

# BIG SPRING HERALD

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## Furr's officials excited about Saturday's open house

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Excitement is the word of the day for employees of Furr's/Bishop's Inc., who will hold an open house this Saturday at their first new restaurant to be built since 1986.

A Community Preview/Open House will be held from noon until 3 p.m. Saturday and a Ribbon Cutting/Grand Opening will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 12.

"We're excited about the new restaurant and the opportunity to construct

it in Big Spring," said Jim Hale, Furr's vice president of field operations. "This restaurant combines the excellent Furr's traditions and food with new ideas in layout, interiors and merchandising. Guests will experience a truly outstanding dining experience. We hope the people of Big Spring and surrounding areas will join in our excitement and come dine with us."

Furr's re-entry into the Big Spring market comes three years to the day after the company ceased operations when Highland Mall was closed for the construction of the Wal-Mart

Supercenter.

The new 10,000-square-foot facility will seat 300 guests inside and 70 on an outdoor patio — the first patio in the Furr's chain. Also incorporated into the new restaurant is a separate carry-out market for take-home service.

Furr's marketing representative Donna Luna said Furr's will charter a bus for half of its corporate staff to come to Big Spring and have lunch at the new facility on Friday.

"The other half of the corporate staff will travel to Big Spring for lunch at the cafeteria next Monday," Luna said.

"Big Spring residents will get a chance to see the cafeteria up close Saturday and refreshments will be served," Luna said.

Luna said that next Monday Furr's will have an invitation only open house and dinner for chamber of commerce officials, the media and those who attended the Furr's groundbreaking ceremony last summer.

Furr's/Bishop's has 100 cafeterias in 13 states with annual revenues of more than \$200 million, and the 370-seat, 10,000-square-foot Big Spring facility will represent a change in the way

Furr's normally approaches the cafeteria business.

According to Furr's Marketing Director Danny Meisenheimer, the new cafeteria is a bit more of an aggressive approach where the cafeteria business is concerned.

On a trip to Big Spring last fall, Furr's CEO Kevin Lewis said the additions to the new cafeteria are not a part of any of the company's other cafeterias. Those additions include a carry-out area, outdoor patio, meeting rooms, an open food service line and a bakery.

## BSISD board calls May 3 trustee election

### Air conditioning projects outlined with consultants

By CHRYS GOFF  
Staff Writer

Big Spring Independent School District trustees met in a special meeting Monday afternoon to discuss the upcoming May 3 election of trustees and replacing the existing heating and coolant systems on several campuses.

There are three board members whose positions are up for election and all three — Donnie Baker, Larry Hollar and Steve Fraser — say they will seek re-election.

Baker holds the District 2 seat on the board and Hollar, the District 4 spot. Fraser holds an at-large seat, having been appointed to replace Dan Wise last year, and must run to fill the one-year unexpired term.

Candidates can file at the school business office, located at 708 11th Place, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. The first day to file for candidacy is Monday, Feb. 17, and the deadline is 4:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 19.

To vote and to run in the election you must live within those districts up for election. Early voting is scheduled for April 14-29. Early ballots may be cast from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at the County Clerk's office. Voting on election day is 7 a.m.-7 p.m. at the Big Spring High School Cafeteria.

Meanwhile, engineering consultants Rick and Thomas Romine gave a presentation on the process of replacing the air conditioning units on five out of seven BSISD campuses.

The campuses include Goliad Middle School, Washington Elementary, Bauer Magnet Elementary, Marcy Elementary and Anderson Kindergarten Center. The alternates are Steer Gym at Big and Lakeview Headstart which will be done if the cost does not exceed \$2.5 million. Funding for the projects comes from a bond election passed by voters last



Rick Romine (left) and Tom Romine discuss air conditioning bid specifications to school board trustees Monday afternoon. Board members accepted the specifications and will seek bids through the end of the month to air condition and heat five campuses, with the possibility of the Steer gym and Lakeview Headstart being added to the project if the bid is under the \$2.5 million cap.

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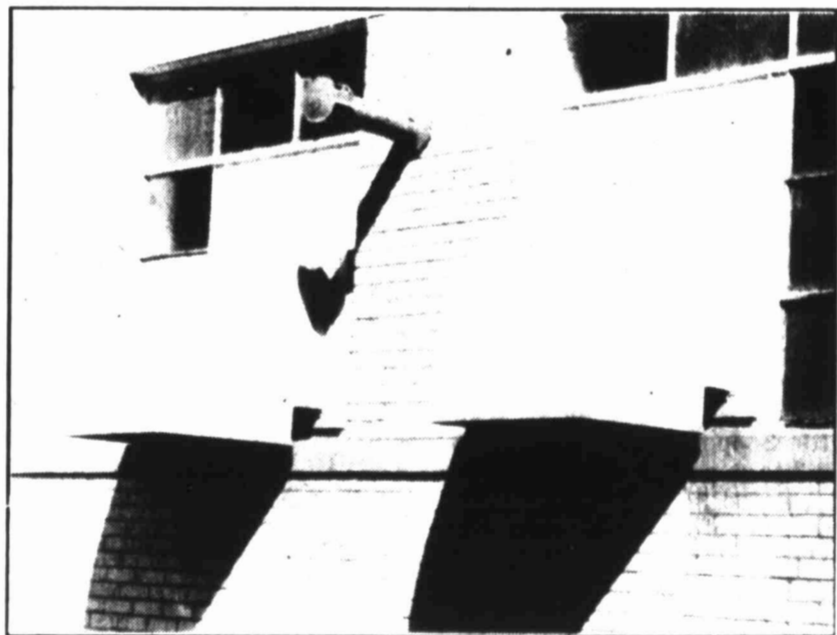
The project's goal is to cool the buildings, eliminate all boilers, roof units and remove all open-flamed gas furnaces for fire safety. There are only a limited number of contractors that can do this type of work.

Trustees accepted the bid specifications set by the consultants and bids will be opened March 3 at a noon special meeting in the board room. Bids on which company will build the new junior high will be opened at 2 p.m. on Feb. 13.

Trustees plan to have the project completed by Aug. 13, and if not, they plan to relocate students to other schools on a temporary basis.

The coolers to be used in the air conditioning project are electronically managed through a computer and maintain the same temperature in each classroom. One class cannot have it on heat and the other on cool. Rick Romine told the board to plan for these coolant systems to last up to 30 years.

Superintendent Bill McQueary said all summer school classes will be moved to



Vents like these at Steer Gym will be removed and new windows will be installed if a company is able to meet the \$2.5 million cap to air condition five campuses, the gym and Lakeview Headstart. The bids will be opened at noon March 3 during a special board meeting.

buildings not being worked on at the time.

The inconvenience will only be temporary, school officials said, adding that they would

rather get this done now and maybe have a few weeks of having to fans than an entire school year without air conditioning or heat.

HERALD photos/Kellie Jones

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## Moore Development issuing invitations for employer forum

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

More than 100 invitations have been sent out to Big Spring employers to attend the city's first major employer forum at 3 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Community Center.

The forum is being sponsored by Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.

Moore board member Phil Carruthers, chairman of Moore's Retention and Expansion Committee, helped plan the forum and thinks area businesses will benefit from the meeting.

"This will be a fairly aggressive agenda with a lot of focus being placed on the Business Development Center at Howard college and educational opportunities," Carruthers said. "We want this first forum to be more of an educational type meeting."

Moore Development Executive Director Danette Toone said the forum is the result of about nine months of hard work analyzing a survey sent to local manufacturing businesses.

"What we're trying to accomplish with the forum is to find out if any local major manufacturing companies have any major problems whether they be in the area of labor, City

Hall, taxes or where to make the proper contact on a certain issue," Toone said.

"In the survey we sent out, we also wanted to know what our major manufacturing businesses liked about Big Spring and what we could do to help improve those areas even more."

According to Toone, Moore needs to be more pro-active and make sure the manufacturing businesses in town are sound.

"Businesses won't want to come to Big Spring unless they can see that our local businesses are sound themselves," Toone said. "This meeting is to get everyone in the same room and give them an opportunity to talk and discuss the things they think are important."

Toone said she is excited about Thursday's meeting because she has already had contact with several local businesses, which have expressed excitement about the potential about a forum like this.

"This will be a real educational process as well as a networking opportunity for local manufacturing businesses," Toone said. "We took the time to get good information in putting the forum together."

Whether or not the forum will be repeated and or how often will be determined by those in attendance at Thursday's meeting, according to Toone.

## Big Spring Cable makes change, adding 'TV Land' to its offerings

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Big Spring Cable TV finally made the change Monday afternoon, dropping "E! Entertainment Television" from the local lineup and adding Nickelodeon's "TV Land."

The switch had been scheduled for last Friday, but a change in "E!'s" ownership, with the Disney Co. purchasing 58 percent of the company and sending both "E!" and TCA, Big Spring Cable's parent company, back into contract negotiations.

"I received a fax late this morning," explained Big Spring Cable general manager Archie Kountz on Monday, "and was told to go ahead and make the original switch as scheduled."

The new cable line-up has KMLM, a Midland-Odessa based independent Christian station, moving from cable channel 24

to 19, which had been occupied by "E!" KMLM's move to 19 opened channel 24 for the addition of "TV Land."

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.

"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, The Ed Sullivan Show, Green Acres, Gunsmoke, Hill Street Blues, Mannix, The Sonny & Cher Comedy Hour, That Girl

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## Glasscock ISD trustees discuss handling of parent's complaint

HERALD Staff Report

GARDEN CITY — Glasscock County Independent School District trustees met in special session last Thursday night to discuss the way a complaint by a parent was handled.

According to Superintendent

Charles Zachry, a parent was upset at Scott King, the junior high and high school principal, as a result of the school's dress code.

Because the situation involves a student, Zachry said he was unable to discuss the matter at length. A student had apparently disobeyed a portion of the

dress code and the youngster's parent decided to discuss the matter with King at the end of a basketball game in December.

"The situation didn't pertain to the basketball game and it was school-related," Zachry explained. "This was not the way a person should handle this. It didn't follow board poli-

cy as to the way a complaint should be handled. The board reviewed the incident and they concluded they didn't have any evidence to ban the person (parent) from any ball games but the board did say it was handled inappropriately. The board

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## Committee votes to toughen juvenile driving laws

AUSTIN (AP) — Claudia Braden McCoy chokes up when she talks about her niece dying just days after turning 12, while the teen-age driver who ran her down faced no more than a \$100 fine.

