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Robbery subject in Ohio custody

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By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Peter Christopher McConaha, 25, one of the subjects in the Glasscock County Bank robbery search was found early Tuesday morning in Ohio.

McConaha is being held in Fostoria, Ohio, according to Texas Department of Public Safety spokesman Capt. Barry Caver in Midland.

Caver said McConaha was being interviewed by the Ohio State Highway Patrol's criminal investigation this morning.

McConaha was arrested on a routine traffic violation while driving a car registered in his own name according to Caver.

But Caver said evidence found in a late-model Chevrolet pickup stolen in Houston and abandoned in Garden City indicated McConaha might not have been involved in the robbery.

"A lot of personal belongings were on the passenger side of the vehicle (pickup) when we found it," Caver said.

The owner of the pickup reported his vehicle was stolen by a single white male who used a shotgun and stun gun, Caver said.

"We don't know whether Jordan (the second subject, William L. Jordan, 26) acted

alone, but (McConaha) had plenty of time to get to Ohio," he added.

Jordan has a criminal record while McConaha has no known record, Caver said.

"There is no violent history that we know of for either subject," he added.

Determining whether Jordan acted alone will depend on analysis of physical evidence, which is still under investigation by the FBI, Texas Rangers and the Glasscock County Sheriff's Department.

Part of the investigation will include photo lineups.

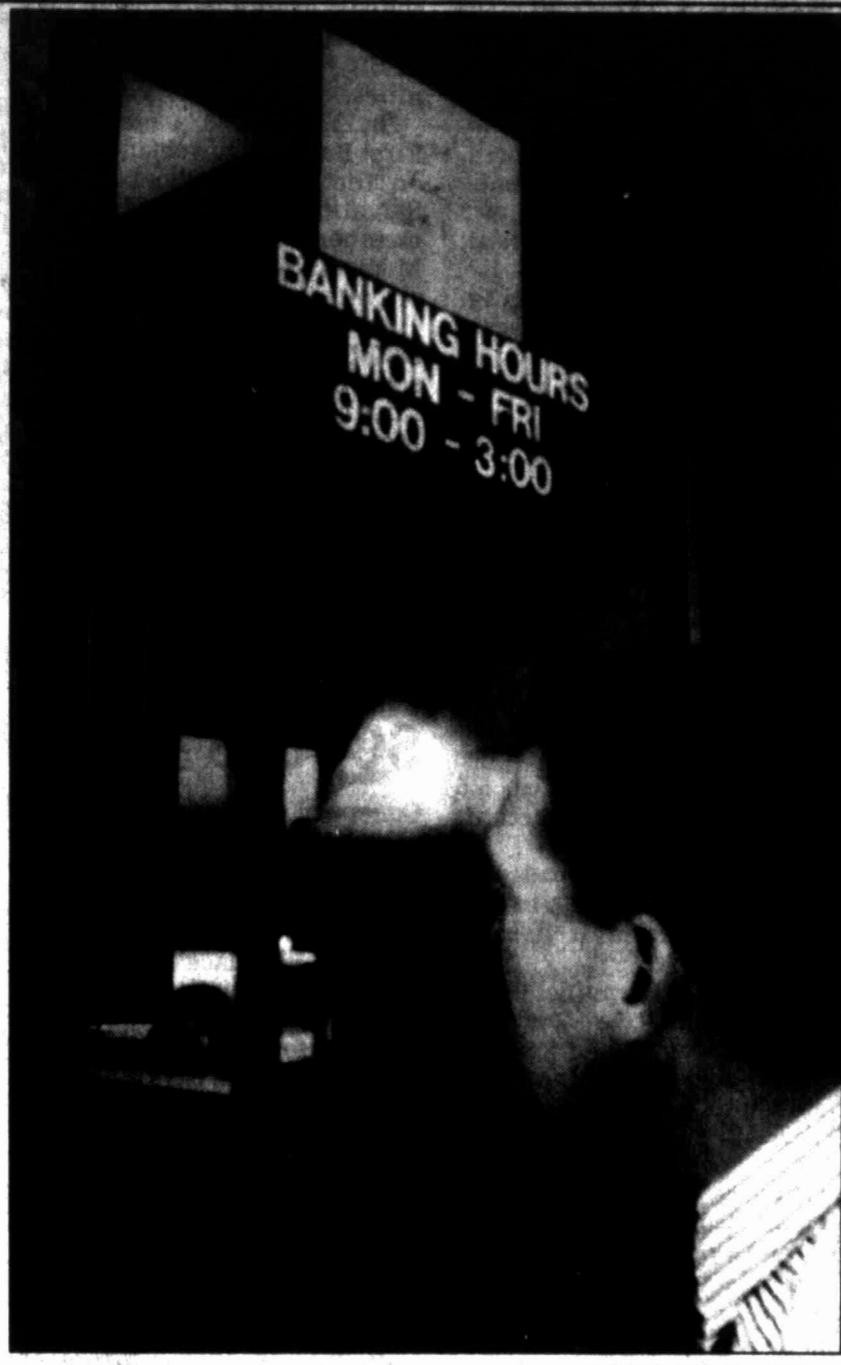
The owner of the stolen pickup will be arriving in Midland today while witnesses from the bank and the Glasscock County Farm Service Agency were asked Tuesday to identify pictures of two men that Midland DPS has said are "the only possible suspects."

However, the photo lineup efforts were short-circuited when local television stations released photos of the subjects before the photo lineup had begun, DPS Lt. Judy Altom said.

Only one employee had not seen the television broadcasts and he was unable to identify either suspect, she reported.

Photos of the subjects of the

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Texas Ranger Curtis Becker dusts for fingerprints at Glasscock State Bank, which was robbed Monday. One of the subjects was found in Ohio Tuesday.

Virgil Sanders, 'Doctor to all,' dead at 84

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

For the second time in 10 days, death has claimed a long-standing and well-respected member of Big Spring's medical community.

Dr. Virgil Sanders, 84, who with his wife and brother, built and operated Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital, died Tuesday, Feb. 5, 1998.

Service will be at 2 p.m. Thursday at First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, chaplain at Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo and former pastor at First Baptist, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Jeremiah McCarty, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Burial will be in Trinity Memorial Park.

A 1932 graduate of Big Spring High School, Dr. Sanders graduated from the Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy (now the University of Texas at El Paso) in 1937. He and his wife, Dr. Nell Sanders, met in 1939 while attending the University of Texas Medical School and were married in 1942.

Dr. Virgil then worked for two years before interning at



DR. VIRGIL SANDERS

Santa Rosa Hospital in San Antonio. While Dr. Nell did post-graduate work in Baltimore, he served as traumatic surgeon for Bethlehem Steel.

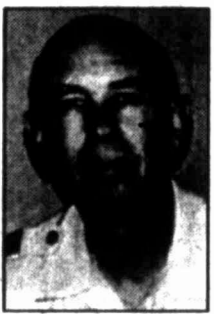
The couple returned to Big Spring in 1945 and practiced for one year at Malone-Hogan Clinic and Hospital for one year

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Local Boy Scouts to hold open house for new service center

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Almost two years to the day after the building at 610 Scurry was donated to the Buffalo Trail Council Inc. Boy Scouts of America by the Ernest Welch family, the new East Area Service Center is near completion.



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Sunday the center will open to the public from 2-3:30 p.m. The open house will include refreshments, a short program and a

special presentation to the Welch family.

The program will also include several recognitions and the singing of the song "Hero," by Allison Wallace, daughter of District Executive Warren Wallace.

For 75 years scout executives of the Lone Star District have moved from place to place, but the new service center will give scouting in Big Spring one central location.

The center has been remodeled and completed thanks to donations from the Dora Roberts Foundation and dozens of hours of volunteer labor.

What was once the Eberly Funeral Home and later the River-Welch Chapel has been renovated to include new brick

flower beds, sidewalks and landings, grass and plants for the beds.

The main entrance to the building will be from Sixth Street with the office entrance on Scurry Street.

Wallace says the new center has been a long time in coming and is something that will definitely be appreciated.

"We got the building two years ago this month," Wallace said. "It was dedicated in February 1996 and we started work on the building in August 1996."

"It gives us a tangible presence in the community," Wallace added. "People know that we are. There is a structure about the core of scouting troops, which is our district committee. The district commit-

tee supports every aspect of our program and our boys as well as our leaders will be proud of the new center."

Just south of the center's large conference room is a small museum to remind visitors and those involved with scouting of the changes that have taken place in nearly 90 years of scouting.

The center will also have a scout store, which is stocked with uniforms, auxiliary items such as neckerchiefs, sashes and badges as well as camping gear and other items used in the scouting program.

"The key thing with the store is that we're a satellite scout office and we will be able to dis

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HERALD photo/Linda Choate

The Boy Scouts' new service center will be open to the public from 2-3:30 p.m. Sunday.

Survey to aid fight against boll weevils

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third article in 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.

Questions asked during a recent survey of High Plains area cotton producers and landlords concerning the boll weevil will be used to determine how producers attack the problem in the future.

Some of the questions asked of producers divided into two zones — north and south — included:

Do you think the program should be administered (collect the assessments, penalize

those who do not pay their share and contract with entities for spraying and inspection) by: the Texas Department of Agriculture, the reorganized Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation or a grower organization?

Texas Department of Agriculture — Combined, 19.1 percent; North, 20.7 percent; South, 17.6 percent.

Texas Boll Weevil Eradication Foundation — Combined, 8.5 percent; North, 7.3 percent; South, 9.6 percent.

Grower organization — Combined, 38.1 percent; North, 36.7 percent; South, 39.5 percent.

Other — Combined, 12.3 percent; North, 11.7 percent; South, 13 percent.

Undecided — Combined, 17.5 percent; North, 19 percent;

South, 15.9 percent. No answer — Combined, 4.5 percent; North, 4.7 percent; South, 4.3 percent.

In regard to the funding of a comprehensive eradication program, would you prefer to have the assessment based on: Solid planted acre, Skip Row planted acre, Farm Service Agency yield (formerly ASCS), Annual Production History yield (figure used for crop insurance), per bale or a combination of acre and yield: that is, so much acre plus so much per pound yield or per bale?

Solid planted acre — Combined, 10.8 percent; North, 12.7 percent; South, 9 percent.

Skip Row planted acre — Combined, 2.7 percent; North, 1 percent; South, 4.3 percent.

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Area farmers let their feelings be known

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the fourth article in 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.

The way cotton producers plant their cotton, water their cotton and how they feel about paying assessments were among the questions High Plains producers were asked in a recent survey concerning the boll weevil and how battling the pest will affect future production.

Howard County producers were included among producers in the southern zone of the survey, which was conducted

in two parts — north and south.

Producers gave the following responses to several of the questions asked:

Are you involved in cotton production as a producer, a landlord, both or not involved in the production of cotton at all?

Producer — Combined, 33.4 percent; North, 35.3 percent; South, 31.6 percent.

Landlord — Combined, 37.8 percent; North, 36.3 percent; South, 39.2 percent.

Both — Combined, 28.8 percent; North, 28.3 percent; South, 29 percent.

Is your cotton production located in...?

One county — Combined, 71.5 percent; North, 71 percent; South, 72.1 percent.

Two counties — Combined,

23.5 percent; North, 25 percent; South, 21.9 percent.

More than two counties — Combined, 5 percent; North, 4 percent; South, 6 percent.

In your cotton operation, would you say your land is mostly irrigated, mostly dry land or a mixture of both?

Mostly irrigated — Combined, 47.4 percent; North, 69.3 percent; South, 25.6 percent.

Mostly dry land — Combined, 25.6 percent; North, 11 percent; South, 40.2 percent.

Mixture of both — Combined, 26.8 percent; North, 19.3 percent; South, 34.2 percent.

Do you plant your cotton...?

Mostly solid — Combined, 61.2 percent; North, 76 percent;

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WEATHER

Tonight:



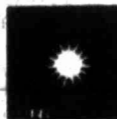
Thurs:



Fri:



Sat:



Tonight, cloudy with a chance of showers or thunderstorms. Lows in the lower to mid 30s. Thursday, becoming partly cloudy with a slight chance of showers. Highs 45-55. Thursday night, partly cloudy. Lows 25-30. Extended forecast, Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 55-65. Saturday and Sunday, fair. Lows 35-40. Highs 60-70.

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Dobbs puts clown career on hold to make J.P. run

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

There's only so much clowning one man can do and Coahoma's Quail Dobbs has done more than his share for 35 years on the professional rodeo circuit.



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Now, however, the time is right, Dobbs says, for settling



down and staying close to home.

Dobbs would like to do that by representing Coahoma and Howard County as the Justice of the Peace for Precinct 2, but will first have to defeat fellow Republican Carol Henson in the March 10 primary. Current Precinct 2 JP Jack

Buchanan decided late last year that he would not seek reelection to another term.

Dobbs' campaign slogan is "No more clowning around," which he says his wife came up with.

"I've won just about every rodeo clown award there is and have worked just about every major rodeo in the world several times over," Dobbs said.

Dobbs' resume of rodeos includes a 30-year tenure in El Paso; 24 years in Houston (the largest rodeo in the world); 30 years in Abilene; 20 years in Pecos; and about 25 years at the

Big Spring rodeo.

Dobbs says having all of that experience in what he has done for a living for 35 years is nice and it's nice to be wanted year after year, but it's time to quit rodeoing and stay close to home.

Dobbs says he's looking for a job and he sees serving as JP for Precinct 2 as a challenge.

"When Willie Grant quit several years ago, I was considered for appointment to the position as her replacement, but I had

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OBITUARIES

Dr. Virgil Sanders
Service for Dr. Virgil Sanders, 84, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 5, 1998, at First Baptist Church with Dr. Kenneth Patrick, Chaplain at Baptist Memorial Center in San Angelo, officiating. He will be assisted by Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy, pastor of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



SANDERS

Dr. Virgil died Tuesday, Feb. 3, in a local hospital. He was born on Aug. 10, 1913, in Lockhart, and was the son of John Edwin and Annie Mae Van Horn Sanders. He graduated from Big Spring High School in 1932 and graduated from Texas College of Mines and Metallurgy in El Paso in 1937. He met his future wife, Nell White, while attending the University of Texas Medical School and they married on Sept. 9, 1942, in Galveston. They came to Big Spring in 1945, and practiced for one year in the old Malone-Hogan Clinic and for three years in Stanton. On Feb. 1, 1949, they opened Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital and operated it until closing the hospital in 1979. They continued to practice in the clinic until retiring in 1993, having practiced for over 50 years. In addition of practicing medicine, Dr. Virgil was also involved in farming.

He was a member of First Baptist Church and served on the board of the Salvation Army. He had been active in the Permian Basin Medical Society and had served as president. He had been involved in organized medicine throughout his career. Survivors include: his wife, Dr. Nell Sanders of Big Spring; two sons, Randolph Kent Sanders of Michigan City, Ind., and John Mark Sanders of Glasscock County; one daughter, Debra Ann Sanders of Irving; two brothers, Garland Sanders of Big Spring and Clifton Sanders of Austin; one sister, Eula Mae Smith of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; six grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The family suggests memorials to a favorite charity. Arrangements under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

Glenda Jones
Service for Glenda Jones, 56, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home & Chapel. She died Tuesday, Feb. 3, 1998, in Midland Memorial Hospital.

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Dr. Virgil Sanders, 84, died Tuesday. Services will be 2:00 PM Thursday at First Baptist Church. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.

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Gene Lockhart, 65, died Monday. Services were 11:30 today at Myers & Smith Chapel. Burial in Trinity Memorial Park.
Glenda Jones, 56, died Tuesday. Services are pending.

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search will not be made available to news media until a positive identification has been made, Altom explained. Rangers will now attempt to identify the suspects using a composite sketch, she added. Fingerprints were taken at the scene of the robbery Monday but Midland DPS has not yet been able to make a positive identification from them. "We have lots of prints on the truck and at the bank," Altom said, explaining the strong likelihood that warrants will eventually be issued for McConaha and Jordan.

