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Alleged bank robber indicted; faces trial in Lubbock federal court

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Peter Howard Rasmussen III, who allegedly robbed the Glasscock County Bank earlier this month, was indicted by a Lubbock County grand jury on one count of armed bank robbery



RASMUSSEN

Tuesday. He waived a detention hearing earlier this week, agreeing in effect to be held without bond, his attorney said. On Feb. 2, Rasmussen is alleged to have stolen a pickup in Houston and traveled to Garden City where he held employees of a local agricultural service hostage before stealing \$104,000 at a gunpoint, locking bank employees in a vault, and using a customer's Jeep Cherokee as a getaway car. An arraignment hearing has been set for Tuesday, U.S.

Magistrate Judge J.Q. Warnick, Jr. said. The case will most likely be set for trial April 6 before U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings, Helen Liggett, Rasmussen's attorney said. Rasmussen will be tried in the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, Lubbock Division, court officials said. "He was appointed a public defender at the end of last week, because he is too poor to hire an attorney of his own," said Liggett, an assistant federal public defender for the Northern District of Texas.

Liggett declined to comment further on the case. U.S. District Attorney Roger McRoberts, the lead prosecutor for the case, was unavailable for comment, his office said. The U.S. District Attorney's office follows a policy of not commenting on active cases, a spokesperson for the office who requested anonymity said. "I'm glad to see that the process is ongoing," 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson said. A Glasscock County warrant was filed Feb. 5 against Rasmussen for aggra-

vated robbery and aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. Because no double jeopardy penalties exist, Rasmussen could be brought to trial on both federal and state charges. "A decision hasn't been made" about prosecuting Rasmussen at the state level, Wilkerson said. Rasmussen was brought to the Lubbock County Jail on Feb. 19. Rasmussen, was arrested at a Hilton Hotel in Houston on Feb. 6. He had checked in under his name, and parked the Jeep Cherokee stolen from the bank customer in the parking lot. He

was also carrying a large amount of cash. Rasmussen was identified by the FBI and Texas Rangers as the chief suspect on Feb. 6. A pickup stolen in Houston was found in Garden City at about the time of the robbery. A pay stub and credit card belonging to Rasmussen were found in the glove compartment of the truck. Rasmussen was identified by the pickup truck owner, a Glasscock County Farm Service Agency employee, a bank teller and a bank customer in photo lineups conducted on Feb. 5.

Credit union expansion blocked

By CARLTON JOHNSON
Staff Writer

In a 5-4 decision handed down by the U.S. Supreme Court on Thursday, efforts by the nation's credit unions to expand their memberships have been blocked. This means some 70 million credit union members must now hope for Congressional legislation in order to attain consumer choice in financial services.

"The Supreme Courts' ruling strengthens our resolve to seek redress in Congress," David Roman, T & P Federal Credit Union president and president of the Big Spring Chapter of Credit Unions, said. "We believe that Congress realizes that credit unions are an essential, affordable alternative to expensive, profit-driven banks." Big Spring has eight credit unions in town and members are safe at this time, according to Roman.

"As far as individual credit unions are concerned, I don't think this ruling will have an immediate effect in Big Spring," Roman said. "We serve two distinct groups — Union Pacific Railroad employees and Cap Rock Electric Co-op members."

"There is the potential for some local fallout because several credit unions have taken in some additional groups," Roman added.

Wednesday's ruling puts credit union membership in jeopardy for millions of Americans who work for companies with less than 500 employees, according to Roman.

"This has been the main issue throughout this whole lawsuit, which has been in court since 1990," Roman said. "This ruling eliminates competition and we want people to have a choice."

Cosden Employees Federal Credit Union President Cary Anderson said the ruling is a devastating blow for consumers as far as choice is concerned.

"Banks say they want a level playing field, but as they define it," Anderson said. "They claim that financial services are actually bank services."

"They also use the argument that credit unions aren't taxed, but they can do the same thing by being non-profit and by not paying their directors," Anderson added. "We're here to

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Big Spring firefighter Steven Bedell rushes to connect new 5-inch high-volume pressurized hoses during a practice drill at the McMahon-Wrinkle Airpark Thursday.

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'Saggies' at focal point in debate over school district dress policy

By KATHY GILBERT
Staff Writer

Is it fashion, rebellion or art? Every year students, parents, schools and communities debate students' fashion choices.

In the 1960s, short skirts and long hair were sore points with school administrators.

Today it's gang emblems and baggy jeans, called "saggies."

Over the past few years, Big Spring Independent School District has tightened its dress codes to ban gang-related clothing.

Unfortunately, the gang look is "in," and school districts are having a hard time distinguishing the hip from the hoodlums.

Some parents and students in the district are wondering what to wear and what to buy. Others have protested what they think are rules that could use some "sag."

At the center of this year's controversy are "saggies," pants that are several sizes too big, slung as low around the waist as possible. The style originated in gang culture, but is also the way most pants for young people are made today.

A popular brand of pants (JNCO) is notorious, and mentioned directly in the district's secondary school dress codes.

Goliad Middle School was recently the target of a pro-bag-



HERALD Staff Photo/Linda Choate

Goliad Middle School students, wearing fashionable baggy jeans that may or may not be in violation of the school's dress code, pose for a picture at Goliad Middle School Tuesday.

gies protest. "We as parents of Goliad students would like to express our concerns regarding your dress code," said an unsigned letter sent to Principal Gainey and members of the school board in January.

"We agree dress codes are required, no short shorts, no tank tops, no short tops revealing belly buttons, no shirts with inappropriate pictures or language, no gang related clothing, no sagging, etc."

"We understand these specific things could be disruptive to keeping your students attention strictly on their class work. We

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Guilty Jury convicts Howell for 1996 sexual assaults

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

A 118th District Court jury needed just 50 minutes Wednesday afternoon to find 33-year-old Rickey DeWayne Howell guilty on charges of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with the intent to commit sexual assault.

Howell, 33, of Snyder, showed no emotion as District Judge Robert H. Moore read both verdicts. After reading the verdicts, Moore asked jury foreman Terry Hanson if the verdict had been unanimous, to which he said "yes, sir."

The charges against Howell stemmed from incidents in central and southeast Big Spring on Dec. 20 and Dec. 28, 1996. Both convictions carry prison terms of between 5 and 99 years or life. The sentencing phase of the trial got under way at 8:30 this morning.

Howell, who is suspected in a string of sexual assaults in West Texas, has already been convicted of two counts in Lubbock and is currently appealing the two life sentences he received there.

Both victims — white women ages 55 and 51 — in the cases were in the courtroom when the jury returned its verdict.

"While they admitted it (the trial) was difficult, they said they had received some closure as a result of this experience," 118th District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson explained.

Wilkerson said he felt the guilty verdicts also provided some relief and closure for the community as well.

"I know there were women in Big Spring who were placed in great fear because of the actions of this man (Howell). I hope these convictions are some small part relieves those fears."

On Wednesday, Wilkerson quickly called six witnesses to reaffirm the evidence chain in regards to blood samples collected from the victims and from the defendant, as well as from physical evidence collected in the case.

He then called Angelina Reeves and Kathy McCord, both criminologists with the Department of Public Safety laboratory in Lubbock, to the stand to testify as to the testing done on the blood and physical evidence and the results.

McCord, a chemist with 16 years' experience with the DPS, testified that as a result of DNA

Punishment phase begins

By JOHN H. WALKER
Managing Editor

A 118th District Court jury was expected to get a look at Rickey DeWayne Howell's criminal history today as Howell's trial entered the sentencing phase following his double conviction Wednesday.

The eight-woman, four-man jury needed just 50 minutes to find Howell guilty on charges of aggravated sexual assault and burglary with the intent to commit sexual assault.

Howell could get from 5 to 99 years or life on each of the two convictions. Additionally, Moore has the option of ordering the sentences be served concurrently or consecutively.

As court got under way at 8:30 this morning, District Attorney Hardy Wilkerson was expected to revisit Howell's arrest and convictions in Lubbock County.

On Wednesday, Wilkerson said he planned to call one of Howell's Lubbock victims to testify as well as witnesses who could also identify the 33-year-old Snyder man as having been at the scene of the crime.

In addition, Lubbock police officers and Howell's parole officer were also expected to testify as Wilkerson worked to get Howell's record before the jury.

That record goes back nearly 15 years and includes seven offenses — most of which are of the breaking and entering variety.

On Wednesday, District Judge Robert H. Moore III told the jury they might get to the sentencing charge as early as 11 a.m. today.

Testing, Howell could not be excluded as the source of semen recovered from the nightgown of one of the victims.

