

Most WJCAC community colleges report enrollment growth

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Judging from area junior college enrollment reports, students are looking for cheaper, more job-oriented educations.

More students are taking college-level courses in high school, and many are turning to occupational or vocational certificate programs. Companies also are requesting more on-the-job training classes for employees.

By offering more college-level courses in high schools, aggressive recruiting, workforce training programs, and student-friendly changes, most Western Junior College Athletic Conference schools have managed to boost enrollment over the past year.

Western Texas College at Snyder led the pack with a record 15 percent enrollment increase in one year.

"Most students want to come here now and we're very affordable," George Cormack, Dean of

Students said. Dorms and apartments were renovated while student services and staff facilities were moved to one location. Scholarships and preregistration also made it easier for students to enroll.

Dual enrollment programs at area high schools also account for the increase, he said. Like other colleges across the region, WTC has been responding to the demand for more college-level classes in high schools.

"It's a record enrollment for us," Elise Coombes, public relations director at Midland College said.

"We've worked really, really hard at recruiting and we're as student-friendly as possible," she said, explaining Midland's unprecedented 10 percent jump in attendance.

Concurrent enrollment courses at area high schools also account for Midland's success, she said.

Clarendon College attained its 9 percent increase through new programs in office and computer technology, and increased

WJCAC ENROLLMENT

Average enrollment figures for the nine member schools of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference for the 1996-97 and 1997-98 academic years, and the percentage of change:

School	'96-97	'97-98	Change
South Plains	5,756	6,263	+9%
Odessa College	4,832	4,970	+3%
Midland College	3,938	4,325	+10%
New Mexico JC	3,902	2,811	-3%
Howard College	2,073	2,147	+4%
Western Texas	1,066	1,221	+15%
Frank Phillips	975	1,062	+9%
Clarendon College	794	864	+9%
NMMI	435	435	none

high school course enrollment, the school's registrar confirmed.

Frank Phillips College in Borger had its highest enrollment in five years, Director of Public Relations Lesly Annen said. Concurrent high school

classes boosted numbers, along with an expanded industrial training courses.

An extra letter encouraging freshman applicants to attend is part of the 9 percent increase at South Plains College at Levelland, Registrar Andrea

Rangel said. More college-level classes are being attended at area high schools, she said.

On-site admissions at area high schools are part of Howard College's encouraging 4 percent rise, Vice-President for Institutional Advancement Linda Conway said.

New concurrent high school programs in Menard and Junction have boosted enrollment numbers have also played a role. Recruitment efforts were bumped up, she said. Last summer faculty members called local high school graduates to encourage them to attend.

Because Howard's enrollment figures reflect only traditional academic programs, it appears that attendance has dropped overall during the past five years.

"That's one of the fallacies," Conway said. "It looks like we've lost students over the past five or six years, but students are choosing to go into workforce education or the continuing education route."

The continuing education pro-

gram, whose numbers are not included in official enrollment figures, has grown from 493 to 1300 students since the fall of 1993, she noted.

"We are offering more classes at more locations and at more times," Odessa College spokeswoman Susan Hammons said, explaining Odessa's record enrollment.

"We expanded our concurrent enrollment program and revamped the diesel technology and legal assistance programs. We hope these areas continue to increase," she said. Odessa will also introduce a network technician program next year, she added.

No changes were reported at New Mexico Military Institute. New Mexico Junior College at Hobbs lost students this year.

"Employment is a heck of a factor with us," Dean of Admissions and Records Robert Snow said. "When people find jobs very readily we see enrollment drop." Employment was up this year, the dean said, triggering an enrollment drop.

Officials put stamp on vets' home deed transfer

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The deed to a tract of land south of the Big Spring State Hospital is on the books as belonging to the Texas Veterans Land Board (TVLB) and will soon be home to Big Spring's veterans home.

State Rep. David Counts, TVLB Executive Secretary David Gloier and several TVLB officials were in Big Spring Wednesday to sign the deeds officially transferring the land.

The land was originally owned by the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation (TXMHMR), but was sold to the Texas Permanent School Fund and then to Moore Development which in turn donated the land to the TVLB.

"This is a real big day for Howard County and Big Spring," Counts said. "This has been a story that has been talked about a lot. We started with a meeting in the boardroom of the Herald in January (1997). We had a need and we did a study."

"When we got to the legislature, committees in Big Spring were already hard at work as was the chamber of commerce, Moore Development and members of the business community," Counts added. "Once legislation passed, Moore stepped up and put together a fine package from which we were able to secure the West



HERALD photo/Linda Choate

From left, Bill Young, David Gloier, Frances Wheat and David Counts watch as Donna Wright enters the deed transferring a tract of land south of Big Spring State Hospital to the Texas Veterans Land Board. The land will be the site of the West Texas Veterans Home.

Texas site for a veterans home." It took some work, but TXMHMR was convinced that restrictions on the land the Big Spring home will be built on were not needed, according to Counts.

"There will be two of the four homes built this year," Counts

said. "Big Spring has tied every knot and now it's up to others." Requests for proposals (RFPs) for the homes were scheduled to be opened today, according to Counts and Gloier.

"We have a really good chance to be one of the first homes built because we have the land,

it's now deeded over and really does not need much work," Counts said.

"People should know we were able to do this without using any general revenue money," Gloier said. "I had to call David (Counts) in Austin for some help."

"As for the four homes to be built, we sent out an RFP for people to form a proposal to design, build and operate the homes," Gloier said. "Four of the five proposals we received are excellent. We'd like to have the same contractor build all four homes."

"The first two homes built will break ground on the same day and hopefully construction will begin sometime in May and hopefully construction will begin on the second two homes in October," Gloier added.

"This involves economic development, but this is for veterans," Counts said. "It's almost criminal that Texas is still one of nine states that do not have a veterans home. We are the second most populous state as far as veterans are concerned."

Officials involved with the homes hope to have a decision on a contractor by the first week in March, according to Gloier.

"It's easy to get things done when you can call your state representative and say 'I need this done,'" Gloier said. "Also, one of the reasons Big Spring was able to get the West Texas veterans home is because the state hospital has volunteered specific services for the facility."

According to Gloier, as far as site preparedness is concerned Floresville is the site nearest Big Spring in terms of being prepared followed by Bonham and Temple, which is the least prepared site.

'Nigerian Ripoff' making the rounds Letter scam reported in Big Spring area

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

Whether you refer to it as the "Nigerian Ripoff" or the Nigerian Letter," it has made its way to Big Spring and is one of the most common money scams around, according to Permian Basin Better Business Bureau President Dick Rowland.

The letter or solicitation in question was sent to the Carpet Center in Big Spring.

The very first line on the letter reads (in bold type): "Re: Transfer of U.S. \$14.5M (Fourteen million five hundred thousand United States dollars only) into your nominated account."

The letter goes on the say, "First, I must solicit your strictest confidence in this transaction, this is by virtue as being utterly confidential and top secret."

The author of the letter describes the organization as top officials of Nigeria's Federal Ministry of Works and members of an ad hoc committee set up by the federal government of review contracts awarded by the past military administration.

The letter claims the members of the committee are basically interested in the importation of goods into the county with a fund presently floating in the Central Bank of Nigeria — a fund which is the result of over-invoiced contracts which were executed for the Federal Ministry of Works during the last administration.

The solicitation claims wrongdoing by the previous

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Chamber of Commerce in healthy shape, president reports

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

The Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce is in sound financial shape and has a membership that is 449 members strong, according to Chamber President Ray Kennedy.

During Tuesday's monthly meeting of the chamber's board of directors, Kennedy said the chamber currently has about \$286,000 in the bank. Revenues for the chamber through Jan. 31 total \$54,539 and expenses are

just over \$13,000.

The important issue right now for the chamber is accreditation.

"We are in the process of getting committees together and setting dates for things we need to do," Kennedy said.

For the accreditation process six committees are being formed: organization, plant and equipment, staff, communications, program of action and finance.

"We are also working on our bylaws," Kennedy said. "We have some discrepancies and

some things that are outdated."

"By May 18, we hope to have reports from our accreditation committees and by June 15 we want to have submitted our report to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce," Kennedy added.

Being accredited by the U.S. Chamber is important for several reasons, according to Executive Vice President Terri Newton.

"The importance of accreditation is that we will be endorsed by the U.S. Chamber," Newton said.

"They have certain guidelines

we have to follow, which makes us a better chamber."

"Because of their guidelines, we know if we have the proper programs to help our local businesses," Newton added.

"It helps our businesses to know that someone's stamp of approval says we're doing things the right way."

Newton also updated the board on Moore Development For Big Spring Inc.'s status as a 4(a) taxing entity.

Moore's status means the funds it uses for projects are geared toward economic

improvement in the community, specifically new jobs.

New legislation makes it possible for 4(a) taxing entities to use their funds to participate in 4(b) projects, such as those that would enhance the quality of life, Newton said.

"Projects done under the 4(b) heading must be present to the voters for their approval," Newton said.

"It's important that voters know that the money used for these projects is simply being put to a different kind of use and is not new money."

Sue Partee declares for Howard College board of trustees

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Sue Partee, vice-president of Partee Enterprises and daughter of prominent Big Spring citizens Horace and Dorothy Garrett, filed for candidacy in the Howard College Board of Trustees race Wednesday.



PARTEE

"Education is the most important tool we can have," Partee said in her election kickoff announcement. "It is the cornerstone of all that we do."

Partee filed for the unexpired four-year term left vacant when Dr. P.W. Malone died earlier this year.

Partee, a native of Big Spring, attended Howard College from 1976 to 1977 and went on to attend Texas Tech University from 1977 to 1980.

"I want to make Big Spring the best it can be and help it grow in the future," she said.

"Howard College is important to the future of our community and should be utilized and expanded to make sure it can benefit every local citizen," she said.

Partee worked on site-based decision-making committees at Goliad Middle School, Runnels Junior High School, and Big Spring High School.

Through Partee Enterprises, she has worked in the areas of agriculture, ranching, oil and gas, retail sales and investments since 1980.

"My goals would be to expand

Howard College to include more of the community," she said. Partee said she would like to see more involvement from senior citizens and high school students.

"I would like to attract people back to the continuing education program," she said. "I'm a firm believer that you should always be trying to learn."

"There are lots of people who want to be retrained for new jobs, or learn new skills to find another job," she added.

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WEATHER

Tonight:



Fri:



Sat:



Sun:



Tonight, fair. Lows 30-35. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs 60-65. Friday night, increasing clouds. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Extended forecast, Saturday through Monday, Chance of showers over the weekend, dry Monday. Lows upper 30s to mid 40s. Highs mid 60s to lower 70s.

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OBITUARIES

Maria E. "Cuny" Moreno

Maria E. "Cuny" Moreno, 59, Big Spring, passed away at 1:28 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, at her home following a long illness.

Rosary will be 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 19, 1998, at Myers & Smith Chapel with Isamel Rubio officiating. Funeral mass will be 11 a.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with Rev. Cornelius Scanlan, pastor, officiating. Burial will follow in Mount Olive Memorial Park.

Maria was born on March 4, 1938, in Big Spring. She married Juan T. Moreno on April 21, 1958, in Big Spring. She was a lifetime resident of Big Spring and a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church.

Mrs. Moreno had worked a number of years at Ideal Laundry and Cleaners and later at Gregg St. Cleaners.

She is survived by her husband: Juan T. Moreno of Big Spring; three sons, Luis Moreno, Juan Moreno, Jr. both of Big Spring, and Ernesto Moreno of Dallas; one step-son, Hector Moreno of Frankfort, Ind.; four daughters, Marie Rodriguez of Big Spring, Yolanda Meek of Midland, Grace Moreno of Dallas, and Irma Garcia of Big Spring; six sisters, Sofia Calderon, Elidora Renteria, Clara Renteria, all of Big Spring, Juana Olivas of San Angelo, Lupe Gonzales and Rachel Gonzales, both of Big Spring; one brother, Feliciano Gonzales of Big Spring; 10 grandchildren. Alejandro Moreno, Crystal Rodriguez, Adam Garcia, Korina Patino, Valarie Moreno, Rita Moreno, Jessica Moreno, Candi Moreno, Hector Moreno, Jr., and Ariel Moreno.

Pallbearers will be Robert Gonzales, John DeLosSantos, Hijinio Moreno, Jr., Daniel Olivas, David Renteria, Arthur Gonzales, Alvaro Villapando and Humberto Olivas, Jr.

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

Paid obituary

Merle J. Stewart

Merle J. Stewart, 98, Big Spring, died on Tuesday, Feb. 17, 1998, in Palo Alto, Calif. Graveside service will be 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, 1998, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rev. David Robertson, retired Methodist minister, and Dr. Ed Williamson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, officiating.

He was born on Nov. 13, 1899, near Valparaiso, Ind., and married Elizabeth Stanford on June 21, 1947, in Big Spring. She preceded him in death on June 21, 1995.

He came to Big Spring around 1912 from Hagerman.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home

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

Merle J. Stewart, 98, died Tuesday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM Saturday at Trinity Memorial Park.

MYERS & SMITH FUNERAL HOME & CHAPEL

24th & Johnson 267-4288

Maria Moreno, 59, died Tuesday. Rosary will be 7:00 PM tonight at Myers & Smith Chapel. Funeral Mass will be 11:00AM Friday at Sacred Heart Catholic Church with burial in Mt. Olive Memorial Park.

Pearl Hayes, 82, died Wednesday. Service are pending.

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N.M. He was a certified public accountant and practiced approximately 50 years, mostly in Big Spring. He retired around 1975.

He was a member of First United Methodist Church in Big Spring and a longtime member of the Kiwanis Club. He was a longtime director of State National Bank of Big Spring.

Survivors include: one son, Stanford Stewart of Redwood City, Calif.; two grandsons, Auston J. Stewart and Allan P. Stewart, both of Redwood City, Calif.; and one sister, Laverne Yeatman of Coleman.

The family will be at 504 Washington Friday night and Saturday morning.

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

Paid obituary

Pearl Hayes

Service for Pearl Hayes, 82, Big Spring, is pending with Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

She died Wednesday, Feb. 18, 1998, at Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

Elmer Cleo Lowery

Graveside service for Elmer Cleo Lowery, 80, Welch, will be 4 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at Lamesa Memorial Park with Gerald Baldwin officiating.

Mr. Lowery died Wednesday, Feb. 18, at his residence.

He was born on Sept. 22, 1917, in Muleshoe. He farmed in Petit in Hockley County for 20 years, and moved to Welch in 1988.

Survivors include: one daughter, Ellen Bennett of Welch; two step-daughters, Shirley Kingsly of Dunnington, Calif., and Joy Avant of Big Spring; one step-son, Bennie Pennington of Welch; one sister, Alice Kelton of Muleshoe; 17 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Branon Funeral Home, Lamesa.