McConaha and Jordan were identified by Advance Security of Houston as two men who had been hired two weeks ago, but never showed up for work. The two are believed to have stolen the pickup just outside the Katy city limits. The truck broke down about a mile north of Garden City on Texas Highway 33, Glasscock County officials said. Glasscock County sheriff's deputy Kenneth Zunker discovered the truck before the bank robbery was reported. No warrants have been issued in Harris County in connection with the auto theft, but a federal warrant could be issued by the FBI pending a positive identification by the bank robbery witnesses, according to Lt. Grace Hefner of the Harris County Sheriff's Department.

FARMERS

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South, 46.5 percent. Mostly skip row — Combined, 18.6 percent; North, 8 percent; South, 29.3 percent. Both — Combined, 17.6 percent; North, 15.3 percent; South, 19.9 percent.

How important to you is it that every cotton producer and landlord pay their assessment? Would you say it is:
Very important — Combined, 68.9 percent; North, 65.3 percent; South, 72.4 percent.
Important — Combined, 19.8 percent; North, 20.9 percent; South, 72.4 percent.

Not that important — Combined, 2.2 percent; North, 1.3 percent; South, 3 percent. Does not matter whether they pay or not — Combined, 2.3 percent; North, 3 percent; South, 1.7 percent. Undecided — Combined, 3.3 percent; North, 5 percent; South, 1.7 percent. No answer — Combined, 3.5 percent; North, 4.7 percent; South, 2.3 percent.

Do you think the payment for the boll weevil assessment should be on the basis of "pay as you go" each year or financed over time?
Pay as you go — Combined, 71 percent; North, 73.3 percent; South, 68.8 percent. Financed over time — Combined, 12.5 percent; North, 9 percent; South, 15.9 percent.

Undecided — Combined, 12 percent; North, 11.7 percent; South, 12.3 percent. No answer — Combined, 4.5 percent; North, 6 percent; South, 3 percent. What sort of penalties do you feel would be appropriate for those who do not pay the assessment?
A lien would be placed against their cotton — Combined, 17.6 percent; North, 12.3 percent; South, 22.9 percent. Penalties and interest would be added to the assessment — Combined, 32.9 percent; North, 32.3 percent; South, 33.6 percent.

Other — Combined, 18 percent; North, 18.3 percent; South, 17.6 percent. Undecided — Combined, 22.8 percent; North, 25.7 percent; South, 19.9 percent. No answer — Combined, 8.7 percent; North, 11.3 percent; South, 6 percent.

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Farm Service Agency yield — Combined, 5.8 percent; North, 7.3 percent; South, 4.3 percent. Annual production history yield — Combined, 5.5 percent; North, 6 percent; South, 5 percent.

Per bale — Combined, 19.1 percent; North, 17 percent; South, 21.3 percent.

Combination of acre and yield — Combined, 33.3 percent; North, 33.3 percent; South, 33.2 percent.

Undecided (don't know) — Combined, 16.5 percent; North, 15 percent; South, 17.9 percent.

No answer — Combined, 6.3 percent; North, 7.7 percent; South, 5 percent.

Also in regard to funding, when do you think the assessment should be due?
At the time cotton is ginned or sold — Combined 68.7 percent; North, 68.3 percent; South, 69.1 percent.

Mid summer — Combined, 5.3 percent; North, 6.7 percent; South, 3.7 percent.

In spring as planting stages get underway — Combined, 10.1 percent; North, 9.3 percent; South, 11 percent.

Undecided — Combined, 10.5 percent; North, 9 percent; South, 12 percent.

No answer — Combined, 5.5 percent; North, 6.7 percent; South, 4.3 percent.

In your mind, who would be the most logical entity to collect the boll weevil assessment?
Your gin — Combined, 39.9 percent; North, 38.7 percent; South, 41.2 percent.

Compress or warehouse — Combined 6.3 percent; North, 6.7 percent; South, 6 percent. Texas Department of Agriculture — Combined, 14.3 percent; North, 14.3 percent; South, 14.3 percent.

Boll Weevil Foundation — Combined, 15.5 percent; North, 14 percent; South, 16.9 percent. Other — Combined, 9.7 percent; North, 8.3 percent; South, 11 percent.

Undecided — Combined, 11.1 percent; North, 14.3 percent; South, 8 percent.

No answer — Combined, 3.2 percent; North, 3.7 percent; South, 2.7 percent.

SANDERS

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before opening a practice in Stanton. Dr. Virgil and Dr. Nell, along with his brother, Dr. Preston Sanders, built and opened Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital on Feb. 1, 1949 with a staff of three. Preston died in 1950 and Dr. Floyd Mays was added to the staff to fill the position. The 25-bed hospital was built at a cost of about \$150,000. Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital served the community for nearly 31 years before its closing on Dec. 1, 1979. Dr. Nell and Dr. Virgil maintained Medical Arts Clinic until they retired from active practice in 1993.

Dr. Virgil, in a 1993 Herald story, said there were two main reasons for his decision to study medicine: "Preston was a doctor and I thought, 'If he can do it I can.'" He added that while working at Cathey Implement as a young man, "I used to see Dr. Hall and Dr. Bennett hurrying to their offices in the Petroleum Building with their tires squealing around the corner. "I thought they must be really important men."

Neither Dr. Nell or Dr. Virgil accepted appointments, noting that if a person didn't know when they were going to be sick, how could they make an appointment? It was because of that attitude that many said the two were doctors to everyone. Medical Arts Clinic and Hospital was a full hospital, employing four doctors at one

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time. In addition, the hospital also operated a Licensed Vocational Nurse (LVN) training school from September 1962 until Feb. 1, 1968. Over the years, the school graduated 169 LVNs, many of whom are still working in Big Spring and area communities.

Dr. Virgil was a member of First Baptist Church and served on the advisory board of the Salvation Army. He had been a member of the Permian Basin Medical Society, serving that organization as its president.

Survivors are his wife, Dr. Nell Sanders, of the home; two sons, Randolph Kent Sanders of Michigan City, Ind. and John Mark Sanders of Glasscock County; one daughter, Debra Ann Sanders of Irving; two brothers, Garland Sanders of Big Spring and Clifton Sanders of Austin; one sister, Eula Mae Smith of Sherman Oaks, Calif.; six grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

SCOUTS

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perse our advancements to our units right here in Big Spring rather than having to go to the Buffalo Trail Council store in Midland," Wallace said.

"The center will also give our leaders a place to be trained and a place for district meetings," Wallace added. "This will be the place to meet. Our units will still meet where they normally meet and we won't have to encroach on anyone."

One of the most important aspects of the new center is that it will help continue the long tradition of scouting in Big Spring. Wallace says scouting is something every young boy should try.

"Scouting develops strong values in each young boy it touches. It honors the home, school, and church or synagogue as the origins of our youth's values," Wallace said. Wallace added scouting's goal is to nurture and extend these values by emphasizing the scout oath and law.

Camping out and hiking teaches boys basic self-assurance, teamwork and leadership — life skills they will take with them well into adulthood. Wallace pointed out in today's times, when peer pressure as well as social pressure is what it is, young people make dozens of choices everyday that many adults never faced growing up.

Some of today's young people make choices that come with consequences they are not ready to handle, Wallace added. Adults and scouting volunteers can help make those choices a lot easier by supporting a program that is a powerful teaching tool that promotes teamwork and self-esteem — scouting.

DOBBS

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rodeo goals I wanted to reach and decided the time wasn't right," Dobbs said. "I think the time is right now to settle in. My family is here in Coahoma and Howard County."

Dobbs says the greatest thing to ever happen to him was having the citizens of Coahoma his picture put on the water tower in Coahoma. "It made me humble because I'm not worthy of something like that and I don't know of anyone who is," Dobbs said. "Because of that, just as I tied to be the best rodeo clown I could be, I think I can also be the best JP as well."

In his career, Dobbs has met thousands of people and says it has taught him one thing about

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FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:
Tuesday
8:21 a.m. — 2500 block Larry, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.
8:57 a.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, service refused.
9:23 a.m. — 1800 block Donley, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.
9:37 a.m. — 6200 block Walter Road, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.
1:51 p.m. — FM-700 and 11th Place, traffic accident, one transported to SMMC, service refused by two.
10:32 p.m. — 2900 block Wasson, trauma call, service refused.
10:46 p.m. — 700 block W. 17th, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

MARKETS

March cotton 66.80 cents, down 22 points; March crude 16.55, up 5 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 36.50; cash steers steady at 62; Feb. lean hog futures 55.35, down 12 points; Feb. live cattle futures 63.12, down 15 points.

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Wal-Mart 42 1/2 + 1/2
Amcap 16.11-17.09
Euro Pacific 27.36-29.03
I.C.A. 29.10-30.88
New Economy 20.69-21.95

POLICE

The Big Spring Police Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• EARNEST HENRY, 55, was arrested for public intoxication.
• WILLIAM REDFORD, 55, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
• JOHNNY LOZANO, 44, was arrested on local warrants.
• JASON DIAZ, 27, was arrested on local warrants.
• SHARON THOMPSON, 47, was arrested for driving while license invalid.
• MICHAEL RENTERIA, 28, was arrested on local warrants.

• CRIMINAL MISCHIEF reported in the 900 block of Sgt. Paradez; the 2700 block of Wasson.
• BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE reported in the 1500 block of W. 4th.
• BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 1400 block of Lincoln.
• FORGERY reported at the police station.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Department reported the following incidents between 8 a.m. Tuesday and 8 a.m. Wednesday:
• JIMMY NASH was arrested for bondsman off bond/driving while license suspended.
• ALBERT SMITH, JR., 24, was arrested for unlawful carrying of weapon and revocation of probation.
• JAVIER PAYEN, 28, was arrested for revocation of probation/failure to ID.

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Tucker goes to execution with apology and talk about heaven

HUNTSVILLE (AP) — As the world agonized about redemption and justice-by-execution, Karla Faye Tucker went to her death with a quiet apology and talk of heaven.

Her journey from drug-addicted prostitute to born-again Christian drew support from death penalty opponents across the globe. But it couldn't keep the 38-year-old pickax killer of two from becoming the first woman executed in Texas since the Civil War, and the first in the nation since 1984.

As weeping mixed with gleeful singing among several hundred demonstrators outside the Texas death house, Ms. Tucker was placed on a gurney, her long dark hair stark against the white sheets. Leather belts were pulled snug across her body, legs and arms.

Ms. Tucker turned her head to the witnesses and declared her love for her family and husband. She then apologized to her victims' families.

"I hope God will give you peace with this," she said.

"I am going to be face to face with Jesus now. I love all of you very much," she said. "I will see you all when you get there. I will wait for you."

Richard Thornton, whose wife was one of those killed by Ms. Tucker in Houston in 1983, spoke to his wife as he witnessed the execution: "Here she comes, baby doll. She's all yours. The world's a better place."

As the chemicals entered her body, Ms. Tucker gasped twice and let out a long wheeze before lapsing into unconsciousness. She was declared dead at 6:45 p.m.

Thornton said later that he couldn't accept Ms. Tucker's apology.

"My religion says to forgive.

Turn a cheek. I still cannot do it," he said. "I don't believe her conversion. I don't believe her Christianity."

"(She) has been sent to the place that we're all going to go sometime, someplace my wife already is. She will deal with Karla Faye Tucker. I promise you, it won't be pretty."

The Board of Pardons and Parole had refused to commute Ms. Tucker's sentence to life in prison and Gov. George W. Bush refused to grant a 30-day reprieve. Her death came less than an hour after the U.S. Supreme Court rejected her final appeal.

People on both sides of the case, and Ms. Tucker herself, said gender should have no bearing on her punishment.

But the oddity of a woman being executed — there were only 49 women among 3,365 death row inmates nationwide as of Jan. 1 — prompted hundreds of reporters and photographers to descend on Huntsville, 80 miles north of Houston, where executions are commonplace.

Nationally, since the Supreme Court in 1976 allowed capital punishment to resume, 431 men and now two women have been executed; 145 have died in Texas, by far the most active death penalty state.

The last execution of a woman in Texas was in 1863, when Chipita Rodriguez was hanged for the ax murder of a horse trader during a robbery. The nation's last execution of a woman was in 1984, when born-again Christian Velma Barfield was put to death in North Carolina for lacing her boyfriend's food with rat poison.

And that was the last until Tuesday night, which ended a case that grabbed extraordinary

attention. Ms. Tucker had portrayed herself as someone who had been rehabilitated and wanted a life sentence so she could help others behind bars. Pleas for mercy came from Pope John Paul II and TV evangelist Pat Robertson, who emphasized her religious conversion.

"This thing is vengeance," said Robertson, normally a death penalty supporter. "It makes no sense. This is not the same woman who committed those crimes."

Bush has let 59 condemned men go to their deaths without commuting or delaying a death sentence since taking office three years ago. The parole board has refused all 77 requests from condemned inmates since 1993.

"I have concluded judgment about the heart and soul of an individual on death row are best left to a higher authority," Bush said.

Ms. Tucker and a companion, Daniel Garrett, were convicted of killing Jerry Lynn Dean, 27, and Deborah Thornton, 32, on June 13, 1983.

Garrett beat Dean with a hammer, and Ms. Tucker used a 15-pound pickax to stop Dean from making a gurgling sound. Then Ms. Tucker attacked Mrs. Thornton, who had been hiding under a blanket. Ms. Tucker told friends she experienced a sexual thrill each time she swung the ax.

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

While Thornton had vigorously pushed for the execution, Ron Carlson, Mrs. Thornton's brother, was opposed.

"She was a perfect example of how rehabilitation in the penal system is supposed to work. And what did they do?" he asked. "They executed her."

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OUR VIEWS

Give our students the technological tools they need

There's a technological wave coursing through this area, and our students should do their best to catch it.

Spurred on by the state and federal governments, and helped in some cases by grants in aid, area schools are taking the first steps toward training students in the brave new world of computer technology.

Some schools, like Forsan, have been almost bold in their approach. Forsan ISD capped off more than a year of improvements by adding a new web server, launching a web site, and teaching teachers how to update their web pages.

Other schools in the area have taken a more conservative approach. But all plan to fully embrace the world of web pages, browsers and e-mail within the very near future.

We applaud this action. In coming years, web pages are going to be as common in homes as televisions. Parents will be able to check on their children's progress at school by typing a few keystrokes on their computers, students will be able to take advantage of fully networked computers to trade class information and other data while teachers track student performance with the help of their laptop computers.

And this is only the beginning. Who knows what technological innovations are just a few months away from discovery?

And that brings us to our only real concern — that schools don't take the technological plunge before they have a clear-cut course of action. Having computers is fine, but just what does a district want the students to do with the machines?

Once the course of action is determined, a plan must be put in place to assure a constant supply of current technology. With computer advancements coming at almost a daily clip, it won't take long for all these fabulous new computers to become as obsolete as Model T's, so it is incumbent on school districts to stay as current as possible with these changes.

Change can sometimes be scary, but it is also a constant. Whatever you might think about computers, they are here to stay, and our children can either stay current with the technology or fall behind.

We need to give our children the tools they need. We need to plan and purchase wisely, but we need to supply the tools.

OTHER VIEWS

When President Clinton, surrounded by beaming aides, drew a large "zero" on a flip chart labeled "Budget Deficit," he completed one of the great hijackings in political history.

Stunned congressional Republicans wondered what had happened to "their" idea. A centerpiece of the GOP's Contract With America had suddenly become a crowning achievement of the Clinton administration.

"How can the president of the United States do it," mused Senate Budget Committee Chairman Pete Domenici, R-N.M., "with a straight face?" Ignored in the White House round of self-congratulations over the fiscal 1999 budget with its \$9.5 billion surplus was that Clinton was a sword-point convert to the cause of deficit reduction.

Until the Republicans took control of Congress in 1995, the idea of a balanced budget was espoused only by a small group

of Republicans and so-called Blue Dog Democrats, genially regarded by their colleagues as cranks. Red ink was seen as a way of life, whether through spending or tax-cutting.

