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Officials seek 2 after bank heist

Subjects remain on the loose this morning

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

GARDEN CITY — The peace of Glasscock County was shattered with a sawed-off shotgun and a stungun Monday morning.

For the first time in nearly 30 years, the sleepy town was a hub of police activity when two men from Houston took an undisclosed amount of money from the Glasscock County Bank and escaped in a stolen vehicle, terrifying bank tellers and customers in the process.

No one was seriously injured or killed, officials reported.

All law enforcement forces available in the area worked all day to locate 25-year-old Peter Christopher McConaha and 26-year-old William L. Jordan, but by Monday night surveillance efforts were scaled back with officers beginning to think the investigation might become lengthy and frustrating.

Roadblocks scattered across Glasscock and adjacent counties were in place by about 9:30 a.m.

and continued into the night. "During the day, we thought we were going to get them, but our hopes went up, then down," Lt. Judy Altom of the Department of Public Safety in Midland said.

The robbers' odyssey appears to have begun in Harris County on Jan. 20 or 21, law enforcement officials said, when a 1995 Chevrolet half-ton pickup was stolen in Houston. It was that vehicle that apparently conveyed the robbers to Garden City.

The stolen pickup was sighted just outside of Garden City at about 6:40 a.m. by a local farmer, who saw it parked by the side of Texas Highway 33, with the hood up, as if in distress.

"I had no idea, no one knew what was going on (at that time)," Gary Huffman said. No people were visible around the truck, he added.

At about 9 a.m. or just before, one of the suspects entered the Glasscock County Farm Service Agency (former ASCS) office.

While in the office, which is located in the same building as the bank, he hit at least two female employees with a stungun and made undisclosed statements.

The second suspect entered the bank just after it opened at 9 a.m., standing in the middle of the lobby facing the tellers and displaying a sawed-off shotgun. The three tellers were ordered to come out into the front area.

According to reports, the man was about 5 feet, 8 inches to 6 feet tall, weighed about 180 pounds and wore a brown cap, shirt and pants, tie and glasses. The cap and shirt bore logos that read "Advanced Security."

Tellers and customer Theresa Eoff went into the vault with the suspect, where he produced a white pillowcase and gave it to a teller to hold while directing the others to fill it with money.

While in the vault, the robber asked Eoff if her keys were in her car. She said yes. He locked

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One of the suspects in the Monday robbery of the Glasscock County Bank is captured on this videotape released by law enforcement officials. Two men are sought in the robbery, which occurred just after 9 a.m. in Garden City.

Producers declare war on the boll weevil

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the first of a six-part series examining the recent survey of area cotton producers concerning their views on the boll weevil and how it will affect future efforts to deal with the problem

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

A recent survey of cotton producers and landlords in the 30-county High Plains area of Texas is being used by agriculture officials and cotton producers and landlords to make plans as to how to deal with the boll weevil in the future.

Because of the failed boll

FIRST OF A SERIES

weevil referendum last fall, two new zones — the Permian Basin Boll Weevil Eradication Zone (including some 500,000 acres of cotton in Howard, Dawson, Martin, Ector and parts of Midland and Borden counties) and the Southern High Plains Boll Weevil Eradication Zone — have been created from what was the Southern High Plains-Caprock Zone.

Producers from these zones were also included in the survey, which contained approximately two-dozen questions.

Southwest Research Associates, a Lubbock-based company, conducted the survey on behalf of Plains Cotton Growers (PCG) Inc. Questions were asked of counties divided into two groups — the southern and northern zones.

Three hundred surveys were completed in the southern zone, which included the counties of Howard (Big Spring), Andrews (Andrews), Borden (Gail), Cochran (Morton), Crosby (Crosbyton), Kent (Jayton), Lubbock (Lubbock),

Lynn (Tahoka), Martin (Stanton), Midland (Midland), Motley (Matador), Terry (Brownfield) and Yoakum (Plains).

In the northern zone, which included the counties of Bailey (Muleshoe), Briscoe (Silverton), Castro (Dimmitt), Deaf Smith (Hereford), Floyd (Floydada), Hale (Plainview), Lamb (Littlefield), Parmer (Farwell), Potter (Amarillo), Randall (Canyon) and Swisher (Tulia), 301 surveys were completed.

A detailed analysis of the survey responses will help produce

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Weevil infestation is visible on this cotton boll, located in a field north of Big Spring.

County farmers give light response to weevil survey

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Only a handful of Howard County farmers answered the boll weevil survey conducted by Southwest Research Associates (SRA), according to Howard County Cotton Growers President Rob Haney.

Throughout the 30-county High Plains area, a total of 5,674 call attempts were made during the nine-day survey, which yielded the following results: non-working numbers, 368 (6.49 percent); telephone busy, 319 (5.62 percent); not eligible, 746 (13.15 percent); no answer, 1,332 (23.48 percent); answering machine, 909 (16.02 percent); declined interview, 887 (15.63 percent); incomplete interview, 32 (0.56 percent); call back request, 480 (8.46 percent); and completed interviews, 601 (10.59 percent).

Reasons for the low number

of actual contacts and responses were not available at the time the Herald obtained the results of the survey, which also included the following questions:

When assessing your own cotton farming operation, has the boll weevil been a serious problem, somewhat of a problem, not much of a problem or no problem?

Serious problem — Combined, 13.8 percent; North, 4.7 percent; South, 22.9 percent. Somewhat of a problem — Combined, 28.1 percent; North, 19.3 percent; South, 36.9 percent.

Not much of a problem — Combined, 29.3 percent; North, 31 percent; South, 27.6 percent.

No problem — Combined, 26.6 percent; North, 43 percent.

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WEATHER

Tonight: becoming mostly cloudy. Lows 35-40. Wednesday, cloudy and cooler with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Highs 50-55. Wednesday night, cloudy with a chance of rain. Lows 30-35. Extended forecast, Thursday, mostly cloudy. A chance of rain. Highs 50-55. Friday, partly cloudy. Lows 30-35. Highs 55-65. Saturday, fair. Lows 35-40. Highs 65-70.

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Cathey seeks return to Howard commissioners' court

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Bobby Cathey would like to carry his previous experience as the Precinct 4 Howard County Commissioner into another term, but first he will have to defeat fellow Democrat Gary Simer in the March 10 primary.



CATHEY



Cathey served as the Precinct 4 commissioner from 1991 to 1995, but was defeated by Homer Wilkerson in the Democratic primary runoff, 464 votes to 405 votes, in 1994.

"I'd like to carry my previous four years experience as a commissioner into another term if elected," Cathey said. "I'm more

BSSH, VA ink 'unprecedented' contract today

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Big Spring State Hospital and the Veterans Administration Medical Center signed an "unprecedented" contract that will bring up to \$2 million to Big Spring in a public ceremony at the Veterans Administration Medical Center today.

Under the terms of the contract, the VA hospital will purchase intermediate to long-term psychiatric services from the state hospital. The state hospital will provide facilities and staff

for up to 60 patients from a three-state region.

"We're absolutely thrilled," BSSH superintendent Ed Moughon said. "We're doing what we do best and what we've specialized in over the past few years."

"We feel very positive about the future of Big Spring," VA hospital director Cary Brown said. "We can better care for the long-term psychiatric needs of our patients and open a window of opportunity for the state hospital to use the capacity they already have."

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Ed Moughon signs the contract for intermediate psychiatric care with VA Medical Center while (clockwise from left) Dr. Douglas Johnson, Clinical Director, BSSH, Jok Simons, Director Operations and Marketing, BSSH, Cary Brown, Director, VA Medical Center, Dr. Darryl Powell, Chief of Staff, VA Medical Center, Tom Trujillo, Administrator of VA health care services for West Texas, Arizona and New Mexico look on.

Cathey seeks return to Howard commissioners' court

or less a conservative person and I don't believe in spending county money unless you have it."

One of the things Cathey believes a commissioners' court should do is set money aside for the future and not vote on items unless that money is in place.

The county is in good shape according to Cathey because it is not experiencing as much of a hardship due to a declining tax base as it did few years ago.

"I feel like the tax base is a little better now because of oil production in the northern part

of the county," Cathey said. "But, I'd also like to see more industry brought into the county."