Monday, she brought her pain to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, which voted 6-0 for a bill to allow stronger punishment of juvenile hit-and-run drivers.

The measure, known as "Lori's Law" after young victim Lori Ann Braden of Houston, now goes to the full Senate for

consideration.

The bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would allow a full range of punishment under juvenile crime laws and possibly certification as an adult for juvenile drivers who fail to stop and render aid in car accidents. Charges and punishment would depend on the circumstances of each case.

"It sends out a very strong message that if you commit a crime, you ought to be willing to suffer the consequences for it," Ellis said. "We ought to not create an atmosphere in which

because someone is young, that's a glitch in the law that makes it possible for them to get off."

For McCoy, a fourth-grade teacher in Houston, there is still pain. But there is also a measure of satisfaction that the law is on its way to being strengthened because of the death of a girl whom she describes as bright, outgoing and "outspoken, just like her auntie."

Such an accident "could happen to some of the children that I truly love, that I interact with every day," McCoy said after

the committee hearing.

"Thinking about other young people in the state of Texas who ride bikes and who go across the street for ice cream and that kind of thing, they need to be protected too," she said.

Lori Ann and a relative were crossing a northeast Houston street to get ice cream when she was struck April 2, 1995. The driver continued down the road but was pursued and caught by a family friend.

The sixth-grader died on April

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### TODAY'S WEATHER

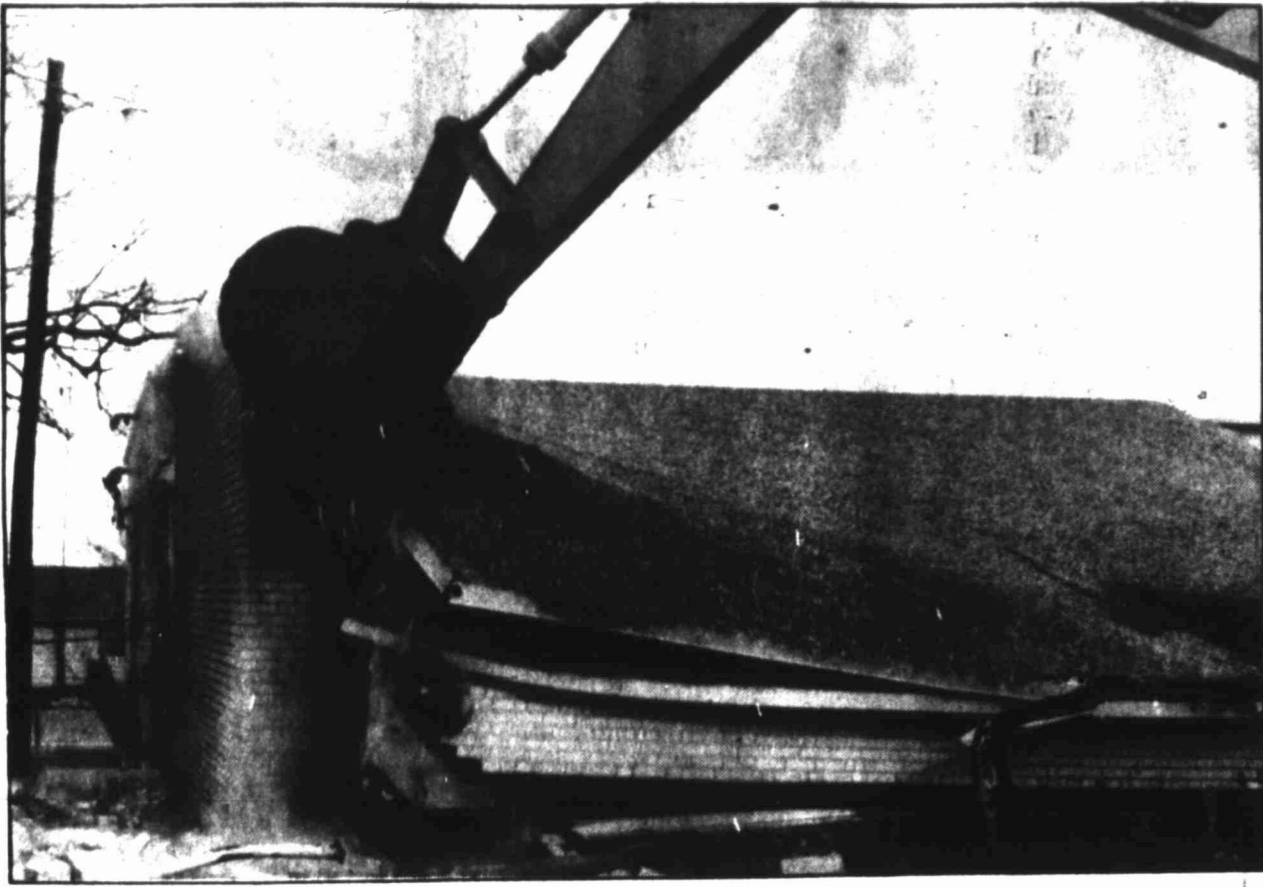
60 ▲ Highs 30  
Lows ▼

Today: Mostly sunny with a high near 60. Low around 30.

Wednesday: Mostly cloudy. High in the mid 40s. Low in the lower 30s.

Extended outlook: Thursday, cloudy with a chance of rain. High in the upper 40s. Low in the 30s. Friday, cloudy. High in the 50s. Low in the 30s. Saturday, cloudy. High near 60. Low in the upper 30s.

### THE WALLS COME CRUMBLING DOWN



HERALD photo/Jonathan Garrett

The walls are coming down on the old Boydston Elementary so a new junior high can be built. Construction begins after school board members open bids next week to determine which company will build the new facility.

## A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

a concert by Dreams of God 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 8, in the Howard College Auditorium.

### Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 5, 3, 4  
CASH 5: 12, 21, 25, 26, 29

**BIG SPRING STATE HOSPITAL** Volunteer Services Council will sponsor their fifth annual Valentine fundraiser. Remember someone special with two carnations arranged in a bud vase - \$8, balloon bouquet - \$8, bear and balloons - \$8. Delivery service will be provided by BSSH volunteers.

Want something really special...volunteers will deliver a singing telegram and carnation for \$20.

Something new this year will be a volunteer operated valentine stand located at the front of the campus. Everyone is welcome to come out and shop for valentine gifts - cash and carry.

Call 268-7533 or 268-7535 to place your Valentine order or to volunteer your talent and time. Proceeds from this fund raiser go to the patient benefit fund to be used for special activities and needed clothing and grooming items.

**ST. MARY'S EPISCOPAL SCHOOL** is hosting a Scholastic Book Fair Feb. 10-14. Admission is free and the public is welcome to come.

Proceeds from the book fair benefit the school's library. Computer software will be for sale.

The hours are from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. For more information, call Sharon Howe, 267-4302.

**TACO BELL, 2311 S. GREGG**, will be sponsoring a Kids' Day Feb. 15 from 2 to 5 p.m. The Big Spring Police Department will be taking children's fingerprints to be filed in case identifying a child is necessary.

All children will receive a free balloon and an order of cinnamon twists.

**A FUND HAS BEEN** set up for the family of Shelton Castle to help with funeral expenses. The account is at the State National Bank and the number is: 1302337.

**PLEASE LET IT BE** known all who are interested in participating in the 1997 Relay For Life event on May 16 and 17 may now contact Judi Johnston at 267-1014 (work) or 267-1904 (home). The committee needs help with on-site events.

It is now time to assemble walking teams for the relay. Information is available from Jay or Kim Phinney at 267-1480.

**RAPE CRISIS/VICTIM SERVICES** is currently recruiting individuals who want to make a difference in the community and someone's life. The agency depends on volunteers to be the initial contact and support of victims of crime, such as assault, sexual assault and domestic violence.

Those interested must be at least 18 years old, complete an application, interview and 40-hour orientation, be willing to commit to a minimum of three "on call" 12-hour shifts per month and pass a criminal background check prior to becoming a volunteer.

Orientation for volunteer advocate trainees will be held each Saturday in March from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. For more information, contact Ann Farley Addy, assistant director, by calling 263-3312.

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Living Water Church, 7008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.	Chevron	66 -1/2
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m.; Spanish services.	Chrysler	34 1/2 nc
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.	Cifra	1.30-1.34
•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.	Coca-Cola	59 -1/2
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.	De Beers	31 1/2 -1/2
•Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have experienced the death of a child, 7:30 p.m., Family Life Center, First Baptist Church. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.	DuPont	107 1/2 -1/2
•VFW Post No. 2013, 7 p.m., VFW Hall.	Excel Comm.	19 1/2 nc
•Cancer support group, 7 to 8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.	Exxon	102 1/2 nc
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	Fina	51 1/2 -1/2
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.	Ford Motors	32 1/2 +1
<b>THURSDAY</b>	Halliburton	71 1/2 +1
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.	IBM	163 -1 1/2
•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.	Laser Indus LTD	11 1/2 -1/2
•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.	Medical Alliance	14 -1/2
•Support Group for Depression, 7 p.m., Dora Roberts Rehab Center, Third and Lancaster.	Mobil	131 1/2 +1
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.	Norwest	47 1/2 -1/2
•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles, 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.	NUV	9 1/2 nc
•Genealogical Society of Big Spring, 7:15 p.m., Howard County Library. Call Bernice Cason, 267-8542 or 267-7236. The door to the right of the main entrance open until 7:30 p.m.	Phillips Petroleum	43 1/2 -1/2
•Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Preston Harris, 263-7136.	Pepsi Cola	33 1/2 -1
<b>FRIDAY</b>	Polaris	24 1/2 -1/2
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area seniors invited.	Rural/Metro	33 -1/2
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.	Sears	47 1/2 +1
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.	Southwestern Bell	54 1/2 +1
•"Friday Night Rock", 8 p.m., Spanky's Coffee House, sponsored by Cornerstone Church.	Sun	26 1/2 +1
<b>SATURDAY</b>	Texasco	103 1/2 -1/2
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.	Texas Instruments	76 1/2 +1

### POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following activity between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

**TONY CASTELLANO, 23**, of 1102 Lamar, was arrested for driving with an invalid license, no insurance, expired motor vehicle registration and on local warrants.