She further testified that characteristics found in both Howell's blood and the semen were found in only one white male out of 3,333 and that "testing indicated they were exactly the same."

Wilkerson then called one of Howell's Lubbock rape victims

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WEATHER

Tonight:



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Tonight, fair. Lows near 30. Friday, partly cloudy. Highs in the mid 50s. Friday night, fair but cool. Lows in the 20s. Extended forecast. Saturday, partly cloudy. Highs around 50. Sunday, partly cloudy. Lows in the 20s. Highs in the 50s. Monday, partly cloudy and a little warmer. Lows near 30. Highs near 60.

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BSISD officials cast wary eye at social promotion issue

By KATHY GILBERT
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To pass or not pass — that is the question this election year.

Governor George Bush recently proposed to hold back third-, fifth-, and eighth-grade student who failed portions of the Texas Assessment of Academic Skills (TAAS) test.

"When children artificially rise through the school system through social promotion, no one wins," Bush's official public statement on the issue reads.

Children who have not mas-

tered essential skills are "set up for frustration and failure," he said. Bush calls for focusing "resources and energy" on helping students learn to read in grades K through 3, using reading inventories to gauge students' progress and accelerated instruction to correct problems.

He also calls for reading academies, after-school programs, individual tutoring and summer school, and additional training for teachers in research-based phonics-driven curricula.

The total bill to taxpayers will

be an estimated \$203.1 million, he said.

Challenger Garry Mauro followed with a hard-hitting attack on both the financial and social impact of the plan. Mauro's analysis shows that Bush's program would cost the state more than \$13 billion in its first 10 years, using current passing rates.

"Gov. Bush wants to end social promotion with a state-mandated, state-administered exam that — during the next decade — could cost taxpayers \$13 billion, threaten to needless-

ly punish 2.5 million children and rob parents and teachers of local control," Mauro said.

Mauro's "Texas Families First Plan" proposes to use the Permanent School Fund to build permanent schools, keep qualified teachers in the classroom and pay professional salaries, use the TAAS test as a measuring stick, "not as a stick," and ensure that teachers decide which students pass or fail, according to a recent press release.

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Capitol Hill skeptical about Iraq deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — Clinton administration declarations of a "win-win situation" with Iraq are meeting increasing skepticism on Capitol Hill, while intelligence officials report that Iraq is working on a secret delivery system for biological agents.

Republican lawmakers reacted angrily Wednesday to U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan's assessment of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein as someone he could do business with and blasted the Clinton administration for ceding its diplomacy to the United Nations.

Secretary of State Madeleine Albright retorted that "this is not a time for U.N.-bashing. It is a time to test the agreement" with Iraq.

At issue is whether Iraq will live up to its written promise to Annan to allow full and unfettered inspections of sites suspected of concealing evidence of Iraqi chemical, biological and nuclear weapons programs.

Republican House members met Wednesday evening to discuss new initiatives aimed at increasing the pressure on Saddam and his regime rather than simply accepting the latest promise.

Rep. Christopher Cox, R-Calif., chairman of the Republican Policy Committee, said that while ruling out assassination as an option, House Republicans would seek funding for a program aimed at toppling Saddam.

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"Radio Free Iraq" broadcast from Kuwait, Cox said. And it could include financial and military support to Iraqi opposition groups.

"A policy based on Saddam Hussein remaining in power indefinitely is doomed to failure," Cox said.

Lawmakers were more upset with Annan's remark about Saddam — "I think I can do business with him" — than with the text of the weapons inspection agreement, Cox said.

The Clinton administration, which has described its acceptance of Annan's agreement as only tentative, said the deal sets up a "win-win situation" in that either U.N. monitors will be able to get at suspected hidden biological and chemical weapons or, if Saddam backs out of his promise of unfettered inspections, support for a military attack would be greater than it was during the latest crisis.

A U.S. intelligence official, meanwhile, confirmed Wednesday that Iraq was attempting to develop an unmanned aircraft that could be used to deliver biological

weapons on targets as far away as Israel. The pilotless aircraft program, elements of which have been previously reported by the defense publication Jane's, was the focus of a report Wednesday on "The CBS Evening News."

The intelligence official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Iraq was trying to convert an L-29 trainer jet into an unmanned delivery system for the biological agent anthrax. The jet would have a range of about 500 miles, great enough to reach targets in Israel as well as most of the U.S. force concentrations in the Persian Gulf.

But one version of the aircraft recently crashed during a test flight, and Iraq has not yet developed a tank that could be filled with a biological agent and attached to the aircraft.

"There's no evidence of success in making it work," the official said.

Even if Iraq was successful, the plane would have to fly through a gantlet of U.S. aircraft patrolling southern and northern Iraq and then evade highly capable U.S. or Israeli air defense systems.

Mideast analyst Anthony Cordesman of the Center for Strategic and International Studies wrote in November that Iraq was seeking to develop unmanned planes to deliver biological weapons because they "offer important ways of producing delivery systems while avoiding many of the U.N. constraints on ballistic missiles."

U.N. resolutions forbid Iraq from developing ballistic missiles that could be used to deliver weapons of mass destruction but pose no obstacle to Iraq's development of pilotless aircraft.

In addition to seeking to convert fixed-wing aircraft into unmanned systems, Iraq also has experimented with using helicopters and cruise missiles, according to Cordesman.

Albright defended the administration's Iraq policy before a House Appropriations subcommittee.

"It is real-world policy, not a feel-good policy," she said.

Her comments came hours after Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott denounced the U.N. deal in a Senate floor speech.

"It is always possible to get a deal if you give enough away," said Lott, R-Miss.

Touching on some of the fuzzy provisions of the U.N. weapons inspection agreement, Albright said the provision allowing diplomats to accompany U.N. inspection teams envisioned the envoys serving as "observers only," with the monitors conducting the searches.

Marine won't face fed charges in fatal shooting

DALLAS (AP) — The Justice Department reportedly is ready to drop a civil rights case against a U.S. Marine who shot a West Texas teenager during a drug patrol along the border.

The Dallas Morning News and the Conroe Courier reported in their Thursday editions that officials have decided against pursuing civil rights charges.

Testimony ended last month before a federal grand jury in Pecos.

"I've been told that Janet Reno will make an announcement (Thursday) saying she is not going to prosecute," attorney Jerald Crow of Conroe, who represents one of four Marines charged in the shooting, told the Courier.

The decision will end a second investigation into the May killing of Esequiel "Zeke" Hernandez, 18, of Redford, a community of about 100 people in the Big Bend.

Hernandez, who was tending to his family's goat herd, was shot to death at night after encountering a four-man U.S. Marine patrol watching for drug smuggling crossing the Rio Grande.

A Presidio County grand jury also declined to indict

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anyone after a state criminal investigation into the shooting.

The shooting highlighted the controversial role of using armed military personnel in anti-trafficking efforts along the U.S.-Mexico border.

Still pending in the case is a civil claim brought by the Hernandez family against the government, a Marine Corps investigation and the possibility that the state could resume its criminal investigation, officials familiar with the case said.

Halliburton, Dresser on verge of merger

DALLAS (AP) — Halliburton Co. and Dresser Industries Inc. today announced plans for a \$7.7 billion merger that would result in the world's largest oil drilling services company.

The proposal calls for a tax-free stock swap between the two Dallas companies, the companies said in a news release. The new company will carry the Halliburton name and remain in Dallas.

Dick Cheney, who took over at Halliburton in 1995 after serving as defense secretary under President Bush, will be chief executive of the combined company.

"This is a win-win combination for both companies' shareholders, customers and employees," Cheney said in a statement released this morning. "It represents a major step forward toward our goal of creating a fully integrated oilfield and engineering and construction services company with a global leadership position."

William E. Bradford, chairman and chief executive officer of Dresser, will become chairman of Halliburton.

"Together we will be able to do more for our customers than either of us could have done separately," Bradford said.

The new company will employ nearly 100,000 people worldwide and have annual revenue of more than \$16.3 billion.

That is larger than New York-based rival Schlumberger Ltd., which had \$10.7 billion in net sales in 1997. The other industry giant is Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc.

Based on Halliburton's closing price Wednesday, the transaction is currently valued at \$44.00 per Dresser share.

The transaction will be accounted for as a pooling of interests and is expected to be tax-free to Dresser's shareholders.

