of Houston during the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games, held May 12-15 in Denton.*



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## SPECIAL OLYMPICS

# At work at play

*Getting ready  
for games took  
elbow grease*

By Todd Davis  
Contributing Writer

**T**he Texas Special Olympics, which began this morning, is a special time for the people involved. For the coordinators of the event, it also can be hectic.

### ■ SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/2B

"This place is really going to be a three-ring circus for about four days," said George Young, director of competition for the olympics and an assistant athletic director for the University of North Texas.

Coordinators of housing for athletes and of the events worked for weeks preparing.

About 3,700 athletes and their

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Billy Whitfield (left) and Manuel Perez raise a rest-area tent near Fouts Field for the athletes participating in this week's Special Olympics.

## Olympics

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coaches are in Denton for the games, which run through Friday.

Young said organizing the event was staggering.

"Just the sheer numbers are incredible," he said. "It really takes a lot of planning ahead to be able to get things ready."

Basketball is played on all four courts of the Physical Education Building and the court in the Men's Gym, and soccer teams play on the grass

practice fields next to Fouts Field on the UNT campus.

Gymnasts perform on the floor of the Super Pit, tennis players compete at all the tennis courts, and track and field athletes compete at Fouts Field.

"The entire campus is going to be a beehive," Mr. Young said.

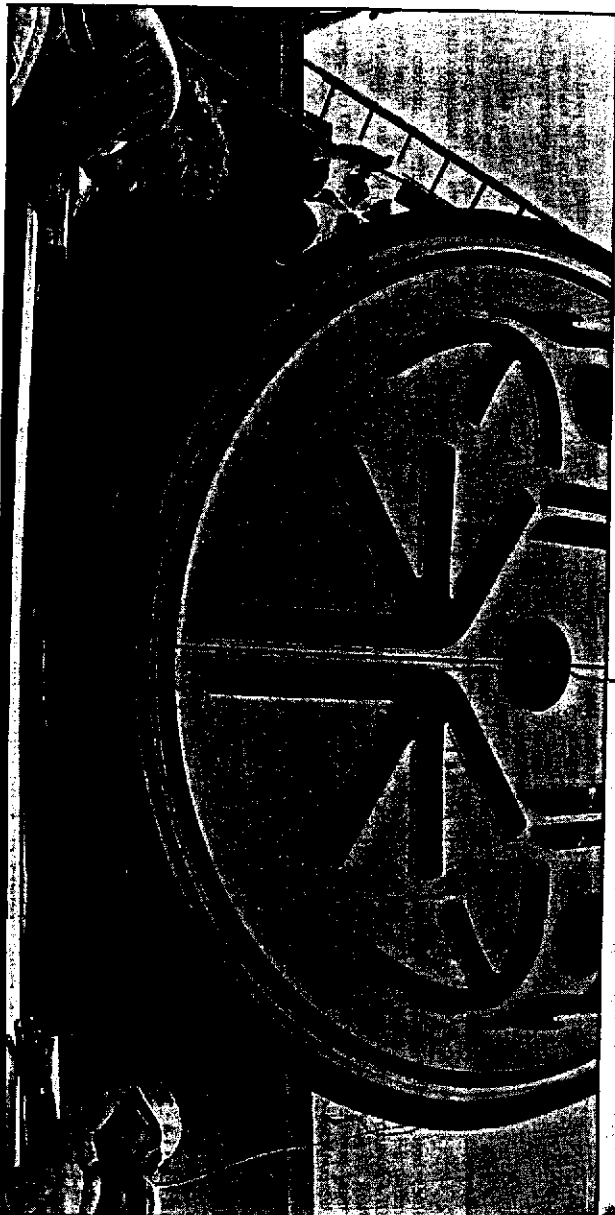
About 2,500 people from the Metroplex have volunteered to help with the games, so no extra staff had to be hired.

The track was the only

athletic facility that needed work before the games, to accommodate the needs of wheelchair athletes. UNT President Al Hurley used \$27,000 from a special fund to pay for resurfacing and repainting portions of the track.

Residence Hall Dining Services will feed 3,000 athletes. Mary McCutcheon, director of the service, said the halls offer meal packages for a cost of \$21.75 each to the athletes. UNT is selling the meals at no profit.

# Let the games begin



Denton volunteers Stephen Zedler, left, and Daniel Laurinus, second from left, assist Travis Douglas, director of sports services for area, in placing a Special Olympics sign at the top of the Fouts Field east stairs Monday.

## Competition starts Wednesday

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

If you're coming to the Texas Special Olympics competition in Denton, better hurry. Parking around the University of North Texas Fouts Field this week could be a little crowded, but Special Olympics officials say don't worry.

If parking around Fouts Field is full, UNT officers will be around to direct traffic to other parking lots on the campus.

For those folks familiar with the UNT campus, avoid parking lots A and D. Be sure not to park at curbs painted yellow or in slots marked specifically as handicapped parking.

Weather also isn't expected to be much of a

problem. Pat Downey, with the Texas Special Olympics office in Austin, said heavy rains could temporarily delay some outdoor events.

### Wednesday

- WHAT: Opening ceremony for Texas Special Olympics
- WHEN: 8 p.m., Wednesday.
- WHERE: Fouts Field at the University of North Texas.

Competition begins at 8 a.m. and ends at 5 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday. Friday's competition begins at 8 a.m. and ends by 2 p.m. Admission is free.

Out-of-town visitors should take the Avenue D exit to reach the stadium for the free event featuring fireworks, calisthenics, a parade of athletes and entertainment.

Athletic competition spans eight sports including aquatics, basketball, cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer, tennis and field and track events.

About 5,200 athletes and 15,000 families and visitors are expected in Denton. Athletes will stay in five dorms at UNT. Their families will stay at TWU where information seminars are planned.

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

Denton folks have given more cash and time than anyone before them as sponsors of this year's Texas Special Olympics, officials say.

The annual athletic competition begins Wednesday at the University of North Texas campus where crowds of 20,000 are expected to watch 5,200 athletes compete in 46 events.

Monday's total of \$108,600 in cash donations exceeds by \$48,000 donations for past competitions, Special Olympics officials said.

Another \$40,000 worth of volunteer time and items could hit the total of donations to \$150,000.

Overhead banners across Denton streets announce the pending arrival of the Texas Special Olympics. The first signs of this week's event were evident in the scrubby at UNT.

