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## Military commanders worry about readiness of new weaponry

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bunker-busting bombs, satellite-controlled cruise missiles, "smart" fuses that know what floor of a building to destroy — the Pentagon is rushing development of an array of sophisticated new weapons designed with Iraq in mind.

But several weapons that could be crucial to the success of any U.S. airstrikes against Iraq's chemical and biological arsenal are either still in planning stages or only beginning to be shipped to troops in small numbers.

Top military commanders and weapons planners describe an intensive Pentagon effort since the 1991 Persian Gulf War to exploit and develop precision weaponry.

New bunker-penetrating

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bombs, satellite-guided missiles, titanium-tipped cruise missiles and sophisticated sensor fuses are emerging from weapons labs and private contractors. The Air Force also has the B-1 and B-2 bombers, neither of which played a role in the 1991 conflict. And the Navy has dramatically increased its store of "smart" bombs and expanded the computer and communications capability of its warships.

But key improvements are far from complete.

"In the Persian Gulf War, we saw the promise of precision-guided munitions," said a senior Air Force official who briefed reporters on condition he not be identified. "We're

flowing them into the inventory at a regular rate." But speaking of three new precision weapons — the Joint Direct Attack Munition (JDAM), the AGM-130 (air-to-ground missile) and AGM-142 — the official said, "They've just started these programs. They're not robust in terms of numbers. ... We've got a long way to go."

Officials gave similar status reports on other weapons designed with Iraq in mind: the Advanced Unity Penetrator, a 2,000-pound bunker-penetrating bomb; the Joint Programmable Fuse, which a pilot can reprogram for a different target in-flight; and the Smart Hard-Target Fused, which can be programmed to detonate a bomb after it has penetrated a bunker roof and gone through a preset num-

ber of floors.

The 5,000-pound GBU-28, a massive bunker-busting bomb that was rushed into use in little more than a month in 1991, is now fully part of the arsenal. But the senior Air Force official said the version of the weapon that fits the B-2 bomber is "imminent" but not yet deployable. And questions remain about the bomb's ability to destroy the most deeply buried targets.

"We have a bunker buster, the question is, How much can it bust?" said Dan Kuehl, an air power expert and professor at the National Defense University.

Many of the critical targets — command posts, secret weapons storage sites and production facilities — may be buried in

bunkers beneath thick walls of reinforced concrete. Or they may be placed near workplaces or homes, placing a premium on accuracy.

Penetrating hardened targets requires both a thick-walled and hard-nosed bomb but one with a particularly sensitive fuse so the weapon explodes only after it has penetrated the outer shell of the target.

Another tough problem for weapons planners is how to deliver precision-guided munitions in bad weather or smoky conditions. Laser-guided bombs that can home in on a beam of light made a lasting impression in 1991. What was less well-known was that the guidance system breaks down in smoke or cloud cover.

The JDAM, a bomb guidance

kit that can fit 1,000- and 2,000-pound bombs, is designed to partially solve that problem, using the military's satellite-based global positioning system to provide a degree of accuracy even in adverse conditions.

The new air-to-ground missiles involve strapping a rocket to a guided bomb, allowing pilots to release the weapons up to 40 miles from a target. Like the JDAM, these weapons can strike or come close to selected targets in foul weather, and they can be modified for night strikes or use with a television seeker that enables the pilot to steer the missile to its target.

Ken Koval, chief engineer for the AGM-130 program, said these new guidance systems are deployed, but "in reduced numbers."

## Wind project off to delayed start

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

In February 1997, Howard County Commissioners unanimously granted a tax abatement to the multi-million dollar New World Power Texas Renewable Energy project.

Since then, delays have caused some changes to the original contract Moore Development For Big Spring Inc. officials presented to commissioners and Howard College officials, according to Moore Executive Director Kent Sharp.

"Some things have happened to delay construction of the project (which originally had a scheduled completion date of May 31)," Sharp told commissioners at Monday's commissioners' court meeting.

Delays will push completion of the project back until May 1999, officials said.

The Public Utilities Commission had a change in some of its policies and there were changes in the configuration and schedule as a result of modifications to the power purchase contract with TU Electric.

Monday, commissioners unanimously approved the amended abatement contract with New World Texas Renewable Limited Partnership.

Germany was supposed to be the supplier of the giant wind turbines, but patent constraints caused a change in suppliers.



HERALD photo/John H. Walker

This wind farm located between Fort Davis and Valentine on Farm-to-Market Road 166 includes 12 wind turbines. This wind farm is similar to the one planned for a location south of Big Spring.

"The new turbines are Danish made and will be coming in from Denmark," Sharp told commissioners.

The project was originally set for the construction of 67 wind turbines producing 40 megawatts of power, but has been scaled back to 42 turbines that will produce 34 megawatts of power, according to Sharp.

Original cost of the project

was estimated at \$42.8 million, but has also been scaled back to \$36.4 million.

At the time of last February's abatement, Moore said the county was the lead entity on the abatement for the project and its approval was the last needed.

Construction on the project is expected begin in May at the Mark Morgan Ranch in

Howard County, producing several jobs during the construction period and seven permanent full-time jobs once it is complete around May 31, 1999.

Prior to granting the tax abatement last year, commissioners held a public hearing on the establishment of a reinvestment zone for the project, a requirement before a project can be granted an abatement.

## State, federal officials ponder case disposition

By KATHY GILBERT  
Staff Writer

State and federal prosecutors are discussing how to handle the prosecution of 23-year-old Peter Howard Rasmussen, III in connection with the robbery of a Garden City bank last Monday according to 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson.

The Glasscock County Bank, a branch of the First National Bank of Sterling City, was robbed last Monday morning of an undisclosed amount of money reported to be as much as \$103,000.

After first looking for Peter Christopher McConaha and William L. Jordan, authorities said they were no longer



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RASMUSSEN

subjects of the search and, on Friday, held a press conference to announce they were looking for Rasmussen, of Houston, as the lone culprit.

Rasmussen was found in a motel in Houston Friday night. He was in possession of a Jeep Cherokee stolen at the bank robbery and a substantial amount of cash.

"I would be most anxious to try the case," Wilkerson said, "but we'll have to sit down and talk it out and see what's the best approach."

A federal criminal complaint is outstanding against Rasmussen, Assistant U.S. District Attorney Roger McRoberts said in a telephone interview from his Lubbock office. McRoberts said Rasmussen has been charged with armed bank robbery, which is punishable by up to 20 years imprisonment and \$250,000 fine.

He is being held in a Houston jail and was to have faced an identification or "ID" hearing before a federal magistrate at 2 p.m. today.

The hearing precedes arraign

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## Blockbuster 'Titanic' earns record-tying number of Oscar nominations

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. (AP) — "Titanic," the epic account of a fateful love affair on the doomed ocean liner, captured a record-tying 14 Academy Award nominations today, including best picture, actress and director.

"L.A. Confidential" and "Good Will Hunting" each received nine nominations, including best picture. The other best picture nominees were "As Good As It Gets" and, in a mild surprise, "The Full Monty."

Kate Winslet of "Titanic" was nominated for best actress, as were fellow Britons Helena Bonham Carter in "The Wings of the Dove," Julie Christie in "Afterglow" and Judi Dench in "Mrs. Brown," and the sole American on the list, Helen Hunt in "As Good As It Gets."

Robert Duvall's self-financed role in "The Apostle" earned him a best actor nomination. He will face Matt Damon from "Good Will Hunting," Peter Fonda from "Ulee's Gold," Dustin Hoffman from "Wag the Dog" and Jack

Nicholson from "As Good As It Gets."

Among those missing from the nominations was Steven Spielberg, whose "Amistad" was not selected for best picture or best director. The film's notable newcomer actor, Djimon Hounsou, also did not receive a bid.

Aside from "Titanic," the only other film to get 14 nominations was "All About Eve," released in 1950. It went on to win six, including best picture. "Ben-Hur" holds the title for Oscar trophies: 11.

The 87-year-old Gloria Stuart, was nominated for supporting actress as the Winslet character in old age in "Titanic." A star in the '30s who all but retired from film a half-century ago, she is the oldest performer ever nominated. Also nominated in the category were Joan Cusack in "In & Out," Minnie Driver in "Good Will Hunting," Julianne Moore in "Boogie Nights" and Kim Basinger in "L.A. Confidential."

Burt Reynolds was nominated for

supporting actor for "Boogie Nights" as were Robert Forster for "Jackie Brown," Anthony Hopkins for "Amistad," Greg Kinnear for "As Good As It Gets" and Robin Williams for "Good Will Hunting."

James Cameron, the driving force behind the \$200 million "Titanic," received two nominations — as producer of the film for best picture and as its director. He was not nominated for the film's script.

Others up for directing are Peter Cattaneo for "The Full Monty," Gus Van Sant for "Good Will Hunting," Curtis Hanson for "L.A. Confidential" and Atom Egoyan for "The Sweet Hereafter."

Hanson was just glad to be in the same ocean with "Titanic."

"Titanic" is titanic," Hanson said from New York. "Like the ship, it's huge. What can you do? I just sort of feel we are surfing along in their wake. But I'm sky high and it's good to be here."

"Titanic" also got bids for art direction, cinematography, costume design, editing, makeup, score, song ("My Heart Will Go On"), sound, sound effects editing and visual effects. But its male lead, teen heartthrob Leonardo DiCaprio, was passed over as best actor.

Two of 1997's highest-grossing films failed to collect any top nominations. "Men in Black" and "The Lost World: Jurassic Park" combined for four minor selections. The critically acclaimed "The Ice Storm" and "The Boxer" got snubbed.

The script by actors Damon and Ben Affleck for "Good Will Hunting" was named in the original screenplay competition.

The other nominees: "As Good As It Gets," "Boogie Nights," "The Full Monty" and Woody Allen's "Deconstructing Harry."

The adapted screenplay nominees were "Donnie Brasco," "L.A. Confidential," "The Sweet Hereafter,"

### WEATHER

Today:



Wed:



Thur:



Fri:



Tonight, clear. Lows 25-35. Wednesday, partly cloudy. Highs 65-75. Wednesday night, fair. Lows 35-45. Extended forecast, Thursday and Friday, partly cloudy. Lows mid 30s to lower 40s. Highs upper 60s to mid 70s. Saturday, partly cloudy. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs mid 60s to lower 70s.

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## Estill to face Wright in county clerk election

By CARLTON JOHNSON  
Staff Writer

Howard County Republican Brad Estill would like to succeed Margaret Ray as Howard County Clerk, but will have to get past Democrat Donna Wright



ESTILL

in the November general election. Neither candidate drew an opponent for the March 10 primary.

Estill believes his education and years of experience as a landman and dealings with various county

clerks around the state are among his top qualifications.

Estill has a degree in business administration from the University of Texas in Austin as well as degrees in finance and real estate, and is still pursuing a master's degree from UTPB in Odessa.

"I developed an interest in the county clerk's position through my background in records management as an employee with Unical," Estill said. "Based on my experience as a petroleum landman, I am used to being in courthouses and quite familiar

with the records the county clerk has to maintain as well as how they are maintained."

Estill is very much in favor of computerization and believes the state legislature has afforded county clerks around the state a real opportunity.

"Given the changes in technology, especially new information systems, these changes offer the county clerk a lot of opportunity to improve customer service as well as the information the office maintains."

