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Chamber officials expect many last-minute reservations

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce annual banquet is just a week away, and so far about 250 reservations have been made with today being the final day to RSVP.

According to Chamber Executive Vice President Linda Walker, last minute reservations are par for the course because most people usually wait until the last minute to purchase their tickets, but a food count has to be turned in today.

"We usually have 500 people or so attend the banquet," Walker said.

Chamber Program Coordinator



MONTFORD

Valverde said it is preferable if people have their tickets in hand at the banquet, which makes it easier on food service.

The banquet is set for 7 p.m., Jan. 31 at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

Debye Valverde said people planning to attend the banquet need to simply call the chamber at 263-7641 to reserve their tickets, which are \$12.50 per person and the chamber is willing to bill people for tickets.

One of the highlights of the banquet will be the announcement of Big Spring's Man and Woman of the Year for 1996.

The Man and Woman of the Year Committee has made its selections and the choices for Big Spring's Man and Woman of the Year will be announced at banquet.

Last year's award recipients were Toots Mansfield and Margaret Lloyd.

Master of Ceremonies for the banquet will be new chamber board member Terry McDaniel and guest speaker for the banquet will be former state senator and current Texas Tech Chancellor John T. Montford.

Montford's return to Big Spring will

be a bit different than in years past because he won't arrive as District 28 State Senator.

During his 14-year tenure in the Texas Senate, Montford became recognized as one of the state's most knowledgeable leaders in the fields of Texas constitutional revision, water legislation, reform of the civil justice system and in the areas of both secondary and higher education.

As a legislator, Montford wrote and passed 520 bills and senate joint resolutions, which were signed into law by four different governors.

Montford served as chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and as chairman of the Senate State Affairs

Committee. He was a member of the Senate Education Committee, Senate Natural Resources Committee, and the Sub-Committee on Water, and was elected president pro tem for the 73rd Texas Legislature.

Montford is also a nationally recognized figure as well having served on the Committee of Fiscal Affairs and Oversight, the Low-Level Radioactive Waste Working Group for the National Conference of State Legislatures and the Fiscal Affairs and Governmental Operations Committee for the Southern Legislative Conference.

He currently serves as a member of the National Advisory Council of the Texas Health Institute.

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDY



John Lynch (left) and Scott Williams begin an environmental sight assessment at Eighth and Gregg Streets. They will be drilling four wells until they hit ground water which, according to Williams, should be about 55 feet down. They will then return in a few days to take samples.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

City, Moore teaming to fund master plan for airpark/airport

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The city of Big Spring and Moore Development for Big Spring are teaming up to see just how valuable a resource the city has in McMahon/Wrinkle Airpark by developing an airport/airpark master plan.

The idea has been discussed for several months and the city and Moore have the blessing of the FAA, which has told the city a master plan for the airpark is a vital tool for its future.

The city council was presented information about the plan, and after discussing the issue earlier this month, approved the request for qualifications (RFQ) that will be sent to various firms that will make their bids to develop the plan.

Production of the master plan will be similar to the generation of the city's Long Range Master Plan, meaning an airport/airpark master plan committee will oversee the planning.

According to Moore Executive

Director Danette Toone, the committee so far will include Moore board member Terry Wegman; Brad Wiggins from the Federal Correctional Institute; airpark board members Max Moore and Ted St. Clair; city council members Tom Guess and Pat DeAnda; a representative from Western Container and members from two other companies at the airpark; two members from the Pilots Association; and staff members from the city and Moore.

The city and Moore are also aware of the significance an airport/airport master plan would have as the city addresses the FAA's concerns about the airpark.

The city and Moore plan to share the costs of development and production of the master plan, with each entity being responsible for one part of the project.

The city's financial obligation toward the plan is estimated to be between \$35,000 and \$50,000.

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Senator files water management bill

AUSTIN (AP) — Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock calls statewide water management legislation "the most important bill that Texans will face" during the 1997 Legislature.

To make his point, Bullock gave the proposed measure filed on Wednesday the priority title of "Senate Bill 1," the same title given to sweeping education reform legislation approved by the 1996 Legislature.

"Our very survival depends on this," Bullock said.

The bill authored by Sen. J.E.

"Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, wouldn't impose a statewide drought management plan on cities and counties. Instead, it would provide incentives for local water districts to better conserve and prepare for droughts.

Water districts, river authorities and municipalities wouldn't be eligible for state funding or permits unless they enacted a drought management plan.

"We are encouraging local levels to recognize that there is a water shortage and decide

what to do about it," Brown said. "Different areas of the state are going to come up with different approaches."

The proposal wouldn't alter the state's "right to capture" law. That basically says property owners can pump as much water from under their land as they want, regardless of how it affects adjoining property owners.

"We leave it up to the local governments to impose water

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Big Spring Cable replacing 'E!' with new channel

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Cable TV subscribers are scheduled to experience a change in networks at the end of this month, as the "TV Land" network, part of Nickelodeon, replaces "E! Entertainment Television" on the system.

The change came after contract negotiations between TCA Cable, the parent company of the local system, and E! broke down.

Nick at Nite's TV Land will

launch on Big Spring's TCA Cable lineup at the end of this month, according to TCA General Manager Archie Kountz.

The new 24-hour network of shows, a spinoff of Nick at Nite, will pitch the top television dramas, sitcoms, variety shows and westerns from the past 40 years.

TV Land will appear on cable channel 24, and KMLM, an independent station out of Odessa will move from channel 24 to channel 19, replacing E!

Entertainment. "We're pleased to be able to offer a channel that has something for everyone, and has true family appeal," Kountz said.

The channel will remain commercial-free until October, but will show vintage commercials and television-tribute vignettes that set the stage for its classic programming.

TV Land programming will include old favorites such as The Addams Family, Cannon,

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NICE FEED



Kyna Cosby McGruder feeds her daughter, Brielle, at the barbecue dinner served by Howard College during the Hawks game Thursday night.

HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

Seniors dance, high school basketball in weekend spotlight

HERALD Staff Report

Looking for something to do this weekend? Here's your ticket to weekend activities in and around Big Spring.

This feature is published each Friday and will include a variety of activities. It is limited to activities of a general nature, community fund-raisers, community functions, free performances, etc. It is not available to commercial ventures.

To submit your activity, send it to "Weekend Ticket," Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431,

WEEKEND TICKET

Big Spring, 79721.

If you wish, you may fax your listing to 264-7205 or bring it by the Herald offices at 710 Scurry. No information will be taken over the phone.

• Spring City Senior Center dance, tonight, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Spring City Senior Center. Music will be provided by CW & Co. All senior citizens in the area are invited.

• Heritage Museum, today from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., 510 Scurry. For additional information, contact the museum at 267-8255.

• High school basketball, Ozona at Forsan, tonight. The varsity girls' game, which begins at 6:30 p.m. will feature Ozona's two-time defending state champions. The Lady

Lions have not lost a game to a Class 2A opponent since 1993. In the nightcap, set for an 8 p.m. tip, the Buffaloes will be seeking to avenge a four-point loss they suffered in the District 8-2A opener. Forsan and Ozona are tied for second place in the 8-2A standings behind Coahoma.

• Equipment auction, 10 a.m. Saturday, the old Wright Fibers building on Eleventh Place. Spring City Auction will conduct the sale for Moore

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TODAY'S WEATHER

70 ▲ Highs 33
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Today: Mostly sunny and windy. High near 70. Low in the lower 30s.
Saturday: Sunny. High around 65. Low around 30.

Extended outlook: Sunday, fair with a high in the mid 60s. Low in the mid 30s. Monday and Tuesday, continued fair with highs in the lower to mid 60s. Nighttime slides to remain fair with lows in the lower 30s.

OBITUARIES

Mrs. Allen "Judy" James

Mrs. Allen "Judy" James, was called to rest on Jan. 23, 1997. She was born on Jan. 6, 1926, in Jacksonville, Texas and had been a resident of Big Spring since 1948.

She was a nurse most of her adult life. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother, grandmother and friend. She was full of love, compassion, creativity and dedication. She fought a long and devastating battle against emphysema.

She is survived by her husband of 50 years, Allen; daughter, Beatrice Spruce of Austin; son, Rick James of Big Spring; a sister, Daisy Saxton of Hawkins; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Services will be 3 p.m. Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Dwayne Wheat, pastor of Luther Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday at the funeral home.

Under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

"Your courage, your smile, your kindness and love protected us all these years. How will we go on without you? We love you and you will always be in our heart and in our prayers till we meet again."

Gracious God look with compassion on those who grieve, grant them the assurance of your presence and faith in your eternal goodness. Fulfill the promise that they who mourn shall be comforted through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Paid obituary

Virginia Ashley

Service for Virginia Ashley, 77, Big Spring, is pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She died Friday, Jan. 24, 1997, in Stanton.

Walter Harlow

Graveside service for Walter Harlow, 86, Colorado City, formerly of Stanton, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, in the Colorado City Cemetery with Mr. Kerry Cain officiating.

Mr. Harlow died Thursday, Jan. 23, in a Colorado City nursing home.

He was born on Dec. 26, 1910, in Callahan County. He married Phillis Marie Barron on June 8, 1947, in Abilene. She preceded him in death on July 29, 1996. He was a farmer and rancher in the Stanton area for many years and was a past director of the Stanton Coop

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Lucille Castrejon, 58, died Thursday. Services are pending.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

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Mrs. Allen "Judy" James, 71, died Thursday. Services will be 3:00 PM Saturday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

Claudia Lamb, 100, died Wednesday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Virginia Ashley, 77, died Friday. Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

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Gin. He moved to Colorado City in 1980 and attended the Church of Christ.

Survivors include two brothers: W.C. "Tubb" Harlow, Colorado City, and Bruce Harlow, McCamey; seven nieces and five nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Kiker-Seale Funeral Home.

Maxine Graves O'Dell

Service for Maxine Graves O'Dell, 70, Lubbock, will be 11 a.m. Saturday, Jan. 25, 1997, in the First Baptist Church in Stanton with Rev. David Harp officiating. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery.

Mrs. O'Dell died Wednesday, Jan. 22 in Lubbock.

She was born on June 18, 1926, in Presque Isle, Maine. She had lived in Stanton for 17 years, Midland four years and in Lubbock since 1968. She married Clayton O'Dell in June 1977, in Midland.

Survivors include her husband: Clayton O'Dell, Lubbock; a daughter: Becky Graves Frederick, Midland; two grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements under the direction of Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

Lucille Castrejon

Service for Lucille Castrejon, 58, Knott, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Thursday, Jan. 23, 1997, at Midland Memorial Hospital.

Wilda Arlene McQuatters Campsey

Service for Wilda Arlene McQuatters Campsey, 77, Forsan, formerly of Jacksboro, will be 12 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 26, 1997, in Jacksboro with Joe Williams officiating. Interment will follow at Hillside Memorial Gardens, Jacksboro.

Mrs. Campsey died Friday, Jan. 24, in Stanton.

She was born on Jan. 10, 1920, in Haskell, Okla. She was preceded in death by her first husband, W.W. McQuatters in 1985 and by her second husband, S.S. Campsey in 1996. She was a member of the Church of Christ and was a homemaker.

Survivors include one daughter: Louise Havens, Big Spring; three sons: William McQuatters, Euless, Larry McQuatters, Dallas, and Joe McQuatters, Artesia, N.M.; one brother: W.L. Hoffman, Carmel Valley, Calif.; two sisters: Josephine Smith, Wichita Falls and Margie R. Young, Benbrook; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

Arrangements under the direction of Coker Funeral Home, Jacksboro, with local arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Ticket

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Development for Big Spring.