Chris M. Marquez

A prayer service for Chris M. Marquez, 27, San Angelo, will be 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 20, 1998, at Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel, San Angelo. Funeral service will be 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 21, in the Johnson's Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. James Mitchell officiating. Burial will be in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

Mr. Marquez died Wednesday, Feb. 18, in a San Angelo hospital.

He was born on March 3, 1970, in Big Spring, and had lived in San Angelo for five years. He was employed at Carlsbad State School as an active treatment provider, and was a member of Immanuel Baptist Church.

Survivors include: his wife, Linda Marquez of San Angelo; one son, Logan Marquez of San Angelo; his parents, Saul and Olga Marquez of San Angelo; one brother, Joseph Saul Marquez of San Angelo; two sisters, Crystal Nacole Marquez and Tyna Mejia, both of San Angelo; and his paternal grandparents, Thomas and Pilar Marquez and Luls and Virginia Mancha, all of Big Spring.

Arrangements under the direction of Johnson's Funeral Home, San Angelo.

SCAM

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administration and that its goal is to identify, scrutinize and recommend payment of all valid contracts.

According to Rowland, the catch in scams such as this is the following line, which appears in the letter to the Carpet Center, "The companies who executed the contracts have been duly paid. I have therefore been mandated as a matter of trust by my col-

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leagues on the panel to look for an overseas partner into whose account we could transfer the sum U.S. \$14.5 M (Fourteen million five hundred thousand U.S. dollars)."

"There are about a dozen different varieties of this letter out and about and we're familiar with them," Rowland said. "There are two ways to look at it. If it were legitimate (which it's not), it would be considered international money laundering."

"Second, this is really an attempt to get people's checking account numbers," Rowland added. "These people can take money out of an account real easy when they have the account numbers. I've never known anyone to get money put into their account."

About a year ago, several people in the northern U.S. were arrested by the FBI for supplying people like this with information such as mailing lists, according to Rowland.

"The Permian Basin is being hit harder than other areas for an area its size," Rowland said. "It's probably because were in an oil area."

"We are telling people to take these letters to the post office," Rowland added. "The problem we have is the we don't have diplomatic relations with Nigeria to be able to do anything about it. Whoever is doing this has to know people in the U.S. who are supplying them with information."

Rowland says he has received a similar letter addressed to him at the BBB office in Midland.

"These letters always go to businesses rather than individuals," Rowland said.

PARTEE

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Partee has served as a board member for the YMCA, the Heritage Museum, and the Big Spring Humane Society.

She has also volunteered for the United Way, St. Mary's School, the Boy Scouts, the Girl Scouts, Little League, the Big Spring Symphony Association, the American Cancer Society Relay for Life, the Salvation Army Christmas Angel Tree, and Christmas in April.

"I feel I could be an asset to the Board of Howard College because of my interest and experiences," she said. "Because of my varied business ventures, I believe I can help Howard College mesh classes that would benefit the businesses of Big Spring while improving the college and the community."

Partee and her husband, Stan Partee, have two children, Jordan and Mindy and belong to the First United Methodist Church where Sue Partee served as member of the Trustees.

Her father, Horace Garrett, served on the Howard College Board of Trustees from 1947 to 1967. Her mother, Dorothy Garrett, served on the board from 1967 to 1972.

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.

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come 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.

*Masonic Lodge No. 1340, 7:30 p.m., 2101 Lancaster. Call Ron Long, 267-8715.

*Rackley-Swords Chp. 379, Vietnam Veterans of America, 7 p.m., 124 Jonesboro Road.

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

FRIDAY

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

*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.

SATURDAY

*Candlelight NA meeting, 10 to 11:30 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church, 1001 Goliad.

BRIEFS

AMERICAN LEGION POST 506 is having a fish fry Saturday, Feb. 21, from noon to 4 p.m. at the American Legion building, 3203 W. Hwy 80. The cost is \$5 per plate and carry out available. Call 263-2084. Public welcome.

Fina sets merger agreement

by HERALD Staff Report

There are changes under way at Fina, Inc., but the local refinery probably will not show any sign of it, officials said today.

PetroFina, a Belgium-based company, announced Tuesday that it has entered into a merger agreement with Fina, Inc. PetroFina already owned 86 percent of Fina, so company officials said the change will be hardly noticed.

"This will be a cosmetic change in how our businesses will be run," said Carla Holmes, spokesperson for Fina in Dallas. She said the merger plan will not have a direct effect on employees, and there is no anticipation of changes at the Big Spring refinery.

"They have told us there will be no change in the operation of the facilities," said Phil Carruthers, Big Spring Fina Refinery manager. "We think it's really a positive overall."

Fina will retain its identity, and the company name will not change, Holmes said. The merger is expected to be complete in late June or July.

Current shareholders of Fina, Inc. will receive in exchange for each share they currently hold, \$60 and a warrant entitling the holder to purchase nine-tenths of one PetroFina American Depositary Share at the price of \$42.25. Those warrants will be good for up to five years from the date of the merger.

Texas Lottery

PICK 3: 7.0.6

LOTTO: 1,2,10,20,31,44

MARKETS

March cotton 64.10 cents, down 133 points; March crude 16.27, up 2 points; Cash hogs steady at 35; cash steers steady at 62; April lean hog futures 52.17, down 22 points; Feb. live cattle futures 63.72, down 50 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation. Noon quotes provided by Edward D. Jones & Co.

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Volume 176,661,000
ATT 63% -1/2
Amoco 84% -1
Atlantic Richfield 73% nc
Atmos Energy 28% nc
Calenergy Inc. 24% -1/2
Chevron 77% -1/2
Cifra 16% to 17
Compaq Computer 35% +1/2
Cornell Correc. 20% +1/2
De Beers 21% +1/2
Diagnostic Health 10% nc
DuPont 59% -1/2
Excel Comm. 16% +1/2
Exxon 63% +1/2
Fina 63% -1/2
Halliburton 45% -1/2
IBM 103% +1/2
Intel Corp 89% +1/2
Medical Alliance 3% nc
Mobil 70% -1/2
Norwest 39% +1/2
NUV 9% nc
Phillips Petroleum 46% -1/2
Palex Inc. 12% +1/2
Pepsi Cola 35% +1/2
Parallel Petroleum 6 -1/2
Rural/Metro 33% -1/2
Sears 55% -1/2
Southwestern Bell 76% -1/2
Sun 40% -1/2
Texaco 55% -1/2
Texas Instruments 55% -1/2
Texas Utils. Co 40% -1/2
Unocal Corp 36% -1/2
Wal-Mart 44% -1/2
Amcap 16.68-17.70
Euro Pacific 27.58-29.26
I.C.A. 29.72-31.53
New Perspective 20.73-21.99
Prime Rate 8.50%
Gold 297.80-298.30
Silver 6.57- 6.61

Wednesday

8:18 a.m. — 1200 block E. 16th, medical call, patient transferred to Scenic Mountain Medical Center.

3:09 p.m. — 3200 block Parkway, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

5:54 p.m. — 1700 block Lancaster, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

7:14 p.m. — 5700 block FM 23, medical call, patient transferred to SMMC.

9:06 p.m. — 2700 block Rebecca, trauma call, patient transferred to SMMC.

POLICE

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

*HASSON OVERTON, 40, was arrested for criminal trespass.

*BOYCE HORTON, 39, was arrested for no insurance.

*GABRIEL NIETO, 20, was arrested on local warrants.

*ADAM TORRES, 24, was arrested on local warrants.

*THEFT reported in the 300 block of Owens; the 400 block of Birdwell; and the 1200 block of Johnson and the 1200 block of E. 11th Pl.

*CRIMINAL MISCHIEF/VEHICLE reported in the 1200 block of Lindberg.

*BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE reported in the 1000 block of Birdwell.

*BURGLARY OF A HABITATION in the 500 block of Abrams.

*BURGLARY OF A BUILDING reported in the 1000 block of Scurry.

*CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING reported in the 1600 block of Lark.

*ASSAULT reported at the police station.

SHERIFF

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

*ROBERT KEITH OVERTURF, 45, was arrested for parole violation, possession of marijuana, driving while license suspended/invalid, escape from custody, off bond/driving while intoxicated, off bond/driving while license suspended, and capitas pro fine/driving while license suspended.

*RICKY DWAYNE HOWELL, 32, was arrested for aggravated sexual assault.

*LIONSO LEE JIMENEZ, 18, was arrested for escape.

RECORDS

Wednesday's high 64
Wednesday's low 36
Average high 60
Average low 31
Record high 87 in 1996
Record low 11 in 1936
Precip. Wednesday 0.00
Month to date 0.33
Month's normal 0.37
Year to date 1.84
Normal for the year 1.00

FIRE/EMS

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

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U.N. still searching for chief Iraqi weapons producer

MANAMA, Bahrain (AP) — Under pressure from the United Nations to disclose information about its weapons programs, Iraq identified an unassuming British-educated scientist as a driving force behind its production of biological weapons.

For years, Rihab Taha has met with U.N. inspectors monitoring the most feared and least understood of Iraq's weapons programs.

Under questioning, the normally mild Taha would explode into a rage, shouting and tossing chairs. Some U.N. inspectors came to see the outbursts as a staged tactic to disrupt questioning — and some even ended up doubting whether she was the real mastermind.

But whether she leads the program — or is a front for the real architects — Taha poses a problem for world powers that will endure beyond the resolution of the current crisis.

Even if Iraq submits to unrestricted U.N. weapons inspections, or U.S.-led air strikes succeed in taking out the program, the scientists who developed the weapons will still have the knowledge to rebuild the capability.

"It is the scientists who are the key to this," said Andrew Koch, an analyst at the Center for Defense Information in Washington. "As long as Iraq maintains the brainpower to do this ... over the long term you can't stop them."

Although U.N. inspectors still have questions about Iraq's efforts to build chemical weapons and long-range missiles, it is the biological weapons program that remains the most murky. Inspectors have said it is not clear whether Iraq has tried to grow toxins since they started monitoring in 1991.

It is partly by analyzing Taha's training and career that inspectors have pieced together some of what they know and suspect about Iraq's scientific brain trust.

Taha joined the staff at al-Muthanna, a weapons research center about 60 miles north of Baghdad, in 1985 shortly after she received her doctorate from

the University of East Anglia in Norwich.

Some U.N. officials have speculated that Baghdad may have recruited Western-educated Iraqi scientists for specific parts of the program, or may have sent students to the West to learn certain skills.

How Taha was tapped, or why, is unclear.

Iraq has told the U.N. inspectors that the head of al-Muthanna "received a telephone call from someone telling him that they had a brilliant Ph.D. ... and he hired her," according to one U.N. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Other experts, also speaking on condition of anonymity,

have questioned that account. They say she was not a particularly accomplished scientist when she joined the program.

How central her role became is still a question. U.N. inspectors say they are still not sure who ran the program.

"She was clearly one of the lead researchers, but she didn't have the stature to run it," said Tim Trevan, who served on the U.N. inspection team from 1992-1995.

"It was assumed that there was someone higher up ... who would have recruited her to the program and there must have been some kind of a military structure for the program above her," Trevan said.

Taha and her staff, which Iraq

says numbered about 10 scientists, were transferred in 1987 to Salman Pak outside of Baghdad, which became a key biological weapons center. Perhaps as many as 100 support staff worked with them, experts have estimated.

She later married Lt. Gen. Amer Rashid, Iraq's oil minister whose portfolio includes the weapons program. Rashid, an engineer, conceived Iraq's advanced weapons program, first expanding the capacity of Russian-made Scud missiles, during the 1980-88 Iraq-Iran war.

The U.N. official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they believe Taha's role was oriented toward production.

Day care clash leads to slaying

FORT LAUDERDALE, Fla. (AP) — Angela Brock had a longstanding dispute with the Think Life day care center over the supervision and handling of her 4-year-old son.

So when she showed up Wednesday afternoon and Cedric ran to her crying that a worker had twisted his ear, she confronted the 23-year-old volunteer at the center for families with members who have the AIDS virus.

In a fight witnessed by at least 10 children, including her three youngest, Ms. Brock was stabbed to death.

Left behind was an abandoned playground strewn with bloody rags amid strollers, a blue rocking horse and tricycles with streamers on the handlebars — and questions about how a dispute between two mothers of four could have gone so far.

The volunteer, Odette Green, is charged with killing Ms. Brock, a 29-year-old college student who seemed to be winning her battle against HIV. Her family was stunned at having to explain to her children that they'd never see their mother again.

"Her little girl, Terri, was running around saying, 'My momma's dead.' But I don't

think they'll really understand what has happened until they see her in the coffin," said Martha Gainey, Ms. Brock's mother.

Ms. Green, the worker charged with second-degree murder, had a daughter at the center where she had worked for about two weeks, police said. Witnesses said Ms. Green had pulled Cedric's ear and pinched him, and that the argument escalated after Ms. Brock hit Ms. Green in the face.

"She didn't like anybody touching her kids," Ms. Gainey said. "She was a great mother."

Ms. Brock's oldest daughter, 17-year-old Tysina, said her mother had a longstanding dispute with center staff over their response to Cedric's behavior.

"They were pinching him and they were beating him," Tysina said. "He was a bad kid. But they should not have done that to him. They should have had training to deal with kids like that."

Ms. Green's children were placed in state custody. Ms. Brock's children — Tysina, 2-year-old Terri, 6-year-old Henry and Cedric — were taken to their grandmother's house.

Ms. Brock learned a year ago that a boyfriend who kept his

HIV-positive status a secret from her had infected her with the virus that causes AIDS, her mother said.

With her HIV medications improving her health, she moved in with her mother two weeks ago and began taking pre-law courses at Broward Community College and enrolled in an ROTC program.

"She was doing so well that she was worried she was going to lose her day care," Ms. Gainey said. "Because of the drugs, she almost didn't have any signs of the disease."

Ms. Green, whose one-month-old son was born prematurely and remains hospitalized, lived with her daughters in a one-bedroom apartment.

"She seemed kind of quiet, at least toward me. She had those kids ... very nicely dressed. I never noticed anything unusual about them," said Sheila Roger, her next-door neighbor.

The center, which blends neatly in with other homes in the working-class neighborhood, is run by a nonprofit organization of the same name.

The group provides a variety of services for about 100 children and adults who are HIV-positive, have AIDS or are medically disabled.

Texas teacher pleads guilty to sexual assault of a child

RICHMOND, Texas (AP) — A judge said a case in which an elementary school teacher admitted a sexual affair with a teen-ager bears "eerie parallels" to a woman's affair in Washington state with a student.

