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BSISD trustees convene Thursday

Big Spring Independent School District trustees meet Thursday to consider a grant writing contract, a resignation, a vocational application and meet in executive session for a superintendent's evaluation. Also, an audience with the board has been requested to discuss a tennis club house proposal.

The meeting begins at 5:15 p.m. in the board room at Big Spring High School.

Sen. Gramm rep coming Thursday

Bill Christian with U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm's office will be at Dora Roberts Civic Center, 100 Whipkey Drive, at 4 p.m. Thursday.

The public is invited to meet Christian, who will be available to answer questions concerning any federal issue.

WHAT'S UP...

TODAY

□ Eagles lodge Ladies Auxiliary, 7 p.m., Eagles Lodge, 704 W. Third.
□ Texas author Herb Marlow will be at Moss Elementary School at 1:30 and 2:15 p.m.

THURSDAY

□ Gideons International Big Spring Camp No. 4206, 7 a.m., Hermans.
□ Big Spring Senior Citizens Center art classes, 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. for 55 and older.
□ Kiwanis Club, noon, Howard College Cactus Room.
□ Christmas in April, noon, Lion's Club Den, 1607 E. Third.
□ Friends of the Library, noon, Howard County Library.
□ American Legion Auxiliary, 7 p.m. Call 263-2084.
□ Masonic Lodge No. 598, 7:30 p.m., 219 Main.
□ Big Spring Newcomers Club contact Pat Mireles for time and location at 267-8741.

FRIDAY

□ Signal Mountain Quilting Guild, 9-5 p.m., St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 267-1037 or 267-7281. Bring a lunch.
□ Spring City Senior Citizens country/western dance, 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. All seniors invited.

SATURDAY

□ Howard County Scottish Rite Club, 7:30 a.m., Masonic Lodge, 21st and Lancaster.

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'If I Had a Hammer' founder returns to Howard College Thursday

By **MARSHA STURDIVANT**
Staff Writer

Perry Wilson, creator of 'If I Had a Hammer,' returns to Howard College Thursday, to kick off the spring semester program with Forsan fifth graders.



TUNSTALL

"We're very excited to have Perry back with us as we begin

the spring semester of 'If I Had a Hammer,' said Ken Tunstall, Howard College's vice president for instruction.

"This will also be the first time Forsan students have been here, and we're excited about that as well," Tunstall said.

If I Had a Hammer is Wilson's unique concept of teaching basic elements in a practical setting. Fifth grade students actually build a miniature house while learning team work.

Students also learn math, science, English and reading

through the efforts of adult team leaders, Lynn Walling, agricultural program director, and John Kearney, HC recruiter.

Tunstall said as many as five other community and junior colleges are expected to attend the program Thursday, to observe and consider having their own program.

Representatives from Angelina College in Lufkin and representatives from Tyler Junior College in Tyler will be here," he said.

Also, Howard College's San

Angelo campus will be represented, as will South Plains College from Lubbock and Midland and Odessa colleges, he said.

"They are all considering doing a Hammer program," Tunstall said.

Howard College was the first junior college in the nation to offer the Hammer program to the public.

Wilson was able to offer this unique opportunity to students through museums, but he said his dream was to provide a scholastic environment for the

children,

Sponsored by the Big Spring Herald, KBST radio and KWES-TV, a special room at Howard College was remodeled for the two-hour class.

All area fifth graders have been invited to attend and participate.

And Howard College personnel are also scheduled to take the Hammer program to Odessa for a Tech Prep Conference Feb. 3-4, he said.

By Wilson's design, Hammer

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Howard County show gets under way tonight

More than 350 animals readied in various events

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

Members of Howard County's 4H Clubs and FFA chapters began bringing the first of more than 350 head of livestock into the Howard County Fairgrounds show barns Tuesday in preparation for today's opening of the Howard County Junior Livestock Show.

With the exception of goats, which were due by noon today, and rabbits, which are due by 8 a.m. Friday, all livestock was due on the grounds by 8 Tuesday night.

"We're up a bit in both the number of exhibitors as well as the animals being shown," explained Howard County Extension Agent-Agriculture David Kight.

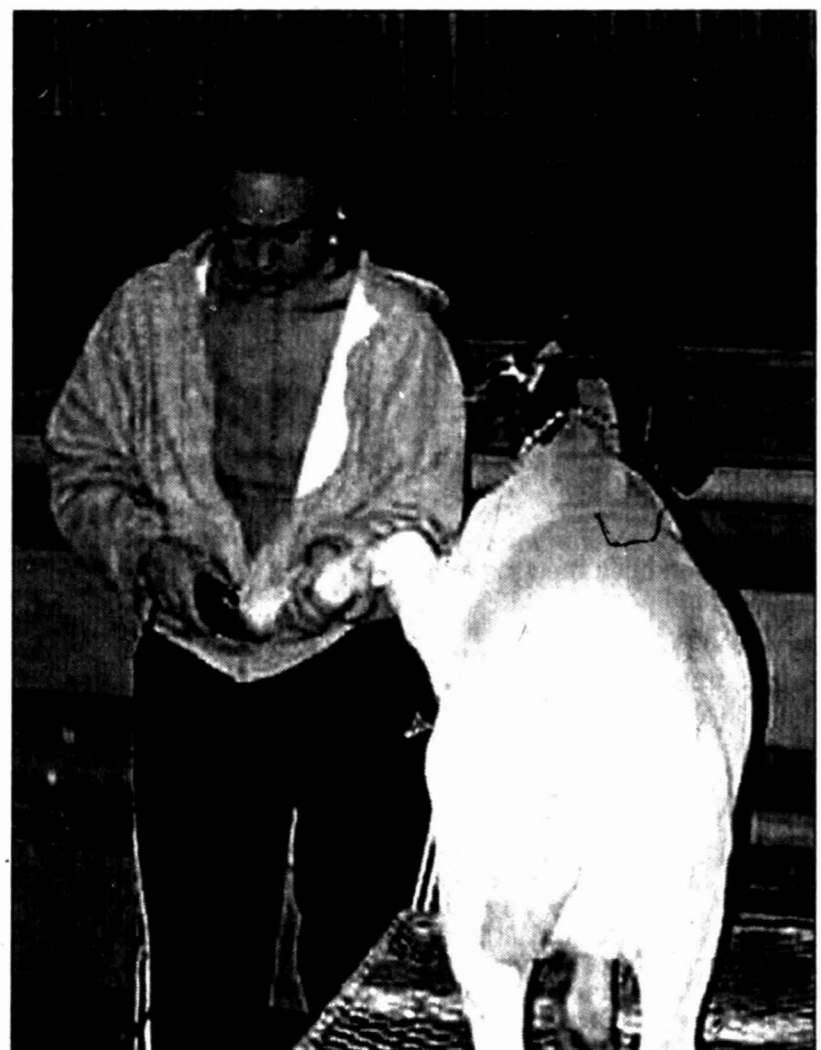
Approximately 200 youngsters will exhibit 352 animals in six classes today through Friday at the fairgrounds. Last year, 178 youngsters showed 328 animals.

The show will conclude



David Pope gives a trim to his Duroc pig in preparation for the Howard County Junior Livestock Show this week. The market hog show will be judged at 5 p.m. Thursday.

HERALD photo/Linda Choate



Heather Harris gives her goat a final trim in preparation for the Howard County Junior Livestock Show, which opens today.

HERALD photo/John H. Walker

SHOW SCHEDULE

Today
5:30 p.m., Goat Show

Thursday
5 p.m., Hog Show

Friday
9 a.m., Rabbit Show
1 p.m., Lamb Show
5 p.m., Steer Show

Saturday
noon, Buyer's Barbecue
1 p.m., Awards Program
1:30 p.m., Premium Sale

Saturday with the buyer's barbecue, awards program and premium sale.

There are two changes in this year's show from last year in that rabbits are being shown instead of capons and the steer show, held Saturday morning a year ago, will begin at 5 p.m. on Friday.

"We opted to go with rabbits this year because we had trouble getting a good source of capons last year," Kight explained.

"I think a couple of the

capons we had died, which is tough on the kids, so we made the decision to switch to rabbits."

Actual competition in the show gets under way at 5:30 today with the market goat show.

A total of 65 goats are entered in the show.

On Tuesday, Heather Harris and Colby Ditto were giving their goats a final trim in the south barn while James Rawls was weighing his.

"We're just trying to get ready," Harris said as she came over to help Rawls at the scales.

The show continues Thursday afternoon with the market hog show at 5. A total of 126 head of swine are entered in the show.

Earlier Thursday, weight cards due on barrows by 8 a.m. In addition, steers must be weighed and classified and papers must be checked on heifers by 1 p.m.

Friday will prove to be the busy day of the show, with the rabbit show set for 9 a.m., the lamb show at 1 p.m. and the steer and heifer show at 5 p.m.

Eighty-eight rabbits are entered in the show, along with 24 lambs, 42 steers and seven heifers.

There is no admission charge.

Task force fund guidelines addressed

By **BILL MCCLELLAN**
News Editor

In a 20-minute council meeting dominated by law enforcement matters, Big Spring Mayor Tim Blackshear on Tuesday directed the city attorney to draw up guidelines regarding a special task force fund to combat vandalism.

Details of the fund have yet to be worked out, though its purpose is clear — to complement the Crime Stoppers program already in place.

"My idea is to work with Crime Stoppers. We don't want anything to hinder them," said Blackshear.

"It's city's way of providing some incentive to catch those who would create vandalism or cause property destruction," said the city attorney, Jim Finley.

The task force fund, made up of monies donated by businesses, groups and individuals, would enable a reward system to be higher and more flexible than the Crime Stoppers program, officials say.

Big Spring got another boost in fighting crime Tuesday when city council members officially accepted a \$55,203 special law enforcement grant to help fund a juvenile gang suppression

unit in the police department. And on first reading, the council approved \$126,881 from the capital revolving fund for police vehicles and equipment for the police department.

In addition to the police vehicles, the council also approved on first reading resolutions allowing for the purchase of two crew cab trucks for the utility department, an expense of \$48,974, and a sanitation truck for the sanitation collection department, at \$106,640.

Council members also authorized Blackshear to execute employment agreements between the city and the city attorney and municipal court judge.

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911 director says angry county residents' calls are misdirected

By **JOHN H. WALKER**
Managing Editor

If you live on rural routes 1, 2 or 3 and haven't been getting your mail, Howard County 911 director Kay Kennemur may have an explanation.

"If they haven't switched their addresses to their 911 address, the post office started returning their mail to the sender effective Jan. 1," Kennemur explained at Monday's Howard County Commissioners Court meeting.

More than 700 pieces of mail were returned to the Howard County Tax Appraisal District office, she said.

Kennemur added that she had been inundated with phone calls from county residents, angry, she said, because they thought she had returned their mail.

"I've told them that I don't deliver mail," she said.

Kennemur said residents had been given ample time to change their address with their respondents.

"The post office sent out letters starting in November 1997 informing all residents on routes 1, 2 and 3 that effective Jan. 1, 1999 all mail not addressed to a 911 address would be returned to the

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OBITUARIES

Anna Lou "Meme" Brooks

Graveside service for Anna Lou "Meme" Brooks, 74, Big Spring, will be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 13, 1999, at Trinity Memorial Park with Rick Cunningham, minister of the 14th & Main Church of Christ, officiating.

Mrs. Brooks died Sunday, Jan. 10, at Midland Memorial Hospital following a short illness.

She was born on Nov. 8, 1924, in Haskell County. She married Donald R. Brooks on Oct. 11, 1958, in Mineral Wells. He preceded her in death on April 15, 1996. She was a member of the 14th & Main Church of Christ. Mrs. Brooks had lived most of her life in Sweetwater before moving to Big Spring in 1961. She had worked a number of years at Malone and Hogan Hospital.

She is survived by: two sons, Rocky Brooks of Abilene, and Herb McCain of Midland; two daughters, Andrea Booth of Vacaville, Calif., and Rebecca Lara of Anchorage, Alaska; one sister, Margie Rosenblum of Austin; eight grandchildren; and 10 great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Velma Kinchlow Waters

A celebration of life for Velma Kinchlow Waters, Carthage, will be 1 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 14, 1999, at Bethlehem Baptist Church in Carthage. Memorial and burial will be Friday, Jan. 15, in the Rosemond Cemetery, Commerce.

Mrs. Waters died Sunday, Jan. 10.

She was born on Aug. 12, 1931. She attended public school in Commerce and Neylandville. She was the first African American to graduate East Texas State University with a BS degree and later received two masters degrees from Stephen F. Austin State University. She married Robert Earl Waters on Sept. 4, 1949. He preceded her in death on Oct. 24, 1981. Mrs. Waters was a member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, licensed missionary of the Church of God in Christ, Inc. and Texas State Teachers Association. She was a Sunday School teacher for the last 20 years in the Church of God in Christ.