Golf carts hummed across the open parking lot Monday as some of the 2,000 volunteers rushed to put up tents, hang signs and prepare for the three-day event.

Stacks of water coolers, chairs and boxes of donated items were stacked in the Fouts Field warehouse, now the hub of activity for a steering committee of local volunteers.

Several committee members repeatedly spoke of the overwhelming response from local businesses and residents.

"We call it and they donate," said Franchy Rheault, owner of Franchy's Lawn Service in Denton and a steering committee member. "No ifs, no ands, no buts. If you need it, (they) just do it." Mr. Rheault is in charge of water, security, transportation and signs.

A longtime Denton resident, Mr. Rheault said the community had a history of helping out. He referred to residents' one-day store to raise money to buy land for the Federal Emergency Management Agency to build a new facility in Denton years ago.

Local companies have donated vehicles, lawnmowers, concrete, pipes, signs, medals for winners, ropes, tennis shoes, T-shirts, medical supplies, use of portable water tanks and employees - to name a few.

"We're very pleased with the kind of outpouring of help and support," said Deans Fouts, executive director of Texas Special Olympics in Austin. "It's one of the things that attracted us to Denton."

Mr. Fouts said this year's Special Olympics was different from past years because of the level of community involvement. More local people are organizing the competition than in past years, he said.

"We're looking forward when all is said and done, that it will be a role model for future games," he said.

# Wanted: 2,500 volunteers for olympics

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

A little time and a lot of heart is all it takes to volunteer for the Texas Special Olympics, says Denton Councilwoman Margaret Smith.

About 2,500 volunteers are needed for the upcoming

Special Olympics statewide athletic competition for mentally retarded residents of Texas.

And, as of Monday, local folks have a place to visit or call for volunteer information.

For two years, Denton will host the statewide summer games. Last year, athletes

competed in San Marcos.

More than 10,000 athletes, their families and their coaches will be in Denton May 12-15, said Mayor Bob Castleberry, who in September estimated the event would create a local economic boon of \$3.5 million.

Texas Woman's University and the University of North

Texas will house, feed and find parking space for the athletes.

Sports events will be at both of Denton's university campuses.

"The immediate need is people to man this office," Ms. Smith said.

"We have several hundred who have already volunteered by phone and we need to send

them a volunteer application form."

The office is in the Denton Senior Center, at 509 Bell Ave. The office is open from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, and early callers can leave messages on a telephone-

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## Olympics

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answering machine.

Every volunteer must fill out a form, listing name, address, telephone number, age, prior experience, availability, interests and skills.

During the next few weeks, the *Denton Record-Chronicle* will include a copy of the form.

All volunteers need to attend two hours of training. Dates and times include 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. April 23 and 9 a.m. April 25 at the UNT Coliseum.

Anyone with sports experience can provide special assistance, Ms. Smith said. Athletes will compete in track, field, gymnastics, soccer, basketball, equestrian, tennis, cycling and aquatics.

Volunteers also will operate hospitality booths, direct traffic, keep time at events and control crowds.

### Texas Special Olympics

■ WHEN: May 12-15

■ WHERE: Denton

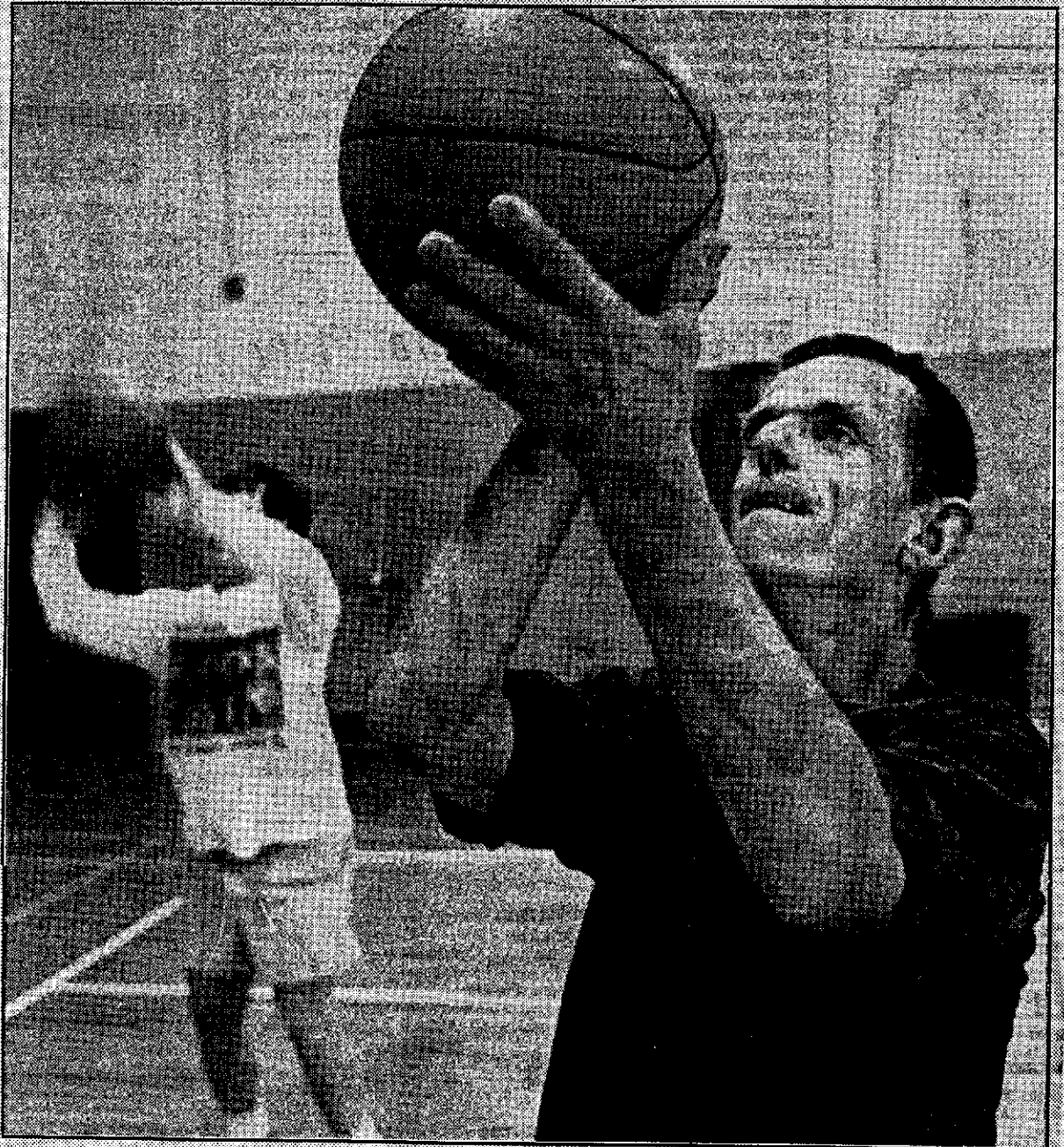
■ WHAT: 2,500 volunteers needed

■ HOW: Call 380-1856 or visit the headquarters at 509 Bell Ave. from 1 to 5 p.m. Mondays through Fridays. Entry form to be published in Wednesday's edition of the *Denton Record-Chronicle*.