Susan Charmaine Franklin, 43, pleaded guilty Wednesday to a charge of sexual assault of a child, ending her trial. She was accused of having a sexual relationship with her son's best friend.

"I'm sorry, I'm sorry," Mrs. Franklin said to the teen, then turned back to District Judge Thomas Culver III, who had ordered the apology.

Mrs. Franklin was sentenced to eight years' deferred adjudication, a form of probation that could allow the conviction to be erased from her record if successfully completed. The fact that she was charged will remain on her record regardless.

The judge ordered that the apology be the woman's last contact with the teen, now 17 but 15 at the time the sexual affair started.

"Please turn around and apologize to him right now for the embarrassment and damage

you've caused," the judge said.

After the apology, the judge told her: "You have behaved as a sexual predator in this case. I hope this young man can get on with his life regardless of the impact of your actions. I hope you will get the psychological counseling you may need."

The woman's husband, John, their two teen-age sons, the victim and his family were in the courtroom when she changed her plea to guilty.

The families have been neighbors for several years and the victim and Franklin's older son were close friends since about age 5.

Defense lawyer Don Schwartz said the woman decided to plead guilty and end what promised to be a painful experience for both families.

"It was a very unselfish move on her part to put an end to all of this," he said, adding that her husband and sons remain supportive of her.

Mrs. Franklin had been a teacher in the Houston Independent School District for five years and had been placed

on administrative duty since her arrest last May. Before the arrest, she was a third grade

teacher at Ashford Elementary School.

District spokesman Terry Abbott said the district's criminal history review committee will examine the case.

"Termination in a case like this, of course, is expected," he said.

Fort Bend County Assistant District Attorney Barbara Barrera told jurors that Mrs. Franklin had sex with the teen at least six times between December 1996 and March 1997.

Most of the encounters were when the victim spent the night with her son, the prosecutor said.

"Mrs. Franklin would come wake him up, take him to another room and have sex," Ms. Barrera said in opening arguments.

The sexual affair ended after the victim's mother awakened before dawn one morning and found him missing.

She then saw him get out of Mrs. Franklin's vehicle at 5:40 a.m.

The victim admitted during his brief testimony that he had the sexual encounters.

Ms. Barrera said it did not matter that the victim went along with the sex.

Crash narrowly misses homes

MARION, Ky. (AP) — Postman Eddie Hendrix was making his daily neighborhood rounds when a huge fireball lit up the sky above his 300-acre farm.

It wasn't his heating tank exploding as he first thought. An unarmed B-1B bomber plummeted into his fields Wednesday, narrowly missing his home and barn and scattering his cattle in terror.

No one was hurt on the ground. All four crew members parachuted to safety.

"It scared me to death," said Mark Williams, who lives one-quarter mile from the crash and saw the blast from his pickup. "You could feel the truck shake. I looked up, and you could see a big mushroom cloud."

Air Force officials said they had not yet determined a cause. The co-pilot "said that something went haywire," said volunteer firefighter Randy Rushing, who found Capt. Jeffrey Sabella in a field.

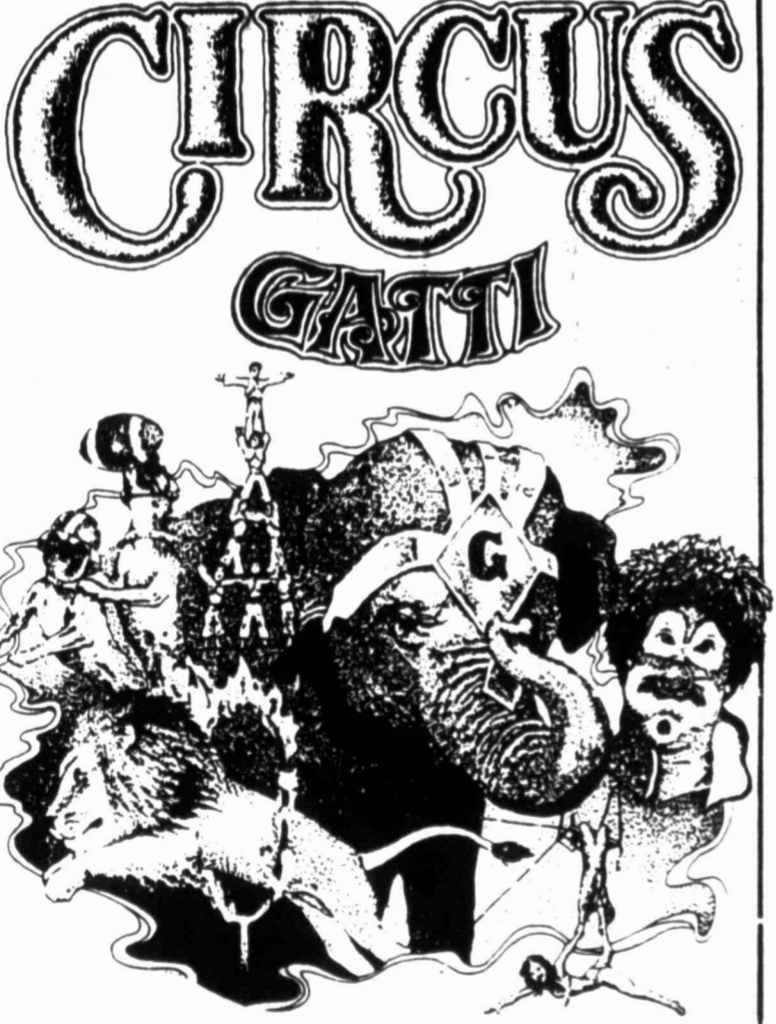
The \$200 million swing-wing bomber continued roughly 12 miles after its crew bailed out, passing along the edge of Marion, a farming community of 3,300 people, before crashing near the rural farming community of Mattoon.

"We're happy that it landed in a field," Air Force Capt. Steven Doub said at the scene. "I'm not sure you can say that's luck, or whether the air crew members did what they could."

The Air Force identified the crew as Lt. Col. Daniel Charchian, the instructor pilot; Sabella, the co-pilot; Capt. Kevin Shields, the instructor weapons officer; and 1st Lt. Bert Winslow, the weapons system officer.

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OUR VIEWS

Lady Steers were classy both on and off the court

Another basketball season came to a close for Big Spring's Lady Steers in Lamesa Tuesday evening, but it should not be remembered for the way it ended, a 40-19 loss to Levelland's Loboettes.

Nor should it be remembered as the year in which the Lady Steers saw their string of six consecutive district championships broken.

Instead, it should be recalled for the way in which 11 young women handled considerable pressure, a great deal of adversity and the eventual heartbreak that will come to all but five of Texas' schoolgirl basketball teams this season.

Perhaps no single person is better qualified to discuss the Lady Steers' experiences of the past four months than their coach, Ron Taylor.

It was he who fought back tears Tuesday night as his charges emerged from their lockerroom in the Lamesa Middle School gymnasium to be greeted by fans offering condolences, support and thanks not only for one season, but in the case of the team's eight seniors, a career of sacrifices.

In that moment, Taylor's thoughts were primarily focused on those eight seniors he'd just directed in their final high school game — Krissi McWherter, Keesha Lott, Maggie Haddad, Traci Bellinghausen, Kara Hughes, Marisa Smith, Marlena Light and Nadia Cole.

"This has been a tremendous group of girls to work with ... just a great bunch of kids," Taylor said. "I'm sure going to miss these seniors. I've had some of them for three years ... going to be hard to see them go. They've been a real joy."

Taylor then made another observation — this one concerning the entire team — that in a few short words said more than anyone else could have.

"They're a classy bunch of girls," he said with a voice that quivered in the effort to choke back emotion.

That single comment spoke volumes. After all, virtually no one — with the possible exception of assistant coaches Traci Pierce and Mike Wallace — has had the opportunity to spend as much time with them, in both good times and bad.

And to our way of thinking, we couldn't ask for any better evaluation for a group of young ladies that whether they sought the role or not, were this community's ambassadors to much of West Texas.

In recognition of that contribution, we wish to take this opportunity to thank the Lady Steers, their coaches and fan following ... not only for their accomplishments on the basketball court, but for the exemplary manner in which they represented their school and community.

While perhaps cliché, it was without question a job well done.

OTHER VIEWS

About the only bad news on the wholesale inflation front is broccoli.

Sharp increases in prices for this product, along with cabbage and lettuce, meant that vegetable prices went up a total of 12.9 percent in January.

But you should not worry too much because food prices in general declined last month. More important, energy prices at the wholesale level were down by 3.7 percent, helping to drive the Producer Price Index to a drop of 0.7 percent, the steepest one-month decline in four years.

What this means is that inflation at the retail level should remain low, too, despite continued economic growth and low

unemployment. That leads to even more good news, namely that the Federal Reserve is that much less likely to raise interest rates, thereby allowing economic growth to continue.

No one seems to believe all this good economic news can last forever. Asia's difficulties are expected to have an impact on exports as soon as this summer, for instance. In the meantime, the economy is humming, and everyone is debating who or what is responsible, which is a splendid debate to be able to conduct.

Now, if someone could just put a lid on those broccoli prices.

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Is this the new American colonialism?

WASHINGTON — President Clinton has regurgitated all the scary rhetoric about what a devilish and dangerous fellow Saddam Hussein is, but he still hasn't answered my questions as to why the U.S. should expend American lives and resources in the bombing, killing and maiming of thousands of Iraqis.

I understand that the stated goal is to prevent Iraq from building and stockpiling "weapons of mass destruction," which happen to be the same weapons that the U.S. has built.

I know that the implied argument is that the world is safer because Bill Clinton sits in control of nuclear and chemical weapons, but would be in

intolerable peril if Saddam Hussein controls some because Saddam has shown that he will use them irresponsibly and ruthlessly.

But Mr. Clinton did not tell us why Iran, against which Saddam recently used terrible weapons, is not clamoring for the U.S. to scorch Iraq with its "smart" bombs and missiles? Why aren't Iraq's neighbors leading the cry for a new war to keep Iraq defanged? Almost all the Arab world and the non-white world is saying that the threat of Saddam is not great enough for them to join in a ruthless display of U.S. air power.

Mr. Clinton didn't explain to us why France and the Soviet Union are so unafraid that they oppose this U.S. military assault. Or why this is mostly a little alliance of white nations that threatens to pummel a relatively defenseless Iraq.

Is the American position really about protecting the U.S. or someone else from the wrath of Saddam's anthrax canisters

and nerve gases? Or is it about ensuring that all the leaders of the Persian Gulf area will forever understand that they must give the U.S. first dibs on the oil and gas deposits of the region?

Mr. Clinton hasn't really explained where he stands on all the talk in the this country about killing Saddam so Iraq can have a leader who fits a U.S. standard of "responsible." Does our president understand that assassinating Saddam Hussein would virtually ensure that we wouldn't see a friendly leader of Iraq for a century? Or that talk of the U.S. deciding who can lead Iraq betrays such a colonialist mentality that it frightens and infuriates much of the rest of the world?

Most of the world, including Arabs, could understand taking action to halt brazen aggression when Iraq attacked Kuwait. The world would probably give loud approval again if it were clear that Saddam is again about to attack a neighbor or do damage to the United States. But there is something

unseemingly about devastating Iraq and its already-miserable people merely because its leaders are trying to cheat and wiggle around a United Nations resolution that imposes on Iraq military restrictions not imposed on any other nation.

The time to bomb and restrain Iraq would be when it shows clear intent to act aggressively.

But, alas, tough-guy rhetoric has escalated until our president and Saddam are locked in a challenge of manhood, which produces unnecessary barroom brawls and wars. There are now large costs in prestige for any side that backs down. Yet those costs are trifling compared with the costs of another war.

The United Nations played a vital saving role in a tenuous game of manhood when John F. Kennedy and Nikita Khrushchev stood eyeball to eyeball during the Cuban missiles crisis. Let us hope that the U.N. secretary-general can find a face-saving formula this time.



Carl Rowan
Columnist



FUTURE CAMPAIGN CONFESSIONS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

He said 'no' — and that got him busted

James Brogan was at home on the evening of Oct. 4, 1993, when agents of the FBI knocked on his door. They had come on a surprise visit to ask him about his relations with the JRD Management Corp.

The first questions were softball. Was he a member of Local 32E, Service Employees International Union? Yes, he was. For how long had he been a member? Since 1951. Had he held union office? Yes, he had served as a union delegate in 1987 and 1988.

Then came the hardball. Q: As a union delegate, did you receive any cash or gifts from JRD?

A: No. As the FBI agents well knew, that "no" was a lie. They told him they already had documentary evidence of payments to him. Then they informed him that lying to federal agents in a criminal investigation is a crime. Brogan made no further response, and the agents departed. Subsequently he was indicted, convicted, and sentenced to nine months in prison.

He appealed all the way to the Supreme Court. On Jan. 26, the Supremes voted 7-2 (or more realistically 5-4) to affirm Brogan's conviction. Justice Antonin Scalia wrote for the majority. Justices David Souter and Ruth Bader Ginsburg concurred in the judgment, but their concurrence read more like a dissent. Justices John Paul Stevens and Stephen Breyer dissented outright.

Section 1001, adopted by Congress in 1934, makes it a felony for any person knowing-

ly to make a false statement to a federal officer engaged in official business. That is what the law says, and it is hard to fault Scalia and his colleagues for upholding the letter of the law. That is the way criminal statutes should be read.

All the same, there is more to this case than a simplistic recitation of the law and the facts. Over the past 35 years, eight of the 13 judicial circuits have held that the unequivocal language of the law is equivocal after all. A doctrine has developed that an "exculpatory no" may be forgiven.

To exculpate is to excuse, to clear from blame. Under this doctrine, Brogan's "no" was not the stuff of criminal prosecution.

The Department of Justice itself disdains a strict construction of Section 1001. The department's official policy is "not to charge a Section 1001 violation in situations in which a suspect, during an investigation, merely denies guilt in response to questioning by the government."

In Brogan's case the statute of limitations had run out on four of the five charges against him. The government figured that if it could not convict the defendant for bribery, it could

convict him for lying. Off to the slammer!

In upholding strict construction, Justice Scalia was his usual acidulous self. Brogan's fix was of his own making. Brogan had lied. Why should his "no" be forgiven? "We are not disposed to write into our law this species of compassion inflation." As for the possibility that Brogan was unaware of his right to remain silent, "that is implausible."

Perhaps Justice Scalia has lived too long in his ivory tower. Taken by surprise by a visit from the FBI, many persons might react thoughtlessly to questions. No one, of course, has a right to lie, but a charge under Section 1001 comes uncomfortably close to entrapment or self-incrimination.