Thanks to the booming tax revenues from a robust economy, the president was able to announce that the budget will not only be in balance but in surplus three years early.

Even though his top economic forecasters have been consistently wrong about those revenues and their effect on the deficit, Clinton took credit for that salubrious outcome as well.

As he sent Congress somewhere between \$90 billion to \$150 billion in new spending Clinton piously exhorted the Republicans to "maintain our fiscal discipline."

How does he do it with a straight face? Simple. He's Bill Clinton.

Jay Ambrose
Scripps Howard

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Most UIL moves, like always, don't make sense

No one ever accused the University Interscholastic League of being a brain trust. And after Monday's biennial realignment of schools, that opinion may be voiced with added emphasis.

Back in the twilight years of my sports writing days at the San Angelo Standard-Times, Mike Lee and I would break out the Texas highway map and look at potential districts. We would talk with coaches to find out which schools everyone thought would either be going up or down in classification.

When all was said and done, we handled it a lot like the UIL in that we grouped schools together.

Now, we didn't do the push pins and rubber bands routine that the UIL does, but we knew where the West Texas schools were located, the travel distances involved, the rivalries and which teams needed to be

where. Sometimes we were right and sometimes we were wrong. There were times we agreed with the UIL on some alignments and times that we didn't on others.

In my opinion, the 1998 realignment has to rank right up there with the best of the worst.

Some of the most pronounced changes in West Texas include:

• San Angelo Central from District 4-5A to District 3-5A. Other than breaking up the "little Southwest Conference," the UIL more than likely made life miserable for the Panhandle's 5A football entries the next two years.

• Sending Pecos west to the east El Paso district that includes Canutillo, Clint, Clint Mountain View, Fabens and San Elizario. The interesting note about that district is that Clint (pop. 1,035) has two Class 4A schools (enrollment level between 780 and 1,779) ... wonder where all the students come from, since Clint has no suburbs.

• Breaking natural rivalries between Mason and Junction, Menard and Eden and Coke County rivals Bronte and Robert Lee. As a sportswriter, some of

the best and hardest fought games I ever had the chance to cover were in those rivalries.

• Poor Garden City gets to learn what Stanton had to deal with on the road in that the Bearkats will share a district with Fort Davis, Fort Hancock and Marfa.

• Reagan County (down from Class 3A) actually takes Stanton's spot in District 1 and will face new foes Anthony, Tornillo and Van Horn in trips to the edge of the world as folks in Big Lake know it.

• Forsan, which some thought might drop to Class A, will pick up some frequent rider miles in a district with Junction, Ozona and Sonora. Forsan was shifted south, while county rival Coahoma was sent north and west to face the likes of Seagraves, Plains, Post and Tahoka and, oh, yes, reigning state champion Stanton.

• In six-man football, Sanderson (65 miles southeast of Fort Stockton) will be in the same district with Dell City (265 miles and the only thing at the end of FM 1437).

In our area, Sands, Grady, Klondike, reigning state champion Borden County and Westbrook will all participate in District 6.

There were some interesting classification changes in West Texas that really made the realignment necessary:

• Amarillo Palo Duro dropped from Class 5 to Class 4, both Clint schools moved from 3A to 4A while Fabens and San Elizario requested to be moved from 3A to 4A.

• Lamesa dropped from 4A to 3A while four Class 3A schools dropped to 2A — Reagan County, Sonora, Coleman and Floydada.

• Five Class 2A schools in West Texas dropped to 1A — Roscoe, Crosbyton, Hart, Memphis and Ranger.

If you look at the schools dropping, one in every six that dropped in classification was from West Texas — and 10 of those 11 were in rural communities — which underscores the plight of rural Texas ... a declining population and a lessening of influence on a state basis because of those population losses.

Oh ... would I want to do the realignment? Not even on the very best days Mike Lee and I shared in our biennial prognostication!

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald. Responses may be sent to this paper.)



John H. Walker
Managing Editor

NEWS ITEM: JOHNGLENN WILL HELP STUDY REMEDIES FOR INSOMNIA IN SPACE.



Having son in right place is OK

Oh, the joys of having a son in high places!

Kevin is a free lance video editor in Dallas. He gets to do all sorts of fun stuff, like help with the broadcasts of the Rangers, the Mavericks and the Stars.

For the Olympic Games in Atlanta, he had the privilege of editing NBC-TV's Official Olympic Highlights Videotape. NBC ran commercials for the highlights tape during Olympic broadcasts. Just as soon as we saw the address on the commercial, we ordered one. Best \$20 I ever spent.

Months later, when the tape finally came, we put it in the VCR and fast forwarded it to the last five minutes. The drama of those final moments was exciting to watch. Of course it was the very best of the athletic spectacle, showing the star athletes at their peak.

We had watched as much of the live coverage of the Olympics as we could, so seeing the best moments all over again and listening to the powerful music on the tape brought tears to my eyes. I was so proud of my son for doing such a good job. When I saw the credits at the end of the tape and discovered his name was about the fifth one on the scroll, I blubbered. I called him immediately and had to tell him how great I thought the tape was. He thanked us and said, "Yeah, we had to put that last bit together in a hurry."

Kevin does a lot of his work at Reunion Productions, which is in Reunion Arena. He got us tickets for a Mavericks basketball game and we had seats practically on the floor with the players.

Before the game, we went down to the control room and met the people who run the live broadcasts of the games. We also were introduced to the Jumbotron. It's a huge cube with four video screens suspended over the playing area. Sometimes Kevin helps with the broadcasts, sometimes he helps with the Jumbotron. I had no idea what an integral part of the basketball game the Jumbotron is.

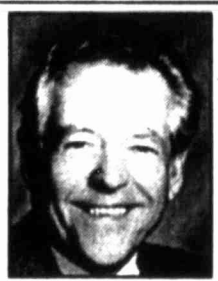
Jill Henderson, who directs

the Jumbotron, is a gifted individual. She sits on a barstool in the middle of the control room, scanning half a dozen video screens and choosing which one to show the crowd on the Jumbotron. I shows replays of scores, close-ups of people in the audience, acts as a cheerleader, has tons of fun graphics, shows MAVSMAN as he entertains the crowd and is an event in itself.

"We had to make it interesting," says Jill. "When the basketball team wasn't doing so well a few years ago, we had to do something to get the crowd excited, so we really worked at putting a good show on the Jumbotron."

The action is continuous on the Jumbotron. There's always something fun to watch. One year Kevin did the Mavericks' season highlight tape that was to be shown on the Jumbotron during the final game of the year. He was putting the finishing touches on it as the crowd was coming into Reunion Arena. He didn't even sweat. He has a good time. He doesn't think what he's doing is work. More people should be like that.

(Big Spring resident Bob Lewis is Tumbleweed Smith.)



Tumbleweed Smith
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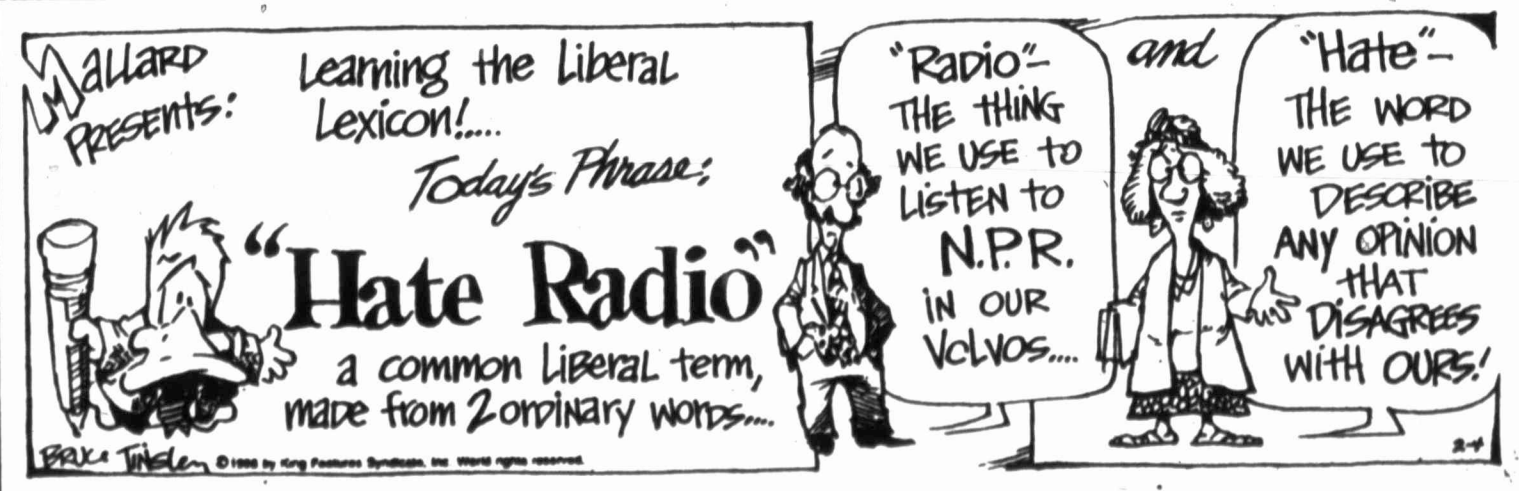
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◆Denim was first woven in Nimes, France, and was originally called "serge de Nimes."

◆Baked beans, an American dish, became a standard New England dish because Pilgrims were not allowed to cook on the Sabbath. Instead the beans were cooked all night.

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Big Spring Herald

Wednesday, February 4, 1998

Reading has its rewards for Elbow Elementary students

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

Rewards are plenty for the accelerated readers of Elbow Elementary.

Principal Linda Cronenberg, new to the job this school year, said the school's accelerated reader program is in full swing.

"They're earning rewards by taking computer tests on the books they read," she said. Among the favorite of kids' rewards is "principal for half a day," which allows the student to enjoy several hours performing some of the duties of the school's top administrator.

"Another one the kids love is they get to eat pizza with their teacher," Cronenberg said. "Once every two to three weeks, I take a busload of kids and their teachers to eat pizza at lunch time."

As another reward, readers get a book and a dill pickle to take back to their classroom.

They can eat the pickle in class — a popular treat, Cronenberg said. Other rewards include movie passes, disposable cameras and special T-shirts that were designed by a student last year.

"The students, working with their teachers, set goals for reading," Cronenberg said. "If they reach the goal, they go to a party."

Past party settings have included a bowling alley, the Kids Zone park, and a pizza-amusement restaurant in Midland.

Cronenberg, who was a teacher for 20 years before becoming Elbow's principal, said she feels lucky to be assigned there. She said former principal Richard Light's legacy was a positive vision for the school.

"You have a staff of professional, caring teachers who've spent a lot of time making this the best place it can be for the students," she said. "I was very fortunate."



Elbow Principal Linda Cronenberg with Jeremy Furniss and Casl Graves, looks at book fair selections at the school. The annual fair continues until Thursday.

Treat your sweetie to Valentine's Day meal

St. Valentine's Day was celebrated as far back as the Roman Empire. When the Roman Emperor Claudius found it difficult to induce married men into his military, he passed a law against marriage. A young Roman priest named Valentine came to the rescue of

unhappy lovers and performed marriages in secrecy. After he was caught he was beheaded on February 14, 269 (or 270) A.D.



Sue Haugh
Columnist

The new Christian holiday evolved in England around 1667 when flowers and gifts were given to convey messages of love. Parties were given and lovers reveled in Saint's Day.

Around 1800 the first commercial valentines emerged. Ester Howland of Massachusetts had a very lucrative business of selling valentines made of fine papers and imported laces. This occurred about 1830.

Possibly you will want to prepare an elegant dinner for your loved one. Dim the lights, light the candles, uncork the bubbly and enjoy an amorous, intimate evening. Hopefully, your Prince (or Princess) will be shot with Cupid's bow and rekindle a spark in your relationship by showering you with flowers, chocolates and a romantic card with words to melt your heart.

Jewelry, perfumes and books of poetry are also excellent ideas for gift giving to a loved one. And, oh yes, don't forget the hugs and kisses!

The following recipes would be very fitting for the occasion.

SALAD ROMAINE
1 bunch romaine, washed, dried and cut or torn into bite sized pieces

4 oz. fresh raw mushrooms, washed and sliced thin
1 small red onion, ringed
8 cherry tomatoes, cut in half
1/2 cup Feta Cheese, crumbled

DRESSING:
1/2 cup extra virgin olive oil
juice of 1 lemon
1 garlic clove, minced
1 tsp Worcestershire
1 tsp Dijon mustard
1/2 tsp salt
1/4 coarsely ground black pepper

CROUTONS
Combine and toss together Romaine, mushrooms, red onion, tomatoes and Feta cheese in large mixing bowl. Cover and chill. Prepare the dressing by whisking together in small bowl olive oil, lemon juice, garlic, Worcestershire, mustard, salt and pepper. Allow to set at room temperature approximately 1 hour. Just before serving, pour dressing over romaine mixture and toss. Serve on salad plate and top with croutons.

This salad is similar to a Caesar Salad in many ways. The Feta cheese gives it some what of a Greek flair. You can substitute freshly grated

Please see HAUGH, page 6A.

Christmas in April sets seminar

HERALD Staff Report

Big Spring Christmas in April, Inc. will host the annual West Texas Christmas in April seminar on Saturday at the Evening Lions Club.

Bobby Trimble, five-year director of Christmas in April USA, will be the guest speaker. Directors for Christmas in April programs in Wichita Falls, Colorado City, Ballinger, San Angelo, Odessa and Midland are expected to attend. The volunteers will share information about their local programs including fund raising, recruiting the volunteer labor to work on the homes, and receive materials from national distributors.

Christmas in April was founded in October 1973 in Midland at Alamo Heights Baptist Church, under the direction of Trimble, who is still the President of the Midland program.

The program spread across Texas and similar programs sprang up in other states. Christmas in April USA was founded in early 1988 and has spread across the country.

Planning for the Big Spring program was started in May



Jimmie Wood was a volunteer worker in 1996 on the local Christmas in April effort. The project plans a seminar Saturday.

1987, when Leadership Big Spring Alumni expressing a desire to do something with a lasting effect for Big Spring. Officers were elected in June and received their charter as a

Non-profit Texas Corporation. Fund-raising started in July. By November, the board of directors had selected the home of Addy Oliver to work on as a test project, on Dec. 12. Organizational meetings were held through March 1988 with plans for the first city wide work day on April 23, 1988.

On that day, 500 volunteers worked on the first program, doing major repair to fifteen homes.

They were fed by more volunteers who cooked and delivered meals to the workplace, including Dorothy Garrett, who set up tables at 100 Brown Street and stayed most of the day to be assured the volunteers had plenty to eat and drink.

Big Spring Christmas in April started with 27 directors in 1988. Only three of the original directors are still active: Bob Noyes, President; Don Riley, Vice President and Dorothy Jones, Director.

The Board of directors, now small in number, includes: Nancy Jones, Charlie Upton, Donna Groenke, John Wright, Bill Birrell, Samuel and Sally Munoz, Jan Noyes and George Griffith.

SUPPORT GROUPS

MONDAY
•Al-A-Teen, 7:30 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:7-30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 10th and Goliad.

•TOPS Club (Take off-pound sensibly), weigh-in 5:15 p.m., Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, meeting starts at 6 p.m. Call 263-1340 or 263-8633.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group for survivors of physical/emotional/sexual and/or spiritual abuse. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241 for dates/times of upcoming groups.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•Encouragers Support Group (formerly Widow/Widower support group) first and third Monday, each month. First Monday meetings are at a local restaurant at 6 p.m. Third Monday meetings are at 5:30 p.m. at First Presbyterian Church Seventh and Runnels (enter through north door). We have various activities, such as guest speakers, play games, have covered dish supper, visit or go out to eat. For more information call 398-5522 or 399-4369.

TUESDAY

•Support for MS and Related Diseases, 6:30 p.m. second Tuesday of each month, Canterbury South. Public invited. Call Leslie, 267-1069.