Escorts are needed for each event, as are greeters to meet athletes at the finish lines, carrying on a tradition of hugs and handshakes that encourages athletes, Ms. Smith said.

"These are just some of the ideas that people might be interested in," she said. "I guess it's just a kind heart is what we need more than anything else."

## Carrying the flame



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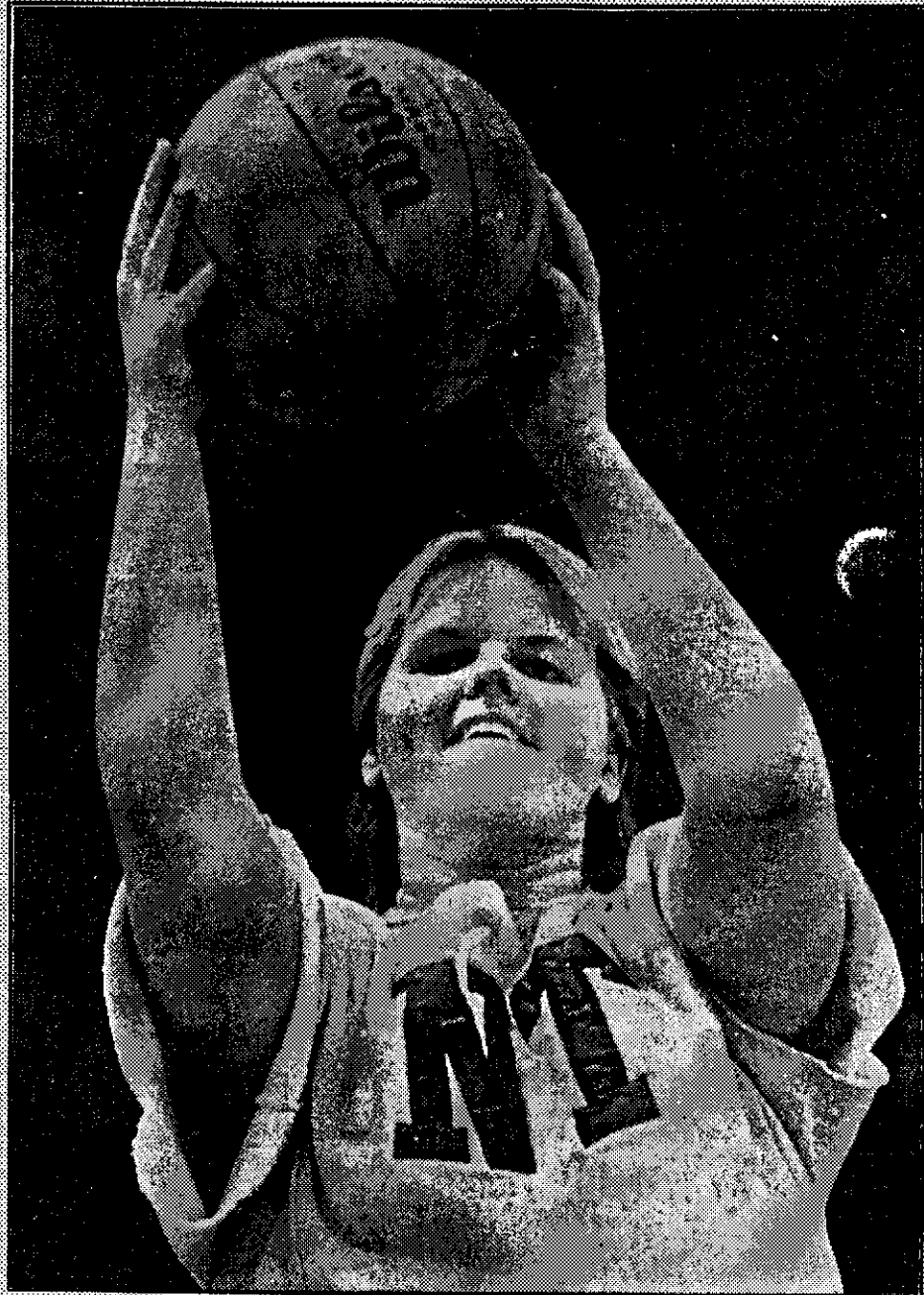
Gerald Reynolds, a member of the Denton State School Eagles basketball team, practices his shooting at a practice at Calhoun Jr. High School. His team will try to qualify for the Texas Special Olympics May 13-15 in Denton.



Gerald Reynolds has been participating in Special Olympics for the last 15 years and he seems to like basketball and bowling the best, according to his coaches. His physical skill and behavior have improved with his involvement in olympic sports. His exposure to the community has increased and his ability to interact with the public has improved and his personality has blossomed through Special Olympics.

Many special athletes have improved not only their lives, but the lives of others through this program. More than 3,000 athletes will be in Denton for the May games and the event is free and open to the public.

## Carrying the flame



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**Marnie Hewlett of Denton tries for a score at basketball practice last week. She will be competing in the Texas Special Olympics in May.**



Marnie Hewlett competes in basketball, bowling and softball as part of the Denton Dynamos Special Olympics team. According to her coaches, she's an all around athlete and one of the top players in both basketball and softball. She will be competing when the Texas Special Olympics comes to Denton May 13-15.

TEXAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

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  - This is the first year that Denton has hosted the Texas Special Olympics.
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# Equestrian likes riding for medals

By Dawn Cobb  
Regional Editor

Allison Scott has her eye on the gold medal in equestrian competition.

And, if history holds true, she might get it.