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Southwestern Bell Telephone Company (Southwestern Bell) filed an application with the Public Utility Commission of Texas (PUC) to charge an additional 26 cents per month per line to recover costs for providing Expanded Local Calling service (ELC) to certain Texas Customers.
The 26 cents per month surcharge would not be billed to customers who receive ELC. However, customers who receive ELC and pay less than the maximum \$3.50 a month residential ELC charge or less than the maximum \$7 business ELC charge will have to pay the additional 26 cents per month charge.
Expanded Local Calling was created in 1993 by Texas legislation that requires telephone companies to provide toll-free calling between small towns that share a community of interest such as a school or hospital district. The legislation allows telephone companies to recover costs not paid through customer charges by applying a surcharge to all other customers in the state who do not receive the ELC service or who do not pay the maximum ELC rate. The maximum monthly ELC rate allowed under state law is \$3.50 per line for residential customers and \$7 per line for business customers.
Southwestern Bell estimates that the 26 cents per month per line charge will recover the \$27 million annual cost of providing ELC service that is not recovered from ELC rates.
If approved by the PUC, the monthly statewide surcharge of 26 cents per line per month will begin with the April, 1998 billing cycles, with an agreement to refund all or part of the charge if the PUC does not approve it.
For questions about the reasons for the charge, please call the Southwestern Bell Business Office listed in your directory.
The PUC assigned Docket Number 18513 to this proceeding. The deadline for intervention in this matter is March 31, 1998. Persons who wish to intervene or comment in these proceedings should notify the PUC by March 31, 1998. All requests to intervene should be mailed to the Public Utility Commission of Texas, P.O. Box 13326, Austin, TX, 78711-3326. For information intervening, please call the PUC at 1-888-782-8477 or at 512-936-7120.



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Influenza

The virus explained: why it continues making you sick

By GORDON SLOVUT

Minneapolis-St. Paul Star Tribune

Nothing seems simpler than influenza.

You inhale a virus. You get sick. About a week or 10 days later you feel better.

Or you inhale it and you don't get sick. Your body fights off the flu because you have plenty of antibodies to the virus — defenses from a bout with the same or similar virus a year earlier or from a vaccination with a killed version of the virus or a similar virus.

Of course, like almost everything about influenza, sometimes called "the best mutator of all viruses," it's not quite that simple. The flu, often a scourge of winter months, is the result of a group of complex, ever changing microorganisms.

You could become infected again with the same virus that made you sick a year ago — or with a closely related virus, or a virus you have been vaccinated against.

"Vaccines and antibodies don't protect you against virus infections," says Dr. Henry Balfour, head of the International Center for Antiviral Research and Epidemiology at the University of Minnesota. "You can get re-infected."

But that doesn't necessarily mean you will get sick. The vaccines and antibodies may prevent you from having symptoms. Natural antibodies, the body's defense mechanism, are white blood cells that act like Pac-Man creatures, attacking and gobbling up invading organisms.

Or your resistance may be enough to restrict the infection to your upper respiratory tract — nose, throat, sinuses and larynx — so you develop nothing worse than a case of the sniffles or a mild cold.

But if you are old or have a chronic illness and your resistance is low, the influenza infection can spread to the lower respiratory tract — trachea, bronchi and lungs.

"It's when your lower respiratory system is infected that you can get into real trouble," Balfour said.

That trouble, typically, is bacterial pneumonia, which can be fatal in some people, or viral pneumonia, which is usually less threatening.

Viral ABCs
There are three types of influenza viruses: A and B, which are responsible for epidemics that occur most winters and for the hospitalizations and deaths from flu, and Type C, which does not cause epidemics and causes either no symptoms or a very mild respiratory illness.

Many doctors worry most about Type A flu. It seems to be the cause of most of the large epidemics while B is more endemic, meaning that it's always around and causes flu year-round, said Dr. Thomas Smith, a virologist at the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minn.

Type B doesn't seem to mutate as easily as Type A, which changes its outer surface enough to be unrecognizable to the body's natural defense mechanisms, Smith said.

If there were only three types of viruses — A, B or C — and no subtypes, and if the virus were stable, then one bout of influenza from each

'It's when your lower respiratory system is infected that you can get into real trouble.'

***—Dr. Henry Balfour
University of Minnesota.***

type would protect you for life. Or a vaccination once every 10 or 15 years might be as sufficient as it is with measles, chickenpox and some other viral illnesses.

However, influenza viruses are further divided into subtypes, based on differences in two proteins which, under an electron microscope, look like spikes sticking out of the virus.

The proteins are called hemagglutinin, which is a glue-like substance abbreviated as "H," and neuraminidase, an enzyme abbreviated as "N." Both are antigens, or substances that can stir up the production of antibodies in the host.

When a virus invades a cell, it is the spikes, the hemagglutinin or neuraminidase, that unlock the defense mechanism of the host cell, penetrating as a key would a lock.

There also are subtypes of the subtypes, designated by numbers such as 1, 2 or 3. That's why influenza viruses have designations such as A(H1N1) or A(H3N2).

Those letter/number combinations are important for one reason: They indicate whether the virus is only "drifting" — changing slightly, allowing people to develop resistance from vaccines or previous infections — or "shifting," changing so much that the virus invades the body as if it were a new disease.

A virus consists of eight segments. It mutates when those segments separate and go back together in different combinations, creating drifts and shifts.

When an invading virus invades a host cell, it takes over its reproductive apparatus, forcing it to produce hundreds of virus cells. Most of the new cells are like clones of the invading cells. But some reproduce imperfectly, meaning, for example, that an A(H2N1) might become an A(H3N1) or an A(H2N2).

Most of the imperfect cells die, but a few survive and spread. And if last year's virus can't take hold because of people's resistance, one of the mutant strains might.

The different formations can be significant. It's like a football team that's prepared for a run but the opposing quarterback surprises it with a long pass, leaving the team without the proper defense.

It's a touchdown for the offense, and the virus. The changes don't all come from mutations that occur in the human host, however.

A fowl beginning
Some scientists believe that some of the major changes come from influenza viruses that were in chickens or ducks.

That is what is believed to have happened in China in 1957, 1968 and 1977 with Type A. The avian flu strains from domesticated ducks apparently infected neighboring pigs and then people in close contact with them.

How to be a snowboarder

What to wear, watch, listen to and read

By STEPHANIE MCKINNON MCDADE
Sacramento Bee

So you want to be a snowboarder? You'll need more than a board. Here's how to adopt an attitude that will take you to the bottom of the slopes in style.

What to wear: Go baggy. Some say the clothes help when you're bending, flipping and flying through the air. Others say they're purely fashion, a carry-over from skateboarding — oversized, zipper jackets and baggy pants. The boots look and fit like fat, colorful Converse sneakers. The pants, equipped with reinforced knees and seats, will buffer falls and make it more comfortable when

you slope-sit.

How to do your hair: Girls go back to their roots with Heidi braids — she was the first mountain girl, after all. It won't hurt if you think pink, either, or go bleached, dreaded, spiked or mohawked.

What kind of board: You'll need one color-saturated with silly or psychedelic graphics. Personalize the top with stickers. "Pro-model boards," boards designed by professional boarders, are the hottest.

Movies to watch: Educational films rock this community — videos of snowboarding teams and individual snowboarders, as well as the latest daredevils performing the latest moves. They're a

great way to wile away the non-slope hours.

Music to listen to: Punk, ska or anything fast and furious that will help erase fears and raise nerves: NOFX, Wu-Tang Clan, Smashmouth, Lagwagon, Sublime, Propagandhi, Save Ferris, and Mighty Mighty Bosstones.

What to read: Snowboarding magazines featuring sequence shots of tricks, articles on cool resorts and cool slopes, tips for getting to and riding in the back country, competition results and profiles.

Look for: TransWorld SNOWboarding, Snowboarder and Heckler, which features skateboarding, snowboarding and music.

SCHOOL

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wipe out these deadly diseases. St. Jude treats its patients at no cost to their families.

Coahoma Elementary has participated in the Math-A-Thon for the past four years. This year students collected \$8,000 to send to the hospital. The following classes raised the most money: Mrs. Nichol's kindergarten class, Mrs. Poppoe's first grade class, Mrs. Hodnett's second grade class, Mrs. Lowery's third grade class, Mrs. Bibb's fourth grade class, Mrs. Wilson's fifth grade class, and Mrs. Brooks' sixth grade class. First grade Caitlin Perkins, raised the most donations in the school and will receive a jambon.

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in an environment where these two ingredients, love and control, are present in balanced proportions. When the scale tips in either direction, problems usually begin to develop at home. Unfortunately, parenting styles in a culture tend to swing back and forth like a pendulum from one extreme to the other.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. James C. Dobson's "Focus on the Family" appears each Thursday as a cooperative effort of Scenic Mountain Medical Center and the Big Spring Herald. Letters to Dr. Dobson may be sent to P.O. Box 444; Colorado Springs, Colo., 80903.