**LINDA McCLANAHAN, 43**, of 2106 Grace, was arrested for evading detention, no insurance and expired motor vehicle registration.

**ROBERTO VASQUEZ, 24**, of 1303 Utah, was arrested for no insurance and on local warrants.

**SHANE LAMONT YEAGER, 26**, of 610 Goliad, was arrested for assault and family violence.

**BILLY HERL, 19**, 120 Airbase Rd., #32, was arrested for public intoxication.

**THEFT** in the 1700 block of E. Marcy; 1400 block of E. Fourth; 1200 block of Lloyd; and the 2500 block of Wasson.

**DOMESTIC DISTURBANCE** in the 100 block of Circle; the 1500 block of Johnson; and the 600 block of State.

**CRIMINAL MISCHIEF** in the 1000 block of E. 15th.

**BURGLARY OF A HABITATION** in the 1100 block of Johnson; 1600 block of Robin; and the 500 block of N.W. Seventh.

**DISORDERLY CONDUCT** in the 1600 block of E. 16th.

### RECORDS

Monday's high 73  
Monday's low 37  
Average high 60  
Average low 30  
Record high 82 in 1925  
Record low 4 in 1956  
Precip. Monday 0.00  
Month to date 0.00  
Month's normal 0.05  
Year to date 0.16  
Normal for the year 0.66  
\*\*Statistics not available

### MARKETS

March cotton 74.90 cents a pound, down 10 points; Feb. crude oil 24.28, up 13 points; Cash hogs steady at \$1 lower at 54; slaughter steers steady at 65; Feb. lean hog futures 75.35, down 35 points; Feb. live cattle futures 63.95, up 12 points.  
Courtney: Delta Corporation.  
Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Cabot 24 1/2 +1

### TODAY

•Comanche Lake Duplicate, 1 p.m., Dora Roberts Civic Center.  
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group,

### SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER

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### ALLAN'S FURNITURE

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### Law

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8, three days after her 12th birthday, which she spent "in a comatose state," McCoy said. "Lori never regained consciousness."

The driver, who had a juvenile record involving drugs, stolen cars and evading arrest, was released the day of the accident, officials said.

Under the law as it now stands, the driver only could be fined \$100. Prosecutors have said the problem originated from the way delinquent conduct was defined by the Legislature.

"The grief that a family endures when a child is killed is intensified even more when justice is lacking," said Andy Kahan, director of crime victims' assistance in the Houston mayor's office.

### Complaint

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doesn't want this to happen again."

The proper procedure a person must follow to complain about district policies is to follow the chain of command. First, they should attempt to resolve the matter with the school employee and if there isn't a satisfactory conclusion, the matter should be taken to the employee's supervisor. That could be either the principal or the superintendent, depending on who the employee is. From there, the matter can be taken before the school board if the matter still isn't resolved. The complainant is then put on the board agenda and the matter is discussed with trustees.

### BRIEFS

**BIG SPRING HIGH SCHOOL** Class of '67 is planning its 30th reunion for June 21. A number of our classmates are "lost" and cannot be found. If anyone knows the addresses of any of the following people, please contact Deanna Foresyth at 267-5420. The maiden names of the females are in parentheses.

Missing classmates are:  
Linda (Caldwell) Aeron, Rodrigo Armendariz, Larry Amhart, Harolene Cindy Bailey, David Beard, Tommy Bell, Larry Bentley, Gary Bevell, Sandra Biffle, Linda Gay Blackwell, Bobby Bowers, William Boyett, Dennis Brewer, Kristine Britain, Rodney Buchanan, Linda Burnett, Vicki (Holland) Canfil, Frank Chavez, John Cockerham, Jerry Cook, Lonnie (Fullbright) Cox, Janice Elaine Craig, Jimmy Cunningham, Debbie (Douglas) Curry, Jerry Dalton, Allen Daniels, Adele Deming, Gregg Devlin, Benny Dixon, Ronald Dooley, Florentino Doporto, Sara (Holloway) Dubose, Frank Fierro, Judy (Aleman) Fierro, Larry Foster, Pam (Faulkner) Franklin, Kevin Fryer, Anice Fulcher, Susie Garcia, Concha Garza, Russell Gary Hamm, Lela (Neill) Harding, Judy Hart, Janie Hartman, Thomas Heaton, Joe Hernandez, Rosemary (Arguello) Hernandez, Felix Hilario, Danny Hooten, T.C. Hudgins, Debbie Jones, Mary Juarez, Lucy Keene, Wayne Kennedy, Donna (Smith) Krenek, Glynda (Kilgore) Lang, Jon Lebkowsky, Lawrence Long, Ruben Lopez, Myra (Harris) Mann, Hughlin Marberry, Toni Mayberry, Burma McCarta, Georgia McDonald, Marion Butch McMains, Sally Miller, Tommy Moore, Wanda (Williamson) Moss, Ricky Olsen, Bill Owens, Barry Olen Parker, Brian Peay, Cooper Proctor, Bobby Ray, Barbara (Crenshaw) Richmond,

Eddie Rogers, Carol Russell, Mike Russell, Mike Shafer, Linda (Teague) Shaw, John Howard Smith, Diane Lynn Smith, Glenda Smith, Grover Smith, David Sowell, Linda Steagald, Arlena (McCartney) Stevens, Steve Stinson, Pamela Sue Sutton, Jerry Tate, Larry Allen Tatum, Cindi (Bool) Taylor, Mary (Forman) Taylor, Diane Todd, Janet (James) Tucker, Gary Turner, Rayfield Turner, Ron Walker, Sally (Wade) Warrick, Albert Weinkave, Carolyn West, Glenda (Cass) Wheeler, Donna White, Donna Whitten, Becky Williams, James Worthan, Marcy (Dement) Wright and Jesse Zapata.

**THE HERITAGE MUSEUM'S** Around the World in 80 Bites is Feb. 22. Chefs are welcome to prepare a favorite exotic recipe for the special evening. As one of the featured cooks, you will be providing food samples for at least 300 people. The event is from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$7.50 for adults and \$4 for children. Chefs will receive two free tickets and a chef's pass.

Food tasters will select the "World's Greatest Chef" with the winner to be presented an award in their honor. All chefs must reserve their place by Feb. 15 and forms can be obtained by calling the Heritage Museum at 267-8255. Tickets go on sale for the food tasters Feb. 15.

**IT'S RECYCLE DAY** IN Coahoma! Coahoma, Clean and Proud is accepting recyclable items in the empty lot West of Little Sooper grocery from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday. We will be collecting all types of paper, including newspaper, pasteboard, cardboard, and feed sacks, aluminum, steel, numbers 1 and 2 plastic and carpet padding. We will also be collecting Campbell soup labels for the schools and used eyeglasses for the Lions Club. For more information call Irene at 394-4424.

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Juanita Vera Zubia, 69, died Sunday. Funeral Mass 9:30 A.M. Tuesday with interment at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Terry Cheatham, 48, died Saturday. Graveside Services 3 PM Tuesday, Trinity Memorial Park.

Woodrow G. Shipman, 80, died Sunday. Funeral Service 11 AM Tuesday, Myers & Smith Chapel with Graveside Services 3:30 PM Tuesday Tahoka Cemetery, Tahoka, Texas.

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### NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory  
906 Gregg St.  
(915) 267-6331

Fred "Fritz" Ernst, 75, died Sunday. His services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home, Big Spring, Texas.

# Lawyers call for nationwide moratorium on death penalty

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The American Bar Association will urge Congress and state legislatures to ban the death penalty until its fair use can be assured.

Bucking opposition from the Clinton administration and the 370,000-lawyer group's own president, the ABA's policy-making House of Delegates voted 280-119 Monday in favor of a capital punishment moratorium.

New York lawyer Ron Tabak, an architect of the measure, said, "It's an historic vote. This tells the nation that the death penalty, as it is now administered, is systemically unfair."

Washington lawyer Estelle Rogers, another supporter, said, "The ABA never has had a policy on the death penalty per se, and it still does not," but the group is "calling on every jurisdiction ... to clean up its act."

Rogers said the federal government and all states with death-penalty laws lack capital punishment systems that meet the ABA's standards of impartiality.

A report that accompanied the resolution contended that a moratorium is needed because "efforts to forge a fair capital punishment jurisprudence have failed."

The report strongly criticized two new federal laws, one that significantly curtails federal courts' power to review capital cases from state courts and one that ended federal funding for lawyers helping death row inmates pursue appeals.

At least one Member of Congress who helped pass the laws reacted angrily.

"This unnecessary and extreme action by members of the ABA with further a very cynical and distrustful attitude toward lawyers and the law that has become commonplace among the general public," said

Bob Barr (R-Ga), a member of a House subcommittee that reviews death penalty issues.

Monday's ABA vote followed 45 minutes of mainly low-key debate.

Deputy Attorney General Jamie Gorelick voiced concern that the ABA resolution and ensuing lobbying efforts would affect pending cases involving domestic terrorism.

The government has decided to seek the death penalty for two men accused in the bombing of an Oklahoma City federal building, and is considering doing so in the Unabomber case.

ABA President Lee Cooper, a Birmingham, Ala., lawyer, accused the resolution's backers of having a secret agenda.

"What you really have here is an up-or-down vote on the death penalty," he said. "Folks, bring it in the front door. Don't come in the back door."

Cooper urged the ABA's leaders "not to get out of step with the White House, the Justice Department, the nation and our membership."

But Boston lawyer John Curtin, a former ABA president, cited the "appalling risk" of executing innocent people and, in booming voice,

declared: "Why should we be in front? Because it is the right thing to do."

Former Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti agreed. "If we do not stand up for the assurance of basic rights ... who will?" he asked.

In urging defeat of the resolution, David Wilson II, an assistant district attorney from Lubbock, Texas, told about a convicted murderer who has been on death row since 1976.

"Basically it's a stalemate," Wilson said. "His life is as safe as anyone in this room. Due process is what keeps these folks alive for years and years."