On the issues that many candidates have raised this political season, such as the issue of night meetings for the commissioners' court, taxes and the condition of the county jail, Cathey has definite ideas as to how they should be handled.

"I believe in having an open commissioners' court and keeping people informed," Cathey

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OBITUARIES

Robert "Bobby" Bell

Robert "Bobby" Bell, 48, Lewisville, formerly of Big Spring, died on Saturday, Jan. 31, 1998, in a Dallas hospital. Service will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Dr. Claude Craven, a retired Baptist minister, officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Olive Memorial Park.



He was born on Nov. 29, 1949, in Austin.

He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1967 and then from Sam Houston University in 1973. He was working toward his Master's Degree until his health prevented him from completing his degree.

He had been a member of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring and was currently a member of Trinity Presbyterian Church in Lewisville.

Survivors include: his parents, E.C. and Jessie Bell, Big Spring; one brother, Guy Bell, Dallas; one sister, Ann Carter, Coleman; three aunts, Allene Warren and Mary Morrison both of Big Spring and Mary Bell of Elysian Fields; three nephews, Kent L. Bell, Jeffery Bell and Logan Bell all of Lewisville; and a sister-in-law, Christi Kent of Lewisville.

Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

T.J. Godwin

Graveside service for T.J. Godwin, 82, Ackerly, will be 3:30 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Royce Clay, minister of Ackerly Church of Christ, officiating.

Mr. Godwin died Monday, Feb. 2, at his home.

He was born on April 22, 1915, in Bowie County, and married Eulah Nichols on July 11, 1936, in Texarkana. He came to Martin County in the late '30s where he farmed. He also worked for the Martin County Road and Bridge Department for 20 years, retiring in 1978.

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Gene Lockhart, 65, died Monday. Services will be 11:30 AM Wednesday at Myers & Smith Chapel, with burial at Trinity Memorial Park.

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He was a member of the Church of Christ.

Survivors include: his wife, Eulah Godwin, Ackerly; two daughters, Doris Wink, Alamogordo, N.M., and Charlotte Holcomb, Klondike; one brother, Harold Godwin, Midland; four grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Pauline A. Bauer

Graveside service for Pauline A. Bauer, 77, Big Spring, will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church, officiating.

Mrs. Bauer died Sunday, Feb. 1, in a local hospital.

She was born on Feb. 2, 1920, in Omaha, Neb., and married Herman A. Bauer on Nov. 27, 1947, in Omaha, Neb. He preceded her in death on Sept. 14, 1983.

She had lived in Big Spring since 1954 and was a homemaker and a member of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church.

Survivors include: one son, Bill Bauer, Midland; one daughter, Paula Smelser, New Braunfels; two brothers, William A. Fritz, Omaha, Neb., and Harvey R. Fritz, Colorado; one sister, Pearl Gredys, Omaha, Neb.; and five grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials be made to the charity of choice.

Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Gene Lockhart

Service for Gene Lockhart, 65, Luther, will be 11:30 a.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Rev. Dewayne Wheat, pastor of Berea Baptist Church, officiating. Burial will be at Trinity Memorial Park.

Mr. Lockhart died Monday, Feb. 2, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a sudden illness.

He was born on Jan. 28, 1933, in Big Spring. He had been a lifetime resident of Howard County and a Baptist. He married LaVerne Savell on Aug. 6, 1994, in Big Spring. He had been a pumper of Wilson Systems, McClure Oil Company and Anadarko Oil Company. He had also been a machinist for Oil Well Machine and Tool in San Angelo.

He is survived by: his wife, LaVerne Lockhart, Luther; two daughters, Jana Lockhart, Big Spring, and Patty Brewer, Brownwood; one son, Mike Lockhart, Big Spring; four stepsons, Junior Savell, Dewey Savell, Deland Savell, all of Big Spring, and Randy Savell, Van; three stepdaughters, Sue Starr, Big Spring, Pam Thacker, Van, and Lillia Watson, Tulsa, Okla.; two brothers, Ben Lockhart and Jimmy Lockhart, both of Big Spring; one sister, Sue Mize, Luther; 10 grandchildren, eight great grandchildren, several step grandchildren, and one step grandson.

The family will be at 709 E. 15th.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel.

Dolores A. Ingram

Funeral for Dolores A. "Dee-Dee" Ingram, 53, Odessa, formerly of Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 4, 1998, at the Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors chapel with Rev. Fred Davila officiating. Burial will be in Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Mrs. Ingram died Sunday, Feb. 1, at Medical Center Hospital.

She was born on Nov. 18, 1944, in Big Spring. She attended Big Spring schools and graduated from Big Spring High School in 1963. After graduating, she moved to Odessa where she married Jack W. Ingram in 1968. Dolores worked for Cobb's Department Store as a credit manager. From 1975 to the present, she and her husband owned and operated Jack's Engine & Field Service. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church in Big Spring and a member of Lady Shriners

of Midland.

Survivors include: her husband, Jack W. Ingram, Jr., Odessa; a daughter, Renee Autry, Odessa; a son, Jack W. Ingram III, Odessa; her mother, Alvenia Messimer, Big Spring; a brother, Jack Jones Sr., Aurora, Calif.; one sister, Melba Engdahl, Aurora, Calif.; two grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

Arrangements under the direction of Frank W. Wilson Funeral Directors, Odessa.

BSPD warns public of phone scam

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Police Department (BSPD) officials are warning citizens about a telephone scam that is currently working its way through the community.

"A male is calling persons and identifying himself as officer Joe Bob Morales," explained BSPD Lt. Stan Parker. "He is saying that he is calling to solicit funds to help with the gang suppression grant the police department has applied for."

Parker said there is no telephone solicitation of any type being done by the police department, especially in connection with the \$249,000 grant application made to the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission.

Parker said persons contacted for a telephone solicitation regarding the police department should call the agency at 264-2550.

CONTRACT

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Visiting VA administrator of health care services for West Texas, Arizona and New Mexico Tom Trujillo pronounced the contract a "win-win situation."

"We have a need and they have the opportunity to provide the services," Trujillo said.

The veterans administration will pay the state hospital from \$280 to \$296 per day for between 20 to 40 beds, netting BSSH between \$1 and \$2 million per year, Moughan said.

The state hospital will build upon their already-in-place program of serving long-distance psychiatric patients' needs. Thirty people will be needed to provide direct care, physical therapy and psychiatric services, Moughan said.

The new facility will serve a three-state area, with patients coming from West Texas, New Mexico and Arizona. Patients will receive specialized services not available in their local areas.

The contract is part of trends in the veterans administration that reflect changes in health care in the private sector, Trujillo explained. "The health care environment has traditionally been hospital based," he said. "Now we're going to managed care, more outpatient providers, and more health care providers in the area where people actually live."

The southwestern region of the veterans administration has also been challenged by the growing numbers of veterans moving to the area.

Negotiations have been underway between the veterans administration and Big Spring State Hospital for more than a year, officials said.

At a planning meeting held by Trujillo more than year ago, he reported that the region faced a "critical deficiency" in intermediate and long term psychiatric care. VA administrators were asked to "be creative" in finding solutions to the problem.

VA director Brown asked Moughan if he thought BSSH thought it was a good opportunity. "It took me about two seconds to say yes," said Moughan.

Officials said it took about a year to clear legal and technical hurdles. The state hospital modernized their facility to meet VA standards, made site visits to a similar VA facility in Waco, and worked closely with the veterans administration to develop clinical specifications.

BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

SURVEY

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South, 10.3 percent. How do you feel the boll weevil problem will be in the future?

Serious problem - Combined, 53.7 percent; North, 46.7 percent; South, 60.8 percent.

Somewhat of a problem - Combined, 17.6 percent; North, 18.7 percent; South, 60.8 percent.

Not much of a problem - Combined, 10.8 percent; North, 13.3 percent; South, 8.3 percent.

No problem - Combined, 4 percent; North, 7 percent; South, 1 percent.

Don't know - Combined, 13.5 percent; North, 14 percent; South, 13 percent.

Would you tell me if in 1995 you were in favor of setting up the Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation and the program to eradicate the boll weevil?

Favored it - Combined, 58.7 percent; North, 55.7 percent; South, 61.8 percent.

Did not favor it - Combined, 33.3 percent; North, 35.3 percent; South, 31.2 percent.