Survivors include: nine children, Larry Waters of Fort Worth, Dorothy Pope of Carthage, Gloria Gibson of Tyler, Michael Waters of Midland, Yolanda Williams of Carthage, Ruth Shellman of Big Spring, Charles Waters of Granger, Richard Waters of Las Vegas, Nev., and April Waters of Lubbock; a sister, Theda Brown of Commerce; 22

grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Arrangements under the direction of Blacks Carthage Funeral Home, Carthage.

Helen E. Willis

Service for Helen E. Willis is pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home, Stanton.

She died Tuesday, Jan. 12, 1999, at Sunrise Health Care Center in Stanton.

HAMMER

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works through prefabricated pieces of a house that measures 11x8x10 feet when finished.

The house has authentic doors and windows, and students are divided into teams that coordinate with a side of the house.

Community volunteers and parents are always encouraged to attend the day a class builds their first house.

A luncheon has been planned with Wilson and the college representatives following the program, Tunstall said.

MAIL

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senders," she said.

The change is part of an ongoing effort to have uniform 911 street addresses countywide.

"On Feb. 15," Kennemur said, "the post office will send letters to residents on all the HC routes telling them they will give them one year to change to their 911 addresses."

Kennemur said residents on the seven HC routes who do not comply will also have their mail returned to the sender.

In an effort to ensure residents are both aware of the need to use their 911 address as well as comply with the post office requirements, Kennemur said members of the Howard County Volunteer Fire Department will go door-to-door in the county, canvassing rural routes and verifying addresses.

In other 911 District-related business:

• Kennemur told county commissioners she was in the process of compiling a 911 address directory. She said she had had a request from at least one non-telephone company directory publisher seeking address information, but that she was seeking legal opinion as to who might obtain the information from her.

• The equipment for the computer upgrade for the county system was to have begun being installed today at the dispatch center in the Troy Hogue Law Enforcement Center.

COUNCIL

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Under old business, the council approved ordinances and resolutions involving three pieces of property.

City Manager Gary Fuqua reminded the council of a forum set for 4 p.m. Thursday at the Dora Roberts Civic Center to meet with U.S. Sen. Phil Gramm representative Bill Christian, and of the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce Banquet on Jan. 22.

Council woman Stephanie Horton told those in attendance that a march in honor of the late Martin Luther King Jr. will be held on Monday from 6 until 7 p.m., starting at Gregg Street and Martin Luther King Boulevard.

Following an executive session, the council reconvened to accept a lump sum payment of \$2,500 in a class action suit dealing with asbestos.

All council members were present.

One dead, one injured in stunt accident

CEDAR HILL (AP) — One stuntman was killed and another was injured today during filming of a stunt for the television show "Walker, Texas Ranger."

The incident involved a sport utility vehicle that jumped a ramp while being chased at Cedar Hill State Park southeast of Dallas.

Although police said the sport utility vehicle appeared to hit where it should have after coming off the ramp, the 49-year-old passenger died and the driver, 37, was injured.

"At this point in time, we don't know whether or not his death was a result of the event or whether or not his death was the result of a possible historical medical problem," said Lt. Rick Sullivan of the Cedar Hill Police Department.

The vehicle sustained minimal damage, Sullivan said.

The driver was being evaluated at Methodist Medical Center in Dallas, said hospital officials, adding his injuries were not life-threatening. Neither man was identified.

The CBS show stars Chuck Norris, who was in his motor home on the site at the time, said spokesman Paul Baker. He described the actor as "grief stricken."

Olympic executives meet with sponsors

ATLANTA (AP) — The International Olympic Committee's top marketing officer rushed to Atlanta on Tuesday to reassure Coca-Cola, Co. and other Olympic sponsors concerned about the bribery scandal unfolding in Salt Lake City.

Michael Payne set a meeting Tuesday with Coca-Cola executives and scheduled sessions for Wednesday at the Atlanta headquarters of United Parcel Service and Home Depot.

The Olympic organization and the U.S. Justice Department are investigating allegations members of the IOC were bribed with cash payments of as much as \$70,000 and other gifts to award the 2002 Winter Games to Salt Lake City.

Corporate sponsors provide crucial support to the games. One, U.S. West, has said it will hold up a \$5 million sponsorship payment due at the end of this month.

Coke, which has been an Olympic sponsor since 1928 and is closely identified with the games, emphasized Tuesday that it remains committed to supporting the games — assuming the IOC takes corrective action.

"We believe in the Olympic movement. We're concerned about anything that can negatively impact the Olympics," said Coke spokesman Ben Deutsch.

"We've expressed our concerns to the IOC, U.S. Olympic Committee and the Salt Lake City organizing committee and have been assured that they will take swift action to bring this situation to a positive closure."

Deutsch added: "We are very confident that they are taking the right steps."

Coke is sponsoring both the Summer and Winter Games through 2008.

A BIG SPRING AROUND THE TOWN

Kaczynskis set up fund to distribute reward money

ALBANY, N.Y. (AP) — The brother of Unabomber Ted Kaczynski said Tuesday he'll help out people hurt by paranoid schizophrenics by establishing a fund with the federal reward he got for turning in his brother.

David Kaczynski said he would have preferred the \$1 million reward go entirely to victims of the bomb attacks.

But since taxes would have eaten up about three-quarters of the reward, David Kaczynski is doing what he figures is the next best thing. He and his wife, Linda Patrik, said they're giving about \$500,000 to the Albany branch of The Community Foundation, a charity.

The organization will distribute the cash to people who were victims of crimes committed by paranoid schizophrenics. Ted Kaczynski, a former Berkeley mathematics professor turned backwoods hermit, was diagnosed by a prison psychiatrist as a paranoid schizophrenic.

Ted Kaczynski was convicted last year and is serving a life prison sentence for 16 attacks that killed three and injured 29 people.

For legal reasons, the Kaczynskis can't earmark the money specifically for the victims or survivors and still get the tax exemption. But they have put some restrictions on where the money can go.

BRIEFS

THE TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF Health will be giving flu shots every Wednesday throughout the winter (October-February) to those 18 years or older. The cost is \$5 for those not on Medicaid. The hours will be from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. and 1 to 4 p.m. Call 263-9775 for more information.

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH and WIC (Women, Infants and Children) program will be closed for all services on Jan. 18-19. The office will open again for services Jan. 20 at 8 a.m.

SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.) Step study.

THURSDAY
•Alcoholics Anonymous, 615 Settles, noon open meeting.

•A.D.D.A.P.T. non-profit support and learning organization about attention deficit disorder, learning disorders and dyslexia. Meets second Thursday of September, October, November, January, February, March, April and May, Cerebral Palsy building, 802 Ventura, Midland.

•Alzheimer's support group, noon, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, third Thursday of the month. Call Janice Wagner at 263-1211.

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

•Alzheimer's Association

TEXAS LOTTERY PICK 3: 5,5,9 CASH: 5,7,13,30,35,37

Support Group, last Thursday of the month, Comanche Trail Nursing Center, 3200 Parkway, 7 p.m. Call Viola Barraza at 267-9459.

•Narcotic Anonymous, 8 p.m. St. Mary's Episcopal Church. Call 268-4189 (pager no.)

•Al-Anon support group, 8 p.m., Scenic Mountain Medical Center small cafeteria.

IF YOU HAVE A SUPPORT GROUP LISTING, PLEASE SUBMIT IT IN WRITING.

MARKETS

March cotton 59.05 cents, down 56 points; Feb. crude 12.60, down 29 points; Cash hogs steady at 28; cash steers steady at 41 even; Feb. lean hog futures 41.45, up 25 points; Feb. live cattle futures 63.02, up 70 points. courtesy: Delta Corporation.

Other markets were unavailable by press time.

FIRE/EMS

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

TUESDAY
9:21 a.m. — Scenic Mountain Medical Center, medical call, patient transported to St. Paul, Dallas.

4:10 p.m. — 1600 block Martin Luther King, trauma call, patient transported to Stanton Care Center.

6:23 p.m. — 1900 block North 87, trauma call, patient transported to SMMC.

POLICE

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

•THEFT MORE THAN \$50 LESS THAN \$500 was reported in the 1600 block of Canary. A lawn mower valued at \$90 was reported stolen.

•THEFT MORE THAN \$50 LESS THAN \$500 was reported in the 1800 block of Settles. Oxygen bottles and hose, valued at \$375, was reported stolen.

•ASSAULT/FAMILY VIOLENCE was reported in the 1100 block of Johnson.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 2500 block of Gregg. A 1972 four-door, valued at \$3,000, was reported stolen.

•BURGLARY OF A VEHICLE was reported in the 200 block of Marcy. A steering column and driver's side rear window were damaged, and a package of cigarettes was reported stolen. Value of damage and property was \$353.

•MELODY GAY, 37, was arrested for local warrants.

•MARTY WILSON, 31, was arrested for public intoxication.

•NORMAN CANNON, 23, was arrested for public intoxication.

•MINOR ACCIDENT was reported in the 100 block of Gregg.

•THEFT was reported in the 300 block of Owens. A VCR, valued at \$150, was reported stolen.

•THEFT was reported in the 1600 block of Oriole.

•CRIMINAL TRESPASS WARNING was issued in the 120 block of Airbase Road.

•PATRICIA ROSS, 27, was arrested for local warrants.

•ASSAULT was reported in the 1600 block of Martin Luther King Blvd.

•GILBERT RODRIGUEZ,

42, was arrested for no driver's license.

•ANTHONY MUNOZ, no age given, was arrested for public intoxication.

•DISTURBANCE/FIGHT was reported in the 1500 block of Wasson.

•ERNEST CLARK, 58, was arrested for public intoxication.

•CYNTHIA MIER, 18, was arrested for local warrants.

•CHRISTY MIER, 17, was arrested for local warrants.

•CRIMINAL MISCHIEF was reported in the 900 block of Gregg. A mail box and pole were damaged.

•BURGLARY OF A HABITATION was reported in the 600 block of Abrams. A wooden door and frame were damaged, and a VCR with remote, a Nintendo 64 with eight games and a Sony Playstation were reported stolen. Value of merchandise and damage was estimated at \$1,103.

•UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A VEHICLE was reported on the North Snyder Highway. A vehicle valued at \$5,000 was reported stolen.

The Big Spring Police Department issued a weekend summary of activity. Arrests totaled 25, accidents totaled five, with one being a major accident, four assaults, with one being family violence and one aggravated.

Four burglaries were reported, two of habitations and two buildings, one driving while intoxicated and three criminal mischief were reported.

Also, one forgery, one driving while license suspended, one possession of drugs, one resisting arrest and one runaway were reported.

And six thefts and four convenience store thefts were reported. One endangerment of a child, one unauthorized use of a vehicle and one violation of probation were reported.

SHERIFF

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

•CHRISTOPHER DAVID GONZALES, 24, was arrested for driving while license suspended or invalid.

•DENNIS WAYNE NOGGLER, 28, was arrested for possession of marijuana less than two ounces.

•DAVID NIETO, 26, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/driving while intoxicated.

•WILLIAM OTTO WARNER, 22, was arrested for motion to revoke probation/aggravated assault of a peace officer.

•SHANNA PIERCEFIELD, 18, was arrested for a bench warrant for forgery and for burglary of a building.

RECORDS

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Anna Lou (Meme) Brooks, 74, died Sunday. Graveside services will be 2:00 PM, Wednesday at Trinity Memorial Park.

NALLEY-PICKLE & WELCH Funeral Home
Trinity Memorial Park and Crematory
906 Gregg St. (915) 267-6331
Billy Bingham, 50, died Sunday. Services were at 10:00 AM Wednesday at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel. Interment followed at Coahoma Cemetery.

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Ascend, Lucent boards agree to stock deal

NEW YORK (AP) — Lucent Technologies Inc., the huge telecommunications equipment maker, is buying Ascend Communications Inc. for about \$20 billion in stock in a deal that could reshape the market for telecommunications equipment.

The deal announced today was approved by the boards of both companies on Tuesday and is expected to be completed by early summer.

Lucent, spun off from the AT&T Corp. in 1996 and based in Murray Hill, N.J., is among the oldest suppliers of traditional equipment used by telephone companies.

Ascend, which is based in Alameda, Calif., is a major supplier of computer networking gear, and is expected to provide the expertise in Internet-style telecommunications technology Lucent needs to keep up with competitors in the \$200 billion-a-year telecommunications industry.

Ascend competes in a field dominated by Cisco Systems, the networking company that has supplied about three quarters of the nuts and bolts used to build the Internet.