## TEXAS BRIEFS

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**Baytown tunnel will become great carrier reef**

HOUSTON — The Baytown tunnel will disappear in much the same way that it was created.

Sunk into the Houston Ship Channel 44 years ago to link the city with Baytown, the tunnel is expected to be filled with air this summer and moved into the Gulf of Mexico.

The Texas Transportation Commission has approved a \$17.5 million contract for the closed traffic tunnel to be cut into three pieces, floated down the ship channel and sunk in the gulf as an artificial fish reef.

The decaying two-lane tube was closed in 1995 with the opening of the nearby eight-lane Fred Hartman Bridge connecting Baytown and La Porte at a cost of \$117 million.

**Committee votes to toughen juvenile driving laws**

AUSTIN — Claudia Braden McCoy chokes up when she talks about her niece dying just days after turning 12, while the teenage driver who ran her down faced no more than a \$100 fine.

Monday, she brought her pain to the Senate Jurisprudence Committee, which voted 6-0 for a bill to allow stronger punishment of juvenile hit-and-run drivers.

The measure, known as "Lori's Law" after young victim Lori Ann Braden of Houston, now goes to the full Senate for consideration.

The bill by Sen. Rodney Ellis, D-Houston, would allow a full range of punishment under juvenile crime laws and possibly certification as an adult for juvenile drivers who fail to stop and render aid in car accidents.

**Zamora objects to TV movie about cadets' murder case**

FORT WORTH — Attorneys for one of two former military cadets accused of killing a Mansfield girl say a TV movie about the alleged deadly love triangle will jeopardize any chance for a fair trial.

State District Judge Joe Drago was expected to rule late today whether local NBC affiliate KXAS-TV may broadcast "Love's Deadly Triangle: The Texas Cadet Murders."

Defense attorneys for Diane Zamora went to court Monday to block the broadcast locally. The movie is slated to air Feb. 10, during the important ratings period known as sweeps.

Zamora's lawsuit contends the jury pool would be unfairly influenced if the movie is shown before her capital murder trial, now set for September. The charge carries a possible death sentence, but prosecutors have said they won't seek it because the victim's family prefers a long prison sentence.

**State school fund sells Seagram stock**

AUSTIN — Managers for the Texas Permanent School Fund have dumped \$3.5 million worth of Seagram Co. stock because state officials object to record albums put out by Seagram subsidiary MCA, a state education board member says.

Board member Richard Neill of Fort Worth said late Monday that the \$14 billion public school trust fund overseen by the panel no longer holds Seagram stock.

Fund managers sold the holdings last Thursday, Neill said.

State Sen. Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, said at a Senate Finance Committee hearing on public education late last month that he was concerned about the message sent by the investment.

Ratliff cited criticism that MCA, which is 80-percent owned by Seagram, produces albums that contain vulgar and violent lyrics.

**Senate committee approves bill in setback for lawsuit**

AUSTIN — School districts suing to get millions more in state aid for computers and other classroom technology have received a setback in the state Senate Finance Committee.

The committee on Monday approved a bill by Finance Chairman Bill Ratliff, R-Mount Pleasant, that wouldn't allow the school districts to get the extra money because the funds weren't specifically appropriated in the current state budget.

Ratliff said the judge considering the lawsuit might look at the bill as signaling the Legislature's intentions. The measure next goes to the full Senate for consideration.

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## Bush worried about Clinton Medicaid proposal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas Gov. George W. Bush is adding his voice to the chorus of governors worried that a Clinton administration plan for Medicaid savings could prove "bad budget-busters" for states.

"It's a real problem for every state," Bush said Monday after emerging from a meeting of the nation's governors with President Clinton at the White House. "There is deep concern about per capita caps in Medicaid, which will hamstring the states' abilities to manage their Medicaid programs."

The budget Clinton will unveil Thursday is expected to include \$20 billion in savings over five years for Medicaid, the health care program for the poor.

States would have added flexibility in deciding how to cope with the smaller payments, the administration says.

But Bush and other governors of both parties are worried that a cap on federal payments combined with continued federal mandates could balloon states' share of Medicaid. Of the \$159 billion spent on Medicaid last year, 42 percent came from state and local governments.

"There is big concern by Democrats and Republicans alike that if they put a per capita cap with all kinds of strings ... it's going to drive their budgets up," said Bush, a Republican.

The governors, who are in town for the winter meeting of the National Governors' Association, did reach agreement on the delicate question of social benefits for legal immigrants, who are big losers under the welfare rewrite signed last year by Clinton.

Under the Republican-crafted welfare law, hundreds of thou-

sands of legal immigrants will be stricken from food stamp rolls and eligibility for Supplemental Security Income, which provides assistance to the elderly, disabled and blind.

The NGA policy statement urges Congress to restore welfare benefits for elderly or disabled legal immigrants, but stresses that additional funding can be provided without reopening the welfare law.

The agreement required a balancing act on the part of Republican governors. On the one hand, they are worried about federal cuts for a vulnerable population — and the consequences for state budgets. On the other, they don't want to appear as if they're siding with Clinton against the Republican majorities in Congress.

In his budget submission to Congress this week, Clinton will seek to restore \$13 billion

in welfare benefits to legal immigrants — a proposal that has received a cold shoulder from congressional GOP leaders.

Bush, for one, didn't relish walking the tightrope.

"One of my worries was coming up here and being a political pawn between the Congress and the president," he said.

Bush has long signaled he doesn't agree with the ban on social services for legal immigrants already in the country. Such a ban should be in force for new arrivals only, he reiterated Monday.

Thus far he's not proposing using state funds to make up for the federal cuts, hoping Washington will solve the problem itself.

The 1998-1999 budget he submitted to the Legislature last week doesn't seek to make up the difference.

## House committee scrutinizes governor's tax plan

AUSTIN (AP) — The chairman of the special House committee handling Gov. George W. Bush's push for property tax relief is pressing for proof that Bush's plan will help schools.

"I don't want to go through the gyrations of creating a new tax unless I'm going to end up with a tax plan that helps schools, and I'm not convinced that this helps schools in any way," said Rep. Paul Sadler, D-Henderson.

Sadler's comments came during extensive questioning of Albert Hawkins, Bush's chief budget writer, during a public hearing by the House Select Committee on Revenue and

Public Education Funding.

"One of my biggest fears is that we are going to create a new tax that's going to replace property taxes to help our schools and then it doesn't," Sadler said. "You will never have this opportunity again."

"I want to know, long-range, how much money this will generate for the public schools of Texas," he said. "I think the public would be a whole lot more willing to accept a tax plan if they knew there was a long-range plan."

Bush last week traveled the state promoting his tax relief plan, which Hawkins said, "Certainly provides a better source of revenue than what we have now."

The governor's plan would:

- Increase the homestead exemption for school property taxes from \$5,000 to \$25,000.
- Cut the school property tax rate in each of the state's 1,044 school districts by 20 cents.
- Raise the state's 6 1/4 percent sales and motor vehicle sales taxes by one-half cent.
- Create a new, 1 1/4 percent tax on total business sales over \$500,000, minus the cost of goods and capital invested. The levy would replace the corporate franchise tax and the property tax on business inventory.
- Provide a \$1 billion tax cut

## Gingrich's campaign fund drained by legal bills

WASHINGTON (AP) — The prodigious fund-raiser, however, and should have no trouble replenishing his campaign coffers.

The question of how he will pay the \$300,000 ethics penalty imposed by the House last month turns on political appearances — not Gingrich's ability to raise campaign contributions to cover the sum. Several House members, including some Republicans, have publicly urged Gingrich to pay with his personal money.

"He can raise that money in a second if he needs to," said Ryan McPherson, who researches campaign finance for the nonpartisan Center for

Responsive Politics. "The question is whether it comes out of his own pocket or not. It's a question of ethics."

Evans said Gingrich was "currently looking at various alternatives" for paying the penalty. He would not discuss what they were, nor did he rule out using campaign funds.

Gingrich's report to the Federal Election Commission also raises the specter of possible legal action against his former lawyer Jan Baran, whom the speaker blamed for some of his problems with the House ethics committee.

His campaign filing lists a \$196,000 bill from Baran's law

firm for December, but notes that this "does not constitute an admission of liability or a waiver of any claims the political committee may have against the creditor."

Gingrich blamed Baran and his law firm for preparing letters that gave false information to the House ethics panel. The letters denied that Gingrich's political action committee, GOPAC, was involved with a college course taught by Gingrich and financed by tax-deductible donations. Gingrich had acknowledged that GOPAC was involved with the course, and said he failed to review the letters closely enough.

## PBS tightens rules for children's shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — To make sure on-screen credits are not used to pitch products to children, a major public broadcasting group has tightened underwriting rules to ban spokescharacters like Frito-Lay's Chester Cheetah.

Chester doesn't show up in such credits now, but the Public Broadcasting Service made clear that he and others won't be allowed to appear in future credits accompanying children's TV shows.

Worried that underwriting credits for children's shows are looking more like traditional TV commercials and are designed to lure youngsters, the Center for Media Education pressed for the change.

"This is terrific for America's parents," the center's executive director, Jeff Chester, said of the new rules.

Approved by the PBS board

over the weekend, the new rules cover only future underwriting credits, not those airing now, said spokesman Stu Kantor.

PBS distributes national shows, including such children's fare as "Barney and Friends" and "Sesame Street," to more than 300 stations.

The new rules will apply to national underwriters of PBS-distributed children's shows, but member stations are not bound by them when they sign up local underwriters for the same programs, Kantor said.

In addition to barring spokescharacters or mascots, the PBS rules ban audio or visual elements that evoke an underwriter's TV or radio commercials, the depiction or description of any brand or product other than the underwriter's name or logo and credits designed to promote greater brand recognition.

PBS says credits can include a one- to three-word "generic, value-neutral description" of the underwriter's product or service.

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## Quote of the Day

"Only great men have great faults."

-French proverb

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## OUR VIEWS

HC's investments  
'really' can't miss

Very few of us give much thought to how our governmental entities and school boards invest their funds. It's a mistake we as taxpayers shouldn't make.

We do, after all, have a vested interest.