Geography is job for this dummy

By JERRY ALLEGOOD

Raleigh News & Observer

PENDLETON, N.C. — In geography, Willis Harris is no dummy. Sure, his head is stuffed, he wears a goofy grin and he doesn't talk, but the kid-sized figure is teaching a Northampton County school plenty.

Since Terri Harris' fifth-grade class at Willis Hare Elementary

sent Willis on the road with a truck drivers last September, he's become a traveling teacher's assistant. Willis is riding shotgun with various truck drivers who have sent back cards, letters and photos from where he's been.

Willis has already crossed the country twice and the class is hoping he'll hit all the lower 48 states and maybe the White House before he returns. "We've been amazed at the

response," said Harris, a teacher for 10 years. "We were afraid someone would put him in one place and he'd be lost forever, but he's doing great."

In Pendleton, a crossroads community near the Virginia border, the 26 students who packed him off eagerly look for updates and keep track of his travels with a map on a bulletin board. "Where in the USA is Willis Harris?" the display asks in big bold letters.

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Steers still have plenty to prove going into Levelland tournament

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

One game does not a season make. But as Bobby Doe and his Big Spring Steers head for today's opening round of the Levelland Invitational Baseball Tournament, they plan to build on their 15-5 season-opening win over Odessa Permian's Panthers.

"It was a good start, but we still have a lot of work to do," Doe said of Steers' opener which was called after six innings on the 10-run rule. "The thing we want to do is improve with every game. If we can do that, we'll be all right."

Now in his seventh year at the Big Spring baseball helm, Doe and his players are trying to rebound from a more than frustrating 7-15 campaign

during 1997. A program that had become one of the traditional Class 4A powers in West Texas, Big Spring endured a nightmarish 3-6 District 4-4A campaign — not even playing their final game of the season.

The Steers, who'd reached the playoffs for five consecutive seasons under Doe's leadership and been regional champions and state tournament participants in 1992 and 1994, found themselves in a position of finishing a season in which it didn't matter whether or not they played their last game.

It was a nightmare too difficult to forget, even in the aftermath of the Steers' lopsided win over the Panthers.

"I'd never had a year like that ... don't want to have another one, either," Doe admitted, before expressing belief that

1997's troubles shouldn't be repeated this season.

"Inconsistent pitching and hitting, as well as a lot of errors were the biggest problem we had last year ... we just didn't play like a Big Spring team," Doe explained. "When you can't hit, can't pitch, can't catch and can't throw ... well, you're not going to win many games."

"The bottom line is the kids didn't do a good job of playing and I didn't do a good job of coaching," he added.

To this day, Doe refuses to call the Steers' 1997 season a rebuilding year, but admits the Big Spring roster this season is heavily populated with seniors that should play better than they did a year ago.

"I've always been a stickler for defense. We shouldn't be making as

many mental mistakes as we did last year ... we're more seasoned," he explained, noting that the Steers played almost error-free baseball in the win over Permian.

"We made some mistakes, but only had one error," Doe said. "But that error kept us from ending the game in five innings instead of six. I'm extremely pleased with the way we played, it was probably the best game we've played in two years, but we have to remember there's always room for improvement. There's still a whole season to play."

The Steers boss also makes it clear 4-4A opponents, who have traditionally scheduled their top pitchers and been emotionally psyched to face Big Spring, should not expect a repeat of last year.

"It's going to be an extremely competitive district ... everybody's loaded," Doe said, making it clear he believes the Steers will return to the role of contender. "If this isn't the toughest Class 4A district in the state, it's one of the two or three toughest."

The coaches' poll of our district picks Andrews as the team to beat," he added, "with Pecos, Fort Stockton, Sweetwater, Big Spring and Lake View in that order. I've told our kids it better not be like that."

The Steers' win over Permian almost certainly served a notice Big Spring's district rivals have already heeded.

"We have the kind of tradition that everybody's going to be prepared to play us," Doe noted. "Nobody's going to overlook us, so we better be ready to play every time we walk on the field."

Bufs can't hide revenge factor

Stanton getting chance to avenge last year's playoff loss to Tahoka

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

STANTON — It's been a year in coming, but Stanton's No. 6-ranked Buffaloes will finally have a chance Friday to avenge an upset loss to Tahoka's Bulldogs in a bi-district playoff that ended their season in 1997.

Bufs coach Doug Gordon and his players have spent much of this season doing their best to downplay hopes that they'd get a chance to atone for the bi-district loss and that Tahoka would return to be their opponent.

When the 18-1 Buffs step onto the Lamesa Middle School gymnasium floor at 7 p.m. Friday, they'll be facing the District 5-2A runnerup Bulldogs, 18-11 overall.

While Gordon continues to cautiously maintain the Buffs are simply happy to be the District 4-2A champions for a second consecutive year — their fourth straight district crown — seniors Chad Smith and Marcus Washington have made their sentiments clear: They wanted Tahoka.

"We got another shot at Shallowater in football ... now we're getting another chance with Tahoka in basketball," Smith, a 6-foot-4 senior post, said several days ago.

Perhaps the Buffs' most overlooked threat, Smith remembers the satisfaction he and his teammates derived from avenging a bi-district loss to Shallowater as they began their march to the Class 2A state football championship.

But Washington, a 6-foot-8 senior post and the only player on the Buffs basketball roster who didn't play football, hasn't had the chance to let a state championship salvage old wounds.

For him, last season's loss to the Bulldogs is still a painful memory.

"All I know is that I don't want to ever feel that way again," Washington said, recalling the disappointment he and his teammates felt in the aftermath of last year's loss to Tahoka which went on to win the regional championship and advance to the state tournament. "It was terrible."

A chance to play in the state tournament at the University

of Texas at Austin's Frank Erwin Center has been something Washington has dreamed about for years, and he admits the frustration was compounded last year when Tahoka enjoyed that experience last season.

"For the last six years, I've gone down there (for the state tournament in Austin) with my dad," Washington admitted. "I've always wanted to play there and this is my last chance."

While admitting he's been looking forward to a chance at playing the Bulldogs, Washington says the Buffs aren't assuming that a win over Tahoka is guaranteed.

Instead, he makes it clear the Bulldogs are considered a serious threat and that the Buffs can't afford the sluggish start they got a year ago.

"The thing about last year was that we didn't come out with any intensity at the first of the game," Washington said, adding the three practice games the Buffs have played since closing out the 6-2A schedule — wins over Borden County, Haskell and Bangs — have helped them stay focused.

"The Borden County game woke us up," he added, saying the level of competition the Buffs face in district play works against them when they enter the playoffs. "It made us realize we had to be ready to play at the start of the game, not the second half."

"These past two games (with Haskell and Bangs), we really stepped it up ... played with a lot more intensity."

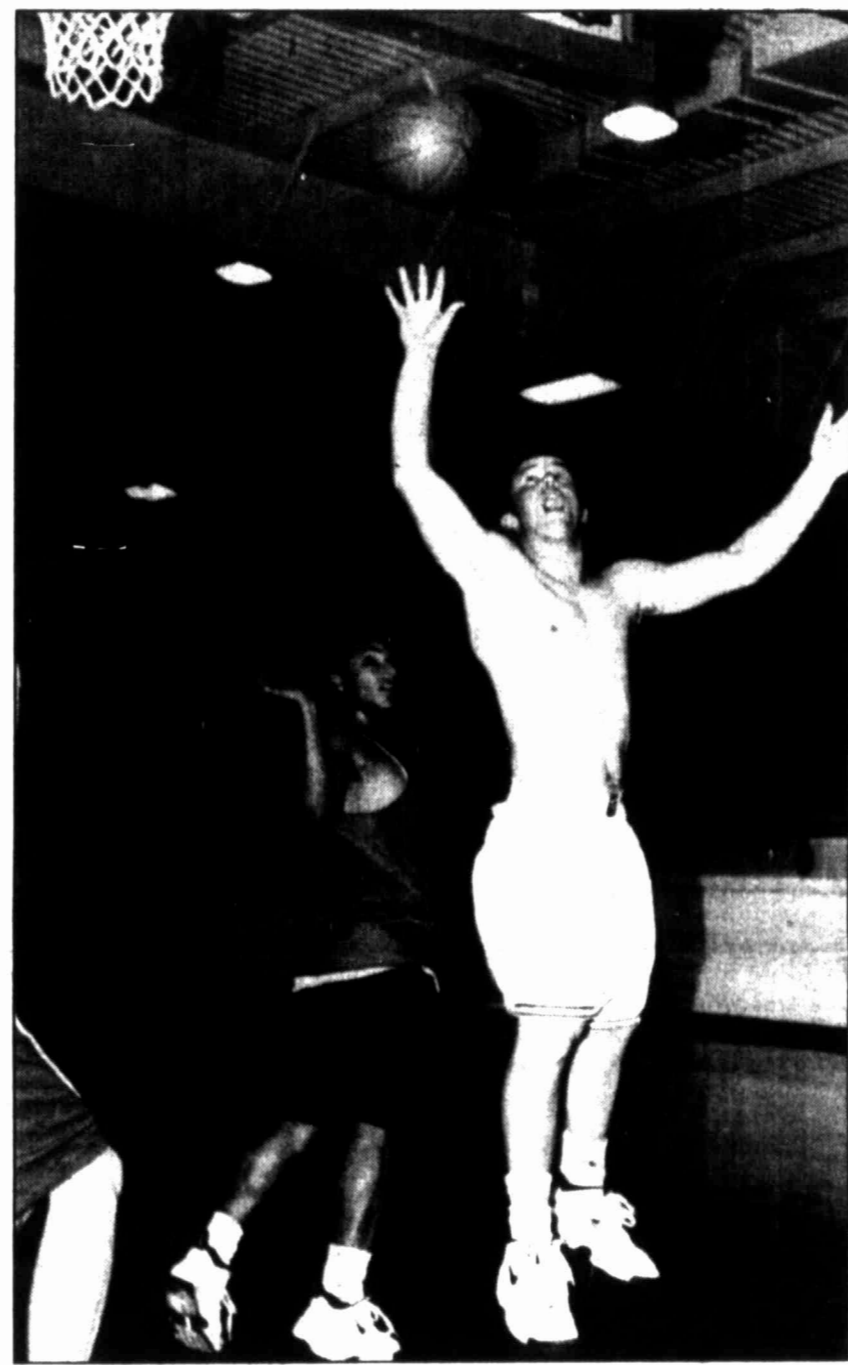
Indeed.