Reports of a deal between Lucent and Ascend had been circulating for several days.

While Lucent helped adapt

telephone lines for online data transmission, Cisco has led the charge toward providing video and audio capabilities on the Internet and computer networks.

With both Internet access providers and cable television companies gearing up to provide telephone service, Lucent stands to fall behind in a lucrative market that its technology helped make possible.

Rich McGinn, chairman and chief executive of Lucent, said the deal gives Lucent a "broader and more powerful portfolio" on developing the next generation of networks for delivering phone calls, handling data

transfers and providing video services.

Under the deal announced today, each share of Ascend will be exchanged for 0.825 shares of Lucent.

Based on Lucent's close of \$107.87 a share on Tuesday, the exchange terms would value each Ascend share at about \$89.82, or 19.9 percent more than Ascend's closing price of \$74.93 a share Tuesday.

It is the second deal this week for Lucent. On Monday, Lucent announced it was paying \$1.5 billion in stock for Kenan Systems Corp., which makes software for billing and customer service.

Laney wins fourth term as speaker of Texas House

AUSTIN (AP) — Pete Laney, kicking off his fourth term as speaker of the Texas House, says his colleagues should approach the state's budget surplus with past financial problems in mind.

"We began the 1990s struggling to emerge from the depths of an economic recession and with a continuing fiscal crisis in state government," said Laney, D-Hale Center.

The House convened in 1991 with a \$3 billion deficit, a stark contrast to the \$5.6 billion surplus legislators have coming into this session, he said.

Remember that the state deficit climbed out of its budget deficit with fiscal responsibility and economic growth, Laney told 149 House members who gathered for the first day of the session.

"The worst mistake we could make is to view this budget surplus simply as a pie, a pie to be divided up and parceled out among many competing interests," Laney said after being unanimously re-elected House leader.

"It should be used to set our course for a secure and prosperous future for all Texans."

While Laney was urging cau-

tion with the state's budget surplus, Senate members said goodbye to Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock, who is retiring after more than 40 years in public service.

"We're going to miss him. What a great man, what a great man, Bob Bullock is," said Gov. George W. Bush.

Bullock's public service career — which began as a Texas House member — has included work as an assistant attorney general, gubernatorial aide, secretary of state and state comptroller.

"It's been the most fascinating life that I could imagine. I never dreamed that it would be so rewarding as it's been," said Bullock, 69.

Bullock, who's suffering from pneumonia, presided over his last opening day of the Legislature as the Senate's presiding officer Tuesday.

Senate members honored Bullock with an endowed scholarship in his name at Baylor University.

"I think the things he loves most that I've been able to determine is education and his alma mater, and we felt like that would be great way that you could honor him with, as they say, a gift that keeps on giving," said Sen. Teel Bivins, R-Amarillo, said after senators passed a resolution honoring the Democrat and announcing the Bob Bullock Scholarship Fund.



LANEY

Gramm now touting banking overhaul bill

WASHINGTON (AP) — Last October Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, displayed a lone senator's power by blocking legislation to tear down Depression-era barriers between financial industries. Now that he's the new chairman of the Senate Banking Committee, he's making such a bill his highest priority.

Gramm's shift, however, comes with a condition. He insisted Tuesday that something must be done about banks being forced to make "kickbacks and bribes" to activist



GRAMM

groups, a practice he says is the result of community lending laws.

With the defeat in November of Sen. Alfonse D'Amato, R-N.Y., the banking panel's former chairman, proponents of the sweeping legislation had feared Gramm's takeover could bring its demise. The legislation, which D'Amato had strongly pushed, would remove regulatory walls between the banking, securities and insurance industries and let them get more deeply into each other's businesses.

Gramm's opposition to the 1977 community lending laws led him to block the financial overhaul legislation in the Senate's waning days last fall.

In his first public statements

on banking issues since becoming chairman, Gramm appeared to soften his earlier insistence on a repeal of the lending laws, which require financial institutions to lend to the poor and minorities in their neighborhoods.

At the same time, though, Gramm said lawmakers need to come up with a "temporary solution" to what he sees as a menacing problem: banks forced to make payments to community activists in return for the activists dropping their opposition to the banks' proposed mergers with other financial institutions.

The practice "is little more than extortion," Gramm said at a news conference. The best short-term solution, he suggest-

ed, would be to bar banks from making cash payments to low-income groups.

Laying out his legislative priorities, Gramm said he was determined to act swiftly on the financial overhaul bill, aiming for its approval by the Banking Committee by the end of February. That would be an extremely accelerated timetable for the Senate — even if it weren't tied up by the impeachment trial of President Clinton.

"I think (Gramm) set a very bold and ambitious timetable," said Paul Schosberg, president of America's Community Bankers.

"On the other hand, why not? ... He's a very smart guy who knows how political processes work."

FDA advisers back implant to correct sight

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — Some 20 million nearsighted Americans may soon be able to get tiny, transparent rings implanted onto their corneas to help them see better, maybe perfectly, without glasses or contact lenses.

The government is considering whether to let KeraVision Inc.'s Intacs sell as an alternative to highly popular eye surgery. The key difference: While eye surgery is permanent, the implants' effects seem reversible in most cases because they don't destroy the eye tissue.

"There's no eraser at the end of a laser," noted Dr. Marian Macsai, an ophthalmologist at West Virginia University. "This is removable — take it out" if there's a problem.

Macsai and fellow advisers to the Food and Drug Administration voted unanimously Tuesday that Intacs — transparent crescents about as thick as contact lenses that form a ring around the edge of the cornea — should be sold.

But they stressed that patients must be warned that removing the implants usually, but not always, helps if patients suffer side effects or are dissatisfied with their resulting vision.

"It's largely reversible," said panel chairman Dr. James McCulley of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center.

The FDA is not bound by its advisers' recommendations but typically follows them.

If approved, Intacs would cost about the same as laser surgery for nearsightedness, \$2,200 per eye. Made of the same material as lenses implanted during cataract surgery, Intacs would come in three thicknesses.

Study: Raising Medicare age would increase number of uninsured

WASHINGTON (AP) — Raising Medicare's eligibility age to 67 would increase the number of Americans without health insurance by at least 800,000, according to a new study.

"Inauspiciously large increases in employment would be needed to offset the expected declines in coverage," said Columbia University researchers Sherry Glied and Mark Stabile in a study published in the public policy journal, Health Affairs.

Slowly raising Medicare's eligibility age from 65 to 67 is one option being seriously considered by a bipartisan commission looking at Medicare

reforms. That would be the same as an incremental increase in the eligibility age for Social Security benefits that is already set to affect people now younger than 62.

Proponents say that older Americans are healthier than ever before and raising the bar for retirement benefits would encourage them to work longer.

However, the study, based on Census data, projected that if recent declines in health benefits offered by companies to older workers and retirees continue, increases in the ranks of the uninsured would be virtually unavoidable.

Even if 50 percent more peo-

ple aged 65 to 67 keep working full time — "an implausibly high figure," the researchers said — 800,000 people who would otherwise have been covered by Medicare would be left without health insurance.

President Clinton is expected this year to revive a proposal to let people as young as 55 pay \$300 to \$400 a month to buy insurance from Medicare.

However, the study predicts that many of the new uninsured will be Americans who work in low-income jobs without benefits.

"This group is unlikely to be able to pay actuarially fair premiums for Medicare coverage,"

said the report.

Meanwhile, a group of private experts say lawmakers are partly to blame for Medicare's problems because they have not provided enough money to run the health insurance program for the elderly efficiently and without fraud.

"Many of the difficulties that threaten to cripple (Medicare) stem from an unwillingness of both Congress and the Clinton administration to provide the agency the resources and administrative flexibility necessary to carry out its mammoth assignment," 14 experts wrote in a letter to Congress and Clinton, also published in

Health Affairs.

Signatories included John Rother, public policy director for the American Association of Retired Persons; one of Medicare's public trustees, Marilyn Moon; and Gail Wilensky, chairman of a panel of private experts who advise Congress on Medicare payment rates.

Congress has included \$154 million more for Medicare administration in its latest budget, and has also provided additional money to fight fraud in recent years. Still, just 1 percent to 2 percent of the program's \$200 billion annual budget is provided for management.

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OUR VIEWS

Guns in school a chilling reminder to kids' parents

A local 12-year-old is now out of school and in the hands of juvenile authorities awaiting punishment. His crime was bringing a gun on the campus of Goliad Middle School.

It's a crime that probably served as a wake-up call to many parents: Yes, it can happen here.

School shootings and other gun-related incidents are not just something for other communities. Like drugs and gang violence, they are everywhere.

The important question for everyone to ask is, "How did this young student get a gun?" Most likely, the answer lies very close to home — chances are the gun belonged to a family member.

It's a reminder for all of us who keep guns at home that they should be secured out of a child's reach. Why not lock your guns in a safe at all times, eliminating the chance that one of your children could get to them?

Thanks to the federal Gun-Free Zone Act, most school districts have severe penalties for bringing a gun on campus. Students are automatically expelled, as was the youth in this case.

Are your children aware of the consequences of bringing a gun to school? Not many kids would choose to be removed from their classes by police, arrested and thrust into the juvenile court system if they truly understood what that held for them.

Did this student really know how his action would affect his future? We must wonder.

In this case, the gun was not loaded, but in another case, it might be. Let this incident be a reminder of our responsibilities as parents and teachers for our children. Why not take a few minutes this evening over dinner, and bring up the gun incident with your children.

Let's make sure they understand the consequences of such an action, for their own lives and those they care about. Let's drive home the point that criminal activity is neither "cool" nor "grown up."

Certainly most children don't need to be reminded that a gun has no place at school, but apparently this child did. Unfortunately, his reminder came too late, and with a pair of handcuffs.

Remember, it can happen here, and it will, if we parents don't take our responsibilities seriously. We need to educate our children, not only about guns and crime, but about making responsible choices in every area of their lives.

YOUR VIEWS

TO THE EDITOR:

I'm writing to express my concern over the recent episode at Goliad Middle School concerning a 12-year-old boy who brought a gun to school. My son attends Goliad and is also 12-years-old.

He began having trouble with a boy at school who was threatening him and verbally assaulting him.

My husband and I spoke with the counselor at the school (Mr. Adams) several times within a weeks time due to constant threats my son received from this boy.

Mr. Adams assured us our son was safe and if anything else happened at school with this boy he would contact us.

Exactly one day after our conversation the boy came to school with a gun. The very boy who had threatened my

son so many times that same week.

The most astonishing thing is that we were never contacted about the incident. We found out from concerned school friends who were calling all weekend to see if our son was okay.

I feel like the whole incident was handled improperly and our son is the one who was treated unfairly. He should have been able to attend school without fear.

We entrust the teachers, principals, and counselors with our children everyday, we should feel safe in doing so, but when one of these persons decides it's better to not discuss incidents such as this with us, then there is a serious problem.

RHONDA PAREDEZ
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We all have the same time, how do you use yours?

As a child, time seemed to drag by, especially when there was something I wanted to do and I had to wait for that time to come.

I relive that a bit today with Miranda and Andrew, as we discuss things we're going to do — such as take Miranda to a Lady Hawks basketball game or Andrew to the junior live-stock show.

While Andrew, who turned 3 last Saturday, is at the age where he simply doesn't want to be left behind — especially if "my Randa," as he calls his older sister, is going — she is at the age where we spend several minutes talking about exactly when it is we are going.

I know her mother would prefer that we not talk about anything in advance, simply because Miranda will keep asking "when" and "how long" and "how much more time is it until?" questions.

But I enjoy seeing the excitement in the eyes of my grand-

babies as we talk about doing something. And if I were to be completely honest, I would have to admit that I get a kick out of looking forward to something we've planned — just like Miranda and Andrew.

But while time once moved ever so slowly, it now seems to streak past us ... hands spinning on the face of a clock much like those we see in old movies or the cartoons of our childhood.

What do we do with our time?

We all have the same amount, don't we?

After all, God gave us each and every one 8,760 hours a year — except Leap Year — and it's up to us to make the most of our time on Earth.

Almost one-quarter of our time is spent on the job. An eight-hour-a-day, five-day-a-week job takes up 2,080 of our hours — leaving us 6,680.

If we get eight hours of sleep a night, that takes up another 2,920 hours and leaves us with 3,760 hours, or a little less than 157 days that we have to use in whatever manner we choose.

And it is our choice as to how we use our time, whether it's for recreation, working around the house and yard, volunteering or whatever.

It is our choice, and everyone

makes their decision based on a variety of factors.

In a community — any community — there are a variety of things we citizens can do to help make a difference. Some projects are small and some are large and the mere thought of tackling some projects overwhelms some people.