Was undecided - Combined, 5 percent; North, 5.7 percent; South, 4.3 percent.

No answer - Combined, 3 percent; North, 3.3 percent; South, 2.7 percent.

WEEVIL

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ers across the High Plains area develop plans, programs and assessment proposals for boll weevil control or eradication that will meet both the needs and expectations of growers and landlords, according to PCG Spokesman Shawn Wade.

The survey has an accuracy level of plus or minus 5.6 percent and a confidence level of 95 percent, according to SRA officials.

The survey was conducted between Dec. 1, 1997 and Dec. 10, 1997.

BANK

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the customer and tellers in the vault, and left in Eoff's vehicle, a 1997 white Jeep Cherokee, license plate TYD-72H, FBI investigators said.

A key was found in the vault and the four captives released themselves and called 911, according to the FBI.

The suspects were believed to have driven north toward Big Spring on Texas Highway 33, officials said, but the direction was hard to determine because no witnesses saw them leave, officials said.

Two vehicle sightings were reported during the day, Midland Department of Public Safety officers said. The first, at the intersection of County Roads 307 and Texas Highway 337, turned out to be a false alarm.

"The first three digits matched but the last three didn't," Altom said.

The second sighting occurred along County Road B3051, south of Stanton. Two citizens spotted the vehicle, but despite police vehicles combing the roads and ranches, the suspects seem to have made a clean getaway.

"We've looked, but we can't find them," Altom said.

An all-points bulletin was aired in DPS regions 4 and 5, covering an area from El Paso to Fort Worth and from the Oklahoma state line to south of Piedras Negras, Coah., Mexico.

"Everybody and their mother was out there today," Altom said when asked to estimate the number of troopers involved in the search.

In addition to the DPS and game wardens, sheriff's departments from Howard, Martin and Reagan assisted Glasscock County Sheriff Royce Pruitt. Information was also relayed across the oil pumpers' communications networks.

"We did everything right that was supposed to be done," Scott Long, vice president of Glasscock County State Bank said. Employees followed proper safety procedures learned in training, Long said.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 9,4,7
CASH 5: 5,6,25,30,31

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:

Monday 11:54 a.m. - 1000 block of Johnson, medical call, service refused.

10:18 a.m. - 500 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

4:43 p.m. - 1000 block N. Main, medical call, service refused.

8:40 p.m. - 1000 block Birdwell Lane, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

RECORDS

Monday's high 64
Monday's low 31
Average high 58
Average low 28
Record high 81 in 1995
Record low -8 in 1986
Precip. Monday 0.00
Month to date 0.00
Month's normal 0.00
Year to date 1.51
Normal for the year 0.33

POLICE

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

• EARNEST HENRY, 55, was arrested for public intoxication.

• ISAACS DEARMAN, 43, was arrested for public intoxication.

• THEFT reported in the 1100 block of N. Lamesa; in the 1100 block of Mulberry; the 200 block of Marcy and at the police station.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 1200 block of E. 4th.

• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 700 block of W. 6th.

• HARASSMENT reported in the 1600 block of Sycamore.

• FOUND PROPERTY reported in the 200 block of S. Birdwell.

• ASSAULT BY THREATS reported in the 2500 block of Gregg.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Monday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• MOLLY TURNER, 23, was arrested for issuance of a bad check.

• KALYNN HOMPFLD, 23, was arrested for revocation of probation/theft.

• HENRY AUTHOR JONES, 29, was arrested for burglary of building.

• ANTHONY THOMAS MAGRUDER, 27, was arrested on two counts of 2nd degree felony sexual assault of a child and possession of marijuana.

• LINDA GOODWIN GRANT, 42, was arrested for driving while intoxicated.

• KEVIN SHAWN BOOTH, 25, was arrested for theft.

• DENNIS DEAN BOLT, 44, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• PEDRO TALAMANTES, JR., 24, was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid.

• CARL ALAN DURRETT, 27, was arrested for assault/family violence.

• CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES, 23, was arrested for driving while license suspended.

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Karla Faye Tucker looks to Supreme Court for clemency

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — Karla Faye Tucker's lawyer says Texas is not a forgiving place. He hoped the U.S. Supreme Court would prove more merciful for the 38-year-old pickax killer facing execution tonight.

The Texas parole board on Monday unanimously refused to recommend clemency for Ms. Tucker, a born-again Christian trying to keep from becoming the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War and the first in the nation since 1984.

Without the board's backing, Gov. George W. Bush was limited to only a one-time, 30-day reprieve. He said he would not

make that decision until after a ruling from the high court.

Ms. Tucker's lawyers said a reprieve was unlikely.

"Texas has no mercy," said her attorney, David Botsford. "The clemency process in this state is a farce."

The Supreme Court was left as the last, best hope for heading off the death penalty. Ms. Tucker's appeal centered on the commutation process, contending it was unfair and unconstitutional because she didn't have a chance to personally plea for her life.

The appeal also noted that all 76 clemency requests in Texas since 1993 have been rejected.

Of the 16 condemned inmates who sought commutations last year, none received even a single favorable vote.

Ms. Tucker had the same experience with the Board of Pardons and Paroles, which voted 16-0 against recommending the governor commute her sentence to life in prison. Texas has no sentence of life without parole; a commutation to life would make her eligible for parole in 2003.

Ms. Tucker's big smile, dark eyes and flowing dark curls have helped draw reporters and photographers from around the globe to Huntsville, 80 miles north of Houston. Pope John

Paul II has asked for mercy for the former teen-age prostitute, as did a petition from the United Nations.

Victor Rodriguez, the parole board chairman, said the media attention contrasted with the relative quiet that accompanied other executions in recent years, including a record 37 in 1997. He blamed Ms. Tucker's supporters for fueling the hoopla.

"They know the newsworthiness of this matter," he said. "They're going to ride it for what it's worth."

Ms. Tucker was flown Monday from the female death row at a prison in Gatesville to

Huntsville, 175 miles away, where executions are carried out.

The last woman executed in Texas was Chipita Rodriguez, hanged in San Patricio County in 1863.

Since the Supreme Court allowed the death penalty to resume 22 years ago, only one woman has been executed: Velma Barfield in North Carolina in 1984.

Ms. Tucker has admitted accompanying a partner in 1983 to the Houston apartment of Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, to see if they could cap three days of almost nonstop drug-taking by stealing Dean's motorcycle.

Once inside, Daniel Garrett, then 37, started beating Dean with a hammer.

When the battered man began to gurgle, Ms. Tucker, then 23, grabbed a 3-foot-long pickax and repeatedly plunged it into him.

Deborah Thornton, 32, was cowering under sheets in a corner until the intruders discovered her. Ms. Tucker turned the ax on the woman to eliminate the witness.

In a tape recording played in court, she bragged to friends that she got sexual thrills out of the attack.

Garrett, also sentenced to death, died in prison of liver disease in 1993.

Budget battle

Clinton wants to spend too much, GOP claims

WASHINGTON (AP) — To hear Republicans tell it, President Clinton is trying to have it both ways — Mr. Balance-the-Budget and Mr. Tax-and-Spend-Liberal.

The president presented Congress with a 1999 spending plan that promises the first budget surplus in 30 years — long a cherished goal of both parties — but the GOP lost no time dismissing the document as a political booby-trap.

In their eyes, it is chock full of voter-friendly programs — expanding child care, making more people eligible for Medicare and hiring new teachers. But the goodies, Republicans charge, would come at the expense of higher taxes and a greatly expanded federal government.

Clinton and various members of his Cabinet were taking to the road today to highlight different budget initiatives while two of his top economic advisers — Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Budget Director Franklin Raines — were beginning the sales pitch on Capitol Hill.

Judging from the initial reaction from the Republican-controlled Congress, the administration has a tough job ahead.

"The era of big government is back," said the House Budget Committee chairman, Rep. John Kasich, R-Ohio. "I am astounded that he would propose \$150 billion in new programs."

"There's never been a brighter line of distinction between Republican and Democratic priorities," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga. "This is a budget only a liberal could love."

The Senate Budget Committee chairman, Sen. Pete Domenici, R-N.M., said there was no question that Congress would rewrite the president's proposal.