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OBITUARIES

Betty Lucile Mosier

Service for Betty Lucile Mosier, 54, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Feb. 11, 1998, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rev. Ben Neel, pastor of Vincent Baptist Church, officiating. Interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park.



MOSIER

Ms. Mosier died Sunday, Feb. 8, in a local hospital.

She was born on Dec. 5, 1943, Monahans. She grew up in Odessa and graduated from Odessa High School in 1962. She moved to Big Spring in 1987 and worked for Mental Health and Mental Retardation office as a clerk. She was a member of Hillcrest Baptist Church and was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star in Highlands and Odessa.

Survivors include: one daughter, Sherry Cravens Darden of Big Spring; an adopted son, Gregory Alan Cravens of Putney, GA.; one brother, Gary Mosier of Wink; one sister, Barbara Mosier of Monahans; one step-son, Wesley Cravens of Odessa; one step-daughter, Denise David of Odessa; and two grandchildren.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home.

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

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ment procedures. The purpose of the hearing is to establish that the judge has probable cause to believe that the man standing before him is the person named in the complaint, McRoberts explained.

He said bond could be set for Rasmussen as early as this afternoon, or it may take place in a separate hearing at a later date. McRoberts said his office is recommending that Rasmussen be detained without bond.

Rasmussen has also faces state charges of aggravated robbery and aggravated kidnapping, Wilkerson said. The punishment on either or both of these charges, both first-degree felonies, is five to 99 years or life imprisonment and a maximum \$10,000 fine.

In deciding which charges Rasmussen will be prosecuted on, and in which court, "it comes down to who gets more bang for the buck," Wilkerson said.

"Who can have the greatest punishment available, and the

actual time he'd have to serve off that," he added.

"Prosecution of the case is still in the early stages, Wilkerson and McRoberts both said.

"We have yet to receive any investigative reports," Wilkerson said. "There is a lot of information analyze from the (Texas) Rangers and the FBI (Federal Bureau of Investigation). I haven't seen any hard evidence yet."

The Rasmussen case can be tried on federal, state, or both charges, Wilkerson explained, because a state-chartered bank was robbed that is federally insured.

"We have a ways to go," Wilkerson acknowledged. "Whatever happens, we're going to see that justice is best served."

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One item that Ray has voiced the need for in previous years also has Estill's attention — an elections administrator, which Estill sees as a split duty already between the county clerk and the county tax assessor-collector.

"I would propose to research the responsibilities between these two offices (where elections are concerned) and jointly try to evaluate whether a county-wide elections administrator is necessary," Estill said.

Basically, the county clerk's office is like a vault, which is indicative of the importance of the office to the residents of Howard County, according to Estill.

"I think the county clerk should also be active in public affairs by making people aware of information available to them," Estill said. "Margaret (Ray) has done a good job of that and I'd like to continue it."

Estill said the county clerk's office also answers to businesses and people all over the county where real property and minerals are concerned.

Information systems is an area in which Estill says he thinks the county clerk's office could improve.

One example he says is the Texas Railroad Commission's new GIS, or geographic information system, which keeps information on all wells drilled in the state.

"Information like this would be important to both the county clerk and the employees in the clerk's office," Estill said. "Our tax base from minerals has declined over the years, but it's this type of information that could be helpful in bringing other businesses into Howard County."

Information should not be the only focus of the office, because there is a whole other spectrum of records kept by the county clerk's office, according to Estill.

If elected, Estill says he's not looking to change the county clerk's office because there is a lot of valuable experience already in place, but he would like to work with the staff in the county clerk's office from the standpoint of being new blood with new ideas.

BRIEFS

**GAS LINE WORK IN THE** 1200 block of Birdwell Lane is planned Wednesday, forcing closure of the two middle traffic lanes beginning about 9 a.m. Work will continue until mid-afternoon, while Enargas workers perform routine maintenance on lines in the area.

**THE BIG SPRING EVENING** Lions Club has free eyeglasses for all adults the second Saturday of each month from 9 a.m. to noon at the Big Spring Evening Lions Club bingo building, 1607 East Third. All adults needing eyeglasses who don't have the income to purchase the exam or glasses are welcome.

For more information call Tom Mills, Al Valdes or Bob Noyes at 267-6095.

**IN CONJUNCTION WITH** RONNA Reeves' visit Feb. 20, a canned food drive benefiting the West Texas Food Bank is under way. Canned foods may be taken to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, every Tuesday through Saturday through 3 p.m. Feb. 20. Each can contributed affords donor a

Monday-Friday 9 AM-8 PM  
Saturday 9 AM-5 PM  
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chance in drawing for a pair of Ronna's boots or a Statler Brothers Show scrip each autographed by Reeves.

For more information, please call the Heritage Museum at 267-8255.

**THE BIG SPRING NEW-COMER'S** Club, a newly formed group, is seeking new members to welcome to Big Spring.

Our monthly luncheon is held on the second Thursday from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Big Spring Country Club and is an opportunity to meet new friends.

Other newcomer activities include a couple's dinner group as well as groups for walking, crafts, bridge and special outings like antiquing and attending the Midland Community Theatre.

Call Pat at 267-8741 or Karen at 268-9944.

**THERE WILL BE A free wheelchair clinic on Friday, from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Marcy House, 2301 Wasson Road. Wheelchairs will be cleaned and tuned at no cost and the public is welcome to participate. For more information call 268-9041.**

SPRINGBOARD

**IF YOU HAVE ANY CHANGES IN A SPRINGBOARD ITEM OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT GINA GARZA, 263-7331 ext. 238, BETWEEN 8:30 A.M. AND 2 P.M. All Springboard items must be submitted in writing. Mail to: Springboard, Big Spring Herald, P.O. Box 1431, Big Spring, Texas 79720; bring it by the office at 710 Scurry; or fax it to 264-7205.**

**TODAY**  
•Most Excellent Way, a chemical dependency support group, 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.  
•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., 615 Settles.

•Narcotics Anonymous, 6 to 7:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.  
•Beginning line dance class will be taught at 9 a.m. at the Senior Citizens Center. Call 267-1628 for more information. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.  
•MS group, 6:30 p.m., Canterbury South. Call Diane at 263-0148.

•Mental Health Center's Family Education & Support, 5:30 p.m., 319 Runnels. Call Shannon Nabors, 263-0027.

**WEDNESDAY**  
•Downtown Lions Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room. Call Archie Kountz, 267-3821.

**THURSDAY**  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, 7 p.m. Bible study.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. Big Book Study.

•Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.

**FRIDAY**  
•Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. Music by CW & Co. Area artists invited.

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•Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, open meetings at noon, 8 p.m. and 10 p.m.

•Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster. Breakfast served (\$4). All Scottish Rite Masons welcome.

•Alzheimer's Support Group, 10 a.m., Carriage Inn Retirement Center, 501 W. 17th.

**SUNDAY**  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.  
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, 11 a.m. closed meeting and 7 p.m. open meeting.

**MONDAY**  
•Big Spring Evening Lion's

**Crimestoppers seeking tips**

Crimestoppers of Big Spring is seeking information about an assault which occurred on Jan. 12 at Martha's Hideaway in the parking lot. A 40-year-old white woman was leaving the establishment at about 2 a.m. A Hispanic man entered her vehicle on the passenger's side and told the woman to drive downtown. She refused, and ordered the man out of her car.

The man then struck the woman in the mouth and tried to step on the accelerator, but she kept the car from moving. The woman was bitten and punched two more times, but managed to get the man out of the car.

The man is described as 25-30 years old, clean shaven, with short dark hair, height 5 feet 9 inches to 5 feet 10 inches, with a stocky build.

Anyone with information about this crime is urged to call Crimestoppers at 263-TIPS. Crimestoppers is authorized to

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

•Line dance classes, 1 p.m., Senior Citizens Center, following lunch. For more information call 398-5522 or 267-1628. All ages welcome.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. 12&12 Study.

**THURSDAY**  
•Good Shepherd Fellowship Church, 610 Abrams, has services 7 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend.

•Spring Tabernacle Church, 1209 Wright, has free food for area needy, 10 a.m. to noon.

•Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classed, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., 55 and older.

•Al-Anon, 8 to 9 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

•NA meeting, 8 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting, 615 Settles. 8 to 9 p.m. closed meeting at Scenic Mountain Medical Center cafeteria.

•American Legion Auxiliary Post 506, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.

•Christmas in April, noon, 1607 E. Third. Call Theresa Hodnett, 263-0147.

•West Texas Republican Women's Club, noon, Big Spring Country Club.

•Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.

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**Texas Lottery** PICK 3: 4,4,6  
CASH 5:10,23,27,35,36

Club, 6:30 p.m.; 1607 E. Third. Call Al Valdes, 263-6810.

•Project Freedom, Christian support group, 7 p.m. Call 263-5140 or 263-2241.

•TOPS Clubs (Take Off Pounds Sensibly) 5:15 p.m. weigh in and 6:15 p.m. meeting, Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place.

•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon to 1 p.m. open meeting and 8 to 9 p.m. at the VA Medical Center on fourth floor.

•Big Spring-Howard County Retired Teachers Association, 10:30 a.m. coffee and social hour and 11:30 a.m. lunch, Howard College Cactus Room.

MARKETS

March cotton 67.35 cents, down 11 points; March crude 16.69, up 6 points; Cash hogs steady at 50 cents lower at 36.50; cash steers steady at 50 cents higher at 60.50; Feb. lean hog futures 53.15, down 117 points; Feb. live cattle futures 61.90, up 40 points. courtesies: Delta Corporation.

Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

Index 8241.31	
Volume 186,738,600	
ATT	62% +
Amoco	83% -
Atlantic Richfield	74% -
Atmos Energy	26% +
Calenergy Inc.	24% -
Chevron	75% -
Cifra	18% to 18%
Compaq Computer	35% +
Cornell Correc.	19% +
De Beers	22% -
Diagnostic Health	10% +
DuPont	61% +
Excel Comm.	16% -
Exxon	61% -
Fina	58% +
Halliburton	47% +
IBM	99% + 1%
Intel Corp	87% +
Medical Alliance	3% -
Mobil	68% -
Norwest	38% nc
NUV	10% nc
Phillips Petroleum	44% +
Palex Inc.	13% +
Pepsi Cola	36% +
Parallel Petroleum	5% nc
Rural/Metro	33% -
Sears	52% +
Southwestern Bell	76% -
Sun	40% -
Texaco	54% +
Texas Instruments	55% + 1%
Texas Utils. Co	40% +
Unocal Corp	36% +
Wal-Mart	43% +
Amcap	16.27-17.26
Euro Pacific	27.38-29.05
I.C.A.	29.28-31.07
New Economy	20.87-22.14
New Perspective	20.46-21.71
Prime Rate	8.50%
Gold	299.50-300.00
Silver	6.95-6.99

FIRE/EMS

Following is a summary of Big Spring Fire Department/EMS reports:  
**Monday**  
5:01 a.m. — 2300 block Thorp, medical call, patient transferred to VA Medical Center.

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Our Hearing Aid Service Center is coming to a convenient location near you. Complimentary Hearing Evaluations.  
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POLICE

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

• **BRUCE HUTTO, 25,** was arrested on Howard County warrants.

• **THEFT** reported in the 2600 block of Gregg and the 1300 block of Sycamore.

• **THEFT CLASS C** reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

• **ASSAULT/THREATS** reported at the police station.

• **ASSAULT** reported in the 2500 block of Fairchild and the 600 block of NW 8th.