Back in the days before I "roostered out," those communities that had the most successful Jaycees chapters also had a couple of other things.

They had a high level of community involvement from all age groups and they had volunteers who weren't awed by the size of a project.

By and large, they also had the attitude that you can either lead, follow or get out of the way, because the project was going to happen. That, I think, is because Jaycees looked at problems as unsolved opportunities — not as a wall so tall that it couldn't be scaled.

Those communities like Fort Stockton and Stanton and Brownfield and Levelland and Snyder were viewed as successful communities because of the level of community involvement by their citizens.

In Big Spring, I believe we are rebuilding such a core group of people.

When I first came here in

1991, I was told that there was an age gap between the folks who were active in the community. There were those who had served and served and served and there were the very young who were beginning to serve — but there was no group in the middle.

But even worse, there was no communications between volunteers.

I believe that is changing. It is changing because people want to make a difference in the quality of life in their community. It is changing because we no longer have problems, but rather unsolved opportunities.

We are finding that while the bricks may be slick in spots, there are no unscalable walls in our home town.

But we need more volunteers of all ages. We need people who don't care who gets the credit for a job completed ... only that it is completed.

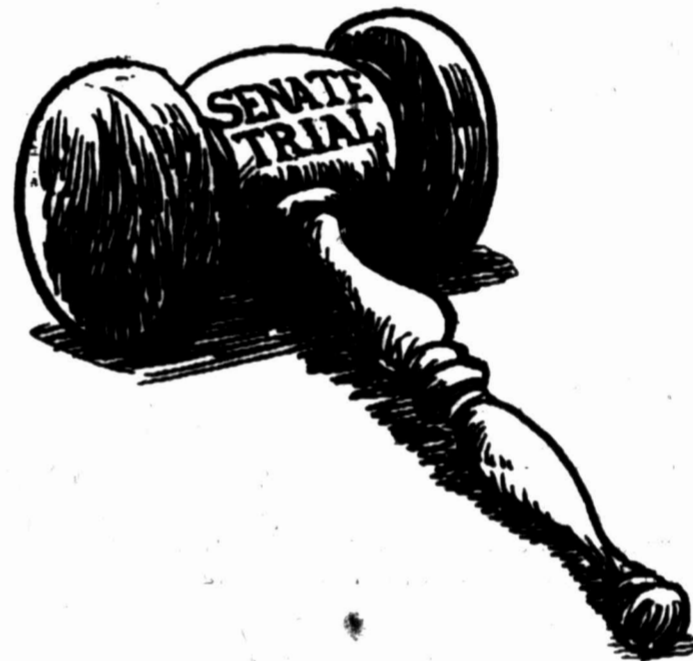
Like Uncle Sam says, we need you.

Please, take the time to volunteer and help make a difference in our community ... help make a difference for the Mirandas and Andrews in your life.

(John H. Walker is managing editor of the Herald.)



JOHN H. WALKER



BRACKINS '99 FINISHED THE SPEECH

A speech in the dark won't soon be forgotten

The lights went out at the motel in Van Horn about 5:15 in the afternoon. I stepped outside and saw an electric company truck and figured the motel was having some minor wiring problems.

We went on the civic center, where I was to speak at the annual chamber banquet.

We got there about the same time the food service people did. The place was dark. I learned there had been a problem on the feeder line somewhere between Van Horn and El Paso and a crew from Fabens was enroute to fix it.

I was told the lights should be on by 7 p.m., in time for the banquet, which started at 7:30. The people in Van Horn didn't seem too upset at all. I was in a panic.

I asked if they were still going to have the banquet.

"Sure," came the reply. I said we need a generator so I can connect my sound system. One was brought in at about 7 o'clock. Still no electricity.

The whole town was without power.

Huge garage-type doors were opened to let in some light. Other doors were thrown open. I dragged a very long extension cord from the generator to my equipment and hooked it up. Voila! I could speak and people could hear me, despite the noise from the generator just outside one of the open doors.

Six small votive candles in red glass containers were brought in. That was the only light in the huge room except for a small reading light on the podium. It did look very romantic. The speech went well. I got a standing ovation.

All during the speech I was worried the generator might run out of gas, since it only had a quarter of a tank.

The graduating class of Van Horn High School was honored at the banquet. They stayed until the end. I think that's a tribute to the high caliber of youth in Van Horn.

At the conclusion of the banquet, the man who gave the

closing prayer said, "We've just learned that we don't need electricity. We just need each other."

There was no reason to go back to the motel room, since we knew it would be hot. We loaded up our equipment and drove up and down the dark streets of Van Horn.

Everybody in town was doing the same thing. There was one pool hall that had a generator. It was lighted up like Las Vegas. A couple of service stations got power from somewhere and were open.

Van Horn is a city of motels, service stations and restaurants. It caters to the traveling public. For the city to be without power is devastating. But the people in Van Horn are tough and have a sense of humor. We were amazed at their spirit.

We returned to the motel, tried to sleep. Couldn't. Our room had two doors: one to the outside, one to the hallway. My wife Susan got hold of one door, I got hold of the other and we fanned them back and forth to get some air moving around.

We took to the streets of Van Horn again. There was one

truck stop with a few lights on. We bought a cold drink.

Back at the motel, we put the security chain on the door to the outside and opened it a couple of inches to get some of the night breeze. Strange light patterns flashed on the wall every time a car passed. We heard thunder, saw lightning and listened to traffic in the dark. We occasionally dozed.

I went to the bathroom and the commode didn't flush.

At 3 a.m. while we were in the alpha state, all the lights in the room came on, the TV blared at full volume and the air conditioner whirred. We both bolted upright. I turned off the lights and TV, shut the door and crawled back into bed.

At about 4:30 I heard what sounded like Niagara Falls. It was the commode gurgling. Apparently the motel has some sort of electrical water pump that kicked in after the power came back on.

I watched the clock for another hour, then got up and went to breakfast. It was one of the most interesting nights I've had in a long time.

I'll remember our speech in the dark in Van Horn.



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By DEBBIE L. Features Editor

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Kelly spins the big-band sound

By DEBBIE L. JENSEN
Features Editor

His face may not be familiar, but there's no mistaking that voice.

It's Luther Kelly, of "Nostalgia Nights" at KBST AM 1490. The 16-year-old program now plays each evening beginning at 7:05.

"People might say to me, 'You're a DJ,'" said Kelly. "I don't like that. I'm a musicologist. My listeners like to know something about the music."

"I'll tell you who wrote it, who published it, and anything else I can find out."

Kelly is well-known locally for his program, which features mostly big-band era tunes and show tunes. Kelly began his career in radio in 1946, just out of the Navy in World War II. He moved to Big Spring in 1950, and started working at the local radio station.

"This was the popular music of that time," Kelly said. But even into the 1960s, when rock 'n' roll took over, Kelly found he still appreciated the big band sound.

"I grew up in the '20s and '30s," he said. "Today's music doesn't have any style or substance, any class."

Writers like Rogers and Hart and Irving Berlin, are legends, Kelly said.

"Nothing written today would hold up to that."

Kelly said his listeners are probably mostly over age 50, but there are plenty of them. When he runs a promotion or contest, he finds out his fan club numbers in the hundreds.

And sometimes, he finds out how much his fans

appreciate him. He's had them stop by the radio station, arms loaded down with LPs to give him, and was even named in one listener's will.

His own album collection totals somewhere in the thousands, and when he's at home, Kelly said he enjoys his big band music just as much as he does when he's on the air.

For a few years, however, Kelly said he was "burned out" on radio. For a decade from about 1972-82, he turned to retail clothing sales instead. But when he was ready to retire from that business, he started back in radio part-time. And that's when his nostalgia music program was born.

"I figured six months to one year," he said. "But then the phones started ringing, and they never stopped."

He still plays more than half of his music from albums, using the radio station's only room that is equipped with a turntable. But these days, Kelly is facing a new challenge.

"I never in my wild imaginings thought I'd be contending with a computer," Kelly said. But since October, he has been using the machine every day to record his programs for the week.

"I'm still not comfortable with it," said Kelly, who admits threatening to quit when the computer was moved into his office.

"I was hoping I'd never have to use it, and I fought it. I fought it," he said.

But station manager John Weeks had the machine



Luther Kelly, the voice of nostalgia music on KBST AM 1490, has been enjoying every note on his turntable for 16 years.

specially programmed to be easier for Kelly, and now he says it works well, most of the time.

So Kelly continues, but for how long, he won't say.

Each time he hints on the air about ending the show, he gets cards and letters asking him to stay. People stop him on the street and ask that he reconsider.

"I may quit next week," he said. "I may be here until I fall over. I'm just doing what I enjoy."

Is your building making you sick?

Recently, a news article in the London Observer reported that the famous Salzburg Mozarteum, one of the worlds most prestigious music school, was forced to close.

It seems that the school, located in Salzburg, Austria and named after composer Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, had what experts said was one of the worst cases yet of "sick building syndrome" (SBS).



DOUG KAUFMANN

Three professors and one student have all contracted leukemia, a form of cancer, purportedly while working in this sick building.

We've all seen people coming out of sick buildings on television. As the paramedics assist them in walking to the medical vans, these poor folks are obviously miserable and shaken. It is most unfortunate that in this era of medical advances, we cannot seem to locate the reason that buildings, like people, get sick.

Or has SBS already been diagnosed? A recent issue of the medical journal *Rounds* expounded upon what researchers at The Texas Tech Health Science Center said is responsible of SBS. Whereas the Mozart folks in Austria hired an environmental specialist who found that a high level polychlorinated biphenyls (whatever that is) had infected the building's carpet, paint and acoustic paneling. The Texas researchers may have a different, and in my opinion, more accurate explanation.

This team of four environmental specialists, analyzed the indoor and outdoor air quality of 48 school buildings (schools buildings are notoriously ill) where SBS complaints had been registered. The complaints typical of SBS ranged from watering eyes and headaches to allergies and respiratory difficulties. They found two fungi that were significantly more common in indoor air and on building surfaces, interestingly, inhalation of both *Penicillium* and *Stachybotrys* molds, in certain susceptible individuals, could cause each of the medical symptoms described and therefore mimic symptoms typical of SBS.

There is a growing population of doctors in the world who believe that exposure to long named chemicals like, polychlorinated biphenyls, is responsible for what ails the world. They are called Clinical Ecologists. I have found that these doctors tend to be glorified allergists, scratching the arms and backs of many of their patients hoping to locate an offending chemical contributing to their unexplained maladies. They then typically desensitize these patients to the chemicals found to launch an immune response on their See KAUFMANN, Page 6A

If you must follow the fads, follow diet safety guidelines

Many of the "fad" diets that we have tried over the years are being rejuvenated, given a new name and are making the rounds again.

I use the word "fad" because, just as with fashion, many of these diets seem to come and go — a "fad." These diets are popular because they are advertised, books are written about them and many dieters get bored with the same old low-fat, reduce calories and increase exercise routine.

Like all diets, for some people these "fads" work, and for others they don't.

But, when we hear someone bragging about weight loss, we naturally want to know what worked for them, and word of mouth goes a long way in advertising the "fad" diet cam-

aign.

Why do these diets work? For one thing, most of the time these diets are extreme and usually when a person goes on a diet of any type they become more aware of what they eat. There is almost always a cut-back in calories from some food source, and many times the dieter becomes more aware of physical activity and will increase this in some way.

Usually the diet calls for reducing intake of a particular food or even completely cutting it out of meal plans.

There is a scientific explanation from experts in the field that describes what the body goes through as one continues with the "fad" diet. Some of these changes happen without us even knowing it while oth-

ers — well let me just say, it is not healthy!

Still you may be asking the question — if it works, why not?

In many cases the results are temporary, and when you return to old eating habits — the weight returns as well. In the long run, these diet plans are not health-promoting, they lack the dietary fiber, vitamins and minerals which research has shown can reduce the risk of

certain types of cancer, strengthen bones and boost the immune system. A lot of these diets promote eating foods high in saturated fat which increases the risk for heart disease.

If you still want to follow the diet, do yourself a few favors. First and foremost, visit with your physician or health care provider and do some research on the subject.

Then if you still plunge forward, drink lots of water and take a vitamin supplement with extra calcium and don't follow the routine for more than 14 days.

Let me just add this: Lots of scientific evidence shows that people who maintain a healthy weight do the following:

• Follow the USDA Food Guide Pyramid and the Dietary

Guidelines for Americans.

• Maintain a healthy exercise/activity program (30 minutes per day almost every day).

• Plan for travel, vacation and parties which may be risky situations with lots of high fat, high calorie foods.

• Monitor consumption of food and beverage along with weight.

• Get support from their health care provider, physician or dietician.