It wasn't all that long ago, only a couple of years, in fact, that a number of public entities discovered they had almost been financially ruined in what seemed to be "can't miss" investments.

The word was "derivatives."

Granted, had the market remained strong, those governmental entities and college boards might have frowned for some time, extolling the virtues of their foresight.

Instead, the market bottomed out and the results were devastating. Orange County, Calif., was virtually bankrupted and its financial woes were the fodder for all the major television networks' news programs.

Closer to home, Odessa College was also heavily vested in derivatives. The school lost millions — several the OC trustees will be trying to recoup for several more years — and a couple of its administrators, having worked without pay for a year, later resigned their posts.

That is why Howard College trustees and administrators should be commended for a sound, conservative investment policy.

During last week's meeting of the HC board, trustees were provided with statements of the school's investment portfolio, which also outlined the district's investment objectives.

Those objectives, in order of priority are:

- Safety - to ensure the school's initial investment.
- Liquidity - by structuring maturities to enable the district to meet cash requirements that are reasonable anticipated.
- Return on investment - attaining the best rate of return on investments, based on depository service contracts and stipulations of the district's investment policy.

Howard College limits investments for its unrestricted funds — the vast majority of its money — to certificates of deposit, money markets and Texpool, which allows governmental entities, school districts and colleges to pool their funds and thereby reap higher interest income than they could individually.

As a result of that strategy, the district earned \$65,758 on investments of a little more than \$6.5 million during the final quarter of 1996. Most of those investments were in certificates of deposit with maturities ranging from one month to a year.

While that \$65,758 seems somewhat insignificant for an institution which has an annual budget in the millions of dollars; one has to remember it is money the school can expend while neither asking the district's taxpayers to foot the bill, nor take exorbitant risks.

That warrants our thanks.

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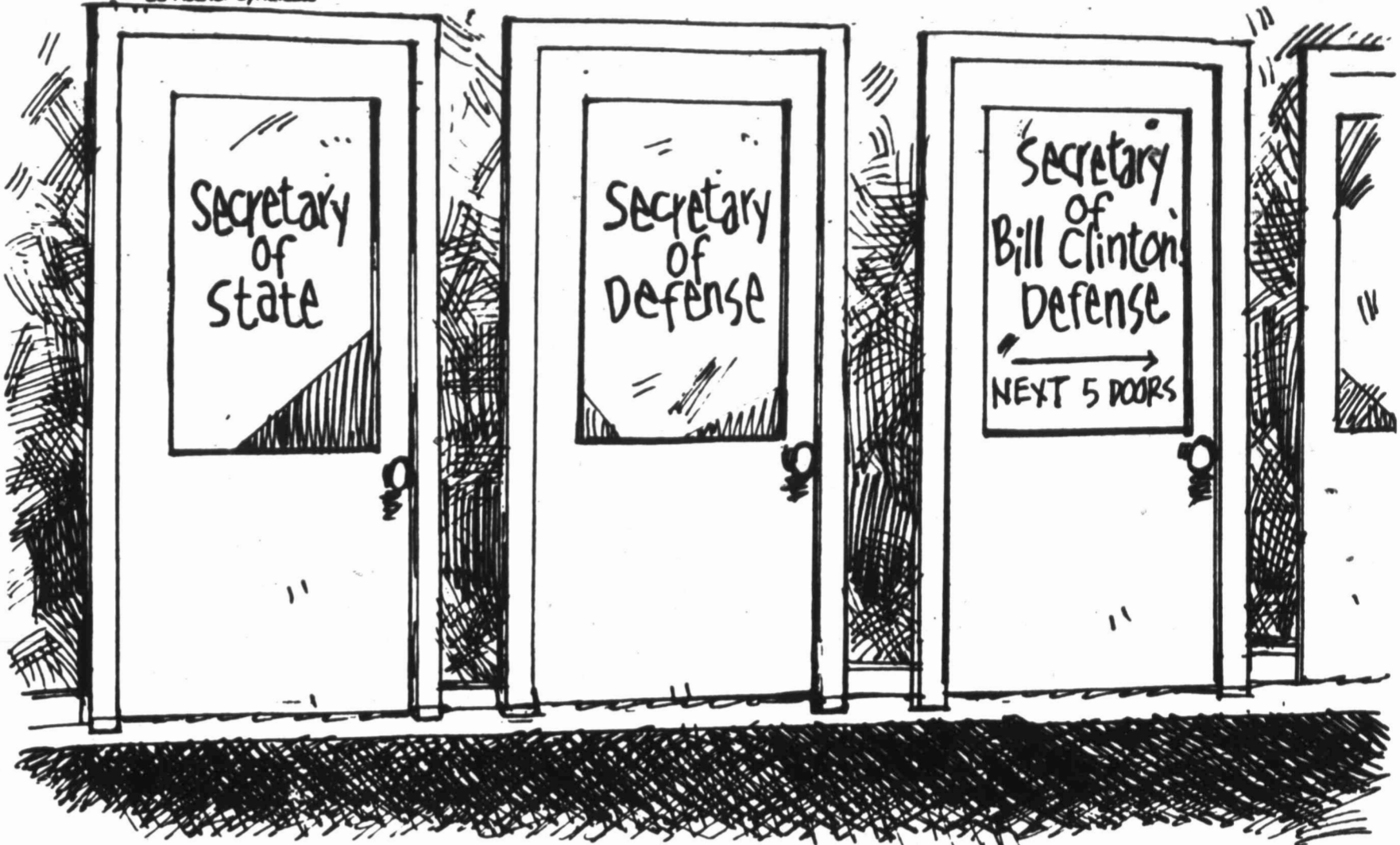
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## GOP marches to slower beat in this Congress

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WASHINGTON — No headlong hundred days for this Republican Congress, not with Newt Gingrich, the marshal of the GOP's first fast march, limping now, and with a more sedate Senate setting the pace.

That reflects a shift in the GOP balance of power, with Sen. Trent Lott emerging as the senior partner as majority leader of the Senate, while Gingrich tries to regain his footing. Gingrich is the first House speaker ever reprimanded and fined for ethics violations, and his reasserted leadership will have to be more cautious and restrained than before.

He'd already said this would be an implementation Congress, contrasting with the fervent, revolutionary tone of Republican revival two years ago, when Gingrich was in command and President Clinton was reduced to reminding the world that he was relevant too.

But Clinton's revival to reelection began when Gingrich and his ardent House allies overreached, producing bills and budget cuts the Democrats called extreme. And with Gingrich as the dominant

Republican, Bob Dole, then the Senate majority leader, was relegated to a supporting role, a liability in his losing try for the White House.

That political casting dates from the first 100 days of the last Congress, the sloganeering timetable House Republicans set, and beat, for action on their 10-measure "Contract With America" program.

They won nine and lost one congressional term limits on which Gingrich promises another attempt early in this Congress. With GOP control narrowed in the House, prospects for approval are dubious.

House Republicans have not yet set a broad agenda for the next two years. They've been distracted by damage control efforts for Gingrich, re-elected speaker after admitting ethical breaches, reprimanded and penalized \$300,000.

Lott said that with the Gingrich penalty settled, it was time to move away from personality problems to real issues. "I'm sure the speaker's role will be different than it was, you know, two years ago," he said. "My role will be different, I presume, than it was six months ago."

He said he will be working with Gingrich, seeking his

advice.

"He certainly is the four-star general in our effort, legislatively," Lott told the Republican National Committee.

Perhaps so, but the stars are tarnished.

Lott and his Senate lieutenants took the lead in setting the Republican agenda, listing 11 items for priority action, while saying it was not a replay of the House GOP tactics of the last Congress.

"We are just saying these are bills that have a high priority with us," Lott said. "We're not putting a deadline on them."

"We didn't do it with the idea that we'd try to pass this within the first hundred days or the first month," added Sen. Don Nickles, his deputy.

"Some of these are battles that we've been fighting for years."

As the Senate confirmed Secretary of State Madeleine Albright and Defense Secretary William Cohen swiftly and unanimously, Lott said that was indicative of the cooperation Republicans and the administration can achieve in the months ahead.

"We will try to work together," he said.

Although it won't always work out.

The GOP priority list begins

with the balanced budget amendment to the Constitution, which Clinton opposes. It includes tax cuts worth \$163 billion over five years, far more than the administration favors, although there is ample room for compromise.

There are previously vetoed bills on abortion and legal reform on the GOP agenda.

The list didn't include campaign finance reform. Nickles will head a task force on that issue; Clinton has endorsed a bill proposed but blocked last year, and said that Congress should act now, while there is momentum and public interest.

"Delay will mean the death of reform one more time if it happens," he said.

While both Clinton and the Republicans are committed to a balanced budget by 2002, there are certain to be disputes over how to do it. But Clinton may have averted one with an offer of compromise on a politically touchy point, Medicare spending curbs, which he made an issue against the Republicans in the 1996 campaign.

(Walter R. Mears, vice president and columnist for The Associated Press, has reported on Washington and national politics for more than 30 years.)

## Coping with cancer flabbergasts friends

By SHARON RANDALL

Scripps Howard News Service

Some friends and I were having breakfast, taking turns talking about what was new in our lives. It was my turn. I was telling them how busy I'd been working on a story that I had decided to do, in spite of all the time it would take.

It was a "Wild Mouse" decision, the kind I learned to make long ago based on my experience with a monster roller coaster: Don't think about it, I told myself, just get on the Wild Mouse, scream your lungs out and hang on tight until it's over.

Don't tell me you've never made a decision like that. We all do, don't we? It's just that some of us do it more often than others. And we're fool enough to admit it.

The other bit of news I shared at breakfast was how, while I was up to my laptop

working on the story, my husband landed himself in the hospital. Nothing big this time, just a quick trip to replace a tube that had been inserted in his chest some months ago for drawing blood and administering chemo.

He'd much rather have the tube than get stuck with a needle. Works like a charm if he doesn't manage to yank it out and risk major infection. Which is exactly what he did. Scared the bejeezus out of me. The man'll do anything to get my attention.

Anyhow, as I explained to my friends, his surgeon fixed him up, told him to knock off the weightlifting and sent us on our way. To a basketball game, no less. At halftime, he was still drugged; never saw him enjoy a game so much.