• **ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE** was reported on the west side of the city.

• **BURGLARY/VEHICLE** reported in the 2300 block of Gregg.

• **CRIMINAL TRESPASS** reported in the 400 block of Aylesford and the 400 block of W. 10th.

• **FALSE REPORT TO POLICE** reported at the police station.

SHERIFF

The Howard County Sheriff's Office reported the following incidents between 10 a.m. Saturday and 8 a.m. Tuesday:

• **SIMON SALDOVAR, JR., 27,** was arrested for driving while license suspended/invalid and failure to identify fugitive from justice.

• **FERNANDO ARRIAGA, 33,** was arrested for assault causing bodily injury.

• **KRISTIN SHEA PIRKLE, 19,** was arrested for unsafe speed, driving while intoxicated.

• **JOHN GERARD ESCOVEDO, 19,** was arrested for driving while license suspended/surrendered.

• **FRANK SOTO CASTILLO, 35,** was arrested for public intoxication.

• **MARIAN KAY MOORE, 33,** was arrested for driving while intoxicated/motion to revoke.

• **TAMMY KAY LOCKHART, 21,** was arrested for evading arrest.

• **SHANE EDDIE ANDERSON, 26,** was arrested for revocation of probation/driving while license invalid.

• **RAYMOND LEE BAKER, 27,** was arrested for driving while intoxicated and fleeing from police officer.

RECORDS

Monday's high 70  
Monday's low 38  
Average high 59  
Average low 31  
Record high 88 in 1957  
Record low 10 in 1929  
Precip. Monday 0.00  
Month to date 0.20  
Month's normal 0.13  
Year to date 1.71  
Normal for the year 0.73

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# Military leaders confident they have muscle to hit Iraq

ABU DHABI, United Arab Emirates (AP) — Offers of support for U.S. military action against Iraq are growing, and there is "a real coalition" building both inside and outside the Persian Gulf for airstrikes against Saddam Hussein's weapons of mass destruction, Defense Secretary William Cohen said today.

Speaking with reporters en route to discussion with leaders of this southern Gulf emirate, Cohen pointed to support from Canada, Australia and Oman as evidence of nations who back America's stand.

"This is a real coalition. ... These are countries who are pledging their assistance and material support, and we are very happy to receive it," he said.

A senior defense official traveling with Cohen said Oman had agreed to allow five KC-10

tankers to be sent to the country. The huge refuelers would be positioned in a strategic spot to air refuel B-52 bombers flying out of the Indian Ocean island of Diego Garcia for potential bombing runs or cruise missile strikes against Baghdad.

Cohen said he was expecting announcements from other nations as well who would be supplying equipment, personnel, or logistical support for the American-led effort to get Iraq to allow international weapons inspectors access to suspected chemical or biological weapons sites.

Queried whether his visits to nations in the Persian Gulf this week were also garnering support for a military strike, Cohen replied: "The answer to that is yes."

Nations such as Saudi Arabia have not publically voiced support for weapons strikes, and

Cohen pointedly refrained from asking for permission to launch U.S. attack jets from bases on Saudi soil.

During his swing through Europe and the Persian Gulf, Cohen has only been able to point to support from Germany and Kuwait, which has agreed to host additional attack aircraft such as F-117s and F-116s.

The senior defense official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, also said a decision had been made to send up to 3,000 soldiers for Fort Stewart, Ga. instead of Fort Hood, Texas.

Another defense official had announced Monday that the troops would come from the Texas base. But further discussion with Pentagon officials in charge of dispatching the forces resulted in the decision to pull the troops from the Georgia base.

U.S. military commanders in

the Persian Gulf say they will have more than enough firepower to handle any contingency within days should President Clinton decide to strike Iraq.

"It's coming in, so we will shortly have ... what we feel is adequate force to do what we need to do and take care of any contingency," the senior military officer said.

"We are probably looking at a week to 10 days, and I'll be satisfied," the senior officer said.

The additions mean a dozen F-117 stealth fighter-bombers will be positioned in Kuwait. From Diego Garcia, B-52 bombers will be able to fly long-range bombing sorties with air-launched cruise missiles.

The USS Guam, with several ships accompanying it and 2,200 combat-ready Marines on board, was expected to be in the Persian Gulf region during that

same period.

Gen. Anthony Zinni, the top U.S. military commander in the region, has accompanied Cohen on the tour and says he's pleased with the orderly fashion in which the U.S. deployment has occurred.

Asked about Saudi Arabia's apparent unwillingness to allow U.S. planes to launch strikes against Iraq from its territory, Zinni said America's plans did not rely on having such launching bases in the country.

"I am satisfied and confident that we'll have what we need where we need it, and that our allies are behind us," Zinni said.

But the senior military officer traveling with Cohen acknowledged that even lengthy, punishing air strikes could fall short of eliminating Iraq's weapons of mass destruction.

"We don't know what we don't

know. We can make estimates on what is there and have a feel where locations of things might be," the officer said. But given that U.N. weapons inspectors have been excluded from sites suspected of holding chemical and biological weapons, the officer said it was hard to know "for sure what's in there. So I couldn't tell you honestly what we might get as a proportion of what he might have overall."

In Ottawa, meanwhile, Prime Minister Jean Chretien said his country would support the use of force against Iraq. He spoke at the start of a special session of the House of Commons called to discuss Canada's possible participation in a U.S.-led military operation.

And in Canberra, Australia, Prime Minister John Howard also said Australia planned to contribute to any U.S.-led military operation against Iraq.

## Another storm bears down on West Coast

TIJUANA, Mexico (AP) — Government officials pledged to rebuild this devastated city to be better prepared for storms like the one that killed 13 people and forced hundreds to flee over the weekend.

But even as Tijuana residents picked through the soggy rubble, another El Nino-driven storm barreled toward the coast north of San Francisco. Up to 2 inches of rain was expected by tonight.

More rain is the last thing California needs.

At least seven deaths are blamed on the storms that began dumping as much as 2 feet of rain a week ago. Hundreds of homes have been damaged or destroyed, and an early tally of storm damage was put at some \$300 million.

The Clinton administration has declared 27 of the state's 58 counties disaster areas eligible for federal aid. Some 1,500 people were still at emergency shelters on Monday.

Californians took advantage

of Monday's break to clear roads, clean drains and rebuild sandbag barricades. Even with the day of sunshine, the state was far from drying up.

Seven-foot waves and a 6-foot tide pounded San Clemente beach homes and ate away 100 feet of sand at Malibu's Broad Beach. One home was destroyed and four others badly damaged.

In Northern California, the waters of the state's largest natural lake crept higher, threatening homes. Nearly two-thirds of 500 families living at Clear Lake, 110 miles north of San Francisco, refused to follow an evacuation order, authorities said.

No such order was needed for Crystal Haro, whose home near Gilroy, about 30 miles southeast of San Jose, was damaged by floodwaters.

"It's never gotten that bad," Ms. Haro said. "They had to send in a raft to come get us. Now we're just looking for a new place to live."

## Teachers back Mauro, target voucher supporters

AUSTIN (AP) — The state's largest teacher group says it will target for defeat candidates who favor vouchers or other methods of using tax money to pay for private schooling.

Vouchers would use state funds to pay private school tuition for some children.

"In spite of their rhetoric to the contrary, voucher backers are not friends of the Texas public schools or public school children," Ignacio Salinas Jr., Texas State Teachers Association president, said Monday.

"They know that there is no credible independent research or study which shows private schools do a better job of educating school children from similar backgrounds. In fact, the opposite is true," he said.

The 83,000-member TSTA endorsed Democrats for most of the top statewide offices, including Garry Mauro for governor. Mauro also picked up the backing of the Texas Federation of Teachers.

He said the endorsements show he's the one who's been listening to Texans.

"I've been to over 150 schools,

(Parents are) worried because their kids are in temporary classrooms. They're worried because their school's gotten a waiver and they're no longer adhering to the 22-to-1 class size. They're worried that qualified teachers are leaving teaching," he said.

"Common sense tells me that taking money away from public education is not the answer today," Mauro said in opposing vouchers.

He said private schools in Texas already are at nearly 90 percent of capacity. "If we fill them up to 100 percent with vouchers, you're talking about only a small number of students being able to take advantage," he said.

A spokeswoman for Gov. George W. Bush said the teachers' endorsement was little more than "defenders of the status quo in education" defending the status quo.

"Gov. Bush has announced a number of bold initiatives to improve our public schools, and some people don't like change," Ms. Hughes said. "Many rank-and-file members of that group will support Gov. Bush. Many

have told him they support his push for higher standards."

Bush favors a pilot voucher program for parents whose children are stuck in low-performing schools. Such a program would "give those parents more choice and make certain we don't doom their children to failure," she said.

The TSTA also backed Democrats John Sharp for lieutenant governor, Jim Mattox for attorney general, Paul Hobby for comptroller and Richard Raymond for land commissioner. The teachers' group made no endorsement in the agriculture commissioner's race.

Elsewhere Monday:

— A poll of Texas lawyers, conducted by the State Bar, found 6,199 respondents favoring Republican John Cornyn, a former Supreme Court justice, for attorney general. Democrat Jim Mattox, who had the job for two terms, was second with 3,024. Court of Criminal Appeals Judge Morris Overstreet, a Democrat, got 2,125; and former state GOP chairman Tom Pauken got 1,318.

Railroad Commissioner Barry Williamson, a Republican who

accused the Supreme Court of ordering the poll to help Cornyn's campaign, had asked not to be included in the survey. He received 432 votes.

According to the bar, some 65,500 ballots were mailed out and 15,000 returned.

— Rick Perry, GOP candidate for lieutenant governor, proposed a plan he said would improve job creation, economic growth, public health and infrastructure in South Texas.

"My plan recognizes that South Texas deserves a medical school, and that tobacco settlement funds should be used for disease prevention, immunizations for young children and health coverage for needy families," he said.



## Little fanfare as East Texas man put to death

HUNTSVILLE, Texas (AP) — Condemned killer Steven Renfro was put to death just the way he wanted it — quickly and with little spectacle.

No media crush. No frenzy of legal appeals. No big crowds praying for him. No boisterous singing to celebrate his demise.

The 40-year-old Renfro, convicted less than 10 months ago of a shooting rampage that left three people dead in his hometown of Marshall, volunteered for lethal injection and asked that no appeals be filed on his behalf.

The low-key event Monday evening contrasted sharply with the bedlam outside the downtown Huntsville prison only six days earlier when convicted pickax killer Karla Faye Tucker became the first woman executed in Texas in 135 years.

Her attorneys used a flurry of legal maneuvers trying to spare her. And the worldwide publicity over her case and novelty of executing a born-again Christian and photogenic woman lured to Huntsville more than 1,000 spectators and some 200 reporters and photographers along with dozens of television satellite trucks.

In the days leading to his execution Renfro avoided the media, refusing requests for interviews. And as he requested, no legal steps were taken to

halt his punishment.

Monday evening, as the former laborer was marched into the death chamber and strapped to the same gurney that last held Ms. Tucker, about two dozen death penalty opponents huddled quietly outside the prison. Two of them held candles.

"This is a holy crusade for us," Marta Glass said. "Last week I felt it was a media event."

Val Jones, an attorney appointed to be available to him, sat outside the prison on a brick wall bordering a flower bed, waiting in case Renfro changed his mind. Renfro didn't.

"It's frustrating as a lawyer," he said. "But he thinks the punishment is just."