If you would like more information about the USDA Food Guide Pyramid and the Dietary Guidelines for Americans, contact the Howard County Extension Office at 264-2236.

Dana Tarter is Howard County Extension Agent — Home Economics.



DANA TARTER

Cooking Beef USDA, supermarkets try to educate consumers about the thermometer use

BETHESDA, Md. (AP) — As part of its war against the deadly E. coli bacteria, the U.S. Department of Agriculture teamed up Thursday with supermarket chains across the country to convince consumers to use thermometers when cooking ground beef.

"Thermometer use is the most reliable method consumers have for ensuring that meat and poultry have reached a temperature sufficient enough to kill disease-causing organisms," said Catherine Woteki, USDA undersecretary for food safety, at a news conference at a Giant supermarket in the suburbs of Washington D.C.

"Cooks can't rely on color alone to tell if meat is done," she warned, explaining spices, freezing and the age of the meat source can darken beef.

Wegmans in New York and Arizona-based Bashas' supermarkets also are taking part in the public awareness cam-

aign. The grocers will label all packages of ground beef with a warning to consumers to cook to 160 degrees. They also are selling new disposable and digital thermometers, designed specifically for chopped meat.

But shoppers at Giant in Bethesda responded coolly to the new gadgets.

"I don't know how to use one. I don't need it," George Carr said.

Deborah Tepper said she doubted she would start using thermometers to cook burgers or meatloaf, despite their benefits. "It's probably necessary, but I just wouldn't buy it," she said.

A World Bank employee from Argentina also passed on the thermometers. "When I came to this country I sort of became a vegetarian, because the meat here is not as good and is too expensive," Fabiana Feld said.

Still, Giant officials were optimistic they could change

minds. "It's still early," said Giant Vice President O'donna Mathews, noting concerns about their health would lead consumers to the thermometers.

Bessie Berry, who runs the USDA's meat and poultry telephone hotline, agreed. She estimated the hotline gets 150 calls on any given day from people with questions about beef safety.

Ground beef contaminated with E. coli bacteria is a major source of food poisoning.

In November meatpacker IBP in Nebraska recalled 500,000 pounds of beef after a distributor detected the presence of E. coli on a beef sample.

Symptoms of E. coli poisoning include nausea, vomiting, diarrhea and severe abdominal cramping. The very young, the elderly and persons with compromised immune systems are the most susceptible to the illness.

Scientist's experiment turns egg shells into cash

STATE COLLEGE, Pa. (AP) — Joe MacNeil tried just about everything. He pounded them, he ground them, he tried acid, bases and sandpaper. Still, the Penn State researcher could not solve the conundrum facing America's egg processors: How do you get that thin membrane off broken egg shells?

Sound like one of high school education's meaningless hypotheticals? Think again.

MacNeil finally has separated the shell from the membrane — and, in the process, he has created two very lucrative products. His solution could be worth ... who knows? A whole lot of money.

"When you find a solution for this kind of problem and then find out these things are worth money," MacNeil said recently, grinning from ear to ear. "That's the American way!"

The problem is simple. Four of 10 eggs produced in this country are cracked open by commercial producers. The whites and yolks are sold by the gallon to bakeries, hotels, fast food outfits and companies selling everything from cake mixes to mayonnaise to sham-

poo. Every year, processors break 50 million cases of eggs — that's 18 billion eggs — and get rid of 120,000 tons of shells.

With the membrane attached, the shells are worth \$20 a ton for chicken feed or maybe fertilizer. Most of the shells just end up taking space in landfills. Hauling it away costs money, about \$100,000 annually.

Scraping the membrane off the shell changes everything.

Egg shells are almost entirely calcium carbonate, which can be used in vitamin supplements, in toothpaste, in chemicals and as a pulp substitute by the paper industry.

More valuable is the membrane, which includes collagen, a protein used in a wide variety of medical products.

Egg processing companies would not just save money. They'd make more of it.

The egg shells might be worth \$200 a ton. Pure collagen, used by researchers in the process of growing cells, can go for \$1,000 per gram, though the chicken variety would be worth much less.

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WOMEN'S HEALTH NEWS

Women and Heart Disease

Why coronary heart disease is a major health problem for women:

- As women approach menopause, their risk of heart disease increases and continues to rise with aging.
- Women with diabetes have 3 to 7 times the risk of heart disease as men.
- Fewer women than men are quitting smoking.
- About 44% of women 55 to 64 have high blood pressure.



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FOR YOUR INFORMATION

SCENIC MOUNTAIN MEDICAL CENTER will have a community blood drive on Wednesday, Jan. 20, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the first floor classroom. Please call 268-4960 for an appointment.

BIG SPRING CHAMBER OF COMMERCE needs baby food jars to be used for decorating at an upcoming dinner. Anyone who can donate some empty, clean jars is urged to bring them by the office at 215 W. Third before Jan. 20. Call 263-7641 for more information.

THE LAST WORD

When you learn to love hell, you will be in heaven.
Thaddeus Golas

Whom they have injured, they also hate.
Seneca

Power never takes a back step — only in the face of more power.
Malcolm X

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many thousands of dollars undergoing this therapy. Worse yet, some become erroneously adamant about the dangers of their chemical world. Could they be suffering from a mold problem and not a chemical reaction?

Wouldn't it be more relevant, infinitely safer and more economical to eradicate mold spores that are obviously growing within these buildings and perhaps these people? These spores may be contributing to what clinical ecologists are only treating the end result of.

And what about leukemia being caused by a sick building? I'm wondering if anyone has ever investigated the possibility that molds can create polychlorinated biphenyls? Now that, folks, would be relevant cancer research? Twenty years from now you can say you knew me!

Doug A. Kaufmann is a nationally syndicated columnist.

Madam had a 20,000-name client list

HUNTINGTON WOODS, Mich. (AP) — The City Council has decided to release the client list of the "Huntington Woods Madam."

If only she had kept a little black book.

The 20,000 names are contained in boxes of papers, receipts, Rolodex cards and a computer hard drive.

The records were kept by 33-year-old Marci Devernay, who police say employed 25 male and female prostitutes. She pleaded guilty last month to racketeering and could get up to 20 years in prison at sentencing Jan. 19.

The City Council decision came on Tuesday after The Detroit Free Press threatened to sue the city for the records' release. The Free Press had already sued the Oakland County prosecutor's office.

The records can't be released until next week, Police Chief Steve Fairman said.

"We need to review all the materials to see what we can release in compliance with the law, and determine what the cost will be, which the press may be responsible for," he said.

Fairman said the release will involve extensive photocopying and sorting and will probably cost hundreds if not thousands of dollars.

"We're talking about a lot of records here," he said.

Free Press managing editor Carole Leigh Hutton said the newspaper wants to "evaluate the list for its importance to the case and determine whether any part of it should be printed in the newspaper."

Want to know who is the educator of the week? Look in Thursday's life! section

Hollywood leading men keep turnstiles spinning

LOS ANGELES (AP) — John Travolta, Robin Williams and Tom Hanks battled a weekend of freezing temperatures along the East coast to lure chilled moviegoers back into theaters.

Travolta's crusade against tainted drinking water in "A Civil Action," earned the top spot with \$15.2 million in its first weekend in wide release.

Williams' "Patch Adams," in which he stars as a medical student healing with humor, was knocked to second place with \$12.7 million. "You've Got Mail," starring Hanks and Meg Ryan falling in love on the Internet, was third with \$8.1 million.

Attendance plunged along with the temperatures in New York, Boston and Philadelphia and, to a lesser extent, Chicago, on Friday night, then rebounded Saturday. January is usually slow because people head back to work and school after the holidays.

"Shakespeare in Love" added screens and business, taking in \$4.2 million for eighth place with a jump of 26 percent. Its per-location average was a \$6,684, second only in the top 10 to "A Civil Action" with \$8,415.

The World War II epic "The Thin Red Line" did even better, collecting \$1.3 million on 61 screens for a whopping per-location average of \$20,924.

Here are the top 20 movies at North American theaters

Friday through Sunday, followed by studio, gross, number of theater locations, average receipts per location, total gross and number of weeks in release, as compiled by Exhibitor Relations Co. Inc. and ACN/dslsen EDI Inc.:

1. "A Civil Action," Disney, \$15.2 million, 1,802 locations, \$8,415 average, \$15.5 million, three weeks.
2. "Patch Adams," Universal, \$12.7 million, 2,770 locations, \$4,580 average, \$83.5 million, three weeks.
3. "You've Got Mail," Warner Bros., \$8.1 million, 2,749 locations, \$2,948 average, \$90.1 million, four weeks.
4. "Stepmom," Sony, \$7.9 million, 2,358 locations, \$3,353 average, \$62 million, three weeks.
5. "The Prince of Egypt," DreamWorks, \$6.1 million, 2,749 locations, \$2,061 average, \$74.9 million, four weeks.
6. "Mighty Joe Young," Disney, \$5 million, 2,559 locations, \$1,970 average, \$34.8 million, three weeks.
7. "A Bug's Life," Disney, \$4.7 million, 2,500 locations, \$1,890 average, \$143 million, eight weeks.
8. "Shakespeare in Love," Miramax, \$4.2 million, 632 locations, \$6,684 average, \$15 million, five weeks.
9. "The Faculty," Miramax, \$4.1 million, 2,365 locations, \$1,728 average, \$31.9 million, three weeks.
10. "Enemy of the State," Disney, \$3.1 million, 1,576 locations, \$1,975 average, \$101.4 million, eight weeks.
11. "Star Trek: Insurrection," Paramount, \$3 million, 2,161 locations, \$1,870 average, \$63 million, five weeks.
12. "Waking Ned Devine," Fox Searchlight, \$2 million, 502 locations, \$3,891 average, \$9.4 million, eight weeks.
13. "The Waterboy," Disney, \$1.6 million, 1,149 locations, \$1,420 average, \$152.3 million, 10 weeks.
14. "The Rugrats Movie," Paramount, \$1.4 million, 1,633 locations, \$881 average, \$91.1 million, eight weeks.
15. "The Thin Red Line," Fox, \$1.3 million, 61 locations, \$20,924 average, \$2.5 million, three weeks.
16. "Jack Frost," Warner Bros., \$1 million, 1,702 locations, \$591 average, \$32.7 million, five weeks.
17. "Life is Beautiful," Miramax, \$904,692, 228 locations, \$3,968 average, \$12.8 million, 12 weeks.
18. "Rush Hour," New Line, \$837,765, 788 locations, \$1,070 average, \$139 million, 17 weeks.
19. "Elizabeth," Gramercy, \$801,412, 476 locations, \$1,684 average, \$17.8 million, 10 weeks.
20. "Down in the Delta," Miramax, \$528,430, 417 locations, \$1,267 average, \$4.9 million, three weeks.

Inner-city life is a giggle in new animated Fox series 'PJs'

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Eddie Murphy's new animated sitcom, "The PJs," is not PC, and its creators make no excuses for that.

Set in an inner-city housing project, the Fox series features a bumbling but dedicated building supe (voiced by Murphy) and his loving wife, a Haitian who dabbles in voodoo and a crack cocaine addict nicknamed Smokey.

Rounding out this unorthodox extended TV family of latex dolls are innocent young buddies Calvin and the plump Juicy, whose devoted mother attaches a "Please Do Not Feed" sign around his neck.

The look is winsome, the tone breezy, the overall effect fully in keeping with Fox's tradition of cutting-edge animated comedy that began with "The Simpsons" and is followed up in "King of the Hill." "The PJs" (which was to preview 8:30 p.m. EST Sunday before moving to its regular 8:30 p.m. EST Tuesday slot) does not aim for a gentle, sanitized view of black life in the projects.

"I'd love to stay and chat but crack don't smoke itself," Smokey tells his friends. Another character, an elderly tenant, dines on dog food. And stalwart superintendent Thurgood Stubbs and his wife, Muriel (Loretta Devine), are blase about larceny.

Talking about the neighborhood's deterioration, Muriel mentions a furniture store that has been replaced by a pawn shop. The store got looted in the riot, she says to jog Thurgood's memory.

"Oh, our bedroom set," he replies.

Larry Wilmore, who created the show with partner Steve Tompkins and Murphy, relates such examples unapologetically. He thinks the show is funny, he's hoping viewers will agree, and he's willing to stand up to naysayers.

"If people criticize it, so be it," Wilmore said. "People will. But I'd rather take the risk; I'd rather be a leader in that than a follower."

Leaders dabbling in race-related humor do risk taking it on the chin. "The Secret Diary of Desmond Pfeiffer," which attempted to find humor in Lincoln-era slavery, was harshly criticized by leading black civil rights groups even before it aired last fall.

The sitcom was quickly canceled by UPN, which cited low ratings, not protests.