The teen competitor from Spring usually walks away from Special Olympics events with a few gold and silver medals, said her Mom, Lynn Scott, who also coaches the team from the rural town just north of Houston.

Ms. Scott joined nine competitors Tuesday at the Cauble Ranch, north of Denton on Interstate 35, in the first of eight horsemanship events during the Texas Special Olympics summer games.

Sitting astride a horse named Clair, Ms. Scott showed her four years of training in the arena for the dressage competition.

The riders must show judges their ability to control their horses through multiple starts, stops and turns.

"This kid knows what it is to compete," said trainer Sanna Roling, who trains many of the Spring Panthers team.

The Panthers train from January to May on horses owned by the San Jacinto Girl Scouts.

Among Ms. Scott's favorite events is the working trail competition, an obstacle course patterned after a weekend ride in the open fields. Many share

*This kid knows what it is to compete.*

**Equestrian trainer  
Sanna Roling**

her preference — 61 of the 65 competitors are signed up to compete in the working trail event today.

Horses are guided over a bridge to a mailbox where the rider picks up a ring and puts it over a pole. The rider weaves the horse among cones, walks it in and out of a boxed area, leads it over poles on the ground and lets the horse jog and trot before stopping.

Ms. Scott's love of horses doesn't stop in the arena, however. She collects horse posters at home, too.

Sylvia Gonzalez of Caddo Mills also competes in many of the equestrian events. Riding since the age of 8, the 23-year-old takes weekly private lessons and recently advanced to international competition in Minnesota.

Ms. Scott is riding her way in Ms. Gonzales' footsteps to international competition.

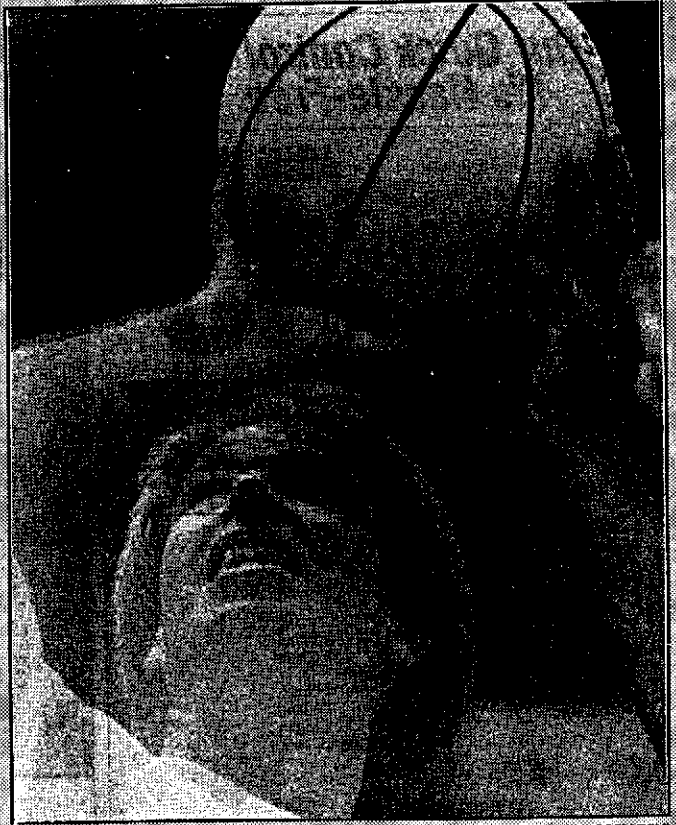
She almost qualified last year, missing the opportunity because she was younger than another equal competitor and would have more chances to advance, Mrs. Scott said.



estrian competition.

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## Carrying the flame



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Gary Sicking concentrates on the hoop during basketball practice last week with his Denton Dynamo teammates at North Lakes Recreation Center.



Gary Sicking is one of hundreds of athletes in training for the Texas Special Olympics to be in Denton May 13-15. Besides basketball, he participates in bowling, softball and he may try out for the new powerlifting team. According to Gary's coaches, he's an ideal athlete because he has a positive attitude whether he's winning or losing. In fact, he even has a positive attitude on Mondays!

# Exhibits a bonus for TWU guests

By Arnie Waddle  
Contributing Writer

A bonus for families of Texas Special Olympics athletes staying at Texas Woman's University is their access to campus exhibits and tours.

The Blagg-Huey Library alone houses several displays. Museum hours are by appointment and can be scheduled by calling 898-3201.

TWU visitors' guides are available in resident halls and at the library.

"There are homecoming exhibits on the first floor. The school uniforms on display range from 1910 to 1937," said Kim Grover-Haskins, TWU collections coordinator.

"The display also includes a costume doll collection."

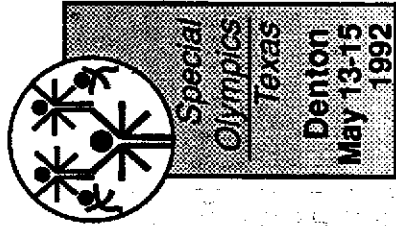
The flat dolls were created by alumnae as class projects during the '20s and '30s. An Eskimo doll stands near an 1818 wedding doll.

The class of 1942 has an exhibit on the second floor, containing programs and photographs from 1936-1942.

"Texas Women: A Celebration of History" has the chronology of women in Texas history from pioneers to politics," Ms. Grover-Haskins said.

On the second floor, the exhibit includes "crazy quilts" made by pioneer women.

"The exhibit began with the efforts of Gov. Ann Richards, who attended a function in San Antonio with her daughters and asked why women were not included in Texas history,"



said Ann Hatch, assistant director of public relations at TWU.

The display shows people the non-traditional roles women played in Texas.

Nearby, an exhibit relates women's early roles in the U.S. Air Force.

"This exhibit shows how women ferried planes and towed targets in World War II," said Dawn Letson, director of special collections at TWU.

Oveta Culp Hobby is the subject of another exhibit.

"She started WACs (Women's Army Corps), the biggest branch for women in World War II," Ms. Letson said.

Yet another collection shows women's clothing from the 1870s.

"TWU has been recognized by the state Legislature as a permanent setting for these collections on Texas women," Ms. Letson said.

They are funded by the Texas Foundation for Women's Resources.

Yet another look at Texas women can be found in TWU's collection of inaugural gowns, compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution. It includes gowns worn by Texas and U.S. first ladies.