That is what I was telling my friends when I paused to take a bite of biscuit and noticed they were staring as if I'd sprouted horns.

"How do you do it?" Susie asked. First I thought she meant the biscuit; I'm not a dainty eater. Then I realized she was asking what I have often been asked in the three years since my husband grabbed my hand and took me on a "Wild Mouse" ride called cancer.

Basically, the question is this: How do I cope? How do I write a column, keep my sanity and back my husband in a battle for his life? The answer, of course, is that I don't. Not all the time. And never very well.

But I've known others who were good at it, fiercely strong under fire. My mother, for example, in her 70 years, fought and lost more battles than Lee's army; my brother, born blind and with multiple handicaps, would rather die than quit; and my husband, who wears a tube in his chest, goes to school whistling every morning, happy as a clam to

teach high school kids.

I think of them and others, people I've met in oncology offices: Bald women, smiling children, emaciated men, souls that shine with a courage I can only imagine. Spend much time with cancer patients and you find it hard to complain.

Also, I pray. Not enough, but some. And I take refuge in being prayed for by countless people, some I've never met.

When life straps you into a "Wild Mouse" ride, you don't get to say, "I'd rather ride the carousel." All you can do is scream your lungs out and hang on tight until it's over.

And besides, carousels can get really boring.

(Sharon Randall, winner of the American Association of Sunday and Feature Editors and Best of the West commentary awards, writes this column twice weekly for Scripps Howard News Service.)

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## Giving up on Bill Parcells, New York Jets hire Bill Belichick

**NEW YORK (AP)** — Unable to reach an agreement with the New England Patriots to get Bill Parcells, the New York Jets today hired Bill Belichick as their coach.

A source told The Associated Press that Belichick will be presented as the coach at a noon news conference at the team's Long Island headquarters. Details of the contract were not immediately known.

Belichick, who was the Cleveland Browns' head coach for five seasons, spent last season as Parcells' defensive coordinator with the Patriots.

He is not the coach the woeful Jets sought. But with negotiations to acquire Parcells going nowhere and the Jets adamant in retaining their overall No. 1 draft pick, the club turned to Belichick as a successor to Rich Kotite, filling the last NFL coaching vacancy.

How long Belichick stays, and under what conditions, remains to be seen. Perhaps just one year, as an interim coach, until Parcells comes aboard as coach and general manager. Belichick then would return to defensive

coordinator, albeit as a very highly paid assistant.

Belichick might also have a provision in his contract that would allow him to coach elsewhere after one season, with no compensation owed the Jets.

Such a scenario, in which Parcells waits in the wings, has heightened speculation that the deal with Belichick was orchestrated with someone in Parcells' camp.

One further possibility exists. The Jets have had a change of heart and simply given up on Parcells altogether.

The Jets had their sights set on him ever since Kotite resigned two days before the end of the season. The Jets could not sign Parcells, however, without the permission of the Patriots, whom Parcells led to the AFC title this season.

Because the Patriots made the Super Bowl, it delayed the Jets' pursuit of Parcells for nearly a month. When the Jets and Patriots could not agree on compensation for Parcells — Patriots owner Robert Kraft insisted the No. 1 pick be part of an agreement.

## Longhorns crush Tech, 83-67

**AUSTIN (AP)** — Texas and No. 23 Texas Tech figured to have an offensive showdown as two of the top scoring teams in the Big 12 took the court with the league's top two scorers.

But with 7:34 left in the first half, Texas was 8-of-23 from the field (36 percent) with five turnovers and Tech was 7-of-25 (28 percent) with seven turnovers. So much for offense.

Kris Clark scored 13 points in a decisive 19-0 run midway through the second half as the Longhorns used defense to overcome their slow start and snap a two-game losing streak with an 83-67 victory over the Red Raiders Monday night.

Texas (12-7, 6-3 Big 12), which shot only 34 percent from the field in its previous two games, snapped out of the slump by hitting 50 percent of its shots against Tech.

Clark and Reggie Freeman each scored 23 points for Texas, which earlier in the day dropped out of the Top 25 for the first time this season.

## Lady Hawks drill FPC, pull into WJCAC lead after Midland loss

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

For all practical purposes, the game between Howard College's Lady Hawks and Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum lasted just 46 seconds.

That's because that's how long it took for Howard to score a pair of quick baskets and build an insurmountable lead en route to an 87-55 Western Junior College Athletic Conference (WJCAC) win.

The win over the last-place Lady Plainsmen was a big one, for while No. 15 Howard (10-2, 21-3) was rolling, No. 18 South Plains was knocking off No. 5 Midland College, 78-64, to drop Howard and Midland into a first-place tie in the WJCAC.

But even with the win, Lady Hawks Coach Matt Corkery would have liked a better effort from his team.

"It was not an inspired performance," Corkery said, shaking his head from side to side.

Corkery was bothered because despite the 28-point margin of victory, the Lady Hawks committed 24 turnovers — including a pair 5-second possession calls.

"We have to keep the dribble alive until we have someone to pass the ball to," Corkery said. "I want us to play at a consistent level every time. We didn't do a good job on maintaining concentration."

Corkery said the loss of concentration really hurt the Lady Hawks defensively and in rebounding, where Frank Phillips held a 44-39 advantage.

Howard now plays host to New Mexico Junior College (8-14, 5-6) Thursday. NMJC was a 64-57 winner over Western Texas Monday night, keeping a hot streak alive.

"They're (NMJC) playing great right now ... probably as well as they have all year," Corkery said.

Howard took a quick 5-0 lead off of a Kyna Cosby 3-point shot from the top of the key just 19 seconds into the game and a Shawnta Johnson layup that came off a steal just 27 seconds later.

Frank Phillips would pull to within three points, at 7-4, when Jennifer Stroud hit a basket from inside the paint before Howard was off and running on a 10-1 burst that allowed the Lady Hawks to open a 17-5 advantage when Jenny Bland-Hodnett hit a jumper with 13:57 left in the first half.

It was during the first half that Howard's pressure worked best, creating problems for the Lady Plainsmen as they attempted to bring the ball up court.

It was during Howard's 10-1 run that LaTonya Kindle scored three layups — once after driving the length of the court following a rebound, once off a fast break and once following a double-team steal.

The Lady Hawks stayed hot throughout the first half, putting together a 14-2 run when a Jeanine Horton jumper with 2:56 left in the half gave the Hawks a 40-15 advantage before closing with a 43-20 lead at the half.

Howard upped its advantage to 32 points — 56-24 — less than four minutes into the second half when Kindle hit a 3-point shot from the top of the key.

Three minutes later a pair of quick baskets by Johnson and Neshia Gamble capped a 20-4 Howard run and staked the Lady Hawks to a 68-28 lead with 11:06 left in the game.

It was the last 11:06 that especially bothered Corkery, as Frank Phillips outscored the



Shawnta Johnson (20) drives to the basket Monday night against Frank Phillips College as Kimberly Locke (back) and Hyacinth Hank defend. Johnson scored 12 points in Howard's 87-55 win.

Lady Hawks 27-19, including runs of 10-0 and 12-5.

Kindle led all scorers for the Lady Hawks with 25 points, followed by Cosby with 23. Johnson added 12 for Howard.

Summer Lawlis led Frank Phillips with 16 points, while Kimberly Locke added 13.

**HOWARD COLLEGE 87, FRANK PHILLIPS 55**

FPC (55) — Kimberly Locke 3 2 1-2 13, Bridgette Murphy 3 0 1-2 7, Jennifer Stroud 3

0 1 1 7, Keyonna Harney 1 0 4-7 6, Atoyia Bridges 0 0 0 0, Melanie Friemel 2 0 1-2 5, Hyacinth Hank 0 0 1-2 1, Summer Lawlis 6 0 4-7 16. TOTALS 18 2 13-23 55

**HOWARD (87)** — Jenny Bland-Hodnett 2 1 1-2 8, Shawnta Johnson 6 0 2 12, LaTonya Kindle 7 3 2-3 25, Kyna Cosby 6 2 5-5 23, Paige Mitchell 0 0 0 0, Jeanine Horton 4 0 1-3 9, Neshia Gamble 2 0 1-3 5, LaTricia Spencer 1 0 3-5 5. TOTALS 28 6 13-24 87

Halftime score: Howard 43, Frank Phillips 20. 3-point goals: FPC 2 (Locke), Howard 5 (Kindle, 3 Cosby, 2 Bland-Hodnett). Rebounds: FPC 44, Howard 39. Turnovers: FPC 29, Howard 13. Fouls: FPC 17, Howard 20. Fouled out: Howard (Gamble). Technical fouls: None. Attendance: 250

## Hawks losing skid reaches four in 70-59 loss to FPC

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

For the Howard College Hawks, the free-fall continues.

The Hawks, plagued by cold shooting much of the night, dropped their fourth consecutive Western Junior College Athletic Conference game Monday night, losing 70-59 to Frank Phillips College in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

The loss technically eliminated the Hawks (14-9 overall, 2-4 in conference play) from any chance at the WJCAC title. More to the point, however, is that Howard now must fight and scratch just to secure one of the conference's four berths in next month's Region V tournament.

The loss left Howard head coach Tommy Collins searching for answers.

"There's not much you can say about that one," Collins said. "We just didn't play. It was an embarrassing performance."

The Hawks made a name for themselves earlier this season with a high-powered offense, but that facet of their game disappeared in a barrage of rim-outs Monday.

Howard never fully recovered from a frigid first half that saw them hit only 21 percent (8 of 37) of their shots from the field en route to a 31-19 halftime deficit.

The Hawks went cold in all facets of their offense, from three-pointers (4 of 21) to free throws (11 of 25). Post player Chris Martinez was the only Howard player in double figures, managing 11 points.

If there was any silver lining

for local fans, however, it came in the opening minutes of the second half, when the Hawks quickly equalized their output from the first 20 minutes to make a game of things.

After cutting their deficit to five points with 14:31 left in the game, the Hawks went on a 13-8 run, and tied the game at 45-45 on a Martinez basket with 9:25 remaining.

But, just when it looked like the Hawks were about to run the Plainsmen out of Garrett, the cold shooting returned. Howard failed to make a field goal for the next eight minutes, and Frank Phillips responded with a 16-4 run to regain control of the game.