Blood drive, noon until 4 p.m. Saturday, Big Spring Mall. The drive is being conducted by United Blood Services. Donors are asked to bring a driver's license or a UBS donor card, as well as the name of any medications they are currently taking. Donors must be between the ages of 17 and 79.

Vertical Living On The Horizon workshop, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum East Room. The workshop is sponsored by Project Freedom Ministries, Most Excellent Way Ministries and Howard College Continuing Education. A fee of \$10 is required. Child care will be available for \$1 an hour per child and 50 cents for additional children.

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Water

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use limits," Brown said. "If water districts coordinate and work together in coming up with a plan, we will avoid a competition to see who can build the biggest water pump on their property."

The bill was praised by Gov. George W. Bush, who said the drought of 1996 "highlighted the need for Texas to conserve water and plan for the future."

"Our decisions should be guided by the principles of local control, the need for conservation, respect for private property rights and sound planning," Bush said.

Brown said the drought cost Texas farmers \$2.1 billion and the entire state \$5 billion.

His bill addresses the contentious issue of interbasin transfers — pumping water from one area of the state to another.

Under the bill, the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission would be required to balance the needs of the basin receiving water and the basin providing water.

"We'll weigh the economic effects of the basin giving up the water, and we'll weigh the needs in the basin getting the water," said TNRC Chairman Barry McBee. "It will still be a very difficult balancing act."

He said about 80 such transfers currently are taking place.

Corpus Christi and San Antonio are among the cities seeking interbasin transfers to boost their water supplies.

While San Antonio voters have turned down referendums to build a water reservoir, Brown said his bill wouldn't keep the city from qualifying for an interbasin transfer.

The bill doesn't address the development of new water supplies, such as the construction of reservoirs or dams. "We are primarily concerned with the state's management of current water resources," Brown said.

The bill would give the TNRC authority to impose increased fines on those who pump water not rightfully theirs. The fines would increase from \$1,000 to \$10,000 a day, while violations by dams and levees would be punishable by fines up to \$25,000 a day.

"When you have a drought and water is tight and people are taking water that's not entitled to them, I think we need that type of authority," McBee said.

The Texas Water Development Board has said that by the year 2010, about 15 percent of the state's urban water demands could go unmet, resulting in up to \$40 billion in losses to the Texas economy.

Brown said the cost of implementing his bill would be roughly \$40 million. "Clean, abundant water should be a guarantee in Texas — not an uncertain luxury," he said.

Cable

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The Ed Sullivan Show, Green Acres, Gunsmoke, Hill Street Blues, Mannix, The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour, That Girl and dozens of other hit shows from the past.

The programming lineup will also include monthly blocks such as Wonders of TV Land, TV Cavalcade and TV Land Goes West, all filled with shows from the history of television.

"We're very excited to have TCA Cable customers join our growing family of Nick at Nite's TV Land viewers," Rich Cronin, TV Land president, said. "We know viewers will find some of the most popular and best-loved programming ever seen on television included in our new network."

Kountz has talked to managers of other TCA markets who say they like TV Land a great deal.

"TV Land is already on in some of our other markets and it has been very well received and the response has been highly favorable," Kountz said.

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BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Plan

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for the airport portion of the plan.

Moore Assistant Director Pam Welch presented board members with the same RFQ, they approved Wednesday, saying the current plan is for the city to concentrate on the airport portion of the plan first.

Welch added that preliminary ballpark estimates are that Moore's portion of the plan, could cost between \$30,000 and \$200,000.

Toone said if everything in the airport RFQ is done, the plan could cost that much or more.

"We would love to have everything included in the plan, but we do have a budget set aside, which is \$30,000," Toone said. "We are going to have to pick and choose what we want included in the plan and determine which aspects are most important."

The city currently has funds in its airport fund to cover the expense of the plan, but as final costs are determined, city administrators will request a budget amendment be approved by the council.

The planning process will consist of two elements, updating the airport master plan, and preparing an industrial park master plan. The previous airport master plan was written in 1981.

As per FAA requirements, the airport master plan will include aerial photography; background information and inventory; forecasts of aviation activity; capacity and facility requirements; facility alternatives (if required); and a study of area compatibility recommendations and environmental evaluation.

Also included will be airport plans update; schedules and opinions of costs for a development plan; management and financial program; public participation; and preparation of master plan documentation.

According to Toone, the ideal thing is for the industrial airport portion of the plan to include facilities inventory and condition assessment; review of current lease conditions and recommendations; infrastructure inventory and assessment; master planning; circulation review and planning; and multimodal and rail access review and planning.

The industrial plan will also include infrastructure and capital improvements; zoning and aesthetic controls and improvements; land and facilities maintenance; a development plan; minimum development standards and guidelines; schedules and opinions of costs for a development plan; a management and financial program; and phasing an implementation plan.

According to a preliminary schedule for the airport/airport master plan, RFQs were scheduled to be sent out this week or early next week and answers are due by March 3.

The tentative completion date of the airport/airport master plan is Dec. 12.

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POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

•JOSEPH YANEZ, 24, of 1207 Mesa, was arrested on local warrants.

•ERNEST HENRY JR., 54, of 705 Wyoming, was arrested on local warrants.

•YCIDRO VILLAREAL, 28, of 408 Abrams, was arrested on local warrants.

•JASON LEE COSBY, 17, of Westbrook, was arrested for possession of marijuana and on local warrants.

•LOY CLIFTON HOLLOWAY, 66, of 1910 Nolan, was arrested on local warrants.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT in the 700 block of E. 11th.

•BURGLARY OF A BUILDING in the 3600 block of Dixon.

•THEFT in the 400 block of Birdwell; 400 block of Johnson; 1600 block of Main; and the 3300 block of E. Marcy.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following activity during a 24-hour period ending 8 a.m. Friday:

•ROBERT OCHATORENO, 61, of 1206 Lloyd St., was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•LARRY LEDESMA VELA, 19, of 1507 Lincoln, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•KELLY JOANE ELLIOT, 18, of 1100 Nolan, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•BARRY LANE BEASLEY, 42, of 605 E. 13th #4, was arrested for theft over \$50 and under \$500, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•GERALD JERRY GARCIA, 28, of 1614 Bluebird, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•JOSE MENDEZ CUELLAR, 34, of 1305 Elm, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

•CHARLES LEE LOWE, 36, of Thurmond, N.C., was arrested for possession of marijuana under two ounces, and released on a \$1,500 bond.

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Atlantic Richfield 135% - 1/2

Atmos Energy 22% - 1/2

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Rural/Metro 32% - 1/2

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Texaco 107% - 1/2

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Amcap 14.67-15.56

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I.C.A. 25.08-26.61

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New Perspective 18.57-19.70

Van Kampen 14.39-15.11

Prime Rate 6.25%

Gold 352.80 353.30

Silver 4.86-4.99

RECORDS

Thursday's high 70

Thursday's low 46

Average high 57

Average low 28

Record high 82 in 1972

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Prosecution rests in murder trial of Rowlett mother

KERRVILLE — Darlie Routier grieved after her sons' stabbing deaths the same as any mother would who'd lost her children, witnesses testified as the defense began its case.

Routier's attorneys called two of her friends, her aunt and a pastor to the witness stand Thursday after the state rested its case.

Prosecutors questioned nearly 40 witnesses over 21 1/2 weeks in an attempt to prove Routier killed 5-year-old Damon and 6-year-old Devon on June 6 in their suburban home near Dallas.

Prosecutors allege she slashed herself and staged a crime scene to fool the police.

Routier contends an intruder attacked her and her sons. Her capital murder trial was moved to Kerrville because of publicity.

Routier's friends and relative testified she was a loving mother who treated her sons well.

Prosecutors ended their case with dramatic testimony from FBI agent Alan Brantley, who said Devon and Damon likely died at the hands of someone they knew, not a stranger breaking into their home.

State offered chance to take over aerial tramway

EL PASO — Although Texas parks officials are intrigued, they won't move immediately on an offer that would give them control of the state's only aerial tramway and 170 acres of mountain real estate.

The El Paso Community Foundation, a charitable group, and KFSM-TV told legislators this week they will donate the land in El Paso's Franklin Mountains and the tramway if the state wants it.

But officials must first consider legal issues and the fact that it will take \$365,000 to begin operations. The state would have to get new cable cars, improve the braking system and make other improvements, McCorkle said.

The tram was built in 1960 to provide service for KFSM-TV and FM radio broadcast towers on the 5,620-foot Ranger Peak.

Winter Texans protest proposed mobile home rule

EDINBURG — Retirees who winter in the Rio Grande Valley are up in arms over a proposed state rule that would prohibit many mobile home owners from relocating their trailers to the coast.

During a four-hour public hearing Wednesday, opponents voiced their objections to the proposal, saying it would drive away Winter Texans and keep low-income residents out of affordable housing.

The proposed rule would prohibit mobile homes that are not built to withstand hurricane-force winds from locating in coastal counties.

Cost of plan for releasing inmates debated

AUSTIN — A proposal to abolish the state's early-release program for Texas inmates could cost up to \$2 billion over five years, according to a House lawmaker.

But the plan's Senate sponsors say the cost could be much less: around \$400 million over five years.

Sens. John Whitmire, D-Houston, and Jerry Patterson, R-Pasadena, this week proposed eliminating a state program that requires some prison inmates to be released to community supervision when their time served plus their good time credits add up to their full sentences.

Lottery pays off for politically connected

DALLAS (AP) — The state's gambling enterprise has paid off for a who's who of former top state officials and political contributors who have gotten lottery-related jobs, The Dallas Morning News reported in a copyright story today.

Several Democrats including former House Speakers Gib Lewis and Billy Clayton, former Railroad Commissioner Lena Guerrero and several aides to former Democratic Gov. Ann Richards have made money, the newspaper said.

Now that the GOP controls the governor's mansion, some Republicans are getting into the business as well.

Those who have become lobbyists, consultants or suppliers for lottery contractors or gained other Texas Lottery Commission business dismiss suggestions that politics played a big role. They say they were the best-qualified or won their contracts through competitive bidding.

Some contractors for the lottery acknowledge the importance of having connections.

"With all elected officials Democrats, there are going to be Democratic vendors most of the time," said Gilberto Ocanas, a former Democratic National Committee staffer whose Austin company, Wintex International Inc., prints lottery play slips for GTECH Holdings Corp., the lottery's largest contractor.

GTECH defended its hiring as customary practice for companies in Austin.

"If you have a problem and want someone to talk to the administration, who would you send? You have to send people they will listen to," said GTECH spokesman Robert Rendine.

One of GTECH subcontractors is Guerrero's sister, Mary Guerrero-Pelzel, whom GTECH pays \$3,000 a month to help coordinate the hiring of minority subcontractors.

But one of GTECH's largest minority subcontractors,

Ocanas of Wintex, said he has never met her.

Guerrero-Pelzel said she discussed minority hiring with Ocanas some years ago, though not recently.

Although she is being paid a monthly sum, she said, the payments are for work done five years ago, and not for anything since.

Guerrero-Pelzel said she is considered a "leading authority in minority participation" in public-sector contracting and that GTECH needed her expertise.

Lena Guerrero recently resigned as a lobbyist for Dittler Brothers, the scratch-off ticket supplier, amid questions about her ties with former lottery director Nora Linares. She also lobbied for International Lottery Inc., which provides lottery ticket dispensing machines. Her contract had lapsed earlier, a company spokesman said.

The political landscape has

shifted since the lottery's early days. Today, George W. Bush is governor and the Senate is Republican-controlled, while Democrats have narrower control of the House.