For those who want more outdoor activities, the University Gardens and the Little Chapel-in-the-Woods offer quiet places to stroll.

A Texas-shaped pool in the center of the gardens is surrounded by wildflowers native to Texas.

The chapel, designed by O'Neil Ford and built in 1939 is listed as one of Texas' 20 outstanding architectural achievements.

Its stained-glass windows, lighting and altar fixtures were designed by TWU students to depict women's multiple roles.



Ginge Hinshaw, left, and Jo Watson pack Texas Special Olympics next week, the first-aid boxes which will be used at the

# The bandage brigade

## HCA to provide medical services

By Kit King  
Creative Living Editor

With thousands of athletes and even more spectators, the Texas Special Olympic games present a challenge to HCA Denton Community Hospital.

The hospital volunteered to provide first aid and medical services at the olympics, a task which will keep 75 to 100 people busy during the games.

But far more than that number have spent months planning and preparing for the task.

"Everything's running smoothly," according to Ellen Painter, director of marketing for HCA.

She said the medical support committee drew on information from San Marcos, where the TSO games were held in the past, as well as medical sup-

port groups from Dallas and Fort Worth who have had experience with regional games.

Because the games in Denton will be concentrated around Fouts Field at the University of North Texas, the medical team's task is simplified, said Barry Jones, a registered nurse and the hospital's director of special care services. HCA can provide service with only six sites, whereas about 10 sites were needed in San Marcos.

Each station will provide first aid supplies and will be staffed with medical personnel. A Mobile Intensive Care Unit will be stationed at Fouts Field and another will be at Cauble Arena for the equestrian events.

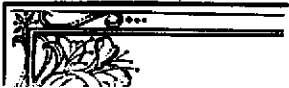
While medical support will be available in two of the athletes' dorms at UNT, Mc-

Painter said many of the teams bring their own nurses and coaches have been trained in first aid.

"We don't anticipate any, but we're prepared for major trauma," she said.

The medical team, directed by Dr. Clay Heighen, is experienced in emergency medicine and Mr. Jones said everyone felt comfortable about the arrangements that have been made.

"It's been a lot of thought and a lot of people pulling together," he said.



# Moment of glory



Dick Whiteley, front, smiles during the awards ceremonies before receiving his silver medal while Gene Schretner of Fort Hood looks on.

## Athlete refuses to quit in race

By Jerry L. Reed  
Sports Editor

**D**ick Whiteley came a long way from home just to travel 30 meters down a track and through an obstacle course.

But his smile showed it was all worth it.

And so did his silver medal. The 34-year-old athlete from Killeen competed Thursday afternoon in a two-man 30-meter wheelchair slalom at Fouts Field during the second day of the Texas Special Olympics. Today is the final day of competition.

Whiteley struggled as he negotiated the orange cones but he kept going, inch by inch, until he reached his goal.

He was minutes behind the the first competitor to cross the finish line, but he kept going.

The roar of the crowd seemed to pull him across the finish line.

Once he arrived — with the help of a volunteer's push at the end — he had met the challenge.

Whiteley, who is unable to talk, thanked the crowd with a smile.

Several community volunteers and competitors rushed to Whiteley to embrace him.

He proudly smiled as he received his silver medal during the awards ceremony. Proud faces could be seen all around him.

"He was never going to quit," said Nadine Kott, coach of the Killeen Phantoms. "He didn't care if it took him five minutes or 10 minutes, Dick wasn't going to quit."

Dick's mother, 68-year-old Lona Whiteley, never doubted her son would make it, either.

"There is no quit in him," said Mrs. Whiteley. "That's the way Dick is and he's never changed since he started competing in Special Olympics when he was about 10."

Coach Kott said Dick was one of her prize athletes.

"I think the smile says it all, don't



DICKSON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVIE DELAFIELD  
Dick Whiteley, center, makes it to the finish line.

*'He was never going to quit. He didn't care if it took him five minutes or 10 minutes, Dick wasn't going to quit.'*

**Nadine Kott  
Killeen coach**

you?" said Kott. "It is hard for Dick to move his arms and legs, but before he competes, you can tell he's fired up and ready to move."

And on Thursday afternoon, Dick Whiteley moved a lot of people when he crossed that finish line.

## Savoring the moment <sup>Vc</sup>



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*Amy Buchanan, right, head coach of the Denton Dynamos, watches team member Dana Crozier show off their trophy to the crowd at the closing ceremonies of the Texas Special Olympics Friday at Fouts Field on the University of North Texas campus.*

# TWU TIMES

TEXAS WOMAN'S UNIVERSITY

## Special Days with Texas Special Olympics Set at TWU



**T**housands of special people will flock to Denton in May — athletes, families and friends — to participate in the 24th annual Texas Special Olympics Summer Games, set May 13-15, 1992. A major part of their welcome will take place at Texas Woman's University, where many TSO athletes and their families will live during three days of ceremony, competition and celebration. The combined efforts and resources of TWU, the city of Denton and the University of North Texas brought the games to the north Texas area for the first time, and many TWU volunteers have already stepped forward to help.

"I expect thousands of people in this city will come forward to help," says Dr. Derrell Bulls, professor and chair of the TWU department of business and economics. Bulls was appointed local games director last fall, and he will coordinate volunteers for the summer games.

TWU and UNT will both provide housing, food services and parking for the games; an expected 10,000 athletes, coaches, families and others will visit Denton, as well as both university campuses. While athletic events will be held at UNT, families will live at TWU.

Approximately 3,700 TSO athletes — all with mental retardation — will compete at the summer games in Denton after they have qualified in area meets throughout the state. They will face challenges in sporting events that include aquatics, basketball, cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, and track and field. Aside from the games themselves, the athletes will participate in opening and closing ceremonies, as well as activities in the Olympic Village.

More than 1,000 family members of the Special Olympians will attend games and information seminars at TWU.

Over a two-year period, the estimated economic impact of the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games (1992 and 1993) on the Denton area is \$4 million. Approximately 15,000 spectators from the Denton/Dallas/Fort Worth area will attend the opening ceremonies, which feature the special athletes, celebrities and special guests.

To meet the needs that the games will create in Denton, Bulls is seeking 2,500 volunteers who will serve as greeters, scorekeepers, timers, race stagers and judges, plus experienced officials in all of the scheduled events. "The people of the city of Denton rise to any occasion," says Bulls. He is confident that TWU faculty, staff, students and alumni will volunteer to help during the summer games because "we know the importance of this project to the participants and to this area."