"If the president of the United States can increase spending and have tax credits worth \$150 billion, why can't Republicans have a significant tax cut in lieu of all the spending?" Domenici asked.

He promised that any Republican budget would provide relief from the "marriage penalty," which requires many two-earner couples to pay more than if they were single.

But for its part, the administration expressed confidence that its programs would prove politically popular, especially Clinton's call to set aside any surplus revenues until the future of Social Security is ensured.

Clinton told an East Room

audience Monday when he unveiled his new proposal that it would balance the budget three years earlier than the 2002 deadline set in last year's balanced-budget agreement and then produce surpluses.

Clinton's spending plan projects a surplus of \$9.5 billion in the fiscal year that begins next Oct. 1, a feat that has not been accomplished for 30 years, and it projects surpluses of \$1.1 trillion over the next decade.

Not only can the federal government finally produce a budget surplus, but with the help of a booming economy, Clinton proposed new federal programs to help hire 100,000 new teachers, modernize 5,000 schools, lower the eligibility age for Medicare, increase medical research and greatly expand the federal government's role in child care.

"It is obvious that you can have a smaller government, but a more progressive one that gives you a stronger America," Clinton said.

While highlighting the bottom-line surplus figures, Clinton's budget did not spell out the precise totals for all the new spending envisioned or how all the savings would be achieved.

In fact, the biggest chunk of new revenue — \$65.5 billion over five years — depends on Congress enacting a tobacco settlement, a prospect that even Democrats concede is growing less likely.

If the tobacco settlement doesn't come about, Raines said, the administration will either look for other offsets to pay for its new initiatives or scale them back.

Among the other savings, the administration will seek a cut of \$17 billion by limiting benefits paid to veterans who claim disabilities due to smoking, and billions more from reducing fraud in Medicare, changing the student loan program, and cutting administrative costs for food stamps and Medicaid.

In addition to the \$65.5 billion in new tobacco revenue — equivalent to a \$1.10 per pack increase in cigarette prices — the administration would also boost taxes by \$23 billion on insurance companies, multinational corporations and certain investors. Many of those tax increases were proposed and rejected by Congress last year.

The budget seeks \$24.2 billion in tax cuts, primarily by offering expanded tax credits to low- and middle-income families to pay for child care and new tax incentives to promote energy conservation.

Bahrain backs U.S. in showdown with Iraq

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Bahrain backed the United States today in warning Iraq of "grave consequences" if it fails to heed U.N. demands that it open suspect weapons sites to unconditional inspection.

The Persian Gulf emirate, where the U.S. 5th Fleet maintains its central command, apparently pledged its military support in the event of an attack on Iraq.

"We believe we have all the cooperation we need across the board," Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said after meeting with the emir, Sheikh Isa bin Salman Al Khalifa.

The secretary was headed to Cairo to meet with Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, a leader who has been skeptical of using force against Iraq.

In Bahrain, Albright dismissed as "diversionary" an overture by Iraq through Russia to open some presidential sites to U.N. inspectors.

While she did not object to further diplomatic efforts by Russia or any other nation, she stressed that "it's the message

that counts" and the message should be insistence on total compliance with the United Nations.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin also rejected as "another diversionary tactic" an offer by Iraqi President Saddam Hussein to meet with a U.S. congressional delegation.

In Washington, Sen. John McCain of Arizona, a senior Republican on the Senate Armed Services Committee, said today a U.S. strike appears to be inevitable. "It's not absolutely certain we're going to go," McCain said on ABC's "Good Morning America."

"But I think the series of events that are transpiring will lead us to that action unless there is something that happens within the next few days to a couple of weeks."

McCain said a U.S. attack, if it comes, "has to be severe, has to be sustained and has to be significant."

Albright said the United States would insist on unfettered inspection of the sites where the United States and the

U.N. weapons inspection commission suspect biological and chemical weapons materials are stored.

Bahrain's foreign minister, Sheikh Mohammed bin Mubarak Al Khalifa, agreed that Iraq must "give access to the inspectors of the U.N. special commission" or face "grave consequences."

Bahrain is the nerve center of a powerful armada sent during the Gulf crisis, and the U.S. Navy has had a presence here for 50 years. There are two U.S. carriers and more than 300 warplanes in the area.

On Monday, Saudi Arabia warned Iraq it would be held responsible if diplomacy failed but stopped short of assuring Albright use of its military bases for launching an attack.

Crown Prince Abdallah, filling in for ailing King Fahd, met with Albright for more than six hours in a lush desert retreat and saw "eye to eye" with her on the need for unconditional inspections, she said afterward.

"I had excellent discussions with the crown prince,"

Albright told reporters. "It is essential for Saddam Hussein to reverse his course and allow full and unfettered access to UNSCOM (the U.N. special commission) to any place it wishes to go, including the presidential and sensitive sites," she said.

She sidestepped whether Abdallah had agreed to permit U.S. F-16 fighter bombers to take off from Saudi bases to strike at the sites or other targets.

"I did lay out some of the military issues for the crown prince," she said. "He took them all on board. He wanted to consult with members of his government. Based on my excellent discussions with the crown prince, I have full trust and confidence in the Saudi government."

Abdallah and the foreign minister, Prince Saud, assured Albright they would continue the discussion through diplomatic channels. But a senior U.S. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said, "If we had gotten a 'yes,' she would have said so."

Latest AIDS statistics dramatize stunning turnaround

CHICAGO (AP) — The stunning turnaround in the war on AIDS has become even more obvious with the latest national statistics — deaths from the disease fell almost in half during the first half of last year.

The figures released Monday show that a smaller downturn in 1996 was no fluke. The decline in AIDS deaths is accelerating.

Experts agree that the improvement is caused almost entirely by powerful combinations of medicines that first came into widespread use less than two years ago. Almost immediately, they changed AIDS from a death sentence to a chronic illness — at least for now.

Many quietly wonder, though, how long this will last. Will people who were rescued from what seemed like certain death continue to thrive? Or will the virus eventually find a way to elude the drugs that thwart it?

"Are we in a honeymoon period? Is there something bad on the horizon?" asked Dr. Harold Jaffe of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Despite his apprehension, nothing in the CDC's figures foretell even a hint of gloom. The news is stunningly good.

Deaths from AIDS peaked in 1994 and 1995, then nosed downward 21 percent in 1996. Last year, that fall accelerated.

The latest CDC figures show that 12,040 Americans died of

AIDS in the first half of last year, down 44 percent from the 21,460 deaths in the first half of 1996.

Experts said this does not mean that AIDS is no longer a problem.

The virus continues to spread and between 400,000 and 650,000 Americans are infected. However, the disease is far different than it was even just three or four years ago.

"We can't see the end of the epidemic, but it's the beginning of a new era," said the CDC's Dr. Kevin DeCock.

Prescriptions of so-called three-drug cocktails — two older AIDS drugs plus one of the newer class of medicines called protease inhibitors —

have revolutionized AIDS care. Typically people start on them as soon as they learn they are infected, even before they get sick.

When all goes well, these medicines drive the amount of virus in the bloodstream so low that it cannot be measured.

Many who were deathly ill when the combination therapy came into widespread use two years ago are now in outwardly good health.

Still, the drugs fail for some, and the most common reason is that people stop taking the medicines. Patients must swallow 20 or so pills a day on a precise time schedule, missing even a few can allow mutant unkillable strains to emerge in the body.

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OUR VIEWS

Ignorance of law not viable excuse for candidates

If anyone still has doubts, a look around will confirm that the campaign season is in full swing. The signs, literally, are everywhere.

Unfortunately, not all of them comply with state laws governing election signs. In fact, in a quick tour of the area, we found many that did not.

With 18 candidates vying for six Howard County positions, especially noticeable are the violations of the law regarding misrepresentation of office title. According to that rule, challengers must include the word "for" between the candidate name and the office title.

Unfortunately, many do not.

It has become common for candidates to use a sort of shorthand — including on the signs only their name and the office to which they hope to be elected. According to state law, that is not enough.

Another rule that, without education, can be easily violated, is that political ads must yield right-of-way. That is, signs placed in certain areas to be seen from the road may be required to carry a "right-of-way notice."

Also, with a few exceptions, disclosure statements are required on political advertising. That statement must include the words "political advertising" or an abbreviation, and the full name of the candidate, political committee or other person responsible for the advertisement.