GTECH's new interest in the GOP comes as no surprise to those familiar with the company's business strategy.

"My impression is that this is the type of company that goes into a state and determines who they need to take care of... to get and keep the business," said state Republican Chairman Tom Pauken.

Reggie Bashur, a former deputy executive assistant to Bush, recently signing a lobbying contract with GTECH.

Rossanna Salazar, a former spokeswoman for ex-Gov. Bill Clements, also has signed on as a GTECH media consultant.

GTECH has begun hiring consultants with GOP ties, while other lottery contractors still have executives and employees with Democratic connections.

Pitfalls emerge for budget amendment supporters

WASHINGTON (AP) — Supporters of a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced budget are hitting rough waters in the Senate and House, and concede that February votes in both chambers look extremely close.

Four newly elected Democratic senators who voiced support for a balanced-budget amendment during their campaigns last fall now say they might back alternatives to the Republican plan. These include proposals that would shield Social Security from budget-balancing cuts.

The four — Sens. Max Cleland of Georgia, Tim Johnson of South Dakota, Mary Landrieu of Louisiana and Robert Torricelli of New Jersey — are among the 68 "yes" votes counted by supporters of the GOP version, with 67 needed for approval. The Republican plan is the only one with a real chance of passing Congress.

over," said one sponsor, Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah. "I think we'll win this, but it's always very close."

In the House, Rep. Mark Neumann, R-Wis., said he and more than 30 other conservatives want the amendment to exempt Social Security from cuts, in part to defend against political attacks claiming supporters were unfairly forcing senior citizens to bear the brunt of deficit reduction. Aides to leading amendment supporters say they believe that Neumann's group will eventually vote yes.

Nonetheless, House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., emerged Thursday from days out of the public spotlight to declare, "This is going to be a very close vote."

The amendment leads this year's legislative agenda for Republicans, who say it will test President Clinton's desire to reach bipartisan accords.

Clinton and many Democrats oppose the measure, arguing it is unnecessary and would unwisely handcuff the government's ability to use extra spending to ease recessions.

The battle over the amendment will probably be the first major showdown of the new Congress. It would require a balanced budget by 2002, unless lawmakers vote by three-fifths majorities to waive it.

The House plans to vote on the measure Feb. 26, around the same time as the Senate. Constitutional amendments need two-thirds majorities in Congress followed by approval by three-fourths of the states.

Clinton's signature is not needed.

Cleland and Landrieu said during their campaigns that they support the balanced-budget amendment. While in the House, Torricelli and Johnson voted for a version in 1995 identical to the Republicans' plan.

Under Senate rules, senators will be able to vote for more than one version of the amendment. Of the four freshmen saying they may support alternatives, Torricelli so far is the only one who seems likely to vote also for the Republican measure, which will be the key roll call.

Congress remains skeptical over UN reforms

WASHINGTON (AP) — Despite President Clinton's pledge to "pay what we owe" to the United Nations, congressional leaders are telling Secretary-General Kofi Annan they want to see specific steps toward U.N. reforms before releasing the funds.

Sen. Jesse Helms, chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, told Annan on Thursday that he will introduce legislation, possibly next week, setting down unspecified "benchmarks" for U.N. reform, with rewards forthcoming "as those benchmarks are met."

Annan, who took office Jan. 1, arrived here to convince skeptics that he is committed to reform and that the United States should pay the \$1.3 billion which the United Nations says it owes. The Clinton administration puts the figure at about \$900 million.

The 58-year-old Ghanaian was delivering that message again

today during meetings with House Speaker Newt Gingrich and the House and Senate appropriations committees.

He also was addressing the National Press Club before returning to New York.

Annan received a strong endorsement from President Clinton, who told him the United States "cannot expect to lead through the United Nations unless we are prepared to pay our own way and to pay what we owe."

"In the weeks ahead, I will be working with Congress to reach an agreement through which America can pay our arrears to the U.N., meet our obligations, and continue to spur real progress," Clinton said.

But Annan's meetings later in the day on Capitol Hill underscored the deep divisions between the United States and the United Nations on reform and the U.S. debt.

condition of anonymity, said Annan told Helms, R-N.C., and other members of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that he was "uncomfortable" with the idea of the United States setting down "benchmarks" as conditions for paying its debts.

Annan recommended that Senate and U.N. staffs work together to find reform measures which could be undertaken. Helms agreed.

But the prospect of Congress laying down conditions for paying the U.S. debt is unlikely to sit well with the majority of the 185 U.N. member states.

Britain, France and other major powers have said repeatedly that the United States is

required by international treaty to pay its U.N. dues unconditionally and on time.

"He's got a constituency of 184 other member states," the U.N. official said of Annan. "He has to appear even-handed. He's walking a fine line here."

Annan was elected last month after the United States vetoed a second term for Boutros Boutros-Ghali because he was allegedly sluggish in promoting reform. Annan was widely considered to be America's candidate.

During the meeting with Helms' committee, a U.N. official said Annan was repeatedly asked whether the United Nations was infringing on U.S. sovereignty.

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Quote of the Day

"Ignorance is no excuse, it's the real thing."

-Irene Peter

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OUR VIEWS

We salute:

Each Friday, the *Herald* salutes individuals and groups from our community and area who have been recognized for special achievements or accomplishments.

We recognize these special people for working to help make our region a better place to live, work and play.

This week we salute:

• **CANTERBURY NORTH RSVP** members, who took the time to make trauma bears for presentation to the Big Spring Police Department. The bears will be carried in police cars and given to young children who are in a traumatized situation to help calm them down.

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL** students, who were recently recognized for academic excellence.

• **The young men and women of HOWARD, MARTIN, GLASSCOCK and BORDEN** counties who made the commitment and followed through, participating in their respective **JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SHOWS.**

• **BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL LADY STEERS BASKETBALL TEAM**, which finds itself all alone at the top of the District 4-4A standings with a perfect district mark.

• **BIG SPRING KENNEL CLUB**, on its pair of successful annual shows held at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. The shows annually bring hundreds of exhibitors to our community.

• Our own **LONE STAR DISTRICT** of the Buffalo Trail Council of the Boy Scouts of America, named as a recipient of Scouting's "Quality Award." The award will be presented Feb. 1 at the Council's annual banquet.

• **Howard College's LADY HAWKS BASKETBALL TEAM**, which has won its last three Western Junior College Athletic Conference games by an average of more than 25 points and included wins over teams that were ranked No. 3 and No. 16 in the nation. At the same time, the Lady Hawks have moved into the national poll at No. 20.

Is there an individual or organization in our community that you feel should be saluted? If so, please send us their name and why you think they should be recognized. We must have your name and telephone number and you must provide it in writing.

OTHER VIEWS

Disagree with Rep. Peter Hoekstra's judgment if you will, but don't assume him a Philistine and don't suppose he's acting irresponsibly when he questions how the National Endowment for the Arts spends its money.

It's the Michigan Republican's job to ask those questions. He's chairman of a House subcommittee with oversight responsibilities on the way NEA disposes of about \$83 million in grants each year. Congress should no more appropriate taxpayer money for the arts and then pay no attention to how it is spent than it should appropriate money for defense programs and pay no attention to how it's spent.

And now Hoekstra has underlined an NEA expenditure that might catch the attention of some as surely as the Pentagon spending \$2,000 on a toilet seat. Over the past three years, he notes in a letter to NEA, the agency has given \$112,700 to a New York film distributor, Women Make Movies Inc., which happens to boast in a catalogue about some very sexy lesbian flicks it has available.

Hoekstra says that some of NEA's grant money to the distributor has been operational, meaning that it could have been used to facilitate distribution of the sexy stuff. Some NEA grant money, he says, went for "Watermelon Woman," a movie that includes lesbian sex scenes. NEA funds also went to Women Make Movies Inc. for film projects dealing with women's health issues and Native American women.

One response to Hoekstra is that some of the issues he's raising are yesterday's scandals warmed up for today's use. Congress doesn't allow NEA to provide personal or operational

funds to organizations anymore, and the agency doesn't. "Watermelon Woman," which at least one viewer describes as a tasteful movie about a fictional black actress in the 1930s, is not a current project, but a project done and denounced last year.

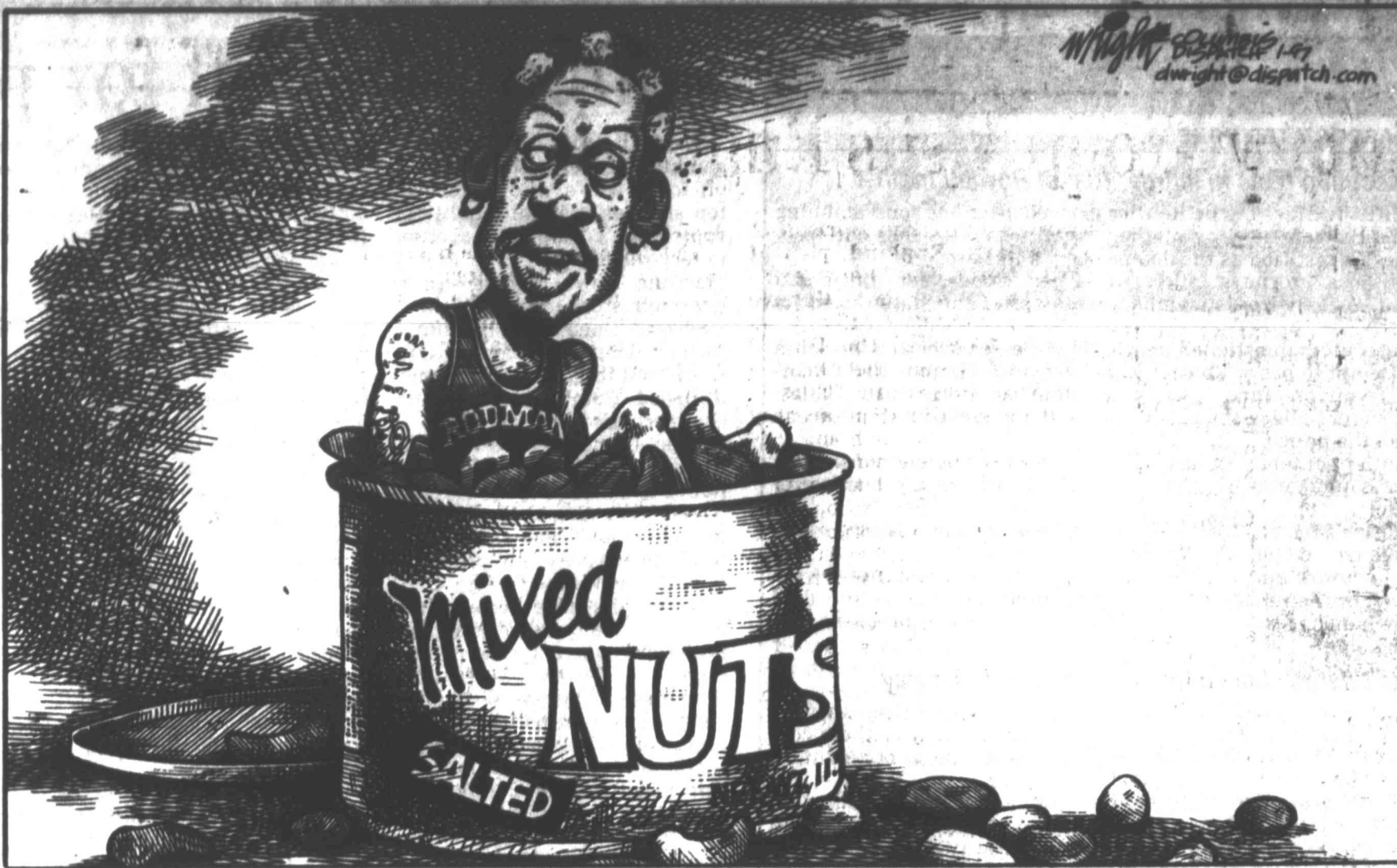
Another response is that most of NEA's grants to nonprofit arts organizations are not the least bit controversial. After applications are reviewed by panels of experts, the money goes to such institutions as symphonies and museums, and to such projects as Shakespeare festivals, outdoor performances and historic renovation.