Anyone interested in volunteering for the 1992 Texas Special Olympics Summer Games can either visit the TSO volunteer center in Denton, located in the Denton Senior Center on Bell Avenue, or call (817) 380-1856. ■



# Breaking boundaries

## Texas Special Olympics keep growing, challenging mentally retarded

By Darryl Richards

Staff Writer of The Dallas Morning News

Grady Ramey, known as the Grandfather of the Texas Special Olympics, now can laugh at the misconceptions he had about people with mental retardation participating in athletics.

In 1969, it was common to put limits on what Special Olympians could do. The first games, held at Baylor, had only two sports — track and field and swimming.

The swimming events were staged across the pool lanes instead of in the lanes, because organizers doubted the athletes' ability to swim 25 meters. Officials, in fact, feared athletes were at the risk of drowning.

"In the swimming pool, we had lifeguards, and we didn't let them swim in water over waist deep," said Ramey, 68, a retired coach who in 1969 worked for a school in Abilene. "We let only the top athletes run 300 yards or more. That was our perception of their physical ability. We had a lot of fears, but they sure were proven wrong."

There will be about 3,700 athletes at the Texas Special Olympics on Wednesday through Friday in Denton. The games, which have grown about 1,000 percent in participation since 1969, are expected to bring in \$4 million to the Denton area economy.

Special Olympians continue to challenge the imagination and ignore perceived limits. They follow the rules of each sport and master new skills. For example, swimming has expanded to three events, including the 100-individual medley.

Besides track and field and aquatics, there will be basketball, gymnastics, soccer, tennis, equestrian sports and, for the first time, cycling.

"That is probably the biggest difference," said Pat Downey, Texas Special Olympics director of competition and games. "Instead of having the vast majority of athletes in track and bowling, we have them in equestrian and gymnastics. We're having more lifetime sports like tennis and softball."

Golf is on the horizon. It was a demonstration sport that received tremendous interest at the International Special Olympic Games in Minneapolis last year, and the PGA of America has given support to Special Olympics in training.

More sports will be added if the international office in Washington, D.C., receives enough requests. After one to four years on the demonstration level, a sport can become official.

For the first time in the state meet, there will be preliminary heats in some track and field events. The female 100-meter dash in the 16-21 age group and the male softball throw in the 22-29 age group will have prelims to provide for a more competitive final. All the athletes will participate in finals, but the field will be shuffled to

### TEXAS SPECIAL OLYMPICS

**WHAT:** The 24th Texas Special Olympics, being held in North Texas for the first time.

**WHO:** 3,700 mentally retarded athletes, ages 12-80.

**WHEN/WHERE:** Wednesday-Friday, Denton. Opening ceremonies Wednesday, 8 p.m., at Fouts Field.

**ADMISSION:** Free.

**SPORTS:** Aquatics, basketball, cycling, equestrian, gymnastics, soccer, tennis and track and field.

have the better athletes competing against each other. All the athletes will receive medals and ribbons for participating, which reflects the original mission of the Special Olympics.

"The prelims and finals are not to reduce the numbers but to conduct ourselves more like the governing bodies in track and field," Downey said. "You won't have somebody disappointed because they got blown away. I hope in the next three, four years all track and field events will be like that."

Cycling and equestrian events are another big jump for the athletes, because they have to show proficiency with a machine or an animal.

Thirty cyclists will participate in events ranging from a 500-meter speed trial to a 10K race.

There are seven horse-riding events, ranging from dressage to

### EVOLVING GAMES

The number and complexity of sports at the Texas Special Olympics have grown as officials have realized they placed too many limits on mentally retarded athletes. The sports offered in the past 18 years:

**1983-87** — Gymnastics, soccer and track and field

**1988** — Basketball, gymnastics, soccer, softball and track and field

**1989** — Basketball, equestrian sports, gymnastics, soccer, softball, tennis and track and field

**1990-91** — Basketball, equestrian sports, gymnastics, powerlifting, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field and volleyball

**1992** — Aquatic sports, basketball, cycling, equestrian sports, gymnastics, soccer, tennis and track and field

barrel racing. The Denton games will have 65 participants in equestrian sports.

Although the athletes are not as proficient as non-mentally retarded riders, the basic skills are there. The horses are more docile to make it easier for the athletes, who receive extensive training before they are allowed to compete.

The athletes with severe forms of mental retardation need close supervision in the equestrian events, but the slightly mentally retarded do not.

"The safety is very important to us," said Lill Kellogg, who trains handicapped and mentally retarded people to ride in Wylie. "You have to be creative and manage the dis-

abilities. To see the effort that these riders exhibit, you wish some of the able-bodied people I teach put more into it."

Sports that are not recognized by the International Olympic Committee have been dropped, including the Frisbee toss and the tug of war.

"We're trying to offer sports within the framework of international governing bodies," Downey said. "You still have people who do the 10-meter assisted wheelchair race. We're trying to appeal to the mainstream. The general public can't identify with tug of war or Frisbee. But they can identify with tennis."

There still is a place in Special Olympics for athletes on every ability level. Lower-functioning athletes can participate in new motor-activities programs, which stress learning the basic motions of a sport and are less concerned with the rules.

The future of Special Olympics includes the Unified Sports program, which teams able-bodied and non-mentally retarded athletes with the Special Olympians. There are 700 people in the program, and many of the Special Olympians participate with able-bodied siblings.

"You'll probably be seeing a lot more of that in the future," Downey said. "For the longest time, the mentally retarded were segregated from the rest of society. This allows for integration, and you might see more Special Olympians in community and church leagues."

## INFORMER

### THAT SPORTING LIFE

**D**ana Crozier says she'd feel "crummy" if Special Olympics didn't exist. She'd probably feel even crummier if her team, the Denton Dynamos, didn't exist. But thanks to her dad, Ed, and many other volunteers, the 86-member team recently competed in the 24th edition of the Texas Special Olympics Summer Games held earlier this month in Denton.

The Denton Dynamos compete year-round with other teams and are regular participants in the Texas games. The Special Olympics, established in 1968, is based on the belief that sports and physical fitness activities are critical in developing self-confidence for the mentally retarded.