"The PJs" also has come under preemptive attack. A week before its debut, Los Angeles-area activists held a news conference to condemn it as offensive in its comic treatment of poverty and addiction. Fox responded in a statement that a show is measured in "its ability to raise important cultural issues rather than avoid them."

Getting chuckles out of drug abuse in a program intended for family viewing should be expected to raise hackles. But drugs are an unavoidable reality of project life, Wilmore said.

"We're not condoning it, but saying it exists," he said. There have been characters similar to Smokey in TV's past, also played for laughs, he added, citing the liquor-loving Otis on "The Andy Griffith

Show" and apparent pothead Jim on "Taxi."

Those characters were white, however, as is beer-guzzling Homer Simpson. Critics, citing concerns about the impact of substance abuse on black communities, maintain it's no joke when the character is African American.

"Crack is not our show, but neither is any type of hopeful message. Our show is about these funny characters in the project," he said. "If people want to go after (the series) only because it's black, that's very narrow to me."

Although most of the characters are black, "PJs" intends to be universal in its treatment of family, friendship and life. "The first show is about a kid ditching school. The theme has nothing to do with the projects," Wilmore said.

Wilmore, who is black, said the writing staff includes other blacks as well as whites. "You don't have to have lived in the projects to write about it. It's about the life experience you have."

Disney's Touchstone division, co-producer of "The PJs," said it was unable to preview the show for community groups, which is occasionally done with sensitive material, because of a tight production schedule.

Designed and executed by Will Vinton Studios, "The PJs" uses 10-inch-tall figures made of foam latex covering a ball-and-socket "skeleton."

ODDS-N-ENDS

FREMONT, Calif. (AP) — Stricken with the bubonic plague lately? If not, you haven't played Dan Sullivan's new board game — "Infection."

The 34-year-old Fremont lab supervisor has developed a sort of Monopoly game for the medical-school set.

Players start with five cards representing health perils that range from the common cold to anthrax. The goal is to rid yourself of disease cards.

Players can leave contagious diseases in squares marked "public restroom" or "community swim center." If you land on one of the squares, you contract the disease. Players die when they accumulate four of the most severe diseases.

Sullivan said Saturday he had been thinking of the game since 1983 when a friend asked him to come up with an idea to make them rich.

Sullivan, who has a doctorate in chemistry, has sold about 70 of the \$28 games since October.

CHICAGO (AP) — Business travelers stuck in their hotel rooms trying to connect to the Internet have a new ally on the Information Superhighway — the "compierge," a computer savvy concierge.

Clerks at several Chicago hotels, including the Ritz Carlton, Chicago Marriott and Drake Hotel, say they are offering the technical assistance for their business travelers.

Concierges at the Ritz-Carlton had noticed that an increasing number of guests needed help with their laptops or computers, said public relations director Susan Maier.

So Joe Tesfai added the role of compierge to his duties two months ago, and he estimates that he now spends about 10 percent of his time helping guests with computer-related problems.

"It's kind of great that they

have this service," said Sara Broderick after Tesfai solved an e-mail problem for the Chicago meeting planner.

Tesfai said Sunday the most common problem is that guests' laptops are not set up properly to make calls on hotel lines or reach Internet providers.

SALEM, Ore. (AP) — Might be hard to hide a 55-foot, 6,000-pound barge, but police here can't seem to find it.

Owner George Hutmacher Jr. told police that his barge broke loose from its mooring on the Willamette River over the weekend.

When he last saw it on Friday, it was mostly under water.

But somehow, the barge escaped. On Saturday afternoon, somebody spotted it floating downriver near the Marion Street Bridge and called police.

"Nothing's come in our communications unit to indicate that someone's stumbled across the darn thing," Officer Dori Dammer said Sunday.

Police speculate the barge may have sunk or floated downriver. They've issued a warning for boaters to use extra caution.

SALT LAKE CITY (AP) — Talk about right brain, left brain.

When Margaret Jane Laird, a graduate student in economics at the University of Utah, isn't teaching complicated econometric models, she's spreading tarot cards on her coffee table.

In those moments, Laird becomes Margaret Ruth, The Psychic.

Her bachelor's degree was in economics, the study of the rational cycle of consumption. She earned her MBA from UCLA while working at an information technologies firm. Now she's working toward a doctoral degree.

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BSHS Golf meeting for

The Big Boosters Club first meeting year at 7 p.m. BSHS Athletic Center.

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Softball uniforms for high school

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IN BRIEF

BSHS Golf Boosters set meeting for Thursday

The Big Spring Golf Boosters Club will hold its first meeting of the school year at 7 p.m. Thursday in the BSHS Athletic Training Center.

All parents of Big Spring golfers and other supporters of the high school golf program are urged to attend and make plans for the coming season.

Runnels squads fall to Andrews, Snyder

Runnels Junior High School's Yearlings and Lady Yearlings came up on the short end of final scores in three games Monday night.

In girls' action, the Lady Yearlings "A" team suffered a 26-20 loss at Snyder.

The Lady Yearlings were paced by Ashley Tuttle's six points, while Christina Gwyn and Ashley Smith added four points each.

In boys' play, the Yearlings "White" team dropped a 38-29 decision to Andrews, while the "Black" team suffered a 35-30 loss.

Gary Austin paced the "White" team with 14 points, while David Lee and Eric Chavez added five points each.

In the "Black" team's loss, Howard Johnson led the way with seven points, while Curtis Woodruff and Dustyn Beauchamp each scored 6 points.

Hunter Education course scheduled for Feb. 20-21

A hunter education course, required for all hunters born on or after Sept. 2, 1971, will be conducted Feb. 20-21 at the Big Spring Area Chamber of Commerce offices located at the corner of Third and Gregg streets.

Boyce Hale will be the instructor for the classes which are scheduled for 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. both days. A few of \$10 per person will be charged.

For more information, call Hale at 267-6957 or Dibrell's Gun Shop at 267-7891.

Lady Mavericks post win over Snyder seventh

Goliad Middle School's Lady Mavericks jumped out to a 20-0 lead Monday and never looked back in taking a 41-26 win over Snyder's young Lady Tigers.

Kim Green paced the Big Spring squad's offensive effort with 17 points, as well as dominating the boards with nine rebounds. She also posted five assists.

Leina Braxton chipped in 15 more for the Lady Mavs, while Whitney Hufford had six.

Softball umpires needed for high school schedule

Fastpitch umpires are currently needed to work softball games throughout West Texas, according to officials with the Permian Basin chapter of the Southwest Softball Umpires Association.

For more information, call Mack Gipson at 520-5961.

American Cancer Society offering 1999 golf passes

Officials with the Howard County unit of the American Cancer Society are encouraging local golfers to take advantage of the 1999 Texas Golf Pass.

The ACS' Texas Golf Pass provides golfers with up to 450 rounds of golf at 259 courses throughout the state for a \$35 fee.

Application forms are available at the pro shops at both the Big Spring Country Club and the Comanche Trail Golf Course.

ON THE AIR

TODAY: COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Men
6 p.m. — Duke at Wake Forest, ESPN, Ch. 30.
8 p.m. — Maryland at North Carolina, ESPN, Ch. 30.
Women
7 p.m. — Texas Tech at Texas A&M, FXS, Ch. 29.

McGwire's 70th home run ball sells for record \$3 million

NEW YORK (AP) — Philip Ozersky ignored an offer to shake hands with Mark McGwire and take home some autographed paraphernalia in exchange for home run No. 70.

Smart move. Then he turned down a \$1 million offer for the baseball.

An even smarter move. That's because the ball wound up being sold to an anonymous phone bidder for a record \$3 million at Guernsey's Auction House.

The price included a bid of \$2.7 million, plus a \$305,000 buyer's commission, making the total sale price \$3,005,000.

Ozersky, a research scientist at Washington University in St. Louis, was flabbergasted by the price.

"I'm excited and overwhelmed," he said.

Ozersky, who retrieved McGwire's No. 70 when it landed under his seat in a private box at Busch Stadium last Sept. 27, said he never imagined that would happen.

"I was the person who least expected a ball to fly in there," he said. "I never caught a baseball before. I went to see the Cards play and have some fun with friends."

When he put the ball up for auction, Ozersky admitted he didn't know what to expect.

"The sky's the limit," he said. "and I found out what the sky was."

So did Irwin Sternberg, president of Stonehenge, Ltd., manufacturers of fine neckwear. When auctioneer JoAnne

Carter reached \$1.6 million, the bidding turned into a one-on-one showdown between Sternberg and the anonymous voice on the telephone, who described himself only as "one heck of a baseball fan."

With bids jumping \$100,000 at a time, Sternberg stayed in until \$2.6 million and then blinked.

"I'm a little sorry I didn't go higher," he said later. "I think the person on the line didn't have a bottom line. If it went to \$3 million, it would be \$3.1 million."

'Dogs, Bulldogettes romp to big wins over Tahoka

By JOHN A. MOSELEY
Sports Editor

COAHOMA — After having opened District 3-2A play with losses to Stanton, Coahoma's Bulldogs and Bulldogettes rebounded Tuesday night with crucial wins over Tahoka.

In the evening's varsity opener, the Bulldogettes had little trouble in improving to 13-8 overall and evening their district slate at 1-1 with an 83-45 thrashing of the Lady Bulldogs.

The nightcap was a different matter, however.

Tahoka gave the Bulldogs all they could handle in a tit-for-tat affair, forcing the Bulldogs to come from behind twice before taking control at crunch time for a 56-49 victory.

"This one was huge," Bulldogs coach Kim Nichols said after seeing his team score nine points — seven of them from the free throw line — in the final 1:20 to improve its record to 15-5 on the year and 1-1 in district play.

"I told our guys coming in that Tahoka was a good team ... that it wasn't going to be easy and that we were going to have to play well," Nichols added. "That's exactly what it was."

In the final analysis, however, the key proved to be the Bulldogs' experienced senior lineup.

Tahoka, which started four juniors and a sophomore, did an impressive job of holding Coahoma's leading scorer — senior swingman Blake Nichols — in check for most of the night, limiting him to just 11 points on the evening.

But when it counted the most, Nichols put his personal stamp on the game — coming up with a spectacular assist feeding post Michael Kinnard for a key three-point play with just over a minute remaining in the game and then nailing six straight free throws to ice the game.

With Nichols effectively neutralized, Peckham became the Bulldogs' chief weapon, coming up with a team-topping 23 points.

But the game's leading scorer was Tahoka swingman Brad Pebsworth, who nailed five of his team's nine 3-point goals en route to a 27-point performance. Teammate Sedrick Williams chipped in the other four 3-pointers to finish the game with 12 points.

In the opening moments, it was Pebsworth and Williams who did most of the damage as Tahoka jumped out to a 14-7 lead, only to see Peckham score seven unanswered points



HERALD photo/John A. Moseley

Coahoma's Ryan Peckham scores two of his team-high 23 points, as Tahoka's Brad Pebsworth tries to strip the ball from behind.

in the final two minutes of the first quarter to deadlock the score at 14-14.

Although the Bulldogs managed just two field goals in the second quarter, none in the final five minutes of the first half, Coahoma was able to put the defensive clamps on Tahoka and enjoyed a 26-23 halftime edge.

But Tahoka battled back in the third quarter to enter the final eight minutes of play with the game tied at 37-37.

In the girls' game, Tahoka's Courtney Stewart led all scorers with 25 points, but the best support the Lady Bulldogs could provide was Amanda Fuentes' eight points and the seven Tancy Deleon mustered before fouling out of the game.

The Bulldogettes, on the other hand, had too many weapons for Tahoka to handle.

Senior guard Cassie Tindol paced the Coahoma onslaught with 22 points, while post Jayci Roberts added 14 more. Kelli Buchanan and reserve post Brandie Hart chipped in 11 points each and reserve guard Crystal Atkinson just missed joining the double-digit clan with nine points.

Tindol and Roberts provided the one-two punch that allowed Coahoma to jump out to an 18-8 lead after the first quarter.

Although Tahoka managed to keep Tindol in check during

the second quarter, the Bulldogettes raced out to a 49-23 halftime lead behind the balanced scoring of Roberts, Buchanan, Hart and Atkinson.

And while the Bulldogettes managed just nine points in the third quarter, Tahoka was unable to make up any ground and saw any hope of a comeback evaporate when Coahoma opened the fourth quarter with 10 unanswered points and kept up the pace with a 21-3 run.

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GIRLS' GAME
Coahoma 83, Tahoka 45

Tahoka — Kelli Whitely 0 0 3 4, Lethi Gandy 0 0 0 0, Tancy Deleon 1 0 5 8 7, Courtney Stewart 9 0 7 10 25, Klyssa Kelly 0 0 0 3 0, Chelsea White 1 0 0 2 12, Jana Eudy 0 0 0 0 0, Cassidy Andrews 1 0 0 0 2, Amanda Fuentes 2 0 4 12 8, Totals 13 0 19 38 45.