•Al-Anon, 8 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Seniors' diabetic support group, 2 p.m., Canterbury South. Call 263-1265.

•Compassionate Friends support group for parents who have experienced death of a child, 7:30 p.m. first Tuesday in February, April, June, August, October and December in the Family Life Center Building, First Baptist Church, 705 West Marcy. Enter by southeast door. Call 267-2769.

•Cancer support group, first Tuesday of each month, 7-8 p.m., VA Medical Center room 213. Call Beverly Rice, 268-5077.

•"Most Excellent Way," a chemical dependency support group, Tuesdays, 7 p.m., Living Water Church, 1008 Birdwell Lane. Call 267-1424 after 5 p.m. or 263-3168 between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. closed meeting.

•Family Education and Support, sponsored by Howard County Mental Health Center,

meets the second Tuesday of each month at 5:30 p.m. at 319 Runnels. For more information call Shannon Nabors at 263-0027.

•The Big Spring Alliance for the Mentally Ill meets the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at 409 Runnels (formerly the TU building) For further information call Sondra at 267-7220

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Dr. Ronald Meyer, D.Min., LCDC, LMFT, specializing in individual and marriage counseling, Attention Deficit Disorder and chemical dependency, available for clients at the First Christian Church. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6:7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

WEDNESDAY

•Gamblers Anonymous, 7 p.m., St. Stephen's Catholic Church, room 1, 4601 Neeley, Midland. Call 263-8920.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting and 8 p.m. 12 and 12 study.

•Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas will have Sharon Beam, who is a licensed professional counselor interim specializing in play therapy for children, adolescent counseling and women's issues, available for clients at the First Presbyterian Church, Runnels and Eighth St. Appointments for counseling services are made by calling 1-800-329-4144.

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•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

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•Grief Support related to the death of a loved one. Call Nurses Unlimited, Inc., at 264-6523.

•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, fourth Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

FRIDAY

•Turning Point A.A., 8-9:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal

Please see SUPPORT, page 6A.

Nothing is too good for these pets

WACO (AP) — She has her own fancy sofa. She has a floor lamp with a silk shade. She has perfume and sterling silver and crystal necklaces. She is the epitome of canine chic.

Meet Sugar, a 1-year-old Maltese who has it made in the shade.

"She's special. She's my baby, so she needs her own couch," said Temple resident Lanny Cawthon as he held Sugar.

Accommodating a pet is an understatement for animal lovers like Cawthon who goes all out for his "smallest member of the family."

"She's just like one of us," the elementary school principal said.

And there's nothing too extravagant for his faithful companion.

Recently, Cawthon had professional portraits made of Sugar. He plans on replacing the current picture above his

fireplace with a 16-by-30-inch framed photograph of Sugar stretched on his black diamond mink coat.

"I have no children, and this is the only dog I've ever had," he said. "So she's spoiled."

Sugar's next procurement? A tiny mink jacket Cawthon is going to have made in a couple of years when she's full-grown.

"When people come over, they know she's spoiled," he said. "One of my teachers said, 'You know, when I die, I hope I come back as Sugar.'"

Visitors to the Combest home in Hillsboro might get a surprising welcome at the front door. Not one dog or two dogs might greet them, but up to 17 dogs live inside this double-wide trailer.

Al and Hope Combest, who have been involved in greyhound rescue since 1991, let their dogs roam free throughout the house, which is fur-

nished with antiques and leather furniture.

The huge dogs are quite gracious and most are very calm.

"The most we've ever had in the house at one time was 25 dogs," Al said. "They sleep most of the day, crashed out on the couch or on pallets."

The Combests' nickname for the dogs — the 45-mph couch potatoes — tells you where most of them can be found, Hope says.

To accommodate the dogs, the Combests installed a large doggy door. They also added a room onto the back of the house just for the greyhound crates, which are used when visitors stop by or they both are gone.

What about sleeping arrangements? Obviously all 17 dogs couldn't sleep in the same bed with the Combests. No, but they have the next best thing — Please see PETS, page 6A.

<p style="writing-mode: vertical-rl; transform: rotate(180deg);">SLICE of life!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">COMMUNITY NEWS</p> <p>Festival of Lights committee salutes inmates, city employees Comanche Trail Festival of Lights Committee and Kathy Lusk of Dora Roberts Community Center honored the inmates and city employees that work hard during the holidays to decorate the historic spring in Comanche Trail Park. They enjoyed a meal of barbecue and fried chicken, and were presented with certificates.</p> <p>The Festival of Lights Committee and Dan and Kathy Lusk are working on a plan to, regularly provide meals for inmates with the Wilderness Camp program, perhaps in the summer months.</p> <p>Those inmates work in various areas of the city, cleaning out brush, performing maintenance and on special projects such as the spring lighting. For information, or to help provide meals, call Pat Simmons at 263-4607 or Kathy Lusk at 264-9134.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">FOR YOUR INFORMATION</p> <p>Do you use day care? Are you a working parent who uses on day care for your children? The Herald is planning a series on this issue at a future date, and we want to talk to you about it. Please call Carlton Johnson, 263-7331, to be part of this feature.</p> <p>Free tax help is available Volunteers will prepare income tax returns at First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Runnels, Mondays from 9 a.m.-noon beginning Feb. 2, continuing until March 30.</p> <p>This program is open to all senior citizens, and those who have income from wages, tips, interest or dividends and may be able to receive earned income credit. There is no charge. Call 263-4211 or 398-5522 for more information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">THE LAST WORD</p> <p>Human instincts are hard-wired programming. William Rotlsier</p> <p>We do have a zeal for laughter in most situations, give or take a dentist. Joseph Heller</p> <p>He was so benevolent, so merciful a man that he would have held an umbrella over a duck in a shower of rain. Douglas Jerrold</p>
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PETS

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pallets on the floor surrounding the bed.

"There are six right now in my bedroom and at night... it's hard to regulate the heat in there because there's so much body heat," Al said.

Greyhounds aren't the only animals you'll find at the Combest residence.

Walk outside and you'll see a miniature castle and two tall buildings that look like playhouses.

Look a little closer and you'll find there are goats in and on the wooden castle.

"During the warm summer nights, they sleep up there," he said, pointing to the towers on each side of the castle. "In the winter, they go inside."

Several yards from the castle is a colorful little house that looks as if a child might come running out the front door any minute. It's actually a chicken coop that Al fixed up with a window flower box, brick porch and flower garden.

The second house has a bricked-in yard and is the home of "Baby," a pot-bellied pig.

"She lived in the house for a while and was potty trained so we'd let her out with the dogs," Al said.

But when the pig bulldozed the doggy door on her way back inside one day, Al said he took it as a sign that it was time to build Baby her own place outside.

"We wanted something that would look good — something different for them," he said of his unique animal shelters.

Next on the list is a pigeon house with some sort of unique design Al said he hasn't thought up yet.

"Eventually, we'll have little houses going all over the back," he said. "Who knows what we'll get next."

Bill and Joy Cagle have grown children, but their cats are the ones that get spoiled.

Their 16-year-old calico named Mindy has her own water — bottled, of course — and prefers to have an ice cube or two in it during the day, Joy said.

Her favorite food is turkey breast from the deli which is what she's fed daily.

Mindy isn't nearly as finicky about her food and water as she is about the eating arrangements. She has her own chair at the table and eats with Bill and Joy.

"She becomes very perturbed when we have a guest who uses this chair," Joy said.

Mindy knows when it's dinner time, too, and usually is the first one to the table, Joy said.

Instead of boarding Mindy at the vet's when the Cagles go out of town, they arrange for a sitter.

"We have a sitter that comes in and makes sure (Mindy's) radio is on and a light is left on," Joy said. "She comes over and visits with her and Mindy's happier when we come home."

Joy said her husband is worse than she is when it comes to pampering Mindy.

"If she wants something to eat (in the middle of the night), he gets up and feeds her and he waits up for her to make sure she gets back in after going to the bathroom."

That's another thing — Mindy doesn't usually use a litter box like most indoor cats.

"She lets us know when she wants to go out any hour day or night and this is done," Joy says.

Whatever special attention Mindy demands, the Cagles said they'll give it to her.

"If there is anything else we could do for this little darling, we haven't found it," Joy said. "I wish all animals could have the care and love we give this one."

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- 1 ounce bourbon
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- 2 dashes cayenne pepper salt to taste
- Linguine, prepared according to directions
- sprigs of parsley
- Peel and devein shrimp, leaving tail on. Butterfly shrimp. Heat 10 inch saute pan with butter. Add green onions and mushrooms. Saute 3 minutes. Add tomatoes and shrimp. Toss gently. Continue cooking 3 to 4 minutes on medium heat. Add Pernod and bourbon. Ignite, stirring until flame dies. Add

cream and reduce by half, stirring gently. Add cayenne and salt. To serve, arrange shrimp over linguine and pour sauce over shrimp. Garnish with fresh parsley. Serve immediately. The Pernod gives this a very distinctive, unusual flavor — a hint of licorice.

What would Valentine's Day be without the "food of the Gods," Chocolate.

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- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Grease and flour 9 x 13 pan.
- Cream butter and sugar until light and fluffy; add eggs one at a time, beating well after each

addition. Sift dry ingredients together; add alternately to creamed mixture with chocolate syrup, starting and ending with flour. Beat in vanilla. Pour into pan; bake 30 minutes or until cake springs back when touched lightly. Ice while warm.

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- 1 cup sugar
- 1/3 cup evaporated milk
- 6 tbsp butter
- 1/2 chocolate chips
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- Cook, stirring constantly, over medium heat until chocolate is melted and sugar is dissolved-icing should not be grainy. Pour hot over warm cake.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT: Most marriages are not made in heaven; they come in His and Her kits and have to be put together.

Ripped from mother's womb, child now thrives far from tragedy

LAWRENCEVILLE, Ill. (AP) — Sometimes, 4-year-old Jordan Evans tells his little brother, Elijah, about their mother.

"Our mom's name was Debbie," Jordan's grandfather heard him say one day, "and she was good."

Elijah is just 2 years old. His birth and his mother's death happened at nearly the same instant — marauders invaded the family's apartment in suburban Chicago, shot Debbie Evans in the head and stabbed her in the throat before ripping Elijah from her womb as she lay dying.

They stabbed his 10-year-old sister, Samantha, too; she died in the Pochontas neighborhood she wore on that November night. And they abducted his 8-year-old brother, Joshua. Stabbed and strangled, his body was found in an alley the next day.

The killers took Eli and left Jordan behind, unharmed but stained with his mother's blood. He was just 17 months old, but if the attackers figured Jordan was too young to remember anything, they figured wrong.

Jordan "heard Eli cry for the first time. He says, 'They took my baby brother and they made him cry,'" says Sam Evans, 49, Debbie's father. As their guardian he is raising the youngsters on a 17-acre former hog farm in rural southeastern Illinois.

Sometimes, Jordan has nightmares about the bad guys trying to get him.

"We were told he'd forget," Evans said. "If he brings it up, we just let him talk about it."

"Jordan says, 'I don't have a mom.' I say, 'You have a mom, it's just that she's with Jesus.' Then he'll say, 'I don't have a dad.'"

"I agree," Evans says. "He doesn't have a dad. We just let it go at that."

Jordan and Eli's father is convicted woman-batterer and drug user Laverne Ward, 26. Debbie Evans, 28, had Jordan during a violent relationship with Ward, then got pregnant with Elijah during a brief reconciliation after Ward was

Ward was released from prison in January 1995.

Ward, his cousin Jacqueline Annette Williams, and her boyfriend, Fedell Caffey, are charged with the killings and with taking Elijah "against his will." Prosecutors say Williams' desire for a baby led to the crime; the newborn was found with the suspects when they were arrested. Separate trials for the defendants, who have pleaded innocent, are to begin in March.

Sam Evans says he decided to raise his slain daughter's boys within minutes of learning she'd been killed.

It's been a challenge. Evans teaches part-time at a nearby community college and with his shoulder-length, whitish-blond hair and black Vince Gill T-shirt, he doesn't look like a storybook grandpa.

"The hardest part," he says, is "every time I look at them I see Debbie. That has been the ongoing torture. Eli looks just like Debbie. And Jordan talks about her all the time."

Evans' home was destroyed by fire last year. Until he rebuilds it, he lives with the boys and his teen-age son in an

old pole barn he converted into a makeshift home.

The kids have the bedroom. Evans gets the couch in the living room, where insulation pokes out from beneath a window and a two-burner hot plate serves as a stove. Children's art projects are tacked to the particleboard walls. The boys call it their cabin.

At Christmas, the children helped decorate a tree. When they put the sparkling angel on top, an enchanted Jordan gushed, "Oh Grandpa, do you think my mom's got wings like that?"

The boys live the happy, ram-bunctious lives of young brothers, attending part-time day care and Sunday school, romping in the fields outside their home, playing with the family horse and dog.

"They take care of each other. They beat up on each other," Evans says. "They're just brothers, I guess."

Celebrating Eli's birthday, Nov. 16, "is very, very hard. It's good to celebrate his life, his birth, but it's a constant reminder that that was when his mother was killed," Evans said.

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•Alzheimer's Association Support Group, second Saturday of the month, Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th, 10 a.m.

•Family support group for current and former patients and their families, 1 p.m. weekly, Reflections Unit of Scenic Mountain Medical Center. Call Beverly Grant, 263-0074.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon, 8 p.m., 10 p.m. open meetings, 615 Settles.

•"So I Forget," Attention Deficit Disorder support group for individuals and couples,

first Saturday of the month from 9 to 10:30 a.m., Samaritan Counseling Center of West Texas, Inc., Midland. Call the center at (915) 563-4144 or 1-800-329-4144. Cost is \$15.

•West Texans Living with Chronic Fatigue & Immune Dysfunction Syndrome/Fibromyalgia, 1-3 p.m., on different Saturdays of the month, HealthSouth facility at Hwy. 191 and Loop 250, Midland. Call Joann Carney, (915) 686-7977, or Marsha Brunet, (915) 337-4829 to get the correct meeting date.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 10 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

SUNDAY

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

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Dallas coaching search takes mysterious turn as Donahue leaves

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

IRVING — First, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones said he planned to announce a successor to Barry Switzer by midweek. Now, Jones says he has no timetable for naming a coach.

Jones' midweek projection didn't seem likely to come true after former UCLA coach Terry Donahue caught the first flight out of town on Tuesday.

Donahue spent Monday night at Jones' mansion for a third interview, and appeared on the verge of being named Cowboys coach. He wasn't talking after returning home to California.

Jones, meanwhile, extended the contracts of five assistant coaches and

hired a sixth, and the mystery of his plans for a head coach grew deeper when he suddenly said he has no timetable.

"I don't need to have this done by this week or before the (NFL) combine or after the combine or before the draft or after the draft," Jones said. "There's no reason to set a time frame and compromise my decision."

Donahue's hasty exit fueled speculation that things didn't go well. Several reports, citing sources close to Donahue, said he fears coaching under a meddling owner such as Jones.

Former UCLA coach Pepper Rodgers, a friend of Donahue, told The Dallas Morning News that Jones offered the

job on Monday, but talks hit a snag when they got down to details.

"Terry was upset about certain conditions," Rodgers said. "He's gone back to California to think some more about it."

The Washington Post reported today that Donahue abruptly broke off talks with Jones and told friends he was uncomfortable with some aspects of negotiations.

Jones, who hired Jimmy Johnson and Switzer although they had no NFL coaching experience, also claims to have a "mystery" candidate he can fall back on if all else fails.

He insists he'll have a coach that will have the players and fans "sitting up

in their seats."

Donahue was set to fly to Indianapolis on Thursday with the Cowboys for the NFL combine, and it wasn't known if that trip is still planned.

Green Bay offensive coordinator Sherman Lewis and former San Francisco coach George Seifert have had two interviews each. Lewis got to spend two nights at the Jones mansion, while Seifert has yet to be summoned there.