The Buffs' domination of Haskell, a team Gordon contends is the best opponent Stanton has faced in two years, was the result of what he terms "the best game we've played in that time."

With Washington, Smith and 6-foot-5 forwards Justin and Chester Cobb providing an intimidating front line presence, the Buffs will have a distinct height advantage over Tahoka.

However, Washington notes the Bulldogs, while not particularly tall, are extremely quick, jump well and are adept at crashing the boards.

"We've got to control the boards ... that's our game,"



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley
Stanton guard Kyle Herm puts up a shot after flashing past teammate Nicky Sanchez during the Buffaloes' workout session Wednesday afternoon. The No. 6-ranked Buffs face Tahoka in a bi-district playoff game at 7 p.m. Friday in the Lamesa Middle School gymnasium.

Washington explained. "We've got to do a good job of blocking them out when the ball goes up. The pressure's on me, Chad, Justin and Chester to do our jobs."

"If we keep them out of the paint and blocked off, we ought to be all right."

Gordon, though, acknowledges that facing the defending regional champions in the first round of the playoffs is "a tough draw."

"The Bulldogs, he maintains, are a formidable foe.

"They're a very dangerous team," he explained. "They're not big, but their overall team quickness is better than ours. They battle for every rebound

and every loose ball. That's a sign of a winner, making you earn everything you get."

Perhaps the most troublesome factor for Gordon is the Bulldogs' ability to score from 3-point range.

The Bulldogs displayed that talent in a practice game over Lubbock Cooper last week when guard Rocky Moore scored 45 points.

"They're a hot and cold team," the Buffs boss explained. "You catch them on a night when they're cold, they're going to have problems. But if you catch them when they're hot, they start putting up those long shots that all you can do is hope they don't go in."

Frank Phillips trip simply a regional tune-up for Hawks

By STEVE REAGAN
Staff Writer

For the first time in what seems an eternity, the Howard College Hawks don't face a must-win situation.

The Hawks, 9-4 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play, face what is essentially a tune-up game tonight when they close the regular season against Frank Phillips College. The two teams tip off at 8 p.m. tonight in Borger.

For all practical purposes, Howard is locked into the No. 3 seed from the WJCAC for next week's Region V tournament in Waco. The only way the Hawks can move up in the seedings is if both South Plains (which plays Clarendon) and Midland College (which takes on New Mexico Military) both lose their season finales, an unlikely scenario at best.

Even with little to gain or lose tonight, the Hawks will have some goals to meet when they take on the Plainsmen.

First, they will have to become accustomed to playing with only seven men on the roster.

The latest injury to hit the Hawks — a foot injury to sophomore Elmer Brown — remains a mystery. A stress fracture has

been ruled out, but further tests may be required before a definite diagnosis can be delivered.

Regardless of the cause — a fallen arch is now suspected — Brown will miss tonight's game, head coach Tommy Collins said. Without "The Big E," Howard will now see how it does playing as "The Magnificent Seven."

Collins is keeping his priorities simple, at least for tonight's game.

"We just have to get better," he said. "We have to have some people step up and contribute better than they have been. Of course, we need (sophomore post) Nate Clover to have a major impact, as we do from 'Fats' (sophomore guard Clifton Cook). But our other people will have to have an impact, as well."

The Plainsmen, who sank 14 of 24 three-pointers against Howard the last time the two teams played, should present a special headache to Collins' short-handed squad.

"They'll force us to play a lot more man-to-man defense because they have such a great perimeter game," Collins said. "But they also have two very good post players. They're something of an enigma. Everybody thought they'd be a lot better than they have been."

Hawks take 14-0, 7-1 wins in twinbill with McMurry

HERALD Staff Report

Howard College's Hawks swept a doubleheader with McMurry University's junior varsity Tuesday evening, taking 14-0 and 7-1 wins in Snyder.

In the five-inning opener, shortened by the 10-run rule, sophomore pitcher Keith Lant chalked up a no-hitter, allowing just one walk and striking out five.

The Hawks got all the runs they would need in the first inning of the 14-0 win, putting together a five-run rally.

They matched that production in the second inning, then added two runs in each of the third and fourth innings.

Scott Fahey paced the offen-

sive attack for the Hawks, going 3-for-3 at the plate, including two doubles, and drove in three runs. Rhett Wells was also 3-for-3 with a double, while Kelley Pettit and Trey Terrazas both finished 2-for-3.

Pettit hit two home runs, giving him four RBIs in the opener, while Terrazas had a double and a home run.

Ryan Mathews also got in on the power hitting act, ripping a home run en route to driving in three runs in the opener.

Freshman Josh Duwe went the distance in the nightcap, scattering five McMurry hits in the seven innings. He walked two and struck out three.

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Blazers snap Bulls' eight-game streak with 106-101 win in Chicago

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

The Portland Trail Blazers accomplished one of the rarest feats in the NBA — beating the Bulls in Chicago.

Arvydas Sabonis scored 21 points and matched his career-high with 20 rebounds as the Blazers stunned the Bulls 106-101 Wednesday night.

It was only the Bulls' third home loss this season and seventh in their last 118 regular-season games at the United Center.

"The win is important for us, especially against Chicago, which is such a good team," Sabonis said. "It's important for me, for my kids to know in the years to come we beat them."

The Trail Blazers blew a 15-point lead in the fourth quarter, but recovered with some clutch 3-point shooting by Damon Stoudamire, Isaiah Rider and Rasheed Wallace to end Chicago's eight-game winning streak.

"I don't think we stole anything,"

NBA ROUNDUP

said Stoudamire, who had 24 points and 11 assists in his fifth game since joining the Trail Blazers in a trade from Toronto. "This is what I've been working for my whole NBA career. We're a young team and growing together and have a chance for success in the future."

Michael Jordan scored 33 points for Chicago, but missed 17 of 26 shots from the field.

"We didn't shoot the ball particularly well," he said. "They just shot it better than we did."

Elsewhere in the NBA, it was Boston 111, Sacramento 94; Orlando 100, Dallas 79; Cleveland 106, Vancouver 101; Charlotte 98, Detroit 88; Los Angeles Lakers 96, Indiana 89; Atlanta 112, Denver 88; and the Los Angeles Clippers 117, Philadelphia 108.

Celtics 111, Kings 94

Kenny Anderson, playing his first home game since joining the Celtics, had 21 points and nine assists to lead Boston over Sacramento.

Antoine Walker scored 25 points to lead the Celtics, who acquired Anderson from Toronto in a seven-player deal on Feb. 18. Billy Owens had 20 points and 11 rebounds for the Kings, who lost their fourth straight.

Cavallers 106, Grizzlies 101

Rookie Cedric Henderson scored a career-high 30 points to lead Cleveland over Vancouver.

Zydrunas Ilgauskas had 22 points and Brevin Knight had 17 assists for the Cavaliers.