COAHOMA — Crystal Atkinson 1 1 4 8 9, Kelli Buchanan 0 0 4 6 4, Kirstin Marshall 1 0 0 2 2, Brandie Hart 4 0 3 5 11, Kourtney Kemper 1 0 0 0 2, Cassie Tindol 7 2 3 22 22, Kelli Buchanan 4 1 0 0 11, Meredith Barr 1 0 2 4 4, Jayci Roberts 7 0 1 1 14, Suzanna Woods 2 0 0 2 4, Totals 28 4 15 31 83.

Score by Quarters: Tahoka 8 15 9 13 45; Coahoma 18 31 9 25 83.

Three-point goals: Tahoka 0; Coahoma 4 (Atkinson, Tindol, K. Buchanan). Total Fouls: Tahoka 25, Coahoma 28. Fouled Out: Deleon, K. Buchanan. Technical Fouls: None.

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BOYS' GAME
Coahoma 56, Tahoka 49

Tahoka — Brady Raindi 0 0 0 0 0, Sedrick Williams 0 0 0 12, Brad Pebsworth 5 5 22 27, Shaun Williams 0 0 2 2 2, Jordan Sarcher 3 0 2 3 8, Jeremy Vega 0 0 0 0 0, Anthony Deleon 0 0 0 0 0, Bobby Benavides 0 0 0 0 0, Jason Jacques 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 9 0 6 7 49.

COAHOMA — Vincent Garcia 0 0 2 4 2, Jeremy Green 2 0 1 2 5, Tyler Marshall 0 0 0 0 0, Kris Harding 0 0 0 0 0, Blake Nichols 1 1 6 6 11, Brandon Hancock 2 0 0 2 4, Brett Bennett 0 0 0 0 0, David White 1 0 0 2, Ryan Peckham 9 1 2 3 23, Michael Kinnard 4 0 1 2 9, Cody Teiler 0 0 0 0 0, Totals 19 2 12 19 56.

Score by Quarters: Tahoka 14 12 11 13 50; Coahoma 14 22 11 19 56.

Three-point goals: Tahoka 9 (So. Williams, 4 Pebsworth, 5 Coahoma); Coahoma 12 (Fouled Out: Raindi). Technical Fouls: None. Records: Tahoka is 9-11 and 11; Coahoma is 15-5 and 11.

Bufs dunk Post; Lady Bufs fall to Lady Antelopes

HERALD Staff Reports

STANTON — Four players scored in double figures as Stanton's Buffaloes continued their roll in District 3-2A basketball play Tuesday night, powering to a 68-51 win over Post's Antelopes.

It wasn't a good night for Stanton's girls, however, as the Lady Bufs suffered through one of their worst shooting nights of the season in dropping a 41-24 decision to the Lady Antelopes.

The Bufs, 5-3 overall and 2-0 in district play, were paced by senior post Chad Smith's 14 points. In addition, he pulled down eight rebounds.

While Post's Thomas Crawford led all scorers with 17 points, the Antelopes (9-8, 0-2) simply were no match for the Bufs' overall attack. Brady Cook provided 12 points for Stanton, including a couple of key baskets during a 22-11 Bufs run in the fourth quarter, while Justin Cobb and Jeremy Hull added 10 points each.

For the Lady Bufs, it was simply a case of not being able to match the Lady Antelopes' long-distance shooting.

The Lady Antelopes, coached by former Big Spring Lady Steers boss Ron Taylor, knocked down five 3-point shots and put the clamps on Stanton's shooters.

Rainie Hull and Stephanie Washington scored five points each, but that was the best the Lady Bufs could muster. The loss left the Lady Bufs with a 10-8 record overall and 1-1 in district play.

The Lady Antelopes improved to 11-8 and 2-0. ...

BOYS' GAME
Stanton 68, Post 51

POST — Todd 1 0 2 2, Knight 5 2 4 12, Conner 2 0 0 4, Flutt 3 0 0 7, Jefferson 3 0 0 7, Ulm 1 0 0 2, Crawford 8 1 5 17, Totals 23 31 51.

STANTON — Jeremy Smith 1 0 2 2, Kyle Helm 2 4 4, Justin Cobb 4 0 0 10, Maurice Martinez 1 2 2 4, Austin Kelly 2 4 6 8, Jeremy Hull 4 2 2 10, Brady Cook 5 2 3 12, Chad Smith 7 0 1 14, Totals 26 14 20 68.

Score by Quarters: Post 14 18 8 11 51; Stanton 19 11 16 22 68.

Three-point goals: Post (Flutt, Jefferson), 5; 2 (Cobb). Total Fouls: P 16, S 10. Fouled Out: Ulm. Technical Fouls: None.

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GIRLS' GAME
Post 41, Stanton 24

POST — Mills 2 0 0 4, Gregory 0 2 4 2, Steizer 1 0 0 3, Looney 5 0 4 10, Jones 3 1 2 10, Webb 1 1 2 3, Hardin 4 0 29, Totals 16 41 41.

STANTON — Rachel Madison 2 0 0 4, Debra Phillips, Rainie Hull 1 3 4 5, Julie Adams 2 0 0 4, Stephanie Washington 2 1 4 5, Jessica DeLeon 1 0 0 2, Janna Moore 2 0 1 4, Totals 10 4 9 24.

Score by Quarters: Post 8 14 11 11 41; Stanton 8 8 4 4 24.

Three-point goals: P 5 (Hardin 1, Jones 3, Steizer 1); S 0. Total Fouls: P 12, S 15. Fouled Out: None. Technical Fouls: None.

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Garden City sweeps wins from Rankin

RANKIN — Garden City's Lady Bearcats continued their winning ways Tuesday night, improving to 15-2 overall and 2-0 in District 4-1A play with a 57-39 win over Rankin.

That set the stage for the Bearcats to close out the sweep with a 70-59 win.

The Lady Bearcats jumped out to an early lead and took a 21-15 edge into the second period. That margin was as close as Rankin would come as Kyndra Batla and the Niehues sisters, M'Lynn and J'Layne, provided balanced scoring.

Batla led the way with 13 points for Garden City, while each of the Niehues sisters finished with 12 points.

Jason Fine led the way for the Bearcats with 22 points as they evened their district record to 1-1 and improved to 11-6 overall.

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GIRLS' GAME
Rankin 39, Garden City 57

GARDEN CITY — Lanford 5, Kujawski 2, Goodwin 6, M. Niehues 12, Chandler 6, J. Niehues 12, Batla 13, Eoff 1, Totals 20 13 21 57.

RANKIN — Sanchez 1, Walker 9, Lopez 1, Harper 6, Lofton 18, Hutchens 4, Totals 16 5 12 39.

Score by Quarters: Garden City 15 18 14 11 57.

Howard squads continue winning ways

Howard College's Lady Hawks and Hawks basketball teams continued their winning ways this past week as the Lady Hawks took a 79-75 decision over Blinn College's Lady Bucs on Thursday before both teams opened Western Junior College Athletic Conference play on Monday night, hosting Odessa College.

"Blow out" was the best way to describe the outcome of both games.

The Lady Hawks were first up, thrashing the Lady Wranglers 89-59. Howard's men then took to the hardwoods and demolished the hapless Wranglers 77-40.

Both the Lady Hawks and Hawks stand at 1-0 in conference play. The Lady Hawks will take their 16-1 season record to Snyder on Thursday to face the Western Texas College Lady Westerners at 7:30

HAWK HIGHLIGHTS

By STAN FEASTER

p.m. The Hawks, now 11-5 on the season, will travel to Roswell, N.M., to face New Mexico Military Institute for an 8:30 p.m. (our time) tip.

Don't forget that you can follow both the Lady Hawks and Hawks on local radio broadcasts.

To keep track of the Lady Hawks, listen to Bob Bell's call on KBYG-AM 1400. The Hawks' games have Steve Samuels calling the action on KBST-AM 1490.

In addition, Hawk Talk — a

weekly talk show featuring Lady Hawks head coach Matt Corkery and Hawks head coach Tommy Collins with host Al Patterson — is broadcast at 9:30 a.m. each Saturday on KBST-AM 1490.

Be sure to call the Howard College Sports Hotline at 264-5169 for an update of scores and highlights.

Stan Feaster is sports information director at Howard College. His column appears on Wednesdays.

RANKIN 15 7 8 9 39
3-point goals: Garden City 4 (Batla 3, Lanford), Rankin 2 (Harper). Records: Rankin 11-7, 0-1; Garden City 1-0; JV-Garden City 38, Rankin 22.

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BOYS' GAME
Garden City 70, Rankin 69

GARDEN CITY — Fine 22, Stone 18, Guerrero 7, Bryan 7, Zachary 2, Batla 10, Hoelscher 4, Totals 20 24 32 70.

RANKIN — Watson 2, Valencia 3, Mendez 10, Smith 13, Armendarez 2, DeLapaz 13, Castillo 10, Sanchez 6, Totals 20 16 25 50.

Score by Quarters: Garden City 15 16 23 16 70; Rankin 13 16 16 14 59.

3-point goals: Garden City 6 (Fine 3, Stone, Bryan 2); Rankin 2 (Smith 2, DeLapaz). Records: Garden City 11-6, 1-1; Rankin 15-4, 0-1; JV-Rankin 45, Garden City 41.

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Lady Steers fall to Snyder, 48-25

SNYDER — A lack of offensive production again spelled doom for Big Spring's Lady Steers here Tuesday night, as they suffered their second straight loss in District 5-4A play — a 48-25 setback at the hands of Snyder's Lady Tigers.

Although the Lady Steers got 15 points from sophomore guard Melissa Forth, the best support the rest of Big Spring's lineup could muster was Amy Jackson's four points and Leslie McLellan's three markers.

The loss left the Lady Steers with a 4-17 mark overall and 0-2 in district play. Snyder improved to 10-11 and 2-0.

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Snyder 48, Big Spring 25

BIG SPRING — McLellan 3, Jackson 4, Forth 15, McKinney 2, Johnson 1.

SNYDER — Mackey 8, Hall 6, Eicke 5, Murray 6, Peoples 10, Beard 3, Voss 10.

Score by Quarters: Big Spring 13 11 5 6 25; Snyder 13 10 12 13 48.

Records: Snyder is 10-11, 2-0; Big Spring is 4-16, 0-2; JV Snyder 38, Big Spring 25.

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Bufs fall 71-54 to Midland Trinity

FORSAN — Midland Trinity's Chargers got off to a fast start and never looked back Tuesday night en route to a 71-54 win over Forsan's Buffaloes.

It made the second straight night in which the Chargers knocked off Crossroads Country competition, having dealt Big Spring's Steers a loss on Monday.

Taborik Ephraim paced Trinity with 18 points, leading a contingent of four Chargers players who finished in double figures. Nick Whitley and Mark Stoltz each had 14 points, while Greg McCable added 11 more.

Forsan, which was never able to overcome the Chargers 20-9 blitz in the first quarter, got 12 points from Wes Osborne, while Daniel Whetsel added 11 markers and Cade Park chipped in nine.

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Midland Trinity 71, Forsan 54

TRINITY — Mark Stoltz 4 3 4 14, Evan McLaughlin 3 0 0 6, Greg McCable 5 1 1 11, Nick Whitley 6 0 0 14, Taborik Ephraim 8 0 0 18, Mike Landry 2 0 0 6, Dan Altamirano 2 0 0 2, Matt Middleff 0 0 0 0, John Nelson 0 0 0 0, Mark Villaverde 0 0 0 0, Justin Stasney 0 0 0 0, Aaron Timko 0 0 0 0, Totals 29 4 5 71.

FORSAN — Smith 1 1 3 3, Osborne 5 1 2 12, Mason 2 0 0 4, Walker 1 0 0 2, Ross 0 2 2 2, Stanley 1 4 5 6, Anderson 1 0 0 2, White 0 0 0 0, Roman 1 1 2 3, Everett 0 0 0 0, Park 3 0 0 9, Drummond 0 0 0 0, Whetsel 5 1 2 11, Totals 20 10 14 54.

Score by Quarters: Trinity 20 15 21 15 71; Forsan 9 17 14 14 54.

3-point goals: T 9 (Stoltz 3, Whitley 2, Ephraim 2, Landry 2), F 4 (Osborne 1, Park 3). Total Fouls: T 14, F 6. Fouled Out: None. Technicals: Forsan bench.