Its proponents point out that the agency is the country's largest single entity that supports nonprofit arts groups. All grants must be matched from private sources, and agency spokesmen believe its grants spur considerable giving and help provide direction to philanthropic foundations.

Some Republicans in the House are not convinced NEA is crucial to the nation. Congress has already reduced NEA's funding from a couple of years ago and restricted its grant-giving powers. The intent of some Republicans is to put it out of business entirely in 1998, and Hoekstra's latest slam at the agency may be intended to further that end.

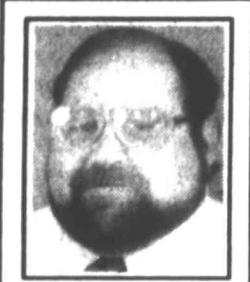
NEA may indeed be an overall plus to American arts, and at an expense of no more than about 38 cents per American per year, but it's hard to understand why it cannot steer clear of highly questionable, objectionable grants, unless as motivated by radical politics as by love of art, and it's absurd to think members of Congress should keep their mouths shut about it. If NEA finally dies, it may be a case of suicide.

- Bruce Tinsley News Service



Yankee Girl Scouts engage in cookie sales slowdown

It's that time of year that's near and dear to every fat man's heart — the Girl Scouts' annual cookie drive is in full swing and visions of Thin Mints, Lemon Cremes and those scrumptious Shortbreads are dancing in my head.



John A. Moseley
News Editor

In addition to being a fat man, Big John is also the father of a senior Girl Scout. That, of course, means I always buy at least two boxes of every variety from Jennifer's troop in Temple.

I never get to eat them ... but buy 'em.

Those that I want to eat get purchased here in Big Spring. I never have to do without, because I have a number of friends with daughters that are also Girl Scouts.

Therefore, I am probably as learned about the Girl Scouts as the average guy, and I don't think I remember ever seeing a Girl Scout banner with a badge or pin offered for labor relations.

All that could change in the near future. At least it appears that way in a story that crossed The Associated Press wire this week.

Seems that the Girl Scout troops in Mount Laurel, N.J., want more dough from their cookies this year.

Denied an extra dime per box, leaders of 27 troops in southern New Jersey have begun a sales slowdown in

protest. The move appears unprecedented in 61 years of annual cookie sales by the Girl Scouts, which sold 174 million boxes last year.

"I'm not aware of that at all any place in the country," Marianne Flaw, spokeswoman for the Girl Scouts of the United States of America in New York, said Tuesday.

"Things seem to be going well" with this year's sale.

Not in Mount Laurel, a middle-class Philadelphia suburb of 31,000.

The trouble began in November when Mount Laurel's Girl Scout community coordinator, Jan Snyder, said her troops were unsatisfied with the 50 cents their governing council offered per \$3 box sold — even though that was up from 40 cents last year.

Snyder, arguing the council keeps too much of the proceeds, requested 60 cents per box, said Joanne Goldy, spokeswoman for the council. In exchange, Snyder offered a guarantee that sales would average 110 boxes per scout, slightly more than last year.

"It was really too late to act on it this year," Goldy said, because arrangements were set for sales to start Jan. 10.

Currently, the bakery gets 81 cents per box, troops get 50 cents, and the council spends the remaining \$1.69 on maintaining three Scout camps and other properties, recruiting and training troop leaders, program development, insurance, administration and fund-raising.

After being turned down by the council, Snyder instituted a sales slowdown, under which girls in 27 of the township's 35 Girl Scout troops are selling only the minimum of 12 boxes

required for troops to participate in other Scout fund-raising projects.

"We feel (the council) has been taking advantage of them," Snyder said. "They need to give us more money and they need to operate on less."

Eight troops in Mount Laurel are ignoring the slowdown.

Anyone want to guess which eight troops will wind up selling the most cookies this year?

Maybe Snyder and her 27 rebellious troops would have been better off if they'd been in Lancaster, Pa., last weekend.

That's where Teresa Roda was talking to her parents on her car phone when she saw something that made her jump out and run into traffic.

"You're not going to believe this," she told them. "There's money blowing down the street."

Roda dodged speeding cars as she chased down the swirling \$100, \$50 and \$10 bills. "When you're chasing \$100 bills," she explained, "you have a lot of motivation."

When she got back to her car she had \$2,510, all from a wallet lying in the street.

Inside was a New York driver's license and an ID belonging to Michael Civale, a college student. Roda also found a Western Union receipt for \$2,500.

She gave the wallet to police, who tracked Civale down and returned his cash. He, in turn, sent Roda a bouquet and a thank-you note Monday.

Something tells that Alberta the gorilla probably wouldn't be all that understanding if somebody wanted back what she's found.

You see, Alberta spreads her

love around, and she quickly adopted a baby lowland gorilla that had been abandoned by its young mother after being born at the San Diego Wild Animal Park.

Alberta responded to the baby's hungry cries by picking it up and nursing it, even though she is already caring for her own 10-month-old baby.

It was only the second time on record that a mother gorilla in captivity assumed the caretaking responsibilities of another's newborn.

And it's unlikely that the biological mother, Penny, could get the baby back even if she wanted.

"Alberta seems to think it's hers now," park spokeswoman Debra Dunbar said.

Talk about little known tidbits ...

But there are few of us that knew the real Captain America doesn't dress in red, white and blue and carry a star-spangled shield.

He wears camouflage and works for the Marine Corps. John F. America was promoted this month from artillery officer to captain, making his name synonymous with the Captain America of comic book fame.

The real America, 30, an assistant operations officer at Camp Lejeune, N.C., knows the name is a lot to live up to.

"I would be lying if I said people didn't notice it," America said. "But people will remember it whether I'm screwing up or doing something right."

Now, that's the spirit!

(John A. Moseley is news editor of the Herald. His column appears on Fridays.)

Back to the 1950s with Bill and Hillary Clinton

By DALE McFEATHERS
Scripps Howard News Service

that institution that flourished during the '50s, the bridge club.

The president, it turns out, is also an aficionado of the official smoke of the '50s, the cigar.

The town itself has been infected. A Cigar and Golf Association has been founded. A host of new bars have opened, featuring cigars and martinis.

The martini has come back big-time. It is not the kind of drink over which you discuss health-care reform, and it is impossible to drink a martini without looking like an Eisenhower Republican.

If people still indulge in white wine and brie, they do so in the privacy of their own homes with the shades down. You cannot find nouvelle cuisine — the tiny portions of toy food that afflicted the '80s — in Washington, but there are dozens of places that will serve you a 48-ounce porterhouse steak.

Beer, the beverage of the '50s, is making a comeback after years of darkness in the lite.

These are not wimpy, feel-your-pain, policy-wonk beers but in-your-face ales, stouts and porters, brewed by young entrepreneurs who oppose capital gains taxes.

The sex symbol of the Clinton administration, if only because he's the current betting favorite to be the next president, is a stiff, middle-aged white guy in a blue suit, white shirt and red tie — Vice President Al Gore. What could be more Republican?

If any further evidence was necessary that the shade of Ike was back, it was the inaugural balls, where featured acts included the '50s groups the Platters, Coasters and Drifters. Slow dancing was back. The Gores waltzed; so did the Clintons. The behavior was decorous. Ike didn't play the

saxophone at his second inaugural, and neither did Bill Clinton.

And it was an early-to-bed night. The Clintons went home two hours early. Their last dance together was at the 21st Century Ball. The president is big on the 21st century. He mentioned it 20 times in his inaugural address. The song they danced to was the Everly Brothers' "Bye-Bye Love," a hit in 1957, the first year of Eisenhower's second term.

Coincidence? Hardly. The hot theater ticket in Washington right now is for "Grease," a rock musical about the high school class of 1959, the final year of the Eisenhower administration.

Critics carped that the Clintons were children of the '60s. Turns out they were off by a decade. Instead of flower children, we might have re-elected Ike and Mamie.



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Do you have a good story idea for the *life!* section? Call 263-7331, Ext. 295.

Rotary group visits England, British counterparts to visit Big Spring

By KELLIE JONES
Features Editor

A group of Rotary representatives are preparing for the arrival of their British counterparts in March. Last fall, four West Texas residents went to England as part of the Rotary International Group Study Exchange for five weeks of exchanging ideas, cultures and knowledge with the British.

In turn, a team of five English Rotary members will visit the area for six weeks, with one week spent entirely in Big Spring.

Dr. Maria Douglas, a clinical psychologist with the Big Spring Federal Correctional Institute, was among those who ventured across the ocean to bring her knowledge to England. Each member of the team had certain areas they were responsible for teaching to the English with Douglas concentrating on prisons, vocation, corrections and mental health.

Douglas was accompanied by Jennifer Shirey, a Big Spring native now living in Lubbock; Steve Kauffman, also of Lubbock, and Maria Turrentine of Levelland.

Douglas visited both a

women's and men's prison in New Hall, England, part of West Yorkshire. The women's prison, Askam Grange Women's Prison, differs from those found in the United States because they have a mother/baby unit. "This is where the inmates can stay when they give birth and they stay with their children for up to 18 months. At the men's prison, Wakefield Prison, none of the correctional officers carried weapons. They had tactical units to call out if necessary," Douglas said.

The area was very "anti-weapon" Douglas said and if you own a gun or rifle, you must keep the weapon at the gun club and not in your home.

There is only one police system that is comparable to the Federal Bureau of Investigation. There is no local or state police departments. "The police system is involved in on-going research of professional criminals.

"Data such as what times of day or when a crime is committed is inputted. Prisons, social workers and corrections all share this information to educate the public." An interesting part of Douglas' trip was she got to tag along with an investigator who was looking into an ongoing murder investigation and how they use psychology and profiling to capture the suspects.

Another difference in the two cultures Douglas noted was health care. In England, they have socialized medicine and

health care is free.

The doctors still make house calls at two in the morning. Medical, dental and vision care is all paid for but the drawback is there is a long waiting list for those who want to have an elective procedure.

"You may have to wait six months. The doctors are short-handed and overworked. There is a trend, though, to move to the private side of medical care," Douglas said.

The group did take the time to do some sightseeing and to present the Texas culture to various Rotary clubs and organizations.