Donahue had a 20-year career at UCLA, but never won a national title as had Johnson and Switzer, who quit Jan. 9 after going 6-10 in his fourth and final season as the team's coach.

Donahue, who coached Cowboys quarterback Troy Aikman in college, resigned from UCLA after the 1995 season. He has been working as a college football analyst for CBS.

Dallas also needs an offensive coordinator to replace Ernie Zampese, who has gone to New England. The team hired Clarence Shelton of the Seattle Seahawks as running backs coach on Tuesday to replace Joe Brodsky.

The team also extended the contracts of defensive coordinator Dave Campo, linebackers coach Jim Bates, kicking-offensive quality control coach Steve Hoffman, offensive line coach Hudson Houck and secondary coach Mike Zimmer.

Lady Steers stumble to loss

Steers shine despite loss to Mustangs

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

ANDREWS — As might be expected, Big Spring's Steers and Lady Steers were a study in contrasts Tuesday evening.

Few could have imagined, however, that Big Spring's boys would turn in the most remarkable performance on a night that would ultimately belong to Andrews' Mustangs and Lady Mustangs.

By night's end, Andrews had taken wins not only in both varsity games — the Lady Mustangs embarrassing the Lady Steers, 52-38, and the Mustangs prevailing 63-46 — but sent Big Spring's junior varsity teams packing with losses as well.

The varsity nightcap would be anything but what most anticipated — the Steers rebounding from a shaky start in the first quarter to seriously challenge the Mustangs for two periods before a barrage of free throws buried their chances.

As a result, Steers coach Gary Tipton left the Andrews gym praising his team's hard work in a loss that officially eliminated any hope Big Spring might have held for earning a playoff berth.

"We're mathematically out of it now, but these kids are still working hard... doing everything they can," Tipton said following the loss that left the Steers with a 4-21 record overall and 1-6 slate in District 4-4A. "Our kids really hustled out there and I couldn't have been prouder of the way they played."

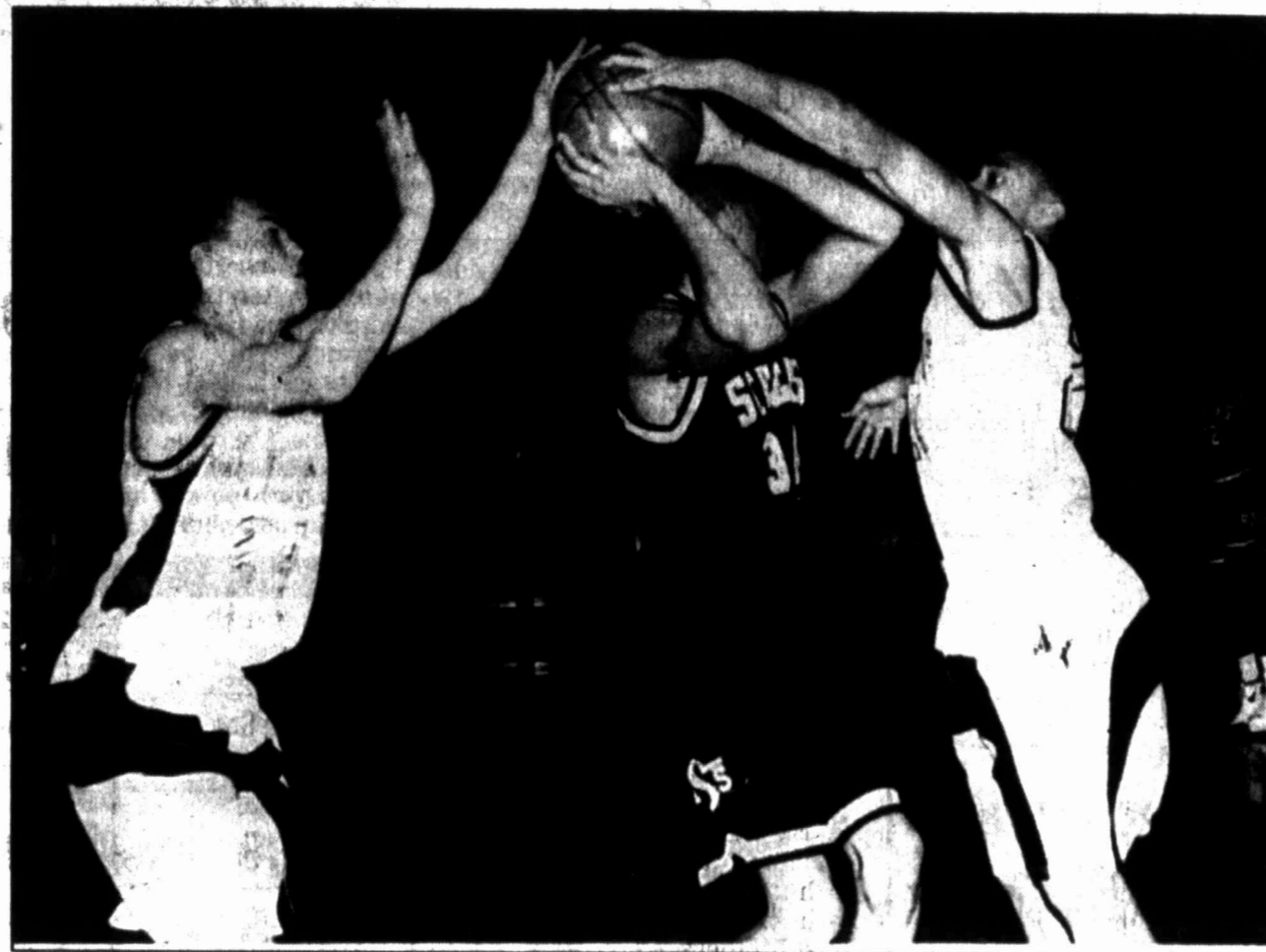
"We've still got 60 percent of our district home games left," Tipton said, vowing that his team wouldn't return home to simply play out the string. "We're going to continue working hard and try to make things interesting for everybody that comes into Steer Gym."

Conversely, Lady Steers coach Ron Taylor was more than disappointed with his team's showing in a game in which their only lead of the night came with 2:54 left in the first quarter.

It was a lead the Lady Steers would enjoy for just 18 seconds before Andrews Holly Fields hit a 3-point shot that ignited a 15-2 run by the Lady Mustangs that extended more than midway through the second quarter.

Big Spring managed to save some face with a couple of Nadia Cole baskets from the point before halftime, but still trailed 25-13 at the intermission.

The Lady Steers returned to



Big Spring swingman Andy Hall (34) finds himself trapped by Andrews defenders Stormy Jackson (24) and Shaud Williams (21) late in the third quarter of Tuesday's game. Despite a strong rebounding effort for much of the night, the Steers dropped a 63-47 decision to the Mustangs.

the floor and played eight minutes of basketball more in keeping with their abilities — their trapping defense and full court pressure trimming Andrews' 12-point lead to just four, 31-27, going into the fourth quarter.

Forward Maggie Haddad provided most of the scoring punch for the Lady Steers during that third period rally, scoring half of her game-high 16 points during the span.

Andrews regrouped, however, and suddenly seemed to have no trouble in breaking the Lady Steers press. The result was a quick seven-point run that made it 38-27 in the first minute of the fourth quarter and the rout was on.

Saying his team was clearly not ready to play, Taylor promised the Lady Steers would also be working hard prior to Friday's regular season girls' finale when Pecos' Lady Eagles visit Steer Gym.

"We just didn't show any effort in the first half... no effort whatsoever," Taylor fumed. "We missed four uncontested layups in the first quarter... that's simply a case of not being ready to play."

"We never lined up right defensively, either," he added. "We may be a little tired Friday, but you're going to see a different team on the floor against Pecos."

While Haddad was the only Big Spring player to finish in double figures — posts Cole and Keesha Lott managed six points in support, while guards Korrie McKinney and Tammi Sutton paced the Lady Mustangs with 14 and 10 points, respectively.

The Lady Steers, now 15-11 on

the season and 5-4 in district play can lock up a playoff berth Friday by defeating Pecos. Andrews, now 21-6 and 8-1, tied for the District 4-4A lead with Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs, expect to close out the regular season win a win Friday.

If both Sweetwater and Andrews win as expected Friday, that's square off at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Steer Gym to determine the championship.

In the boys' game, Andrews jumped out to a 13-0 lead en route to a 22-9 edge at the end of the first quarter, as guards Justin Myers and Chello Williams accounted for Big Spring's only points.

But the Steers' front line personnel — Casey Cowley, Greg Wollenzien, Chauncey Ford and Andy Hall ignited for 17 points in the second quarter and limited the Mustangs to just seven during that span to pull within three at halftime.

In the second half, however, the Mustangs made the most of Big Spring foul troubles, while committing just four fouls themselves.

Those fouls, which left three Steers players sitting on the sidelines after fouling out of the game, and the Mustangs' ability to convert at the free throw line made all the difference.

In fact, the Steers would outscore Andrews 42-36 from the field.

However, the Mustangs would go to the line a total of 37 times on the night — 21 in the second half — and connected on 27 opportunities. By contrast, the Steers went to the free throw strip just 10 times

and hit five.

As a result, Mustangs forward Jacob Lopez earned game-high honors with 20 points, 12 coming at the line. Teammate Waylon Mayfield added 18 markers.

Cowley paced the Steers with 12 points, while Myers had 10. Wollenzien and Ford managed eight points apiece before fouling out of the game.

GIRLS' GAME

Andrews 52, Big Spring 38
BIG SPRING — Krisal McWherter 1 0 0-1 2, Keesha Lott 3 0 0-0 6, Amy Jackson 0 0 0-0 0, Maggie Haddad 3 2 4-10 16, Traci Bellinghausen 1 0 1-2 3, Leslie McLellan 0 0 0-0 0, Kara Hughes 1 1 0-1 5, Marisa Smith 0 0 0-0 0, Marlena Light 0 0 0-0 0, Nadia Cole 3 0 0-2 6. Totals 12 3 5-16 38.

ANDREWS — Tammi Sutton 1 1 5-10 10, Erin Graham 1 0 2-4 4, Korrie McKinney 2 3 1-2 14, Holly Fields 2 1 0-0 7, Heather Gully 1 0 0-0 2, Gina Esquivel 2 1 0-0 7, Kayla Kimberlin 3 0 2-2 8. Totals 12 6 10-16 52.

Score by Quarters:
BIG SPRING 13 12 6 21-52
ANDREWS 6 11 11 11-38

3-point goals: Big Spring 3 (Haddad 2, Hughes, Esquivel). Fouled out: Big Spring: Hughes. Total fouls: Big Spring 13, Andrews 17. Records: Big Spring is 15-11 overall, 5-4 in District 4-4A. Andrews is 21-6. JV score: Andrews 56, Big Spring 46.

BOYS' GAME

Andrews 63, Big Spring 47
BIG SPRING — Chello Williams 3 0 0-2 6, Justin Myers 1 2 2-4 4, Jonathan Watson 0 0 0-0 0, Andy Hall 1 0 1-2 3, Sandy Rollins 0 0 0-0 0, Greg Wollenzien 4 0 0-0 8, Casey Cowley 5 0 2-12 12, Chauncey Ford 4 0 0-0 8. Totals 18 2 5-10 47.

ANDREWS — Jeff Dillingham 0 0 1-2 1, Doug Stricklin 0 0 0-0 0, Chris Jones 0 0 0-0 0, Chris McCain 0 1 4-6 7, Mitch Findley 0 0 0-0 0, Shaud Williams 2 0 4-5 8, Jacob Lopez 1 2 12-15 20, Joe Dickerson 0 0 0-0 0, Stormy Jackson 0 0 0-0 0, Waylon Mayfield 3 3 4-18, Jeremy Woods 0 0 0-0 0, John Kimberlin 3 0 3-4 9. Totals 9 6 27-37 63.

Score by Quarters:
BIG SPRING 9 15 11 10-47
ANDREWS 22 7 17 17-63

3-point goals: Big Spring 2 (Myers 2); Andrews 6 (McCain, Lopez 2, Mayfield 3). Fouled out: Big Spring: Wollenzien, Cowley, Ford. Total fouls: Big Spring 27, Andrews 11. Records: Big Spring is 4-21 overall, 1-6 in District 4-4A. Andrews is 13-15, 6-1. JV score: Andrews 55, Big Spring 43.

Rockets celebrate Hakeem's return with 110-97 win

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Charles Barkley will take a rusty Hakeem Olajuwon over no Hakeem Olajuwon any day.

Barkley, the Houston Rockets and their fans welcomed the star center back to the lineup after a 33-game absence due to a knee surgery. Olajuwon responded with flashes of his fancy footwork — if not his usual dominant numbers — as the Rockets beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 110-97 Tuesday night.

"It's great to have him back," said Barkley, who had 25 points and 15 rebounds, seemingly rejuvenated by Olajuwon's return.

Olajuwon had 10 points on 5-of-7 shooting and six rebounds in 19 minutes. He entered the game with 5:05 to play in the first quarter and received a 60-second standing ovation, getting his first rebound moments later and his first basket with two minutes remaining in the quarter.

"I had a very good feeling just to be back on the court," said Olajuwon, who had knee surgery on Nov. 24. "Mentally, you are prepared to start dominating. Realistically, it will take time."

The Rockets led 57-50 at halftime before Barkley scored 15 points in the third, keying a 15-6 run to start the period. That helped the Rockets take an 84-71 lead into the fourth quarter.

"It obviously gives us a physical lift, but he also gives us just as much of a mental lift,"

Barkley said. "He's like anybody else. He's not in the best game condition. That's going to take time, probably three weeks to a month, but he's going to be a big help."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Charlotte 93, Boston 89; Phoenix 110, Toronto 105; Orlando 91, Atlanta 90; Milwaukee 82, New York 78; Portland 98, New Jersey 97; Los Angeles Clippers 111, Utah 102; San Antonio 105, Golden State 96; and Indiana 115, Sacramento 93.

Clyde Drexler had 20 points for the Rockets, who handed Vancouver its fifth straight loss. Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 30 points for the Grizzlies, who dropped to 0-6 in the Compaq Center — Olajuwon or no Olajuwon.

"It's just his presence that makes a difference," Drexler said. "People don't go through the lane with reckless abandon anymore. Even though he doesn't block it, he intimidates them. I'm really glad to see him back. We've been needing him."

Trail Blazers 98, Nets 97
Arvydas Sabonis scored 19 of his 24 points in the first half as Portland survived a bizarre finish and a late rally by visiting New Jersey.

The Nets, who were led by Kerry Kittles' 24 points, erased a 12-point deficit to tie the game on Kendall Gill's basket with 3:14 left in the game.

With New Jersey trailing by

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Ranger exacts its revenge with 19-11 win over Hawks

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's Hawks, plagued by errors and somewhat ineffective pitching Tuesday, found Ranger Junior College's Rangers an inconsiderate guest.

One day after taking a 10-6 win over the Rangers, the Hawks found themselves on the short end of a 19-11 slugfest, as Ranger's Edwin Feliciano did most of the damage with two home runs — one of them a 3-run shot, the other a grand slam.

"You just can't have six errors and walk six batters and expect to win... not against a team that hits as well as Ranger does," Hawks coach Brian Roper said following the loss that leaves Howard with a 1-1 record going into this weekend's Blinn Junior College Tournament at Brenham.

"We pitched behind all day

and that makes it a little easier to hit," Roper added, "but you've got to give Ranger a bunch of the credit. They hit the ball extremely well."

The Hawks managed their 11 runs on 13 hits, including impressive performances by designated hitter Will Hawkins and shortstop Ryan Matthews.

Hawkins went 4-for-4 at the plate, including his second home run of the season, and was credited with 4 RBIs. Matthews was 2-for-5 with a double, a home run and 5 RBIs.

Freshman Rip Fleming, one of five Hawks pitchers to see action in the game, went 2 1/3 innings in taking the loss. He had replaced starter Josh Duwe.