*Photo from DL*  
Mr. Crozier, an assistant coach for the Dynamos, also chairs the Special Olympics planning committee. He believes the games also teach teamwork and discipline — just as they would for any other group of athletes. And given his team's participation in cycling, power lifting, softball, bowling track, basketball and



**DENTON DUO:**  
*Ed Crozier and daughter Dana*

gymnastics, the discipline is needed.

"I love bowling," says Dana, who has won two bowling trophies, a softball trophy and a bunch of ribbons and medals for various events.

"Winning makes me feel proud of myself."  
— *Cathleen Cole*

*Dallas Life Magazine*

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Take heart in job well done

**T**he Texas Special Olympics is over, but has not been forgotten. The city-wide event touched the hearts of many people. The continuous coverage by the *Denton Record-Chronicle* allowed everyone to share and be a part of the special event. Denton should be proud of what it has accomplished.

With all the turmoil in California and neighbors turning against neighbors, it was heartening to see Denton work together to host the largest event Denton has ever held. Many merchants gave not only financial support, but provided volunteers or special gifts for the

athletes, coaches or family members. Thank you to each citizen that made the event so very special, without you nothing could have been accomplished. You are the heroes.

Jane McLeod  
Denton

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### ■ Suggestions

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Inquiries, suggestions and requests to the Denton City Council may be addressed to Community Suggestion Box, P.O. Box 26, Denton, 76201.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

# Ways to live; ways not to live

### Thanks to special people

**R**ecently we returned from the Special Olympics Law Enforcement Torch Run to your city. We were one of the motor homes transporting the law enforcement officers from Lubbock. It was our responsibility to let a runner out, advance 2 miles, pick him up and let out another until all runners had reached your city, which was a three-day task. Along the way our 6.5 Onan power plant, which furnishes electricity for our roof air conditioners, had stopped working. We had only the dash air to keep my wife, myself and four law enforcement runners cool, which was not sufficient during this grueling run.

After we arrived in Denton I was referred to A&T Diesel to get it repaired. It was necessary to call several times for directions. After arriving at his place of business, this gentleman stopped what he was working on just to get my power plant working again so we could all keep cool. Also, he informed us he had sent one of his repairmen to where we were staying to check out the power plant. However we missed each other because we had left to come to his shop.

After fixing the power plant I advised him as to what we were doing and why. Now, being from out of town, needing to get the power plant fixed — in most shops, this would have been a golden opportunity for that shop to charge an excessive bill and expect payment. But not this gentleman — when I asked him what I owed him, he said not anything. I was shocked! Well, he said, I want to do my part to help the Special Olympics also.

As you know for such a worthy cause as the Special Olympics, it takes many, many team players. Tom and his men were certainly on this team. We wanted to take a few moments to let you know how great this gentleman treated us while in your city. Many thanks to him, his crew and all the other fine people in Denton, Texas.

Ken and Dolores Duncan  
Lubbock

# Islam meetings as I

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### SPECIAL OLYMPICS TV:

The Texas Special Olympics will be  
shown on Home Sports Enter-  
tainment (Sammons Channel 26) at  
4 p.m. Saturday and at 1 p.m. July  
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Sammons Cable announced  
Friday that it will unscramble the  
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### DENTON GOLFER: Denton

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## Guest column

# Denton at its best for games

**I**t is over! However, the people of Denton and the North Texas area should be proud of their accomplishments during the 1992 Summer Games of the Texas Special Olympics. The pride, love, enthusiasm and joy of all was obvious everywhere and will live for a lifetime.

Denton was at its best. There is no way that we can individually thank the thousands of volunteers who made these 1992 Summer Games the best ever. From the opening ceremonies to the Police Officers' Torch Run to the dance to the closing ceremonies interspersed with the athletic events, everyone worked hard to exhibit the theme of the 1992 games, "Great Works of Heart."

The University of North Texas, Texas Woman's University, the city of Denton and the Chamber of Commerce are to be thanked for their devoted cooperation that was so vital to the success of these 24th Summer Special Olympic Games.

To the organizing committee, George Gilkeson, John McCrane, Bob Castleberry, Jo Ann Ballantine, Steve Skone, George Young,



**Derrell  
Bulls**

Elinor Hughes, Frenchy Rheault, Richard Hayes, Michalle Beecher, Alicia Mentell, Brenda Burton, Nancy Headrick and Margaret Smith, along with the many subcommittee chairs who put in hundreds of hours, we say, "Thanks."

To the staff of Texas Special Olympics, especially Pat Downey and Jamie Caperton, we say, "Thanks." To the more than 2,500 volunteers who spent hundreds of hours to make these Summer Special Olympic Games the great success it was, we say, "Thanks." To all the citizens of Denton and the surrounding areas of Denton who opened their hearts to these special athletes, coaches and parents, we say, "Thanks."

To the many businesses and corporations who donated more than \$108,500 and approximately \$50,000 of in-kind contributions, we say, "Thanks." Without the dedication shown by these organizations this year, these games would not have become a reality.

Even though the Summer Games closed Friday, we are looking forward to the tentative date of May 18-21, 1993, when Denton will be host of the 25th anniversary of the Special Olympic Games. Let the thoughts of these games live forever in the hearts of all and the vision of 1993 guide our thoughts through the next 12 months. God bless all of you.

■ DERRELL W. BULLA, chairman of the TWU department of business and economics, is games director for the 1992 Special Olympics in Denton.

## Guest column

# Great effort by great people

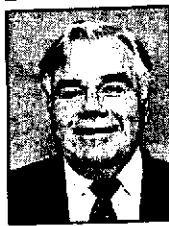
**T**he Texas Special Olympics were spectacular.

The games were a source of joy for the 3,700 athletes and the 1,500 coaches who spent many hours preparing for a week of competition. It was wonderful to see them happy and content with their performances. I congratulate them all for their success and their brave display of human spirit.

The games were also a triumph for Denton. The Special Olympics ignited a spirit of volunteerism, cooperation and citizenship. We came together as a community over the last nine months, proud and strong, to serve the needs of our special athletes and their families. We opened our arms to Texas and embraced the state with a hearty hug that is sure to be remembered forever. We all can be very proud.

There are many to thank, starting with the volunteers who made the games move smoothly. Their efforts made the Special Olympics a memorable experience for everyone.

Financial support for the games was provided by more than 40 businesses, local and national. These sponsors deserve special recognition. Their contributions were true gifts



**Bob  
Castleberry**

from the heart.