During oral argument on Dec. 2, Justice Sandra Day O'Connor put a hypothetical question to Solicitor General Seth P. Waxman: Suppose a motorist on a federal parkway comes to a stop sign and makes "a rolling California stop." A federal officer overtakes the driver and asks, "Did you stop at that stop sign?" The motorist says yes, yes I did. O'Connor asked: "Would you want to prosecute somebody for rolling through a stop sign and making the exculpatory no?"

Waxman ducked and bobbed and weaved. "It would be an extraordinary abuse of the government's resources." He was not aware of any such prosecutions. He cited the department's official policy against using 1001 as a snare for the unwary.



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◆The Olympic Games are so named because the first games took place at Olympia, an ancient Greek center of religion, politics and athletics.

◆In the Greek system of telling time, an Olympiad was the period of four years that elapsed between two successive celebrations of the Olympic Games.

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Next generation gets head start on career exploration

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

College applications, training programs and careers may be just about the furthest thing from an eighth grader's mind.

But on Wednesday, Runnels Junior High students got a firsthand look at all three. They participated in Next Generation Day, sponsored jointly by Howard College and the Big Spring Rotary Club.

In sessions about agriculture, computers, law enforcement, medicine and health, and industry, students heard presentations by local professionals. They got the chance to ask questions and pick up pamphlets about career fields and training programs.

They got advice about applying for a college or school to prepare them for a job.

"You never know with eighth graders, what's in their heads," said Harvey Rothell, dean of counseling at Howard College, after one of the sessions. He helped arrange a slate of speakers in non-traditional health fields, including physical and occupational therapists from Dora Robert Rehabilitation Center.

"I like the health fields," said Rusty White, a Runnels student, after hearing the presentation. "Those help people." And, he adds, it seems like they make pretty good money, too.

Runnels counselor Roger Tucker said Next Generation Day was a great success.

"One of the things it may do," he said, "is to focus them on something other than what mother and daddy do. It may focus them on what they need to do for



Runnels Junior High students toured the Howard College Dental Hygiene Lab as part of their Next Generation Day Wednesday. The all-day event featured speakers and presentations about a variety of career fields. HERALD photo/Linda Choate

their own futures."

Some occupations represented were unusual, Tucker said.

"There are some here they've never thought about, that may trip their trigger," he said.

Students agreed the day was a good idea.

"I think it's pretty neat," said Ryan Wester. "We're getting to learn about our education in the future. It's a good

idea."

Next Generation Day is a two-year old program that all involved seem to agree will continue. The same program, with different presenters, took place earlier in the school year for eighth graders in the area.

A few rough edges have been gradually ironed out, like lunchtime.

Wednesday, Runnels cafeteria staff came to the Dorothy Garrett Coliseum

with pizza for the students.

They ate sitting in the coliseum seats — and, as many noted, left the place very clean.

But these young teenagers were not all swayed by the advice and information from local professionals. One student was overheard saying to his friend as they walked from one session to another:

"I still want to be a wrestler."

SCHOOL NEWS

Goliad Middle School

Kendra McMurtrey, a student at Goliad Middle School, won first place with her essay entry in the Texas Water Utilities Association's 1998 "Water is Life" poster and essay contest. She is a 6th grade student.

The Water is Life contest is a project of the Association's Public Education Committee, designed to increase the participating student's awareness of the water utilities profession, as well as the importance of safe drinking water and adequate wastewater treatment, to our standard of living.

The theme of the 1998 contest was "Pollution Prevention." For her effort, Kendra will receive a \$250 savings bond from the Texas Water Utilities Association.

Winning posters and essays will also be displayed in the Memorial Student Center Exhibition Area at the association's annual conference at Texas A&M March 2-3. The TWUA is a non-profit corporation based on Austin.

Kentwood Elementary

Fifth graders in Mrs. Boyd's class recently shared some of their work with another generation.

The students rewrote "Cinderella — A Fairy Tale" using their imaginations and shared the unusual, creative stories with residents of Carriage Inn.

Tornado that is normal adolescent rebellion will usually blow itself out

QUESTION: My children are still in elementary school, but I want to avoid adolescent rebellion in the future if I can. What can you tell me to help me get ready for this scary time?

DR. DOBSON: I can understand why you look toward the adolescent years with some apprehension. This is a tough time to raise kids. Many youngsters sail right through that period with no unusual stresses and problems, but others get caught in a pattern of rebellion that disrupts families and scares their moms and dads to death.

I've spent several decades trying to understand that phenomenon and how to prevent it. The encouraging thing is that the most rebellious teens usually grow up to be responsible and stable adults who can't remember why they were so angry in earlier days.

I once devoted a radio program to a panel of "formerly rebellious teens" that included three successful ministers, the Rev. Raul Ries, pastor Mike MacIntosh and the Rev. Franklin Graham, son of Dr. Billy and Ruth Graham. Each of them had been difficult adolescents who gave their parents fits. With the exception of Raul, who had been abused at home, the other two couldn't recall what motivated their misbehavior or why they didn't just go along and get along.

That is often the way with adolescence. It's like a tornado that drops unexpectedly out of a dark sky, tyrannizes a family, shakes up the community and blows on by. Then the sun comes out and spreads its warmth again.

Even though the teen years can be challenging, they're also filled with excitement and growth. Rather than fearing that experience, therefore, I think you ought to anticipate it as a dynamic time when your kids make the transition from childhood to full-fledged adulthood.



Dr. James Dobson
Columnist

QUESTION: How can I help my child develop wholesome, respectful attitudes toward people of other racial and ethnic groups?

DR. DOBSON: There is no substitute for parental modeling of the attitudes we wish to teach. Someone wrote, "The footsteps a child follows are most likely to be the ones his parents thought they covered up." It's true. Our children are watching us carefully, and they instinctively imitate our behavior. Therefore, we can hardly expect them to be kind to the entire human family if we are prejudiced and rejecting. Likewise, we will be unable to teach appreciativeness if we never say "please" or "thank you" at home or abroad. We will not produce honest children if we teach them to lie to the bill collector on the phone by saying, "Dad's not home."

In these matters, our boys and girls instantly discern the

gap between what we say and what we do. And of the two choices, they usually identify with our behavior and ignore our empty proclamations.

If you never speak derogatorily about racial minorities, and if you absolutely will not tolerate racially based jokes and slurs, your children will not fail to notice. It's the best place to begin your teaching process.

QUESTION: How do I get started in discussing sex with my children? Is there a natural way to get into the topic?

DR. DOBSON: Fortunately, most children will ask for information when they need it. You should be ready to grab those opportunities at the drop of a hat. Sometimes very little warning is given.

Our daughter asked for very specific details when she was only 7 years old, catching her mother off-guard. My wife stalled for an hour during which she alerted me. Then the three of us sat on the bed drinking hot chocolate and talking about matters we hadn't expected to discuss for several years. You never know when such moments will arrive, and need to think them through in advance.

Although those spontaneous conversations are easiest, some children never ask the right questions. Some boys and girls have "inquiring minds that want to know," while others never give the subject of sex a second thought. If your child is one of those who seem uninterested, you're still on the hook. The task must get done. Someone else will do the job if

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Dr. Scott Burt starts the operation to neuter a dog recently. Veterinarians, Big Spring Humane Society staff and others urge spaying and neutering to control the pet population for both dogs and cats. HERALD photo/Linda Choate

Kids are puttin' on the Ritz

By RENEE STOVSKY
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

ST. LOUIS — The 27 preteens sit, heads bowed, studying their lessons with the kind of rapt attention usually reserved for the latest Baby-sitters Club or Goosebumps books.

"Can you believe it? Twelve different kinds of forks and spoons?" whisper two blondes in party dresses in the third row. "What's a demitasse, anyway?"

Welcome to the 1990s version of mother's admonishments to

mind your manners: the Ritz Kids Etiquette Program, a five-hour crash course in courtesy held on select Sundays at the Ritz-Carlton, St. Louis.

For \$125 in tuition, etiquette consultant Dorothy Hanrahan will impart the rules of proper decorum — from how to spoon your soup to how to write a thank-you note, as established by The Protocol School of Washington, D.C., to uncouth 8- to 12-year-olds. (Another class, for 13- to 16-year-olds, includes dating do's and don'ts.)

"Can someone tell me how to

butter a dinner roll?"

Hanrahan asks.

"Cut the bread in two first?" guesses one of her pupils.

"Never," says Hanrahan.

"Break off a bite-sized piece at a time, please."

"What about the napkin, folded in half, on your lap? Where does it go if you need to use the restroom during dinner?" Hanrahan coaches.

"Maybe you could put it on the table, next to your plate," someone suggests.

"Place it on your seat, and

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SLICE of life!

COMMUNITY NEWS



Crowned king and queen

At Mountain View Lodge, the annual Valentine party took place Feb. 13. Elsie Hamby was chosen Valentine Queen, and Conny Wade was named Valentine King.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Ronna Reeves visit planned here Friday

Big Spring native and recording artist Ronna Reeves will visit Friday between 3-4 p.m. at the Heritage Museum, and at a reception 5-6:30 p.m. at the chamber of commerce.

A canned food drive to benefit the West Texas Food Bank is under way. Canned foods may be taken to the Heritage Museum, 510 Scurry, through 3 p.m. Friday. Each can contributed affords donor a chance in drawing for a pair of Ronna's boots or a Statler Brothers Show scrip each autographed by Ronna.

Reeves will be presented with a proclamation from Big Spring mayor Tim Blackshear, and will present the city with a gift at the chamber reception.

THE LAST WORD

One of the difficulties in the language is that all our words from loose using have lost their edge.

Ernest Hemingway

Men ... employ speech to conceal their thoughts.

Voltaire

A good laugh is sunshine in a house.

William Makepeace Thackeray

Bouncing back

Accordion undergoes image adjustment

HOLYOKE, Mass. (AP) — OK, so maybe accordionist Paul Gluck isn't way cool in his lederhosen, suspenders and bow tie.

But his squeezebox, which has been labeled the nerd's plaything since Jimi Hendrix's generation, is slipping back toward hip. Sales are up, and the humble instrument the French call the "poor man's piano" is regaining a foothold in music schools.

The unmistakable hee-haw of its bellows can be heard regularly in ethnic and regional styles like Irish or Cajun, mainstream popular recordings by Billy Joel, Paul Simon and others, commercial jingles, accordion festivals from China to Washington, D.C., and — where else? — in reruns of "The Lawrence Welk Show."

The accordion was hurt "by people's image of some kid with too much Vitalis in his hair playing 'Lady of Spain,'" said Marc Savoy, a well-known Cajun player from Eunice, La. "But now the rest of the world is discovering ethnic minorities playing this hot, spicy music on the accordion, and they like it."

One recent afternoon, Gluck backed up a chorus as it performed such standards as "Getting to Know You" and "Pennies from Heaven" at a nursing home. Wearing a red vest with gold trim, he suddenly breaks into a choppy, stomping, mile-a-minute instrumental

"He does that shaky-shaky thing that accordions do. I love that!"

Accordion enthusiast

medley of songs with a 95-year-old banjo player.

"He does that shaky-shaky thing that accordions do. I love that!" chorus director Peg Thomson said after the show.

Gluck, a 43-year-old Southampton restaurateur, says even old folks get into the spirit.

"A lot of times, even in a nursing home, if I play something lively, a lot of them will almost get up and dance," he said.

Developed in Germany and Austria in its modern form during the early 19th century, the accordion lets out a characteristic wheeze as its bellows push air past vibrating metal reeds.

Gluck took up the instrument about age 9 in the early 1960s. By then, the accordion was beginning to buckle under the weight of musical and social revolution.

The electric guitar was drowning out acoustic competitors. Youth culture was rejecting the Old World ethnic ways and traditional American fami-

ly mores that gave rise to the mid-century glory days when Myron Floren entertained the country with Lawrence Welk on accordions, accordionists worked in big bands, and accordion schools enrolled as many as 1,000 students.

"The decline wasn't really in the accordion. It was in our cultural attitudes," said Faidhe Deffner, president of the American Accordionists' Association.

Soon after the University of Missouri began its accordion program in the early 1960s, it grew to 28 majors. It later dwindled to no more than three in a typical year, but it's now back up to a half-dozen.

"It's come back in an amateur way with people who just want to fiddle around," said Doug Creighton, manager of the Button Box music store in Amherst.

Creighton's sales rose 40 percent over the past year to 300 new and used accordions priced from \$100 to \$3,000. The Hohner music company in Ashland, Va., says it sold 20 percent more accordions this year, and a three-CD set was released in 1995 called "Planet Squeezebox."

Now, when novelist Strempek Shea watches television, she notices that music groups often incorporate a hipster with an accordion. Strangely, he seems to fit in.

"Normally, he'd be ostracized," she said.

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push the chair in after you excuse yourself," Hanrahan gently corrects.

And so it goes. There are lessons on how to introduce yourself — maintain eye contact, smile as you say hello, speak clearly — reinforced by a ball-throwing game. ("Did you know it takes 72 face muscles to frown but only 14 to smile?" asks Hanrahan.) There are pointers on shaking hands ("Never a bone-crusher or fingertip holder position"), telephone technique ("For security reasons, never answer by saying 'This is the Doe residence,'" posture ("Pull yourself up as if you were a puppet with a string coming out of the top of your head") and more.

But table manners receive the

most attention, and with good reason.

"Knowing the right way to act in party and dinner situations, builds confidence and leadership skills in kids," says Hanrahan. "Ultimately, in the business world, most deals are done over dinner — and people are judged favorably or unfavorably by how they conduct themselves there."

Hanrahan didn't set out to become the self-anointed Emily Post of St. Louis. In her 60 some years, she's raised three sons — now 25, 26 and 27 — almost single-handedly (her husband was killed by a drunk driver 16 years ago). She has also worked as a teacher and social worker and has been area coordinator for a nanny

organization.

But her current position as independent living specialist for Missouri's foster care program convinced her that today's youths — privileged or not — are sorely lacking in social skills.

Indeed, manners classes for what some have dubbed the McManners generation are springing up everywhere these days, according to etiquette expert Letitia Baldrige of Washington, D.C., who recently wrote "Letitia Baldrige's More Than Manners: Raising Today's Kids To Have Kind Manners and Good Hearts" (Scribner's, \$23).

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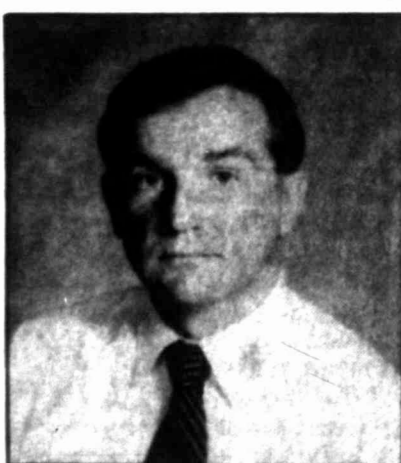
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you won't — someone who may not share your values.