The Hawks return to action Thursday night at Garrett Coliseum against New Mexico Junior College, and Collins said his team needs to regain its winning ways.

"We're only a game out of the playoffs, but we're just not playing right now," Collins said. "We didn't play hard, and we didn't play together. They're about as far away from a Howard College team as any I've seen."

**FRANK PHILLIPS 70, HOWARD 59**

FRANK PHILLIPS (70) — Obudho 3 1-2 7, Thornton 4 0-2 8, McMillan 3 3-4 11, McCall 1 0-0 2, Hardie 4 1-3 9, Smith 6 5-6 18, Saucedo 3 3-4 11, McCampbell 3 4-7 10, totals 24 17-26 70

HOWARD (59) — Martinez 3 3-4 11, Cook 4 0-2 8, Singleton 1 2-4 5, Owens 3 0-0 8, Brown 1 2-4 5, Reedy 3 0-3 6, Wingate 1 0-2 2, Jones 3 2-2 8, Clover 0 1-3 1, Lewis 2 1-2 5, totals 22 11-25 59

Halftime — Frank Phillips 31, Howard 19. Three-point goals — McMillan 2, Smith, Saucedo 2, Singleton, Owens 2, Brown. Total fouls — Frank Phillips 19, Howard 21. Fouled out — McCall, Cook

## Howard, Grayer show they belong in NBA

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Stephen Howard and Jeff Grayer wanted to show they belong.

Howard, a reserve forward on the last day of his second 10-day contract before signing with Utah through the end of the season, scored a career-high 16 points to help the Jazz bury the Washington Bullets 111-89 Monday night.

"I think I bring something positive to this team, and it just shows that it has been appreciated by the front office as well as the players," said Howard, who was cut two other times by the Jazz in the past four years. "Tonight, we were fortunate that we caught a team on a long

road trip that was kind of tired."

Grayer, playing with a 10-day contract, scored six of his 16 points in a 20-0 run that saw the Sacramento Kings erase a huge deficit en route to an 85-79 victory over San Antonio.

In the only other NBA game played Monday, Boston defeated Toronto 114-102. Playing only 27 minutes, Karl Malone led the Jazz with 24 points and 10 rebounds, while Bryon Russell added 15 points as Utah handed the Bullets their second blowout loss in two days and sixth straight road defeat.

The victory was Utah's ninth in its last 11 games. The Jazz led 32-14 after one quarter and 62-32 at the half.

The Bullets, who trailed by as

many as 24 points in their game Sunday against the Lakers, were paced by Gheorghe Muresan's 18 points. Tracy Murray added 11 for Washington, which has lost eight of 11 games.

"All I know is that we stunk it up — period," said Bullets guard Rod Strickland, who played 31 minutes and scored 11 points despite a sprained ankle suffered in Sunday's game. "Defensively, we were terrible. If we can't get it done defensively, then we're in trouble. I don't know if we were feeling the effects of (Sunday). We were just bad."

The Jazz outscored the Bullets 10-0 in the last 3:28 of the opening quarter. Midway through the second period, the Jazz led

by 28, and Washington did not threaten thereafter.

"It wasn't much of a game. It was boring, actually," said Jeff Hornacek, who played 23 minutes, scoring four points.

Greg Ostertag was at his wife's side as she gave birth to a girl, Bailey Nichole, Monday night. He then rushed to the Delta Center, where he played 11 minutes in the second half, scoring seven points, grabbing two rebounds and blocking two shots.

"The coaches gave me the choice of whether I wanted to come to the game or not, and I told them I would be here," Ostertag said. "I really wanted to play this game. I just didn't know I wouldn't get there until the second half."

## Tulane faces tough tests after climbing into Top 25

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Tulane's first Top 25 appearance in three years will be met with two tough tests.

The Green Wave (16-5) have won their last 11 games and at 7-0 are the only unbeaten team in Conference USA. If the streak is to reach 13 straight, it would mean road victories over No. 12 Cincinnati and No. 14 Arizona. "We've got a huge test this week. We're playing two top teams in their backyards. And we're really going to focus," Tulane coach Perry Clark said Monday.

He was glad that his team is ranked No. 21 in the new

Associated Press poll, but he couldn't help but bring up the week ahead.

"For the kids and for the school I think it's great. But for the players and our program, we're not going to let that distract us," he said. "Talk to me a week from now, and if we're still there, maybe I'll take a different view."

The other newcomer this week was No. 25 Iowa, and the Hawkeyes (15-5), who were ranked in the preseason poll and the first voting in the regular season, play No. 24 Indiana tonight. Iowa entered the rankings having lost two of its last three games, but the Hawkeyes

are second to Minnesota in the Big Ten with a 6-2 mark.

"We know we've got work to do. This team has been really, very realistic," Iowa coach Tom Davis said Monday. "They've got their head right where it should be. It's not up in the clouds or something."

Kansas was No. 1 for the 10th straight week, the longest run on top since Duke went wire-to-wire in the 1991-92 season.

The Jayhawks (22-0), the only unbeaten Division I team, weren't a unanimous choice as they had been the last two weeks. They still were the runaway choice, though, receiving all but one of the 71 first-place

votes and 1,774 points from the national media panel.

Wake Forest (18-1) was again the runner-up, receiving the other No. 1 vote and 1,697 points. Kentucky (20-2) held third place and then the changes began as six of last week's Top Ten teams lost.

Minnesota, which beat Northwestern in its only game last week, moved up two spots to fourth. Utah, which lost at New Mexico, dropped one spot to No. 5. Iowa State jumped five spots to sixth.

Maryland, which lost to Florida State and Wake Forest last week, only dropped two places to seventh.

## Steers control destiny tonight against LV Chiefs

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

Tonight could be the night for the Big Spring Steers (14-14, 5-3 in District 4-4A) basketball team.

That's because tonight is the night the Steers could stake themselves to a two-game lead over San Angelo Lake View with but a single league game left to play.

The Steers face Lake View's Chiefs (15-14, 4-4) at Lake View tonight in a 7:30 contest. The game will be broadcast over KBST-AM, 1490.

Lake View won the first game between the two schools, 90-88 in overtime on Jan. 17 at Steer Gym.

And tonight's game is a big one for both teams.

Big Spring positioned itself to be able to make a late-season playoff run with last Friday's 76-54 win over Pecos that was coupled with losses by both Lake View and Fort Stockton.

Now, with their one-game lead, all the Steers need to do is take care of the business at hand and beat the Chiefs.

But that's something Lake View wants to make as difficult as possible, for wins against Big Spring tonight and Andrews on Friday would send the Chiefs into the playoffs for the first time since 1959.

**Big Spring Steers at Lake View Chiefs 7:30 p.m. KBST, 1490 AM**

Still, Coach Gary Tipton's squad, which placed four players in double figures against Pecos, controls its own destiny.

Guards John Smith and Justin Myers led Big Spring with 18 points each against Pecos while Aaron Bristow added 13 and Chad Warren 11.

Smith had 34 for Big Spring in 90-88 loss while Myers added 18 and Tory Mitchell 10.

If the Chiefs are to be successful, they will need to stop Lanza Velez, who leads the Chiefs with a 19.9 points per game average.

Velez led the Chiefs with 30 points in their win over Big Spring earlier in the year. Two other Chiefs average in double figures, with Jorge Villarral scoring at a 15.8 points per game clip and Richard Luna adding 12.2 points per contest.

Following tonight's game, the Steers close out the regular season on the road against Fort Stockton.

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**Nursefinders of Big Spring PHYSICAL THERAPIST**  
1 year recent PT experience. Medicare Home Health experience, licensed in TX. Contact M. Byars, RN at 915-263-7011.

**-TDMHMR- WEST TEXAS STATE OPERATED COMMUNITY SERVICES**  
Job opening for ASSOCIATE CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST responsible for providing psychological services such as behavior management, screening and assessment, and counseling individuals residing in rural communities. Requires a masters degree with four to six years of experience with individuals who have a coexisting mental health and mental retardation diagnoses, developing a range of behavior therapy programs, familiarity with psychoactive medications. Will office in Sweetwater, Texas. Monthly salary \$2816 to \$3009 (DOE&Q). Apply: West Texas State Operated Community Services 501 Birdwell Lane, Suite 28-A, Big Spring, Tx 79720  
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## PUBLIC FORUM

Big Spring Independent School District  
707 11th Place  
Big Spring Board of Trustees Meeting Room  
Big Spring, Texas

The Health Advisory Council and its sub-committee invite the patrons of Big Spring ISD to a public forum regarding health related curriculum materials being considered for grades seven and eight. After a public preview during the week of January 20-24, the public is encouraged to provide input concerning the curriculum under consideration by the Health Advisory Committee.

Patrons must sign up to speak prior to 10:00 A.M. on February 6, 1997.