Yes, there are exceptions to these and other campaign rules. But we believe all candidates should be aware of both the reason for the law, its applications and exceptions.

The bottom line here is that candidates, just as they need to educate themselves about the office they are seeking, need to further educate themselves about state laws that apply to elections. After all, if they can't follow rather simple laws themselves, how can they ensure the county complies with more complex ones.

Their knowledge of the law, both as it applies to their respective candidacy as well as to the office they seek, is essential to the political process, and we voters should demand it.

OTHER VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

Many times we take the time to complain about poor service and make sure that all our friends know about the problem. I want to take a few minutes to tell a pleasant story. I bought a new Ford Windstar from Bob Brock a couple of years ago. During the holidays, we began to experience problems with it. After two major breakdowns, the second requiring a new motor, I contacted Bob Brock and explained the problem I was having. Although the warranty had expired, Mr. Brock agreed the problems should not have occurred and agreed to replace the motor. I want to publicly thank you Bob Brock and let Big Spring know that we do have a local dealership that will stand behind its product and its customer.

JOHN BURSON
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm a parent that has kids at Washington Elementary School and concerned about the safety of the kids. There is a school zone of 20 mph and some people go zooming through that street at 30, 40 and even 50 mph. Either because they're late for work or because they don't care. Please, for the safety of our kids, drive slow or get up earlier to avoid a big accident. The crossing guard has gotten so close to being run over and

all he is trying to do is his job, crossing children from the street and putting up his sign so cars can slow down. I have a big respect for him for doing a great job. I have a big concern for him and our kids so please slow down for their safety.

ARLIE KNIGHT
Big Spring

TO THE EDITOR:

My name is Crystal O., and I'm doing a research project on Texas. I would like to request that you and your subscribers send information (post cards, newspaper clippings, personal letters, etc.) about your state. I really want my report to be the best it can be.

Thank you for your time and cooperation.

CRYSTAL O.
Stanford, W. Va.

Please send information to: Crystal O., c/o 5th Grade; Stanford Elementary; Box 19; Stanford, W. Va.; 25927.

TO THE EDITOR:

To all the friends and family who donated time, garage sale items and money to help send T.J. Tatum to the National Youth Leadership Forum in Washington, D.C. T.J. will be leaving Feb. 3, and will return Feb. 8. He is really forward to this trip.

T.J. TATUM AND FAMILY
Big Spring

Media spread lies without taking responsibility

What does the cattlemen's suit against Oprah Winfrey have in common with the Monica Lewinsky-Bill Clinton scandal?

Answer: A communications revolution.

For the same reason that a revelation about a sexual tryst with the president can create a global uproar in less than a day, libel and slander laws need to be brought up to date to match the communications revolution.

Sweet Oprah is being sued because on one of her shows a veggie character talked about mad cow disease infecting American beef and Oprah said she was giving up burgers. The cattlemen contend that the charge is false and it cost them big bucks in the futures market.

The essence of slander (verbal) and libel (written) are that

the statements are false and that they cause damage to someone. Obviously, if I, for example, said falsely that someone was beautiful and intelligent, that person wouldn't be damaged by my falsehood.

Prior to the world being wired, damage from false statements was in most cases local and slow to spread. Often corrections or retractions could be made before too many people knew about it. But in today's wired world, a person like Oprah can speak to millions of people instantaneously and her statements can be picked up, if they are thought newsworthy, and broadcast to millions more in the blink of an eye.

The speed and breadth with which false information can be disseminated can cause tremendous damage long before a retraction or a correction can catch up with it. American apple growers were almost ruined when CBS let itself be duped by some anti-chemical cranks and broadcast their false claim that a chemical preservative would cause cancer in babies who drank apple juice.

By the time that false claim

was knocked down, the damage had already been done.

You can see the process at work in the Clinton scandal. In the old days, you might pick up your paper and read that someone had accused the president of having sex and asking the woman to lie about it. You'd have a fairly long time to think about that before the next edition — maybe all day and all night to digest that one piece of information.

Now allegation, report, reaction, denial, discussion, countercharges and spins create an instant electronic avalanche. Before the end of the day the allegation first surfaces, the airwaves on dozens of TV channels are saturated with every scrap of information — confirmed or otherwise — speculation, argument, counterargument, innuendo, etc. It goes from news to talk shows to "special reports" to comedy material by late-night comics in a short span of hours.

All is well and good if the information is true, but if it's false, people's lives can be permanently ruined long before the truth catches up with the lie. It's one of the quirks of the media world that while an alle-

gation can be made instantly, it often takes weeks to establish the truth.

The same people who broadcast the allegation without any verification will tell the target, "Well, you're going to have to prove it isn't true."

I think probably what the cattlemen want is not so much money as they want to send a message to the inhabitants of media world that if you cause damage with false statements, you are at least going to have to pay a carload of legal fees defending yourself.

It is not, as I have heard some say, a First Amendment issue. The right of free speech does not protect falsehood. If it did, every con artist would plead not guilty on the grounds that he was just exercising his right of free speech.

Probably what it boils down to is that technology has outrun our brains as it often does. We have the technology before we learn to use it responsibly or perhaps even realize the necessity for exercising care and responsibility. Unfortunately, it is easier to talk than to think.

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Charley Reese
Syndicated
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Straight to the light in the tunnel

TUNNEL HILL, Ga. — The scene here looks like one of those black-and-white postcards from the 1950s that was tinted to add a touch of color.



Rheta Johnson
Syndicated
Columnist

Chetogeta Mountain, the one with the 1850 railroad tunnel, is winter world, in fact, is the color of a tree trunk. Except for a pink, pink house sitting tall and proud next to the tracks, a lovely old house that you could give fanciful directions to: "Just look for the prettiest house in town, the one the color of candy hearts."

They say this tunnel was the hole in the hill the worm Sherman squirmed through on his mission to burn down Georgia. It's the oldest railroad tunnel in the South, 1,447 feet long, built by the Western and Atlantic Railroad. Nearby is the Clisby Austin House. The house was both Sherman headquarters and a Confederate hospital.

Also nearby are the Sidetrack Cafe, the Bible Baptist Mission, and plenty of other pleasant old houses where you could live to be an old woman playing canasta in a sunny room.

I take a good look around because of the children who hail from Tunnel Hill and its environs on this particular Georgia pole. In the last couple of years, they have impressed me mightily.

North Whitfield High School is a few miles east of Tunnel Hill, a typical, low-slung brick building with confusing one-way arrows painted on the pavement. It's a classroom behind the main building I visit, a doublewide that catches the overflow of kids.

In Tommy Honeycutt's doublewide English class the students introduce themselves. They make eye contact. They ask questions.

"What a great bunch of people," Honeycutt says of his class. It's a remarkable thing for a veteran public-school teacher to say.

I've heard all the arguments for home-schooling, which no doubt can be done a couple of ways — right and wrong. But in this mobile, makeshift classroom ideas bounce about, student to student, like a vigorous volleyball game on the beach. It's an exchange you couldn't really duplicate in a home school.

We hear about peer pressure. But the other side of that coin is peer support. In this class it's cool to read, to talk about what you read, to dip a thought in the inkwell and commit it to paper.

On the walls of the dou-

blewide are pictures of writers. It may be the only trailer in America with pen-and-ink drawings of Willa Cather and Mark Twain for wallpaper.

Brother Honeycutt is a regular summer revival evangelist, alternately rhapsodizing and railing, preaching Hemingway and Faulkner. Spreading the word....

Allyn Moore asks the most questions. She has a fresh face and short hair and wears faded jeans like the rest. I already know her from an essay she wrote that Honeycutt mailed to me.

It was her definition of a meaningful life: "It's about Van Morrison songs and jumping rope," she wrote. "It's about being happy and sad all at once.... I don't catch fireflies anymore. I've stopped eating the purple crayons that gave me life when I was a child vampire of 7.... For a while, I stopped eating ice cream. My life is sensible. I don't stare at the stars; I stare at a blinking cursor on a computer screen...."

I won't lose any sleep worrying about Allyn. Any kid that bright will tunnel right through life's routine and garbage and over-wrought technology straight to the light. There's no shame in a doublewide.