Bryant Reeves' 29 points led the Grizzlies, who lost their fifth straight and fell to 3-25 on the road.

Hornets 98, Pistons 88

Glen Rice scored 33 points to lead Charlotte past Detroit.

The Hornets finished a 10-day road trip at 3-3. The Pistons, led by Grant Hill's 27 points, lost for the fifth time in seven games.

Lakers 96, Pacers 89

Shaquille O'Neal scored 24 points, and Eddie Jones and Derek Fisher had 20 apiece as Los Angeles won at Indiana.

Magics 100, Mavericks 79

Bo Outlaw scored a career-high 29 points in Orlando's defeat of Dallas.

Outlaw also had 11 rebounds as the Magic dominated the visiting Mavericks on the boards 47-29. It was the Magic's fifth straight victory and the Mavericks' fifth straight loss.

Derek Harper scored 18 points for Orlando, while Michael Finley led Dallas with 16.

SPORTS BRIEFS

From staff and wire reports

Little League pre-season warmups scheduled

A series of pre-season baseball warmup sessions for all Big Spring youngsters between the ages of 9 and 13 will continue Saturday and Sunday at the American Little League Field, located just east of Howard College and Big Spring Memorial Stadium. The first session will be 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday, followed by a 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. warmup on Sunday.

Slowpitch softball leagues seeks umpires for season

Church and industrial slowpitch softball leagues are currently seeking people interested in working as umpires this season.

Those wishing to participate will be trained and sanctioned through the Amateur Softball Association.

Those interested are asked to attend an umpires meeting set for 7 p.m. Thursday, March 5, at 2225 Lynn Drive in Big Spring.

For more information, contact Ray Berry at 264-0890 or Jessie Rios at 264-6129.

Coahoma Little League registration continues

Youngsters wishing to play Coahoma Little League and Junior League summer baseball may sign up for the program both today and Friday.

Registration will take place from 6 to 8 tonight at the Coahoma Community Center. Friday's registration 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. 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.

Baseball, softball signups continuing at mall

City wide signups for baseball and softball programs in Big Spring are scheduled to continue through Saturday 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.

Former Bulldogette Stone throws no-hitter for UTPB

Stephanie Stone, a former softball standout for Coahoma's Bulldogettes, chalked up a no-hitter over Sul Ross State in a 15-0 for UTPB's Lady Falcons.

In addition, Stone had two hits and drove in two runs in the five-inning win Friday.

Earlier in the week, Stone picked up two complete game victories with 8-4 and 8-5 wins over Howard Payne.

Coahoma powerlifters shine at Grape Creek

Coahoma's youthful power lifters turned in an impressive performance at the Grape Creek Junior Varsity Powerlifting Meet on Saturday.

Seven of the eight Bulldogs lifters had finishes among the top three in their divisions and Loren Wolf, who took first place in the 165-pound class with lifts totaling 930 pounds, was named the meets outstanding lifter.

Teammate Arther Reyes finished third in the 165 class with a 795 total.

The Bulldogs finished first and second in the 132-pound class, as Logan Long took the top spot with 750 pounds and Andres Juarez followed with a 725 total.

Gary Hale, lifting in the 220-pound class, and Ben Best, competing in the 140 class, also grabbed second-place finishes. Hale's weight total was 935 pounds, while Best lifted a total of 730 pounds.

Chris Villa rounded out Coahoma's medal production with a third-place finish in the 190-pound class, lifting a total of 850 pounds.

Stallings finishes eighth at Boston Invitational

Jeremy Stallings, the former Stanton and University of Florida track star, finished eighth in the mile run at the New Balance Boston Invitational Indoor Track Meet

with a clocking of 4:06.

Stallings, who has qualified to run both the mile and the 800 meters at the U.S. Indoor Track and Field Championships in Atlanta this weekend, has indicated he will only run the 800.

Televised coverage of the meet is set for 1 p.m. Saturday on NBC and at 11:30 p.m. Saturday on ESPN.

YMCA now registering players for indoor soccer

The Big Spring YMCA is currently taking registration forms from youngsters interested in taking part in an indoor soccer league.

No tryouts for the program will be held. All boys and girls from kindergarten through the sixth grade are encouraged to take part.

The deadline for registrations is Saturday, March 7.

For more information, contact YMCA officials by calling 267-8234.

Big Spring Swim Team schedules swim-a-thon

The Big Spring Swim Team will conduct a swim-a-thon from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at the YMCA swimming pool.

Proceeds from the swim-a-thon will help the club fund the program which currently involves 25 swimmers coached by Harlan Smith.

Members of the team are currently soliciting sponsors for the event. They will swim up to 200 lengths of the pool, earning a specified amount of money per length.

Anyone interested in sponsoring a swimmer or wanting additional information is asked to contact Linda Hunnicutt at 263-4816.

UConn's set up shot for Sales creates real furor

The ASSOCIATED PRESS

HARTFORD, Conn.

Connecticut women's coach Geno Auriemma, rarely criticized by adoring Husky fans, was caught a bit off guard by the firestorm created by the staged shot that made Nykesha Sales the school's top scorer.

Auriemma took a beating in the court of public opinion

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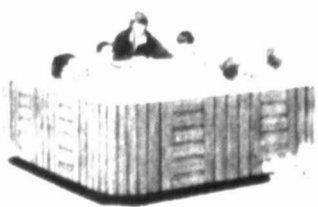
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Pettit, who was 2 for 3 in the nightcap, and William Hawkins, who went 2 for 2 at the plate, sparked the second game's offense, but Fahey and Mathews had the big knocks—two-run home runs, both in the third inning, that staked the Hawks to a lead McMurry could never challenge.

It was Fahey's first home run of the season, but Mathews' sixth.

The Hawks, now 8-7-1 overall, return to WJCAC play this weekend, facing New Mexico Junior College.

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Oliver Rangers' starter

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PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — The Texas Rangers will open its exhibition season Friday with left-hander Darren Oliver on the mound against the Minnesota Twins.

Manager Johnny Oates gave Oliver the assignment Wednesday as he mapped out his starting rotation for the first three games.

Oliver will go against the Twins' probable starter, former Ranger Bob Tewksbury, at 1:05 p.m. EST at Charlotte County Stadium in Port Charlotte. Scott Kingenbeck and Scott Bailes also are slated to pitch for the Rangers.

Right-hander Bobby Witt will start Saturday against the Boston Red Sox at Port Charlotte. Also slated to pitch that day are projected starter Roger Pavlik and projected middle-reliever Rick Helling.

Sunday, right-handed starter John Burkett gets the start against Cincinnati at the Reds' camp in Sarasota, Fla. Also slated to pitch are middle-reliever Matt Whiteside and non-roster invitee Jose Guzman.

Meanwhile, Aaron Sele gave up two hits and struck out five as he pitched two scoreless innings in an intrasquad game Wednesday.

Sele got the win, while Witt took the loss, giving up two hits, two unearned runs and a walk in two innings.

Third baseman Fernando Tatis made two of the six errors made by both squads.

The Mini Page

By BETTY DEBNAM

For Beginning History Students Ancient Egypt ABCs

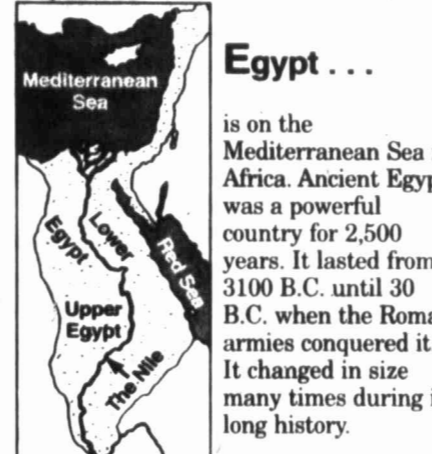


Ancient Egypt . . .

of more than 5,000 years ago is important to us for many reasons. The ancient Egyptians gave us many ideas, including:

- one government for the whole country.
- life after death.
- the 365-day calendar.
- discoveries in math and surgery.
- a way of writing and a type of paper to write on.
- how to build stone buildings such as temples and pyramids.

Desert . . . covers most of Egypt. The country lies mostly in the Sahara, the largest desert in the world.



Egypt . . . is on the Mediterranean Sea in Africa. Ancient Egypt was a powerful country for 2,500 years. It lasted from 3100 B.C. until 30 B.C. when the Roman armies conquered it. It changed in size many times during its long history.

Hieroglyphics . . . is a style of writing the Egyptians invented. It used pictures and also characters that stood for sounds.

Irrigation . . . was used in several ways by the Egyptians to help them make the most of scarce water when the Nile flooded.