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Hello, my name is Dr. "Koop." I began my medical education at the Medical Academy of Warsaw in Poland. My residency training in Internal Medicine was completed in New Jersey, after which I completed a Fellowship in Pulmonary Medicine and Critical Care Medicine in New York. I am board-certified in Internal Medicine and Pulmonology and board-eligible in Critical Care Medicine. I live and practice full-time in Big Spring. My wife, Anna Rosinska, is an Internal Medicine physician in her final year of training. I look forward to Anna and our son, Martin, joining the soon.

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Another reason to brush and floss

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — Could diligent flossing and brushing lower the risk of a heart attack? It's not as odd as it might sound.

Some researchers think the same bacteria that rot the gums might do bad things elsewhere in the body. Surveys show that people with bad teeth and gums also tend to have more heart trouble, and circumstantial evidence is accumulating that this is more than a coincidence.

The latest piece of supporting data came Monday at a meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.

A researcher said his animal experiments suggest that some strains of the most common bacteria that build up on teeth can trigger blood clots.

"Our data suggest that bacteria may cause blood clots that can actually obstruct coronary

arteries," said Dr. Mark Herzberg of the University of Minnesota.

That could lead to heart attacks, which occur when blood clots get stuck in heart arteries already clogged with cholesterol.

Others suggest that even if dental bacteria are not harmful, the body's reaction to them could be.

People with periodontal disease have a lifelong simmering inflammation that causes chronic inflammation of the gums. In response, their bodies release a slow, steady stream of potent germ-killing chemicals that might in themselves be harmful.

"The ramification of this inflammation can be far-reaching," said Dr. Frank Scannapieco of the State University of New York at Buffalo, who has done research in the area.

He and others say this constant, low-level infection could play a role in other common conditions, such as diabetes, lung diseases and even premature births.

About three-quarters of adults over age 35 have some degree of periodontal disease, a painless condition that often gives off few warnings except, perhaps, red gums and bleeding when brushing.

Under the surface are pockets of infection that contain billions of bacteria. If this oozy mess was out where it could be seen, it would be a bone-deep sore the size of the palms of both hands.

When bacteria build up on the teeth, they form crud called plaque. The most common form of germ in dental plaque is Streptococcus sanguis, which can make the blood clot in a test tube.

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Persistent Hawks put share of WJCAC lead on line at South Plains

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

Years from now, perhaps psychologists will use the Howard College Hawks as a case study in the power of persistence.

The Hawks, battling a continuous litany of woes this season, continue to defy observers of the Western Junior College Athletic Conference by holding onto a share of the top spot in the league.

Howard (15-11 overall, 8-3 in WJCAC play) put that lofty status on the line

tonight when they face conference co-leader South Plains at 8 p.m. at the Texan Dome in Levelland.

The Hawks defeated South Plains by 10 points earlier this year, but head coach Tommy Collins expects the Texans to play Howard tougher on their home court.

"I don't know what it is ... but that's a real tough place to play," Collins said. "I think it will be a real tough, physical game ... What I'm concerned about is our defense. We haven't played well defensively lately, and we'll have to have the effort tonight because they're

a good offensive team."

Defense usually is the major trademark of a Collins-coached team, but the Hawks have made their name this year with offense. Howard enters the game averaging 82.5 points a game, fourth best in the WJCAC. South Plains, meanwhile, has scored an average of 74.5 points a game this season.

Despite a season that saw several members kicked off the team for rules violations, injuries to key personnel and a very tough non-conference schedule, the Hawks have held at least a share of the WJCAC lead for more

than a month.

Collins said that is a testament to the team's mental toughness as well as physical talent.

"They've really overcome a lot of things, and they just keep ticking away," Collins said. "I'm very proud of what they've accomplished. It certainly didn't look like we'd do these kind of things earlier in the year."

Howard's victory over New Mexico Junior College Monday night secured the Hawks a spot in the Region V tournament next month in Waco — the top team goal set by Collins before the sea-

son began.

Now that one goal is in the bank, Collins wants the Hawks to take square aim at another — winning the conference. That may be a daunting task, but Collins has no doubt his team has the mental stamina required for the job.

"I thought they'd be tight for the New Mexico game ... and if anything we were the other way," Collins said. "I think they've overcome a lot of things, and played at a certain level most of the time — which is good, if we can get our defensive intensity back."

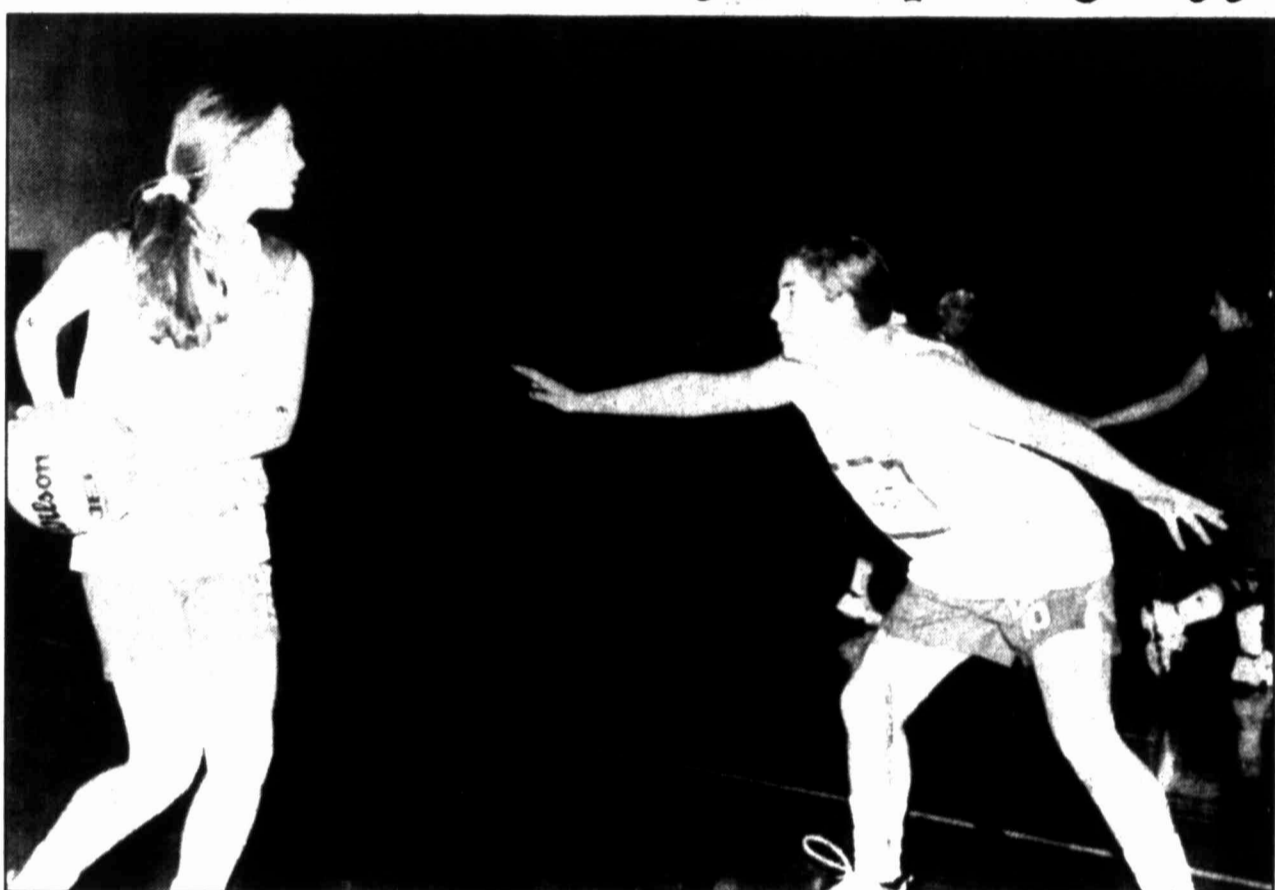
Bulldogettes primed for playoff

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — After fashioning a 21-9 regular season record, Coahoma's Bulldogettes are busy preparing for Friday's 7 p.m. bi-district girls' basketball playoff game with Albany's 21-7 Lady Lions in Merkel.

Friday's showdown will mark the Bulldogettes' return to the playoffs following a one-year hiatus, their last appearance a bi-district loss to eventual state champion Ozona in 1996.

Although the Bulldogettes had an identical 21-9 record a year ago, they found themselves sitting at home during the 1997 playoffs, a team in turmoil.



Coahoma's Meredith Barr (left) looks for someone to pass to as Cassie Tindol applies defensive pressure during the Bulldogettes' workout session Wednesday afternoon. Coahoma faces Albany's Lady Lions at 7 p.m. Friday in a bi-district playoff game in Merkel.

Personality conflicts, boyfriend troubles and worst of all, doubts about coach David Cox's system combined to create an atmosphere of frustration last season and forced the Coahoma girls — particularly the team's six seniors — to reeducate themselves.

Those six seniors — Tara Sterling, Shana Earnest, Rendee Herring, Krista Stanislaus, Ellie Woods and Allison West — sat down following Wednesday's workout session at the Coahoma Elementary School gymnasium to discuss the differences a year has made.

"Last year was frustrating because we didn't make it to the playoffs," admits Sterling, a Bulldogettes starter since her freshman season. "This year we wanted to make sure we got there. We put all those distractions behind us and focused on having a great season."

Stanislaus and Earnest, both of whom moved up from the Bulldogette junior varsity during the 1996 playoffs, agreed.

"We really wanted it more this year," Stanislaus noted. "We get along better this year. We've had to work harder, too. Actually, it was a matter of making ourselves work harder at the things we'd been doing all along."

The key, an extremely quiet and shy Earnest explained, was a recognition on the team's part that it possessed unrealized potential.

"We've been hearing since our seventh-grade year that we

could go to state ... been saying it, too," the usually stoic guard observed. "We'd like to accomplish that. That's what we want from all this."

Cox agrees the previous year's troubles yielded positive results this season.

"I think there was some doubt about what I was doing as the coach last year," he explained. "That's gone this year. We're all on the same page this time. I believe in them and they believe in me. We know it won't work the other way."

The proof that attitudes have changed, Cox says, is his players' acceptance of his position that it doesn't matter who has a big night — scoring the most points or leading the team in rebounds or steals — so long as it gets done.

"Who ever is on ... we get the ball to them," Sterling said. "Nobody's out here for 'I,' it's all 'we.'"

As a result, Cox isn't about to rule out the possibility his team could position itself to realize the lofty aspirations Earnest discussed.

While the Bulldogettes finished the District 2A campaign as runners-up to No. 1-ranked Ozona, Cox acknowledges that a desire to get another shot at their district rival serves as a tremendous motivator.

"It won't be easy ... certainly won't be a cakewalk, but that's what we're aiming for," he explained, noting that the Bulldogettes came close to the upset when they playing at Ozona earlier this season.

"It was a tremendous game," he added. "We were within four, 44-40, with less than three minutes left in the game. We just wound up in a situation where we had to foul in an attempt to get the ball and they hit their free throws. But it was a real war."

Oddly enough, the six seniors all agreed the loss at Ozona was not their best performance of the season.

Instead, they quickly point to their road date against Odessa Permian as their best game.

"Everyone was on that night," Sterling noted. "We hit 10 3-

pointers that night and missed 10. The Bulldogettes' best district game?"

"That had to be our game at Eldorado," Cox offered, drawing nods from the six players. "We had to win that one and we all knew it."

Having proved they can win under difficult circumstances when they have to, the Bulldogettes now only have to prove they advance through the playoffs and make the most of a return date with Ozona.

Memories of losing to that brand of Lady Lion basketball in the 1996 bi-district round more than anything will be a motivator when the Bulldogettes walk onto the court Friday night against Albany.

"It wasn't a disgrace ... they did wind up winning the state championship," Sterling said, her eyes making it clear she still remembers the loss to Ozona that night all too well. "It's hard to explain the disappointment you feel, but you don't ever want to lose ... never."

Lady Hawks still have much on line facing South Plains

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

When No. 4-ranked Howard College (25-1, 9-1) and South Plains College (19-7, 9-2) meet tonight in Levelland, there will be a lot riding on the outcome of the game.

While Howard, South Plains, Midland and Clarendon have all but locked up the four seeds from the west for the Region V Tournament on March 3, 4 and 5 in Midland — the exact seeding is still up in the air.

And that's where tonight's game comes into play.

Howard holds a one-game lead over both South Plains and Midland with three games remaining.

After tonight's game, Howard plays its last home game Monday against Clarendon before finishing on the road next Thursday at Frank Phillips. South Plains plays at Western Texas on Monday and closes out the season at home against Clarendon while Midland is at Frank Phillips tonight and at home against Odessa on Monday before finishing up at Western Texas.

Tonight's game is the biggest of all of those remaining, although Howard College Coach Matt Corkery is quick to point out that no one game counts more or less in the standings than another.

"They're all big ... they all count the same," he has said on countless occasions.

But for a big game, there might be better places to play than on the road in Levelland.

South Plains' Texan Dome has not been friendly to the Lady Hawks — especially in big games.

"They're always tough at home and that's (Texan Dome) probably the toughest place to play in the conference," Corkery said. "We'll have to take it up a notch (to win) over there."

South Plains relies on Aleah Johnson, the nation's No. 3 scorer at 23.8 points per game, but also gets double-figure scoring from Anetta Anglin and Kelly Thomas.

"Johnson is an excellent player," Corkery said. "She's one of the best in the conference, for sure."

But Corkery smiled when asked if Howard would let Johnson have her 24 points and work to shut down the rest of the Lady Texans.

"No," he said. "You work hard to play good defense and defend against everyone ... just because she's their big gun doesn't mean you're willing to give her her points. If she gets them, she will have earned them."