"The only good thing about this one is that everyone's played now and every one of our pitchers has gotten some action," Roper said. "If you've got to lose like this, it's good to get them out of the way early."

Sands pulls out big wins in District 27-A sweep of arch-rival Grady

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

ACKERLY — Sands' Mustangs and Lady 'Stangs pulled off a pair of big wins here Tuesday night over Grady in District 27-A basketball.

The Lady 'Stangs clinched no worse than a share of the district crown with a 56-41 spanking of the Lady Wildcats, improving to 20-5 overall and 4-0 in district play. Grady fell to 17-9 and 2-2 with the loss.

In the boys game, Sands broke open a game tied at 44-44 after three quarters to take a 59-53 win. With the victory,

the Mustangs pulled into a tie atop the league standings with the Wildcats. Both teams are 3-1 in district. Overall, Sands is 16-8 while Grady is 12-12.

In the girls game, Sands led from the outset when Brienne Fryar took the ball on the low post, faked a move to her left and spun to her right to score with just 11 seconds gone.

Fryar, who finished with 20 points, was part of a tough one-two punch thrown at the Lady Wildcats by Leland Bearden's Lady 'Stangs.

"Our post players both did a good job," Bearden said, noting that Mendi Floyd added 17 points to Fryar's effort.

Sands, which has now won at least 20 games in each of the past six seasons, led by as many as 15 points at 45-30 at the end of the third period.

An 11-4 run by Grady, sparked mainly by Cheyenne Romine, allowed the Lady Wildcats to close to within eight at 49-41 with 2:05 left in the game, but seven straight points by Sands opened the final margin.

While leading all the way, Sands took control of the game in the third period, out rebounding Grady 13-2 and outscoring the Lady Wildcats 17-8.

During the period, the Lady 'Stangs were patient in their movement of the

ball.

"We were going to do whatever it took to win, especially with a lead," Bearden said. "We wanted to be patient and take the extra pass to find the open shot."

Bearden added that part of plan was to also give his defense a chance to rest.

In addition to Fryar and Floyd, Andrea Gillespie added 10 and Katie Gaskins closed out the scoring with nine.

Rebecca Robles led Grady with 13 while Romine added 11.

In the boys game, there were four

times and seven lead changes before a Coby Floyd basket from inside and low in the paint gave Sands a 46-44 lead with 7:43 left in the game.

Three more baskets over the next four minutes — one by Jerrod Beall and two more by Floyd — staked the Mustangs to a 52-46 lead with 3:42 left.

Grady closed to within four at 52-48 when Frankie Garza hit a basket as he was falling down, but the Wildcats would get no closer.

"It was a must-win situation for us," explained Sands Head Coach Jim Lane.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Mavs sweep pair from Colorado City

Goliad Middle School's Mavericks were too much for Colorado City's young Wolves to handle Monday, taking a 58-12 win in the "White" team's game, while the "Black" team posted a 42-36 win. Josh Mathews paced the "White" team in scoring 16 points, while Gary Austin added 10 more. Andrew Vizciano chipped in eight more markers, and Roy Holland and Taylor Leatham contributed six apiece.

Defensive standouts included Taylor Fraser, Michael Wilson, Russell Grant, David Lee and Adam Cobos.

In the nightcap, Dustyn Beauchamp led the way for the "Black" with 15 points, while Curtis Woodruff had 14 and Clayton Weaver added seven more.

Lady Mavericks split with Colorado City

Goliad's Lady Mavericks teams met with mixed results in their games with Colorado City's young Lady Wolves.

The Lady Mavs "B" team romped to a 31-13 win behind the scoring of Krystle Long, who had 20 points.

Amanda Sellars added four points, while leading Goliad in rebounding with eight caroms. The Lady Mavs "A" team dropped a 34-31 decision, despite Ashley Smith's 10 points.

Teammates Courtney Brock and Esha Ward added eight and six points, respectively. In addition, Smith had seven rebounds, while Ward had six. Brock finished the night with eight steals.

Both Lady Mavs teams return to action Monday, closing the season against Sweetwater squads.

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.

Yearlings romp in wins over Colorado City

Colorado City's young Wolves were not match for Runnels' Yearlings Monday.

In the first game of the evening, the Runnels "B" team romped to a 53-11 win, only to see the "A" team top that with a 55-10 victory.

Reagan Phillips scored 12 points in leading the "B" team to the win, while Jon McKinnon had nine points. Mario Hernandez, Dusty Painter and Austin Nutting each had six.

The win improved the "B" team's record to 8-1 on the season.

Heath Gregory had 14 points and Jeremiah Baeza had eight more in leading the "A" team in scoring.

The win allowed the "A" team to improve its record to 7-8 with one game remaining in the season.

Lady Yearlings post another sweep

Runnels Junior High School's Lady Yearlings took a pair of wins over Colorado City teams Monday, the "B" team taking an 18-11 decision, while the "A" squad chalked up a 22-14 victory.

Leading the way for the "B" team were Trista Casey and Shelby Tissue. Casey paced the Yearlings with six points, while Tissue had four.

In the "A" game, Brittany Bryant led Runnels with six points, while Meghan Pudliner had four. The Lady Yearlings squads close out their season Monday at Sweetwater.

Lady Steers boosters meeting tonight

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

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.

Temple upsets U-Mass with smothering defense

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

AMHERST, Mass. — Massachusetts was in a zone.

Instead of a shooting zone, however, it was Temple's defensive zone, and it smothered the Minutemen's offense.

Temple embarrassed No. 23 Massachusetts 61-47 Tuesday night, a day after the Minutemen returned to the national rankings. And the Owls did it in hostile territory.

The ambush at home broke a 10-game winning streak by Massachusetts (16-6, 8-1 Atlantic 10). Temple (13-6, 6-3) snapped back from two straight losses.

Temple coach John Chaney said his zone defense let the Owls control the tempo and quiet the home fans. "We did a good job playing against the crowd," he said.

Massachusetts guard Charlton Clarke admitted that the Minutemen "got impatient and rattled."

"It was the first time I've really seen a zone like that," he said. "They extended out and made us play from the corners."

On offense, Temple's Rasheed Brokenborough and Lamont Barnes penetrated inside repeatedly. Barnes had 18 points and nine rebounds, and Brokenborough scored 16 points.

Clarke led Massachusetts with 14 points. "It was just frustration," Massachusetts coach Bruiser Flint said. "I told these guys this is a game of patience. We

had good looks, but we learned a lesson. They beat us in every aspect of the game."

In other games, No. 13 South Carolina edged Vanderbilt 65-61, No. 15 West Virginia downed Pittsburgh 90-72 and No. 24 Iowa nipped Wisconsin 79-76.

Temple's trapping zone kept the cold-shooting Minutemen well out of the paint for most of the game.

Chaney said the Owls came into the game with a strategy of pressuring guards Clarke and Monty Mack. "Our plan was to key on Clarke and Mack on the perimeter and force them to take the shots outside," he said.

The Owls held the Minutemen to 17-for-56 shooting — or just over 30 percent. Temple scored 48 percent from the field on 21-for-44 shooting. The Owls went 4-for-7 on 3-point tries.

Ahead only 26-24 at halftime, Temple built a 13-2 run on three straight 3-pointers in the first five minutes of the second half. Brokenborough made the first two, and Lynn Greer added the other.

Keaton Sanders then gave the Owls a 55-39 lead with a dunk with 3:40 remaining.

Massachusetts fell behind quickly after Lari Ketner committed two fouls in the first five minutes. While he was out, the Owls took a 20-11 lead on a 10-0 run led by Quincy Wadley's five points.

But Massachusetts climbed within two points at halftime with an 8-2 burst, including

four points by Chris Kirkland.

The victory was particularly satisfying for Temple, which has one of its longest, fiercest rivalries with Massachusetts.

Before this week, Minutemen were last ranked in November 1996 in the aftermath of their NCAA semifinal finish and the departure of John Calipari to coach the New Jersey Nets.

S. Carolina 65, Vanderbilt 61
BJ McKie scored 15 points, including four free throws in the final 20 seconds, as South Carolina escaped Vanderbilt's upset bid.

McKie's running jumper with 2:44 to go put the visiting Gamecocks (17-3, 7-2 SEC) ahead 60-52. Vanderbilt's Drew Maddux countered with five straight points before Austin Bates answered a South Carolina free throw with a tip-in with 20 seconds left to close the Commodores (15-7, 4-5) to 61-59.

But McKie closed it out at the foul line.

W. Virginia 90, Pittsburgh 72
Jarrod West scored 18 points and Damian Owens added 16 as the Mountaineers handed the Panthers their fifth straight loss.

Marcus Goree added 14 points and grabbed a career-high 15 rebounds for the Mountaineers.

Pittsburgh (7-10, 2-8) closed to 57-52 on Stephen Flores' 3-pointer before West Virginia used an 11-2 run.

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one with 18 seconds to go, Sherman Douglas was called for stepping out of bounds while passing the ball off defender Vincent Askew's backside. Douglas made a layup, but it was waved off because he never established position inbounds.

Portland's Rasheed Wallace committed an offensive foul while going for the ensuing inbounds pass, and the Nets got the ball out of bounds with 1.4 seconds left. The game finally ended when Gill's 24-footer fell short.

Hornets 93, Celtics 89

Hours after signing a 10-day contract with Charlotte, Vernon Maxwell hit the go-ahead basket in front of the home crowd.

Maxwell, brought in after the Hornets lost three shooting guards to injuries, scored five of Charlotte's last seven points

to help them to their fifth victory in six games.

Maxwell scored 15 points on 5-for-12 shooting in 27 minutes. He added five rebounds and three assists in his debut for his fifth team in his nine-year NBA career.

Antoine Walker had 23 points, 16 rebounds and five assists for Boston, which fell to 4-17 on the road.

Pacers 115, Kings 93

Rik Smits had 18 points and eight rebounds as Indiana took over first place in the Central Division with a win at Sacramento, their seventh straight.

The Pacers opened the second quarter with a 16-2 run on the way to taking a half-game lead on the Chicago Bulls. Indiana is 33-12, including 15-8 on the road.

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"If we didn't win this one, our backs would have been against the wall.

"Regardless (of the win), we have to win the next two to keep out of a tie and finding ourselves in a playoff."

Lane said his team played a more patient game in the second half.

"Still, we struggled defensively several times. We worked all week on denying 3-point shots and I think they made seven."

"Grady's shooters will beat you if you let them set up and don't challenge them," he added.

Jerrold Beall led Sands with 17

points, followed by Lance Bodine with 13, Stuart Beall with 11 and Coby Floyd with 10. Greg Gibson led Grady with 19.

In the other District 27-A game Tuesday, Ira's Lady Bulldogs took a 91-90 win over Westbrook, while Westbrook took a 79-77 win in the boys' nightcap.

DISTRICT 27-A NOTES ... Westbrook is at Sands on Friday while Grady takes on Ira ... the teams then switch opponents next Tuesday. How successful is the Sands girls' program? Over the past six seasons (including 1997-98) the Lady

'Stangs have averaged 23.5 wins per season while compiling a record of 141-36 with the rest of this season remaining. The worst record during the stretch, last year's 22-10 mark.

GIRLS GAME SANDS 86, GRADY 41
GRADY — Cheyenne Romine 5 0 1-2 11, Meagan Mims 0 1 0-0 3, Rebecca Robles 4 1 2-2 13, Caroline Madison 3 0 2-2 8, Balle Greenhaw 1 0 0-0 2, Rebekah Adams 1 0 2-2 4. TOTALS 14 2 7-8 43.

SANDS — Hollie Zarr 0 0 0-0 0, Jessica Peacock 0 0 0-0 0, Katie Gaskins 4 0 1-1 9, Andrea Gillespie 1 2 2-2 10, Mendi Floyd 7 0 3-5 17, Brienne Fyler 9 0 2-4 20. TOTALS 21 2 8-12 56.
Score by quarters: GRADY 14 14 17 11 — 41 SANDS 34 14 17 11 — 56
3-POINT GOALS — Grady 2 (Mims, Robles), Sands 2 (Gillespie). REBOUNDS — Sands 25.

Grady 19. TURNOVERS — Sands 11, Grady 16. STEALS — Sands 7, Grady 4. BLOCKS — Sands 0, Grady 5.

BOYS GAME SANDS 59, GRADY 53
GRADY — Peugh 8, Garza 3, Haggerton 6, Gibson 19, Delucca 3, Hinojosa 14.

SANDS — JBeall 17, Bodine 13, SBeall 11, Floyd 10, Cantu 2, Ramsey 2, Long 4.
Score by quarters: GRADY 14 13 15 8 — 53 SANDS 14 19 11 15 — 59
3-POINT GOALS — Grady 7 (Gibson 3, Peugh 2, Haggerton 2), Sands 4 (SBeall 3, Bodine). REBOUNDS — Sands 20, Grady 23. TURNOVERS — Sands 12, Grady 10. STEALS — Sands 5, Grady 4. BLOCKS — Sands 2, Grady 1.

way with nine points, while Ellie Woods and Cassie Tindol added eight apiece — resulted in a 19-7 lead at the end of eight minutes.

And after owning a 29-18 lead at the half, the Bulldogettes erupted for 20 third-quarter points to win going away.

The Bulldogettes improved to 19-8 on the year and 7-2 in district action, while Roscoe dropped to 13-10 and 2-8.

their dominance in District 6-2A basketball play, rallying from a 28-26 halftime deficit to take a 67-48 win over Iraan's Braves.

Post Marcus Washington was the Buffs' most potent weapon on the night, scoring 28 points, while point guard Kyle Herm had 11.

The Lady Buffs were not so lucky, suffering a 35-33 overtime loss to the Lady Braves, trimming their lead in the 6-2A girls' standings to just half a game.

Randi Simer scored 12 points in leading the way for the Lady Buffs, who owned an 18-11 halftime lead and went into the fourth quarter with a 25-14 edge.

Iraan, however, scored 14 points in the fourth quarter to tie the game, 28-28, at the end of regulation.

The Lady Buffs are now 13-9 on the year and 6-1 in district play, while Iraan is 16-12 overall and 6-2 in 6-2A play.

Forsan stops Winters

Forsan's Buffaloes took a 45-34 road win over Winters Blizzards, remaining in the thick of the District 8-2A boys' basketball chase, tied for second-place with Wall and Eldorado.

Ferrill Voight paced the Buff effort with 12 points, while teammates Daniel Davis and Josh Gaston added 11 and 10 points, respectively.

The Buffs turned a 20-14 halftime lead into a 33-21 lead going into the final eight minutes, then held off Winters' bid for a comeback to take the win.

Now 14-11 overall, the Buffs own a 5-3 mark in 8-2A play and will take a break Friday before returning to district play Tuesday at Roscoe.

BOYS GAME FORSAN 45, WINTERS 34
FORSAN — Gamble 2, Davis 11, Gaston 10, Voight 12, Bristow 8. Totals: 20 5-18 45.
WINTERS — Wittenburg 9, Menzemerger 6, Pritchard 17, Nitsch 2. Totals: 11 6-15 34.
Score by Quarters: FORSAN 12 8 15 10-45 WINTERS 8 8 7 13-34
3-point goals: Winters 6 (Wittenburg 2, Menzemerger, Pritchard 3). Records: Forsan 14-11, 5-3; Winters 6-19, 1-6 JV. Winters 68 Forsan 58.

Coahoma sweeps Roscoe

Coahoma's Bulldogs improved their stock in the District 8-2A basketball standings Tuesday, taking a 74-38 win over Roscoe, giving them a two-game lead in the league standings thanks to a win by Walls' Hawks over Eldorado.

Coahoma's Bulldogettes kept their hold on undisputed second-place standing in the 8-2A girls' chase with a 51-31 win.

Ryan Peckham scored a game-high 22 points and Blake Nichols added 13 in leading the 'Dogs to the win that improved Coahoma's record to 18-7 on the year and 7-1 in district play.