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Hawks rattle bats for impressive 10-6 win over Ranger in opener

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

Howard College's Hawks opened the 1998 baseball season on a positive note, taking a 10-6 win over Ranger Junior College's Rangers.

In the process, the Hawks not only followed the script written by coach Brian Roper, but displayed the hitting power he believes will be the key to success.

"I guess the most important thing was to get this first game behind us," Roper said after watching the Hawks pound out 12 hits, victimizing three Ranger pitchers. "It was a good game for both teams ... both of us hit the ball well."

While Ranger managed a total of 10 hits off four Hawks pitchers, Roper said he was pleased with the overall mound performance and was particularly happy with the defense his team played behind Howard hurlers.

Roper planned to use several pitchers and did just that. Starter Josh Jones worked 3 1/3 innings, giving up three runs on six Ranger hits. Keith Lant relieved him with one out in the fourth inning and went 1 1/3 innings before surrendering the hill to Chris Lenefeld who would work 3 1/3 innings and earn credit for the win.

Duete Welch worked the top of the ninth to chalk up his first game of the season.

While it took some time for the Hawks to get

their bats cranked up, Howard seemed to find an answer to virtually every Ranger challenge before left fielder Brandon Plumlee provided what proved to be the game-winning hit — a two-run home run with one out in the bottom of the fifth inning.

The Rangers drew first blood, but Howard answered when lead off hitter Dane Rau reached base on an infield hit, swiped second and moved to third when second baseman Bryan Phillips flied out to center. He scored a few moments later when Ranger starter Chris Adams uncorked a wild pitch.

After retiring the Rangers in order in the second, Jones ran into a little trouble with two out in the top of the third when Chris Palaco ripped a solid single to center and Edwin Gonzalez lined the next pitch out of the park in right for a 3-1 Ranger lead.

In the bottom of the inning, Howard tied the game. Scott Fahey, the ninth hitter in the Hawks' batting order, led off by reaching base on a walk and moved to third on a single by Rau, who advanced to second when the Rangers attempt to throw out Fahey at third. Catcher Will Hawkins deadlocked the game with a one-out single to center, scoring both runners.

Ranger answered with two runs in the top of the fifth, taking their final lead of the day. That's when the Hawks' power took control.



Ranger's Craig Darder slides in just before Howard College's Will Hawkins applies the tag and scores the Rangers' final run during the Hawks' 10-6 win Monday afternoon.

Rau led off the 3-run rally by reaching base on a walk. He stole second and moved to third on a balk. With one out, Hawkins chalked up his second of three RBIs with a double to left, setting the stage for Plumlee's game-winning hit. The Hawks weren't through, adding three more

runs in the seventh. Hawkins, who led the offensive display with a 3-for-4 showing at the plate Tuesday, got things started with a one-out home run to left. Plumlee followed with a double to left and shortstop Ryan Matthews capped things with a homer to left.

Howard continues winning ways, sweeping Frank Phillips

Hawks stay atop field; turn back Plainsmen comeback bid, 86-79

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Howard College Hawks found yet another way to win, but they would have rather not been tested this way.

On an evening that saw the Hawks lose one of their most important players for the rest of the season, and play inconsistently on both sides of the floor, the team nevertheless held off a determined Frank Phillips College to take an 86-79 victory Monday night in Garrett Coliseum.

The victory kept the Hawks in the lead of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with a 6-1 league mark. Overall, the Hawks are 13-10, while the Plainsmen fell to 10-12, 3-4 with the loss.

But Howard's win was a costly one. Ron Bartholomew, a freshman guard-swingman from Brooklyn, N.Y. was lost for the year with a pair of broken bones in his left leg (see related story).

The Hawks struggled all night against Frank Phillips' perimeter offense. The Plainsmen unleashed a long-distance barrage at the Hawks, connecting on 14 of 22 shots from three-

point range. In the late going, however, Howard managed to contain the Plainsmen's outside game, holding them without a three-pointer for the final nine minutes.

"It was really frustrating," said Howard guard Clifton Cook, who led all scorers with 27 points. "Every time we'd get a three-or-four-point lead, they'd come back and bang a three. So we knew we had to play some defense to stop their three's."

Hardly anything worked well for the Hawks Monday, but there was some bright spots. One was the play of freshman Alex Denson. The 6-foot-3 guard from Brownsville had his best offensive game in WJAC play, scoring 22 points.

The teams traded the lead numerous times until the final three minutes, when the Hawks gradually pulled away.

Surprisingly, they did it from the free throw line, which has not been a team strength until now. In the final three minutes, the Hawks were 8-of-10 from the charity stripe, and finished the game 23-of-31.

The scrappy performance left head coach Tommy Collins feeling a bit better about his team's inconsistent play.



Howard College's Clifton Cook, right, drives past Frank Phillips' Brad McMillian during their game Monday. Cook scored 27 points to lead the Hawks past FPC 86-79.

"We didn't play well at all in any aspect," Collins said. "But you've got to give the kids credit — they found a way to win, and that's how you win championships."

The loss of Bartholomew will

make the Hawks' mission even tougher. Cook said he and his teammates will have to "step it up about 10 notches" to make up for their teammate's absence.

For Monday night, however, they did just that.

Washington scores 30 to pace Lady Hawks in 101-36 detonation

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

It could have been an 18-wheeler out of control or, for all Frank Phillips' Lady Plainsmen knew, an atomic bomb.

But it wasn't. What "it" was was an all-out assault by Howard College's Lady Hawks Monday night at Dorothy Garrett Coliseum en route to a 101-36 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win.

Technically a come-from-behind win because Frank Phillips took a 2-0 lead to open the game, Howard's victory left the Lady Hawks at 22-1 overall and 6-1 in WJAC play. Frank Phillips dropped to 5-13 and 1-6 as the first half of the season drew to a close.

"I thought we did a good job of getting scoring off of our defense," Lady Hawks' Head Coach Matt Corkery said. "I thought we did a good job of moving the ball around and of getting the extra pass (to set up the shot)."

It didn't take long to see what the game's outcome would be. In fact, for most of the game, the only question was how much would Howard be able to score.

After FPC took a 2-0 lead just 16 seconds into the game, Howard's blitzkrieg was on.

A Shawnta Johnson basket with 19:31 left in the half tied the score at 2-2 and a Karlita Washington lay-up after a Howard steal put the Lady Hawks up for keeps at 4-2 with 19:06 left.

Over the next 7 1/2 minutes, Howard would score 27 more points — in all, a 31-0 run — to go up 31-2.

The Howard defense, which forced 27 turnovers, held FPC scoreless for eight minutes and 26 seconds before Christina Rochelle hit a jumper to make the score 31-4 with 11:18 left in the half.

During the run, freshman Karlita Washington scored 17 of her season-high 30 points, including three 3-pointers over a span of 86 seconds.

In addition to scoring, Washington was finding open teammates as well as she registered 10 assists.

"She did a good job of finding the open man," Corkery said. "She did score, but she did an excellent job of finding the open player as well."

Howard held a 37-18 advantage at halftime and opened that lead to 73-18 at the 15:17 mark of the second half when freshman Ricka McKee hit a jump shot to complete a 19-0 run.

The Lady Hawks' bench, a strong point all season, matched Frank Phillips point for point with Latasha Moore leading the way with 16 points.

"Latasha's pretty athletic," Corkery said. "She's a freshman and she needs the minutes, but she's made a tremendous amount of improvement as the season has progressed."

Corkery was especially laudatory of sophomore reserve Kamillah Ward.

"I thought Kamillah did a great job off the bench," he said. "She played good defense and was aggressive with the ball ... I'm really proud of her and the way she played."

The Lady Hawks limited Frank Phillips to just 13 field goals on the night. If there was a down side to Howard's effort, it was the team's inability to shoot free throws — connecting on a dismal eight of 20.

Howard starts the second half of play Thursday at home against Odessa College. The Lady Hawks took a 91-37 win in the conference opener, but Corkery cautioned against complacency.

"You have to keep in mind that people will make adjustments from what we saw the first time and we have to be prepared."

Bartholomew lost for season with broken left leg

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

The Howard College Hawks finished the first half of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference race in first place, but paid a terrible price in the process.

The Hawks took an 86-79 victory over Frank Phillips College Monday night, but lost one of their key contributors for the rest of the season.