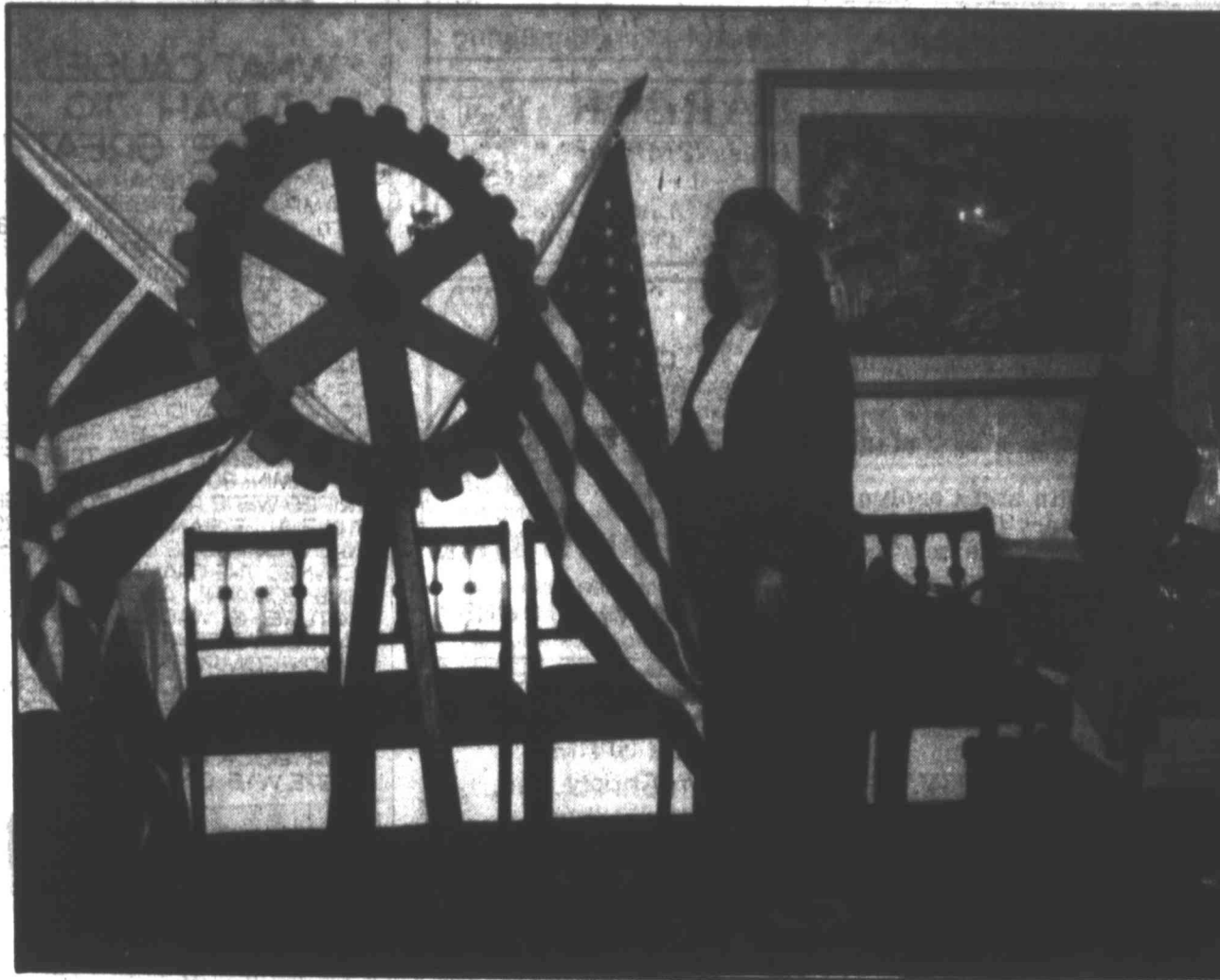
The team performed line dance routines and gave slide presentations about Texas and West Texas in particular.

"We were very well received. The older Rotary clubs in England don't allow women. Some of the newer ones are allowing women now," Douglas added.

The Big Spring resident got to shake hands with Prince Charles. The group was dining at a restaurant near an old cotton mill that Prince Charles was visiting.

Douglas said the prince is head of the Prince's Trust which is involved in historical conservation. The prince and his entourage were looking at transforming the cotton mill into a shopping mall with restaurants.

Although the schools are public, the students are required to wear uniforms and once a week, they must be given a



Courtesy photo
Dr. Maria Douglas was among a group of West Texas residents who participated in the Rotary International Group Study Exchange in England. Douglas is currently available to present what she learned while on her six-week trip to local schools, clubs and organizations. The group's British counterparts will be in Big Spring in March to tour West Texas.

moral or religious message. "There is such a difference in the discipline. The students say 'Yes, miss' and stand up when the teacher walks in or out of the room. There is a definite

lack of behavior problems that we are concerned with here in the States," Douglas explained.

This month, Douglas is presenting what she learned on her trip to the two Rotary clubs

in Big Spring.

If any school, organization or club is interested in Douglas speaking at their meetings, contact her at work at 263-8304, extension 170.

CLUB NEWS

Club news is due by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

Elbow Family and Community Education Club

The Elbow Family and Community Education Club met on Jan. 16, 1997, at the home of Lou Vincent. President Myrl Soles conducted the meeting.

The guest speaker was City Attorney Jim Finley. He presented a very informative and educational program concerning private property laws and how they protect us as citizens of the community. He covered various aspects of real and personal properties and the need for taxation to support community services.

He further informed us about city and urban homestead laws, bankruptcy laws as well as covering some of the differences between the Justice of the Peace and Municipal Judge duties and areas of responsibilities. He also covered a portion of Immanent Domain rights zoning regulations.

The devotional was presented by Lou Vincent and the thought for the day was given by Winifred Milwee.

The public is invited to attend the Elbow F.C.E. Club meetings. For more information please call 267-5067 or 263-6819.

The Woman's Forum

The Woman's Forum met in the home of Pauline Wood on Jan. 17, with co-hostess Tally

Driver and Olive Ruth Cowden with 16 members present.

Mary Crawford, program chairman, introduced Mrs. Doris Hulbregtse who presented a program titled: "Management Training For Small Businesses."

It was very enjoyable and knowledgeable to everyone.

A letter of appreciation was read by Zula McCrary from the Volunteer Services Council, Big Spring State Hospital, for the Forum's donation to the Christmas Fund.

An offering of \$14 was to be given to Mountain View Lodge.

The next meeting will be Feb. 21, with Polly St. Clair. It will be a brown bag luncheon at the Proud Citizens Building. Hostess will be Mabel Beene, Anna Helms and Ruth Edmonson.

1948 Hyperion Club

January's meeting of the 1948 Hyperion Club featured beloved local historian Joe Pickle as the guest speaker. Following the club's theme for the year, Our Town, Yesterday, Today and the Future, Pickle traced the Big Spring area's beginning. The talk highlighted well known historical figures whose paths crossed these parts, including Cabeza de Vaca, Capt. R.B. Marcy and Heneage Finch who was better known as the Earl of Aylesford. Col. C.C. Slaughter and John Birdwell were among other historic notables who helped to pioneer this area. Pickle's talk also featured stories of S.E.J. Cox, father of the local oil boom.

Jan Foresyth, president held a business meeting in which a letter of thanks from Big Spring State Hospital was read. Katie Lara was accepted as a new member. Co-hostesses for this meeting, held at the Dora Roberts Community Center, were Sandra Rhodes and Pat Atkins. Fourteen members and one guest were present.

1905 Hyperion Club

The Big Spring 1905 Hyperion Club met Thursday, Jan. 16, in the home of Doris Hulbregtse with 15 members and one guest, Polly Mays, present. Lucy Bonner served as co-host.

Program Chairman, Carol Scott, introduced Hayes Stripling who gave an informative and humorous program on the Sandhill Crane.

Two new members were added to their rolls, Mrs. Clark McDaniel and Mrs. Wesley Beechen.

A motion was approved to place a memorial plaque in the county library in memory of Jessie Nalley.

The Club's next meeting Feb. 20 will be held at the Heritage Museum.

Big Spring Women's Club

The Big Spring Women's Club met in the home of Julie Wolf, Monday, Jan. 20. Our first meeting of the year was open to interested new members. Eight prospective women attended to learn about the activities and projects BSWC members perform throughout the year. In February, our Texas Heritage committee will be baking cookies for the Big Spring State Hospital. This project will close out our projects for the year so BSWC members can prepare for our big event. BSWC will be hosting the Western District Annual Convention on March 21 and 22.

An estimated 80 club members throughout this district will be converging on our city. Also, we are continuing our cookbook sale.

If you are interested in purchasing a cookbook, call Amy Overton at 267-6901. Be watching for a preview of our recipes in the Herald's Recipe Corner Feb. 12.

Consider 'walk' to renew spiritual life

A few years ago, I joined with some others from our church in a program called the "Walk to Emmaus," given at a nearby retreat center.

This is a non-denominational weekend of renewed spiritual life many folks from many different churches in Big

Spring have been on, and I recommend it highly to you and you will have the opportunity to be a part of it.

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Cursillo de Christianidad (Spanish for "short course in Christianity"), a three-day experience which takes a New Testament look at Christianity as a lifestyle. It spread to the Episcopalians and other Christian groups. The current "Walk To Emmaus" is a highly structured weekend designed to strengthen and renew the faith of Christian people.

The Walk To Emmaus has to be experienced to be fully understood. Misunderstanding it is possible, but it is actually a solid, orthodox program where you do not lose your brains and good sense. As I said, it is structured and solid. It is a combined effort of laity and clergy sharing together. It is for all who want to become better servants for Jesus Christ.

While not wishing to overdo my enthusiasm about it, I

found it to be something which touched me as few things have in years. Do you remember those speeded-up time-lapse movies of flowers popping out of the ground, springing up, and opening to full flower? The Walk to Emmaus gives you a feeling like that about this thing we call our Christian Faith.

Different folks from different walks of life led us. There was a potash engineer. There was a minister. A custodian. Men who barely knew each other, but men who burned with a zeal and love for Jesus.

I must confess, I was a little skeptical before I went. I resisted. Sure, some fine people told me it was good. But it sounded too good to be true. But when I decided to go ahead and go, I discovered that the Walk to

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Ed Williamson
Guest Columnist

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Don't tell about depression, office thief

Scripps Howard News Service

Q: I suffered from serious depression for years. But I wasn't debilitated, so few co-workers were aware of my problem. The point is that I knew my job performance didn't match my capabilities. Within the past several months new medication has allowed me to crank it up a few notches and I'm excited to be able to really contribute my skills for the first time! My concern is I'm not seen as the same guy. How do I explain my professional history in a job search? What do I tell a recruiter? How can I possibly explain a weak salary history? — Steve M.

A: Wow, you've really asked a toughie! Normally, I would say, "Honesty is the best policy." But, when it comes to a mental illness, far too few employers

are knowledgeable or even tolerant. If you can be convincing,

WORK

you might be far better off explaining to a recruiter or a potential boss you have had a difficult family situation which you have now resolved. In plain words, I guess I'm suggesting you fib.

As for your anemic paycheck, attribute it as well to your "family situation" and the stresses it created for you on the job. What do you say readers, would your boss be compassionate and tolerant if you had a problem with depression? Let me know.

Q: One of my coworkers called me an "office supply thief" because I took several pads of yellow, sticky Post-its, a

few boxes of copying paper, a dozen pens and a few colored Hi-liters. I need all this "stuff" at home in order to complete office projects over the weekend. Moreover, I perceive these office supplies as part of my total compensation package. In plain words, I think I deserve these little "perks" for being a fantastic employee. Wouldn't you agree? — Righteous in New Haven, Conn.

A: You sure aren't sprouting wings for honesty that I can see. I agree with your coworker. In fact, I suggest your department secretary keep the key to the supply closet stashed in her bra to avoid your pilfering.

Dr. Paula Bern, author of "How to Work for a Woman Boss," has taught executive seminars at Carnegie-Mellon University. Questions may be mailed to Scripps Howard News Service, 1090 Vermont NW, Washington, D.C. 20005.