Date/Time: February 6, 1997 10:00 A.M.-12:00 Noon

Place: Big Spring ISD Board Room 707 11th Place (Located on the South side of Big Spring High School) Big Spring, Texas

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County, Texas, the mailing  
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Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-  
Difficult.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)  
There are so many mixed  
vibrations, that you hardly  
know which way to turn.  
Partners are combative and  
more direct than you would  
like. Be easygoing. Flow with  
your high energy and determination.  
Focus on what you  
want. Tonight: Talk up a  
storm.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)  
Seriously consider a change  
in pace. A second wind is  
building for you. You are driven  
to get certain projects  
done. Be realistic about your  
limitations. You could be pleasantly  
surprised. Determination is  
important. Career offers  
many options. Tonight: Go to  
the movies.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)  
Stay in tune with a partner.  
Taking a risk could backfire, if  
you aren't careful. Listen to  
what others are saying. Check  
out what is important by getting  
feedback. Another has  
much personal wisdom.  
Brainstorming works. Tonight:  
Chill out.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)  
Stay on top of a change. An  
associate tosses opportunity on  
your plate. Don't delude yourself.  
A family member is jealous  
and doesn't hesitate to act  
on it. Use diplomacy, and be  
magnanimous. Try to help him  
understand his reaction.  
Tonight: Be a good listener.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Determination is important  
with a wiry co-worker who  
seems bent on going down a  
certain path despite any logic.  
For all the energy you put out,  
it may be futile anyway.  
Acceptance and good cheer will  
help you cruise through a wild  
day. Tonight: Accept another's  
offer.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Realize that what looks like a  
good deal, just may not be. You  
will not get the evidence today.  
But, you will get important  
feedback at a later date. Use  
creativity to avoid risks.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
You might be more bellicose  
than you think, and you will  
see that others react. Success is  
instrumental to taming your  
somewhat defiant attitude.  
Present your case with humor.  
A loved one is there for you. If  
single, a major relationship  
could be beginning. Tonight:  
Let off steam.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
You need to stop and listen to  
yourself. You might say some  
things that truly floor others,  
and force a volatile reaction.  
Think about where these  
thoughts are coming from. Let  
caring mix with frustration.  
Openly express what is ailing  
you. Tonight: Catch up on  
news.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Money matters force your  
hand and encourage you to  
focus on what you want and  
need. Don't do anything  
halfway. Throw yourself into a  
period of change and new  
resolutions. Return calls. You  
might very well have a special  
surprise. Tonight: It's budget  
time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Try to understand where flak  
may be coming from. Is it your  
job performance? Or is the boss  
in a bad mood? Comprehending  
the situation will help you  
make sound decisions and react  
appropriately. Buy a thoughtful  
gift for a friend. Tonight: Go  
out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
It could be best to pull back.  
Think about what you want.  
You feel optimistic, as if nothing  
can stop you. However, you  
might need to think through  
your long-term goals. An unexpected  
solution comes off the  
back burner. Tonight: Get a  
good night's sleep.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Stay focused on the task at  
hand, despite a partner's  
uproar. On a certain level,  
enough is enough. Be willing to  
unburden yourself, and avoid  
taking on another's problems.  
Your inner happiness and security  
make an enormous difference.  
Tonight: Be where your  
friends are.

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DEAR ABBY: How "white" of  
you! When "A Proud  
Shoshone" in Wisconsin asked  
about the origin of the term  
"Indian giver," you went to  
the printed  
reference  
books.  
Why didn't  
you ask a  
tribal  
elder?

Our  
elders  
have  
taught us  
that the  
term described Native actions  
in a negative light because  
whites did not understand  
them. (There are more than 500  
tribes, so a blanket statement  
or description is impossible  
and inaccurate.)

In some tribes, if someone  
admired something, the owner  
gave it to the admirer. If good  
will existed, a Native would  
give a gift to a person. If something  
happened to destroy that  
good will or friendship, the  
Native would take back the  
gift.

It was a basic, simple act,  
totally misunderstood by the  
Europeans, who thought it was  
terrible and made it more than  
it truly was. — A PROUD  
CHEROKEE/COLVILLE

DEAR PROUD CHEROKEE:  
You are not the only person  
who took me to task for printing  
the Henry Holt  
Encyclopedia of Word and  
Phrase Origins' definition of  
the term "Indian giver." I got a

bale of mail on the subject.  
Read on:

DEAR ABBY: The term  
"Indian giver" has to do with  
honor. Indians were great gift  
givers. If the person receiving  
the gift did something that was  
dishonorable or otherwise  
brought shame, the giver could  
ask for the gift to be returned.  
The giver did not want to be  
guilty by association. — LACY  
R. BETHEA JR., TUCSON,  
ARIZ.

DEAR ABBY: The expres-  
sion "Indian giver" refers to  
the early U.S. government  
giving land to the Indians through  
signed treaties, then breaking  
the treaties. It happened over  
and over again, from one end of  
the country to the other until  
nobody could trust the govern-  
ment treaties.

The expression "Indian  
giver" does not insult  
American Indians, but points  
to the early U.S.

TUESDAY

FEB. 4

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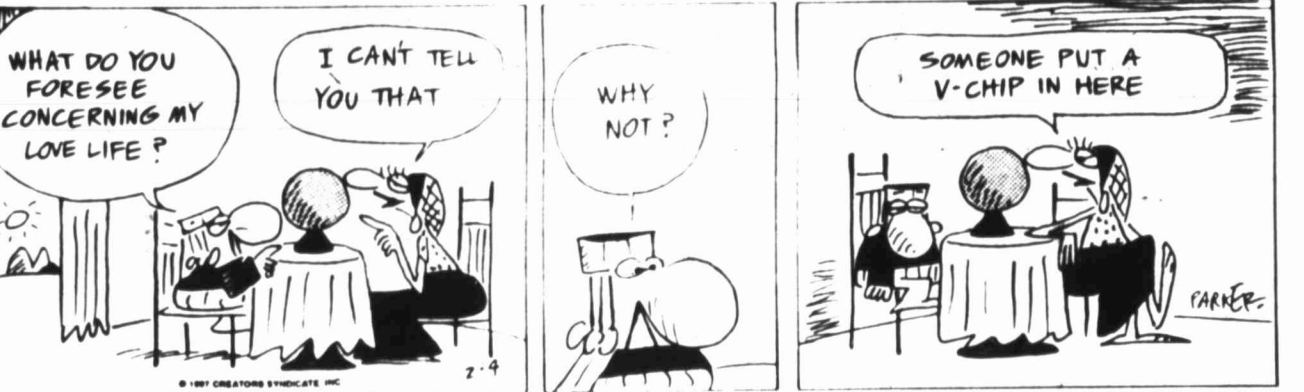
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"PJ is totally buffed up."

"Look, George, Dennis made his own little stamp... and you owe this nice man thirty-two cents."

WIZARD



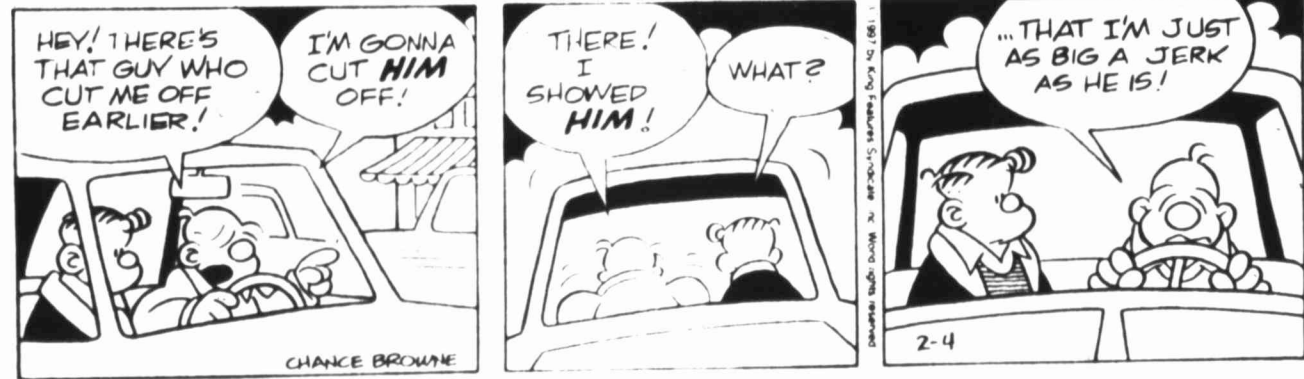
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THE Daily Crossword

Crossword puzzle grid with clues for Across and Down.

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Monday's Puzzle solved: A word search puzzle with the solution grid.

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- DOWN 1 Cowboy boot feature 2 Burgundy or rose 3 Work — (try) 4 Baseball 5 Hurt 6 Mild oath 7 Fan 8 Handy 9 Biblical song 10 Intermittently 11 Pastrami place 12 Diplomat owner 13 Sicilian spouter 14 Indian lute 15 Rev the motor 16 Map feature 17 Clairvoyants 18 Youth 19 Frugal one's motto 20 Spumanti lead in 21 Field rodents 22 City on the Missouri 23 Skids 24 Painter Matisse 25 Like some diamonds 26 Swindle 27 Bar accessory 28 River of France 29 Two-time 30 Feminine suffix 31 The — (rock group) 32 "A poem lovely as —" 33 "Chip off the old block" 34 Moves energetically 35 Narrow furrow 36 Writer Fleming 37 Diplomat 38 Shoe forms 39 Voting area 40 On the briny 41 ERA or RBI 42 "The Way We —" 43 French city 44 Fictional baddie 45 Kerplunk

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sworn in as chief justice of the United States. In 1861, delegates from six Southern states met in Montgomery, Ala., to form the Confederate States of America. In 1932, New York Gov. Franklin D. Roosevelt opened the Winter Olympic Games at Lake Placid, N.Y. In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway. In 1941, the United Service Organizations came into existence. In 1945, President Roosevelt, British Prime Minister Winston Churchill and Soviet leader Josef Stalin began a wartime conference at Yalta. In 1948, the island nation of Ceylon — now Sri Lanka — became an independent dominion within the British Commonwealth. In 1974, newspaper heiress Patricia Hearst was kidnapped in Berkeley, Calif., by the Symbionese Liberation Army. In 1975, more than 22,000 people died when a severe earthquake struck Guatemala and Honduras. In 1977, 11 people were killed when two cars of a Chicago Transit Authority train fell off elevated tracks after a collision with another train. In 1983, singer Karen Carpenter died in Downey, Calif., at age 32. Ten years ago: Flamboyant pianist Liberace, born Wladziu Valentino Liberace, died at his Palm Springs, Calif., home at age 67. Five years ago: President Bush defended his economic recovery plan before a National Grocers Association meeting in Orlando, Fla. (During his visit, Bush appeared intrigued by a demonstration of an electronic checkout machine, leaving reporters wondering if he'd ever seen such a device before.) One year ago: Twenty-four people were killed when a Colombian cargo plane in Paraguay caught fire shortly after takeoff and crashed into a suburban neighborhood. Secretary of State Warren Christopher concluded a three-nation visit to the Balkans as he met in Belgrade with Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic. Today's Birthdays: Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is 84. Feminist author Betty Friedan is 76. Actor Conrad Bain is 74. Former Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., is 59. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 53. Comedian David Brenner is 52. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 50. Thought for Today: "La vida es duda, y la fe sin la duda es solo muerte." (Life is doubt, and faith without doubt is nothing but death.) — Miguel de Unamuno, Spanish philosopher (1864-1936).