Inside, Renfro turned toward three members of his victims' families and apologized.

"I am so sorry," he said. "Forgive me, if you can. I know it's impossible, but try."

Then he began praying.

"Take my hand, Lord Jesus, I'm coming home. Glory be to God," he said.

As the drugs took effect, Renfro blinked his eyes and gasped three times before he stopped breathing.

Seven minutes later, at 6:18 p.m. CST, he was pronounced dead.

"I think it should have been rougher," James Carpenter, whose stepbrother, George Counts, was among the people killed by Renfro and who watched the inmate die, told about a dozen media people. "I can't forgive him. The electric chair would have been nice."

On Aug. 25, 1996, after taking what he told authorities were 70 doses of the tranquilizer Valium along with liquor, Renfro put on camouflage clothing, blackened his face and armed himself with four guns, including a military assault rifle, and some 500 rounds of ammunition.

He shot and killed his live-in girlfriend, Rhena Fultner, 36, then an aunt who lived with them, Rose Rutledge, 63. Then he went to the nearby trailer home of Counts, a 40-year-old acquaintance against whom he had a grudge, and fatally shot him, firing more than 150 rounds into Counts' mobile home.

When police responding to reports of gunfire arrived, he opened fire again, wounding Marshall Officer Dominic Pondant in the shoulder and turning his patrol car "into Swiss cheese," as authorities described it. Police exchanging fire were outgunned by Renfro's .45- and .50-caliber handguns and an AR-15 rifle.

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## A Demilitarized Palestinian State Should Israel, should the world, rely on it?

Even those most sanguine about the Oslo Accord, the understanding between Israel and the Palestinians, are agreed that the Palestinian entity to be formed will have to be demilitarized. A demilitarized Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") and Gaza Strip, it is believed, would obviate any military threat to the state of Israel.

### What are the facts?

**Israel threatened by enemies.** Israel is a very small country. Including the Golan and the "West Bank," it is only one-half the size of San Bernardino County in California. Israel has been in a "cold peace" with Egypt since 1978 and has now concluded a peace treaty with Jordan.

Other Arab states are still in a declared or undeclared state of war with Israel. Iran, Moslem though not Arab, is the most determined and deadly of them all. It lurks in the background, its foremost military and political objective being the destruction of the state of Israel.

The Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), with which the previous government of Israel has signed a "peace agreement," is a terror organization that has only one purpose: to kill Jews and to destroy the state of Israel. While the latter objective is beyond its reach, it has been most successful in the former. It seems almost incomprehensible that a group as supposedly level-headed as the previous government of Israel would have entered into a "peace agreement" with such an organization. Unfortunately, though not surprisingly, events since the famous "handshake" confirm such skepticism. Despite statements to the contrary, the PLO has still not complied with Israel's main requirement, namely that it forswear the clauses in its "covenant" that call for the destruction of Israel. Arafat and his lieutenants continue to make blood-curdling speeches to the Arab public, beyond

Western TV cameras, in which they re-assert their old goal of destroying Israel in "stages"—first by creating a Palestinian state to foment an allied all-out assault against the critically vulnerable Jewish state.

**The myth of demilitarization.** The assumption that "Palestine" would be demilitarized is not tenable. The Arab nations would not allow it, even if the Palestinians themselves so desired. Also, the Palestinian entity would have thousands of trained soldiers, camouflaged as police. They could be helicoptered in minutes to positions on the border with Israel, with armored forces from Syria reaching them within the same night. But such mobilization of the "demilitarized" Palestine wouldn't be required. The weapons of preference of Arab terrorists are the Soviet-made Katyushas, highly effective missiles, truck-mounted and mobile, ideal for hit-and-run raids against Israel. Israel could not prevent them from flooding Palestine. A look at the map makes clear that these rockets, short-range though they may be, would dominate the heartland of Israel. Easily moved and hidden along Israel's new eastern borders—to be increased from less than



A Palestinian state—demilitarized?

40 miles in length to over 200 miles—these Katyushah rockets would rain destruction over most of Israel. They would cover in their entirety Israel's narrow waist that holds 70% of the Jewish population of the country, 80% of its industrial base, its only international airport, and its most important military installations.

The Arabs living in Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") danced on the roofs of their homes when Iraqi Scud missiles fell on Tel Aviv during the Gulf War. Since the signing of the "peace agreement" they have continued to engage in terror and murder against the Jews. Only incurable optimists can believe that an "autonomous" Palestine would become a peaceful neighbor of Israel. If Israel ceded the Gaza Strip—the invasion route since before biblical times—and Judea/Samaria (the "West Bank") to its sworn enemies it would make the country indefensible and Israel would have laid the groundwork for its own destruction. Tanks, warplanes, and missiles would only be needed for the final mopping-up process. In the meantime, mortars and Katyushas located on the Judean ridges—Israel's proposed new borders—would suffice to paralyze life and industrial and military activity in Israel. But one can expect that the new leaders of Israel clearly understand this danger and that they will not make concessions that will endanger the security of their country.

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## OUR VIEWS

### HC hoops games Thursday night worth attending

Are you looking for something to do Thursday night? Something exciting, entertaining and inexpensive? Something for the entire family?

Well, we have a suggestion ...

Why not head out to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum for the men's and women's basketball games between Howard College and Midland College?

Not only are these teams natural and bitter rivals, three of the four are ranked nationally and three of the four lead the conference standings.

If you are looking for a one-word description of what to expect Thursday night, here it is ... WAR!

The No. 4-ranked Lady Hawks dropped a one-point, last-second decision to the Lady Chaparrals in the first game that night before Howard's men claimed a one-point win over the then-No. 4 ranked Chaparrals.

Since that time, Midland's women have climbed to No. 24 in the most recent national poll while the Chaps are No. 15.

And while Howard's men are unranked — the Hawks are also all alone atop the conference standings while the two women's teams share first place.

Do you need any additional incentives to go to the games?

Well, how about the fact Howard's women and Midland's men will be out for revenge ... how about the fact the No. 1 seeding from the conference to the Region V Tournament could be at stake.

Heck, how about the fact these are going to be two excellent games ... both hard-fought and featuring some of the best juco players in the country.

We hope you will join us at the games — and we look forward to seeing our friends from Forsan on "Forsan Night at Dorothy Garrett" as the Lady Hawks and Hawks pluck a few Chaparral tail feathers.

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### TO THE EDITOR:

Why must we consider spending millions of dollars on a new jail? Is it because young people are not taught right from wrong at an early age, or do we, through our actions, send the wrong messages? Why do we need a jail?

Voters rejected financing a new jail and a new junior high school a few years ago. The school was approved last year. We are being taxed almost beyond our ability to pay. But help came when we voted for the \$10,000 increase in our homestead exemption. Or did it? It seems to me that the only winners were the 65 and older seniors, schools lost.

Amendment No. 2 supposedly placed a maximum on the percentage our taxable property value can be increased. Before Nov. 4, our taxable property value was controlled by the local market value. Now ... the Legislature by general law may limit the maximum average overall annual percentage increase in the appraised value of residence homesteads for ad valorem tax purposes to 10 percent, or a greater percentage, for each year since the most recent tax appraisal. (A direct quote from Constitutional Amendment No. 2.)

A "discovered" surplus of over a billion dollars supposedly paid for the increased exemption. How can any one

overlook a billion dollar surplus? I have trouble finding a \$5 bill, and it certainly isn't surplus. Since no one knows where the tax money will be "found" in 1999, look for some new taxes to pay for the \$10,000 increase in your property tax exemption. It seems to me that financing schools deserves a new and better tax system.

ROY SIMMONS  
Big Spring

### TO THE EDITOR:

In 1949, a small detachment of the 103rd Naval Construction Battalion which was stationed on Guam was transferred to the Trust Territories on Turk in the western Caroline Islands.

This unit was assigned the task to rehabilitate the island power system on the Island of Moen.

One member of that unit had a last known address as follows: Ron E. Britton, 1606 Lancaster St., Big Spring.

We would very much like to locate Mr. Britton to inform him of our plans to hold our reunion in Abilene this coming September. Anyone knowing the whereabouts of Ron E. Britton is asked to contact me.

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# A closer look at Abraham Lincoln

One of the most distasteful things Congress has done is to commercialize holidays, lumping what used to be presidential birthday celebrations into one three-day weekend (it's always a Monday) called "Presidents Day."



Charley Reese  
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This was done at the instigation of the federal employee unions and the travel industry. It is an example of how commerce and politics are important to today's politicians but America's heritage is not.

The purpose of celebrating a great man's birthday is to provide an opportunity to think about and learn from his life. Feb. 12, for example, is the birthday of Abraham Lincoln.

Lincoln, because he was assassinated, has become mythologized. Nearly all of the books originally written by his contemporaries have been edit-

ed to exclude anything negative, or they have gone out of print.

That's too bad because the real Lincoln is far more interesting than the myth. In reading some of the old books, I discovered that Lincoln was quite different from the man I had imagined in my school days.

Lincoln, for example, was very disorganized. John Hay, one of his personal secretaries, wrote to Lincoln's former law partner, William Herndon, a description of Lincoln's habits in the White House:

"He was extremely unmethodical; it was a four year's struggle on Nicolay's (another secretary) part and mine to get him to adopt some systematic rules. He would break through every regulation as fast as it was made ... He wrote very few letters and did not read one in 50 that he received ... He read very little. He scarcely ever looked into a newspaper unless I called his attention to an article on some special subject. He frequently said, 'I know more about it than any of them.' It is absurd to call him a modest man ... It was his intellectual

arrogance and unconscious assumption of superiority that men like Chase and Sumner (cabinet officers) never could forgive."

Lincoln was also intensely ambitious and had engineered his own nomination. He was obsessed with staying in power and became greatly depressed when it seemed certain he would not win re-election. He did, but the election was crooked. Lincoln had assumed the powers of a dictator and caused the arrest of about 30,000 civilians and shut down about 300 newspapers — all in the North, of course.

He was not a Christian, in fact he was antagonistic toward Christianity, but he was a deist and was superstitious. He was also described as Machiavellian and "having a cunning that is genius."

Herndon says Lincoln never revealed himself completely to any man, never had a confidant and that even he, who worked with him for 20 years, did not completely understand him. Some of his contemporaries also described him as "cold and indifferent," not the tenderhearted man of legend.

Lincoln was also extremely vulgar and was apparently unrestrained by either presence or occasion. One contemporary Lincoln biographer wrote, "Men who knew him throughout all his professional and political life ... have said that he was the foulest in his jests and stories of any man in the country."

Another strange trait that turns up in these old books is Lincoln's passivity in certain circumstances. His wife was horrific, but Lincoln meekly accepted her tyranny and in Washington swallowed insults from his cabinet members that most men would have answered with gunfire.

Herndon says Lincoln stayed away from his home as much as possible and often would bring the boys to the law office, on Sunday morning where Lincoln would loll about on the couch while the boys destroyed the office. He said Lincoln never reprimanded them. He also said Lincoln often ignored them.

One more example of truth being stranger than fiction.  
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## Holiday X's and O's have no expiration

We always wore at least a touch of red to school on Valentine's Day. Not the boys, of course. That would have been a geeky thing for a boy to do.

But little girls went to a lot of trouble to hoist the color of love, to add rose to the institutional tableau of beige days and green walls.

In fourth grade the only red I could locate in my wardrobe was in a pair of knee socks. So I wore them.