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Carpet care tips:

(NAPS) - 10 tips:

- Place commercial-type mats in high traffic areas.
- Avoid street shoes or barefeet on carpet. Skin's natural oils soil carpet and retain dirt.
- Invest in a quality cushion to support the carpet.
- Shade carpet from direct sunlight to reduce fading.
- Have the carpet restretched if it shows wrinkles or puckers.
- Clean up food and beverage spills immediately.
- Buy a strong, well-functioning upright vacuum cleaner. Canister-types often don't have sufficient power to remove embedded dirt and grit.
- Vacuum frequently and have the carpet professionally cleaned from time to time. Dirt down in the carpet works like an abrasive, scratching and discoloring the fibers and shortening the carpet's life.
- Move furniture frequently and put pads under legs to avoid dents.
- Save the carpet warranty and any other information that came with the carpet. Also, save a remnant for carpet repair.



FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Free trees available

Ten free flowering trees will be given to each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during January.

This year is the 125th anniversary of Arbor Day, and the free flowering trees are part of The National Arbor Day Foundation's Trees for America campaign to plant 10 million trees in 1997.

The trees will be shipped at the right time for planting between Feb. 1 and May 31 with enclosed planting instructions. Members also receive a subscription to the Foundation's bimonthly publication with information about tree planting and care.

To become a member, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Flowering Trees; National Arbor Day Foundation; 100 Arbor Ave.; Nebraska City, Neb.; 68410, by Jan. 31.

THE LAST WORD

There is always some accident in the best things, whether thoughts or expressions or deeds. The memorable though, the happy expression, the admirable deed are only partly ours.

Henry David Thoreau

To act is to annex to our thoughts vaster fields of experience.

Maurice Barres

We always like those who admire us.

La Rochefoucauld

CHURCH NEWS

Church news is due by Wednesday at noon for Friday publication.

Hosanna Christian Fellowship

Pastors Leroy and Jannie Linney invite you to join us in celebrating the completion of the building of Hosanna Christian Fellowship, 2001 North Lamesa Hwy., Stanton, and its dedication unto the Lord.

Services will begin at 10 a.m. Sunday morning, Feb. 2, with praise and prayer, accompanied by words of testimony and encouragement by many guests.

Pastors John and Carolyne Redic of Victory Chapel in El Paso will begin the services with prayer, and Pastor Richard Spencer of Cornerstone Christian Fellowship at Midland will bring the dedication sermon.

Open house will be 3-4 p.m. in the afternoon.

First United Methodist Church

"Jesus: Fighting His Temptations (Luke 4: 1-13) will be Dr. Ed Williamson's message Sunday at the First United Methodist Church. The message is about the humanity of Jesus, how he was as subject to temptation as we are, and how he handled his temptations without letting them overtake him. Join us in church at 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. We are on the Internet now with a "home page" at <http://www.xroadstx.com/users/fumc/index.htm>. We serve a Holy and Awesome God who calls us to become outstanding persons serving the world for Christ. It's a great time to get started in a class of friendly learning Christians, people just like you. The First United Methodist Church has several Sunday School classes for adults, youth, and children. If you or your family members or a friend would profit from wholesome friendship and learning the good life God offers to us, come and be with one of our classes next Sunday.

Vertical Living on the Horizon

Project Freedom Ministries, Most Excellent Way Ministries and the Howard College Continuing Education Department are sponsoring a seminar called "Vertical Living on the Horizon" Saturday at the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum. It's in the East Room from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and lunch is included.

Phyllis Martin will talk about hope and Sharae Buskirk will discuss living on the horizon. Registration is \$10 per person and cost includes workshop, lunch and CEU's of .7 hours. Contact Loretta Burns at 263-5140 or 267-1711 and Leatrice Brown at 267-1424. Child care is available for \$1 an hour per child and 50 cents for each additional child.

Baker's Chapel

Baker's Chapel will have barbecue dinners, Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Dinners will consist of choice of meat (brisket, pork ribs, chicken or sausage), potato salad, red beans. Dessert extra. Plates are \$5 for one meat and two for \$6. Dinners may be picked up at the church, 911 N. Lancaster, or have it delivered, 267-7158.

Walk

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Emmaus, to my way of thinking, was as solid as a rock. It's okay.

Emmaus prepares you with the confidence to become a Christian leader. If you are or aspire to be a Christian leader, the Emmaus experience is something you really ought not to deny yourself. It is important, I think, to share it with some people from your home area, too.

Want to learn more? See me or one of several hundred men and women in many churches in Big Spring who have been on a Walk To Emmaus. Take a walk, Christian, down the Emmaus road.

Ed Williamson is the minister at First United Methodist Church.

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Baseball: New York Yankees at Cleveland Indians, 7 p.m., ch. 28. Chicago Cubs at St. Louis Cardinals, 7:30 p.m., ch. 29. Golf: Phoenix Open, 2:30 p.m., ch. 30.

Past and present Packers ponder wit and wisdom of Vince Lombardi

NEW ORLEANS (AP) — Mike Holmgren likes to tool around Green Bay on a motorcycle, and was spotted the other day riding one in this Super Bowl city. "It looks cool," the coach of the Packers explained. "You know, the chicks and everything. The one here, I got to play with the siren."

Packers. There are T-shirts emblazoned with Lombardi homilies, Nike TV spots with actor Jerry Stiller portraying the gap-toothed coach, mugs with his picture, all sorts of paraphernalia. CMG Worldwide has licensed the use of the coach's name to 35 companies, and sales are expected to exceed \$20 million.

the video has been re-released, as current now as it was then. "Fatigue makes cowards of us all." That was Lombardi's method to keep his players working out. The message was to stay in shape. That prevents fatigue and, in turn, cowardliness. "Operate on Lombardi time."

Lombardi heritage. There are honorary captains from that era for each home game, and the old Packers are frequently around the new ones. "What the Lombardi era has meant to the league and Green Bay should never be put to rest," Holmgren said. "That will be a part of football as long as we play the game."

legacy and legend. "You hear a lot about the things he's done," tackle Santana Dotson said. "He put Green Bay on the map. He made Green Bay the first dominating team."

Hall of Famer Herb Adderley, a member of Lombardi's championship teams, confirmed that. "He taught self-discipline, respect, loyalty and honesty," the cornerback said. "He used to say, 'What I'm telling you will help you after football.' And he was right."

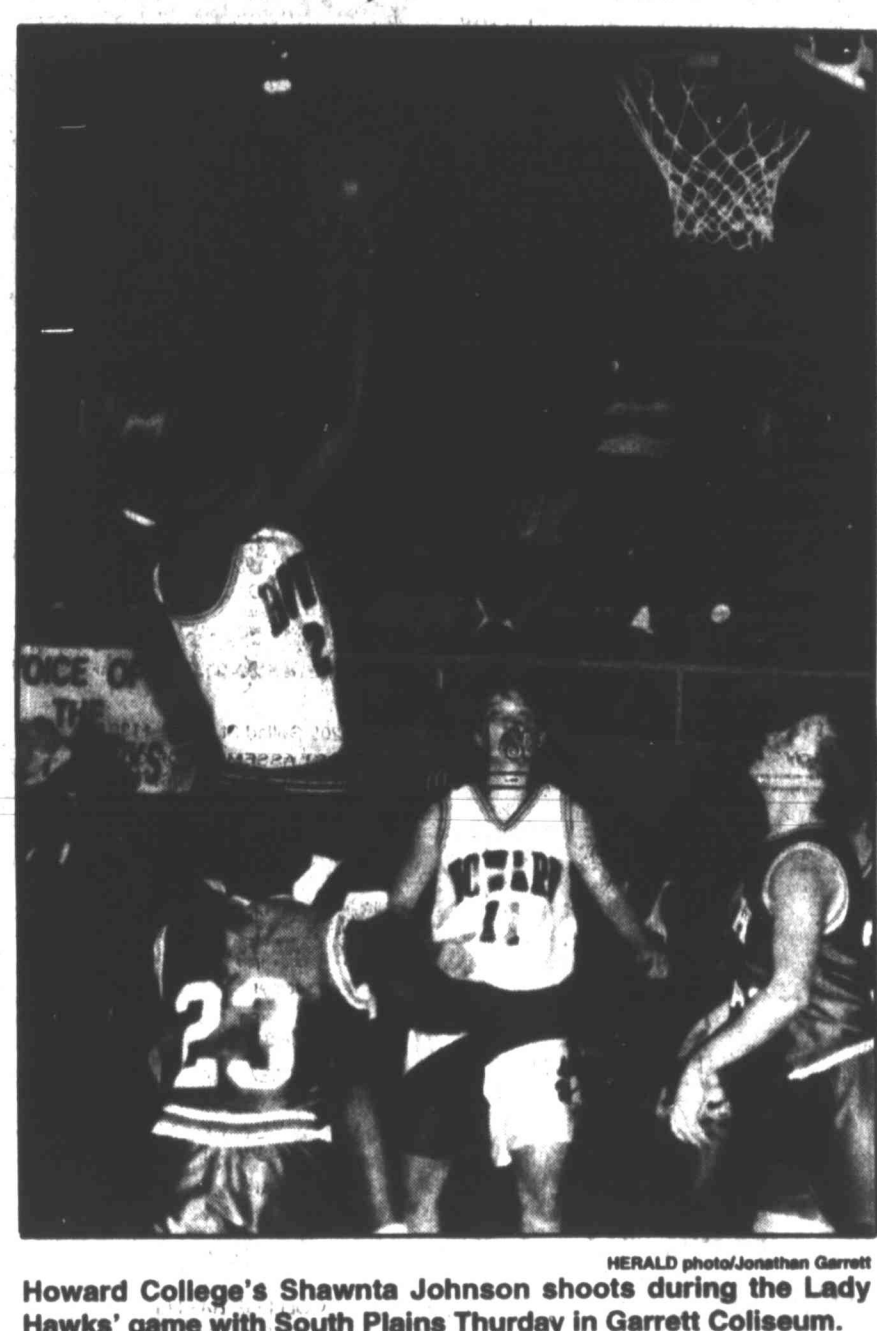
Lady Hawks stampede past SPC; Hawks fall in OT

Cosby, Kindle lead Howard to 85-65 win

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer Kyna Cosby and LaTonya Kindle had great games — and that was just in the first half. The Howard College guard duo each scored 19 points in the first half in leading the Lady Hawks to an 85-65 scorching of South Plains in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action Thursday at Garrett Coliseum.

WJCAC Standings MEN: Odessa 15-4, South Plains 13-4, Howard 12-7, Frank Phillips 12-7, NMJC 10-10, NMJC 8-14, Midland 12-9. WOMEN: Midland 18-3, Howard 19-3, South Plains 18-2, NMJC 12-12, Odessa 8-18, Western Texas 4-12, Frank Phillips 13-19.

want to have to rely on that too much." Aside from their point total, Kindle and Cosby also accounted for 12 steals, nine rebounds and four assists. But the Lady Hawks also had a strong showing from their inside players, who held South Plains' leading scorer, Angie Braziel, to only 10 points and reduced her to a non-factor in the game.



Howard drops heartbreaker to Texans, 72-71

By STEVE REAGAN Staff Writer What the Howard College-South Plains men game lacked in artistic grace, it more than made up with intensity. Despite misfiring offenses on both teams, the Hawks and Texans produced one of the most memorable games in recent history at Garrett Coliseum, as South Plains escaped with a 72-71 overtime victory in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action Thursday night.

Jordan again torches Cavaliers

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Something happens to Michael Jordan when he plays against Cleveland, and it's usually something bad for the Cavaliers. Jordan, who has scored 50 or more points against the Cavs six times and knocked Cleveland out of the playoffs with late-game heroics in 1989 and 1993, had two highlight-film dunks Thursday night that took the fight out of Cleveland in a 87-71 victory.