The Bulldogs were never really challenged by the Plowboys, who saw their record drop to 3-17 overall and 0-8 in district. Coahoma took a 14-6 lead after the first quarter and parlayed that into a 36-19 halftime advantage. And when the 'Dogs outscored Roscoe 18-6 in the third quarter, it was simply a matter of "coasting" through with 20 points in the final eight minutes.

While none of the Bulldogettes managed to reach double figures, Coahoma's balanced scoring — Krista Stanislaus led the

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR THURSDAY, FEB. 5:

This is an important year for you. You feel as if you aren't getting enough, emotionally and financially. Now is the time to turn things around and create the life you desire. Unrealistic thinking is your biggest liability. Listen to friends other than fellow Aquarians. You are angry about money; perhaps you need to cut back expenses. Look for solutions, rather than problems. If you are single, this status might not be acceptable to you; take inventory of what you offer. If attached, your relationship might not be working. Look within for changes. Much loving is available. GEMINI helps you think clearly.

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)
Tempers flare, and others speak their opinions all too clearly. Accord is eventually attained. Don't lose yourself in the moment. Keep expressing what is on your mind. The unexpected occurs with a

friend; clear the air. Tonight: Dine out.***

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
If you feel and act out of sync, don't be surprised; your ruler Venus is playing games. By tomorrow, you will be a lot clearer. Stay focused on funds and create more of what you want. Another lets you know how tired he is of your ways. Tonight: Time to speak your mind.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
Your personality allows you many options. You might be quite contrary with a loved one, not meaning all that you say. A boss speaks his mind and temporarily flattens your ego. Pick yourself up, and dust yourself off. Tonight: Go with unexpected news.*****

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
Don't feel like you must have all the answers. You might need to cancel plans or a trip. Communications are out of kilter, and your feelings are more tender than before. A partner behaves unexpectedly, which could be costly; use caution with your wallet. Tonight: Take a break.**

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
Discrimination is important; sort through what is a reasonable demand, as opposed to a power play. Recognize your limits with an authority figure. A partner is full of anger and new points of view. Clear up a work problem. Tonight: Gather together the troops.***

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
Others are demanding, and at times, downright aggressive. You might be logical and right on, but this person would rather vent than listen. Do yourself a favor, and don't play in this playground. Concentrate on work and the positives. Tonight: Where the action is.****

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
You need to challenge another. You have been sitting back and just taking it. Now is the time to clear the air. Take a stand, and do what is right for you. Getting things off your chest supports your health. Look to what could be, rather than dealing with recent superfluous activities. Tonight: Take a drive.***

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
There are times to back off. You find a personal relationship touchy and difficult. This year, there is always something better around the corner for you. The unexpected new works in your favor. Relationships are about to clear up. Tonight: Go for a heart-to-heart talk.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You don't see it, but you cause yourself more problems than necessary. Chill out, and take a personal inventory. You are more controlling now because of another upset. Get to the root of the problem. A relationship isn't cutting it. Tonight: Pursue your plans.***

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Focus on work, though you might feel emotionally toyed with on some level. Your personal feelings are OK; you need to express them. What you have tried to keep under your hat will explode anyway. A change in plans is warranted. Work is demanding. Tonight: Push papers.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Your concerns about money reflect your qualms about love. Stay on top of your feelings; suppressing them won't work. You might start feeling that you aren't getting enough; if so, start talking about getting or finding more. Tonight: Time to talk loving.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Your temper flares, and there's no holding back. One-to-one relating proves difficult, and you need to clear the air. You come from a solid center. Discuss ideas that you haven't shared up to now. You break new ground. Tonight: Happy at the pad.***

True story of 'Taps' blows away earlier misinformation

DEAR ABBY: Last Veterans Day, you printed a story that someone sent you about why "Taps" is played at military



Abigail Van Buren
Columnist

funerals. Since I spent 22 years in the Army and studied military traditions, I knew it was not a true story — nice and sentimental, but untrue. I have enclosed the true story of "Taps." Please share it with your readers. — JIM BAKER, MITCHELLVILLE, MD.

DEAR JIM: Hundreds of veterans and students of history wrote to correct the misinformation. The following is a condensed version of the origin of "Taps" taken from many published accounts, including a U.S. Army Military District of Washington fact sheet:

The 24-note melancholy bugle call known as "Taps" is thought to be a revision of a French bugle signal, called "tattoo," that notified soldiers to cease an evening's drinking and return to their garrisons. It was sounded an hour before the final bugle call to end the day by extinguishing fires and lights. The last five measures of the "tattoo" resemble "Taps."

The revision that gave us the present-day "Taps" was made during America's Civil War by Union Gen. Daniel Adams Butterfield, heading a brigade camped at Harrison Landing, Va., near Richmond. Up to that time, the U.S. Army's infantry call to end the day was the French final call, "L'Extinction des feux." Gen. Butterfield decided the "lights out" music was too formal to signal the day's end. One day in July 1862, he recalled the "tattoo" music and hummed a version of it to an aide who wrote it down in music. Butterfield then asked the brigade bugler, Oliver W. Norton, to play the notes and, after listening,

lengthened and shortened them while keeping his original melody.

He ordered Norton to play this new call at the end of each day thereafter, instead of the regulation call. The music was heard and appreciated by other brigades, who asked for copies and adopted this bugle call. It was even adopted by Confederate buglers.

This music was made the official Army bugle call after the war, but was not given the name "Taps" until 1874.

The first time "Taps" was played at a military funeral may also have been in Virginia soon after Butterfield composed it. Union Capt. John Tidball, head of an artillery battery, ordered it played for the burial of a cannoner killed in action. Not wanting to reveal the battery's position in the woods to the enemy nearby, Tidball substituted "Taps" for the traditional three rifle volleys fired over the grave. "Taps" was also played at the funeral of Confederate Gen. Stonewall Jackson 10 months after it was composed.

"Taps" now is played by the military at burial and memorial services, to accompany the lowering of the flag, and to signal the "lights out" command at day's end.

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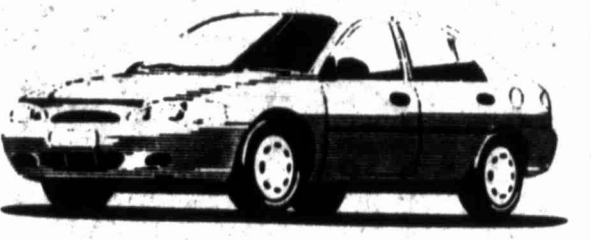
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1985 Lincoln Town Car - White, 100,000 miles.....\$2995	1995 Ford Taurus GL - Silver, 34,000 miles.....\$9995
1990 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Blue, 77,000 miles.....\$5995	1995 Ford Taurus GL - Red, 36,000 miles.....\$9995
1990 Mercury Topaz 4-Dr - Blue, 106,000 miles.....\$2995	1996 Mercury Cougar XR7 - Blue, 28,000 miles.....\$13995
1991 Buick Park Avenue - Silver, 70,000 miles.....\$7995	1996 Lincoln Town Car - Prairie tan, 20,000 miles.....\$21995
1992 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Blue/white, 73,000 miles.....\$8995	1996 Ford T-Bird LX - White, 25,000 miles.....\$13995
1992 Crown Victoria LX - White, 57,000 miles.....\$7995	1996 Ford T-Bird LX - Blue, 31,000 miles.....\$13995
1992 Mercury Sable GS - White, 57,000 miles.....\$6995	1997 Ford T-Bird LX - Green, 11,000 miles.....\$14995
1992 Mercury Cougar L.S. - White, 72,000 miles.....\$6995	1997 Ford Taurus GL - Green, 21,000 miles.....\$13995
1993 Olds Delta 88 - White, 84,000 miles.....\$7995	1997 Ford Crown Victoria LX - Silver, 18,000 miles.....\$18995
1994 Mercury Cougar XR7 - Silver, 50,000 miles.....\$11995	1997 Ford Taurus GL - White, 22,000 miles.....\$13995
1995 Mercury Cougar XR7 - White/32,000 miles.....\$12995	1997 Lincoln Continental - Cypress green, 2,000 miles.....\$29995
1995 Lincoln Town Car - White, 41,000 miles.....\$18995	1997 Lincoln Town Car - Glacier blue, 21,000 miles.....\$26995
1995 Ford Taurus GL - Green, 20,000 miles.....\$9995	1997 Ford Mustang - Black, 21,000 miles.....\$14995
1995 Lincoln Town Car Sig. - Green, 39,000 miles.....\$19995	1997 Mercury Cougar XR7 - 21,000 miles, white.....\$13995
1995 Mercury Cougar XR7 - Green, 22,000 miles.....\$12995	1997 Mercury Tracer - White, 17,000 miles.....\$9995
1995 Lincoln Town Car - White, 40,000 miles.....\$18995	1997 Mercury Tracer - White, 17,000 miles.....\$9995
1995 Mercury Sable GS - Red, 50,000 miles.....\$9995	1998 Mercury Mystique GS - White, 15,000 miles.....\$13995

★★★★ TRUCKS ★★★★★

1991 GMC Sonoma Ext. Cab - Red, 49,000 miles.....\$7995	1996 Ford Ranger - Blue, 20,000 miles.....\$9995
1994 Ford F350 Crew Cab XLT - Red/white, 63,000 miles.....\$14995	1996 Nissan P/U - Red, 48,000 miles.....\$7995
1994 Nissan P/U - White, 34,000 miles.....\$6995	1997 Ford F150 S/C XLT - White, 7,000 miles.....\$20995
1994 Ford F150 S/C - Green/white, 100,000 miles.....\$9995	1997 Ford F150 S/C XLT - Black, 17,000 miles.....\$20995
1995 Nissan King Cab - Iris, 24,000 miles.....\$10995	1996 Ford Explorer XLT - White, 23,000 miles.....\$20995
1995 Nissan P/U - Iris, 10,000 miles.....\$8995	1994 Ford Explorer XLT - Red, 75,000 miles.....\$10995
1996 Ford Ranger Supercab XLT - Red, 28,000 miles.....\$12995	1994 Ford Explorer XLT - Red, 75,000 miles.....\$10995

★★★★ VANS ★★★★★

1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager - 37,000 miles.....\$16995	1996 Ford Windstar GL - White, 28,000 miles.....\$17995
1996 Dodge Grand Caravan - 20,000 miles.....\$16995	1996 Ford Windstar GL - Green, 27,000 miles.....\$17995

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EXECUTIVE SECRETARY for professional office. Minimum requirements: 60wpm & computer word processing experience. Responsible person with initiative and growth potential. Send self-prepared resume to: P.O. Box 1431/2525, Big Spring, TX 79721.

JOHN DEERE Dealership needs service Tech. in Lamesa. Must have own tools. Pay based on experience. Call Rick 806-678-5474

Domino's Pizza Part-time / Full-time Drivers. Good driving record a must. Great part time job to make those bills for people who just want 2-3 days a week to supplement their income. Start at \$5.50/hr + tips & mileage. 2202 Gregg.

Exciting route sale deliver job opportunity now available. Great benefits such as 401k, disability ins., vacation pay, Health Insurance and much more! Meet people, use and develop your selling skills. Must be in good physical condition. Apply Now! Call 263-4186

MAINTENANCE MAN needed for apartment complex. Must have own tools, able to do make ready, and all types of maintenance. Must have a/c & heating knowledge. Can be part-time. Must apply in person. Ponderosa Apts. 1425 E. 6th.

Part-time orthodontist assistant needed for Big Spring office. Available 10 hrs. per week. Duties include assisting doctor 2 days per month & clean office. Send resume to: Dr. Reznik 2469 E. 11th Odessa, TX 79761

DELTA LOANS \$100 TO \$366.88 SE Habla Espanol 115 E. 3rd 266-9090 Ph.Apps.Welcome

SLIPSTRESS LOANS \$100.00 TO \$446.00 CALL OR COME BY Security Finance 204 S. Galled 267-4591 Phone applications welcome SE HABLA ESPANOL

FARM LAND 270 acres of farm land for sale. 8 miles Northwest of Big Spring. 264-6615.

LOST: Small black female wire haired dog. South of Big Spring. If found call 263-3459 REWARD

Schipperke Puppies, 10 weeks old. Call 264-1639.

1408 STADIUM: Sat. 9:00-3:00pm. Everything must go! Clothes, lamps, dishes, lots of miscellaneous.

2508 Rebecca: Sat. only 7-7: Clothing of all kinds & sizes. Household items, crafts, mirrors, toys.

3709 CONNALLY: Still Moving In!! Sat. 9am-7pm Glassware, furniture, some antiques, collectibles, clothing, miscellaneous.

GARAGE SALE: 4206 Chaparral Sat. Only: 8-5. T.V.'s, bar stools, dishes, tables, lots misc. (First street running South of Driver Rd. follow signs)

Moving Sale: 2514 Gunter Sat & Sun. Furniture, appliances, clothing, tools, golf clubs & etc.

Craft Matic, adjustable bed w/dual sided mattress, thermal heat, & therapeutic massage. Purchased new in May 97 at \$3000, asking \$1500. Will consider best offer. 267-7371

ALL THIS WEEK steam irons \$3.00. Microwave ovens \$39.00. Oak night stands starting @ \$29.00, mattress sets starting @ \$30.00, asst. pictures. ALL USED. Branham Furniture, 2004 W. 4th.

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WEDDINGS by CREATIONS CELEBRATIONS DISCOUNT-10% off when you book your 1998 wedding in January. Call now for appt. 267-8191

1 Divan Hide-a-bed; Queen size bed; 5-drawer Dresser; Kenmore 14cu.ft. Upright freezer; Emerson 1.2cu.ft. Microwave. 263-5153.

Used Modular office Building - 5400 sq. ft. other sizes also available as small as 10x12 - for purchase for rent - delivered to your location. Morgan Builders 563-3108.

Why pay more - buy now and get a above ground pool complete at the lowest price of the year - financing & installation available. Morgan Builders 563-3108.

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Small or large acreage For sale will consider Financing or Texas Veterans financing. Call 263-8785

For sale or lease, owner will finance. 1500 sq. ft. of office. 3500 sq. ft. of shop/warehouse on approximately 3.26 acres. Located at 700 Anna St. For information contact David Galloway at (806) 374-8288

COLORADO CITY 3 bdrm, 1 bath carpet, excellent neighborhood. \$36,000. 915-728-2412 after 4pm.

FSBO: 4010 Vicky St. Big Spring, Tx. 4/3/2 2585 sq.ft. Xlnt investment. Owner will "Make you and Offer you can't refuse." 267-7595.

FOR SALE: 1870 sq.ft. 3 bedroom, 2 bath formal living and dining with den. Completely remodeled, sprinkler system, RO unit, Central H/A, fireplace. 1702 Harvard. 270-2535 or 263-8559.

Older/smaller homes w/stove & ref. no down \$200 to \$300 per month for 10-15 years. 264-0510 (rent to own)

3 bdr. 1 bath. 1107 E. 15th St.; 1 bd, 1 bth, 508 Settles. \$500 down, Owner Finance. 915-366-4159, 267-2069.

No credit check. Low down payments. Low monthly payments.

Several 3 bdr. & 2 bdr. homes to choose from. Lease purchase is always an option. Call for more info. 915-942-9989 or 915-947-4929

Just \$500 down. 1997 Doublewide Air Conditioner, Skirting, Washer & Dryer. A-1 Homes San Angelo 653-1152 or 1-800-626-9978 only 180 months, 11.25%, \$339.00 month, W.A.C.

Rebate \$1,400 to \$1,800 A-1 Homes of San Angelo 653-1152 or 1-800-626-9978 selected models.

\$500 DE enganche" en cualquier hogar singular. \$995 de enganche" en cualquier hogar doble. Hurry in to take advantage of this limited time offer. USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland TX. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177. *Con credito aprobado.

\$500 DOWN, any singlewide home. \$995 down any doublewide home. * USA Homes, 4608 W. Wall, Midland TX. 520-2177, 1-800-520-2177. *With approved credit.