This was America before Wal-Mart, before people had bought ready-made sweatshirts for each and every holiday. Back then we improvised.

I sometimes wonder where those boys and girls are today, the ones who year after year pushed sweet greetings into the slot on my valentine box. The box most always was gilded with glued grits and construction-paper hearts. I dripped decoration all the way to school, leaving a trail, the Gretel of grits.

The messages on the valentines inevitably were coordi-

nated with cartoonish animals, usually farm animals. Old McDonald had a real romantic streak.

There was a bee that wanted to buzzzzz around me. A duck I had QUACKED up. A fish that liked me one WHALE of a lot. A chicken that had PECKED me for his valentine. Love was a zoo.

Every now and again you got a teacher's card by mistake. CHALK up another valentine, Teacher.

There was a rule that you had to bring everyone a card, not just the classmates you most admired. Valentine's was an equal-opportunity holiday.

Even that bureaucratic botching of tender intent didn't ruin the thrill, however, not completely, not for girls. We could read romance into long division.

I saved my hearts from one year to the next and tried to find meaning in the size of the card the sender had selected, the slant of the signature, the animal in the message. I wrote long analyses of my valentine haul in a diary that locked with a tiny key.

So I wonder. Where is Dan Jones, the cute boy who phoned me one Saturday after my entire family had retired for the night?

Where is Steve Murphy, whose father owned the Pure station out on the Atlanta

Highway? Steve had a blond crew cut and had sleepy, long-lashed eyes and played football. He wore loafers without socks. He was cool.

Where is Becky Hubbert, the most artistic girl in grammar school, the perennial winner of the Valentine's Day box-decorating contest? She had black, black hair and the palest skin imaginable and an artist's unearthly demeanor.

And, for that matter, where is David Knapp, the kid the teachers loved to blame? For everything. If a jar of tempera spilled anywhere in North America, it was David's fault. If the orange juice count came out wrong, or somebody hiccuped during devotional you could bet David was the prime suspect.

I make my own valentines now. I sit down at the dining-room table with a glue stick and glitter and make a real kid's mess. I play a little Billie Holiday, something velvety and blue for mood music. I'm far too sophisticated to paste grits on a box, but the motivation is the same.

For I have to like a holiday that emphasizes romantic love and leaves alone, for a day, the soul-sapping emotional and familial obligations of, say, Christmas. I think I'll wear a pair of red socks this year.

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## Hawks alone atop WJCAC ranks after exacting revenge on NMMI

By STEVE REAGAN  
Staff Writer

ROSWELL, N.M. — Given a second chance, the Howard College Hawks gained a measure of revenge and reclaimed first place in their conference Monday night.

The Hawks were pushed to the limit by New Mexico Military Institute, but prevailed in overtime to take a 86-78 win in Western Junior College Athletic Conference action.

The victory, combined with Frank Phillips' victory over South Plains, allowed the Hawks (14-11 overall, 7-2 in WJCAC action) to regain sole possession of first place in the league standings.

But it was anything but easy. The Broncos, who fell to 8-15 overall and 3-6 in conference, almost took their second victory against Howard this

season — and they almost did it in identical fashion.

Last month, NMMI rallied from a 17-point deficit in the second half to take a one-point win over the Hawks in Big Spring. Monday, Howard again raced out to a comfortable second-half lead, only to watch the Broncos come racing back.

Trailing 48-35 with 16 minutes remaining, the Broncos switched to a 2-3 zone, trying to stop the Hawks' perimeter shooters. Howard struggled against the new defensive scheme, and NMMI rallied to tie the game at 52-all four minutes later.

"We didn't do a very good job against the zone," Howard head coach Tommy Collins said. "But what really killed us is that we did an absolutely terrible job rebounding. We just gave up too many points."

"We went through a stretch where we

played terribly," Collins said. "Then we went through a stretch where we played great."

Oh, that part. Unlike the last meeting between the two teams, Howard finally had an answer for NMMI's challenge. Early on, it came in the form of outside shooters Elmer Brown, who led all scorers with 25 points (21 from three-point range), freshman Lamont Roberts, who added 15 points, and Clifton Cook, who chipped in 12.

In the late stages of the game, however, Howard's inside men took center stage. Sophomore Nate Clover provided the points with 13, but freshmen Don Peace and Myron Brown were invaluable with timely rebounds and tip-ins.

Peace made the first major contribution, tipping in a missed Clover free-throw try with 90 seconds left in regu-

lation to give Howard a 68-67 lead. Defensively, he provided five rebounds in the final four minutes of play.

Brown, from Southfield, Mich., saved his heroics for the overtime period, twice grabbing offensive rebounds and converting to help Howard maintain its lead.

In overtime, all the missed chances and botched leads meant little to the Hawks, who grabbed the lead for good on a three-pointer by Roberts with 3:32 remaining. Myron Brown chipped in six points in the extra period, and the Hawks were able to win going away.

"Elmer had a good game, and Lamont played well, also, which was good to see," Collins said. "The freshmen's contributions took heat off of our sophomores ... Up until now, I think they were trying to do too much."

The victory, coming on the heels of a devastating five-point loss to Odessa

College, was just the medicine the Hawks needed.

"The loss to Odessa was kind of a downer," Elmer Brown said. "But we're just going to try to keep our focus and hold on to that No. 1 spot in the conference."

The Hawks return to action Thursday night at home when they host Midland College. Game time at Garrett Coliseum is 8 p.m.

### HOWARD COLLEGE 86, NMMI 78

HOWARD — Clifton Cook 4-11 12; Lamont Roberts 6-0-15; Elmer Brown 9-1-25; Don Peace 4-0-8; Nate Clover 5-3-13; Alex Danson 1-0-2; Myron Brown 5-1-2-11; totals 34-8-19-86.

NMMI — Bernard Rock 7-5-21; Bryan Hardy 2-3-7; Terrance Easley 5-0-12; Larry Davis 7-0-15; Jorge Ontiveros 3-0-6; LeMarcus Spillers 2-2-4; Aaron White 3-3-9; totals 29-13-16-78.

Halftime — Howard 37, NMMI 29; Regulation — Howard 69, NMMI 57; Three-point goals — Howard 10 (Roberts 3, E. Brown 7), NMMI 5 (Rock 2, Easley 2, Davis); Total fouls — Howard 16, NMMI 16; Fouled out — none.

## Sweetwater takes 4-4A girls' title

By JOHN A. MOSELEY  
Sports Editor

Sweetwater's Lady Mustangs and stellar junior post Vanessa Lehrmann seemed practically unstoppable Monday as they took the District 4-4A girls' basketball championship with a 48-38 playoff win over Andrews' Lady Mustangs in Big Spring's Steer Gym.

The only thing that did slow down Sweetwater's onslaught, in fact, was coach T.E. Carmichael's decision to take the air out of the ball in the second and fourth quarters, a tactic that allowed Andrews to trim a 17-point lead to nine at halftime and late in the game.

"We got a little too conservative there in the second half ... that was my fault," admitted Carmichael. "We had the momentum and were on a roll. We slowed it down and were probably too conservative defensively as well. That allowed (Tammi) Sutton to really take it to us."

Sutton, Andrews' senior point guard, was her team's only real weapon, continually driving through the Sweetwater defense for layups and short jumpers that produced 20 points.

But the night truly belonged to Lehrmann who, despite double coverage that did its best to deny her the ball, scored a game-high 24 points. It would be Sweetwater's only double-digit performance.

While it was clear that Sweetwater's plan was to work the ball into Lehrmann at the low post, she downplayed her offensive accomplishments, attributing her team's success to its overall defensive play.

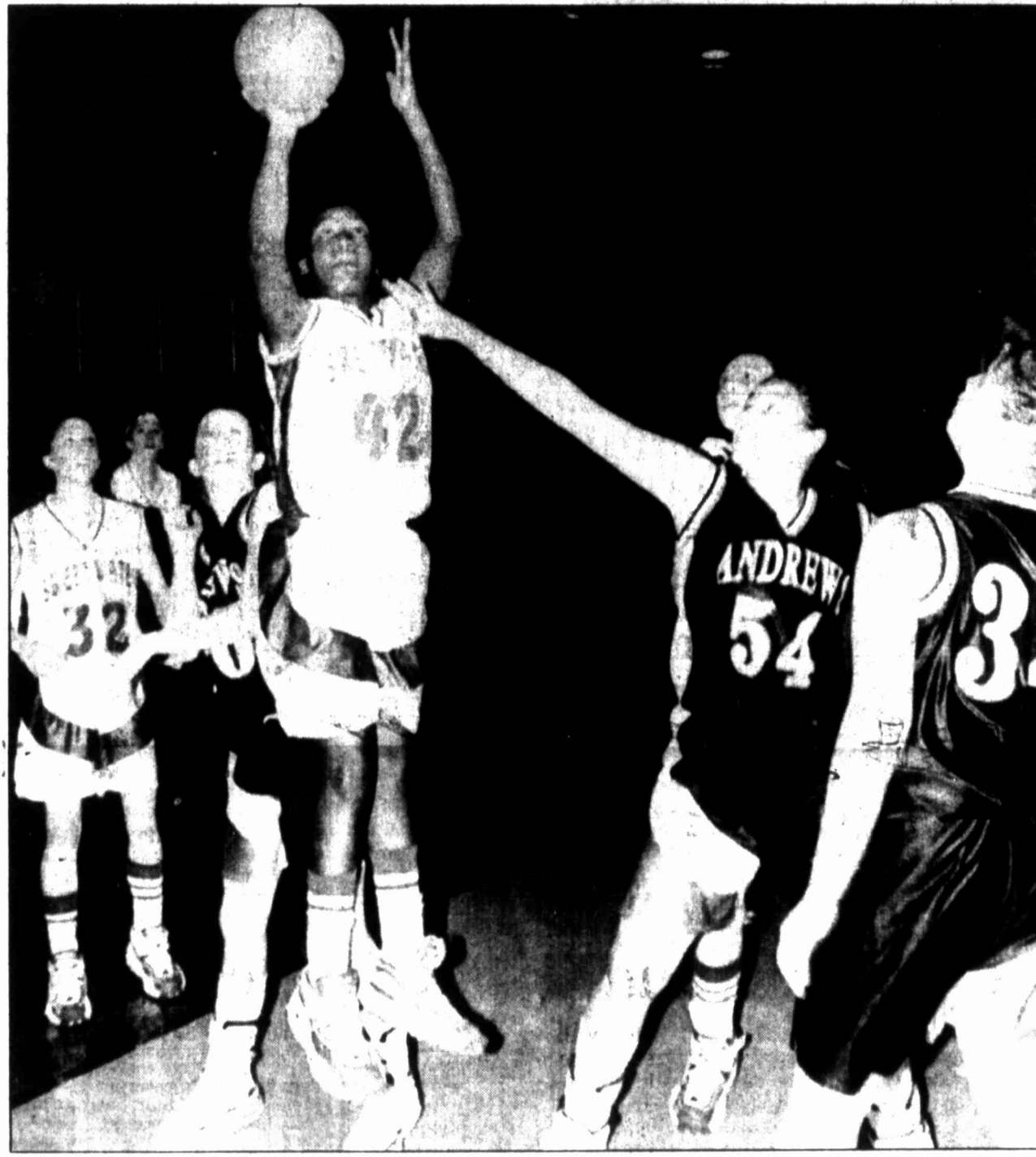
"I think we really stepped up our defense tonight," she said, adding that she'd struggled offensively through much of the 4-4A schedule. "It's really been our whole team that's made this possible. If I've been down, somebody else has stepped up. Tonight, everybody stepped it up a little."