In addition to leading South Plains in scoring, Johnson is also the school's top rebounder

NJCAA-WOMEN

The top 25 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association women's basketball poll and records through Feb. 17

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Trinity Valley, Texas	25-0
2.	Connors State, Okla.	26-0
3.	Central Florida	22-0
4.	Howard, Texas	25-1
5.	Central Arizona College	24-1
6.	Weatherford, Texas	22-2
7.	Gulf Coast, Fla.	23-2
8.	Cowley County, Kan.	26-1
9.	Westark, Ark.	20-3
10.	Ricks, Idaho	24-2
11.	Grayson County, Texas	23-2
12.	Olney Central, Ill.	25-1
13.	Vincennes, Ind.	25-0
14.	Louisburg, N.C.	22-2
15.	Seward County, Kan.	24-3
16.	Okaloosa-Walton, Fla.	21-5
17.	Northeast Mississippi	18-2
18.	Sheridan, Wyo.	22-4
19.	Walters State, Tenn.	21-3
20.	St. Catharine, Ky.	22-2
21.	Tyler, Texas	18-5
22.	Wallace, Ala.	19-2
23.	North Arkansas	20-5
24.	Black Hawk, Ill.	22-3
25.	Jones County, Miss.	19-4

NJCAA-MEN

The top 20 teams in the National Junior College Athletic Association men's basketball poll and records through Feb. 16 and total points

Rank	Team	Record
1.	Indian Hills, Iowa (10)	28-0
2.	Allegany, Md. (5)	26-0
3.	Tallahassee, Fla. (1)	25-3
4.	Seward County, Kan.	26-1
5.	Bossier Parish, La.	23-2
6.	Barton County, Kan.	25-2
7.	Dixie, Utah	24-3
8.	Northland Pioneer, Ariz.	24-2
9.	San Jacinto, Texas	22-3
10.	McCook, Neb.	24-2
11.	Kilgore, Texas	24-3
12.	Kaskaskia, Ill.	25-3
13.	Santa Fe, Fla.	26-2
14.	College of Southern Idaho	23-3
15.	Spartanburg Methodist, S.C.	20-4
16.	Midland, Texas	22-3
17.	Kankakee, Ill.	23-4
18.	Vincennes University, Ind.	20-3
19.	Three Rivers, Mo.	22-5
20.	Middle Georgia	21-4

(6.8) and leads the team in field goal shooting at 59 percent.

As a team, South Plains averages 74.9 points per game and 32.4 rebounds.

But Howard has weapons of its own.

While the Lady Hawks enter the contest as the third-best defensive team in the nation, allowing 49.9 points per game, Howard is just out of the rankings in scoring offense at 82.8 points per game.

Shawnta Johnson leads the team in scoring at 16.5 points per game, while Karlita Washington is averaging 15.5 points. Latraica Spencer adds 8.6 points and Donelle Jones 8.0 while Latasha Moore is averaging 7.8 and Ricka McKee 7.6.

Spencer and Jones both average 5.5 rebounds, while Johnson is grabbing an average of 5.4 carsoms. As a team, Howard averages 39.1 rebounds.

Four Lady Hawks are shooting at better than 50 percent, paced by Spencer's 57.9 effort. Johnson is shooting 54.7 while Jones and Moore are both averaging 52.7 percent.

Washington continues to edge toward the 50 percent mark from 3-point range, connecting on 34 of 74 — 45.9 percent.

Utah jazzed up, even without having Seikaly

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

Ron Seikaly was a no-show in Utah, and the Jazz didn't even miss him.

Even though Seikaly never arrived following his trade to the Jazz from Orlando, Utah played like he wasn't needed with a 94-78 victory over the New York Knicks on Wednesday night.

"Now we go from having a center to explaining to two guys who are coming back here what happened," said Utah's Karl Malone, who led the Jazz with 25 points. "Now we've got to patch things up."

The Jazz were all set to welcome Seikaly, obtained for Greg Foster and Chris Morris. But near the end of Wednesday night's game, Jazz officials announced the deal was dead, due to Seikaly's apparent refusal to report to the Jazz within the NBA-prescribed 48-hour deadline.

Elsewhere, it was Orlando 115, Minnesota 102; Atlanta 114, New Jersey 104; Milwaukee 108, Washington 98; Phoenix 110,

Los Angeles Lakers 103; Boston 114, Vancouver 105; Seattle 101, Portland 95; and Golden State 88, Charlotte 77.

The Jazz took command when they outscored the Knicks 35-11 in the second period.

"This was one of our better defensive games," Malone said. "In the first half, we really got after them."

Magic 115, T-wolves 102

In Orlando, Derek Harper hurt his neck and was carried from the court on a stretcher during the Magic's victory over

Minnesota.

Harper was clotheslined by Tommy Hammonds as he drove to the basket with 3:06 left in the third quarter.

Harper was on the floor for five minutes before being carried off by paramedics. After the game, Harper said he was OK. Hammonds was assessed a flagrant foul, and the Magic went on a 12-1 run to take a 19-point lead.

Nick Anderson scored 28 points for a second straight game, and Horace Grant added 26 for Orlando.

and now we've played bad and won," Nebraska coach Danny Nee said after the white-knuckler with Missouri. "It's still a win."

Tyrone Lue paced the Huskers (16-10, 7-6 Big 12) with 24 points. They led 67-62 with 52 seconds left in the overtime after Lue made one of two free throws. Then Missouri's Kelly Thames hit a pair of free throws with 40 seconds left and Dibi Ray got two more with 28 seconds remaining.

Oklahoma State's Brett Robisch and Texas Tech's Cory Carr both scored 33 points as their teams met at Lubbock, but Robisch's last two came on a pair

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BIG 12 ROUNDUP

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Oklahoma beat Baylor 75-63 and Texas stopped Texas A&M 87-74.

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of free throws with 3.5 seconds left that gave the Cowboys their narrow victory.

Adrian Peterson added 23 points and Desmond Mason 14 for the Cowboys (19-4, 9-4), who remained three games behind league-leader Kansas, tied with Oklahoma for second place. Texas Tech is 12-11 and 6-7.

Carr hit his fourth 3-pointer of the game as time ran out in regulation to send the game into overtime at 74-74. He then scored Tech's first 7 points in overtime to put the Raiders up 81-78 with 1:41 left.

But Robisch converted a three-point play with 1:22 remaining and led the

game with his clutch free throws.

Freshman center Chris Mihm had 25 points, 15 rebounds and five blocked shots in the Texas victory over Texas A&M at Austin.

The Longhorns (12-13, 6-7), who shot 57 percent from the field, won their 10th straight against A&M (6-17, 0-13) and 11th in a row over the Aggies in Austin.

The Aggies trailed only 41-37 at the half, but then Mihm scored six straight points in a decisive 9-0 run that put Texas ahead 59-43 with 16:10 to play. Shanne Jones had 23 points and Michael Schmidt 21 for A&M.

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SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Stallings posts qualifying time in 800

Jeremy Stallings, the former Stanton and University of Florida track star, posted a time of 1:49.40 in the 800 meters at the Virginia Tech Indoor Invitational Track meet.

Stallings' time qualified him to take part in the 800 meters at the USA Track & Field Indoor Championships set for Feb. 27-28 in Atlanta.

He is scheduled to run thye mile in the Boston Invitational Indoor Meet on Friday. That meet will be televised Sunday on ESPN.

Coahoma Little League registration set

Youngsters wishing to play Coahoma Little League and Junior League summer baseball may sign up on Monday, Feb. 23, and Wednesday through Friday, Feb. 25-27.

Registration will take place from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Coahoma Community Center. Friday's registra-

tion will be at the ballpark at 5:30 p.m.

Tryouts for both minor and major programs will start at 5:30 p.m. Friday and will continue at noon Saturday, Feb. 28. Any player wishing to be placed in the draft will have to take part in at least one of the tryout sessions.

A copy of each player's birth certificate must be on file before a child is allowed to play.

Little League participation fees are \$30 for one child and \$55 for two children in the same family. The fee for Junior League players will be \$50 per child.

For more information, contact Donna Mansfield at 267-5701.

CGA holds first tournament of year

The foursome of Jim Roger, Dock Dimidjian, Johnny Palmer and Darren Creech turned in a 61 to take first-place honors in the Chicano Golf Association of Big Spring staged its first tournament of the year Sunday at the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

A field of 64 players took part in the tournament and 13 others joined the association during the event that drew players from as far away as Amarillo, Fort Worth and El Paso.

Second place went to the team of Ben Garcia Jr., Sammy Rodriguez Sr., Jerry Paradez and Fred Paradez as they combined for a round of 62.

Patsy and Joe Sharpneck teamed with Mike Sanchez and Larry Merdoza to finish the tournament with a 64, taking third place.

Baseball, softball signups scheduled

City wide signups for baseball and softball programs in Big Spring are scheduled to begin Saturday and continue through Saturday, Feb. 28, at Big Spring Mall.

Programs involving boys and girls between the ages of 5 and 18, including the American Little League, Howard County Youth Baseball Association, International Little League, National Little League and United Girls Softball Association, will be conducting the registration

from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on both Saturdays and from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday.

To sign up, youngsters and their parents should bring the child's birth certificate and registration fee.

For more information, contact Kenda Jones at 263-8612.

Preseason baseball warmup scheduled

A series of preseason baseball warmup sessions for all Big Spring youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 have been scheduled for Friday and Saturday, Feb. 20, and Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 28-March 1, at the American Little League Field, located just east of Howard College and Big Spring Memorial Stadium.

The first session is set for 5 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. on Feb. 20 with an 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. session the following day.

The third session will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, followed by a 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. warmup on Sunday.

BSST competitors shine in Odessa, Midland meets

HERALD Staff Report

The new Big Spring Swim Team which provides youngsters between the ages of 6 and 16 an opportunity to compete in meets throughout West Texas has gotten off to a strong start, according to coach Harlan Smith.

In their first meet of the season, several members of the team had impressive finishes at the Midland "A/B/C" Winter Invitational.

Mark Sheedy, swimming in the 11-12 age division, took a first-place "B" finish in the 50 freestyle with a 33.89 clocking, then added fourth-place finishes in both the 100 freestyle and the 100 backstroke. He was sixth in the 50 butterfly.

Teammate Will Liggett finished 18th in the "A" division's 50 freestyle, but rebounded to take a third in the 100 freestyle and a fifth in the 100 backstroke. He was 10th in the 100 breast.

Chris Stokes was 12th in the 50 free and 14th in the 100 free.

In the girls' 8 & Under Division, Lauren Sage turned in third-place finishes in both the 50 and 100 freestyle events, while Kelly Sage was ninth in the 50 free.

In the boys' 8 & Under Division, Daniel Budke finished third in the 100 backstroke with

a 2:22 clocking and added a seventh-place in the 50 butterfly, while Karl Brode was fourth in the 50 breaststroke with a 1:16.0 and was seventh in the 50 backstroke.

A week later in the Odessa Aquatic Club's "B/C" meet, Lauren Free turned in an impressive showing in the Under 8 division with wins in the 25 freestyle, 25 backstroke, 25 breast and the 50 free. She was second in the 25 butterfly.

Her younger sister, Kelly, finished second in the 25 backstroke.

Another second-place finish went to Scott Thomas in the Boys' 11-12 Division's 100 backstroke. He also finish sixth in the 50 free and 10th in both the 50 backstroke and 100 freestyle.

In the 8 & Under boys' division, Budke was fifth in the 25 breaststroke and sixth in the 25 freestyle, 25 backstroke and 25 butterfly. Colin Hunnicutt was fourth in the 25 backstroke, fifth in the 25 freestyle and ninth in the 50 freestyle.

Katy Hunnicutt paced the Big Spring in the girls' 11-12 division with a fifth in the 100 freestyle, a 10th in the 50 backstroke and 14th in the 50 freestyle. Kelli Warrington was 17th in the 50 freestyle.

Martina De Los Santos, who grabbed three fourth-place finishes in the girls' 13-14 category.

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Harry Caray dead at 77 of heart attack

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — Nobody sang "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" with the same unbridled enthusiasm. When he bellowed "Holy Cow," there was no mistaking his raspy voice. Harry Caray personified baseball to countless fans.

A failed ballplayer who was a huge success in the broadcast booth, he projected his zest for the game — and for life — across the airwaves for more than a half-century.

Caray, who was believed to be 77, died Wednesday of cardiac arrest.

His death was mourned by many, including baseball people, First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and fans across the country.

Caray, who always considered himself just one of the guys in the bleachers, would say, "You can't beat fun at the old ballpark." And he seemed to live that line.

"It's really been a heck of a run for Harry — just an amazing human being. He squeezed every drop out of about four lifetimes. He really lived life to the fullest," Cubs general manager Ed Lynch said.

Hall of Famer Stan Musial said: "We're going to miss old Harry. He was always the life of the party, the life of baseball."

Mrs. Clinton said Caray helped her celebrate her 50th birthday.

"Harry was one of a kind and nobody could sing 'Take Me Out to the Ballgame' like he could. And I hope he's doing a seventh-inning rendition in heaven," Mrs. Clinton said.

David MacAskill, a bartender at Harry Caray's restaurant in Chicago, said, "He wasn't a big shot and he made you feel at home. He was a big part of baseball."

FISHING REPORT

AUSTIN — Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 19:

BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear; normal level; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on red and black jigs with pork trailers and on medium diving crank baits fished on secondary points. Shallow water bass are taking spinners and soft plastic jerk baits like Bass Assassins. Hybrid strippers are fair on live bait and spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs fished around brush piles baited with cottonseed cake. Channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shrimp and night crawlers. Most of the cats are channel and bullheads.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; black bass are fair on Texas-rigged pumpkinseed colored worms and yellow spinners fished in 6 to 10 feet of water in the late afternoons. Jig-N-Pigs combos and diving crank baits are taking bass in the deeper water. Striped bass are fair to good on live bait fished in deep water with some fish caught on downriggers. White bass are good on live bait and yellow/chartreuse slabs or pet spoons fished around Tow. Crappie are fair to good on live minnows fished around crappie barges at night. Catfish are slow to fair with a few channel caught around the boat docks.

SOUTH:
AMISTAD: Water clear; lake level 1083.63; black bass to 9 pounds are very good on Carolina-rigged worms and crank baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Striped and white bass are schooling together and coming on spoons and live bait with limits daily. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp and cut bait in 30 to 100 feet of water.

CHOKE: Water fairly clear; black bass to 7 pounds are fair on spinners and worms fished along the grassy banks of creeks. Channel catfish are good on rod and reels baited with cut and cheese bait and on trotlines baited with cut or cheese bait.

WEST:
ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 55 degrees; black bass to 4 pounds are fair to good on spinners and on Texas-rigged worms. White bass are fair on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows and jigs. Channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with minnows and shrimp.

FORT PHANTOM HILL: Water murky; 56 degrees; hybrids are fair to good on crank baits and some on live bait. Catfish are fair on night crawlers and stink bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off-colored to fairly clear; 55 degrees; bass are fair on small spinners. Crappie are fair on minnows fished over brush piles. No report for catfish.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; 55 degrees; black bass up to 4 pounds are fair on black spinners with gold willow leaves and on worms. Striped bass are fair on live bait and diving baits. Catfish are fair on trotlines baited with bait.