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Queens drop second straight in 2-2A play

WALL — Forsan's Queens suffered their second straight loss in District 2-2A girls' basketball play Tuesday night, falling short of Wall's Lady Hawks, 38-26.

The Lady Hawks jumped out to a 12-6 lead in the first quarter, then limited the Queens to just two points in the second quarter to take a 16-8 lead into halftime.

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DEAR WORRIED: Do not back down. It's difficult to be Mom the Enforcer when your husband doesn't support you; however, I agree there should always be an adult on the premises to make responsible decisions should an emergency occur. Dad seems to have forgotten how immature 14-year-old boys can be. Remind him.

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

ARIES (March 21-April 19) Extremes mark feelings and actions. You are more than ready to take the lead, but you're also easily frustrated. Try anything you want, but you are like a bull in a china closet. Let go and let logic work. Instincts serve you with a boss. Tonight: Direct your energy where it counts.****

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) Another's lack of insight frustrates you. Your attempts to influence them might just succeed: Your overview does make sense. A partner is reactive and headstrong. You can't change everything that's going on. Tonight: Make an extra effort.***

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Others are clearly pressured and frazzled. You could be stunned by the disarray and mix-ups. Stay calm and direct. You know what works and what doesn't. Discussions are worthwhile and productive; keep them one-on-one. Your imagination finds solutions. Tonight: You're happiest socializing.****

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Plunge into work. Try not to let office gossip or news affect concentration. This could prove a challenging task. Open up to a partner's ideas. You can trust their perceptions. Nevertheless, you have your hands full. Clear your desk. Tonight: Get as much done as possible.****

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LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You are high-voltage and put 100 percent into work or whatever your interest lies. Think carefully before you dismiss a career proposal. You might think it is a bit off. Listen carefully to feedback. Work with your ideas, build security and develop a better work environment. Tonight: Take off.****

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) You might be suppressing anger through overspending. If your budget can support this, that's fine. A gamble simply will not pay off. Think before you do anything the least bit affected or stilted. Caution goes a long way. Tonight: Off shopping.***

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) You're active, full of get-up-and-go. Establish limits. Know what you want. A family member could test your limits, especially when it comes to your personal standards. You might want to spend money on your home. Plan on attending a must meeting. Tonight: Your call.****

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Continue a low profile for now. Another might have a difficult time seeing or even understanding your concepts. Don't beat yourself up trying to make a point. Pull back and allow another to initiate talks. Your boss wants you to take action and will push. Tonight: Do what you feel.***

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) You are approaching a new plateau with a friend or loved one. Make time for an important meeting. You feel better because of news. Be willing to break patterns. Reach out for another. Take a risk only if it is calculated. Finances are vulnerable. Tonight: Hook up with a friend.****

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) Don't hold back from pursuing a new ideal. Others seek you out, eager to hear your ideas. Keep a strong grip on responsibilities, but don't lose sight of your goals. A loved one or partner plays a strong role in a work-related matter. Tonight: All eyes look to you.***

BORN TODAY Actress Faye Dunaway (1941), actor Jason Bateman (1969), civil rights leader Julian Bond (1940)

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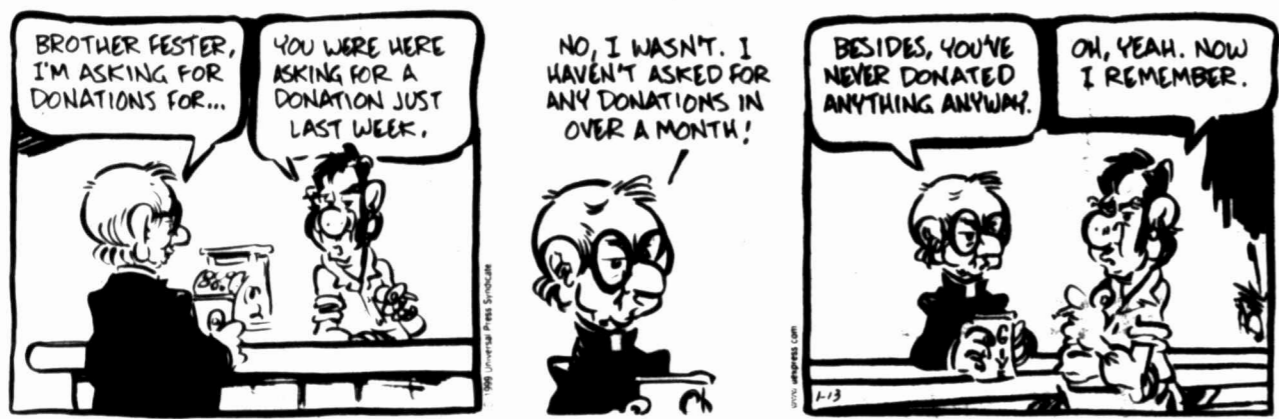
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"All right. I'll stay here for a little while."
"Couldn't you stay for a BIG while?"

"MY MOM SAYS I'M AHEAD OF SCHEDULE. I'M NOT SUPPOSED TO DRIVE HER CRAZY 'TIL I'M A TEENAGER!"

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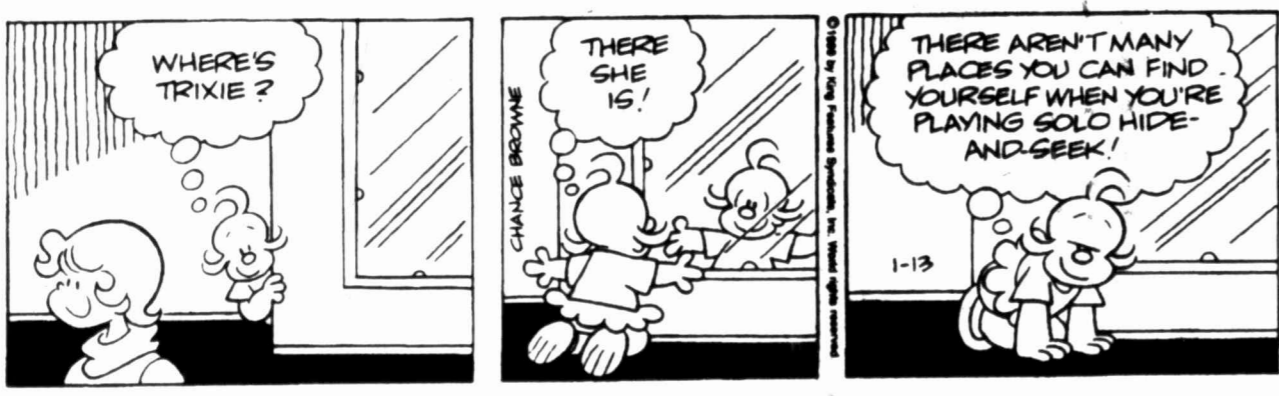
The ASSOCIATED PRESS
Today is Wednesday, Jan. 13, the 13th day of 1999. There are 352 days left in the year.
Today's Highlight in History:
On Jan. 13, 1898, Emile Zola's famous defense of Capt. Alfred Dreyfus, "J'accuse," was published in Paris.
On this date:
In 1794, President Washington approved a mea-

sure adding two stars and two stripes to the American flag, following the admission of Vermont and Kentucky to the union. (The number of stripes was later reduced to 13 again.)
In 1864, composer Stephen Foster died in New York.
In 1941, novelist James Joyce died in Zurich, Switzerland.
In 1962, comedian Ernie Kovacs died in a car crash in west Los Angeles.
In 1966, Robert C. Weaver became the first black Cabinet member as he was appointed Secretary of Housing and Urban Development by President Johnson.
In 1978, former Vice President Hubert H. Humphrey died in Waverly, Minn., at age 66.
In 1982, an Air Florida 737 crashed into Washington D.C.'s 14th Street Bridge after takeoff and fell into the Potomac River, killing 78 people.
In 1992, Japan apologized for forcing tens of thousands of Korean women to serve as sex slaves for Japanese soldiers during World War II.
Ten years ago: New York City subway gunman Bernhard H. Goetz was sentenced to one year in prison for possessing an unlicensed gun that he used to shoot four youths he said were about to rob him. (He was freed the following September.)
Five years ago: President Clinton held talks in Moscow with Russian President Boris Yeltsin. Authorities in Portland, Ore., arrested Shawn Eckardt, a bodyguard for figure skater Tonya Harding, and Derrick Smith in connection with the attack on Nancy Kerrigan.
One year ago: The National Football League completed a blockbuster \$9.2 billion deal with the Walt Disney Co., which got to keep "Monday Night Football" for ABC and won the entire Sunday night cable package for ESPN. Three masked men robbed two Brinks guards of \$1.17 million inside New York's World Trade Center. (The robbers were dubbed the blundering bandits after authorities said they removed their masks while under video surveillance; three suspects were arrested.)
Today's Birthdays: Actor Robert Stack is 80. Hollywood columnist Army Archerd is 77. Actress-singer-dancer Gwen Verdon is 74. Actress Frances Sternhagen is 69. Actor-director Charles Nelson Reilly is 68. Comedian Rip Taylor is 66. Actor Billy Gray is 61. Actor Richard Moll is 56. Rock musician Trevor Rabin (Yes) is 45. Rhythm-and-blues musician Fred White is 44. Actor Kevin Anderson is 39. Actress Julia Louis-Dreyfus is 38.

THE Daily Crossword Edited by Wayne Robert Williams

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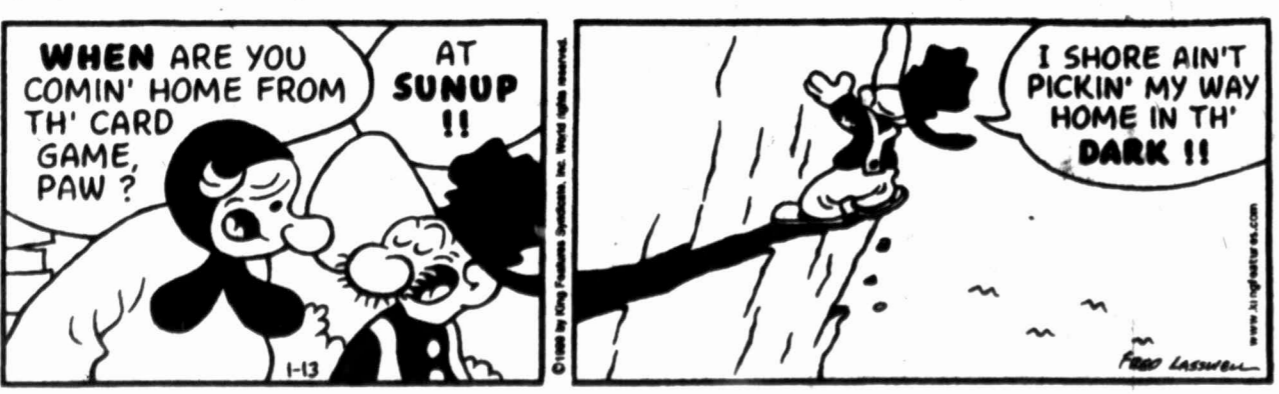
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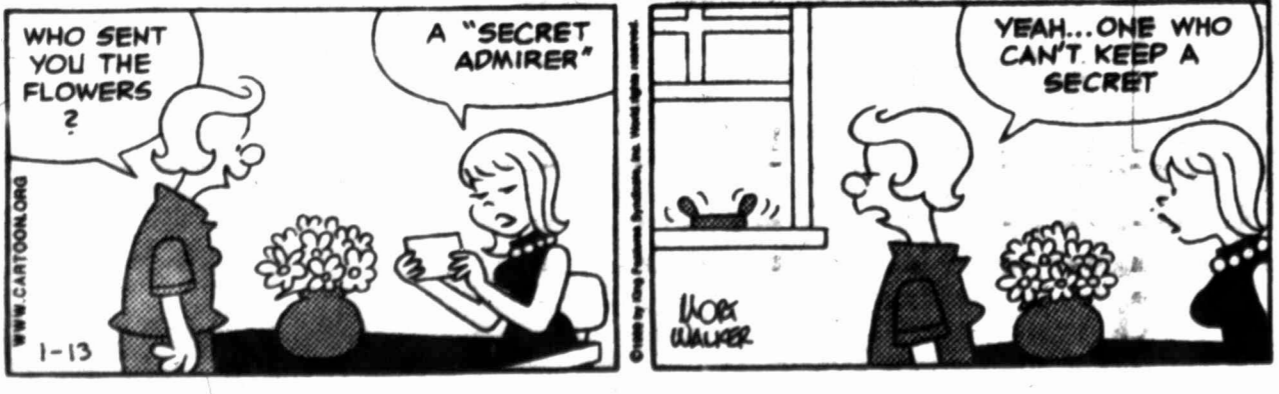
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