Carmichael, however, made his opinion of Lehrmann's play clear.

"Vanessa had a tremendous night," he said. "She put the ball in the air 20 times ... hit 10-of-16 from the field and 4-for-4 at the free throw line. It was just a tremendous performance. I'm biased, of course, but I think she's the best player in the district."

Lehrmann said two other factors figured in the intensity she and her teammates brought to the playoff — finally bringing Big Spring's string of six straight 4-4A titles and providing Carmichael his first ever 28-win season.

"This was the goal we've had



Sweetwater's Lu Washington (42) scores from close range as Andrews' Kayla Kimberlin (54) and Holly Fields (34) arrive too late to prevent the score during the third quarter of Monday's District 4-4A girls' championship playoff game at Steer Gym. Sweetwater took a 48-38 win.

since I was a freshman," she explained. "Nobody but Big Spring has won it since 1991, and Coach Carmichael told us he'd never had a team that won more than 27 games, so we were really focused."

The game's outcome was in doubt for only three minutes. During that span, it seemed as if it would be a scoring duel between Lehrmann and Sutton. Sweetwater struck first and would never relinquish the lead as Lehrmann scored seven of her team's first eight points, while Sutton answered with five of Andrews' first seven.

However, after Sutton pulled up in the lane for a short jumper at the 4:47 mark, Andrews would not score again until almost a minute had elapsed in the second quarter. By that time, Sweetwater had scored nine unanswered points.

Neither team had much in the way of offense in the second quarter as Sweetwater slowed

its pace, concentrating on shutting down Andrews. A Sutton jumper at the 4:12 mark cut Sweetwater's lead to 21-16, but Andrews would not score again in the half.

If Andrews had been frustrated by the defensive straitjacket Sweetwater applied in the final four minutes of both opening stanzas, a true nightmare was waiting in the wings.

Andrews would score just two points in the third quarter, making Sweetwater's 10-point production seem daunting.

Trailing 35-18 with eight minutes left, Andrews did its best to rally, throwing up an aggressive full court press that seemed to startle Sweetwater.

Had Carmichael not instructed his team to take as much time as possible at the offensive end of the court, there's little doubt Lehrmann could have scored at will.

Instead, Sweetwater lost momentum and Andrews pres-

sure helped ignite a brief flurry of offensive intensity.

Sweetwater's lead was too big, however, and once Andrews was forced to foul in an attempt to get the ball back, guard Lisa Rannefeld led the way to the championship with 7-of-8 shooting from the line.

Sweetwater, now 28-5, draws a first-round playoff bye.

Andrews, 22-7, will take on El Paso Riverside in a bi-district playoff doubleheader Friday in Alpine. The second game, times have yet to be determined, will see Big Spring's Lady Steers facing El Paso Parkland.

**Sweetwater 48, Andrews 38**  
ANDREWS — Tammi Sutton 9-0-24-20, Erin Graham 1-0-0-2, Korrie McKinney 1-0-0-2, Holly Fields 1-0-2-4, Heather Guiley 0-0-0-0, Gina Esquivel 0-1-0-3, Kayla Kimberlin 3-0-1-2. Totals 15-1-5-38.  
SWEETWATER — Vanessa Lehrmann 10-0-4-24, Lindsay Lepard 2-1-2-9, Kori Clemens 0-0-0-0, Lisa Rannefeld 0-0-7-8, Lu Washington 2-0-4-8. Totals 14-1-17-48.  
Score by Quarters:  
ANDREWS 17 8 10 13-48  
SWEETWATER 17 8 10 13-48  
3-point goals: Andrews 1 (Esquivel), Sweetwater 1 (Lepard); Fouled out: None; Records: Sweetwater is 28-5, Andrews is 22-7.

## Slow start doesn't deter Lady Hawks from 79-54 victory

By JOHN H. WALKER  
Managing Editor

SNYDER — It took 10 minutes Monday night for Howard College's Lady Hawks to shake what looked to be a case of the doldrums, the Western Texas Lady Westerners and an abundance of fouls and turnovers before cruising to a 79-54 Western Junior College Athletic Conference win.

The victory leaves the Lady Hawks (24-1, 8-1) tied with Midland College (19-6, 8-1) atop conference standings. The two teams, ranked No. 4 and No. 24, meet Thursday at 6 in Dorothy Garrett Coliseum.

"The first five minutes of each half is very important in regards to setting the tone for the entire game and going from there," Howard Head Coach Matt Corkery said.

At that point in the first half, Howard held an 8-6 lead and both teams had been whistled for three personal fouls.

Five minutes later, the Lady Hawks were up 16-13 on an inside basket by freshman reserve Jovanae St. Cyr — her second within a minute after breaking nearly a three minute scoring drought for her team at the 11:05 mark.

Howard, as it has done all season, then sprinted to a 10-1 run and a 26-14 lead with 6:38 left in the half when Karlita Washington hit a pair of free throws.

The Lady Hawks went on to lead by as many as 18 points — and held a 40-24 advantage at the intermission — but had to weather what seemed to be a parade of Western shooters to the free throw line.

At one point during the first half, Howard had been called for 11 fouls to just three for WTC as the Westerners shot 10 free throws to four for Howard.

Corkery's "first five minutes" philosophy ambushed Western at the start of the second half, as Howard forced five turnovers on Western's first five possessions, converting them into eight points and a 22-point lead, 48-26 with 18:01 left in the game.

"When we did get a lead and get ahead some, it was the transition game that did it for us," Corkery pointed out.

And that was the case at the start of the second half, as Ricka McKee scored on a lay-in off of a Washington steal before Washington connected on a 3-pointer following a McKee steal.

Then, Latraica Spencer went back up with a missed shot and connected on a free throw after

WJCAC			
Women			
Team	Conf. W L	Season W L	Points
Howard	8-1	24-1	19.6
Midland	8-1	19-6	17.7
South Plains	7-2	17-7	15.4
Clarendon	6-3	15-4	10.9
New Mexico	4-5	10-9	8.14
Odessa	1-8	5-15	5.15
Frank Phillips	1-8	6-18	
Western Texas	1-8	6-18	

Men			
Team	Conf. W L	Season W L	Points
Howard	7-2	14-11	15.10
Midland	6-3	20-3	14.9
South Plains	6-3	15-10	11.11
New Mexico	5-4	11-13	8.14
Odessa	4-5	11-13	9.10
Frank Phillips	4-5	8-14	
NMMI	4-5	8-14	
Clarendon	1-8	9-10	

**Monday's Results**  
Howard 86, New Mexico Military 78, OT; Midland 78, New Mexico JC 72; Frank Phillips 82, South Plains 76; Odessa 89, Clarendon 59.

**Thursday's Game**  
Midland at Howard, Odessa at Frank Phillips, Western Texas at Clarendon, New Mexico JC at South Plains.

a Jeanine Horton steal had placed the ball back in Howard's hands.

Corkery said Western's defense, which forced mostly a half-court game, set the tempo. "It was mostly a half-court game with a lot of set defenses," he explained. "We didn't score that well against their zone."

Washington led all scorers for Howard with 17 points, while Shawnta Johnson added 12 and McKee 10. All 10 Lady Hawks played and scored in the win.

Kristy Wells and Pamela Odhuougo led Western with 12 points each, followed by Lacedra Miller with 11.

Howard out-rebounded Western 47-32 and forced 48 turnovers — while committing 35 of their own. The Lady Hawks also managed 19 steals to four for Western and registered six blocked shots.

Howard scored 30 points off of turnovers and got 27 points from its bench.

**HOWARD 79, WESTERN TEXAS 54**  
HOWARD — Ricka McKee 5-0-0-10, Kamillah Ward 1-0-3-5, Shawnta Johnson 5-0-2-12, Karlita Washington 6-1-2-17, Latraica Spencer 3-0-1-7, TOTALS 33-1-0-12-79.  
WESTERN — Lacedra Miller 1-1-6-11, Latasha Vizcarrondo 1-1-3-8, Kristy Wells 4-1-2-12, Jennifer Shuttlesworth 0-1-0-3, Celestine Otuoro 3-0-3-6, Pamela Odhuougo 4-0-4-12, Mary Killbwa 0-0-2-2. TOTALS 13-4-16-23-59.  
HALFTIME — HC 40, WTC 24. TOTAL FOULS — HC 21, WTC 18. FOULED OUT — HC (McKee), WTC (Wells). REBOUNDS — HC 47, WTC 32. TURNSOVERS — HC 35, WTC 48. STEALS — HC 19, WTC 4. BLOCKS — HC 6, WTC 0. A — 83.

## Snow slows Maier, sends U.S. snowboarders tumbling down slopes

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

NAGANO, Japan — It was too much even for the Herminator.

Heavy snows wreaked havoc with the Olympics once again today, sending snowboarders skidding sideways down hills and slowing skiers who managed to get on the slopes. Another race was postponed, while some who did compete were left wondering why.

"It was chaos," said Austria's Hermann Maier, aka "The Herminator," who nearly fell before finishing a disappointing eighth in the slalom portion of the men's combined. "It was too difficult. I've never seen

anything like it." It was hard to tell who was more upset as the Olympics were enveloped for yet another day in a deep blanket of white: Those who got to play in the 2 feet of new snow or those who didn't.

"You want snow because it's a winter event, but it's like, 'We've got enough now, thank you,'" U.S. skier Picabo Street said after postponement of the women's super-G left her with little to do other than watch flakes the size of 5-yen coins fall around her.

Indoors it was a different story as the games moved along crisply, with medals at stake in speedskating and pairs figure skating. Russia's Artur

Dmitriev and Oksana Kazakova led going into tonight's free skating, and Americans Kyoko Ina and Jason Dungjen were fourth two spots ahead of the other U.S. team, Jenni Meno and Todd Sand.

While skiers were frustrated by a third day of heavy snowfalls, the high hopes of U.S. women snowboarders were shattered as, one after another, they tumbled down the slopes in the first round of the giant slalom.

The four boarders blamed "death cookies" — ice chunks mixed with powder snow — and questioned whether the race should have even been run under the conditions.

"It's a terrible showcase for the sport," snowboarder Lisa Kosglow said. "The women are not this bad."

So far, terrible has been the operative word for the U.S. in the Olympics. While Russian cross country skier Larissa Lazutina gave her country its 100th gold medal by winning the women's 5K classical, U.S. athletes are still looking for a medal of any kind.

MEN'S COMBINED SLALOM: It wasn't only the U.S. women snowboarders who couldn't keep upright. All three American skiers failed to finish their two runs. Matt Grosjean of Aliso Viejo, Calif., was third after the first run, but buried his head in his

hands after missing a gate. Austria's Mario Reiter was the leader after the first part of the combined, followed by Lasse Kjus of Norway and Andrzej Bachleda of Poland.

SPEEDSKATING: Before the Olympics, Casey FitzRandolph would have been an unlikely pick as the first U.S. medalist. But FitzRandolph, of Verona, Wis., stood third after the first leg of the men's 500 meters. FitzRandolph, who has had trouble adapting to the new clap skates, used a blistering start to set an Olympic record, only to see world record-holder Hiroyasu Shimizu of Japan and Kevin Overland of Canada break the mark.