Ron Bartholomew, a freshman swingman from Brooklyn, N.Y., broke both of the lower bones in his left leg after attempting to bring down a rebound late in

the first half.

Bartholomew landed awkwardly trying to follow up an Alex Denson miss, and collapsed in agony. Howard athletic trainer Everett Blackburn and his staff worked about 10 minutes to immobilize the player, then took him from the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum floor by stretcher.

Blackburn said Bartholomew was transferred to Midland Memorial Hospital Monday night, and is scheduled to have surgery performed to insert a steel rod in his leg.

The injury shocked teammates, who nonetheless used

him as a rallying cry in the second half.

"Ron's one of our starters, and he contributes a lot to this team," said sophomore point guard Clifton Cook. "When we saw our teammate hurt ... it made us stronger. We came together to win this one for Ron."

Aside from losing a friend, the Hawks also lost one of their key contributors. And the already thin team now has only eight players suited up for the crucial stretch drive.

"He was a critical player for us," head coach Tommy Collins said. "He played (three posi-

tions) and was one of our better defenders ... he was just an all-around solid player."

"It's going to be impossible to replace the 30 minutes (a game) the way he played them, so we'll have to find a way to replace his 30 minutes a different way."

The Hawks' victory took a little of the sting of Bartholomew's loss away, but only a little, Cook said.

"There's a way to feel good about this win, but there's a way to feel bad, too," Cook said. "We're missing a big part of this team. With Ron gone, the rest of us are going to have to step it up about 10 notches."

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Lady Steers frosh dumps Colorado City

Colorado City's Lady Wolves freshmen threw a scare into Big Spring coach Mike Wallace Monday night, jumping out to a quick 6-0 lead.

But the Lady Steers frosh didn't allow Colorado City much time to enjoy that lead, erasing it in a matter of moments en route to a 50-31 win that improved their record to 13-4 on the season.

"All I could think was uh-oh, here we go again," Wallace admitted. "But we kicked it into gear and it didn't take long before we were in control for the rest of the game."

Melissa Forth chalked up her second straight 20-point performance in leading the Big Spring scoring effort, while adding five steals to her stats.

Melissa Flenniken added nine points and eight rebounds, while every player on the Lady Steers roster got in on the scoring act.

Defensive standouts included Scarlet Ashley, Angela McGee, Stacey Barber, Kristi Gunselmann and Robin McClinton.

Steers freshmen lose to Colorado City

Big Spring's Steers freshmen saw Colorado City's young Wolves head to the free throw line 22 times in the fourth quarter and convert on 17 of those tries in wrapping up a 56-37 win Monday.

After getting off to a slow start in the first half, the Steers mounted somewhat of a comeback in the third quarter, trimming a 24-14 Wolves lead to just 34-27 with eight minutes to play.

Bo Butler and Gary Harris led the way for Big Spring, each scoring seven points.

American Little League meeting set

American Little League officials have scheduled an open meeting for 7 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 10, at La Contesa, 1508 E. Marcy.

All managers, coaches, players' parents and team sponsors are urged to attend.

Hunter education course scheduled

A hunter education course, required of all Texas hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, has

been scheduled for Feb. 19-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at Third and Gregg Streets.

Participants must pay a \$10 fee. Class sessions are slated for 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. on Feb. 19-20 and from 8 a.m. until noon on Feb. 21.

The course's instructor will be Boyce Hale. Pre-registration is required. To pre-register, call 267-6957 or 267-7891.

Lady Mavs drop third-place game

Gollad Middle School's Lady Mavericks "A" team suffered a 34-28 loss to Snyder's young Lady Tigers in the third-place game of the Andrews Middle School Basketball Tournament.

Ashley Smith paced the Lady Mavs with 10 points while Trina Cooper with eight. Courtney Block also turned in a strong showing with seven rebounds, seven steals and five points.

Lady Steer Booster Club meeting set

The Big Spring Lady Steer Booster Club will meet at 6 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS Athletic Training Facility.

According to club officials, boosters will continue making plans for the Lady Steer Athletic Banquet scheduled for May 11.

Anyone interested in supporting Lady Steers track, volleyball, softball and basketball, as well as the school's trainers, managers and cheerleaders is encouraged to attend.

For more information, contact Shirley Johnson at 267-1571 or Kelly McBee at 393-5672.

Lady Yearlings fall to Andrews in tourney

Runnels' Lady Yearlings ran afoul of the host Lady Mustangs in the second round of the Andrews tournament, suffering a 33-27 loss, but closed the trip with a 26-20 win over Snyder.

Trailing by nine with 1:30 to play in the first game, the Lady Yearlings went to a man-to-man full court press and promptly created a couple of Andres turnovers and managed to pull within three before Andrews iced the game.

Brittany Bryant paced the Lady Yearlings with eight points, while Chelsea Churchwell had five.

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR
WEDNESDAY, FEB. 4:**
Talents and abilities are
accented this year; imagination
and energy help you manifest
what you want. You are building
stronger foundations for
you and your family. Intuition
is on target, though there is a
tendency to eye the world
through rose-colored glasses.
This could be a source of your
problems; put a stop to it. Be
light, and let humor play more
into your life. If you are single,
you will yearn to begin a relationship.
Your libido speaks
loudly as you draw others to
you. If attached, a change in
how you express love is likely.
TAURUS is true-blue.

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).
As if you didn't know it,
there are changes in the wind.
You need to get to the bottom
line. It's time to clear up something
that began about 10 years
ago. Take your time, and be
realistic. Strong actions bring
equally strong results. Tonight:
Hang out.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
Your personality melts barriers;
this year, you can pull rabbits
out of hats. Start practicing
now! You bring positive
changes because of your upbeat
personality. A professional
dream could become a reality.
Tonight: Your treat.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Lay low, even though your
thoughts are active. You are
ready to take action to increase
your expertise in your field.
You have been hemming and
hawing about this decision;
now is the time. Career will
flourish this year. Tonight: Stir
the pot, and add your own
touches.***

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Stay focused on the brass
ring, and let nothing distract
you. Carefully think through a
decision. Use the afternoon to
mull over details. A partner is
unusually resourceful and
gives you dynamic feedback.
Consider a boss's idea. Tonight:
It's all for you.***

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Accept what is going on.
After the smoke and flames of
yesterday, you gain clarity in
your work. Accept the highs
and lows of a leadership role. A
partner inspires you. Ideas that
come from brainstorming are
A-OK. Value a friendship.
Tonight: Midweek play.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Read between the lines, and
ferret answers. You are surprised
at how positive certain
associates can be. You are
heading into a dynamite year
regarding relationships. You
get a preview now! Take a leadership
role; others respect your
opinions. Tonight: In the lime-
light.***

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
A discussion needs to take
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**Woman puts her life on hold
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letter.