OAK CREEK: Water fairly clear; black bass are fair on medium-running crank baits and on Carolina-rigged blue metal flake worms. White bass are fair to good on spoons. Crappie are fair on minnows and Crappie Jigs fished over deep brush piles. Catfish are slow to fair on cheese bait.

O.H.I.V.E.: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper and tributaries 55 degrees; black bass to 8 pounds and smallmouth to 4 pounds are fair on 1/4 and half-ounce jigs and on crawfish-colored crank baits. A few black bass have been caught on live bait. Crappie are fair on minnows fished in the river channel and around boat houses. Blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait fished over baited holes. Yellow catfish are slow to on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low; 53 degrees; black bass are fair on spinners and crank baits fished in fairly shallow water. Striped and white bass are fair on live bait fished in deep water. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished around boat docks and around the dam. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cut bait.

SPENCE: Water fairly clear; black bass are fair on white/chartreuse spinners and on soft plastic curl-tailed jigs. Striped bass are fair to good on shad. Blue and channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shad and prepared bait. Yellow catfish are slow.

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Celebrate Newspaper in Education Week Let's Visit a News Museum


A new news museum

To celebrate the upcoming Newspaper in Education Week, The Mini Page visited a very special museum about the news.

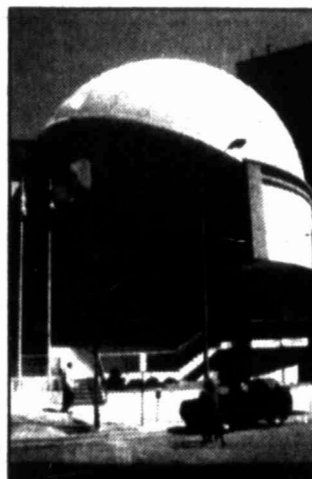
It is called the Newseum and is the only one of its kind in the world. Visitors get a behind-the-scenes look at how and why news is made.



One display shows 70 different newspaper front pages from around the world. Each day the front pages are brought up-to-date. It's fun to compare the different ways newspapers cover the same story.



The Newseum is interactive. That means that there are not only things to see, but things to do as well.



The Newseum is in Arlington, Va., a city just across the river from Washington, D.C. Inside the dome is a theater.

These visitors are using a computer program to learn how to be a reporter.

There is a lot to see and do at the Newseum. Kids in the fourth grade and up will enjoy it. Younger kids who can't read would get more out of a visit if they went with their families.

The Yellow Kid

ONE OF THE NEWSEUM'S EXHIBITS IS ABOUT THE HISTORY OF NEWSPAPERS.

The Yellow Kid was the first popular comic strip star. He appeared in a New York newspaper in 1895. The Yellow Kid had a little hat and big ears. He wore a yellow smock.


To do using your local paper:

Find it: Look through your paper for your favorite comic character.

Do it: Write a description of your character.

Think about it: What kind of comic strip would you like to draw?

Explore it online: Many newspapers have comics on their Web sites. See if yours does.



Newspaper in Education Week is March 1-7. The purpose of this week is to call attention to how valuable your local newspaper is in helping you get a better education at school and at home.

The newsboys

How much money would a newsboy make if he bought 100 papers for 67 cents and sold them all for a penny?

Many newspapers used to publish extra editions if a big story broke. That is the reason you often see the newsboy pictured yelling these words, which would certainly help sell papers.

In the early 1800s, newsboys, or "newsies," sold newspapers on the city streets. These homeless kids had a hard life. They often slept in alleys in packing boxes and whiskey barrels. Once, when a newspaper tried to raise the paper's price, the boys went on strike. They were so important that the paper changed its mind.

How much does your newspaper cost?

A badge worn by the newsboys who sold papers for the New York World. It is on display at the Newseum.



MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHERE DO FROGS HANG THEIR FLAGS?
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Q: What should you do if you catch your dog eating your dictionary?
A: Take the words right out of his mouth!

Q: When two pigs are friends, what are they called?
A: Pen pals!

(all jokes sent in by Stacy Ludlow)

Rookie Cookie's Recipe Crazy Caramel Corn

You'll need:

- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup brown sugar
- 1/2 cup dark corn syrup
- 1/2 teaspoon vinegar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons margarine
- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 10 cups popped popcorn

What to do:


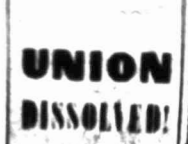

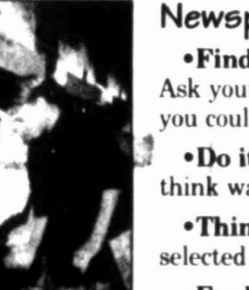
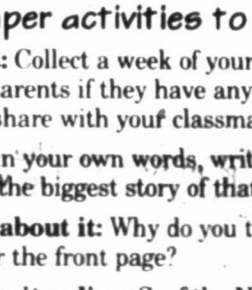
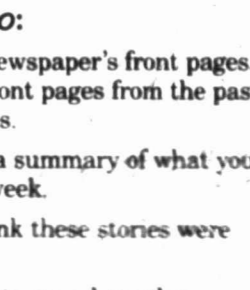

1. Bring all ingredients, except baking soda and popcorn, to a boil over medium heat. Cook 4 minutes, stirring often.
2. Add baking soda. Stir well.
3. Place popcorn in a large baking dish.
4. Pour syrup on top and mix well.
5. Bake in a preheated 350-degree oven for 30 minutes. Stir halfway through cooking. Makes about 10 cups.

Paper Pages and People

Newspaper activities to do:

- **Find it:** Collect a week of your newspaper's front pages. Ask your parents if they have any front pages from the past you could share with your classmates.
- **Do it:** In your own words, write a summary of what you think was the biggest story of that week.
- **Think about it:** Why do you think these stories were selected for the front page?
- **Explore it online:** Surf the Net to see what other stories newspapers might be covering on their Web sites.

Do some research to find out more about the events in these pages from the past.

NEWSPAPER TRY 'N FIND

Names of things you see in a newspaper are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find GOVERNMENT, PRICE, HEADLINE, WEATHER, RECIPE, SCHEDULE, REVIEW, SALE, LETTER, STOCKS, NEWS, PHOTOS, DEATH, SCORE

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Mini Spy ...

Mini Spy and her friends are using the newspaper in school. See if you can find:

- acorn
- quarter moon
- number 7
- question mark
- squirrel
- sock
- fish
- pencil
- ruler
- heart
- ladder
- letter A
- ice cream cone



Famous bylines from newspaper history

A byline tells who wrote the story. How would your byline read?

by Ben Franklin
Ben Franklin (1706-1790) first became well-known throughout the Colonies as the editor of the newspaper *The Pennsylvania Gazette*.

by Amelia Bloomer
Amelia Bloomer (1818-1894) edited a newspaper about women's rights. One was these was the right to wear baggy pants that came below dresses. They were called "bloomers" in her honor.

by Mark Twain
Mark Twain (1835-1910), whose real name was Samuel Clemens, began his writing career as a newspaper reporter. He later wrote the American classics about Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn.

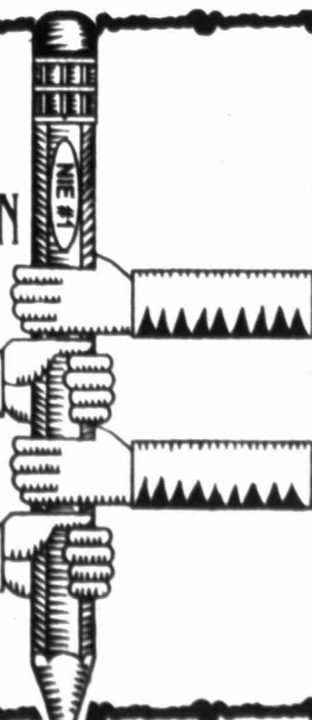
by Nellie Bly
Nellie Bly (1864-1922) often went "undercover" and pretended to be something she was not to get a story. One time she posed as a thief to find out how police treated female prisoners. She also went around the world in 72 days.

Next week The Mini Page starts a three-part series on life in ancient times with a story about Egypt.

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COMM. REAL ESTATE
701 GREGG: 24x42 ft. Steel bldg. Can be moved or leased @ present location. Bids will be accepted thru 2/23/98. \$23,000. Sign for sale also. The Real Estate Shop, 263-7653.

For lease or sale by owner. 2800 sq. ft. Commercial building, 1.2 acres on I-20. Immediately available. Owner financed. 915-267-3326

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

WELL ESTABLISHED BUSINESS
Convenience Store/Cafe. 2.35 acres of land, 14x60 Mobile Home. Call Delores 399-4888 or 267-2125

Call 263-7331 for the Big Spring Herald Classified Dept.

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\$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.

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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.

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)

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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: 915-942-8889 or 915-947-4929

MOBILE HOMES
\$1400 to \$1800 Cash rebates. A-1 Homes San Angelo. 915-853-1152, 800-626-9978 on selected models.

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FURNISHED APTS
Partial furnished apartment for rent. \$200/mo, 2004 Johnson. Call 263-3825.

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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 apt.

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

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3 bd., 1 bath. Central heat/air. Fenced yard. 1400 Sycamore. \$450/mo. + deposit. 267-2296.

3 bd., 2 bath. Stove & refrigerator, new central heat/air. 710 Nolan. \$450. + deposit. 267-2296.

2 br. 1 bath C/H. Fenced yard with garage. \$280/mo. \$100/dep. 908 Nolan. 263-4810 or page 267-0940.

Nice 4 bdr. 2 bath 1/2 acre, good water well, fruit trees. Large Hot Tub & Satellite Dish stays. \$5000 cash down. \$350/mo. Available 2/24/98. 267-5556.

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3 bd., 1 bath. Nice covered patio carport. Behind school. \$475/mo + dep. 1812 Benton. 264-0074, 520-3997.

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3 br. 1 bth. C/H/A, large storage building. Available March 1. \$350/mn. 150/dep. Ability to keep yard & do maintenance a plus. Call 505-395-2825

2 & 3 bdr. houses for rent. No pets. Call 267-2070 for further information.

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

Small 2 br. 1 bath. Fenced, ceiling fans. \$235. No pets. Non smokers only please. Credit certification required. 263-7616.

COMACHE TRAIL NURSING CENTER has immediate openings for full time laundry worker & weekend janitor. We offer benefits & competitive wages. Please come by 3200 Parkway to apply.

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Herald Classifieds works. Call us at 263-7331.

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1 bdr. furnished apt., all bills paid including phone, T. V., & cable. \$400/mo. \$200/dep. 267-5555

WANTED: Receptionist for busy doctor's office. Please apply at 207 E. 7th St. No Phone Calls.

3-2-FAMILY: 3606 Boulder. Sat. 8-5pm. Infant furn. & clothes, computer, record players, algans.

GARAGE SALE: Sat. 7am-7 109 Jefferson (between Washington & 11th Place) Ya'll come now, Ya Here!

GARAGE SALE: 705 Abrams. Fri-Sat-Sun. 9-6. All types of household goods, furn, toys & misc.

For Sale: Ford Pickup, 6-cyl. 5 speed, A C & extra options, excellent condition. 263-7081 Leave message

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY FOR FRIDAY, FEB. 20:

You are in the limelight this year, both professionally and emotionally. You might not have the time you need to do everything you want. You have a tendency to scatter, trying to do too much at once. Making priorities is instrumental to your success this year. If you are single, romance flows; others are captured by your charm, personality and magnetism. If attached, your upbeat attitude enhances your relationship. Recognize how much you have to offer, then give more of yourself. SAGITTARIUS pushes your buttons.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
You are entering a period in which you are more reflective and slightly more sensitive. But it is time to take action. You will gain, because you are intuitively right on target. Your mind encourages detachment and successful choices. Tonight: Take off now!

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
Discussions bring excellent work-related ideas. Creativity is high when brainstorming with others. Listen carefully to a co-worker; his ideas are worth hearing out. Make calls, clear your desk and get work done. Set up exciting plans for later. Tonight: Let it hang out.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
You hear news that puts a different slant on financial security. News about a potential investment could be fortunate. Don't spend too much time fantasizing about what could be; instead, put your energy and work into making it happen. Tonight: Treat another to dinner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
You hear whispers from a family member. Consider options with care, knowing you have time to make this decision. Don't push too hard; stay anchored with a loved one. Use your dynamic personality to make things go your way. Tonight: The world is your oyster.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
Stay mum on a primary matter. Somehow, you might be out of kilter, wondering how much you need to do. A conversation is enlightening and important to you. Separate gossip from fact, and you will be able to make strong decisions. Tonight: Just you and another!

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
Aim for what you want. Friends knock on your door, seeking your company. Check out a new situation that will serve you better financially. Making decisions is important. A talk brings the results you wanted. You finally see both sides of the coin. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
Take the lead at work. Express, then test, your ideas. Be more open to experimenting and sharing concepts. A boss looks at you favorably, even if you aren't getting the pay raise you want. Slow and steady, in this case, wins. Tonight: A force to be dealt with.

PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, February 10, 1998 the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, passed and approved an ordinance described as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE II, SECTION 3.03, RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK ETC., PROVIDING FOR A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE, PROVIDING FOR PUBLICATION AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS ORDINANCE WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW. Shanna Smith, Asst. City Secretary 1750 February 18 & 19, 1998

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO CONDUCT WEATHER MODIFICATION OPERATIONS IN THE STATE OF TEXAS
Date of the first of three weekly publications of this notice February 5, 1998 in the Big Spring Herald
1. Notice is given that the West Texas Weather Modification Association (WTTMA) has filed an application with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC) for a State permit to conduct weather modification operations to change, or attempt to change, the natural development of clouds for the purpose, objective, period, and by the method summarized herein below:
The Executive Director will issue the permit unless a written hearing request is filed within 30 days after the first newspaper publication of this notice.
2. The West Texas Weather Modification Association submitted an application for a Texas weather modification license on January 16, 1998.
3. The purpose of the weather modification operation is to increase rainfall in the natural target area.
4. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted for and on behalf of the West Texas Weather Modification Association, 8999 Hanger Road, San Antonio, TX 78264.
5. The proposed weather modification operation is to be conducted in an "operational area" and a "target area" to cause the intended effects to occur only in the target area. The operational area is that area including Coke, Crockett, Glasscock, Iron, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, and Upton Counties, which is the target area; and those portions of the following counties within 30 miles of the outer boundary of the target area: Andrews, Concho, Crane, Estel, Edwards, Howard, Kimpie, Martin, Menard, Mitchell, Nolan, Pecos, Runnels, Taylor, Tarrant, and Val Verde.
6. The area to be affected by the proposed weather modification operation is the target area. The target area is that area described as Coke, Crockett, Glasscock, Iron, Midland, Reagan, Schleicher, Sterling, Sutton, Tom Green, and Upton Counties.
7. Persons interested in knowing more about the technical aspects of the proposed operation should contact the applicant at each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If an eligible person makes written request, the commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. For more information concerning this application, contact files of Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 12097, Austin, TX 78711-0987, (512) 239-3900. The petition must contain:
(1) the signature, full name, address and phone number of each person requesting the hearing; (2) a statement that each person is at least 18 years of age and resides or owns property in the operational area; and (3) a description of each person's interest and how that interest would be adversely affected. Requests for hearing must be received by the commission within 30 days of the date of the first publication of this notice. If an eligible person makes written request, the commission will hold a public hearing on the application prior to issuance of the permit. For more information concerning this application, contact files of Coy, Jr., Public Interest Counsel, MC 105, TNRCC, P.O. Box 12097, Austin, TX 78711-0987, (512) 239-3900.
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Two (2) new snow tractors
Two (2) used snow tractors
Sealed bids may be obtained in the Auditor's Office, 300 S. Main, Room 202, Big Spring, TX 79720 or by calling (915) 284-2210. Bids will be presented to the Commission's Court at 10:00 A.M. on March 9, 1998 for their consideration.
The Court reserves the right to accept any or all bids.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

On Tuesday, February 10, 1998, the City Council of the City of Big Spring, Texas, passed and approved an ordinance described as follows:
AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BIG SPRING, TEXAS, AMENDING A DEFINITION FOR PET SHEEPS TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE, AND FINDING AND DETERMINING THAT THE MEETING AT WHICH THIS RESOLUTION WAS DISCUSSED WAS OPEN TO THE PUBLIC AS REQUIRED BY LAW. Shanna Smith, Asst. City Secretary 1750 February 18 & 19, 1998

Handy solution for hanging solves placard problem in car

DEAR ABBY: I have a handicapped placard. I have noticed that a lot of people have a hard time getting the card to hook over the rearview mirror (and also removing it). I, too, was struggling and came up with the following idea:
I asked my husband for a three-quarter-inch metal washer. He tied a string on the washer, and then tied the string to the mirror.
I'm letting the washer hang down about two inches. I bought a small, sticky-backed magnet at the hardware store, which I attached to the back of my handicapped sign. All I have to do is touch the magnet to the metal ring, and the sign is visible and easy to hang or remove.
I hope this idea will help all those who have struggled trying to hang their handicapped placards. Just touch the magnet to the metal and be on your way! — JUNE PETERSON, REDWOOD CITY, CALIF.



Abigail Van Buren Columnist

DEAR ABBY: I am 9 years old and I have a problem. Every time I get money from my parents or my aunts and uncles or my grandparents, I spend it on gum, chips, chocolate and sodas. Then, whenever I want to buy something like a jacket, I don't have the money.
My dad says I should buy a piggy bank, but I got one last Christmas and that didn't work. How can I save my money? — MIKE CHARLES, ROSEMEAD, CALIF.

DEAR MIKE: To save money, you have to stop spending it. The only way your piggy bank will work is if you put money in it and don't take money out of it. Each time someone gives you money, immediately put half of it in your piggy bank, and before you know it, you will have saved enough to buy something special.

For an excellent guide to becoming a better conversationalist and a more attractive person, order "How to Be Popular." Send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for \$5.95 (\$4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby Popularity Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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RED TAG PRICES ARE CLEARLY MARKED ON EVERY UNIT
*** Cars ***
1985 Lincoln Town Car - White, 100,000 miles.....\$2995
1990 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Blue, 77,000 miles.....\$5995
1991 Buick Park Avenue - Silver, 70,000 miles.....\$7995
1992 Mercury Grand Marquis LS - Blue/white, 72,000 miles.....\$8995
1992 Crown Victoria LX - Maroon, 57,000 miles.....\$7995
1992 Mercury Sable GS - White, 57,000 miles.....\$6995
1992 Mercury Cougar LS - White, 72,000 miles.....\$6995
1993 Olds Delta 88 - White, 84,000 miles.....\$7995
1994 Mercury Cougar XR7 - Silver, 50,000 miles.....\$11995
1995 Mercury Cougar XR7 - White, 32,000 miles.....\$12995
1995 Lincoln Town Car - White, 41,000 miles.....\$18995
1995 Lincoln Town Car Sig. - Green, 39,000 miles.....\$19995
1995 Mercury Cougar XR7 - Green, 22,000 miles.....\$12995
1995 Lincoln Town Car SOLD White, 50,000 miles.....\$18995
1995 Mercury Sable GS Red, 50,000 miles.....\$9995
1995 Ford Escort LX Red, 3,000 miles.....\$7995
1995 Ford Taurus GL Silver, 34,000 miles.....\$9995
1995 Ford Taurus GL Red, 36,000 miles.....\$9995
*** TRUCKS ***
1989 Ford Ranger Super Cab SOLD White, 50,000 miles.....\$5995
1990 Ford F150 W/Camper White, 37,000 miles.....\$4995
1991 GMC Sonoma SOLD White, 39,000 miles.....\$7995
1994 Ford F150 S/C Cab XLT Red/white, 63,000 miles.....\$14995
1994 Ford F150 S/C Green/white, 100,000 miles.....\$9995
1995 Nissan King Cab - Trs., 24,000 miles.....\$10995
1995 Nissan PU - Trs., 10,000 miles.....\$8995
1995 Chevrolet S10 Ext. Cab L.S. Red, 63,000 miles.....\$9995
1995 Ford F150 SOLD White, 50,000 miles.....\$14995
1995 Nissan Quest White, 51,000 miles.....\$14995
1996 Plymouth Grand Voyager - 37,000 miles.....\$16995
1996 Lincoln Town Car SOLD White, 20,000 miles.....\$21995
1996 Ford T-Bird LX White, 25,000 miles.....\$13995
1996 Ford T-Bird LX Blue, 31,000 miles.....\$13995
1997 Ford T-Bird LX Green, 11,000 miles.....\$14995
1997 Ford Taurus GL Green, 21,000 miles.....\$13995
1997 Ford Crown Victoria LX Silver, 18,000 miles.....\$18995
1997 Ford Taurus SOLD White, 22,000 miles.....\$13995
1997 Lincoln Continental - Cypress green, 2,000 miles.....\$29995
1997 Lincoln Town Car - Glacier blue, 21,000 miles.....\$26995
1997 Mercury Cougar XR7 - 21,000 miles, white.....\$13995
1997 Mercury Tracer - White, 17,000 miles.....\$9995
1997 Ford Escort LX 4-Dr. - Green, 19,000 miles.....\$9995
1997 Ford Taurus SOLD White, 10,000 miles.....\$14995
1997 Ford Escort LX - Red, 13,000 miles.....\$9995
1997 Lincoln Town Car - Cypress green, 19,000 miles.....\$26995
1997 Mercury Sable - Tan, 17,000 miles.....\$13995
1998 Ford Contour GL - Tan, 16,000 miles.....\$13995
1998 Ford Contour GL - Silver, 18,000 miles.....\$13995
*** VANS ***
1996 Chevrolet C-1500 Ext. Cab L.S. - White, 31,000 miles.....\$18995
1996 Ford Ranger - Blue, 20,000 miles.....\$9995
1996 Nissan P/U - Red, 48,000 miles.....\$7995
1997 Ford F150 S/C XLT - White, 7,000 miles.....\$20995
1997 Ford F150 S/C XLT - Black, 17,000 miles.....\$20995
1996 Ford Explorer XLT - White, 25,000 miles.....\$20995
1994 Ford Explorer XLT - Red, 75,000 miles.....\$10995
1996 Dodge Grand Caravan - 30,000 miles.....\$16995
1998 Ford Windstar GL - White, 28,000 miles.....\$17995
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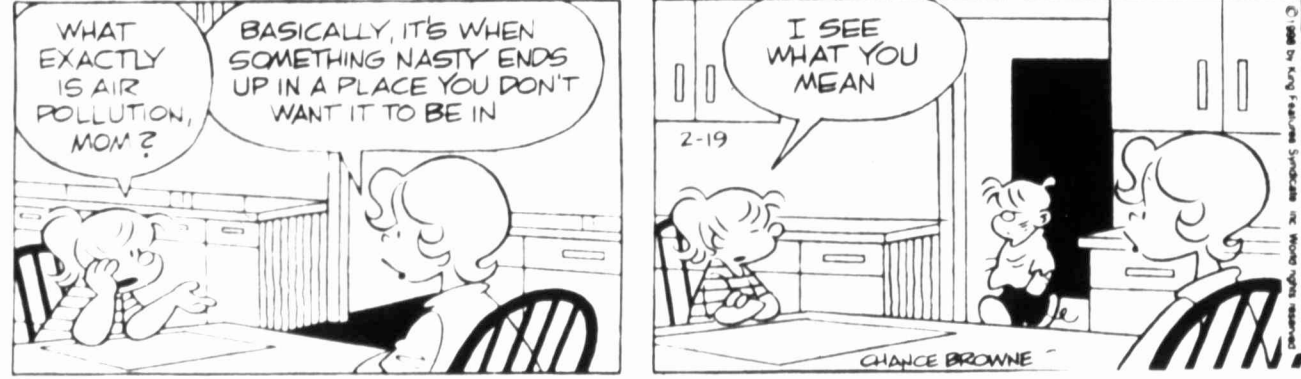
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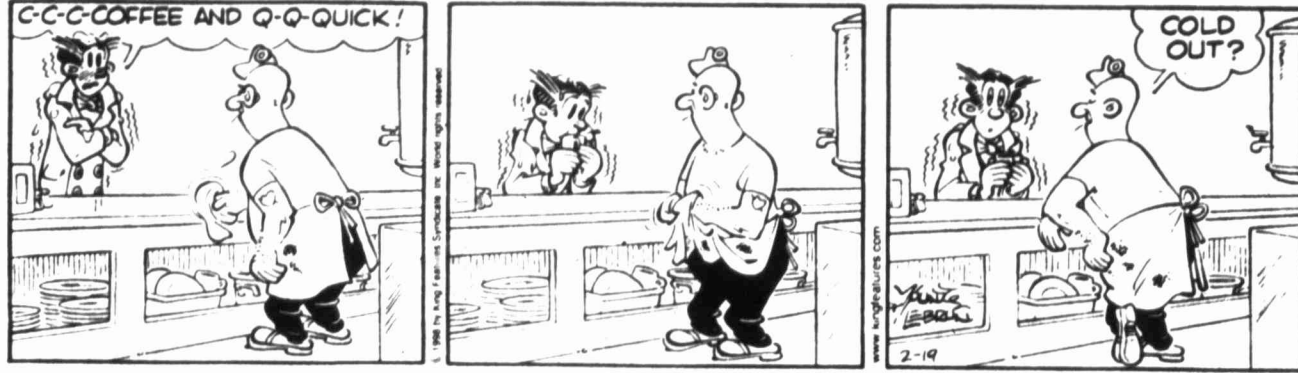
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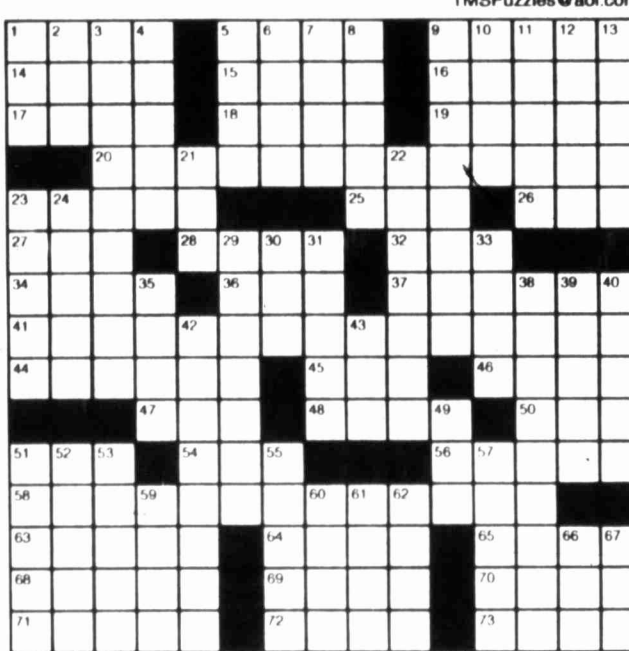
Today is Thursday, Feb. 19, the 50th day of 1998. There are 315 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On Feb. 19, 1945, during World War II, some 30,000 U.S. Marines landed on Iwo Jima...

On this date: In 1473, the astronomer Copernicus was born in Torun, Poland. In 1803, Congress voted to accept Ohio's borders and constitution.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

- ACROSS 1 Disorder, 5 Kong, 9 Cut corners, 14 Depict distinctly, 15 Square measure, 16 Palmer of golf, 17 Ephron or Lofts, 18 "Hud" co-star, 19 Sports infractions, 20 Long-running TV quiz show, 23 Yawned, 25 Tennis unit, 26 Double bend, 27 Sternward, 28 Health resorts, 32 Spanish river, 34 Two squared, 36 Letters on gravestones, 37 Places for gatherings, 41 1981 Bond film, 44 Robs, 45 Also not, 46 Priest's reach, 47 Constantine's birthplace, 48 Light powder, 50 Simpson judge, 51 Luis Obispo, 54 By way of, 56 Loathed, 58 Morse radio series, 63 See 57D, 64 Crat or mat lead-in, 65 All even, 68 Susan of "All My Children", 69 Pronounce indistinctly, 70 "You" (song), 71 Lucy Ricardo's landlady, 72 Transmitted, 73 Look lustily, DOWN 1 Fellows, 2 WWII arena, 3 Sacred text, 4 Use a razor, 5 Dangle, 6 Sandwich cookie, 7 Fastidious, 8 Celebratory events, 9 Two pointers, in football, 10 Fast-food magnate Ray, 11 Accustom, 12 Trumpeter, 13 Buttinskys, 21 Ames and Asner, 22 Waiters and waitresses, 23 Fishing hooks, 24 Walking, 29 Former German kingdom, 30 Michael Jordan's nickname, 31 Use credit, 33 Yoko's family, 35 Actress Meg, 38 Impassive, 39 Make joyful, 40 Protestant gathering, 42 Salad dressing ingredient, 43 "Are There", 49 Definite article, 51 Move sideways, 52 Alaskan language, 53 V-shaped cut, 55 Build up, 57 With 63A, "Star Wars" robot, 59 Sotto (in an undertone), 60 log, 61 Daze, 62 Wrongful act, 66 Dining area, 67 Change color



Wednesday's Puzzle Solved



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Continuation of 'THIS DATE IN HISTORY' and 'On this date' sections, including details about Copernicus, the Texas state government, and President Kennedy.