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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)**  
Manage finances in a stronger, more efficient manner. Go within, and plan to cut ties, resolve problems and recycle events that began about 11 years ago. Your vision of what could be can manifest itself. You are in a preparation phase. Tonight: At a favorite spot!

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20)**  
You are pulled in two different directions. Balancing the pros and cons keeps you busy and overwhelmed. Ultimately, you're doing a juggling act and might not be comfortable with choices. Trust, and let go of worry. Tonight: Being naughty and oh, so nice!

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20)**  
When talks get confusing, consider heading for the hills! Phones ring off the hook, and doorbells chime. Messages come from everywhere! Trying to keep to a schedule is close to impossible. Laugh, and flow with it. Tonight: Very happy to run away.

**CANCER (June 21-July 22)**  
Money pressure has you frazzled; you wonder what you are going to do. What is certain is that you cannot make a decision right now. Stay in touch with long-term goals and desires, yet don't push. Communications are essential to finding answers. Tonight: Relaxing talk.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)**  
Others see you as powerful, strong and full of animal magnetism. You will be challenged, but there is nothing that indicates you can't have what you want. Your optimism impresses others. Think in terms of making money. Tonight: Buy something you love.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)**  
Take a back seat, and don't react, though you will want to scream and toss your hands up in the air! Listen to your intuition, and try not to act or react in haste. If you need to, meditate; there is no time like the present. Tonight: Feeling more like yourself every minute!

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)**  
Pressure is high to perform. Others expect much, and you feel pulled in different directions. You won't confront, but you will juggle. Keep your priorities in mind; don't change them. Slow down. Be less available in the afternoon. Tonight: Disappear behind a locked door.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)**  
You are in the limelight, and others spin you in many directions.

**Public Notice**  
RESIDENTIAL HOME OWNERS - HOMESTEAD EXEMPTION  
I. All residential homeowners who acquired their home in 1997, must file an exemption form with the Appraisal District to be granted the exemption for 1998, even if they purchased a home with a homestead exemption from the previous owner.

II. If neither spouse is receiving an over-65 exemption and either spouse turned 65 years of age during 1997, you can qualify for the over-65 exemption, BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District. A person over 65 years of age may transfer their homestead exemption when he moves to another homestead.

III. If neither spouse is receiving an exemption for FICA disability and either spouse became disabled before midnight January 1, 1998 you can qualify for a disability homestead exemption BUT YOU MUST APPLY with the Appraisal District.

IV. All residential homeowners who received an exemption, homestead, over-65 or disabled, for 1997 the District will carry the exemption forward without application. You need only apply if you fall in one of the above 3 categories.

Keith Tompkins, Chief Appraiser, Howard County Appraisal District, 1716 January 23 & February 10 & March 18, 1998

**Public Notice**  
HOWARD COUNTY APPRAISAL DISTRICT  
1998 EXEMPTIONS AND VALUATION APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS  
DISABLED VETERANS AND THEIR SURVIVORS  
If the veteran's percent of disability has changed, he needs to reapply. Also, the surviving spouse of a veteran who died in 1997, has to reapply to be eligible for the exemption.

**AGRICULTURAL LAND OWNERS**  
Property owners who have applied under articles VIII 1-D or VIII 1-D-1 (Texas Constitution) for ag-use valuation in 1997 or prior years need not re-apply. If the use of all or part of qualifying land changes to a non-qualifying use, the property owners must notify the Chief Appraiser in writing before April 1, 1998.

**PERSONS, CORPORATIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS**  
Having one or more of the following exemptions must apply for the exemption annually:  
1. Solar and wind powered energy devices exemption  
2. Cemetery exemption  
3. Historic site exemption  
4. Miscellaneous (under Sec. 11-23 State Comptroller's Tax Code)

Forms are available at Howard County Appraisal Dist. Howard County Courthouse Annex, 315 Main Street, P.O. Box 1151, Big Spring, Tx 79721-1151. Big Spring, Tx 79721-1151. Phone (915) 263-8301. 1714 January 23 & February 10, 1998

**HOROSCOPE**

**Tonight:** Escape to the movies.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)**  
Dedication is key with friends and associates. Messages aren't clear, and frenzy is in the air. Your ability to absorb many facts simultaneously is helpful. A financial opportunity knocks on your door. Use discretion regarding much you put in the kitty. Tonight: Time out.

**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)**  
There are days and times when you are better off pulling back and relaxing. You might be overwhelmed by what is going on. Take a walk, make plans for the gym or find a corner for meditation. Let your nerves decide your pace. Tonight: Someone tries to lure and coax you.

**BORN TODAY**  
Chef Paul Bocuse (1926), actor Leslie Nielsen (1922), author Sidney Sheldon (1917)  
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**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)**  
It is important to say no when there is too much on your plate. Practice it today. You are overwhelmed by calls, messages and plans. Don't get scattered. Handle one item at a time. Take a strong hand at work; others depend on it, and you need the clarity. Tonight: In the spotlight.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)**  
Be careful with finances. Sometimes, too much is enough. You are overwhelmed, and feel out of control. A partner makes demands left and right. Recognize restrictions and needs; initiate key discussions. Look at the future.

**Forgiveness is divine idea during week of reflection**

DEAR ABBY: I love reading your column. A couple of years ago, I read a piece on forgiveness and realized that, like many other people, I don't know how to forgive or ask for forgiveness. Your column helped.

DEAR ABBY: I am sending you a poem I wrote in 1962 when our twins were born. I thought that since you are a twin, you would appreciate it. - AL WILLIS, ARLINGTON, TEXAS

DEAR AL: You thought right. I'm printing your poem to be enjoyed by those readers who were also blessed with "double trouble." (Please forgive me, but I can't help but brag that my wonderful son, Edward Jay, and his lovely wife, Leslye, blessed our family with "double trouble" in 1994, a boy and a girl - the twins are named J.J. and Hutton.)

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**TWINS ARE DOUBLE TROUBLE**  
by Al Willis  
Twins are double trouble. They cry, they smash, they tear. They break and spill and bite and scratch. And pull each other's hair. They practice art upon the walls. And yank electric plugs. And cookies, milk and something else. They drive their mother crazy. Their father is berserk, He's glad when Monday comes around, So he can go to work. The diaper pails are filled again; The laundry tub's piled high. The doctor bills (and others, too) Are mounting to the sky. So if you have a single child As placid as a dove, Contain your envy, if you can; We have a double love.

DEAR ABBY: The letter from Dr. Michael Gorbach with the Center for Pain Relief in Houston prompts this letter. It is not as simple as he makes it sound. Narcotics are not dangerous merely because they cause addictive behavior or dependence. Narcotics progressively weaken the brain physically by destroying sleep quality. Chronic pain patients are already sleep-deprived. That is why they require such large doses of narcotics to soothe. We must find ways to protect restorative healing sleep for our chronically ill. Poor sleep habits and sleep impairment are major public health problems in our nation. Sleep deprivation causes learning disorders, disease, substance abuse, suicide, violence, and industrial and motor vehicle accidents. We cannot casually use medications that continue to destroy sleep quality. - EDWARD S. FRIEDRICHS, M.D., BROWN DEER, WIS.

DEAR DR. FRIEDRICHS: Most chronic pain patients suffer sleep deprivation due to pain, and pain medication makes a positive impact on their lives by allowing them to sleep more comfortably. The message in Dr. Gorbach's letter was that narcotic pain medication, when administered properly, is restorative rather than addictive. Please read on for another letter from a fellow physician:

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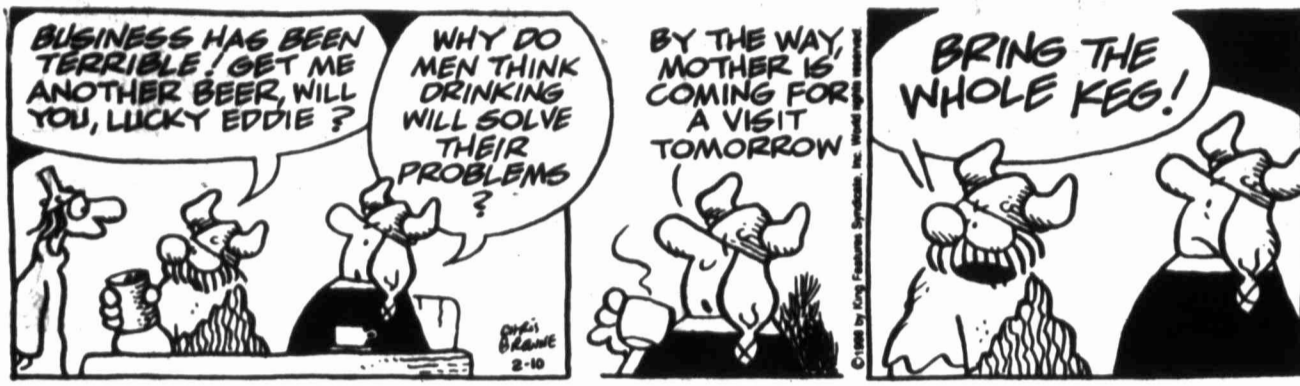
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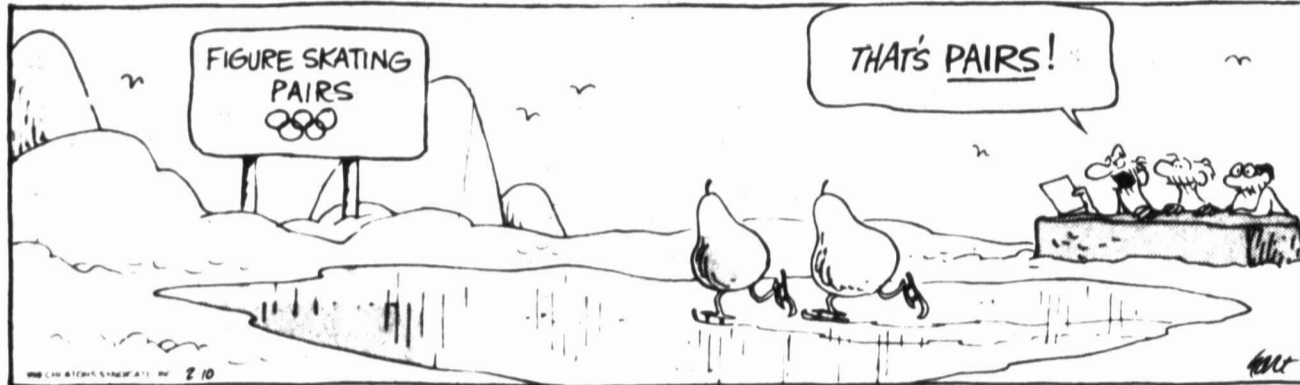


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8:30	Home Imp. Grace Under	News (CC)	Diagnosis Murder (CC)	Games (CC)	Home Imp. Grace Under	Fraser (CC)	Intruder	Alguna Vez	(CC) The Rescuers	Prime Time Country (CC)	Tracy Byrd: Big Love	(CC) Movie: The Ref	Best of Autopsy (CC)	News Life in Word	Breakout	Superior	Superior	New Jersey Nets	FOX Sports	Basketball	Black Exp. Hollywood	Comicview
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12:30	Navy Ways	Martin (CC)	Paid Program	Olympic Winter Games	News	News	Night (CC)	Fire and Rain	Club America	Movie: The Ugly Dach-	Prime Time Country (CC)	Condition Red	(45) Movie: Light of the Southwest	American Justice	New Detectives	(12:05) Movie: Last Word	NHL Shots	Amer's Horse	NBA Today	Way Out		