Jewelry . . . was worn by both men and women when they could afford it. Gold was a favorite kind.

King Tut's tomb . . . was discovered in 1922. The treasures, such as this gold mask, had been buried for more than 3,000 years. It was one of the greatest discoveries in archaeology (AR-kee-OL-uh-gee), the study of the remains of past civilizations.

Food . . . was mainly bread, fish and vegetables. Beer was the favorite drink.

Gods . . . were worshiped. Ra was the sun god. He is often shown with a man's body and a falcon head. Pharaohs thought of themselves as the sons of Ra.

Boats . . . sailed up and down the Nile River, the main route for transportation and fishing.

Clothes . . . were woven of white linen made of flax. Women wore straight dresses with straps over the shoulders. Men wore loincloths or skirts.

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MIGHTY FUNNY'S Mini Jokes

WHY DID THE TURTLE CROSS THE ROAD?
TO GET TO THE SHELL STATION!

THAT'S MIGHTY FUNNY!

Q: Where does the flea family go shopping?
A: The flea market!

Q: What is black and white and red all over?
A: A zebra with sunburn!
(all jokes sent in by Kathryn Barbage)

FISHING REPORT

Here is the weekly fishing report as compiled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department for Feb. 25, 1998:

CENTRAL
BROWNWOOD: Water fairly clear, normal level; 60 degrees; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on red jigs and on crank baits fished on secondary points. Hybrid strippers are good 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 worms.

BUCHANAN: Water fairly clear; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair on Texas-rigged lizards and on pumpkinseed or pumpkin green colored. Jig-N-Figs 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 good on live minnows fished around crappie barges at night. Catfish are slow to fair with a few channels caught around the boat docks.

SOUTH
AMISTAD: Water clear; lake level 1083; Black bass to 10 pounds are very good on Carolina and Texas-rigged worms and on crank baits fished in 10 to 30 feet of water. Bass fishing is improving. Striped and white bass are schooling together and coming on spoons and live bait. Catfish are good on rod and reels baited with shrimp, prepared and cut bait fished in 30 to 100 feet of water.

CHOKI: Water fairly clear; very low; Black bass up to 8 pounds are fair on spinners and on Texas-rigged lizards and worms fished along the grass and in the creeks. Catfish are fair to good on rod and reels baited with cut bait.

WEST
ARROWHEAD: Water clear; 57 degrees; Black bass to 4 pounds are fair on watermelon colored Texas-rigged worms and lizards. 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; 57 degrees; Hybrids are fair on crank baits and some on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on nightcrawlers, crawfish and stink bait.

HUBBARD CREEK: Water off-colored to fairly clear; 56 degrees; Bass are fair on small spinners and on small pet spoons. Crappie are fair to good on minnows fished over brush piles. No report for catfish.

KEMP: Water fairly clear; 57 degrees; Black bass are fair on black/gold spinners with gold willow leaves and on Carolina-rigged worms fished in the deeper water. Striped bass are fair on live bait. Catfish are fair to good on trotlines baited with cut bait.

O.H.I.V.E.: Water clear on main lake, murky in upper end and tributaries 57 degrees; Black bass up to 10 pounds and smallmouth up to 3 1/2 pounds are good on 1/2 ounce Stanley jigs and on crank baits. Fish are holding in shallow and deep water. Crappie are good on minnows fished in the river channel and around boat houses with lights at night. Blue catfish are fair on trotlines baited with cut bait fished over baited holes. Yellow catfish are fair on trotlines baited with live perch.

POSSUM KINGDOM: Water clear; low; 56 degrees; Black bass to 6 pounds are fair to good on spinners and crank baits. Striped and white bass are fair to good on live bait fished in deep water. Crappie are fair on minnows fished around boat docks and around the dam. Catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with cut bait.

SPENCE: Water fairly clear; Black bass to 5 pounds are fair on spinners and on soft plastic jigs and on Texas-rigged lizards. Striped bass are fair to good on shad and on slabs. Blue and channel catfish are fair on rod and reels baited with shad and prepared bait. No report for yellow catfish.

Rookie Cookie's Recipe

Shurit Ads (Egyptian Lentil Soup)

You'll need:

- 4 cups chicken stock
- 1 cup dried lentils
- 1/2 onion, chopped
- 1 tomato, chopped
- 2 cloves garlic, chopped
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cumin
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

What to do:

1. Bring chicken broth to a boil in a large pot over medium heat.
2. Add lentils, onion, tomato and garlic. Reduce heat to low. Cover and cook 45 minutes.
3. Add cumin and salt. Heat 5 minutes.

Serves 4.

Basnet Brown THE NEWS HOUND'S ANCIENT TRY 'N FIND

Words about ancient Egypt are hidden in the block below. Some words are hidden backward. See if you can find: ANCIENT, EGYPT, DESERT, NILE, HIEROGLYPHS, KING TUT, SAND, MUMMY, PYRAMID, PAPHYRUS, CLEOPATRA, SPHINX, ROSETTA, SCRIBE, IRRIGATION, TEMPLES, TOMB, HOT.

KING TUT WAS PRETTY COOL!

CENTRAL TRESDE
TEMPLESEGYPTASD
CQYMMUMHOTCEKPP
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SHPYLGATREIHKTXD

Mini Spy . . .

Mini Spy and her friends are visiting an Egyptian exhibit. See if you can find:

- carrot
- number 7
- muffin
- football
- banana
- word MINI
- letter E
- tooth
- exclamation mark
- key
- sailboat
- heart
- letter W

Lotus flowers . . .

are often used as a symbol of Egypt. These grow along the Nile River.

Mummies . . .

are the preserved bodies of dead persons. The ancient Egyptians believed that a body had to be preserved if the person was to enjoy life after death.

Nile River . . .

water brings life to Egypt. In fact, Egypt has been called "the gift of the Nile." Were it not for the Nile, the country would be desert. It is the longest river in the world. It flows for more than 4,000 miles through Africa and into the Mediterranean Sea.

Obelisks . . .

are huge granite columns with four sides and a pyramid shape on top. They were made from a single piece of granite and had hieroglyphics on them. They were often outside of temples.

Papyrus . . .

plants grow in the water of the Nile. The stems were cut into strips, wet and crushed together, and dried to make paper. Papyrus was also used to make sandals, mats, string and ropes.

Pharaohs . . .

were the kings of Egypt. To the Egyptians, pharaohs were gods. They had absolute power and ruled with the help of priests.

Pyramids . . .

are huge stone tombs of the pharaohs. They are considered among the wonders of the Ancient World. The three pyramids of Giza are the largest ones and in the best shape. The largest has more than two million stones that weigh more than two tons each.

Temples . . .

built by the ancient Egyptians to honor their dead pharaohs are wonderful examples of stone architecture. Some are still standing today.

Underworld . . .

was the world after life on Earth was over. The Egyptians believed there was life after death. Osiris was the god of farming. He later became the god of the underworld who judged the dead souls.

Queen Cleopatra . . .

was queen of Egypt just before it was taken over by the Romans. She killed herself in 30 B.C. rather than be put on display as a captive.

Rosetta Stone . . .

was a special stone discovered near the town of Rosetta in 1799. It had writing all over it. It was not until 1822 that it was finally decoded and experts discovered the key of how to read ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

Scribes . . .

were men who could read and write. They wrote letters and served as clerks for people who could not. They were greatly respected.

Sphinx . . .

is a statue that stands for the sun god. It has a head of a pharaoh, or lamb or ram, and the body of an animal.

Wigs . . .

were often worn by both men and women. They were made from sheep's fur and human hair. Besides adding beauty, a wig also protected the head from the sun.

eXtra-long-lasting

Ancient Egypt came to an end when the Romans conquered it. However, this way of life lasted about 3,000 years, making it one of the longest-lasting civilizations in history.

Yarn . . .

spun from flax was used on a loom to make cloth.

Zero . . .

rain most of the time in the Sahara desert makes Egypt a very hot, dry country.