\$500.00 DOWN! No gimmicks, it's a fact! 1998 Fleetwood singlewide, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, and fleetwoods exclusive warranty. \$224.00 month, 12.25% apr, 360 months w.a.s. Homes of America Odessa TX 1-915-363-0881 1-800-725-0881 Se Habla Espanol

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1 BEDROOM APTS for rent on 605 E. 13th. \$175 \$100.00/dep. 263-7648 or 263-3855.

Apartments, houses, mobile home. References required. 263-6944, 263-2341.

HOMES & APPLIANCES 4 bdr. 2 b. \$300/mo. 3 bdr., 2 b. \$240/mo. 2 bdr., 1 b. \$220 & 1 br., \$200 - all with stove & fridge - no down payment 264-0510 or 1811 Scurry st.

1 & 2 BDR. adult comm. unfurn. apts. Completely remodeled, new carpet & paint, carpet, all utilities paid, no pets please. 403 E. 8th. Call 267-3940 for more information.

Fall Special Efficiency \$200 1 bdr. \$225 2 bdr. \$275 Clean, quiet and on sight maintenance and management. 267-4217

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UNFURNISHED HOUSES 2200 S F 3/2 C P in the country. Built - ins. Den. No Pets. \$595 267-2070

Nice 2 bd house near school. Prefer a nice couple Call 398-5510.

2 bd. Mobile home for rent. Water pd., range & frig. furnished. 1410 Harding (rear) 250/mo., 150/dep. 267-6667.

2 bdr. 1 bath total electric 1 acre RENTED Off N. Blvd. 263-0544

3 bdr., 1 bath. Central ref. air/heat. Ceiling fans, carpeted, fridge & stove fum. \$200./dep., \$425/mo. 2521 Dow. 264-0793.

3 bdr. 2 bath. C/H.A. den. fenced yard. Utility room. 702 W. 18th. 545/mon. dep/250 : 267-7449

One bedroom for rent. Prefer single person. Just outside city limits. 263-7937 after noon.

2 bdr. 1 bath. 1103 Starlight Call 267-3841 or 538-4022.

Small 3 bd. Mobile Home. W/D, stove & frig., C/H.A. Midway area. \$350/mo. \$150/dep. 393-5585 or after 2pm 267-3194.

3 bd., 2 bath. HUD accepted. 2107 Main St. \$1,385. mo. \$100 dep. 915-363-4159, 267-2069.

3 bdr. 1 bath home. Nice neighborhood. \$500/mo. 915-363-4159.

NAILS PLUS * Valentine's Special * 1 free Nail. Full set \$20. Fills \$13. Gift Certificates Call for details. Diane 393-5460.

Room mate wanted female. Will be required to pay 1/3 of rent & utilities. For more info. call 394-4016

3217 FENN \$84,600. Construction almost complete. 3 bd, 2 bath, formal dining, 2 car garage, total electric. Qualifies for FHA, VA or Conventional financing. Call for showing. Key Homes, Inc 520-9848.

ASSUMPTION Non qualifying. No Credit Check. 2716 Central. Loan balance approximately \$51,275.00. Total monthly payment \$730.00. 17 years remaining. 10.25% interest rate. \$67,500. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, central heat/air, 2 car garage, fenced yard. Call 520-9848.

PUBLIC NOTICE BID 98-406 Advertisement for Bids The Howard County Junior College District is now accepting bids for the following: SOFTWARE: AutoCAD RELEASE 14 (EDUCATIONAL VERSION) Specifications may be obtained from Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, Howard College, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5167. Sealed bids will be accepted through 3:30 p.m. on February 19, 1998 at which time they will be opened in the Administrative Annex and read aloud. The bids will then be tabulated and final determination of bid award will be made at a future board meeting. Technical questions should be directed to Joe Rhodes, Instructor, Howard College, 915-264-5190. Bidding questions directed to Dennis Churchwell, Purchaser, 1001 Birdwell Lane, Big Spring, TX 79720, 915-264-5167. Howard County Junior College District reserves the right to reject any and all bids. 1799 February 4 & 5, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF ELMER L. BELCHER Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Testamentary for the Estate of ELMER L. BELCHER were issued on January 27th, 1998 in Cause No. 12370 pending in the County Court of Howard County, Texas, to JUDY DARLENE BELCHER. The residence of such JUDY DARLENE BELCHER is Big Spring, Texas, the post office address is 3303 Auburn, Big Spring, Texas 79720. All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and the manner prescribed by law. DATED the 27th day of January, 1998. JUDY DARLENE BELCHER 1731 February 4, 1998

CHURCH AND CLUB NEWS DEADLINES Church and club news items are due at the Herald office by noon Wednesday for Friday publication. Items should be dropped off to the office, 710 Scurry, mailed to P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, 79721-1431; or faxed to 264-7205.

For more information call 263-7331, ext. 285.

Pictures of one person who may be speaking at a club or church can also be submitted.

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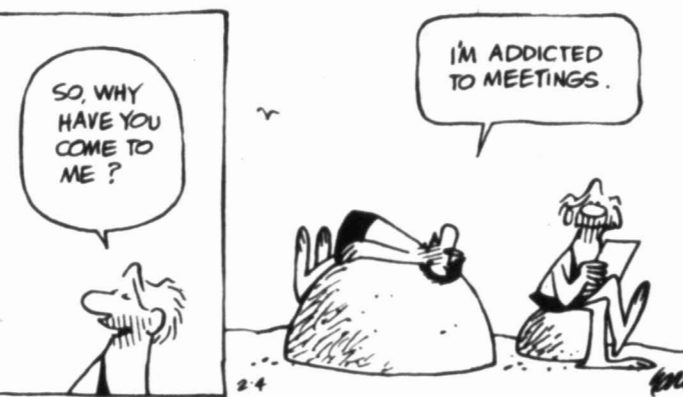
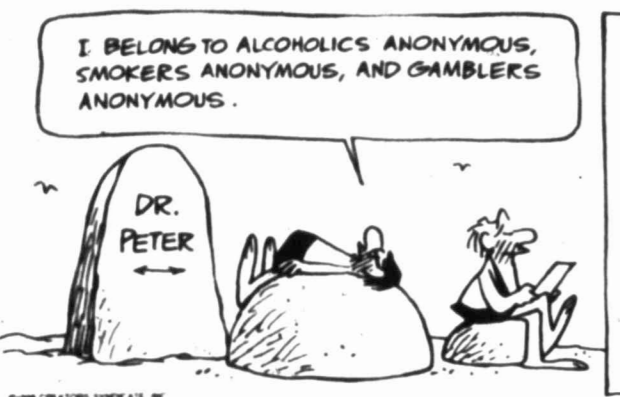
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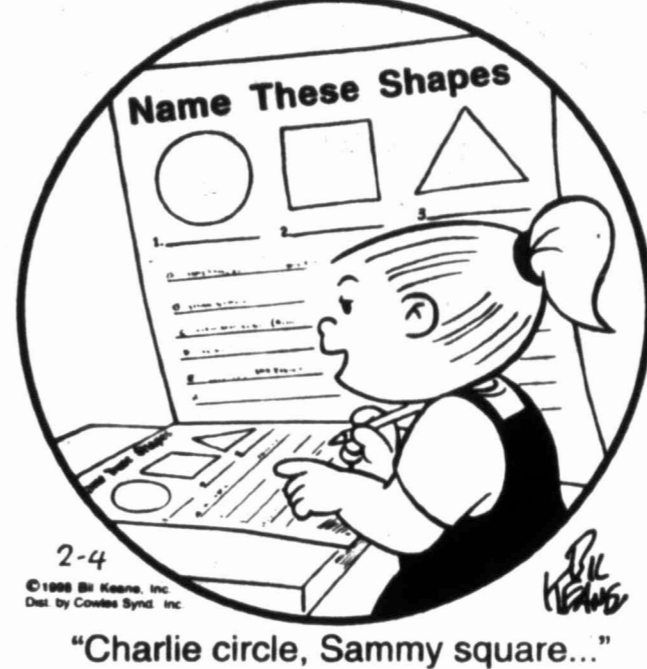
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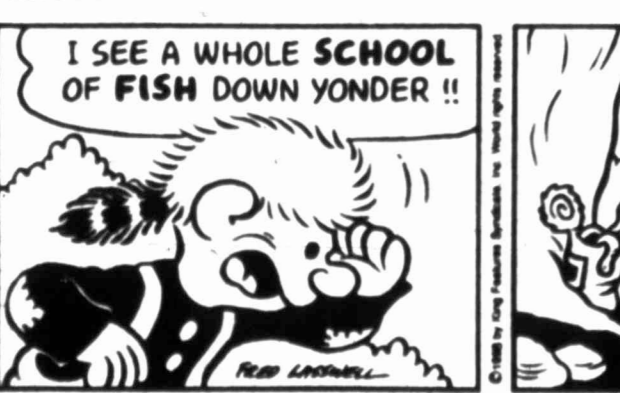
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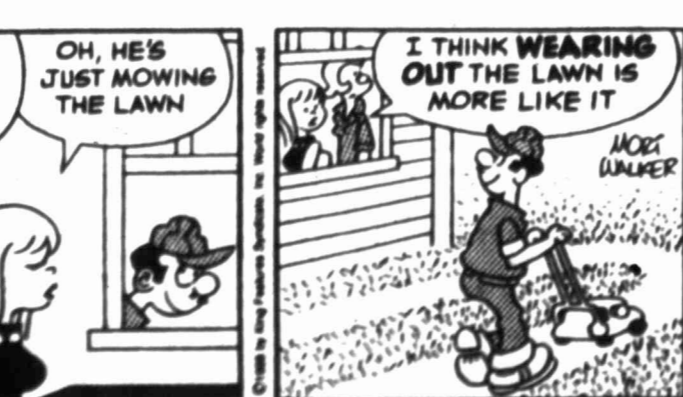
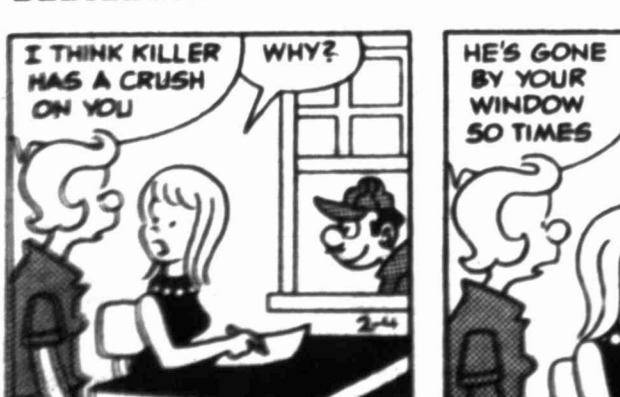
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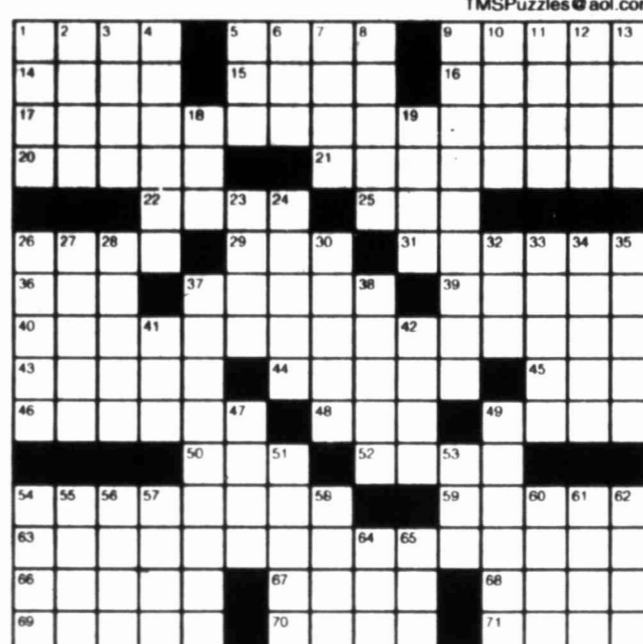
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Today is Wednesday, Feb. 4.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS
- 1 Transmit
 - 5 Wise Men
 - 9 Seem suitable
 - 14 Dueling sword
 - 15 Norse Zeus
 - 16 Of sheep
 - 17 One's cronies
 - 20 Twenty
 - 21 Streetcars
 - 22 Use acid for art
 - 25 Mooncall
 - 26 Small valley
 - 29 Down in the dumps
 - 31 Trip in the bush
 - 36 Rhoda's TV mother
 - 37 Corday's victim
 - 39 ...and dined
 - 40 Area of the Atlantic
 - 43 The King
 - 44 Tale
 - 45 Pasture in poetry
 - 46 Ocean breeze
 - 48 Totality
 - 49 Gardener's tools
 - 50 Foldaway bed
 - 52 Bring to heel
 - 54 Borrower's opposite number
 - 59 Saudis and Iraqis
 - 63 Dine well
 - 66 For the birds?
 - 67 Do-others separator
 - 68 Jason's galley
 - 69 Narrates
 - 70 Diminutive ending
 - 71 News-hound's organ

- DOWN
- 1 Brief time periods
 - 2 Cast-of-thousands pic
 - 3 Claudius' nephew
 - 4 Court judgment
 - 5 One of the Stooges
 - 6 Brouhaha
 - 7 Talent
 - 8 Structure starter?
 - 9 Evaporates
 - 10 First name in daredevils
 - 11 Okay
 - 12 500-mile race, for short
 - 13 Hardy heroine
 - 18 Permit
 - 19 Singer Diana
 - 23 Dressed (in)
 - 24 Israeli dances
 - 26 Psychic's sensations
 - 27 Fred's first partner
 - 28 Newly-hatched stage
 - 30 Power units
 - 32 Fiver
 - 33 ...Saxon
 - 34 U.S. Grant's opposite number
 - 35 Brainstorms
 - 37 Band members
 - 38 Brook fish
 - 41 POW possibly
 - 42 ... la Douce



By Gerald R. Ferguson
Portland, OR

Tuesday's Puzzle Solved



- 47 Goes bad
- 49 Melville or Wouk
- 51 Close-fitting hat
- 53 Dancer Murray
- 54 Conversation
- 55 Speak incoherently
- 56 Depraved
- 57 Settlement
- 58 Pip-squeak
- 60 Dynamic starter?
- 61 Sacks
- 62 Blackthorn berry
- 64 Gate fig
- 65 Lobster eggs

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In 1783, Britain declared a formal cessation of hostilities with its former colonies, the United States of America.

In 1801, John Marshall was 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.

In 1938, the Thornton Wilder play "Our Town" opened on Broadway.

In 1941, the United Service Organizations (USO) 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 1983, singer Karen Carpenter died at age 32.

In 1987, pianist Liberace died at age 67.

Ten years ago: Senate Republican Leader Bob Dole twice confronted Vice President George Bush on the floor of the Senate, accusing his GOP presidential rival of condoning a campaign attack that amounted to "groveling in the mud."

Five years ago: A jury in Atlanta found General Motors negligent in the fuel-tank design of a pickup truck and awarded \$105.2 million to the parents of a teen-ager killed in a fiery 1989 crash.

One year ago: A civil jury in Santa Monica, Calif., found O.J. Simpson liable for the deaths of his ex-wife, Nicole Brown Simpson, and her friend, Ronald Goldman, awarding \$8.5 million in compensatory damages to Goldman's parents. Six days later, the jury added \$25 million in punitive damages to go to Nicole Brown Simpson's estate and Goldman's father. President Clinton delivered his State of the Union address. Seventy-three Israeli soldiers were killed in the collision of two helicopters.

Today's Birthdays: Civil rights pioneer Rosa Parks is 85. Feminist author Betty Friedan is 77. Actor Conrad Baird is 75. Actor Gary Conway is 62. Former Sen. Donald Riegle, D-Mich., is 60. Singer Florence LaRue (The Fifth Dimension) is 54. Comedian David Brenner is 53. Former Vice President Dan Quayle is 51. Rock singer Alice Cooper is 50. Actor Michael Beck is 49.

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