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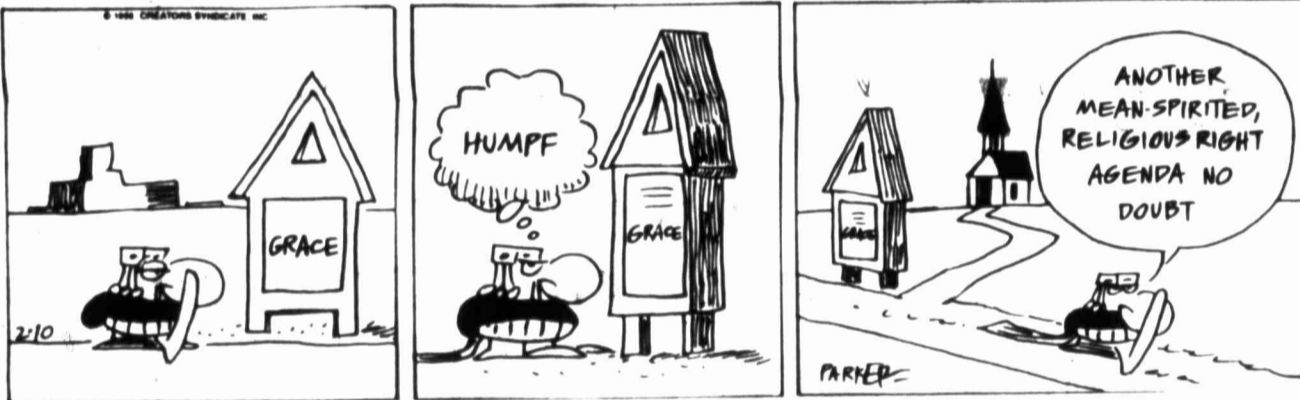
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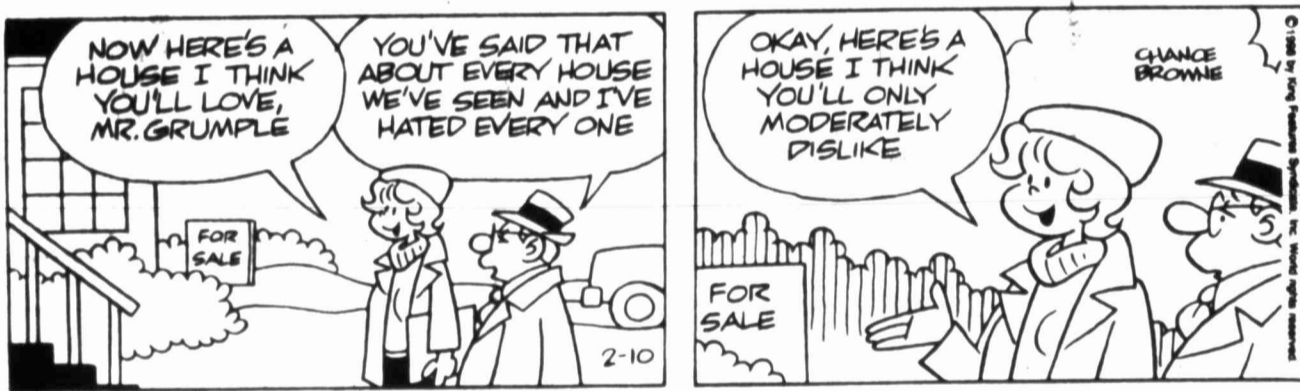
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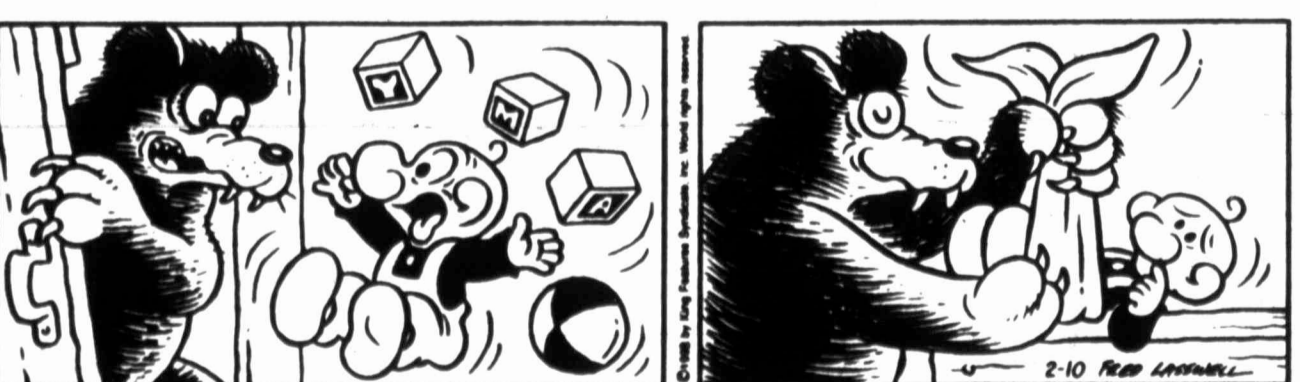
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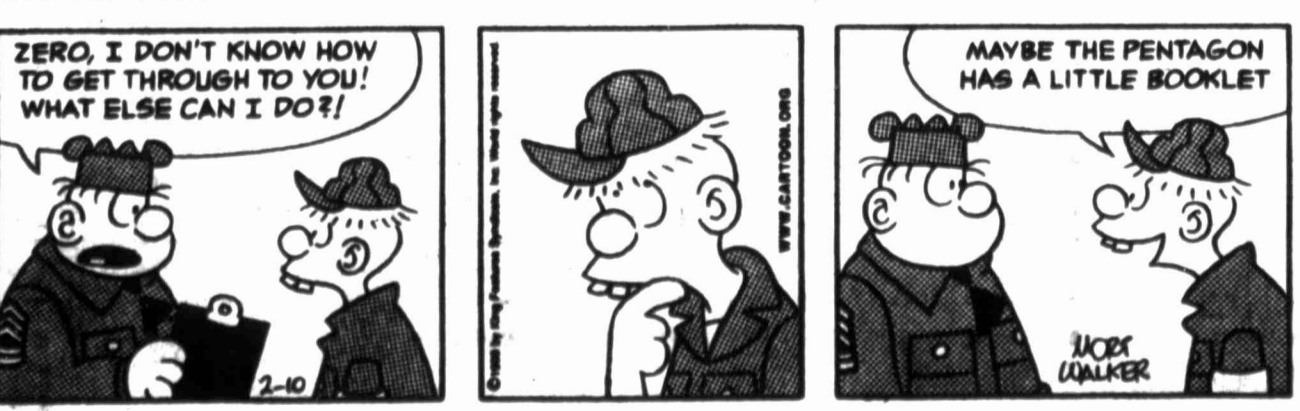
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THIS DATE IN HISTORY

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Today is "Tuesday, Feb. 10, the

41st day of 1998. There are 324 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 10, 1967, the 25th Amendment to the Constitution, dealing with presidential disability and succession, went into effect.

On this date:

In 1763, France ceded Canada to England under the Treaty of Paris, which ended the French and Indian War.

In 1840, Britain's Queen Victoria married Prince Albert of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha.

In 1846, members of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, the Mormons, began an exodus to the west from Illinois.

In 1933, the first singing telegram was introduced by the Postal Telegram Company in New York.

In 1942, the former French liner Normandie capsized in New York Harbor a day after it caught fire while being refitted for the U.S. Navy.

In 1949, Arthur Miller's play "Death of a Salesman" opened at Broadway's Morosco Theater.

In 1962, the Soviet Union exchanged captured American U2 pilot Francis Gary Powers for Rudolph Ivanovich Abel, a Soviet spy held by the United States.

In 1968, Peggy Fleming of the United States won the gold medal in women's figure skating at the Winter Olympic Games in Grenoble, France.

In 1981, eight people were killed, 198 injured, when fire broke out at the Las Vegas Hilton hotel-casino.

In 1992, boxer Mike Tyson was convicted in Indianapolis of raping Desiree Washington, a Miss Black America contestant.

In 1992, "Roots" author Alex Haley died in Seattle at age 70.

Ten years ago: A three-judge panel of the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals in San Francisco struck down the Army's ban on homosexuals, saying gays were entitled to the same protection against discrimination as racial minorities. However, the ruling was later set aside by the full appeals court.

Five years ago: The Clinton administration said U.S. troops could be sent to enforce peace in former Yugoslavia provided warring factions there negotiated a settlement.

One year ago: A civil jury heaped \$25 million in punitive damages on O.J. Simpson for the slayings of his ex-wife and her friend, on top of \$8.5 million in compensatory damages awarded earlier. The Army suspended its top-ranking enlisted soldier, Army Sgt. Major Gene McKinney, following sexual misconduct allegations.

Today's Birthdays: Opera singer Leontyne Price is 71. Actor Robert Wagner is 68. Mississippi Gov. Kirk Fordice is 64. Singer Roberta Flack is 59. Singer Jimmy Merchant (Frankie Lyman and the Teenagers) is 58. Olympic gold-medal swimmer Mark Spitz is 48. Actress Kathleen Beller is 43.

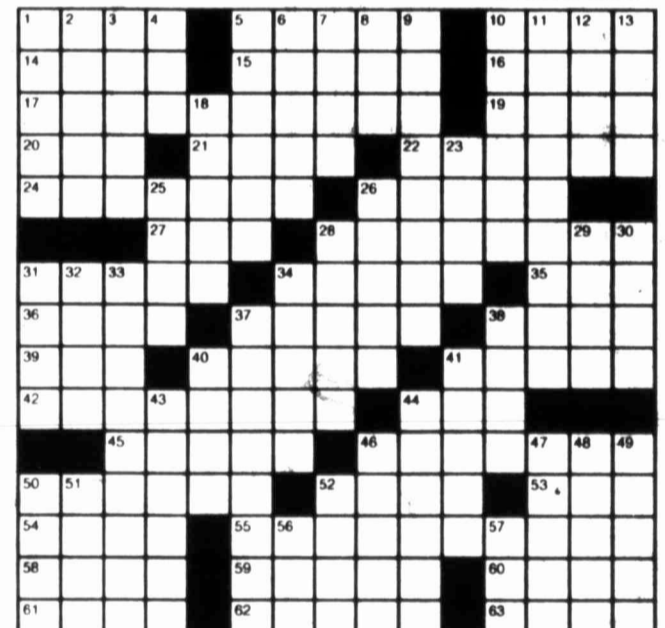
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- 5 Coffee enhancement
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- 14 Wallace and Whitney
- 15 Cuban dance
- 16 Author of "Nana"
- 17 Work out at the gym
- 19 On vacation
- 20 Mass. cape
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- 42 NYC street
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- 60 Bread spread
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- 63 Belgian river

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- 25 Swerve
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- 30 College bigwig
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- 32 Jewish month
- 33 Work out on the track
- 34 Soft drinks
- 37 Villagers
- 38 Solemn vow
- 40 Bank letters
- 41 To the point
- 43 Gets up
- 44 Pop Art master
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- 48 Tyrant flycatcher
- 49 Spanish man
- 50 Alan or Diane
- 51 Melville's "Type" sequel
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- 56 Mouths
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