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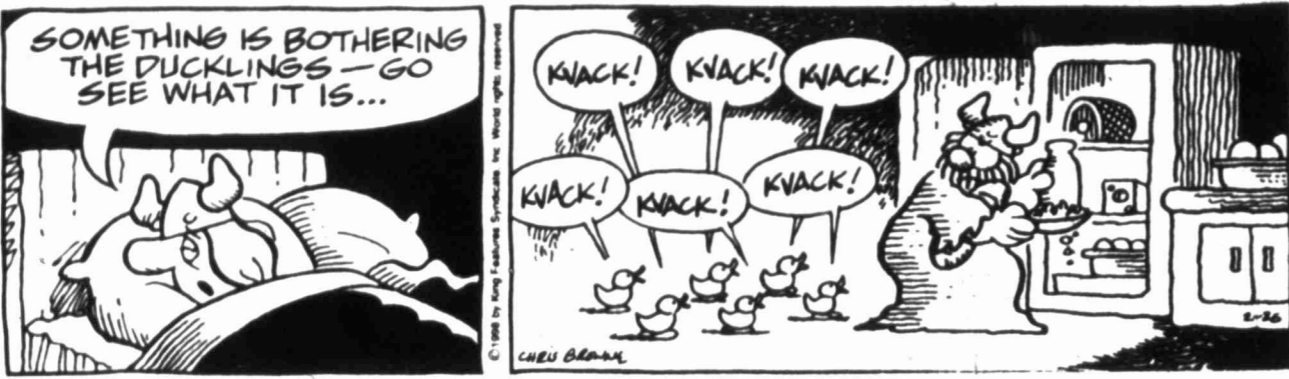
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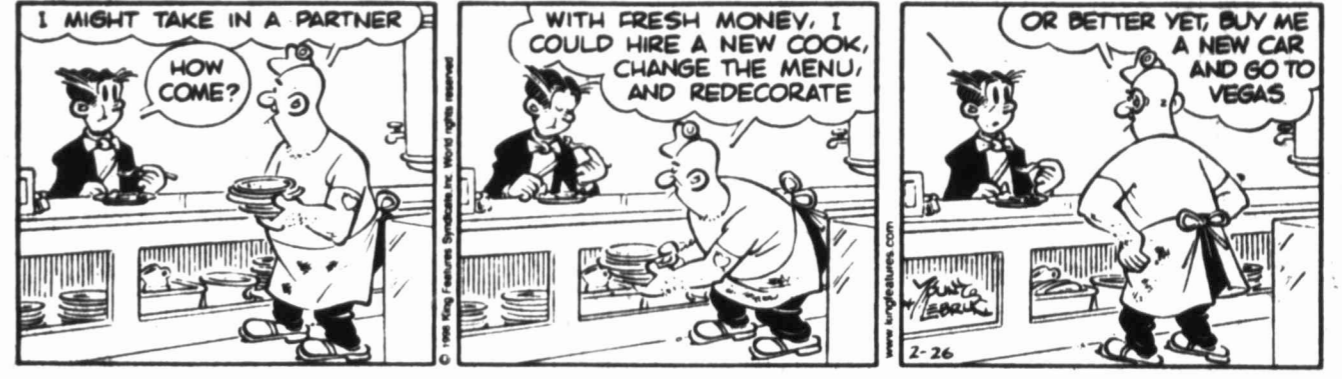
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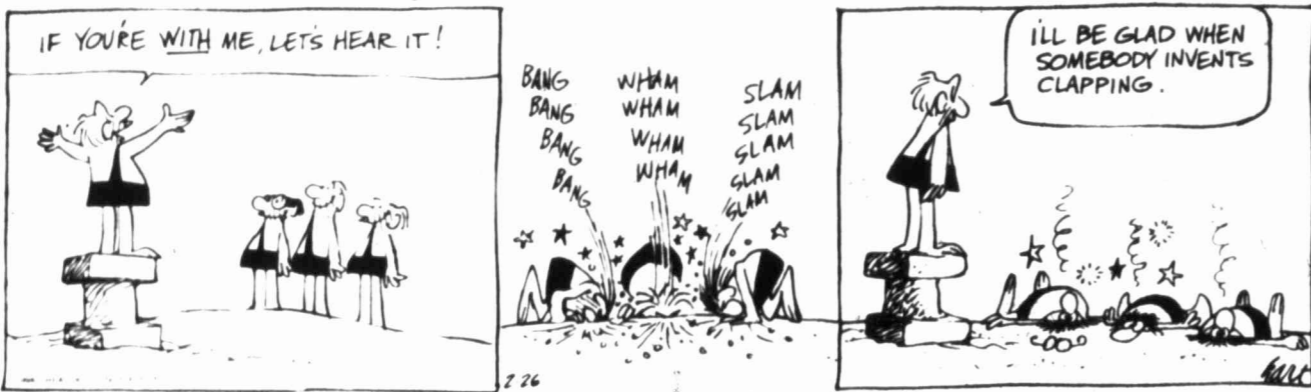
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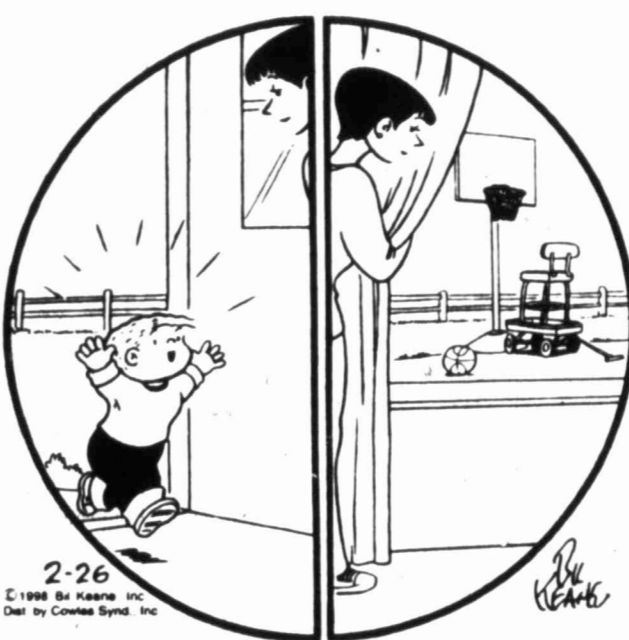
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DENNIS THE MENACE



GEECH



"Mommy! I got one in!"

"Anybody turn in a frog?"

THIS DATE IN HISTORY

Today is Thursday, Feb. 26, the 57th day of 1998. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History: On February 26th, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

escaped from the Island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

In 1846, "Wild West" frontiersman-turned-showman William F. "Buffalo Bill" Cody was born in Scott County, Iowa.

In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1870, New York City's first pneumatic-powered subway line was opened to the public.

In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1940, the U.S. Air Defense Command was created.

In 1945, a midnight curfew on nightclubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation.

In 1951, the 22nd Amendment to the Constitution, limiting a president to two terms of office, was ratified.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued its report, which rebuked President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1991, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced on Baghdad Radio that he had ordered his forces to withdraw from Kuwait.

Ten years ago: Erit Arturo Delvalle, ousted as president of Panama by the country's National Assembly, called for a national strike to repudiate Gen. Manuel Antonio Noriega. The Soviet Union's hockey team clinched the gold medal at the Winter Olympics in Calgary, Canada.

Five years ago: A bomb built by a group of Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York City's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

One year ago: President Clinton defended White House fund-raising tactics as "entirely appropriate," a day after the disclosure of documents putting Clinton at the center of all-out fund-raising efforts.

Today's Birthdays: Actor Mason Adams is 79. Actor Tony Randall is 78. Actress Betty Hutton is 77. Singer Fats Domino is 70. Political columnist Robert Novak is 67. Singer Johnny Cash is 66. Actor-director Bill Duke is 55. Singer Mitch Ryder is 53.

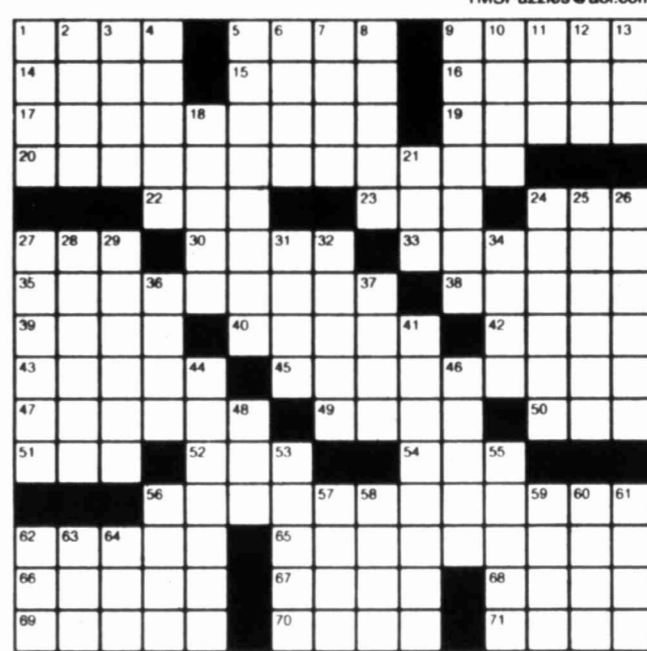
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