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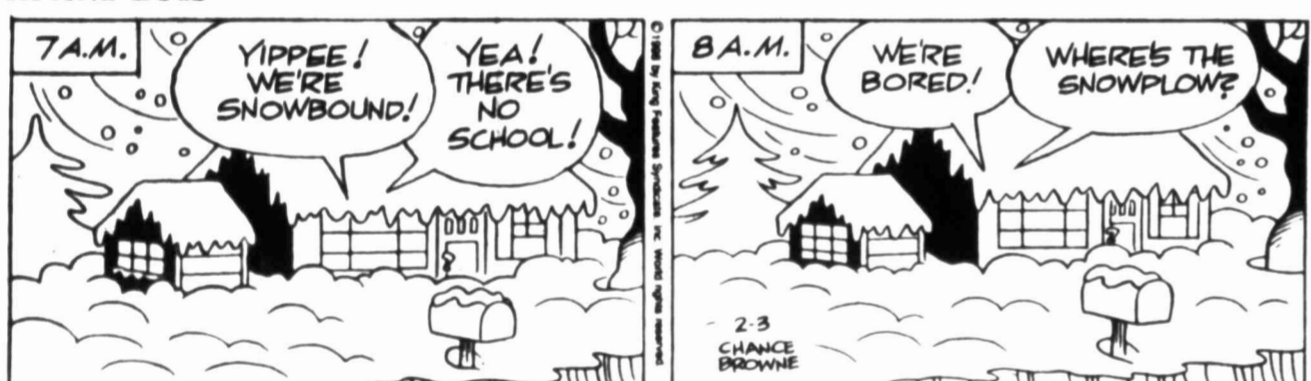
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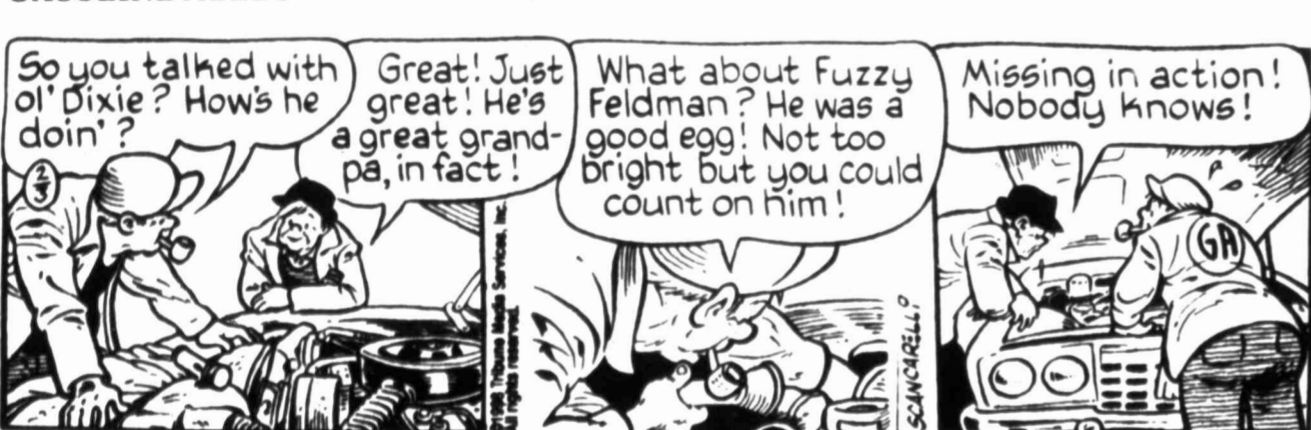
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"Peanuts" is a classic. I remember seeing it when I was about 3."

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"STAYING BUNDLED UP MAKES MY MOM FEEL WARM ALL OVER."

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is Tuesday, Feb. 3, the

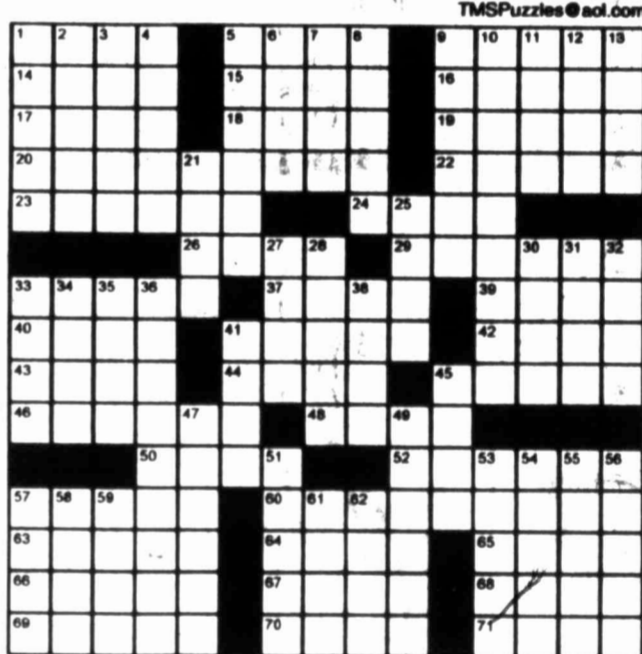
34th day of 1998. There are 331 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 3, 1959, a plane crash near Clear Lake, Iowa, claimed the lives of rock-and-roll stars Buddy Holly, Ritchie Valens and J.P. "The Big Bopper"

THE Daily Crossword

Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- 1 Statutes
- 5 Begin skydiving
- 9 Bordered
- 14 Estrada of "CHIPS"
- 15 Buckeye state
- 16 Jolly
- 17 Cairo's river
- 18 Stage directions
- 19 Mental picture
- 20 Bottles in wickerwork
- 22 Beaches, Italian-style
- 23 Gaucho's grasslands
- 24 Red-letter word
- 26 Blaze a trail
- 29 Lamented loudly
- 33 Actor Conrad
- 37 Top-drawer
- 39 Scorch
- 40 Coastal bird
- 41 William Jennings
- 42 Actress Gilbert
- 43 Capacity
- 44 Mirrored
- 45 With obvious moisture
- 46 Scrawnier
- 48 Western alliance, briefly
- 50 Life partner
- 52 Sanctify
- 57 Cover in mist
- 60 Society's fringe-dwellers
- 63 Flynn
- 64 Pitiful cory
- 65 Hawaiian instruments
- 66 Trap
- 67 Royale
- 68 Chair piece
- 69 Added shading
- 70 Require
- 71 Squiggly fish

- DOWN
- 1 Ivan of tennis
- 2 Character in "The Tempest"
- 3 Mrs. Flintstone
- 4 Quantity of yarn
- 5 Humorous
- 6 Casual affirmative
- 7 Aspect
- 8 Sheriff's band
- 9 Actor Estevez
- 10 Cup of espresso
- 11 Alum
- 12 Cogito sum
- 13 Wood and anil
- 21 Sudden shock
- 25 Marvel Comics superheroes
- 27 Senior's grp.
- 28 Grand dame
- 30 Fastidious
- 31 British title
- 32 Sturdy cart
- 33 Action word
- 34 End of a switch?
- 35 Aware of
- 36 Mrs. Bruce Willis
- 38 Nothing in Nogales
- 41 Simpson kid
- 45 Low character
- 47 Scored two under par
- 49 Worked extremely hard
- 51 Astronaut Aldrin
- 53 Immerse
- 54 Leg joint
- 55 Just right
- 56 Prepares to lay eggs
- 57 Come out on top
- 58 Toy-maker Rubik
- 59 Tarkenton of football
- 61 Let up
- 62 Barnister's distance



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Reston, VA

Monday's Puzzle Solved



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On this date: In 1690, the first paper money in America was issued by the colony of Massachusetts. The currency was used to pay soldiers fighting a war against Quebec.

In 1783, Spain recognized U.S. independence.

In 1809, the territory of Illinois was created.

In 1865, President Lincoln and Confederate Vice President Alexander H. Stephens held a peace conference aboard a ship off the Virginia coast. The talks deadlocked over the issue of Southern autonomy.

In 1916, Canada's original parliament buildings, in Ottawa, burned down.

In 1917, the United States broke off diplomatic relations with Germany, which had announced a policy of unrestricted submarine warfare.

In 1924, the 28th president of the United States, Woodrow Wilson, died in Washington at age 68.

In 1930, the chief justice of the United States, William Howard Taft, resigned for health reasons.

In 1987, the San Diego Yacht Club celebrated the victory of skipper Dennis Conner and the Stars and Stripes over Australia to sweep the America's Cup series.

Ten years ago: The U.S. House of Representatives handed President Reagan a major defeat, rejecting his request for at least \$36.25 million in aid to the Nicaraguan Contras. The U.S. Senate voted unanimously to confirm Anthony M. Kennedy to the U.S. Supreme Court.

Five years ago: Marge Schott was suspended as Cincinnati Reds owner for one year for repeatedly using racial and ethnic slurs. The suspension was lifted after eight months. In Los Angeles, the federal trial began for four police officers charged with civil rights violations in the videotaped beating of Rodney King.

One year ago: The Army announced that a retired female sergeant major had accused Sgt. Maj. Gene McKinney of sexual assault and harassment. McKinney, who was accused of sexual misconduct by six women, is scheduled to face court-martial beginning Feb. 3.

Today's Birthdays: Comedian Joey Bishop is 80. Actor John Fiedler is 73. Comedian Shelley Berman is 72. Sen. Paul Sarbanes, D-Md., is 65. Football Hall-of-Famer Fran Tarkenton is 58. Singer Dennis Edwards (formerly with The Temptations) is 55. Football Hall-of-Famer Bob Griese is 53. Singer-guitarist Dave Davies (The Kinks) is 51.

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