The University of North Texas and Texas Woman's University deserve high praise for their assistance and facilities. Chancellor Alfred Hurley and President Shirley Chater and their staffs were invaluable to the success of the games.

Both universities displayed great cooperation and generosity in housing the athletes and their families. As always, they have shown what great assets they are to this community and we appreciate them greatly.

Also thanks to the Chamber of Commerce, the City Council and city staff for devoting time and effort to bringing the games to Denton. Coordinating this event was truly a team effort.

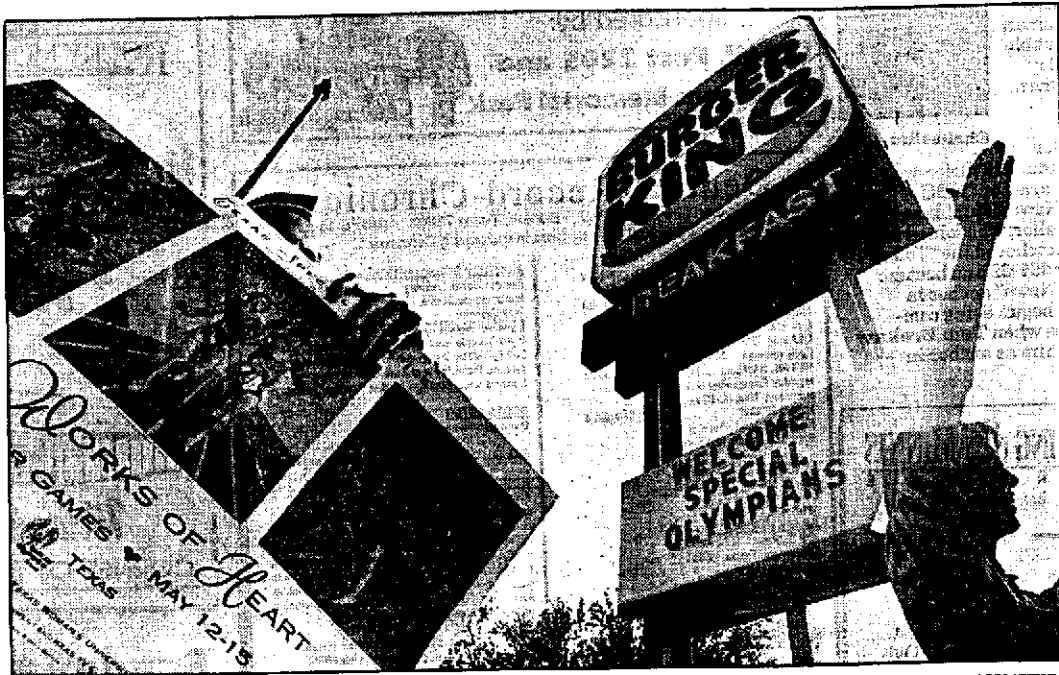
Thanks to the local and area news media for getting information out to everyone and for the interesting stories they told. The coverage was excellent.

To Derrell Bulls, director of games, thanks for a job well done. The organization of citizens with the task of coordinating the games with great diligence and commitment accomplished their goal. The committees did a top job of planning the event and an even better job of getting it done. Congratulations to the Planning Committee members for their success.

The Special Olympics are proof of the kind of commitment that our citizens have for Denton. As mayor, I am proud of what this community accomplished. We are truly wonderful people living in a truly wonderful town.

■ BOB CASTLEBERRY, mayor of Denton, was chairman of the Financial Development Committee for the Special Olympics in Denton.

# An Olympian impact



DENTON RECORD-CHRONICLE/STEVE DELAFIELD

Denton High School students Kevin Fitzpatrick, behind the sign at left, and Bryce Benton beckon to motorists at the Burger King on Eagle Drive. They

volunteered to drum up business for the restaurant because it was donating 10 percent of the sales to the Special Olympics which ended in Denton Friday.

## Thanks millions, say Denton businesses

By Sharpa Simonson  
Staff Writer

Starting lines and finish lines meant a boost to the bottom lines for some hotels and restaurants in Denton and Lewisville during the Texas Special Olympics.

Officials of the Olympics, which were Wednesday through Friday in Denton, estimated the event had a \$3 million to \$3.5 million economic impact on Denton.

The numbers were based on estimates from the San Marcos Chamber of Commerce, said Tom Wancho, public relations director for Texas Special Olympics. San Marcos was host of the games in 1989, 1990 and 1991.

"At one time Tuesday night we had 10 buses in the parking lot," said Jon Milstead, manager of the Denton Luby's, in Southridge Village. Sales at the restaurant, which seats 300 people, probably increased 15 percent during the week compared to the same week last year, he said.

"It was a nice boost of income because always there's a lull after the colleges are out, so it came at a great time," he said.

The same lines were spoken by hotel operators.

"It's been a booming success," gushed Nancy Baertlein, general manager for the Denton Holiday Inn, at 1500 Dallas Drive.

"It has definitely helped our midweek business, not only in the hotel but also in the restaurant."

All 146 of the inn's rooms were full all three nights of the Special Olympics, she said, and she's looking forward to the same situation a year from now, when Denton again will be host of the games.

In fact, nearly every one of the city's more than 1,000 hotel rooms was full during the event, an official with the Denton Convention and Visitors Bureau said Friday.

The spillover spread to Lewisville and even to points farther south. Paula Thomas, a sales manager with Lewisville's Hampton Inn, said 771 rooms were occupied in that city. Ms. Thomas worked as a coordinator in Lewisville for the event.

"We even referred people to the Best Western in Farmers Branch and the Addison Inn in Addison," she said.

Not everyone saw the seeming boom, however.

J.B. Litherland, owner of Pioneer Transfer Inc. and chairman of the equipment committee for the games, said most of the equipment, supplies and materials used in the games were donated. The city of Denton also contributed many hours of staff time.

And one restaurant operator on the downtown square, who asked not to be named, said the games hadn't brought an influx of customers there.

Stan Eberhart, owner of Stan's Shell, at Interstate 35 and U.S. 380, said he recorded no increase in gas or service sales as a result of the games.

"There isn't a car on the place," he said about 1:30 p.m. Friday.

That lack, however, didn't sour Mr. Eberhart on the games or the premise of the city being host to such events.

"Even if my business isn't benefitting, I feel somebody's is," he said.

And eventually, he said, the boost to their bottom lines might improve