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dunks, Jordan sank five of six foul shots and tossed a shot in off the glass as the shot clock expired during a 17-4 run that gave the Bulls a 79-62 lead. Jordan finished with 32 points, Scottie Pippen and Toni Kukoc added 13 each and the Bulls won their second in a row despite being held below 90 points for the third straight game.

Cavaliers

time expired. It ended Seattle's nine-game winning streak and gave the Sonics their first loss of 1997. Martin added a season-high nine assists and Malik Sealy had 21 points for the Clippers, who beat the Sonics for the first time in 15 meetings.

Wake Forest ends Clemson win streak

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS Wake Forest didn't need any reminders that there are no gimmes in the Atlantic Coast Conference. The No. 4 Demon Deacons, coming off a tough home loss to Maryland last weekend, withstood a second-half rally by second-ranked Clemson to defeat the Tigers 65-62 Thursday night.

Colleges

of him. After Duncan made a free throw, Jurkunas missed a 30-footer at the buzzer. "It was a great, great basketball game and I'm proud of our team for being able to survive it," said Wake Forest coach Dave Odom, who started 7-foot-1 freshman center Loren Woods alongside Duncan.

No. 8 Minnesota 66, Iowa 51 At Minneapolis, Sam Jacobson scored a career-high 29 points and the Golden Gophers' held Iowa to its lowest point total this season. Jacobson, whose previous career high was 26 points, was 5-for-6 from 3-point range and gave Minnesota (17-2, 6-1) the lead for good with an exhilarating dunk midway through the first half.

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of the season on a dunk before Kendall Gill almost shot the Nets back into the game. Pistons 94, Warriors 79

At San Jose, Calif., Terry Mills had 22 points and Theo Ratliff added a season-high 18 for the Pistons. Mills, who hit three of his five 3-pointers in the fourth period, added a season-high 11 rebounds.

Lindsey Hunter added 19 points, including five 3-pointers, as the Pistons completed their longest road trip of the season with a 3-3 mark. Knicks 92, Pacers 90

At Indianapolis, Patrick Ewing had 23 points, including a basket with 17 seconds left that put New York ahead to stay. Reggie Miller brought the

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tive see-saw that saw the lead change hands 17 times. South Plains led by as many as 8 points early in the second half, but Howard — which missed all of its seven three-point attempts in the first half — suddenly began finding its range.

Three-pointers from Will Jones and Jack Owens brought the Hawks back to within two points of the lead, then a Samuel Maroney bomb gave the Hawks one of their many short-lived leads at 39-38.

From that point — 14:55 remaining in the game — neither team held a lead of more than four points. That belonged to the Hawks after a 12-7 run gave them a 58-54 lead with 4:31 left in the game.

The Texans rallied once again, however, and took a three-point lead into the closing seconds of regulation, which ended in a 63-63 deadlock after Elmer Brown was fouled trying to shoot a three-pointer, then calmly sank all three free shots.

If fans thought the back-and-forth lead changes were over, however, they were in for a nasty jolt Owens gave the Hawks a quick lead on a short jumper, but Johnny McDowell

Pacers back from an 85-78 deficit in the final 2:20 by making a pair of 3-pointers and two free throws to give Indiana an 88-85 lead.

Chris Childs, who had 16 points, made two free throws and Ewing scored the go-ahead basket. Larry Johnson gave New York a 91-88 lead by making two free throws. Vincent Askew pulled Indiana to 91-90, Charlie Ward made one free throw and Jalen Rose's desperation shot from midcourt was off target at the buzzer.

Heat 99, Raptors 87
A. Toronto, Tim Hardaway scored 26 points, including 16 in the third quarter to break open a close game.

Sasha Danilovic scored 16 points off the bench and Voshon Lenard had 15 points.

including 13 in the first half with three 3-pointers. Alonzo Mourning added 14 points and eight rebounds to help the Heat to their fifth win in their last six games and their 18th in their last 21 road games. Timberwolves 95, Grizzlies 76

At Vancouver, Tom Gugliotta tied his season-high with 33 points and Kevin Garnett had a strong third quarter after twisting his ankle.

The Timberwolves had only nine players in uniform after Stephon Marbury was sent back to Minnesota with a deep thigh bruise.

Terry Porter, who started at point guard in place of Marbury, chipped in 11 points to go along with a season-high 15 assists.

SOUTH PLAINS (72) — Finley 7 5 20; Staley 3 0 6; Pillion 3 0 18; McDowell 5 1 4 12; Williams 2 7 11 12; Caldwell 0 1 2 1; Henry 1 2 4 4; Layne 2 0 4 4; Laco 1 0 2 2; Wilson 1 3 4 6; Ricardo 0 0 3 0; Totals 25 19 97 72.
HOWARD (71) — Jones 3 2 3 10; Lewis 1 4 6 4; Maroney 3 0 0 8; Owens 3 6 10 13; Brown 4 3 4 12; Martinez 4 7 10 15; Cook 1 2 2 4; Reedy 1 1 2 3; Totals 20 35 97 71.
Halftime — SPC 28, HC 28; Regulation — HC 63, SPC 68; Three-point goals — SPC (Finley, McDowell, Williams), HC (Jones 2, Maroney 2, Owens, Brown); Total fouls — SPC 24, Howard 28; Fouled out — Staley, Jones, Cook, Reedy.

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Xavier came in averaging 88.4 points per game, but won its second straight despite scoring less than 70 both times.

George Washington (8-7, 3-3), which began the season in the Top 25, has lost six of nine. No. 17 Stanford 78, Washington 67

At Stanford, Calif., Kris Weems made three 3-pointers as the Cardinal opened the second half with a 20-5 surge.

Brevin Knight's 26 points, including 17 in the second half, led Stanford (12-3, 5-2 Pac-10). Tim Young added 20 points and Weems finished with 11.

The Cardinal has won 10 of its last 11 at Maples Pavilion. Jamie Booker's 20 points led Washington (10-4, 3-3).

Defending U.S. Open champion takes first-round lead at Phoenix

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Once Steve Jones got into the tee box, it was just a question of mind over matter.

Jones nearly was late to tee off in the Phoenix Open because he dawdled on the walk from the clubhouse Thursday morning. Then he nearly pushed his first drive out-of-bounds, but recovered for a 9-under-par 62 that was two shots off the tournament record.

Jones made birdie putts of 1, 8, 5, 30, 25, 20 and 10 feet, chipped in for birdie and two-putted after reaching a par-5 in two. But had playing partners Nick Price and Mark Brooks started without him, he would have had a two-stroke penalty and a 64 to match Price's score.

Advice from Greg Norman — to forget annual goals and concentrate on every shot as part of a career — helped Jones come back from a dirt-bike accident in November 1991.

"The mindset came first," Jones said. "I think that's the mindset of a winner, which he is, and that's kind of the way you should think. I've been thinking of that for a couple of years, as I came back on tour." After tearing ligaments in his left ring finger, Jones didn't rejoin the main tour for nearly three years, had moderate success in 1995 and then won the 1996 U.S. Open.

Price is another survivor. He won the British Open, PGA Championship and four lesser tournaments in 1994. But his chronic sinus problems kicked up in 1995 and he contracted mononucleosis last year.

Price also was caught up in caddie Jeff "Squeeky" Medlen's battle with leukemia and

played in just 15 PGA tournaments, withdrawing from two of the last three.

He started his first 1997 tournament with seven birdies from 15 feet or less, chipped in from 25 feet for another birdie and had one bogey.

"The last two years have probably fueled my desire even more," Price said. "I'm raring to get going again. I love going out and hitting balls. As long as I still have that love and the desire, I see no reason why I shouldn't get back to the way I was playing."

David Duval, Tommy Tolles, Joe Ozaki, Rick Fehr, Chip Beck, Jesper Parnevik, Rocco Mediate and Phil Blackmar had 5-under 66s.

Pre-tournament favorites Phil Mickelson and Tiger Woods, who is off to the fastest start to a career in PGA history, struggled on the 6,992-yard TPC of Scottsdale course.

Woods, playing for the first time since he won the Mercedes Championships — his third title in nine tour

events — on Jan. 12, needed a birdie on the last hole to finish at 68 — six shots back.

Mickelson missed putts of 8 feet or less on five straight holes in mid-round and carded a 70.

"That's the 'maintain' part of the course, and I didn't," Mickelson said.

Meanwhile, Price and Jones battled each other for the lead.

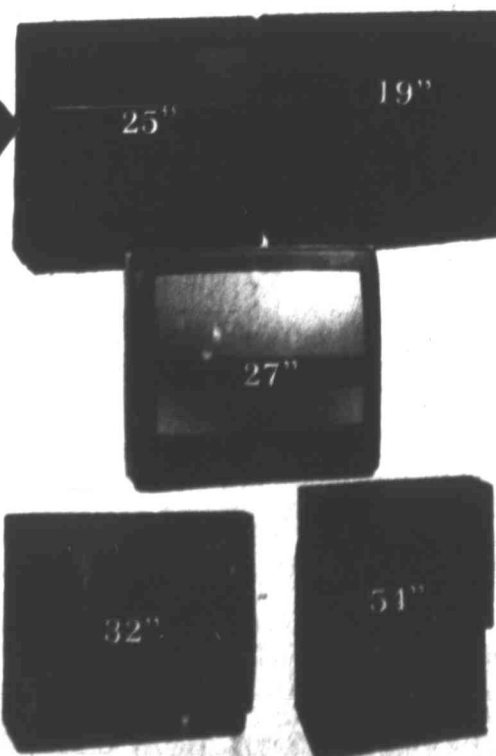
Price birdied the first hole, Jones caught up on the second, and both birdied No. 3. Jones had another birdie at the fifth hole, Price responded on the next green, and both birdied No. 9 to make the turn 4-under.

"I made a lot of putts, and I think Nick and I both fed off each other," Jones said. "He was 7-under and one hit the water, so he could have been right there with me. We were neck-and-neck for the first 11 holes, just kind of birdieing and topping each other."

The separation occurred on No. 12, a 195-yard par-3 where both hit 4-irons.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, JAN. 24:

Popularity is on the upswing. It is clear that people like you, even with all your eccentricities. Delve into more spiritual or intellectual realms. You excel in dealings with others. Be aware of a tendency to give too much away. If you are single, romance blossoms. You also find a friendship increases in importance. If attached, this will be an exciting year for the two of you. You develop a deeper connection and rapport. However, with all the excitement of the year, you need to schedule private time together. LEO gets a kick out of you.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You are lively with partners and those who are at a distance. Exploring options, and grabbing an opportunity, are right up your alley. Unusual perspective marks your dealings. You are on a social whirl; make time for friends and loved ones. Tonight: Go with the kid in you.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Unusual elements are tied into work. A partner is only too happy to help you, whether emotionally or financially. You are building a better sense of security. Use your high energy to clear your desk and get the job done. Others inspire you. Tonight: Take care of errands.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Communications are highlighted. You hear news that opens doors for you. Travel, educational opportunities and increased self-expression help you see life in a new way. Keep up with messages, and return calls. This is a good-news day. Tonight: Go to a favorite spot.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) A financial issue solves itself because of your diligence. Others are clearly there for you, giving you the support

and caring you need. Follow-through counts with a family member. You could be involved in another's finances. Tonight: Investigate the matter at hand.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You are an unstoppable force right now. It may be hard for you to slow down. There is a newness regarding a partner. As a result, your creativity surges. Your muse triggers much happiness, ideas and energy. Take the initiative. Tonight: When you ask, you will receive!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Don't let the cat out of the bag. You have a lot on your mind. Follow your instincts regarding a money matter. Work profits from your logical, security-minded orientation. You make observations that are best kept to yourself. Tonight: A little mystery goes a long way.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Emphasize success and increased opportunities. You will see another's perspective quite differently from before. Excellent communications mark this period. You feel free to express your views. A new flirtation could be a lot of fun. Tonight: Do what you want.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Be more aware of the long-term effects of a work-related plan. It might be wise to approach the boss. He has a different point of view. Share the obvious. A family member surprises you with a new decision. Express a sense of negativity. Tonight: Stay in the limelight.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Dig out information, and come up with solutions. News from a distance is important and opens doors. Initiate conversations. Focus on friendship, goals and greater happiness. Check out office gossip, but be careful not to start your own. Tonight: Take a minivacation.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) You enjoy relating to someone on a different level. Your understanding of what makes

another's financial whiskers twitch could change as a result, and force you to think through an investment and partnership. Don't let a boss push you. Tonight: Go for togetherness.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) Partners are right there for you. News from a distance opens a door you hadn't thought possible. Prepare to take off at the drop of a hat. Increased spirituality and intellectualism are the likely outcomes. Keep your eye on the big picture. Tonight: Accept at least one of the enticing offers.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Finish work, and consider an option. Understand what is happening with a co-worker.

Sharing common language is simply common sense

DEAR ABBY: I agree with your answer to



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

"I Speak Spanish in New Mexico." Why are some people in this country so determined to speak another language in front of other people, knowing it could be considered rude?

For this country to be united, we need to be able to communicate with each other. A common language makes sense, and I believe that all individuals in this country should use a common language. Individuals, organizations (such as religious organizations) and the government should encourage this. There are problems in this country that are difficult to solve, but this is not one of

Discussions prove insightful and add to your sense of well-being at work. The boss gives you positive feedback. Start a new workout program. Tonight: Enjoy fun exercise.

BORN TODAY Actor Ernest Borgnine (1917), singer Neil Diamond (1941), evangelist Oral Roberts (1918)

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If I moved to Mexico, I would learn to speak Spanish if for no other reason than to show respect for that country. If you live in the United States, please learn the language.

RICHARD WATSON, PORTLAND, ORE. DEAR RICHARD: I suspect that many people who speak a foreign language in the presence of those who do not understand it are ignorant of the fact that they are being rude.

A common language brings people together. Historically, English was a priority for German, Italian, Russian, Chinese and Japanese immigrants (to name a few) because it helped them participate in the communities they joined. And because the United States is still predominantly an English-speaking country, that practice should continue today.

DEAR ABBY: Perhaps you will indulge me by printing one more letter regarding the English/Spanish controversy.

I have been unable to obtain work in Southern California despite 14 years' experience, excellent references and a willingness to work. The reason I cannot speak Spanish.

Properly management is my specialty. After attending classes for seven years while working full time, I received all of the certification that the National Apartment Association offers. Advertisements in the papers state, "bilingual only need apply."

UNHAPPILY RETIRED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA DEAR UNHAPPILY RETIRED: Employers must be practical. Because California has a large Spanish-speaking population and many businesses depend on Spanish-speaking customers and subcontractors, they need employees who can speak Spanish. It's a matter of economics.

DEAR ABBY: I was having a conversation with an elderly Hispanic gentleman recently when a man approached us from 100 feet away and admonished us to speak English because "we're in America now, you know."

I replied: "Why? Because you're too stupid to learn a foreign language? We weren't talking to you or about you. Besides, there wouldn't be much point because this gentleman doesn't speak English."

In a recent column you stated that it is extremely rude to speak a foreign language in front of someone who doesn't speak that language. However, what is even more rude is listening to someone else's conversation when they aren't speaking to you.

DEAR DAVE: When I said that it's rude to speak a foreign language in front of someone who doesn't speak that language, it was in the context of a social situation in which there were four people. I was not talking about two individuals having a private conversation in a public place.

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Red Raiders face 'Murderer's Row' slate of contests

LUBBOCK (AP) — Thanks in part to their coach, Texas Tech players can recite the words "we'll take it one game at a time" as easily as they can execute an alley-oop.

Coach James Dickey's mantra has become even thicker this week. After Saturday's road trip to No. 14 Iowa State looms the much-anticipated home tilt with top-ranked Kansas, then a road game against rival No. 23 Texas.

The Cyclones (12-3, 3-2), who may be without leading scorer Dedic Willoughby and his sore left hamstring, showed they can still put together a win by beating Kansas State 54-48 Tuesday night.

Even with Willoughby and his 18 points-per-game average, Iowa State isn't exactly an offensive showcase. Without him, they'll be even more reliant on the ferocious defense that vaulted them to No. 4 earlier this year.

Dickey said low-scoring affairs, like a 70-64 victory over Oklahoma State on Monday, should continue to be the norm in the rough-and-tumble Big 12.

"I expected a dip in scoring," Dickey said, after his team

entered league play averaging nearly 90 points per game. "The defenses are outstanding, and the conference opponents are putting a lot of emphasis on stopping us more."

Dickey doesn't expect his charges to lose sight of the Cyclones, even with Kansas and its behemoth front line ready to pay a visit. Center Tony Battie remembers the final regular season game of the year in 1995, a loss to underdog Texas Christian, that knocked Tech from NCAA Tournament contention.

"We would have won the Southwest Conference title outright if it weren't for that," said Battie, who has been nearly unstoppable lately despite a sore left hamstring of his own. Battie has averaged 21 points this season and 25 in the last six games.

Standout guard Cory Carr, meanwhile, has struggled with his shooting percentage. He believes the offense is working like it's drawn up, but the execution isn't there.

"I think I'm getting open looks," said Carr, who leads the Red Raiders with 23 points per game but is shooting 43 percent from the field. "My guys look for me to take better shots."

Sampras advances to Australian final

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — An ankle-high winner around the net post. An impressive dash to catch up to a lob at the baseline. A sprinting forehand pass down the line.

Pete Sampras confounded Thomas Muster and his computer analysis with a full range of sharpshooting today and advanced to the Australian Open final against surprising Spaniard Carlos Moya, a 7-5, 6-2, 6-4 upset winner over Michael Chang.

The women's title will be decided Saturday when fourth-seeded Martina Hingis attempts to become the youngest Grand Slam tournament singles champion this century when she takes on unseeded Mary Pierce, the 1995 Australian Open winner.

In his 6-1, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3 victory, Sampras came out with more than his devastating serve and volley attack. He also hit frequent winners from the baseline against Muster, an acknowledged master of backcourt rallies.

It took them 30 shots to decide the first point of the second-set tiebreaker. Sampras finally won with a crosscourt forehand.

"It kind of set the tone for the tiebreaker, and I played a real good aggressive tiebreaker," said the world No. 1.

Muster had his chance to win the second set before reaching the tiebreaker. Serving at 5-3, he gained a set point by blasting a backhand at Sampras' feet at the net, but wasted it by netting a forehand.

Sampras then took the game with a drop volley after Muster had retrieved two overheads.

"Here was my chance to take a set from him, and I think it would have been wide open," Muster said. "But he came right back from 5-2 and once he is ahead, he's very tough to beat. He doesn't give you many chances. If you don't take those you get, you're going to lose."

Muster has been unable to add a Grand Slam tournament title on hardcourts or grass to his impressive list of clay court titles, including the 1995 French Open. He also has been unable to beat Sampras more than once in eight meetings.

Sampras, seeking his ninth Grand Slam tournament crown, said Muster "should have won the second set. ... Once I won

the second, I felt that was a big turning point."

He went on to a 3-0 lead in the third set, breaking Muster in the second game by racing to retrieve an angled volley and drilling a forehand down the sideline, leaving Muster helpless on the other side of the court.

It was one of 17 groundstroke winners for Sampras to 23 for Muster. But Sampras' ability to control the baseline rallies led to some of his 16 volley winners. He also slammed in 16 aces.

"I felt I was going toe-to-toe with him from the backcourt," he said.

"The thing that makes him difficult to play is when he's standing where he wants to stand and hits the big forehand and kind of dictates play," Sampras added. "I just said, 'If I miss, I miss. I'm just going to use the whole court, make him run, make him work on his service games.'"

Muster, the No. 5 seed, has been using a computer analysis of opponents' strategies to help him capitalize more on his exceptional fitness.

"The computer is good," he said. "It told me exactly the right things, but still you have to make your shots."

Sampras said he and Muster know each other's games anyway.

"It's just a matter of who does it well," Sampras said. "I don't try to overcomplicate things by using a computer or whatever." But the computer couldn't have anticipated shots like Sampras' lob retrieval in the tiebreaker and his backhand winner around the net post in the third set.

"Maybe he will put it in there now," Sampras said of the flick past the post. "That was complete luck. ... I couldn't believe it came out the way it did."

And another one to put in the computer: On the final point, Sampras hit the net cord with an overhead. The ball popped over and Muster chased it down, but couldn't handle Sampras' next volley.

Despite being impressed with Sampras' all-round game, Muster thought the final still might go to Moya, who knocked out defending champion Boris Becker in the first round, then beat Chang in the semifinals.

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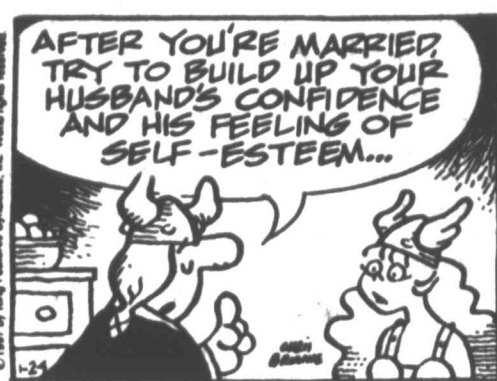
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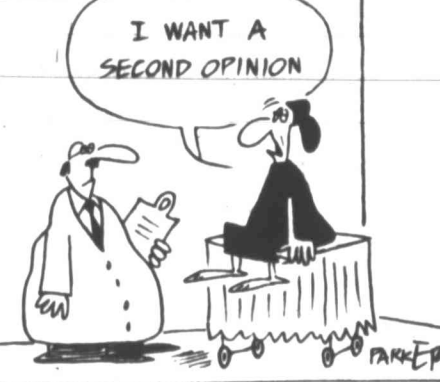


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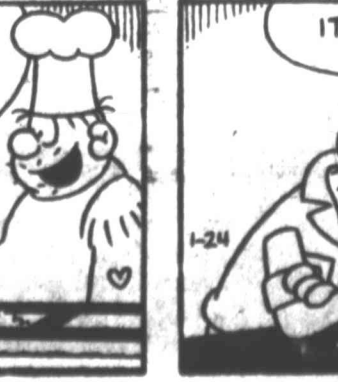
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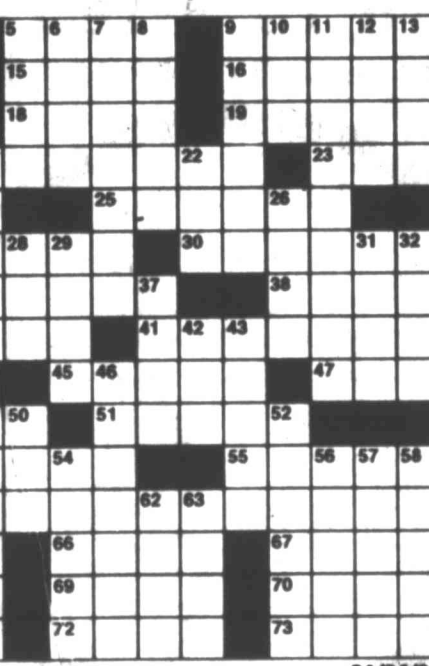
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